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## The Family Pet

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.  
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.  
Listen many times – enough for you to you understand everything.

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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I don't understand why people want a pet. It's strange. Why would you want an animal to live in the same house as you? Some people let their pets sleep on their bed. This doesn't sound too hygienic to me. Cats and dogs spend a long time outdoors, putting their feet in all kinds of mess. Then they come in the house with their dirty feet and walk all the bed. And pets smell. I suppose a cat or dog can be good for old people who live alone. Many old people talk to their pets. Small children also like pets. Looking after a cat, dog, hamster or rabbit teaches children responsibility. Some people have really strange pets, like tarantulas or tigers. Perhaps the most boring pet is a goldfish. You can't do a lot with a goldfish.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT THE FAMILY PET SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/t/the\\_family\\_pet.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/t/the_family_pet.html)

Write five GOOD questions about the family pet in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about the family pet. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the family pet. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. THE FAMILY PET POSTER** Make a poster about the family pet. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY THE FAMILY PET LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on the family pet. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on the family pet. Share your findings with the class.

