

Reading Starter

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Mark's New Pet



Pre-reading

1. What animal is this?
2. How does this animal make you feel?
3. Where can you see this animal?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word with its meaning.

1. ____ I feel very good today.
2. ____ My pet is a big dog.
3. ____ The snake lives in the grass.
4. ____ She feels lonely when her friend is sick.
5. ____ I like animals.
6. ____ My favorite day is Saturday.

a. like the most

b.



c. animal in a house

d.



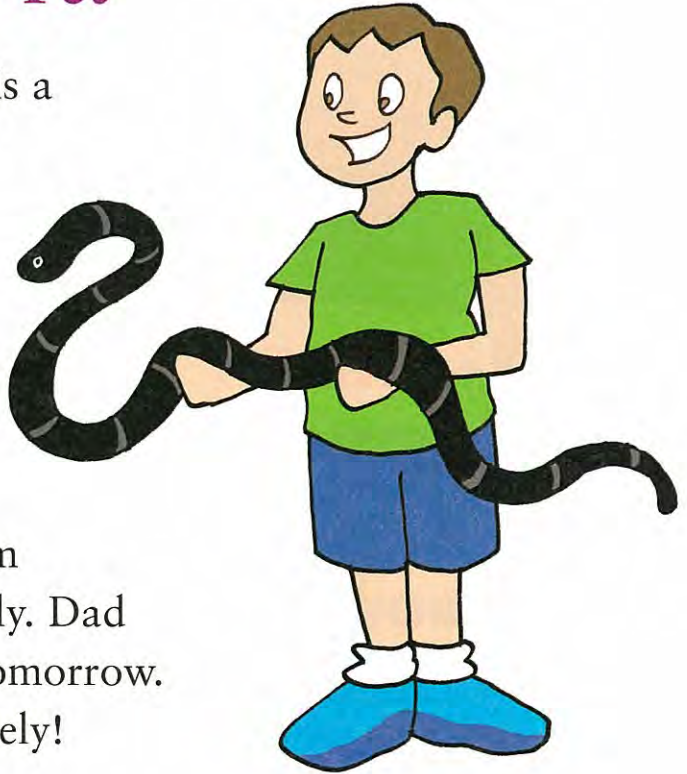
e. alone and sad

f. dogs, cats, monkeys, etc.



Mark's New Pet

I have a new pet. He is a snake. His name is Sam. Snakes are my favorite animals. I like them because they are soft and cool. I love to pick up Sam and hold him. My friends don't like Sam. They run away from him. I think he feels lonely. Dad will buy another snake tomorrow. Then, Sam won't feel lonely!



Word Practice

Choose the best word.

1. His name is Sam. He is my _____ snake.
a. pet b. call c. buy d. spend
2. I love this toy! It is my _____!
a. new b. small c. long d. favorite
3. Mary ran a lot. Now, she _____ tired.
a. feels b. loves c. buys d. wants
4. When I cross the road, I _____ my mom's hand.
a. sing b. look c. think d. hold



Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. Who is this story about?
 - a. A dog
 - b. Mark's dad
 - c. A pet snake
 - d. A lonely boy

2. What do the children do when they meet Sam?
 - a. Run away
 - b. Pick him up
 - c. Talk to him
 - d. Hold him

3. Why is Mark worried about Sam?
 - a. He wants a pet dog.
 - b. Mark worries too much.
 - c. People scream at him.
 - d. He thinks Sam is lonely.

4. Which is true?
 - a. Sam has many friends.
 - b. Mark and Sam are snakes.
 - c. Mark loves his pet.
 - d. Sam is not a pet.

Focus on Order

Put the sentences in order from a - d.

1. ____ I think he feels lonely.
2. ____ The new pet will spend time with Sam.
3. ____ I have a new pet.
4. ____ Dad will buy a new pet tomorrow.

Words and Phrases

- **spend time with** (a friend / a person / a pet)

She likes to **spend time with** her sister.

- **run away from**

The children **run away from** the snake.

- **pick up**

Please **pick up** your dirty socks.

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. I _____ my cat and hold it.
2. I want to _____ my best friend today.
3. _____ that big bear!

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

buy snake feel pet run away from



Mark has a new **1** _____ called Sam. Sam is a **2** _____. Mark loves Sam, but Sam is not happy. The children **3** _____ him. Mark's father will **4** _____ another snake. Sam won't **5** _____ so lonely.



Listening My Favorite Animal

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

1. What is the boy's favorite animal?
a. A cat b. A frog c. A dog d. A snake
2. Why does he like this animal?
a. They are fun. b. They are soft and cute.
c. They are kind. d. They are friendly.
3. Who has a cat?
a. The boy's friend b. The boy
c. The boy's neighbor d. The boy's family

Listen again and check your answers.

Speaking

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase.

- Why do you like
- favorite animal
- Do you have
- My favorite animal is

A: What is your 1 _____?

B: 2 _____ a dog.

A: 3 _____ dogs?

B: I like dogs because they are friendly.

A: 4 _____ a dog?

B: No, I don't. But my friend has a dog. I play with her dog all the time.

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.

Writing

Write about your favorite animal by answering the questions.

1. What is your favorite animal?



2. Why do you like this animal?



3. Where can you see this animal?



Vocabulary Review

A. Choose the best word.

1. Will you _____ my pen, please?
a. hold b. run c. spend d. go
2. Most people have dogs or cats as their _____.
a. time b. dads c. children d. pets
3. That _____ is long and green. Its name is Lucy.
a. child b. snake c. dad d. dog

B. Choose the word or phrase that is similar to the underlined part.

1. Sally plays with her friend Yoon.
a. spends time b. runs away c. buys d. calls
2. I am alone and sad.
a. favorite b. long c. lonely d. away
3. The pet store sells dogs, cats, and snakes.
a. animals b. names c. friends d. neighbors