



Looking after pets takes time

**ALL pets need
looking after
EVERY DAY**



*Sometimes, people get a pet
without thinking about how much
time they need to spend looking
after it every day.*



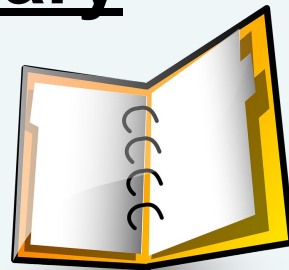
Starter:

**Choose a pet and
research all the things
someone who was looking
after that pet would need
to do.**



Pet Care Diary

TASK 1: Write a diary of what has to be done every day to look after a pet. Don't forget to include specific **times** for each task

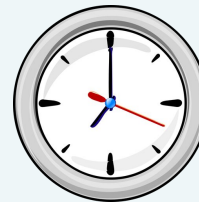


Example:

9am - Feed the dog



TASK 2: How much time would the pet owner have to spend everyday looking after the animal?



TASK 3: What advice would you give to someone who was thinking of looking after the animal?



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Pretend Pet

Question: *Is a classroom a good place for a pet?*
Why?

Points to think about:

- Extra responsibility on top of an already busy school day?
- Who is responsible for the pet?
- Who will pay for the food and vet bills?
- Who will care for the animal in the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays?



TASK 4: As a class, we must decide on a 'pretend' pet that we will **all** look after.

Decide on a name.

Introduce the pet to the class.



TASK 5: Write a pet diary about looking after this animal.

- What time will they need to be fed? Walked? Watered? Cleaned? Socialised with? Who is responsible for them at weekends and evenings?



What do pets need video





Plenary & Summary

Class Discussion:

Let's talk about the **good things** and the **difficult things** about looking after our classroom pet.

- What is difficult?
- What is easy?
- Has it made you feel differently about getting a pet of your own?
- If you already have a pet, has it made you feel different about your responsibilities?
- What advice would you give other people who are thinking of getting a pet?

Explain one thing you have learnt today.

Homework

Can you find out how much it would cost to look after our classroom 'pretend' pet? Are you surprised by the cost?

