Animals and pets ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Do you have a pet?
- What is your favourite animal?
- Are you a dog person or a cat person?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
pet	an animal you keep at home	Do you have a pet?
dog	an animal people keep as a pet or to guard a house	My dog loves to play.
cat	a small animal with soft fur, kept as a pet	Our cat sleeps all day.
fish	an animal that lives in water	I have two goldfish: they're small orange fish.
horse	a large animal people ride	Can you ride a horse?
cow	a large farm animal that gives milk	There are cows in the field.
pig	a pink or black farm animal	The pig is in the mud.
sheep	a farm animal with thick wool	There are hundreds of sheep on the hill.
chicken	a farm bird that gives eggs	We have six chickens.
duck	a bird that swims on water	The children are feeding the ducks.

Grammar focus (10 min): Have got and have

Zoe and Ben plan a camping weekend. Zoe says: “I have a tent, and my brother has a big car.” Ben, who is from London, says: “Great. I’ve got two sleeping bags, but I haven’t got a torch.” They say the same kind of thing in two ways. By the end of this lesson you can use have and have got to talk about your things, your family and how you look.

Form	Pattern	Example
Have	I have · she has	She has a car.
Have got	I’ve got · she’s got	She’s got a car.
Negative	don’t / doesn’t have · haven’t / hasn’t got	He doesn’t have a map.
Question	Do you have…? · Have you got…?	Yes, I do. · Yes, I have.

Watch for: ~~She have a tent.~~ → **She has a tent.**. He, she, it: has.

Speaking (15 min): Convince the landlord

The learner wants a pet but the flat does not allow animals. You are the landlord. They must describe the animal, answer three worries (noise, smell, damage) and offer a compromise.

Useful language

- I’m scared of… / I’m allergic to…
- It’s friendly / playful / fierce / harmless.
- in the wild · endangered · a species
- to feed · to walk · to train · to look after
- a kitten · a puppy · a cage · a lead
- She’s part of the family.

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about animals and pets using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 animals and pets vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

farm · lion · Elephants · monkeys · zoo · rabbit · bear · mouse

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. The _____ is called the king of the jungle.
2. We went to the _____ on Sunday.
3. We saw a _____ in the forest.
4. My sister has a white _____.
5. There's a _____ in the kitchen!
6. _____ are very intelligent.
7. My uncle lives on a _____.
8. The _____ are playing in the trees.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What animals live in your country?
2. Are you afraid of any animals?
3. What can a dog do that a cat can't?
4. Did you have a pet when you were a child?
5. Have you ever been to a zoo?

Write

Write 80–120 words about animals and pets. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 lion · 2 zoo · 3 bear · 4 rabbit · 5 mouse · 6 Elephants · 7 farm · 8 monkeys