Animals and pets ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	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
puppy	a young dog	We got a puppy for Christmas.
kitten	a young cat	The kittens are three weeks old.
vet	a doctor for animals	I took my dog to the vet.
tail	the long part at the back of an animal's body	The dog is wagging its tail.
fur	the soft thick hair on some animals	My cat has very soft fur.
wing	the part of a bird or insect used for flying	The bird hurt its wing.
feather	one of the light, soft things that cover a bird's body	I found a blue feather.
bark	(of a dog) to make a short loud sound	The dog next door barks all night.
walk	to take a dog out for exercise	I walk the dog every morning.
cage	a box made of metal bars where animals are kept	The bird lives in a cage.

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.
- Self-study: the A2 animals and pets vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

spider · giraffe · sharks · dolphins · bee · Tigers · snakes · insects

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. _____ live in Asia.
2. We swam with _____.
3. There's a big _____ in the bath!
4. Are you afraid of _____?
5. The _____ ate leaves from the top of the tree.
6. There are millions of _____ in the garden.
7. Are there _____ here?
8. A _____ stung me.

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 Tigers · 2 dolphins · 3 spider · 4 snakes · 5 giraffe · 6 insects · 7 sharks · 8 bee