


Pets and Animals

Animals are much nicer than people. Except my sister's hamster, which bites. Whether you've got **pets** or not, it's useful to know animal **names**.

Learn the animals — *Los animales*

Oh yes, and don't forget to learn if they go with 'un' or 'una'.

 un perro a dog	 un conejo a rabbit	 un gato a cat	 un ratón a mouse
 un hámster a hamster	 un pájaro a bird	 una tortuga a tortoise	 un caballo a horse

I have a cat — *Tengo un gato*

Learn how to have a chat about **pets**. Change "gato" so it's about **your** pet.

- ¿Tienes animales en casa?
Do you have any pets?
Another word for pet is 'mascota'.
- No tengo animales en casa.
I don't have any pets.
- Tengo un gato. I have a cat.
- Mi gato se llama Alfie.
My cat is called Alfie.
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| Mi gato es | gordo/a | fat |
| | negro/a | black |
| | bonito/a | pretty |
| | feo/a | ugly |



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for colours.

My cat swallowed a duck — now he's a duck-filled fatty-puss...

If you **don't** have any pets to talk about, make **something** up. Use a dictionary to pick your dream pet and all its **weird** and **wonderful** traits. E.g. "I have an African elephant shrew called Lawrence..."

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- Q1 Write down the English for these animals.
a) un perro
b) un caballo
c) un pájaro
- Q2 Write down either 'un' or 'una' and the Spanish word for each of these animals.

English	un / una	Spanish
cat
mouse
tortoise
hamster
rabbit

- Q3 Read what these people say about their pets, then answer the questions below.

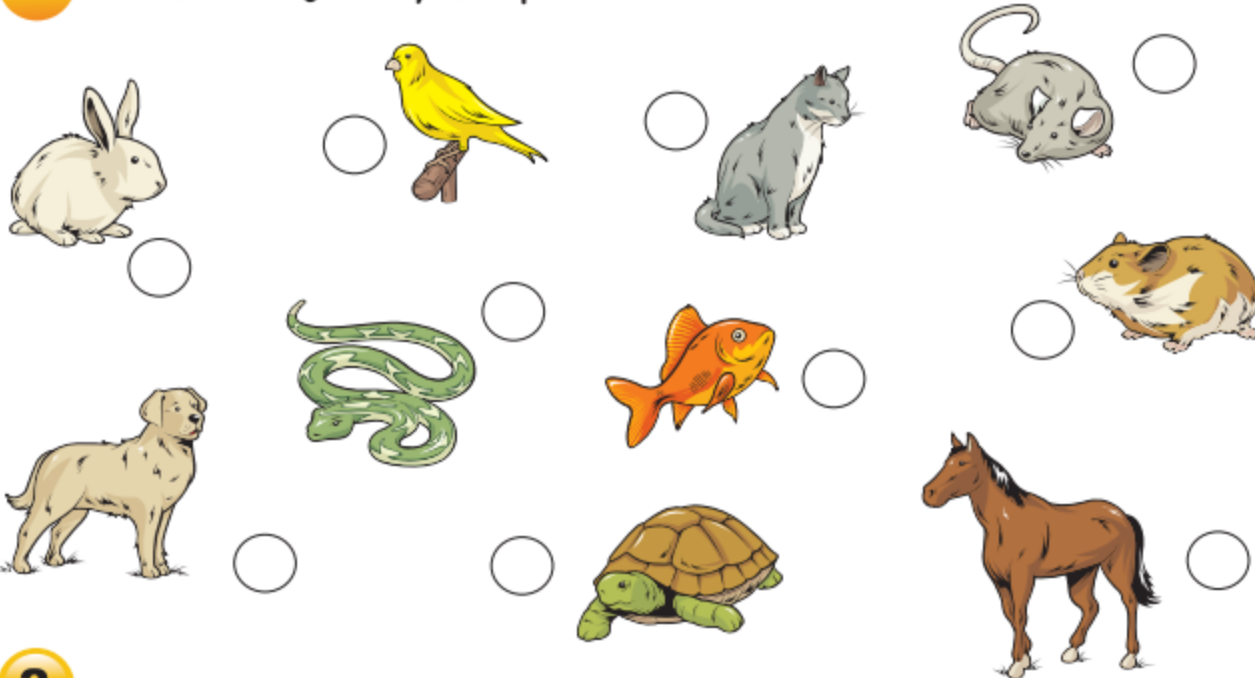
 No tengo animales en casa. Nerea	 Tengo un caballo blanco. Se llama Alba. María	 Tengo dos gatos negros. Esteban	 Mi perro es muy gordo. Emiliano	 Tengo un conejo gris. Se llama Ramito y es muy bonito. Ana
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- What does Esteban say about his pets?
 - Who has no pets?
 - What kind of animal is Alba?
 - What three things does Ana say about her rabbit?
 - Who has a very fat dog?
- Q4 In Spanish, write a sentence about your pet. If you don't have any pets, write that in Spanish.
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My younger brother's a little monkey — does he count as a pet?

This page isn't so bad — everyone loves animals, right? Sadly, you can't just learn the animal names though — you need to be able to **recognise the question** "¿Tienes animales en casa?" and **answer it**, too.

1 Une las imágenes y las palabras:



- A. un gato
- B. un perro
- C. un hámster
- D. una tortuga
- E. un pez
- F. un ratón
- G. un conejo
- H. un caballo
- I. un pájaro
- J. una serpiente

2 Pon las letras en el orden correcto:

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nu tóran	<input type="text"/>
nu neocoj	<input type="text"/>
nu bocaall	<input type="text"/>
nau tourgat	<input type="text"/>

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un gato - a cat
un caballo - a horse
un perro - a dog
un hámster - a hamster
un conejo - a rabbit
un pájaro - a bird
un ratón - a mouse
una serpiente - a snake
un pez - a fish
una tortuga - a tortoise