









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 <i>a dog</i>	un conejo <i>a rabbit</i>	un gato <i>a cat</i>	un ratón <i>a mouse</i>
			
un hámster <i>a hamster</i>	un pájaro <i>a bird</i>	una tortuga <i>a tortoise</i>	un caballo <i>a horse</i>

I have a cat — *Tengo un gato*

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

1) ¿Tienes animales en casa?
Do you have any pets?

Another word for pet is 'mascota'.

2) No tengo animales en casa.
I don't have any pets.

3) Tengo un gato. *I have a cat.*

4) Mi gato se llama Alfie.
My cat is called Alfie.

5) Mi gato es

gordo/a	fat
negro/a	black
bonito/a	pretty
feo/a	ugly

My cat is



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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
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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.

 Nerea	 María	 Esteban	 Emiliano	 Ana
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Nerea: No tengo animales en casa.
 María: Tengo un caballo blanco. Se llama Alba.
 Esteban: Tengo dos gatos negros.
 Emiliano: Mi perro es muy gordo.
 Ana: Tengo un conejo gris. Se llama Ramito y es muy bonito.

- a) What does Esteban say about his pets?
- b) Who has no pets?
- c) What kind of animal is Alba?
- d) What three things does Ana say about her rabbit?
- e) Who has a very fat dog?

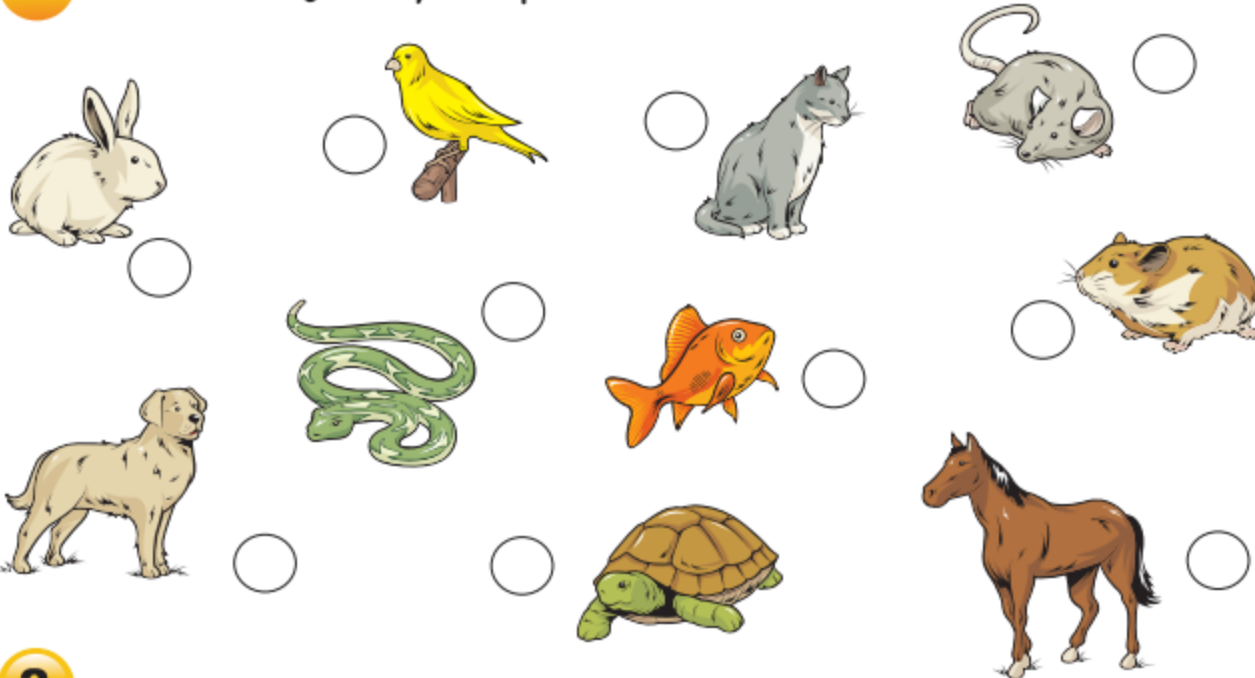
Q4 In Spanish, write a sentence about your pet. If you don't have any pets, write that in Spanish.

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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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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