








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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| | gordo/a | fat |
| Mi gato es | negro/a | black |
| My cat is | bonito/a | pretty |
| | feo/a | ugly |



See p.32 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 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.
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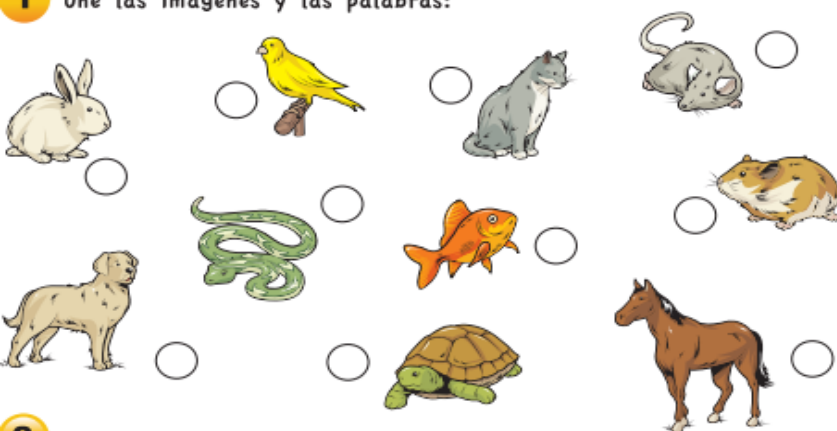
- What does Esteban say about his pets?
 - Who has no pets?
 - What kind of animal is Alba?
 - What three things does Ana say about her rabbit?
 - Who has a very fat dog?
- Q4 In Spanish, write a sentence about your pet. If you don't have any pets, write that in Spanish.
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My 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.

Mis animales

1 Une las imágenes y las palabras:

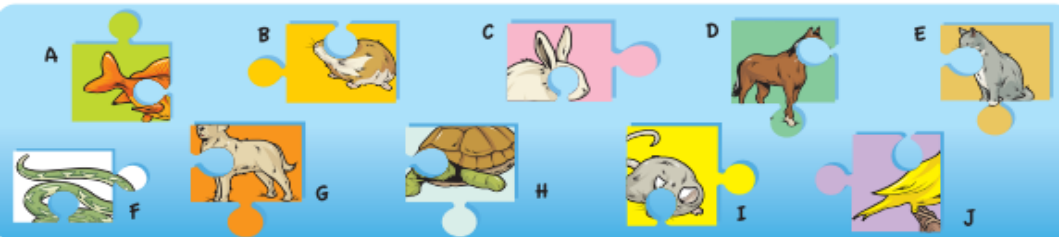


- A. un gato
- B. un perro
- C. un hámster
- D. una tortuga
- E. un pez
- F. un ratón
- G. un conejo
- H. un caballo
- I. un pájaro
- J. una serpiente

2 Pon las letras en el orden correcto:

nu agto	un gato	nu pze	
nu tóran		nu rerpo	
nu neocoj		nu jáprao	
nu bocaall		nu mesthâr	
nau fourgat		nau presentie	

3 Adivina qué animal es y escribe la palabra:



_____ A	_____ B	_____ C	
_____ D	_____ E	_____ F	_____ G
_____ H	_____ I	_____ J	

The indefinite article

In Spanish, the words for 'a' change according to whether the noun is masculine or feminine.

masculine	un perro	a dog
feminine	una tortuga	a tortoise

1 Copy the sentences and put in the correct word for 'a'.

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| 1 Tengo _____ gato. (m) | 4 ¿Tienes _____ pez? (m) |
| 2 ¿Tienes _____ cobaya? (f) | 5 Tengo _____ hermano. (m) |
| 3 Tengo _____ hermana. (f) | 6 Tiene _____ serpiente. (f) |

The definite article

The Spanish word for 'the' also changes according to the gender of the noun and whether it is singular or plural.

	singular	plural
masculine	el conejo (the rabbit)	los conejos (the rabbits)
feminine	la cobaya (the guinea pig)	las cobayas (the guinea pigs)

2 Choose the correct article each time.

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| 1 El/La/Los/Las gato es negro.  | 4 El/La/Los/Las caballos son blancos.  |
| 2 El/La/Los/Las cobaya es tímida.  | 5 El/La/Los/Las perro es tonto.  |
| 3 El/La/Los/Las peces son rojos.  | 6 El/La/Los/Las serpiente es verde.  |

Regular verbs

Regular verbs follow a pattern.

hablar	to speak	vivir	to live
hablo	I speak	vivo	I live
hablas	you speak	vives	you live
habla	he/she speaks	vive	he/she lives



3 Decode these verbs, then translate them into English.

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| 2 *=%&c=? | 4 *=%&\$ | 6 *=%&= |

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