

CEFR A1 · TEENS (11–16)

Animals & Pets: *I have a...*

Cats, dogs, rabbits, fish — or maybe a snake? Learn the names of animals and pets and how to say what you have: “I have a dog” and “I’ve got two cats.”

🕒 45 minutes

📖 I have / I've got

🐾 Animals & Pets

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

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WARM-UP

Think before you start

1. Have you got a pet? What is it? What is its name?
2. If you don't have a pet, what animal do you want?
3. What is your favourite animal? Why do you like it?
4. Which animals are good pets? Which animals are NOT good pets?

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LANGUAGE FOCUS

I have a... — talking about your pets

To talk about pets you can use **have** or **have got** — they mean the same! Use **a/an** for one, a number or **some** for more.

POSITIVE

I / You / We / They

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have

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He / She / It

+

has

=

She has a parrot

NEGATIVE

don't have

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doesn't have

=

I don't have a snake

QUESTION

Do you have a pet?

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Has she got a pet?

A / AN

a dog, a cat

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an elephant, an owl

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two cats, some fish

3 VOCABULARY IN ACTION Animal words — learn them!

The green “PET” animals can live happily at home. The others are usually wild!



HOW MANY?	WHAT WE SAY
One animal (consonant sound)	I have a dog / a cat / a rabbit
One animal (a, e, i, o, u sound)	I have an elephant / an owl
Two or more — add -s	I have two cats, three fish
Not an exact number	I have some fish.

- big / small
- cute
- friendly
- fast / slow
- black / white / brown
- young / old
- noisy / quiet
- my favourite

4 KEY VOCABULARY Words you'll meet in the story

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
pet <i>NOUN</i>	an animal you keep at home	<i>A dog is a popular pet.</i>
rabbit <i>NOUN</i>	a small animal with long ears	<i>My rabbit eats carrots.</i>
hamster <i>NOUN</i>	a very small animal that lives in a cage	<i>The hamster runs in its wheel.</i>
parrot <i>NOUN</i>	a colourful bird that can copy words	<i>Her parrot can say “hello”.</i>
feed <i>VERB</i>	to give food to a person or animal	<i>I feed my cat in the morning.</i>
cage <i>NOUN</i>	a box with bars where you keep an animal	<i>The bird is in its cage.</i>
cute <i>ADJ.</i>	small, pretty and nice to look at	<i>Look at this cute little kitten!</i>
friendly <i>ADJ.</i>	kind and nice; happy with people	<i>My dog is very friendly.</i>
look after <i>PHR. VERB</i>	to take care of someone or something	<i>I look after my pets every day.</i>
wild <i>ADJ.</i>	living in nature, not with people	<i>Lions are wild animals, not pets.</i>

My Best Friend Has Four Legs: (or fins, or wings!)

Some people love dogs. Some people love cats. And some people love... snakes! Today, three teenagers tell us about their pets — and about one very special wild animal. Read and look for **have** and **have got**!

Amara, 13 — “I have three pets!”

Hi! My name is Amara and I love animals. I **have** three pets at home: a dog, a cat, and a rabbit. My dog is called Bingo. He is big, brown, and very **friendly**. Every morning I **feed** him, and after school we run in the park together. My cat, Luna, is small and quiet. She sleeps all day! And my rabbit, Coco, lives in a big **cage** in the garden. He eats a lot of carrots. I **look after** all three animals, and I love them very much. My house is busy, but it is never boring!

Ben, 14 — “I've got an unusual pet”

Hello, I'm Ben. I don't have a dog or a cat. I **ve got** a snake! Her name is Ziggy and she is two years old. A lot of people are afraid of snakes, but Ziggy is calm and quiet. She lives in a big glass box in my bedroom. I don't feed her every day — snakes only eat once a week. My little sister thinks Ziggy is scary, but I think she is beautiful. I also **have** some fish in a tank. They are orange and gold, and they swim all day. People always ask me, “Why a snake?” And I always say, “Why not? Ziggy is my friend!”

Mia, 12 — “I don't have a pet, but...”

My name is Mia, and this is my sad story: I **don't have** a pet! My mum says our flat is too small, and she is right. But I love animals, so every Saturday I go to an animal shelter near my house. I help the people there. I feed the cats, I clean the cages, and I walk the dogs. There is one special dog — a small white dog called Snow. She **doesn't have** a home yet. When I am there, Snow is always happy. One day, when I have a big house, I want to take Snow home. For now, the shelter is my favourite place.

And one wild animal...

Amara, Ben and Mia all love animals — but remember: not every animal is a pet! A dog, a cat, a rabbit, or a fish can live happily with people. But a lion, an elephant, or a **wild** monkey is different. Wild animals are not pets. They need to be free, in nature. So — you can love a lion, but please don't keep one in your bedroom!

So — what about you?

Three teenagers, many animals, and a lot of love. Amara has a busy house full of pets. Ben has an unusual but happy friend. And Mia helps animals that need a home. Do *you* have a pet? Or is there a special animal in your life? Every animal — big or small, with fur, feathers or fins — can be a friend.

Editor's note: A pet is not a toy — it is a friend, and a big responsibility. If you have a pet, look after it well: feed it, clean it, and give it lots of love. Can you tell us about an animal you love?


6 PRACTICE
Fill in the blanks

Complete each sentence with the correct word: have / has, a / an, or an animal/vocabulary word.


- 1 I _____ three pets at home. (*have*)
- 2 Amara _____ a dog called Bingo. (*have — she*)
- 3 Ben has _____ snake in his bedroom. (*a / an*)
- 4 She has _____ elephant in the picture. (*a / an*)
- 5 I _____ my cat in the morning. (*verb*)
- 6 Mia _____ a pet. (*not / have — she*)
- 7 A lion is a _____ animal, not a pet. (*adjective*)
- 8 _____ you have a pet? (*Do / Does*)

7 SPEAKING
Do you have a pet?

 Do you have a pet? What is it? What's its name?

 What does your pet look like? (big, small, the colour?)

 Who looks after your pet? What does it eat?

 If you don't have a pet, what animal do you want?

 What is your favourite wild animal? Why?

EXAMPLE CONVERSATION

A: Do you have a pet?

B: Yes, I have a cat. Her name is Misty. Do you have a pet?

A: No, I don't. But I want a dog! What does Misty look like?

B: She's small and grey, and she's very friendly. I feed her every morning.

8 WRITING
My pet (or my dream pet) — 50–70 words

Write about your pet — or the animal you want! Use I have / I've got and describe it. Try to include:

- use I have a... or I've got a... (or I want a...)
- the animal's name and what it looks like (big, small, colour)
- at least 2 adjectives (cute, friendly, fast...)
- say what it eats or how you look after it

Check your understanding

1 Choose the correct word: I _____ a dog. (I)

A has

C have

B have

D having

2 Choose the correct word: She _____ a cat. (she)

A have

C have

B has

D is have

3 Which is correct?

A I have a elephant.

C I have elephant.

B I have an elephant.

D I have ans elephant.

4 Which animal is NOT usually a pet?

A a cat

C a lion

B a rabbit

D a hamster

5 Make it negative: "Mia _____ a pet." (she, not)

A don't have

C not have

B doesn't have

D hasn't have

6 What do we call an animal you keep at home?

A a wild animal

C a cage

B a pet

D a zoo

7 Choose the correct sentence:

A I have got two cat.

C I has got two cats.

B I have got two cats.

D I have got a two cats.

8 What does "feed" mean?

A to wash an animal

C to walk an animal

B to give food to an animal

D to sell an animal

✓ Answer Key — for teachers

Fill in the blanks: 1. have 2. has 3. a 4. an 5. feed 6. doesn't have 7. wild 8. Do

Quiz: 1. B 2. B 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. B 7. B 8. B