

TOPIC 1

Keeping pets



1. Warm Up

Do you have a pet? A dog? A cat? A bird? Other?

Describe your pet to a friend?

How do you care for your pet?

What does your pet eat? Where does your pet live and sleep?

How else do you look after your pet?

2. Grammar and Vocabulary : Adjectives

An **adjective** describes a noun

Adjective	Noun	Sentence
big	ears	That dog has big ears.




Think of an adjective you can use to describe a dog.

Fill in the table and write a sentence.

Adjective	Noun	Sentence
	tail	
	ears	
	teeth	
	bark	
	face	
	fur	
	claws	
	temperament	

Look at the pictures below and write a few sentences to describe each picture

- What type of dog is it?
- What does it look like?
- What size is it?
- Where does it live?
- What type of personality does it have?

3. Listening

Red Dog

Listen to the conversation. Answer the questions



1. What are the speakers talking about?

2. Where is the dog from?

3. What size is the dog?

4. What colour is the dog?

5. Is the dog lazy?

6 This is a ... (*tick the right answer* ✓)

a. ...city dog.

b. ...Chinese dog.

c. ...country dog.

7. Do you think a Kelpie is the right dog for the man?
Why? Why not?

8. Does the lady think it's a good idea for her friend to buy a kelpie?
Why? Why not?

4. Cloze-dictation

Print this page and fold the worksheet so you cannot see the full conversation.

Listen to the recording or ask your teacher or a friend to read it to you.

Fill in the gaps.

B: _ _ _ _ 's a Kelpie?

A: It's an Aussie _ _ _

B: Really? What _ _ _ _ is it? Is it big or _ _ _ _ _?

A: _ _ ' _ a medium sized dog

B: What _ _ _ _ it look like?

A: It has reddish, _ _ _ _ hair, pointy ears and a pointy snout.

It's very _ _ _ _ _.

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B: What's a Kelpie?

A: It's an Aussie dog

B: Really? What size is it? Is it big or small?

A: It's a medium sized dog

B: What does it look like?

A: It has reddish, short hair, pointy ears and a pointy snout. It's very active.

5. Discussion



Taking care of your pet

Do you agree/disagree with this advice? Talk with a friend or classmate about it.

	Agree ✓	Disagree ✕
Feed your dog chocolate once a week. It's good for him!		
Cats should be allowed to go outside at night		
Take your dog for a walk everyday if you can		
Birds need their cages cleaned every six months		
Let your dog go to the toilet on the nature strip or in the park when he goes on a walk. Dog poo is good for the grass.		

6. Reading & Writing

Read the poster and use it to help you create your own about a lost pet

LOST



Please help me find my cat. Her name is Kelsa. She is six months old. She is white with orange stripes on her back and an orange mask on her face. She has green eyes and big, pointed ears. She is expecting kittens soon.

If you find her, please call 93119973.

Reward: \$50

Please help us find her
because she is very important to our family.

Reading Comprehension

1 What is the name of the lost cat?

2 How old is she?

3 What does she have on her back?

4 What does “she is expecting kittens” mean?

5 Is there a reward being offered? If so, how much?

7. Listening 2

Making an appointment



Listen to the conversation. Fill out the appointment card

WYNDHAM VET CARE

"WE CARE FOR YOUR PET"

23 Geelong Rd, Werribee

Tel. 9742-3387

Mon – Sat 8.00am to 7.00pm

Your pet Bonnie has an appointment with us

Date _____ time _____ a.m / p.m

Vet's name _____

8. Reading and Discussion

Read the dialogue and work in pairs or a small group to answer the questions



Nairobi. A son and a father discuss their dog and home security.

Dad: Hey, David, have you checked on the dog?

Son: No Dad, I haven't. What time is it?

Dad: It's 6:30 pm and you know we let the dog out at 7pm. But it's already dark! So make sure he is out in the yard. Take him off the leash and out of his kennel.

Son: Why Dad?

Dad: Because these days robbers don't wait until late at night. Look what happened to our neighbour, Mr. Yusuf, last week. They lost everything because the dog wasn't out doing his job.

Son: But Dad, why don't we have a watchman? Most of my friends at school have a watchman.

Dad: Because they are not reliable son. They sleep on the job. They often work with the robbers.

Son: Yeah. That's true. My friend Juma his Dad lost the family car and they found out the watchman tipped off the robbers. Better to have a good, trustworthy dog with a good bite. Ok, I'll go let Simba out.

Discussion Questions



- a. Do you think this discussion is happening in Australia?
Why or why not?

- b. Do you think it is right to use a guard dog?

- c. If watchmen are paid, should dogs be paid as well?

- d. Who are the speakers?

- e. Where do you think they are from?

- f. Can you think of other situations where dogs work?

- g. Do you think it is cruel for dogs to work?

- h. Who is Simba?

- i. What other animals are used for work?

Survey



Ask your classmates about home security

Print out this page and write your classmates' answers

Name	How do you secure your home?	Would you use a guard dog? Why? Why not?	What other ways can you secure your home?

9. Picture Prompts

Use the pictures to prompt discussion about pets and issues related to animals.



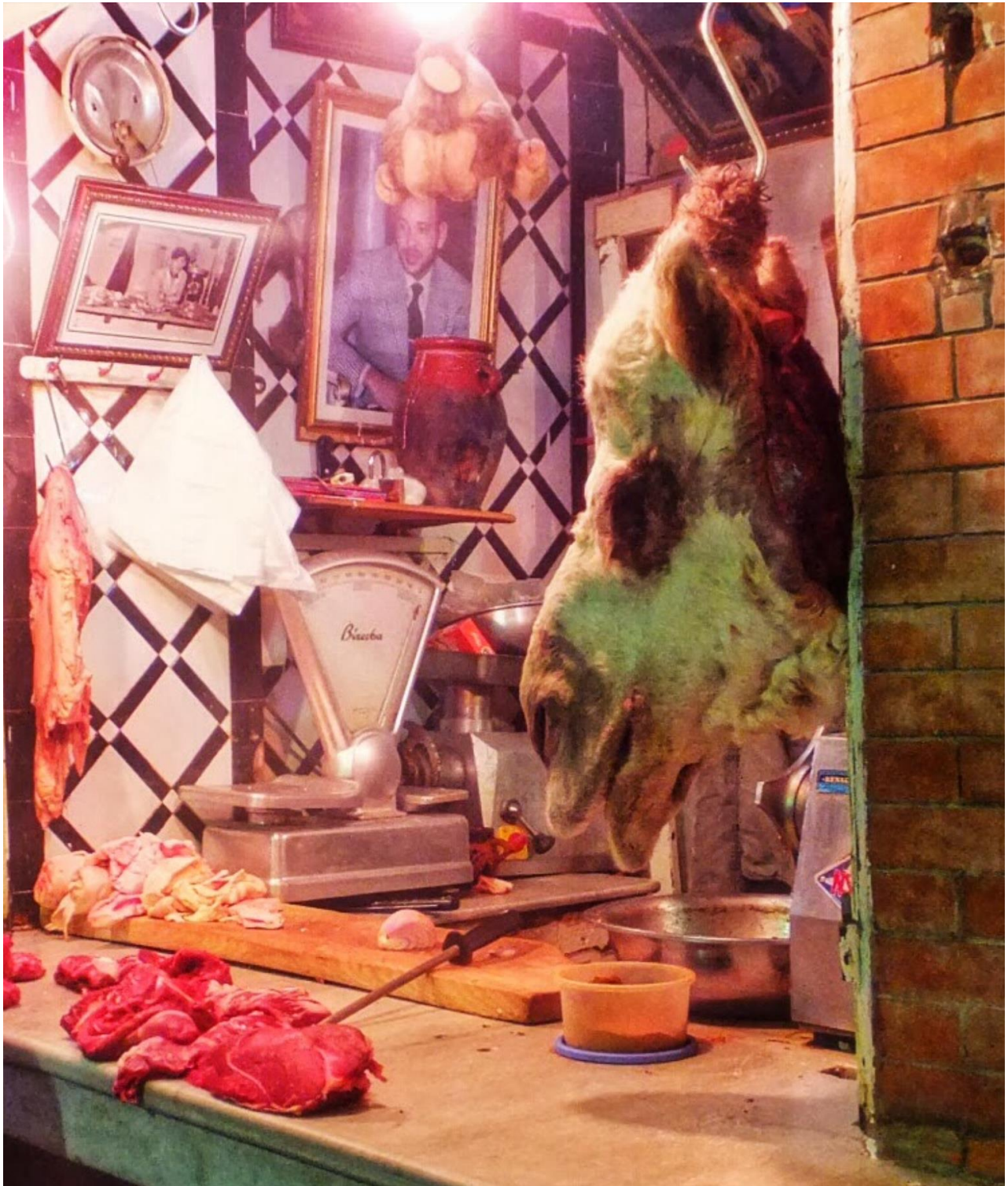












More Ideas!

- Signs – ranger on duty, no dogs, dogs allowed off leash, cleaning up after your dog
- Lost Dogs Home website – look at dogs and cats for adoption, read descriptions, choose a pet, write a similar description, make up a page for an animal
- Council regulations – e.g. pet licences, how much, fines
- Go to the website for your local council to register your pet
- Games you can play with a pet, toys and clothes –shopping at a pet store such as Pet Barn - money, give opinions
- Cultural attitudes to different animals – being respectful of this.
- Best pets for apartments/ small houses with no garden / rental properties. Fill in table listing needs, for each pet. Matching activity – pictures of animals/ needs