

Our pets

EXERCISE 1 Lies den Text und versuche zu erraten, welches Tier die Kinder haben. Fülle die Lücken mit diesen Wörtern aus: *cat – tortoise – dog (2x) – rabbit – budgies – horse*

a) Tom: I've got a big black _____. Her name is Lulu. She is my best friend, and I take her for a walk every afternoon. She loves that. She sleeps in her dog house in the garden.

b) Sarah: We haven't got much money, so I can't have a big pet. I've got two _____. Their names are Carl and Ben. They are small, green birds and they live in a cage in the living-room. They can't sing, but they can speak a few words! Sometimes they are very loud.

c) Kate: I've got a small, white _____. His name is Joe. He has a basket in my room. He loves to play with his ball. He hates cats!

d) Sue: I love riding and I even have my own _____. His name is Cesar and he is twelve years old. He's brown. Apples are his favourite food. He loves being outside.

e) Ben: This is my _____. He is black and white, and his name is Lucky. He loves to catch mice. He has a basket in the kitchen, but he likes to sleep in my bed, too.




















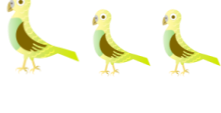




f) Joe: I've got a brown _____. Her name is Sally. She has got a cage in the garden. She loves carrots, but she is scared of the neighbours's dog!

g) Charlie: I've got a _____. His name is Spencer. He is very old and very slow. His favourite food is salad, and he loves to be outside in the garden.

EXERCISE 2 Richtig oder falsch? Kreuze an.

a) Spencer is young.	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
b) Car and Ben live in Sarah's bedroom.	Yes, they do.	No, they don't.
c) Lulu sleeps in the living room.	Yes, she does.	No, she doesn't.
d) Sally likes dogs.	Yes, she does.	No, she doesn't.
e) Cesar likes apples.	Yes, he does.	No, he doesn't.
f) Sarah's family has got lots of money.	Yes, she has.	No, she hasn't.
g) Joe is brown.	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
h) Lucky sleeps on the bed.	Yes, he does.	No, he doesn't.

EXERCISE 3 Welches Bild passt zu den Tieren aus dem Text? Kreuze an!

	A	B	C	D
1) dog 1				
2) dog 2				
3) cat				
4) rabbit				
5) budgies				
6) horse				

Lösungen

EXERCISE 1 a) dog, b) budgies, c) dog, d) horse, e) cat, f) rabbit, g) tortoise

EXERCISE 2 a) No, b) no, c) no, e) no, f) no, g) yes, h) yes

EXERCISE 3 1B, 2D, 3C, 4B, 5C, 6A

WHY THE BEAR HAS A SHORT TAIL

Have you ever seen a bear at the zoo? Did you see how short his tail was? I will tell you why the bear has a short tail.

One very cold day in winter, a fox saw some men. The men were taking home a lot of fish. The fox jumped on their wagon. He threw off some of the best fish until he had enough for his dinner. Then the fox jumped from the wagon and began to eat the fish. While he was eating, a bear came along.

"Good morning," said the bear, "those are very fine fish. How did you catch¹ them?"

"Yes, they are very good," said the fox. "If you go fishing with me tonight, I will show you how to catch fish."

"I'd love to come with you," said the bear. "I will bring my hook and line² too."

"You don't need a hook and line," said the fox. "I always catch fish with my tail. Your tail is much longer than mine, so you can catch fish even better."

At sunset³ the bear met the fox. They went across the frozen river until they came to a small hole⁴ in the ice.

"Now, Mr. Bear," said the fox, "sit down here on the ice and put your tail through the hole. You must sit still for a long time. That's the best way to catch fish. Wait until many fish take hold of⁵ your tail. Then pull with all your might⁶."

The bear sat very still for a long time. At last he began to feel cold and he moved a little.

"Ow!" he cried. His tail had begun to freeze⁷ in the ice.

"Isn't it time to pull out the fish?" said the bear.

"No, no," said the fox. "Wait until more fish have taken hold of your tail. You are very strong. You can wait a little longer."

So the poor bear waited until it was almost morning.

Just then some dogs began to bark⁸ on the bank of the river.

The bear was so afraid that he jumped up quickly and pulled with all his might, but his tail was frozen fast in the ice. He pulled and pulled until the tail broke off.

The fox ran away laughing. Ever since then, bears' tails have been short.

¹ catch: fangen

² hook and line: Angelhaken und -schnur

³ sunset: Sonnenuntergang

⁴ hole: Loch

⁵ take hold of (hier): sich festbeißen an

⁶ might: Kraft

⁷ freeze: festfrieren

⁸ bark: bellen

EXERCISE 1 True or wrong?	T	W
a) The story takes place in summer.		x
b) The fox stole some fish.		
c) The fox played a trick on the bear.		
d) The bear normally uses a hook and line to catch fish.		
e) The fox and the bear met in the morning.		
f) The fox caught a lot of fish with his tail.		
g) The bear's tail froze fast in the ice.		

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the correct verb in the simple past!

run – jump – freeze – steal – break – play – tell – go – sit (2x) – run – put – want – hear

- a) The fox _____ a trick on the bear.
- b) The fox _____ on a wagon and _____ some fish.
- c) He _____ the bear that he had caught these fish.
- d) The bear _____ to catch fish, too.
- e) They _____ to the river together.
- f) The bear _____ down on the ice and _____ his tail through a hole.
- g) He _____ there until it was morning.
- h) Then they _____ the barking (*das Bellen*) of dogs.
- i) His tail _____ fast in the ice. Then it _____ off.
- j) The fox _____ away laughing.

Lösung

EXERCISE 1 a) wrong, b) true, c) true, d) true, e) wrong, f) wrong, g) true

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the correct verb in the simple past!

a) played, b) jumped, stole, c) told, d) wanted, e) went, f) sat, put, g) sat, h) heard, i) froze, broke, j) ran