



# “Ben’s First Pet”

## Reading Comprehension – Short Stories (5)

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Ben is a five year old boy. Ben loves animals. Ben plays with his **neighbors’** pets and watches television shows about animals. Ben likes dogs, cats, birds, and other animals.

After going to the **zoo** with his parents at the age of four, Ben has wanted a pet. Ben’s parents have told him that he can have a pet for his sixth birthday. They tell Ben that having a pet takes a lot of **responsibility**. They tell him that they will need to build a fence in the backyard so that they can keep the pet safe.

Ben’s birthday is coming in ten days, and he wants to get a dog. His parents have built the fence in the backyard. They have also bought a pet carrier to **carry** the dog in their car.

Ben asks his parents if he can go to the animal shelter, the place where animals are kept, to look for a dog. One day after school, Ben’s parents take him to the animal shelter. There are many types of dogs at the shelter. There are beagles, collies, golden retrievers, poodles, and many other types of dogs. Ben sees a golden retriever that looks like a nice dog. He asks his parents if he can have the dog. Ben’s parents ask the manager of the shelter if they can have the dog. The manager of the shelter tells Ben’s parents that they can have the dog, and he asks them to complete a form. After the form is completed, the manager asks them to pay a **fee**. Ben’s parents pay the fee. The manager tells them what kind of food the dog should be fed and when to go to the pet doctor for the dog’s medical checkup. Ben’s parents thank the manager of the animal shelter. Ben and his parents take the dog home in their pet carrier. Ben is excited and cannot wait to play with his dog.

Once they get home, first Ben feeds his dog food and water. Ben opens the bag of dog food and pours it in a dish. Then he pours water in a water dish. The dog is thirsty and hungry so he drinks the water and then eats the food. The dog is tired so he takes a nap. Then he plays with Ben. He runs around the yard with Ben.

Ben is happy that he has a pet dog.

### Questions:

### Vocabulary:

<p>1) How old is Ben?</p> <p>A. Four years old B. Five years old C. Ten years old D. None of the above</p>
<p>2) What kinds of animals does Ben like?</p> <p>A. Dogs B. Cats C. Birds D. All of the above</p>
<p>3) What do Ben’s parents need to build?</p> <p>A. A dog house B. A birdhouse C. A fence D. A pool</p>
<p>4) Where do Ben and his parents go to find a pet?</p> <p>A. The zoo B. The animal shelter C. Ben’s school D. None of the above</p>
<p>5) What does the dog do when he comes to Ben’s home?</p> <p>A. Takes a nap B. Eats some food C. Plays with Ben D. All of the above</p>

<p>1) Ben’s <b>neighbor</b> lives...</p> <p>A. near Ben’s house. B. in another country. C. in another state. D. 20 miles from Ben’s house.</p>
<p>2) A <b>zoo</b> is a place where...</p> <p>A. You can play with animals B. You can buy pets C. Live animals are kept D. You can buy candy</p>
<p>3) Having a pet takes a lot of <b>responsibility</b>. So, having a pet takes a lot of ...</p> <p>A. Hard work and determination B. Love C. Sleep D. Trust and reliability</p>
<p>4) If Ben must <b>carry</b> the pet home, he must...</p> <p>A. Take it from one place to another B. Walk it home C. Pick it up later D. None of the above</p>
<p>5) A <b>fee</b> is...</p> <p>A. An insect that lives on a pet B. A charge or payment C. A pet toy D. All of the above</p>