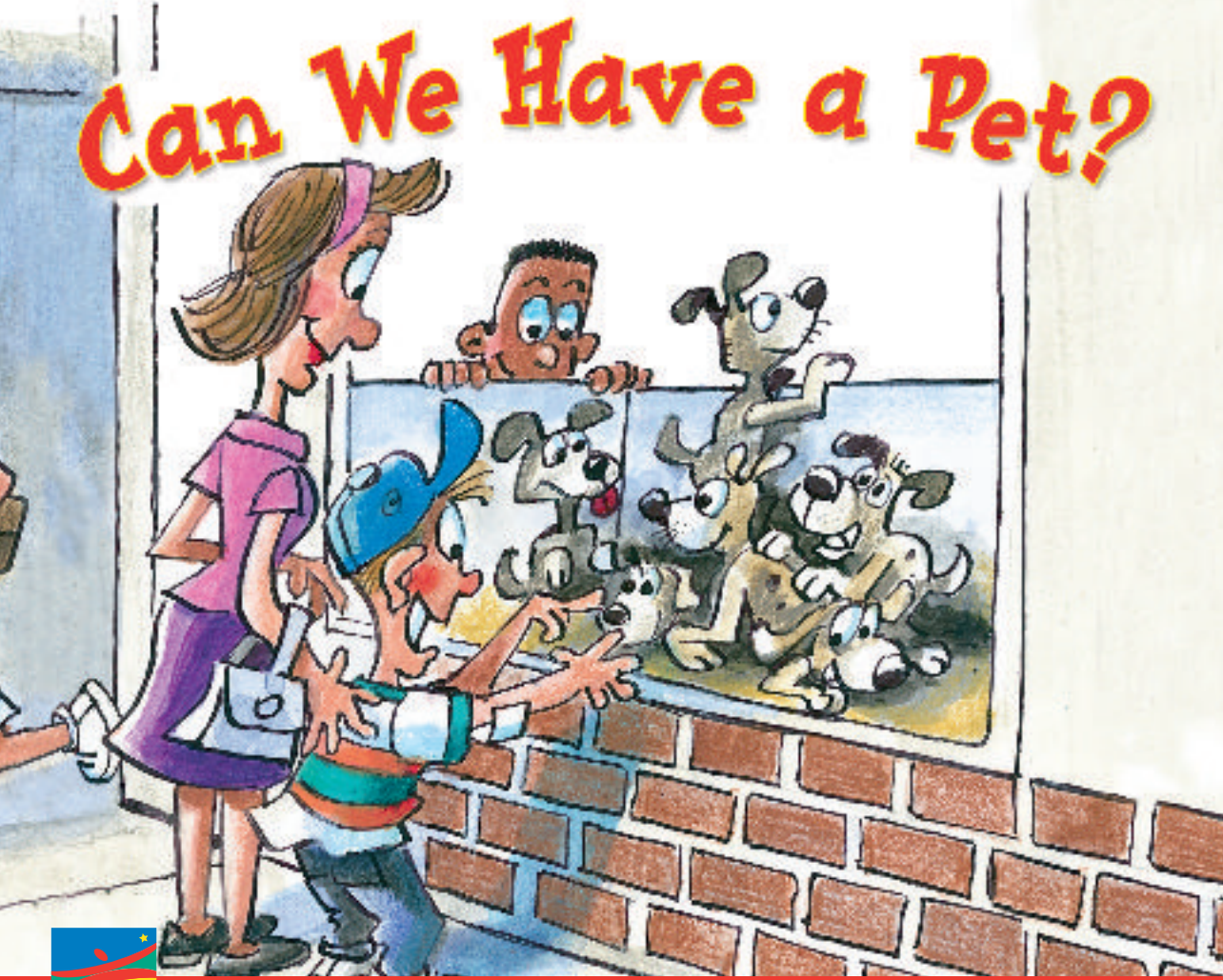
Can We Have a Pet?



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Summary

Tim wants to have a pet. He makes a chart for the pets that he can and cannot have.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Read aloud to clarify

Comprehension
- Make inferences

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics
- Short a (at, can, cat)

Fluency
- Read question marks

Fiction Genre
- Realistic fiction

Sentence Patterns
- We can have ___. We cannot have ___.

Language Development
- Use singular and plural nouns

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Meet the Characters

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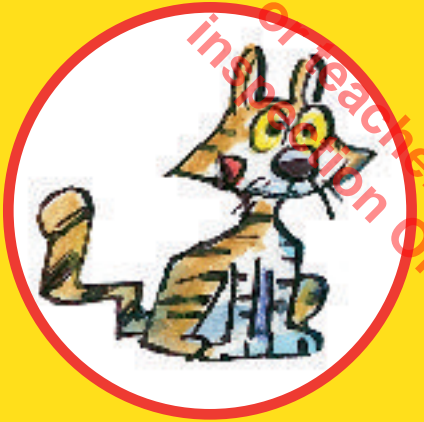
Tim



Mom



dog



cat



fish



bird

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Tim said, “Can we have a pet?”

Mom said, “Yes, we can have a pet. We can have a pet with no fur.”

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Tim said, “Do dogs have fur?”

Mom said, “Yes, dogs have fur. We cannot have a dog.”



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Tim said, “Fish do not have fur. Can we have a fish?”

“Yes, we can have a fish,” said Mom.



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