



To Get a Pet

Part 1

Teacher Reads In this lesson and the next, twin boys want a pet. Let's read about how they think they can get one.

Devin and Clem are twins with a wish. They wish to have a pet.

“Dad, can I have a pet?” Devin said.

Clem, Devin's twin, said, “If Devin can have a pet, can I have a pet?”

Dad said to them, “Pets can be a lot of work. We will see.”

The twins went to play and saw a rabbit hop past. Devin said to his twin, “I wish that rabbit was my pet.”

The rabbit ran off. “Not that rabbit,” said Clem.



Part 2

Teacher Reads Wild animals are not meant to be pets. Animals that can live in a home, such as dogs and cats, make good pets.

After the rabbit ran past, the twins saw a dog go down the path. “Look,” said Clem. “I wish that dog was my pet.”

“No, that is Ms. Drum’s dog,” said Devin. “We cannot get that dog as a pet.”

Devin saw a frog and a slug. Clem saw a robin and a chipmunk. “They cannot be pets,” Clem said.

Part 3

Teacher Reads When people find a stray animal that could be a pet, it is best to be cautious (careful) and see what the animal may need.

“Let’s go play on the hill in back,” Devin said.

At the bottom of the hill, the twins saw a cat on top of a big rock. “That cat looks lost. She has no spot to rest. We can get Dad to help,” said Clem.

When Dad saw the cat, he said, “Get a box and put a cloth in it. Then the cat can sit and rest.” The twins set up a box, and the cat went in.

“Dad,” said Clem. “Can this cat be a pet for us?”

Dad said, “Yes, she can, but we will have to work.”