

Owning a pet – writing tasks

Name _____ Date _____

Clarissa is thinking of adopting a cat or a dog.

She has 3 school children, a partner who works full time and she works part time. They have a small garden on the outskirts of Reading. They like going on holidays as a family and sometimes go to stay with relatives.

Clarissa has asked several friends for their opinions on her idea.

Task 1 – Clarissa receives an email from Jeenie. It is badly written. Can you improve it? Look at **spelling, punctuation, language** and **paragraphs**.

From: jeenie870@pmail.com

To: clarissa@yboo.com

Subject:

Dear Clarissa

Its not a great idea for u too have dog or cat

You no how much yhou and dave like going on holddays with the kids your al ways away. By the way when r u going next. I remember you meshioning going to the coast. Who would look afte r a dog or a cat for you. I know from a mate of mine that you can use a cattery or kenels for animals when you go away but lost of animals dont like being in keenels and they can be vrey expensive to.

Your garden is another issue. Where would you put all the kids toys if you had a dog. Digs need lsto of space to run around and your kids have got a slid swing and climing frame in your garden. You have to think of all these things. I now your kids have been pressurising you to got a pet. Mine would like a pet to but I have not given in cos I no it would just be me looking after it and we have such a busy live with work school parents clubs and mjuch more. If you decide you are going to get a pet I think a cat would be the beter option as you can jus get a neighbor to look after them wen you are away. Let me no what you decide too do you no I will hwlp if I can from your bestie Jeenie

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Task 2 – Write an email to Clarissa and give your opinion on whether you think it is a good idea for her to get a pet.

Mention the pros and cons. If you think it is a good idea, suggest what type of pet should they have. Alternatively, you may think it is a bad idea. Explain your reasons.

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Task 3 – Finish writing this article. It should be a *total* of 250-300 words (there are 140 words below).

You could write about the benefits of other pets and how it helps children and families.

How Pets Help Us

Have you ever noticed how many dog walkers there are in the park? There is a happy dog, trotting along with owner everywhere you look. Dogs do wonders for our mental health. They get us out daily in the fresh air and help us to blow the cobwebs away. Dog walkers talk to other dog walkers, so they help us socialise and make new friends too.

Owning a dog encourages us to take regular exercise and helps us keep fit, lose weight and combat obesity. Caring for an animal gives older people a purpose and gives them something to do and think about, rather than dwelling on problems. Stroking and brushing an animal helps us to relax and feel calm.

Other pets can also help us and our children. Many people enjoy owning a cat ...