

9.1 *Pet match*

Aim: Practice matching people with pets

Preparation: Make one copy of Worksheet 9.1 for every two Ss.

Comment: Use after the discussion on page 72.

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group two handouts.
- Explain the task. Each group runs an online company that specializes in matching people with rescued pets. The Ss' task is to match each person with a suitable pet.
- Model the task with one S for the first pet.

T: Rascal is too much responsibility for Jorge.

S: I see your point, but Jorge is experienced with animals.
- Have groups discuss and then match each person with a pet. Groups should make a list of reasons that support their decisions.
- Have each group debate their choices with the class.

Jorge Gonzalez

He is a 40-year-old freelance writer who works from home, although he frequently travels for business. He has a small house and yard in the suburbs. Jorge enjoys jogging and martial arts. He has had all kinds of exotic pets, including parrots, reptiles, and saltwater fish. Currently, he has a rabbit.

Ken Griswold

He is 27 years old and a lawyer. He knows a lot about animals because his father is a retired veterinarian. He spent his teen years cleaning cages, changing food and water dishes, and making sure all the animals at his father's clinic were happy. Unfortunately, he works long hours, so he isn't home much.

Esther Morgan

She is a 70-year-old woman living in a studio apartment in New York City. She enjoys going to the movies, taking long walks, and painting. Overall, she is quite happy. However, her dog died a year ago, and from time to time, she feels a bit lonely.

Mei Ling Chen

She's a 32-year-old working at an advertising agency. She lives in a spacious two-bedroom apartment with her husband and 4-year-old son. Things are a bit busy right now because her family is visiting from China, but she promised she'd find a pet for her son's birthday.

Rascal

He is a 7-year-old golden retriever that is fully trained and child-friendly. He likes running in the park and playing Frisbee. He is easygoing and rarely barks. The biggest problem with Rascal is that he sheds a lot of fur. Occasionally, he chews on the furniture when he is bored.



Sandy

She's a 15-year-old African gray parrot. She knows a few hundred words. When she's hungry, she imitates car alarms and whistles a passage from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony to be fed. Unfortunately, she has been known to bite when she is stressed.



Wishbone

She's a 4-year-old tabby cat with yellow eyes and gray fur. Her favorite food is tuna. She's very friendly and is good with children. However, Wishbone loves to scratch the sofa. She also loves to go outside, but sometimes she brings home mice or birds.



Elvis

Elvis is a 20-pound green iguana that eats a variety of fruits and vegetables. He enjoys hanging out on people's shoulders. Although he is relatively low maintenance, he needs to spend quality time with his owner or he gets lonely.

