

Chapter 4

A Pet for Supriya

One day Supriya said to her mother, “Mom, I’d like to keep a pet.”

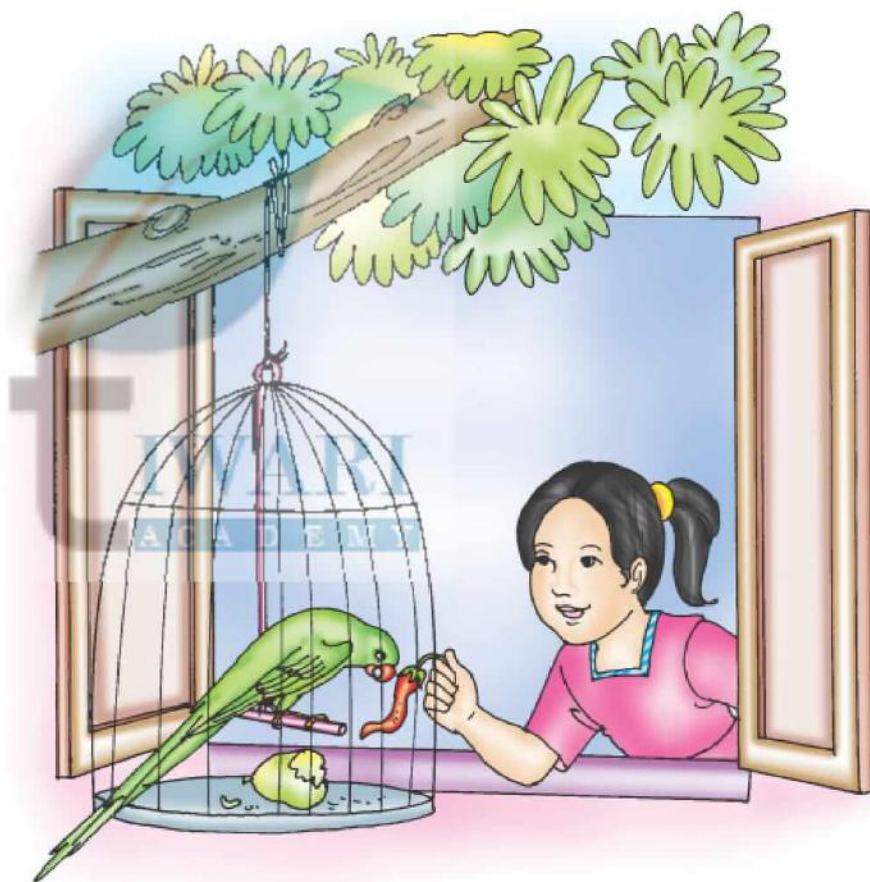
“It’s a good idea, Supriya,” replied her mother. “You’re now old enough to take care of a pet. But which animal would you like to keep as your pet?”

“Mom, I would like to keep a cat,” said Supriya. “One which has green eyes and a thick white coat of fur.”

“But, Supriya; you very well know that I don’t like cats,” said her mother. “Why don’t you keep a bird instead?”

I’ll buy you a parrot.
I’ll hang its cage
outside your window
and you can talk to it
everyday.”

The next day Supriya saw a parrot in a cage when she came home from school. It was green in colour. Supriya fed it with green chillies and gave it guava to eat. The parrot talked with Supriya. Supriya was happy to talk to the bird. But soon Supriya got tired of a pet which could not play with her. So she went up to her mother and said, “Ma, I would like to have a cat.”



Teacher's Note: Ask the students what pets they have and how they look after them.

Her mother said, "Why don't you keep fish ? Besides, an aquarium will brighten up in the sitting-room."

That afternoon Supriya saw a big glass tank in the sitting-room. In it, there were many colourful fishes. Supriya sat by the tank and watched them. They swam in and out among the plants, flashing colours of red, green and blue. Supriya fed the fish with bread and watched them rushing for the food.

But again she soon got bored. "Ma, I would like to have a cat. The fishes can't play with we."

"I know that," said her mother. "I'll get you a little squirrel."

The next day a man brought a squirrel in a cage. Supriya was delighted with its bushy tail and bright eyes. She brought it some nuts. The squirrel, however, was very shy. It remained in a corner of the cage and refused to take the nuts. Supriya was disappointed and walked away. Sadly, Supriya went to her mother and said, "Ma, I would like a cat for a pet."

Just then her mother was getting ready to go market. "I'll talk to you later, Supriya. Father is waiting for me in the car," she said and hurried away.

Supriya walked around the house. She looked at the parrot, the fishes, and the squirrel. They were nice pets but they would not play with her. Supriya felt very sad.

That night she cried herself in sleep. The next morning something warm and furry woke Supriya. She opened her eyes. A kitten! Supriya looked again. Beside her on the bed was a small white kitten.

The kitten purred and looked up at Supriya with big green eyes.

Supriya sat up and carried the kitten in her arms. She ran out to the bedroom to her mother. "Oh mother, thank you, thank you," was all she could say. Her parents were glad to see her happy.

Supriya named the little kitten Kitty. She ran round the houses with Kitty close at her heels. She now remembered that she had not named her other pets. She called the parrot Mithoo, the squirrel Bushy and her three favourite fishes Dash, Splash and Crash.

Words to Learnpet
bushyidea
niceaquarium
furrybrighten
purredflashing
favourite**Skill Test****WORK OUT****A. Answer the following questions :**

1. What did Supriya want for a pet ?
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2. What was the first pet that he mother got for her ?
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3. Why did Supriya still ask for a cat when she already had a bird and some fishes as pets ?
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4. What did the squirrel do when Supriya offered it the nuts ?
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5. What did Supriya's mother finally give her ?
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B. Who said it and to whom ?

"I'll talk to you later,
Supriya, Father is waiting
for me in the car."

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"Mom I would like to
keep a cat as a pet."

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GRAMMAR

A. Make adjectives of the following words :

Bush– Bushy
Fish–
Breeze–
Flood–

Fur– Furry
Wind–
Storm–
Sand–

Green– greeny
Sun–
Fog–
Hill–

B. Adverbs go with verbs. They tell us about the action of verbs. They tell us how something happens :

Make sentences using adverb verb and one verb from each box. One has been done for you.

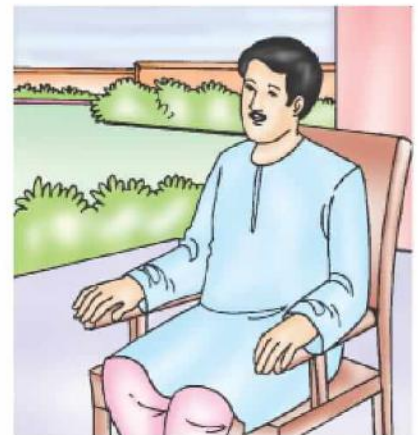
Adverbs

comfortably carefully
quickly suddenly
gently punctually

Verbs

Sit listen arrive open
pack disappear

1. He sat comfortably on the chair.
2.
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VOCABULARY

A. A kitten purrs. Complete the following :

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B. Find out the opposites of the following words :

good	old
enough	thick
outside	happy
bright	little
cry	glad
remember	close

C. Join the words in column I with those in column II to make compound word :

I
bed
home
play
chair
some
house
pea

II
work
day
ground
room
cock
hold
man

III
bedroom
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COMPOSITION



Make two lists of the occasions when we say 'please' to people :

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and 'thank you' people

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