

Fiction

Too Many Pets?

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Poetry

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer Questions

Skill: Use Illustrations

Vocabulary

decide, different, friendship, glance, proper, relationship, stares, trade

Phonics

Two-letter blends

Vocabulary Strategy

Sentence Clues

Word count: 274



Essential Question

How can a pet be an important friend?

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Poetry: My Dog Loves Me . . . 17

This is my family. There are five people in it.



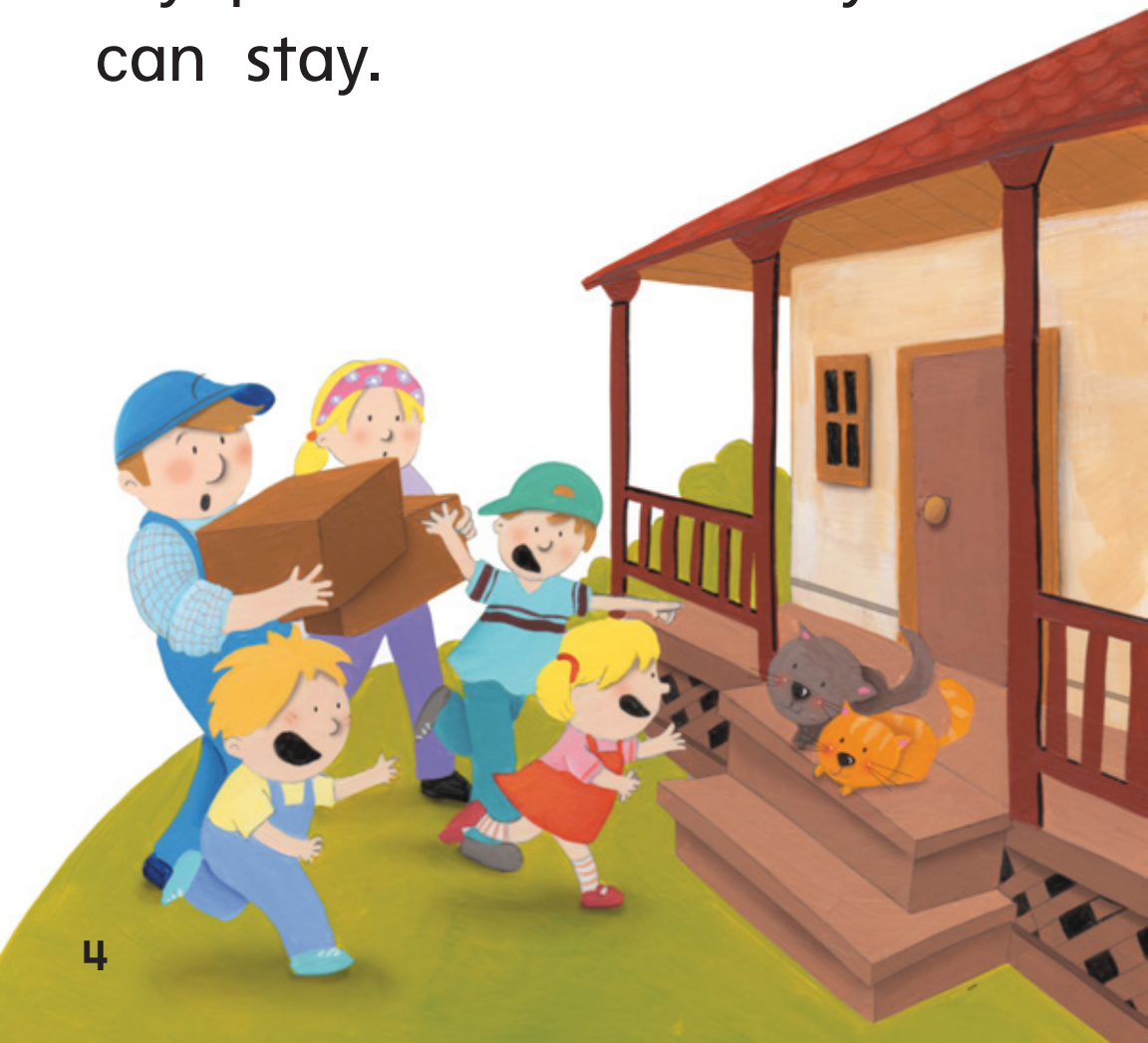


The rest of my family are pets. We have ten different pets.

The cats are here when we move in.

“Please, can we keep them?” my sister asks.

My parents decide they can stay.





My sister loves the cats.
She names them Ted
and Betty. They sleep in
her room.



Then, our neighbors give us a gift.

“Now we have four pets,” says Dad. “That’s a lot of pets!”

Tick and Tock are cuddly.
Tock stares at me when
he wants a carrot.



Next, my friend gives us Freddy. Her family is moving to an apartment. It doesn't have room for a dog.

"Not another pet," says Mom.





I have a great relationship with Freddy. He likes to run and play. We are best friends.



Then one day, some chickens show up. They find a proper spot and move in.



"No more pets!" says Dad.

"It's okay," says Mom.

"We can trade the eggs
for other things."



Margo is a duck. She
lands on the pond one
day. She likes the chickens.

Margo follows Dad. They have a great friendship.

“Too many pets!” says Mom.



This is how our family grew.
But wait! What's that
sound?



I glance in the closet.
I think we have four more
pets now!



Respond to Reading

Summarize

Use the chart to summarize
Too Many Pets?

Character	Setting	Events

Text Evidence

1. Why is this story fiction? **Genre**
2. Look at page 10. Where will the chickens live? **Use Illustrations**
3. Use sentence clues to find the meaning of *apartment* on page 8. **Sentence Clues**
4. Write about the pets in the story. **Write About Reading**

Compare Texts

Read about a dog who is a friend.



I love my dog,
And my dog loves me.

When I'm at school,
He waits by the tree.



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When I come home,
He runs all around.

He barks and he leaps.
He jumps off the ground!



He sleeps by my bed,
The last thing I see.

I love my dog,
And my dog loves me.



Make Connections

How can pets be friends?

Essential Question

How is this dog like Freddy?

Text to Text

Focus on Literary Elements

Rhyme Words that rhyme have the same ending sound.

What to Look For In the poem *My Dog Loves Me*, the words *me* and *tree* have the same ending sound. What other words rhyme in the poem?

Your Turn

Write a poem about an animal that is your friend. Can you use words that rhyme at the ends of some of the lines?

Fiction

Thinkmark

Setting

Where does *Too Many Pets?* take place? When does it take place?

Characters

Who are the main characters in *Too Many Pets?*

Sequence of Events

What happens in this story? What happens first, then, next, and last?

Make Connections

How is this story like other stories you have read?