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- Anna:** Hi Brendon, how are you?
- Brendon:** I'm fine, thanks. How are you?
- Anna:** I'm OK. There is just this one thing. I really want to have a pet. But I don't know what sort of pet is right for me.
- Brendon:** Well, how about a dog? Dogs are clever and you can play with them. Do you know Tom's dog, Snickers?
- Anna:** Oh yeah, I do. He is a nice dog and a good football player, too.
- Brendon:** Yes, he is. And he is a good runner. Very fast. Now, that is the good thing about a dog. If you have a dog, then you always have someone to play with. It's never boring.
- Anna:** Right. But you need a lot of time for your dog. Like taking him for a walk every day.
- Brendon:** Yes, in the morning and in the evening!
- Anna:** You're right. Well, I don't think I want to take my dog out in the morning and in the evening ...
- Brendon:** Maybe your brother can take the dog for a walk, too?
- Anna:** No, he can't. He is too young. He is only five years old. And my mum can't stand dogs. She hates it when they bark. Wuff, Wuff.
- Brendon:** Then you have to teach your dog to be quiet. But that's difficult. ... What about a fish? You just have to feed them.
- Anna:** And clean the fish tank, but that's OK. So fish are not a lot of work. But they are not much fun. They are boring.
- Brendon:** OK ... what about a rabbit then?
- Anna:** A rabbit? Why not? They are cute. And you can play with them.
- Brendon:** Right, and all you have to do is clean the cage and feed them some vegetables.
- Anna:** Sounds really cool. My mum should be OK with a rabbit. They are quiet animals. And my little brother would love to have a rabbit in the house, too.
- Brendon:** So that makes two of you. Two happy children. I'm sure your parents will say yes.
- Anna:** I think so, too. I really look forward to having a cute little rabbit.