

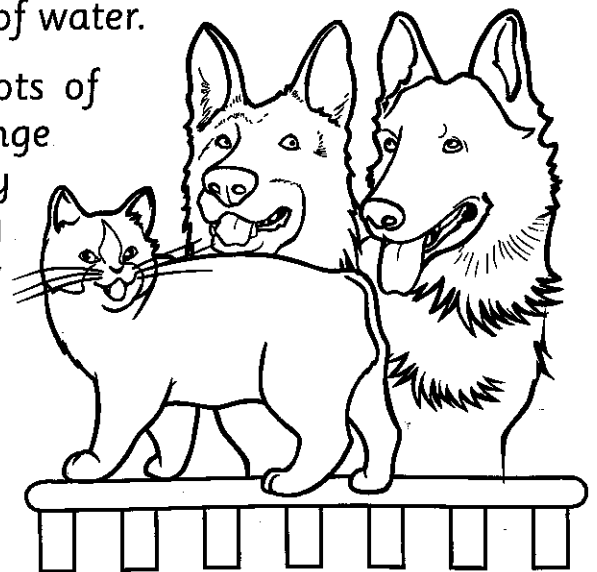
# Finding similarities and differences – 1

To help you understand what you read in text, you may need to think about how things are alike or how they are different and to make comparisons.

Read the description.

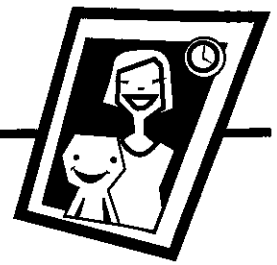
## Paige's farmyard of pets

1. My neighbour, Paige, has a 'farmyard' of pets.
2. She has two dogs called Bill and Bob who are German shepherds. They are big with soft brown, black and white fur. They have a long fluffy tail. They look really mean but they always let me pat them. Bill and Bob like to run around the yard a lot. Paige takes them for a long walk every morning and afternoon as well. They behave when they are on their leads and they know how to 'sit', 'stay' and 'come' when Paige asks them to. Bill and Bob gobble up a large bowl of dry dog food each day and Paige gives them bones to chew as well. They also have a large bucket of fresh water to drink.
3. In one corner of her yard, she has a rabbit hutch where a large, white, fluffy rabbit called Hop lives. Hop has a short round tail like a cotton ball. Sometimes Paige lets Hop out of the hutch and she hops around the yard looking and sniffing at everything. Hop loves to nibble carrots and spinach. She has a water bottle and a rubber toy to chew on.
4. Sheba is the name of Paige's cat. She is really a strange looking cat as she has no tail. I thought that she had been in an accident, but Paige told me that she was a special breed of tailless cat called a Manx. Sheba has soft, glossy, white, brown and black fur. She is a very friendly cat, as she often comes to visit me. She always runs home though when it's time for her dry cat food or drink of water.
5. Paige keeps an aquarium. She has lots of goldfish. Most are gold, some are orange and some are gold and orange. They have soft rounded tails. They eat dry fish flakes and nibble on the water plants. A filter keeps the tank clean, but fish don't drink water.
6. Paige must love animals very much to keep so many!



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## Practice page



Use strategies like those on page 35 to practise finding similarities and differences. (Clues are given to help you.)

1. Which pet is different because it doesn't eat dry food?

- (a) goldfish                      (b) cat  
(c) rabbit                         (d) dogs

The best answer is .

### Think!

Find the paragraph about each animal and look for the sentence which tells what the pet eats.

2. Complete the table with words which tell about the tail of each pet.

### Think!

Copy the exact words from the text.

dogs	rabbit	cat	goldfish

3. Use the information from the table to answer the question.

Which pet is different from the others because it doesn't have a tail?

- (a) goldfish                      (b) cat  
(c) rabbit                         (d) dogs

The best answer is .

4. Use the information to answer the question.

Which pets have round tails?

- (a) rabbit and cat                (b) goldfish and dogs  
(c) cat and dogs                 (d) rabbit and goldfish

The best answer is .

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## On your own

Think about the strategies you have been practising and work out these answers.

1. *The three pets that drink water are ...*

- (a) rabbit, cat and goldfish
- (b) dogs, rabbit and cat
- (c) goldfish, rabbit and cat
- (d) goldfish, dogs and cat

### Think!

You may think that you know the answer but check the text.

The best answer is .

2. *Complete the table using words from the text about the colour of the pets.*

The dogs are ...	The rabbit is ...	The cat is ...	The goldfish are ...

3. *Which two pets have both black and brown?*

- (a) goldfish and rabbit
- (b) rabbit and cat
- (c) cat and dogs
- (d) dogs and rabbit

The best answer is .

4. *Tick yes or no.*

- (a) Rabbit and cat both have white.
- (b) Goldfish and rabbit have one colour the same.
- (c) Dogs and rabbit have no colours the same.
- (d) Cat and dogs have three colours the same.

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