

## What Pet Should They Get?

**Directions:**

Fill in each square with a plus (+) if the answer to the alternative is yes, a minus (-) if the answer is no, and 0 is it is neutral.

<b>What is the problem?</b>	Kay and her brother have until noon to pick out a pet at the pet store. Their dad say he would pay for any pet they wanted, but they can only get one. They are having a very difficult time making a choice.
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Criteria (What's important to Kay and her brother?)	Space (big pets take more space)	Care (Time and effort needed to keep pet healthy)	Extra Cost (Special food, grooming, etc.)	Affection (Love and companionship)
Choices				
Cat	+	0	0	+
Dog	-	-	-	+
Fish	+	-	0	0
Bird	+	-	+	+
Yent*	-	-	-	+
No Pet	+	+	+	-

What pet do you think the brother and sister should choose?

Why do you think this would be a good choice?

What would be their second choice? (This is their opportunity cost.)

\*A **yent** is an imaginary beast that is too big to stay in the house.