



Cats VS Dogs

Dialogue

Please read the dialogue.

Person 1 : I`m a cat person.

Person 2 : I`m a dog person.

Person 1 : What`s so good about dogs?

Person 2 : They are always happy to see me.

Person 1 : You`ve got a good point. Dogs love getting attention, but so do cats.

Person 2 : Most of the time cats do their own thing. That`s not fun for me.

Person 1 : That`s true, but it makes me happy when they sometimes sleep on my lap.

Person 2 : I want to have fun with my pets all the time, not just `sometimes`.

Person 1 : I don`t have the time for that. I like independent pets, they are easy
to take care of.

Person 2 : If I were busier then I think a cat would be a good pet.



Vocabulary

Please match the English to the Japanese.

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| 1. cat person | a) 膝の上 |
| 2. dog person | b) 世話する |
| 3. get attention | c) 猫派 |
| 4. do my own thing | d) 独立心が強い |
| 5. on my lap | e) 注目を集める |
| 6. independent | f) ~しやすい |
| 7. easy to ~ | g) 自分のことをする |
| 8. take care of | h) 犬派 |

Practice

Please fill in the gaps with the above words then answer the questions.

1. Which is easier to _____ , a cat or a dog?
2. Are you a _____ or a _____?
3. Do you prefer to do your _____ or do things with friends?
4. Are you an _____ person?



Fill in the Dialogue

Please fill in the gaps in the dialogue.

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Person 2 : I`m a _____.

Person 1 : What`s so good about dogs?

Person 2 : They are always happy to see me.

Person 1 : You`ve got a good point. Dogs love _____, but so do cats.

Person 2 : Most of the time cats do their _____. That`s not fun for me.

Person 1 : That`s true, but it makes me happy when they sometimes sleep _____.

Person 2 : I want to have fun with my pets all the time, not just `sometimes`.

Person 1 : I don`t have the time for that. I like _____ pets, they are
easy to take care of.

Person 2 : If I was busier then I think a cat would be a good pet.

Comprehension

Please answer the following questions about the dialogue.

1. Why does Person 1 like independent pets?
2. Which pet does Person 2 prefer?
3. Do you think Person 2 leads a busy life?



Debate Phrases

Please rearrange the words to make a debate phrase.

1. ほとんどの場合は { the / most / time / of }

2. ~について素晴らしいのは何? { so / what`s / about / good }

3. いい点をついているね { got / you`ve / point / a / good }

4. それはそうだが { true / but / that`s }

Debate Practice

Please use the above phrases to make rebuttals to these statements.

Person 1: Rabbits are the cutest animal in the world.

You: _____

Person 1: Children are better than comedians, they say many funny things.

You: _____

You: _____

Person 1: You can go to the river and catch then eat your dinner.



Opinion Points

Please make two points to support each side of the debate.

Useful Language

dog house	犬小屋	independent	独立している
cost of pet food	餌代	guard dog	番犬
scratch the sofa	ソファをひっかく	feel relaxed	癒される
walk the dog	犬の散歩をする	bark · meow	ワン・ニャー

Dogs

1.

2.

Cats

1.

2.



Debate

Please use the vocabulary and phrases from this lesson to have a debate about `Cats vs Dogs`.

Preparation

- Evenly divide the students into *Team Cat* and *Team Dog*.

Debate Format

- *Team Dog* says reason 1.
- *Team Cat`'s rebuttal*.
- *Team Dog* replies.

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- *Team Cat* replies.

- *Team Dog* says reason 2.
- *Team Cat`'s rebuttal*.
- *Team Dog* replies.

- *Team Cat* says reason 2.
- *Team Dog`'s rebuttal*.
- *Team Cat* replies.

Rebuttal Recap

Most of the time _____
ほとんどの場合は

What`s so good about _____?
~について素晴らしいのは何?

You`ve got a good point.
いい点をつけているね

That`s true, but _____
それはそうだが



Optional Extension

Here are some other suggestions for similar debates.

Hamsters

VS

Fish

**Normal
pets**

VS

**Exotic
pets**

Pets

VS

No pets