

Lesson 73: Pet

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Eve: (looking at Bruno, the dog) It's time to take Bruno to the dog groomer. His nails and hair need to be trimmed.

Koichi: The grooming services cost a lot. Why can't you trim him yourself?

Eve: I'm too busy. I **barely have** time to comb my own hair. Why don't you do it?

Koichi: Me? I'm tired after work. I always take him out for his evening walks. What do you do for Bruno apart from feeding him?

Eve: I'm the one who cleans up his mess. I also give him a bath once a week.

Koichi: In that case, we're even. But the grooming service is still expensive. It even costs more than my hair cut.

Eve: That's right. The price of dog food has gone up and he is also due for a visit to the vet.

Koichi: I don't understand why we spend so much money on Bruno.

Eve: Oh, come on. Bruno is part of the family. The kids love him to bits.

Koichi: I guess you're right. How can I say no to that cuddly mutt? (scratching the dog's neck) I'll take him to the groomer's tomorrow morning.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. Jack is so busy at work that he **barely has** time to eat.
2. A: Let's go out tonight. B: I can't. I **barely have** the energy to drive myself home.
3. There was a time when I struggled with money. I **barely had** enough money to buy food.

* barely have ... /...がほとんどない

3. Your Task

You are a cat lover but your spouse likes dogs. You have both decided to get a pet. Convince your partner (=your tutor) that cats make better pets than dogs.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever had a pet? Tell your tutor about it.

How much money should one spend for his/her pets?

Why do some people love having pets?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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