

What Pet Should They Get?

Directions: A plus sign (+) should be placed on the grid for anything positive and good. A minus sign (-) will be placed on the grid for anything negative and bad. And a zero (0) for anything that is not good or bad. For example, a cat doesn't take up much space, so a + sign will be written in the block for "cat" and "space."

What is the problem?	Kay and her brother have until noon to pick out a pet at the pet store. Their dad said 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)	Total
Choices					
Cat					
Dog					
Fish					
Bird					
Yent*					
No Pet					

1. What pet should the brother and sister choose?
2. Why do you think this would be a good choice?
3. 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.