



Watch the video on our website!



- Oliver:** Amy! Hi! What are you doing here?
Amy: It's my new Saturday job. Hi, Alfie.
Oliver: Really?
Alfie: Hi.
Amy: Yes. I want to study veterinary science at university and my parents suggested I should get some experience of working with animals.
Oliver: And do you like it?
Amy: It's my first day ... Anyway. What can I do for you?
Oliver: Well, I've got some money and I've decided I'd quite like a pet. Daisy and Mum like the idea, but Mum says I mustn't get a spider, a scorpion or a snake.
Amy: That's understandable.
Alfie: Let's see the dogs. Oh yeah! Look at these, mate! Puppies! What's that white one?
Amy: That's a Dalmatian.
Alfie: But they've got black spots, haven't they?
Amy: Not when they're puppies, no. You have to wait until they're bigger. Then the spots appear.
Alfie: Ah, I never knew that. Dalmatians are quite big, aren't they?
Amy: Yes, they are. You should really have a garden.
Oliver: Well, we've got one ...
Amy: And you have to take them out for a walk twice a day. Well, you don't have to go twice, but you must go at least once. Every day. Rain, snow, sun ... every day. And you mustn't forget to take two or three small plastic bags when you go out.
Oliver: Plastic bags?
Amy: Well, when your dog ... you shouldn't leave it on the street. You should always clean it up and put it in the bin.
Oliver: Hmm. And a smaller dog? Should I get one of these?
Amy: They're Yorkshire terriers. They're very small ...
Alfie: ... and noisy! You'd better get something a bit quieter, Ollie. Think of your neighbours!
Oliver: How about that one?
Amy: As an adult, Old English Sheepdogs are extremely large – like that one. And you've got to look after their hair regularly. You should brush them as often as possible, and get their hair cut.
Oliver: Hmm. What about a cat?
Alfie: We used to have a cat. She was a bit unfriendly. She used to scratch the sofa – and our legs – and she stole food if you left it for a moment. You've got to be careful with a cat – some are nice, but some are ... well ...
Oliver: Oh, ff. A turtle? They're small and quiet and they don't have hair ...
Amy: They grow. And then you have to buy a bigger tank. You'd better buy a thermostat and a filter if you want a turtle. And you mustn't forget to change the water; they don't smell great ...
Oliver: What about a hamster? ...
Sophie: I don't know what I should do. I mean, I don't want you to feel uncomfortable ...
Daisy: I don't mind! And if you like him ... why not? He has to decide if he wants to go out with the mother of a student, though. But he seems nice. Maybe you should go for a coffee or lunch and see how you feel? If you don't like him, you don't have to see him again.
Sophie: I shouldn't be asking you about this sort of thing! Oh, but I feel like a teenager. Why do these things have to be so complicated?

Daisy: It's not complicated, Mum! You mustn't forget, he's the one who suggested going for a drink, so he obviously likes you – and you obviously like him! What's complicated?

Sophie: I'm in New Zealand! I'm about to go and fly over volcanoes ... it's not easy to combine my kind of life with ... well, with a romance!!

Daisy: You'll be home next week, and maybe you should take some time off travelling. Spend some time with us. And with him. And I'll be leaving school in a year ... so ... go on, Mum. Life's too short! You should phone him!

Sophie: Well, I'll think about it. I'd better go – I mustn't miss the helicopter! Is Oliver there?

Daisy: No, he's out buying that pet ... ah no, here he is. Ollie, it's Mum.

Oliver: Hi, Mum!

Sophie: Did you get anything?

Oliver: Yes I did! And his name's Hannibal.