



A FISH STORY

Quinn's parents asked him what he wanted for his birthday. He was allergic to animals with fur, but he wanted a pet more than anything. Quinn's mom suggested that they go to Royal Pets, a local pet store.

When Quinn and his parents walked into Royal Pets, the clerk offered to help them. Quinn explained that he wanted a pet that wouldn't make him sneeze.

"Well, snakes don't have fur," she said. But Quinn didn't really like snakes. And his parents didn't look pleased with the idea either.

"I think I have the perfect pet for you," the clerk said. "Follow me."

The clerk directed Quinn and his parents to the aquarium section. After looking at fish, turtles, and snails for a while, Quinn decided that he liked betta fish best. They had long, flowing fins and could live well in small tanks. A small tank would fit best in Quinn's bedroom.

"Are the tanks difficult to clean?" Quinn asked the clerk.

"You will have a small tank, so it won't be too hard. You can use a gentle filter to help keep the water clean," she answered. "You should change half of the water each month.

Quinn knew he could handle the cleaning. So he picked out a book to learn how to care for a betta fish. He wanted to learn all he could about his new pet.

"Betta fish are also called Siamese fighting fish, so buy only one for your tank," the clerk said. "You might want to place a mirror outside the tank. Then, your fish will feel like there is another fish nearby when it sees its own reflection."

Quinn's dad said the fish was Quinn's, only if he promised one thing. He had to be responsible for it.

"No problem!" Quinn shouted. "And I promise not to sneeze!"



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Part A

Match each word to its definition. Write the letter of the matching word in the blank.

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| _____ 1. physically affected by being near something; can cause sneezing or itching | A. filter |
| _____ 2. a glass container that things like fish, turtles, and snails can live in | B. allergic |
| _____ 3. something you place in a fish tank to clean the water | C. reflection |
| _____ 4. an image shown in a mirror | D. aquarium |

Part B

Use the words from Part A to complete the sentences below. Write each word in the correct blank.

1. Since Quinn was _____ to pets with fur, he wanted a pet that would not make him sneeze.
2. There were many pets to look at in the _____ section, but Quinn wanted a betta fish.
3. The clerk said to place a mirror outside the tank so that the fish would see its own _____.
4. To keep the fish tank clean, Quinn would need to buy a _____.

Part C Stretch Your Thinking

Are fish a good kind of pet for Quinn? Explain your answer.

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Part A

Write each word or phrase from the word bank under the correct heading.
Write a comma between each answer on the same line.

Word Bank		
	because they had long, flowing fins	
because he was allergic	Quinn	tanks
into the pet store	each month	the clerk
snakes	in Quinn's bedroom	after

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

Part B

Answer the question below. Write the answer on the lines.

How do you think Quinn found out he was allergic to animals with fur?

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Part A

Order the types of pets below, based on which you would pick if you had an allergy like Quinn's. Write "1" next to the pet you like best, "2" next to your second favorite, and "3" next to the pet you like least.

_____ fish

_____ turtles

_____ snails

Part B

Complete the sentence using the pet names above.

_____ are good pets and

_____ are better pets, but I like

_____ the most.

Part C

Fill in the blanks with the answers to the questions below.

1. What two words describe the fins of a betta fish? _____ and _____

2. What word describes the kind of filter Quinn needs for his fish tank? _____

3. What is another name for a betta fish? _____

Part D Stretch Your Thinking

List three kinds of pets that would make Quinn sneeze.

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Part A

Circle the correct answer to the question below.

The title of this passage is "A Fish Story." Decide what other title fits this passage. Circle the correct letter.

- A. "Quinn Cleans a Fish Tank"
- B. "A New Pet for Quinn"
- C. "Quinn's Birthday Party"

Part B

Order each sentence below, based on when each event happens in the passage. Write "1" next to the first event and "6" next to the last event.

_____ Quinn picked out a book to learn how to care for a betta fish.

_____ The clerk directed Quinn and his parents to the aquarium section.

_____ Quinn promised to take care of his fish and not to sneeze.

_____ Quinn's parents asked him what he wanted for his birthday.

_____ After looking at fish, turtles, and snails, Quinn decided to get a betta fish.

_____ Quinn's mom suggested that they go to Royal Pets.

Part C Stretch Your Thinking

Do you think Quinn will keep his promise to take care of his new pet? Explain your answer.
