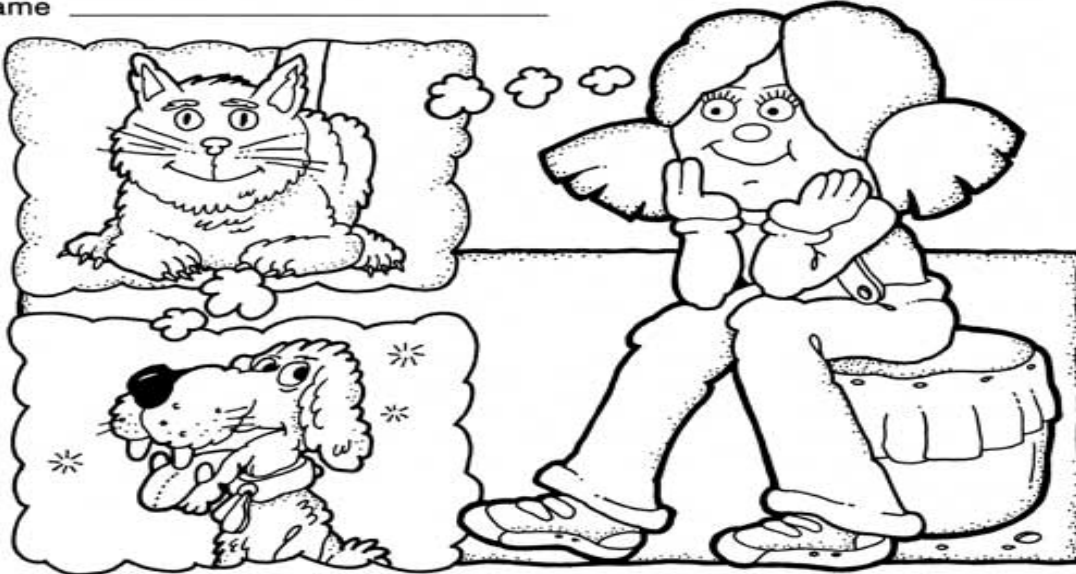


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Hilary really loves animals—all kinds of animals. At school she always likes to be the person who takes care of the classroom pets. She has cared for a bird, gerbils, fish, chicks, a frog, and even a large black spider. Hilary's birthday is in one month. She is planning a party at the zoo. Last year she had her party at the skating rink. What Hilary wants most for her birthday is a pet. She would like to have a dog or cat. She lives in an apartment, and the owner says, "No pets!" The apartment owner has a parrot that makes a lot of noise. Another problem is that Hilary's older sister, Robin, sneezes every time she is around cats or dogs. Hilary thinks that it is very unfair. She promises that she will take very good care of the pet.

Underline the most important facts that tell about Hilary's problem and that answer the questions—who, what, where, when, why, and how.