## Health Risks from Pets

Mites in Robbie's fur.

Mites are minute animals (even the largest are less than 1 mm). They live in houses and gardens and are particularly attracted to animal fur. One square centimetre of fur is reckoned to harbour about twenty mites. If the area of Robbie's fur is 12 square metres, how many lodgers does he carry?

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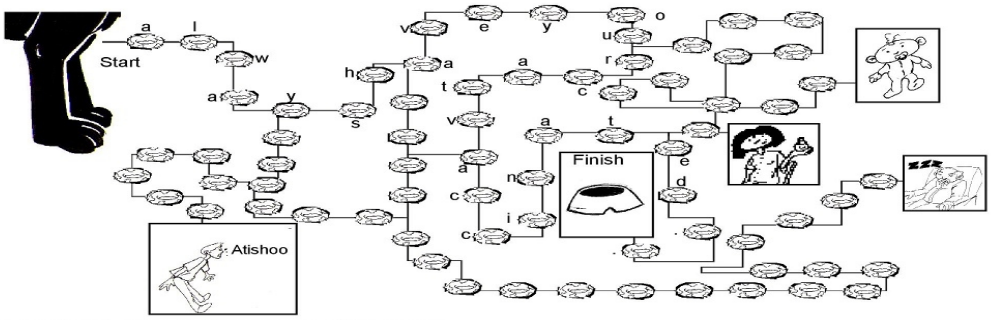
Special care with pets.

Animals seldom transmit diseases to healthy persons. But some people are more at risk of contamination, because they are very young or very old, or maybe just not as strong as usual.

With a pencil, mark the path Molly must follow to reach her bowl without touching anyone she could make ill *.




** Babies, pregnant women, sick people, older people.*

Now write down the letters on the little biscuits along Molly's path. You will find a Netoon saying.

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Now answer "true" or "false".

1) Animals can transmit diseases man ..... True ☐ False ☐
2) We can eat pet food ..... True ☐ False ☐
3) Rabies has been eradicated in continental Europe ..... True ☐ False ☐
4) We can keep an ocelot as a pet ..... True ☐ False ☐
5) We cannot get germs from a dog's bowl ..... True ☐ False ☐
6) If you are afraid of cats it means you are allergic to them ..... True ☐ False ☐
7) Pets should be bathed regularly ..... True ☐ False ☐
8) We should not touch any animal we don't know..... True ☐ False ☐