

Do You Have the Time?

Taking care of a pet is a big **responsibility**. Before choosing the pet you would *like* to have, determine the amount of time you are available in a day to properly care for a pet. You might find you do not have enough time each day to be a responsible pet owner for the kind of pet you want.

Step One: Estimate the minutes or hours each activity takes from your day.

Minutes	Hours	
_____	_____	sleep
_____	_____	breakfast (prepare/eat/clean up)
_____	_____	get dressed/brush teeth/comb hair
_____	_____	travel to school
_____	_____	school day
_____	_____	travel home from school
_____	_____	homework
_____	_____	dinner (prepare/eat/clean up)
_____	_____	hanging out (sports/hobbies/friends/family)
_____	_____	get ready for bed
Total Minutes _____	Total Hours _____	

Step Two: Add the numbers within each column to find the total minutes and the total hours these activities take each day.

Step Three: Transfer the number of total minutes you calculated on page 26 to the space inside the division problem. To convert your total minutes into hours, divide your number by 60 (the number of minutes in one hour).

$$60 \overline{) \quad \quad \quad}$$

← (number of hours)*

← (your number of minutes from page 26)

***Round this number to the nearest hour.**

Step Four: Copy the number (rounded hours) from Step Three to the addition problem below. Transfer the hours you calculated from page 26 to the addition problem below. Add these two numbers together to find the total number of hours you spend on activities each day.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \square \\
 + \square \\
 \hline
 \square
 \end{array}$$

← (minutes converted to hours from above)

← (your number of hours from page 26)

Step Five: Transfer the total number of hours from Step Four into the subtraction problem below.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 24 \\
 - \square \\
 \hline
 \square
 \end{array}$$

← (total hours in one day)

← (your total number of hours from calculation above)

You have this much estimated "free" time each day.

According to this chart, which pet can you responsibly care for?

Animal	Time Needed Each Day
Dog	More than 2 hours
Cat	At least 1 hour
Rabbit	At least 30 minutes
Guinea Pig	At least 30 minutes
Hamster	At least 30 minutes
Bird	At least 30-45 minutes
Reptile	Time varies per species
Fish	At least 15 minutes