



# Walking a Pet

Conversation > Intermediate 6



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>walk</b>	To take an animal, especially a dog, for a walk.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I <b>walk</b> my dog two times a day.</i>

<b>need</b>	Something that is necessary to have.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Food and water are the basic <b>needs</b> of life.</i>

<b>for instance</b>	For example.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: <b>For instance</b>, this red wine is very popular these days.</i>

<b>unusual</b>	Different than usual.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: You have an <b>unusual</b> pet.</i>

<b>switch</b>	To change from one thing to another.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I really need to <b>switch</b> jobs.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Sara: Wow, Liam. I didn't know you had a dog. When did you get it?

Liam: You didn't? I got it last summer. Usually, we go for a walk at another park. Maybe that's why.

Sara: That must be it. And why did you switch the park?

Liam: Well, it's because this park is farther from my house. So we only come to this park on the weekends.

Sara: I see. Many people only take dogs on very short walks. They don't care enough about their pet's needs.



Liam: I absolutely agree. But I know some people who take very good care of their pets.

Sara: Oh, you do?

Liam: For instance, my neighbors walk their cat from time to time. It gets to go outside and play in the grass.

Sara: That's unusual. Most cats usually stay in the house.

Liam: They are animals, too. They are no different from dogs; they need fresh air as well.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

unusual

needs

switch

walk

For instance

1. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ lanes to get off at the next exit.
2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ for him to miss a deadline.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, there's a great opportunity in Russia for us now.
4. Our store tries to meet all of our customers' \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ your dog?



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** You are walking your pet dog in the park, and you see your friend Rose walking a cat. Talk about your pets. The teacher can be Rose.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Do you have a pet? What kind?
2. Do you think it is important to walk your pet daily? Why do you think so?
3. Is it better to have a cat or dog, or an “easy” pet such as a gold fish?
4. Should children take care of their pets? Why? Why not?
5. Is it good or bad to take a cat out for a walk? Why?