

Lesson 66: Domestic Animals & Companionship — My Pet**PLL PART TWO****Personal Composition • Domestic Birds & Pets**

"What kind of bird? Its name? Where do you keep it? Who takes care of it? What does it like to eat? Is it safe to leave the cage door open? Does it sing? Does it know its name? What interesting ways has it?"

Writing Focus: Proper care vocabulary • Cause-and-effect reasoning • Descriptive narrative paragraph.

1 PET IDENTITY & DAILY CARE ROUTINE

Answer each question in a complete, well-formed sentence:

1. Species & Name: My pet is a _____, and its name is _____.

2. Home & Keeper: Where is it kept, and who takes care of it each day?

It is kept in _____

3. Favorite Food: What does your pet like best to eat?

My pet likes to eat _____

2 SAFETY, SONG & CURIOUS HABITS

Examine your pet's habits and safety with thoughtful answers:

1. Cage Safety: Is it safe to leave the cage door open? Why or why not?

It is not safe because _____

2. Song & Name: Does it sing or chirp when you call its name?

When I call its name, _____

3. Playful Ways: What amusing or interesting habit does your pet have?

Its most interesting habit is _____

3 PARAGRAPH COMPOSITION • "MY PET"

Combine your details into a lively 3-to-4 sentence story about your pet:

Lesson 66 Teacher Key: Domestic Companionship & Care

ANSWER KEY & RUBRIC

Pedagogical Framework • Charlotte Mason Nature & Pet Study

Pedagogical Goal: Nurturing compassionate observation, personal narrative expression, and logical cause-and-effect reasoning regarding animal welfare, confinement safety, and distinct animal behaviors.

1 SECTION 1: PET IDENTITY SOLUTIONS

Exemplary Factual Sentences:

- **Species & Name:** "My pet is a yellow canary, and its name is Pippin." (Capitalize pet's proper name).
- **Home & Caretaker:** "It is kept in a bright brass cage by the parlor window, and I care for it every morning."
- **Food:** "My pet likes to eat millet seeds, bits of fresh apple, and green chickweed leaves."

2 SECTION 2: SAFETY & BEHAVIOR SOLUTIONS

1. **Cage Safety:** "It is not safe because the bird could fly out an open window or be harmed by a prowling cat."
2. **Recognition:** "When I call its name, it hops to the front perch and sings a cheerful trill."
3. **Playful Habits:** "Its most interesting habit is splashing water vigorously in its shallow saucer bath."

3 SECTION 3: MODEL PARAGRAPH COMPOSITION

Exemplary Model Paragraph:

"My pet is a golden canary named Sunny who lives in a sunny brass cage. Every morning I feed him fresh seeds and clean his cool drinking cup. It is never safe to leave his door open because he might escape into the wide garden. Sunny sings sweet joyful songs whenever the morning sunlight touches his perch."

4 DIAGNOSTIC SCORING RUBRIC (4 PERFORMANCE LEVELS)

Evaluation Domain	4 • Exemplary	3 • Proficient	2 • Developing / Emerging
Factual Details & Capitalization	Capitalizes pet's proper name flawlessly; writes rich, accurate details of food and habitat.	Capitalizes pet name; provides complete answers for care and diet.	Forgets capital letter on pet name; leaves one or more prompts incomplete.
Cause & Effect Reasoning	Explains safety rules with clear causality using <i>because</i> ; observes subtle animal traits.	Answers safety prompt clearly with basic reasoning.	Gives simple <i>*yes/no*</i> answer without explaining cause.
Paragraph Cohesion	Composes a unified narrative paragraph with smooth sentence flow and varied beginnings.	Writes a readable paragraph combining key facts.	Repetitive sentences (<i>*I have... It is...*</i>) without paragraph structure.
Handwriting & Mechanics	Neat cursive or print aligned perfectly on ruled baselines; all terminal periods in place.	Legible handwriting with minor punctuation slips.	Handwriting uneven, cramped, or baseline omitted.