

## The Five Welfare Needs

This activity is suitable for eight to 11-year-olds and relates to English and science programmes of study. All of the resources needed are attached below.

### Activities

1. Draw a simple smiley face in the middle of a piece of paper
2. Ask your child(ren) what they need to be happy and healthy and write these around the smiley face. You may need to discuss the difference between needs and wants.
3. Turn the smiley face into the face of an animal by adding ears, whiskers etc (a cat face is the easiest) and then consider whether the animal needs the same things
4. Watch the five welfare needs video:  
[youtube.com/watch?v=vaTEmeHXJxl&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaTEmeHXJxl&feature=youtu.be)
5. Get your child(ren) to pick a pet to draw on a piece of paper. Considering the five welfare needs, ask them to draw or write the things that pet would need to keep happy and healthy.





**Draw a simple smiley face**

Write some things that would make you happy and healthy



**Pick a pet to draw**

Write some things that would keep a pet happy and healthy