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A close-up photograph of a fluffy dog, possibly a Shetland Sheepdog or Rough Collie, lying down. The dog has long, shaggy fur in shades of white, black, and brown. Its head is resting on a light-colored, textured surface, and its eyes are partially closed, giving it a calm or sleepy expression.

🔊 What can you do
when you get sick?

You can go to a doctor.

Pets can go to a doctor, too.

An animal doctor is called a vet.



🔊 You can bring your cat
in a cage.

You can bring your dog
on a leash.

The leash has to be **clipped**
tightly to your dog's collar
so she can't run away!

What can the vet do for your pet?
The vet can clean a scratch
or a cut on your pet.
He can put a bandage
on the wound.





🔊 The vet can give your pet a shot.
Most pets don't like shots
any more than you do!



- ▶ The vet can give your pet a checkup. She can check your pet's heart and his teeth, too.

🔊 The vet can tell you about food for your pet. You can feed your pet **canned** food or dry food or a mix of both.



🔊 dry food

🔊 canned food



🔊 The vet can tell you about brushing your pet's fur so her **coat** can **stay** shiny and clean.



🔊 This **hairy** dog needs his fur brushed a lot so it can stay untangled.



▶ A bone or a toy to **chew** can help your pet's teeth stay healthy.

▶ The vet can tell you about brushing your pet's teeth, too.

🔊 If your pet is a dog or a cat, it is a kind of animal called a **mammal**.

Mammals can give birth to **litters** of babies.

The vet can help with that, too!

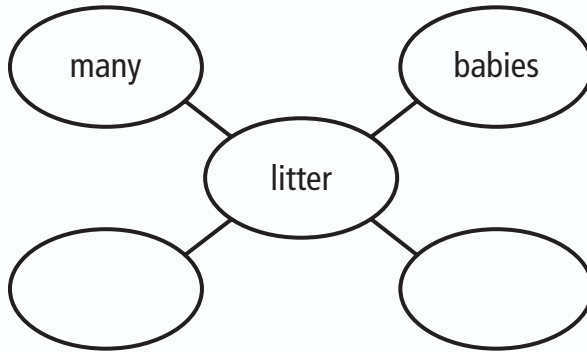


Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY Word Builder

Make a word web around the word **litter**.
What other words can tell about a litter?



Write About It

Text to World Have you ever taken a pet to a vet or read about it? Write one or two sentences about what happened. Use words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

canned
chews
clipped
coat

hairy
litter
mammals
stayed



TARGET STRATEGY

Analyze/Evaluate Tell

how you feel about the text, and why.



Which vocabulary word has the word **yes** in it?

Level: I

DRA: 16

Science

Strategy:

Analyze/Evaluate

Word Count: 211

2.1.3 Build Vocabulary

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