2.1.3 Build Vocabulary
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.
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.
The vet can tell you about brushing your pet’s teeth, too.

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

WORD BUILDER

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

- many
- babies
- 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.

Word Teaser  Which vocabulary word has the word yes in it?
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