Sasha the dog

You are Sasha, a 3-year-old mixed-breed dog who has been taken in by Foal Farm Rescue Centre. You ended up at the centre because your previous owners could not afford to look after you. It's all right at the centre but you miss being part of a family. Explain to everyone what you want for the future and what you expect from a new family.

The children

You are the Smith children. You have always wanted a dog. You have been on a school trip to Foal Farm Rescue Centre and have seen Sasha, a dog who lives there. You think she looks adorable. Put across your argument for adopting her. Try to convince everyone that you can care for her properly.

Foal Farm Rescue Centre managers

You are managers of Foal Farm Rescue Centre. You care for a lot of pet animals like dogs, cats, rabbits and rats. They have been taken in because people are not able to look after them. Explain why you think it's better to adopt a dog rather than buy one from a pet shop or breeder. Also explain that Sasha could live for a long time. Describe the care she will need if the family adopt her.

The Smith parents

You are the parents of the children. You do love dogs but you are very busy and are not sure whether the family will have enough time to look after Sasha. You're worried about the mess she might make and that you'll have to pay for her food and vet bills. Explain your feelings. There are lots of questions to be considered such as who is going to look after the dog if you go on holiday abroad and who is going to take her for walks every day.

The pet shop owner

You own the pet shop in the village where the Smith family lives. You make money from selling all kinds of animals. You can make a lot of profit from selling a dog. If the family adopt Sasha, they will not buy a puppy from you. Put the case for buying from you instead of adopting.

Point out that you can give them a good deal, selling them all the things they will need such as a dog bed, toys, food, grooming brushes, lead and collar, etc. at a discounted rate.