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Reading for Vocabulary Improvement Test 3

Fifth Grade Reading
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Do you have a pet? Here is some information about pets. Read the paragraphs and use the chart to answer the questions.

What Makes a Good Pet?

There are all kinds of pets for all kinds of kids: city kids, country kids, younger kids, older kids. But which pet would be a good pet for you? Which one should you pick?

A good first step would be to talk it over with your parents. They can help you figure out how much money you might need to spend on your pet. Goldfish, for example, are cheap and easy to keep. But many tropical fish need special food and equipment.

Another thing to figure out is how much of your time your pet will need. You must make a real commitment to take care of your own pet!

You might also find that furry animals make you or someone else in your family sneeze and cough. A bird might work out better for you.

Give some thought to where and how you live before deciding on a pet. It would be tough to keep a pony in an apartment, for example. But a few gerbils or mice might be OK.

And be sure to think about what you want *from* your pet. Do you want a dog you can cuddle and play with? Or would you rather study and learn from stay-put pets, such as fascinating insects?

One really important thing to remember is that there are some animals that you should *never* pick as pets: wild baby birds, raccoons, foxes, skunks, squirrels, opossums, deer, and many more.

These animals should not be taken from the wild or even touched. It can be against the law to keep them, and they may carry deadly diseases. Even if you find them for sale in a store, do not choose them.

These cute wild babies may also get nasty when they get older. And if you try to let them go in the wild after they've grown up, they're almost sure to die. The rule to remember about almost any animal is, "If wild and free, let it be!"

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To help you decide what might make a good pet, we've put together a pet checklist. We've named a lot of the animals that are often kept as pets. We've shown some good points and bad points about each. And we've told you which are OK or not OK to keep. Which pet is for you?

Pick-a-Pet Checklist

PET	GOOD POINTS	BAD POINTS	OK TO KEEP
Guinea pigs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Active during the dayRarely bite or scratchAffectionate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be very messyVery sensitive to dampness	YES
Domestic rabbits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Easy to tameEnjoy being pettedGood to cuddle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hard to housebreakShed lots of hairVery sensitive to heat	YES
Sheep Goats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interesting to watchCan be exhibitedWool and milk can be used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Against the law to keep in many placesNeed shelter, pasture, fencing	YES
Mules Horses Ponies Burros 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be ridden, driven, used for workAffectionateGood exercise for ownerBeautiful to watchCan be exhibited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be costly to keepCan kick, bite, or throw youNeed shelter, pasture, fencingNeed lots of care and trainingCan be smelly and messy	YES
Raccoons Other wild mammals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be very interestingCan be affectionate when young	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Against the law to keep in many statesCan carry deadly diseasesCan get mean when older	NO
Cats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Small sizeEasy to feed and care forCan live indoors or outFun to hold and cuddleVery affectionateNeed little daily careEasy to find vet care for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May scratch furniture or rugsLitter pans can be messyMay kill birds or small mammalsMay get insect pestsMay scratch or biteMay make you sneeze	YES
Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Come in many sizesCan live indoors or outFun to love and play withVery affectionateCan give protectionEasy to find vet care for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be smelly, messy, noisyMay get insect pestsNeed to be licensed and trainedMay make you sneezeMay bite if annoyedNeed lots of attention	YES

1. Which is the first step to take in selecting a pet?

- A. Find out what kind of food is needed by different pets.
- B. Find out where the pet could sleep.
- C. Find out how you can housebreak the pet.
- D. Find out what your parents think.

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2. Which animal should no one consider keeping as a pet?

- A. guinea pig
 - B. sheep
 - C. chipmunk
 - D. cat
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3. How does the checklist help people who want to know the best pet for them?

- A. It tells things about pets they might forget to think about when picking a pet.
 - B. It identifies the most popular and least popular pets.
 - C. It lists the pets in order from worst to best.
 - D. It reminds them what the different animals look like.
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4. Look at the column called GOOD POINTS. According to the chart, what do raccoons, cats, and dogs have in common?

- A. They all can live indoors.
 - B. They all can be affectionate.
 - C. They all can hurt you.
 - D. They all have four legs.
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5. Look at the column called BAD POINTS. According to the chart, what do raccoons, cats, and dogs have in common?

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6. What is something to keep in mind that is mentioned in the article but not on the chart?

- A. parental approval
 - B. laws
 - C. allergies
 - D. expense
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7. The writer states a rule, "If wild and free, let it be." She could have said simply, "You should leave wild animals alone." Why did she probably state the rule the way she did?

- A. Her way is clearer and easier to understand.
 - B. The rhyme will help people remember the rule.
 - C. She wanted to quote a famous poem.
 - D. She likes poetry better than prose.
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8. In the passage, *should not* could have been correctly written as

- A. shuldn't
 - B. shouldve
 - C. shouldn't
 - D. should've
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9. A word that could mean the same as *fascinating* is

- A. ugly.
 - B. interesting.
 - C. confined or caged.
 - D. extremely small.
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10. They're is a short way to say

- A. they may.
 - B. they will.
 - C. they have.
 - D. they are.
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11. The author makes a strong point for kids to

- A. ask parents to care for the pets.
 - B. take care of their own pets.
 - C. choose one type of pet over the others.
 - D. spend money on pets.
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12. According to the author, which pet would be the best choice for someone who lives in an apartment?

- A. horse
 - B. goat
 - C. raccoon
 - D. cat
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Water Talkies

During a vacation in Hawaii, Richie Stachowski, 11, of Moraga, Calif., went snorkeling with his dad. Richie was disappointed he could not talk underwater about the many colorful and amazing things he saw.

When Richie got home, he started work on a device that would allow him to talk underwater. His invention—the Water Talkies—is basically a megaphone that allows sound waves to travel about 15 feet underwater. Water Talkies are now offered at toy stores around the country. With help from his mom, Richie set up a factory to make Water Talkies. (He calls his company “Short Stack” because his favorite breakfast food is pancakes.)

“The next thing I want to invent is an underwater pogo stick,” Richie says.

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13. If you wanted to find more information on Water Talkies, which would be the BEST place to go to?
- A. a dictionary
 - B. Hawaii
 - C. a science fiction book
 - D. a toy store
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14. Richie invented?
- A. an underwater breathing device.
 - B. an underwater camera.
 - C. an underwater talking device.
 - D. an underwater pogo stick.
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15. What does Richie want to do next?

- A. find a job at a toy store
 - B. invent a surfboard with wheels
 - C. invent an underwater pogo stick
 - D. start his own company
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16. Richie named his company “Short Stack” because

- A. he is very short for his age.
 - B. pancakes are his favorite breakfast food.
 - C. his vacation in Hawaii was very short.
 - D. Water Talkies only work over short distances.
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17. This passage was written to

- A. tell a true story.
 - B. ask questions of the reader.
 - C. remind the reader to do something.
 - D. persuade the reader to do something.
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18. Who went snorkeling?

- A. Richie’s parents
 - B. Richie and his dad
 - C. Richie and his mom
 - D. Richie and his parents
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19. Richie is from

- A. Hawaii.
 - B. Georgia.
 - C. California.
 - D. Maine.
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20. The author's purpose for writing this passage is to

- A. discuss.
 - B. provide information.
 - C. examine.
 - D. provide entertainment.
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21. Why was Richie in Hawaii?

- A. He was on vacation.
 - B. He was visiting relatives.
 - C. He was on a school trip.
 - D. He was on a business trip with his dad.
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22. Which of the following BEST describes the passage?

- A. poetry
 - B. fiction
 - C. nonfiction
 - D. autobiography
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23. Which word from the passage is a compound word?

- A. snorkeling
 - B. underwater
 - C. megaphone
 - D. disappointed
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24. Which is an opinion?

- A. Richie invented Water Talkies.
 - B. The name of Richie's company is Short Stack.
 - C. Richie was disappointed that he couldn't talk underwater.
 - D. Water Talkies are the best invention ever made by an 11-year-old boy.
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25. Using information from the passage, describe what kind of person Richie is.
