# READING: UNUSUAL PETS AND THE RIGHT CHOICE

Many people have common pets like dogs or cats. However, some people like **unusual pets**. These pets are not very common, and they need special care. Before choosing a pet, people should think about their home, their time, and what the animal needs.

Some people choose **rats** as pets. Rats are small, smart, and friendly animals. They like to play and can learn simple tricks. Rats are social animals, so they like to live with another rat. They live in a cage and need clean food and water every day. People who like active and friendly pets may enjoy having rats.

Other people keep **rabbits** as pets. Rabbits have soft fur and like to jump and move around. They can live in a cage or in a garden. Rabbits need fresh food and a clean place. They are gentle animals, but they need time and care every day. People who like calm animals and have time to look after them may choose rabbits.

Some people like very quiet pets, such as **spiders**. Spiders are small and very quiet. They live in a small box or a glass cage. They do not need walks or play time. Spiders like to stay alone and eat small insects. People who are calm and not afraid of spiders may choose this kind of pet.

Other people prefer **frogs**. Frogs live in water and on land. They need a clean tank with water and plants. Frogs like to jump, but they do not like to be touched. People who like watching animals and can clean the tank often may enjoy having a frog.

Some people think about having **eagles** as pets. In some places, people **train eagles** to help them hunt or for special work. These eagles live with trained people and need a lot of care and space. However, eagles are **not normal pets**. They are very big and strong birds and need a lot of space to fly. Only people with special training can look after them. Most people should enjoy watching eagles in nature or at a zoo, not keep them as pets at home.

Choosing the right pet is a big decision. A good pet is an animal that is safe, easy to care for, and happy in your home.

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## 🔹 EXERCISE 1: True or False

👉 *Instruction:* Read the text. Write **True (T)** or **False (F)**.

| Statement | True | False |
|---|---|---|
| Unusual pets are very common. | | |
| Rats can learn simple tricks. | | |
| Rabbits have soft fur. | | |
| Spiders like to play with people. | | |
| Frogs need a clean tank with water. | | |
| Eagles can live happily in a small cage. | | |

## 🔹 EXERCISE 2: Answer the questions (short answers)

👉 *Instruction:* Answer with **1–5 words**.

1. What kind of pets are rats?
2. Where do rats live?
3. What do spiders eat?
4. Why do frogs need a clean tank?
5. Who can look after eagles?

## 🔹 EXERCISE 3: Match the animal to the information

👉 *Instruction:* Match the animal with the correct sentence.

| Animal | Sentence |
|---|---|
| 1. Rat | a. Needs a lot of space to fly |
| 2. Rabbit | b. Likes to stay alone |
| 3. Spider | c. Has soft fur and likes to jump |
| 4. Frog | d. Lives in water and on land |
| 5. Eagle | e. Can learn simple tricks |

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## 🔹 EXERCISE 4: Complete the sentence

👉 *Instruction:* Complete the sentences using words from the text.

**Word box:**
*cage – space – clean – wild – quiet*

1. Rats live in a _____.
2. Spiders are very _____ pets.
3. Frogs need a _____ tank.
4. Eagles are _____ animals.
5. Eagles need a lot of _____.

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