## Reading Comprehension

You and your parents agree that you are ready for a pet. A dog is too big for a small flat. Mom is allergic to cats. So a hamster is the best choice. What will it take to keep your new pet safe and happy? Choose a hamster from a pet shop that is clean and whose staff seems to know about the animals. If you want to tame and handle your hamster, you'd better choose a younger pet. Before you get your hamster, you should prepare its new home. Here are the items your hamster must have: a cage, bedding made of wood shavings, nesting material, an exercise wheel, a water bottle, a food dish and food.

Almost all of your hamster's life will be spent in the cage. So, buy the largest cage you can afford. Make sure that your hamster has fresh water at all times. A general hamster mix from the pet shop will make up most of your pet's diet. You can also give it carrots, raisins, cheese, dog biscuits and acorns as treats. In general, do not feed your hamster sweets or prepared foods. With daily food and water, regular attention and a weekly cage cleaning, your hamster should be a happy addition to your household for several years.

**Write "T" if the statement is true or "F" if the statement is false.**

1. The article says it is important for parents to agree that you are old enough to have a pet.
2. When choosing a pet shop, choose one with a knowledgeable staff who can give you information about pets.
3. It's better to buy a fully-grown animal than a young one.
4. A hamster sleeps in wood shavings.
5. You should clean your hamster's cage every year.
6. The article recommends that you bring your hamster home for a visit to be sure it will be happy in your flat.

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