



For a person who lives in a small house a small pet is often good. They can keep a _____ or two. Birds are very interesting pets. They have colorful _____ and they chirp all day long. If you have a _____ it can even learn to talk, but it takes a long time to teach it to say some words. If a bird is too noisy then they can keep some cute animals like mice, gerbils or hamsters. These are all nice and fluffy so you can take them out of their _____ and play with them. Fish are also a type of pet for people without much _____ or time. They just need some food and you must clean their bowl or tank sometimes.

There are then pets that need a lot of _____. Horses, donkeys, or a domestic pig, for example. For these animals a person needs more than a big garden, they need a _____ so the animal has space to move and run around, as well as grass to eat. These are animals that _____ come into the house and the

owners spend only part of the day with them. They live outside and so they are not really pets.

Reading comprehension: Questions that go with the above reading passage.

1) Why can a person in a small house not have a lot of pets?

- A) They can have a lot of pets.
- B) They cannot grow enough food for them.
- C) They do not have enough space.
- D) Other people might not like too many pets.

2) Why are birds good pets?

- A) They do not eat much.
- B) They are colored and make nice sounds.
- C) They can be trained to play fetch.
- D) They are not good pets.

3) According to the passage, which of the following is a cute animal?

- A) Mice
- B) Fish
- C) Horse
- D) Cat

4) From the passage, why do cats start to purr?

- A) Because they are stroked.
- B) Because they are fed.
- C) Because they are left alone all day.
- D) Cats do not purr.

5) Which of the following is an animal that would not normally come into a house?

- A) Cat
- B) Dog
- C) Gerbil
- D) Donkey

What are these German words in English?

viele	Platz	schnurren	sprechen
flauschig	brauchen	Futter	zweimal

sich bewegen	herumlaufen
Besitzer	draußen

Match the following parts so they are sentences.

Some people have one pet	but it takes a long time to teach them.
You cannot keep many pets	and you keep them in a cage.
Birds are beautiful pets	if you sit with them and pet them.
Some parrots can talk	that need a lot of exercise and walks.
If you don't have much time or space	while others have many different ones.
Cats love it very much	because they are often very colorful.
Dogs are pets	you can have a fish.
Mice and hamsters are fluffy	if you live in a small flat.

