

Reading Practice

Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) The writer's father didn't like animals very much. ____
- b) The writer was allergic to animals. ____
- c) Rebecca White didn't have any pets. ____
- d) The writer's parents bought her a fish. ____
- e) The writer was sad when her bird died. ____

When I was a child, I desperately wanted a pet. But I came from a family which wasn't interested in animals. My father was often away on business and didn't spend a lot of time at home. He wasn't crazy about animals – or people, for that matter. My mother was a very sensitive person who didn't like noise. And she was allergic to cats and dogs. I was an only child, and often lonely. At school I had a friend, Rebecca White, who lived on a farm and had four brothers, three cats, two dogs, and a pony. I was very jealous of Rebecca. I loved going to her house because for me it was full of noisy, smelly, exciting creatures. I spent hours trying to persuade my parents to buy me a mouse, a fish – anything. Eventually, they got me a bird because they thought it would be clean and quiet. But it was actually very noisy and smelled bad. I didn't really love the bird and I wasn't very interested in it. But when the bird died after a few weeks, I was heartbroken. I just wanted a fluffy little friend that would love me and understand me.