

LESSON 3-4 Unusual family pets

- What animals do people usually keep as pets in other countries?
- What do they eat?

Reading

- 1 Read the text. What do these pets eat?

Iguanas: _____

Scorpions: _____

Sugar Gliders: _____

Language Tip

Coordinating conjunctions connect two ideas.

For example:

Iguanas grow up to 1.5 metres, so they need a large space to live in.

You can pick them up but you need to very careful- they sting!

Would you like to have an iguana or a scorpion?

Key Structures

Co-ordinating conjunctions:
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Key Vocabulary

frog	iguana
pet	scorpion
snake	spider
sugar glider	unusual
advantage	disadvantage
reptile	marsupial
amphibian	arachnid

Unusual Pets



Iguanas are reptiles. They are quite easy to have as pets but they need a large space to live in. It's important to make sure that there is space in your house because iguanas grow up to 1.5 metres. Every day they need food and clean water. The best food for iguanas is vegetables or fruits. Iguanas can bite and scratch, so it's important that you are very careful when you are near them.



Scorpions are arachnids. They are in the same family as spiders! The best scorpions to keep as pets are emperor scorpions. They are one of the biggest scorpions in the world. They can grow up to 20 centimetres long but they are quite easy to look after. The best food for pet scorpions includes crickets, moths and cockroaches! They also need a small bowl of water. You can pick them up, but you need to be very careful - they sting!



Sugar gliders are small marsupials. The longest is 17 centimetres long. They are in the same family as kangaroos. They need a very big cage that has space for some small trees. The best food for sugar gliders includes vegetables, nuts and eggs. They need to eat every day. Sugar gliders are very friendly, but they have got very sharp teeth and claws, so you need to be careful when you hold them.

- 2 Circle some examples of coordinating conjunctions in the text.

Writing

- 3 What are some advantages and disadvantages to having unusual pets? Discuss your ideas with your partner and write them in the table.

Unusual Pets	Advantages	Disadvantages
Iguana		
Scorpion		
Sugar glider		

- 4 Read the fact files about frogs. Use the notes to write a paragraph about frogs using coordinating conjunctions.

- Frogs are amphibians.
- Not easy to have as pets
- Tank needs to be half land a / half water
- Cleaning the tank every day can be difficult.
- African bullfrogs can grow to nine inches long.
- Eats insects, sometimes mice

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- 1 In groups read the texts in the coursebook and complete the table.

Unusual pet	iguana		
Size			
Diet			
Problems			

- 2 Combine the sentences with **and**, **but**, **or**, or **so**

1. She went to school. She didn't want to go.

2. In his free time, Saif likes to read. He likes to paint pictures.

3. Films can be sad. Films can be funny.

4. Last night I was tired. I went to bed early.

- 3 Write sentences about yourself.

1. AND: Combine two similar ideas.

2. BUT: Combine two different ideas.

3. OR: Write two different options.

4. SO: Write a result of an action.

4 Match the descriptions with the type of animal.

marsupial

amphibian

arachnid

reptile

crocodile

They have dry skin
and lay eggs on land.

2. _____

scorpion

They usually have
8 legs.

1. _____

This animal is born in the
water. It lives on land
and in water.

4. _____

frog

They carry their young
in a pocket.

3. _____

kangaroo