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Five Good Reasons to Have a Pet Worm

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. pets | <u>E</u> | A. the long, back part of an animal's body |  |
| 2. worms | _____ | B. something you eat or drink when you are sick | |
| 3. reasons | _____ | C. why people do things | |
| 4. garbage | _____ | D. to hurt someone with your teeth | |
| 5. medicine | _____ | E. animals, like cats, that you can keep in your home | |
| 6. accident | _____ | F. for example, when you fall off a bicycle | |
| 7. tail | _____ | G. something you throw away | |
| 8. bite (v.) | _____ | H. a kind of small, long animal with no legs | |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. Be careful! I think that dog wants to bite you!
2. When you are sick, you can take _____ to feel better.
3. My pet dog has small ears and a very long _____.
4. I don't need this old bag. It is _____. Where can I throw it away?
5. Drive carefully so you don't have a car _____.
6. Our family has two _____, a cat and goldfish.
7. John has many _____ for finding a new job.
8. There are many _____ in our flower garden.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

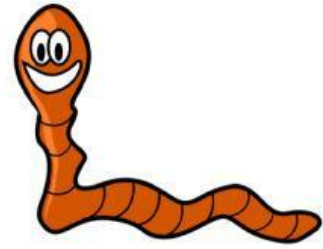
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Topics: Animals

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When you think about **pets**¹, do you think about cats, dogs, birds and fish? Yes? Then you are like most people. But when I think about pets, I think about **worms**². Yes, that's right, worms! Here, then, are five good **reasons**³ to have a pet worm.

First, it costs a lot of money to buy some pets. However, you can find your own worm outside for free. Second, it costs a lot of money to buy food for some pets. For example, it can cost \$650 a year for dog food. But worms can eat old newspapers and **garbage**⁴ from your kitchen. Third, when most pets are sick you have to bring them to an animal doctor and buy **medicine**⁵ for them. But when your worm has an **accident**⁶ and loses a **tail**⁷, don't worry. It can grow a new tail all by itself. Worms are also very quiet. Your neighbors will be very angry when your cat or dog makes a lot of noise. But they will never know that you have a pet worm! Finally, worms are safe. Cats and dogs can **bite**⁸ you. However, worms never bite people, even when they are angry.

These are just five reasons to have a worm as a pet. What other reasons can you think of to have a pet like this?

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How Much Do You Understand?

- *What does the article say? Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ Cats, dogs, birds and fish are all kinds of pets.
2. _____ It costs \$650 to buy a dog.
3. _____ Some people like to eat worms.
4. _____ A worm can grow a new tail.
5. _____ Worms can be very noisy.
6. _____ Worms never bite people.



Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you want to have a pet worm? Why? / Why not?
2. Do you have a pet? If 'yes', what kind of pet do you have?

Write

- *Think of two more good reasons to have a pet worm. Write them in the spaces below.*

1.

2.
