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Level 2

Couple must lose pets or home

4th November, 2015

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151104-pets-2.html>

A couple in England could lose their home because of their pets. Clive and Rose Restall live in their rented home with their 21 pet guinea pigs. The owners of the house, PCH, say the couple have too many pets. PCH want the couple to get rid of the guinea pigs. PCH said the number of animals is unacceptable. A PCH spokesperson said the number of pets is not allowed in the contract. The couple signed a contract to rent the house. PCH warned Mr and Mrs Restall that they must move out of the house if they do not get rid of the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall, 57, said he needs his guinea pigs. They helped him fight cancer. He found out about his cancer in 2010. He bought the guinea pigs to help him forget about it. They made him happy. He told reporters that his guinea pigs are mystic. This means they have special powers to help people. He said: "They've helped me through my cancer. They've helped me cope." The animals have also helped his neighbours with personal problems. He said: "The local community love them just as much as I do. I sometimes loan them out to people if they need someone to talk to."

Sources: <http://metro.co.uk/2015/11/01/couple-with-21-guinea-pigs-face-eviction-because-they-wont-give-up-their-pets-5475033/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A couple in England could lose | a. many pets |
| 2 live in their | b. pet guinea pigs |
| 3. their 21 | c. to rent the house |
| 4. The owners | d. rid of the guinea pigs |
| 5. the couple have too | e. their home |
| 6. PCH want the couple to get | f. is unacceptable |
| 7. the number of animals | g. rented home |
| 8. The couple signed a contract | h. of the house |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. They helped him fight | a. powers to help people |
| 2 He found out | b. help him forget |
| 3. He bought the guinea pigs to | c. me cope |
| 4. They made | d. are mystic |
| 5. his guinea pigs | e. cancer |
| 6. they have special | f. him happy |
| 7. They've helped | g. them out to people |
| 8. I sometimes loan | h. about his cancer in 2010 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A couple in England (1) _____ home because of their pets. Clive and Rose Restall live in their rented home with their 21 pet guinea pigs. (2) _____ house, PCH, say the couple (3) _____ pets. PCH want the couple to get rid of the guinea pigs. PCH said the number of animals is unacceptable. A PCH spokesperson (4) _____ pets is not allowed in the contract. The couple (5) _____ to rent the house. PCH warned Mr and Mrs Restall that they must move out of the house if they (6) _____ of the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall, 57, (7) _____ his guinea pigs. They helped him fight cancer. He (8) _____ his cancer in 2010. He bought the guinea pigs (9) _____ about it. They made him happy. He told reporters that his guinea pigs are mystic. This means they have (10) _____ to help people. He said: "They've helped me through my cancer. They've (11) _____." The animals have also helped his neighbours with personal problems. He said: "The local community love them just as much as I do. I sometimes (12) _____ to people if they need someone to talk to."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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