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Level 1

Couple must lose pets or home

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THE READING

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An English couple could lose their home because of their pets. Clive and Rose Restall live with their 21 pet guinea pigs. The owners of the house say the number of pets is too many. They want the couple to get rid of the guinea pigs. The owners said the number of pets is not allowed in the contract. The couple signed a contract to rent the house. The owners warned Mr and Mrs Restall that they must move out of the house or get rid of the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall said his guinea pigs helped him fight cancer. He bought the guinea pigs to help him forget about it. They made him happy. He said the guinea pigs are mystic - they have special powers to help people. The guinea pigs 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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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. An English couple could lose | a. of the house |
| 2 their 21 | b. contract |
| 3. The owners | c. rid of the guinea pigs |
| 4. the number of pets | d. their home |
| 5. They want the couple to get | e. a contract |
| 6. not allowed in the | f. pet guinea pigs |
| 7. The couple signed | g. of the house |
| 8. they must move out | h. is too many |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. his guinea pigs helped | a. powers to help people |
| 2 help him forget | b. him happy |
| 3. They made | c. are mystic |
| 4. He said the guinea pigs | d. much as I do |
| 5. they have special | e. him fight cancer |
| 6. helped his neighbours with personal | f. community |
| 7. The local | g. about it |
| 8. love them just as | h. problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An English (1) _____ their home because of their pets. Clive and Rose Restall (2) _____ 21 pet guinea pigs. The owners of the house say (3) _____ pets is too many. They want the couple to (4) _____ guinea pigs. The owners said the number of pets is not allowed in the contract. The couple signed a (5) _____ the house. The owners warned Mr and Mrs Restall that they must move (6) _____ house or get rid of the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall said his guinea pigs (7) _____ cancer. He bought the guinea pigs (8) _____ forget about it. They (9) _____. He said the guinea pigs are mystic - they have (10) _____ to help people. The guinea pigs have also helped his neighbours with personal problems. He said: "The local community (11) _____ as much as I do. I sometimes loan them out to people if they need (12) _____ 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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
