

Guinea Pigs Make Great Pets

Name

Date

Student Response

My score for this book is/10.
It was a book.

1. Great Pet Guinea Pigs!

Guinea pigs make great pets for u.... to look after.

Guinea pigs l..... good.
They feel furry.

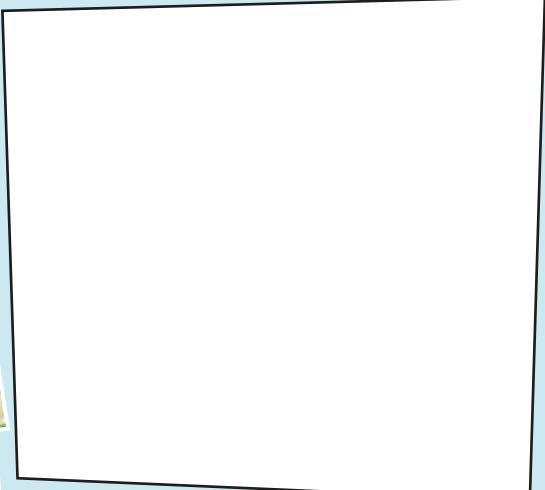
Guinea pigs c..... eat some of our vegetables.

They c..... in many colours.

Guinea pigs m..... great pets.



2. Draw a black and white guinea pig.



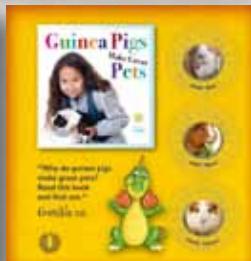
3. Read, cover, spell!

Read	Cover	Spell
can	c
come	co
good	good
look	loo
make	m ake
many	ma ny
some	so me
they	th ey
us	u



You've finished!
What will you read next?

Grusilda



Inside Front Cover: Glossary

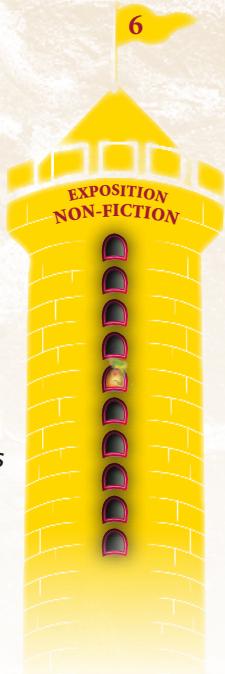
Title Page: Topic Introduction

Teaching Unit



Guinea Pigs Make Great Pets

Level 6 Non-Fiction – Exposition



Curriculum Topics: English; Biological Sciences; Health.

Book Synopsis: an introductory exposition with clear images about the main characteristics that make guinea pigs great pets.

Non-High Frequency Words: Most words are repeated and supported by clear images.

High Frequency Words: *Guinea Pigs Make Great Pets* has an average percentage of high frequency words.

Comprehension: The Teaching Unit's focus is on seven areas of comprehension – connection, inference, importance, questioning, summarising, synthesis and visual. We advise teachers to tailor literal comprehension questions for each group.

Page 2

Exposition – Introductory Statement

The introduction repeats the book's title to support students and elaborates on the title.

Language Features

Caption: alternative name for a guinea pig.

Words starting with "p": pig, pigs, pets

Comprehension: Visual, Importance

In what ways might guinea pigs make great pets? (e.g. size, fur, food) What would be the most important feature for your family?

English and Biological Science Activity

Students draw any one of the five guinea pigs on pages 2 and 3. They write a caption, e.g. "My guinea pig is also called a cavy."



Pages 4 and 5

Exposition – an Argument

Text promotes the vegetables that guinea pigs can eat, which makes them easier to look after.

Language Features

Adjective and noun: green vegetables

Repeated nouns: guinea pigs, vegetables

Repeated verb: eat

Comprehension – Inference, Connection

Do you also eat the same kinds of vegetables?

Why? They don't eat meat so what shape might their teeth be? (See fact box opposite.)

English, Health and Arts Activity

Students discuss and draw different kinds of vegetables, and group them by colour.



Page 3

Exposition – an Argument

The first statement describes how guinea pigs look and feel.

Language Features

Verbs and adjectives: feel good; look small; feel furry

Words starting with "f": feel, first, furry

Comprehension: Visual, Connection

When you look at guinea pigs, do you like how they look?

(For students who have held them.) How do they feel?

(For students who haven't held them.) How might they feel?

English and Arts Activity

Discuss the different adjectives describing how guinea pigs look and feel. Students draw or make a small, furry guinea pig.

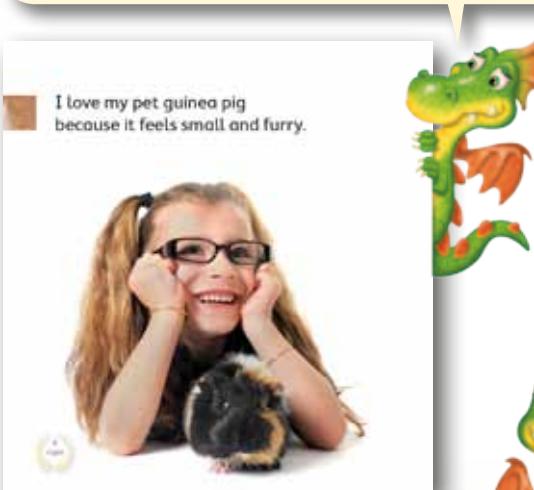




The exposition continues. Imagine having so many different coloured guinea pigs to choose from!



The exposition ends. Grusilda, your friendly dragon, wishes she had a pet guinea pig! I wonder if you can get fire-breathing ones?



Page 8

Exposition – Concluding Statement

The writer summarises the features she loves about guinea pigs.

Language Features

Conjunction: because

Revise verb and adjectives: feels small and furry

Comprehension – Summarise, Synthesise

If you wrote this last page, what would be one feature that makes guinea pigs a great pet for you? What might be one problem if you had to look after a guinea pig?

English and Arts Activity

Imagine Grusilda is a small, furry dragon. Students draw a small, furry-looking Grusilda next to a guinea pig.

SCIENCE

Guinea Pig Teeth

Guinea pigs have teeth that continually grow and wear down as they eat. If a guinea pig's top and bottom teeth meet evenly, it's a sign they are eating a good high-fibre diet. Their back teeth are called "cheek teeth".

Student Activity

Student activity sheet
(free download/PDF)



Group Activity

Chart: "Guinea Pigs Make Great Pets"

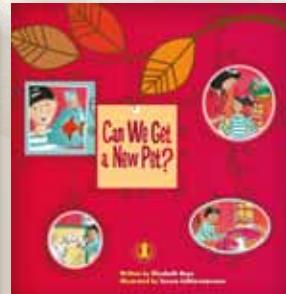
The students illustrate a guinea pig in any colour combination. They write a caption with one reason why they make great pets.



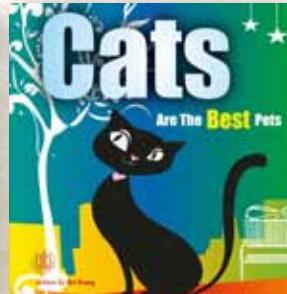
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Level 4: Non-fiction
Exposition



Can We Get a New Pet?
Level 6: Fiction
Narrative



Cats Make the Best Pets
Level 16: Non-fiction
Persuasive

