



Taking Responsibility for Animals



Starter:

1. Which animals make good pets?
Why?
 - Make a list*
2. Discuss what you would need to meet each of their needs.
 - Example: Dogs need to be taken for a walk*
3. Compile a list of 'needs' for 3 chosen animals
 - Think of the animals' **needs!***



What is meant by an exotic pet?

1. In pairs - what can you find out about exotic animals?

Choose one of these animals to focus on.

Do you know what each one of these animals are?





Information Sheets

Exotic pet advice and care sheets for reptiles



In pairs, go through your chosen animals' **information sheet**.

Can you find out the following details?

- Habitat
- Diet
- Size it will grow?
- Length of life?
- 2 Facts

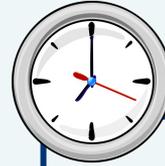
Share facts with another 3 pairs.

Do you think exotic animals are easy to look after?



Mini Role Play

Do exotic animals make good pets?



10 minutes

Working in pairs;

Complete the exotic pets activity sheet

Group **A** must persuade Group **B** that exotic animals make good pets.

Group **B** have to persuade Group **A** that they don't

Remember - What specific needs do exotic pets have?



Plenary & Summary



Summary

It is difficult to give a clear definition of exotic.

Any animal that is not native to the country where it is kept in captivity, can be called exotic. As such, this could also include hamsters and guinea pigs.

Tortoises can live up to 100 years.

Female chinchillas are larger than males. In captivity, chinchillas live for up to 20 years

The RSPCA campaigns to protect the welfare of exotic pets because:

1. they may have been **taken from the wild where the species is endangered**
2. they may have been **taken into captivity after being born in the wild**
3. they may have special needs: diet, temperature and space, which are **difficult to provide in captivity**
4. they may **live longer than their owner.**

Explain one thing you have learnt today.