



Usual and unusual pets

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WARM-UP

- Have you ever had a pet? Why?/Why not? If yes, what is/was it?
- What pets are common among your acquaintances?
- Which one do you like more, cats or dogs? Why?



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VOCABULARY

1. Describe the appearance of the pets below? Use the words from the box to help you. You won't need all the words.

fur

paw

whiskers

wing

scales

beak

mane

hoof

claw

feathers

horn

snout

tail



1



2



3



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2. Which words from the previous exercises didn't you use? Which animals could they describe?



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SPEAKING

1. Look at the list of benefits from owning a pet. Decide how relevant each of them is for you. Give reasons.

- physical attractiveness
- playfulness
- attachment
- help relieve stress and loneliness
- opportunity for exercise and outdoor activities
- enlarging circle of friends and enriching lives
- increase our sense of responsibility
- unconditional love of a pet
- make great cuddle buddies

2. What other advantages can you think of? What are the drawbacks of being a pet owner?

3. Answer the questions:

- What other animals could be kept as pets?
- Do you know anyone, who has very unusual pet?
- Why do people keep exotic animals as pets?
- Would you like to have an exotic animal as a pet? Why?/Why not?



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VIDEO

1. Watch the video about six most unusual pets. Write their names:

6 MOST UNUSUAL PETS IN THE WORLD – <https://youtu.be/KfJHAThJsjo>

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

2. Watch the video again and answer the questions:

1. How did Rex get to his current owner?
2. Why is Rex wearing T-shirt?
3. What is the weight and length of the creature mentioned second in a video?
4. How did Stephen get to their owners?
5. What happens with Stephens' weight throughout the year?
6. One of the pets was compared with a cat. In which ways are they similar and how do they differ?
7. In which way is Chewie connected with social media?
8. Which animal does Bullit think she is?

3. Discuss:

- Which pet from the video do you find the most unusual? Why?
- Would you like to have any of the animals from the video as a pet? Why?/Why not?
- What difficulties might exotic pet owners have?
- Is it ethical to keep exotic or wild animals as pets?