

# The New Pet



Bella was a little girl who lived in a small town.

Bella had always wanted her own pet. Bella

loved playing outside with her friends, especially

in the park. She loved to swing high on the swings and slide down the big

slide. She also loved playing with her friend's pets. One day, Bella's mom

took her to the pet store. Bella was so happy to see all the different pets.

She saw puppies, kittens, and even a parrot that could talk! But what she

really liked, was a little guinea pig with soft, brown fur. She asked her mom

to let her take the guinea pig home, and her mom said yes! Bella named

her new pet Brownie and took very good care of her. She fed her guinea

pig food, gave her fresh water every day, and made sure she had plenty of

toys to play with. Brownie loved to run around her cage and play with her

toys. Bella and Brownie soon became the best of friends. Bella loved to

cuddle with Brownie and tell her all about her day. Brownie even fell

asleep in Bella's arms sometimes. From that day on, Bella knew that having

a pet was the best thing ever! Bella was so thankful to her mom for getting

her the pet she had always wanted.

1. Read the passage about 'The New Pet'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where did Bella love to play?**
  - a. the pet store
  - b. outside
  - c. in the forest
  
- 2. What did Bella like to play with that her friends had?**
  - a. balls
  - b. skipping ropes
  - c. pets
  
- 3. Where did Bella's mom take her?**
  - a. to the pet store
  - b. to the mall
  - c. to get candy
  
- 4. What kind of pet did Bella get?**
  - a. a puppy
  - b. a guinea pig
  - c. a hamster
  
- 5. What did Bella name her new pet?**
  - a. Brody
  - b. Brown Pig
  - c. Brownie

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Why do you think Bella always wanted a pet?
2. How are you and Bella alike and different?
3. In two sentences summarize what this reading passage is all about.
4. What images went through your mind as you read 'The New Pet'?
  - Could this story be true? Why or why not?
  - If you could ask Bella 2 questions, what would they be?
  - What do you know about guinea pigs?
  - What kind of pet would you want if you could have any kind of pet? Why?
  - What would be another good title for this story?
  - Do you think guinea pigs makes good pets? Why or why not?