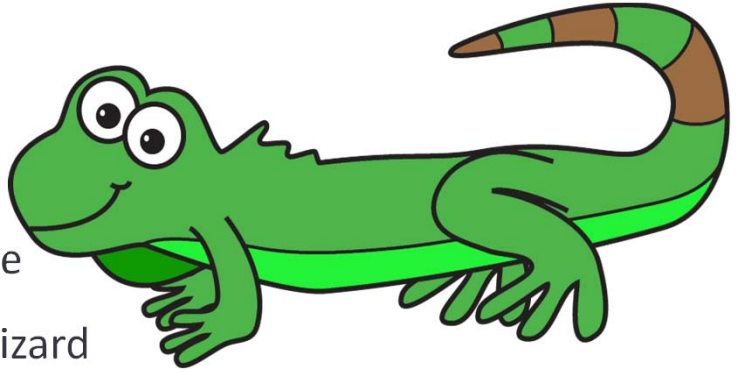


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Caring for a Pet Lizard

If you want to have a pet lizard, there are some things to know about how to take care of it properly. Here are some steps to follow. First, make sure your lizard



has a safe home. A glass or plastic tank with a lid is a good choice. You should also put some rocks, plants, and branches inside the tank so your lizard can climb around. Next, provide some heat. Lizards need warmth to stay healthy. You can use a heat lamp or heating pad to keep the temperature in the tank nice and warm. Your lizard also needs clean water to drink and soak in. Change the water in its bowl every day to keep it fresh and clean. Lizards like to eat insects such as crickets, mealworms, and waxworms. You can buy these at a pet store. Feed your lizard a few insects every day, and make sure they are the right size for your lizard. Finally, make sure your lizard gets plenty of attention and exercise. Take it out of its tank for a little while each day to play and explore. But be careful, as lizards can move quickly and may try to escape. By following these steps, you can take good care of your pet lizard and enjoy many happy years together.

1. Read the passage about “Caring for a Pet Lizard”.
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.
3. Circle any sentence that did not make sense.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. This reading passage is about:

- a. living with a lizard
- b. what a lizard eats
- c. how to care for a lizard

2. If the lizard lives in a glass or plastic tank, it needs:

- a. an opening
- b. a lid
- c. a vent

3. Lizards like to be:

- a. warm
- b. cool
- c. left alone

4. Lizards should be fed this everyday:

- a. leaves
- b. insects
- c. cereal

5. Should a lizard ever be taken out of its tank?

- a. yes
- b. no

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Why do you think the author wrote this reading passage?
 2. What experience do you have with lizards?
 3. In 2 sentences explain what this passage is all about.
 4. What images occur in your mind after reading this? What types of things can you visualize?
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- Is this a fiction or non fiction reading passage? How do you know?
 - Would you want a pet lizard? Why or why not?
 - Write a 'How to Care for a' anything of your choice.
 - Write 3 statements to tell somebody why they should get a pet lizard.
 - List 4 things you learned about caring for a pet lizard.
 - Why do you think some people like to have lizards for pets?
 - Lizards need exercise, how would you give a lizard exercise?
 - List 5 names that would be great to call a lizard.