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## **Level 0**

### **Couple must lose pets or home**

**4th November, 2015**

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151104-pets.html>

An English couple could lose their home or their pets. Clive and Rose Restall live with their 21 guinea pigs. The owners of the house say this is too many. They want the couple to get rid of the guinea pigs. The owners warned Mr and Mrs Restall that they must move house or say goodbye to the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall said his guinea pigs helped him forget about his cancer. They make him happy. He said the guinea pigs have special powers to help people. They help his neighbours with personal problems. He said: "I sometimes loan them out to people if they need someone to talk to."

Sources: <http://metro.co.uk/2015/11/01/couple-with-21-guinea-pigs-face-eviction-because-they-wont-give-up-their-pets-5475033/>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/couple-claim-21-guinea-pigs-6746928>  
<http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Devon-couple-evicted-refusing-21-8216-mystic-8217/story-28089830-detail/story.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. An English      | a. 21 guinea pigs         |
| 2. lose their      | b. house                  |
| 3. live with their | c. home                   |
| 4. The owners      | d. rid of the guinea pigs |
| 5. this is         | e. couple                 |
| 6. get             | f. to the guinea pigs     |
| 7. they must move  | g. of the house           |
| 8. say goodbye     | h. too many               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. his guinea pigs helped       | a. them out to people    |
| 2. forget about his             | b. powers to help people |
| 3. They make him                | c. talk to               |
| 4. the guinea pigs have special | d. cancer                |
| 5. They help his                | e. problems              |
| 6. personal                     | f. him                   |
| 7. I sometimes loan             | g. neighbours            |
| 8. if they need someone to      | h. happy                 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An English couple (1) \_\_\_\_\_ home or their pets.

Clive and Rose Restall (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 21 guinea

pigs. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ house say this is too many.

They want the couple (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the guinea

pigs. The owners warned Mr and Mrs Restall

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ move house (6) \_\_\_\_\_

to the guinea pigs.

Mr Restall said his guinea pigs (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about

his cancer. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the guinea

pigs (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to help people. They help his

neighbours with (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "I

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ them out to people if they need

someone (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1511/151104-pets.html>

Write about **pets** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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