

Comprehension Answers

Answers

Pet Care of a Hamster

1. Name two other members of the family which hamsters are part of.
Two other members of the rodent family which hamsters are part of are: rats, gerbils, mice, chinchillas. (Accept any two.)
 2. Explain why food needs changing regularly.
The food needs regularly changing because if it becomes stale or mouldy, the hamster can get ill.
 3. Why do hamsters need a certain type of bedding or cage material?
Hamsters need a certain type of bedding or cage material because they need to be able to dig; in the wild they live underground in burrows.
 4. Would a hamster be a good pet for someone who is at home all day and wants company? Explain your thoughts.
I don't think a hamster would be a good pet for someone who wants company during the day, because they are a nocturnal animal so sleep all day and wake up at night.
 5. Which of the 'Did you know...?' facts do you find most interesting, and why?
Pupil's own response.
 6. Identify three items an owner could put in the hamster cage to keep them busy.
Three items an owner could put in the hamster cage to keep them busy are: cardboard tubes, a wooden chew block, small boxes and a hamster wheel. (Accept any three).
 7. What would happen if a hamster had their whiskers trimmed?
If a hamster had their whiskers trimmed, it would not be able to detect objects near to them and they might bump into things.
 8. What does "they are prey animals" mean?
"Prey animals" means that other animals eat hamsters, and that they have instincts to help against being hunted.
 9. Why do hamsters who are out of their cage, need to be 'supervised' until they are back in their cage? Give an example of what could happen.
Hamsters which are out of their cage need to be supervised because there are many dangers to them. Pupil's own example.
 10. Would you want a hamster? Explain your thoughts.
Pupil's own response.
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