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Find and copy one word which means 'caged' or 'without freedom'.

captive

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Compare a typical pet with the one mentioned in this text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: A typical pet is often a dog, cat or rabbit. These animals have lived alongside humans for thousands of years and are fully domesticated. Our homes and societies are suitable for giving them happy, healthy lives. However, creatures that are not usually kept as pets, such as wallabies, cannot always be given the happy life they deserve if they are kept as pets. For example, they need a lot more space than most people's back gardens.

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Explain why some people disagree with keeping unconventional pets.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that some people believe that keeping unusual pets is cruel because they cannot have the freedom and space that they would have in the wild and cannot live in the way they naturally should. Also, if they are separated from other creatures of their species they may become antisocial or lonely.

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List two benefits of having a pet.

Accept any two of the following:

1. They are good for a laugh.
2. They are good to cuddle.
3. They are great company.
4. They are harmless to live with as they are tame.

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Having read this text, do you think you would like to keep an unusual pet?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would like to experience and meet unusual creatures but I would not keep them as pets. I think that wild animals should live in the wild with the space and freedom to live as they naturally should.