

My **Best**  
Reading

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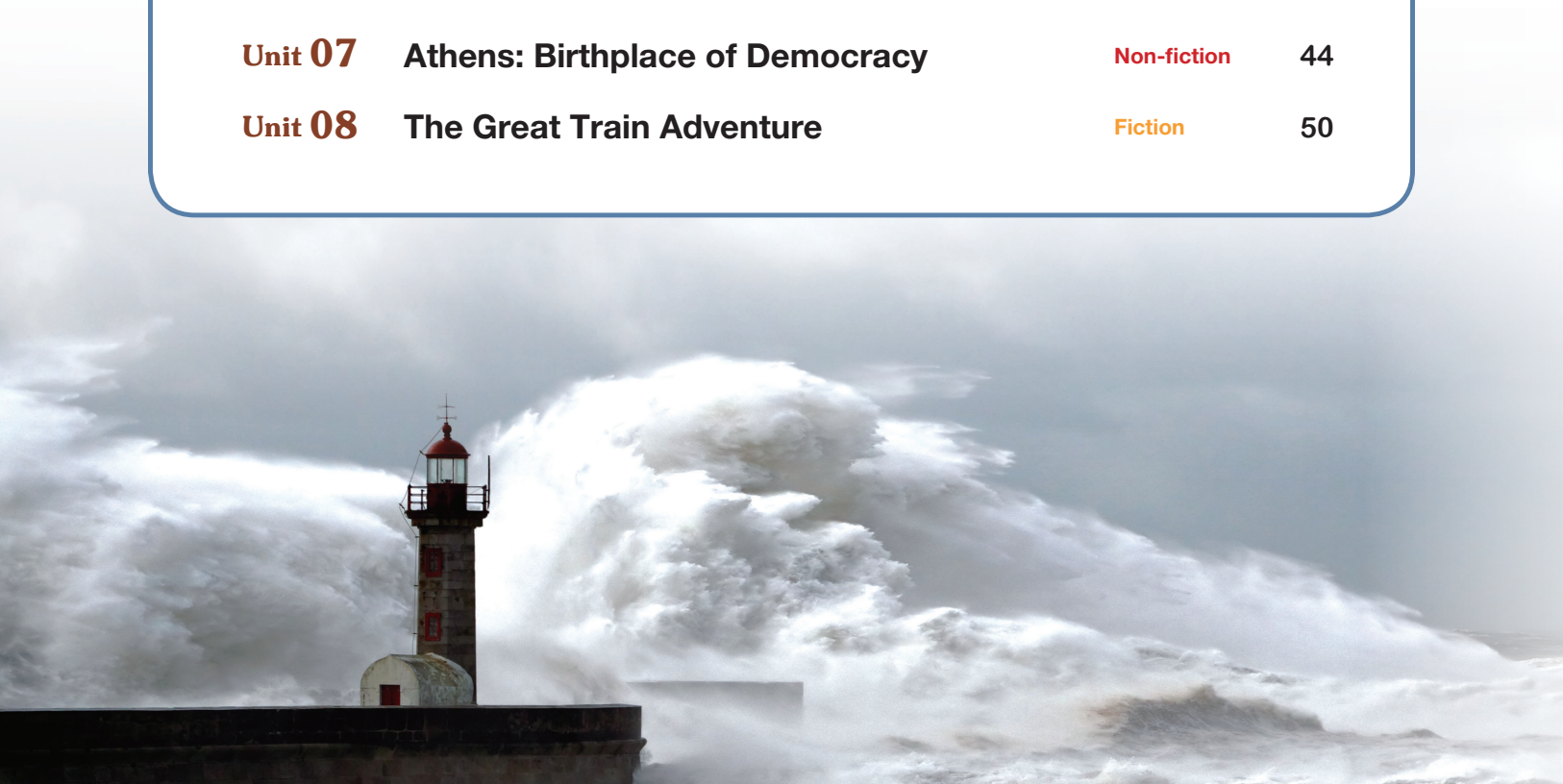
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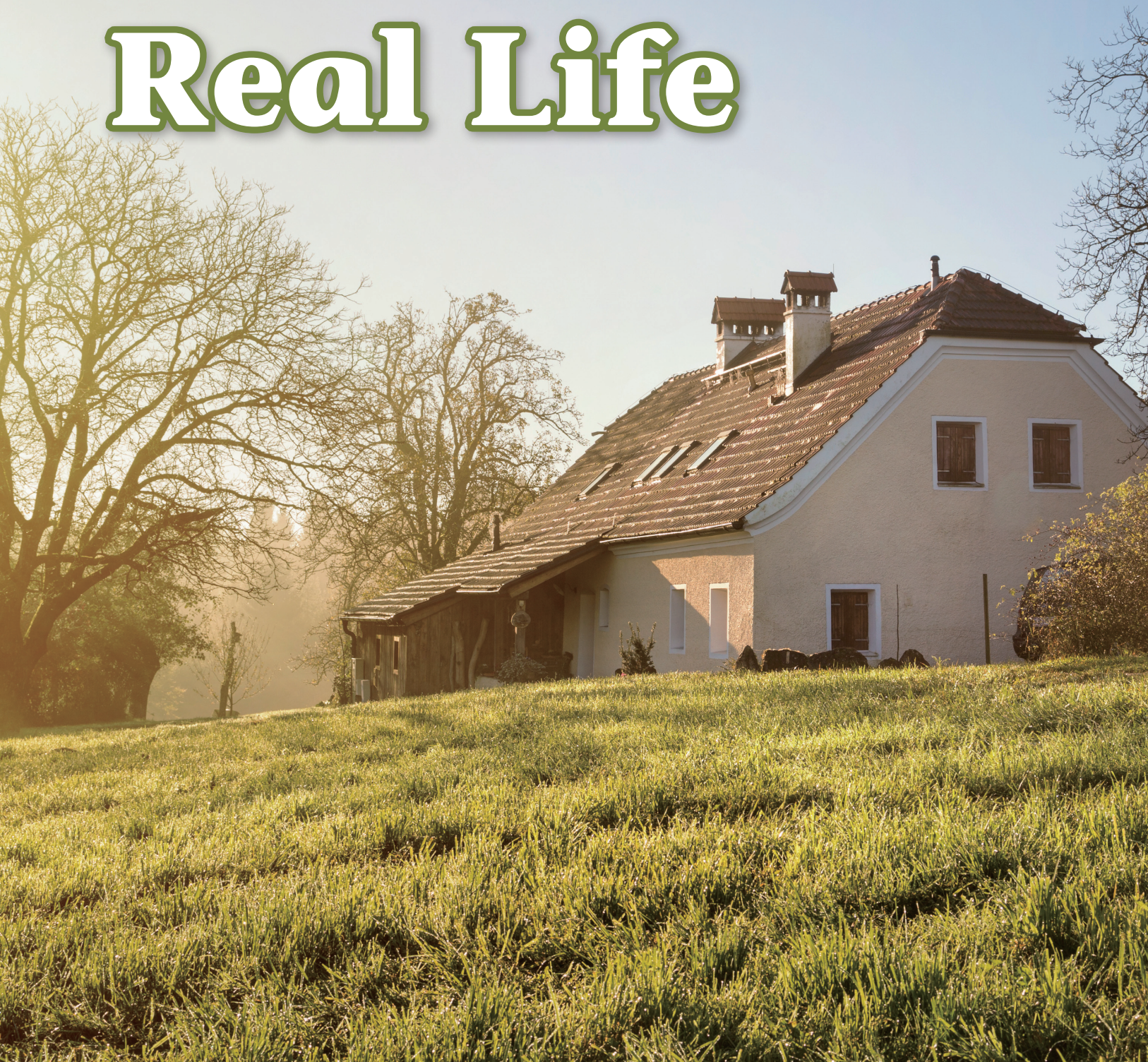


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Part  
**I**

# Real Life



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**1**

Non-fiction

## There's a Pig in the House!

Guinea pigs are gentle and friendly. They make great pets.



Unit  
**2**

Fiction

## Can You Guess My Name?

Let's play a guessing game like a detective!



Unit  
**3**

Non-fiction

## Let's Eat Local!

Some food travels a long way to your refrigerator. Is that a good thing?



Unit  
**4**

Fiction

## How Many out of a Hundred?

Two students did a survey about school lunches.



Unit

01

# There's a Pig in the House!



Do you have pet animals?  
What do you need to care  
for them?

# Key Words

rodents

cage

tear up

treat

pet

trick

**A** Look and listen. Then write the word(s).  02

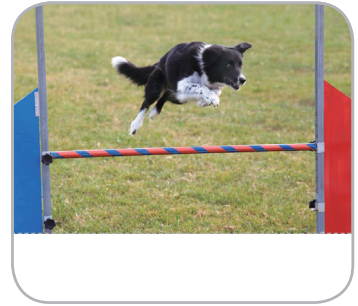
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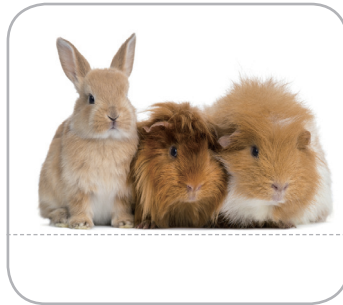
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**B** Choose the right word(s) to complete the sentence.

- 1 What is the animal in the ( pet / cage )?
- 2 Kelly ( pets / tears up ) her dog when it does a good thing.
- 3 My cat can do ( tricks / treats ), like turning her body in the air.
- 4 ( Treat / Tear up ) the newspaper and make strips.
- 5 Dad took me to a soccer match as a birthday ( treat / rodent ).
- 6 ( Cages / Rodents ) are small animals that have sharp front teeth, such as rats or rabbits.



# There's a Pig in the House!



Guinea pigs are not actually pigs — they are **rodents**. They are gentle and friendly, so they make great pets. You have to take care of a pet guinea pig properly.

First, guinea pigs need other guinea pigs. They like to play together. They are happiest in pairs or groups. They need that to feel safe.

Next, they need the right home. They need exercise, so their **cage** should be big. And they need bedding. Get some at a pet store, or just **tear up** newspaper. And make sure they always have a full water bottle.



Finally, guinea pigs like to play with you. But you have to teach them how. The first step is to pick them up often. And give them a **treat** each time. Treats show them you like them and want to share. Sharing is important to them.

Soon you can **pet** them. Eventually, you can even teach them **tricks!** (153 words)



### While you read

Why do guinea pigs need a big cage?

- ▶ A **guinea pig** is a small animal with fur, short ears, and no tail. It is often kept as a pet.



### More Words & Phrases

- **take care of** to take after someone or something
- **properly** in the right way
- **safe** not in danger
- **bedding** things to make an animal's bed
- **share** to have or use something with other people

# Comprehension

## **A** What is the passage mainly about?

- Ⓐ how to care for a guinea pig
- Ⓑ why pigs are not rodents
- Ⓒ how to teach your pet tricks

## **B** Mark T(true) or F(false) according to the passage.

- 1 Guinea pigs enjoy playing with other guinea pigs. T  F
- 2 Their cage should have bedding and a water bottle. T  F
- 3 Guinea pigs do not like sharing with people. T  F

## **C** Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 What kind of animal are guinea pigs?  
Ⓐ pigs                      Ⓑ rabbits                      Ⓒ rodents
- 2 When do guinea pigs feel happy? (Pick two.)  
Ⓐ in pairs                      Ⓑ in groups                      Ⓒ alone
- 3 What is the first step in playing with guinea pigs?  
Ⓐ to pet them  
Ⓑ to pick them up often  
Ⓒ to teach them tricks

**D** Read the passage again. Then complete the chart below.

### How to Care for Guinea Pigs

**Pair/Group** • Guinea pigs need other guinea pigs to feel \_\_\_\_\_.

**Home**

- Their cage should be \_\_\_\_\_.
- They need bedding.
- They always should have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ water bottle.

**Play**

- You have to teach them to play with you.
  1. Give them a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ each time you pick them up.
  2. Soon you can \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  3. Eventually, you can even teach them \_\_\_\_\_.

## Link to Write

Write about your pet or a pet that you want to have.

### How to Care for My Pet

I (want to) have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (pet animal) \_\_\_\_\_.

It's important to take care of it properly.

First, it is happy when \_\_\_\_\_.

Next, it needs \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, it likes to \_\_\_\_\_.