Key Vocabulary

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<th>adopt</th>
<th>make someone part of the family</th>
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<td>guardian</td>
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Pickles the Rabbit

Some people don’t understand how much care rabbits need and make the mistake of buying them (instead of adopting them) even though they’re not prepared to offer a good home. Pickles had a guardian who kept him in a laundry basket at night. One day, she called PETA to ask for a cage to keep him in. PETA explained that rabbits shouldn’t be kept alone in a cage all day, so the guardian agreed to let PETA find Pickles a better home.

Pickles likes to hop around, eat kale, play with friendly cats, and nibble on shoelaces. Before, he couldn’t do any of those things. Now he has a loving home where he’s free to hop around and play as much as he wants.

Adopting is a big responsibility. Before your family adopts, make sure that everyone is ready to take care of the animal for many years.
Comprehension Questions: Pickles the Rabbit

1. Pickles’ guardian was keeping him in a ______________________ at night.
   a. cardboard box
   b. cage
   c. laundry basket
   d. dirty garage

2. Before being rescued, Pickles probably felt ______________________.
   a. lonely
   b. surprised
   c. cheerful
   d. relaxed

3. What should a family be ready to give an animal they’re thinking about adopting?
   a. a cage outside
   b. candy
   c. a TV
   d. lots of room to run around and play

4. What can you do to help take care of an adopted animal?

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Answer Sheet: Pickles the Rabbit

1. Pickles’ guardian was keeping him in a ______________ at night.
   Answer: c. laundry basket (Literal)

2. Before being rescued, Pickles probably felt _________________.
   Answer: a. lonely (Inferential)

3. What should a family be ready to give an animal they’re thinking about adopting?
   Answer: d. lots of room to run around and play (Inferential)

4. What can you do to help take care of an adopted animal?
   Answer: Answers will vary. Students can help feed, walk, and clean up after their adopted animals. They can also play with them. (Evaluative)