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Key Vocabulary	
<b>adopt</b>	make someone part of the family
<b>guardian</b>	someone who takes care of someone else

## 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.

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## 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)