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Key Vocabulary	
adopt	make someone part of the family
guardian	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?
