Aim: To introduce wild and tame animals and their needs.

Objectives: Terms: animals, tame, wild, pets, ferret, parrot, parakeet, iguana, hamster

Material: We share the world with many different animals. Some are wild and some are tame. Wild animals hunt for food. Some wild animals are lions, wolves and bears. An animal that can be petted and lives around people is a pet or tame animal. Some pets are dogs, cats and hamsters.

Sensory: (S) Write A N I M A L. Spell T A M E.

Questions: A wolf is a _____________animal. A pet is a _____________ animal.

Material: Some animals, like rabbits, eat plants. Some animals, like lions, eat meat. Some animals, like bears, eat both plants and meat.

Sensory: (S) Spell L I O N. Write R A B B I T.

Questions: Rabbits eat _____________. Lions eat _____________.

Material: Animals need safe homes. Wild animals find or make their own homes. Rabbits make their homes in holes in the ground. Eagles build their nests on mountain ridges or in tall trees.
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Sensory: (S) Spell H O M E. Write N E S T.

Question: Rabbits live in ___________________________.

    nests in trees       or       holes in the ground

Material: Pets, or tame animals, need special care. Owning a pet is almost like being a parent. You must provide your pet with a home, food and water. You must teach your pet and give it care so that it will grow to be healthy and happy.

Sensory: (S) Spell P E T. (T) Show pictures of usual pets.

Question: A tame animal is called a ______________. Owning a pet is almost like being a ______________.

    pet       or       pirate

    child       or       parent

Material: Dogs can be taught tricks. They enjoy being taken for walks. Cats make a sound called purring when they are happy. Pet birds can sing and some, like parrots and parakeets, can even be taught to “talk”. Some people like to keep unusual pets, like tropical fish or snakes or ferrets or monkeys. All pets need to be cared for.

Sensory: (S) Write P A R R O T. (T) Show pictures of unusual pets.

Questions: When cats are happy, they ______________. A pet that can be taught to sing is a ______________. One unusual pet is a ______________.

    purr       or       bark

    dog       or       parrot

    ferret       or       cat
Material: Many animal parents take special care of their babies. A mother cat washes her kittens by licking them clean. She makes sure they are fed by letting them nurse. She will even teach them to hunt when they get older.

Sensory: (S) Spell C A T. Write H U N T.

Question: A mother cat will teach her young to ________________.

hunt    or   sleep

Material: A mother robin brings bugs and worms back to the nest to feed her young. She will even help her babies learn to fly. Mother whales help their babies learn to swim deep and come up out of the water for air. The baby animals need these lessons so that one day they can take care of themselves.

Sensory: (S) Spell R O B I N. Write W H A L E.

Question: An animal mother teaches lessons to her young so they can ____________________________________.

have fun    or    take care of themselves
1. A tame animal that lives around people is a ____________.
   cat or lion

2. A wild animal _____________________.
   is fed by people or hunts for its food

3. An animal that eats meat is a _________________.
   lion or rabbit

4. Wild animals _____________________.
   live with people or make their own homes

5. Pets or tame animals _____________________.
   are fed by people or find their own food

6. An example of a usual pet is a _________________.
   iguana or dog

7. An example of an unusual pet is a _________________.
   snake or hamster

8. A mother cat washes her kitten by _____________________.
   putting it in the shower or licking it clean

9. Baby animals need lessons from their mother so they can
   _______________________.
   have fun or learn to care for themselves

10. A parrot can be taught to _________________.
    sing or read
Usual Pets

Hamster

Dog

Cat
Tropical Fish

Parrot

Snake

Iguana

Ferret

Monkey

Unusual Pets