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reading lessons during class. Track

and fluency. Reading Comprehension Builders will help your child and student to dig deeper into each text with questions, vocabulary and grammar and acquire other literacy skills. Perfect reading comprehension activities for middle to high school level students.

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# **Trouble with Exotic Pets**

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### (Conditionals) If + present -

- We use conditionals 'If + present simple' to talk about something that is always true. We call this kind of sentence 'the zero conditional.'
- We also use 'If + present simple' or 'If + will + infinitive' to talk about possibilities in the present or in the future. We call this kind of sentence 'the first conditional.'

#### Example

If you boil water, it turns to water vapor.

If you don't do your homework, you will get detention.

**If winter comes, some animals hibernate** in a cave or under the ground.

If you don't observe the traffic signal, you pay a fine.

If she doesn't pay the monthly rent this time, she will be expelled.

#### Grammar Exercise for Reading

#### • Find the proper verb from the box and complete the sentence.

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continue	reach	take	use	able to	be	give	be
1. If you don't wa		<mark>ake</mark> )th	is opporti	unity, we will	be force	d to take o	our
2. If the patient's	vomiting (	continue	s), w	ve will have to	intubat	e him.	
3. If I can't fix the	e car engine	e, I have to	( give	e ) Mr. Lee	back hi	s money.	
4. If the children	become 18	years old,	they (	will be able to	) vote	for the ele	ection.
5. If Jane (	s) availa	able to tak	e the proj	ect, she will s	send me	an e-mail	today.
6. It is quite clea	r to everyor	ne that if w	ater ( re	aches )0 de	egrees C	Celsius, it t	freezes.
<b>7.</b> If it snows, the transportation		oe ) a lot	of traffic	on the road, s	so you'd	better us	e public
<b>8.</b> People can fir		ndry more	auickly if	they ( use	) a	drying ma	chine
<b>1.</b> If it will rain to $\rightarrow$ If it rains tom							•
2. If students are	e hungry rig	ht now, the	e teachers	s will have to	buy som	nething to	eat.
$\rightarrow$ If students ar	e hungry rig	ght now, th	e teachei	s have to buy	y sometł	ning to eat	t.
3. If Mag doesn't	have time t	o finish the	e homewo	ork, her sister	helps he	er this afte	rnoon.
→ If Mag doesn't					•••••••		
4. If people will w	ork overnig	ht for seve	ral days,	their health co	onditions	will beco	me
worse.							
$\rightarrow$ If people worl							
<b>5.</b> Jack might no	t take a trip	to Italy if h	ne won't s	ave enough	money u	intil this m	ionth.
$\rightarrow$ Jack might no		·····		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••		
6. If you receive $\rightarrow$ If you receive		-					
	the me that	i sent, you			passwu		

- 7. The farmers will export more than half of it if the harvest in autumn will be okay.
- → The farmers will export more than half of it if the harvest in autumn is okay.

**Exercise** 

Choose three sentences from the answer and say them in 3 seconds to your teacher without your book.

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## Unit **01** Trouble with Exotic Pets

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The definition of an exotic pet can be answered by first thinking about the most amazing, wildest animals on Earth. **If you think** of exotic animals, **you will imagine** lions or elephants running across a savanna or jungle. Perhaps you have seen them up close in zoos. Some people, however, keep wild animals such as tigers, parrots, or pythons as pets in their homes. These types of pets are called exotic pets.

Exotic animals are classified as those that are not normally kept as pets or on farms, based on American law.  $\star They$ often originate from foreign countries. If people hear the expression 'exotic animal', the idea of a huge animal will come to their mind first. However, an animal doesn't have to be huge to be exotic. Animals such as hedgehogs, turtles and lizards are also considered exotic pets. Exotic animals are generally wild, meaning they have not been domesticated. A domestic animal such as a dog or a horse has been bred to coexist easily with humans. On the other hand, exotic animals retain traits that support their life in the wild. As a result, it will be very dangerous if ordinary people keep them as pets.

If there are people who want exotic pets, they may believe that these animals can be loved pets. Why do some

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people choose an exotic pet? For some people, keeping a wild pet such as a cheetah is a way to show off. Still others have their own personal zoos. In order to add to their collection, they might search the world for the next exotic animal. Many people simply fall in love with the animals. They may treat them like their own family.

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There are numerous exotic pets spotted in the United States. However, in fact, the biggest demand and consumer of the exotic pet market is China. Owning a pet snake, crocodile, monkey, or shark is popular. In parts of the Middle East, a pet cheetah is considered a status symbol among the very wealthy people. Europe imports more pet reptiles than any other place. However, if people bring too many animals from the wild, it will threaten the survival of the species. In addition, there are several dangers of the trade of exotic pets. While some animals are sold legally through auctions and stores, many others are bought and sold illegally. These animals may be smuggled across international borders and hidden from authorities. This practice brings in billions of dollars for smugglers, but it's the animals that pay the price. Packed into tight crates, often with little food, up to 90 percent do not survive the journey.

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## Vocabulary

■status[n]	a relative standing or a rank She will do everything to maintain her <b>status</b> , including betraying her partner of 10 years.
■exotic[adj]	unusual and specially interesting Snakes are <b>exotic</b> pets.
■ originate[v]	to come from a particular place or time This technology <b>originated</b> from the United States.
■ consider[v]	to spend time thinking about a possibility My friend is being <b>considered</b> for the job.
domesticate[v]	to bring animals or plants under human control Dogs are <b>domesticated</b> .
■ retain[v]	to keep or continue to have something I tried to <b>retain</b> all the information I learned yesterday.
■symbol[n]	something that means something else or is a generally accepted representation of This is not a regular cup, but a <b>symbol</b> of our friendship.
■ numerous[adj]	many There are <b>numerous</b> errors we have to fix.
■ threaten[v]	to be something that is likely to cause harm to someone or something Global warming <b>threatens</b> the lives of polar bear and seals.
■ authority[n]	power or persons with power to influence others and give effective orders The president's <b>authority</b> didn't mean anything to the angry mob demanding for his abdication.

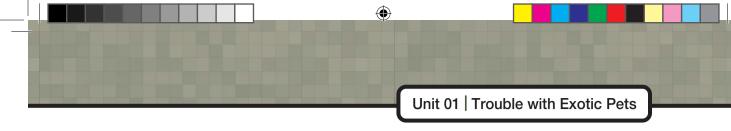
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#### **Reading Comprehension**

[1~3] Choose the right word for the blank below.

People want to have exotic pets for many reasons. 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_, keeping a wild pet is a way to show off. 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_, in some countries, an exotic pet is considered a status symbol among very wealthy people. 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there are people that want exotic pets, people should be aware that there are several dangers of trading exotic pets.

- **1**. **a**. Sadly
  - **b** For example
  - **C**. In the beginning
  - d. Therefore

#### **2. a**. Whatever

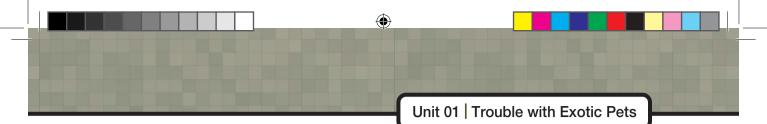
- b. However
- C. Additionally
- d. For example
- **3.** a. Horribly
  - b Even though
  - C. In conclusion
  - d. So
- 4. What is the passage mainly about?
  - (a) Definition of exotic pets and the negative side of having them
  - b. Reasons to keep exotic pets
  - c. Dog and cat's supremacy over exotic pets
  - d. Value of exotic pets in Middle East and Asia

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- [5~7] Write T if statements are true or F if statements are false according to the passage.
- Keeping exotic pets requires different preparations compared to domesticated pets.
- The illegal market for exotic pets is a lot more profitable than the legal market.
- 7. The exotic pet that is globally preferred is the cheetah.
- 8. The word huge in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to a. little

  - b gigantic
  - **C**. minor
  - d. minute
- **9.** The word **several** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
  - (a) various
  - b. individual
  - **C**. none
  - d. one
- 10. Which of these sentences about exotic animals is NOT true?
  - **a**. Exotic animals often originate from foreign countries.
  - b. An animal doesn't have to be huge to be exotic.
  - C Exotic animals all need to be huge.
  - d. Exotic animals retain traits that support their life in the wild.



- **11.** Which of these sentences about exotic animals is true?
  - (a) Exotic animals are usually wild.
  - b. All exotic animals are calm.
  - c. Cats are considered to be exotic animals.
  - d. There are no people around the world that like exotic animals.

#### 12. What does \* They in paragraph 2 refer to?

- a. People b. Americans
- C. Exotic animals d. Pets
- 13. What can be inferred from the passage?
  - a. There is a global consensus on what is considered an exotic pet.
  - **b**. Even the domesticated pets like horses can retain the traits needed to survive in the wild.
  - © Demand for exotic pets is global, but each group of clients has different tastes.
  - d. Exotic pets became a status symbol because of the time and effort it takes in petting an undomesticated animal.
- 14. According to the passage, what are exotic animals based on American law? Exotic animals are classified as those that are not normally kept as pets or on farms.
- 15. According to the passage, what is the negative side of breeding exotic pets? If people bring too many animals from the wild, it will threaten the survival of the species. Also, exotic animals mostly do not survive the illegal transportation process.

## CHECK LIST 🗸

#### Video Lecture

Have you watched the video lecture at least 2 times before the class?

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Have you watched the video lecture after the class?

#### Vocabulary

Did you study the vocabulary listed next to the reading passage?

Did you review what you got wrong on this unit's test?

#### Grammar

- Have you understood the points of this unit's Grammar Exercise?
- Have you answered the questions on the Grammar Exercise?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?

#### Reading Comprehension

- Have you read the stories carefully?
- Have you answered all the questions on this unit's reading comprehension?
- Did you figure out all of the exact reasons (or supporting details) for each question's answers?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?

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