

The Great Escape



guinea pigs

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"Thanks for letting me help out in your pet shop, Uncle Bill," Sarah said. "I won't disappoint you."

"You can start by feeding the guinea pigs," her uncle told her. "Just be careful and make sure you close up the pen when you're done. Those little guys love to **escape**."

"No problem," Sarah said.

She got the bag of guinea pig food and opened the pen. The phone rang while she was working. Uncle Bill talked for a minute, then walked up to her.

"Sarah, I've got to run out for a few minutes," he said. "I've got a hamster emergency to take care of."

"I'll take good care of things while you're gone," Sarah promised.

Uncle Bill left, and Sarah poured the guinea pig food into the bowl in the pen. The little animals **crowded** around the bowl. Then Sarah heard a crash. She turned around to see that one of the plastic fish bowls had fallen over. She ran to the bowl and quickly scooped up the fish. She put the fish in another bowl and cleaned up the water. Then she went back to the guinea pig pen.

"Oh no!" Sarah cried.

She had **accidentally** left the pen open. The guinea pigs had **escaped**!

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1. The following was *not* part of the rising action of this passage:

- A. Sarah left with Uncle Bill.
- B. Uncle Bill left the shop.
- C. The fish bowl fell over.
- D. Sarah left the cage open.

2. The main conflict in this story is

- A. Sarah ran out of guinea pig food.
- B. the guinea pigs escaped.
- C. the fish bowl fell over.
- D. there was a hamster emergency.

3. The theme of this passage is

- A. hard work.
- B. pet care.
- C. family.
- D. responsibility.

4. Uncle Bill left because

- A. he needed to buy more pet food.
- B. there was a hamster emergency.
- C. the fish bowl fell over.
- D. the guinea pigs escaped.

5. What should Sarah do? Write a resolution to the story.
