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🔊 A hamster is a small pet.

It is as small as a mouse.

You can hold it in one hand!



🔊 Pet hamsters are cute.

They have a **coat** of fur.

The fur feels

as soft as a kitten.



🔊 Baby hamsters are tiny!

When they are born,
they have no fur.



Hamster pups

🔊 This mother hamster has
a **litter** of babies.

Hamster babies
are called pups.




🔊 A pet hamster needs
a clean cage to **stay** healthy.
It needs fresh water.



🔊 A healthy hamster can live
for two or three years.



 **Hamster Mix**

 The best food for a pet hamster is hamster mix.

The mix is full of hard nuts and seeds.



🔊 Hamsters need to **chew** on hard mix.

Hamster teeth never stop growing!

The mix keeps their teeth

from growing too long.



🔊 Hamsters like to play.

They need things to do
inside their cage.



🔊 Hamsters need exercise,
just like you!

This hamster is running on
a hamster wheel.



🔊 You can adopt a pet hamster
from an animal shelter.

These hamsters need a good home.



🔊 A new pet hamster is fun to watch.

You can watch your hamster
all day and at night, too.



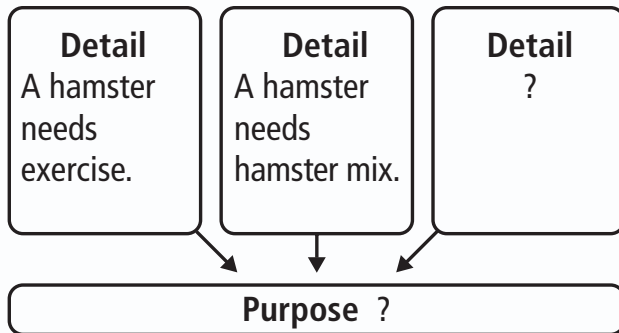
🔊 When you take a hamster home,
you will find out why
hamsters make great pets!

Responding



TARGET SKILL Author's Purpose

What was the author's purpose in writing this book? Copy the chart below. Write another detail that helps tell the author's purpose. Then write the author's purpose.



Write About It

Text to Text Have you read another book about how to take care of a pet? Write a paragraph. Tell the author's purpose in writing that story.



TARGET VOCABULARY

canned
chews
clipped
coat

hairy
litter
mammals
stayed



TARGET SKILL

Author's Purpose Tell

why an author writes a book.



TARGET STRATEGY

Analyze/Evaluate Tell

how you feel about the text, and why.



GENRE Informational text gives facts about a topic.

Level: I

DRA: 16

Genre:

Informational Text

Strategy:

Analyze/Evaluate

Skill:

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