

Practice Test 04

Listening Comprehension and Summary: audio file available on: eslfriend.com

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

“Chubby” was the name of my first pet dog. He came into my life when I was only 8 years old and my life was changed forever. He was the cutest thing I had ever seen and we did everything together. He even slept in the same bed with me! I fed him, walked him, bathed him, and played with him and he taught me about responsibility, made sure I was never lonely, protected me, and loved me unconditionally. I think every child should have a pet growing up.

Discussion Questions:

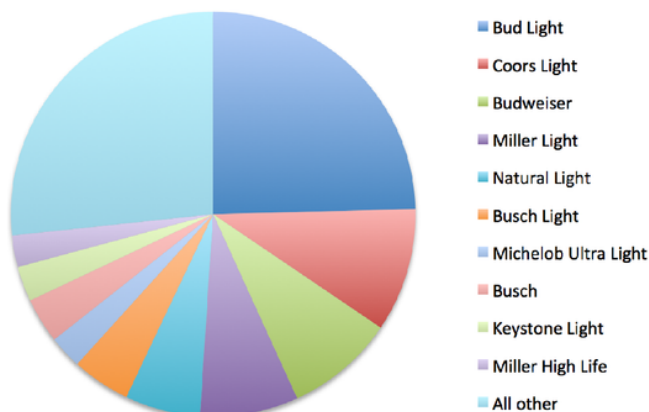
Please answer the following questions.

1. Describe an animal you are afraid of.
2. Would you rather have a dog or a cat?
3. Some people think zoo is unethical because it is like a prison for the animals. What do you think?

Picture Description:

Please describe the picture.

Top Domestic Beers: Case Sales, 2013



Practice Test 04 Answers

Summary

I will never forget my dog Chubby, my first pet. I was only 8 years old when he came into my life and I was changed forever. He was cute and I did many things with him like fed him, walked him, slept in the same bed with him, and played with him. He taught me about responsibility and I was never lonely. He loved me and protected me. All kids should have dogs.

Discussion Questions

1. An animal I am afraid of is the snake. I think that snakes are some of the ugliest things in the world. Their thin, narrow bodies slither and wiggle through their movements and make me disgusted. I also think that snakes' tongues are so scary and they can bite me at any time. One time, I saw a snake while hiking in the mountains and I thought I was going to faint. I really hate snakes.

2. I would rather have a dog for many reasons. I know from experience that dogs are friendlier than cats. Dogs can be trained to do many things too. You can teach it to bring things to you, to shake your hand, and come to you on command. When I was growing up, I didn't have a dog but I always wanted one since my friend had one.

2. I prefer to have a cat as a pet. I think cats are easier to care for than dogs. Cats don't really need to be trained because they are naturally trained to wash themselves and are potty trained. Cats are also better pets because they are calm and never wild. They like to be petted and sit on your lap. Cats have better personalities than dogs too. They are harder to please but when you do, they are very loyal and pleasant.

3. I agree. I think zoos are unethical because animals are taken from their natural homes and put into prison cells for humans to watch. They are put to work by being forced into conditions that may be harmful for them. When I see animals in small cages and in dirty conditions, it makes me feel sorry for them and I want to help them. Although animals can't talk, I think they wouldn't want to be captured and put on display for entertainment purposes.

Picture Description

This graph shows top domestic beer sales for 2013. There are many different beer brands that are popular in this region. Bud Light and Natural Light seem to be the most popular brands by far with all other brands being a fraction of these two. Most of these brands are "light" beers so the popularity of these lighter beers seems to be on the rise.