

Interspecies Animal Friends



Level: Intermediate

Topic: Curiosities

Key vocabulary: Bilingual lists in PDF and boxes (Teachers can download this material from the online version of the magazine.)

Preparation: You will need a copy of the article for each student as well as internet access and a data show.

Objective: Reading for pleasure. Students will enjoy discussing these articles, and such reading exercises can serve as a great warm-up or wind-down for each English class.

Ideas for your classes

Setting up a routine. Most of the time teachers complain that students don't read in their own language, so how can they make them read in English. Well, the truth is that students read all the time; they just don't what we want them to read.

“Curiosities”

The idea of using curiosities is just that, to arouse their curiosity by giving them interesting and up to date materials to read.

Tell them that they are going to read something interesting, unusual, fun once a week, either to start the week or to end it.

Getting ready to read.

Write the title of the article on the board: “Interspecies animal friends.” Ask them what they understand by reading the title.

Ask questions like:

- What do interspecies mean?
- Can animals be friends?
- What animals are typically not friends?

Watch a video of interspecies animal friends. You can find plenty of videos online.

Reading the article

- Give each student a photocopy of the article
- Allow time to read the article.
- Discuss with students: Which stories are happy stories? Which stories are sad? What's the most curious story to you? Why?

Wrapping up the reading.

Ask students to give their opinions about what they read.
Allow some time to listen to students' own stories about interspecies animal friends.

Note: This section is not intended to review any grammar but to make reading an enjoyable moment for students.

If you wish to review grammar with your students we recommend using the article as the presentation stage of your lesson. With this article you can review Past Simple.



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