



Functional Skills Level 1

ENGLISH

Paper 1 Reading

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The three sources that follow are:

Source A: a leaflet about Sealife Birmingham

Source B: part of a podcast about pets

Source C: an article about keeping pet fish

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Source A

Jelly Invaders is a world of slime and stingers and you won't want to dip your hand in! Jellyfish have no brains or bones, but they can give a nasty sting!

Take a peek at our Asian short-clawed otters. Then step into the rainforest to encounter deadly piranhas and poison dart frogs.

Included in every visit is a chance to dive in and explore the all-new **Underwater 4-D experience**. You'll be thrilled by the 12-minute film of how Dunk the Pufferfish and friends go on an adventure to find his lucky pebble.

Take a journey into the Antarctic to **Penguin Ice Adventure**. You can book a 60-minute feeding experience with the Gentoo Penguins and learn all about their diet and habitat. Laugh at their cheeky antics before meeting a crab or starfish at our **Interactive Rockpool**.

School Visits: SEA LIFE Birmingham offers pupils the opportunity to explore the creatures that live in our seas, rivers and oceans.

We can offer school teachers the following benefits:

- special term time school rates
- free teacher places
- free classroom lesson plans and activities.

Source B

PETS PODCAST

Hello and welcome to our latest podcast about choosing and keeping pets. Let's meet today's guest – Dr Jane French – who describes herself as an aquarist.

Picture 1



- Interviewer: Dr French, could you explain what an aquarist is?
- Dr French: Certainly. It means I keep fish as pets and study them.
- Interviewer: Right. A fish can't cuddle up to you on the sofa or sit on your lap. So why do you feel our friends with fins make good pets?
- Dr French: Of course, you can't take a fish for a walk but they are truly fascinating, beautiful creatures and more interactive than you might think.
- Interviewer: You mean they can talk?
- Dr French: Well not really, although fish do communicate with each other. Plus, they are entertaining to watch, like when they rush to greet their owner at feeding time.
- Interviewer: But don't they need a lot of equipment?
- Dr French: Yes at first. But once you've bought that, they are much cheaper than other pets.
- Interviewer: Not exactly a perfect pet, though?
- Dr French: I disagree. I think they're ideal as a child's first pet. Although a clean tank is important, fish are fairly undemanding. Owning one will teach children about being responsible for an animal's life.

Picture 2



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