Clare's Pet

Clare wanted a pet. She did not want a pet with hair because it could shed. She begged her dad to take her to the pet fair. Her dad put the car in gear and they drove to the fair. When they got there, her dad said, “Clare, let’s look at the snakes!” She had a fear of snakes, but she gritted her teeth and went near. Clare looked in the tank and could hear the snake slither.

The man at the fair let Clare hold the snake. She thought it would be slick, but it was dry. The snake flicked its tongue and Clare giggled. “Dad, can I have a snake?” Clare asked.

“Will you take care of it?” Dad asked.

“I will!” said Clare. Dad grinned and said yes! Clare named her snake Deary.

Taking Care of Snakes

If you want a snake for a pet, you need to take care of it. You will need the gear for having a pet snake. Get a clear tank with a tight-fitting lid. Do not keep the tank bare. Set newspaper at the bottom. Provide a small box in the tank for the snake to hide under. Snakes like hiding spots. To keep the snake warm, set a heat lamp near the tank.

Snakes do not need to eat every day, but they always need water in the tank. Snakes sleep a lot. Be careful when you hold a snake. You need to be aware that snakes can bite. But many snakes are harmless and you do not need to be afraid of them. You can have a pair of snakes as pets. Before getting a snake, you need to prepare. Go to a pet store and ask questions. Compare different kinds of snakes.

Activity

Circle words with -air and -are. Underline words with -ear.