

Functional Skills English | Level 1 Reading | Specialist Words in Context (choose the quotation)

Read the following excerpts. Choose the quotation that is being described in the explanation below.

1. Feeding is no problem. There are some tasty delicacies in the freezer. Make sure these are completely thawed out before you give them to Sid. Feed him once every fortnight – he must not become obese – and ensure his water bowl is topped up.

Delicious food

2. They are small when born but can grow up to six feet long and can live for more than twenty years. They are easy to breed and become used to being handled. Every few days corn snakes should be fed highly nutritious meals that can be specially bought from pet shops.

Food that is good for you

3. We're a nation of animal lovers, and more than half of us share our home with a pet of some kind. Pets are important members of our family, sharing our best and our worst days. They give us love and affection and are our constant loyal companions.

Supportive friends

4. Can you insure my puppy? Of course. We know that bringing home a puppy gives you a lot of fun things to do, from playtime to training. It is also important to be a responsible pet owner, and to make sure your pet is covered. Even puppies may bring some unexpected costs.

Additional expenses

5. Research has shown that people living in Blue Zones share a similar lifestyle. Everyone has a daily routine and continues to work, even in their nineties. They have a sense of purpose in life and are happy and content. Blue Zone areas are traditional places, with very little modernisation. People are not stressed. Family ties are important and everyone is valued as part of the community.

Things you do every day

6. New flavours, including spicy peanut butter, cheese or chicken tikka masala, have also helped widen the appeal for people snacking in the cinema and sitting in their living rooms at home watching films and box sets.

Make popular with a lot of different people

7. A typical bag of popcorn has fewer calories, about 120, than an average bag of crisps, which has over 180 calories. Brands such as market leader Butterkist, which accounts for almost half of sales, also use rapeseed oil for lower fat levels.

Best seller

8. The snack is now bought by about 40 per cent of people in the UK. However, popcorn is still much less popular here than in America. The average adult in the UK eats only about a third of the amount eaten by a typical American. This suggests there is plenty of potential to grow the market, say researchers.

Increase sales