

Video Worksheet

Wild Hamster Has a Graveyard Feast



About the Video

Wild hamsters roam the graveyards of Vienna in search of fresh flowers and candle-wax, sometimes with hilarious consequences!



Instructions

How to Use This Worksheet

Follow the steps below to get the most benefit from this worksheet.

We recommend writing your answers and examples in a journal or a notebook, and reviewing the words you're learning regularly.

STEP 1

Complete the 'Vocabulary' section before watching the video.

You will understand more of the video if you familiarize yourself with the vocabulary first. This will also help you retain what you're learning. We've provided the answers for the exercises on page 9.

STEP 2

Watch the video the first time without subtitles or the transcript.

If you always watch English videos with the subtitles, you'll never give your listening skills a chance to improve. It's okay if you don't understand everything at first. **You'll notice a big improvement in a few weeks if you practice regularly.**

STEP 3

Watch it a second time with the transcript if needed.

We have provided a transcript for the video on page 8.

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#). You can also [visit our website](#) for more worksheets and lessons.



Vocabulary Practice

1. WORDS IN CONTEXT

Match the words or phrases in bold to their synonyms or meanings.

determined completed is safe not wide bite

1. Just one more **mouthful**.
2. He's **on a mission** to find food.
3. The coast **looks clear**.
4. Mission **accomplished**.
5. The stairs were very **narrow**.

2. FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences with the correct words.

You might have to change verb forms (talk - talking or talked).

mouthful be on a mission look clear accomplish narrow

1. He _____ to design self-sufficient homes for his community.
2. If we work together, I think we can _____ our goal sooner.
3. He ate his meal slowly, savoring every _____.
4. She hid until the coast _____.
5. The road was too _____ for cars to pass.



Vocabulary Practice

3. DEFINITIONS

Match the words or phrases to their definitions.

embarrassing

the trick

a cheek

throughout

1. _____: across, all over.
2. _____: the soft part of your face that is below each of your eyes.
3. _____: humiliating; something that makes you feel shy or ashamed.
4. _____: the secret, the most effective way of doing something.

4. WHAT'S ANOTHER WAY TO SAY...?

Rewrite the sentences with one of the words above.

You might have to make some changes to the sentences or add/change a preposition.

1. It was **humiliating** how few people attended the party.

2. **The secret** to finding friends is to go out and do things regularly.

3. This driving license is valid **across** the country.

4. She has a small scar on **the right side of her face**.



Watch the Video

► [Click here to watch the video](#) (or search for 'Wild Hamster Has a Graveyard Feast' on YouTube). Watch it at least once without subtitles or the transcript. Watch it a second time with the transcript if needed.

Speaking Practice

DISCUSSION

Discuss the following questions.

Try to give as much detail as you can. Elaborate with examples or stories whenever possible.

1. What was the hamster on a mission to do? What happened to it at the end of the video?
2. Where do hamsters carry food? How much can they carry?
3. These hamsters are found throughout central Europe. Which wild animals are common in your country? Are any of them protected or endangered? Do you think wild animals should be protected?
4. Domestication is the process of adapting wild animals for human use. How are pets different from wild animals? In your opinion, can wild animals be domesticated? Would they make good pets?
5. Would you have a hamster as a pet? Which pets would be the easiest to care for? Which ones would you recommend/never recommend having?
6. Would you rather buy a pet or adopt one from a shelter? Why?
7. Some people believe that by buying a dog from a special breeder they will be somehow getting a "superior" pet. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?



8. If you are a parent, would you let your children raise a pet? How could raising a pet benefit a child?

9. What are some of the most amazing landscapes you've seen in your country and around the world? Are they easily accessible? How busy do they get during the tourist season?



Writing Practice

PRODUCTION

Choose 3 - 5 words you learned today, and use them to create one of the following:

1. 6 - 10 separate sentences
2. A paragraph
3. A short story
4. A poem or a song

Tips for Better Writing

USE A VARIETY OF SENTENCE STYLES

Avoid using simple sentences. Instead, try to use a variety of sentence styles and lengths:

Type	Definition	Example
Simple	Consists of only one clause.	<i>She likes traveling.</i>
Compound	Combines two independent clauses with <i>and, but, yet, so</i> , etc.	<i>She likes traveling, and she loves exploring new places.</i>
Complex	Combines one main clause and one dependent clause with <i>if, even though, because, unless</i> , etc.	<i>Even though she likes traveling, she doesn't travel often.</i>



Transcript

A European hamster.

Wild hamsters are found in grasslands throughout Central Europe. Here in the city, they're doing extremely well.

This male is on a mission to find food.

The coast looks clear but best not take any chances.

The trick is to get in and out before you're caught.

And now desert.

Temple wax, it's full of oil and high in calories.

A hamster's cheek can hold a quarter of its body weight.

Just one more mouthful.

Oh, dear. Big cheeks and narrow bottlenecks are very embarrassing.

Mission accomplished.



Answer Key

1. WORDS IN CONTEXT

1. bite 2. determined 3. is safe 4. completed. 5. not wide

2. FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. He **is on a mission** to design self-sufficient homes for his community.
2. If we work together, I think we can **accomplish** our goal sooner.
3. He ate his meal slowly, savoring every **mouthful**.
4. She stayed hidden until the coast **looked clear**.
5. The road was too **narrow** for cars to pass.

3. DEFINITIONS

1. **throughout**: across, all over.
2. **a cheek**: the soft part of your face that is below each of your eyes.
3. **embarrassing**: humiliating; something that makes you feel shy or ashamed.
4. **the trick**: the secret, the most effective way of doing something.

4. WHAT'S ANOTHER WAY TO SAY...?

1. It was **embarrassing** how few people attended the party.
2. **The trick** to finding friends is to go out and do things regularly.
3. This driving license is valid **throughout** the country.
4. She has a small scar on **her right cheek**.