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Mia and the Two Rabbits

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Mia has two rabbits. Their names are Pip and Pepper. They live in the back yard.

Rabbits need company. That is why Mia has two. Pip and Pepper rest side by side.

Their home is big. A rabbit must stand up tall inside. Its ears must not touch the roof.

A small hutch is not enough by itself. Pip and Pepper also have a run. They hop and play in it.

Rabbits get scared of foxes, cats and dogs. So the home has hiding places. Pip and Pepper feel safe and calm there.

The first job is hay. Mia and Grandpa pile up hay as big as Pip. A rabbit can nibble hay all day.

A rabbit's teeth never stop growing. Chewing hay wears them down. That keeps the teeth healthy.

Next, a handful of leafy greens. Mia washes them carefully. Grandpa knows which ones are safe.

Carrots are not the main food. They are a small treat. Mostly, rabbits eat hay.

Rabbits need fresh water all day. Mia and Grandpa change it twice a day.

Rabbits usually pick one corner for a toilet. Mia and Grandpa clean it every day. Then they wash their hands.

Mia sits down on the grass. Rabbits are less frightened when you stay low. Then nobody can fall.

Mia moves slowly and talks gently. She never lifts a rabbit by its ears. She never holds one on its back.

Grandpa shows her how to hold Pip. One hand holds his back and bottom. Little children never pick up a rabbit alone.

Pip does a wonderful happy jump. He twists in the air. People call it a binky.

Pepper rests and grinds her teeth softly. It sounds like a purr. She is happy.

Mia learns how Pip eats and plays every day. One day he does not want to eat.

Mia tells Grandpa right away. Then a vet will know what to do.

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Hay, water and a clean toilet fill Mia's day. Ask a grown-up to see Peabody Pets with you. Find it at pet.peabody.kids.

Questions

1. What do rabbits eat the most of?

A. Carrots
B. Hay
C. Seeds

2. Why does Mia have two rabbits?

A. They are too small
B. Rabbits need a friend
C. One rabbit is loud

3. Why does Mia sit down on the grass?

A. She is tired
B. Rabbits like grass
C. Staying low scares a rabbit less

4. In this book, what does hutch mean?

A. A rabbit house
B. A rabbit toy
C. A rabbit snack

5. What does Mia do when Pip will not eat?

A. She tells Grandpa
B. She gives him a carrot
C. She waits a week

Words to know

hutch: rabbit house
binky: happy jump
hay: dried grass
vet: animal doctor
rescue: animal shelter

Answer key: Mia and the Two Rabbits

1. B. Hay
2. B. Rabbits need a friend
3. C. Staying low scares a rabbit less
4. A. A rabbit house
5. A. She tells Grandpa