

1. What does it mean when the text says that guinea pigs are “an important food source in that region”?

Guinea pigs are “an important food source in that region” means that in South America, guinea pigs are an important food to be eaten by people.

2. Summarise the main points in the paragraph written in italics.

The main points made in the paragraph written in italics, are that guinea pigs need high fibre food to help their digestion work properly, and food with Vitamin C in it because their body cannot store it.

3. What sort of foods should they not have, and why?

They should not have too many root vegetables or any citrus fruits, as they can make them ill.

4. What sort of environment would not suit a guinea pig?

The sort of environment which would not suit a guinea pig is: damp, wet, dirty, or an environment which is near other animals, not safe, and too hot or too cold

5. What is the most interesting fact you have learned in the ‘Did you know...?’ section and why
Pupil’s own response.

6. Name two things guinea pigs are not able to do.

Guinea pigs are not able to climb or dig.

7. How might a guinea pig owner know if their pet is not happy?

A guinea pig owner might know if their pet is not happy, if they see it over grooming, chewing the bars of the cage, over drinking or walking around in circles.

8. What does “guinea pigs are prey animals” mean?

“Guinea pigs are prey animals” means that they are eaten by other animals.

9. What is the benefit of being able to see all around, for a guinea pig?

For a guinea pig to be able to see all around, it means that they can see a predator come from behind them, or above them, so they can freeze or escape.

10. Why would being handled by people from an early age, be good for a guinea pig?

It would be good for guinea pigs to be handled by people from an early age because it would mean they would get used to it and not be scared when being picked up.