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# Bricks Reading



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UNIT  
**01**



**Social  
Studies**

Genre  
Nonfiction /  
Magazine Article  
Reading Skill  
Main Idea & Details  
Passage Length  
151 words

# Work of Love: Animal Keepers



## Think Ahead

### Let's Talk

1. Look at the picture. Who is the woman?
2. What do you think animal keepers do?

### Let's Check

Which words come to your mind when you think of an animal keeper?

zoo

wild animal

animal show

food

dangerous





## Work of Love:

# Animal Keepers

### Who They Are and What They Do

**Animal keepers** work in zoos. They have very **important** jobs! They keep **wild** animals safe, healthy, and happy. They give animals food and water. They **care for** sick animals. They clean the animals' homes.

caring ▶



▲ feeding

### Different Kinds of Animal Keepers

There are many kinds of animal keepers. Some animal keepers care for **dangerous** animals, like tigers or alligators. These animals



can hurt animal keepers. Other animal keepers help **different** animals, like koalas, dolphins, or parrots. These animals do not **hurt** animal keepers. Some animal keepers care for baby animals. All animal keepers love and care for animals. Wild animals can be happy, healthy, and safe with animal keepers.



▲ cleaning

**animal keeper** *n.*  
one who works with animals

**important** *adj.*  
being of great value

**wild** *adj.*  
living in a natural place

**care for** *idiom*  
to keep safe in all ways

**dangerous** *adj.*  
being unsafe

**different** *adj.*  
not the same

**hurt** *v.*  
to make one feel pain

**experience** *n.*  
skill from doing something many times

## How to Become an Animal Keeper

Get **experience** with many animals:

- Care for pets
- Work at a farm
- Work with different wild animals
- Study animal care
- Get a job at a zoo



How can wild animals be happy, healthy, and safe? Find the answer in the second paragraph and write.

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## Vocabulary Check Up

**A. Meaning** Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The words \_\_\_\_\_ mean “to keep safe in all ways.”  
a. care for                      b. work with                      c. study for
- 2 The word \_\_\_\_\_ means “not the same.”  
a. dangerous                      b. different                      c. important

**B. Usage** Choose the correct words.

- 1 Tigers are dangerous. They are \_\_\_\_\_.      wild animals | pets
- 2 Chris is in the hospital. He \_\_\_\_\_ his leg.      helped | hurt
- 3 I don't want to ride the bike. It looks \_\_\_\_\_.      dangerous | safe

## Comprehension Check Up

**A. Finding the Facts** Check T(True) or F(False).

- 1 Animal keepers take care of sick animals.
- 2 There is only one kind of animal keeper.
- 3 Koalas and parrots hurt animal keepers.

T	F
T	F
T	F

**B. Understanding the Passage** Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is this article mainly about?  
a. Sick animals in hospitals  
b. Animal keepers in zoos  
c. Dangerous or safe animals in parks
- 2 Where can you see animal keepers?  
a. in a zoo                      b. in a hospital                      c. at a park

- 3 What do animal keepers NOT do?
- They feed animals.
  - They care for baby animals.
  - They hurt the wild animals.
- 4 Who does NOT belong in the same group of animal keepers?
- Sean helps a sick alligator.
  - Jenny gives food and water to a baby koala.
  - Daniel cleans a tiger's cage.
- 5 How do you become an animal keeper?
- by working at a school
  - by studying animal care
  - by caring for babies
- 6 **Inference** What can be inferred from the story?
- All animal keepers care for the same animals.
  - Animal keepers help many kinds of animals.

**Skill Build Up**

**Main Idea & Details**

What kind of experience do you need to become an animal keeper? Check (✓) all the correct details in the box.

**Main Idea** ▶ Get experience with many animals to become an animal keeper.

- Details** ▶
- |                       |                          |                     |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Care for pets      | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Study math       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Hunt animals       | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Work at a farm   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Get a job at a zoo | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. Work with babies | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Summary Make Up

Write the correct topic sentence for each paragraph using the sentences in the box.

Paragraph  
1

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Paragraph  
2

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Paragraph  
3

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- a. Get experience with animals. Then you can become an animal keeper, too.
- b. Animal keepers work in zoos. They care for wild animals.
- c. Animal keepers care for many kinds of animals. These animals can be safe, healthy, and happy.



### Your Turn

If you were an animal keeper,  
how would you care for animals?



UNIT  
**02**

# Animal Shelter Fun!



**Social  
Studies**

Genre  
Fiction / Essay  
Reading Skill  
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Passage Length  
153 words



## Think Ahead

### Let's Talk

1. Look at the picture. What is the girl doing?
2. What do you think happens at an animal shelter?

### Let's Check

Which words come to your mind when you think of an animal shelter?

dogs

cats

kennel

animal keepers

home for animals