## 会話がはずむスマートフレーズ& トピック

Chapter9:ペット/ Unit 30:ウサギ



# **Rabbits**

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

## **Language Point**

Possibly.	- Maybe. - Perhaps. - Probably.	
Finicky eaters	- picky about food - choosy about food - fussy about what to eat	
It sounds complicated.	<ul><li>It sounds like too much effort.</li><li>It sounds difficult.</li><li>It sounds demanding.</li></ul>	

## Key vocabulary

get transferred	finicky	feed	hay
monitor	chew on~	keep an eye on~	roam around

### I. INTRODUCTION

**Rabbits** are **fluffy animals** that can make great pets. They are not as **clingy** as dogs nor as **moody** as cats. They are **herbivores** in nature, so they **feed on** plants. They are known to be active animals so it is better for them to have time to **burn** their **energy**.



#### **II. PRESENTATION**

## A. Expressions

	Questions:	
Possibly.	Is it possible to keep pets like rabbits in Japanese apartments/condominiums?	
Finicky eaters	Why do we have to be careful about the food that our pets consume?	
It sounds complicated.	What should we do to make sure our pets stay healthy?	

### **B.** Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Sophia:** My friend just got transferred overseas for her job and she has two rabbits that

need a new home. Interested?

**Joyce:** Possibly. Rabbits are so cute! But I've never had rabbits before. Are they easy to

take care of?

**Sophia:** I had rabbits growing up. They're great pets but can be finicky eaters.

Joyce: In what way?

**Sophia:** Certain animals like dogs are easy to feed, they eat everything. Rabbits are supposed to eat mostly hay and certain vegetables. They can get sick easily, so you need

to monitor their health.

**Joyce:** It sounds complicated.

**Sophia:** It's not difficult. You'll get the hang of it quickly. They also chew on wires and furniture, so you need to keep an eye on them if you let them roam around your

apartment.

**Joyce:** I think I'll pass. Maybe get some fish.

## Q & A!



- Give some tips on how to take good care of pets.
- In your opinion, should animals be kept in a zoo?
- How should pets with physical disabilities be dealt with?

#### Part 2

#### III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

#### A. The Sad Truth

Directions: Give your opinion about the following topics.



### **Animal Testing**

Animals like **rabbits** are used in laboratories for **cosmetics testing**. This is done to ensure that the cosmetic product will not be harmful to humans.

What is your stand on this practice?



#### **Animal Euthanasia**

When pets suffer from incurable diseases, some fur parents opt for them to be euthanized to end their agony. This is done through injecting drugs that will slowly put them to sleep.

Are you in favor of this idea? Expand on your answer.

#### B. Let's Talk!

Directions: You are the leader of the "Anti-Cruelty Campaign for Animals." List some reasons we need to protect animals.



## Role-Play



You are at a pet shop because you want to buy a rabbit for yourself.

Ask the staff for help.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.

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