

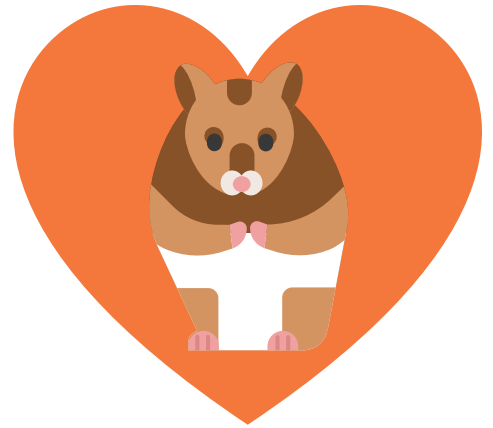


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## Our Friend, the Hamster

Have you ever had a pet hamster? They are great first-time pets. They are cute, cuddly, and incredibly smart. Take this true or false quiz and see how well your hamster expertise stacks up! You can also watch this Animal Planet video on hamsters so you can add to your hamster knowledge:

<https://youtu.be/6vDRo2l4Ovs>.



1. Wild hamsters feed only on insects.

TRUE

FALSE

2. Hamsters have great eyesight and can spot a predator from far away.

TRUE

FALSE

3. Hamsters have large cheeks in which they carry food back to their burrows. Full pouches can make their heads double or triple in size.

TRUE

FALSE

4. Hamsters are able to have lots of babies during their lifetimes.

TRUE

FALSE

5. Hamsters usually live about 5-6 years.

TRUE

FALSE

6. Hamsters are intelligent creatures who can even learn their own names!

TRUE

FALSE



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## Answers

1. **FALSE.** Wild hamsters will feed on fruits, seeds, and insects.
2. **FALSE.** Hamsters have poor vision and are nearsighted.
3. **TRUE.** They use those special cheeks as pouches to hoard food or while scavenging to bring back to their dens.
4. **TRUE.** Hamsters have large litters and can produce multiple litters in a year. For example, all Syrian hamsters are believed to have descended from just a single pair of hamsters in 1930!
5. **FALSE.** In captivity hamsters live about 2-3 years. Less so in the wild.
6. **TRUE.** Hamsters can learn their name, the sound of their owner's voices, even simple tricks!