**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Guinea Pigs**

**Voor de docent**

Dierproeven zijn een controversiële praktijk. In het Verenigd Koninkrijk is het onderwerp volop in het nieuws.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan artikelen en verslagen over hedendaagse problemen begrijpen, waarin de schrijvers bepaalde stellingen of standpunten innemen. (LEB2-3a)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

In the UK, people are talking about animal testing.

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Brainstorm about animal testing and write down 5 or more words or phrases related to it.

**Guinea Pigs**

People are talking a lot about animal testing in the UK currently.

What is [animal testing](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65532759) and why are people talking about it?

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*policy – outrageous – lifted the ban – committed – scientific research – legal – benefits – a rodent – species – suitable – campaigners – inhumane – essential – (to) harm*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a allowed by the law

b careful study that is done by scientists to find new knowledge about something

c doing everything to make sure something will definitely happen

d extremely important and necessary

e a group of animals or plants that are similar

f to hurt or injure an animal or person

g not kind or gentle to people or animals

h an officially accepted set of rules about what should be done

i people who carry out activities because they want social or political things to change

j positive and helpful results

k right or good for a specific purpose

l a small animal (such as a mouse or rat) that has sharp front teeth

m stopped an official rule saying that people are not allowed to do something

n unacceptable and shocking

Assignment 3

a Why is animal testing in the news in the UK?

1 The EU chemical rules are no longer binding for the UK.

2 European rules for animal testing have changed.

3 The UK government has changed the policy on animal testing.

4 UK politicians want to offer better protection for animals.

b Animal testing: true or false?

1 Living animals are used for animal testing.

2 Testing on living animals is not allowed in the UK.

3 In the UK, new medicines must be tested on three different types of animals.

4 Not only medicines are tested on animals.

5 Cats, dogs and horses are never used for animal testing.

c Which of the following arguments are for and which are against animal testing?

1 Animal testing has helped to develop life saving cures.

2 Animal testing is cruel.

3 Animal testing is essential for the safety of humans.

4 Animal testing is effective because animals and humans are biologically so similar.

5 Animal testing is not effective because animals are so different to humans.

6 Animal testing is not necessary.