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Maxwell

London ⟶ Iraq



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1. Gavin Maxwell, living in a cottage in Camusfearna, Scotland, found life lonely after losing his dog Jonnie and considered keeping an otter as a pet.



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2. During a visit to Southern Iraq in 1956, Maxwell learned from a friend that otters were common in the Tigris marshes and were often domesticated by locals.



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3. While in Basra, Maxwell's mail was delayed, and his friend surprised him by gifting him an otter, delivered in a sack by two Arabs.



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4. The otter, later named Mijbil, was covered in mud, resembling a small dragon, and revealed soft velvet fur once cleaned.

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5. Zoologists later identified Mijbil as a previously unknown species, naming it Maxwell's otter, Lutrogale perspicillata maxwelli.



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6. Initially aloof and indifferent, Mijbil grew attached to Maxwell, often showing enthusiasm for water by splashing and playing energetically in the bathroom.

aloof

friendly



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7. Mijbil demonstrated intelligence, learning to turn taps and engaging in playful activities like juggling marbles on his belly and dribbling a rubber ball.

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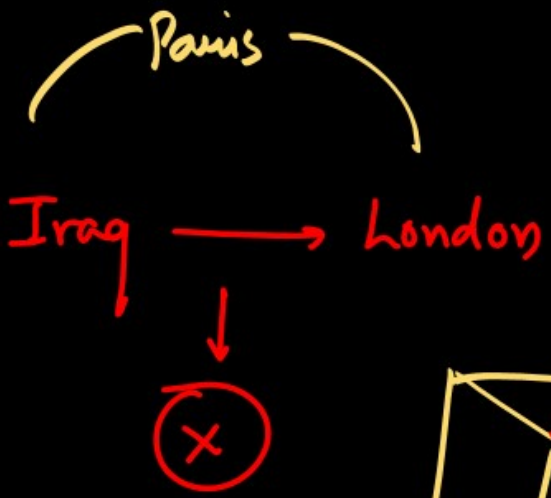

8. Maxwell faced challenges transporting Mijbil to England, including airline restrictions requiring the otter to travel in a small box, which Mijbil damaged due to distress.



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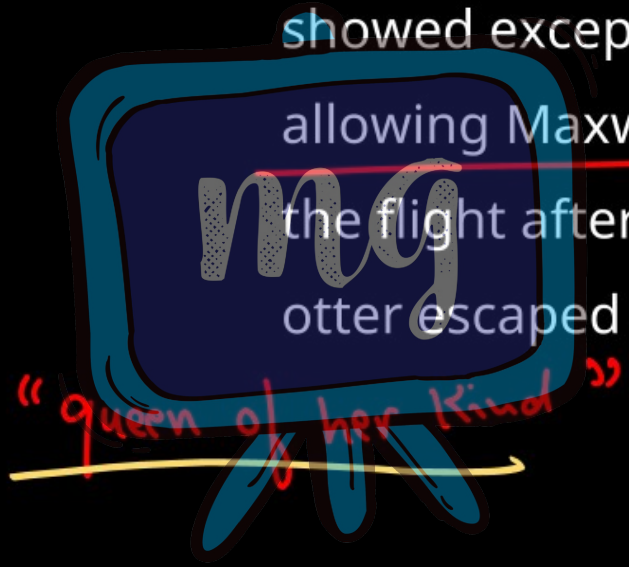
9. Despite these difficulties, the air hostess showed exceptional understanding, allowing Maxwell to hold Mijbil during the flight after an incident where the otter escaped and caused commotion.



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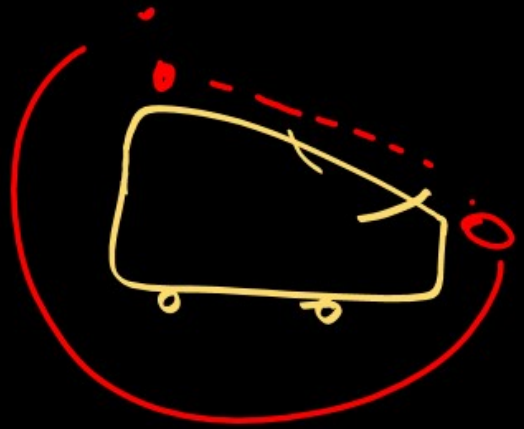

10. In London, Mijbil adapted well, enjoying various toys and inventing games, such as rolling a ping-pong ball down a suitcase slope and ambushing it.

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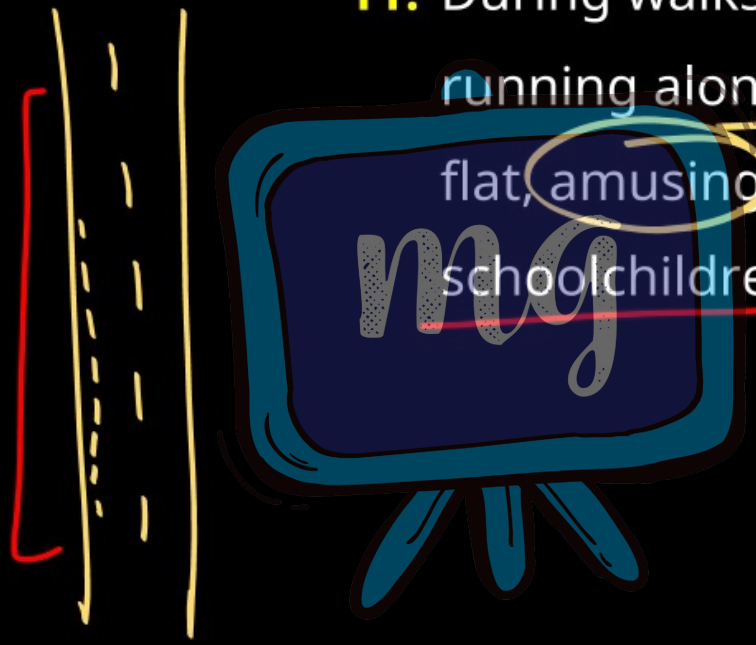

11. During walks, Mijbil exhibited habits like running along a low wall near Maxwell's flat, amusing and distracting local schoolchildren.

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12. Londoners often mistook Mijbil for other animals, guessing he was a seal, beaver, or even a leopard. highlighting the rarity of otters in urban settings.

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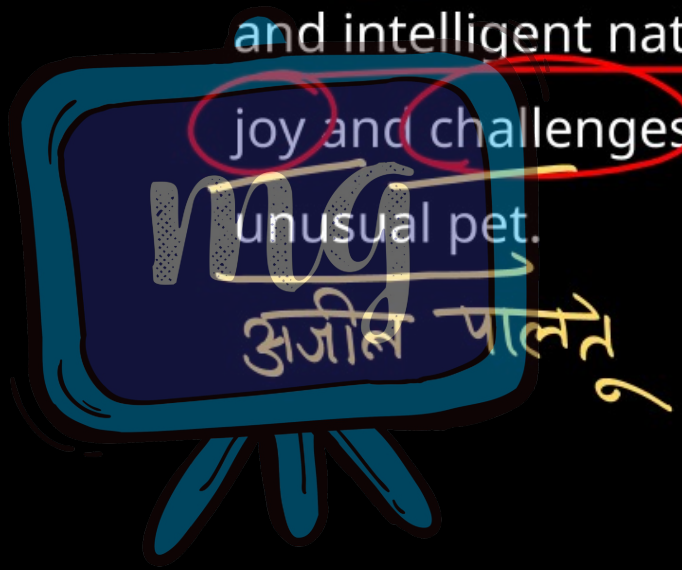
Story

13. The narrative showcases Mijbil's playful and intelligent nature, emphasizing the joy and challenges of keeping an unusual pet.



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Theme

14. The text invites readers to reflect on responsible pet ownership, ethical considerations of keeping wild animals, and the bond between humans and their pets.

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Maxwell + Mijbil

1. Basra - sack - Arab
2. water activity
3. Aeroplane
4. Londoners guess
5. Games



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Questions – Answer

1. What 'experiment' did Maxwell think Camusfearna would be suitable for?



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Answer :

Maxwell wanted to try keeping an otter as a pet. He thought his home in Camusfearna was perfect for this because it was surrounded by water, and otters love living in water.

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2. Why does he go to Basra? How long does he wait there, and why?



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Answer :

Maxwell went to Basra to pick up and reply to his letters from Europe. He ended up waiting there for five days because of bad phone lines, closed offices for a holiday, and communication breakdowns.

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3. How does he get the otter? Does he like it? Pick out the words that tell you this.



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Answer :

Otter लगाव
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fixation

Two Arab men brought him the otter in a sack from the marshes, along with a note from his friend. Maxwell grew to love the otter very much, which is clear when he describes his deep attachment as having an **"Otter fixation"**.

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4. Why was the otter named ‘Maxwell’s otter’?



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Answer :

Scientists (zoologists) gave the otter a long scientific name (Lutrogale perspicillata maxwelli), so people simply shortened it to "Maxwell's otter".

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5. In the beginning, the otter was.....

(Tick the right answer)



- Aloof and indifferent
- Friendly
- hostile

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Answer :

- Aloof and indifferent ✔
- Friendly
- Hostile

(At first, the otter ignored him and didn't pay attention to him).

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6. What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom? What did it do two days after that?

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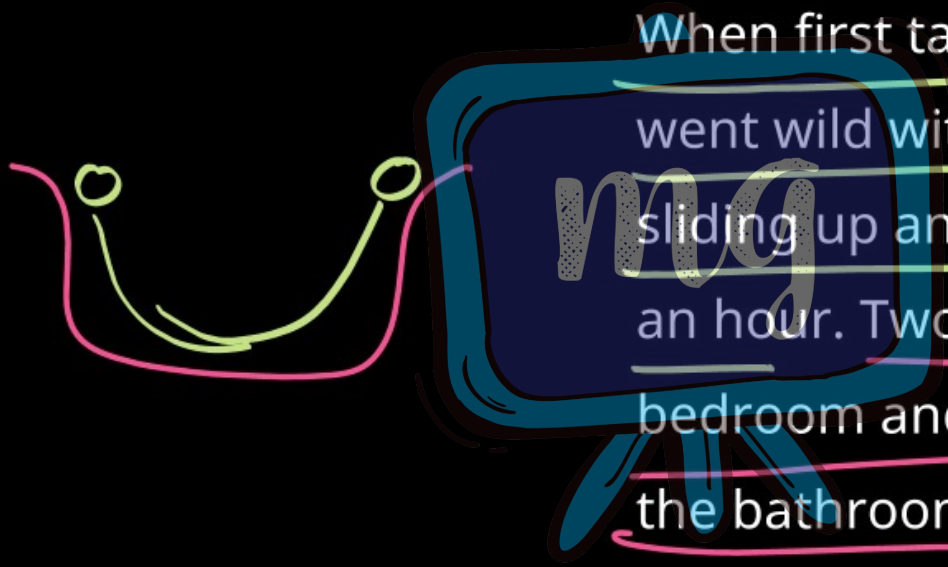
Answer :



When first taken to the bathroom, Mijbil went wild with joy, splashing, diving, and sliding up and down the bathtub for half an hour. Two days later, he escaped the bedroom and figured out how to turn on the bathroom water tap all by himself.

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7. How was Mij to be transported to England?



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Answer :

Since the first airline did not allow animals, Maxwell booked a flight to Paris and then to London on another airline. The airline forced Maxwell to pack Mijbil in a small box placed on the floor near his feet.

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8. What did Mij do to the box?



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Answer :

Mijbil tried so hard to break out of the box that he tore up the inner lining, hurt himself, and started bleeding.

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9. Why did Maxwell put the otter back in the box? How do you think he felt when he did this?



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Answer :

Maxwell had to put Mijbil back because the airline refused to let him fly otherwise. Seeing the hurt otter made Maxwell feel very anxious, guilty, and sorry for him.

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10. Why does Maxwell say the airhostess was "the very queen of her kind"?



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Answer :

The airhostess was very kind, listened to Maxwell's sad story, and suggested he take the otter out of the box and hold it on his lap. Because of her great empathy and help, Maxwell deeply admired her and called her the "queen of her kind".

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11. What happened when the box was opened?



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Answer :

As soon as the box opened, Mijbil jumped out, disappeared quickly, and caused a panic among the passengers. A woman even stood up on her seat in fear. Eventually, after Maxwell failed to catch him, Mijbil calmly came back, jumped on Maxwell's knee, and nuzzled his face and neck.

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12. What game had Mij invented?



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Answer :

Mijbil invented a game using a ping-pong ball and a closed suitcase. He would place the ball at the high end of the sloping suitcase lid, run to the bottom to catch it as it rolled down, and repeat the game happily.

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13. What are 'compulsive habits'? What does Maxwell say are the compulsive habits of

(i) School children

(ii) Mij?

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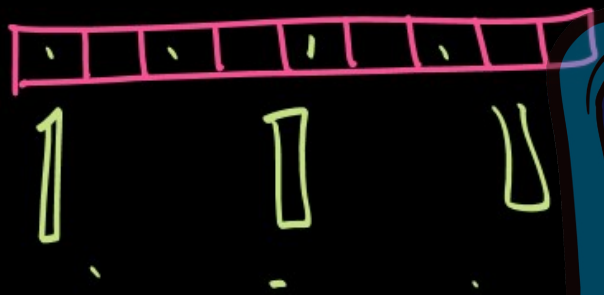

Answer :

Compulsive habits are actions people or animals repeat over and over again out of habit without any special reason.

(i) School children :

They step squarely in the center of every paving block, touch every seventh iron railing post, and walk outside every second lamppost.

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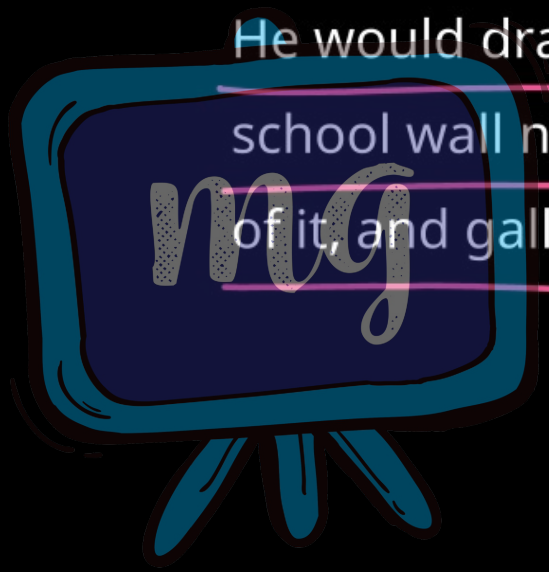
(ii) Mij :

He would drag Maxwell to a specific school wall near his house, jump on top of it, and gallop across its entire length.



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14. What group of animals do otters belong to?



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Answer :

Otters belong to a small family of carnivorous animals called **Mustellines**, which also includes badgers, mongooses, weasels, stoats, and minks.

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15. What guesses did the Londoners make about what Mij was?



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Answer :

People in London had no idea what an otter was and guessed it was a baby seal, squirrel, walrus, beaver, bear cub, leopard, or even a tiny dinosaur (brontosaur).

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16. What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love?

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Answer :

Mij showed his intelligence by inventing his own suitcase games and opening water taps. He showed his playful and loving nature by juggling items on his back and affectionately rubbing his face and neck against Maxwell.

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17. What are some of the things we come to know about otters from this text?



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Answer :

We learn that otters belong to the Mustelline family, are common in marshes, are sometimes kept as pets by locals in Iraq, love playing and splashing in water, and are very friendly, intelligent, and playful animals.

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18. Why is Mij's species now known to the world as Maxwell's otter?



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Answer :

Because Mijbil belonged to a type of otter that science had never discovered before, zoologists named it Lutrogale perspicillata maxwelli, which is commonly shortened to "Maxwell's otter".

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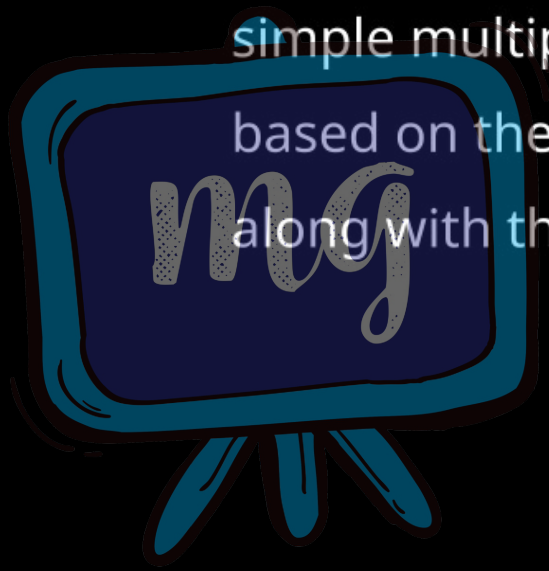
Here are five detailed-oriented yet simple multiple-choice questions (MCQs) based on the chapter "Mijbil the Otter", along with their correct answers:



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1. Where did Gavin Maxwell live in his cottage, and why did he think it would be a good place for an otter?

   A. In London, because there were many parks to walk the otter.

   B. In Camusfearna, Scotland, because the cottage was surrounded by water at a short distance.

   C. In Basra, Iraq, because otters were commonly found wandering on the streets.

   D. In Paris, France, because the local airline allowed pets to travel easily.

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2. Who gifted the otter to Gavin Maxwell?

A. A British airline pilot

B. A friend in Iraq

C. An air hostess in London

D. A group of zoologists

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3. What was the reaction of the air hostess when Maxwell's otter escaped from the box on the plane?

A. She screamed in fear and called security to remove the otter immediately.

B. She showed exceptional understanding and sympathy, suggesting that Maxwell keep the otter on his knees.

C. She fined Maxwell for breaking airline rules and locked him in the back of the plane.

D. She ignored the chaos and refused to help find the animal.

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4. What unique game did Mijbil invent while living in London?

A. Playing catch with a rubber ball inside the bathtub.

B. Chasing local schoolchildren up and down the garden walls.

C. Rolling a ping-pong ball down the slope of a closed suitcase lid and ambushing it.

D. Turning chromium taps on and off to flood the kitchen floor.

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5. What did ordinary people in the streets of London mistakenly guess Mijbil was?

A. A domesticated cat or a small puppy.

B. A baby seal, a squirrel, a beaver, a leopard, or even a brontosaur.

C. A rare type of foreign rabbit.

D. A mongoose or a badger.