

## Lesson 75

## 1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

# Do you know someone who owns an unusual pet?

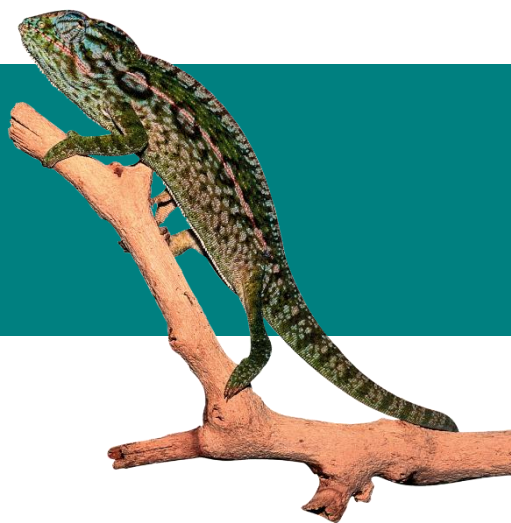
珍しいペットを飼っている人を知っていますか？

## 2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題: 以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



## Exotic Pets

A pet is an animal that lives with you like a kind of friend. A pet is an animal that you keep just because you like it. It is not a working animal, and it's not for food. The exotic part can mean three things, the pet is rare, unusual, or comes from far away. Since exotic pets can come from far away, they often need special places to live. For example, tortoises need warm places. These special pets can also need special food. Sometimes the food a pet needs costs a lot of money.

Many countries have rules regarding keeping exotic pets. It usually due to the possible danger to others should the pet escape. In Japan, you will find these animals in pet stores; meerkats, squirrels, armadillos, bats, mini pigs and even raccoons to name a few. Unfortunately, because people in Japan are often transferred from one place to the next, people end up just releasing their pet into the open. So now people are finding crocodiles and piranhas in the rivers. Both species are not native to Japan.

There needs to be better rules and regulations regarding keeping exotic pets or even to have a special location that can take on unwanted pets. It is a danger to society to have these animals running around.

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## 3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後が続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

**unusual** 普通でない、珍しい

**tortoise** リクガメ

**meerkat** ミーアキャット

**exotic** 外来の、異国の

**armadillo** アルマジロ

**regulation** 規則・規定

## 4 Questions

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What is an exotic pet?
2. What kind of exotic pets can you find in Japan?
3. What is the problem with keeping an exotic pet?
4. Do you think that people should not be allowed to keep exotic pets?