

In recent years, (?? You could also say 'recently' ??) I have been living in ease with my husband. We have no pets, so we are totally free from any nuisance or disturbance. (?? Nothing wrong with nuisance or disturbance, but somehow the two words don't feel right. Is there a better way to express the idea? ??) We can travel anytime when we have free time. We can concentrate on our own lives, cherishing (?? Cherish doesn't fit here. You cherish someone you love. You could cherish your free time and maybe your studying, but not your work. You could thrive on your work or feel challenged by your work. Is there a better way to express this idea? ??) our work, study and leisure. Although we reckon animals are charming, we've been doing our best on ourselves. (?? What do you mean here? ??)

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Last month, a guinea pig came to my house. (?? A great sentence. My image is that this guinea pig is knocking on your door just like the chicken did. ??) My mother-in-law asked if I could take care of her pet during her fifteen-day visit to Britain. I said yes - I must have said yes - because I knew how much my mother-in-law loves the pet, and I know how sad she would feel if I refused. (?? Does this change make sense? ??)

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The pet is named Pooh. One afternoon, she came all the way from a neighboring town. (?? Add another sentence here. Say more about the neighboring town. ??) (?? I deleted 'to tell the truth' because it is such an overused expression. Could you think of another way to express the same idea? ??) I was reluctant to welcome the new comer at first. However, to

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my amazement, the moment I met her, I could not help thinking how cute she was. She was covered with large auburn and dark spots on her snow-white body. Her tiny ebony eyes are like precious jewels. Something warm and pleasant was, welling up in my heart. I wished to build a close friendship with Pooh. (?? Nice description of Pooh. ??)

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In spite of my expectation, there were lots of rocks and pebbles all the way. The first day, Pooh was like a helpless wild rabbit facing, a fierce lion in the center of the boundless prairie. Her eyes were about to water when I came near her. She was shivering in spite of comfortable room temperature. Confronted with her stubbornness, I gave up communicating with her. I said to her: "I am too busy to play with you. Good night."

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The next day, I saw a slight change in her attitude. (?? You could say 'of attitude' but not

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'of her attitude.' ??) The eyes projecting (?? Appealing doesn't collocate here. ??) her fear were somewhat disappearing. She didn't shiver at all. She was likely to get back to her normal life, eating grass and drinking water. She seemed to get accustomed to me. I came to think that I could give her a piece of an apple from my hand. In this case, I remembered the old proverb: make hay while the sun shines. That was successful, though she took the bit of apple to the corner of her cage. I thanked a lot the predecessors' (?? I don't understand this. ??) wisdom while I saw her energetically devouring the fruit. However, this was still far from a friendly relationship.

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After about a week, Pooh was about to become a true member of our family. When I called her, she approached toward me with a big smile on her tiny face. I smiled back to her cordially as mothers did to their kids. And in reward, I never forgot to give her favorite fruits and vegetables. (?? How about being more specific and naming a favorite fruit and a favorite vegetable? ??) Even when my husband called her, she approached him, she hesitated a little bit, though. I believed we could mutually share affections with Pooh.

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On the tenth day of her stay, an incident occurred. When I tried to give her a piece of lettuce as usual, she didn't get closer to me. She didn't show her interest, ignoring my greeting. She was completely in her world, which I could not enter. After a half hour, I tried to communicate with her again. This time, it was an easy task. Pooh came near me soon after she acknowledged me. But, I wondered why the disparity. Analyzing her reaction so far, I realized that she came to me if she was hungry, and she did not come to me if she was full. Our friendship that I believed genuine was turned out to be a brittle friendship clamped to food. How stupid I was!

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To my astonishment, although I begun to doubt her affections to me, I can't help amusing her - I simply adore her. I was simply keen on seeing her face filled with delight.

The last day of her stay, she left my home with her owner. Pooh didn't at all express her loneliness, ignoring my devotion to her. For now, I've decided that I will go back to my comfortable life with my husband.

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(683 words)

This was lovely. You used humor and irony. You humanized the guinea pig. You romanticized your relationship with it. Then you realized that the relationship was based on hunger. You came full circle with the guinea pig and your unfettered life with your husband. Very fine overall pattern.

I made some language changes. My goals in making the changes were to 1) encourage you to use specific words rather than general words, 2) help you to avoid commonly used expressions, and 3) suggest better ways of saying something when the expression used didn't feel quite right.

If you want to edit this, please do so. However, if you do not, then it would be good to move on. Your decision.

Let me know if you have questions.

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