

My aunt Peggy lives in Ireland. She owns a cottage in the country.
She hasn't got a husband. She hasn't got any children.
She hasn't got a pet. She lives on her own.

Peggy writes me a letter every week.

Why does she write a lot of letters?

It's because she feels quite lonely.

I like her very much. She is my favourite aunt.

I think about a Christmas present.

What does she need?

She needs someone to talk to and
keep her company.

A dog perhaps? Or a cat?

I go to a pet shop.

They sell rabbits, hamsters and even snakes.

There is a parrot in a cage. It's green, yellow and red.

It says: "Good morning, my friend!"

Now a shop assistant comes.

The young man also says: "Good morning!"

Then the bird says: "Bye-bye!"

We smile. Then I say:

"What a beautiful present for my aunt."

I ask: "Has this parrot a large vocabulary?"

The shop-assistant answers: "Oh yes, it has.

It knows about a hundred words."

I ask: "What about four-letter words?"

"No problem at all. This parrot only speaks decent words."

I buy the parrot. I also buy the cage. It's rather expensive.

Then I send the parrot to Ireland.

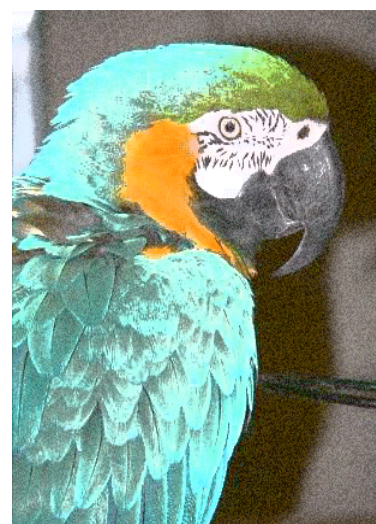
I phone Peggy some days after Christmas Day.

I ask about the parrot: "How did you like the bird?"

She replies: "I had it on Christmas Eve. It was absolutely delicious."

to own: besitzen
to live on one's own:
alleine leben
cottage: kl. Landhaus
in the country: auf dem
Land
husband: Ehemann
quite: ziemlich
lonely: einsam
present: Geschenk
keep company:
Gesellschaft leisten
perhaps: vielleicht
pet shop: Tierhandlung
even: sogar
parrot: Papagei
cage: Käfig
decent: anständig
delicious: köstlich

about:
1) about a hundred words:
ungefähr hundert Wörter
2) What about a parrot?:
Wie steht's / Wie wär's
mit einem Papageien?
four-letter word:
unanständiges Wort (*weil
die meisten davon im
englischen vier
Buchstaben haben*)



Do we eat it? Underline the things people like to eat:

cottages - bananas - horseshoes - parrots - pets - chicken - apples - rabbits - hamsters - dogs -
postcards - aunts - husbands - tomatoes - bread - eggs - sausages - hamburgers - letters - stones -
bikes - streets - islands - palm trees - swimming pools - grapes - candy - hot dogs - lions -
toothbrushes - sailing boats - lunches - supper - keys - doors - teachers - books - fish - frogs -