

Lesson Plan 3: Is It Fair?

“It’s not fair!” You’ve probably said that to your parents, a teacher or a friend. When your brother gets more pocket money than you or your sister is allowed to stay out later than you – even when you don’t get exactly what you want – those words come out! But it could be worse... you are not kept in a cage all day or thrown out on the street in the middle of winter to take care of yourself!

Look at the list below and write down whether you think each situation is fair. Give reasons for your decisions.

1. A guinea pig goes hungry because his family would rather watch TV than fill his bowl.
Fair or unfair? Why?
2. A cat is abandoned on the side of the road because she made a mess in the house.
Fair or unfair? Why?
3. A man who owns a pet shop drowns the rats and mice if they don’t sell quickly enough.
Fair or unfair? Why?
4. A chicken spends two years inside a cage so that people can eat cheap eggs.
Fair or unfair? Why?
5. A boy pulls the wings off a butterfly because he wants to show off to his friends.
Fair or unfair? Why?
6. A rabbit lives alone in a hutch because no one thinks to let her run in the garden or find her a friend.
Fair or unfair? Why?
7. A fox dies at the side of the road because the driver who hit him was travelling too fast and was in too much of a hurry to stop and help him.
Fair or unfair? Why?
8. A fish whose natural home is the wide open ocean spends her life alone in a tiny bowl of water on a windowsill.
Fair or unfair? Why?
9. Pigs and cows are killed because people like the taste of meat.
Fair or unfair? Why?

10. A woman throws stones at a dog because he is hungry and is trying to eat the scraps from her bin.
Fair or unfair? Why?