

The naughty kittens

A story has three parts: a beginning, a middle and an end.

Before you read

- What animals do people keep as pets?
- How would you look after a pet?

Read this story

THE NAUGHTY KITTENS

Beginning

Once there were two little kittens called Tilly and Tommy. Tilly was ginger with little white paws and Tommy was black and white with a black tail. They lived with their owner in a large house.

Middle

One day, their owner had to go out to do the shopping. "Now, have a nice sleep, you two," she said. "Great," thought Tilly and Tommy. Now they could really have some fun.

In the morning they played hide-and-seek behind the plant pots in the kitchen. "CRASH!" went the green plant pot, all over the floor. Next they played with a ball of wool from the sewing tin. "CRASH!" went the tin, and everything fell out over the floor.

In the afternoon they played Chase the fly around the bedroom. "CRASH!" went the china doll, all over the floor. Then they played Hunt the spider. But the spider didn't want to play and ran up and hid in a vase of flowers. "CRASH!" went the vase, and the water and flowers spilled out across the room.

End

Tommy and Tilly were now very tired. They curled up next to each other and soon fell asleep. A little while later, the front door opened. It was their owner returning from shopping.

"Oh dear! What a mess!" she cried. "I can't have locked the door when I went out. That big clumsy dog from next door must have got in again." She smiled fondly at the two little kittens who were still asleep. She had brought them a special treat to eat for tea.

Well, kittens who are always as good as gold deserve a special treat, don't they?

1. What are the two kittens called? _____

2. What sort of information is given at the beginning of the story? _____

3. Number these sentences in the correct order.

Tommy and Tilly were now very tired.

"CRASH!" went the china doll, all over the floor.

"Great," thought Tilly and Tommy.

They lived with their owner in a large house.

4. Which word tells you the sound things made when they fell on the floor?

5. Why did the owner think the dog had got in to her house? _____

6. What sort of things do you think fell out of the sewing tin? _____

7. How did the kittens feel after they had finished playing? _____

8. How do you think the owner felt when she opened the door?