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before reading

- 1 The title of the story is *Kidnapped!* **Look** at the pictures on the first two pages. What do you think *Kidnapped* means?

This word means that in the story, _____

Now **look** in the dictionary. What does *Kidnapped* mean?

- 2 *Kidnapped* normally means that a person steals someone and keeps them a prisoner. Then the kidnapper asks the person's family for money before they let the person go home. Why did the author decide to use this word for the title? **Look** at the pictures in the book to help you. **Circle** the best answer.

Because some bad people are going to kidnap Susan, and Coco will save her.

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Because Mum, Dad and Susan are going to kidnap Coco and force her to go to a cat home.

- 3 Other possible titles could be, *Trapped!* or *Punished!* **Choose** a title and **draw** your idea of the picture for the cover of the book.



- 4 What do you know about places where animals can stay while their family goes on holiday. **Tick** the best option.

	Yes	No	I don't know
These places for animals are always very clean.			
The cages where the animals sleep are very big and comfortable.			
The animals have a place where they can get some exercise.			
The animals have enough food and water every day.			
The people who work at these places love animals.			

- 5 **Finish** the telephone conversation with Betsy. You want information because your family is going away for the weekend.

Betsy: Hello! This is Betsy! Who is calling, please?

You: Hello, Betsy. My name is _____. I would like information about *Betsy's Place*.

Betsy: Oh! *Betsy's Place* is the best place for your pets. It has the cleanest cages for your pet to sleep in and large areas for the animals to get some exercise.

You: How often do the animals leave their cages?

Betsy: Oh! Twice a day they have some free time and can go where they want. Three times a day they have exercise classes.

You: What kind of food do you give cats?

Betsy: They have the best sardines from the market. For dessert, a delicious fat mouse.

You: _____

- 6 **Imagine** the *Purrfect* Cat Home. **Draw** a picture of some of the cats having fun. Get ideas from the Word bank. **Finish** the sentences.

What are the cats doing?

Some cats are _____.

Other cats are _____.

One cat is _____.

Another cat is _____.

Word bank: to jump, to run, to climb a tree, to chase butterflies, to ride a bike, to fly a kite.



- 7 Your parents say you can look after some animals at your house during the summer. **Fill in** the missing information.

(Name of your business)

Where is your business? _____

What time does it open in the morning? _____

What time does it close at night? _____

Is it possible for the animals to sleep at your house at night?
Yes, it is. // No, it isn't.

How much does it cost per hour? It costs _____ euros.

How much does it cost per day? It costs _____ euros.

Chapter 1: A cat home

- 1 In the picture on page 3, why does Coco look scared? **Circle** the correct answer.

Because she saw Frankenstein.

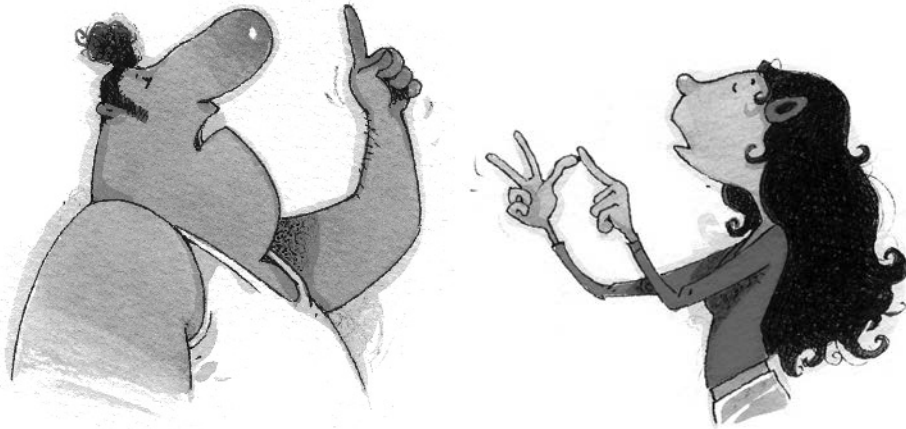
Because she is scared of Dad and Mum.

Because Dad woke her up from her nap and put her in a cage.

Because there is a fat mouse in her house.



- 2 In the pictures on page 4, Dad and Mum look very serious. **Unscramble** what they say. **Check** your answers on page 4.



Dad: last / the / time / weekend / we / went away / The / for

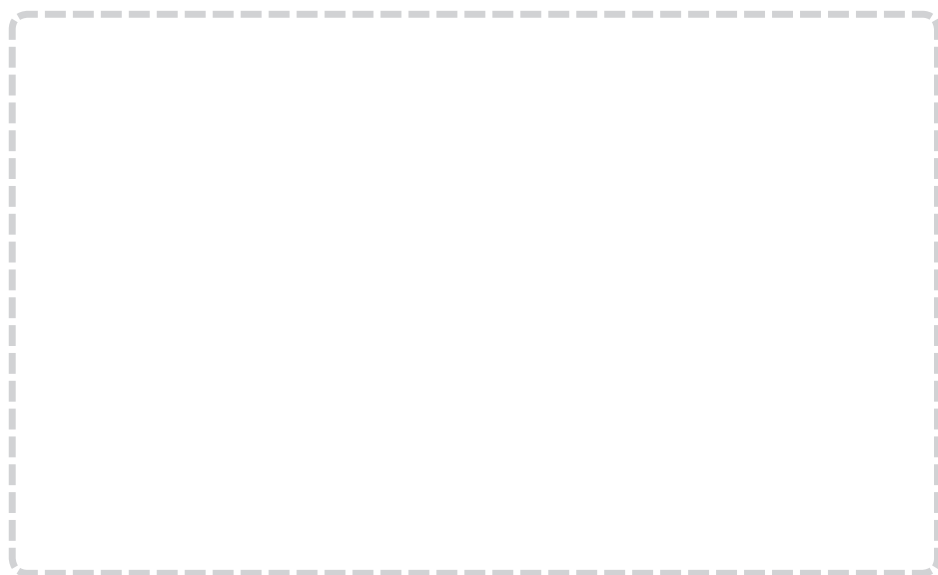
Mum: naughty / was / Coco / very

Mum: broke / vases / She / two

Mum: did / business / She / her / everywhere

- 3 On page 5, Susan has a brochure with information about the cat home.

Design a page of the brochure. **Include** the time it opens in the morning, closes at night, and different prices depending on how long your cat stays there.



- 4 On page 6, the family is together. They all agree that Coco must go to the cat home while they go away for the weekend. **Look** at their faces in the picture. **Answer** the questions.

- Where is the family taking Coco?

The family _____.

- Why is the family taking Coco to the cat home?

Because they _____.

- How does Coco feel about this decision?

Coco _____.

- What problems could Coco have in the cat home?

One problem is that a bigger cat could fight with her.

Another problem is _____.

A third problem is _____.

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On page 8, Betsy is holding Coco and opening the door of Coco's cage. **Answer** the questions about Betsy.

- Is her hair strange or normal?

It _____.

- Is her nose long or short?

It _____.

- Is her mouth big or small?

It _____.

- Are her eyes brown or blue?

They _____.

- Are her arms fat or thin?

_____.

Now use the information to write one or two sentences about what Betsy looks like.

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Listen to Chapter 1 on the CD while you read your book. Push *Pause* after every sentence. **Repeat** what you hear. Try to copy the pronunciation of the words exactly. Have fun!

Can you **repeat** these sentences and sound like Dad and Mum? They aren't happy about how Coco behaved the last time they went away for the weekend!

Dad: *The last time we went away for the weekend...*

Mum: *Coco was very naughty. She broke two vases, she did her business everywhere...*

Dad: *So, we've decided to put Coco in a cat home for the weekend.*

Mum: *You'll love it!*

Chapter 2: Cat paradise?

- 1 This chapter is called *Cat paradise*? **Look** at the picture on page 11 and **describe** it. The words below can help you.

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs	Verbs (negative)
Coco	brown and white	is	isn't
Coco's tail	relaxed	are	aren't
Coco's mouth	open	has	doesn't have
biscuits	round, brown	is throwing / is relaxing	
cushion	orange	There is / There isn't	
		There are / There aren't	

- 2 On page 12, the cats are doing one of the activities. **Read** this page and **look** at the expressions on Betsy's and the cats' faces. **Tick** True or False.

		True	False
Betsy	Yippee!! I am having so much fun playing with the cats!		
Betsy	I don't really like doing activities with the cats.		
Coco	Betsy's place is the <i>purrfect</i> place to be during my family's holiday.		
All cats	We are enjoying the train ride a lot.		

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On page 13, the cats at Betsy's place are doing one of the activities. **Read** this page and **look** at the expressions on Betsy's and the cats' faces. **Choose** the best option.

- The cats are (*happier / less happy*) _____ in the play room activity.
- Coco thinks that this activity is (*better than / worse than*) _____ the train activity.
- The blue cat with the brown stripes is (*more relaxed / less relaxed*) _____ in the play room activity.
- Betsy is (*happier / less happy / as happy*) _____ in the play room activity.
- This is a (*better / worse*) _____ example of an activity for the title of Chapter 2, *Cat paradise*?

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On page 16, all the cats are watching TV and Betsy is sitting in the middle. We can't see their faces. **Draw** the picture again but draw Betsy's and the cats' faces as well. What are the expressions on their faces?



- 5 On page 19, Betsy is taking *her babies* for a walk. Jack Sardine, Tommy the Flea and Benny the Bin see them and they laugh because it is funny to see cats with coats going for a walk. What are Coco's friends saying? **Choose** one of their comments, **write** it again and **draw** a picture of it.

Jack the Sardine: Coco looks ridiculous! She looks like Susan's little sister, NOT Susan's cat!

Tommy the Flea: How ridiculous! Coco is wearing a coat and it's the middle of June!

Benny the Bin: This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen! Coco should work in a circus!



- 6 **Listen** to Chapter 2 on the CD while you read your book. Push *Pause* after every sentence. **Repeat** what you hear. Try to copy the pronunciation of the words exactly. Have fun!

Can you **repeat** these sentences and sound like a cat in cat paradise?

DOUBLE COOL! A cat park. Whiskers! This is great!

And it gets better. A television channel just for cats! I'm in paradise!

Chapter 3: Revolution!

- 1 On page 21, Betsy says that it is time for the cats to have a bath. Coco really doesn't like this idea. **Complete:** in her opinion, baths are only for _____ and _____.

Draw a picture:

Betsy is bathing a dog.

Betsy is bathing a baby.



- 2 When Coco decides to take control, she becomes a superhero for the other cats.

Repeat the chant. **Invent** actions.

This is Coco, she's our cat.
Let's give her the superhero hat.
She protects us from things that are bad.
With Coco we're happy, we're never sad.
We don't like baths because we are clean.
In Betsy's bathroom we all scream,
1-2-3-4-5-6... NO BATHS!

- 3** When Betsy falls into the bath, it is the *purrfect* opportunity for the cats to try to escape. **Look** carefully at the picture on page 24. How do you know that it's a windy day if the picture is inside Betsy's bathroom? **Use** the word bank if you need help.

Word bank: window, open, flowers, moving, curly lines, wind.

I know it's a windy day because _____

Draw the picture again and **add** more things to show that it's a windy day.



- 4** When Betsy falls into the bath, the other cats look confused at first. This has never happened before at Betsy's place! **Number** the white cat's part of the conversation.

Brown cat	White cat
Oh no! Betsy has fallen into the bath!	<input type="checkbox"/> You are right! She will put us into our cages.
She is going to be furious! She will be so angry that she will put all of us cats into our cages... for a long time!	<input type="checkbox"/> Her body, her dress, her hair... everything is wet!
What can we do? I hate that small cage!	<input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Coco can help us to escape!

- 5** On page 29, the cats are at Coco's house having fun because the family is away for the weekend. They are in cat paradise!

Look at what the cats are doing. **Tick** *True* or *False*. **Invent** two other ideas.

	True	False
One cat is eating a fish pizza with tomato and mouse whiskers.		
Another cat is drinking coffee.		
Two cats are playing with a cushion and the feathers are flying around.		
Coco is dancing on the sofa with another cat.		
The white cat is swinging from one of the lamps.		

- 6** **Listen** to Chapter 3 on the CD while you read your book. Push *Pause* after every sentence. **Repeat** what you hear. Try to copy the pronunciation of the words exactly. Have fun!

Can you **repeat** these sentences and sound like an intelligent cat that will take control of the situation?

That's enough! It's time for Coco the Cat to take control!

That takes care of Betsy! Enjoy your bath!



after reading

- 1 **Imagine** the expressions on Dad's, Mum's and Susan's faces when they get home and see the disaster. **Draw** their faces.



- 2 Dad, Mum and Susan are furious with all of the cats. They are especially furious with Coco. **Complete** their conversation with your ideas.

Dad: Coco! What do you have to say about all of this?

Coco: Well... ah... um... The problem was Betsy!

Mum: Betsy? That nice woman with red hair _____?

Coco: Yes, that woman... Betsy. She was the problem.

Susan: Why was she the problem, Coco?

Coco: Because she was acting like she was our mother and we were _____!

Dad: Her babies? That is ridiculous!

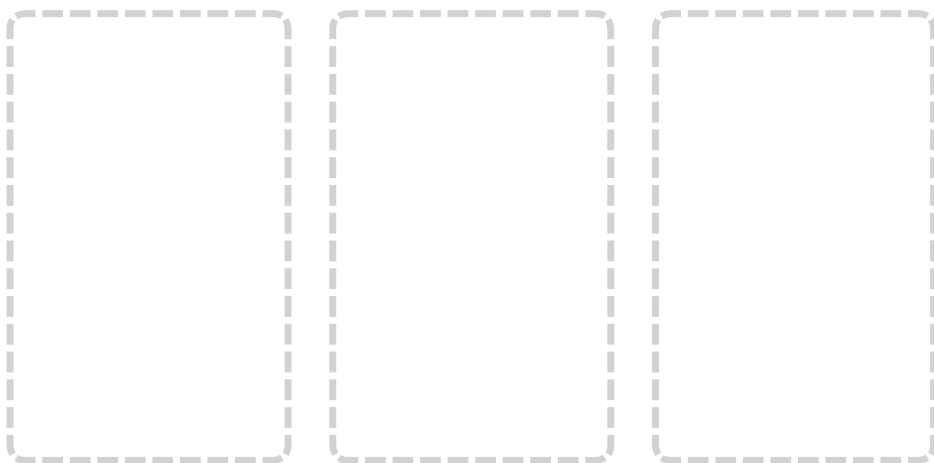
Coco: When she tried to put us in the bath, we _____.

Mum: And then you came here with all those cats and destroyed our house... AGAIN!

Coco: I'm sorry that the house is destroyed. I have an idea. The three of you can go and have an ice cream and the other cats and I _____.

Dad: You have _____ minutes to clean up this house! Let's go to the ice cream shop.

- 3 Suppose in the afternoon, Dad, Mum, Susan and Coco go to Betsy's place. Coco must say she is sorry to Betsy. **Draw** a cartoon to show what happens.



- 4 Coco decides to write a letter to his new cat friends to invite them to a picnic next Saturday. **Complete** the letter.

Dear cat friends,

Next Saturday, April _____, my best friends Jack _____, Tommy the _____ and Benny the _____ are having a picnic near the river. We plan to catch some fish to eat, play _____ and _____. We are going to have fun! Would you like to come? Please call me to say if you are coming or not. I am going to buy a lot of mouse cake for dessert so I need to know how many cats will be at the party.

A big cat hug to you all,

Coco

- 5 Many people abandon their pets when they go away on holiday.
Design a poster to remind people to take care of their pets properly.



- 6 You are on a TV programme. You are going to talk about taking care of your pets when you are on holiday. **Complete** the conversation.

TV Reporter: Good morning! My name is _____ and I am reporting for the TV station _____. Today we are talking about how to take care of our pets when we go on holiday. And we have a guest with us. What is your name please?

You: My name is _____.

TV Reporter: What do you want to tell our television audience?

You: I just want to say that it's very important to ask someone to take care of pets when we go away on holiday... in the summer or at Christmas or for the weekend. We must act responsibly.

TV Reporter: Responsibly? What do you mean?

You: Our pets need food, water and exercise. If we can't take our _____ with us, we should take them to a special place for animals or ask _____ to take care of them. We should never just abandon them.

TV Reporter: Can you recommend a good place to take pets?

You: Oh yes! I recommend Betsy's place. Betsy loves _____ and takes good care of them.