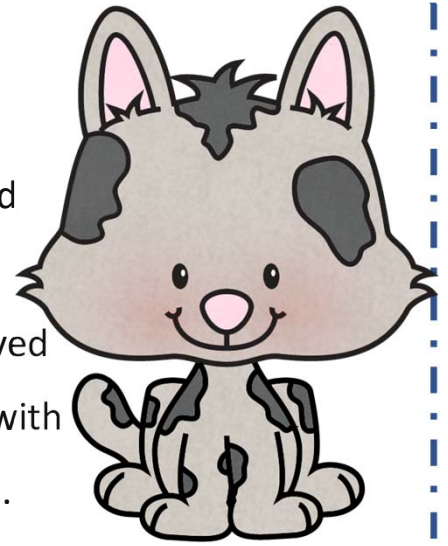


Whiskers



Once upon a time, in a cozy little house by the park, there lived a mischievous kitten named Whiskers. Whiskers was fluffy, grey and black with big green eyes and a tiny pink nose. He loved to play all day long. Every morning, Whiskers would wake up with the sun. He would stretch his little legs and let out a tiny yawn.

Then, off he went on his daily adventures. He would chase the butterflies in the garden and try to catch the little bugs that crawled on the patio. One day, Whiskers found a ball of yarn on the living room floor. His eyes lit up with excitement. He batted the yarn with his paw, and it rolled across the room. Whiskers chased after it, jumping and tumbling around. The yarn unraveled as he played, leaving a trail behind him. As he played, the yarn got tangled around everything. It looped around the table legs, the couch, and even the lamp. Whiskers didn't notice the mess he was making. He was having too much fun! When Anne came into the room, she couldn't believe her eyes. The yarn was everywhere! But when she saw Whiskers, with a piece of yarn on his head, looking up at her with those big green eyes, she couldn't help but laugh. "Whiskers, you're such a silly kitten," she said, picking him up. She gave him a gentle hug, and Whiskers purred happily. Whiskers was happy, his owner Anne wasn't upset with him. From that day on, Whiskers had a new toy to play with—a soft ball that couldn't unravel. And while he still got up to his little kitten tricks, he always remembered to be careful not to make too much of a mess. Whiskers learned that playing is fun, but it's also important to be mindful of the space around us.

1. Read the passage about "Whiskers".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. What color is Whiskers?

- a. grey and white
- b. grey and black
- c. grey

2. What did Whiskers do in the garden?

- a. chase the flies
- b. chase the butterflies
- c. chase the bugs

3. What did Whiskers find on the living room floor?

- a. a ball of string
- b. a ball of yarn
- c. a green ball

4. What was Whisker's owner's name?

- a. Alice
- b. Anne
- c. Andrew

5. What was Whiskers new toy?

- a. a soft ball
- b. a bouncy ball
- c. a furry ball

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think Whiskers liked the ball of yarn so much?
 2. Why do you think Anne didn't get upset when she saw the yarn mess?
 3. Re-write this story using first, then, next, finally.
 4. Describe in as many details as you can what Whiskers looks like.
- How would the story have changed if Whiskers was an older cat?
 - Why is it important for kittens to have safe toys to play with?
 - Describe a time when you were on a picnic.
 - What other mischief can kittens get in to?
 - Would you like a kitten like Whiskers? Why or why not?
 - Could this story be read? Why or why not?