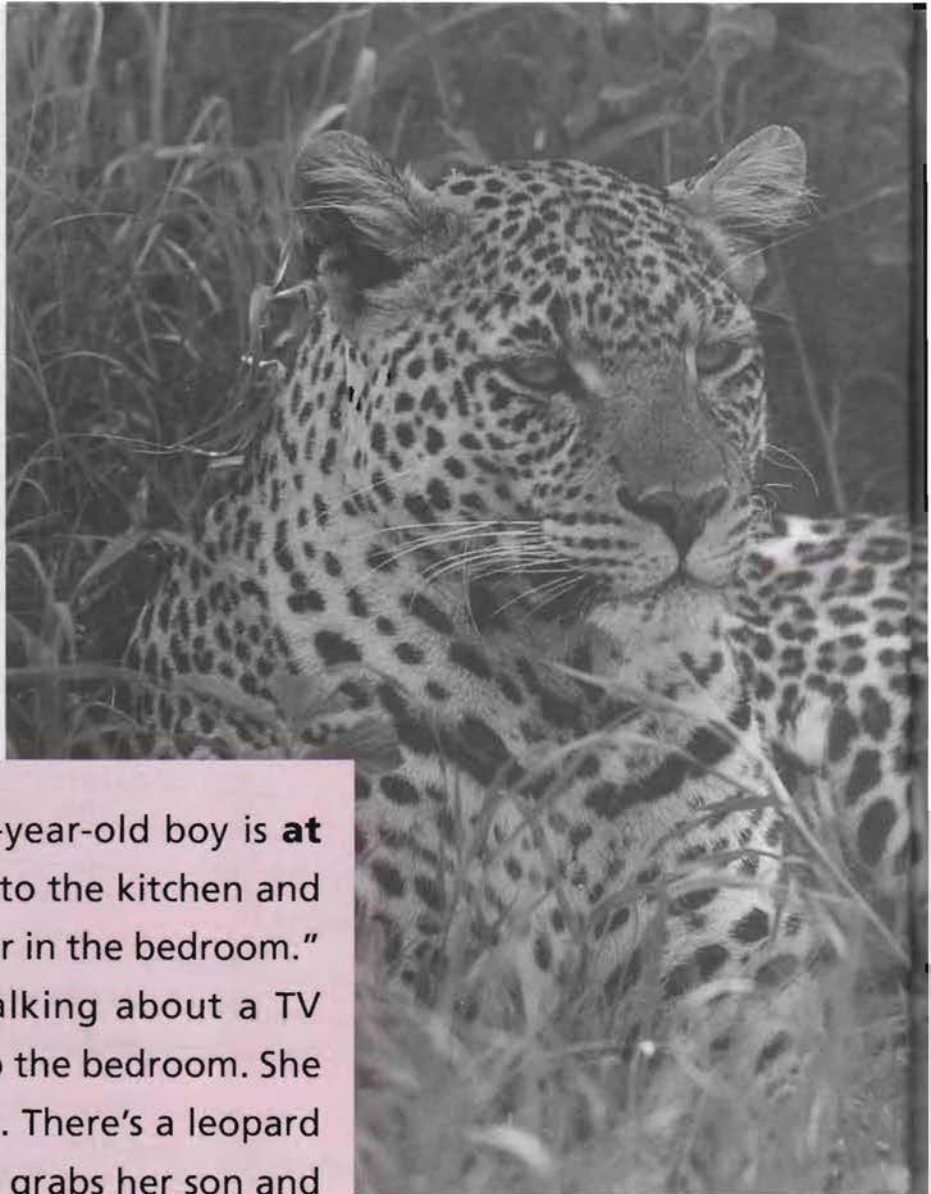


# Leopard Makes Himself at Home



## 1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 11.  
What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

**CHANDIGARH, INDIA** <sup>1</sup>A four-year-old boy is **at home** watching TV. <sup>2</sup>He goes to the kitchen and tells his mother, "There's a tiger in the bedroom." She laughs, thinking he is talking about a TV program. <sup>3</sup>Later, she looks into the bedroom. She **is horrified by** what she sees. There's a leopard watching TV on the bed! <sup>4</sup>She grabs her son and **runs away**. <sup>5</sup>The leopard soon **turns over** and **falls asleep**. <sup>6</sup>When forest department officials arrive, the leopard **is** still **taking a nap**. They take him to a zoo.

## *New idioms and expressions*

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| <b>make oneself at home</b> .....      | make yourself comfortable in someone else's home |
| <b>at home</b> .....                   | in your house or apartment                       |
| <b>be horrified by something</b> ..... | feel shock and horror at something               |
| <b>run away*</b> .....                 | leave quickly; escape                            |
| <b>turn over*</b> .....                | turn to the other side                           |
| <b>fall asleep</b> .....               | begin to sleep                                   |
| <b>take a nap</b> .....                | sleep for a short time during the day            |

\*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)



## 2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



## 3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

## 4. Complete the Idiom

Cover page 10. Look at each definition below and then complete the idiom.

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| a. leave quickly; escape                 | = run _____    |
| b. begin to sleep                        | = fall _____   |
| c. turn to the other side                | = turn _____   |
| d. sleep for a short time during the day | = take a _____ |
| e. in your house                         | = at _____     |

## 5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

## 6. Answer the Questions

### About the story .....

- Where is the little boy watching TV?
- What does he tell his mother? Does she believe him?
- Later, what is she horrified by?
- What does she do?
- What does the leopard do after watching TV?
- What is he doing when officials arrive?
- In your opinion, how did the leopard get in the house?

### About you .....

- Who make themselves at home at your house?
- What do you like to do at home?
- Do you like to take a nap?
- When do you usually fall asleep at night?
- Do you ever have trouble falling asleep?

## 7. Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- Sometimes I dream about running away to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm horrified by \_\_\_\_\_.
- At home I always \_\_\_\_\_.

## 8. Take a Dictation

A boy is \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV. He goes to the kitchen and tells his mother, "There's a tiger in the bedroom." She laughs. Later, she looks into his bedroom. She \_\_\_\_\_ what she sees. There's a leopard watching TV on the bed! She \_\_\_\_\_ with her son. The leopard \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. When forest department officials arrive, the leopard is still \_\_\_\_\_. They take him to a zoo.



## 9. Complete the Story

a. Read the true story. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- is horrified by
- runs away
- taking a nap
- turns over
- has fallen asleep

### Thief Makes Himself at Home



PITTSBURGH, PA,  
USA A woman  
leaves her house  
one Saturday

evening for a few hours. When she goes back home, she finds her front door open. Then she sees a broken window. In the house, her jewelry boxes are on the floor. She (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the boxes and sees they are empty.

She (2) \_\_\_\_\_ what she sees next. There's a man on the floor. The thief (3) \_\_\_\_\_! The woman quietly goes to another room and calls the police. "Please hurry," she says, "before he **wakes up**\* and (4) \_\_\_\_\_."

The police arrive **right away**\*\* The thief is still (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The police arrest the man, Walter Morgano, age 35.

\* wake up: stop sleeping (the opposite of *fall asleep*)

\*\* right away: immediately

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.