

Animal Shelter News

What is Carly excited about?

1 Carly's fork dropped against her plate. She felt her face turn red. Her dad had invited a friend from work for dinner. Mr. Mendez was right next to Carly. She felt a little nervous.

2 "Mrs. Blake," said Mr. Mendez, "thank you for such a fine meal. I do wish my wife had been able to come."

3 "You're welcome, and so do we," Mrs. Blake smiled. "Did you say there was a problem at work?"

4 "Yes," said Mr. Mendez, nodding his head. "She has been working extra hours. The animal shelter is so busy in spring."

5 "Why is it so busy?" Carly asked.

6 Mr. Mendez looked down at Carly. "This is the time of year when many kittens are born."

7 "Kittens!" said Carly so loudly that her face turned red again. "Did you hear that, Mom?"



1. Why does Carly's face turn red the first time?

2. Why couldn't Mrs. Mendez come to dinner?

3. Based on your reading of the story, where do you think Mrs. Mendez works?

4. Why does Carly's face turn red the second time?

Circle the best answer.

5. What do you think will happen next?

Mrs. Mendez will arrive.

Carly will ask for a kitten.

Carly's cat will enter the room.

6. Write **T** for *true* or **F** for *false* next to each sentence below.

_____ Carly's dad works with Mr. Mendez.

_____ Carly's family has three cats.

_____ When Carly is embarrassed, her face turns red.

_____ The animal shelter is busy in the spring.

7. Why is the animal shelter extra busy in spring?
