

# The Case for a Cat

What does Carly's family talk about after dinner?

1 "Did you hear what Mr. Mendez said about the animal shelter?" Carly asked. "They have *too many kittens!*"

2 Mom was washing dishes. She didn't turn around. "Yes, it's sad that so many animals don't have homes."

3 "We could give one a home!" said Carly. Now, Mom turned around, shaking her head.

4 "Dad and I would like you to have a pet," explained Mom, "but our apartment is so small."

5 "The Hamlins live just two apartments down. They have a cat," objected Carly.

6 Mom frowned. She looked at Dad. "Dad and I will have to talk about it," she said slowly. "We need to think hard about whether we are ready for a cat or not."

7 "Okay," said Carly. Then, she grinned. "If you need any help, let me know. I'll help you think."



1. This story is mostly about

\_\_\_\_\_ cats and dogs as pets.

\_\_\_\_\_ a girl who wants a kitten.

\_\_\_\_\_ doing chores at home.

2. Carly thinks getting a cat is a good idea. What reasons does she give?

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3. What reason does Mom give for not getting a pet?

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4. What would you do if you were Carly?

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5. Look at the last line of the first paragraph. The words *too many kittens* are in italics. Why do you think the author used italics here?

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6. In paragraph 5, Carly *objects* to what her mom says. What does it mean to object?

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7. At the end of the story, why does Carly offer to help her parents think about getting a cat?

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