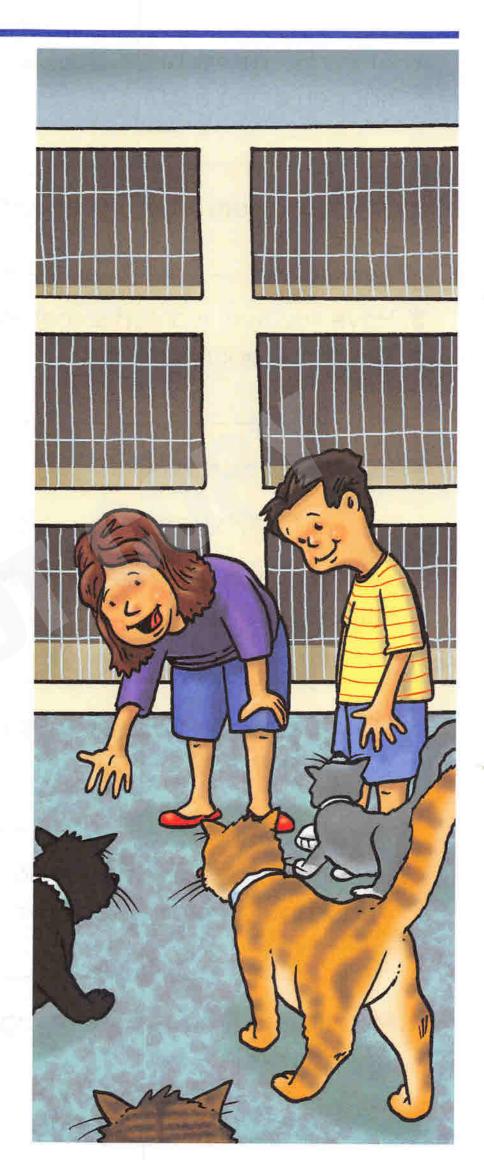
## **Choose a Cat**

Which cat will Carly and Mitch choose?

- "It's our first pet, so we would like to start with a grown up cat," explained Mom.
- <sup>2</sup> Mrs. Mendez smiled. "I think that's a smart idea for a first pet. It's a little easier. Feel free to look around. Just wave if you have questions," said Mrs. Mendez as she turned away.
- <sup>3</sup> Carly and Mitch were already looking around. An orange tiger cat looked at Mitch, but then it walked away. Carly saw a big black cat. She held out her hand. The cat hissed and batted at her hand.
- "You are not very friendly!" cried Carly, pulling her hand back. Just then, a gray cat with white paws rubbed against Carly's ankles, then against Mitch's.
- Mitch smiled at Carly. "This one has picked us, Carly."



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1.	This story is mostly about
	choosing a cat.
	Mr. Mendez's work.
	kittens who need homes.
2.	Why didn't Carly choose the big black cat?
3.	How did Mitch and Carly choose the gray cat?
Ц.	What does it mean when a cat hisses at you?
5.	Mrs. Mendez comes up in an earlier story. How does Carly's family know her?
6.	Why does Mrs. Mendez think a grown up cat is a good choice for a first pet?
7.	What is the setting for this story?
8.	Do you think the Blake family will be good pet owners? Why or why not?