



Our Quiet Roommates

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① About 9,500 years ago, on the island of Cyprus, a person was buried with a cat. It is one of the oldest signs that people and cats lived together. Cats probably caught mice near farms, and people were happy to have them around. Later, people in ancient Egypt loved and honored cats. Today, there are about 600 million house cats in the world.



② International Cat Day is on August 8. An animal group called IFAW started it in 2002. In 2020, a British group called International Cat Care took over the day. The goal is not only to share cute photos. It is also a day to learn how to help and protect cats.

③ Cats are full of surprises. They cannot taste sweet food, so cake means nothing to them. They usually sleep 12 to 16 hours a day. When they are happy, their purr shakes about 25 to 33 times every second. But their ears are always working. Cats can hear very high sounds that people and dogs cannot hear.

④ In Japan, people have another cat day on February 22. In Japanese, two is ni, so 2-2-2 sounds like nyan, nyan, nyan. In 2017, Japan had more pet cats than pet dogs for the first time. So on August 8, take a photo of a cat, or learn one new fact about cats. Your cat may not say thank you, but it might purr.

Words 単語**bury** 埋める、埋葬する**mouse** ネズミ**pet** ペット**protect** 守る**take over** 引き継ぐ**taste** 味がわかる、味わう**purr** (ネコが) のどをゴロゴロ鳴らす**vet** 獣医、動物病院



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the reading?

- (A) Cats are dangerous animals.
- (B) International Cat Day is a day to learn about and care for cats.
- (C) Cats came from Japan.
- (D) Only Japan has a cat day.

2. Who started International Cat Day?

- (A) International Cat Care
- (B) The Japanese government
- (C) IFAW
- (D) A cat magazine in Italy

3. Why does cake mean nothing to cats?

- (A) Because they are always sleeping
- (B) Because they cannot taste sweet food
- (C) Because they only eat mice
- (D) Because cake is too big

4. In paragraph 2, "took over" is closest in meaning to:

- (A) started to take care of
- (B) stopped
- (C) forgot
- (D) sold

5. In the dialogue, what did Mei do for Mochi on Cat Day?

- (A) She gave her a cake.
- (B) She took her to London.
- (C) She bought her a new box.
- (D) She took her for a check-up.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| International Cat Day is on August 8. | T / F |
| Cats love the sweet taste of cake. | T / F |
| People and cats have lived together for thousands of years. | T / F |
| Japan's Cat Day is also on August 8. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



●

● mouse



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● box



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● sleep



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● paw



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● cat



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● fish

② Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

kitchen

bark

cat

sleeping

rabbit

eye

bed

sound

purr

Where Is Tama?

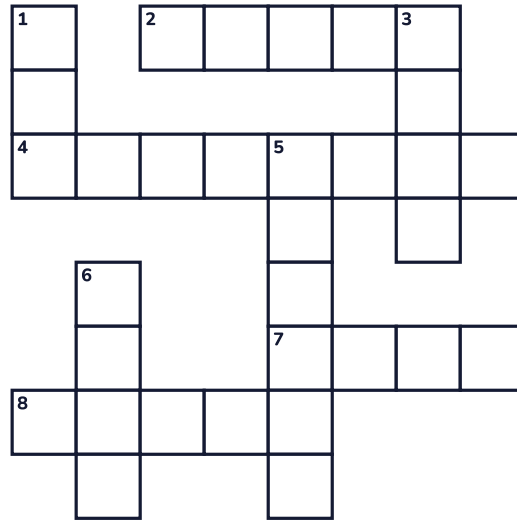
Ken cannot find his (1) _____, Tama. He looks under the (2) _____. She is not there.
He looks in the (3) _____. She is not there. Then he hears a soft (4) _____ from a box.
Tama is (5) _____ in the box! Ken smiles. "Happy Cat Day, Tama," he says. Tama opens one
(6) _____ and starts to (7) _____.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 2 Cats do this 12 to 16 hours a day. (5)
- 4 Long hairs near a cat's nose. (8)
- 7 The long part at the back of a cat. (4)
- 8 A small animal. Cats like to chase it. (5)

Down ↓

- 1 A cat's foot. (3)
- 3 The soft sound a happy cat makes. (4)
- 5 A baby cat. (6)
- 6 The sound a cat makes when it wants food. (4)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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A	O	H	B	T	C	B	O	E	T	H	Y	U
P	U	K	U	W	H	X	M	T	E	W	A	L
T	S	I	C	A	O	A	I	R	Y	Y	E	Y
F	E	H	M	B	W	K	S	T	R	G	P	E
C	F	T	T	A	B	R	L	J	H	C	U	G
O	H	S	P	A	E	Y	H	B	T	V	R	U
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W	U	J	D	D	J	G	C	P	F	G	A	Y

Find these words! 10

- ☐ BOX
- ☐ KITTEN
- ☐ MEOW
- ☐ MOUSE
- ☐ PAW
- ☐ PURR
- ☐ SLEEP
- ☐ TAIL
- ☐ VET
- ☐ WHISKERS

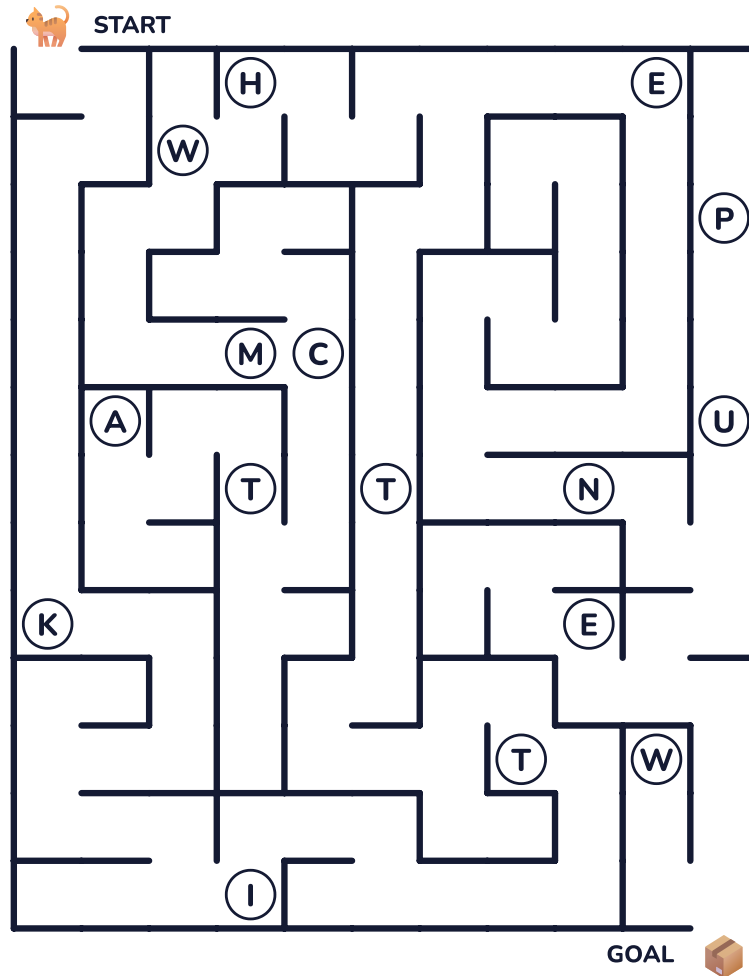


Maze & Sentences

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Help the cat find its cozy box!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _____



Class Activity & Writing

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Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I had a cat, I would name it _____ because _____.

One surprising fact about cats is _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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cat



mouse



paw



box



fish

Draw your International Cat Day! 国際ネコの日絵を描こう。