

Harold's Worst Nightmare

Harold was the luckiest cat in the world. His life was perfect.

Harold loved play time.



Harold loved nap time.



Harold loved dinner time.

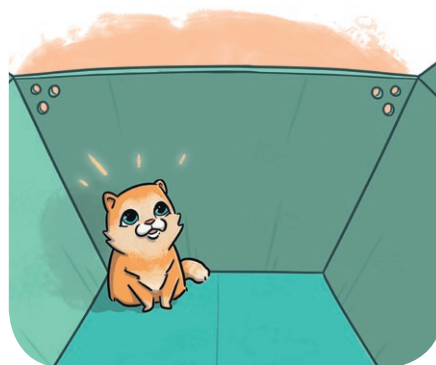


Harold loved snuggle time.



One day, the humans brought home a box. Harold loved boxes. But as Harold got closer, something strange happened. The box made a noise.

The humans opened the box and inside was the most awful thing Harold had ever seen. Another cat. A tiny kitten. Harold's worst nightmare!



Muffin ruined play time.



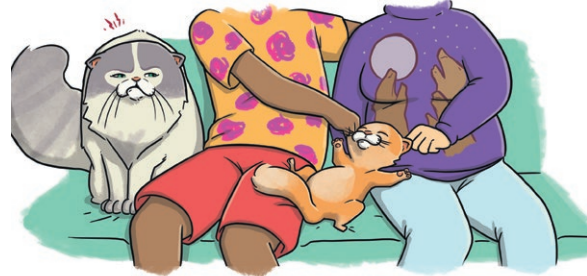
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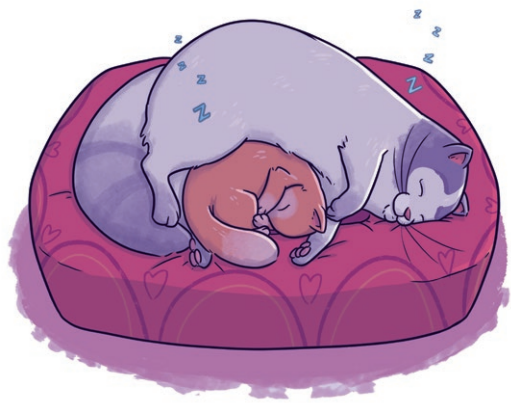
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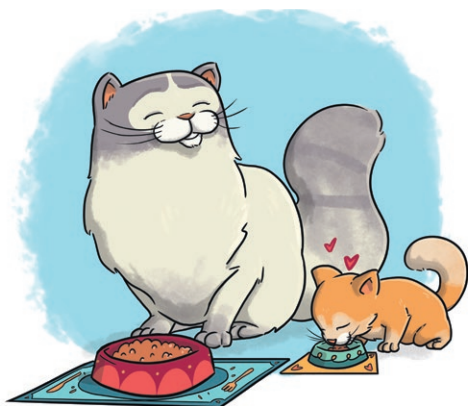


When night came, the humans put Muffin to bed. Finally, Harold could be by himself. He found a spot that Muffin couldn't reach. But Harold couldn't sleep. He could hear a very sad, very small noise.

Harold looked down at Muffin. She looked so tiny and lonely. Suddenly, Harold remembered being that little and feeling scared. He crept down from his hiding place.

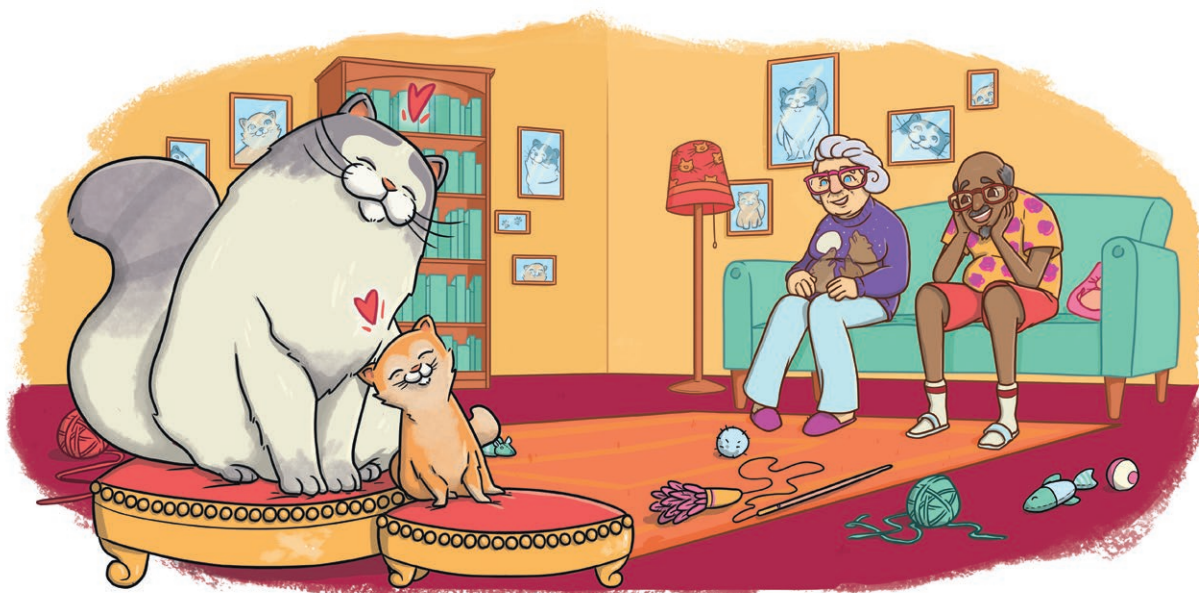
Harold snuggled up next to Muffin. Soon, they both fell asleep.





The next day, Harold taught Muffin how to play nicely, how to nap properly and how to eat politely. In the afternoon, Harold and Muffin both found the perfect spot for snuggle time.

Maybe having Muffin around wouldn't be so bad after all.



Questions

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- ☐ a dog
- ☐ a cat
- ☐ a hamster

2. What does Harold love? **Tick one.**

- ☐ nap time
- ☐ story time
- ☐ walking time

3. What is inside the box? **Tick one.**

- ☐ a sock
- ☐ a banana
- ☐ a kitten

4. Why can't Harold sleep? **Tick one.**

- ☐ Because Muffin is crying.
- ☐ Because Muffin is snoring.
- ☐ Because Harold is cold.

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☐ Muffin
☐ Harold

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silly small loud

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perfect

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Harold is feeling scared/shocked. It is Harold's worst nightmare.

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silly

small

loud

Questions

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- ☐ the silliest cat in the world
- ☐ the luckiest cat in the world
- ☐ the naughtiest cat in the world

2. Why do you think Harold's life is described as 'perfect'?

3. Find and copy a **verb** that means the same as 'liked very much'.

4. Draw **three** lines to match each word to its meaning.

ruined •

• a feeling of sadness because you are on your own

politely •

• damaged or harmed

lonely •

• do something in a respectful way

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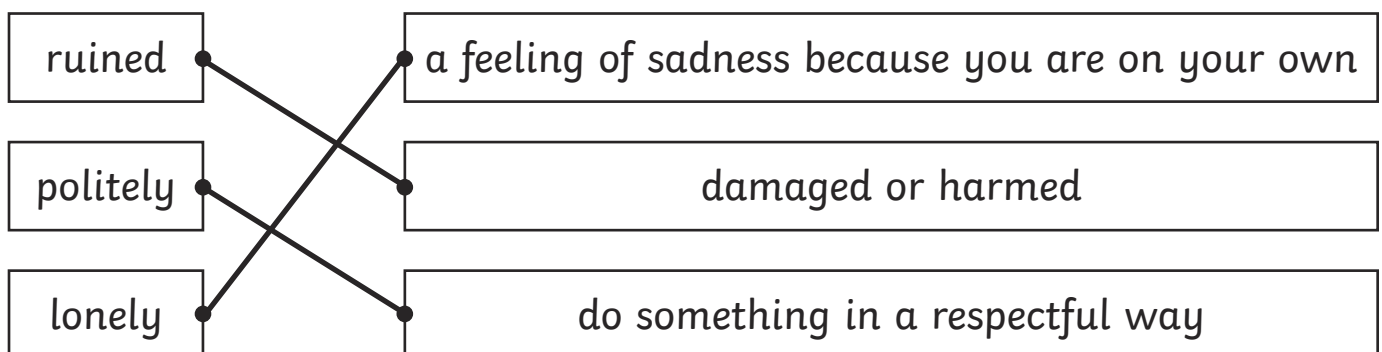
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Children's own answers related to Harold having everything the way he likes it/doing what he likes.

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loved

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Yes. Harold decides that having Muffin won't be so bad after all.

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Children's own answers related to Harold welcoming Muffin, being more friendly and offering to help her.