

The Talking Cat

Freddy stared at Fluffy. The ginger cat stared back at Freddy. Freddy rubbed his forehead. Something very strange was going on. Maybe he was coming down with a cold. But he could have sworn that Fluffy said something.

'Puss, puss, puss,' he began carefully.

Fluffy flicked his ears grumpily.

'I've got a name. I do wish you'd stop calling me 'puss'.'

Freddy gasped. Fluffy **HAD** spoken. 'You can speak,' he said.

'Yes I can speak.' said Fluffy. 'And there are a few changes I want to ask for. The first is food. The tinned stuff you give me is disgusting. I need fresh fish. The second is my name. I hate it. In

future I want you to call me Prince. The other cats will respect me more if I'm called Prince. The third thing is where I sleep. I don't like the kitchen at night; it's cold. From now on I want to sleep at the end of your bed. And I'll need my own special blanket, thank you.'

Freddy nodded.

It looked like there was a new boss in the house!





Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. What colour is Fluffy?
2. What can Fluffy do which is special?
3. How many things does Fluffy want to change?
4. Where does Fluffy want to sleep?
5. Where does Fluffy normally sleep?
6. Why does he dislike sleeping in this place?
7. Why does Fluffy want to change his name?
8. What does it mean if 'there is a new boss' in the house?

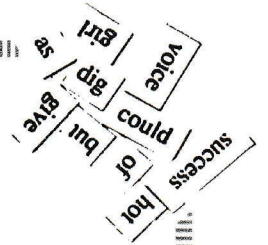
Word work

Give the meaning of the following words:

strange

disgusting

fresh



Extension work

1. What do you think Freddy will do next?
2. Do you think that Fluffy's requests are reasonable?
3. Suppose Fluffy makes three other requests. What are they?
4. If you changed your name what would you call yourself and why?
5. If you had a pet and it suddenly started speaking, how would you feel?
6. Write a story about Fluffy's adventures.
7. Imagine you have a conversation with a pet. It could be a real pet or a pretend one. Write this down in the format of a play.



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