

The Cat

• Central idea:

The short story is a humorous account of the real life of cats by Andrew Barton Paterson. It not only deals with the activities of cats but throws light on their true character.

Word Chart

Word	Meaning
Ease	Comfort
Acrobat	A gymnast
Loafs about	Roam about leisurely
Gingerly	Carefully
Reproach	Blame

• Important Questions and Answers:

1. How does the cat avoid boredom?

Ans: The cat watches a mouse hole for an hour or two for some excitement and thus avoids boredom.

2. What does the cat do to get his share?

Ans: In order to draw attention, the cat purrs noisily and rubs himself against the legs of the family members to get his share of food.

3. What does the cat do when the guest does not give him food?

Ans: The cat puts up his claws and rakes the guest in the leg quietly but firmly.

4. Why does the cat look keenly from side to side?

Ans: The cat looks keenly from side to side because he has many enemies like dogs and small boys with stones. To be safe he keeps a strict watch.

5. Why doesn't the cat like to leave his country?

Ans: The cat knows every landmark where he lives. All his friends live in that place. Moreover he has to learn a new geography, if he is removed from his country. So he is reluctant to leave his land.

Home work

• **Complete the following questions:** (to be done in your classwork copy)

1. The cat is specially courteous to the guest as _____
2. Though the guest affects to be very much amused, he has _____
3. Cats go for sport to the suburban backyard as _____
4. Cats enjoy more gallant adventures than _____
5. When the family moves, the cat _____

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