



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the book “It’s Raining Cats and Cats!” written by Jeanne Prevost and illustrated by Amelia Hansen. Then answer the questions.

1. a. When people use the “figure of speech”, “It’s raining cats and dogs!” it does not mean that dogs and cats are falling from the sky, what does it mean?
b. Can you imagine how this expression may have come into use?
2. At the beginning of the book, what is the weather like? What operation did Molly just have? Why is Molly not in pain?
3. What did Jim say that prompted his mom to say, “Let’s imagine what would happen if Molly had not had this operation...” (spay operation performed only by a licensed veterinarian)
4. How many litters can a female cat have in one year, if the cat is not spayed?
5. In his imagination, what did Jim do to try to find homes for the cats?
6. a. What were some of the reasons given for not being able to give a cat a home?
b. Could you have given one of the cats a home? Why or why not?
7. How many cats were adopted?
8. Draw how Jim imagines his house would look like if none of the cats had been spayed or neutered?
9. Does spaying/neutering hurt the cat? From the story, how do you know that?
10. How does spaying and neutering help cats and our community?
11. Explain how the title of the book, “It’s raining cats and cats,” is an appropriate title for this book.