

Comprehension Questions

1. Which word is closest in meaning to *sophisticated* as it is used in the first paragraph?

- A. Silly
- B. Elegant and cultured
- C. Sleepy
- D. Timid

2. What can the reader infer about Raymond's personality?

- A. He secretly enjoys fun even though he likes to appear sensible.
- B. He dislikes spending time with Dottie.
- C. He is frightened of everything.
- D. He wishes he could go outside.

3. Why is the line "I wouldn't go that far" humorous?

- A. Raymond is too tired to walk.
- B. Raymond does not understand what Dottie means.
- C. Raymond thinks they are in charge, but not responsible enough to be adults.
- D. Raymond wants to leave the house.

4. Which phrase best describes how the events in the kitchen develop?

- A. Calmly and predictably
- B. Gradually becoming more chaotic through a series of small accidents
- C. Because the owners tell the cats what to do
- D. Through careful planning by Raymond

5. What does the word *instinctively* suggest about Raymond when he pounces on the balloon?

- A. He carefully planned it.
- B. He copied Dottie.
- C. He reacted naturally without thinking.
- D. He wanted to impress the owners.

6. Which sentence best summarises the story?

- A. Two cats spend the day sleeping until their owners return.
- B. Raymond teaches Dottie how to behave sensibly.
- C. Two adventurous cats accidentally create hilarious chaos while home alone before trying unsuccessfully to appear innocent.
- D. The owners become angry because the cats escape outdoors.

7. Why does Raymond think the robot vacuum is chasing him?

- A. It is programmed to follow cats.
- B. His imagination causes him to misinterpret what the vacuum is doing.
- C. Dottie secretly controls it.
- D. The owners have trained it to catch him.

8. Which word best describes Dottie throughout the story?

- A. Cautious
- B. Organised
- C. Curious
- D. Arrogant

9. What effect does the final sentence have on the reader?

- A. It creates sadness because the cats are lonely.
- B. It suggests the owners will never return.
- C. It provides a humorous ending by referring back to the cats pretending to be responsible adults.
- D. It explains why the house became untidy.

10. Which theme is explored most strongly throughout the story?

- A. The importance of winning competitions
- B. The dangers of living alone
- C. The value of expensive possessions
- D. Mischief, imagination and the contrast between responsibility and fun