



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: ABYSSINIANS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you like to have a pet Abyssinian? Why or why not?
3. How often should owners brush their Abyssinians' fur?
  - A. daily
  - B. weekly
  - C. monthly
4. What is the Abyssinian breed named after?
  - A. the people who first brought the cats to North America
  - B. the place some people said the cats were from
  - C. the color of the cats' fur



5. What does **pounces** mean in the *Abyssinians* book?

*The cat **pounces** at the toy. She leaps high into the air and grabs it.*

- A. yells
- B. sits
- C. jumps

6. What does **energetic** mean in the *Abyssinians* book?

*Abyssinians are **energetic**. They need at least 30 minutes of exercise each day.*

- A. active
- B. lazy
- C. hungry



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: ABYSSINIANS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. A





5. What does **prey** mean in the *American Shorthairs* book?

*Many American shorthairs still try to chase **prey**. They may catch birds or bugs.*

- A. animals that eat other animals
- B. animals that swim in water
- C. animals that get eaten by other animals

6. What does **independent** mean in the *American Shorthairs* book?

*American shorthairs are **independent**. They can be left alone for several hours.*

- A. able to be on their own
- B. needing to be watched all the time
- C. not friendly or calm



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: AMERICAN SHORTHAIRES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: BENGALS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Would you like to own a Bengal cat? Why or why not?
3. How often do Bengals need to exercise?
  - A. never
  - B. each day
  - C. each week
4. What is true of a second-generation Bengal?
  - A. Both of its parents are leopard cats.
  - B. One of its parents is a leopard cat.
  - C. Both of its parents are domestic cats.



5. What does **pounce** mean in the *Bengals* book?

*The Bengal crouches low. She's ready to **pounce** at the squirrel. But the owner gently pulls her back.*

- A. rest
- B. throw
- C. jump

6. What does **damage** mean in the *Bengals* book?

*Bengals often act out when bored. Sometimes, the cats scratch and **damage** things. They may ruin furniture.*

- A. softly touch
- B. cause harm
- C. move around





## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: BENGALS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: BRITISH SHORTHAIRES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you like to own a British shorthair? Why or why not?
3. When was the world's first cat show?
  - A. 1871
  - B. 1945
  - C. 2011
4. Why would British shorthairs make good cats for busy people?
  - A. The cats can live totally outdoors.
  - B. The cats need to be with people at all times.
  - C. The cats can be alone for a few hours.



5. What does **timid** mean in the *British Shorthairs* book?

*British shorthairs may be **timid** around new people. The cats can take time to get comfortable.*

- A. fearful and shy
- B. friendly right away
- C. not able to learn

6. What does **adaptable** mean in the *British Shorthairs* book?

*British shorthairs are **adaptable** cats. They like being with people. But they can stay by themselves for several hours.*

- A. not comfortable around people
- B. comfortable in only one setting
- C. okay in several different settings



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: BRITISH SHORTHAIRES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. C





5. What does **athletic** mean in the *Devon Rexes* book?

*Devon rexes are **athletic** cats. They like to run, climb, and explore.*

- A. calm and still
- B. slow and weak
- C. active and strong

6. What does **misbehave** mean in the *Devon Rexes* book?

*Devon rexes sometimes **misbehave** when bored. They may scratch or damage things.*

- A. act badly
- B. act calmly
- C. act friendly



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: DEVON REXES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: EXOTIC SHORTHAIRS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Would you like to own an exotic shorthair? Why or why not?
3. How often do exotic shorthairs need exercise?
  - A. every day
  - B. twice a week
  - C. once a month
4. Why might people in apartments want cats that don't meow often?
  - A. so the cats bother nearby people
  - B. so the cats can go outside more often
  - C. so the cats don't bother nearby people





5. What does **popular** mean in the *Exotic Shorthairs* book?

*The breed quickly spread around the world. Exotic shorthairs became **popular** pets.*

- A. common in many places
- B. not well known in many places
- C. not liked in many places

6. What does **grooming** mean in the *Exotic Shorthairs* book?

*Exotic shorthairs do not need as much **grooming** as Persians. But their fur should still be brushed once a week.*

- A. playing and exercise
- B. cleaning and caring for
- C. messing up



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: EXOTIC SHORTHAIRS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: MAINE COONS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you like to own a Maine coon? Why or why not?
3. How long can a Maine coon grow?
  - A. 10 inches (25 cm)
  - B. 20 inches (51 cm)
  - C. 40 inches (100 cm)
4. Why might Maine coons need extra-large cat furniture and litter boxes?
  - A. Maine coons have bigger bodies than other cats.
  - B. Maine coons need less attention than other cats.
  - C. Maine coons are less active than other cats.



5. What does **pounces** mean in the *Maine Coons* book?

*The Maine coon creeps toward him. She sinks low. Then, she **pounces** and grabs the feathers.*

- A. falls off something
- B. runs away from something
- C. jumps at something

6. What does **grooming** mean in the *Maine Coons* book?

*Maine coons shed a lot. So, they need regular **grooming**. Owners should brush their cats at least once a week.*

- A. cleaning and caring for an animal's fur
- B. making an animal's fur dirty
- C. petting an animal's fur softly



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: MAINE COONS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: PERSIAN CATS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Would you like to own a Persian cat? Why or why not?
3. When were Persians made an official breed?
  - A. 1837
  - B. 1901
  - C. 1906
4. What would happen if a Persian was not brushed?
  - A. Its fur would get fewer stains.
  - B. Its fur would get more matted.
  - C. Its fur would stop shedding.



5. What does **origins** mean in the *Persian Cats* book?

*The Persian cat's exact **origins** are not known. The breed probably came from long-haired cats that lived in Persia.*

- A. what something cost
- B. how something looks
- C. how something started

6. What does **grooming** mean in the *Persian Cats* book?

*Besides daily combing or brushing, Persian cats need baths every week. Regular **grooming** can help prevent matted fur.*

- A. petting an animal's fur
- B. caring for an animal's fur
- C. dirtying an animal's fur



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: PERSIAN CATS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. B





# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: RAGDOLLS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you like to own a Ragdoll? Why or why not?
3. When did Ann Baker create the first Ragdolls?
  - A. the 1960s
  - B. the 1980s
  - C. the 2020s
4. How might playing with a cat help it stay healthy?
  - A. Playing helps a cat stay active and not gain too much weight.
  - B. Playing helps a cat learn not to trust new people.
  - C. Playing helps a cat find lots of food to eat.



5. What does **traits** mean in the *Ragdolls* book?

*Josephine was gentle and friendly. She had long, white fur. Many of Josephine's babies shared these **traits**.*

- A. the number of babies an animal has
- B. details about how animals look and act
- C. places where animals live

6. What does **groomed** mean in the *Ragdolls* book?

*A Ragdoll's long fur does not shed or mat much. Owners should brush it once or twice a week. Some cats may need to be **groomed** more often.*

- A. brushed or cleaned
- B. covered in dirt
- C. sent outdoors



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: RAGDOLLS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: SCOTTISH FOLDS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Do you think people should keep breeding Scottish folds? Why or why not?
3. What was the name of the first cat with folded ears?
  - A. William
  - B. Susie
  - C. Ross
4. Why might sick cats not play as often?
  - A. Sick cats might feel pain when they move.
  - B. Sick cats might feel more active than usual.
  - C. Sick cats might feel very hungry.



5. What does **popular** mean in the *Scottish Folds* book?

*Scottish folds spread to other countries. They became **popular** in many places.*

- A. no longer living
- B. found in just one place
- C. common in many areas

6. What does **grooming** mean in the *Scottish Folds* book?

*Short-haired Scottish folds need to be brushed once or twice a week. Long-haired cats may need more **grooming**. Some must be brushed four times a week.*

- A. cleaning and caring for fur
- B. petting fur
- C. tangling and messing up fur



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: SCOTTISH FOLDS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: SIAMESE CATS

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Would you like to own a Siamese cat? Why or why not?
3. How often should Siamese cats be brushed?
  - A. once a year
  - B. once a month
  - C. once a week
4. Which owner would not be a good fit for a Siamese cat?
  - A. an owner with several other pets
  - B. an owner who spends lots of time at home
  - C. an owner who is gone for most of the day



5. What does **vocal** mean in the *Siamese Cats* book?

*Siamese cats can be very **vocal**. They often meow to get attention.*

- A. quiet
- B. noisy
- C. small

6. What does **athletic** mean in the *Siamese Cats* book?

*But they are still strong and **athletic**. They often run, jump, and climb.*

- A. active
- B. friendly
- C. lazy





## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: SIAMESE CATS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## CAT BREEDS: SPHYNXES

1. Write a few sentences explaining the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Would a sphynx be a good pet for your family? Why or why not?
3. How often should owners clean their sphynxes' ears?
  - A. never
  - B. every day
  - C. every week
4. What kind of cat would be most difficult for people with allergies to be around?
  - A. a cat that does not shed much
  - B. a cat that sheds a lot
  - C. a cat that does not have dander



5. What does **exploring** mean in the *Sphynxes* book?

*Sphynxes are curious. They enjoy **exploring**. The cats often jump and climb.*

- A. resting and sleeping often
- B. moving and looking through an area
- C. staying in one place all day

6. What does **company** mean in the *Sphynxes* book?

*So, many owners choose to get two sphynxes. That way, the cats can keep each other **company** when their owners leave.*

- A. being unsafe
- B. being alone
- C. being with others



## **ANSWER KEY FOR CAT BREEDS: SPHYNXES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C