

Milo the Cat

Milo used to be an adventurous cat. When he was younger, he would sneak out of his cat flap first thing in the morning so he could spend the whole day exploring. While he was out, he would chase every bird and mouse he could find. Milo was very fast, so he almost always caught them. He would try to find new secret places that nobody seemed to know about, but Milo was now quite an old cat. These days, he chose to spend most of his time sleeping and playing with his owner, Lucy. He loved to relax all day.

Something was different today. It was a beautiful summer day, without a cloud in sight, but Lucy was too busy to play with Milo. As he sat on the windowsill in the living room, he looked out and noticed other cats passing by every now and then. Each one of them looked so happy as they confidently strutted along the street with the sun shining down on them. Milo felt jealous.

He didn't want to stay inside today. Instead, he quietly sneaked out of the cat flap and made his way to the park. As soon as he got there, he noticed a squirrel in the park. He tried to chase after it as fast as he could. The squirrel sprinted out of his reach, but it still reminded Milo of how much fun hunting could be. Milo felt free again, just like he had done when he was a young cat.

After wandering around all afternoon, Milo stood outside his front door again. He almost went inside, but then he glanced over at the huge oak tree in Lucy's front garden. As he looked up at it with his big blue eyes, he remembered that he hadn't climbed up to the top of it for years. Suddenly, he didn't want to go inside anymore. He wanted to climb the tree again. He wasn't sure he would be able to anymore, but he wanted to give it a go.

To his own surprise, he quickly and confidently moved up the tree until he was all the way at the top. It felt



easy! Once there, he perched himself in between two thick branches. It was a bit uncomfortable, but it was worth it. He was rewarded with a beautiful view of all of the gardens on the street. They were full of colourful flowers like peonies, lavender and roses.

After a while, he finally felt ready to go inside. Milo had tired himself out and wanted to snooze in his comfy cat bed. He looked down and tried to figure out which route to take. He suddenly felt very nervous. Milo had been so fearless when he was younger. Back then, he could jump from branch to branch with ease. The drop down to the ground looked a lot further now.

The climb down took him a lot longer than usual. He carefully placed one paw in front of the other to gradually make his way to the ground. He almost slipped twice but skilfully kept his balance.

Feeling proud of himself, but very tired, Milo walked back into the house.

“There you are!” Lucy said with a sigh of relief. “We were looking everywhere for you, Milo!”



Questions

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- 1 Which answer best describes what Milo was like as a young cat? (tick)

- ☐ He used to love to relax.
- ☐ He used to love snuggling with his owner.
- ☐ He used to love exploring.
- ☐ He used to spend all day playing with his owner.

- 2 What is the name of Milo's owner?

- 3 Which word in paragraph 3 has a similar meaning to the word 'walked'?

- 4 Which answer summarises how Milo was feeling? (tick)

- ☐ Milo felt like he was missing out.
- ☐ Milo was pleased to see the other cats.
- ☐ Milo felt very content sitting on the windowsill.
- ☐ Milo was pleased that he was inside with Lucy.

- 5 Which statement is true? (tick)

- ☐ Milo wished that he'd gone straight inside.
- ☐ Milo immediately regretted climbing the tree.
- ☐ Milo ran straight up to the top of the tree without hesitating.
- ☐ Milo changed his mind about going back inside.

- 6 Which word in paragraph 6 has a similar meaning to the word 'sat'?
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- 7 What could Milo see from the top of the tree? (tick)

- ☐ Lucy
☐ the neighbours' gardens
☐ other cats
☐ the sea

- 8 How did Milo feel when he looked down? (tick)

- ☐ excited
☐ jealous
☐ nervous
☐ fearless

- 9 Which word describes how Milo felt when he got down? (tick)

- ☐ energised
☐ scared
☐ hungry
☐ relieved

- 10 How did Lucy feel when she saw Milo? (tick)

- ☐ She was relieved that Milo had returned safely.
☐ She didn't even notice that Milo was missing.
☐ She was calling Milo in for his supper.
☐ She was cross that Milo had been gone for so long.

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Answers

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- 1 Which answer best describes what Milo was like as a young cat? ☒ He used to love exploring.
- 2 What is the name of Milo's owner? Lucy
- 3 Which word in paragraph 3 has a similar meaning to the word 'walked'? strutted
- 4 Which answer summarises how Milo was feeling? ☒ Milo felt like he was missing out.
- 5 Which statement is true? ☒ Milo changed his mind about going back inside.
- 6 Which word in paragraph 6 has a similar meaning to the word 'sat'? perched
- 7 What could Milo see from the top of the tree? ☒ the neighbours' gardens
- 8 How did Milo feel when he looked down? ☒ nervous
- 9 Which word describes how Milo felt when he got down? ☒ relieved
- 10 How did Lucy feel when she saw Milo? ☒ She was relieved that Milo had returned safely.