

Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures. Which characters are in the story?
- 2 Read the story. Number the pictures in the correct order.

a cat an elephant an iguana
a lion a man a snake a woman

Why are cats pets?

A traditional story from Africa.



- 1 Cat I'm small and weak. I want a friend. I want a strong friend. Lions are strong.
- 2 Cat Can I be your friend, Lion?
Lion Yes, of course. Come with me.
- 3 Later
Cat Look at the elephant. She's got big legs and a long trunk. She's very strong. My friend the lion is scared of the elephant!
Lion Goodbye! Run!
- 4 Cat Can I be your friend, Elephant?
Elephant Yes, of course. Come with me.
- 5 Later
Cat Who's that?
Elephant That's a hunter.
Cat What has he got in his hand?
Elephant It's a gun! I'm scared of guns. Goodbye! Run!
- 6 Cat That's a surprise. That man isn't strong. He can't run fast. But my friend the elephant is scared of the man and his gun.
- 7 Cat Hello! Can I be your friend, Man?
Man Yes, of course. Come home with me.
- 8 Man Hello!
Woman Hello! Wipe your feet! Give me your gun.
Man OK. Here you are.
Woman Now go and wash your hands.
- 9 Cat That's a surprise! The woman isn't scared of the man and she isn't scared of the gun.
Cat Can I be your friend, Woman?
Woman Yes, of course. And here's some food for you.

Glossary

3 Read again. Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 The cat is weak and | a a strong woman. |
| 2 The cat's first friend | b the man and his gun. |
| 3 The lion is scared | c is the elephant. |
| 4 The cat's second friend | d of the elephant. |
| 5 The elephant is scared of | e is the man. |
| 6 The cat's third friend | f is a lion. |
| 7 The man's wife is | g he wants a friend. |
| 8 The cat's fourth friend | h is the woman. |