

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

Kit and Kat

Kat the cat wanted a pet. "You are crazy," her owner told her. "You are my pet. You can't have a pet of your own." "But I really want a pet," Kat insisted. "You don't have a job or any money. How will you buy pet food?"

Kat agreed. "But the fact remains: I want a pet."

"Poor Kat," Kat's owner said, stroking him on the head. "I will be your pet. I will give you all the love you need." Kat snored, but he was determined to have a pet. That afternoon when Kat was outside, he saw a goldfinch in a tree. "Come down and play with me," he said. "No way," the goldfinch said. "I don't want to be your lunch." "I am not looking for lunch," Kat said. "I am looking for a pet." The goldfinch laughed, and told him to look somewhere else.

That evening, when Kat was outside again, he saw a turtle crossing the driveway. "Come over and play with me," he said. "No way," the turtle said. "I don't want to be your dinner." "I am not looking for dinner," Kat said. "I am looking for a pet." The turtle laughed and pulled himself inside his shell until Kat went away.

Kat was sad when he went back in the house. It didn't seem like his dream of having a pet was going to come true. Then he saw a mouse stick his head out of a hole in the wall. "Come on into the room and play with me," he said. This was a young mouse, and not very wise in the ways of the world. "Okay," the mouse said. "My name is Kit." "And I am Kat," Kat said. Kit and Kat played together well into the night. It was the happiest Kat had ever been.



1. What is the first thing that happens in the story?

- A. Kat meets a goldfinch in a tree.
- B. Kat tells her owner that she wants a pet.
- C. Kat meets a mouse named Kit.

2. In what order does Kat speak to the other animals?

- A. first mouse, then goldfinch, then turtle
- B. first turtle, then goldfinch, then mouse
- C. first goldfinch, then turtle, then mouse

3. Which happens first:

- A. Kat tells his owner he wants a pet of his own.
- B. Kat sees a mouse sticking his head out of a hole in the wall.

4. Which happens first:

- A. The turtle pulls himself inside of his shell.
- B. Kat goes back into the house.

5. Write numbers **1–6** to show the sequence of events.

Event	Number
Kat asks a goldfinch to come down and play.	
Kat tells his owner he wants a pet.	
Kat asks a turtle to play with him.	
Kat becomes sad because he cannot find a pet.	
Kit and Kat play together happily.	
A young mouse named Kit comes out of a hole.	