Once upon a time, there was a poor orphan boy called Dick Whittington. The people in his village believed that the streets of London were paved with gold. So Dick decided to travel there and become a rich man. Dick walked for many days, but when he arrived in London there were no streets of gold! Tired and hungry, he fell asleep on the steps of a great house. The house belonged to a rich businessman who found Dick and gave him a job cleaning the kitchen. Dick worked very hard and was happy. He had enough to eat and at night he could sleep by the fire. There was a problem though! At night, rats ran around the kitchen and kept him awake. So Dick went out and found the fastest rat-catching cat in London! The cat caught all the rats that came into the house and Dick could sleep at night. The businessman heard about the amazing cat and asked Dick if he could take it on his ship to catch rats on his next journey. Dick agreed, but was very sad to see the cat go. While the businessman was away, the other servants were very mean to Dick, so Dick decided to run away. But as he was leaving, one of the great church bells rang. It seemed to say, 'Turn back, Dick Whittington, Mayor of London!' So Dick came back to the house and soon the businessman returned. He was very happy because Dick's cat had caught all the rats on the ship. He gave Dick a reward and promoted him to his assistant. Dick worked hard for the businessman and learned everything he could. Eventually he married the businessman's daughter and started a very successful business of his own. And, yes, he did become Mayor of London!

What did Dick Whittington go in search of?

What was Dick tired of?

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What's the order?

Listen to the story and put the sentences in order.

The other servants were very mean to Dick, so Dick decided to run away.

The businessman took the cat on his ship to catch rats.

Dick decided to travel to London and become a rich man.

A church bell seemed to say, 'Turn back, Dick Whittington, Mayor of London!'6

Dick started a very successful business of his own.

Dick's cat caught all the rats that came into the house.

A rich businessman gave Dick a job cleaning the kitchen.

The businessman gave Dick a reward and promoted him to his assistant.

Pick 2 examples of sentence openings from the given passage and state its effect.

Pick 2 examples of complex sentences and state its effects.

Pick 2 examples of compound-complex sentences.

The writer explores the theme of hard work and patience. Which actions from the passage show this theme.

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If you were Dick Whittington, what would you have done after you left from the businessman's house?

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