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READING COMPREHENSION

READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLY. THEN, READ THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE PASSAGE. WRITE THE ANSWERS FOR QUESTIONS 1, 3, 5 (b), and 7 ON THE LINES PROVIDED. THEN CIRCLE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWERS FOR QUESTIONS 2, 4, 5 (a), and 6.

PASSAGE ONE: CUDDLY KITTENS

Kittens are usually born in dark places. Mother cats seem to know that a strong light hurts their baby's eyes. At first their eyes are closed. When their eyes open, at about ten days old, they are a light grey color, but the kittens still cannot see. When the kittens are about three weeks old they can see clearly. They then begin to walk in a tumbling fashion out into the light. Also at this time, their teeth are beginning to show. They are not able to eat on their own so their mother nurses them.

After the kittens have been walking for a few days, it is time for them to start being weaned. Half milk, half water and a tiny bit of baby cereal is heated and put on the floor in a low dish. Kittens don't have any idea what this is for, so they have to be shown. Soon these cute and cuddly kittens will grow up to be adorable loving cats.



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Informal Reading Inventory

1. Why are kittens usually born in dark places?

[1]

2. **"Kittens are born with their eyes closed and they open them a few days afterwards."**

From this statement we can conclude that:

[1]

3. **"Kittens do not walk well right away."**

Write the phrase from the passage which best supports this statement.

[1]

4. **"After the kittens learn to walk they are weaned."**

This statement is telling us that...

[1]

5. The story suggests that the kittens are not weaned by the mother cat alone. Give evidence from the passage to supports this.

[2]

6. Using the terms **first**, **then**, **next**, and **last**, order the events as they happened in the passage.

[2]

_____ The kittens' teeth come through.

_____ The kittens eat food from a dish.

_____ The kittens first open their eyes.

_____ The kittens begin to walk.

7. Which of the following would be another **suitable title** for this passage?

[2]

