

Pam: Nice picture. Hey, are those your cats?
Karina: Yeah, they're my babies. We've had the gray one a long time. She's almost seventeen now.
Pam: No way! She still looks so healthy. What about the white one?
Karina: We think he's pretty young. Actually, he was hanging around outside our house all summer, and it didn't seem like anyone was taking care of him. We **felt sorry for** him, so we took him in.
Pam: Lucky cat! He looks like a member of the family now. But I'll bet the older one wasn't too crazy about having a new cat around.
Karina: Well, he thinks he's still a kitten; he just wants to play all the time. But I'd say she **puts up with** him pretty well. She's really patient.
Pam: From the picture, it looks like she's the one **in charge**.
Karina: Definitely. She doesn't fool around. If he gets too rough, she knows how to **put him in his place**. Hey, do you have any pets?
Pam: No, we don't. When we feel like being around animals, we go to the zoo.
Karina: Actually, I'm not too crazy about zoos. I just don't think animals should be **cooped up** in small cages.
Pam: Normally I'd agree with you. But our local zoo isn't like that at all. The larger mammals have plenty of outdoor space. It's pretty humane, I think.
Karina: Well, that's good. I guess we shouldn't just assume that animals in captivity aren't treated well.



E UNDERSTAND IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS Find each expression in Spotlight. Then complete the statements.

- When Karina says they "felt sorry for" the younger cat, she means they him.
 a apologized to b were concerned about c were annoyed with
- When she says the older cat "puts up with" the younger one, she means the older cat
 a is annoyed with him b accepts his behavior c is concerned about him
- When she says the gray cat is the one "in charge," she means the gray cat
 a obeys the white one b is obeyed by the white one c is older than the white one
- When she says the gray cat put the white one "in his place," she means the gray one
 a is the boss b isn't the boss c is his friend
- When she refers to animals being "cooped up in" cages, she means they
 a are made comfortable b don't get to go outside c often go outdoors