

## 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.



3 Read again. Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The cat is weak and
- 2 The cat's first friend
- 3 The lion is scared
- 4 The cat's second friend
- 5 The elephant is scared of
- 6 The cat's third friend
- 7 The man's wife is
- 8 The cat's fourth friend

- a a strong woman.
- b the man and his gun.
- c is the elephant.
- d of the elephant.
- e is the man.
- f is a lion.
- g he wants a friend.
- h is the woman.

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