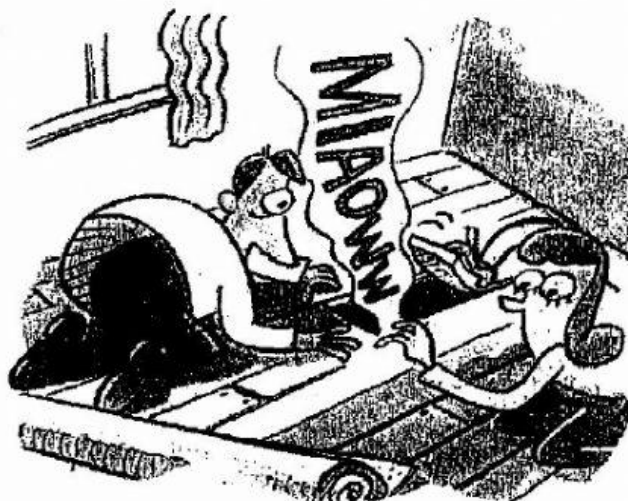


**1. Read the text and answer the questions**

# CAT TRAP

If you hear a noise in your house, you usually know what it is. So if you hear a meow and you didn't have a pet cat, what would you do? Would you ignore it, hoping it would go away? Or would you do what one couple did, and take up the floorboards in your living room? Animal lovers Jane and Simon Brown spent two days trying to find the cat they thought was trapped under their floor. The couple even rang the fire brigade. They usually solve your problems if you call them, but this time they couldn't find anything.



"If I hear that noise again, I'll go mad", said Mr. Brown in desperation. Eventually, Mrs. Brown realised the noise was coming from a bag which contained some unopened birthday cards for their daughter, Michelle. As Michele opened one of the cards, which was shaped like a cat, on the morning of her birthday, it meowed just like the real thing. It wasn't a real cat after all – it was just an electronic birthday card!

"How would you feel if you were us?" asked Mr. Brown, "If we get a card like that again, we'll throw it away immediately!"

1. What did the Browns hear in the living room? Why was it strange?

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2. What two things did the Browns do?

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3. What did they discover on the morning of their daughter's birthday?

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4. The Browns love electronic birthday cards.

TRUE

FALSE

5. What would you do if you heard the squeak of a mouse under your bed?

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**2. Mr. Brown plays quite an unusual sport, read about it and complete the text with a suitable word.**

I have \_\_\_\_\_ playing under water hockey \_\_\_\_\_ three years now. I played various sports at school, but I never really enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ of them. This is completely different: I love it! Our team's one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country: we've won the regional championship four times.



I found it really difficult at first. You see, you \_\_\_\_\_ to hold your breath when you're underwater. It \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous, but it isn't really. Neither me \_\_\_\_\_ any of my teammates have ever had any kind of accident. I've been \_\_\_\_\_ hard and I've learned to \_\_\_\_\_ my breath for a minute underwater.

Unlike football or ice hockey, underwater hockey is a non-contact sport. There are three referees to make sure that the rules are followed. Players \_\_\_\_\_ break the rules have to spend between one and two minutes in the 'sin bin'.

**3. Read the beginning of the story and write the verbs between brackets in the correct tense.**

(You/ever/see) \_\_\_\_\_ a robbery? If you (see) \_\_\_\_\_ a robbery in broad daylight, what would you do? Mrs. Brown (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ very worried lately because of what has happened to her.

Last weekend Mrs. Brown (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ past a café in town. There (not be) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people in the street because most people (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ the Wimbledon Final matches. She (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ happy because she (finish) \_\_\_\_\_ work and she (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to meet her friend. Suddenly, Mrs. Brown (hear) \_\_\_\_\_ a loud noise inside the café...