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The Cat



Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
You purr in between my legs.
A good belly rub should do, a scratch behind the ears
On the ground you lay.

5 Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
You jump to the counter, to an empty bowl.
More food again? Your hunger never ends.
You are looking bigger, how much do you weigh?

10 Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
More catnip? A toy?
You finally settle next to me, purring and kneading the couch?
Always so restless, I wonder, will you stay?

15 Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
I scoot on the couch and you take my space.
I roll my eyes,
I bet you are going to sleep all day!

20 Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
It is time for me to sleep. My bedtime is finally here.
I pull back the sheets and get cozy.
I turn off the lights without any delay.

Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
What now, I scream!!
Oh my, not right now!
Go away, I pray!

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1. Why is the first line of each stanza repeated in the poem?

- A. To show that the cat meows many times a day.
- B. To emphasize the cat's tired and wants a nap.
- C. To list the many times the cat talks to the owner.
- D. To foreshadow the owner will run out of cat food.

2. How is the poem "The Cat" organized?

- A. Explaining how a cat behaves.
- B. Listing the events of the cat's life.
- C. Presenting the events of the cat's day.
- D. Noting the cat is annoying the narrator.

3. Based on the poem, what can the reader assume about the cat's routine?

- A. The cat likes to bug their owner.
- B. The cat can't make up his mind of what he wants.
- C. The cat will continue to meow daily.
- D. The cat needs to go play outside.

4. What does the word kneading mean in the third stanza?

- A. Sit down.
- B. Destroy
- C. Leave alone
- D. Manipulate

5. What is the main idea in the poem?

- A. A cat that lives in an apartment.
- B. A cat that is very needy.
- C. A cat that steals the owners spot on the couch.
- D. A cat that is loved by his owner.