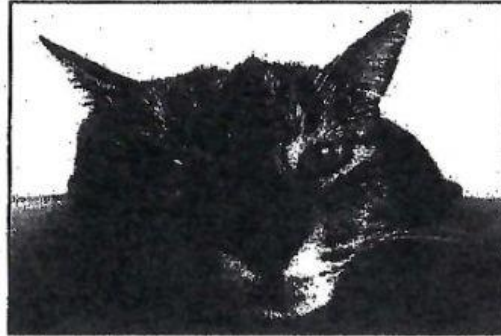


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## The Cat



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 is 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.