

Reading

1 For questions 1–6, read the article and complete the notes below. Use NO MORE THAN THREE words in each gap.

Who Would Want a Teenage Cat?

The teenage years are not an easy time for the teenagers themselves or for the parents. The same is true in the cat world, although of course they don't have 'parents' when they're teenagers, but have 'owners' instead. Instead of the difficulties happening between the ages of 10 and 18 in humans, cats' troublesome times are usually between 6 to 18 months old. As with people, behaviour between the sexes can be quite different. Teenage boys take lots of risks, for example, and can be aggressive. 'Teenage boy' cats bite a lot and can damage furniture. Typical behaviour for 'teenage girl' cats is that they attack other cats even if they lived happily together in the same house beforehand. A lot of owners don't realise how short the period that their cat stays a kitten is, or that cats have these 'teenage' behaviours. So unfortunately some owners sell their cats or give them away when this happens. But if you know what to do, it will help a lot. The number one thing to do is to reward good behaviour by feeding and giving love and attention. You need to continue to train your cat too. It can be useful as some 'teenage' cats suddenly forget the things you worked on together when they were kittens, like using their litter tray correctly, for example. As with humans, the difficult phase passes (much quicker in cats!) and what comes after, sharing your home with a beautiful adult cat, is one of life's true pleasures

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Cats' 'parents':

- 0 owners .

Age range of 'teenage' cats:

- 1 _____ months

Difficult teenage cat behaviour:

Males: • They 2 _____ and can 3 _____.

Females: • They 4 _____

Best way of helping teenage cats: • 5 _____

Another good thing to do: • 6 _____

2 Read the letter to a magazine and for questions 1–7 choose the correct answer

Archie Naylor, 14, Liverpool

Dear Teen Lives,

The Top 3 Annoying Things My Little Brother Does

Number 1 Thinks he knows everything about everything My friends are sitting in my living room and we're chatting about music or films. In comes my little brother. Does he play with his toys or watch some kids' TV programme? No! He starts talking about hip-hop! He thinks he knows everything because he watches a few videos on the internet. It's the same with fashion! He hasn't even got a hoodie or a baseball cap! He wears shorts and a striped T-shirt most of the time!

Number 2 Always wants to do what I want to do Every time I play football in the park with my friends, he wants to come. Mum tells me to take him so he can ride his bike. Unfortunately, there aren't any swings there. Instead, he joins in our game and we can't play properly because he starts crying if we take the ball off him.

Number 3 Never listens when I tell him what to do I'm not a bossy or rude person. In fact, I think I'm kind and like doing things for other people. But sometimes I need to tell my little brother what to do for his own safety. Like when he's messing about in the road and he starts shouting because I tell him not to. I love him, but it's so tiring having a brother like him!

Read the letter to a magazine and for questions 1–7 choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 Where does Archie talk with his friends?

A in the park B in the street C at home

2 What does Archie's brother talk to Archie's friends about?

A music B videos C television

3 What does Archie's brother usually wear?

A a hoodie B a baseball cap C a T-shirt

4 Why does Archie's mum ask him to take his brother to the park?

A to play football B to play on his bike C to play on the swings

5 How does Archie describe himself?

A helpful B bossy C rude

6 Why does Archie's brother get annoyed after playing in the park?

A because Archie shouts at him

B because Archie tells him what to do C because Archie messes about in the road