

Pam: Nice picture. Hey, are those your cats?

Karina: Yeah, they're my babies. We've had the gray one a long time. She's almost seventeen now.

Pam: No way! She still looks so healthy. What about the white one?

Karina: We think he's pretty young. Actually, he was hanging around outside our house all summer, and it didn't seem like anyone was taking care of him. We **felt sorry for** him, so we took him in.

Pam: Lucky cat! He looks like a member of the family now. But I'll bet the older one wasn't too crazy about having a new cat around.

Karina: Well, he thinks he's still a kitten; he just wants to play all the time.

But I'd say she **puts up with** him pretty well. She's really patient.

Pam: From the picture, it looks like she's the one **in charge**.

Karina: Definitely. She doesn't fool around. If he gets too rough, she knows how to **put him in his place**. Hey, do you have any pets?

Pam: No, we don't. When we feel like being around animals, we go to the zoo.

Karina: Actually, I'm not too crazy about zoos. I just don't think animals should be **cooped up** in small cages.

Pam: Normally I'd agree with you. But our local zoo isn't like that at all. The larger mammals have plenty of outdoor space. It's pretty humane, I think.

Karina: Well, that's good. I guess we shouldn't just assume that animals in captivity aren't treated well.



E UNDERSTAND IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS Find each expression in Spotlight. Then complete the statements.

1 When Karina says they "felt sorry for" the younger cat, she means they him.

- a apologized to b were concerned about c were annoyed with

2 When she says the older cat "puts up with" the younger one, she means the older cat

- a is annoyed with him b accepts his behavior c is concerned about him

3 When she says the gray cat is the one "in charge," she means the gray cat

- a obeys the white one b is obeyed by the white one c is older than the white one

4 When she says the gray cat put the white one "in his place," she means the gray one

- a is the boss b isn't the boss c is his friend

5 When she refers to animals being "cooped up in" cages, she means they

- a are made comfortable b don't get to go outside c often go outdoors