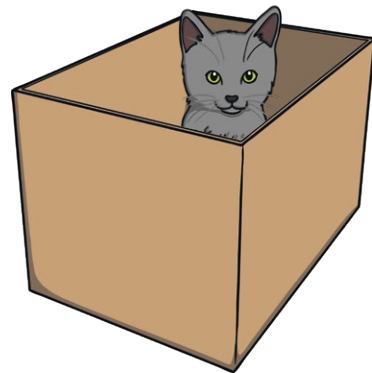


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111 tiny, grey kitten. This was the best birthday ever!



Quick Questions



1. How old is Amba?



2. Find and copy a word which shows that Amba was surprised when she saw the kitten.



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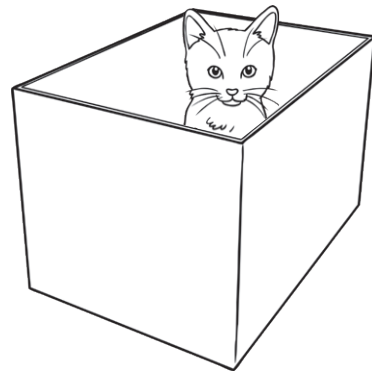
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Answers



1. How old is Amba?

Seven years old



2. Find and copy a word which shows that Amba was surprised when she saw the kitten.

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3. Why were there holes in the big, brown box?

Accept any response that references the kitten needing to breathe, such as: There were holes in the box so that the kitten inside could breathe.



4. What do you think Amba did next?

Accept any sensible prediction related to the text, such as: Amba took the kitten out of the box and gave it a cuddle.