

# Year 6 Comprehension 1

## LOCAL NEWS REPORT

Here is a report in a local newspaper. Think about the features you expect in a news item and answer the questions.

### CATWOMAN CAUSES CHAOS



Known locally as the Catwoman, 89-year-old Kitty Parker of Albee Avenue, received a visit today from PC D. Zaster, following a complaint from neighbours.

Kitty, a kindly woman and a frequent sight at the Church bingo sessions, is the proud owner of thirty-nine cats. For many years, she has been giving a home to any stray cat that turns up on her doorstep. This generosity of spirit isn't normally a problem for her neighbours, except when there is a full moon.

"Once a month," stated Evan Knowes, who lives opposite Mrs Parker, "the cats all line up along the garden wall and wail their heads off. I've had enough. I have to get up early to go to work and this is unacceptable."

Another neighbour, who didn't want to give her name, told our reporter that the caterwauling had put her dog off its biscuits. She said that when the howling starts up, Squiffy her Pekinese

goes flying into its basket as if it were catapulted there.

A spokesman from the RSPCA confirmed that an officer from their organisation had recently inspected the house and was reassured to find that all the cats were well looked after and in good health. The RSPCA spokeswoman was not prepared to say how tunefully they sang.

Mrs Parker told us that she never hears them, possibly because she is a little deaf and doesn't always hear the numbers being called at bingo. She also insisted that, despite a number of claims on social media, at no time has she joined her cats in singing the chorus.

PC Zaster pointed out that the cat-calling falls into a very minor category of public nuisance. No further actions will be taken against Mrs Parker. He has also assured local residents that everything is now under control. Once a month, when the moon is full, he will stand guard by the cat flap to prevent a repeat of this incident.

#### Breaking news

*Late last night, we heard from Kitty Parker that several of her cats have had kittens. This brings the total number of her feline companions to ninety-six. Anyone who might like to own a kitten should contact her in Albee Avenue.*

1. How does the 1st paragraph answer the following questions?

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

What has happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does the article tell us about Kitty Parker?

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3. Describe the incident that neighbours have complained about.

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4. Four other people are mentioned in this report. Who are they?

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5. Write down an example of direct speech.

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6. Write down an example of indirect speech.

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7. The newspaper article has two concluding statements. What are they?

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