

Lost

Introduction

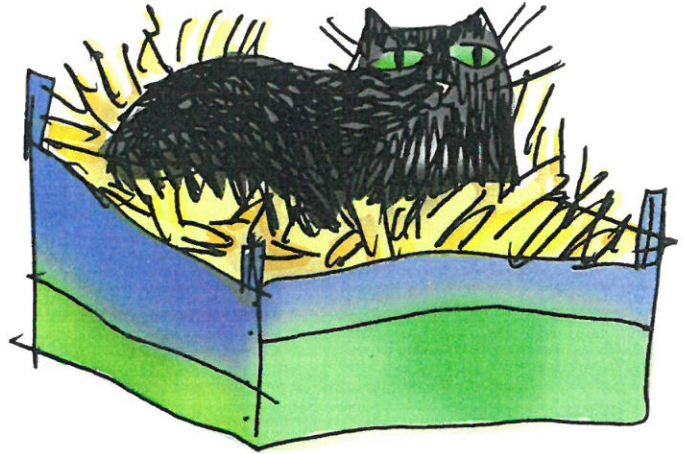
Have you got a cat? Has it ever got lost?

Poor Kay West, in this story, has lost her cat.

Ray finds her cat in his shed with...a surprise for Kay.

The surprise means that Ray and Kay become friends.

What do you think the surprise could be?



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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

	definition:	sentence/phrase:
plump	fat	Very plump, playful black cat.
sheds	small buildings for storing things in gardens	Will you check your sheds?
stray	lost	I've got a stray cat in my shed.
hay	dried long grass	She's sitting in a box of hay.
Malaya	country in the East	I am going on holiday to Malaya.
fond	to like something	I am very fond of them.

Punctuation to note in this story:

1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences
2. Capital letters for names
3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise
4. 'Wait and see' dots...

Lost last Sunday:

Very plump, playful black cat called Catkin.

Will you check your sheds?

If you find her, contact Kay West

at 24 Clayton Villas.

Thank you so much for looking.

Kay West



3rd May

To Kay West

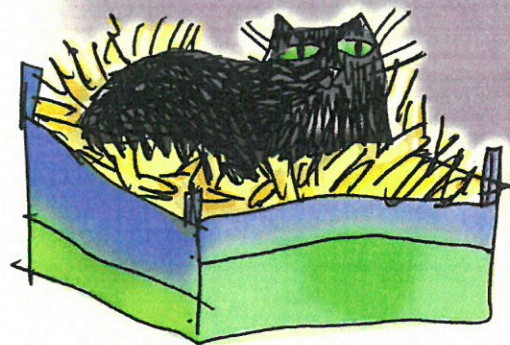
I've got a stray cat in my shed.

I think it may be Catkin!

She's sitting in a box of hay,

and she looks as if she

wants to stay in it!



I will be in at six o'clock today if you want to visit.

From Ray Brooks (33 Hilltop Way)

4th May

To Ray Brooks

Hooray! Today is such a happy day! Thank you so much for finding my Catkin! It's what I was praying for!

But it was a bit of a shock to find the kittens in the box of hay with her - a black kitten and a grey kitten!

Still, I think she will be a very good mum.

By the way, I am glad to say they are all well.

From Kay West

PS I am going on holiday on Sunday to Malaya!



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5th May

To Kay

I am glad Catkin and the kittens are well.

I am very fond of them.



When you go away on holiday, will you let them all stay with me at Hilltop Way?

From Ray

To Ray

10th May

I am having a very good
holiday in Malaya.

Are Catkin and the kittens
being good?

Do give them all a big kiss
from me!

From Kay



Mr Ray Brooks

33 Hilltop Way

Grays

Essex

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20th May

To Kay

It's good to have you back!

I want to ask you if the grey kitten may stay with me
at Hilltop Way. When you were away, he lay on my bed
all day and played with a bit of string.

I think he wants to stay.

What do you say?

From Ray

PS I have called him Jay!



21st May

To Ray

Yes, the kitten may stay with you!

I'm glad you have called him Jay.

When you go on holiday

he must stay in Clayton Villas

with me, Catkin

and his brother, Ray.

(Yes, I have called my kitten Ray!)

From Kay



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Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. Where was Catkin sitting?
Catkin was sitting in a box of hay / a red bag / a big cup.
2. Where did Kay go?
Kay went to stay with her mum / on holiday / to the shops.
3. Where did Catkin and the kittens stay when Kay was away?
They stayed with gran / dad / Ray.
4. What did the grey kitten play with?
The grey kitten played with a frog / a teddy / a bit of string.
5. What are the kittens called?
The kittens are called Tom and Fred / Jay and Ray / Pat and Sid.

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