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THE SECRET STATUES BOOKS

An international group of thieves called the Golden Zoo is collecting ancient magical statues. These statues have the power to turn people into animals. The Golden Zoo is taking children and training them to steal things. It uses the statues to turn the children into animals. Then the children can steal from anywhere and take anything. The Golden Zoo plans to control the world.



Meet Violet.

Violet is one of the Golden Zoo's children. She doesn't like the Zoo and she wants to stop their plans. The only way she can is to learn more about the statues and her own powers, but she can't do it on her own. Can she find help and find a way to stop the group before they stop her?



Meet Philip.

Philip is an ordinary school kid. He doesn't really like adventures. How does he get involved with Violet and the Golden Zoo? Can you help him decide what to do?

The Cat's Paw is one of the books in the Secret Statues mystery adventure series. Each book is a maze reader, which means that you, the reader, can make decisions along the way about what the characters do next in the story. Each decision you make will lead you to a different version of the story and a unique ending: so choose carefully!

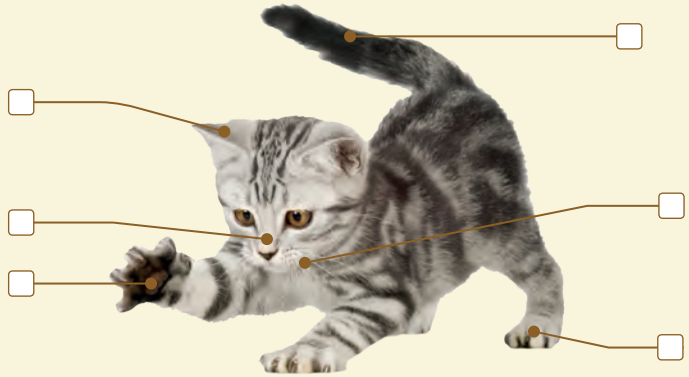
To help you make the best decisions you need to know these words. Use a dictionary to look them up.

museum statue thief

BEFORE READING

1 Match the words to the parts of the cat.

- a ear
- b nose
- c whiskers
- d tail
- e paw
- f claw



2 What are these cats doing? Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

purring hissing scratching licking



This cat is _____ .




This cat is _____ .



This cat is _____ .



This cat is _____ .

3  **Work in pairs and answer these questions about cats.**

- a What do cats do when they are happy? _____
- b What do cats do when they see an animal they don't like? _____
- c Which of these is not a big cat?



JAGUAR



FOX



LION



TIGER

- d Cats sleep a lot. How many hours a day?

- 10–12 hours a day.
- 13–16 hours a day.
- 20 hours a day.

- e Cats move both right feet and then both left feet when they walk. Which are the only other **two** animals that do this?



CAMEL

RAT



GIRAFFE

DOG



- f True or false?

- 1 In 1963 a cat called Felicette went into space.
- 2 The oldest cat was 60 years old.
- 3 A cat can run at 48 kilometres per hour.

CHAPTER 3

A message from Violet



GUESS! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- A Philip jumps on the dog.
- B Philip jumps to the tree behind him.
- C Philip stays in the tree.
- D Philip miaows loudly.



3 What could Philip do? He was a cat. And he was a cat up a tree. And there was a big angry dog at the bottom of the tree. Philip wanted to follow the girl, but the dog was too scary. Philip ran along the branch and jumped onto the tree behind him, then onto the next tree, and the next. He was safe. He couldn't see the girl with the purple eyes. He had to get home and find his sister, May.

People liked Philip the cat. A small girl smiled at him. An old lady wanted to stroke him. It wasn't bad.



He walked along roads, through gardens and on walls. Then he was home. He jumped in through his bedroom window. He slowly walked to his mirror. He saw a black cat in the mirror looking at him. He had big green eyes and white fur on his nose and mouth. It was all too strange. How did this happen? He was very tired. He jumped on his bed, and fell asleep.

'Philip? It's time for dinner.' Philip woke up. It was his sister, May! 'Oh! Hello, cat!' said May.

'Miaow! Miaow, miaow, miaow?' said Philip the cat.

'You are a funny cat. What are you doing here? Where's Philip?' May's phone buzzed.

'A message from Philip... No... What...?' she said.

Hello, May. I turned your brother into a , but don't worry  I can turn him into a boy again! But I need a statue from the museum. You two must help me get it! Come to the museum tomorrow. Violet

Glossary

- **angry:** unhappy (with Philip)
- **branch:** 'arms' of a tree
- **buzzed:** (of a phone or doorbell) made a sound
- **fell asleep:** started sleeping
- **fur:** animal hair
- **mirror:**



- **museum:** place with old and interesting things
- **safe:** not in danger
- **statue:**



- **turned (into):** changed to become a different thing



May looked at Philip the cat.
'That is... crazy!' she said. 'Is this a trick?'
What could Philip do? The computer! He jumped on the desk.
May slowly read the words on the screen.
'I... A... M... P... H... I... L... I... P.'
Her eyes were very big.
'But... What... ? How... ?'

OVER TO YOU! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- A Philip goes to the museum. Go to page 25. ➤
- B Philip goes to school. Go to page 31. ➤

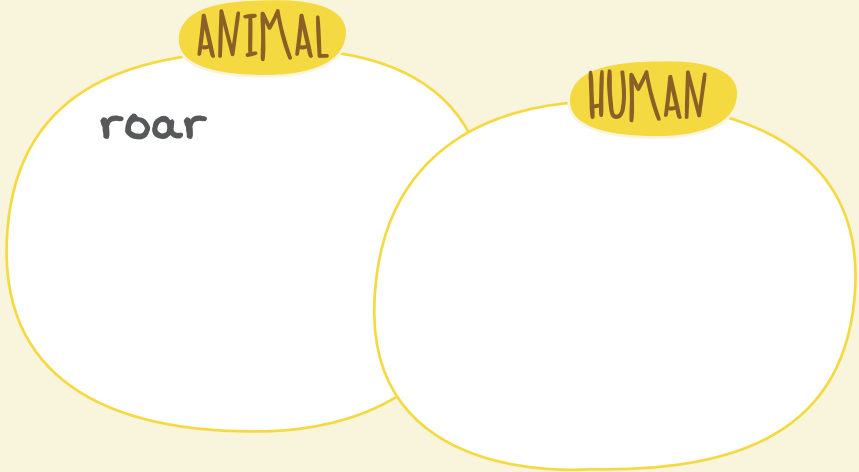
Glossary

- **crazy:** very strange
- **trick:** something that is untrue or that one does to surprise or make someone laugh

AFTER READING VOCABULARY

- 1** Put the verbs in the correct groups. Some words can go in both groups.

roar hiss bark scream purr
miaow laugh smile shout



- 2** Use the correct form of the verbs from Exercise 1 to complete the sentences from the story.

- a** The big man started _____ . 'Haha!'
b 'We are going to see her again. I know it.' May _____ .
c 'I think we need to... AAAH!' May _____ .
d The dog _____ .
e Violet looked happy. Could cats smile? She ran to May and _____ .
f 'Run!' Philip _____ .
g '_____ ! I'm a cat,' May said.
h The light hit the jaguar. It hurt his eyes. He stopped and _____ .
i The snake was moving across the grass. Violet the cat _____ .

K A2 Key English Test Reading and Writing Part 4

1 Read the extract from the story. Without looking at the story, choose the best word for each space.



There was a very large snake – Mamba! **1** _____ to the snake was a large man in a fur coat. This was Jag. He was holding Violet in his large hand.

Philip knew what to do. He put his hand

2 _____ the statue. The statue's eyes flashed. Violet turned into a girl **3** _____.

'Yes!' said Violet. She jumped and kicked Jag in the face. He fell **4** _____. She turned over in the air and picked up Mamba the snake. She **5** _____ the snake at Jag.

But now Jag **6** _____. Big cat teeth grew in his mouth. His hands and feet turned into **7** _____ with large claws. He was a huge jaguar and he was **8** _____. He hit Violet, then jumped on May.

The snake **9** _____ back into Mamba.

'Leave the statue. Leave Violet. Take your sister and go,' she said.

Philip looked **10** _____ his sister. He looked at Violet. What could he do?

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 A Next | B Behind | C In front |
| 2 A to | B on | C at |
| 3 A still | B again | C ever |
| 4 A back | B to | C on |
| 5 A caught | B put | C threw |
| 6 A was changing | B is changing | C changes |
| 7 A tails | B hands | C paws |
| 8 A angry | B silly | C funny |
| 9 A changed | B went | C became |
| 10 A into | B to | C at |