

TITLE: The diary of a killer cat

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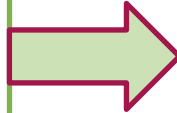
INTEREST AGE: 6-10 Years

BOOKBAND: Brown

OUR REVIEW: If this doesn't make you laugh out loud, then nothing will.

CHAPTER 1

- Why do you think it says 'Monday as the title for the chapter?
- Why was Ellie so upset?
- What do you think Ellie and Dad are going to do with Tuffy?
- How is the bird described?
- What do you think will happen next?



CHAPTER 2

- What does 'that cat' do in the garden?
- Why does he say he uses the garden more than the family?
- What do you think Tuffy means by 'the blink'?
- Find the word 'hissed' on page 6. Make a list of words that could be used instead



CHAPTER 3

- How did the mouse die?
- Explain the meaning of 'Fun City'.
- Are the illustrations important? Why/why not?
- Write a short character profile of Ellie and Tuffy.



CHAPTER 4

- What is the purpose of the question marks and exclamation marks?
- How do the punctuation marks help you when reading aloud?
- What does it mean by Thumper wasn't his 'old self'?
- Draw a picture of what you think Thumper looked like, Label your picture using information from the text.



CHAPTER 5

- Apostrophes (') can be used for two reasons. Firstly as a contraction where it is used to replace letters, for example wouldn't = would not and also as a possession, for example, Ellie's cat = the cat belongs to Ellie.

How many examples of apostrophes can you find in this chapter?

CHAPTER 6

- What do you think is going to happen next?

Write your own ideas for the next part of the story.

AFTER READING

- What did you think of the ending?
- Were you surprised? Why/why not?
- How do you think it could have been improved?

CHAPTER 7

- Why does Tuffy hate Saturday mornings? What is different?
- Why does the author write "some people are born soft" when Ellie starts to cry?
- What did Ellie think that Dad was taking Tuffy for the vets for?
- Why did the receptionist write 'Handle with care' on Tuffy's box?
- Can you find any compound words in this chapter?

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