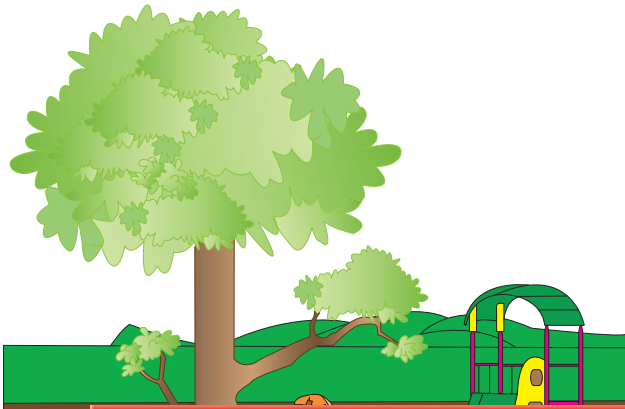# Squeak Another Day

Gavin scooted close to Grandpa Harry, who sat on a bench in the park. He pointed to an orange tabby cat crouching behind a tree. The cat kept low to the ground and   its backside slowly.

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Gavin watched the cat a moment longer. Then he turned to Grandpa Harry. "What does that mean? What is his nature?"

Grandpa Harry told Gavin about the history of domestic cats. Domestic cats were relatives of wild felines like lions and tigers. These wild cats had to hunt for their food to survive.

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As years passed, smaller cats learned to live with humans. Many even came to live inside the homes of humans. These new cats were called domestic cats.

"Now," said Grandpa Harry, "many cats get their food from their loving humans. They still have their wild roots, though. That's what I meant by the cat's nature. That's why the tabby cat over there can't help hunting the bird".

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...ch and took his seat. "Grandpa Harry, what other animals have natural instincts?"

"Lots of them," said Grandpa. "Dogs, for one."

"Really?" Gavin asked. "What kind of instincts?"

Grandpa chuckled. "That could be a long explanation. For now, let's stick with cats. Look, he's back!"

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Gavin turned to see the orange tabby just as it pounced on a small mouse. Luckily, the mouse wiggled away.

"I guess he lived to squeak another day!" said Gavin.

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Write the missing causes or effects.

1) As there was a bird in the cat's line of sight, _____

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2) Smaller cats came to live inside the homes of humans. As a result, _____

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6) Since explaining dogs' instincts was a long process, _____

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7) _____ , so it lived to squeak another

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