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Anna's Secret Diary

by Anita N. Amin

Anna's diary was top secret. So it needed a top secret hiding spot. Anna studied her bedroom carefully. Finally, she hid her diary under her bed.

"Guard my diary, Kitty," Anna told her orange kitten.

Meow! Kitty agreed as Anna left.

Later, Anna skipped back to her bedroom. She found Kitty guarding the doorway. "Good job," Anna said.

Suddenly Anna stopped and stared. Her diary was lying wide open on the floor! "Someone read my diary!" Anna cried. She rushed to pick it up.

An orange hair was trapped between the pages. "Look, it's a clue," Anna said. "The diary reader must have orange hair. I wonder who he is." Everybody in her family had brown hair.

Anna set up a trap in case he came back.

First, Anna put Kitty on the bed.

Then Anna slid her diary back under her bed.

Finally, Anna sprinkled white baking soda powder on the floor beside her bed. Now Anna would know if anyone came near her diary. She'd find footprints in the powder.

"Meow twice if anyone touches my diary," Anna told Kitty.

Anna left, closing the door. She sprinkled some powder on the doorknob too.

Meow! Meow!

Anna raced back to her bedroom. The door was still closed. Powder still covered the doorknob. How could anyone have gone inside?

Anna opened her door. Powdery paw prints covered her wooden floor. Kitty was playing with Anna's diary!

"So you're the diary reader!" Anna laughed, hugging Kitty. "Next time, I'll find a better hiding spot."



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- a. a chapter book that tells a made-up story
 - b. a book of interesting facts
 - c. a book people write their thoughts and feelings in
 - d. a book with puzzles in it

2. How did Anna know that someone in her family wasn't reading her diary?

3. Why did Anna sprinkle white powder on the floor near her bed?

4. What did Anna see on the floor when she came back to her bedroom?

5. How do you think Anna felt when she discovered who had been playing with her diary?

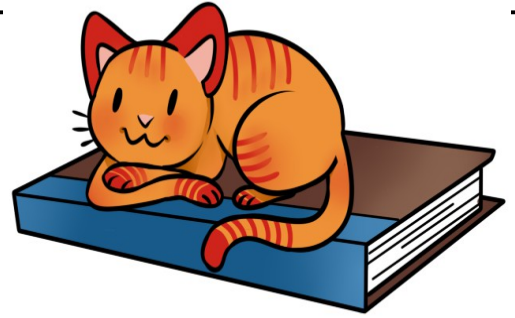
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- b. frustrated
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Vocabulary



Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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clue: protecting; keeping people away

1. _____

2. _ p _ _ _ _ _ d

clue: scattered

2. _____

3. _ _ _ h _ _

clue: hurried

3. _____

4. _ _ o _ w _ _

clue: hole in the wall where you enter or leave a room

4. _____

5. _ _ o _ _ _ _ b

clue: object used to open a door

5. _____

6. _ _ _ d e _

clue: made from lumber

6. _____

7. _ _ i _ p _ d

clue: moved by hopping on one foot, then the other

7. _____

8. _ r _ _ _ _ d

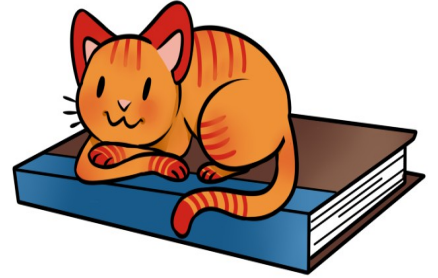
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ANSWER KEY

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