

Cats Next Door

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Ron was scared of cats. There were three next door.
He did not like them. They liked him, though.
They liked to watch him. He did not like to be watched.



They had big scary yellow eyes. They were so bright!
They had pointy ears. They moved to listen.
They had long tails. The tails moved like snakes.
They were noisy. They purred and hissed.
They had sharp claws. They liked to scratch the fence.

One of the cats was orange.
It always meowed when Ron walked by.
Another cat was black.
It always purred when Ron walked by.
The last cat was gray.
It always stretched when Ron walked by.



One day, the orange cat ran to meet Ron.
Ron jumped back. The cat came closer.
It rubbed on his legs. It was a nice cat.
Ron tried to pet the cat. It was soft!



Next, came the black cat. It was so cute.
Last, came the gray cat. It was not mean.
All the cats were nice. Now, Ron likes cats.
They come to see him every day. They are friends.

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 - C. rabbits
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 - D. four

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