

Activity 1

Read Chapter 1

1. What does Vincent use his shed for?
2. Why was Vincent not happy this year?
3. At the end of the chapter it says that he saw "Something white. Something silky." What do you think he was? Why do you think this?

Activity 2

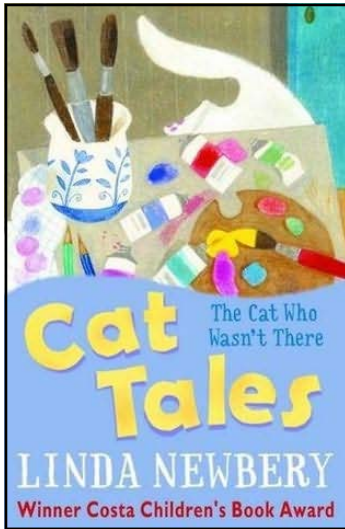
Read Chapter 2

1. Who is Snow?
2. How did Vincent feel when he saw Snow? (explain how you knew using details from the book)
3. Why did he keep glancing back at Snow as he walked into the kitchen?
4. What was Snow wearing that Vincent thought was odd? Do you agree that it is odd?
5. Why do you think he may be wearing it?
6. On page 21, the author describes Vincent's heart as being full of happiness. Why do you think Vincent is now so happy, when last chapter was unhappy?

Activity 3

Read Chapter 3

1. Why is some of the writing at the beginning of this chapter written in italics? (slanted writing)
2. What had happened to Skitter?
3. What did Vincent say had happened to Snow?
4. Do you think the cat with the blue collar from Vincent's garden was Snow?
5. Why did he show the children Snow's chair?



Activity 4

Read Chapter 4

1. What happened in Vincent's dream at the beginning of the story.
2. How do you think Vincent felt when he woke up?
3. Why did Vincent not want to get another cat?

Activity 5

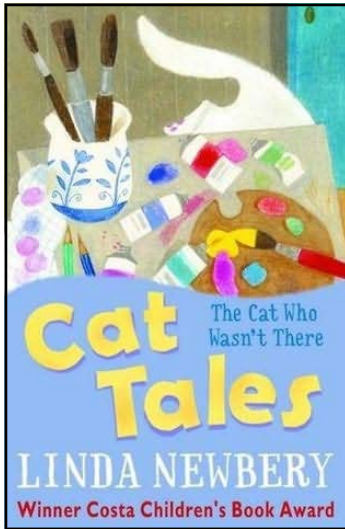
Read Chapter 5

1. What went wrong when Vincent opened the front door?
2. What did Vincent do to find Skitter?
3. Why did Jennie invite Vincent in for a cup of tea?
4. When could Vincent finally smile and relax?
5. What did Jennie suggest Vincent should do?

Activity 6

Read Chapter 6

1. Which painting did Jennie like?
2. Vincent wouldn't let Jennie pay for the painting, so how did Jennie decide she would repay Vincent?
3. Why did Vincent think he wasn't very good at cats?
4. What was Vincent's solution to the problem?
5. Why did Vincent think that maybe he should give up painting?
6. What did Vincent paint successfully at the end of the chapter?



Activity 7

Read Chapter 7

1. Did his friends like the painting in his show? (remember to explain how you know)
2. Why was the painting called 'The Cat Who Isn't There'?
3. Why did Vincent not want to sell the first picture that he painted?

Activity 8

Read Chapter 8

1. What important decision did Vincent make after Christmas?
2. Write a description of the two cats that Vincent got from the RSPCA.
3. Why do you think Vincent chose Coal and Soot for the cats names?
4. How did Vincent feel at the end of the book?