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## **Level 4**

# **Hello Kitty is a girl, not a cat**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140831-hello-kitty-4.html>

The Japanese toymaker Sanrio, creators of Hello Kitty, have told the truth about their character. They said Hello Kitty is not a cat. This news came because of publicity for a new Hello Kitty exhibition. Sanrio mailed exhibition organisers to say: "Hello Kitty is not a cat. She is a little girl. She is a friend....She's never depicted on all fours. She walks and sits like a two-legged creature." Sanrio added: "Kitty is a bright little girl with a heart of gold."

Hello Kitty has been amazingly popular since it started in 1974. She appears on everything, from chopsticks to airplanes. A Japanese carmaker even sold a Hello Kitty car. It had Kitty upholstery, a Kitty speedometer and a Kitty-shaped gear stick. Sanrio said the character represents cuteness and has no mouth because she speaks with her heart. A rapper tweeted about the news, saying: "This is worse than finding out Pluto is not a planet."

Sources: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-intersect/wp/2014/08/28/newsflash-hello-kitty-has-never-been-a-cat/>  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/08/28/world/asia/hello-kitty-revelation/>  
<http://nypost.com/2014/08/28/hello-kitty-bombshell-shes-not-a-cat/>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140831-hello-kitty-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The Japanese toymaker Sanrio,        | a. Hello Kitty exhibition  |
| 2 told                                  | b. legged creature         |
| 3. publicity for a new                  | c. creators of Hello Kitty |
| 4. She's never depicted on              | d. the truth               |
| 5. sits like a two-                     | e. heart of gold           |
| 6. Kitty is a bright little girl with a | f. all fours               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Hello Kitty has been amazingly | a. Pluto is not a planet    |
| 2 She appears on everything, from | b. shaped gear stick        |
| 3. a Kitty-                       | c. popular since it started |
| 4. Sanrio said the character      | d. with her heart           |
| 5. she speaks                     | e. represents cuteness      |
| 6. worse than finding out         | f. chopsticks to airplanes  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ about their character. They said Hello Kitty is

not a cat. This news came (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for a new Hello Kitty

exhibition. Sanrio mailed (3) \_\_\_\_\_ say: "Hello Kitty is not

a cat. She is a little girl. She is a friend....She's (4) \_\_\_\_\_

fours. She walks and sits like (5) \_\_\_\_\_." Sanrio added:

"Kitty is a bright little girl with (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Hello Kitty has been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ since it started in 1974.

She appears on everything, from (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A Japanese

carmaker even sold a Hello Kitty car. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_, a Kitty

speedometer and a Kitty-(10) \_\_\_\_\_. Sanrio said the

character (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and has no mouth because she

speaks with her heart. A rapper (12) \_\_\_\_\_ news, saying:

"This is worse than finding out Pluto is not a planet."

# HELLO KITTY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140831-hello-kitty-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Hello Kitty in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

