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Level 4

Cats are just as clever as dogs, says study

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THE READING

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People usually think dogs are more intelligent than cats. Researchers at Japan's Kyoto University questioned this idea. They found cats were as smart as dogs at certain memory tests. Cat lovers have always known this. They looked at how well 49 cats could recall a past event. This is called episodic memory. The cats ate from different bowls. The team found that after a 15-minute break, the cats could recall what bowl they had eaten from.

The cats were as good as dogs in responding to gestures and facial expressions. A researcher said cats think about past events similar to the way we do. She said: "They may enjoy actively recalling memories of their experience, like humans." She said episodic memory is a form of introspective or deeper thinking. The research may suggest a type of consciousness in cats. Understanding cats more will help to establish better cat-human relationships.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. dogs are more intelligent | a. lovers |
| 2. researchers at Japan's Kyoto University | b. 15-minute break |
| 3. memory | c. past event |
| 4. Cat | d. bowls |
| 5. recall a | e. questioned this idea |
| 6. The cats ate from different | f. tests |
| 7. after a | g. they had eaten from |
| 8. the cats could recall what bowl | h. than cats |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. responding to | a. expressions |
| 2. facial | b. thinking |
| 3. cats think about past | c. we do |
| 4. similar to the way | d. consciousness |
| 5. recalling memories of | e. human relationships |
| 6. deeper | f. gestures |
| 7. a type of | g. their experience |
| 8. establish better cat- | h. events |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People (1) _____ are more intelligent than cats.

Researchers at Japan's Kyoto University (2) _____ idea.

They found cats (3) _____ as dogs at certain memory

tests. Cat lovers have always known this. They (4) _____

49 cats could recall a past event. This is called (5) _____.

The cats ate from different bowls. The team found that after a 15-minute

break, the cats could recall what bowl (6) _____ from.

The cats were as good as dogs (7) _____ gestures and

facial expressions. A researcher said cats (8) _____ events

similar to (9) _____. She said: "They may enjoy actively

recalling memories of their experience, like humans." She said episodic

memory (10) _____ introspective or deeper thinking. The

research may (11) _____ consciousness in cats.

Understanding cats more will (12) _____ better cat-human

relationships.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CATS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cats 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) _____

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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) _____

