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**Level 6 – 24th February, 2019**

## **Karl Lagerfeld's cat set to inherit millions**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

Following the death in Paris on Tuesday of legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, news is emerging that his pet cat could inherit millions of dollars. His fluffy, white Birman cat, Choupette, became a global, feline icon after she became Lagerfeld's pet and companion. In an interview last year with fashion magazine Vogue, Lagerfeld said he would leave part of his estimated \$150 million fortune to Choupette. She could be set to inherit millions of dollars. The cat is not exactly short of cash. Lagerfeld said Choupette was the "most famous" and "richest" cat in the world. She made \$3 million as a model in one year for just two jobs - one for a German car company and the other for a Japanese cosmetics brand.

Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly admits that he "stole" Choupette from her former owner. He explained: "Choupette belonged to a friend of mine who asked if my maid could take care of her for two weeks when he was away. When he came back, he was told that Choupette would not return to him." Lagerfeld joked: "He got another cat who became fat." Lagerfeld spent years pampering his pet. He fed her on a diet of king crab, smoked salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can only dream of. She is looked after by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's far too sophisticated."

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/karl-lagerfelds-cat-choupette-godson-hudson-kroenig-inherit-designers-150-million-fortune-110735905.html>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/20/style/karl-lagerfeld-choupette-cat.html>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. CATS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cats. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

legendary / fashion / designer / inherit / millions / pet / global / feline / cash / brand / admit / owner / friend / return / fat / diet / crab / salmon / lifestyle / sophisticated

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. INHERITANCE:** Students A **strongly** believe inheritances should not go to pets; Students B **strongly** believe they should. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT:** Would you leave money to these people / things in your will? Why (not)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why?	Why not?
A pet cat		
A cousin		
Your parents		
Your best friend		
A charity		
A university		

**5. FASHION:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fashion". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. PETS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cats
- dogs
- goldfish
- tortoises
- snakes
- cows
- elephants
- crocodiles

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |                                                                                                    |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. legendary | a. Information, facts or circumstances becoming known.                                             |
| 2. emerging  | b. Being soft and nice to touch and having soft fibers from fur or fabrics such as wool or cotton. |
| 3. inherit   | c. Earned money.                                                                                   |
| 4. fluffy    | d. Receive money, property, or a title from someone after they die.                                |
| 5. estimated | e. A large amount of money or assets.                                                              |
| 6. fortune   | f. Remarkable enough to be famous; very well known.                                                |
| 7. made      | g. Roughly calculated or judged the value, number, quantity, or extent of something.               |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |                                                                                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. unashamedly    | h. Says to be true or to be the case.                                                              |
| 9. admits         | i. Having previously filled a particular role or been a particular thing.                          |
| 10. former        | j. Having a lot of worldly experience and knowledge of fashion and culture.                        |
| 11. pampering     | k. The kinds of food that a person, animal, or community habitually eats.                          |
| 12. diet          | l. Giving someone every, comfort, and kindness; spoiling.                                          |
| 13. luxurious     | m. Openly and without guilt or embarrassment.                                                      |
| 14. sophisticated | n. Very, very comfortable, elegant, or enjoyable, especially in a way that involves great expense. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Lagerfeld's cat is a Siamese. **T / F**
- b. Lagerfeld said his cat is the richest cat in the world. **T / F**
- c. Lagerfeld's cat made \$3 million in two jobs as a model. **T / F**
- d. Lagerfeld's cat did some modeling for a Japanese confectionary brand. **T / F**
- e. Lagerfeld said he "stole" the cat from its previous owner. **T / F**
- f. Choupette ate regular cat food every day. **T / F**
- g. Choupette is looked after by three maids. **T / F**
- h. Lagerfeld said his cat wasn't very sophisticated. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1. following</b>      | a. fantasize          |
| <b>2. emerging</b>       | b. roughly calculated |
| <b>3. icon</b>           | c. worldly            |
| <b>4. estimated</b>      | d. label              |
| <b>5. brand</b>          | e. becoming known     |
| <b>6. admits</b>         | f. opulent            |
| <b>7. pampering</b>      | g. star               |
| <b>8. luxurious</b>      | h. confesses          |
| <b>9. dream</b>          | i. after              |
| <b>10. sophisticated</b> | j. spoiling           |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. news is                         | a. icon                  |
| 2. a global, feline                | b. lifestyle             |
| 3. part of his estimated           | c. brand                 |
| 4. The cat is not exactly short    | d. by two maids          |
| 5. a Japanese cosmetics            | e. sophisticated         |
| 6. Lagerfeld spent years pampering | f. emerging              |
| 7. He fed her on a diet            | g. his pet               |
| 8. She enjoyed a luxurious         | h. of cash               |
| 9. She is looked after             | i. of king crab          |
| 10. She's far too                  | j. \$150 million fortune |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

Following the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris on Tuesday of legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, news is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that his pet cat could inherit millions of dollars. His (3) \_\_\_\_\_, white Birman cat, Choupette, became a global, feline (4) \_\_\_\_\_ after she became Lagerfeld's pet and companion. In an interview last year with fashion magazine Vogue, Lagerfeld said he would leave part of his (5) \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 million fortune to Choupette. She could be set to inherit millions of dollars. The cat is not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ short of cash. Lagerfeld said Choupette was the "most famous" and "richest" cat in the world. She made \$3 million as a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in one year for just two jobs - one for a German car company and the other for a Japanese cosmetics (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*fluffy*  
*exactly*  
*icon*  
*brand*  
*death*  
*model*  
*emerging*  
*estimated*

Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that he "stole" Choupette from her (10) \_\_\_\_\_ owner. He explained: "Choupette belonged to a friend of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ who asked if my maid could take care of her for two weeks when he was (12) \_\_\_\_\_. When he came back, he was told that Choupette would not return to him." Lagerfeld joked: "He got another cat who became fat." Lagerfeld spent years (13) \_\_\_\_\_ his pet. He fed her on a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of king crab, smoked salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can only (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of. She is looked after by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's far too (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*away*  
*diet*  
*former*  
*sophisticated*  
*admits*  
*dream*  
*pampering*  
*mine*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

- 1) legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, news is emerging that his pet cat could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inherits millions
  - b. inherit million
  - c. inherit millions
  - d. inherits million
- 2) Lagerfeld said he would leave part of his estimated \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Choupette
  - a. million fortunes to
  - b. million fortunately to
  - c. million fortunate to
  - d. million fortune to
- 3) The cat is not exactly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. shorts of cache
  - b. shot of cache
  - c. shots of cash
  - d. short of cash
- 4) She made \$3 million as a model in one year for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. adjusts two jobs
  - b. just two jobs
  - c. adjust two jobs
  - d. a just two jobs
- 5) one for a German car company and the other for a Japanese \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cosmetics brand
  - b. cosmetics bland
  - c. cosmetics braid
  - d. cosmetics blade
- 6) Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly admits that he "stole" Choupette from her \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. firmer owner
  - b. former owner
  - c. farmer owner
  - d. framer owner
- 7) He got another cat who became fat. Lagerfeld spent years \_\_\_\_\_ pet
  - a. pamper in his
  - b. papering his
  - c. primping his
  - d. pampering his
- 8) He fed her on a diet of king crab, \_\_\_\_\_ caviar
  - a. smoking salmon and
  - b. smokes salmon and
  - c. smokeless salmon and
  - d. smoked salmon and
- 9) She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. only dream off
  - b. only dreams of
  - c. only dream of
  - d. only dreamed of
- 10) I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's far \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too sophisticate
  - b. too sophisticated
  - c. two sophisticates
  - d. to sophisticate it

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

Following (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Paris on Tuesday of legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that his pet cat could inherit millions of dollars. His fluffy, white Birman cat, Choupette, became a global, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ she became Lagerfeld's pet and companion. In an interview last year with fashion magazine Vogue, Lagerfeld said he would (4) \_\_\_\_\_ his estimated \$150 million fortune to Choupette. She could be (5) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of dollars. The cat is not exactly short of cash. Lagerfeld said Choupette was the "most famous" and "richest" cat in the world. She made \$3 million as a model in one year (6) \_\_\_\_\_ jobs - one for a German car company and the other for a Japanese cosmetics brand.

Karl Lagerfeld (7) \_\_\_\_\_ he "stole" Choupette from her former owner. He explained: "Choupette belonged to a friend of mine who asked if my maid (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of her for two weeks when he was away. When he came back, he was told that Choupette (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to him." Lagerfeld joked: "He got another cat who became fat." Lagerfeld spent (10) \_\_\_\_\_ pet. He fed her on a diet of king crab, smoked salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She is looked after by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

1. On what day of the week did Karl Lagerfeld die?
2. What kind of cat is Choupette?
3. What magazine did Karl Lagerfeld talk to?
4. What did the article say Choupette is not short of?
5. How much did Choupette earn for doing two jobs?
6. For how long did Lagerfeld's maid initially look after Choupette?
7. What happened to the other cat Lagerfeld's friend got?
8. What does Choupette eat besides crab and salmon?
9. Who looks after Choupette?
10. Why didn't Lagerfeld let Choupette advertise foodstuffs?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

- 1) On what day of the week did Karl Lagerfeld die?
  - a) a Sunday
  - b) a Thursday
  - c) a Tuesday
  - d) a Monday
- 2) What kind of cat is Choupette?
  - a) a Birman
  - b) a tabby
  - c) a Siamese
  - d) a tiger
- 3) What magazine did Karl Lagerfeld talk to?
  - a) TIME
  - b) The Lady
  - c) World Cats
  - d) Vogue
- 4) What did the article say Choupette is not short of?
  - a) friends
  - b) cash
  - c) fish
  - d) fur
- 5) How much did Choupette earn for doing two jobs?
  - a) \$2 million
  - b) \$4 million
  - c) \$3 million
  - d) \$5 million
- 6) For how long did Lagerfeld's maid initially look after Choupette?
  - a) 12 weeks
  - b) two weeks
  - c) two months
  - d) 12 days
- 7) What happened to the other cat Lagerfeld's friend got?
  - a) it attacked Choupette
  - b) it had kittens
  - c) it ran away
  - d) it got fat
- 8) What does Choupette eat besides crab and salmon?
  - a) truffles
  - b) caviar
  - c) steak
  - d) ice cream
- 9) Who looks after Choupette?
  - a) two maids
  - b) a world-famous vet
  - c) a cattery
  - d) a charity
- 10) Why didn't Lagerfeld let Choupette advertise foodstuffs?
  - a) Choupette was ill
  - b) the fee was too low
  - c) she was too busy
  - d) she's too sophisticated

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

## **Role A – Cats**

You think cats make the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, elephants or snakes.

## **Role B – Goldfish**

You think goldfish make the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cats, elephants or snakes.

## **Role C – Elephants**

You think elephants make the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, cats or snakes.

## **Role D – Snakes**

You think snakes make the best pets. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their pets. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, elephants or cats.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'inherit' and 'millions'.

inherit	millions

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• following</li><li>• inherit</li><li>• interview</li><li>• short</li><li>• model</li><li>• brand</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• stole</li><li>• mine</li><li>• return</li><li>• diet</li><li>• dream</li><li>• far</li></ul>
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# CATS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

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.

# CATS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'inherit'?
3. What do you think of Karl Lagerfeld?
4. Should pets be allowed to inherit millions of dollars?
5. What do you think of cats as pets?
6. What would you do if you inherited \$150 million?
7. Are you ever short of cash?
8. Would you leave money to animals in your will?
9. Why do people keep pets?
10. Is it right that a cat can earn \$3 million as a model?

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# CATS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'millions'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How will the millions of dollars be spent on Choupette?
15. How would your life change if you inherited millions?
16. Why does a cat need two maids?
17. Would you like to have luxurious food every day?
18. Are there too many posts of cats on YouTube and Facebook?
19. How sophisticated are you?
20. What questions would you like to ask Choupette the cat?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

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Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly admits that he "stole" Choupette from her (7) \_\_\_\_\_ owner. He explained: "Choupette belonged to a friend of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ who asked if my maid could take care of her for two weeks when he was away. When he came back, he was told that Choupette would not return to him." Lagerfeld (9) \_\_\_\_\_: "He got another cat who became fat." Lagerfeld spent years (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his pet. He fed her on a diet of king crab, smoked salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can only dream (11) \_\_\_\_\_. She is looked after by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's (12) \_\_\_\_\_ too sophisticated."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |                 |               |                 |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) legend   | (b) legends     | (c) legendary | (d) legendarily |
| 2.  | (a) inherit  | (b) inherited   | (c) inherits  | (d) inheritance |
| 3.  | (a) feline   | (b) bovine      | (c) canine    | (d) equine      |
| 4.  | (a) to       | (b) of          | (c) at        | (d) by          |
| 5.  | (a) richly   | (b) expensively | (c) fast      | (d) exactly     |
| 6.  | (a) has      | (b) is          | (c) was       | (d) as          |
| 7.  | (a) former   | (b) firmer      | (c) framer    | (d) farmer      |
| 8.  | (a) I        | (b) my          | (c) me        | (d) mine        |
| 9.  | (a) joked    | (b) jest        | (c) guffawed  | (d) humored     |
| 10. | (a) papering | (b) pampering   | (c) pumping   | (d) pestering   |
| 11. | (a) on       | (b) of          | (c) at        | (d) by          |
| 12. | (a) far      | (b) more        | (c) lots      | (d) very        |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. news is egnremgi
2. His ylffu, white Birman cat
3. became a global, eefnil icon
4. his estimated \$150 million frtnoeu
5. The cat is not lxacyet short of cash
6. a Japanese sosmtcice brand

## Paragraph 2

7. Lagerfeld dhauanlseym admits that
8. her roferm owner
9. Lagerfeld spent years mgenrppai his pet
10. smoked salmon and acvari
11. She enjoyed a lxurousiu lifestyle
12. She's far too scthdeosatipi

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can only dream
- ( ) Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly admits that he "stole" Choupette from her former owner. He explained: "Choupette belonged
- ( ) \$150 million fortune to Choupette. She could be set to inherit millions of dollars. The cat is not exactly short
- ( ) cat, Choupette, became a global, feline icon after she became Lagerfeld's pet and
- ( ) companion. In an interview last year with fashion magazine Vogue, Lagerfeld said he would leave part of his estimated
- ( **1** ) Following the death in Paris on Tuesday of legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, news is
- ( ) who became fat." Lagerfeld spent years pampering his pet. He fed her on a diet of king crab, smoked
- ( ) of cash. Lagerfeld said Choupette was the "most famous" and "richest" cat in the world. She made \$3 million as
- ( ) emerging that his pet cat could inherit millions of dollars. His fluffy, white Birman
- ( ) to a friend of mine who asked if my maid could take care of her for two weeks when he was
- ( ) of. She is looked after by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise
- ( ) away. When he came back, he was told that Choupette would not return to him." Lagerfeld joked: "He got another cat
- ( ) a model in one year for just two jobs - one for a German car company and the other for a Japanese cosmetics brand.
- ( ) cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do foodstuffs and things like that. She's far too sophisticated."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

1. cat of His could dollars . inherit millions pet
2. fashion an last interview year with magazine . In
3. his of fortune . million estimated Leave part \$150
4. The is exactly short cat cash . not of
5. model . \$3 made million as a She
6. was not Choupette would that told He return .
7. her of crab . fed on diet He a
8. lifestyle can luxurious dream A of . we only
9. after is She looked maids . two by
10. do allow to her I foodstuffs . don't

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

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Karl Lagerfeld unashamedly *remits / admits* that he "stole" Choupette from her former *owner / own*. He explained: "Choupette belonged to a friend of *mine / me* who asked if my maid could *take / taken* care of her for two weeks when he was away. When he came back, he was told that Choupette would not return to him." Lagerfeld *joked / jokes*: "He got another cat who became fat." Lagerfeld spent years *pandering / pampering* his pet. He fed her on a *diet / dietary* of king crab, smoked salmon and caviar. She enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle most of us can only dream of. She is looked *after / before* by two maids. Lagerfeld never let Choupette advertise cat food. He said: "I don't allow her to do *foodies / foodstuffs* and things like that. She's *far / very* too sophisticated."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **cats** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190224-karl-lagerfeld.html>

Is it right that a pet can inherit millions of dollars? Give reasons for and against.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CATS:** Make a poster about cats. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. INHERITANCE:** Write a magazine article about pets inheriting lots of money in wills. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on wills. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on leaving money to pets in wills. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. g    6. e    7. c  
8. m    9. h    10. i    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c T    d F    e T    f F    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. following      | a. after              |
| 2. emerging       | b. becoming known     |
| 3. icon           | c. star               |
| 4. estimated      | d. roughly calculated |
| 5. brand          | e. label              |
| 6. admits         | f. confesses          |
| 7. pampering      | g. spoiling           |
| 8. luxurious      | h. opulent            |
| 9. dream          | i. fantasize          |
| 10. sophisticated | j. worldly            |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A Tuesday
2. A Birman
3. Vogue
4. Cash
5. \$3 million
6. Two weeks
7. It got fat
8. Caviar
9. Two maids
10. She's too sophisticated

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. His pet cat could inherit millions of dollars.
2. In an interview last year with fashion magazine.
3. Leave part of his estimated \$150 million fortune.
4. The cat is not exactly short of cash.
5. She made \$3 million as a model.
6. He was told that Choupette would not return.
7. He fed her on a diet of crab.
8. A luxurious lifestyle we can only dream of.
9. She is looked after by two maids.
10. I don't allow her to do foodstuffs.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)