

answer	marks	notes
Snowball was		
a show cat	1	<p><b>Content domain:</b> 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for answer as indicated.</p>
Ebony was		
a hungry street cat	1	<p><b>Content domain:</b> 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for answer as indicated.</p>
Order these events as they happen in the story. Number them 1, 2, 3, 4.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Snowball wanders restlessly around the house.</li> <li>2. The grey cat attacks Snowball.</li> <li>3. The black cat fights off the other cats.</li> <li>4. Snowball brings the black cat home with her.</li> </ol>	1	<p><b>Content domain:</b> 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for answers as indicated.</p>
Find and copy the phrase that tell us how Snowball's meals were served to her.		
'brought to her on a silver tray'	1	<p><b>Content domain:</b> 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for 'brought to her on a silver tray'.</p>
In paragraph 5, 'the wind blew the few remaining leaves from the trees'. Draw a line to match 'remaining' to its meaning.		
remaining - left-over	1	<p><b>Content domain:</b> 2a—give /explain the meaning of words in context.</p> <p><b>Award 1 mark</b> for answer as indicated.</p>

Find and copy two things that Snowball did straight after she ran through the front door, before she met the three street cats.

'she darted down the steps and up the street'  
'she paused and looked curiously around'

up to 2 marks

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**Award 1 mark** for each answer from the list.

*... but to the pampered runaway it seemed far more desirable than the cream she had left untasted in her own Dresden china plate.'*

What does 'desirable' mean in this context?

indicate a meaning of 'wanted', 'wished for', 'attractive'

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**Content domain:** 2a—give /explain the meaning of words in context.

**Award 1 mark** for answers indicating a meaning of 'wanted', 'wished for', 'attractive'.

How did Snowball feel when the other cats attacked her? Support your answer with at least two examples from the text.

She was frightened –  
'she recovered herself and turned in total terror',  
'her one thought to escape',  
'Snowball's heart seemed to stand still',  
'Shut her eyes and waited for the end'.

up to 2 marks

**Content Domain:** 2d—make inferences from the text /explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

**Award 1 mark** for each answer from those noted, up to a **maximum of 2 marks**.

How has Ebony's life changed by the end of the story?

indicate that Ebony's life changed from being a street cat with no home and having to fight for food, to living a pampered lifestyle with Snowball. Unacceptable answers refer only to Ebony's life at the beginning of the story OR the end

up to 2 marks

**Content Domain:** 2c—summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph

**Award 2 marks** for answers as indicated.

Do you think Snowball will ever stray from her house again? Give one reason for your answer.

Acceptable reasons:

She realises that life on the street is hard.

She appreciates her home more.

She has Ebony to keep her company now.

She was scared on the street.

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**Content Domain:** 2e—predict what might happen from details stated and implied

**Award 1 mark** for answers stating that no, she is unlikely to stray.

At the end of the story, how would you describe Snowball's feelings? Circle one.

safe and grateful

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**Content Domain:** 2b—retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction

**Award 1 mark** for answer as indicated.

Look at paragraph 11 (starting 'In the silence that followed...'). Find and copy a word used by the author to show that Snowball opened her eyes slowly and carefully.

'cautiously'

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**Content Domain:** 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context

**Award 1 mark** for 'cautiously'.

What can you say about Snowball's life before she met Ebony? Use words from the text to show why you think this.

refer to Snowball's **pampered** life, in which she was safe and looked after extremely well. She won prizes at cat shows, but was ultimately **frustrated** and **bored**, and was **looking for excitement**.

**Answers must make reference to the text to be awarded the full 3 marks.**

up to 3 marks

**Content Domain:** 2e—make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text

**Award up to 3 marks** for answers which refer to the answers noted.