



3. TASK IDENTIFIER

TITLE	Cats' dreams
NUMBER OF WORDS	275
READING BEHAVIOUR	Careful reading
GENERAL FOCUS	Reading for main ideas and supporting details
CEFR LEVEL	B1
TEST METHOD	Multiple Matching
NUMBER OF ITEMS	7



Cats' dreams

Read the text about what cats dream about.

Parts of the text have been removed.

Choose the correct part (A-J) for each gap (1-7).

There are two extra parts that you should not use.

The first one (0) has been done for you.



Most of us have probably seen the YouTube clip of (0) _____. The sleeping kit trembles like a little branch in the wind. His mother, curled up next to him, senses his distress and pulls him against her. His quivering stops: all is right with his world.

It's a scene guaranteed to melt any animal lover's heart in nano-seconds. But some questions remain. What do cats and kittens dream about? And are their dreams really (Q1) _____?

The landscape of dreaming

Cats sleep roughly 16 to 18 hours a day. Like humans, they experience Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep. The REM stage is (Q2) _____, although some does happen in the non-REM stage as well. The non-REM dreams are more fragmentary and less visual.

With kittens, the amount of "dream" or REM sleep will decrease as they mature. So will a lot of the muscle-twitching that goes along with it.

Feline (Q3) _____ that much from ours, according to Matthew Wilson, an associate professor of brain and cognitive sciences at MIT's Picower Institute for Learning and Memory. They, too, dream about (Q4) _____ - playing, stalking prey, etc.

The hippocampus, which governs memory, is wired the same in almost (Q5) _____. "If you compared a hippocampus in a rat to a dog, in a cat to a human, they contain all of the same pieces," explains Wilson. The electrical activity pattern in a sleeping cat's brain is remarkably similar to that of (Q6) _____.

We're apt to read the slightest physical movements —, quivering whiskers, twitching paws or tail — (Q7) _____. This "is misleading where cats are concerned," says researcher David Greene. "The most significant indication of dreaming is an utterly slack and relaxed condition."



A	as signs that our cats are dreaming
B	affecting their movements
C	<i>the kitten having a nightmare</i>
D	when they wake up
E	the stuff of their day-to-day lives
F	all that different from ours
G	dreams don't differ all
H	where most dreaming occurs
I	all vertebrates and mammals
J	a sleeping human's

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7
C							