

Before You Read

Think How can animals help people?
Do you help at home?

C Learn Compare and Contrast

Remember, to **compare** things, we tell how they're the same. To **contrast** things, we tell how they're different.

Read the text. What's the same? What's different?
Write the words in the Venn diagram.

Hugo and Ivan are ten years old.
Hugo lives in a big house in the country and Ivan lives in a small apartment in the city. They both have pets. Hugo has a big dog and Ivan has a small goldfish.



D Look at the title and pictures on pages 18–19. Guess the things that happen.

Leo and Lily's Adventure

In this story, we read about the adventure of a cat, Leo, and a bird, Lily.

This story is an *adventure story*. Adventure stories are usually exciting because a lot of things happen.



Leo and Lily's Adventure



Leo and Lily live in a big garden near a forest. Lily is red and yellow. She's friendly, but she is usually very nervous. Lily flies from tree to tree in the garden, and she hops in the grass. She eats worms, nuts, and berries. Leo is black and white. He is very fast and very clever. He's brave, too. He climbs trees in the garden, and he hunts for mice ... and birds! Leo sometimes tries to catch Lily, but Lily always escapes. Leo can run fast, but Lily can fly. This makes Leo angry!



One day, Leo sees Lily in the garden. Leo wants to catch Lily. He creeps through the garden very slowly and quietly. But Lily sees Leo, and she flies away into the forest. Leo chases Lily. Lily flies and flies, and Leo runs and runs. Soon they are a long way from the garden, and they don't know the way home. It's dark in the forest. Leo and Lily are scared.



Leo and Lily hear a noise. It's a fox!
The fox is hungry. It wants some dinner.
It wants to eat Leo! Leo tries to **fight**
the fox, but the fox is very big.

Lily is in a tree. She **pecks** a **pinecone**.
The pinecone falls and hits the fox on
the head! Leo escapes and climbs up the
tree. The fox is angry. It can't climb trees.



Leo and Lily wait in the tree for
a long time. At last, the fox goes
away. Leo and Lily are safe, but they
want to go home now. Lily flies up
very high. She sees the garden! She
squawks happily. Lily shows Leo
the way home. But Lily is small and
her wings are tired. She sits on Leo's
back, and Leo carries Lily home.

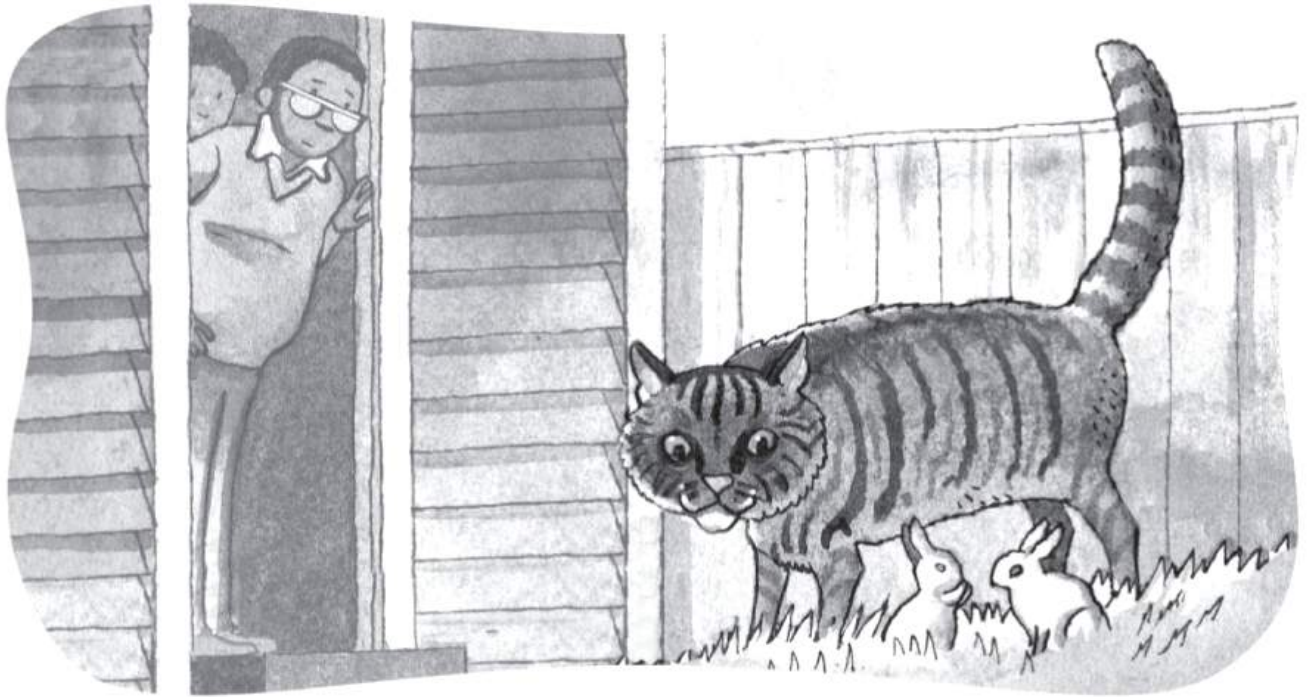
Leo and Lily are safe at home in their
garden again. They're friends now. Lily
flies around the garden, and Leo never
tries to catch her ... Well, hardly ever!



A Read the story quickly. Answer the question.

What animals does the cat see?

Unusual Friends



The Smiths have a big cat, Molly. Molly is loud and playful, but always friendly and gentle. One cold day Molly sees two small, quiet rabbits in the yard. They're cold and alone.

Molly carries the rabbits to the door and meows. They're scared. The Smiths come out. They make a big and warm cage for the rabbits to sleep in. The rabbits are happy. They're gentle, and Molly likes them.

Sometimes they play with Molly in the yard, and they never fight.

Think

How is Molly different from the rabbits?

Think

How is Molly the same as the rabbits?