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The Cat



Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
You purr in between my legs.
A good belly rub should do, a scratch behind the ears
On the ground you lay.

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You jump to the counter, to an empty bowl.
More food again? Your hunger never ends.
You are looking bigger, how much do you weigh?

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10 More catnip? A toy?
You finally settle next to me, purring and kneading the couch?
Always so restless, I wonder, will you stay?

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I scoot on the couch and you take my space.
15 I roll my eyes,
I bet you are going to sleep all day!

- Meow, meow, meow. "What do you need now?" I say.
It is time for me to sleep. My bedtime is finally here.
I pull back the sheets and get cozy.
20 I turn off the lights without any delay.

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What now, I scream!!
Oh my, not right now!
Go away, I pray!

1. Why is the first line of each stanza repeated in the poem?
 - A. To show that the cat meow's many times a day.
 - B. To emphasize the cat's is tired and wants a nap.
 - C. To list the many times the cat talks to the owner.
 - D. To foreshadow the owner will run out of cat food.

2. How is the poem "The Cat" organized?
 - A. Explaining how a cat behaves.
 - B. Listing the events of the cat's life.
 - C. Presenting the events of the cat's day.
 - D. Noting the cat is annoying the narrator.

3. Based on the poem, what can the reader assume about the cat's routine?
 - A. The cat likes to bug their owner.
 - B. The cat can't make up his mind of what he wants.
 - C. The cat will continue to meow daily.
 - D. The cat needs to go play outside.

4. What does the word kneading mean in the third stanza?
 - A. Sit down.
 - B. Destroy
 - C. Leave alone
 - D. Manipulate

5. What is the main idea in the poem?
 - A. A cat that lives in an apartment.
 - B. A cat that is very needy.
 - C. A cat that steals the owners spot on the couch.
 - D. A cat that is loved by his owner.

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