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## A funny experience at home

**I**t was Wednesday. My parents were visiting an aunt and I was all alone. Although it was chilly outside, I decided to leave my porch door open. My cat, named Sissi, was playing outside. I took a book and began to read. Suddenly, I heard a faint squeak. My thoughts were captivated by the exciting book, and so I imagined it was just the basement door. This noise stopped and then started again. So I looked up from my book. Oh, the fright! What was there in front of me? My dear cat was playing in the living room with a big fat mouse. My book landed on the floor and I jumped on the desk.

Sissi had no reaction and carried on playing undisturbed with her prey. Scared to death, the mouse ran into the kitchen and disappeared under the fridge.

Sissi tried everything to get the mouse back in her claws. What was there to do? I had no other choice but to wait for my parents. After one hour I heard the



car, rushed to meet them and told them everything.

My father dismantled the fridge and immediately scurried the mouse away from under it. He grabbed a shovel, my mother a broom, and I a flyswatter flap and so the mouse went through the entire

apartment. Even Sissi returned to her chase. But the mouse was smarter than us and got away through the porch door back to freedom.



## VOCABULAR

**to visit** = a vizita

**outside** = afară

**suddenly** = deodată

**squeak** = chițait

**thought** = gând

**captivated** = captivat (ă)

**exciting** = fascinant (ă)

**basement door** = ușa pivniței

**noise** = zgomot

**to stop** = a înceta

**fright** = spaimă

**floor** = podea

**undisturbed** = nederanjat

**prey** = pradă

**to disappear** = a dispărea

**fridge** = frigider

**claw** = gheară

**to have no other choice** < had ~, had ~ > =

a nu avea nicio altă opțiune

**to rush to something/someone** =

a se repezi la

**to scurry away** = a goni

**to grab** = a înhăța, a prinde

**shovel** = lopată

**chase** = urmărirea de vânătoare

**smarter** = mai isteț/mai șiret

**to get away** < got ~, got ~ > = a scăpa,

a fugi

**freedom** = libertate



## EXERCIȚII

### 1. Citiți cu atenție textul și răspundeți la următoarele întrebări:

- 1) Whom were the parents visiting?
- 2) How was the weather outside?
- 3) What was the cat's name?
- 4) What was the sudden noise?
- 5) Who played in the living room?
- 6) Where did the mouse disappear?
- 7) What did the father do?
- 8) What did the father and the mother grab?
- 9) What did Sissi do?
- 10) Where did the mouse get away?

### 2. Completați propozițiile de mai jos cu următoarele cuvinte:

my porch door • Wednesday • My thoughts • visiting • began • Suddenly • playing • fright! • the basement door • on the floor • in the living room • this noise

It was \_\_\_\_\_ (1). My parents were \_\_\_\_\_ (2) an aunt and I was all alone. Although it was chilly outside, I decided to leave \_\_\_\_\_ (3) open. My cat named Sissi was \_\_\_\_\_ (4) outside. I took a book and \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to read. \_\_\_\_\_ (6), I heard a faint squeak. \_\_\_\_\_ (7) were captivated by the exciting book and so I imagined it was just \_\_\_\_\_ (8). \_\_\_\_\_ (9) stopped and then started again. So I looked up from my book. Oh, the \_\_\_\_\_ (10) What

was there in front of me? My dear cat was playing \_\_\_\_\_ (11)  
with a big fat mouse. My book landed \_\_\_\_\_ (12) and  
I jumped on the desk.

**3. Scrieți corect cuvintele dintre paranteze.**

Sissi had no reaction, she carried on playing (disunturbed) \_\_\_\_\_ (1)  
with her (yerp) \_\_\_\_\_ (2). Scared to death, the mouse ran into  
the (chenkit) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) and (appearedised) \_\_\_\_\_ (4)  
under the fridge. Sissi tried everything to get the mouse back in her  
(wacsl) \_\_\_\_\_ (5). What was there to do? I had no other  
(icecho) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) but to wait for my parents. After  
one (ohru) \_\_\_\_\_ (7) I heard the car, rushed to meet them and  
(dolt) \_\_\_\_\_ (8) them everything.

**4. Așezați cuvintele în ordine și alcătuiți propoziții.**

a) dismantled – father – the – ~~My~~ – fridge

My \_\_\_\_\_

b) shovel – ~~He~~ – a – grabbed

He \_\_\_\_\_

c) returned – chase – her – to – ~~Sissi~~

Sissi \_\_\_\_\_

d) mouse – smarter – ~~The~~ – than – us – was

The \_\_\_\_\_

e) porch – got away – the – door – freedom – through – to – back – ~~It~~

It \_\_\_\_\_

## The problem solved

Once, there were two children. They had a cat. One day, the children wanted to go to the playground and play with the cat. They had to go through an intersection on their way to the playground. This was very dangerous because a cat can get scared at the sound of a car. Therefore, the children took a bag and put the cat in it. This is how the children were able to go with the cat to the playground.



### VOCABULAR



**to solve** = a rezolva  
**playground** = loc de joacă  
**intersection** = intersecție  
**dangerous** = periculos  
**scared** = speriat(ă)  
**bag** = sacoșă, geantă  
**to take < took, taken >** = a lua  
**to put < put, put >** = a pune





## EXERCITII



### 1. Citiți cu atenție textul și răspundeți la următoarele întrebări:

- 1) What did the children have?
- 2) Where did the children want to go?
- 3) What was dangerous?
- 4) What did the children take?
- 5) How did the children get to the playground?

### 2. Completați propozițiile de mai jos cu următoarele cuvinte:

an intersection • a bag • children • dangerous • a car • put • to the playground • a cat

Once, there were two \_\_\_\_\_ (1). They had \_\_\_\_\_ (2). One day, the children wanted to go \_\_\_\_\_ (3) and play with the cat. They had to go through \_\_\_\_\_ (4) on their way to the playground. This was very \_\_\_\_\_ (5) because a cat can get scared at the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ (6). Therefore, the children took \_\_\_\_\_ (7) and \_\_\_\_\_ (8) the cat in it.

### 3. Așezați cuvintele în ordine și alcătuiți propoziții.

a) ~~Once~~ – two – there – children – were

Once \_\_\_\_\_

b) had – through – ~~They~~ – to – intersection – go – an – their – playground – way – on – to – the

They \_\_\_\_\_

c) dangerous – was – because – a cat – ~~This~~ – scared – get – can – very

This \_\_\_\_\_

## Hans plays football



**O**ne day, Hans asked his mother if he could play with the ball. His mother gave him permission. Then Hans began to play with the ball next to a fence. He played for a long time. Hans kicked the ball and all of a sudden the ball landed in the vegetable garden. He was sad, but he had an idea. Hans wanted to jump over the fence and take the ball. The fence was high and pointed. Hans tore his pants at the knee, but that did not matter. He was glad he had the ball back.



### VOCABULAR



**to give permission** < gave ~, given ~ > = a permite

**to begin** < began, begun > = a începe

**fence** = gard

**to kick** = a lovi cu piciorul, a şuta

**sad** = trist

**pointed** = ascuţit

**knee** = genunchi

**to tear** < tore, torn > = a rupe

**glad** = bucuros