

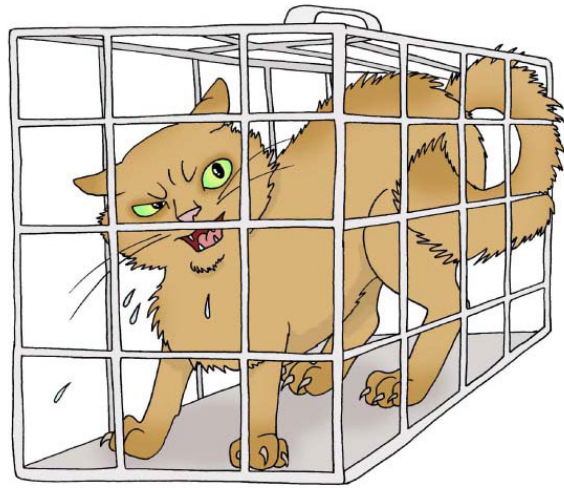
The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine

I was still quite suspicious when we reached the vet's. That is the only reason why I spat at the girl behind the desk. There was no reason on earth to write HANDLE WITH CARE at the top of my case notes. Even the Thompson's Rottweiler doesn't have HANDLE WITH CARE written on the top of his case notes. What's wrong with me?

So I was a little rude in the waiting room. So what? I hate waiting. And I especially hate waiting stuffed in a wire cat cage. It's cramped. It's hot. And it's boring. After a few hundred minutes of sitting there quietly, anyone would start teasing their neighbours. I didn't mean to frighten that sick little baby gerbil half to death. I was only looking at it. It's a free country, isn't it? Can't a cat even look at a sweet little baby gerbil?

And if I was licking my lips (which I wasn't) that's only because I was thirsty. Honestly. I wasn't trying to pretend I was going to eat it.

The trouble with baby gerbils is they can't take a joke. And neither can anyone else round here.



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1 “I was still quite suspicious when we reached the desk.”
Suggest another word to replace “suspicious” that keeps the same meaning.

2a

1 mark

2 “So I was a little rude in the waiting room.
So what? I hate waiting.” (paragraph 2)
Underline the words that tell you that the narrator isn’t sorry for being rude in the waiting room.

2g

1 mark

3 What is the main idea of the second paragraph? Choose the best answer.

I was sitting quietly and the baby gerbil wound me up. I didn’t mean any harm.

I was bored so I started to look around for something to do.

I was already cross and sitting in the cage made me even crosser.

I was bored and cross and thought I would tease my neighbour.

2c

1 mark

4 The cat complains that baby gerbils cannot take a joke.
What was the cat doing that he might think was a joke?

2d

1 mark

5 The cat often exaggerates (makes things sound more dramatic than they really are).
Give **two** examples from the text.

2g

2 marks

6 Which of the following is the most likely to happen when the cat gets in to see the vet?
Choose **one**.

The cat will hiss and try to scratch the vet.

The cat will refuse to leave its cage.

The cat will be purring to show it is happy.

The cat will sleep peacefully during the appointment.

Explain your answer.

2e

2 marks