

1. A Siamese cat crouched on a tree branch, peering down at Gaby with brilliant blue eyes.

Which word is closest in meaning to *crouched*?

Tick one.

balanced

squatted

trembled

pounced

1 mark

2. Look at the first paragraph, beginning: *A Siamese cat...*

*Gaby pulled the cardigan tighter around her.*

Why does Gaby do this?

Tick one.

She is thinking of  
wrapping the cat in her  
cardigan.

She is worried about  
damaging the cardigan.

She is feeling cold.

She is worried the  
cardigan will be difficult  
to climb in.

1 mark

3. In the paragraph beginning: *Mind made up...* Gaby says  
to the cat, '*You're out of luck...*'

In what way does Gaby think the cat is out of luck?

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4. When Gaby pulls herself up on the branch on page 1, the cat meows.

What does Gaby think that the cat is trying to say when it meows?

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5. Why had Gaby climbed the tree the previous summer?

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6. *Gaby secured her feet and hands and climbed higher...*

What does *secured her feet and hands* mean?

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7. Gaby thinks she makes two mistakes while trying to rescue the cat.

What is the first mistake that Gaby makes while trying to rescue the cat?

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8. Look at the paragraph beginning: *She knew the universal rule...*

What does the word *universal* tell you about the rule?

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9. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Well, she'd just have to not fall...*

*The cat was too shiny. Too chubby.*

What conclusion does Gaby draw from this?

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10. What are three ways the cat shows it does not enjoy Gaby trying to rescue it?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

2 marks

11. *She resettled on the branch, considering her options.*

What does *considering her options* mean in this sentence?

Tick one.

thinking about what to do

changing her mind

looking at it from the cat's point of view

wishing her mother was there

1 mark

12. Give one piece of advice that Gaby's mother gives her for dealing with cats.

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13. Gaby uses the Spanish word *gato* for cat.

Who else in the story speaks Spanish?

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1 mark

14. Number the following events 1–5 to show the order in which they happened.

The first one has been done for you.

Gaby breaks the universal rule of tree climbing.

Gaby notices the cat.

Gaby tries to pick up the cat.

Gaby remembers the water-balloon fight.

Gaby takes her cardigan off.

1 mark