

Level 2-8
Puss in Boots

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Puss in Boots is a story about a clever cat that took care of his master.

A farmer with three sons died. The third son got the cat. It seemed that the third son had nothing, but Puss was very clever. He wanted to help his master.

Puss asked his master for a bag and some boots. Then he caught a rabbit and took it to the King. The next day, he caught a bird and gave it to the King. He did this for two months. He said the gifts were from the Count of Carrabas.

One day, the King and the Princess went for a ride. Puss told the boy to go swimming in the river. He hid the boy's clothes. When the King rode by the river, Puss yelled that thieves had stolen his master's clothes.

The King gave the boy some clothes and took him for a ride.

Puss ran ahead and told a worker in a field to tell the King that the field belonged to the Count of Carrabas. In fact, the field belonged to a monster. Puss went to the monster's castle. He tricked the monster into changing into a small mouse. Then Puss ate the mouse!

When the King arrived with the Princess and the boy, Puss welcomed them. He told them that this was the home of the Count of Carrabas, his master. The King said that the Count should marry his daughter.

They were all very happy.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** When the farmer died, the third son got his clever cat, Puss. Puss asked for a bag and some boots. He used the bag to catch gifts for the King. He said the gifts were from the Count of Carrabas.

► **Pages 12-21:** Puss told the boy to go swimming. He hid the boy's clothes. He told the King that thieves stole the clothes. The King gave the boy clothes and took him for a ride. Puss told field workers to lie to the King. They told the King the field belonged to the Count of Carrabas. However, the field belonged to a monster.

► **Pages 22-28:** Puss went to the monster's castle. He tricked the monster. The monster changed into a mouse, and Puss ate him. The King arrived at the castle, and Puss pretended that it belonged to his master, the Count of Carrabas. The King said the Count should marry his daughter. They all lived happily ever after.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Lying:** It is not good to lie or deceive others, especially for your own benefit. It is better to be honest and work hard to get what you want. Puss lied in order to create a better life for his master. If the King found out about the lies, the boy would be in a lot of trouble.

★ **Trust:** In the story, the boy trusts Puss. All Puss asks for is some boots and a bag. Then he says he will be able to take care of the boy. The boy gets these things for Puss. Then he later does everything that Puss asks him to do. The boy never questions Puss. He puts complete trust in Puss, and Puss is able to help the boy because of this trust.

★ **Inheritance:** What happens to people's belongings when they die? If they have family, especially children, their belongings will be handed down to them. In some cases, the inheritance is divided equally between each child. In other cases, the oldest child gets the most valuable thing. The other children get a smaller inheritance according to the order that they were born. For example, in this story, the oldest son got the whole farm. The second son got the horse. And the youngest son got the cat.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It comes from France.
2. The main character is a cat.
3. It is also called Master Cat and The Booted Cat.

► Characters

1. Puss	2. Boy	3. Monster
<u>took care of the boy</u> <u>tricked the monster</u>	<u>his father died</u> <u>had nothing but a cat</u>	<u>changed into other things</u> <u>did magic</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-11

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a clever cat who can talk.
2. They are more independent than dogs.
3. I have seen him in the Shrek movies.

B. Review Questions

1. He got the farm.
2. He asked for a bag and a pair of boots.
3. He gave the King a rabbit.

► Middle: Pages 12-21

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how Puss gets the boy to meet the Princess.
2. I have pretended to be a witch on Halloween.
3. The story called The Magic Swan is about a poor boy who falls in love with a princess.

B. Review Questions

1. He said that thieves had taken the boy's clothes while he was swimming.
2. He asked the boy to ride with him and his daughter.
3. He said that because Puss said the monster would eat him if he didn't.

► End: Pages 22-28

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about how Puss tricks the monster.
2. I am not afraid of monsters because they are not real.
3. I think it is not right to lie about your name because lying is bad.

B. Review Questions

1. He changed into a lion.
2. He changed into a mouse.
3. He wanted to get rid of him so the boy could live in his castle.

Mini Quiz

a. If you chase two rabbits, you will not catch either one.

→ If you try to do two things at the same time, you won't succeed in doing either of them.

b. Don't let the cat out of the bag.

→ Be careful not to tell or give hints that will give away a secret.

c. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

→ When you find yourself in a difficult situation, make the best of it.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. B: Give me a phone. Give me some money.
5. A: Give me a house. Give me a car.

► Challenge

1. Puss caught a rabbit in the field.
2. The boy went swimming in the river by the road.
3. The man worked for the monster in the castle.
4. Puss jumped away from the lion onto a high shelf.

Part B. Skill Focus

► Vocabulary Preview

A.

1. castle
2. mouse
3. horse
4. master
5. field
6. shelf

f	l	e	n	s	g	p	a	h	t
v	i	t	u	o	m	o	u	s	e
a	c	e	b	f	n	e	i	t	h
c	h	a	l	w	o	r	r	m	d
l	i	e	s	d	h	g	f	a	l
m	h	q	p	t	e	i	c	s	e
s	a	f	h	j	l	p	w	t	f
w	s	h	o	r	s	e	i	e	c
f	i	v	y	b	o	o	m	v	p
d	t	a	d	l	h	m	s	a	o

B.

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. a
7. b

Reading Comprehension

▶ Beginning: Pages 6-11

A.

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. F

B.

1. a 2. d 3. c 4. b

C.

1. d 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. b

▶ Middle: Pages 12-21

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a

C.

1. d 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. a

▶ End: Pages 22-28

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. Boy

2. Monster

3. King

4. Puss

C.

1. b 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c

Think and Write

1. died 2. cat 3. boots 4. gifts 5. thieves
6. ride 7. field 8. Count 9. monster 10. castle

Vocabulary Review

1. The farmer had three sons.
2. The third son got the cat.
3. The cat asked for a bag and boots.
4. Puss caught a rabbit.
5. Puss took gifts to the King.
6. Puss hid the boy's clothes.
7. Puss went to the monster's castle.
8. The monster changed into a mouse.
9. Puss ate the monster.
10. Puss welcomed the King.

Summary

A.

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2	1

B.

1. The third son got the cat when his father died.
2. The cat took gifts to the King.
3. The boy and the Princess were falling in love.
4. The King told the boy to marry his daughter.

Book Report

Story a → d → e → c → b