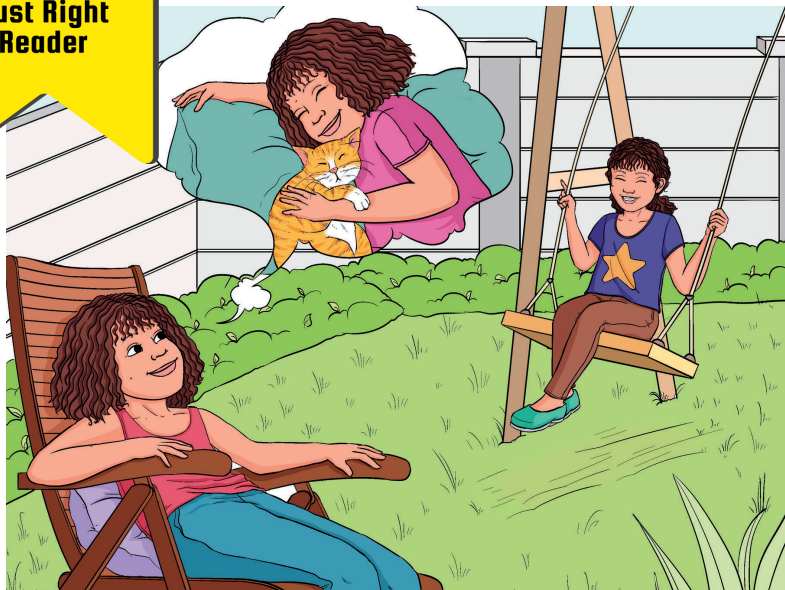




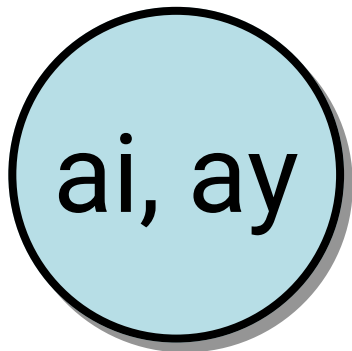
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Kaitlyn's Birthday

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claim

delay

New Vocabulary

aunt: the sister of one's mother or father

dismay: to frighten or discourage

wail: to make a sound like a cry

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Kaitlyn's Birthday



Kaitlyn's birthday was in six days. Her brain was full of things for her gift. Yesterday, she saw a gray kitten outside.

"Mom," she said. "I want a gray kitten just like that one on the driveway."



"You'll have to wait until your Aunt Gail comes," Mom said. "She knows all about raising kittens."

"I can't wait three more days! What if a kitten like that is taken away?" she explained.

"Just wait," Mom said. "I know it's hard."

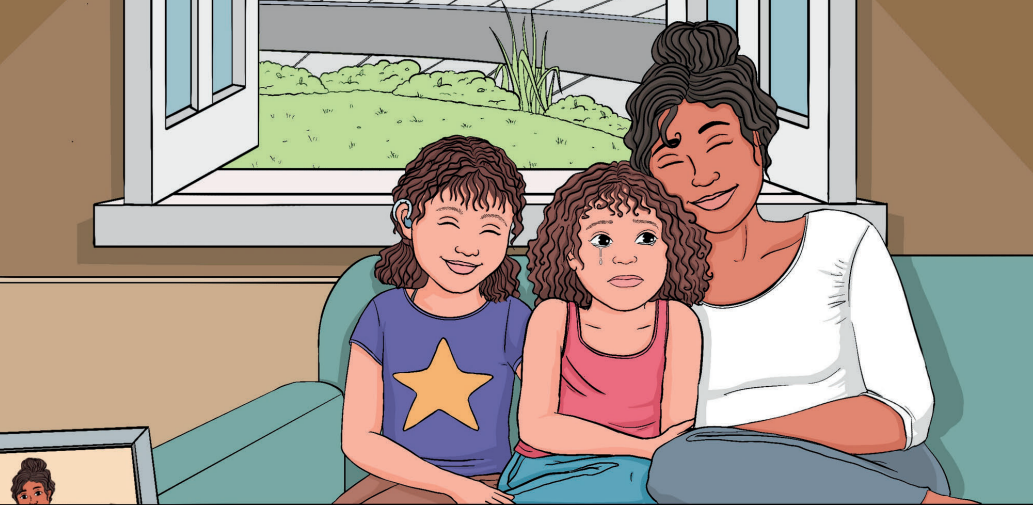
Her sister Hailey agreed. It was hard to wait.



Mom could see the pain and look of dismay on Kaitlyn's face.

"The Bay Animal Shelter is full of stray cats like that gray one," Mom explained. "Maybe we can go that way this weekend and claim one."

The pull to get a kitten gave Kaitlyn hope. Her birthday was days away!



Kaitlyn remained full of hope. She just knew a kitty with a fluffy tail was going to be hers! She dreamed of the day her kitten would lay on her bed and stay by her waist all night.

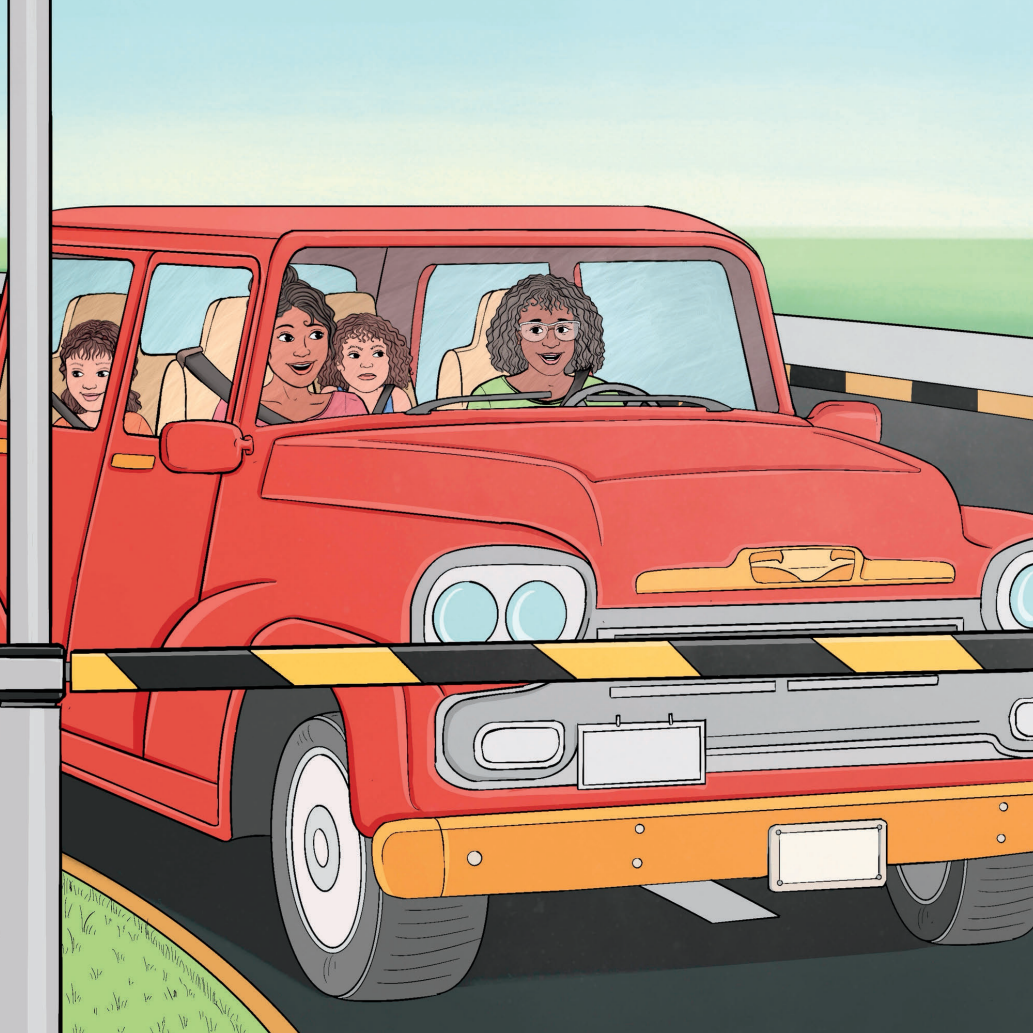
She and her sister Hailey played the rest of the day.



Monday after school, Aunt Gail, Hailey, Kaitlyn, and Mom went to Bay Animal Shelter. On the way, they came to a railway. A train was stopped at the tracks.

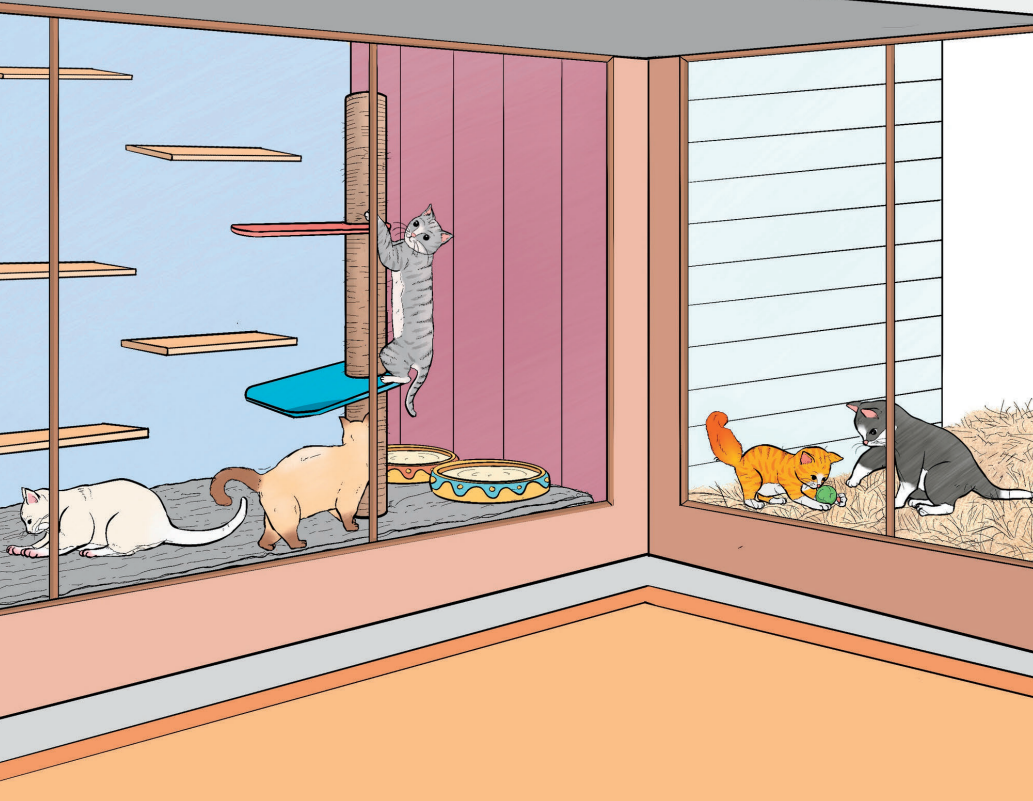
"No way!" Kaitlyn wailed. "Why this delay, people? I need my kitten today!"

The train moved out of the way, and they were moving again.



Inside the main place at Bay Animal Shelter, they saw three kittens play on a gray rug. One was straining to pull the other's tail. There were two playing next to them in some hay. Some had long tails. She saw a small one with a fluffy tail the color of red clay.

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"I love her!" she told Mom. "Maybe we can get her today?"

"Sure," Mom said. "After all, it is your birthday."

Kaitlyn named the kitten Daisy. They were going to be best pals. Hailey was happy too. They couldn't wait to play with her all day. This day was the best birthday ever.





Phonics Fun

- Use flash cards or the list from the book.
- How fast can you read the words?
- Time yourself reading the words.
- Try to beat your time.



Comprehension

Using words from the book, explain why Kaitlyn had to wait for Aunt Gail to get a kitten.



High Frequency Words

people

pull



Decodable Words

away	maybe
bay	Monday
birthday	pain
brain	play
claim	railway
clay	raise
Daisy	remain
day	stay
delay	strain
dismay	stray
driveway	tail
explain	today
Gail	train
gray	wail
Hailey	waist
hay	wait
Kaitlyn	way
lay	yesterday
main	

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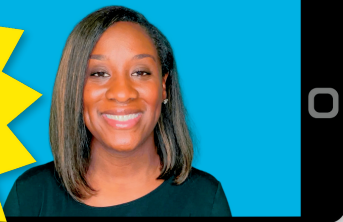
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