

Questions based on the adventures of Varjak Paw

1. Find and copy a group of words that means the same as 'a high pitched scream'.

2. Look at the sentence: *Treading carefully, he let his awareness flow out*
Which word most closely matches awareness in this sentence? Tick 1 box. (A -1 mark)

information

senses

understanding

familiarity

3. According to the text, what was the alley like where Varjak heard the scream?

4. What is the third skill of The Way?

5. *...he padded across the glossy road...* Give two impressions the word *glossy gives* you of the road?

6. Why was the alleyway so dark?

7. Complete the following table about Varjak's adventure.

What time of day is the story set?	
What made Varjak go into the alley?	
What was making the awful smell in the alley?	

8. Find and copy a word that shows that Varjak didn't like the two cats he had found.

9. Look at the paragraph beginning "*Digging, he held...*" Why did Varjak freeze?

10. Tick whether the statement is true or false

	True	False
Varjak was afraid of the Gentleman		
Varjak had always been good at shadow-walking		
Varjak had fought the machine cats before		
The Gentleman heard Varjak that's why he went back in the building		

11. What evidence is there to suggest that Varjak is determined? Explain using quotes from the text.

12. Draw lines to match each part of the story with the correct quotation from the text.

Setting	He'd learnt the hard way just how well trained these cats were
Action	ears vibrated and then flattened out against his fur
Past events	into the rotting rubbish and broken glass beneath him
Character	landing with precision and without a sound

13. Look at the paragraph beginning '*This was Varjak's chance!*' Why do you think a sudden horror filled Varjak?

24. Do you think Varjak will survive? Make references to the whole text.
