

Chapter One

Vocabulary	<p>What does the word 'ancestor' mean? What does the verb 'trickled' suggest about the light? 'This was his chance.' What impact does this short sentence have?</p> <p>What does the verb 'bristled' suggest about how Varjak is feeling?</p> <p>Why do you think Outside is written with a capital O?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think Varjak is 'restless'?</p> <p>How do you think Varjak feels when he is caught trying to escape into the garden?</p> <p>Can you describe the relationship between Varjak and Julius?</p> <p>What might Varjak be thinking when the strange man enters the house?</p>
Predict	<p>Why do you think the Contessa might be upstairs?</p> <p>Do you think that she is just ill or could it be something else?</p> <p>Who do you think the strange man is who enters the house</p>
Explain	<p>What are your first impressions of Varjak?</p> <p>Have you ever felt trapped and isolated like Varjak?</p> <p>When? What did you do?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Where does Varjak live?</p> <p>Can you use the description of the Contessa's house to draw a picture of it and label the house?</p> <p>What are the names of Varjak's family members?</p> <p>How is Varjak different to the rest of his family?</p> <p>Who is the head of the family?</p> <p>What is strange about the two new cats that enter the house?</p>
Summarise	<p>If you had to summarise this chapter in three words, which words would you choose and why?</p>