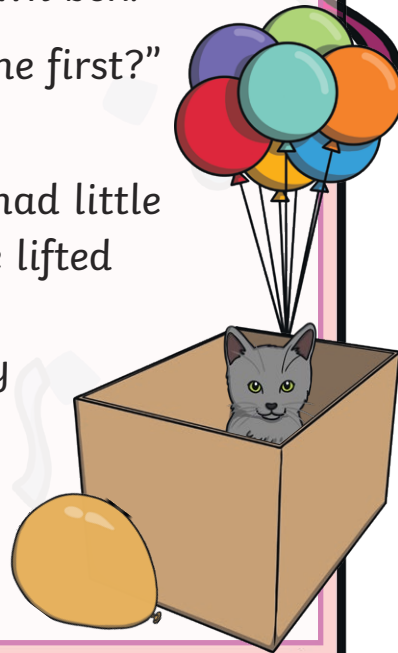


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36 downstairs to the living room. She could
44 see pink balloons and a pile of presents
51 wrapped in paper. Mum came carefully into
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70 she asked with a smile.
78 Amba peered at the box. It had little
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92 the lid off slowly and gave
99 a gasp. Lying on a soft, cosy
104 blanket was a tiny, grey
109 kitten. This was the best
111 birthday ever!



Questions



1. How old is Amba?



2. Find and copy a word which shows that Amba was surprised when she saw the kitten.



3. Why do you think there were holes in the **big, brown box**?



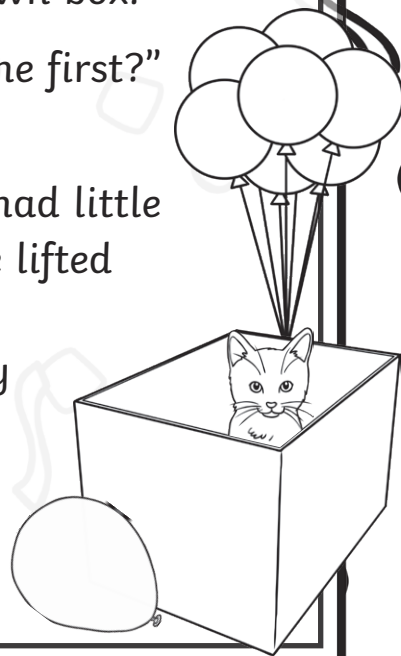
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Answers



1. How old is Amba?

Amba is 7 years old.



2. Find and copy a word which shows that Amba was surprised when she saw the kitten.

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3. Why do you think there were holes in the **big, brown box**?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think there were holes in the box so that the kitten inside could breathe.



4. What do you think Amba did next?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Amba took the kitten out of the box and gave it a cuddle.