



Surprise Friends

Before Reading

- Do you have a pet?
- Do you have a best friend?

During Reading

- How are Smokey and Bucky different?
- What is one thing Smokey and Bucky do together?

After Reading

- What do Smokey and Bucky do when they get tired from playing?
- Do you do the things Smokey and Bucky do with your best friend?

Many people have dogs as pets. Many people have cats as pets. Some people don't have both dogs and cats as pets. They think they might not get along.

Bucky is a dog. Smokey is a cat. Bucky and Smokey are best friends. They chase each other. They nibble on each other. They sleep next to each other.

Sometimes Bucky and Smokey play hide-and-seek. Smokey hides. Bucky sniffs and tries to find Smokey. When he finds him, Bucky the dog chases Smokey the cat. Smokey runs fast.

They get tired from playing. They drink lots of water, cuddle, and take a nap. When they have rested, they play again. Bucky the dog and Smokey the cat are best friends. Isn't that a surprise?

Vocabulary

nibble: to bite gently and playfully

cuddle: to lie closely next to someone or something

sniff: to smell for something

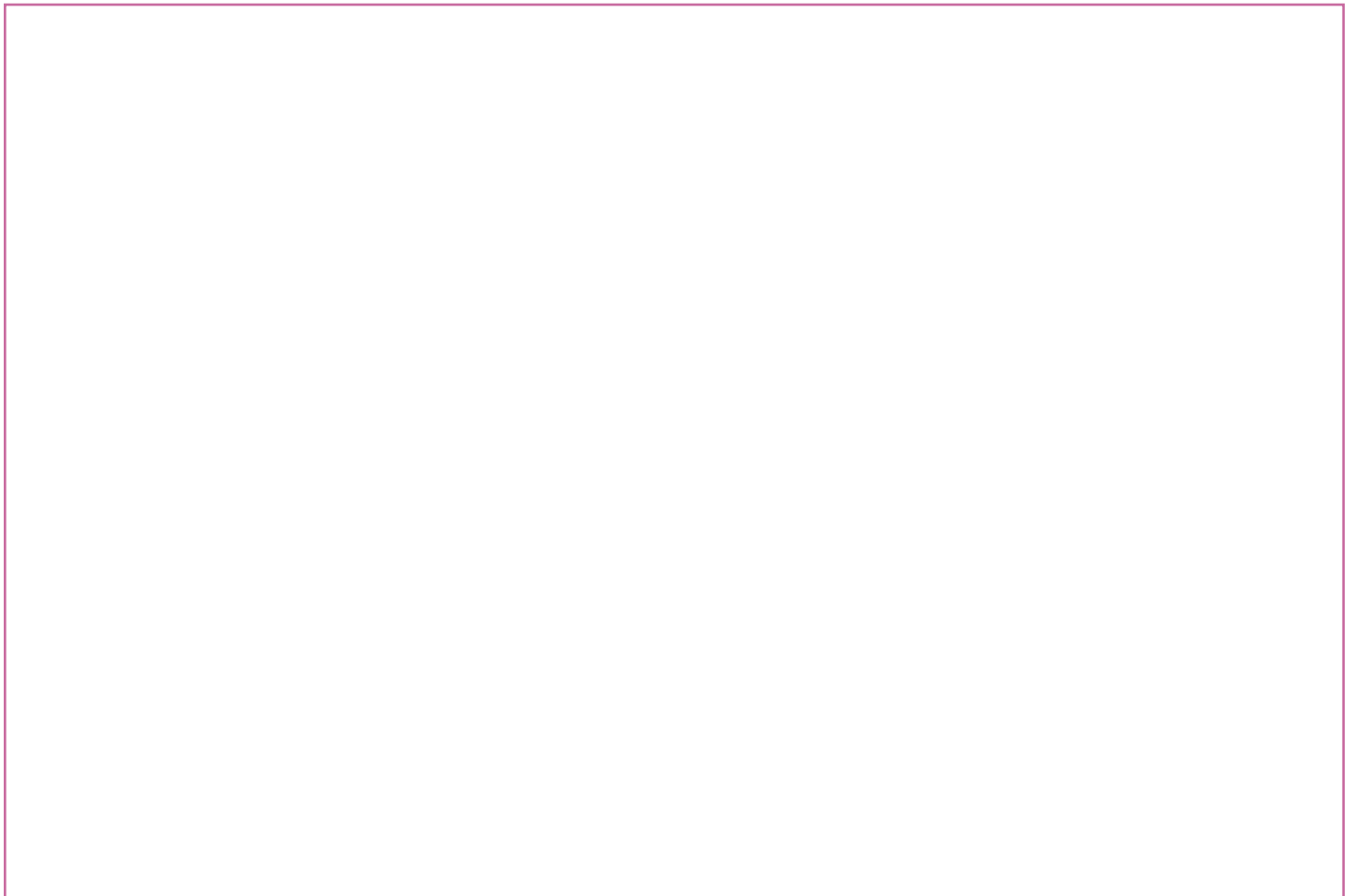


Use Prior Knowledge and Make Connections

Think about "Surprise Friends." Think about what you already knew about dogs and cats.

Did you learn something new? What?

Draw a picture that shows something surprising about dogs and cats. Give your picture a title.



Make Predictions

Read "Surprise Friends." Answer the questions by telling what comes next.

1. What happens when Bucky chases Smokey?

2. What does Bucky do when Smokey hides?

3. After they run around and play chase, what will they do?

4. When Bucky and Smokey are rested, what will they do again?



Comprehension Practice

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. What is a surprise about Bucky and Smokey?
 - A. They like snow.
 - B. They get along.
 - C. They swim.
 - D. They fight.
2. How do they sleep?
 - A. in a bed
 - B. on a rug
 - C. side by side
 - D. under a blanket
3. What do they drink?
 - A. water
 - B. milk
 - C. coffee
 - D. orange juice
4. What does Bucky do to find Smokey when he hides?
 - A. barks his name
 - B. shuts his eyes
 - C. cries
 - D. sniffs
5. Bucky and Smokey are _____.
 - A. not friends
 - B. best friends
 - C. cousins
 - D. birds