

Tina Learns to Focus

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Dear Parents and Teachers,
Read out this story to the little
ones with suitable gestures and
voice modulation so that they
listen to you with rapt attention.

—Editor



Little Tina was always forgetting things. She forgot her books, she forgot her bag, she forgot her sandals and even forgot her cat!

“You have to be more focussed, Tina,” Mom chided.

“You have to be more focussed, Tina,” Dad patted.

“Meow...Meow...Meow,” cat cried.

“Oh, please you can’t scold me so!” protested Tina. “I will not forget again,” she said. But then, she kept forgetting.

Once when Mom went out, Tina forgot all about it and cried her eyes off fearing that she had gone missing. And in that fright, she forgot to feed the cat!

The cat was very hungry by the end of the day and began to



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cry loudly and continuously! The cat cried so much that Tina forgot all about Mom too!

“Stop it, cat! Stop it,” Tina screamed but the cat went on crying. It jumped up and down the kitchen table trying to reach the closet where milk carton was kept. But Tina still could not remember to feed the cat.

Tina was annoyed with the cat and wanted to make it stop crying. So she took up a bedtime story book and started reading to the cat her favourite story about a talking cat.



Now, the cat was annoyed! It just could not understand how Tina could forget to feed it and then try to quieten it by reading a silly story about a talking cat. Oh! How awful the whole thing was! The cat was so annoyed that it meowed all the more.



And then, Tina could not bear the whole thing anymore, so she closed the door on the cat and walked out. She forgot everything and happily played in the park till night. And then, she came back beaming.

The cat was terribly annoyed with Tina.

Mom was terribly annoyed with Tina.

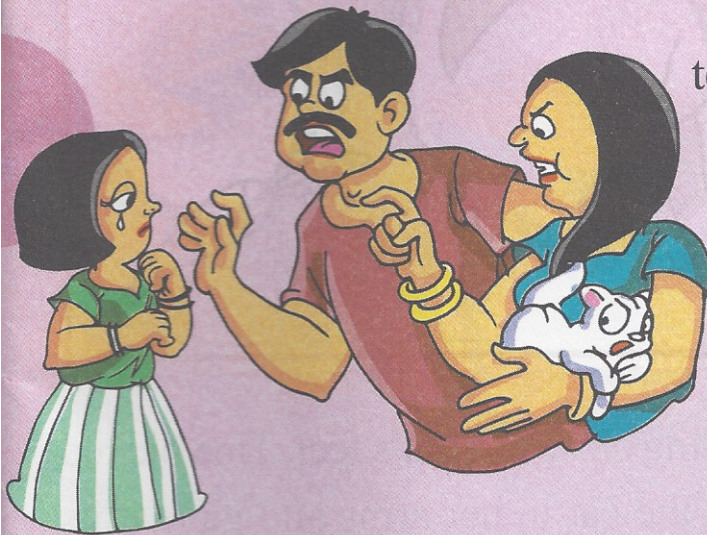
And for once Dad too was terribly annoyed with Tina.

“Meow...Meow....
CRRRR!” cried the cat angrily.

“You could have killed the cat, Tina,” Mom said angrily, stroking the cat.

“You could have killed the cat, Tina,” Dad was angry too.

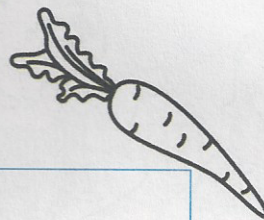
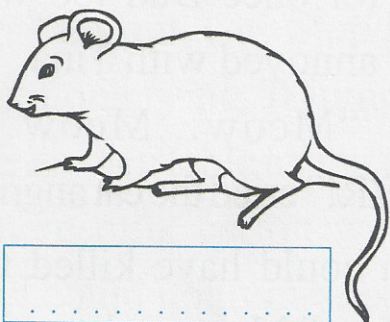
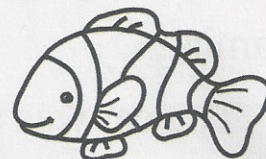
Tina had tears in her eyes. She loved her cat and didn’t want to hurt it. She felt very bad that she had forgotten to feed it. “Sorry Mom, sorry Dad and sorry Cat,” she said. “I will never ever forget again,” she promised.



The cat without a fur coat is called Sphynx cat.



Colour the cat. Also colour the food the cat likes to eat and write their names below.



“Purr,” said the cat, snuggling close to Tina’s feet. Tina picked up the cat in her arms and gave it its favourite cookies.

“Purr,” said the cat again happily and dozed off. Mom and Dad too smiled.

And from that day, true to her promise, Tina never forgot anything at all! Now, she is the most focussed kid of the entire neighbourhood!

Mom and Dad are very proud of her. The cat is very proud too! ●