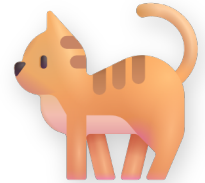


Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what happened first, what caused it, and what happened because of it. Trace the chain of events!

## Whiskers' Cushion Climb



Whiskers the cat loved to climb. One sunny afternoon, he saw a tall stack of colorful cushions on the living room sofa. He thought it looked like a perfect mountain to conquer! Whiskers jumped, but his paws slipped on the soft fabric. The cushions tumbled down, making a soft thud.

The noise startled Pip, the family's pet parrot, who was napping in his cage nearby. Pip squawked loudly and flapped his wings, knocking over his water dish. Water splashed onto the rug, right next to Dad's favorite book. Dad came in to see a wet rug, a squawking parrot, and Whiskers looking very innocent among the fallen cushions.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which of these BEST explains why the cushions fell down? Circle the correct answer.

- (A) The cushions were old and fell apart.
- (B) Whiskers jumped and slipped on the cushions.
- (C) Dad pushed them off the sofa. (D) Pip the parrot knocked them over.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because Whiskers slipped on the cushions,

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**(3) What did the noise of the falling cushions cause Pip the parrot to do?**

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**(4) Describe how Whiskers climbing led to the wet rug and Dad coming into the room.**

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**(5) What might have happened if Whiskers had NOT tried to climb the cushions?  
Explain.**

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