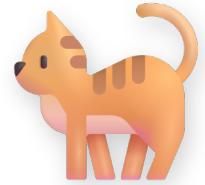


Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence. Think about what happened first, what caused it, and what happened because of it. Trace the chain of events!

### Mittens' Messy Masterpiece



Mittens the cat loved to climb. One sunny afternoon, she spotted a shiny toy mouse on the highest bookshelf in the living room.

With a mighty leap, Mittens launched herself upwards. She landed with a wobble, knocking over a small potted plant. Soil and water tumbled down!

The plant pot crashed onto Leo's art project, which was drying on the coffee table. Splish, splash! The water from the plant soaked his painting of a rainbow. Leo, who was just coming back with a glass of juice, didn't see the wet spot. He stepped right into the puddle and slipped!

"Whoa!" cried Leo, as his juice glass flew into the air. It landed with a plop right into a bucket of blue paint Dad was using for a DIY project. Now, instead of a rainbow painting, Leo had a blue-splashed masterpiece, and Mittens was batting at the wet, muddy toy mouse.

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which of these **BEST** explains why Leo slipped? Circle the correct answer.

- (A) Dad left blue paint on the floor.
- (B) The bookshelf was too high for Mittens.
- (C) Mittens knocked over the plant and water spilled.



ⓓ Leo was carrying a glass of juice.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because \_\_\_\_\_, the potted plant tumbled down.

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(3) What happened to Leo's art project?

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(4) Describe how Mittens jumping led to the plant falling and then Leo slipping, and finally juice spilling into paint.

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(5) What might have happened if Mittens had NOT jumped on the bookshelf? Explain.

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