

READ THE PASSAGE Find out how the two cats are alike and different.

Salt and Pepper

My cats are funny. They rest in the sun all day. When we get home, they run to greet us just like a pair of dogs. Salt is yellow and white. His fur is shiny. His eyes are golden. Pepper is gray and fluffy. His eyes are green like fresh grass.

Salt is smart, but Pepper is not. Salt takes care of Pepper. He keeps him from bothering the skunk that lives in the woods nearby. He keeps him from sleeping in the middle of the road where he could get hit by a car.

Salt curls up in a ball when he sleeps. He puts one paw over his face. Pepper stretches out on his back. He puts his arms over his head.

Both cats like to be petted on their heads. Both purr when we feed them. They run to the kitchen when we call. Then they put their heads down side by side to enjoy their dinners.

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Salt and Pepper are both _____.
 - cars
 - cats
 - dogs
 - skunks
- Salt and Pepper both _____.
 - have gray fur
 - have gold eyes
 - purr when they eat
 - sleep on their backs
- What does Salt do that Pepper does not?
 - rests all day in the sun
 - bothers a nearby skunk
 - runs to greet people
 - curls up in a ball to sleep
- What is one way the cats are different?
 - Salt is smarter.
 - Pepper is shinier.
 - Pepper eats dinner alone.
 - Pepper takes care of the skunk.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Tell a partner about the two cats in the passage.