

**READ THE PASSAGE** Think about what can happen and what cannot happen.

### Professor, the Cat

Rosa's cat, Professor, looked like an ordinary cat. His fur was striped in gray and black, and his eyes were yellow and round. Professor meowed and scratched like most cats. And he liked to chase anything that moved.

One night, Professor sat on Rosa's desk. He watched Rosa struggle with her homework. Rosa yawned and rubbed her eyes. She could not stay awake to finish her homework. Rosa left the paper on her desk. She scratched Professor behind his ears and said good night. Soon, Rosa was fast asleep and softly snoring.

Professor looked at the arithmetic homework. With a proud meow, Professor picked up a pencil. The cat used his toes to count. The cat wrote in the answers and completed the page. Then Professor looked at Rosa and smiled. He liked being Rosa's friend.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the item. Write your response.

1. Why is Professor a good name for Rosa's cat?

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2. Is this story real or make-believe? What is the first sentence that let you know for sure?

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3. How do you think Rosa felt when she woke up and saw her homework? Explain.

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**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Tell a partner what you would have Professor do for you.