

A New Pet

Name: Date:



Niamh and Daniel are going to get a new pet cat, but they can't decide which one to choose.

Niamh says, "I like the tall cat with beautiful grey fur."

Daniel says, "I like the tiny kitten with the black and white patches."

- Which cat would you choose?
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Grammar challenge: ellipsis

Ellipsis is where a word or phrase can be left out of speech or writing because it is expected and predictable, so it isn't needed to carry meaning.

Niamh and Daniel’s Mum might say:

“I really like the black and orange kitten.”

Rather than:

“I really like the black and orange kitten, rather than the tall cat with beautiful grey fur or the tiny black and white kitten.”

Underline the words she has left out (ellipsis) because she doesn’t need to say them.

Writing challenge

Write a note from either Niamh or Daniel, trying to persuade their mum to choose the cat that they want.

Remember, you may choose to leave out some parts of your sentences as you go, as the full sentence would contain words that are not needed. This is called ellipsis.

Feedback

