

Toro's Story

Magic Tree Adventure

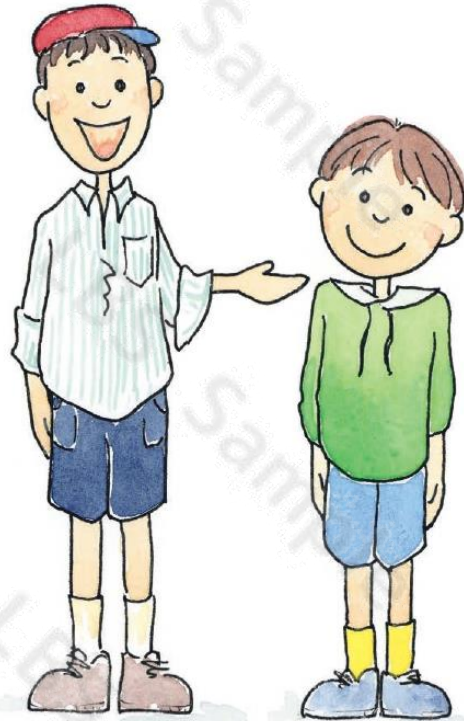


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Episode 1

Brothers

Hello, My name is Ray.
I am 11.
I like soccer.
This is my younger brother.
His name is Joe.



Hi ! My name is Joe.
I am 9.
I go to the same school as Ray.
I like school. I like soccer, too.



Ray and Joe are always together.
They play soccer together.
They go home together.



One day, on their way home,
they find a box on the street.



A voice is coming from inside.
It is crying, "Help!" "Help!"

Episode 2

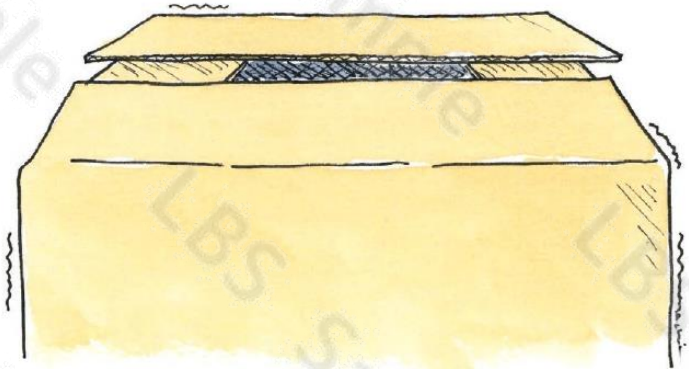
What's inside?

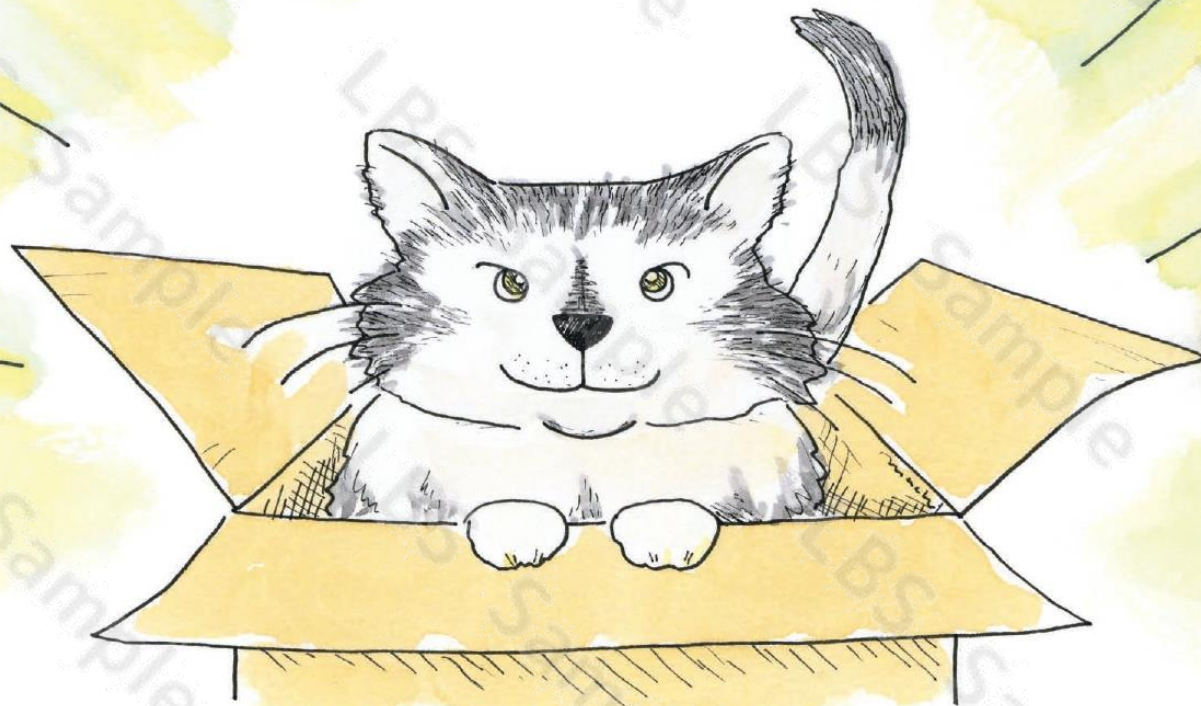
Let's open the box.

OK,
but I am scared.



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Ray



Joe

Wow!



Cat

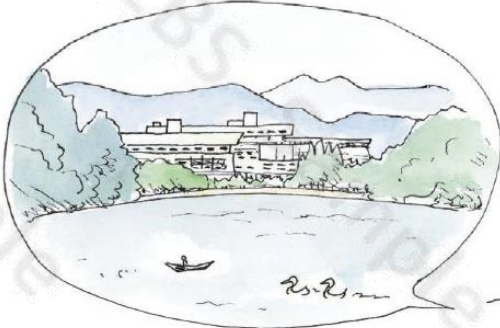
Thank you!

Thank you for helping me.


I am free now.


Can you talk?


Sure I can.




I am from Takaragaike.

 Joe: Who are you? What's your name?

 Toro: My name is Toro.
I am mmmm... a cat.

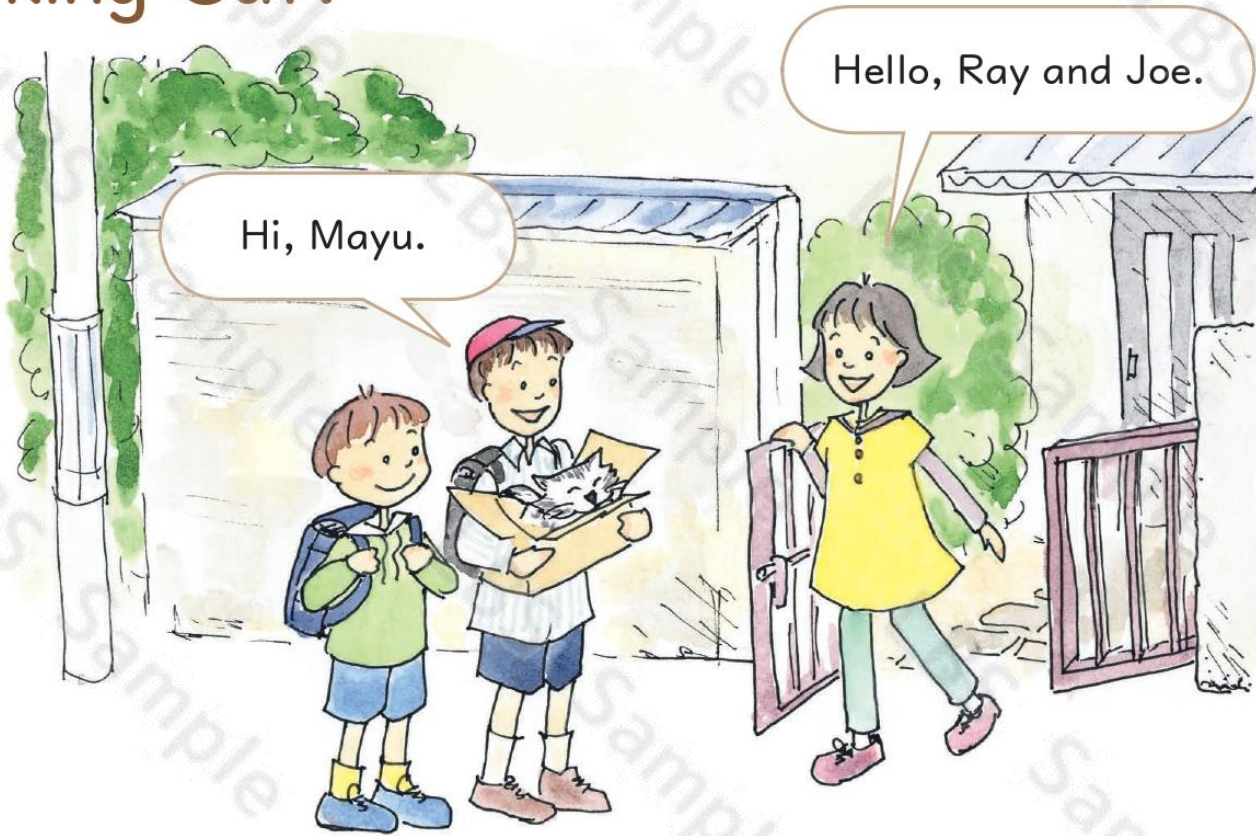
 Ray: Where are you from?

 Joe: Takaragaike?

 Toro: Yes! It's in the north of Kyoto.

Episode 3

A Talking Cat?



Mayu

Whose cat is that?





Joe

I don't know. He is from Takaragaike.
His name is Toro.



 Toro: Hello. Nice to meet you, Mayu.

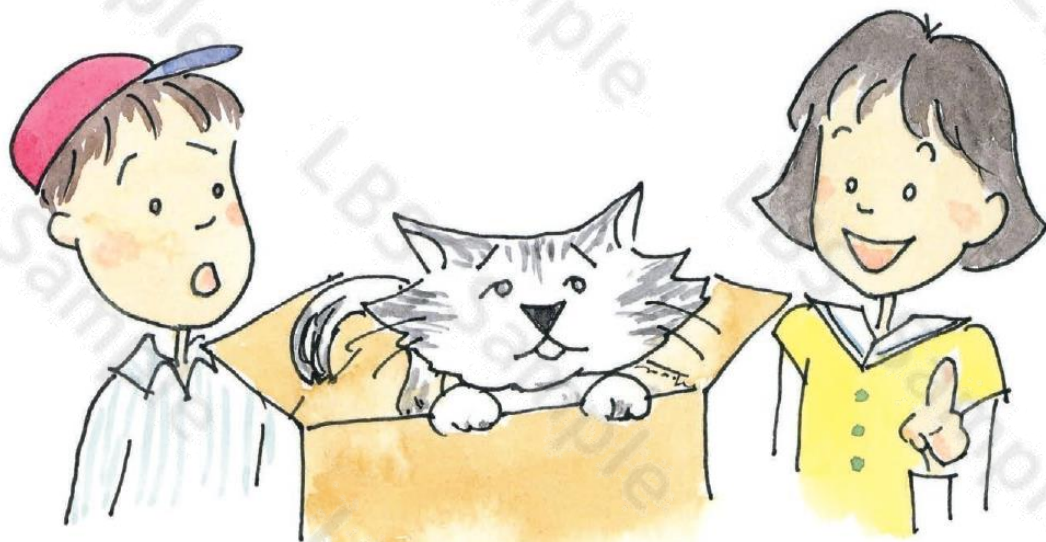
 Mayu: Wow! He can speak English!
Do you want to take him home?

 Ray: Yes, but we have our big dog,
Lucky.



 Mayu: I see.

Toro, you can talk to my mom
and ask her to stay.



Toro: Sorry, Mayu. Only children can understand when I talk.



Ray: Really?



Mayu: Anyway, let's try asking my mom.