

Letting in the Light

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- 1 I am warm wrapped in my fur
My wobbly legs resting as I lie here,
My eyes still closed.
Soon they will open

- 5 Letting in the light,
And when I see
I'll spin the world round in tumbles
As I play chasing my tail,
Or hunt specks of dust in the sunlight
- 10 And wash the paws I have never seen.
My mother washes my face
Her tongue smoothing my fur,
I hear her purr,
And see, yes, see some pink.

- 15 Her busy tongue, her whiskers,
Fur and eyes so orange bright,
She bends towards me,
Licking and licking,
And over I go.

- 20 I see light everywhere
And begin to know
I have opened my eyes.



Challenge 3

- 1 The use of the word "warm" in the first line helps us to understand that the kitten is feeling what?

Tick **one**.

anxious

excited

joyous

safe

- 2 From the first five lines, **find** and **copy two** phrases that show the kitten is newly born.

- 3 What will the kitten do to "*spin the world round in tumbles*"?

- 4 Look at lines 5–10.

Find and **copy one** word that means the same as *tiny pieces*.

- 5 Why has the kitten never seen her paws?

- 6 How does the kitten change between the beginning and end of the poem?

- 7 Tick **one** box to choose whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The mother cat is licking the kitten's paws.		
The mother cat is purring.		
The mother cat is pink.		
The mother cat's tongue is smoothing the kitten's fur.		

- 8 We are never told that the poem is about a kitten.

Find **two** pieces of evidence that the poem is about a kitten. You do not have to use direct quotations from the text.

- 9 Why is the poem called *Letting in the Light*?

Tick **one**.

It is about:

what the kitten will do when her eyes are open.

what the kitten will do in the morning, when it is light.

the kitten's first experiences of being licked by her mother.

the first time the kitten opened her eyes.

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers: