

Kitten Rescue by Lucy Daniels

Amelia Haywood stared at the big pile of packing boxes in the corner of her new bedroom.

"I don't know where to start!" she said.

"Just take it slowly," said her mum. She opened one of the boxes and took out a pile of Amelia's favourite animal books. "Here," she said, handing them to her. "Why don't you start with these?"

Amelia took the books, but a sudden rush of homesickness came over her. She sat down on the bed with a sigh.

Mum sat next to her, putting her arm round Amelia's shoulders. Her blue eyes, the same shade as Amelia's own, were warm. "It's all a bit strange, isn't it?" she said softly. "But don't worry. We're going to be very happy living here with Gran, I promise."

"I know," said Amelia, doing her best not to sound too gloomy. "I'm fine, Mum. Honest. I'll unpack the rest of my things, OK?"

Her mum kissed the top of her head, then headed downstairs. Taking a deep breath, Amelia stacked the animal books neatly on the shelf above her bed. In her old house, there had been a bookshelf by the door. She didn't want to think about her old familiar bedroom, with its polka-dot wallpaper and glowing star stickers on the ceiling, but it was difficult. She liked some things about her new room – the seat built into the wall below the window, and the sloping ceiling. But although she'd always loved coming here to visit Gran, it just wasn't home.



- 1 At the start of this extract, Amelia has just moved house.
Explain how we know this using ideas from the text. You do not have to copy words.

- 2 Why did Amelia sit down on her bed with a sigh?

- 3 Look at the paragraph beginning “*Mum sat next to her ...*”.
Find and copy one word that means the same as *kind and friendly*.

- 4 “*I’m fine, Mum. Honest.*” What does this statement tell you about Amelia? Choose **one**.

She is just pretending to be sad.

She is trying to be brave.

She is feeling sick and unwell.

She does not want to unpack.

- 5 Write ‘O’ if the thing was in Amelia’s old room, or ‘N’ if it was in her new one.

a bookshelf above the bed	
a bookshelf beside the door	
stars on the ceiling	
the sloping ceiling	

- 6 Which of these would be a good title for this extract? Choose **one**.

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Unpacking Books

Amelia’s New Home

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