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The Curious Kitten

Read the short story and answer the questions

Oliver was a curious kitten. He loved to explore his backyard and ask questions about everything he saw. One day, Oliver was playing in the garden when he noticed a strange-looking bug crawling on a leaf.

"What is that?" Oliver asked himself. He had never seen anything like it before. The bug was small and green with long, spindly legs. It had big, bulging eyes that seemed to follow Oliver everywhere he went.

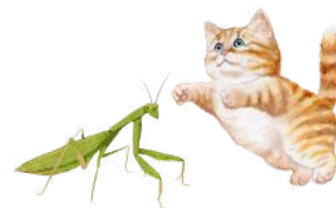
Oliver watched the bug for a while, but he couldn't figure out what it was. He decided to go inside and ask his owner, Sarah. Sarah looked at the bug closely and told Oliver that it was a praying mantis.

"Praying mantises are amazing creatures," Sarah explained. "They are very good at catching flies and other insects. They use their long front legs to grab their prey." Oliver was fascinated. He had never heard of a praying mantis before. He asked Sarah if he could watch the bug for a while longer. Sarah agreed, and Oliver went back outside to observe the praying mantis.

As Oliver watched, the praying mantis raised its front legs in a praying position. Then, it slowly turned its head to look at Oliver. Oliver felt a little scared, but he also felt curious. He wanted to know more about this strange and fascinating creature.

Oliver spent the rest of the day watching the praying mantis. He saw it catch a fly and eat it. He also saw it climb up a tall flower stalk. Oliver was amazed by the praying mantis's abilities.

When it was time for dinner, Oliver had to go inside. He said goodbye to the praying mantis and promised to visit it again the next day. Oliver knew that he would never forget his encounter with this curious and amazing creature.



Complete the questions on the next page.



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Questions:

1), What was Oliver's favorite thing to do?

2). What did Oliver see crawling on a leaf?

3). What did Sarah tell Oliver the bug was?

4). How do praying mantises catch their prey?

5). What did Oliver do after Sarah explained what a praying mantis was?

6). What did the praying mantis do when Oliver was watching it?

7). What did Oliver see the praying mantis do?

8). What did Oliver promise to do the next day?
