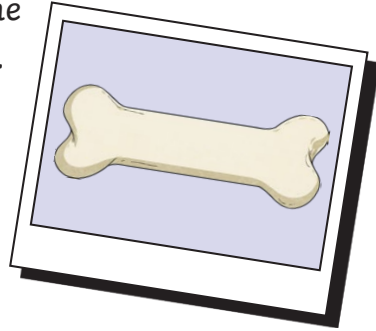


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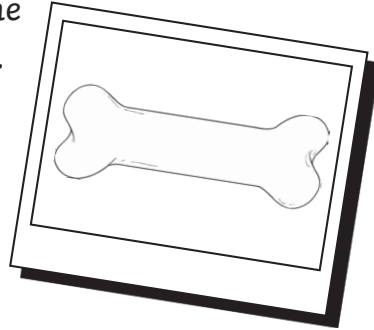
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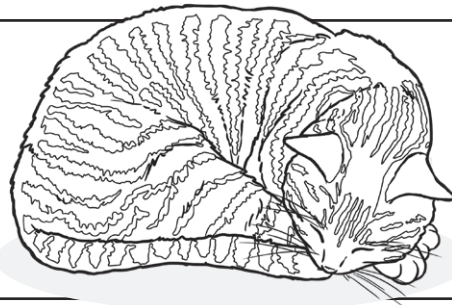
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Answers



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Custard ate the biscuits because the text says that they had a full belly and crumbs around their mouth.



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