



Milo and the Buzzing Green Garden

A young house cat named Milo discovers the garden for the first time, and one small buzzing visitor changes his whole morning.

Milo was a small grey cat. He lived in a house with a red door and a big window. Every day, Milo looked at the garden through the glass. He watched the birds. He watched the leaves. But he never went outside. He was too young, and the family kept the door closed.

One warm morning, the door was open. Milo stopped and looked. The garden was green and bright. The sky¹ was blue, and the sun was warm on his grey fur. Milo put one soft paw on the grass. Then he put the other paw. The grass was cool and a little wet.

Milo walked slowly. Everything was new. He could smell flowers and earth. He could feel² the wind on his face. A bird sang in a tall tree, and Milo stopped to listen. He was a little afraid, but he was also very happy. This was the wide, wild³ world, and it was full of new things.

Then Milo heard a sound. Bzzzz. It was small and quick. He turned his head and looked at a red flower. On the flower there was a little green insect⁴. It had thin wings and long legs. It moved fast from one flower to another flower.

Milo watched it. His green eyes were big. He moved his tail slowly from side to side. Then, very slowly, he began to walk

to the flower. He was quiet and careful⁵, like a real hunter. Step, step, step. He did not make any sound.

The insect did not see Milo. It sat on a yellow flower and cleaned its wings. Milo was very close now. He put his body down low. He waited. His heart was fast. One, two, three.

Suddenly⁶, Milo jumped. He put both paws on the flower. The insect flew up into the air, but this time Milo was quick. He caught it between his paws. He had his very first bug.

Milo opened his paws a little and looked. The green insect moved its wings, but it was not hurt. Milo watched it for a long time. He was a hunter now. He felt strong and brave.

Then Milo did something kind. He opened his paws all the way. The little insect flew up, over the flowers, over the wall, and away into the blue sky. Milo watched it go. He did not run after it again.

Later, Milo sat in the warm sun. He was tired but very happy. His first day in the garden was the best day of his life. Now he had a new home outside the window, and he wanted to come back tomorrow.

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VOCABULARY — KEY WORDS FROM THE STORY

#	WORD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
1	sky <i>noun</i>	The space above the ground where you can see the sun, clouds, and stars.	"The sky was grey, so we knew rain was coming soon."
2	feel <i>verb</i>	To notice something with your body, or to have an emotion inside you.	"I can feel the warm sun on my skin."
3	wild <i>adjective</i>	Living or growing in nature, not in a home and not controlled by people.	"We saw a wild rabbit run into the trees."
4	insect <i>noun</i>	A very small animal with six legs, and often with wings, such as a bee or an ant.	"A small insect landed on my book while I was reading."
5	careful <i>adjective</i>	Giving a lot of attention to what you do so that you do not make a mistake or cause a problem.	"Please be careful when you cross the busy road."
6	suddenly <i>adverb</i>	Quickly and when you do not expect it.	"Suddenly, the phone rang and I dropped my cup."

COMPREHENSION — ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1 — MULTIPLE CHOICE

Why did Milo never go into the garden before this day?

- A-) He did not like the garden
- B-) He was too young and the door was closed
- C-) He was afraid of birds
- D-) The garden was too small

QUESTION 2 — MULTIPLE CHOICE

How did Milo move when he walked toward the insect on the flower?

- A-) He ran very fast and loud
- B-) He jumped straight away
- C-) He walked slowly, quietly, and carefully
- D-) He called for help

QUESTION 3 — SHORT ANSWER

How do Milo's feelings change from the start of the story to the end? Use your own words.

COMPREHENSION ANSWERS

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Q1 He was too young and the door was closed ✓ Correct (B)

The first paragraph tells us: 'He was too young, and the family kept the door closed.' These are the two clear reasons why Milo stayed inside and only watched the garden through the glass.

Q2 He walked slowly, quietly, and carefully ✓ Correct (C)

The text says: 'very slowly, he began to walk to the flower. He was quiet and careful, like a real hunter.' It also adds 'He did not make any sound', which shows he moved slowly and quietly.

Q3 **Answer:** At the start, Milo only watches the garden through the window and cannot go outside. When the door opens, he feels a little afraid because everything is new, but he is also happy and excited. During the hunt, he feels brave and strong like a real hunter. At the end, after he catches the insect and lets it go, he feels proud, kind, and very happy. His first day changes him from a shy indoor cat into a confident little hunter who loves the garden.

Explanation: A good answer should show the change over time: from watching and waiting inside, to feeling afraid but curious outside, to feeling brave during the hunt, and finally to feeling proud and happy at the end. Strong answers use simple past feelings words (afraid, happy, brave, proud) and connect them to events in the story.

VOCABULARY — TRANSLATION & NOTES

sky

We usually say 'in the sky' (a bird in the sky) and 'the blue sky' or 'a clear sky' are very common phrases.

feel

'Feel' can be about touch ('feel the wind') or emotion ('feel happy'). The past form is 'felt', not 'feeled'.

wild

The opposite of a wild animal is a 'tame' or 'pet' animal. 'Wild animals' and 'wild flowers' are common pairs.

insect

'Bug' is a more casual word for insect. Many insects can fly, but not all of them.

careful

We often say 'be careful' as friendly advice. The adverb form is 'carefully' (do something carefully). The opposite is 'careless'.

suddenly

We often use 'suddenly' at the start of a sentence in stories to show a surprise or a fast change.

YOUR TURN — SENTENCE BUILDING

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