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You have found a web article about famous online animal celebrities. Read the web article.

Text 3 Web article

Fuzzy and famous

① In the age of the Internet, almost anyone can become a celebrity overnight, and that includes animals! Here are some of our favourite furry online celebrities.

② Tsim Tung Brother Cream

- 5 Brother Cream, a male British Shorthair cat, was well known for lazing around his owner's convenience store in Tsim Sha Tsui East. On 10 July 2012, Brother Cream suddenly vanished! This shocked and horrified his fans. Many suspected that someone stole Brother Cream. Posters went up all over town begging for the cat's return. Luckily, someone recovered him 26 days later. Due to the incident, Brother Cream's online popularity exploded in Hong Kong and Japan. Brother Cream retired from public life in May 2016 when the store closed, however he is still as popular as ever!



15 ③ Boo

- Boo, a fluffy Pomeranian, is called 'The Cutest Dog in the World'. His owner, who happens to be a senior Facebook employee, cuts and grooms Boo to make him resemble a teddy bear. Boo loves going for walks through shaded parks on his red lead. Boo has been on Facebook for a long time. He now has millions of fans on Facebook and there are two books about him!



④ Grumpy Cat

- 25 Grumpy Cat, whose real name is Tardar Sauce, always looks like she got up on the wrong side of the bed. Her sour expression makes her famous on the Internet. There is plenty of merchandise available for fans, including Grumpy Cat coffee mugs, T-shirts and toys. There are even films, TV programmes and video games starring this frowning feline. Even though she appears to be eternally annoyed, Grumpy Cat is actually very relaxed and enjoys playing with her squeaky toys!



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Comprehension 3 *Your sister wants to know about the web article you read. Answer her questions using information from the web article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 What does 'this' (line 8) refer to?

2 Find words in paragraph 2 that mean the same as the following:

i) disappeared

ii) surprised

iii) found

3 Which meaning of 'retired' is closest to the meaning used in line 13?

A to stop competing in a competition due to injuries

e.g. She retired from the race after twisting her ankle.

B to go to a quieter and more private place

e.g. He retired to his room after dinner.

C to go to bed

e.g. I retired late last night.

D to stop doing your job

A B C D

e.g. She retired after being a teacher for 30 years.

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4 How many years did Brother Cream stay at the convenience store after he was found?



5 Do you think Boo's owner's occupation has anything to do with his popularity? Why or why not?

6 What is Grumpy Cat's original name?

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7 Find an expression in paragraph 4 that means 'started the day feeling unhappy'.

8 Complete the sentence below.

Grumpy Cat is famous on the Internet because _____

9 According to paragraph 4, what are some types of Grumpy Cat merchandise you can buy? Tick (✓) three boxes.

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T-shirts

books

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teacups

toys

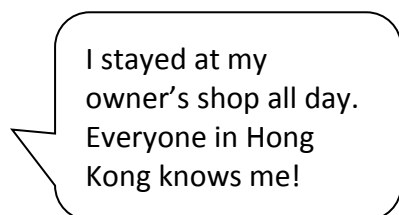
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coffee mugs



10 Do you think Grumpy Cat's owner has made a lot of money from her pet? Support your answer.

11 Match each of the following speech bubbles with one of the famous online animals introduced in the web article. Write the appropriate name under the speech bubble.



i) _____



ii) _____



iii) _____



12 Do you have a favourite animal celebrity? Why or why not?

