Kitty and the 4th of July Parade

by Anita N. Amin

It was the 4th of July. Anna wore her red, white, and blue dress. She put a hat on her kitten's head. The hat was red, white, and blue, too.

They went outside with Mom and Dad.

They waited for the parade. It would come down their street.

A lot of people were outside. They waved their flags. Anna waved her flag, too.





Now, the band was coming. Anna saw drums and horns. And she saw something small in front of the band.

"It's Kitty!" Anna cried. "Kitty is in the parade!"

Kitty held her head high. She led the band down the street. She waved her tail. Everyone waved back. They cried, "Happy 4th of July!"

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- 1. What is the surprise in this story?
 - **a.** Kitty doesn't want to watch the parade.
 - **b.** Kitty leads the band down the street.
 - c. Anna loses her hat while watching the parade.
 - **d.** Anna leads the band down the street.





4. How does Anna know the parade has arrived on her street?

5. Circle three emotions that Anna feels throughout the story.

excited sick worried

bored angry happy

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.



1. parade

huge balloons in a parade



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- 4. flags

 moved their hand back and forth in a greeting

- **5.** shiny

brass music instruments

6. waved

 small cloths that represent a country

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In the story, "Kitty and the 4th of July Parade," Kitty surprises Anna by running away and then leading the band in the parade.

Tell about how your family celebrates the 4th of July. Do you watch a parade? Do you go on a picnic? Describe what makes this day special to your family.





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