

LECTURA GRADUADA • NIVEL A1

¿Dónde está Luna?

A warm family mystery about a little cat, a careful search, and the comfort of home.

READ	LEARN	CARE
A family mystery	Home vocabulary	Help a pet

FREE LEARNING MATERIAL

Created for Spanish speakers building everyday English.

ANTES DE LEER

Get ready

Valentina cannot find her cat. Read for the main idea, then study the bold home and pet words with the glossary.

Before you begin

Where can a cat hide inside a house? Write three places.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Meet Valentina

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Valentina is 12 and lives with her mother, father, little brother Nico, and their cat Luna. Luna is small, white, and very curious.

Reading goal

Follow each clue and notice the words that describe location.

THE STORY · PART 1

An empty basket

Every morning, Luna sleeps in a blue **basket** beside Valentina's bed.

On Saturday, Valentina wakes up and looks at the basket. It is empty.

'Luna?' she calls. There is no answer.

Valentina checks **under** the bed and **behind** the curtains. Luna is not there.

She walks **downstairs**. Her mother is making breakfast in the kitchen.

'Mom, Luna is **missing**,' Valentina says.

'Maybe she is in the living room,' Mom says.

They look under the sofa and inside a large box. Dad checks the bathroom. Nico opens the closet.

'Luna likes small places,' Nico says.

Valentina finds Luna's red **collar** near the back door. The door is open.

'Oh no. She is outside!' Valentina says.

The family goes into the **yard**. They call Luna's name, but they do not see her.

Dad looks near the trees. Mom checks behind the garden chairs. Nico shakes Luna's food bowl.

Still, there is no Luna.

THE STORY · PART 2

Clues in the yard

Their **neighbor**, Mrs. Torres, hears the family.

'Are you looking for your cat?' she asks.

'Yes. Have you seen her?' Valentina asks.

'I saw a white cat near my **fence** this morning.'

Valentina walks to the fence. On the wet ground, she sees small **paw prints**. They go toward the side of the house.

'Look! These are Luna's,' she says.

The family follows the prints. They stop near the garage.

The garage door is closed, but a small window is open.

'Can Luna enter through that window?' Nico asks.

'Yes, she can,' Dad says.

Dad opens the garage. It is dark inside. Valentina gets a **flashlight**.

They look between the bicycles and under the car. They check every **shelf**.

Then Valentina hears a quiet sound.

'Meow.'

'Luna!' she calls.

The sound comes from a tall cabinet in the corner.

THE STORY · PART 3

Safe at home

Dad opens the cabinet. Luna is sitting on a pile of old towels. She looks **scared**, but she is not hurt.

‘How did you get up there?’ Valentina asks.

Luna gives another soft **meow**.

Valentina carefully takes Luna in her arms. ‘You are **safe** now.’

The family returns to the kitchen. Mom wraps Luna in a warm **blanket**. Nico gives her a little food and water.

‘Why did she hide in the garage?’ Nico asks.

Dad points outside. ‘The wind closed the door. She could not get out.’

Valentina puts Luna's collar back on. On it, there is a small tag with the family phone number.

‘Next time, we close the back door,’ Mom says.

‘And we check Luna's tag,’ Dad adds.

Mrs. Torres comes to the door. ‘Did you find her?’

‘Yes!’ the family answers together.

Luna jumps into her basket and closes her eyes. Everyone laughs.

Valentina learned that a careful **search** can solve a problem: check the usual places, ask for help, and follow every clue.

Welcome home, Luna.

Words for home and pets

Read each word aloud. Then find the bold word in the story and use the picture in your mind to remember it.

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
basket	canasta / cesta
under	debajo de
behind	detrás de
downstairs	abajo / en la planta baja
missing	perdido/a; que falta
collar	collar de mascota
yard	patio
neighbor	vecino/a
fence	cerca
paw prints	huellas de patas
flashlight	linterna
shelf	estante
scared	asustado/a
meow	maullido / maullar
safe	a salvo / seguro/a
blanket	manta
search	búsqueda

COMPREHENSION

Check your understanding

A. Choose the best answer

1. Where does Luna usually sleep?

- a) In a basket b) In the garage c) In the yard

2. What does Valentina find near the door?

- a) A blanket b) Luna's collar c) A flashlight

3. Who sees a white cat near the fence?

- a) Nico b) Dad c) Mrs. Torres

4. What clue goes toward the garage?

- a) Paw prints b) Food c) A red ribbon

5. Why can Luna not leave the garage?

- a) She is sleeping b) The wind closes the door c) She loses her collar

B. True or false

1. Luna is a small white cat. **TRUE / FALSE**
2. Nico finds Luna under the sofa. **TRUE / FALSE**
3. The garage window is open. **TRUE / FALSE**
4. Luna is hurt. **TRUE / FALSE**
5. The family phone number is on Luna's tag. **TRUE / FALSE**

C. Where is it?

Complete with: **under** • **behind** • **downstairs** • **near**

1. Valentina walks _____ to the kitchen.
2. She looks _____ the bed.
3. Luna's collar is _____ the back door.
4. Mom checks _____ the garden chairs.

COMPREHENSION

Think and use English

D. Answer in a complete sentence

1. Why does Valentina think Luna is outside?

2. How does Mrs. Torres help the family?

3. What two clues lead the family to the garage?

4. Where do they find Luna?

5. What does the family learn from the search?

E. Make a lost-pet poster

Write 3-4 sentences about a missing pet. Include its name, color, size, and where someone can call.

ANSWER KEY

Review your work

A. Multiple choice

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. b

B. True or false

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True

C. Where is it?

1. downstairs 2. under 3. near 4. behind

D. Suggested answers

1. She finds Luna's collar near the open back door.
2. She says she saw a white cat near her fence.
3. The paw prints and the open garage window lead them there.
4. They find Luna in a cabinet on old towels.
5. They learn to search carefully, ask for help, and follow clues.

**KEEP
GOING**

Describe where three objects are in your home. Use under, behind, and near.

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