

《高考英语阅读理解真题23(含答案解析)》

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Animals can express their needs using a lot of ways. For instance, almost all animals have distinct vocals (声音) that they rely on to either ask for help, scare away any dangerous animals or look for shelter. But cats are special creatures who possess amazing vocalization skills. They are able to have entire conversations with humans using meows and you're able to interpret it. If a pet cat is hungry, it will keep meowing to attract attention and find food. However, when a cat is looking for affection, they tend to produce stretched and soft meows. Meowing starts as soon as a baby cat is brought to life and uses it to get the mother's attention and be fed.

Cats have many heightened senses, but their sense of smell is quite impressive. They use their noses to assess their environment and look out for any signs of danger. They will sniff out specific areas before they choose a place to relax. However, another way the cats are able to distinguish between situations is by looking for familiar smells. Your cat will likely smell your face

and store the smell in its memory and use it to recognize you in the future. That's why most pet

cats are able to tell immediately if their owners were around any other cats, which they don't usually like.

Dogs are known for their impressive fetching habit, but cats take this behavior up a notch. Many cats will find random objects outside and bring them to their owners. This is a very old habit that's been present in all kinds of predators (食肉动物). Cats bring gifts for their owners to show they love you. These adorable little hunters are just doing something that it's been in their nature since the beginning of time. So just go along with it!

24. What can be learned about cats' meowing from the first paragraph?

- A. It's a survival skill.
- B. It's taught by mother cats.
- C. It's hard to interpret.
- D. It's getting louder with age.

25. How does a pet cat assess different situations?

- A. By listening for sounds.
- B. By touching familiar objects.
- C. By checking on smells.
- D. By communicating with other cats.

26. Which best explains the phrase “ take ... up notch ” in paragraph 3?

- A. Perform appropriately.
- B. Move faster.
- C. Act strangely.
- D. Do better.

27. What is a suitable title for the text?

- A. Tips on Finding a Smart Cat
- B. Understanding Your Cat ' s Behavior
- C. Have Fun with Your Cat
- D. How to Keep Your Cat Healthy

答案解析：

24. 第一段中提到，几乎所有的动物都有独特的声音来表达需求，如寻求帮助、吓跑危险动物或寻找庇护所。这表明猫的喵喵叫是一种生存技能。故选A。

25. 第二段中提到，猫使用它们的鼻子来评估环境，寻找危险迹象。它们会在选择休息地点前嗅探特定区域。这表明宠物猫通过嗅觉来评估不同情况。故选C。

26. 第三段中的“ take ... up a notch ”意味着猫将拾取物品并带回家的行为提升了一个档次。在这个上下文中，它指的是猫做得更好，更上一层楼。故选D。

27. 整篇文章讲述了猫的不同行为，包括它们如何通过喵喵叫来表达需求，如何使用嗅觉来评估环境，以及它们带礼物给主人的行为。这些内容都是为了帮助读者理解猫

的行为。故选B。

