

Something New

Jamil refused to try new things. When his neighbor's cat had kittens, his dad said he and his sister, Lee, could take one home; however, Dad explained that Lee and Jamil had to agree to share responsibility. Lee begged Jamil to agree, but he had never owned a pet, and he didn't want to try anything new now.

The following week, Lee came down with chicken pox. She looked sad, and it seemed as if no one could cheer her up. Jamil plodded to his neighbor's apartment and asked about the kittens. One kitten remained. Jamil tucked it gently under his arm. As the kitten licked his hand, Jamil even grinned.

Back home, Jamil dashed into Lee's room. "I have a surprise!" He put the kitten at the foot of the bed. It scampered up to Lee. A huge grin crossed her face. Jamil had just tried something new, and he found he really liked it!

