

Ouch!



My name is Julie. I have five cats! One cat is named Isabelle. The others are Wanda, Azul, and Gabriella. Their mother is Playa. They are a family. Isabelle is not in their family.

Last summer I was on vacation in Mexico. I saw a cat. She was **lost** and very, very **skinny** and hungry. She was also **pregnant**. I decided to bring her home with me to the United States.

One week after I arrived home Playa had five kittens. I gave 2 kittens to my friend and I kept 3 kittens. Now the kittens are 6 months old. They are happy and play with their mother every day in my house.



One kitten, Gabriella, is very **shy** and a little **afraid** of people. One day I needed to pick up Gabriella. She was afraid. When I picked her up she cried and **scratched**, then she jumped out of my arms. I tried to pick her up again, but she was very, very **scared** and she **bit** me!



I washed the **bite** with hot water and soap right away. Then I went to the doctor to get antibiotics, but a few days later my hand was very **swollen**, hot and red. It **hurt** a lot. I went to the emergency room at the hospital. The doctor said the antibiotic didn't help.

He put a needle in my hand and gave me **IV** antibiotics on Sunday at 3:00 p.m., and again at 9:00 p.m. On Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., my hand and arm were very



swollen, hot and red! The doctor said, "The medicine is not stopping the infection. You must stay in the hospital now." In my hospital room the nurse put another needle in my arm and gave me two

different antibiotics every five hours. **Finally**, the antibiotics helped! My hand was better, my **fever** was gone. The doctor let me come home again! That was not fun, but I still love my kittens!



I: Vocabulary: Match the word with the meaning.

_____kitten

_____shy

_____scared/ afraid

_____bit/bite

_____skinny

_____scratch

_____swollen

_____hurt

_____IV

_____finally

_____fever

_____lost

A. A needle that gives medicine in your blood

B. Nervous about things

C. High body temperature

D. When something gets big

E. Very thin, not fat

F. Cats use nails to scratch

G. Feel afraid

H. Baby cat

I. A word that means the end

J. We use teeth to bite

K. Pain

L. I don't know where I am

II: Questions

1. How many cats does Julie have?
2. Who is Playa?
3. Why did *Gabriella* bite Julie?
4. Did Julie wash her hand?
5. What did the emergency room doctor tell Julie?
6. What day did the doctor tell Julie she had to stay at the hospital?
7. Does Julie love her cats?
8. Do you have a story to tell about a bite from a cat or dog?