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In or Out?

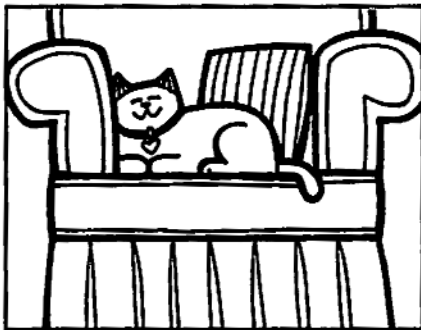
The following essay tells about some important reasons for keeping cats indoors. But—oops! Instead of the correct words, the writer used a lot of **antonyms**. (Antonyms are opposite words—for example, *hot* and *cold*.)

For each word in **bold type**, find the antonym in the word box. Then write the antonym in the blank space next to the word.

When cats are allowed to roam outdoors, they can get **found** _____ or hurt. They can get hit by cars. They can also be **helped** _____ by people or other animals. Outdoor cats can also **throw** _____ diseases. Cats should be kept indoors for their own **sickness** _____ and **danger** _____.

Cats should also be kept **outdoors** _____ for the health and safety of other animals, people, and the environment. Cats allowed outdoors rarely _____ wander into people's yards. They may scare or **heal** _____ other people's pets. They may fight **without** _____ stray animals. Cats often kill birds, mice, chipmunks, and other **large** _____ **tame** _____ animals.

Pet owners should **take** _____ their cats a safe indoor home. Cats need a small bed, food and water, toys, a litter box, and a **itching** _____ post. Those things—plus love and attention—will keep a cat **sad** _____, healthy, and safe!



catch	lost
give	often
happy	safety
harmed	scratching
health	small
hurt	wild
indoors	with



Fold this page in half. On the back, make two columns. In one, list the reasons keeping cats indoors is better for cats. In the other, list reasons it's better for other animals, people, and the environment.