

1. ACTIVATE YOUR BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

In this lesson you are going to **predict** what the text is about. So don't start reading yet! First, you're going to activate your **background knowledge** about the text subject.

1. The text you are going to read is titled **Farewell Grumpy**. Do you know what the subject of the text is? Write down everything everything that comes to mind about this subject in a **word web**. Use a separate piece of paper for this.
2. You have learnt that you can predict what the text is about, before you start reading. The **title, headings and picture(s)** give you a clue to what the text is about. Now, look at the headings of each paragraph and predict what each paragraph will be about. Write this in the column 'My prediction'. Do not fill in the third column yet!

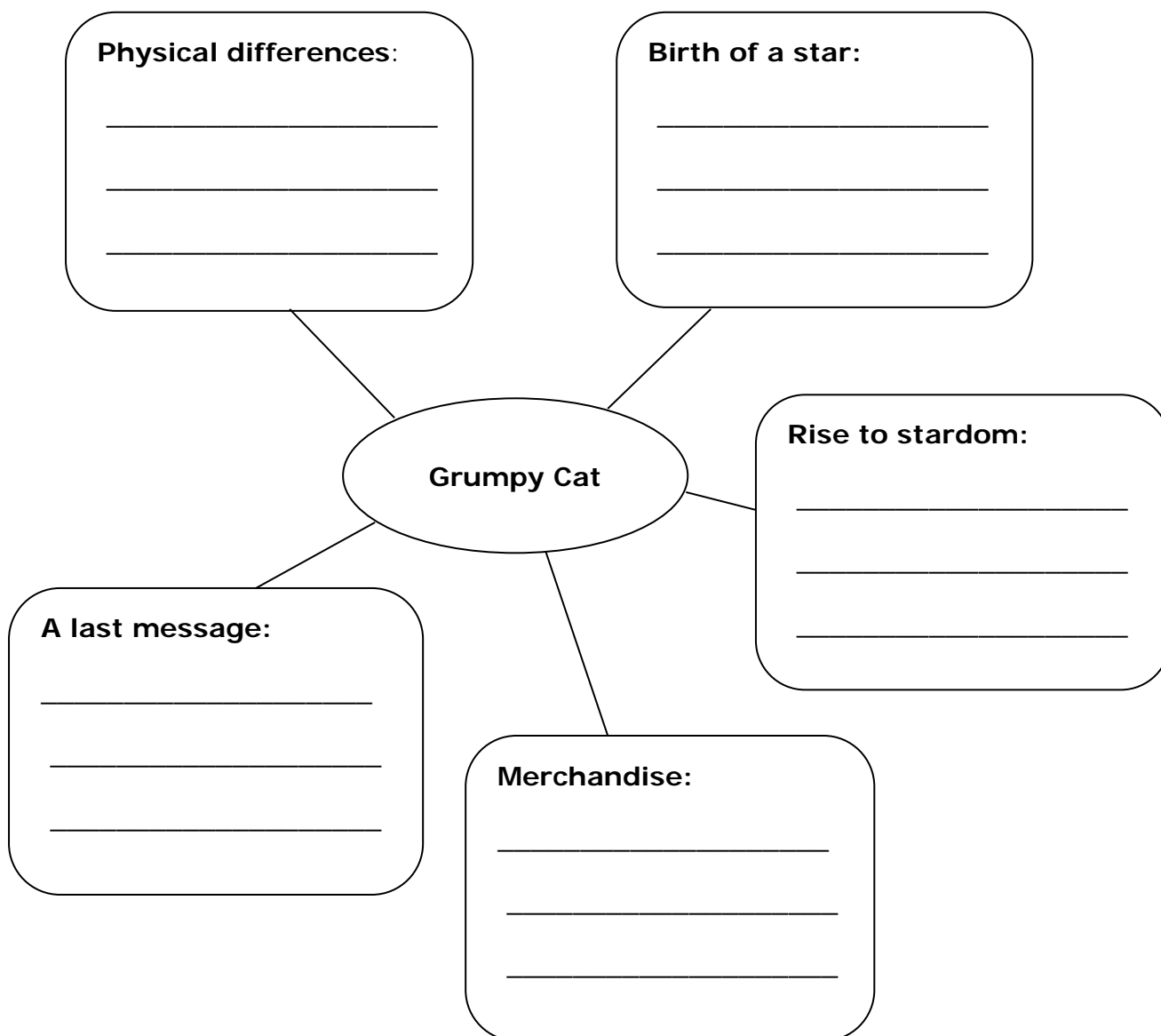
Heading	My prediction	Conclusion after reading
Physical differences		
Birth of a star		
Rise to stardom		
Merchandise		
A last message		

4. Read the text together with other classmates. While reading, underline or **mark** the words you don't know. Try to get the meaning of the words from the text first. After that, if you still don't know what the word means, you can look it up in a dictionary, or use the 'Words to help you'. But, try to use those as little as possible.
5. Check your predictions in the second column (My prediction) of the table above and write down in the third column (Conclusion after reading) whether your prediction was right or wrong. If wrong, write down what the text really says.

6. Check your word web (question 1) again. What can you add to your word web? What did you learn from the text about Grumpy Cat that you did not know yet? Write it down. Use a pencil in another colour, so that you can see the difference between your 'old' and 'new' background knowledge.

2. MAKE A TEXT CHART

The main topic of the text is Grumpy Cat. In the text, you read about several subjects that have to do with the main topic. In the text chart below you find these subjects. Fill in the text chart to get a good overview of the text. Write down key words.



3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What does the word 'grumpy' mean? Explain why the cat was called 'Grumpy Cat'.

2. Take a close look at the picture. What physical differences are clear on this picture of the cat?

3. What was a turning point in the life of Tardar Sauce?

4. Who were the members of Grumpy Cat's management team and what were they responsible for?

5. Read the following statements. Which ones are true (T) or false (F) according to the text? Circle the right answer.

- a) Grumpy Cat was born with physical deformities that caused her pain. T / F
- b) Social media will ensure Grumpy Cat's continued popularity. T / F
- c) Grumpy Cat's memes are cute and sweet. T / F
- d) Grumpy Cat's family knew what the power of the internet could do. T / F
- e) The amount of money Grumpy Cat's family earned is public knowledge. T / F

6. Can you think of other animals that are famous on internet? What are their characteristics?

4. WRITE A HUMOROUS MEME

Grumpy Cat was well known for posts of humorous memes on internet. Below, you see three examples. Write a last humorous meme for Grumpy Cat. Get inspired by the three memes below. Remember that the cat was grumpy!

