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LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Kittens

Most people think of kittens as perky fluff balls with big eyes and killer curiosity. But that image doesn't accurately describe kittens in their first week. For starters, they are born with their eyes sealed shut and their ears folded down. What's more, they can't move except to wriggle from side to side in search of their mothers. In other words, they haven't quite achieved the overwhelming kitten cuteness that appears a couple of weeks after birth.

During their first few days, newborn kittens rely on their sense of touch and smell to navigate their tiny world. Once they identify the warmth and scent of their mother, they move toward her with pinpoint accuracy. Nursing and sleeping are their only responsibilities at this time, and they perform these tasks like little champions.

As her kittens nurse, mama cat makes good use of her time. She licks her babies as they drink, which not only keeps them clean, but also stimulates digestion. The nonstop nursing and meticulous care soon pays off. Kittens undergo rapid growth and development in the first week of life, the equivalent of which takes human babies several months to complete. Most average kittens will double their birth weight in the first week of life.

Socially, kittens don't do much during their first week, but they definitely need the warmth and security of their mother and siblings at this time. Kittens won't develop the ability to regulate their own body temperature for a few weeks, so constant cuddling is essential.

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Circle the most appropriate answer. Only one answer is correct in each case.

- 1. In the first week of their life kittens:**
 - a) behave like playful little toys
 - b) begin showing their famous curiosity
 - c) can't rely on all their senses
 - d) are very cute

- 2. During the first days of their life kittens:**
 - a) mainly use the senses of seeing and hearing
 - b) can't move at all
 - c) need their mother's help to move about
 - d) are rather helpless

- 3. Newborn kittens can find their mother mainly thanks to**
 - a) her scent
 - b) the navigation signals she sends them
 - c) their well developed mental skills
 - d) the physical ability they are born with

- 4. Nursing means:**
 - a) developing responsibility
 - b) teaching
 - c) feeding
 - d) performing tasks

- 5. Mama cat licks her babies**
 - a) to spare time
 - b) to help them drink
 - c) to make them clean
 - d) for a couple of good reasons

- 6. Kittens grow**
 - a) rather slowly at first
 - b) much faster than humans
 - c) twice as fast as humans
 - d) like true champions sometimes

- 7. To keep warm, apart from their mother, newborn kittens need**
 - a) the presence of other kittens
 - b) to be active
 - c) additional heating
 - d) the love of humans