

Viewpoints

A **viewpoint** is what a person thinks about something. When something happens, different people might think different things about it...

Example:

Arsenal are playing Leeds United. An Arsenal player knocks a Leeds player over then runs past him and scores a goal. Hehe!



Miss Daniel's viewpoint (an Arsenal fan): “Wow, that was an amazing goal! It was only an accident when he knocked him over so it's okay.” 😊



William's viewpoint (a Leeds fan): “That's not fair! He cheated and knocked the Leeds player over so that goal shouldn't count!” 😞

Tuffy's Viewpoint



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Read the part again where he is talking about killing the bird...

OKAY, OKAY. So hang me. I killed the bird. For pity's sake, I'm a *cat*. It's practically my *job* to go creeping round the garden after sweet little censity-weensy birdy-pies that can hardly fly from one hedge to another. So what am I supposed to do when one of the poor feathery little flutterballs just about throws itself into my mouth? I mean, it practically landed on my paws. It could have *hurt* me.

What does he think about it?

Does he think he's done anything wrong?

What does he think actually happened?

Do you think this is true?

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What does he think about it?

Not a big deal!

Does he think he's done anything wrong?

No, it's just his job to kill birds.

What does he think actually happened?

The bird flew into his mouth.

Do you think this is true?

Probably not! He's probably trying to make up a story.

Ellie's Viewpoint



Now, pretend that you are Ellie! She is the little girl who owns Tuffy. You could do a bit of acting about what Ellie might say when she sees the dead bird.

Let's see what it says about Ellie...

"Oh, Tuffy!" she says, all sniffles and red eyes and piles of wet tissues. "Oh, Tuffy. How could you *do* that?"

Hmm, it sounds like she is very upset about it!

What do you think Ellie's viewpoint on the dead bird is?

What would she say if she was writing the book. **Here's my idea** 😊

Oh I love my cat Tuffy so much but I wish he wouldn't keep killing things!

Mum's Viewpoint



So Tuffy thinks it's no big deal, Ellie is very upset... I wonder what mum thinks about it. She probably has different thoughts too! Pretend to be mum now!

Let's see what it says about Mum...

a giant great fuss, with Ellie's mother rushing off to fetch sheets of old newspaper,

Looks like mum is just worrying about her carpet!

What do you think Mum's viewpoint on the dead bird is?

What would she say if she was writing the book. **Here's my idea** 😊

I am so worried that the carpet is going to be stained FOREVER!

Dad's Viewpoint

Now, in Chapter 2, we found out a little about what Dad thinks of Tuffy...



Let's see what it says about Dad...

"Go away," Ellie's father hissed at me. (I find that man quite rude.) But I

I don't think Dad likes Tuffy very much! Tuffy says he is rude to him.

What do you think Dad's viewpoint on the dead bird is?

What would he say if he was writing the book. **Here's my idea** 😊

Tuffy, what have you **DONE?! I hate that cat, I wish we had never got a cat!**

Your Task

Think about the part of the story where Tuffy kills the bird. Print or draw a picture of each character, and add a speech bubble to say what they think about the dead bird problem!

Red – One sentence in each speech bubble.

Amber – Two or three sentences.

Green – Experiment with different types of sentence in your speech bubbles, e.g. questions (?) or exclamations (!)



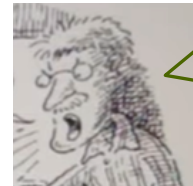
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pet shop!



Tuffy

A large speech bubble with a tail pointing to the cat's mouth. The bubble contains five horizontal lines for writing.



Ellie

A large speech bubble with a tail pointing to the girl's mouth. The bubble contains five horizontal lines for writing.



Mum

A large speech bubble with a tail pointing to the woman's mouth. The bubble contains five horizontal lines for writing.



Dad

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