

Approach: Independent

Focus: Identifying and linking relevant information

Resources: Highlighter

Year: 4 &amp; 8

## Questions / instructions:

Imagine your cat has gone missing.

You are really upset.

Your Mum says you can put an ad in the paper.

Mum will have to pay for each word in the ad, so you can only use up to **20** words.

1. Use the **highlighter** to mark what you think needs to be in the ad.

	% responses y4	y8
Hissy is pretty	27	20
My sister got Hissy for her birthday	22	6
She is black with white paws	88	92
She has a really loud purr	62	40
She pricks up her ears when you say "Hissy"	43	52
She loves fish and chicken	43	27
She sleeps on my bed	21	4
I think she is nicer than our neighbour's cat	18	3
Hissy has a bell on her collar to warn the birds	63	68
Hissy isn't afraid of dogs	39	24
I've never seen her eat a mouse	18	4
Not all cats are friendly	19	4

2. Write an ad for the paper. You can use up to **20** words.  
[Only considered what was written in the first 20 words]

**Describes Hissy:**

(black with white paws; pricks up ears when name called; bell on collar)

3 or more pertinent parts of description 16 24

1-2 pertinent parts of the description 57 54

any other response 27 22

**Provides contact details:**

well 6 14

some 3 6

none 91 80

**Total score:** 7-8 1 2

5-6 17 30

4 22 25

3 19 23

2 15 10

0-1 26 10

## YEAR 4 – HIGH EXEMPLARS

Missing Cat

Hissy is black with white paws. She has a really loud purr. She pricks her ears when you say Hissy.

Phone: 01234567

Missing

Hissy is black with white paws. She loves fish and chicken. She has a bell on her collar. if found ring 01234567

My cat Hissy has gone missing

She is black with white paws. She has a bell on her collar

01234567

## YEAR 8 – HIGH EXEMPLARS

Missing Cat!

black with white paws

Her ears prick when you say "Hissy"

She has a bell collar.

call 01234567

Cat missing

\*black with white paws

\*purr loudly

\*responds to "Hissy"

\*has a bell on her collar

Please call: \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING

HISSY

• Black with white paws.

• Bell on her collar.

• Not afraid of dogs.

Reward: \$50

15 Priestley Drive

or

Call 01234567

## Commentary:

Year 8 students were more strategic than year 4 students in identifying the most useful information for an advertisement for a lost cat. Few students at either year level wrote a very appropriate ad within the listed constraint of 20 words.