



Hey, That's My Toothbrush!

Derek loves his pet cat Max and wants to take very good care of him so that he will be healthy and happy. He feeds Max and gives him fresh water to drink every day. Max has lots of toys to play with and a comfortable pet bed. Most of the time, however, Max hops up onto Derek's people bed to sleep at night.

Today, Derek decided to try something he had never before done for his beloved Max. At Max's last check-up, the veterinarian told Derek all about National Pet Dental Health Month and advised him to try brushing Max's teeth occasionally. Without thinking, Derek grabbed one of the toothbrushes from the counter in the bathroom he shares with his older brother Roger. Well, the teeth brushing expedition wasn't going too well, and Derek was about to give up. Max was squirming and clawing to get away when Roger entered the room.

"Hey, that's my toothbrush!" Roger yelled.

Derek was so startled he let go of the cat, who flew off his lap. "I was going to wash the toothbrush when I was done," he said.

Roger just rolled his eyes and grunted in disgust.

Their mother had been quietly observing the whole scene, trying not to laugh. She promised to get a brand new toothbrush for Roger and a box of teeth cleaning biscuits for Max.

1. Derek has a pet cat named _____.
(Felix, Max, Charlie)
2. Derek gives Max food and _____ every day.
(a bath, medicine, fresh water)
3. Derek wants to keep his pet cat _____ and happy.
(healthy, angry, fat)
4. Derek decided to try something new and brush Max's _____.
(fur, tail, teeth)
5. Roger was _____ that Derek used his toothbrush on the cat.
(pleased, disgusted, thankful)