

# A. Cat and Mouse Story (I/I)

## [10 points]

“Okay, so my cat *pombed gwee* the *trowby*, and she *pombed gwee* the *foba*. She *pombed ippip* the *foba* and *pombed gorch* the *foba*, and eventually she *pombed ippip* the *trowby*.”

Your friend has apparently joined some strange new subculture and is trying out the slang. Either that or he hit his head. Whatever the cause, it looks like your friend has replaced the words *down*, *into*, *up*, *run*, *mouse*, and *street* with the words *gwee*, *ippip*, *trowby*, *foba*, *pomble*, and *gorch*. You can't yet tell which is which, so you have this conversation:

**You:** So, it started off with the cat *pombling* the *trowby gwee*.

**Him:** That's nonsense; that's not even a good sentence.

**You:** Could I say “The cat *pombed* the *foba gwee*?”

**Him:** That's just as bad.

**You:** It *was* *gwee* the *foba* that the cat *pombed*, right?

**Him:** Correct.

**You:** Then the cat *pombed gorch* the *foba* and *ippip* the *foba*.

**Him:** Yes.

**You:** And the cat *pombed gorch* the *foba* and *ippip* the *trowby*?

**Him:** You're talking nonsense again.

**You:** But it *was* *ippip* the *trowby* that the cat *pombed*?

**Him:** You don't know how to use words, do you?

**You:** The cat *pombed* the *trowby ippip*.

**Him:** That sounds a lot better.

**A-I** What do the following words mean? Context clues are useful to give you hints, but to *prove* which words mean which, you should also use your friend's judgments about your attempted sentences.

*foba*

*ippip*

*gwee*

*pomble*

*gorch*

*trowby*

