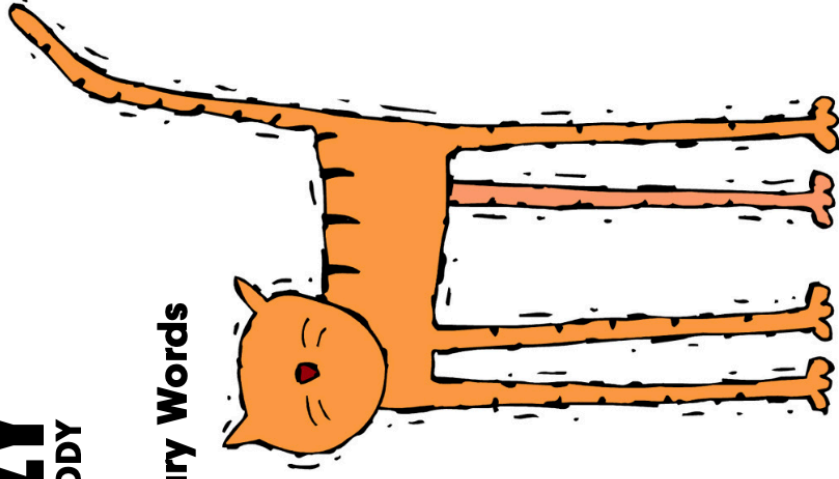


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THE DEVOTED STUDY BUDDY

Learn New Vocabulary Words

1. **Gregarious** - friendly
2. **Meandering** - winding, zigzagging, twisting, turning
3. **Inhaling** - breathe in, inspire, draw in, suck in, take in, sniff in
4. **Purr** - hum
5. **Skyscraper** - a very tall building



Schmaltzy's Study Tip: "Always Look Before You Leap!"

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Chapter 1

Schmaltzy is a City Cat who Wants to Find a Meaningful Life in the Heart of New York City, an Urban Jungle

In the heart of New York City, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, there lives a very handsome, smart, and **gregarious** Red-Tabby cat named Schmaltzy.

In a big city, there are no oak trees to climb and no red robins to chase. There are no pretty butterflyflies to keep a cat up on his toes. Schmaltzy cannot spend his day **meandering** through a garden **inhaling** the fragrant air of beautiful flowers. Schmaltzy has nothing to play with and pounce on that is really worthy of his attention.

In a concrete-urban jungle, there are no **purring** alley cats in the backyard that he can call his friends. What is a city cat to do besides sit by the windowsill and look out at the steel **skyscrapers**? Most city cats just sit around the apartment and become fat cats. What is, Schmaltzy going to do all day to give his life meaning and purpose?