

## Varjak Paw Comprehension Answers:

Re-read chapters 1-5:

Answer these questions in your reading record, or in your homework book.

Who is Varkjak's famous descendant?

Varjak's famous descendant was Jalal the Paw.

This is a retrieval question and the answer above is the only correct answer.

What makes Varjak such an interesting character?

Varjak is inquisitive and brave, he is different from the rest of his family. Not just in his appearance (He has yellow eyes, while theirs are green) but also in the way he acts. Also, it often seems like the whole world is against him as he can do nothing right in the eyes of the others, but he somehow finds a way to go on and thrive.

This is asking you to express an opinion, therefore there might be more than one possible answer however it should refer to events in the text.

What do you think the author means when he says ' . . . a Paw stood on the edge of the world.'? Why is this a good way to end a chapter?

When Varjak gets to the top of the wall the author describes it as he ' . . . stood on the edge of the world.' This is because Varjak is standing on the very edge of the only place he has known all his life. It highlights the fact that his whole world until now has been the Contessa's house, everything from here is a new adventure for Varjak.

It is a good way to end the chapter because it leaves it on a bit of a cliff hanger, you ask yourself the question 'will Varjak have the courage to go on?' It makes you want to read more.

This question is asking you to look at the author's choice of language. Your answer might be differently worded to the one above, but you should mention similar themes. Again, you need to refer to the text.