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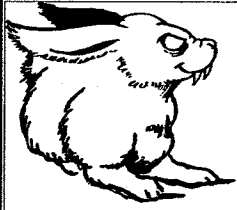
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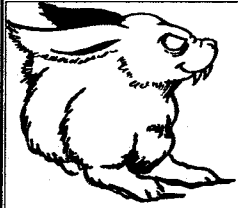
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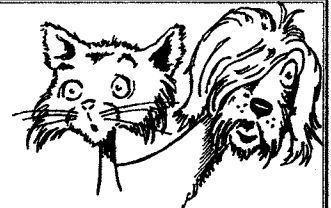
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## Discussion Questions

### Chapter One

1. Who is the narrator of this book? (*Harold, the family dog, xi-xii, introduction*)
2. Describe the discovery of the rabbit. (*The Monroes went to the theater and Toby sat on something. They found on Toby's chair a little blanketed bundle. – p.8*)
3. Tell how the family came up with the name "Bunnicula". (*Mrs. Monroe suggested they call him Bunny-cula or Bunnicula, because he is a bunny and he was found at a Dracula movie – p. 15*)

### Chapter Two

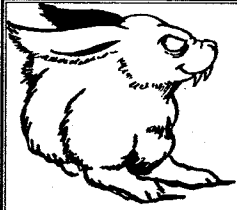
1. How is Chester different from an ordinary cat? (*Chester is different from other cats in that he developed a taste for reading early in his life. Every night Chester curls up in his favorite chair and reads a book. – p.19*)
2. Why is Chester suspicious of Bunnicula? (*Chester noticed a peculiar marking on his forehead and when the rabbit smiled he noticed two little pointed fangs. – p. 20, 23*)

### Chapter Three

1. What does the family discover when they look in the refrigerator the next morning? (*a white tomato – p.32*)
2. Why is Harold unable to play with Bunnicula during the daytime? (*He could never wake Bunnicula up, he was always sleeping during the day. – p.27*)
3. What did Chester discover when he looked at the white tomato? (*Teeth marks – p.36*)

### Chapter Four

1. What three things does Chester think are strange about Bunnicula? (*The rabbit sleeps all day, he has funny little sharp teeth, and he gets in and out of his cage by himself. – p.45*)
2. What did Chester discover on the floor by the refrigerator? (*a white zucchini – p.52*)



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## Chapter Five

1. How does Chester try to convince the Monroes that Bunnacula is a vampire bunny? (***Chester came in the room with Mr. Monroe's towel wrapped around him like a cape, and he bit Harold on the neck. – p.56-59***)
2. What did Mrs. Monroe think was Chester's problem? (***Mrs. Monroe thought Chester needed some love and attention – p.60***)

## Chapter Six

1. Why does Chester wear garlic around his neck? (***Chester's book, "The Mark of the Vampire", said that garlic renders vampires immobile. – p.65***)
2. Why did Chester pound Mrs. Monroe's steak on Bunnacula's chest? (***Chester's book said to pound a stake into the vampire's heart. Chester mistook the word to mean "steak". – p.72-73***)
3. What happened to Chester after he ruined Mrs. Monroe's steak? (***Mrs. Monroe put Chester outside. – p.75***)

## Chapter Seven

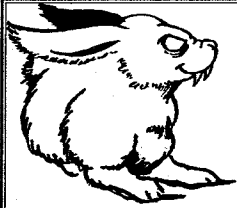
1. How are Harold's feelings changing toward Bunnacula? (***He began to think of Bunnacula as a friend. – p.79***)
2. Why is Harold worried about Bunnacula? (***Bunnacula looked tired and listless and his nose felt warmer than usual. – p.79***)

## Chapter Eight

1. Describe the scene as Bunnacula gets his first bite of food in days. (***Chester leaped across the table and landed on top of Bunnacula. Bunnacula jumped up and landed in the salad bowl. – p.87***)
2. What do the Monroes decide to do with their pets the next day? (***Take them all to the vet – p.90***)

## Chapter Nine

1. How does Bunnacula's new diet solve everyone's problem? (***Because Bunnacula was fed vegetable juice, he no longer needed to suck the juice out of vegetables. Chester was diagnosed as being emotionally overwrought and began seeing a cat psychiatrist and Harold didn't have to take his shots. – p.93-94***)
2. How does going to the cat psychiatrist affect Chester? (***Chester decides he needs to find himself. He reads books like, "Finding Yourself by Screaming a Lot". He thinks he is getting in touch with his kittenhood. – p.96,97***)



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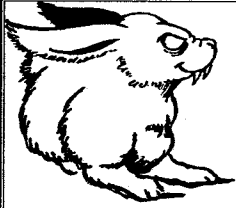
## Chapters One to Two

### Vocabulary Activity

The following vocabulary words are hidden in each line below. Find and circle the word that matches each clue. You may use a dictionary.

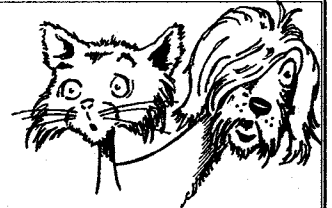
digress	decipher	repulsive	hideous	eerie
aura	tranquil	usher	compelled	radiator
mongrel	dialect	admonition	obscure	

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. A warning or caution                   | tsfodbadmonitionxlm |
| 2. Pipes through which steam heats a room | hrmgradiatorlefso   |
| 3. Turn aside or get away                 | lbsrdigresscfnp     |
| 4. Calm or serene                         | potktranquilbmhjm   |
| 5. Directs people to their seats          | bxslusherfmap       |
| 6. To interpret                           | idudecipherlfr      |
| 7. Animal of mixed breed                  | bmrdomongrelbnxm    |
| 8. Hard to understand                     | gsfuobscurefptl     |
| 9. Form of language                       | rolsdialecturmy     |
| 10. Feeling of strong dislike             | trdlrepulsivenaco   |
| 11. Strange and frightening               | rudseeerieotml      |
| 12. Forced or obliged                     | idrecompelledtsna   |
| 13. Feelings surrounding someone          | drvilaurampsodt     |
| 14. Extremely ugly or frightful           | urthideousremr      |



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## Comprehension Questions

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. Who is the narrator of this story?

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2. What is Harold's job when the family is away?

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3. Describe the scene in which the Monroe family comes home after the movie.

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4. How does the Monroe family treat their animals?

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5. Who discovered the rabbit at the movie theater?

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6. Why was Harold able to translate the language written on the paper tied to the rabbit's neck?

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7. Why were Toby and Pete fighting?

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8. Why does Harold prefer to sleep in Toby's room?

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