

Propositions and Truth Conditions

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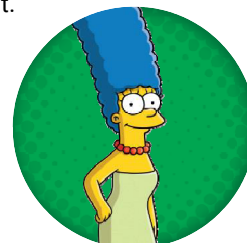


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Truth Conditions

The cat is on the mat. **TRUE**

- ✓ There exists a cat.
- ✓ There exists a mat.
- ✓ The cat is located on the mat.



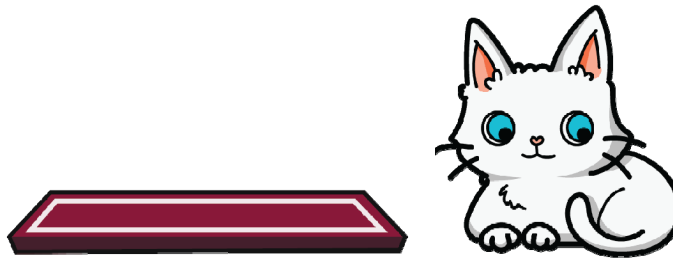
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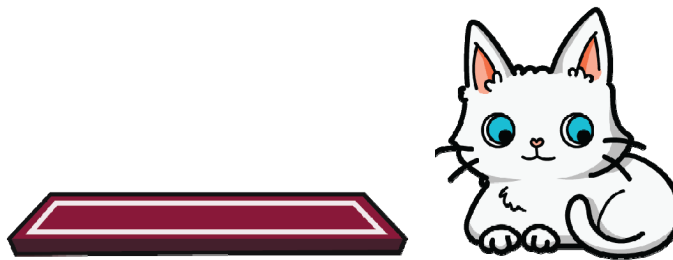
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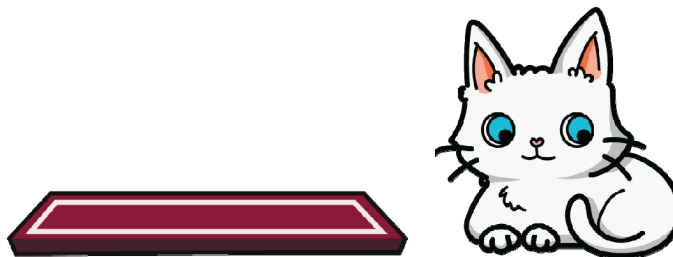
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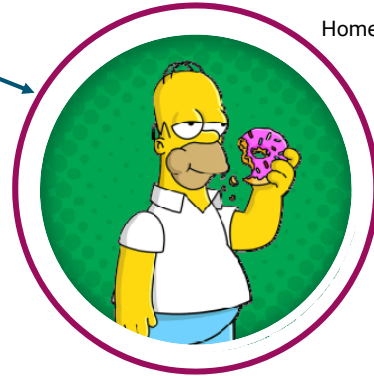
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World

Homer

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