Kit and Kat

Kat the cat wanted a pet. “You are crazy,” her owner told her. “You are my pet. You can’t have a pet of your own.”
“But I really want a pet,” Kat insisted.
“You don’t have a job or any money. How will you buy pet food? You don’t have opposable thumbs. How will you feed your pet, or give it water?”
“Those are all logical arguments,” Kat agreed. “But the fact remains: I want a pet.”
“Poor Kat,” Kat’s owner said, stroking him on the head. “I will be your pet. I will give you all the love you need.” Kat purred, but she was determined to have a pet, and the wheels in his mind were turning.
That afternoon when Kat was outside, she saw a goldfinch in a tree. “Come down and play with me,” she said.
“No way,” the goldfinch said. “I don’t want to be your lunch.”
“I am not looking for lunch,” Kat said. “I am looking for a pet.” The goldfinch laughed, and told him to look somewhere else.
That evening, when Kat was outside again, she saw a turtle crossing the driveway. “Come over and play with me,” she said.
“No way,” the turtle said. “I don’t want to be your dinner.”
“I am not looking for dinner,” Kat said. “I am looking for a pet.” The turtle laughed and pulled himself inside of shell until Kat went away.
Kat was sad when she went back in the house. It didn’t seem like his dream of having a pet was going to come true. Then she saw a mouse stick his head out of a hole in the wall. “Come on into the room and play with me,” she said. This was a young mouse, and not very wise in the ways of the world.
“Okay,” the mouse said. “My name is Kit.”
“And I am Kat,” Kat said.
Kit and Kat played together well into the night. It was the happiest Kat had ever been.
**DIRECTIONS**: Read the story. Then answer the questions.

1. What is the first thing that happens in the story?

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2. In what order does Kat speak to the other animals?

   A. first mouse, then goldfinch, then turtle
   B. first turtle, then goldfinch, then mouse
   C. first goldfinch, then turtle, then mouse

3. Which happens first:

   A. Kat tells his owner she wants a pet of his own.
   B. Kat sees a mouse stick his head out of a hole in the wall.

4. Which happens first:

   A. The turtle pulls himself inside of his shell.
   B. Kat goes back into the house.

5. What happens after Kat invites the mouse to come out and play with her?

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