Directions: annotate/highlight important facts, dates, and the big debate related to the article…

Mary Bale, caught on video throwing cat into trash bin, says 'sorry' after receiving death threats:

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Suffering Sucatash!

A woman in [England](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/United+Kingdom) who was caught on video tossing a cat into a trash bin has received multiple death threats, and now, says she's sorry.

"I want to take this opportunity to apologize profusely for the upset and distress that my actions have caused," [Mary Bale](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Mary+Bale) said in a statement on Wednesday.

"I cannot explain why I did this, it is completely out of character and I certainly did not intend to cause any distress to [the cat] or her owners."

The four-year-old tabby, Lola, was strolling along a sidewalk when Bale, 45, walked by. She can be seen in the video stopping by the trash bin, then when the cat approaches, she pets it briefly before lifting it up and tossing it in.

"It was a split second of misjudgment that has got completely out of control," she said. "I am due to meet with the [[Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/RSPCA)] and police to discuss this matter and will cooperate fully with their investigations."

The remorseful words were then followed by a less than purr-fect remark, however, as Bale added, "I don't know what the fuss is about. It's just a cat."

Bale, an unwed bank clerk, insists she never thought the cat would be trapped in the bin. The tabby was not discovered until 15 hours later, when its owner heard it meowing.

"I expected it to wriggle out," she said.

The video was posted on [YouTube](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/YouTube+LLC), and has since received nearly 350,000 views. It has not gained her any fans, either.

"Absolutely disgusting," wrote one commenter. "You really have to feel for that cat. I so hope that woman has a lonely life."

"People are so evil," wrote another.

Several [Facebook](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Facebook+Inc.) groups have since been founded to bash Bale, with one page called "Mary Bale should be locked up for putting Lola the cat in a bin" raking in more than 6,700 fans.

Another group, which was titled, Death to Mary Bale, has since been removed.

The RSPCA is investigating the incident, but police have not filed any charges.

Interview: *After the video and article read, interview a partner and paraphrase their response…*

Do you think what the woman did qualifies as animal abuse? Do you think she should be formally charged?

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Mentor Sentences:

Directions: Read the sentences below and tell me what you notice about them grammatically and structurally (don’t focus so much on meaning).

1. **When I was reading this, I couldn’t help but feel sorry for the cat.**
2. **Since the cat could have been crushed by the garbage pick-up, Mary Bale should face some type of penalty for her actions.**
3. **Although the video was funny, it was still a cruel prank to play.**
4. What are you noticing about each of these sentences—give me 3 observations…
5. What are some rules/grammar techniques we have learned—make a list…

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| Independent Clause | Dependent Clause |
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Practice: Which of the following sentences are independent clauses? Which of the following sentences are dependent clauses?

1. Label them (DC—dependent clause, IC—independent clause)
2. Fix them if necessary.
   * The cat was in the trash can.
   * Before a person acts.
   * She wasn’t thinking.
   * Although I think it was wrong.
   * Because she did what she did.

*Grammar Notes—*

Revised Passage: *After grammar notes and practice…*

Write your own reaction to the issue and use **at least three AAAWWWUBBIS phrases**. Highlight/Circle the AAAWWWUBBIS phrases and remember your commas! No I Statements!

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| **4=Awesome** | **3=Got It!** | **2=Almost** | **1=Not Quite** |
| The writer writes their paragraph thoughtfully and creatively. They go above and beyond with their grammar and discussion (10pts)  The writer clearly identifies grammar by highlighting/circling (5pts)  The writer offers a strong and well detailed list of rules about the grammar technique (1opts) | The writer writes their paragraph appropriately and completes all of the necessary grammar techniques (8pts)  \_\_\_  The writer offers a solid list of rules about the grammar technique (8pts) | The writer may not have a complete paragraph or they used the grammar technique inappropriately (6-7pts)  The writer vaguely identifies their grammar by highlighting/circling (3pts)  The writer offers a basic list of rules about the grammar technique(6-7pts) | The writer shows little if any understanding of the topic and/or grammar technique (0-5pts)  The writer does not identify their grammar by highlighting/circling(0-2pts)  The writer fails to offer and list, or has incorrectly identified the rules about the grammar technique(0-5pts) |

Reflection: Restate the AAAWWWUBBIS rules and what you know now about AAAWWWUBBIS. What did you learn today? You may use a bulleted list. See Rubric below.

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