



Cats

- There are many different kinds of cat.
- Did you know that the big wild cats are related to the cats that live in our homes?
- All cats eat meat.
- Cats have good eyesight and a good sense of smell.

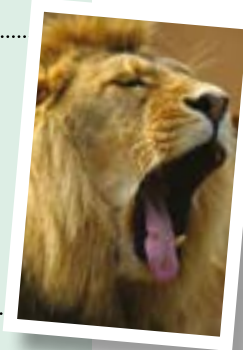
Pet cats

These cats live with people. They don't have to hunt for their food, but sometimes they catch birds or mice.



Lions

These cats live in groups called 'prides'. The male lions often relax while the lionesses do most of the hunting.



Tigers

These are the biggest cats. They like water, which most other cats don't like. They are good swimmers and often relax in the water to cool down.



Cheetahs

These are the fastest cats. The cheetah is the fastest-running animal in the world.



- 1 Are wild cats related to pet cats?
- 2 What do tigers sometimes do to cool down?
- 3 Which are the biggest cats?
- 4 What do all cats eat?

- 5 Look each of these words up in a dictionary.


Do any of these words have more than one meaning?

pride relax tiger

- 6 Look at the sections.

In which section do we read about:

- a the male cat relaxing?
- b the cats not having to hunt for food?
- c the cats that enjoy swimming?
- d the fastest cats?



Remember, a dictionary is set out in alphabetical order.



- 7 Read the information in the sections Pet cats, Lions, Tigers and Cheetahs again.
 - a Write one or two of your own sentences to add to each section.
 - b Can you think of any other type of cat? Write a sentence about it.



Pet Cat Facts



Cats sometimes eat grass. This can help them cough up hair balls.



Most cats like being brushed.

Cats need to scratch to exercise their muscles.

Cats wash themselves for many hours every day.

If cats miaow when you are near, it can mean they want your attention.

Most cats give birth to four to six kittens, though sometimes they may have as many as twelve.

Cats usually purr when they are happy.

Cats and dogs can be best friends.



Kittens play with moving things. While they are playing they are learning to hunt.

Copy and finish the sentences.

1 Every day a cat will wash itself for _____.
minutes hours

2 If a cat _____ it is happy.
purrs miaows

Answer each question with a sentence.

3 Why do cats scratch?

4 Do cats like being brushed?

5 What do kittens learn while they are playing?

6 Copy these words and their correct definitions.

attention a band of tissue in a body that moves

muscle a ball of hair

hair ball to take notice

7 One fact tells us most cats like being brushed. Why do you think this is?

8 Look at the information on 'Cats' on page 30 and 'Cat facts' on page 32 again.



Write a sentence saying which is set out in the most helpful way. Don't forget to say why.



Don't forget to use capital letters and full stops!