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Cats

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.
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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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I love cats because they are independent. They help us relax by letting us pet them. You can play with them too. Making them chase a piece of string or a beam of light is very funny, indeed. But a drawback of having a cat is that they can be too talkative. My cat always meows when she wants to eat. And she tries to make us give her our food when we are eating, especially when we are having fish for dinner. On the other hand, owning a cat has its advantages. For example, they catch mice and other small animals. For cats, catching and giving small animals to their owners is a sign of generosity. Sometimes my cat brings animals that are not dead into the house. I really don't like it when she does that.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

STUDENT CATS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cats in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about cats. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about cats. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. CATS POSTER Make a poster about cats. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY CATS LESSON: Make your own English lesson on cats. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your social media account, or any other online tool to share your opinions on cats. Share your findings with the class.

