

ARE BLACK CATS BAD LUCK?

SUPERSTITION:
A belief that certain things or actions have the power to bring about good or bad luck.

Has anyone ever told you that a black cat walking in front of you causes bad luck?

Some people believe this. It is a **superstition**.

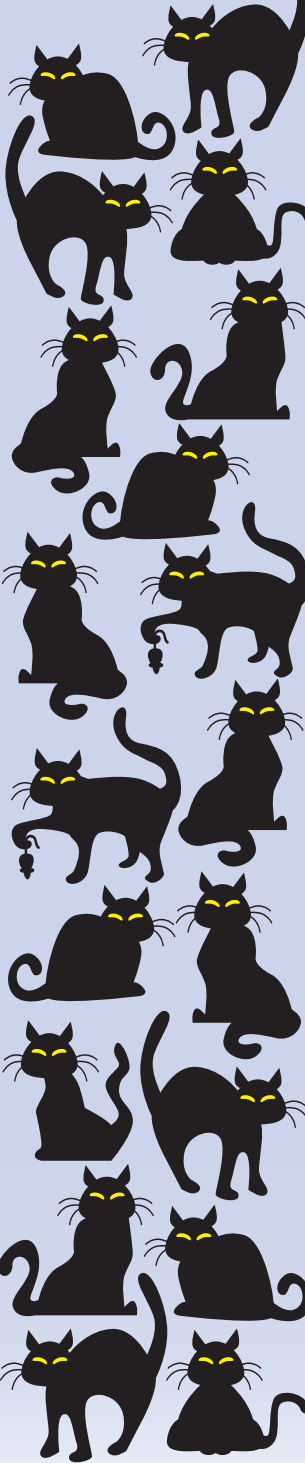
Some people believe that a black cat crossing their path is **good** luck.

What you believe might depend upon where you live. People in Britain and Japan think black cats are good luck. In Germany, some believe that black cats crossing a person's path from right to left, is bad luck. But if the cat walks from left to right, they believe it brings good luck.

How many mice can you find on this page?

Copy Cats

Each black cat below has an exact twin except one. Can you find the unique black cat? Good luck!



Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra!

Awesome Adjectives

Look through the newspaper for an adjective that describes each of these Halloween nouns:

- CAT
- PUMPKIN
- SPIDER
- MONSTER
- CANDY
- CASTLE
- MOON

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Ask a friend to find each type of word on the blanks below in the newspaper. Use these words to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

My Cat Misty

The clock chimes twelve times

as my cat walks softly up the

_____. Late at night,

Misty loves to _____ around

the _____. It is

Halloween night, and she's still

excited from all the _____

trick-or-treaters she saw.

Misty loves Halloween. From her

perch in the front _____,

she will watch all the _____

_____ as they come to

our door. She is not afraid of these

_____ visitors.

In the fall, Misty spends a lot of

time asleep in her _____.

When we watch football games,

her naps are often interrupted by

the _____ or our cheers. She

doesn't care much about football.

Tonight, Misty is wide awake,

listening to the _____ in the

trees. The _____ is bright,

casting Misty's shadow on the

_____ of my bedroom.

Once she has finished looking

around the _____, she

will curl up on my _____

by my feet, purring happily.

I know that some people think

_____ cats are unlucky,

but not me. Misty is an important

member of our _____!

Having a pet like Misty is a

_____ treat.

ADJECTIVE

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

ADORE

The verb **adore** means to love and respect.

Logan **adores** his grandpa and they often go fishing together on Saturdays.

Try to use the word **adore** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Replace the missing words.

- PESTS
- FARMERS
- DEATH
- ROCK
- DREAMS
- MICE

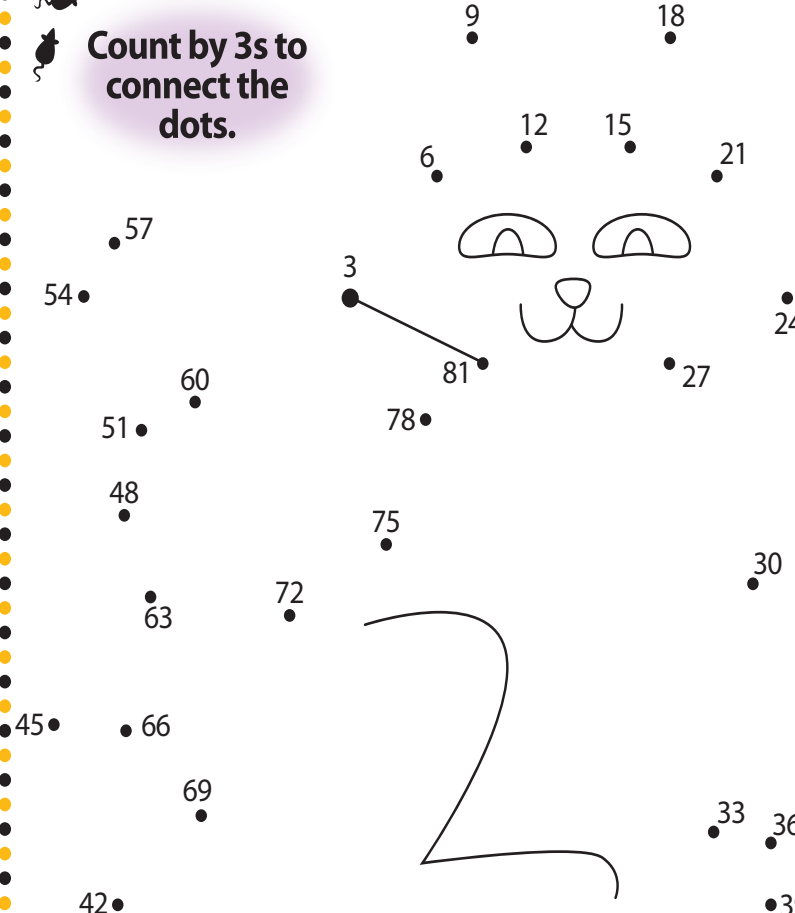
In early Egyptian times, dating back as far as 3000 B.C., cats were adored like _____ stars of today.

Rats and _____ would eat the crops of Egyptian _____.

Wild cats would keep these _____ in check, so cats were welcomed and befriended by grateful farmers. It was thought that if you saw a cat in your _____, there would be a good harvest.

To kill a cat was a crime, punishable by _____!

Count by 3s to connect the dots.



Help this unlucky mouse escape the black cat by finding your way to the finish in under 60 seconds! GO!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the jack-o'-lantern face that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Complete patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- PUNISHABLE
- HALLOWEEN
- PUMPKIN
- BELIEF
- BLACK
- EGYPT
- CRIME
- SENSE
- WALKS
- POWER
- LUCK
- PATH
- ROCK
- LIVE
- CAT

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Halloween News

Rewrite a fictional Halloween story as a news article. Be sure to start your article identifying the **who**, **what**, **when** and **where**. Write a headline for your article.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.



What kind of a key opens a haunted house?

ANSWER: A spookey!

Write On!

Finish This Halloween Poem

A black cat creeps
Down darkened streets
As a bat flies past the moon.
The wind makes leaves
Swirl around the trees...