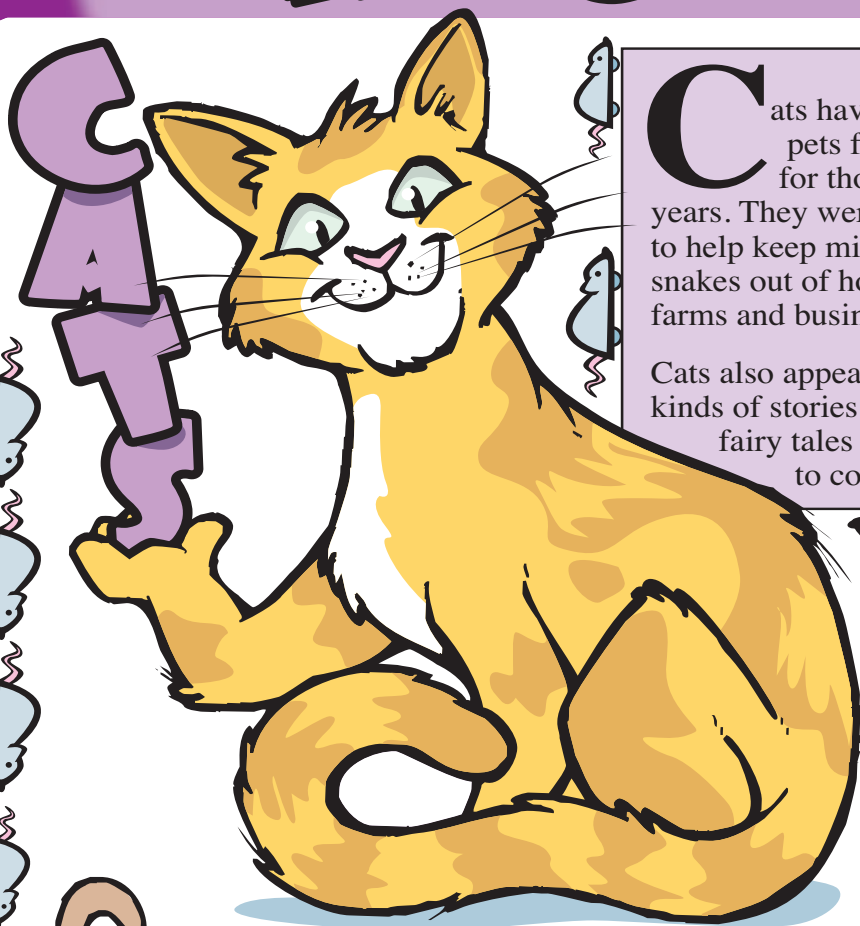


## Take the Cat Quiz

How much do you know about cats? Try this True-or-False quiz to find out.

1. A falling cat will always land on its feet.  TRUE  FALSE
2. Cats need regular baths.  TRUE  FALSE
3. A stray or abandoned cat lives only a week or two.  TRUE  FALSE
4. A cat's whiskers help it to "see" in the dark.  TRUE  FALSE
5. A ball of yarn makes a good toy for a cat.  TRUE  FALSE



**C**ats have been pets for people for thousands of years. They were taken in to help keep mice and snakes out of homes, farms and businesses.

Cats also appear in all kinds of stories, from fairy tales to legends to comic strips.

### Ancient Egyptians

Egyptians considered cats to be sacred, which is why they mummified and buried them in tombs. They would honor a god by portraying it with a cat's head.

The Egyptian goddess **Bast** was shown with the head of a cat. Bast is the Egyptian goddess of sunrise and the protector of cats, women and children.



Find the two identical cats.

Connect the dots in alphabetical order to draw Bast.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



### Cat Prints

Just like fingerprints, this part of a cat's body has a pattern of ridges that is unique to that cat.

## SENO

Unscramble the word to find the answer.

Extra! Extra!

### Animals in the News

Look through the newspaper to find articles about animals. How many different kinds of animals are in the news? Make a graph to show your results.

Standards Link: Data Analysis: Organize and display data in simple bar graphs, pie charts and line graphs.

1. FALSE: Cats can sometimes twist around in midair. But they are often hurt or even killed in falls.  
 2. FALSE: Cats can usually keep themselves clean by licking their fur.  
 3. TRUE: Homeless cats live in danger. Most are killed by cars, dogs, poison, thirst or starvation.  
 4. TRUE: A cat's whiskers are very sensitive and act as "feelers" to let a cat know it is close to something.  
 5. FALSE: Kittens like to play with yarn, but they can get tangled and strangled to death. If a kitten swallows some yarn, it can get very sick.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand the diversity of life and behavior of species.

### What a Character!

## Patience is ...



... playing with your pet, even when you are tired of the game.

### Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word CATS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

C			A
A	C		
T		A	
S			T

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: SACRED

The adjective **sacred** means deserving to be respected and honored.

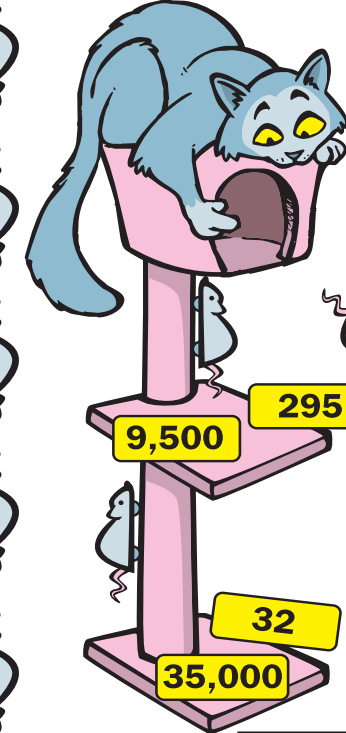
Ancient Egyptians considered cats to be **sacred**.

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

### Cat Numbers

Guess which number at left goes with each fact. Then use the code to check your guess.

- 0 =
- 1 =
- 2 =
- 3 =
- 4 =
- 5 =
- 6 =
- 7 =
- 8 =
- 9 =



The number of years ago that we believe cats were first domesticated.

MILLION  
The approximate number of dollars spent each year in the U.S. for kitty litter.

The number of muscles in each ear of a cat.

The approximate number of kittens born in the U.S. each day.

How many toy mice can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Estimation: Students estimate quantities in real-world situations.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Weighing Wiggly Cats** The cats at Dr. Stalling's office won't sit still to be weighed. The owners have to hold them and weigh themselves and their pets at the same time. Subtract each owner's weight from the total weight to find out how much each wiggly cat weighs.

$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat } (\_) \\ + \text{Kate } (132) \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: } 149 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat } (\_) \\ + \text{Tim } (173) \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: } 197 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat } (\_) \\ + \text{Mike } (180) \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: } 195 \end{array}$	

Standards Link: Algebra: Solve simple open sentences involving operations on whole numbers.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ANCIENT	C	A	C	Y	T	A	C	D	N	D
WHISKERS	E	M	T	O	A	H	E	A	O	U
CATS	U	T	O	S	M	R	G	C	T	E
SACRED	Q	N	M	Y	C	I	T	I	I	S
YARN	I	E	B	A	S	T	C	S	E	M
EGYPTIAN	N	I	S	R	E	K	S	I	H	W
STRAY	U	C	A	N	R	I	D	G	E	S
ABANDONED	D	N	A	I	T	P	Y	G	E	C
TOMBS	T	A	B	A	N	D	O	N	E	D
RIDGES										
UNIQUE										
WEIGH										
MICE										
BAST										
COMIC										

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Home for a Pet**  
Look at the Want Ads in the newspaper. Pretend you are a pet looking for a home. Write a want ad for the home you would like.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

## What does a cat say when it gets hurt?

ANSWER: "Me Ow!"

### Write On!

**Dream Interview**  
If you could interview anyone in the world, who would it be? What would you ask?