

# Cats

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Cats' senses help them survive. Cats can see better in the dark than people can. They can see quick movements. They do not see as well during the day, nor do they see colors well.

Cats have a good sense of smell. A cat can even smell through the top of its mouth.

A cat's taste buds help it know if something is good for them. Cats' tongues help them sense meat. Cats like foods that are salty, bitter, or sour, but they do not like sweets.

Cats hear higher sounds than people hear. Cats can move their ears to help them tell where sound is coming from.

Cats have nerves all over their bodies. The most nerves are in their front paws and whiskers. A cat's whiskers can sense slight movements.



## COMPREHENSION

**A** Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is this story about?
  - a** How cats use their senses
  - b** What cats like to do
- 2 Cats are most active at night. How does their sense of sight help them?
  - a** They can see better in the dark.
  - b** They cannot see colors.
- 3 What would happen if a cat hurt its front paws?
  - a** Its claws would not work.
  - b** It would not be able to feel things as well.
- 4 How is a cat's sense of hearing different from a person's?
  - a** A cat hears higher sounds than a person.
  - b** A cat hears lower sounds than a person.
- 5 Why are ears that move helpful?
  - a** It helps the cat know where sound is coming from.
  - b** They can hear higher sounds.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

**B**  $m + \text{at} = \text{mat}$

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter or group of letters from each row to *at* to make a word. Write the word.

- |   |            |      |
|---|------------|------|
| 1 | d, l, b    |      |
| 2 | g, c, w    |      |
| 3 | f, j, w    | + at |
| 4 | cr, th, pl |      |
| 5 | h, z, q    |      |



## LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

**C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Some cats are small enough to hide under a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 A \_\_\_\_\_ can see very well in the dark.
- 8 This cat is black, but \_\_\_\_\_ cat is white.
- 9 A \_\_\_\_\_ cat will not be very quick.
- 10 A cat is a pet, but a \_\_\_\_\_ is not.

## THINK ABOUT IT

**D** Read each sentence. Which word in the box means almost the same thing as the underlined word? Write the word.

sound   fine   survive   slight   see
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- 1 A cat's senses help it live.
- 2 A cat can walk without making a noise.
- 3 A cat can see and feel a very little movement.
- 4 Did you watch the cat watching the leaves move?
- 5 Cats have a good sense of sight.