

CLEVER CATS! Amazing Cat Adventures Robyn P. Watts



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Learning Areas:

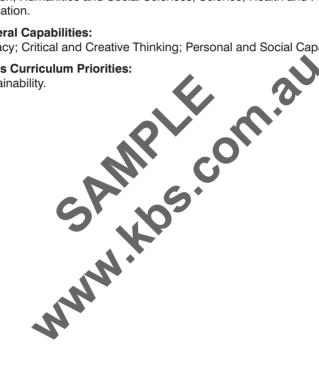
English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Sustainability.









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Teacher Notes:

Cats have been an important part of many peoples' lives around the world for thousands of years. However, as their numbers have increased, they have also started to threaten our wildlife. Learn more about the amazing characteristics of cats, how to look after them, and most importantly, how to protect our wildlife from these apex predators.

Discussion points for consideration:

- 1. Why has the wild cat population exploded in many country areas around the world?
- 2. Why is desexing and cat registration such a good idea in some places?
- 3. What is your favourite cat characteristic and why
- 4. Do you think that there should be cat curfews? This means that cats are not allowed out at night or to leave a person's house.

Difficult words to be introduced and practised before reading this book:

Antarctica, worldwide America, mouser, comfort, popular, African, friendship, Ancient, Egyptians, special, protected, related, Leopard, ancestor, predator, distance, vision, pupil, apex, frequency, rotate, balance, canals, mammals, pierce, cushion, scent, medicine, regularly, environment, disappeared, wildlife, controlling, register.





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1. About Cats

We all know cats. We see them at windows or out walking. Cats make good pets. Do you have a cat as a pet? Do you want a cat? This book will help with your questions.

Cats have been with people for a long time. The only place where there are no cats is Antarctica. Worldwide, there are about one billion cats. Some of these are wild cats and the rest are pets.

The top cat lovers are North America, Japan, China, and Russia. All sorts of people own cats, from leaders of countries, to the young and old, and the rich and poor. Cats are cute, cuddly, and easy to look after.



In America, cats have been kept at the White House. President Clinton kept a cat called Socks. It was a black and white cat and lived at the White House.

In the United Kingdom, a cat is kept at the house of the Prime Minister as a mouser. The cats have become very famous. Many stones have been told about them. Larry was a tabby cat kept by the Prime Minister of the UK. Larry even showed up for a meeting with the President of the United States of America.



Cats go to many workplaces. They help to get rid of pests like rats, mice, and birds. Some schools have cats in classrooms to stop rats and mice.

People love to see their cats at work. Cats make friends with people and bring them happiness. They give comfort to people who are worried or sad. This makes it a happier place for everyone.

Cats love to play. They do funny things that make people laugh. They sit on desks and chairs. They even climb on screens and on to people.





Today, cats are found in every country. Cats were taken to these countries. They did not always live there. People brought the cats as pets to stop rats and mice. Today, they are the second most popular pet after dogs.

Some of these cats went wild and lived in the cities and forests. Today, these wild cats live off small animals and food scraps from people. The number of wild cats across the whole world would be huge.



