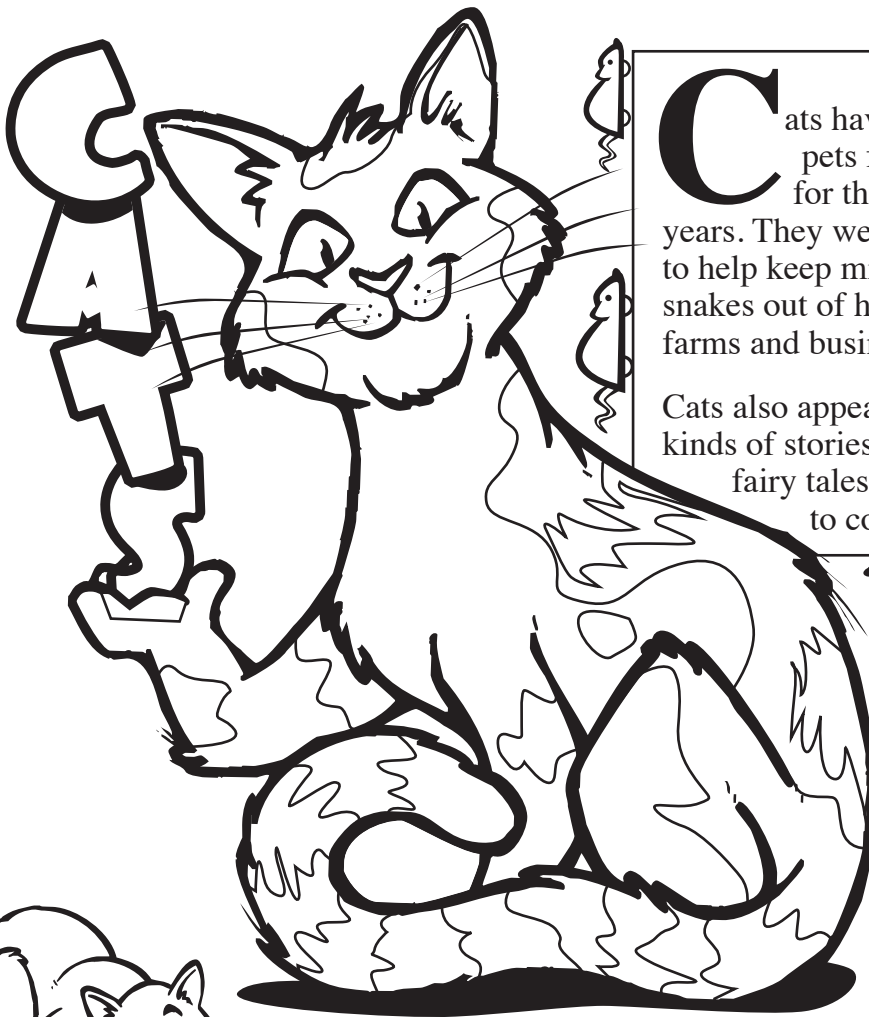




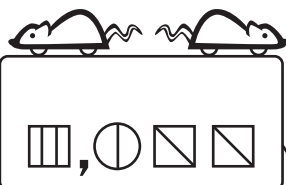
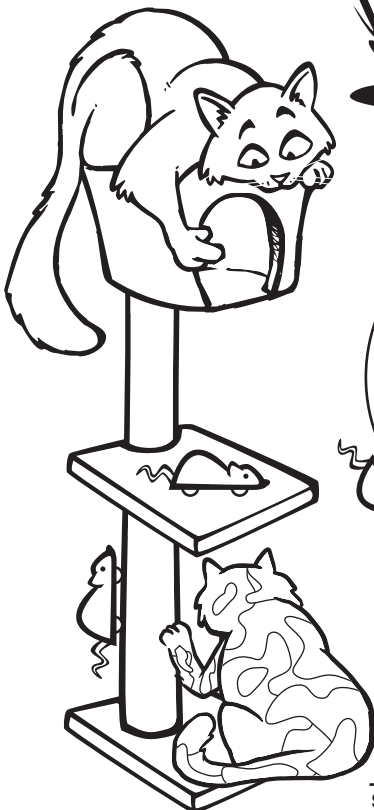
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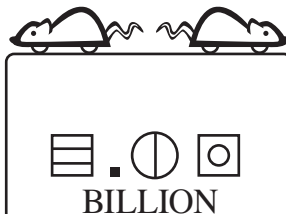
Cats have been pets for people for thousands of years. They were taken in to help keep mice and snakes out of homes, farms and businesses.

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

How many toy mice can you find on these pages?

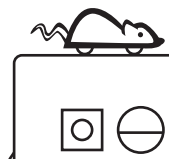


The number of years ago that we believe cats were first domesticated.



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

*As of 2024



The number of muscles in each ear of a cat.



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

Cat Numbers

Use the code to discover some fun facts about cats.

0 = □ **3** = □ **5** = ○ **7** = ◇ **9** = |||
2 = ⊖ **4** = ≡ **6** = ▧ **8** = ⊙

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

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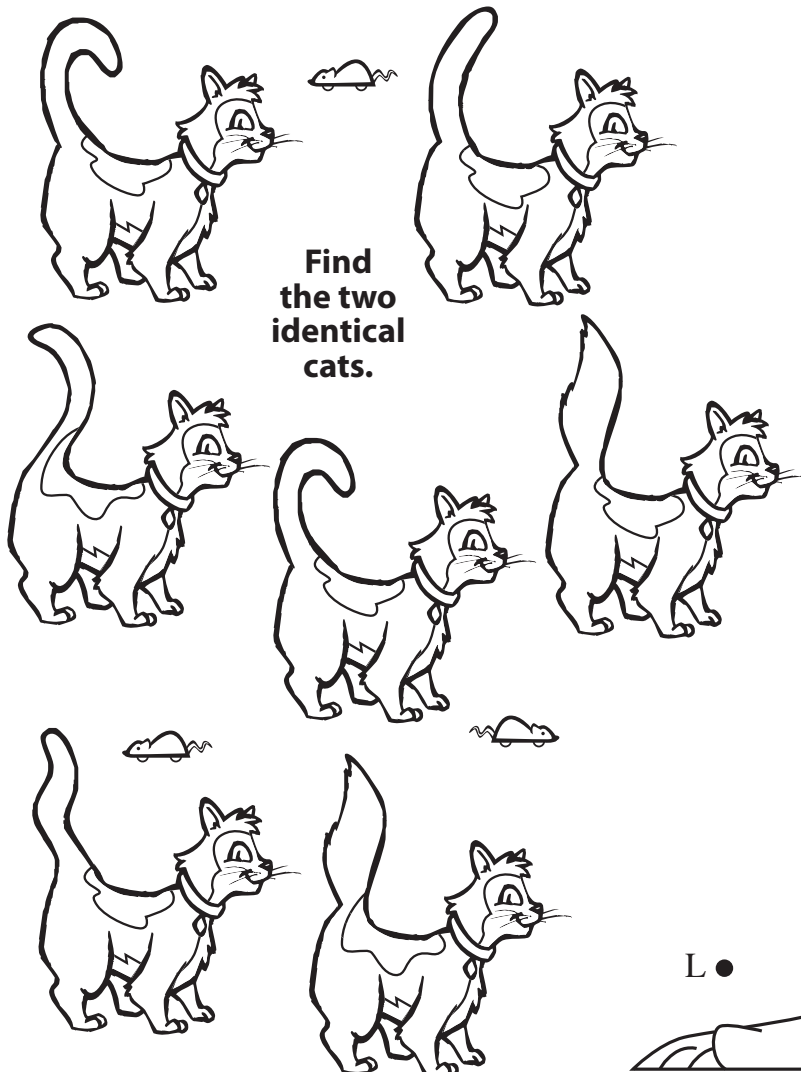
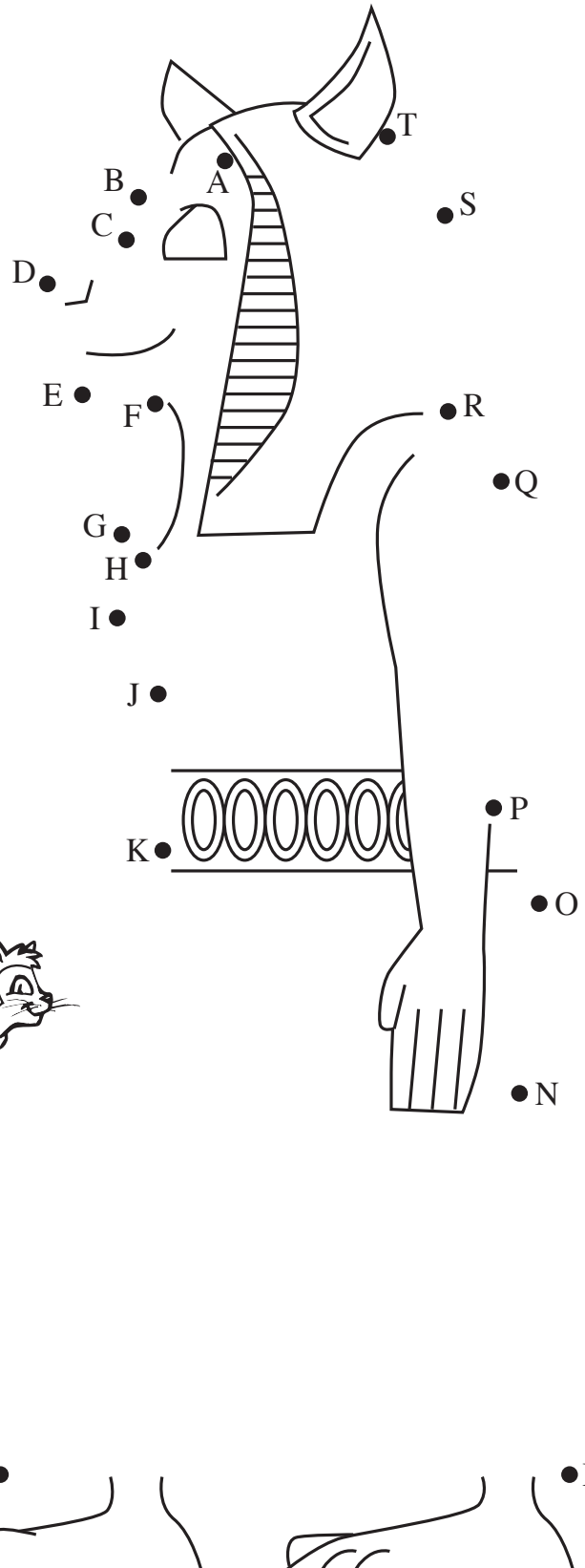
Ancient Egyptians

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.

Connect the dots in alphabetical order to draw Bast.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.





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Kid Scoop Together

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.

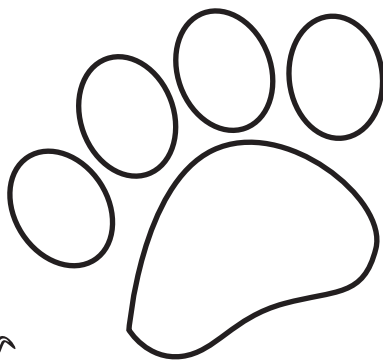
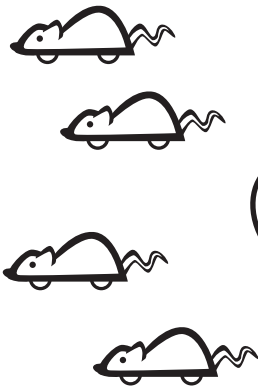
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

5. A ball of yarn makes a good toy for a cat.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

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.



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.



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.



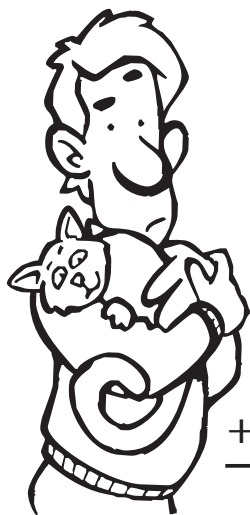
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Puzzler



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.



$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat (___)} \\ + \text{Kate (132)} \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: 149} \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat (___)} \\ + \text{Mike (180)} \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: 195} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cat (___)} \\ + \text{Tim (173)} \\ \hline \text{TOTAL: 197} \end{array}$$



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

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

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.



What does
a cat say
when it gets
hurt?

ANSWER: "Me Ow!"



Write On!



Dream Interview

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.



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.





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Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

ANCIENT

WHISKERS

CATS

SACRED

YARN

EGYPTIAN

STRAY

ABANDONED

TOMBS

RIDGES

UNIQUE

WEIGH

MICE

BAST

COMIC



C	A	C	Y	T	A	C	D	N	D
E	M	T	O	A	H	E	A	O	U
U	T	O	S	M	R	G	C	T	E
Q	N	M	Y	C	I	T	I	I	S
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U	C	A	N	R	I	D	G	E	S
D	N	A	I	T	P	Y	G	E	C
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Answers

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

9,500

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

4.53 billion

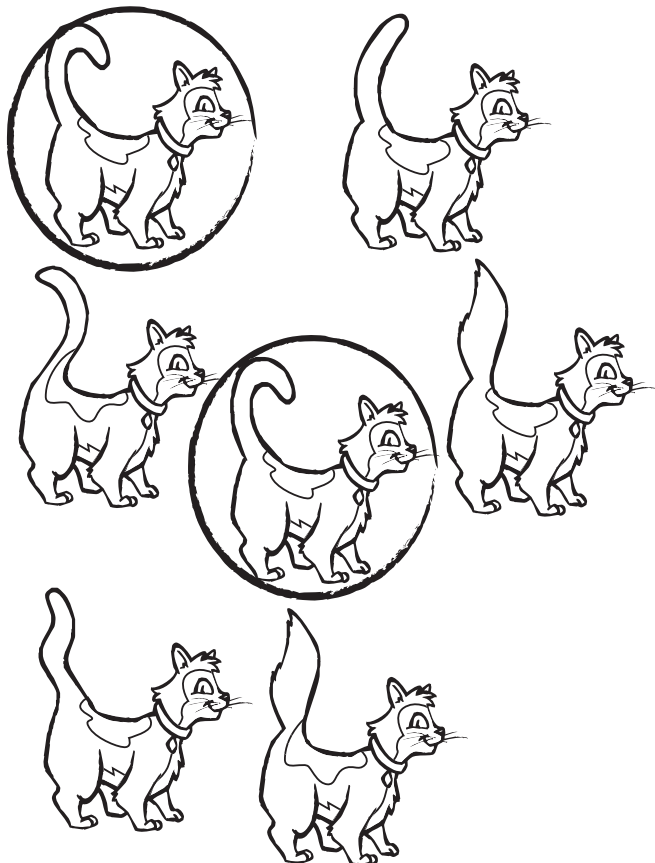
The number of muscles in each ear of a cat.

32

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

35,000

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