



Answer pack 3 – Diet



Dear parent/guardian

Thank you for downloading Cats Protection's Home Learning Pack! We are thrilled that you are getting involved and joining the fun!

'Diet' is the third in a series of five free packs that you can download at home.. The educational content is designed to help your young learner discover more about our feline friends!

You can dip into different sections of Cats Protection's Home Learning Pack depending on your child's interest. Each Home Learning Pack contains:

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This Answer Pack is designed to support you in assisting your child's learning journey. We encourage frequent feedback for your budding cat expert!

You will find lots of links to our online content, to help inspire your child's learning. We want our education packs to reach as many parents as possible, so we'd love you to share your photos and videos on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @catsprotection and using #TheMoggyModules. Let's keep home schooling pawsome!

Cats Protection hopes you have great fun, while learning all about cats!

Cats Protection Education Team



Worksheet

List of URLs in pack

Page Number	Link title	URL
2	The Tale of Liquorice Mick by Bob Mortimer	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uucBTn9NhAc
4	Does your cat bring you "gifts"? – Simon's Cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWUjME5UEBw&list=PLBmJH1dUsndglnsXDJu8icKTIFsSQwnHb&index=5
4	Things you didn't know about feeding time! – Simon's Cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4dDZgBfHBk&list=PLBmJH1dUsndglnsXDJu8icKTIFsSQwnHb&index=7
4	Do cats really hate water? – Simon's Cat	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VB6go-i0yE&list=PLaqyxbJHFyL0qts4lwiqyhTbckDarQCVU&index=9
9	How to make homemade meaty cat food treats	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3GlahkM0ck&list=PLBmJH1dUsndgVerz88RDiez0tyr7etEXr&index=6
10	How to make Catty dodger biscuits	https://youtu.be/sXg6gTMIIRk



Answers – A cat's tale

The Tale of Liquorice Mick

Q: How does the author describe Chips Whiffles?

A: A big, white, fluffy Persian cat, with long whiskers and a bit of a miserable face!

Q: Why did Chips Whiffles think he would make a nice pet?

A: He thinks he is a very classy cat, never scratches and is very accurate with the litter tray.

Q: How does the author describe Lynx Silversmith?

A: A short-haired tabby cat, with pointy ears and a little pursed mouth.

Q: Why did Lynx Silversmith think she would make a nice pet?

A: She thinks she is the prettiest, most gorgeous cat. A beautiful cat.

Q: How does the author describe Conny Blackwash?

A: A brown-and-tan coloured moggy with white socks and a black tip on the tail.

Q: Why did Conny Blackwash think he would make a nice pet?

A: He thinks he is the most intelligent cat.

Q: What did Liquorice Mick tell Rebecca about himself?

A: He really likes cat treats and flicking them under the fridge and cooker. He enjoys staring out the window. He watches David Attenborough programmes. He really loves sitting on laps and having a good fuss.

Q: How does the author describe Liquorice Mick?

A: He is a silky, short-haired cat with a pure black coat and big, bright, lemon eyes.

Q: How did Rebecca feel when she met Liquorice Mick?

A: Tummy flutters. Her heart began to leap! She was excited and happy!



Worksheet

Answers – Feline fact file

Maths challenge: How many hunting trips would an African wildcat need to go on each day to get enough calories?

36 (need nine mice per day and only ¼ trips are successful).

Why do cats hunt even though they are given food by their owners?

Their hunting drive is not linked to hunger.

Cat hunting

To learn all about cat hunting from *Simon's Cat* scan the QR code or click here: [Does your cat bring you "gifts"? - Simon's Cat](#)

SCAN ME



Cat feeding time

To learn all about cat feeding time from *Simon's Cat*, scan the QR code or click here:

[Things you didn't know about feeding time! - Simon's Cat](#)

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Describe three ways in which cats are adapted for hunting:

- 1. Excellent eyesight and can see in low light levels.*
- 2. Really good hearing.*
- 3. Fast and agile with good balance.*

Why do cats get onto the worktop? How could we avoid this?

It is where we prepare their food (they may have learned the sounds of food preparation). Cats also know the routine leading up to feeding time. We may also have other food on the worktop.

We could prepare their food elsewhere, even on the floor.

Cats and water

Do cats really hate water? Watch *Simon's Cat* by scanning the QR code or click here:

[Do cats really hate water? - Simon's Cat](#)

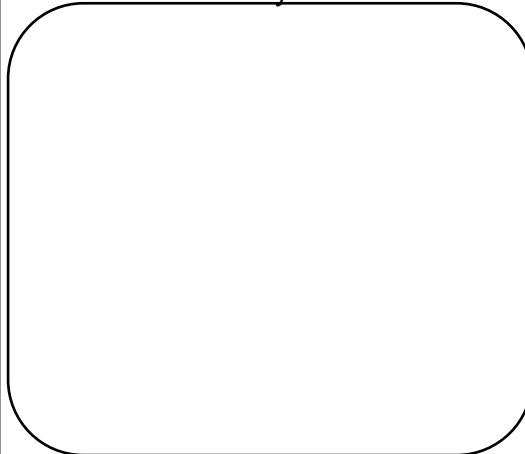
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List three things to avoid from the video:

- 1. Citrus.*
- 2. Cleaning products with citrus.*
- 3. Air fresheners.*

Activity: Design a feeding enrichment toy



What should you do if your cat's feeding habits change?

Speak to your vet.

What things do we need to think about with our cat's bowls?

Material – ceramic or metal is better than plastic.

Size – wide and shallow is best so whiskers don't touch the sides.

Distance from food bowl – cats prefer water away from food.

How close it is to the wall? Does it put them in a vulnerable position?

How can you make feeding fun? Why do we do this?

Feeding enrichment toys. Make them use their brains, make them use their senses and provide mental stimulation.

What is special about the Turkish Van cat breed?

They have a water resistant coat and enjoy being in water. They need to be given swimming facilities.

Why do cats like running water?

African wildcats prefer fresh water from running streams, because it is fresher and less likely to contain nasty bacteria



Answers – Clever cats

Picture	Box number	Picture	Box number
12 million years ago	3	1700s	6
9000 - 4000 BC	10	1800s	11
2000 BC	7	1914 - 1918	8
1000 BC	5	1927	4
400 AD	9	Today	1
1400s	2		

Q: How did many people view cats in the Middle Ages?

A: *They were associated with witchcraft and people treated them badly. Those with cats were considered witches and usually burned alive.*

Q: Why did cats become popular in ancient Egypt?

A: *The Egyptians thought they were lucky and they kept snakes away.*

Q: Why might guarding grain stores during the war have been 'work of national importance'?

A: *This grain was needed to keep everyone fed during the war. The cats kept the population of mice and rats down in the food warehouses.*

Q: Give some reasons why there might be fewer ships' cats now.

A: *We do not go exploring like we used to and have better ways of protecting food. We also don't want to introduce them to other countries where they don't normally live as they may impact native wildlife.*

Q: Give some reasons for why you think that cats moved from being just working animals to becoming favourite pets for many people.

A: *They are great companions, people enjoy spending time with them, cat cuddles are great, and they make brilliant pets.*

Q: How did the Romans treat cats?

A: *Very well, they thought that they were sacred animals and let them wander around the holy temples.*

Q: How did cats reach Asia?

A: *They were sold across the world in secret in 1000 BC, often travelling by ship.*

Q: When was Cats Protection set up?

A: *1927.*

Q: What jobs did cats do during the First World War?

A: *Sniffing out poisonous gas on the battlefield and controlling rats on war ships.*

Q: How many pet cats are there in the UK today?

A: *Over 8 million – latest Cats Protection statistics actually say 11 million.*



Answers – Competitive cats

Across

1. Cats need plenty of this to drink (5)

A: Water

2. Drinking this can give cats an upset stomach (4)

A: Milk

3. Cats get bored too. What can we use to play with them? (4)

A: Toys

4. Every cat needs one of these to stay warm and dry and feel loved (4)

A: Home

5. This operation stops cats from having unwanted kittens (9)

A: Neutering

Down

6. These tiny bugs bite cats and make them itch (5)

A: Fleas

7. Cats _____. The name of a charity that helps cats (10)

A: Protection

8. Cats do this with their claws (7)

A: Scratch

9. Female cats can give birth to 18 of these every year! (7)

A: Kittens

10. A homeless or lost cat (5)

A: Stray

11. An animal doctor (3)

A: Vet

Rearrange the letters in the highlighted squares to find out what cats need to live happily at home (3, 5)

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