



## Cat pack 5 – Space





## Worksheet

### A cat's tale! – Finding Fifi a home

Fifi was a small, multi-coloured cat with short hair. She lived in a house with lots of other cats. Her owners were an elderly couple who had bought Fifi's parents, Max and Minnie.

They didn't realise the brother and sister would have their own kittens until it was too late and they suddenly had five hungry mouths to feed, including Fifi. Four months later Minnie had another six kittens and Fifi's two sisters had four kittens each.



Fifi didn't like most of the other cats so tried to keep away from them as much as possible, but this was difficult as they had to share food and water bowls, places to sleep and even a stinky litter tray. Sharing these things sometimes ended in fighting and always made Fifi feel unhappy as she couldn't choose to have her own space. Fifi coped by washing herself repeatedly with her rough tongue until she got bald patches in her coat.



One day there was a knock at the door. It was the couple's grandson Bill. He was surprised to see so many cats as the last time he had come round there had only been two! He took Max and Minnie to the vet for an operation to stop them having more kittens. Bill then took Fifi and all her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews to a Cats Protection centre to find them new homes.

When Fifi arrived, the staff separated her from the other cats except from her brother Tom because they liked curling up to sleep together and licking each other. A vet checked them over and gave them medicine to get rid of fleas and worms. The vet microchipped them so they could be found if they got lost and gave them injections to stop them getting illnesses like cat flu. So Fifi and Tom didn't end up with lots of their own kittens, they also had a simple operation.

A few weeks later, Fifi and Tom met a boy and his father at the centre. They blinked slowly at the cats to show they wanted to be friends and let them sniff their hands before stroking them. They adopted the two cats who now live a happy life in their own home. Their owners gave them three food and water bowls, scratching posts, beds and litter trays (an item each plus a spare). This meant they could always eat, drink, scratch, sleep and toilet away from each other.



Fifi's soft fur has grown back and she spends her time playing in the garden in the sun and snoozing on her bed by the sofa.



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**Now you've read the story, test your detective skills with this quiz.**

1. Fifi was unhappy in her first home. Which one of the five welfare needs didn't she have?
  - a. Home
  - b. Diet
  - c. Behaviour
  - d. Own space
  - e. Health
2. What did Fifi do to cope with feeling stressed by other cats?
  - a. Licked her fur until she had bald patches
  - b. Stopped eating
  - c. Hid
3. How did the staff know Fifi and Tom were friends?
  - a. They curled up together and licked each other
  - b. They were brother and sister
  - c. They used to live together
4. Why did the vet give Fifi and Tom an operation?
  - a. They had broken their legs
  - b. To get rid of fleas
  - c. To stop them having kittens
5. How did the boy and his father show they were friendly?
  - a. Slow blink
  - b. Smile
  - c. Wave
6. How many food bowls did Fifi and Tom have in their home?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Three

**How many did you get right?**

1-2 Good effort, you paid attention!

3-4 Great job, you don't miss much!

5-6 Congratulations, you'll make a brilliant detective!



## Worksheet

### Feline fact file!

What did Sir Isaac Newton invent for cats?

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Explain who cats share their ancestry with.

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#### Territorial behaviour

To learn all about cats being territorial from *Simon's Cat* you can scan the QR code or click here: [Territorial behaviour! - Simon's Cat](#)

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#### In or out?

To learn all about cats being in or out from *Simon's Cat* you can scan the QR codes or click here: [In or out? Why are cats so indecisive?! - Simon's Cat](#)

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Describe three ways in which cats keep other cats away from their territory.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What is the type of purr called that cats use to get attention from their owner?

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What product can help your cat settle?

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Design something a cat can use to hide and sleep in

What is the first thing to do if a cat is displaying unwanted behaviour?

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When a cat moves into a new house, how many weeks should they be kept indoors for?

- Six weeks
- Two weeks
- Three weeks

Name three familiar things that make a cat feel secure and safe.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cats on the move

To learn how to help cats settle into a new home from *Simon's Cat* you can scan the QR code or click here: [Cats on the move - Simon's Cat](#)

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What type of resources do we need to give to a cat in the house?

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What frequency can cats hear?

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**Similes**

As quiet as a cat

Smile like a Cheshire cat

As busy as a cat on a hot tin roof

Grin like a Cheshire cat

Nervous as a cat

As agile as a cat

As complacent as a cat

As stealthy as a cat

As suspicious as a cat

**Metaphors**

The cat out of the bag

Cat and mouse

What the cat dragged in

Raining cats and dogs

Scaredy cat

**Synonyms**

Bobcat

Cheetah

Cougar

Jaguar

Kitten

Kitty

Mouser

Panther

Tom

Tomcat

**Chant poem**

Up, down

In, out

Here, there

Everywhere

Round, round

Round, round

Hope he doesn't

Fall down

Chase it

Race it

Watch it bounce

Try to pounce

Faster, faster

Zip, zip!

Cat loves catnip!



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**Humorous poem**

My cat stole the fish today  
He grabbed it and he ran away  
“After all the money I had to pay,”  
Mum said, “He’ll make my hair turn grey!”  
But I don’t care, it made his day  
At least he left me the chips – hooray!

**Kenning poem**

Lap napper  
Tree climber  
Back stretcher  
Street prowler  
Leg tickler  
Paw licker  
Water hater  
Fish lover  
Chair scratcher  
Toy chaser  
Mouse teaser  
Me pleaser!

**New kitten poem**

Teeny  
Weeny ball  
Of fur, you’re all  
Curled up  
Asleep



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### Acrostic poem

**F**riend to me,  
**E**very day you  
**L**et me stroke and play with you  
**I**t makes me feel much better, when  
**S**chool's been bad, or mum's cross again  
**C**ould you ever understand  
**A**nd know how much it means to me  
**T**hat you'll be there to curl up, soft and warm, and  
**U**ntravel my stress as you purr away,  
**S**o content, just like you make me.





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### Creative cats!

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#### How to make a cat scratching post

To watch the Cats Protection video guide you can scan the QR code:

Or click the link here: [How to make a cat scratching post](#)

#### Materials you need

- Carpet
- Tubing
- Cable ties
- A spare pair of hands to help!



#### Method

1. Place the carpet on a flat surface, with the carpet backing facing upright.
2. Place the tubing onto the carpet and roll the carpet around the tube.
3. Hold the tube and carpet securely. Ask your helper to place cable ties at either end to secure the carpet into place.
4. Now attach the scratching post to something secure using more cable ties.
5. Hint: cats are territorial and like to mark territory when entering a building or after waking! Think carefully about where is best to place the new scratching post.



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### Competitive cats!

Try our fun games below:

**Code breaker** – Can you crack the code and discover what Pat the cat needs?

### Code Breaker

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Can you crack the code and discover what Pat the Cat needs?

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## Worksheet

### Rambles' house

Cats need to be able to show normal behaviour, like playing, hiding and getting up high. Can you spot eight things that Rambles needs in his home and draw a circle around them?

#### Clues:

1. Somewhere to hide when he's scared or wants to be alone.
2. His toilet somewhere private.
3. Somewhere to eat his cat food.
4. Somewhere to drink water away from his food.
5. Something to use his claws on to stretch and mark his territory.
6. A good place to sleep.
7. A high place where nobody can disturb him.
8. Something to play with and pretend to hunt.

