

Reading Challenge 1

Cats and Dogs

Compare
and
Contrast

Cats and dogs are two of the most popular family pets. As well as having four legs and a tail, there are other similarities between cats and dogs.

Both are carnivores and need good quality meat in their diet to keep them healthy.

Cats enjoy fish but it should not be their main food source and dogs benefit from large quantities of vegetables. However, it is in the character of cats and dogs that they really differ.

Cats are nocturnal animals and tend to become more playful in the evening. Dogs, on the other hand, are more active and playful during the day. Dogs are pack animals and, in the wild, would hunt in a group. Therefore, they are sociable animals that love to be with people. Cats are solitary hunters and as a result, are content to be by themselves for long periods of time. When feeling threatened or annoyed, cats will arch their backs and hiss as a warning signal to stay away. Dogs will bare their teeth and snarl to tell another animal or human to keep their distance.

National Curriculum References:
2b - Retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
2c - Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.
2h - Make comparisons within the text.

Cats and Dogs Comprehension Questions

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Use the information in the text to **compare and contrast** cats and dogs.

1. Give **two** ways in which cats and dogs are similar.
2. List the **four** things cats do that dogs do not.
3. List the **four** things dogs do that cats do not.