

# CAT QUIZ QUESTIONS



## Cat facts

1. Which part of a cat's body is ridged in a unique pattern, like the fingerprint of a human?
2. Which is the only one of the seven continents where no cats are to be found?
3. What is the Latin name for the domestic cat?
4. The cat is one of only three animals which, when walking, move both their left feet, then both their right feet. Name one other.
5. How many teeth does an adult cat have?
6. What sex would a tortoiseshell cat normally be?
7. What is the scientific name for a cat's whiskers?
8. What decorative flowers are especially poisonous to cats?
9. Which of the taste sensations are cats said to lack?
10. What is the technical name for a hairball?

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## Wildcat or big cat facts

1. What is Britain's only wildcat?
2. What big cat can be Clouded or Snow?
3. What do you call the hybrid offspring of a male lion and a female tiger?
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5. What is the fastest big cat?
6. Which big cat is highly agile, has tufts of hair on its ears and longer back legs than front legs?

7. Which of the big cats does not sheath its claws?
8. What is the name of the small desert dwelling wildcat with hair between its toes?
9. Which big cat is also known as a mountain lion or cougar?
10. What is the only big cat to live and hunt in groups?

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### **Pedigree cat facts**

1. What is the name of a breed of cat with very little or no fur?
2. Which breed must have white feet but no white elsewhere?
3. What was the first colour of Burmese to be recognised?
4. Name one shorthaired breed with a silvery blue/grey coat
5. Which breed is the shorthaired version of a Persian?
6. Which breed is the longhaired version of a Siamese?
7. Which breed from a UK island is distinguished by a tail abnormality?
8. Which breed is distinguished by ears which fold down, and suffers from arthritis?
9. Which breed is said to be the smallest breed?
10. What are the darker areas of a Siamese cat's coat called?

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### **Cats in literature**

1. Who wrote *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* on which Andrew Lloyd-Webber's hugely successful musical *Cats* is based?
2. Mouschi was the name of a cat belonging to a well-known teenager whose diary was written in hiding in Amsterdam. Who was the teenager?

3. What does this quotation describe: 'and this time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained some time after the rest of it had gone'?
4. 'The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea in a beautiful pea-green boat.' What did they take with them?
5. Who wrote *The Cat in the Hat*?
6. In *The Cat in the Hat*, who warns the children not to trust the cat?
7. In the English nursery rhyme, *Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat where have you been?*, which city had the cat visited?
8. Who wrote *The Cat that Walked by Himself*?
9. Name a famous London street cat, in a book of the same name about him, and now a star of the book's film adaptation.
10. Name of a string game and a novel by Kurt Vonnegut.

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## General knowledge 1

1. Which ancient race of people shaved their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when a beloved cat died?
2. Name Bill Clinton's cat.
3. In Norse mythology, whose chariot is drawn by two longhaired cats?
4. Which big cat gives its name to a major manufacturer in the sports world?
5. What is the name of the Egyptian goddess with a cat's head?
6. To whom has the invention of the cat flap been attributed?
7. Which make of car is named after a South American big cat?

8. Who is the famous nurse who owned cats throughout her life and named each after a famous person – Bismark, Disraeli, Gladstone?
9. Name the Japanese white cat character famous the world over who wears a bow on her left ear.
10. What is sign language for 'cat'?

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## General Knowledge 2

1. Give the collective noun for a group of kittens.
2. The word 'tabby' derives from a particular material. What is it?
3. Give the collective noun for a group of adult cats.
4. 'To put the \_ \_ \_ \_' (four words) is a novel by Agatha Christie and phrase meaning to cause an enormous fight or flap with an unexpected fact or revelation.
5. What is the title of the play by Tennessee Williams, made into a film starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman in 1958?
6. Which animation company produced the 2011 cartoon film *Puss in Boots*?
7. What is the lucky charm cat, often kept by Japanese merchants in shops in the hope of bringing in lots of customers, known as?
8. What is the name of the 9 Lives pet food spokes-cat and famous USA cat?
9. What is the only feline star sign?
10. What is 'cat' in Spanish?

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## Cats on the screen

1. What breed and colour was the pet cat in the *Stuart Little* movie?
2. What was the name of the ginger cat in the film *Alien*?

3. In *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, what is the name of Hermione Granger's cat?
4. What is the name of *The Simpsons'* cat?
5. How is the cartoon character *Top Cat* better known to his friends?
6. What is the name of the *Lion King* in the 1990's Disney animation?
7. Which film, hugely successful in the early 1960s and remade many years later, featured a trek across Canada by a cat and two dogs?
8. Who was the first cartoon cat in 1919?
9. What is the name of the cartoon cat which teamed up with canary Tweetie Pie?
10. What is name of the cat in *Pinocchio*?

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### **Cats in song**

1. What is the name of a famous cat song performed by Tom Jones?
2. The group is *The Stray Cats*, but what is title of the cat track?
3. What is the name of the cat song by Squeeze?
4. Who sang the cover version of a song made famous by Blondie? (*The Tide is High*)
5. Who sang *Love Cats*?
6. Who sang *Honky Cat*?
7. Who wrote *The Cats' Chorus* (aka *Due des Chats/ Duetto buffo di due gatti*)
8. In what Disney film do cats Si and Am sing 'we are Siamese if you please?'
9. What is the name of the cat song performed by Phoebe from Friends?

10. What group sang *Stray Cat Blues*?

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### Cats in quotes and sayings

1. Who said 'If a man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man but deteriorate the cat'?
2. Who said 'Even the smallest feline is a work of art'?
3. Who said 'All dogs look up to you, all cats look down to you, only a pig looks at you as an equal'?
4. Who said 'Time spent with cats is never wasted'?
5. What is the phrase meaning something considered outstanding - the 'be all and end all'.
6. What is the saying in financial circles referring to an automatic recovery probably linked to folklore that a cat cheats death many times?
7. What is the term for a wealthy and privileged person?
8. An effort which is likely to be futile or difficult to be accomplished can be said to be like \_\_ \_\_ (two words).
9. What was cartoon canary Tweetie Pie's famous line?
10. Name the phrases which include reference to cats for:
  - a. Raining hard
  - b. Giving away a secret
  - c. People misbehaving when there is no supervision
  - d. Someone who keeps up with the latest trends
  - e. A short period of sleep
  - f. A narrow walkway, often used in fashion shows