



TED Lesson: Why do cats act so weird?

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Warm up:

1. What's your opinion of cats?
2. Have you ever had a pet?
3. Do you prefer cats or dogs?

Vocabulary:

Pouncing

Prey

Cramming

Curiosity

Feline

Litter box

Baffling

Purring

Predators

Solitary

Comprehension:

How many views of cat videos are on YouTube?

What allows cats to climb too high vantage points? Why do they do that?

Are cats opportunistic hunters? Why?

Why do cats need sharp claws in the wild?

Why do cats purr? What are the benefits?

Discussion:

1. Why do you think some people are afraid of cats?
2. Do you know any interesting stories about cats?
3. What are the pros and cons of having a cat?
4. Do you ever try to pet street cats?
5. Do you think cats should be raised indoors or outdoors?
6. When the cat's away the mice will play. What does that mean?
7. It's raining cats and dogs. What does that mean?
8. Curiosity killed the cat. What does that mean?