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# How Much Do You Know About ... ?

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

In this game we look at one subject in-depth — it could be a person, a place, an event, or a thing. This week, let's see how much you know about ... CATS.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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## QUESTIONS

1. The biological family of cats is called *Felidae*, and it includes about 41 different species. Can you name seven members of the cat family?
2. This cat, native to eastern and southern Asia and armed with four-inch-long fangs, is the largest of all cats, weighing up to 660 pounds .
3. Other than Antarctica, this is the only continent in which wild cats do not exist.
4. This African cat is by far the fastest animal on earth. It is able to run at speeds of 70-75 mph in short bursts, and can accelerate from 0 to 60 in three seconds.
5. Fred Flintstone would know that this family of cats became extinct over ten thousand years ago. Its name comes from its huge canine teeth which, according to fossils found in Los Angeles' La Brea Tar Pits and other locations, measured up to 12 inches long.
6. Compared to other cat species, lions are unusually social. They live in groups of related females, their offspring, and a small number of males. What is a group of lions called?
7. Lions spend about twenty hours a day doing ... what?
8. Until recently, historians believed that cats were first domesticated in this country, owing to the discovery there of paintings of house cats from about 3,600 years ago.
9. Weighing in at up to 25 pounds, this North American breed is the largest of all domesticated cats.
10. If you've ever been licked by a cat, you know that its tongue feels like sandpaper. That's because the tongue is coated with rigid backwards hooks to help rip flesh from a carcass ... and to perform this common cat behavior.
11. Polydactylism is not uncommon among domesticated cats. What is it?

12. Forty-one breeds of domesticated cats are recognized by the Cat Fanciers' Association. Can you name five breeds of purebred cats?
13. In this 1961 film, which was based on a novella by Truman Capote, Holly Golightly adopts a stray cat that she temporarily abandons in the pouring rain in the film's critical last act.
14. *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* by T.S. Eliot was adapted into the musical *Cats* by this successful British composer of musical theater.
15. What was the name of the cat with the enigmatic smile in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
16. What was the name of Chelsea Clinton's cat?
17. Elsa the Lioness was the key character in this book and film, which were based on the real life of Joy and George Adamson, who raised the orphaned Elsa and then released her into the wilds of Kenya.

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### ANSWERS

1. Bobcat, Caracal, Cheetah, Cougar (or Puma), Domestic Cat, Jaguar, Jaguarundi, Leopard, Lion, Lynx, Ocelot, Panther, Serval, Snow Leopard, Tiger, Wildcat  
*(Other, more obscure, answers are possible.)*
2. The tiger (specifically the Siberian tiger)
3. Australia. The only wild cats found in Australia are domestic cats that have gone feral. No cat, large or small, is native to Australia.
4. The cheetah
5. Saber-toothed tigers
6. A pride
7. Sleeping
8. Egypt. Cats were considered sacred animals in ancient Egypt. However, a recent discovery of a 9,500-year-old gravesite in Cyprus, where a cat was laid out next to a human, indicates that domesticated cats may have existed many thousands of years earlier.
9. The Maine Coon Cat. Some Maine Coons have actually tipped the scales at 50 pounds ... but that is really due to overfeeding.
10. Grooming
11. Also called "double-pawed," polydactyl cats have eight to ten toes.
12. The following are the top 15 most popular breeds of domestic cats: 1. Persian 2. Maine Coon 3. Exotic 4. Siamese 5. Abyssinian 6. Ragdoll 7. Birman 8. American Shorthair 9. Oriental 10. Sphynx 11. Norwegian Forest Cat 12. Burmese 13. Cornish Rex 14. Devon Rex 15. Manx *(Other correct answers are possible.)*
13. *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
14. Andrew Lloyd Webber
15. The Cheshire Cat
16. Socks
17. *Born Free*