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Felines



FELINES



There are 37 species of cats.

All cats have things in common.

They are all meat eaters.

They have long, slender bodies and tails.

A few wild cats, the bobcat and lynx, have very short tails.

Cats mark their territory with scents.



The tongue of a cat has rough little cup shaped bumps on them.. These help scoop up water when they drink and separate hairs when they clean themselves.

Large and small felines have the same small, round head shape and ears that stand up. They have excellent hearing. The ear acts like a funnel to catch slight sounds.

They usually have almond or oval shaped eyes and can see well in dim light. They can not see in total darkness. Not all cats hunt at night.

Some, but not all cats have a very good sense of smell. It depends on whether they hunt mostly by sight or smell. Most cats are sight hunters. Nocturnal cats tend to be scent hunters.

A cat's whiskers are like another sense. They send signals to the brain by tiny muscles and nerves in the face. A cat's whiskers are naturally as wide as its shoulders. If a cat can fit its head into a small space without bending the whiskers, it can get its body in and out. This helps when chasing animals into small spaces.



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Read each word below. Look up and write the definition on the lines.

1. whisker _____

2. nocturnal _____

3. scent _____



Felines have fur in different lengths and colors. The male African and Asiatic lions are the only cats with a mane. This is a large collar of rough fur around its face and down its chest.

Cats walk on their toe bones. All cats have very sharp claws. The claws are curved and can hook onto prey, trees, grass, or dirt. The cheetah is the only cat that does not pull its claws into special sheaths on the feet when walking, running, or resting. It uses the claws to grab the dirt when it runs to keep from slipping.

Cats bodies are very flexible. They can twist and turn easily. They are very good runners, jumpers, and swimmers. They can climb trees and mountains.

All continents except Australia and Antarctica have native species. Most cats have large areas that they need to roam to find food.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

cats
lion

puma
pride

tiger
feline

jaguar
leopards

