**Cats and Tigers P00171**

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Cats are popular pets. Many people around the world have cats. They are small and furry. Because they often live in people’s homes, cats are sometimes called “house cats.” There are many different colors of cats. Some are white, orange, black, or grey. Some have fur that is patterned with spots or stripes.

The tiger is a wild animal that lives in Asia. Tigers are like house cats, but tigers are bigger. Tigers are usually orange with black stripes.

Cats and tigers are from the same family of animals. The scientific name of the family is “Felidae.” In English we use the word “feline” to mean an animal of the cat family. We also use “feline” as an adjective to mean “like a cat.”

Both cats and tigers are “carnivores.” This means that they eat meat. House cats sometimes eat mice or small birds. Tigers sometimes eat people. Tigers are more dangerous than cats!

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**Check your understanding-**

True or False

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| 1. Tigers are found in Europe. |  | T F |
| 1. Cats and tigers eat salads. |  | T F |
| 1. Cats and tigers are from the same family of animals. |  | T F |
| 1. Tigers are popular pets. |  | T F |
| 1. Tigers are usually orange with black stripes. |  | T F |
| 1. House cats are bigger than tigers. |  | T F |

1. Where do we find cats? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where do we find tigers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the missing words below. Use comparative forms of “big,” “small,” and “dangerous”

1. A cat is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a tiger. (size)
2. A tiger is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a cat. (size)
3. A tiger is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a cat. (dangerous)

Talk about your pet-

1. Do you have a pet? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of pet do you have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe your pet. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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