

A CAT IN TROUBLE



Activities for Primary (Ages 6-8)

Aligned with UK Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) and US Grades 1-2 ELA, Science & Math

Activities include reading comprehension, grammar, writing, vocabulary, science, arts, and more depth.

1. Reading Comprehension (KS1 / CCSS ELA)

Questions requiring short answers:

1. Why did the kitty climb the tree?
2. What caused him to start flying?
3. How did the bird change what happened?
4. Why was the kitty frightened?
5. How did the story end?

Higher-order thinking:

"How would you feel if you were flying like the kitty?"

2. Grammar — Verbs & Tenses

Activity: Past vs. Present

Extract verbs from the poem:

- climbed / climb
- slipped / slip
- popped / pop
- landed / land

Worksheet:

Write each verb in both tenses.

Grammar Goal:

Recognise regular past-tense endings -ed.

3. Vocabulary — Word Meaning & Figurative Language

Activity: Word Webs

Create webs for:

- frightened
- float
- tangled
- rise
- safe

Add: synonyms, opposites, pictures, and a sentence.

Extension: Identify onomatopoeia: pop pop pop!

4. Creative Writing

Activity: Write a New Ending

Prompt:

"What would happen if the kitty fell somewhere else?"

Children write 5-6 sentences + illustration.

Curriculum Links:

- Sequencing events
- Use of capitals, full stops, and descriptive vocabulary

5. Math Activities (KS1 / US Grade 1-2)

A. Balloon Subtraction

"If the kitty started with 6 balloons and popped 3, how many were left?"

Use number lines or counters.

B. Bar Graph

Show balloons of four colours.

Children complete a bar graph and answer:

- Which colour has the most?
- How many more yellow balloons than blue?

Linked to UK Statistics / US Measurement & Data.

6. Science — Air, Forces & Movement

Mini Investigation: What makes balloons rise or fall?

Materials:

- Balloon with air
- Balloon with a little water

Children compare: which floats, which drops?

Record observations.

Curriculum: UK KS1 Physics (Materials & Physical Processes) / US NGSS.

7. Art — Symmetry Drawing

Provide half of the kitty's body.

Children complete the mirrored half.



8. Drama & Performance

Activity: "Act Out the Poem"

Groups of students dramatise:

- climbing
- floating
- panicking
- popping balloons
- landing safely

Focus on expression and movement.

9. SEL — Emotional Literacy

Identify and discuss:

- scared
- surprised
- relieved
- proud

Students point to which feeling the kitty had in different stanzas.

10. Literary Elements (KS1 / US CCSS)

Worksheet where children identify:

- Characters
- Setting
- Problem
- Solution
- How the character changes

11. Final Project - "Comic Strip: A Cat in Trouble!"

Children draw a 6-panel comic retelling the story with speech bubbles, onomatopoeias, and captions.

