

1. [kæt] *n*

1. 1) кот, кошка

2) *зоол.* кошка домашняя (*Felis domesticus*)3) *зоол.* животное семейства кошачьих
wild cat - дикая кошка (*Felis sylvestris*)2. *разг.* сварливая или недоброжелательная женщина; сплетница, язва
old cat - старая ведьма

don't be a cat! - не злословь!

3. = cat-o'-nine-tails

4. двойной треножник

5. *амер. сл.* парень6. *сл.* проститутка7. *сл.*

1) джазист; ≅ «лабух»

2) поклонник джаза

8. *амер. сл.* странствующий рабочий9. *сл.* франт, стилига10. *сл.* продавец наркотиков11. *спорт.*1) чижик (*заострённая палочка*)

2) игра в чижики

12. *амер. воен. разг.*

1) гусеничная машина

2) гусеничный трактор

13. *мор.*

1) кат

2) = cat-head

◇ fat cat - *амер.* толстосум, капиталист, оказывающий финансовую поддержку какой-л. партии

cat in the pan - изменник; ренегат

the cat's pajamas /whiskers/ - *амер. сл.* что надо, первый сорт; ≅ пальчики оближешь

to put /to set/ the cat among the pigeons - сталкивать противников; натравливать друг на друга

like a cat round hot milk - ≅ (ходить) вокруг да около

like smth. the cat brought in - запачканный, неопрятный

like a cat on hot bricks - ≅ не по себе; как на угольях; как на иголках

as a cat loves mustard - ≅ любит как собака палку

to bell the cat - отважиться; взять на себя инициативу в опасном /рискованном/ деле; поставить себя под удар

to let the cat out of the bag - проговориться

the cat is out of the bag - это уже (больше) не секрет; тайное стало явным

to see how /which way/ the cat jumps - выжидать, как развернутся события; ждать, откуда ветер подует; занимать выжидательную позицию

that cat won't jump /fight/ - ≅ этот номер не пройдёт

the cat did it - *шутл.* ≅ белый медведь это сделал (*не я*)

a cat has nine lives - кошки живучи

a cat with nine lives - живучий человек; ≅ живуч как кошка

has the cat got your tongue? - ≅ вы что, язык проглотили?

enough to make a cat laugh - ≅ и мёртвого может рассмешить, очень смешно

no room to swing a cat - очень тесно, повернуться негде

to jerk /to shoot/ the cat - *сл.* рвать, блевать (*о пьяном*)

cat's ice = cat-ice

care killed the cat *см.* care I ◇Cheshire cat *см.* Cheshire cat

to fight like Kilkenny cats - отчаянно драться, драться так, что только пух и перья летят

a cat may look at a king - даже кошке не возбраняется смотреть на короля; ≅ не заносись, я не хуже тебя

send not a cat for lard - ≅ пустить козла в огород

all cats are grey in the dark - *посл.* ночью все кошки серы2. [kæt] *v*

1. бить кошкой, плетью-девятихвосткой

2. *мор.* брать якорь на кат3. *сл.* блевать

cat

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

cat [cat cats catted catting] *BrE* [kæt] ^m *NAmE* [kæt] ^m noun1. a small animal with soft fur that people often keep as a pet. **Cats** catch and kill birds and mice

• cat food

see also ↑kitten, ↑tomcat

2. a wild animal of the cat family

• the big cats (= ↑lions, ↑tigers, etc.)

see also ↑fat cat, ↑wildcat

more at curiosity killed the cat at ↑curiosity, be raining cats and dogs at ↑rain_{v.}, no room to swing a cat at ↑room_{n.}, there's more than one way to skin a cat at ↑way_{n.}

Idioms: ↑cat got your tongue? ▪ ↑let the cat out of the bag ▪ ↑like a cat on hot bricks ▪ ↑like a cat that's got the cream ▪ ↑look like something the cat brought in ▪ ↑not have a cat in hell's chance ▪ ↑play a cat-and-mouse game with somebody ▪ ↑play cat and mouse with somebody ▪ ↑put the cat among the pigeons ▪ ↑the cat's pyjamas ▪ ↑when the cat's away the mice will play

See also: ↑like the cat that got the canary

Word Origin:

Old English catt, catte, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **kat** and German **Katze**; reinforced in Middle English by forms from late Latin **cattus**.

Example Bank:

- Cats mark their territory by spraying.
- He was grinning like a Cheshire cat.
- In our childhood Irina and I fought like cat and dog.
- She went to Africa to photograph big cats.
- The cat miaowed pitifully.
- The cat slunk away into the darkness.
- The cat was in constant pain so they had it put down.
- The stray cats are wormed and treated with flea powder.
- There was a cat yowling outside my window last night.
- They didn't want kittens, so they had their cat spayed.
- We have a pet cat called Archie.
- Young car thieves enjoy playing cat and mouse with the police.
- the fat cats of big business

cat

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cat **S1 W3** /kæt/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: catt, probably from Latin cattus, catta]

1. ^ˈ



a) a small animal with four legs that people often keep as a pet. ⇒ **feline**

tabby/ginger/tortoiseshell etc cat (=colours of cats)

^ˈ a **tom cat** (=a male cat)

b) (also **big cat**) a large animal such as a lion or ↑tiger

2. let the cat out of the bag to tell someone a secret, especially without intending to

3. put/set the cat among the pigeons to do or say something that causes arguments, trouble etc

4. play (a game of) cat and mouse (with somebody) to pretend to allow someone to do or have what they want, and then to stop them from doing or having it:

^ˈ The police played an elaborate game of cat and mouse to trap him.

5. the cat's whiskers/pyjamas *informal* something or someone that is better than everything else:

^ˈ I really thought I looked the cat's whiskers in that dress.

6. like a cat on hot bricks *British English*, **like a cat on a hot tin roof** *American English* so nervous or anxious that you cannot keep still or keep your attention on one thing

7. not stand/have a cat in hell's chance (of doing something) *informal* to not have any chance of succeeding:

^ˈ They don't have a cat in hell's chance of being elected.

8. when the cat's away (the mice will play) used to say that people will not behave well when the person who has authority over them is not there

9. like the cat that got the cream *British English*, **like the cat that ate the canary** *American English informal* very proud or pleased because of something you have achieved or got

10. look like something the cat dragged/brought in *British English informal* to look very dirty or untidy

⇒ **raining cats and dogs** at ↑rain²(1), ⇒ **there's not enough room to swing a cat** at ↑room¹(5)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a pet cat** (=one that you care for in your home) Lucy had a horse and a pet cat of her own.
- **a domestic cat** (=one that lives with people) People have kept domestic cats for thousands of years.
- **a tabby cat** (=which has dark and light lines on brown or grey fur) They had a 12-year-old tabby cat.

- **a ginger cat** (=which has orange-brown fur) I've always wanted a ginger cat.
- **a feral cat** (=one that lives in groups with other cats but has no home) The small fishing village was full of feral cats.
- **a stray cat** (=one that has lost its home) He found a stray cat and started feeding it.
- **a wild cat** (=a type of cat that does not live with people) The African wild cat is bigger than ordinary domestic cats.
- **big cats** (=lions, tigers etc) All 36 species of big cat are vulnerable or endangered.

■ verbs

- **a cat miaows/mews** (=makes a small noise) The cat was miaowing outside the door.
- **a cat purrs** (=makes a soft noise that shows pleasure) The cat purred as she stroked it.
- **a cat hisses** (=makes a low noise that shows fear or anger) Cats sometimes hiss at dogs.
- **a cat scratches somebody** If a cat gets angry, it may scratch you with its claws.
- **a cat leaps/springs** Then the cat leapt up into the tree.
- **a cat pounces on something** (=jumps on something and catches it) The cat was hiding, waiting to pounce on the bird.
- **have a cat** We always had a cat when I was young.
- **feed a cat** She comes in while we're away to feed the cat.
- **stroke a cat** Our cat won't let you stroke it.

■ cat + NOUN

- **cat food** He bought some cans of cat food.
- **cat litter** (=small grains for a cat to use as a toilet inside the house) You should change cat litter daily.
- **a cat flap** (=a special door for a cat to go in and out of a house) The cat was getting too fat to fit through the cat flap.
- **a cat owner** It is estimated that around 64 million Americans are cat owners.

■ phrases

- **let/put the cat out** (=let it or make it go outside) Can you let the cat out?

cat

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