



Cats Like to Hide

Level C / 36 words / informational text

High frequency words:

in, is, like, on, this, to

Before reading

- Look at the cover and read the title.
- Possible discussion questions: "Do you have a cat? What do cats like to do?"

Look through all the pictures

- Using the language in the story, discuss what is happening in each picture. Make comments such as, "This cat likes to hide. This cat lives in a house."
- Help the children find the word *this*.
- Help the children find the words that may be new to them: *lives, hide, and under*. Have the children locate these words by predicting how the word begins or ends.

Reading the text

- Have the children read the text independently. Encourage them to read it again if they finish before the others in the group.
- While they're reading, listen to each student individually and prompt them to use meaning, structure, and letter cues at difficulty. Praise the successful use of reading cues.
- Make sure the children can match (with their finger) or track (with their eyes) each word of the text.

After reading

- Discuss the meaning, structure, and letter cues that you noticed students using correctly at difficulty.

- **Literal comprehension:** The answers are in the text. Ask, "Where do cats like to live? Where do they like to hide?" Have students read the pages that support their answers.

- **Inferential comprehension:** The answers are in your head. Ask, "Do you know any other places a cat may like to hide? Why do you think cats like to hide?"

Word work

- Have the students locate the high-frequency words in the text and practice writing them.
- Practice writing the word *this*. Ask students to write other words that start with the *th* sound.

Rereading for fluency

- Have the children read the story again, either independently or with a partner.
- Use this opportunity to listen to each child and again prompt for strategy use at difficulty.

Writing activity

- Have students write these sentences: "*This is a cat. This cat can hide.*" Then have them draw a picture that corresponds to what they have written.
- Encourage the use of proper punctuation and independent attempts to spell words correctly.

FUN FACT

Although cats like to drink milk, it's not the best food for them. Milk doesn't contain all of the nutrients cats need to be healthy.

Teaching Points: Introducing new words; Cross-checking difficult words with pictures and story meaning; Rereading; Practicing the *th* sound.