

WORLD CAT DAY

August 8th



8 to 12-year olds



Show learners the **Pictures of Felines flashcards** provided. Let them know that cats are part of the feline family (or big cats) and discuss where they can be found in the world while showing each flashcard. Make sure you finish with flashcard 7 featuring a black cat so that it can be linked to with the next activity.

Flashcard 1: Leopards. They live in Sub-Saharan Africa, northeast Africa, Central Asia, India and China. They can leap 6m forward through the air – that’s the length of three adults lying head to toe!

Flashcard 2: Cheetahs. They are the fastest land animal in the world and can reach 112km/h in just three seconds. The black lines on either side of their nose are there to keep the sun out of their eyes while they hunt.

Flashcard 3: Lions. Their manes protect their neck and head from injuries during fights, and they are also there to attract females.

Flashcard 4: Tigers. They are the largest wild cat in the world. They are good swimmers. No two tigers have the same stripes.

Flashcard 5: Lynx. They are found in very cold areas in Canada and Alaska (in the USA). Lynx don't sink into the snow. Their long, round feet have a big toe set at a wide angle, which helps to distribute their weight and allows them to stay on top of the snow.

Flashcard 6: Sphynx cats. They have very fine, soft hair that is difficult to see, but they have no whiskers or eyelashes.

Flashcard 7: Common cats. Ask learners what they think about black cats then let them know that they’re going to hear a story about a black cat that might change their views on black cats.



Read the story **Gentleness gets locked up.**



Ask learners what they thought of the story. What did they learn about Gentleness the mother cat? Do they think about black cats differently?



Ask learners to design posters informing people that black cats are just like other cats and do not bring bad luck.

