



Cat and Dog and the Ball

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Early
Family
Math



Interactive Story

Adult Readers

Before Talking Talk with your child before they can talk or even understand the words. Point at, name, and describe things you see, such as shapes, colors, comparisons, and quantities. As your child begins to understand words, ask about a thing and have your child point at it. For example, "Where is the ball?" If your child can't find the thing, point to it for them.

Early Talking As your child begins to understand and say words, mix in simple questions. Freely help with answers as needed. If you point and say "Is this red?" and they don't know, supply the answer. If you say "Count the blocks." and your child does not know how, point and count the blocks with them "one, two, three."

Math Themes and Words This story has counting to 6, colors, and descriptions. Practice counting words, color names, and words: high, too, similar, different, smallest, biggest, short, tall, fewer, and more.

Read, Talk, and Have Fun! The supplied questions and comments are just the beginning.

For the 1st reading, read the red questions and comments.

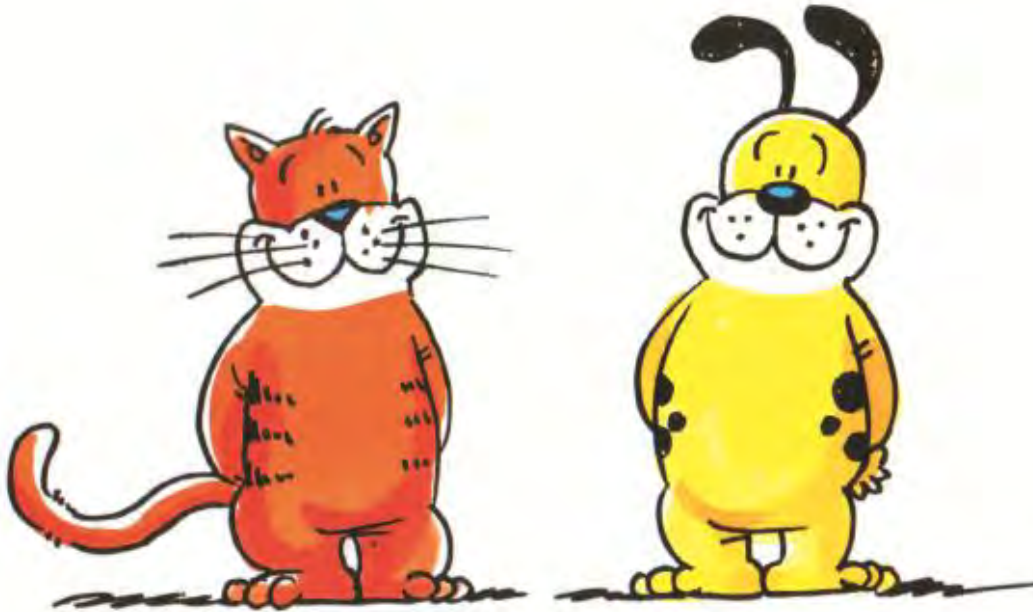
For the 2nd reading, read the blue questions and comments.

For the 3rd reading, read the green questions and comments.

After that, follow your child's interests and let your discussions go in fun directions.

This is Cat.

This is Dog.



1. Count together the whiskers, ears, legs, eyes, and tails.

2. Which counts are the same, which are different, which are the largest, and which are the smallest?

3. Which animal is red and which one is yellow?

Cat and Dog live in a house.

A house with a door.

A house with a roof.

1. Cat and Dog live in a round house. Is your house round?

2. Point to any other round things in the picture.

3. How many rooms does their house seem to have?



Cat and Dog have a ball.

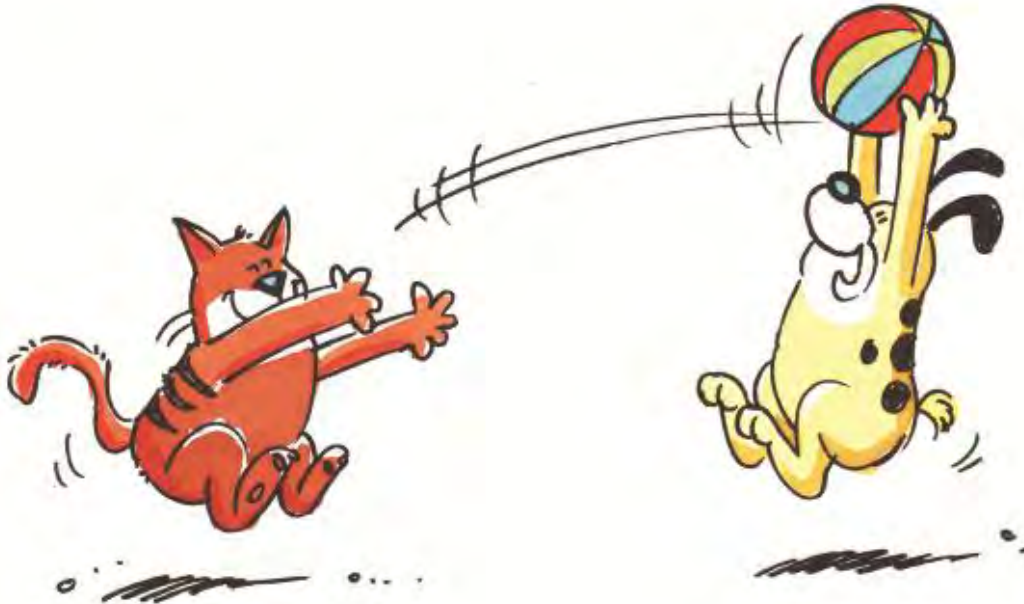
The ball is red and blue and yellow.



1. Count together the number of colors on the ball.

2. Which color on the ball is not a color for Cat or Dog?

3. Is there anything where you are that is striped like this ball?



Cat and Dog play with the ball.

Cat throws the ball to Dog.

Dog catches the ball.

Dog throws the ball to Cat.

Cat catches the ball.

1. How many times did they throw the ball?

2. Do you like playing with balls? Do you throw them, catch them, or kick them?

3. Can real cats and dogs play catch with a ball? How can they play with balls?



Then Cat throws the ball very high.

Oh! Oh!

1. The ball is higher than Dog.
How much higher than Dog did Cat throw it?

2. Did Cat mean to do that?
How can you tell from Cat's face?

3. Does the ball sometimes not go where you want it when you play catch?



The ball is on the roof.

The ball is on the roof
of the house.

1. The roof is slanted. Does the
ball look like it would roll off the
roof?

2. Where are Cat and Dog?

3. How is the shape of the ball
and the house similar and how
are they different?

Cat and Dog can see the ball.

Cat and Dog cannot get to the ball.

How will they get the ball down?

1. The ball is too high for Cat and Dog to reach. How will they solve this problem?

2. What can you do to get something that is too high? Would you ask for help?

3. Does the ball look bigger than it did when they were throwing it?



Cat and Dog are sad.

They want to find something tall to reach the ball.

Then Elephant comes by.



1. Cat and Dog are crying. Is their crying helping them solve their problem?

2. Count together the big animals, birds, and trees in the picture.

3. How can Elephant help them? Is the elephant tall?



Elephant is big.

Elephant can see the ball.

Elephant can get to the ball.

Elephant gets the ball from the roof.

Elephant takes the ball from the roof of the house.

1. The ball is higher than Elephant. How does Elephant reach the ball?

2. The animals are all standing on two of their four legs. Have you seen animals do this?

3. What other animals stand on two legs?



Elephant gives the ball
to Cat and Dog.

Cat and Dog smile.
Elephant smiles.

Cat and Dog and
Elephant smile.

1. Who has the longest nose?
Why does an elephant need
such a long nose?

2. Which of these animals is
the biggest and which is the
smallest?

3. How is Elephant different and
how is Elephant similar to Cat
and Dog? What does Elephant
have that they don't?



Cat and Dog and Elephant play with the ball.

Cat throws the ball to Dog. Dog catches the ball.

Dog throws the ball to Elephant. Elephant catches the ball.

Elephant throws the ball to Cat. Cat catches the ball.

1. Count the number of throws and the number of catches. Are they the same number?

2. Did each animal throw and each animal catch?

3. They are good at taking turns. Are you good at taking turns?

Bye bye Cat.

Bye bye Dog.

Bye bye Elephant.

1. Count together the number of animals waving.

2. Are there more animals or balls? By how much?

3. With fewer balls than animals, the animals must be good at sharing.





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