

Too Many Cats

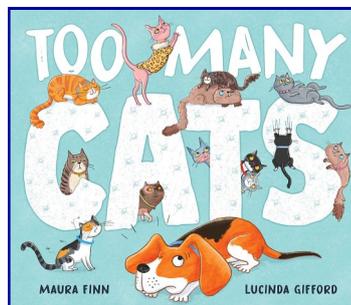
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Percy is a dog with a bone to pick: there are just too many cats in his house! They scratch the armchairs. They hog the heater. They blame Percy for their mess. This just can't go on! There are TOO MANY CATS! But when Percy finally manages to get some peace and quiet, he realises that he might have made a tiny mistake . . . With rollicking rhyme by Maura Finn and hilarious illustrations by Lucinda Gifford, *Too Many Cats* is the perfect gift for dog-lovers and cat-lovers alike.



Themes:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Appreciating what you have

Discussion Questions:

- After a long afternoon, Percy just wanted to 'flump' in his favourite chair. What do you think 'flump' means?
- Now look up the meaning of it in a dictionary. Was your idea close to the actual meaning?
- How many cats were in the living room when Percy went inside? In small groups, give each of the cats a name that you think might suit them and think of three words to describe them.
- Why do you think that Percy got blamed for the mess that the cats made? How did this make him feel?
- Have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do? Did you feel like Percy did?
- List all the trouble that Percy thought the cats were causing. Do you think the cats thought that what they were doing was wrong?
- How did Percy initially feel when the cats all left?
- How and why do you think that things changed and Percy decided that they should come back?
- Percy finally got what he wanted, and then he realised this might be a mistake. Discuss, as a class, the concept of not knowing what you have got until it is gone. Do your students think this is what happened to Percy?
- Percy tries to make amends to the cats so that they will come back. Do you know what making amends means? List some of the ways Percy tries to do this. Brainstorm a few other things Percy could have tried.
- Have you ever needed to make amends to someone? Did it work? Think of some ways that you could make amends to a friend or family member in future.

Activities:

- Cats and dogs often appear to have unique personality traits. As a class, make a list under each heading of words that you would use to describe cats and dogs.
- Paper Plate Cat or Dog: Design your favourite cat or dog face using a paper plate and craft materials. These can include: Paint, Scissors, markers, paper, glue, chenille sticks, felt and googly eyes. Display these in your class.