

Fantasy

# Wow, Kitty!



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READ

Sharing Skills

## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

**Strategy:** Reread

**Skill:** Character, Setting,  
Events

### High-Frequency Words

all, call, day, her, want

### Phonics

consonant digraphs  
*th, sh, -ng*

### Content Standards

Social Studies

Civics

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**Essential Question**

**How do people help out in the community?**



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# Something Strange



Mom is going to have a baby.  
Deb and Nick are excited.

"I hope it's a girl," says Deb.

"I think a boy would be best,"  
says Nick.

"If we have a girl, I want to call  
her Fran," says Deb.

"I like the name Frank," says Nick.



"Time for bed," says Mom.

"Goodnight," say Deb and Nick.

"Goodnight," say Mom and Dad.

"This is strange," says Mom the next morning. "I only had a little bit done last night, and now look."

"And there are hats and mittens for us!" yell Deb and Nick.

"Mine are pink," says Deb.

"This is very strange," say Mom and Dad.





"I think Kitty did it," Deb says with a smile. "She likes your yarn a lot, Mom."

"Don't be silly," says Dad. "Cats can't knit."

"I don't care who did it. I love my new hat," says Nick.

# More Surprises



Deb and Nick are going to school.  
Mom and Dad are going to work.

"Bye, Mom and Dad," call Deb  
and Nick.

Mom and Dad wave. "Have a  
good day!"

Then Deb turns to Kitty.  
"Be good, Kitty," says Deb.



When the family gets home,  
they are shocked. Someone knit  
them sweaters!

“What is all this?” says Deb.

“Awesome,” says Nick.

“Who did all this?” says Dad.

“I wish I could tell you,”  
says Mom.



## Wow!



"Hey, Deb," whispers Nick.  
"When Mom and Dad are  
asleep, let's tip-toe back down.  
Then we will see who is doing  
all that knitting."

"Oh, my," Deb whispers.

"I can't believe my eyes."  
says Nick.

"Shhh," says Mom. "What are  
they doing?"

"Look," says Dad.



"Get me in a picture," says Deb.  
"No one will believe this."

"I want one of me too!" says Nick.

Mom is calling the newspaper.

"Hello," Mom says into the phone.  
She tells about the knitting cats.

"No, I am not kidding," she says.



"We have the pictures to prove it."

# Wow, Kitty!

Handwritten text in three columns, appearing as scribbles or illegible cursive.



Cats show amazing talent!

# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart  
to retell  
*Wow, Kitty!*

Character	Setting	Events

## Text Evidence

1. Look at page 2. Where is the family? **Character, Setting, Events**
2. Look at page 7. Why is the family shocked? **Character, Setting, Events**
3. Could this story happen in real life? Why or why not?  
**Genre**

## Compare Texts

Read how kids can learn from grown-ups.

# Sharing Skills



It is fun to learn a new skill.  
People like to share their skills  
with others.

Grown-ups show children how to  
knit, build, and paint. Then kids  
can share their skills with others.



The boy learns a craft.





## Skills

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. knitting | 4. painting |
| 2. pottery  | 5. drawing  |
| 3. woodwork |             |



### Make Connections

Which of the skills in *Sharing Skills* do the cats in *Wow, Kitty!* have? **Text to Text**

# Focus on Genre

**Fantasy** Fantasy is a made-up story that could not happen in real life.

**What to Look for** Some cats knit clothes in *Wow, Kitty!* In real life, cats do not knit.

## Your Turn

Think about your pet or a pet you want. Pretend your pet can do something that real pets can't. What can your pet do? How did he or she learn how to do it? Draw a picture to show what your pet can do. Write a sentence about it.

# Thinkmark

## Characters

Who are the characters in *Wow, Kitty!*?

What words would you use to describe the cat?

## Plot

What is the surprise in the story? How did the family find out what happened?

## Sequence of Events

What is the first thing that happened in this story?

What happened after the family went to bed?