

Fantasy

# Cat and Dog



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Poetry

## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### **Comprehension**

**Strategy:** Visualize

**Skill:** Key Details

### **Phonics**

Short *a*; short *i*

### **Vocabulary Strategy**

Inflectional Endings

### **Vocabulary**

actions, afraid, depend,  
nervously, peered,  
perfectly, rescue, secret

Word count: 269

CCSS

Genre Fantasy



**Essential Question**

How do friends depend on each other?

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Poetry: Uncle Max and I . . . 17



Cass loved her home. She  
played with Ricky.

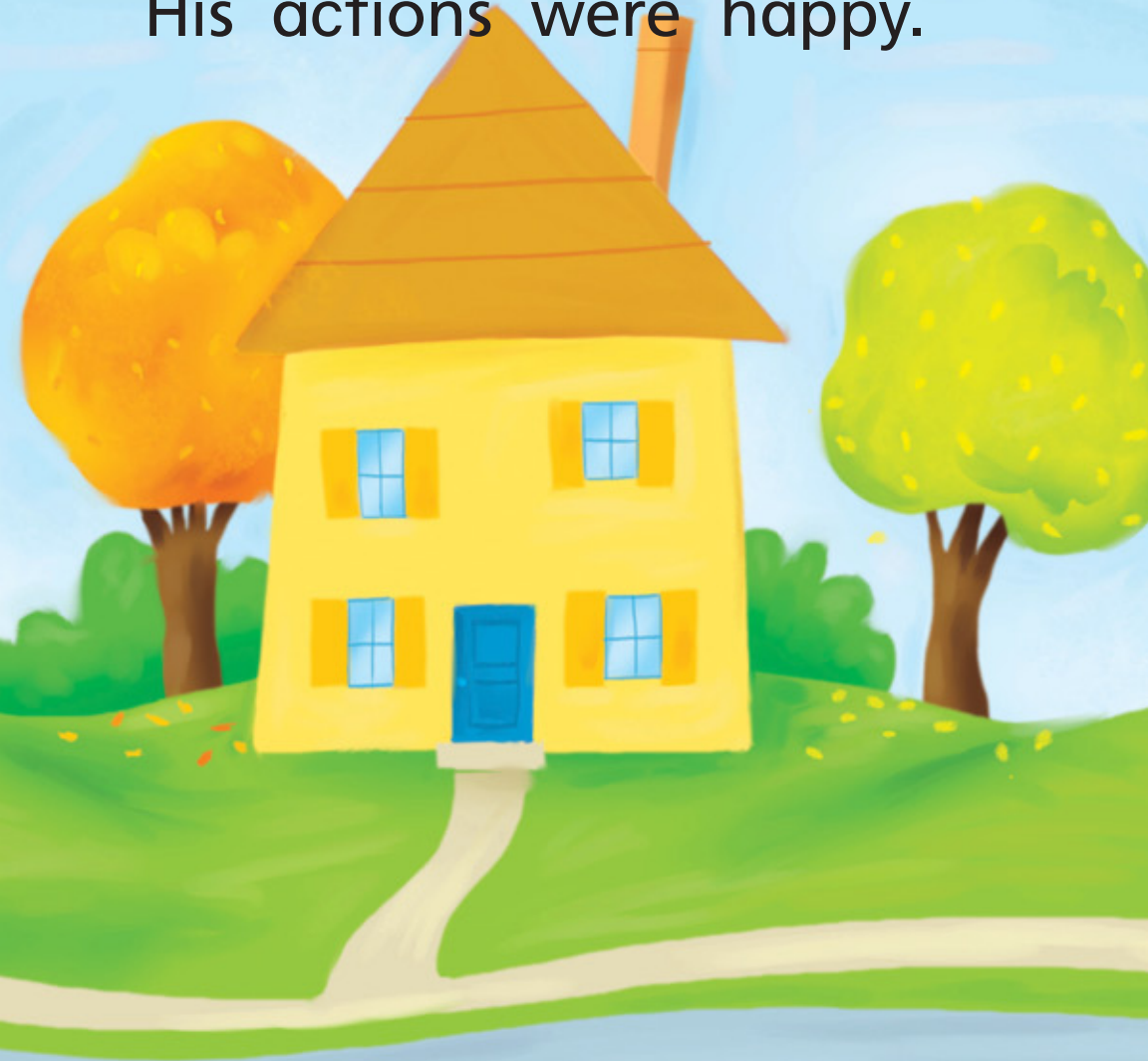


She slept in the yard. She  
did what she wanted.

Dibs ran across the yard.  
A new home! He looked  
around.



“Look! A big yard!” Dibs barked. He ran. He played. His actions were happy.







“Hi,” said Kathy. “This is my dog, Dibs.”

“Hi,” said Ricky nervously. Would he need to rescue Dibs from Cass? She hated dogs.





“Kathy, do you like swings?” asked Ricky.

“I do!”

“Let’s swing!” said Kathy.

“Let’s play, Cat!” barked  
Dibs.

Cass peered at Dibs. “My  
name is Cass. I don’t like  
dogs,” she meowed.



“I know a game. I can show you,” barked Dibs.

“I don’t play with dogs,” hissed Cass.

Dibs wagged his tail.



Dibs hit the ball. Cass hit it back. She didn't like dogs. But she forgot.

"You hit it perfectly," barked Dibs. "You're good at this game."

They were playing together!



“Yay! I like this ball game,” meowed Cass.

“I’m afraid I’m getting tired,” barked Dibs.





"I know a secret. I will show you," meowed Cass.

Dibs followed Cass under a bush. It was cool and dark. Dibs stretched out.



“What now?” Dibs barked.

“We nap,” purred Cass.





"Our pets made friends,"  
said Ricky.

"I'm glad," said Kathy.



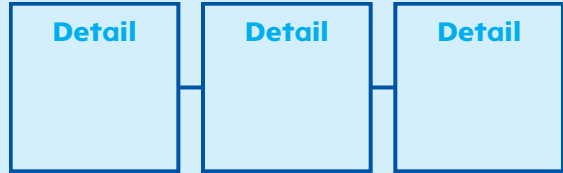
“Can we be friends too?”  
asked Ricky.

“Yes. You can depend on  
me,” said Kathy.

# Respond to Reading

## Summarize

Use the chart to summarize *Cat and Dog*.



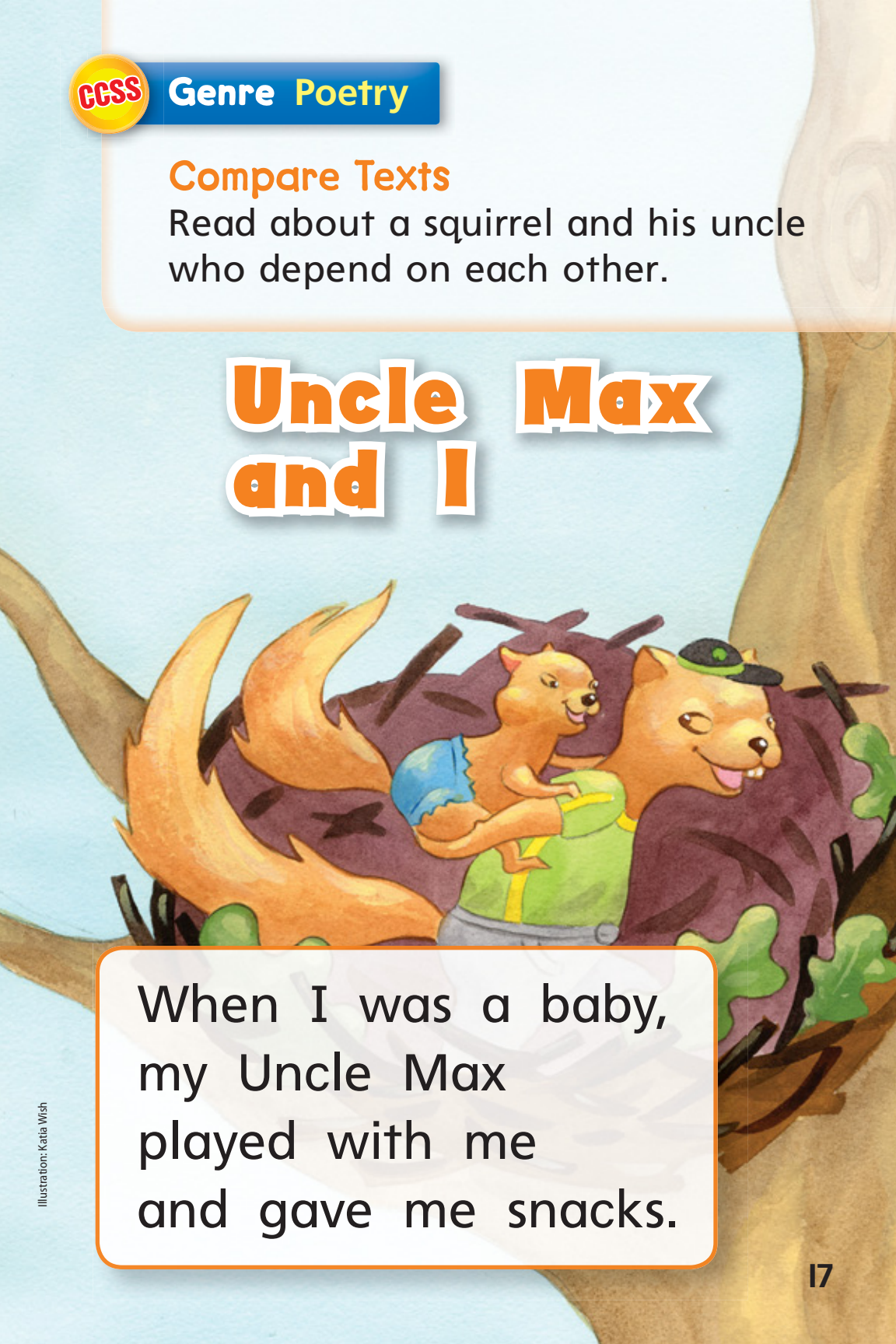
## Text Evidence

1. Is *Cat and Dog* fiction or nonfiction? **Genre**
2. What does Cass like to play?  
**Key Details**
3. Read page 10. Which word has the ending *-ing*? **Inflectional Endings**
4. Write about how Cass and Dibs met. **Write About Reading**

## Compare Texts

Read about a squirrel and his uncle who depend on each other.

# Uncle Max and I



When I was a baby,  
my Uncle Max  
played with me  
and gave me snacks.



As I got older,  
he taught me the facts:  
Where to find acorns,  
and how to read tracks.



Now he is old.  
Together we relax.  
There's no better pal  
than my Uncle Max.



## Make Connections

How do the squirrels depend on each other? **Essential Question**

How are they like the neighbors in *Cat and Dog*? **Text to Text**

# Focus on Genre

**Fantasy** A fantasy story is a story that could not happen in real life. The characters in the story may seem real. But they have special powers.

**What to Look for** The animals in *Cat and Dog* can talk. Real animals cannot talk.

## Your Turn

Create your own fantasy characters. What special powers do they have? Draw a picture of your characters trying out their special powers.



Fiction

# Thinkmark

## Setting

Where does *Cat and Dog* take place?

## Characters

Who are the main characters in *Cat and Dog*?

## Sequence of Events

What happens in *Cat and Dog*?  
What happens at the **beginning**,  
**middle**, and **end**?

## Make Connections

How are you like the little squirrel in *Uncle Max and I*?