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# Play, Kitty!



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DETAILS.

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## Dear Parents,

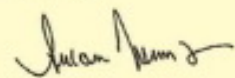
Children are naturally curious about the world around them, and curiosity is a powerful motivation for reading—and for success in school. Studies show that by understanding relationships among words, children quickly acquire new and interesting vocabulary. And the more they are able to talk about the world around them, the more they want to learn!

As you read with your child, be sure to point out the vocabulary tree. Discuss the categories of words and how they relate to one another. Then, explore the text together. Encourage your child to point out each of the vocabulary words as they appear in the text. You'll be surprised how fast your early reader identifies content-rich vocabulary.

To sustain children's excitement about reading, we have created a special program called **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS SUPER READERS**. As kids read each National Geographic Kids Reader, they cross off its picture on a free National Geographic Kids Super Readers poster that parents can download from [kids.nationalgeographic.com/superreaders](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/superreaders). Throughout the process, kids and parents go to the website and download specially designated prizes that reward their effort. Kids can have even more reading fun online, with lively book-related activities, quizzes and games, fascinating excerpts, and sneak previews of upcoming books.

The National Geographic Kids Super Readers program appeals to kids' love of accomplishment while providing them with incentives to keep reading. When the reading experience is fun, children learn more and achieve more. What could be better than that?

Sincerely,



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## Vocabulary Tree

ANIMALS

CATS

WHAT THEY DO

play run swing stretch climb hide see  
swat eat lick clean cuddle yawn sleep



My kitty likes to play.



Run, kitty!



Swing!

5





Stretch.



6



Climb.



7



Let's hide.



8



Peek-a-boo!

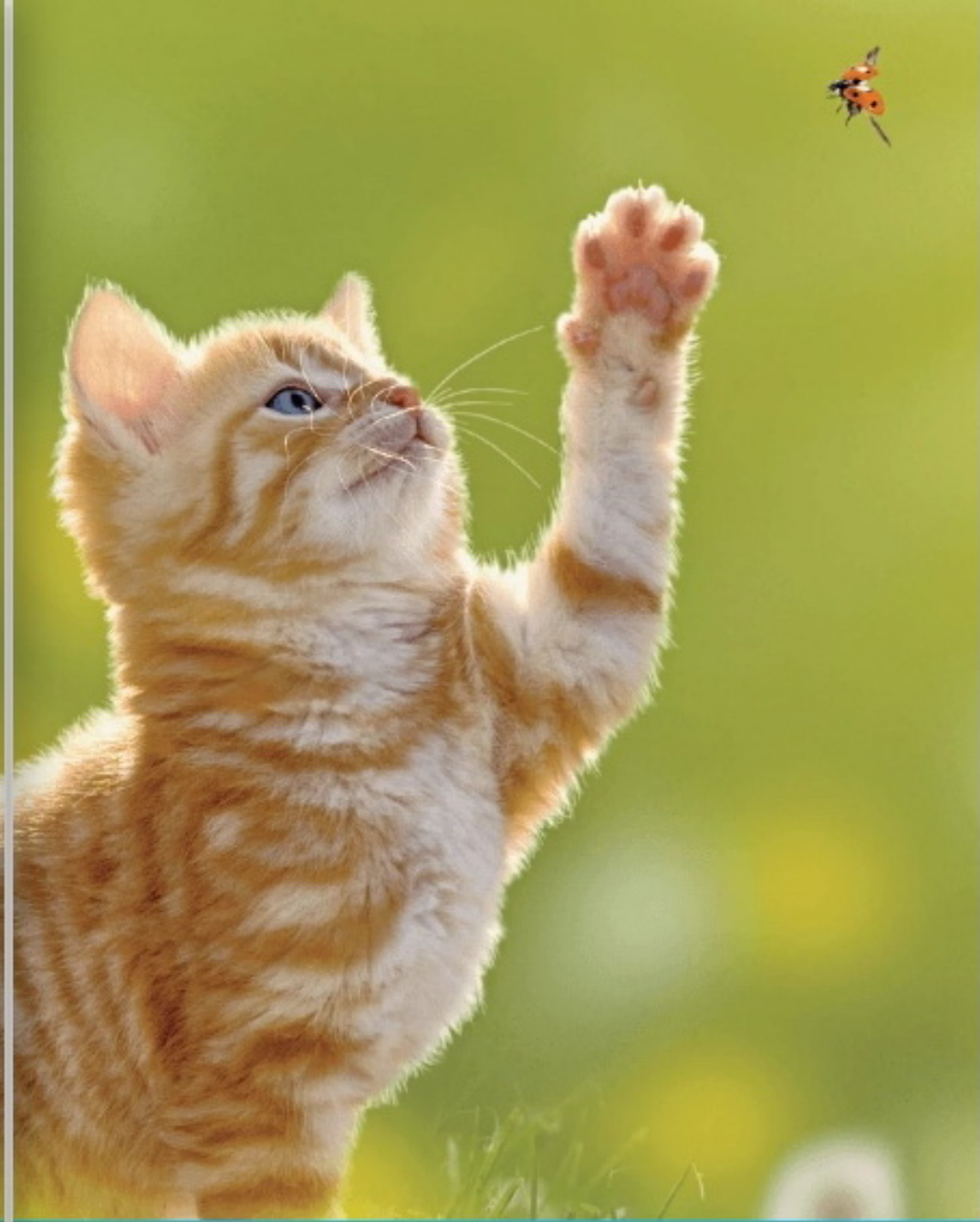
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What do you see, kitty?











Play with string.





It's time to eat.



16



Lick to clean.

17













It's time to sleep.



## YOUR TURN!

Draw a line with your finger to match what the kitty does. Then say how you do these things.

CLIMB



SWING



HIDE



RUN







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