

RedRover Readers Lesson Collection

Grades 2 to 4

Take a close look at the suggested vocabulary in the Discussion and Activity Guides (“Clarify Vocabulary”). Tell the students, “Before I begin reading, I want to make sure everyone understands the words we’ll encounter...” Look in the “Tips for Reading Aloud” sheet for additional ideas.

I’m learning about animals. What are animals learning about me?				
	Book Title	Lesson Collection Theme	Key concepts from Discussion and Activity Guide	Extension Activity
Visit 1	<i>So, What’s It Like to be a Cat?</i>	How are people and cats similar and different? Why ask what a cat’s life is like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are five ways cats’ habits can be different from a person’s habits? • Why ask, what it’s like to be a cat? • How can we really learn about a cat? (We can learn by watching and listening.) 	B or C or D
Visit 2	<i>Mrs. Crump’s Cat</i>	How can learning about a cat help a person appreciate or like the cat? How does Mrs. Crump learn about her cat?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a person finds a stray cat (or a stray cat finds a person), what choices does he or she have? • How (in what ways) could the companionship or friendship of a cat benefit a person? • What does it mean for a pet to belong to someone? 	A and C

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Visit 3	<i>Ginger Finds a Home</i>	<p>How do the little girl and Ginger learn from each other?</p> <p>How does the cat know that she cares?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role does time play in developing a relationship with a cat (or in any relationship)? • What is trust? What does trust look like in a relationship between a girl and a cat? • What happens when a cat (or anyone) receives a name? 	B
Visit 4	<i>Lucky Boy</i>	(Think about Mrs. Crump and how her life changed when the cat moved in.) How does Mr. Miller's life change when Lucky Boy moves in with him?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does a dog need to be "lucky"? • Why would a dog move from one family to another family? • In what ways could a dog be a companion (friend) to a person? 	A or D
Visit 5	<i>Max Talks to Me</i>	<p>How does the boy learn about Max?</p> <p>What does he learn?</p> <p>How can we really learn about a dog or a cat? (We can learn by watching and listening.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could a dog and a person communicate? • What does communication between a dog and a person look like? • What are we learning about dogs (and other animals) when we listen and observe? 	A or C