

The Great Hunter Cat



Lucky the Kitten peeked over the edge of the couch. If he jumped at just the right time, he could catch the ball of fuzz that blew across the floor. He crouched low. He wiggled his back legs.

He pounced!

The ball of fuzz blew away. Lucky meowed. He would never be a great hunter like the other cats.

"You're a kitten," Mama Cat said. "It will take time."

But Lucky didn't want to wait. He wanted to be a great hunter now.

He practiced all day. When the other kittens drank from their bowl of milk, he snuck up on them. They hissed at him. They didn't like his game at all.

When Mama Cat's tail flickered during her afternoon nap, he pounced on her. She meowed and fell off the arm of the chair.

His practice wasn't going so well. Lucky would never be a great hunter. He would just give up.

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Lucky found a nice, cozy spot near the fireplace. The warmth from the fire made him sleepy. He let out a big yawn and stretched. He curled up and closed his eyes.

Just then, he heard a scratch-scratch sound.

Lucky looked up. He glanced around. Across the room snuck a stray candy wrapper. It had fallen out of the trash can!

Lucky pounced.

The wrapper crinkled under his paws. Lucky purred. He had done it! Maybe he could be a great hunter after all.

- Katie Clark

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1) What is this story about?

2) Write three compound words used in the text.

3) Sort the words.
jump, couch, legs, eyes, pounce, paws, wiggle, tail, chair

Action Words	Parts of a Cat’s Body	Things at Home

4) What did Mama Cat tell Lucky the Kitten when he failed to catch the ball of fuzz?

5) What does the word “edge” mean as used in the sentence”?
Lucky the Kitten peeked over the **edge** of the couch.

- A) the outer or furthest point
- B) the inner or nearest point