

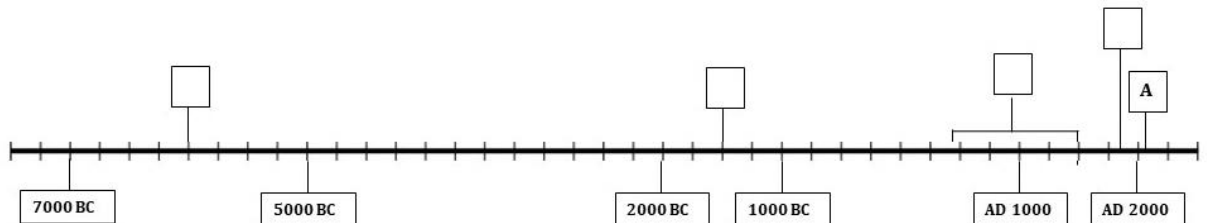
Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?

An extension of "How cats became our pets"

Timelines are useful to see clearly how events in history unfold. In fact, they can be used to depict any series of events — including those in your own life — that happen over a period of time.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Individually, read "**How cats became our pets,**" (page 21, *What's Up* October 2017).
2. Important facts about the fascinating history of cats are given in the table below a timeline. Work in pairs. Mark the timeline with the alphabet corresponding to each fact as in the example.



| How cats became our pets – Important facts | |
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| A | As many as 74 million cats live in homes across the United States. They live on all continents except Antarctica. |
| B | Cats only sported striped or blotched coats during this period. |
| C | Ancestors of the house cat likely approached farms in the Fertile Crescent stretching from the Nile River in Egypt to modern day Iraq. This probably marks the beginning of how cats became pets. |
| D | Cats were already found in Mediterranean countries and most parts of the world. |
| E | From this time on breeders started to mix and match cats to make them more attractive. |

3. On your own, create a time line of your own life for your own personal use. Start with your birthdate, and go on to insert the major events in your life such as:
 - entering childcare or kindergarten, primary school, and secondary school
 - first visits to the dentist, hairdresser, movie theatre, and other places
 - learning to ride a bicycle, roller blade, or some other sporting activity
 - attending special family functions, friends' parties, or class events
 - getting your first pet, plant, phone or favourite game, and so on.