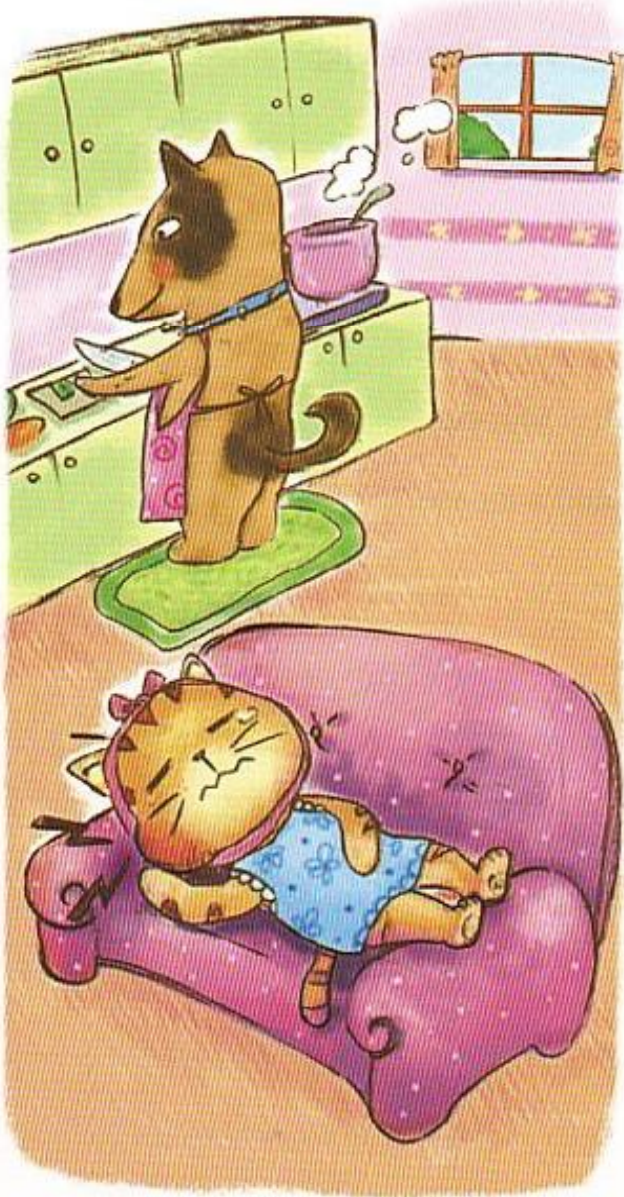


# Why Dogs Chase Cats



1 Long, long ago, Dog and Cat  
were a couple. Dog worked  
hard for his wife. They were  
happy together. But every night  
5 Cat said, "I am too sick. I  
cannot make you any dinner."  
Cat did nothing and lay on the  
**couch** when Dog made dinner.  
Dog was very kind. He  
10 **understood** Cat and worried  
about Cat because he loved her.

Dog was tired after a day's  
hard work. But Cat just stayed  
15 home all day long. When Dog  
came back home, Cat lay on  
the couch and waited for Dog  
to make dinner. He soon **got**  
**sick of** making dinner.



20 One day, Dog said to Cat, "Honey, I am going to work. Take care."  
But instead, he hid in the cupboard and watched Cat. He wondered if she really was sick. As soon as Cat thought Dog had left, she started playing games with Kitten. They laughed and ran about. Cat wasn't the least bit sick. She was a **liar**!

25 Suddenly, Dog jumped out of the cupboard. When Cat saw him, she put a **marble** in her mouth and **pretended** to be sick. She said to Dog, "I have a toothache." She was a liar!

30 Dog got so **mad** at her. He started **chasing** her around and around the house. Ever since that time, dogs have chased cats.



## Vocabulary Build Up

### A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

- |                |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| 1. couch       | • | • | someone who tells lies                  |
| 2. understand  | • | • | very angry or annoyed                   |
| 3. get sick of | • | • | a sofa                                  |
| 4. liar        | • | • | to be tired, disgusted, or upset        |
| 5. marble      | • | • | run after                               |
| 6. pretend     | • | • | to act in a false way in order to trick |
| 7. mad         | • | • | to know how someone feels               |
| 8. chase       | • | • | a very small ball made of colored glass |

### B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

- I am \_\_\_\_\_ baseball. I don't want to play it.  
(a) enjoying      (b) getting sick of      (c) learning      (d) fond of
- Jake has a cavity so he has a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) headache      (b) marble      (c) cat      (d) toothache
- Nina is \_\_\_\_\_ me. She does not talk to me.  
(a) mad at      (b) looking at      (c) loving      (d) kind to
- I \_\_\_\_\_ you. I know what you did.  
(a) chase      (b) jump to      (c) understood      (d) play games with
- When I was young, I played with \_\_\_\_\_. It was very fun.  
(a) liars      (b) marbles      (c) couches      (d) fields



## Comprehension Check Up

### A. Check True or False.

1. Cat was a hard working wife.  T  F
2. Cat chased Dog.  T  F

### B. Choose the best answers.

1. What kind of story is "Why Dogs Chase Cats?"
  - (a) news article
  - (b) science fiction
  - (c) journal
  - (d) American folktale
2. Why did Dog not go to work one day?
  - (a) He wanted to watch Cat.
  - (b) He was going to have a surprise party.
  - (c) He wanted to play games with Cat.
  - (d) He was sick.
3. Where did Dog hide?
  - (a) under the couch
  - (b) in the kitchen
  - (c) in the closet
  - (d) in the cupboard
4. Why did Dog get mad at Cat?
  - (a) Cat lied.
  - (b) Dog hated Kitten.
  - (c) Cat was sick.
  - (d) Dog hated working.
5. What is not true about the story?
  - (a) Dog was married to Cat.
  - (b) Cat had a toothache.
  - (c) Cat played with Kitten.
  - (d) Dog chased Cat.

### C. Write the best answers.

1. Who made the dinner all the time?

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2. What did Cat say when Dog jumped out of the cupboard?



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## Reading Skill Up

### Contrasting Characters

**Characters** are people in a story, play, or movie. You can find differences between the characters by **contrasting the characters**. It helps you understand the story better.

Write what Dog and Cat did.

Characters	What they did
	
	

- worked hard
- made dinner
- played games with Kitten
- pretended to be sick
- hid in the cupboard
- put a marble in his/her mouth
- did nothing
- chased after the other character
- got mad at the other character
- lied to the other character
- lay on the couch
- laughed and ran about



**Story Summary Up**

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

chase cupboard lied mad sick watch

Dog worked hard for his wife, Cat. But Cat just did nothing. She told Dog she was \_\_\_\_\_ . Dog made every dinner for her. It was very tiring. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Cat one morning. He hid in the \_\_\_\_\_. He saw Cat and Kitten play games. When Dog came out, Cat \_\_\_\_\_ to Dog. Dog got \_\_\_\_\_ at her and started to \_\_\_\_\_ Cat. From then, dogs chase cats.

**Think and Act Out**

Write or say your own opinions.

- If you were Dog in the story, what would you do?
- Are cats and dogs friends in your culture?