

Pete^{the} Cat

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I'm Pete and I'm a rock and roll cat! My animal friends and I were living a life of freedom and jam sessions when the cat-catcher caught me! My punishment is to spend a week as a house cat with a family. Come find me at Clowes Hall to see what happens next!

Prepare for the Show!

James and Kimberly Dean have collaborated on 30 *Pete the Cat* books including collections of picture books, song books, *I Can Read* books and chapter books. In order to best prepare for the performance, read the following books in the *Pete the Cat* series...



Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes

Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons

Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses

Pete the Cat and the New Guy

Pete the Cat Saves Christmas

Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues



CAT FACTS

Cats can sleep up to 16 hours a day.

Cats can make 100 different sounds, dogs can only make about 10 sounds.

The proper name for a hairball is "bezoar."

Cats only meow to communicate with humans.

A cat can jump up to six times its length.

Cats use their whiskers to detect if they can fit through a space.



Breeds of Cats

The International Cat Association lists 53 different breeds of cats.

The 10 most popular are:

1. Maine Coon

2. Persian

3. Exotic

4. Siamese

5. American Shorthair

6. Oriental

7. Birman

8. Ragdoll

9. Abyssinian

10. Sphynx



Prepare for the Show! Part 2

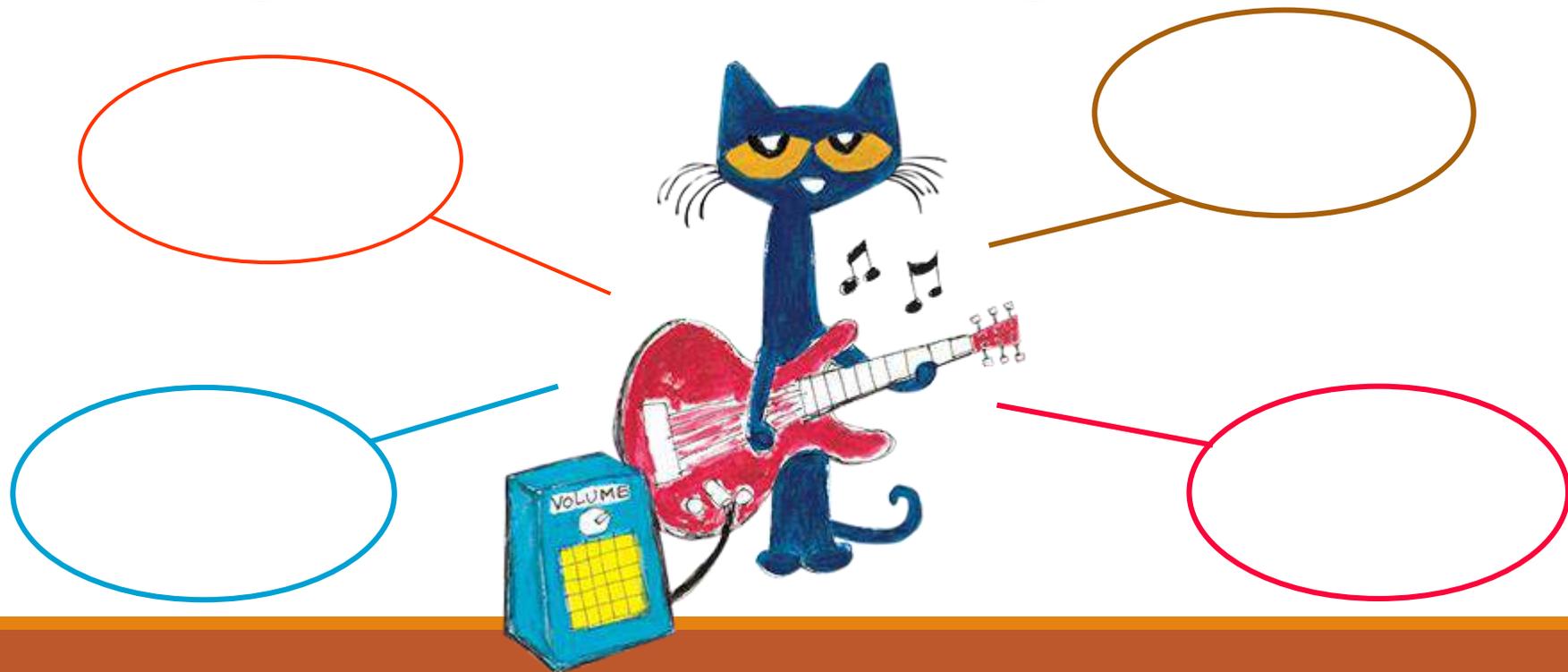


We're ready to go to Clowes Hall, but there are still some things we need to do!

1. After reading some *Pete the Cat* books, review the events of the story and characters!
2. Have a discussion about pets. What kinds of activities and games can you do with your pets?
3. One character in the play has a list of rules he likes to follow. What sort of rules do you have in your classroom?
4. Discuss why rules are important. What happens when someone breaks the rules?

Prepare for the Show! Part 3

After talking about the characters in the *Pete the Cat* stories, make some character maps like this one and write some words to describe the characters. Then, write a paragraph about the character using those words.





You might be thinking, as all great thinkers would, about how Clowes Hall will get cats to perform rock and roll! Here's a secret: the cats are just friends pretending! These actors are people in cat costumes who play the characters in the *Pete the Cat* books! Let's take a look at what you'll be seeing at the show! See you soon!









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