

Ed's Reading Room

Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape

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Ed's Poetry

The word *quatrain* comes from Latin and French words meaning *four*. The quatrain is a poem or stanza of four lines. It is a very popular form of poetry and was used by many famous poets such as *William Blake*.

This quatrain comes from *The Tyger* by *William Blake*.

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

The pattern of the rhymes in this quatrain is the first and second line then the third and fourth line. Choose one of the animals in the cat family and brainstorm some ideas then write a quatrain that paints a word picture of your animal.

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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Cat-words

Here are some cat-words with their meanings - but they are not on the correct line. Draw a line between each word in the first column and its correct meaning.

caterwaul	a place to board cats
catmint	a narrow walkway
catkins	a plant with a smell attractive to cats
catwalk	make harsh noises or cries
cattery	fluffy flowers of willow trees

Look at the illustrations in this book then draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Decide whether to do it in black and white or in colour.

