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Glossary

alike the same

purrs makes a low, soft sound

pounce to jump on something quickly

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House Cat

This is a house cat. It has fur, claws, and padded feet. A house cat lives with a human family. House cats have soft fur. They lick their fur to keep it clean.

Lion

This is a lion. It has fur, claws, and padded feet. A lion lives outdoors with its lion family.

Lions have soft fur that gets covered with dirt and mud. But lions clean their fur just like house cats do.



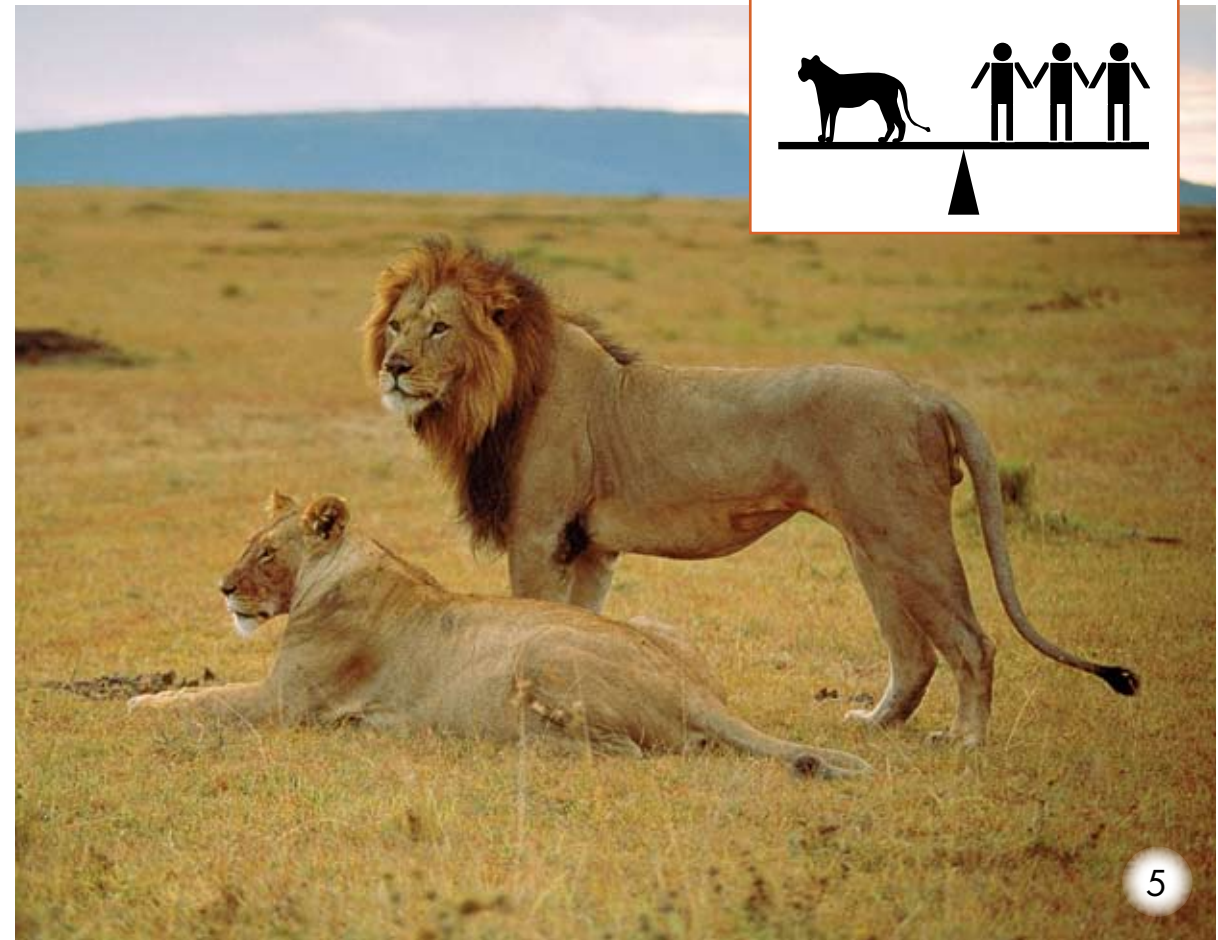


House Cat

House cats come in many sizes. But all house cats are the right size for people to hold in their arms. People love to hold and pet their house cats.

Lion

It would not be a good idea to pet a lion! Lions are big and strong. A grown lion weighs as much as three or four people. Big lions need to be left alone.





House Cat

House cats do not have to hunt for food. Their families give them food that comes from a store. House cats eat the food out of bowls.

Lion

Lions must hunt for their food. Hunting is hard work. Sometimes lions have to chase many animals before they can catch one to eat.





House Cat

House cats love to sleep. They nap in the day, and they nap at night. House cats spend most of their time asleep!

Lion

Lions love to sleep, too. They can sleep all day! There are 24 hours in a day. Lions spend about 20 of those hours sleeping or resting.





House Cat

When house cats are happy, they make a soft, purring sound. When a cat purrs, you can hear it. You can feel it with your hands, too.

Lion

When lions are angry, they make a loud, roaring sound. A lion roars to keep danger away from its family. You can hear a lion roar from five miles away!





House Cat

Baby house cats are called kittens. Mother cats feed and take care of their kittens. If a kitten gets too far away, the mother cat goes after it. She picks up her kitten with her mouth and brings it back to the other kittens.

Lion

Baby lions are called cubs. Just like house cats, mother lions feed and take care of their cubs. If a cub gets too far away, the mother lion goes after it. She picks up her cub with her mouth and brings it back to the other cubs.





House Cat

Kittens love to play. They jump and chase each other. They pounce on things that move. They love to play with people, too.

Lion

Lion cubs love to play. They jump and chase each other. They pounce on things that move. When lion cubs play, it is not just for fun. They are learning how to hunt for food.





House cats are little cats. Lions are big cats. House cats and lions are alike in many ways. But only one kind of cat makes a good pet!