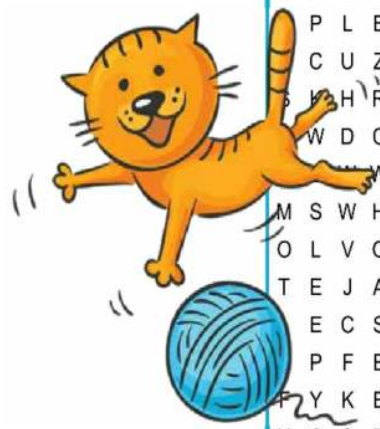


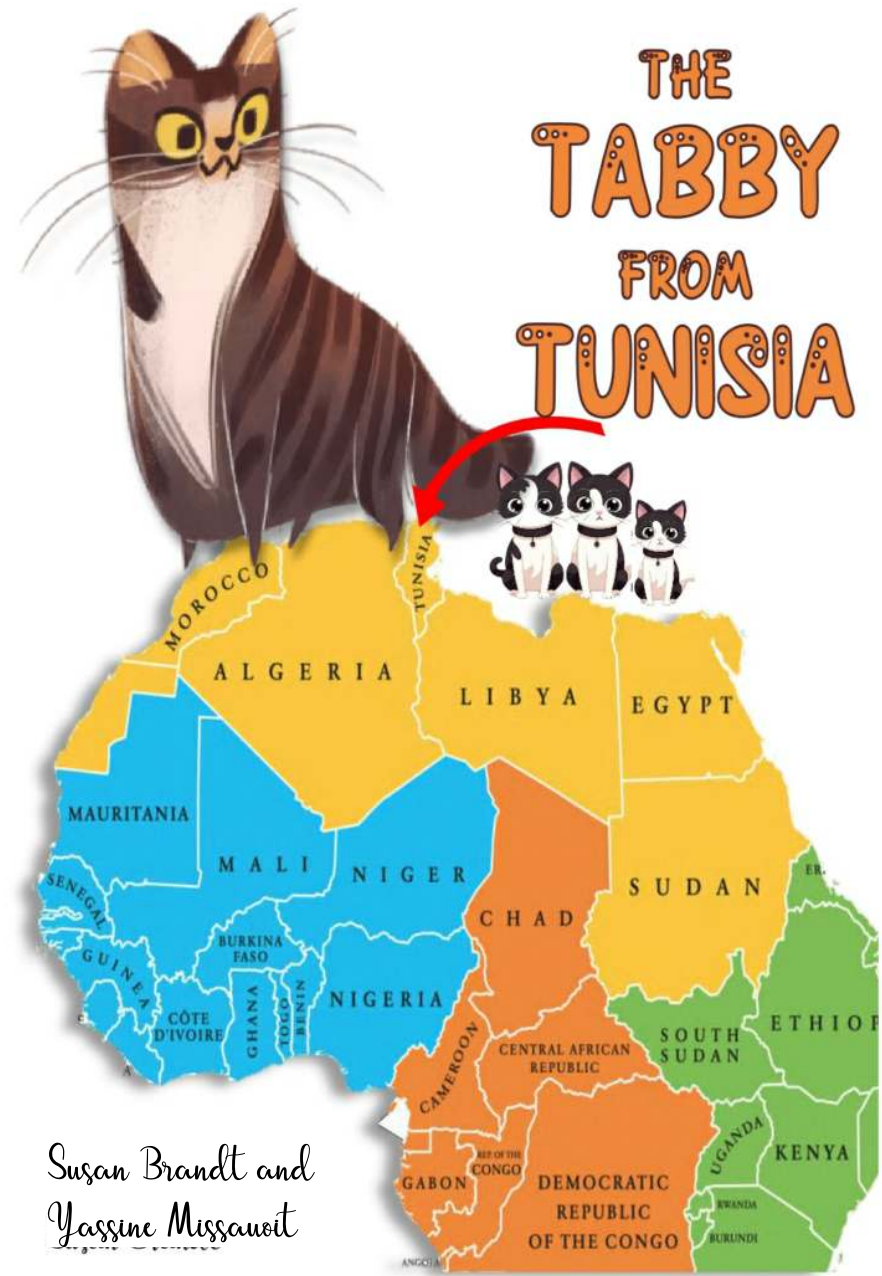
I LOVE Cats

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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| CATNIP | LEOPARD | POUNCE |
| CHEETAH | LICK | PUMA |
| CIVET | LION | PURR |
| CLAW | LITTER | SCRATCH |
| FELINE | LYNX | SLEEP |
| FUR | MEOW | STRETCH |
| HISS | MEW | TAIL |
| HUNT | MICE | TIGER |
| JAGUAR | MILK | TOMCAT |
| KITTEN | PAW | VET |



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Play time



WHAT'S THAT?



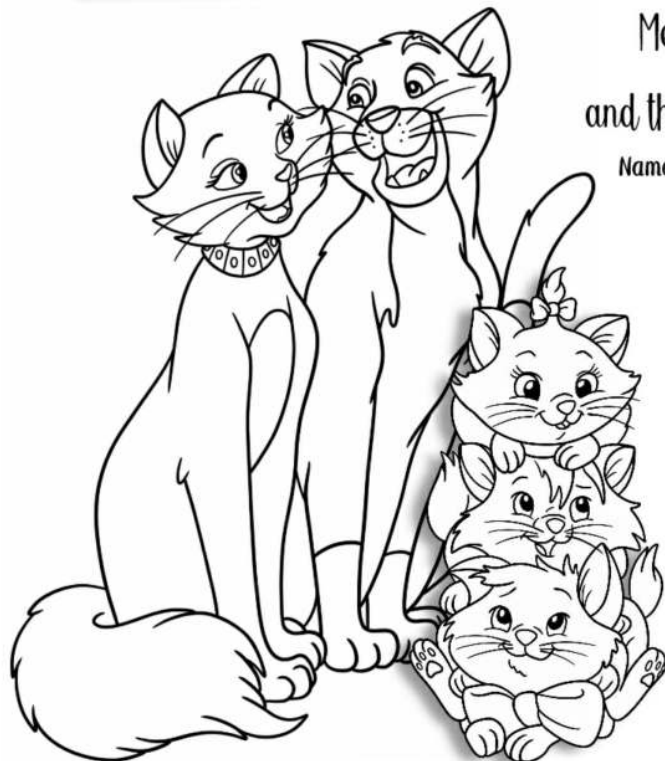
YEP A TAIL!!



GOTCHA



MOM! COME QUICK?



Meka and Jabal
and the three kittens
Name them, if you like

Mariem had heard of the arrival of the kittens and brought cheese for the new momma. Meka did notice, Mariem talking Mr. M.



“She sure is smiling,” thought Meka and wondered if there was something in the air. Her hands were full with the feeding and playing of the kittens. This was something that brought Meka much happiness, you could even see a smile on her face.

After a few weeks, Meka and Jabal had decided that Mr. M and Mariam had something going. Only time will tell.



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would just shake his head.

Then one day Meka started feeling really strange. She walked funny. She even thought she was even purring funny. "What's going on?" each time it was louder.

Mr. M had been around cats all of his life and when he saw Meka walking and purring in the special way he knew what was going on.

He went to the kitchen and made coffee because the fun was about to begin whether it would be a few minutes or hours that was the questions.

It didn't take long. Soon the arrival of three kittens would take place



After all the work of Meka having the kittens was done. She gathered them together for a rest.

Meka did not realize that Jabal had slipped out the window. This was just too much for him, he thought. He traveled out to the cranberry trees.



It was not long until it was discovered Meka was going to be a momma cat.

The visiting cat, Jabal, continued to come around which Meka thought was nice. Meka knew this is just what she had been waiting for.

As time passed, Meka grew in size and grew some more every day. The more she grew the less she wanted to roll and play with Jabal.

The time from when Meka knew she was going to have babies until the the fuzzy things arrived, seemed like forever.

Mr. M still was making trips into town for supplies.

Those trips were shorter each time. Mr. M's new friend, Mariem, understood. When she saw him at the door, she'd ask about Meka and Jabal. Do we have kittens yet? Mr. M



My name is Meka.

I am a 17-pound tabby cat.

I like the sun. I like to sunbath in the branches of the cranberry trees (like here) or anywhere for that matter.

My owner is called Mr. M. We live in one of the small villages in one of the smallest countries in Africa - Tunisia.

To purchase anything, and I mean anything, Mr. M has to make the journey into the nearby village of Tozeur. Some days it is a half day trip. If Mr. M meets a lady, it takes longer. He sure likes talking to the ladies.



Today I'm not sure what Mr. M is up to today. Let's go check it out.

Let's go up to the house and see if the side window is open.

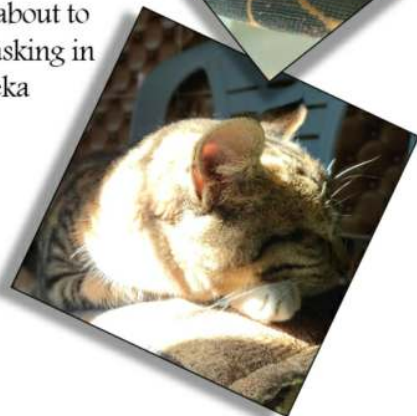


Oh, the window is open!

Mr. M spots me as I go through the window. He picks me up and thinks, "That's her secret door. I was wondering how she had been giving in and out without me knowing it."

Both Meka and Mr. M. had one big thing in common. Even though they had each other, they missed having someone of their own kind to smile at.

Meka thought maybe Mr. M might have a lady friend in Tozeur. His trips into town to get supplies were more frequent and some days they lasted until the sun was about to set. This made for a long day of basking in the sun for Meka, even though Meka enjoyed basking in the sun.



In the summer, sun up to sun down was just a little too much. Whenever Meka would hear sounds from the brush outside she would sit up straight and watch the front door. Because Mr. M always had her favorite - cheese. He would give it to her before anything else.

Some people think cats like mice. Not Meka. She totally ignores mice.



Mr. M kinda finds that frustrating, but she was such a great cat, he overlooked it and would always bring her some brie cheese back from the market.

One day Mr. M. had spent longer than usual in town. Yes, he was talking to this particular lady. He was talking to her quite often, lately. She had a wonderful smile, a nice figure and seemed to be really smart. This day they are laughing and joking around, and he stayed later than planned.

When he got home, Meka had a surprise. A visitor was in the back patio with her.

From the way they were acting, this wasn't his first visit. From watching things over the next few days he and Meka had something going, thought Mr. M.

Meka wondered if it was love.

Meka would watch out the window or from her favorite sunning spot, in the cranberry trees, in hopes to catch the first glimpse of him when he walked up the trail.

