



# BOOTS AND CATS

## Bookshop Authorless Event Guide

This event pack contains everything you need to run an authorless event for beatboxing picture book *Boots and Cats*, with activity sheets and advice for running an interactive storytime.

### The Warm-Up

Before opening the book, get children going with a beatboxing warm-up to start the session and be involved in call-and-response.

- **The Basic Beat:** Have the children vocalize 'BOOTS' (the bass) and 'CATS' (the snare).
- **Volume Variations:** Practice a 'Whisper Beat' for the 'very small FISH' and a 'Giant Beat' for the 'WEE' aeroplane.
- **The Challenge:** Can they keep to the beat for a count of 16?

### Movement Storytime

Read the book aloud, pausing for these specific 'Action Beats'. Note, they do not need to make any noises and this can all be done sitting down.

- **Rabbit Bum:** Have everyone wiggle their bum in their seats when you reach 'Rabbit Bum'
- **Wee Chicken:** During the 'Wee chicken' sequence, children can 'fly' staying seated with aeroplane arms.
- **Ducky Flap:** Children can flap their wings during the 'Ducky duck FLAPS'.
- **Knocky Knees:** Children can knock their knees together during 'Knocky knock KNEES'.

### Tips for the session

- You can use the QR code as background audio for the Movement Storytime to help everyone stay on the beat.
- If the group gets too loud, use a 'Whisper Beat' to bring the energy down while keeping up engagement.
- Encourage call-and-response. Read a rhythmic line like 'Swishy Swishy Bats' or 'Bum bum SQUISH' and have the children repeat it back to you using the same volume and energy.



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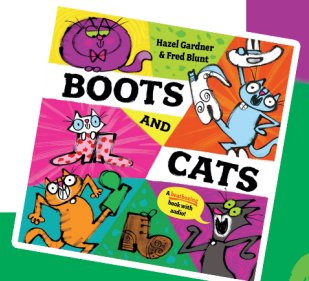
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Swishy Bat

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## Beatbox Patterns

What comes next in the sequence? Draw the missing character or object to complete the pattern.



1 Boot → Cat → Boot → Cat →

2 Boot → Boot → Cat → Boot → Boot →

3 Boot → Cat → Swishy Bat → Boot → Cat →

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Line 3: Swishy Bat

Line 2: Cat

Line 1: Boot

Answers





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## Rhyme Time

Write down as many words as you can that rhyme with the words 'Boot' and 'Cat'!

Words that rhyme with 'Boot'



Words that rhyme with 'Cat'



**Hint:** Sometimes rhyming words have different ending letters, but still rhyme as they make the same sound! Like 'Buffalo' and 'throw'.

**Can you think of any other words that rhyme with 'Buffalo'? Write them here!**

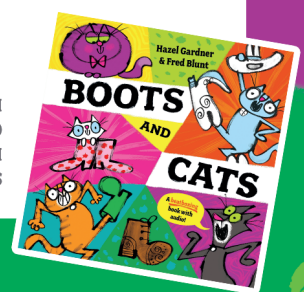
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**Suggested answers:**  
Boot: cute, flute, fruit, hoot, loot, newt, suit, toot, root  
Cat: bat, chat, flat, hat, mat, pat, rat, sat, spat  
Buffalo: blow, throw, flow, know, dough, grow, glow, snow





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## Animal Alliteration

Alliteration is when words start with the same sound. For example, 'Doggy dug deep'. Can you come up with a silly alliteration for these animals?

**Hint:** Bee in a Buggy or Camel with a Coffee!

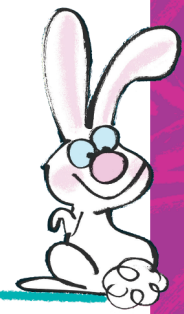


Cat at a C \_\_\_\_\_



Duck in a D \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbit with a R \_\_\_\_\_



Now make up some more silly animal alliterations of your own!

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