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INSTRUCTIONS

Red Cat Reading has 11 color-coded reading levels, which are perfect for grades K-2.

Step 1. Help your child to start reading at Level 1.
Step 2. Keep reading one level at a time until your child starts to struggle with the words.
Step 3. Go back down one level. This is the level your child should start reading at!
Step 4. Sign up for an account at redcatreading.com and help your child start reading at his or her correct level. You’ll find our leveled classes under the “All Classes” tab.

Choose from our 3 reading series:
- Kids vs Phonics
- Leveled Reading
- Kids vs Life

[Image of a computer screen showing the Red Cat Reading website]
Phonics Assessment Starts Here
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pup up

ink on Ken

vet in the van
Leveled Reading Assessment Starts Here
THE RAT

The rat ran.
The cat sat.
A PUP

A pup has legs.
A pup has feet.
THE MORNING

I make my bed.
I pack my bag.
I run to the bus.
IN THE SKY

Birds fly in the sky.
The sun shines in the sky.
Rain falls from the sky.
ANIMAL HEADS

A bird has feathers on its head. What is on a bear’s head?

A bear has fur on its head. What is on a snake’s head?
HOW BEES MAKE HONEY

Did you ever see bees crawl inside flowers? Why do they do that?

Flowers make sweet juice called *nectar*. Bees crawl inside flowers to drink the nectar. Then they fly home to their hive.

There are many kinds of bees, but only honeybees make honey.
THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

The Golden Gate Bridge is a big orange bridge in California. It is at one end of the city of San Francisco. It took more than four years to build the bridge. It was finished in 1937.

Thousands of cars cross the Golden Gate Bridge every day.
THE LARGEST BIRD

Birds can be many different sizes. The largest bird of all is the ostrich. Adult ostriches are taller than grown people. They weigh more than grown people, too.

Ostriches have wings, but they can’t fly. Instead, they have strong legs and feet for running. These birds are among the fastest land animals on Earth.
VENUS FLYTRAPS

Most plants get everything they need from sunlight, water, and soil. But Venus flytraps need extra snacks now and then. These plants are meat eaters.

Venus flytraps have special leaves that trap insects and spiders. Once in a while, they even catch small frogs! Inside each trap are a few tiny hairs. When a bug or frog moves across the hairs, the trap snaps shut. Then special juices break down the animal’s body.
GOOD FRIENDS

A strong earthquake happened in Asia in 2004. It caused huge waves to form in the Indian Ocean. The waves moved across the water to Africa. They caused a young hippo to become split up from his family.

Someone took the hippo to a center where animals in trouble get help. The hippo was given the name Owen. The center didn’t have any other hippos. Mzee, a large tortoise that was round and brown like a hippo, became Owen’s special friend. People around the world heard about the two animals. Their story helped people remember that friendship rises above differences.

Over time, Owen grew too large to be near Mzee. The center got another hippo, and Owen got a new friend. Owen is a lucky hippo. Good friends showed up when he needed help.
WHICH HAND?

Are you left-handed or right-handed? Most people are right-handed, using their right hand better and more often than their left. Far fewer people are left-handed, but not everyone is one or the other.

Mixed-handed people use their left hand for certain jobs and their right hand for other jobs. Many mixed-handed people use one hand for actions that require strength. They use the other hand for small, careful movements that use the fingers.

A tiny number of people are ambidextrous, using both hands equally well. Neither hand works better for any job.

Humans aren’t the only animals that favor one side of their body. Many other animals do, too. They don’t just favor a foot or paw. Many also favor one eye, ear, or nostril!
EXPLORING CAVES

Caves are large empty spaces that usually form underground or in a cliff or hill. Millions of caves are found around the world, and they are found in both rock and ice. Some are even underwater!

Exploring caves is an enjoyable hobby for many people. Scientists also visit and study caves to learn more about our planet. Caves are exciting, but they can also be dangerous. The floors can be steep, unstable, or slippery with mud. People can get lost in the darkness or trapped in tight spaces. Skillful training helps cavers prepare for difficult situations.

Being careful is also important because many cave formations are easily broken. A moment of carelessness can destroy a formation that took many thousands of years to form. For most people, guided tours provide the best opportunity to learn about caves. Visitors can appreciate these amazing natural wonders while keeping the formations—and themselves—safe.
AURORAS

If you travel near the North or South Pole, you may see amazing colors in the night sky. These beautiful displays of light are auroras. They’re also called the northern or southern lights. Why do they happen?

Auroras are caused in part by the sun. The sun is a huge ball of burning gases that throws off a steady stream of electrically charged particles. It also throws off stronger particle streams from time to time. Some particles reach Earth’s atmosphere—the blanket of air around our planet. They are drawn to the poles because of Earth’s magnetic field.

As the particles get closer to Earth, they bump into other particles high in the atmosphere, causing flashes of light. The flashes give off bright colors that create an amazing light display. Some dance like moving curtains, while others hang motionless in the sky. Auroras may be red, blue, green, brown, or even white. They are no doubt the greatest light show on Earth.