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## “A Tomcat Is” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the poem “A Tomcat Is” on page 3 of the November/December 2009 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. What is the main purpose of this poem?**

- Ⓐ to explain how to take care of a tomcat
- Ⓑ to persuade readers that cats are better than dogs
- Ⓒ to describe a tomcat’s many different qualities
- Ⓓ to complain about a tomcat’s faults

**2. Which lines rhyme in each verse?**

- Ⓐ the first and third
- Ⓑ the second and fourth
- Ⓒ the second and third
- Ⓓ the first and last

**3. This poem compares a tomcat to all of the following EXCEPT:**

- Ⓐ a bandit
- Ⓑ a night watchman
- Ⓒ a chief of detectives
- Ⓓ a pirate

**4. What does “affectionate” mean in the line “Affectionate fellow”?**

- Ⓐ grumpy
- Ⓑ excited
- Ⓒ smart
- Ⓓ friendly

## Critical Thinking

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support each answer with information and details from the poem!

**5. This poem describes a tomcat in two opposite ways. Provide an example of this from the poem.**

**6. Personification is giving human qualities to something that’s nonhuman. How does this poem use personification?**