

VAMPURR

EDUCATOR GUIDE

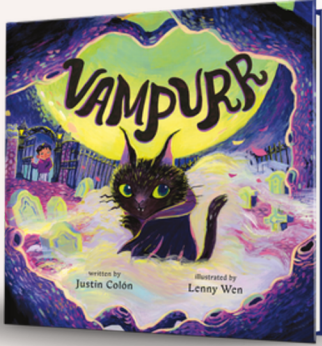


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— ABOUT — THE BOOK

MEET VAMPURR...

Her fur shines blacker than a raven's feathers.

Her eyes glow greener than a witch's brew.

But most unusual of all are her long, needle-sharp fangs.

Born among tombstones beneath the blood moon's light, a vampire kitten longs to find a loving home like her adopted siblings. But her unusual appearance and abilities send visitors fleeing the cemetery in fright. Until one night, an eerie fog rolls in, bringing with it an unexpected new friend.

Vampurr is a laugh-out-loud funny picture book that celebrates people loving you just the way you are.

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He is a professional actor, children's book author, and creator of creatures. His previous picture books include *The Quacken*, *The Zombees*, *Impossible Possums*, and *Impossible Possum for Mayor*. Ever since he was a kid, Justin has been rescuing and relocating animals in need: dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, turtles, fish, and more. He's yet to save a vampire kitten, though. Then again, he hasn't searched at night. He has two rescue pups, Harley and Brooks.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1 Why do you think Vampurr was born a vampire but her siblings were not?
- 2 Why do you think Victor named her Vampurr?
- 3 Why do you think Victor set out to investigate when he heard the strange noise coming from the graveyard?
- 4 Why do you think Victor's father was fast asleep when he found Vampurr?
- 5 Why do you think Victor was able to walk in the daylight?
- 6 Why do you think Vampurr was making strange sounds in the graveyard?
- 7 Why do you think the groundskeeper felt a graveyard was no place for kittens to wander?
- 8 Why do you think Vampurr's powers sent everyone fleeing in fright?
- 9 Why do you think Victor and his father's previous pets fled in fright?
- 10 Who do you think might live in the extra coffins in their house?
- 11 Would you want a vampire kitten? Why or why not?



SUPERCARGE YOUR LESSONS!

This classroom guide accompanies Vampurr. It contains printable activities and interactive lesson plans to complement your daily instruction. Designed for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, it complies with the common core curriculum. Areas of focus include English language arts (ELA), math, and art.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CLASSROOM VISIT

Partner with a local animal shelter for a classroom visit featuring educational activities related to animal welfare.

SUPERSTITIONS

Discuss various superstitions and the history behind them, including superstitions around black cats.

NATURE

Research and discuss real-life animals that are named after vampires.



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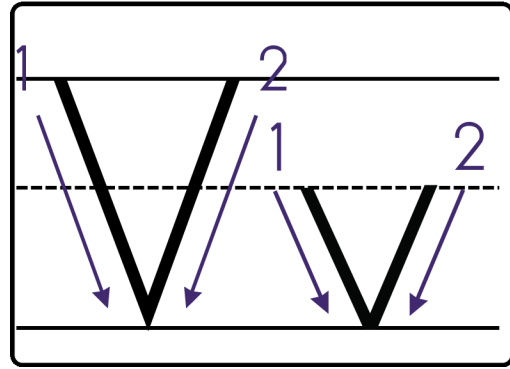
STORY ELEMENTS

Directions: Fill in each box with words and pictures to represent each story element.

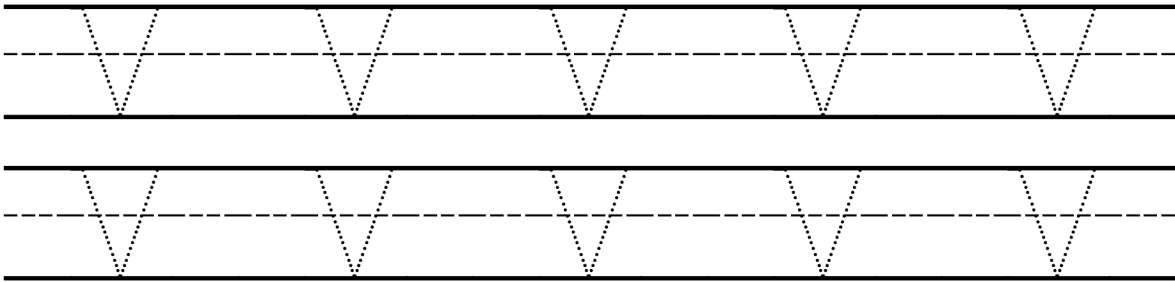
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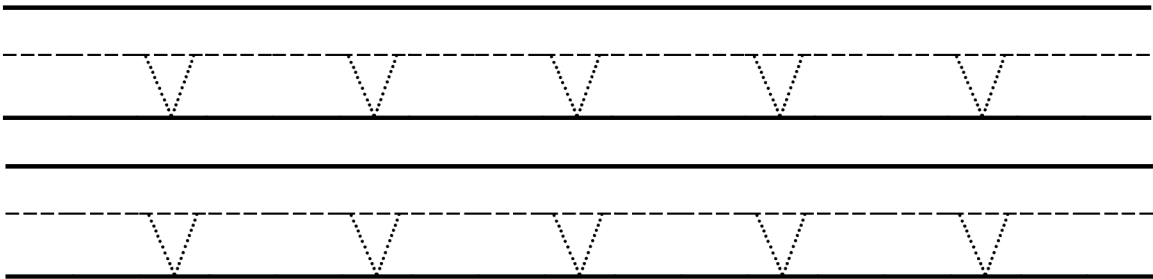
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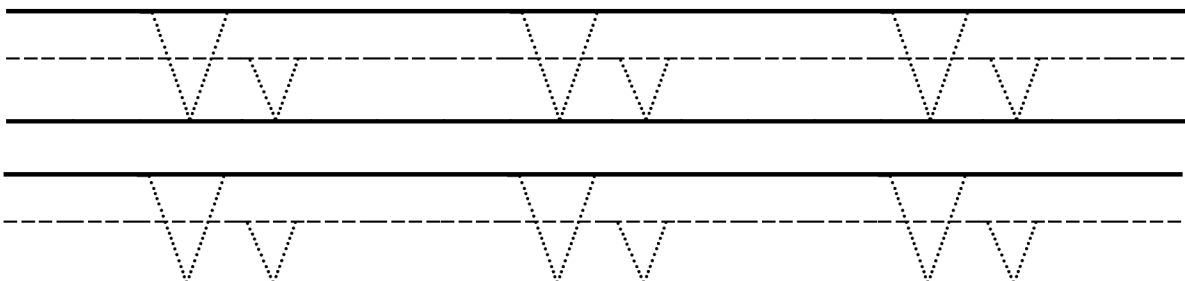
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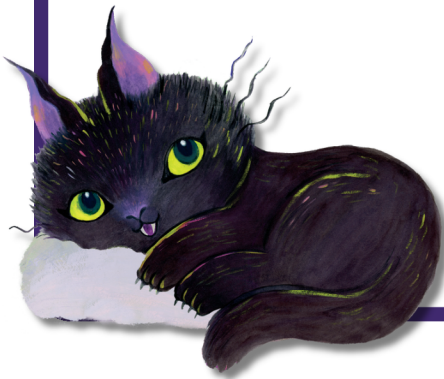


Trace the uppercase and lowercase letters.



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Date: _____



Directions: Circle below whether you would or would not want a vampire kitten, then explain why. Draw inside the box to show your thinking.

I [would / would not] want a vampire kitten because:

Name: _____

Date: _____

DRAW A SUPERNATURAL KITTEN



Directions: Draw a supernatural kitten of any kind in the box above.
Then name it and write about it on the lines below.

Name: _____

Date: _____

VAMPURR'S CHARACTER TRAITS

Directions: Fill in each box with a word that describes Vampurr.



Name: _____

Date: _____

VICTOR'S CHARACTER TRAITS

Directions: Fill in each box with a word that describes Victor.

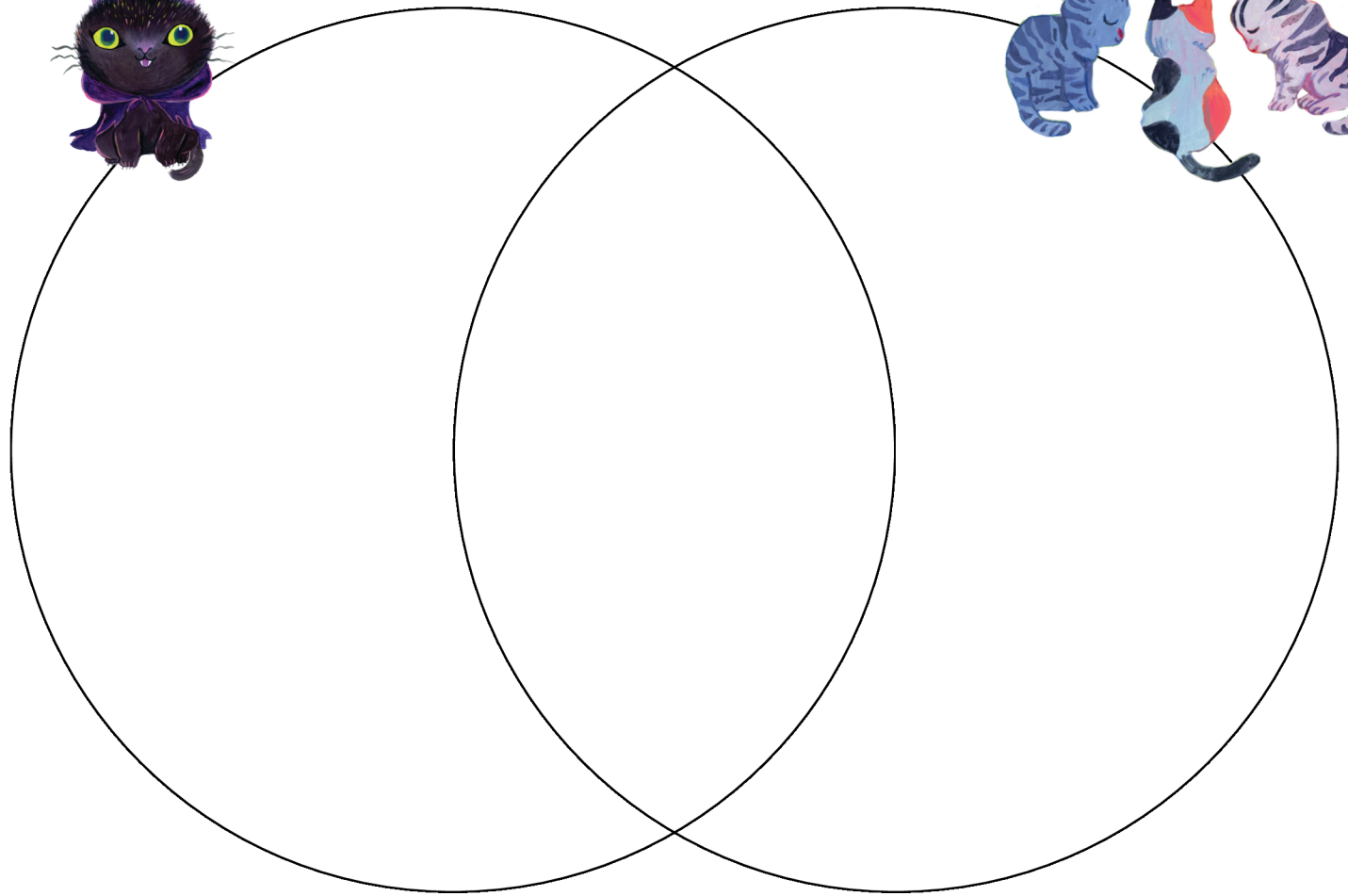


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COMPARE & CONTRAST

Directions: Use the Venn diagram below to compare and contrast Vampurr and her siblings. Then, write about the similarities and differences.



Name: _____

Date: _____

STORY SEQUENCING

Directions: Cut and glue the story events from Vampurr in the order that they happened.



A vampire kitten, the sixth in her litter, was born at midnight.

Victor made the kitten a cape and named her Vampurr.

Victor discovered a vampire kitten hanging in the shadows of the cemetery.

The groundskeeper put the kittens up for adoption.

Vampurr scared everyone away with her powers.

Victor heard a strange sound.

Victor showed Vampurr to his father.

All the kittens were adopted except Vampurr.

Victor said his goodbyes to the kittens.

Victor and his father brought Vampurr home.

Name: _____

Date: _____

ALLITERATION

ONOMATOPOEIA

LITERARY DEVICES

Directions: Find the surrounding
literary devices in Vampurr and
write them inside the boxes.

IMAGERY

SIMILE

PUN

Name: _____

Date: _____

CEMETERY SENSES

Directions: You've entered the cemetery where Vampurr was born. It's an autumn night. There are ghosts, owls, trees with falling leaves, and more. Describe what you hear, see, smell, taste, and feel.

I can hear



I can see

I can smell



I can taste

I can touch



Name: _____

Date: _____

VERBS, NOUNS, OR ADJECTIVES?

Directions: Color each word in the table using the key:

GREEN for things, PURPLE for action words, and ORANGE for describing words.



Kitten	Beneath	Started	Howling	Tombstone	Outfit	Special
Ordinary	Strange	Moon	Wind	Cloud	Ghost	Father
Glimmered	Fog	Favorite	Witch	Blood	Little	Cool
First	Greener	Cozy	Floating	Carried	Peculiar	Heart
Investigate	Owl	Hanging	Family	Coffins	Shadows	Familiar
Spiders	Sun	Hypnotize	Entered	Home	Appeared	Cold
Family	Grew	Long	Fangs	Cat	Sharp	Peculiar



Name: _____

Date: _____

ADDITION

Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the sum.



..... spiders plus spiders

= _____



..... bats plus bats

= _____



..... mice mice

= _____



..... coffins plus coffins

= _____



..... owls plus owls

= _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

ADDITION WORD PROBLEMS



Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the total.

Vampurr hypnotized four people.
Then she hypnotized three more people.
How many people did Vampurr hypnotize in total?

TEN FRAME

Number Path

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Equation

Answer

Victor made two of the recipes in his vampire cookbook.
Then he made three more of the recipes.
How many of the recipes did he make in total?

TEN FRAME

Number Path

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Equation

Answer

Name: _____

Date: _____

SUBTRACTION

Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the difference.



..... leaves minus leaves

= _____



..... hats minus hats

= _____



..... spools of thread minus spools of thread

= _____



..... tombstones minus tombstone

= _____



..... kittens minus kittens

= _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

SUBTRACTION WORD PROBLEMS

Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the difference.



There were nine ghosts in the graveyard.
Four floated away to haunt somewhere else.
How many ghosts are left in the graveyard?

TEN FRAME

Number Path

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

=

Equation

Answer

Six kittens were available for adoption.
Five of the kittens have since been adopted.
How many kittens are left?

TEN FRAME

Number Path

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

=

Equation

Answer

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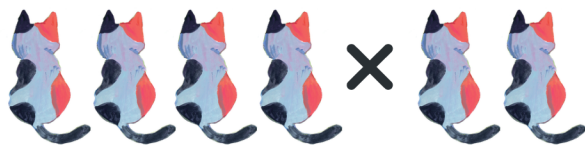
MULTIPLICATION

Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the product.



..... striped kittens times striped kittens

= _____



..... spotted kittens times spotted kittens

= _____



..... grey kittens times grey kittens

= _____



..... vampire kittens vampire kittens

= _____



..... boxes of kittens times boxes of kittens

= _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

MULTIPLICATION WORD PROBLEMS

1

There are 9 people. Each person owns 3 kittens. How many kittens are there in total?

$$\square \times \square = \square$$

2

If each vampire has 2 fangs and there are 3 vampires, how many fangs do they have in total?

$$\square \times \square = \square$$

3

If each ghosts can haunt 7 people a night, and there are 6 ghosts, how many people can they haunt in total each night?

$$\square \times \square = \square$$

4

If the full moon appears once each month, and there are 12 months in a year, how many times does the full moon appear in total each year?

$$\square \times \square = \square$$

5

There are 8 owls in the cemetery. There are 9 times as many mice in the cemetery. How many mice are there in total?

$$\square \times \square = \square$$

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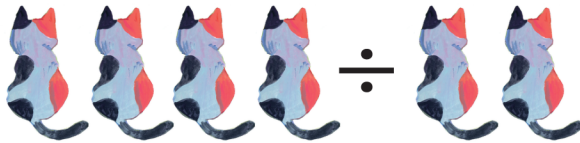
DIVISION

Directions: Count the pictures, write the numbers, and find the quotient.



..... striped kittens times striped kittens

= _____



..... spotted kittens times spotted kittens

= _____



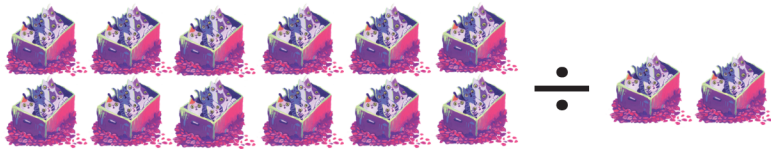
..... grey kittens times grey kittens

= _____



..... vampire kittens vampire kittens

= _____



..... boxes of kittens times boxes of kittens

= _____

Name: _____

Date: _____



DIVISION WORD PROBLEMS



1

There are 15 kittens available for adoption. Each empty box can fit 3 kittens in it. How many boxes do you need to fit all 15 kittens?

$$\square \div \square = \square$$

2

Victor needs 2 spools of thread to sew each cape. He has 12 capes. How many spools of thread does he need?

$$\square \div \square = \square$$

3

Each kitten has four paws. There are 20 paws total. How many kittens are there?

$$\square \div \square = \square$$

4

If there are 54 tombstones in the cemetery. Each row has 6 tombstones in it. How many rows are there in total?

$$\square \div \square = \square$$

5

Each tombstone in the cemetery is haunted by three ghosts. There are 24 ghosts in total. How many tombstones are there in total?

$$\square \div \square = \square$$

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