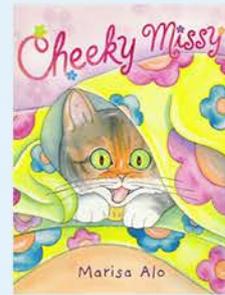


Cheeky Missy

Teachers' Notes



About the Author / Illustrator

“ I was born and live in Geelong, Victoria. A small quiet town that is an hour away from Melbourne. Since a child I have always loved to draw and paint. I was fascinated by the illustrations in picture books and in my primary school years had already made up my mind that I wanted to illustrate children’s books as an adult.

After completing an art and design course, I also begun writing and have since become a published author / illustrator. ”

Inspiration for “ Cheeky Missy ”

“ Cheeky Missy is based on my own experiences with my cheeky cat named Missy that I had for fifteen years from when she was a three week old kitten. Most mornings Missy would wake me up by tapping my nose with her paw, and would play by biting my toes and feet. ”

“ I hope you enjoy my book! ”

Marisa Alo

Before Reading

What does the title suggest about the main character?

What type of animal is Missy?

What do you think Missy is doing?

If Missy is cheeky, what do you think she might get up to in the story?

After Reading

Why does Molly bounce out of bed?

Why does Missy wake up Mum, Dad and Grandma?

How does Missy wake up Mum, Dad and Grandma?

When Missy escapes, what does she do with her tail?

How does the illustrator show that Dad has bumped his head?

How does Missy enter the house?

What does Missy take from Mum, Dad and Grandma?

What three things does Missy do to trap the burglar?

Why does Dad call Missy “an alarm cat ” ?

Why does everyone hide their nose and bury their toes from Missy?

What does Missy win at the cat show?

Class Discussion / Activities

Missy has multi coloured fur. What is the name for this type of cat?

The author has repeated the words “ Missy purred loudly ” in her story. When do cats purr?

Do you own a pet? What cheeky things does your pet do?

What does this story teach you about animals?

Do you think Molly and Missy are also friends? If so why?

Would you consider your pet to be one of your friends. If so why?

Why should we look after our pets?

The Author has written this story in rhyme. Can you think of a reason why she has done this?

(As a class activity try to write a verse in rhyme.)