

Pom's Tales: S2C Lesson for Early Elementary

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- *1st session: Read the story, pointing out and spelling suggested words from each page. The reading level is upper elementary, so you may need to explain some words as you read. Materials needed: Book Pom's Tales, crayons*

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- *2nd session: do the lesson. Replace questions with spelling words if needed.*

In the story *POM'S TALES*, Ellie is very surprised when her cat, Pompom, talks to her in the KITCHEN. Pom tells her about chasing a MOUSE in the hall. Ellie is shocked. Cats are not supposed to TALK!

Warm up and spell CAT and HAT

What is the name of this book? *POM'S TALES*

Ellie is shocked when her cat suddenly ___TALKS

What room are they in? KITCHEN

Pom is telling her about chasing a ___ MOUSE

VAKT- point to/ circle the pompoms you see.



Pom is a gray TABBY cat with a fluffy TUFT on his tail. Some cats are not kind to him, but Ellie loves him very much. She gives him scones and FISH, and takes good care of him. They live together in SCOTLAND.

Pom is a gray ___ cat. TABBY

His tail has a fluffy ___ TUFT

Ellie feeds him scones and ___ FISH

VAKT- Pretend that you are petting a cat

Where do Ellie and Pom live? SCOTLAND

VAKT- Find Scotland on the map



<https://www.britannica.com/place/Scotland>

Pom tells Ellie he sees many things OUTSIDE. He saw Mr. MacGregor take their milk. He saw the white cat Princess climb out the BATHROOM window. Pom is not trying to be sneaky. He just pays close attention.

Pom sees many things ___ OUTSIDE

Mr MacGregor takes their ___ MILK

Princess sneaks out the window of the ___ BATHROOM

What color is Princess? WHITE

VAKT- Color Princess white, then choose another crayon color for the rug



Pom says he has been talking for YEARS, but Ellie did not understand him before. It made him sad when no one listened. When Ellie finally believes him, everything feels BETTER.

Pom has been talking for ___ YEARS

How did he feel when no one listened? SAD

When Ellie believes him, everything feels ___ BETTER

The story shows that everyone has their own way of talking and SHARING. We should always LISTEN and be kind.

Everyone has their own way of talking and ___ SHARING

We should ___ and be ___. LISTEN / KIND



The author, SOFIA Ghassaei, mostly uses a letterboard to share her thoughts, instead of her VOICE. She writes plays, stories, songs, and POEMS to tell people how she feels.

Who wrote this book? SOFIA

VAKT- Point to Sofia in the picture above

She mostly uses a letterboard instead of her ___ VOICE

Sofia writes plays, stories, songs and ___ POEMS

VAKT- Look at some of Sofia's communication tools below.



Print out coloring pages and listen to an audio narration on SofiaGhassaei.com

Question type key

Green: Known/spelling. These are questions that have only one possible correct answer to the question posed, which was given in the lesson

Orange: Semi-Open. These are questions that have a small group of possible answers, given in the lesson . Broad semi-open is in italics, and could be a rewording or a full sentence

Blue: Prior Knowledge. Not specifically addressed in the text of the lesson, but likely common knowledge for the speller's age

Purple: Math. Any question that uses number board or requires calculation

Pink: Open /Creative Writing. A question that requires summary and synthesis, opinion, or is creative.

Red: VAKT. An extension activity to support **v**isual, **a**uditory, **k**inesthetic, or **t**actile learning off the boards.