

## Pom's Tales: S2C Lesson for Elementary Age

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*Materials needed: Book Pom's Tales, crayons*

In the story *POM'S TALES*, Ellie is shocked when her cat, Pompom, suddenly TALKS to her at the KITCHEN table. Pom begins telling her about chasing a MOUSE in the hallway. Ellie can't believe it, because people don't expect cats to SPEAK. This moment starts a story about LISTENING and paying attention to those who communicate in different ways.

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

Ellie is shocked when her cat suddenly \_\_\_TALKS

Why is Ellie surprised? *HER CAT SUDDENLY TALKS*

What room are they in? KITCHEN

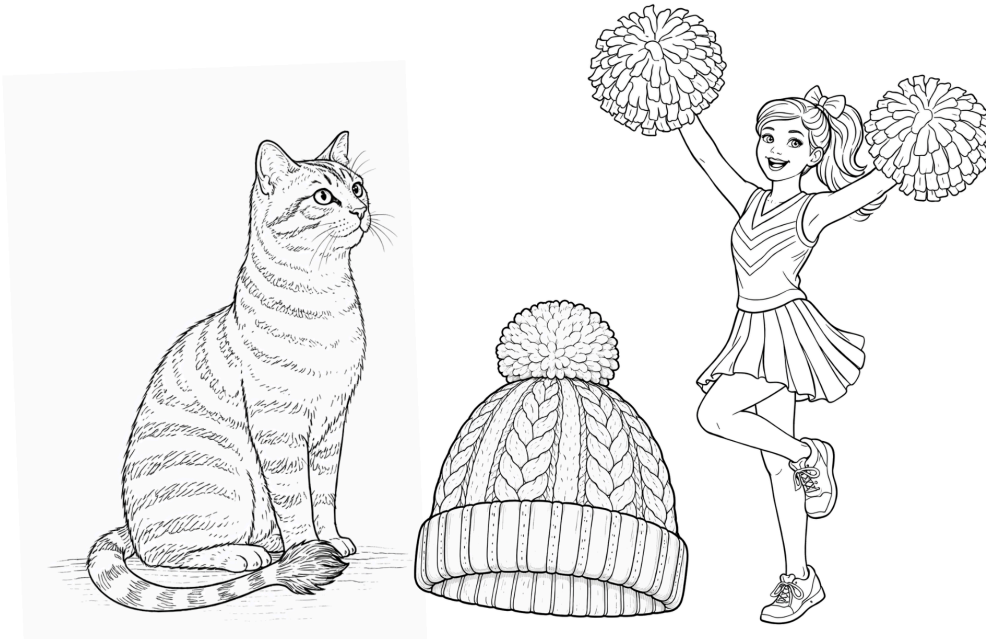
He's telling her about chasing a \_\_\_ MOUSE

People don't expect cats to \_\_\_SPEAK

I said this starts a story about \_\_\_LISTENING / PAYING ATTENTION

Where might you see a pompom? Ex HAT / CRAFT / CHEERLEADER

VAKT Circle the pompoms you see.



Pom is a gray TABBY cat with a fluffy TUFT on his tail. Other cats TEASE him, but Ellie is kind. She gives him SCONES and FISH, and cares for him. Ellie and Pom live in SCOTLAND.

What kind of cat is Pom? GRAY / TABBY

His tail has a fluffy \_\_\_ TUFT

What do the other cats do to Pom? TEASE HIM

Name one thing Ellie feeds him. SCONES / FISH

Name a kind of fish. Ex GOLDFISH / TUNA / SALMON / SHARK, etc

What makes Ellie a good friend to Pom? SHE FEEDS HIM AND CARES FOR HIM

Where do they live? SCOTLAND

VAKT Find Scotland on the map

What would be a good name for a pet cat?



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

Pom tells Ellie that he sees many things in the NEIGHBOURHOOD. He has seen Mr. MacGregor steal their MILK, and he knows that Princess the cat sneaks out the bathroom WINDOW. Pom isn't sneaky, he is just very AWARE.

Pom sees many things in the \_\_\_ NEIGHBOURHOOD (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Mr. MacGregor steals their \_\_\_ MILK

*What does Pom see MacGregor doing?* STEAL THEIR MILK

Princess sneaks out the bathroom \_\_\_ WINDOW

*What's something you find in a bathroom?* le TOILET / TUB / SHOWER / SINK

Pom isn't sneaky, just very \_\_\_ AWARE

*What is something YOU notice that others don't?*

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



Pom explains that he has been talking for YEARS, but Ellie never understood him. He says it is hard when people don't BELIEVE you. Once Ellie believes Pom, everything changes. The story teaches that people communicate in many ways, and we must listen with RESPECT.

Pom has been talking for \_\_\_ YEARS

He says it's hard when people don't \_\_\_ BELIEVE YOU

What happens when Ellie believes him? EVERYTHING CHANGES

We need to listen with \_\_\_\_. RESPECT

*What does the story teach?* PEOPLE COMMUNICATE IN MANY WAYS / WE MUST LISTEN WITH RESPECT

*What are some ways people communicate?* Ex SPEECH / SIGN LANGUAGE / WRITING / BODY LANGUAGE, ETC

*What is a good way to show respect?*

The AUTHOR, Sofia Ghassaei, uses a LETTERBOARD or keyboard to communicate. She says she feels like Pom because people sometimes misunderstand her. She writes stories, plays, songs and POEMS to share her FEELINGS and ideas.



A person who writes a book is an \_\_\_ AUTHOR

*VAKT* Point to Sofia in the photo above

*What does Sofia use to communicate?* LETTERBOARD / KEYBOARD

*VAKT* Look at some of Sofia's communication tools in the photo above

*Why does Sofia relate to Pom?* PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND HER

Sofia writes stories, plays, songs and \_\_\_ POEMS

*What is one thing Sofia writes?* SONGS / STORIES / POEMS / PLAYS

She writes to share her ideas and \_\_\_ FEELINGS

*What is one way YOU express your ideas?*

Print out coloring pages and listen to an audio narration on [SofiaGhassaei.com](http://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 **visual, auditory, kinesthetic, or tactile** learning off the boards.