

Compare the Cats

Goal: Notice similarities and differences.

You will need:

- Pictures or drawings of cats or a group of different toy cats

What to do:

- Explore the cats - pictures, drawings, or toys.
- Talk about what you notice together.
- Take turns using words to describe each of the cats.
- Take turns describing what the cats are doing.
- Sort the cats in different ways. Try sorting by attribute/characteristics or what they are doing.
- Notice whether one of the groups has more cats than the other group. How can you figure out which group has the most? Is there more than one way to figure it out?

Other things to try:

- Compare other types of animals and objects.
- Talk about five different ways you could compare a group of animals or objects.
- Think about whether there is an attribute that would describe all of the animals or objects you are comparing.
- Choose two different characteristics, for example, large and playful. Figure out which cats can be described by both of the characteristics.
- Choose two different characteristics that describe cats, for example, orange cats and sleeping cats. Make a group of cats that is described by only one characteristic (one group of orange cats and one group of sleeping cats) and a group of cats that has both of the characteristics (a group of orange cats that are sleeping).

