

Purrfect Puzzle

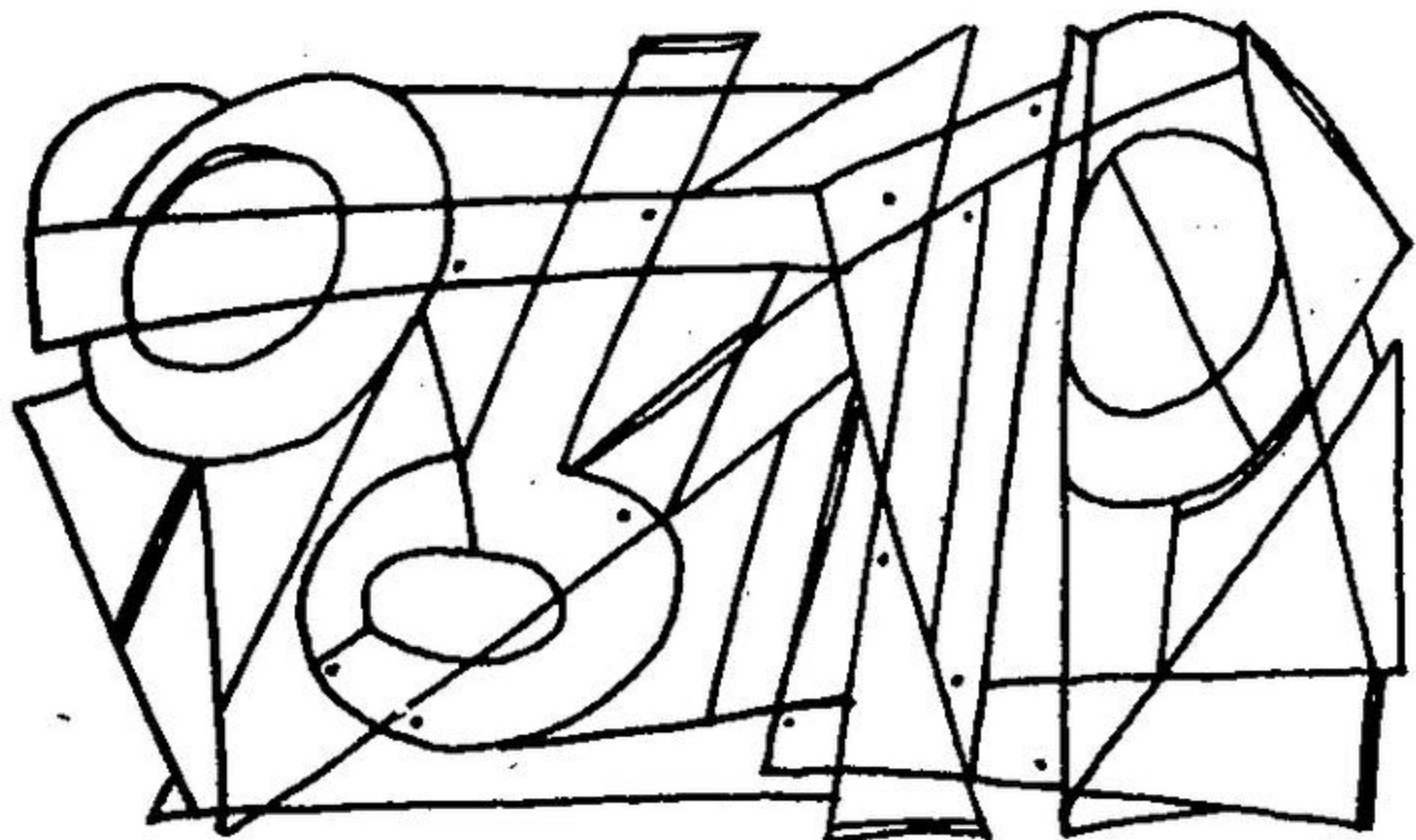
Scientists believe a cat's purring is caused by the vibrating of certain blood vessels in the cat's chest. The vibrations are the result of the blood flow speeding up. To find out more about a cat's purring, blacken out each square that contains any of these three letters: D,O,G. Then all you have to do is put the remaining letters in their appropriate spaces at the bottom.

D	C	O	A	G	T	S	D	O	P	G	U
R	D	O	R	G	W	D	H	O	G	E	D
O	N	G	T	D	H	E	O	Y	G	A	D
R	O	E	G	H	A	D	P	P	O	G	Y

Answers: Cats purr when they are happy.

Number Magic

Though most pet cats are of no special breed, there are still many who are considered purebred. A purebred cat is one whose father and mother are of the same breed. There are many different breeds. One type, the Sphynx, is bald all over. Another type, the Manx, has no tail. To find out how many different breeds there are in the United States, darken in every area which has a dot in it.



By the way, the most popular short-haired cat is the Siamese. The Siamese originally came from Thailand where they were used to guard palaces and temples. The most popular long-haired cat is the Persian, whose exact origin is unknown.

Answer: thirty-one

Fun Facts

1. The cat has a very special organ, in addition to its nose, that helps it to have a very keen sense of smell. The organ is located in the roof of the mouth, which is why a cat sometimes opens its mouth when it's sniffing.
2. A Persian cat named Sugar managed to track his owners a distance of 1500 miles when they moved from Anderson, California to Gage, Oklahoma.
3. The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.
4. One-third of all canned fish eaten in the U.S. is eaten by cats.

5. Contrary to popular belief, a cat's vision is not as sharp as a human's. However, cats are better able to see in dim light.
6. In ancient Egypt cats were considered sacred. Anyone guilty of killing a cat was immediately put to death. The Egyptians were so enchanted with cats that they outlined their own eyes in black to imitate the cats' darkly defined eyes.



Be a real friend to your pet. Make sure it gets food, water, and shelter. Above all, make sure it gets a lot of loving attention.

Young Outlook

CAT

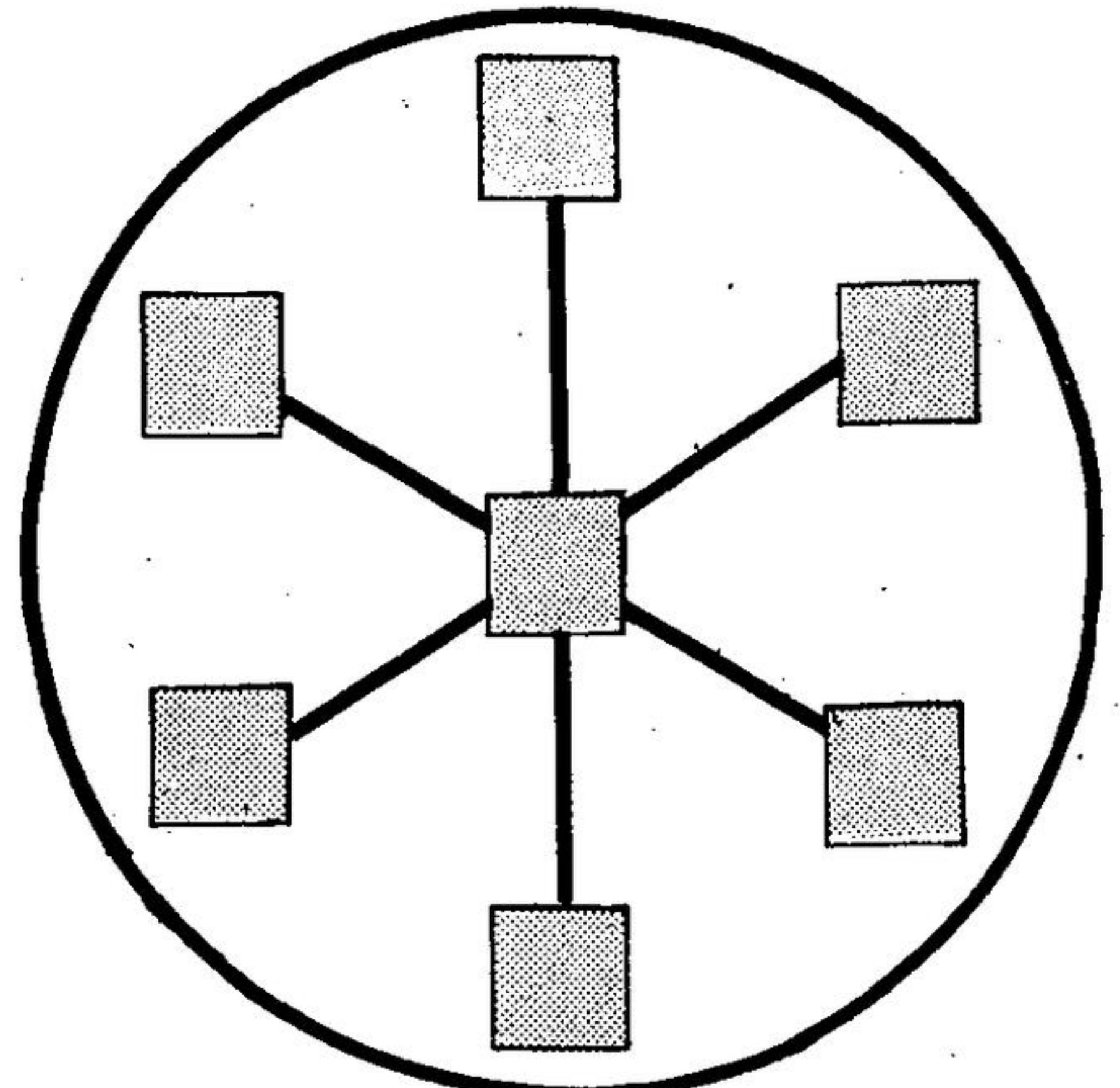
"Cat" is only one of many three-letter words beginning with the letter "C." Try to think of at least 14 other three-letter words that also begin with "C."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

Answers: can, car, cap, cab, cul, cub, cow, cob, cog, con, col, cup, cm, cop, cod.

Mathwheel

Using only the numbers 1 through 7, write a number in each square in such a way that each row of three squares adds up to twelve. Do not use a number more than once.



Answer: The number 4 goes in the center.

A Little Bit Of HUMOR

- to get Kristin quickly out of bed in the morning. I just toss the cat on her bed.
Dad: But how does that get her up?
Mom: The dog sleeps with her.
- thought you had to buy a whole kitten.
Mary: If a lion were stalking you, what steps would you take?
Harry: The longest and quickest I could.
- Alf: What happened to the cat that ate a ball of yarn?
Ralph: It had mittens instead of kittens.
Mom: I've just discovered a way
- Little Brett: I want to buy one of these kittens. How much are they?
Pet Store Clerk: Ten dollars a piece.
Brett: Ten dollars a piece? I
- Joe: Is it bad luck to have a cat following you?
Moe: It depends on whether you're a person or a mouse.

A LOVELY LEGEND

According to a Polish legend, the pussy-willow plant was named for a cat. Long ago, a mother cat's kitten fell into a river and was drowning. The mother's crying so saddened the willows growing along the shore that they swept their long branches out to the kitten so he could climb to safety. Since then, during the Spring of every year, the willow buds have had the soft feel of a kitten's silky fur.

Complete the picture below by filling in the appropriate lines and you'll have a picture of the mother cat and her kitten to color.

