

Bad Cat

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Synopsis

Fluffykins is a lovely cat. He wouldn't do anything naughty . . . would he?
But what's this?

He's knocked over the flowers, tangled up all the knitting, bent the blinds, trodden on the laptop AND scratched the sofa . . . and he won't say sorry.

What a bad cat!

Whatever will Fluffykins do next?

This witty and perfectly-paced story revels in all the mayhem of living with a feline friend.

Author/Illustrator Bio

When Nicola was 5 years old her parents banned Saturday morning television, and she has been drawing ever since.

Born in Swaziland, Nicola grew up in Singapore and has lived in Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Edinburgh, London and Cambridge.

She now lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Sjoerd, and their invisible dog, Chewbacca.

Nicola has a Bachelor's degree in Illustration from Edinburgh College of Art and an MA (Printmaking) from Camberwell College of Art. In her spare time she enjoys weightlifting and baking.



Curriculum Links

English: Foundation

ACELT1575 Recognise that texts are created by authors who tell stories and share experiences that may be similar or different to students' own experiences.

ACELT1577 Respond to texts, identifying favourite stories, authors and illustrators

ACELT1783 Share feelings and thoughts about the events and characters in texts

Themes

Humour-Calamity-Mischievous-Cats

Discussion Questions

Show the cover of Bad Cat to your students, reading the name of the book out loud, and ask the following:

- Identify the author, and the illustrator (in this case it's the same person)
- What does an author do?
- What does an illustrator do?
- What can you see on the front cover?
- Based on the title of the book, what do you think the book will be about?
- What can we tell by the expression on the cats face?

Now turn the cover over and show the back of the book to your students, reading out loud what the book will be about.

Does it give you more clues as to what the book is about?

Responding to texts

Have a selection of other books of other books written by Nicola O'Byrne.

Are there some that the students like more than others? Why?

Also have some books by other authors with the same theme (see next page).

After reading a selection, talk about how the stories are the same and different?

Pets:

Who has a pet at home?

Has your pet ever been as naughty as Fluffykins?

What naughty things has your pet done?

Activity:

Draw a picture of your pet being naughty or being good.

Example:

A dog digging up the garden (naughty)

OR

A cat snuggling on your lap (good)

If you don't have a pet, what kind of pet would you like?

What naughty things could that pet get up to?

Or what nice things would it do?

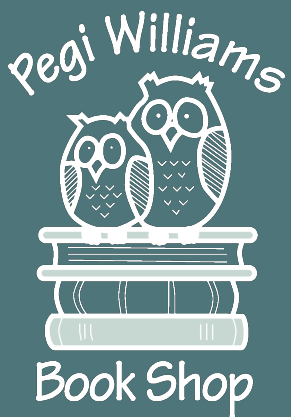
Draw that pet.



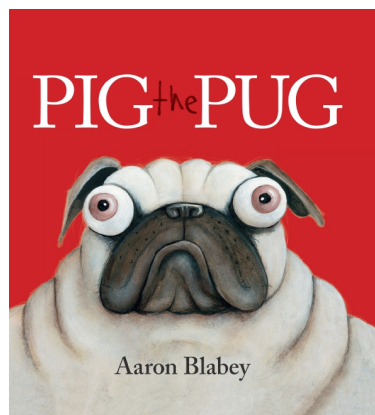
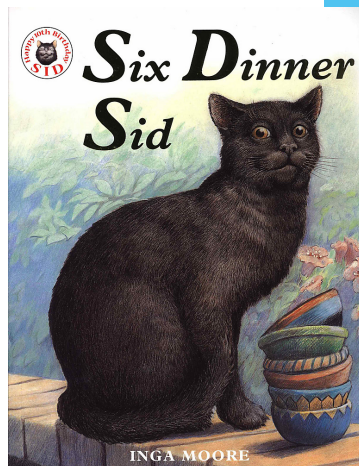
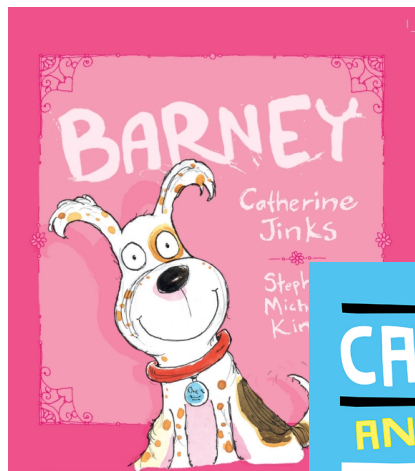
* Templates on pages 4, 5 and 6 of these notes. Cat, Dog and blank for other pets.
Child can draw their picture and circle whether their pet is good or bad, and say why.

My cat is a bad / good cat because

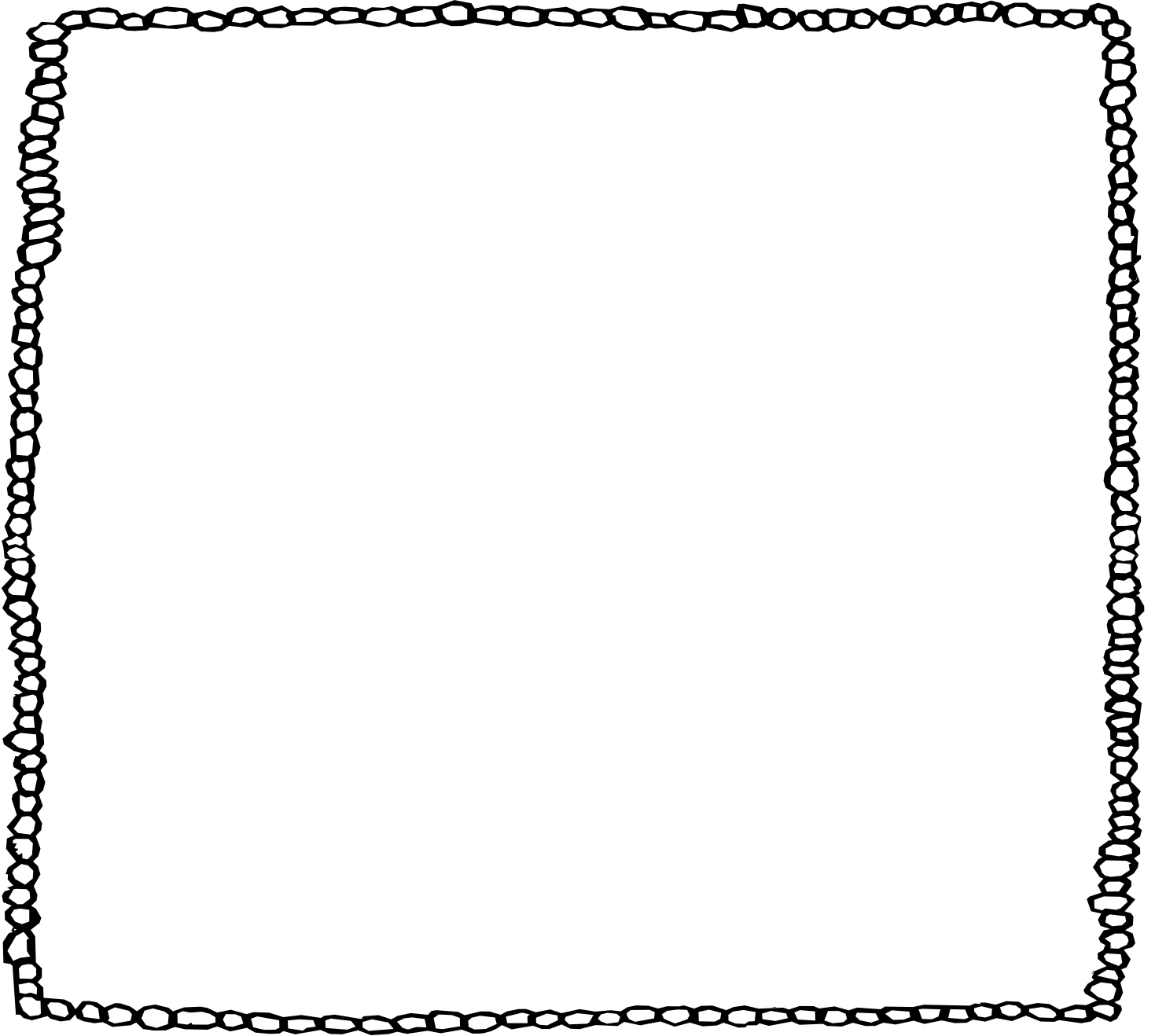
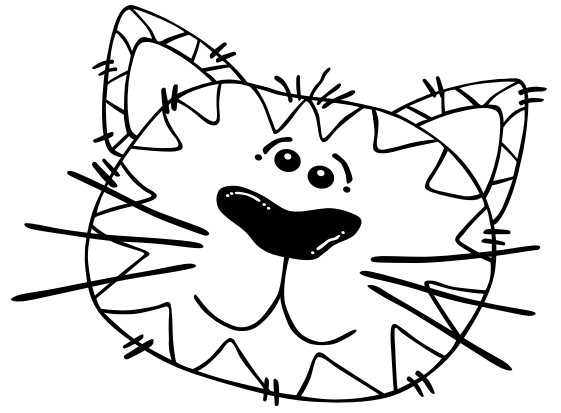
Teacher's Notes



Other books about naughty/cheeky cats and dogs

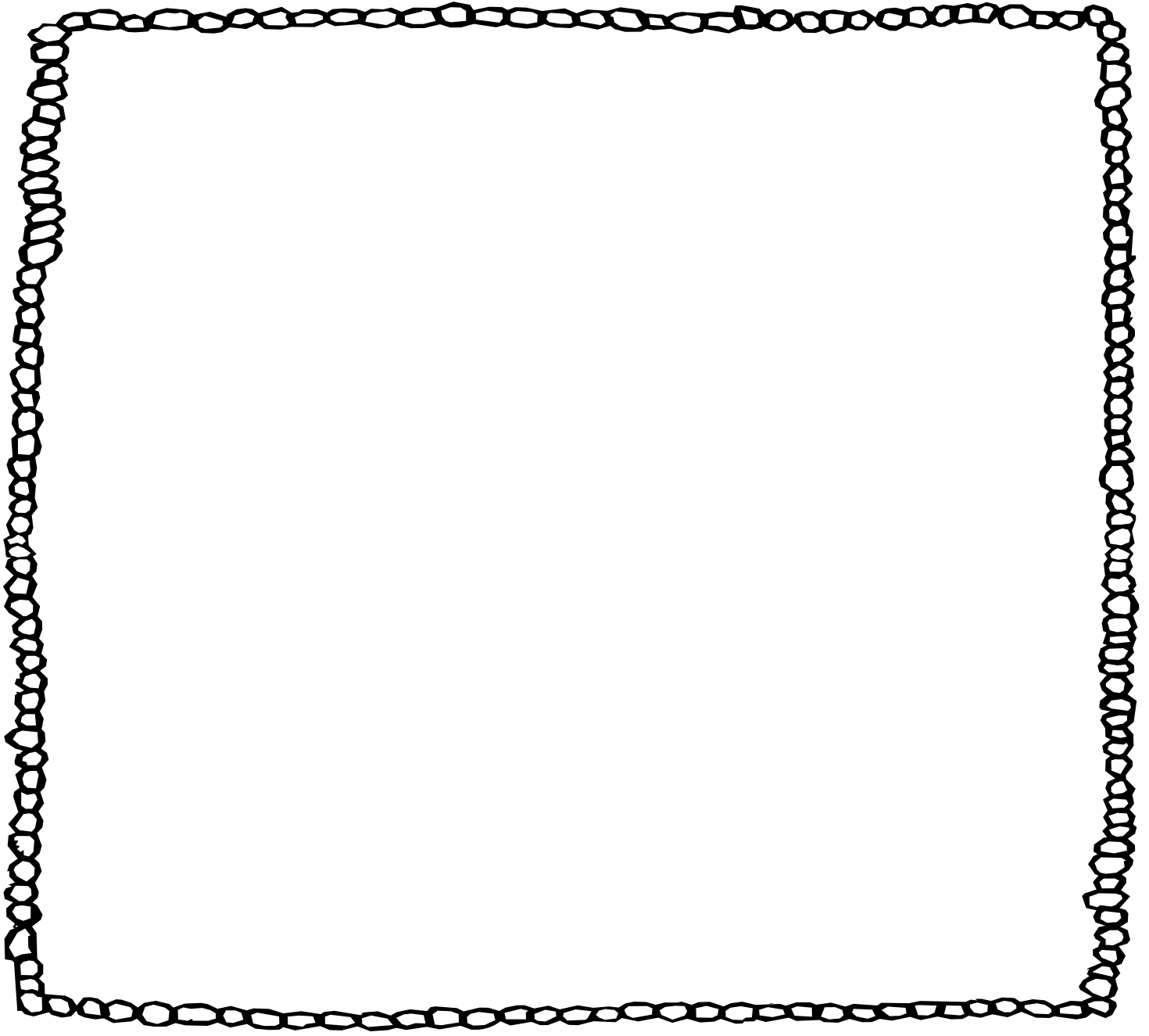


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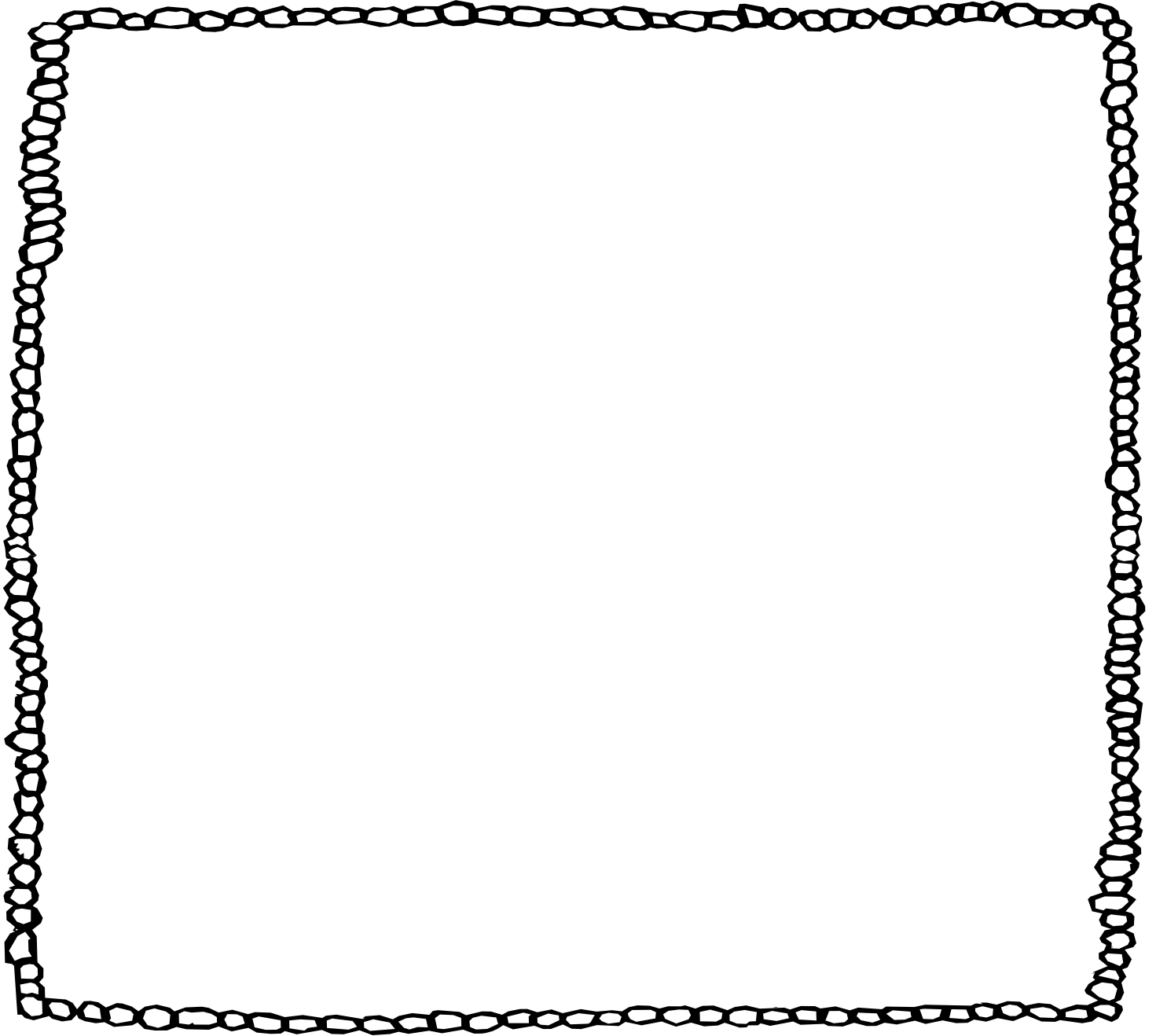
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My Dog



My dog is a bad / good dog because

My



My is a bad / good because
