

The cat is similar in [anatomy](#) to the other felid species: it has a strong flexible body, quick [reflexes](#), sharp teeth, and [retractable claws](#) adapted to killing small prey like mice and rats. Its [night vision](#) and sense of smell are well developed. [Cat communication](#) includes [vocalizations](#) like [meowing](#), [purring](#), trilling, hissing, [growling](#), and grunting as well as [cat-specific body language](#). Although the cat is a [social species](#), it is a solitary hunter. As a [predator](#), it is [crepuscular](#), i.e. most active at dawn and dusk. It can hear sounds too faint or too high in [frequency](#) for human ears, such as those made by [mice](#) and other small mammals.[\[7\]](#) It also secretes and perceives [pheromones](#).[\[8\]](#)