

FP Proposal

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For my final project prompt, I'm choosing to write about cats. My idea for this concept comes from my love and understanding of owning 4 cats at a time. From kittens to seniors I have experience with all ages of cats. My love for animals began when I was young and has only grown since then. My cats have been there for me more than they'll ever understand. But I've seen to come up with an odd speculation, that cats can understand English, they are just choosing not to respond.

When I look at my kittens after coming home and seeing a garbage bag ripped up on the floor. I ask them "who did this", they run away and hide but soon come back. Or when feeding time comes and my largest cat knows not to steal the kittens food, I tell him "no" and he shrinks his eyes at me looking at me like he knows what he's doing wrong. The tuxedo cat Milo who likes to knock anything and everything off of high places to get reactions out of my sister mom and I. Cats and humans have been living together for thousands of years, learning each others behaviors. The relationship between a cat and a human is a different kind of bond only cat people seem to understand.

This idea of cats understanding English but choosing to ignore us creates a fun perspective for a lot of people to relate to. There are millions of cat owners across the world and many people can understand and connect to this humorous untruth. I believe this story could also make people who maybe aren't as familiar with cats to treat them with more respect and patience. But also to see their humorous side. Cats are smarter than people give them credit for. They learn our behaviors, make us laugh and are capable of showing affection; on their terms of course. I hope this untruth changes the way we interact with our cats and interpret their behaviors, cats are simply amazing.

This could become a benevolent untruth simply because anyone with a cat has had a circumstance where they know their cat is listening to them. They know their names. But this untruth is that we communicate with our cats everyday. Maybe and hopefully this untruth can encourage and inform people about cats and their behaviors. Maybe people should try harder to be polite to cats, have more patience with them. If anything this concept challenge the way we look at cats. Through this magnificent website we can uncover the truth about how our cats choose to acknowledge us or not. While this is considered a benevolent truth, it serves to further deepen our bond with our cats and all animals. This untruth comes from my personal experience but also heard

experiences from others. What would you do if your cat showed you they understood you?