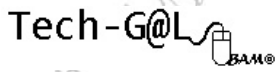


# A Kidz guide to the Cat-titude



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Ninja Martin all dressed up!

Just like you when you are happy, comfortable and safe, you want to be around other kids and have fun. But when you are angry, scared and sick, usually you just want to be left alone. Cats are mostly the same way.

: -) Smile means that they are GOOD feelings, so have fun with your cat!

: -( Sad means that they are BAD feelings, so stay away for awhile but check on your cat regularly.

: -| OK means that you should leave your cat alone just for a little while.

Here are some things to help you [communicate](#) with your [cat](#).

: -) Playing-running, jumping, whacking, chasing, and hunting. This keeps your cat happy and healthy and it is her way of having fun. So have some fun with her; toss or make her chase her toys. You can even play peek-a-boo.

: -) [Purring](#)-they are SUPER happy, feel safe and are comfortable. They love you and life is good!

: -| Scratching-they are itchy, when you itch you scratch, right? You can interrupt their scratching, just watch for their nails. If they continue to scratch for a long time then they could have fleas, so you should have a parent check your cat.

: -( Growling-they are angry or unhappy. Leave them alone, unless there is something wrong like they are hurt or fighting then get a parent. Just like you, when you are mad, you just want to be left alone. Soon your cat, will be fine and happy again.

: -) Meowing-is a cat talking. Pet him, check his food, water and litterbox. Toss him a toy.

: -) Licking-[cats](#) clean themselves this way. Often they lick their paws and then use their paws to rub the top of their head, behind their ears, etc.

: -| Hiding or sulking-this usually means that your cat is sad or doesn't feel well. They do this when they have been yelled at or have done something wrong. If your cat acts this way for no reason or more than a day, have your parent check your cat. Other times, cats may do this when there are a lot of people or there is a lot of noise.

: -( Hissing-scared or afraid. Just like growling, you should leave your cat alone. If your cat is hissing a for a long time or there is something scaring your cat, get a parent to help remove what is causing your "scaredy cat".

: -) Rubbing-when your cat rubs or brushes up against your feet or legs, she wants your attention. Pet her, check her food, water and litterbox. Maybe even toss her a toy.

: -) Noodling, pawing, clawing with nails relaxed-your cat wants to rest, lay or sit and get even more comfortable, probably on or near you.

: -| Eating-they are hungry. You should never interrupt any animal when it's eating.

: -| Sleeping-tired kitty, let your cat rest, he'll be ready to play again in no time.

Have your parents visit this link for information on you and [your cat](#). Visit this link , if you are [kid](#) and want more cat facts.

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