

# 15 Days without a head and other stories ...

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## Writing Prompt – The Secret Life of Pets!



What do pets get up to when their owners go to sleep or leave the house? When the cat disappears through the cat flap and over the fence, where does she go? Perhaps she explores for miles to go on daring adventures ... or maybe she just finds a nice warm spot on someone's roof to go to sleep, like our cat!?

Today's challenge is to write or draw from the point of view of a pet animal/bird/fish/reptile/insect etc. If you have pets at home, you could write as one of them.

Think about how the world appears to an animal or bird. You might have to get down on your hands and knees to find out what things look like from carpet level or on high (*Please don't try to find out what it feels like to fly though! You can take research too far and it's bound to end badly.*)

- What do pets think about?
- What do they think of us?

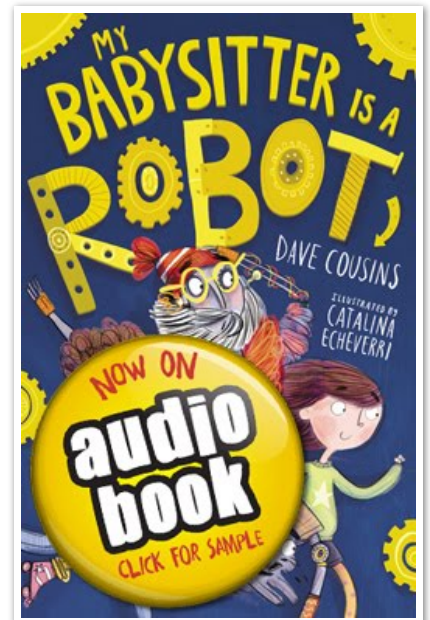
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- Do they understand what we say to them?
- What's the most important thing in their daily lives?

You could write about what happens when they wake up. Do they wait patiently for you to appear and let them outside, or do they go and hassle you for food?

**Have a think about how your pet might actually write! What words would they use?** Listen to “**Big Dog’s Best Poem**” by **Nick Toczek** for some inspiration!

Have some fun with it and don’t forget to let me know how you get on.

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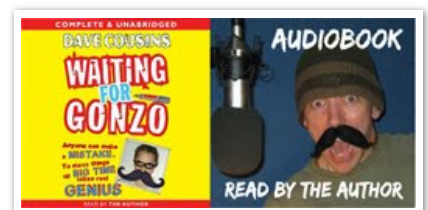


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