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Animal Athletes

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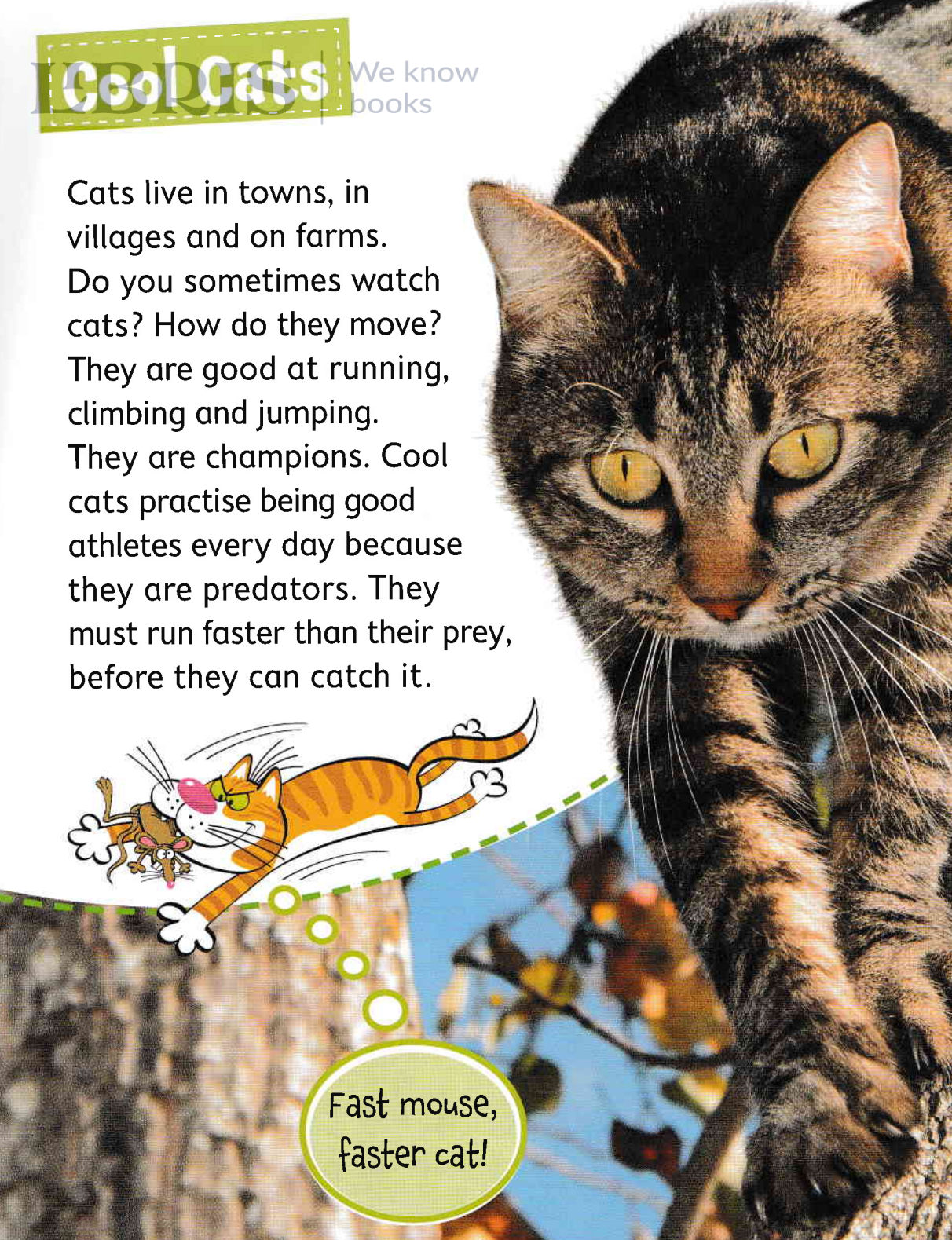
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Cool Cats

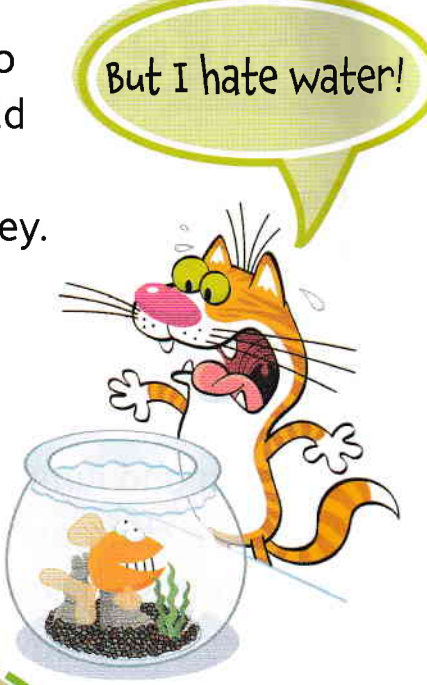
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Cats live in towns, in villages and on farms. Do you sometimes watch cats? How do they move? They are good at running, climbing and jumping. They are champions. Cool cats practise being good athletes every day because they are predators. They must run faster than their prey, before they can catch it.



Tigers and cheetahs are big cats. They do not live with people because they are wild animals. They live in forest habitats and grassland and where they can find big prey.

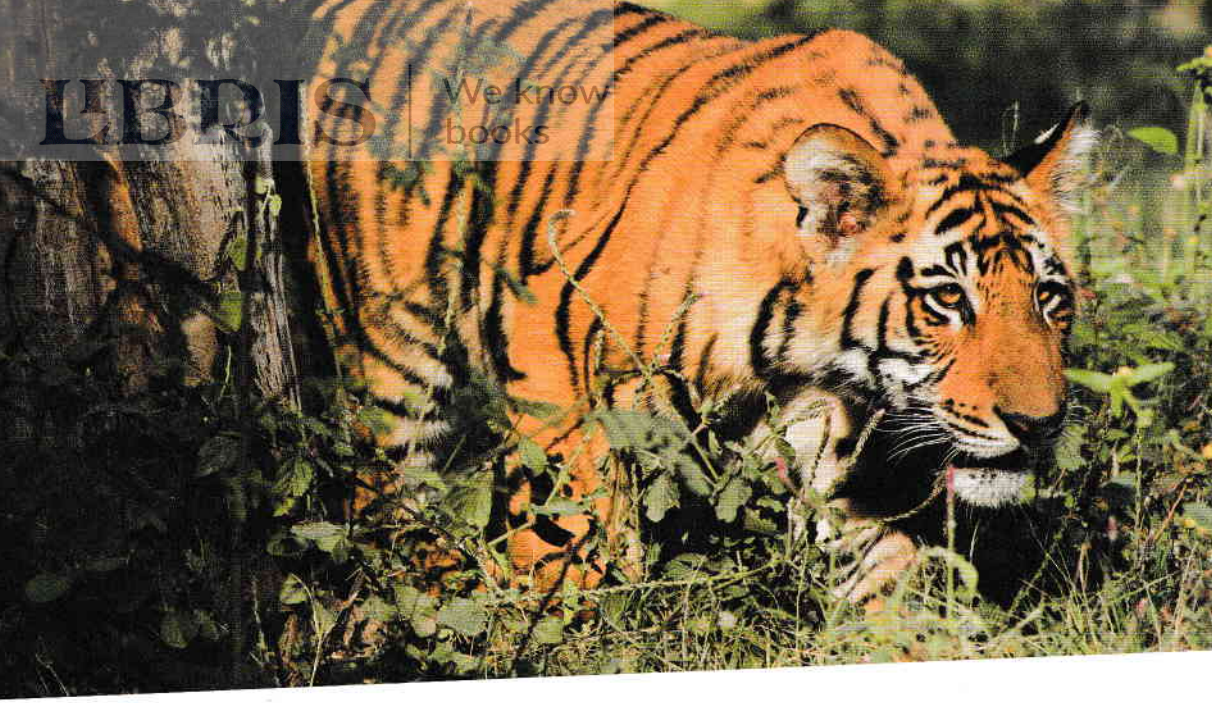
The tiger is the biggest of all the big cats. It lives in different countries of Asia. Because it swims well, it can carry its prey through water.





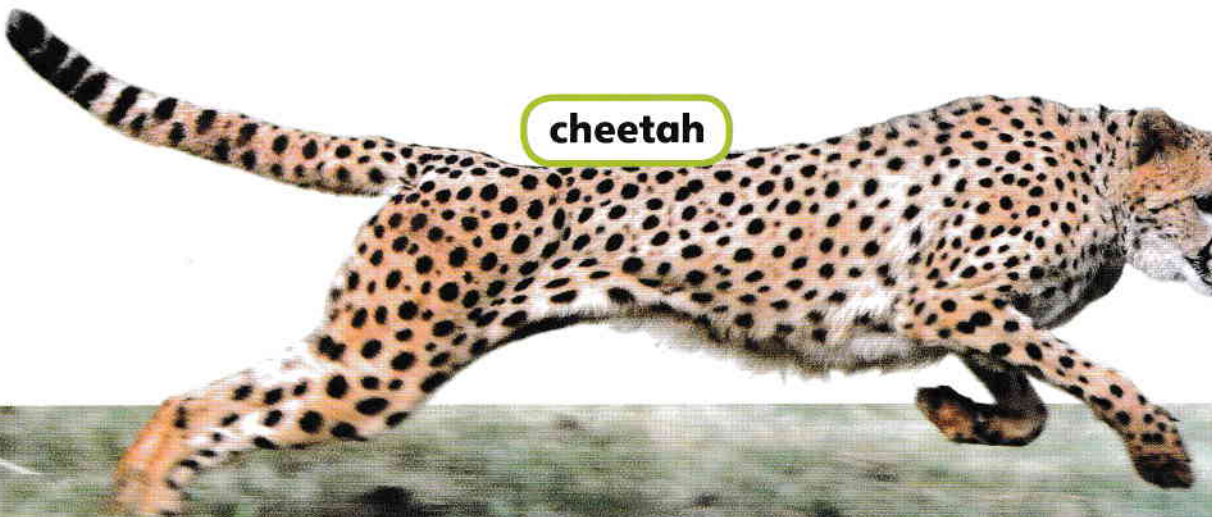
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It is a dangerous predator because it runs very fast and can jump more than 4 metres. A tiger can easily hide in trees and long grass, where its prey cannot see it.

The cheetah is the fastest animal on four legs. It can run at a speed of 120 km/h. It is a champion athlete.



Acrobats in Trees

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Spider monkeys live in forest habitats in Central and South America. They have prehensile tails which hold on to branches. They can swing from branch to branch with their tails. At the same time they can hold food in their hands.

Spider monkeys eat plants, insects and birds' eggs. They are fantastic acrobats in trees.

