

16. The addressing of cats

Cat 3

You've heard of several kinds of cat,
And my opinion now is that
You should need no interpreter
To understand our character.

All

You've earned enough to take the view
That cats are very much like you.

You've seen us both at work and games
And learnt about our proper names,
Our habits and our habitat
But how would you address a cat.

Year 6 boys

So first, your memory I'll jog
And say: a cat is not a dog.

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Cat 4

With cats, some say, one rule is true.
Don't speak "till you are spoken to.

Cat 5

Myself, I do not hold with that
I say, you should address a cat
But always keep in mind that he
Resents familiarity.

Year 6 girls

You bow and taking off your hat,
Address him in this form "O cat!"

Before a cat will condescend
So treat you as a trusted friend
Some little token of esteem
Is needed, like a dish of cream;

And you might now and then supply
Some caviar or strassburg pie,
Some potted grouse or salmon paste
He's sure to have his personal taste.
And so in time you reach your aim
And call him by his name

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