

What Cats Say With Their Eyes



Our furry friends seem to say a lot without saying anything at all. It's all in the subtleties and body language. So how do cats communicate with their eyes?

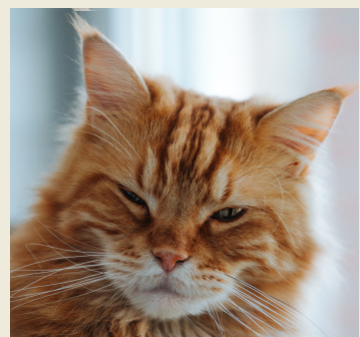
The Unblinking Stare

This is usually a sign of dominance, control or aggression. It's a sign your cat is guarding themselves or their territory.



Kitty Kisses

These slow eye blinks are a sure sign that your cat loves you. In fact, they've become known as 'kitty kisses'. Keep an eye out for partially-closed lids, a sleepy expression, and languid eye blinks.



The Slit Pupil

If you see your cat's pupils suddenly shrink to tiny slivers, it's a sign that something has caught their attention! It might be prey, it might be a cat toy ... it might be your hand!



Narrowed Eyes

If your cat narrowing its eyes, flattening its ears and backing away, it's a clear signal that they are on the defence. They are likely scared or intimidated, and at times like this, they need their space.



Eyes Wide Open

Wide, alert and open eyes are a sign of trust for cats. You'll notice their pupils are still wide and undiluted. When your cat is in a mood like this, they might even come to you for fuss or a head butt.



The Lazy Eye Squint

Not quite a blink, not quite asleep, the squint is a content middle-ground between snoozing and awake. Your cat is at ease, comfortable and at peace with the world.

