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CATS CATS CATS !

Some interesting information

By **Camille MAITRE**

Everywhere you go, there are cats: in towns, at the countryside, in houses....

In Ancient Egypt, cats were sacred. They were the symbol of kindness and protection.



Before, men had cats to protect against rats, mice, scorpions, and spiders. They were introduced onto boats to protect merchandises and ropes.

In houses, they protected agricultural products.

Today, cats have become pets in many families, chosen because of their independence.

They are mischievous and like cuddles. They know how to express their needs for food or to get in or out of the house.

They always pick the hottest and the most comfortable spot in the house: cushions, beds or near a fireplace.

Personally, I love my cat; He is very soft with his big blue eyes. I can talk to him and he comes to sleep on my bed every night.

A riddle for you:

“What is the only house where Mickey plays with Nelson?”

It is at 10 Downing Street (London) where Sir Winston Churchill lived with his two cats (Mickey and Nelson!).



THE FRANC-COMTOIS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE

By **Lilian PLUBELLE**

The franc-comtois (“*Frainc-Comtou*” in Franc-Comtois) is an old language **coming from** the Latin languages family.

The Franc-Comtois is composed of many dialects:

- Saône : spoken in the high Plateaux of Haute-Saône
- Doubs-Ognon : spoken in the Ognon valley
- Lomont-Doubs : spoken in the massif of Lomont
- Ajoulot : spoken in Ajoie
- Vâdais : spoken in Dolémon

And the Taignon : spoken in the Franches-Montain

The particularity of this language is the accentuation of the vowels pronouncing a long time.

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Its speakers are named "comtophones", and they were 3800 at the beginning of the 18th century. It is spoken in France and Switzerland (in the Jura's Canton).

The boundary between the *Franc-Comtois* and the *Jurassien franco-provençal* is the border between the Baillage du Milieu and the Baillage d'Aval.

Contrary to a received idea, it was a written language too. The oldest text dates back to 1525 and is called "the Généry and Richard Prévot's ballad" (also called : *Le chant de Rosemont*). There is also : « *Dialogue de Porte Noire et de Pilory sur la prise de Besançon par les Français* », written in 1668.

Here is a Jean de la Fontaine's fable - *Le Corbeau et le Renard* – in Franc-comtois language !

Lo Corbé et lo Rena

*Mâtre Corbé d'chu un arbe pertchi
Ténait dans son boc un fromâidje.*

*Mâtre Rena poi la sentue âitîri
I tint è peu pri ce langdje*

When you read this, you understand why it's the most beautiful language of the world, because it's really romantic and it's sweet to the ear!



SCHINDLER'S LIST

By **Coralie PARAVIS** and **Lola VOITEY**



Schindler's List is an American movie. it's a dramatic film.

The release date of this movie is 1993.

The director is Steven Spielberg.

The actors are:

- Liam Neeson in the role of Oskar Schindler
- Ralph Fiennes in the role of Amon Goeth
- Ben Kingsley in the role of Itzalk Stern

The film is inspired from the book written by Thomas Keneally.

It was adapted at the cinema by Steven Spielberg in 1993.

This film is in black and white. There is only one colour on the dress of a little girl and on a candle.

The candle is spreading so it expresses Hope and the little girl represents the innocence. The movie denounces the extermination of Jewish people.

It is based on real testimonies thanks to little movies relating true stories.

This film describes how Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist succeeded in saving 1,200 Jews from the concentration camp during the Second World War.