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Finding courage through a
purr-fect friendship



Activity Pack

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Explore our feelings

We all feel different feelings each day. In the story the main character, Gabe, has lots of feelings. Let's talk about them.

Read the story aloud.

What feelings does Gabe feel at each of these moments shown in the pictures?

Have you ever felt these feelings? When?



his teacher tells him his presentation is next Monday



he meets his cat for the first time



he notices Art, the cat, is nervous



his mum supports him before his presentation



his cat snuggles in next to him



his class clap after his presentation



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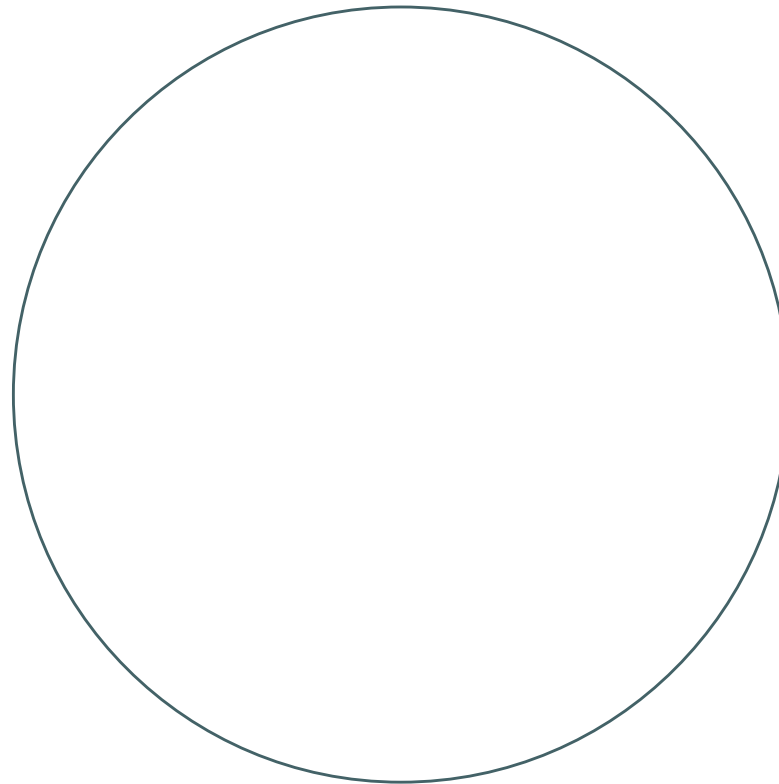


Create your own Confidence Cat

Scaredy Cat is a story about building confidence. Let's create our own confidence cats and celebrate small acts of bravery. Can you think about a time you were brave?

Create your own cat face here. Remember to include:

- Eyes
- Nose
- Ears
- Mouth
- Whiskers





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Let's write a diary entry

Write a diary entry about the day when Art the cat comes to live with Gabe's family.

- First, write the diary as Gabe.
- Then, write the diary again as Art the cat. Think about how Gabe and Art might be feeling and what they are thinking on that day.

Diary 1: Gabe's human diary

Date:

Diary 2: Art's cat diary

Date:

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About the book



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Written by Alex Falase-Koya
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Gabe and his rescue cat help each other to overcome their shyness in this heartwarming tale from the author of the bestselling Marv series!

Gabe is a very shy child, especially at school. But when Gabe's parents adopt a cat who is even shyer than Gabe, everything begins to change. Whilst the rest of the family's attempts to engage with their new pet only send it into hiding, it is Gabe who senses what the cat, Art, needs. Gabe sits quietly reading his favourite comic and slowly, slowly the cat comes out of hiding to join him.

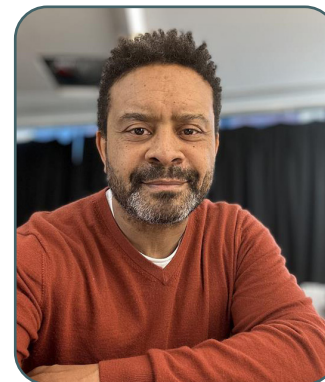
As Gabe and Art bond, both grow in confidence and assurance. So much so that when it is Gabe's turn to stand up in front of the class and tell them about his favourite book, he surprises himself, and his schoolmates, with his newfound confidence.

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About the creators



Alex Falase-Koya has been writing children's fiction since he was a teenager and was a winner of Spread the Word's 2019 London Writers Awards for YA and Children's. Alex is the author of the action-packed, nine book series Marv (Oxford University Press), which featured as a 2024 World Book Day title, and co-authored *The Breakfast Club Adventures* (Pan Macmillan), with England footballer Marcus Rashford. Following a strong presence in young fiction, Alex expands his portfolio into picture books with *Scaredy Cat*.



Ken Wilson-Max, an award-winning author, illustrator, and children's book publisher, was born in Zimbabwe. Ken has over 85 books published in many languages worldwide and his book, *Astro Girl* won the STEAM award for early years picture books in 2020. Of his other books, *Where's Lenny?* was listed in 50 Best Culturally Diverse Children's Books by The Guardian, and *Stars With Flaming Tales* won the CLiPPA Award for Poetry in 2022. *Scaredy Cat* will be Ken's first title with Oxford University Press. Ken was chosen as one of six illustrators to take part in BBC 500 Words and illustrated one of the 2025 winning stories.