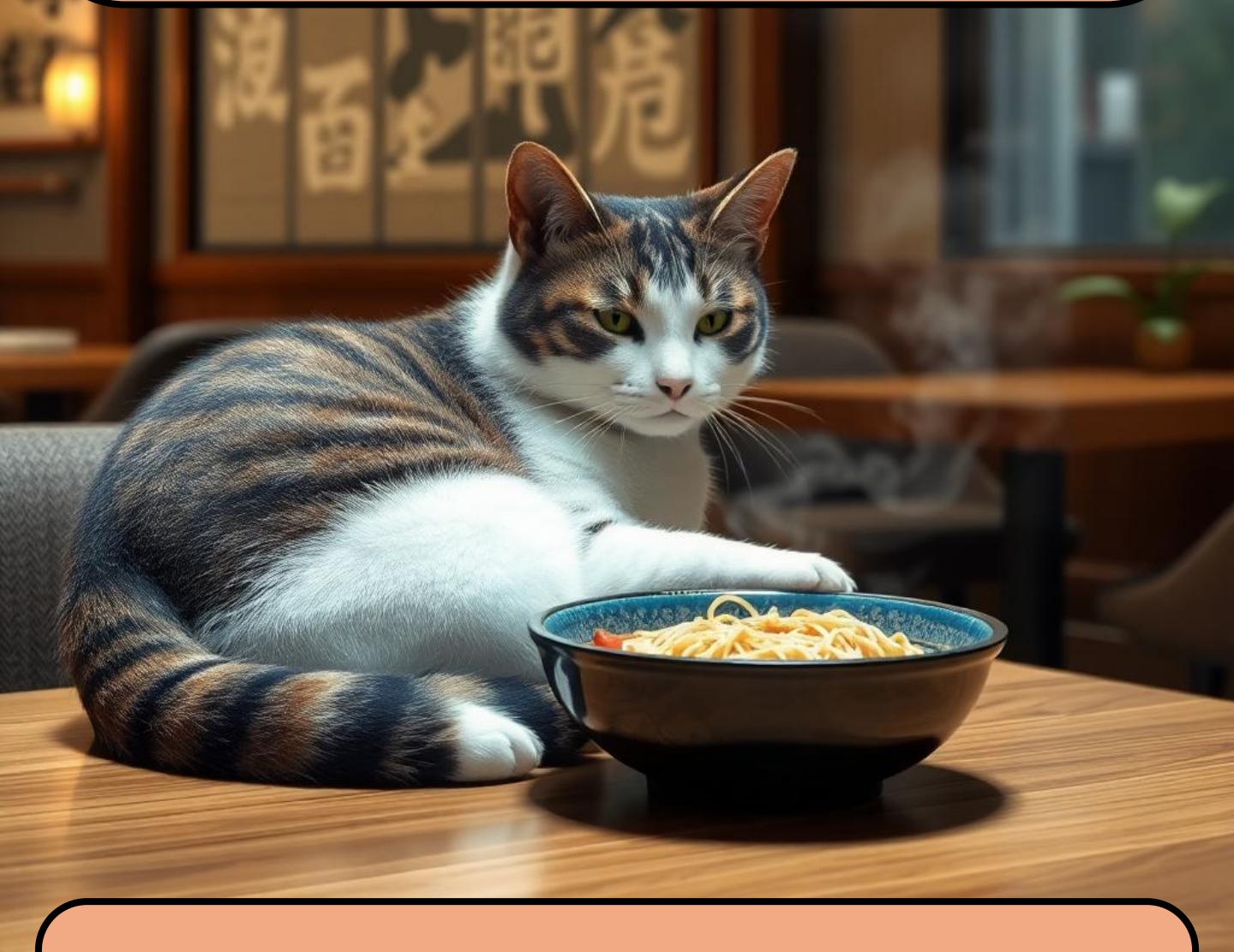


The Café Cat of Sankyo Street



**Sensory story by
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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Relaxing Japanese music e.g.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCwJaL6svRU>

Story ending:

- **The Cat Returns - "Kaze ni Naru" Romaji**



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Soft toy cat**
- **Water spray**
- **Ice**
- **Dark fabric**
- **Fish (e.g. tuna or sardines)**
- **Fine paint brushes**
- **Coffee granules or instant coffee**
- **Piece of smooth wood**
- **Cooked noodles**
- **Cloves of garlic**
- **Fresh/powdered turmeric**
- **Rice or rice cakes**
- **Fish sticks**
- **Teriyaki sauce**
- **Strips of cooked chicken**
- **Matcha tea or matcha powder**
- **Soft blanket**
- **Sound switch – cat purring**
- **Sound switch – “you should be so lucky”**
- **Cat name tag**



Resources and Sensory
Experiences

Soft toy cat
Water spray
Students rub their tummies
(gross motor)

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**A hungry cat padded
along the narrow rainy
street.**



Resources and Sensory Experiences

**Ice – rub on arms or necks
Dark fabric to place over
heads**

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**It was cold and dark
and no-one was about.**



Resources and Sensory Experiences

**Fish (e.g. tuna) to smell
Fine paint brushes to brush
cheeks (for whiskers)**



**As she passed a half
open door the cat could
smell fried fish.
Her whiskers twitched.**



**Resources and Sensory
Experiences**

**Coffee granules / instant
coffee for café smell
Piece of smooth wood**



**She crept inside.
It was a café with low
wooden tables.**



Resources and Sensory
Experiences

Noodles (feel and taste)
Fresh ginger(smell)
Fresh/powdered turmeric



**A lady sat eating
noodles with ginger and
turmeric tofu.
She gave the cat a taste.**



Resources and Sensory
Experiences

Rice or rice cakes
Fish sticks



**A man sat eating fried
fish with sticky rice.
He gave the cat a taste.**



Resources and Sensory Experiences

Teriyaki sauce to smell & taste

**Garlic cloves (smell)
(Possibly offer cooked chicken strips to smell/taste)**



**Another man had a
bowl of spicy miso soup
with strips of garlic
chicken.
He gave the cat a taste.**



Resources and Sensory Experiences

**Matcha tea or matcha tea
powder**

**Gently stroke/massage
students' heads / upper
backs**

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**A lady sat at another
table with a hot cup of
matcha tea.
She stroked the cat and
tickled it behind the
ears.**



Resources and Sensory
Experiences

Soft blanket



The owner brought a warm blanket for the cat to curl up on.



**Resources and Sensory
Experiences**

Sound switch – cat purring



“You can stay here as long as you want” he said as the cat started to purr.



Resources and Sensory Experiences

**Sound switch / screen –
“You should be so lucky”
Kylie Minogue
Cat name tag**



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**“We will call you
‘Rakki’ the lucky cat.”
Everyone loved Rakki.**



**Resources and Sensory
Experiences**

**Soft toy cat for children to
stroke**

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**And that is how Rakki
became the Café Cat of
Sankyo Street.**





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