
In this episode, **The Teacher** introduces you to three idiomatic phrases connected with cats.

1. **There isn't enough room to swing a cat**
 2. **Who let the cat out of the bag?**
 3. **To put the cat among the pigeons**
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Hello, I'm a very interesting and intelligent man.

And this is Tinkles, who, like me, is an excellent teacher of English.

Well, she is *my* cat...I bet you've never been taught by a cat before.

We live together in this house. Small, isn't it?

Not much room for Tinkles and me.

In fact there isn't enough room to swing a cat.

In English, if a room or a space is very small, we can say there isn't enough room to swing a cat.

There isn't enough room to swing a cat.

Unlike here, where there's plenty of room, isn't that right Tinkles?

I've got something to tell you... It's a bit of a secret.

Tinkles? Tinkles?

Oh, so you know my little secret already... Who let the cat out of the bag?

In English, if someone lets a secret be known, especially by mistake, we can say they let the cat out of the bag. **To let the cat out of the bag.**

Anyway, you are all invited... to Tinkles's wedding.

Cats... Little cuties, aren't they?

But never forget that underneath all that fluff they are vicious hunters.

So, it's not a good idea to put Tinkles with this lot.

In English, if there's something which causes trouble or makes people very angry we say it put a cat among the pigeons.

To put a cat among the pigeons.

Like when I told my students I'd spent the whole year preparing them for the wrong exam. That put the cat among the pigeons. Ah, they hated me *so* much, ha, ha, silly me.