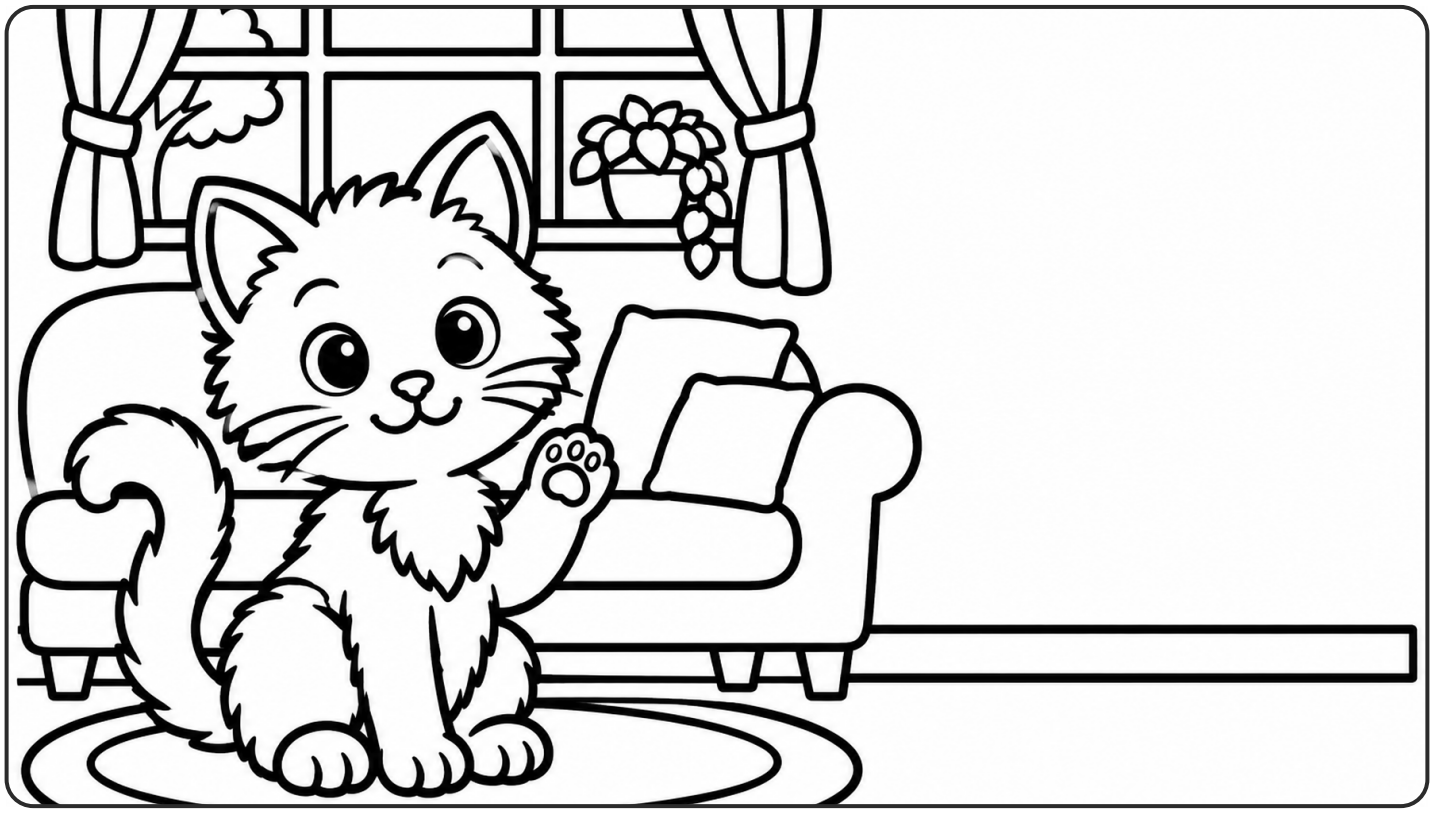
Why do cats purr?

Prrr, prrr! Why do cats purr?



Why?

1. **A purr is a rumbly buzz.**
   A purr is a soft, rumbly sound. And you can feel it, too! A purring cat buzzes, like a tiny motor.
2. **It comes from the throat.**
   The purr comes from the voice box. Tiny muscles there squeeze and let go, very fast. About twenty-five times every second! Cats purr when they breathe in, and when they breathe out.
3. **Not only happy purrs.**
   Grown-up cats purr when they feel cozy and happy. But cats also purr when they're hurt, or sick, or scared. Even at the vet!

Try it! Read the purr

You need: a grown-up and a friendly cat

1. When a cat purrs, look at it.
2. Sleepy, soft eyes? It's happy!
3. Hiding, or hurt? Tell a grown-up.

What happened? Purrs say lots of things!

Video + more questions:
whywhywhykids.com/purr

scan with a grown-up