Understanding and following instructions
Resources:
Video recording on laptop computer, coloured pencils, answer sheet

## Questions / instructions:

## This activity uses the computer.

The story on the video will tell you how to colour the cat on the white page. The cat is mainly white. While you are listening, colour the cat.

You will hear the story two times.
Click the Colour Cat button to hear the video.

> VIDEO voICEOVER:
> (Still image of cat on screen, same as on answer sheet.)
> No-one could decide on this cat's name. Some of the family wanted to call him "Boots" because his two front paws are black. Dad wanted to call him "Tipsy" because the tip of his tail is black.
> When he sits up straight you can see the pink inside of his ears. He also has a really cute pink nose. We nearly called him "Pinky" because of that.
> His big green eyes stare and stare at you. They are as green as green and seem to almost glow in the dark. The green is only broken up by the black line down the middle that makes his pupil. My brother wanted to call him "Grass" because of his eyes, but I think that's a stupid name for a cat.
> He has three whiskers on either side of his face. They are long and black and curl downwards. No-one wanted to call him "Whiskers" though.
> Mum got him a red collar for Christmas. It has a big blue circle name tag on it. She has got his name written on it. It says "Snow" so I guess that's what we'll call him now.


Colouring of cat included:

| two front paws - black | 40 (39) | 79 (70) |
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| tip of tail (not whole tail) - black | 69 (81) | 94 (95) |
| insides of ears - pink | 93 (94) | 97 (98) |
| nose - pink | 94 (96) | 99 (98) |
| eyes - green | 96 (98) | 99 (99) |
| pupil (black line down middle) - black | 47 (54) | 80 (80) |
| whiskers - three on either side | 80 (86) | 96 (93) |
| whiskers - black | 86 (90) | 95 (94) |
| whiskers - long (half the width of face and pass the edge of face) | 30 (40) | 49 (59) |
| whiskers - curl downwards | 64 (75) | 83 (89) |
| collar - red | 77 (78) | 93 (91) |
| name tag - circle | 68 (65) | 88 (83) |
| name tag - blue | 66 (65) | 89 (87) |
| name written on collar tag - Snow | 64 (66) | 85 (84) |
| Total score: 13-14 | 16 (23) | 58 (61) |
| 11-12 | 35 (36) | 29 (24) |
| 9-10 | 20 (20) | 8 (9) |
| 7-8 | 13 (9) | 3 (3) |
| 0-6 | 16 (12) | 3 (3) |

## Subgroup Andlyses:



## Commentary:

Year 4 students were moderately successful with this task involving following instructions, while year 8 students performed quite well. Girls did slightly better than boys did, and Pakeha students did somewhat better than Māori and Pasifika students. There was little change between 2002 and 2006.

