


## Morning Starters: Autumn 2 - Mountain Mammals

### Word Challenge

**Make a list of job-related nouns that end with the suffix '-ist.'**

e.g. scientist, artist, ...

### Grammar Challenge

Click text to edit 

**Write a sentence about a mother mountain lion and her kittens, which includes a possessive apostrophe.**

**Example:** Inside the den, the kittens curled up against their mother's warm fur.

**Challenge:** Write a follow-on sentence that includes a simile.

### Did You Know?

Mountain lions are known by many names, including cougar, puma, and catamount. They are the most wide-ranging cat species in the world and are found as far north as Canada and as far south as Chile. Mountain lion kittens are occasionally removed from their dens by scientists so that they can be fitted with kitten-sized tracking devices. These high-tech collars, carefully designed to be lightweight and non-intrusive, allow researchers to monitor the kittens' movements, health and survival rates as they grow up in their mountain habitat.

**Where in the world is Chile?** Click the 



Credit: BBC Two - Mountain Lions: Big Cats in High Places

### Number Challenge

**Fact:** Mountain lions have powerful hind legs that enable them to jump a distance of up to 13 metres.

**Prove that the number 13 is the 6th prime number?**

### Critical Thinking

**If you saw an abandoned mountain lion kitten on a hike, what would you do and why?**