

## Nine Lives: Last Word

Teachers often operate from a view that respect is shown when the teacher is the last one talking. Instead of deciding who will have the last word (you or the cat) make the decision based on the group. How does the class see the situation? If the class is ignoring the cat student, you can also ignore them. You don't have to have the last word.

Discuss a time when you had the "last word" with a cat in front of the class. Were you aware of how the class was viewing the situation?

Discuss a time when you had the "last word" with a cat in front of the class because you knew the class wanted to you take care of the situation. How did you know they were looking to you to have the last word?

Discuss a time when you let the cat have the “last word.” How did you know the class was ok with you ignoring the cat?

**Reflect** on your ideas about “having the last word.”