

Simon's Cat Videos

Materials/Resources:

The *Simon's Cat* videos are incredibly creative and provide therapists an engaging resource for therapy. Any of these videos can be used to address a variety of skills in therapy and are a favorite for children and adults alike.

The complete collection of the Simon's Cat videos can be found on the following website:

<http://www.simonscat.com/Films/>

In addition, the videos are also on Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/simonscat>

Skills Targeted:

- *Story Telling
- *Predictions/Inferences
- *Problem Solving
- *Summarizing
- *Main Idea/Details
- *Pragmatics

Instruction:

1. After watching a video, have students summarize, re-tell the story, highlight key details, provide the sequence of the story within the video, and/or discuss literary elements of the videos.
2. Pause video and facilitate comments from students that require predictions about what comes next, how a solution provided will solve a problem, etc.
3. Discuss and analyze instances of body language, nonverbal communication, and emotions noted in the videos and apply to personal experiences.
4. Have students create their own pet story for presentation within a small group.
5. Weave articulation, voice, and fluency skills into activity for carryover and targeted strategies, when applicable.