Looking for the Cat in the Ghat

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Teacher Reads to Students: Student conservationists, Deepa and Tim, go on a trip to the Western Ghat with Sandesh, a wildlife photographer. Deepa has an invention that lets the team talk to the animals.
But they do not see the big cat. Deepak, Tim, and Sandesh go to look for a big cat.

Then a stick snaps. Tim sees a big white and black cat. The cat runs fast into the trees. Tim clicks.
Oh, no! The big white and black cat is too fast. Deepa has a plan to find the Cat in the Ghat. She will talk to the animals.

First, Tim, Deepa, and Sandesh see elephants. Deepa asks, “Did you see a big white and black cat?” But the elephants tell them, “No, go back!”
But the tiger tells them, "No, go back!"

Deepa asks the tiger, "Did you see a big white and black cat?"

Next, Tim sees a tiger. Click!

Tim sees deer. Click!

Deepa asks, "Did you see a big white and black cat?"

But the deer tell them, "No, go back!"
The frog will tell you: “Go find the frog at the pond.”

Deepa asks, “Did you see a big white and black cat?”

Then, Tim sees a black and white monkey. Click!

Tim finds the frog at the pond. Click!

Deepa asks, “Did you see the big white and black cat?”

The frog says, “Yes, he is up the hill by the creek.

Look at the trees as you pass by.”
Deepa, Tim, and Sandesh are upset.

"Oh, no!" Deepa says, "Look at all the trees. Who cut down all the trees?"

Deepa, Tim, and Sandesh go up the hill. They see the big white and black cat as it sips and sips from the creek. Deepa asks, "Can we snap a photo of you?"
Deepa, Tim, and Sandesh have a plan to tell people to help the animals in the Western Ghat. People see the photos of the animals. They can see the animals need trees.
Deepa and Tim tell the kids in class that this is the big white and black cat. The kids want to help the animals in the Western Ghats too.

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