

Fun and interesting facts (About Tom and Jerry)

1. Who created Tom and Jerry?

[William Hanna and Joseph Barbera](#) created cartoon characters Tom (the cat) and Jerry (the Mouse) for [Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer](#).

2. Did you know the first short in which Tom and Jerry appeared?

The first time The Tom and Jerry cartoon duo appeared on the screen was on February 10, 1940, in a short film named [“Puss Gets the Boot”](#). The Puss Gets the Boot short was produced by [Rudolf Ising](#).

3. Do you what the first short of Tom and Jerry is based on?

Puss gets the Boot, the first short by the Tom an Jerry duo, is based on the Aesop fable [‘The Cat and The Mice’](#).

4. Did you know the story behind the name Tom and Jerry?

Originally, the Tom and Jerry were named Jasper (cat) and Jinx (mouse) respectively. There was a studio-wide contest held by Hanna- Barbera to rename the duo, and the animator, [John Carr](#) suggested the names Tom And Jerry for the cat and mouse duo, winning a \$50 reward. John Carr got the idea for the name from a Christmas drink, known as [Tom and Jerry](#), which is eggnog with brandy and rum. The author of [the book Life in London, Pierce Egan](#), invented the name of the cocktail, a Tom and Jerry.

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