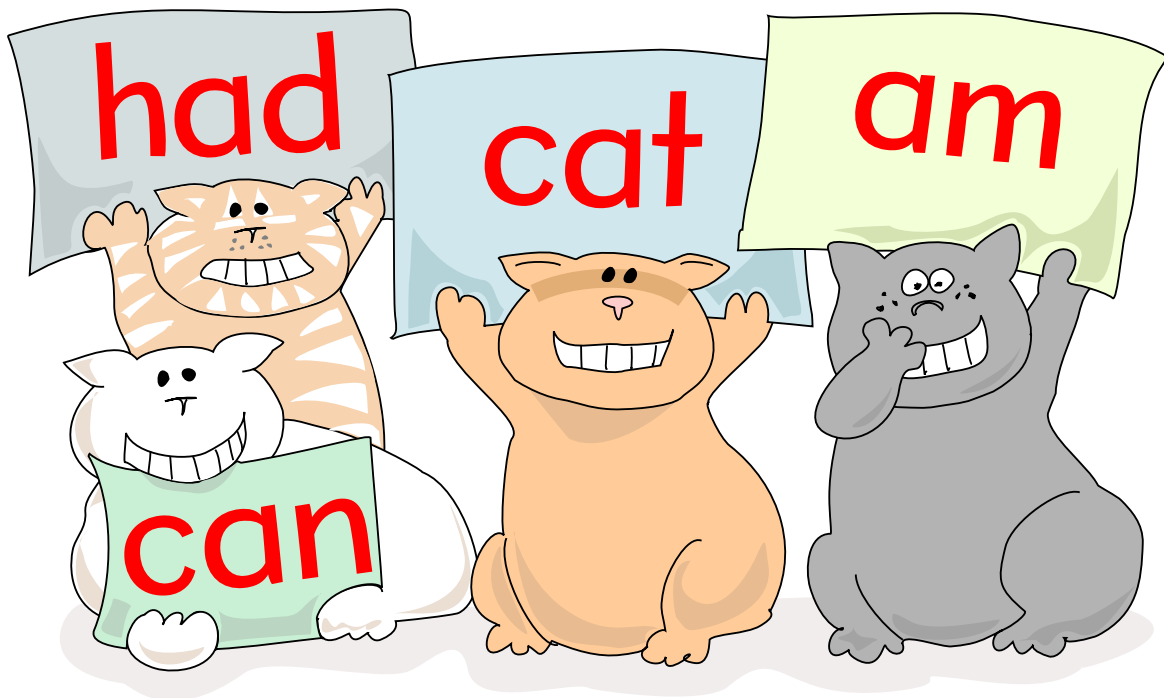


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Beginner
Book **1**



Short Vowel "A"

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For my Mom, who
made it all possible.

Letters & words used in this book

c a t s m n d h r

at	mat	can	am	had
cat	rat	man	ram	dad
hat	sat	ran	Sam	sad
		nan		

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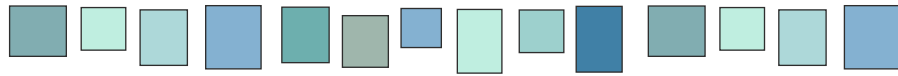
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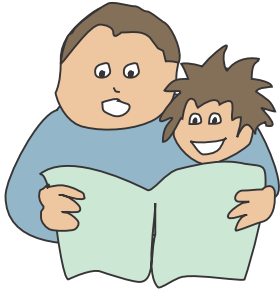
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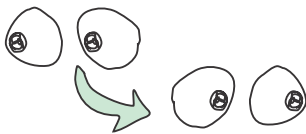
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Quick Start Guide



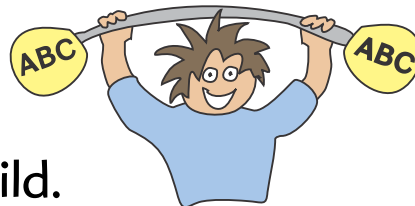
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

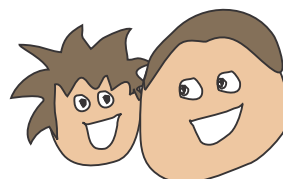


Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don't rush it. Body-builders don't train in a day – neither does a child.



And most important of all, **HAVE FUN!**

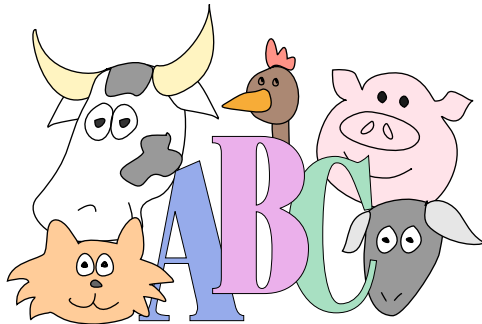




(Read this page TO
your child.)

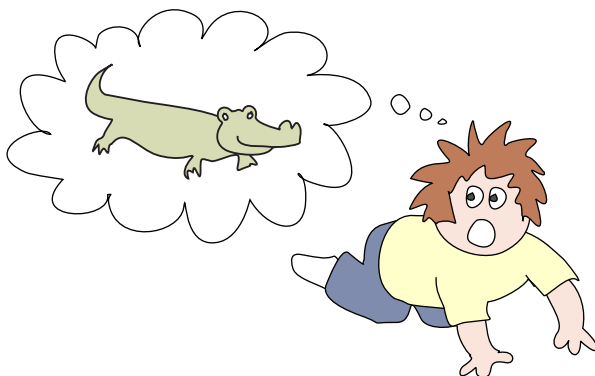
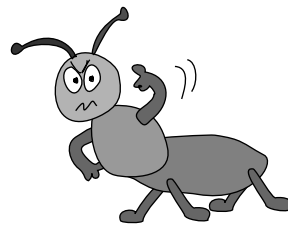
Today we are going to
practice the “ah” sound.

The “ah” sound is in lots
of words, like --



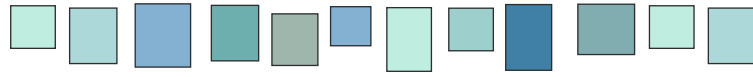
animal
alphabet

angry ant



act like an
alligator.

"at" family



at

cat

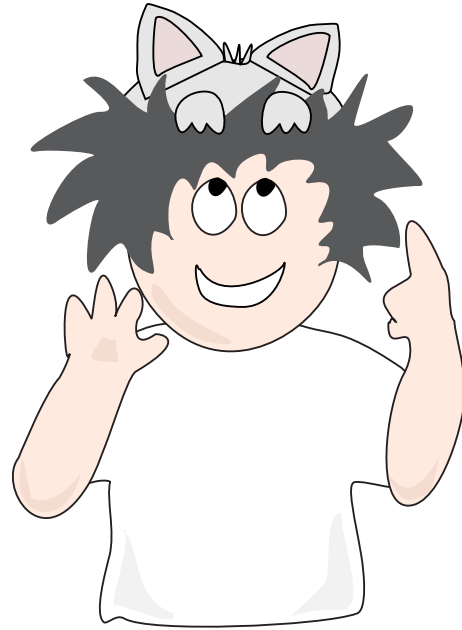
hat

mat

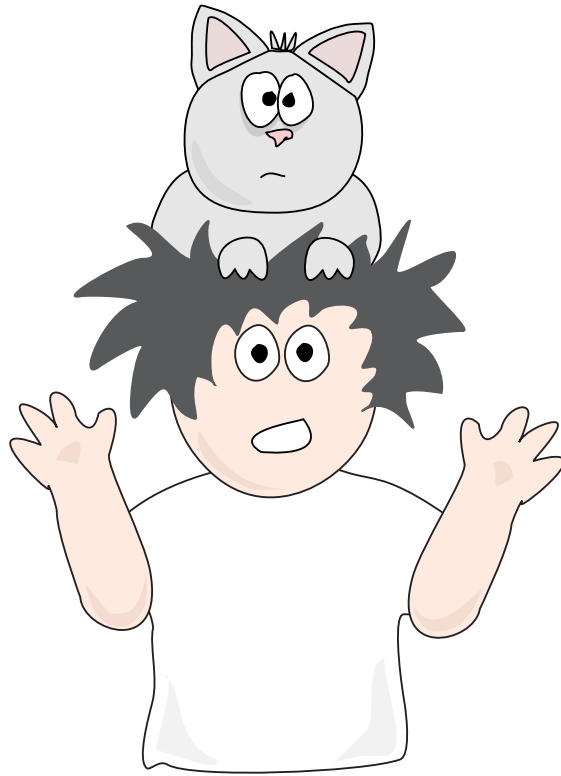
rat

sat

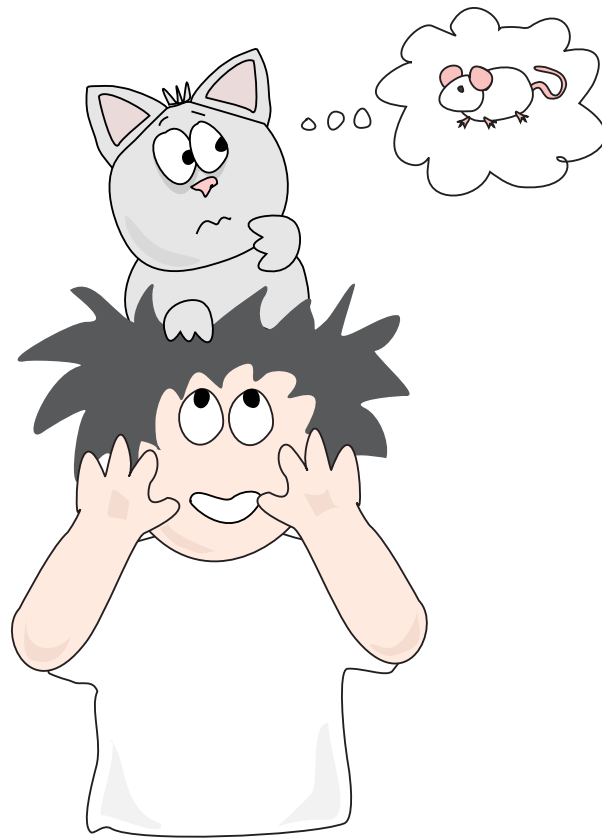
Look At My Cat



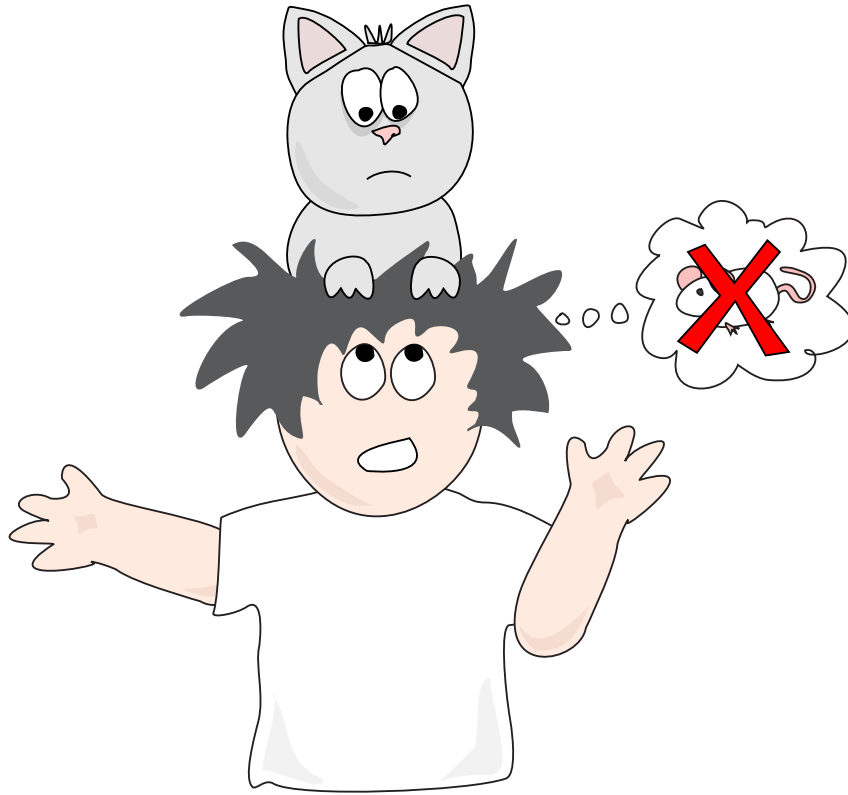
Look, look,
would you look
at that?



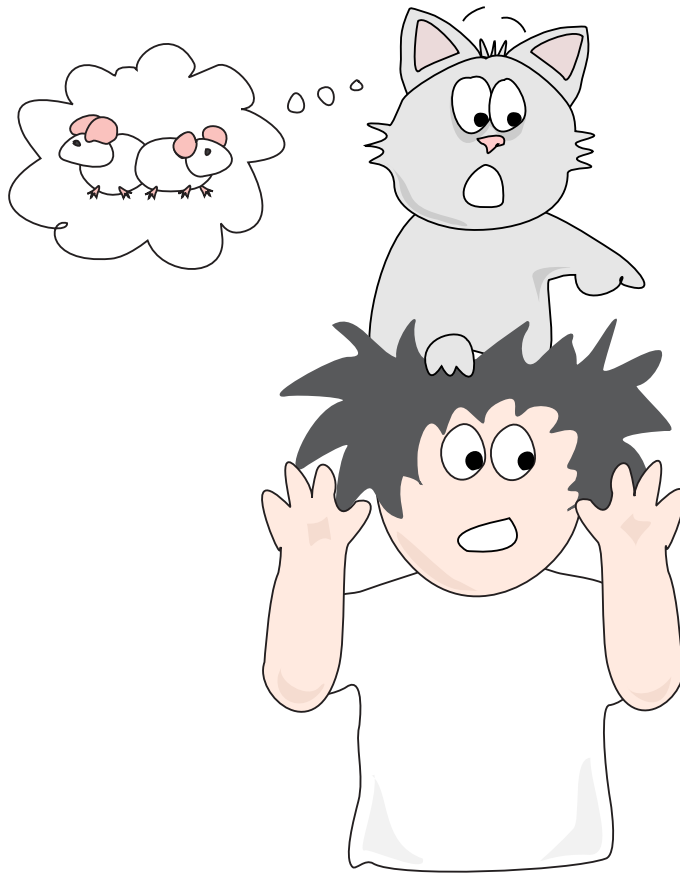
That is not
a hat, that
is my **cat**.



My silly **cat** is
scared of mice, so
she hides on my head
all day and night.



I tell my **cat**,
“Don’t be scared.
Mice can’t catch
you way up there.”

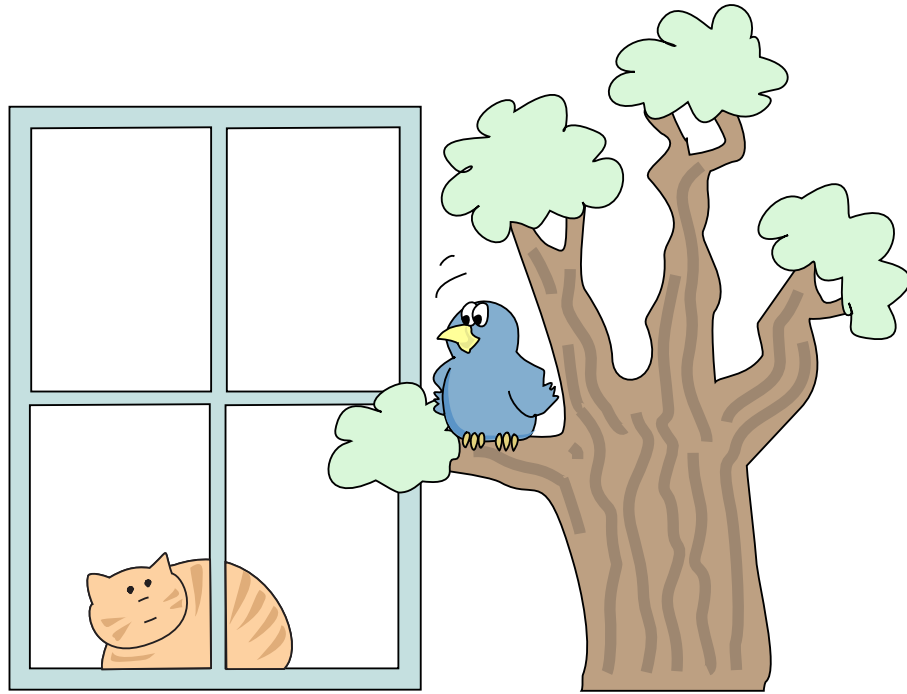


Then one day
my **cat** said,
“Mice!”

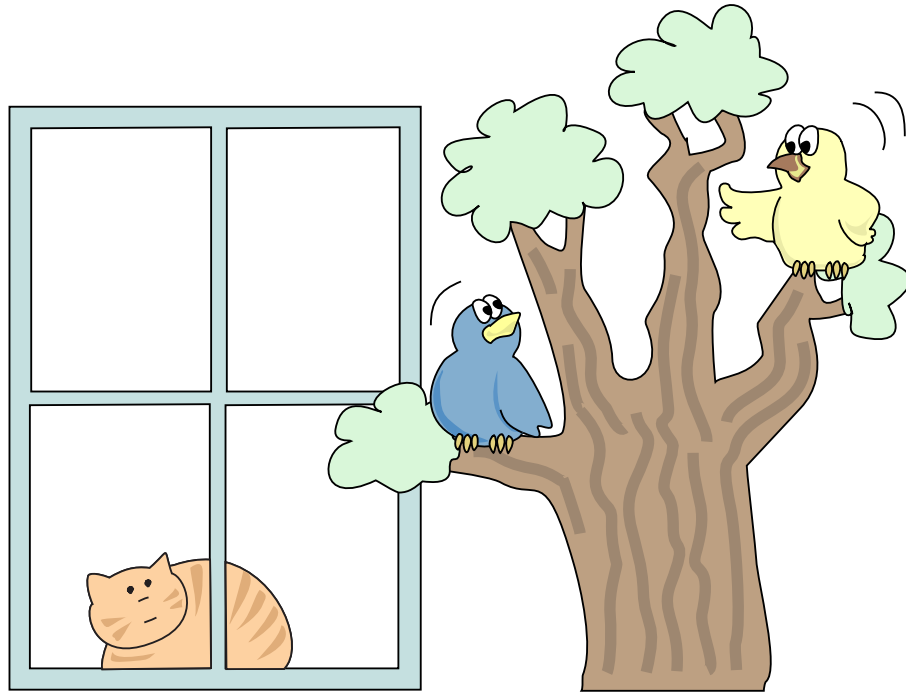


I got so scared
that I screamed
twice.

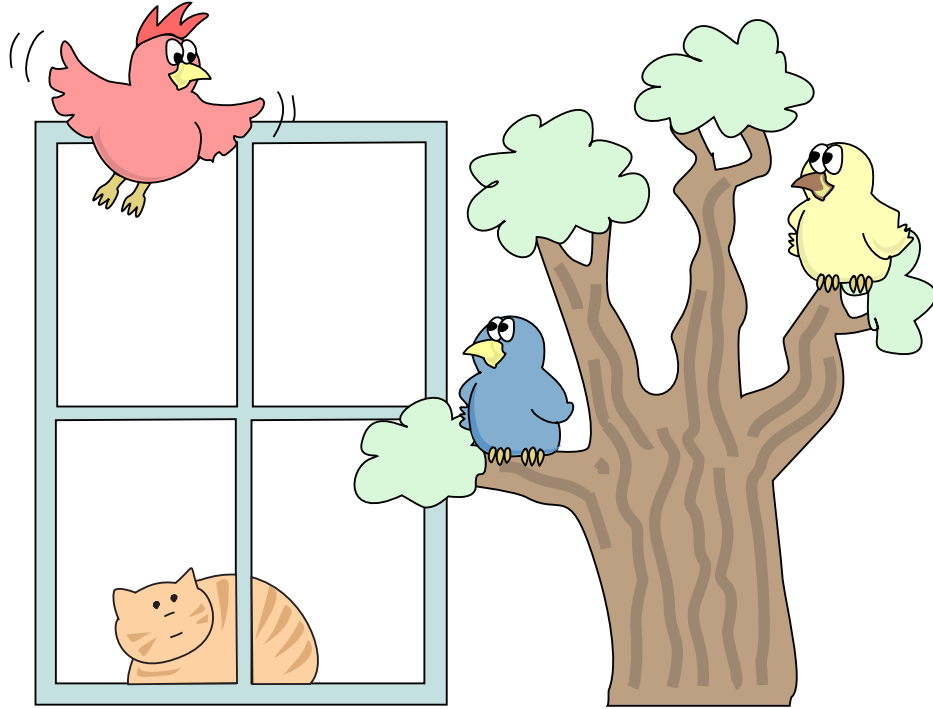
The Cat In The Window



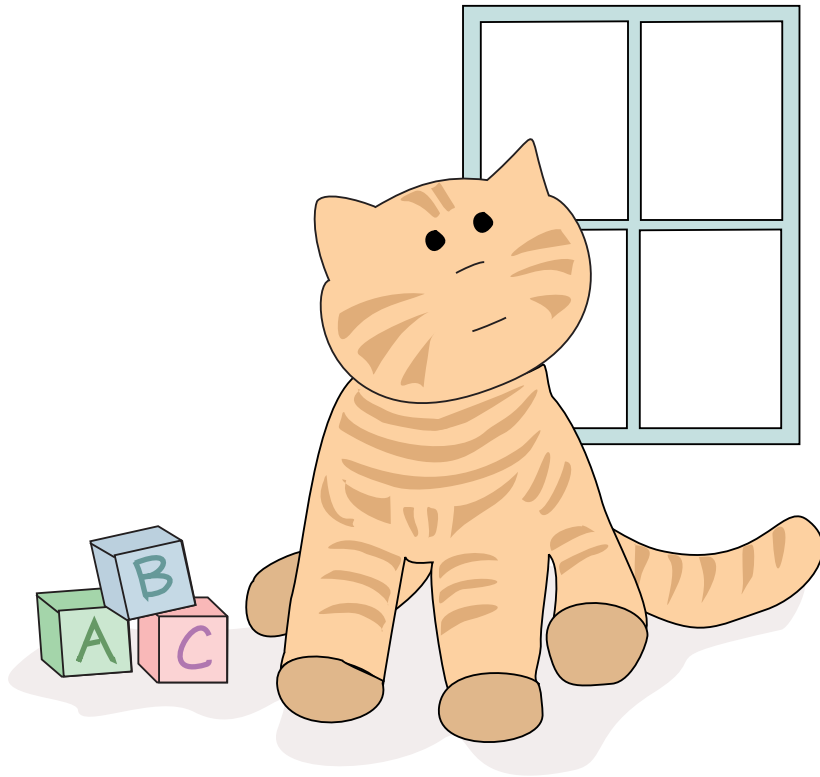
“The **cat** in the window
is looking **at** me,” said
a bird who **sat** on the
branch of a tree.



“No, no, no!” a second
bird said. “The **cat**
is looking **at** me
instead.”

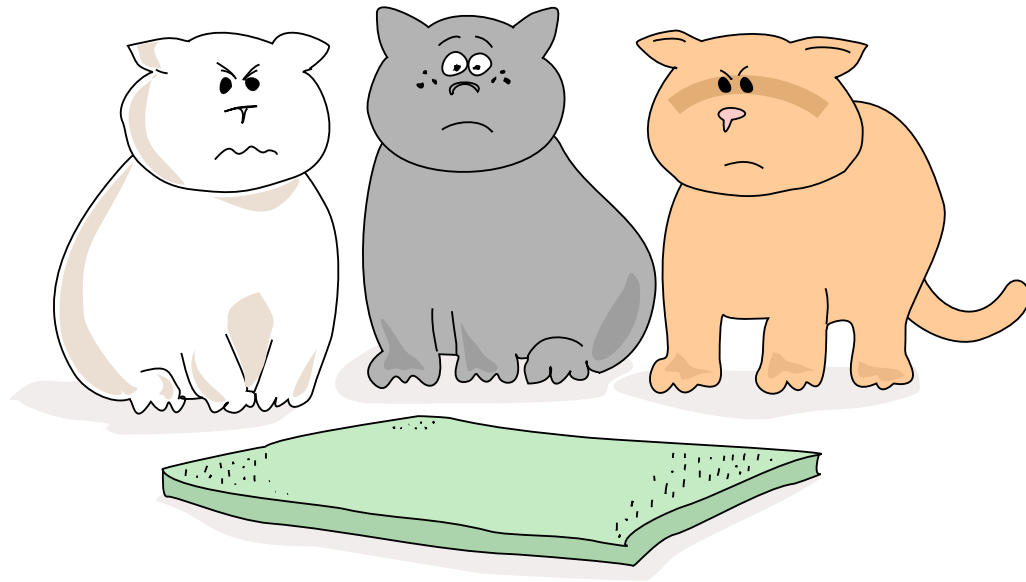


“The **cat** looks **at**
me because I am better,”
said bird number three as
she flapped her feathers.

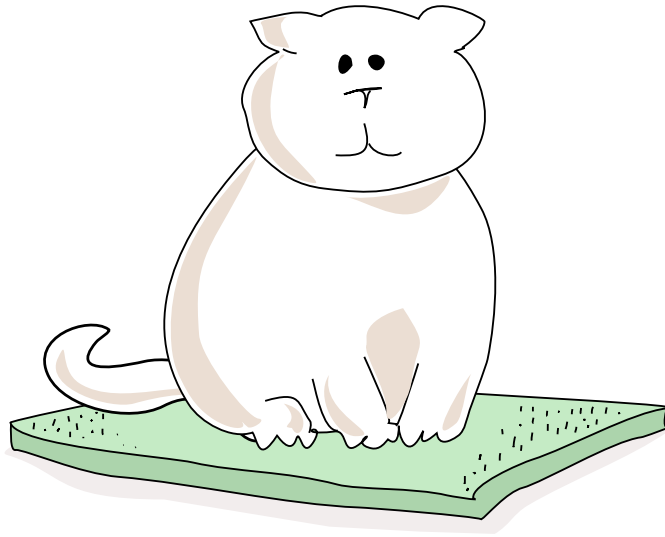


But the **cat** was a
toy with glass eyes and
stuffing, so the **cat**
in the window was
looking **at** nothing.

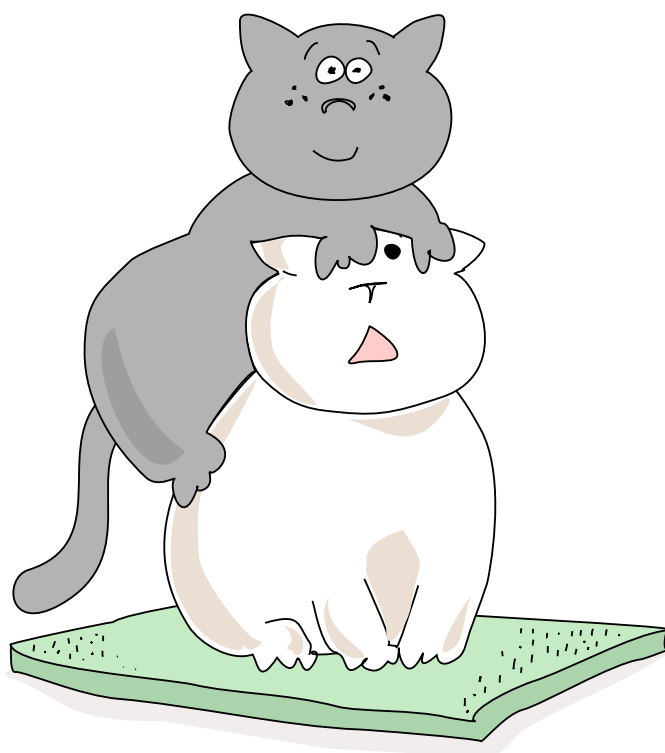
Three Cats And A Mat



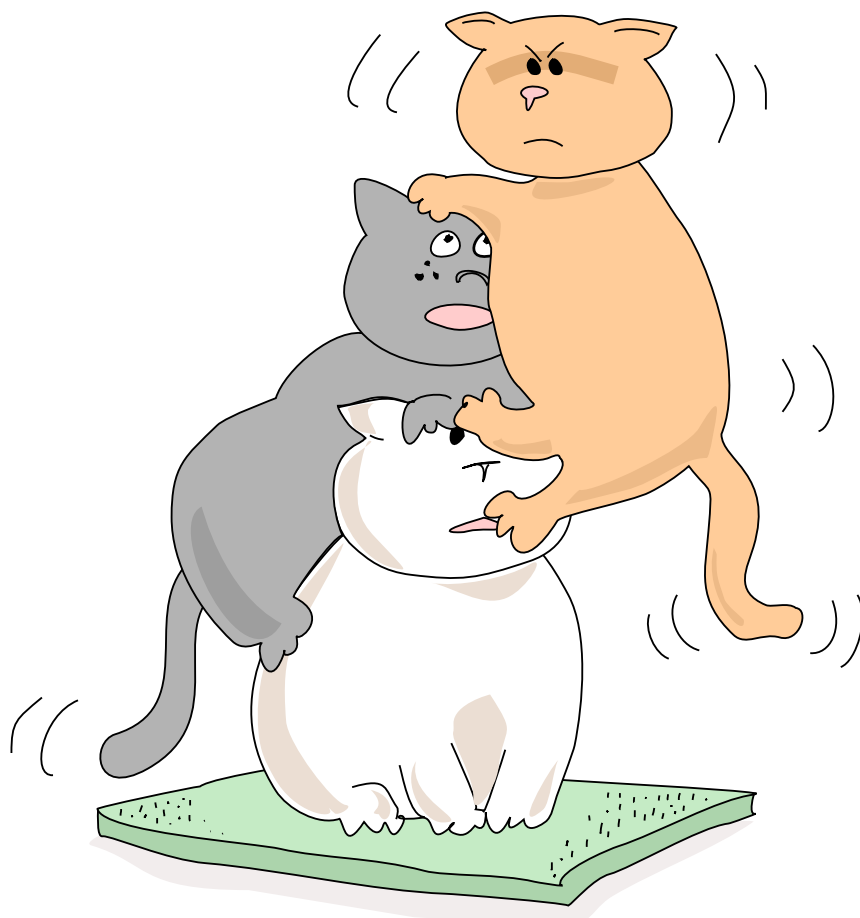
We have three cats,
but only one **mat**.



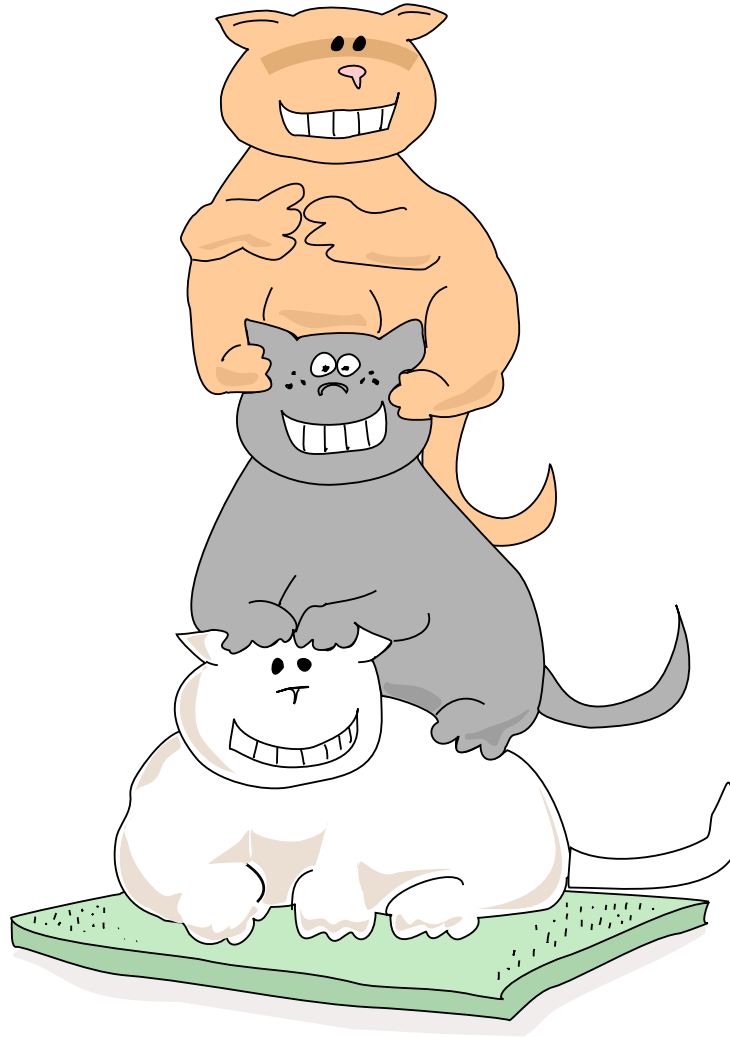
So one **cat**
sat on the
mat.



Then the second
cat sat on the
cat that **sat**
on the **mat**.



Then the third **cat**
sat on the **cat**
who **sat** on the
cat on the **mat**.

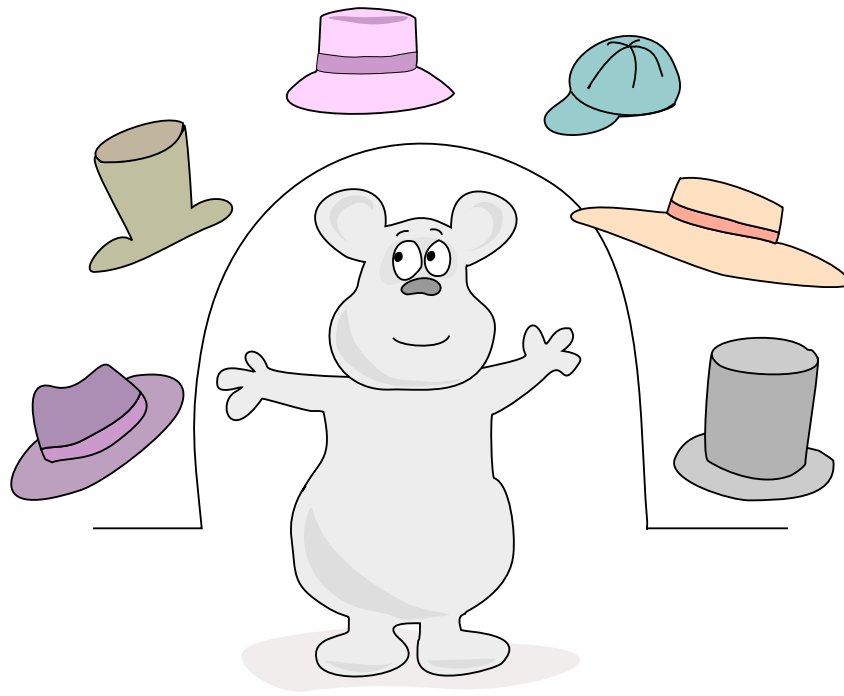


And then they

were happy.

How about that?

The Rat's Hat



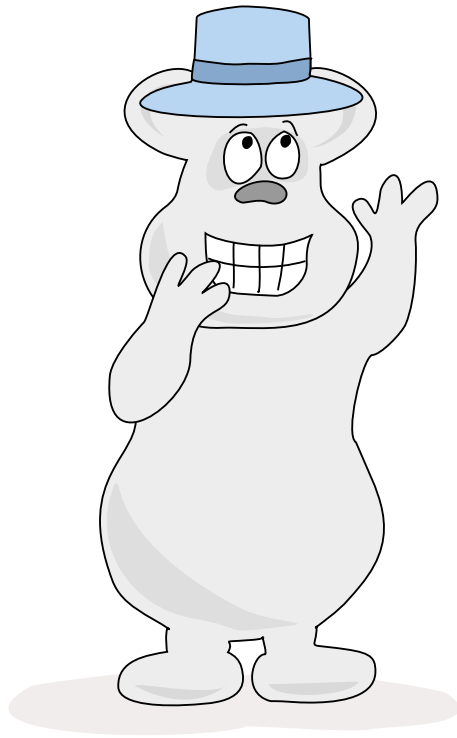
A **rat** went to
the store to buy
a **hat**.



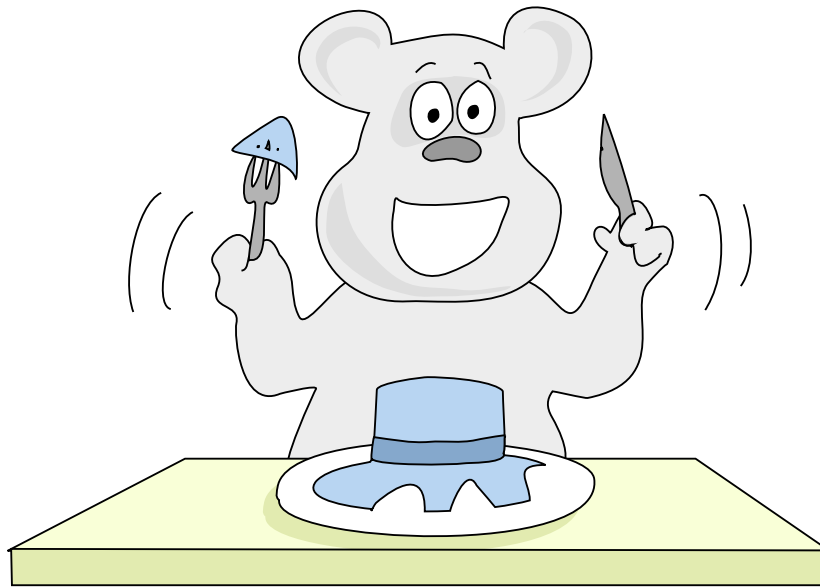
The first **hat**
was too big.



The second **hat**
was too small.



The third **hat**
was just right,

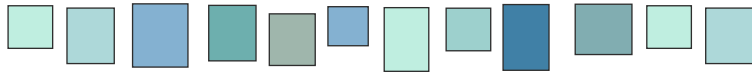


so the **rat**

ate it bite

by bite.

"an" family



can

man

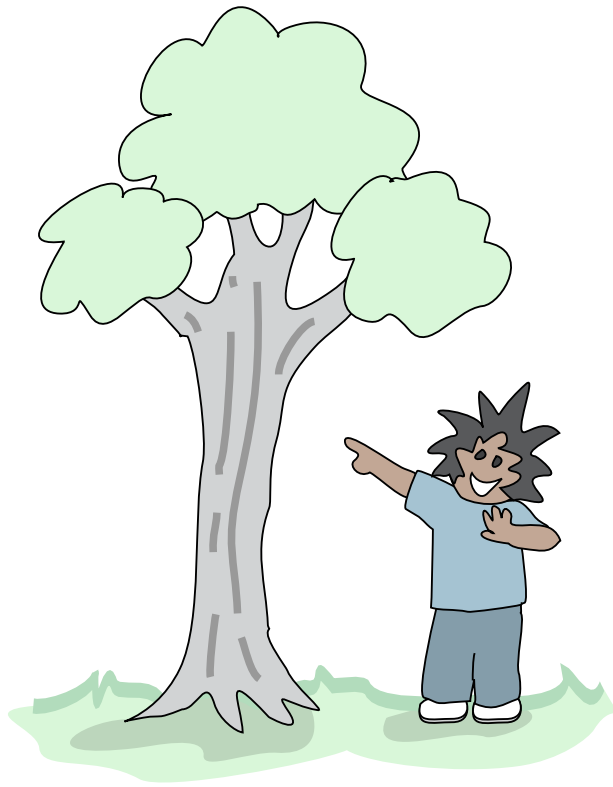
nan

ran

Note 1: The word "an" will be in an Intermediate Phonics book because it is a grammatical lesson.

Note 2: Nan is a child's name for a grandmother.

Can I?



Can I jump

higher than a tree?

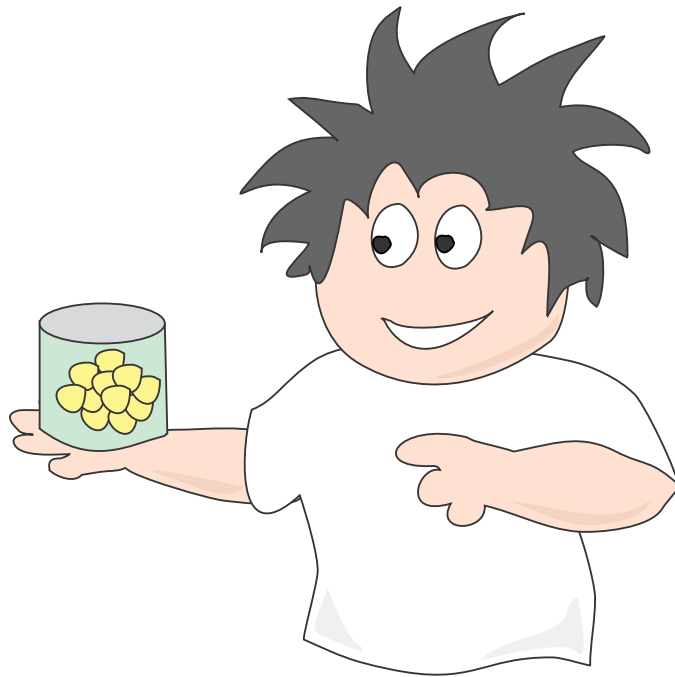
Can I? **Can** I?

Little, tiny me?

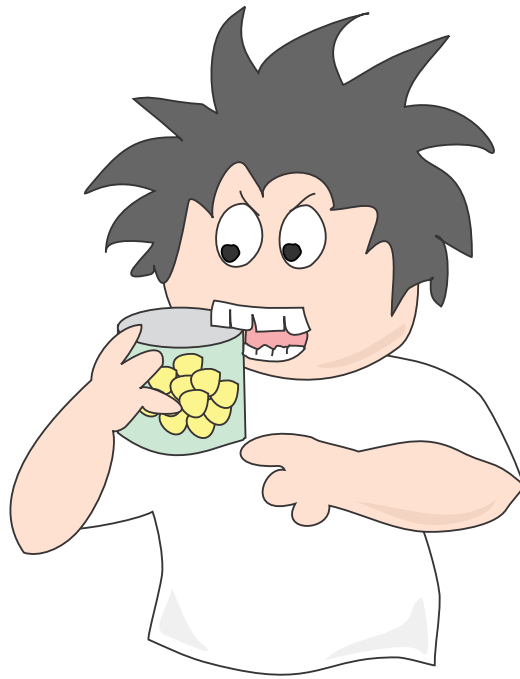


Yes, I **can** jump higher
than a tree. A tree can't
jump, tee, hee, hee!

Can Of Corn

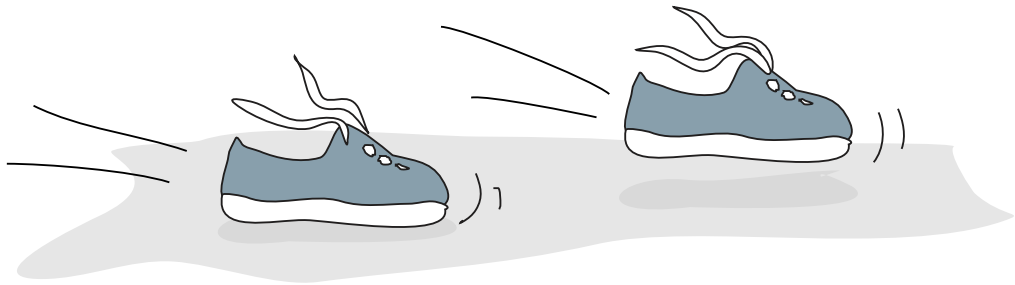


See this **can** of corn
in my hand? I **can**
eat it, yes, I **can**.



But a **can** of corn
doesn't taste very good,
and a **can** of corn is
as hard as wood.

A Man Ran



A pair of shoes

ran down

the street.



A **man ran** too,

but he had bare feet.

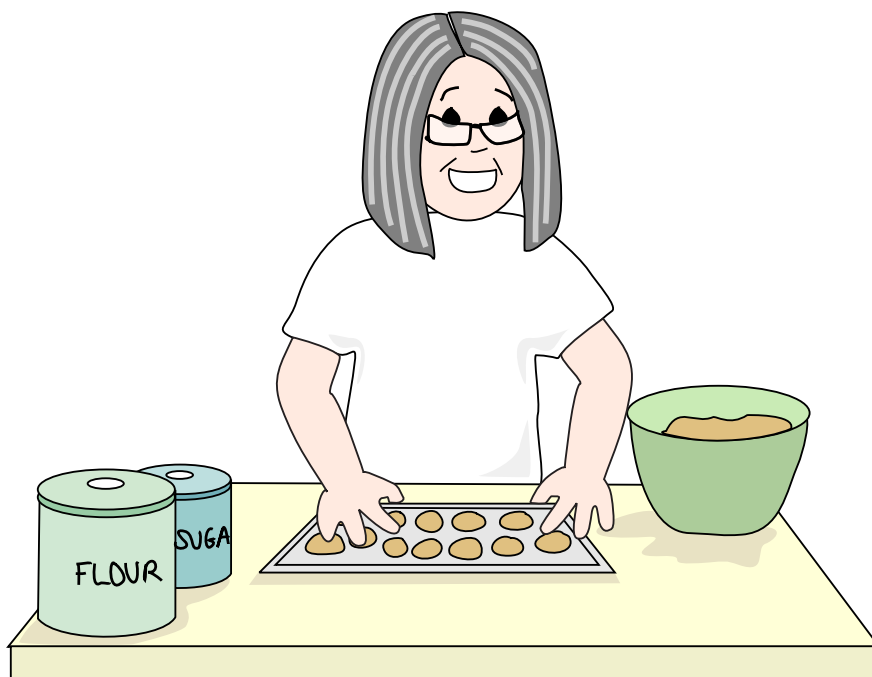
“Hey!” said the **man**,

“Come back to me.”



“We **can**,” said the shoes, “when you wash your feet.”

My Nan



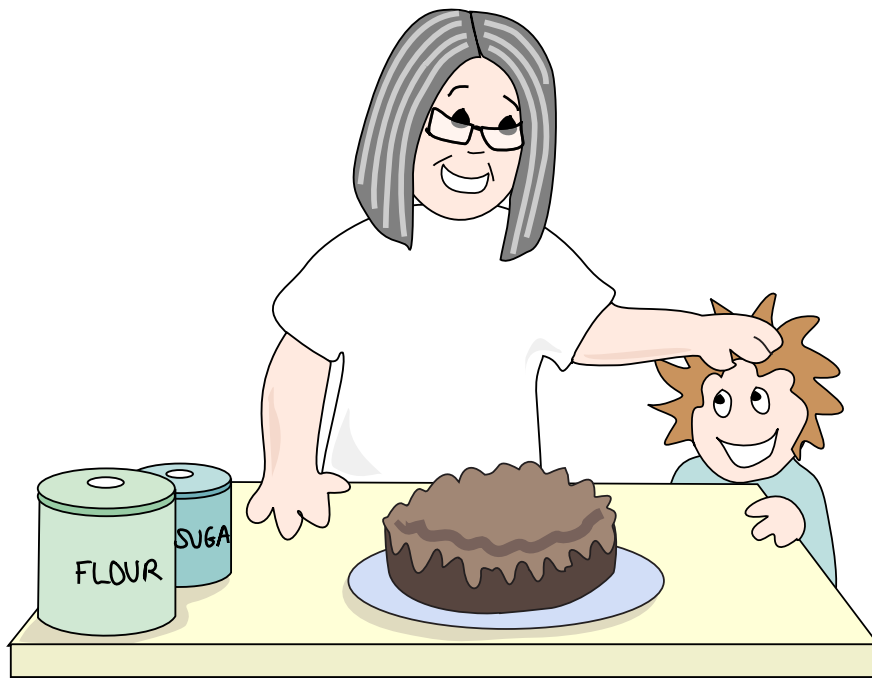
My **nan can**
make good cookies.

“Nan” is a child’s name for Grandmother.



My **nan can**

make a cake, oh, yes!



My **nan** said

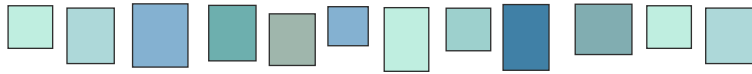
I could make

something.



So, look! I
made a mess!

"ad" family



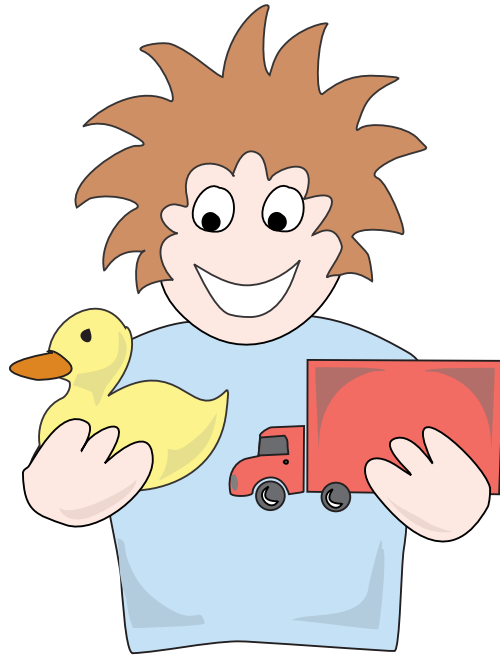
dad

had

sad

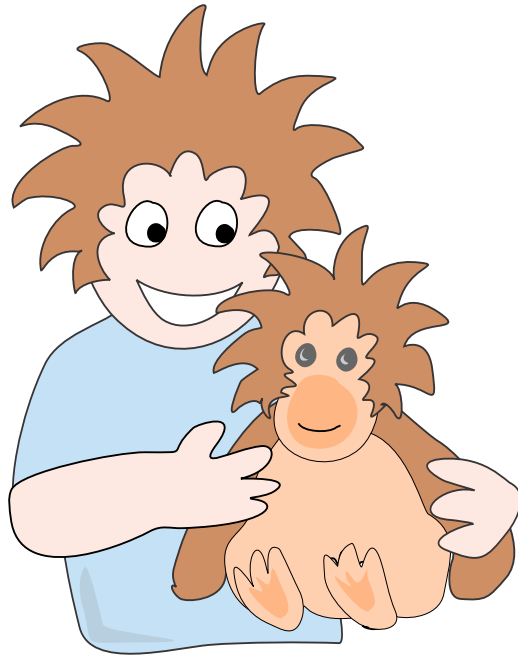
Note: The word "bad" will be in Beginner Book 2 because the letter "b" is a difficult letter, and Beginner Book 2 addresses this problem.

Had



When I was a baby,
I **had** a yellow duck.

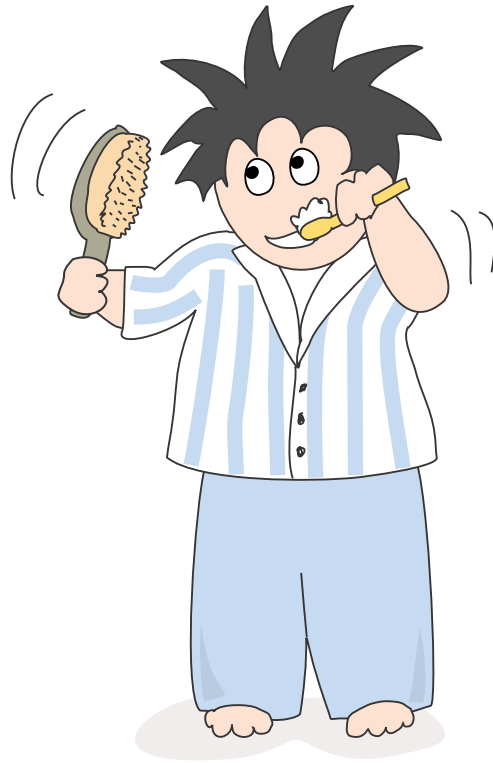
When I was two, I
had a red truck.



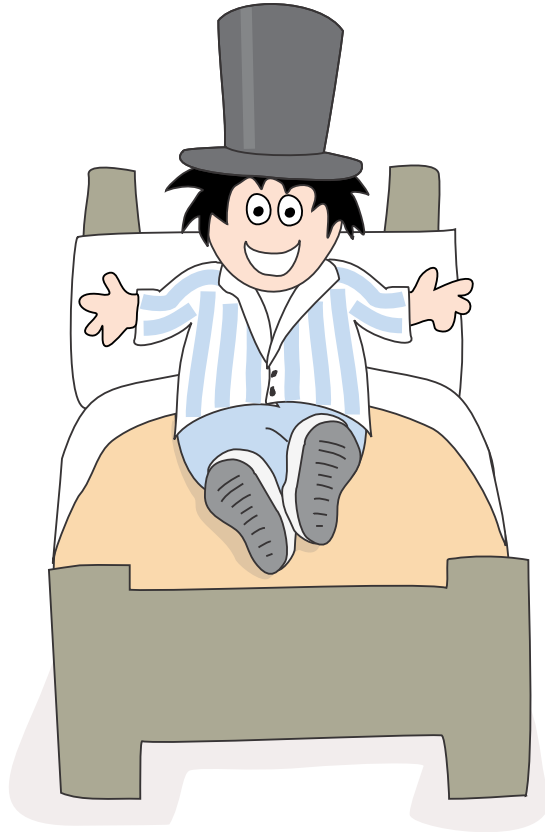
When I was three, I
had a chimpanzee.

Look **at** him, he looks
like me!

Had To



I **had** to brush my hair,
and I **had** to brush my
teeth. Then I **had** to put
socks and shoes on my feet.



Then I **had** to put a
hat on top of my head.

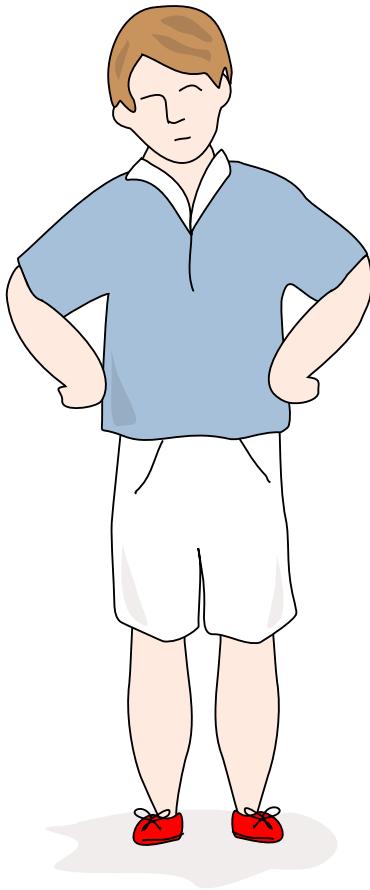
Is this what you wear
when you go to bed?

Dad Shoes



My **dad** said I
could try his shoes.

His **dad** shoes
fit me fine.



But I would like to
see my **dad**
try to walk in mine.

So Sad



I **sat** down
to sing a song.

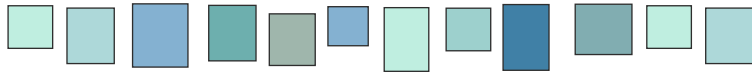


It was a **sad**,
sad song.



And the **sad**
song was too long.

"am" family



am

ram

Sam

I Am Tall



I **am** as tall

as a **man**!



Well... when I stand
on a chair, I **am**.

I Am Sam

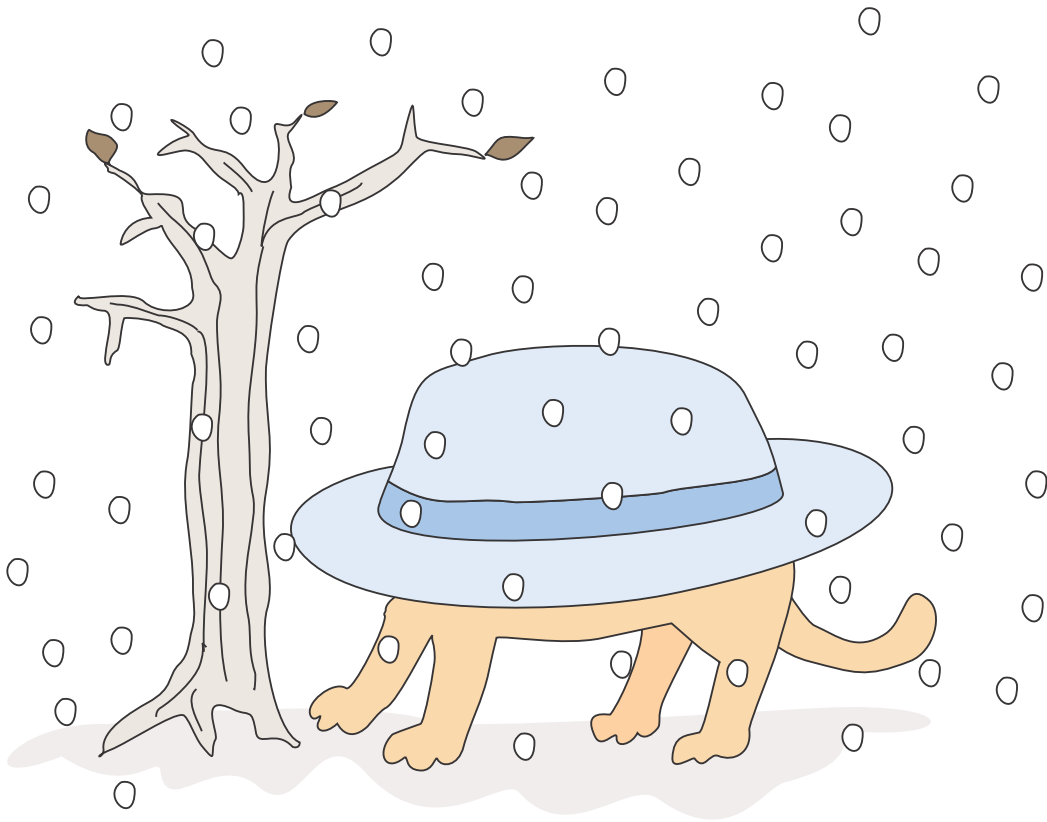


I **am** Sam.

I **am** a **cat**,

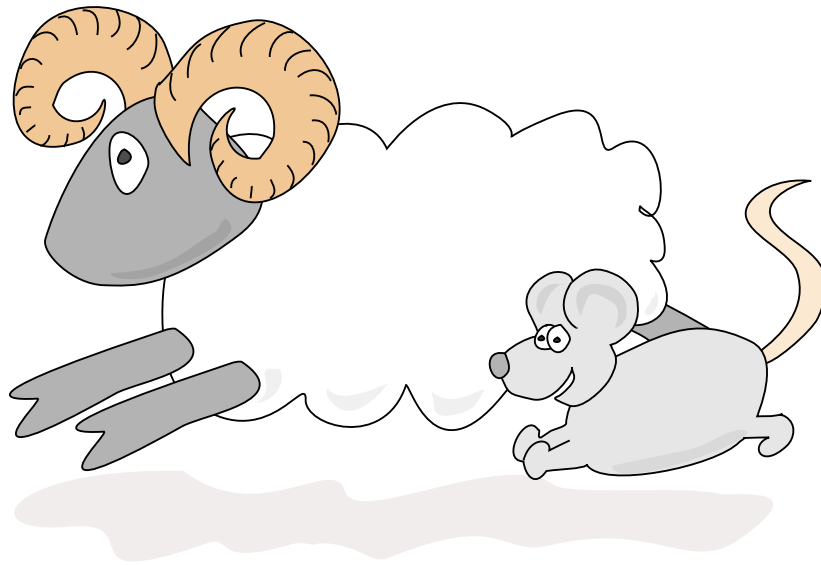
and I **am** stuck

inside a **hat**.



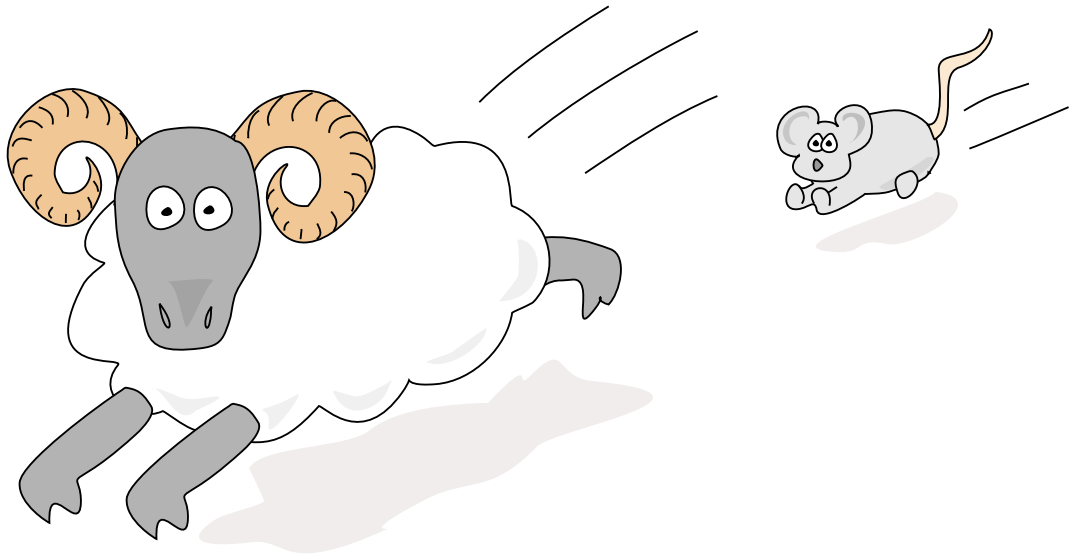
The **hat** is nice
when it is snowing,
but I can't see where
I **am** going.

Rat Race

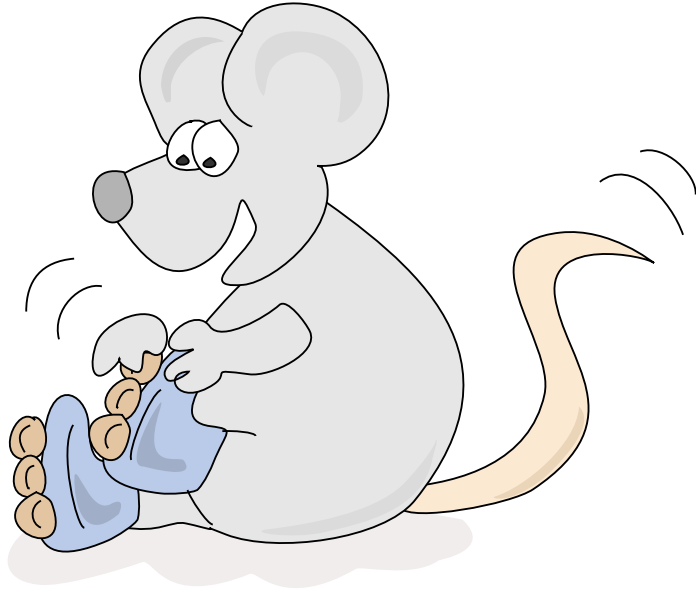


A **rat** and a
ram ran
a race.

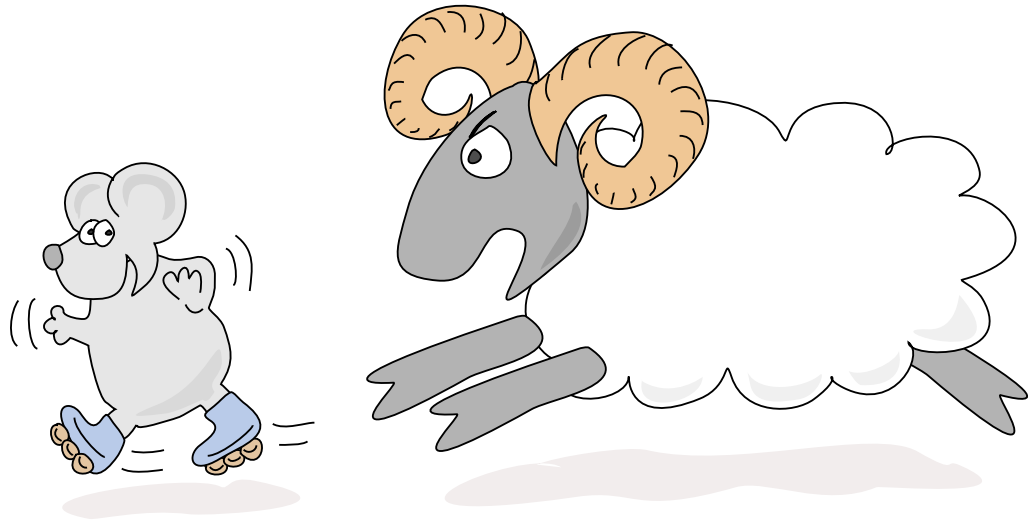
A ram is a boy sheep.



The **ram**
ran faster,



so the **rat**
put on skates.



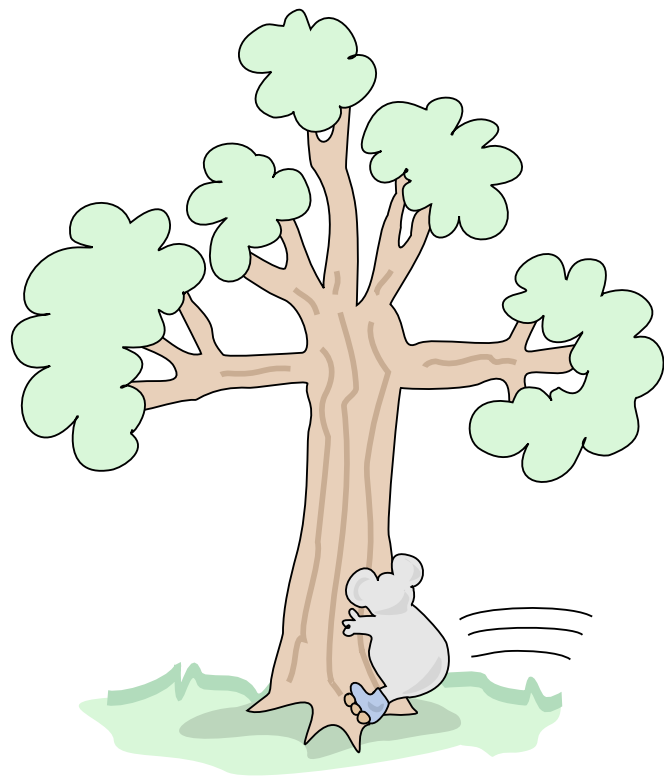
“Cheater!” said the
ram as the **rat**
rolled by.



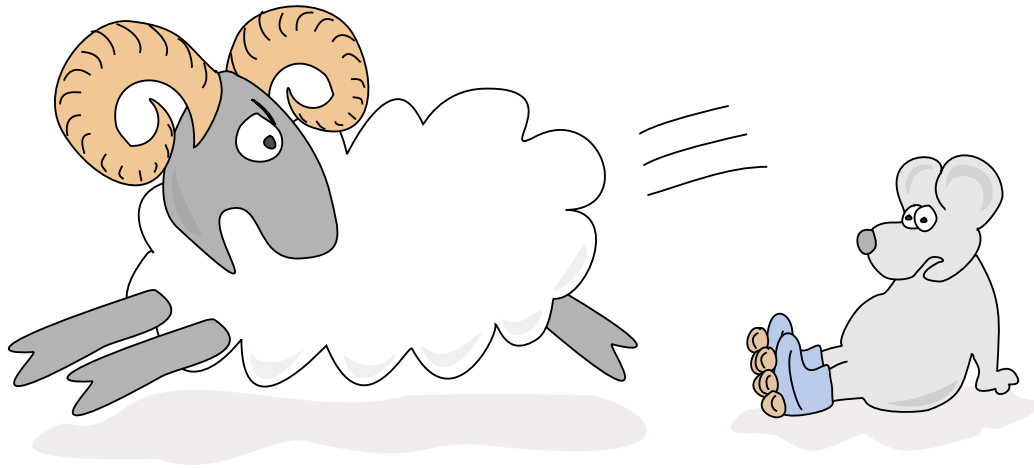
“I **am** the winner!”

said the **rat**.

“Bye-bye!”



But the **rat** wasn't
looking, and he
ran into a tree.



“No,” said the
ram, “the
winner is me!”

The End

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