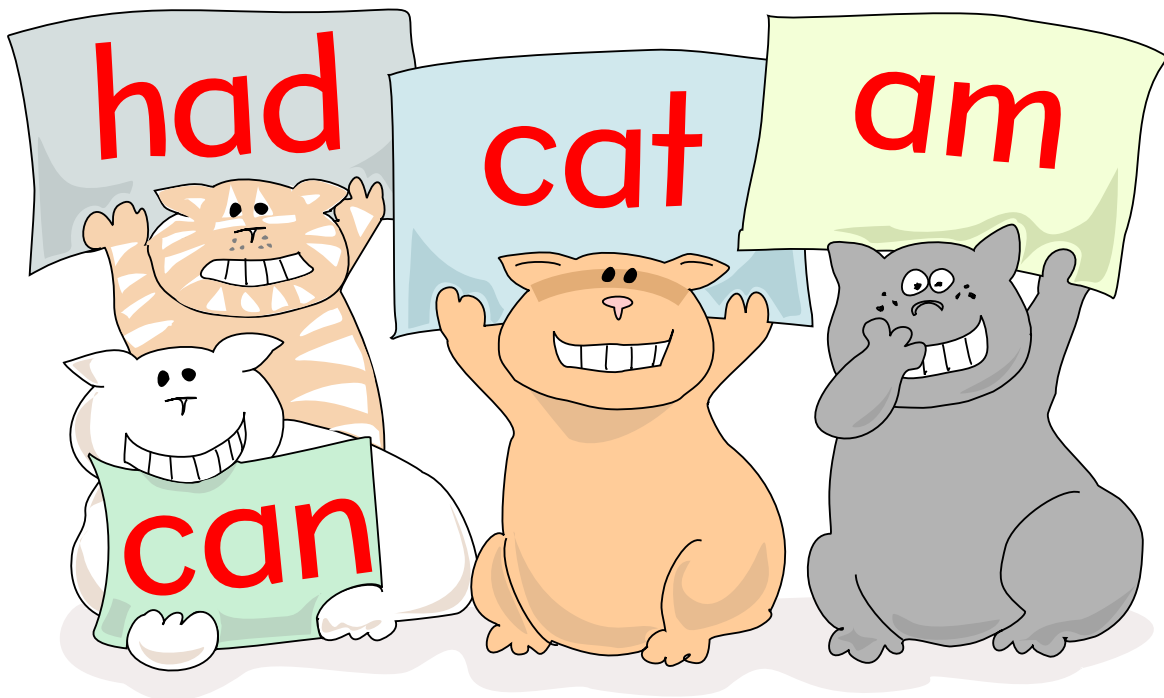


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Beginner  
Book **1**



## 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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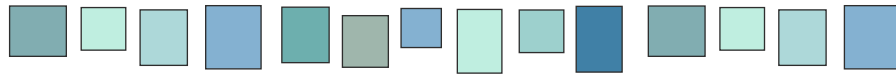
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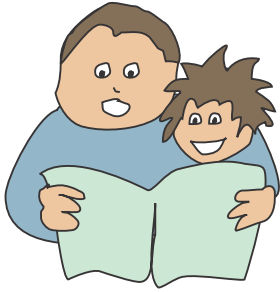
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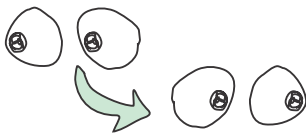
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## Quick Start Guide



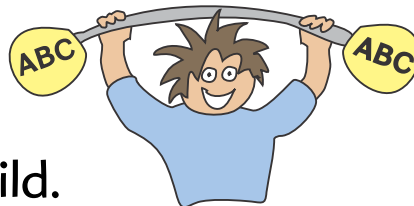
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

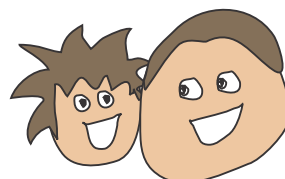


Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

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



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

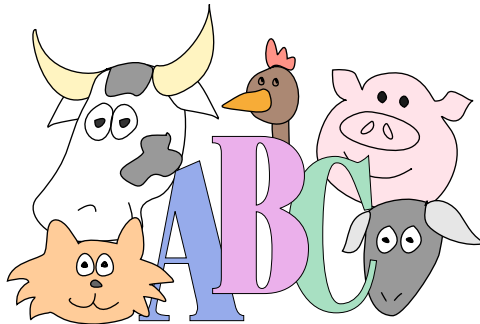




(Read this page TO  
your child.)

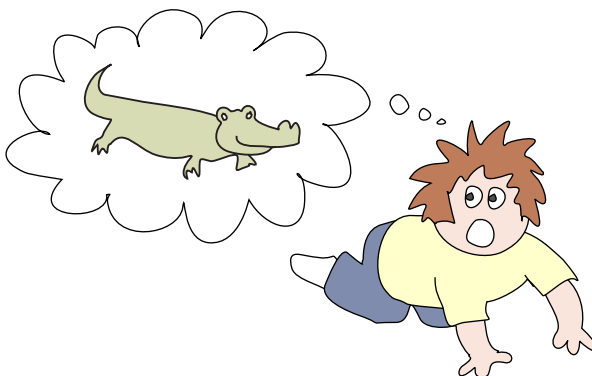
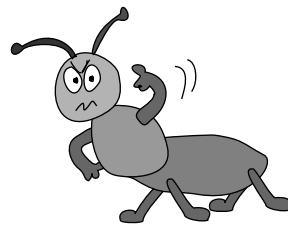
Today we are going to  
practice the “ah” sound.

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



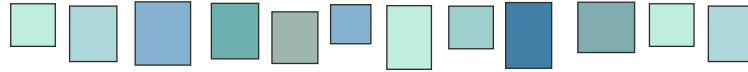
animal  
alphabet

angry ant



act like an  
alligator.

# "at" family



at

cat

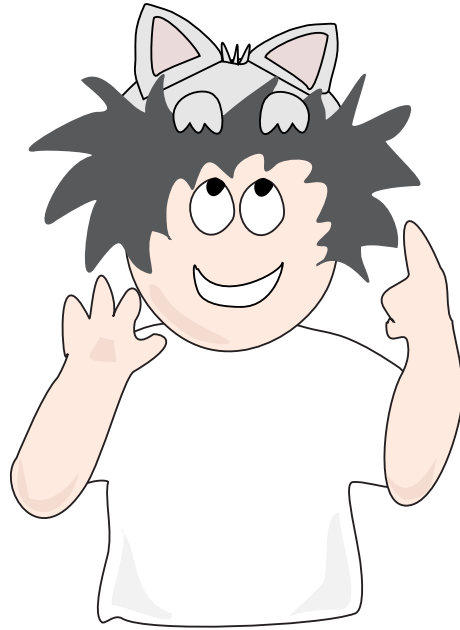
hat

mat

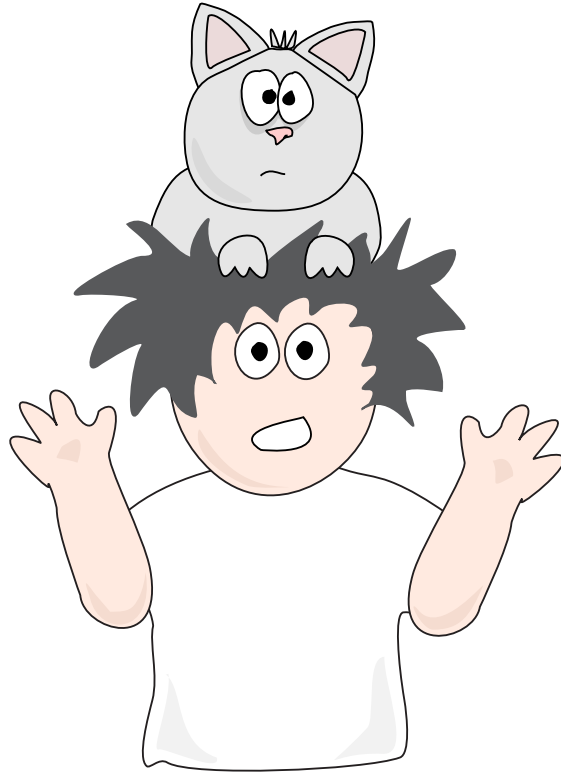
rat

sat

## Look At My Cat

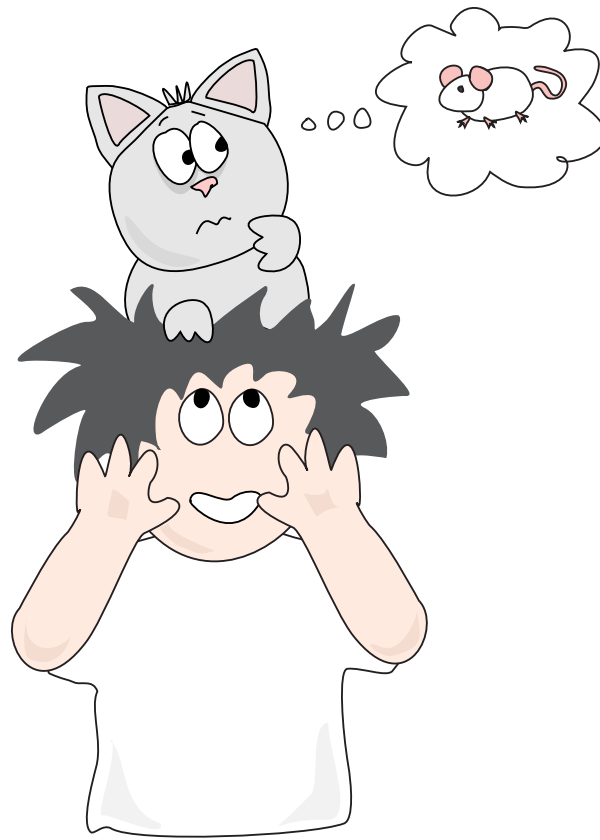


Look, look,  
would you look  
**at** that?

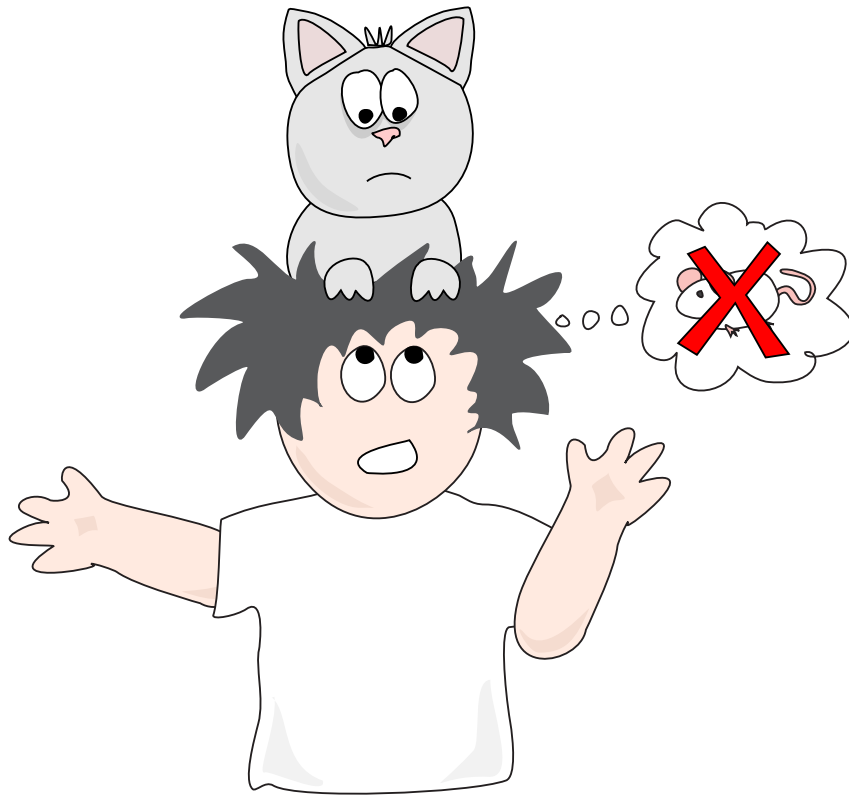


That is not  
a hat, that  
is my **cat**.

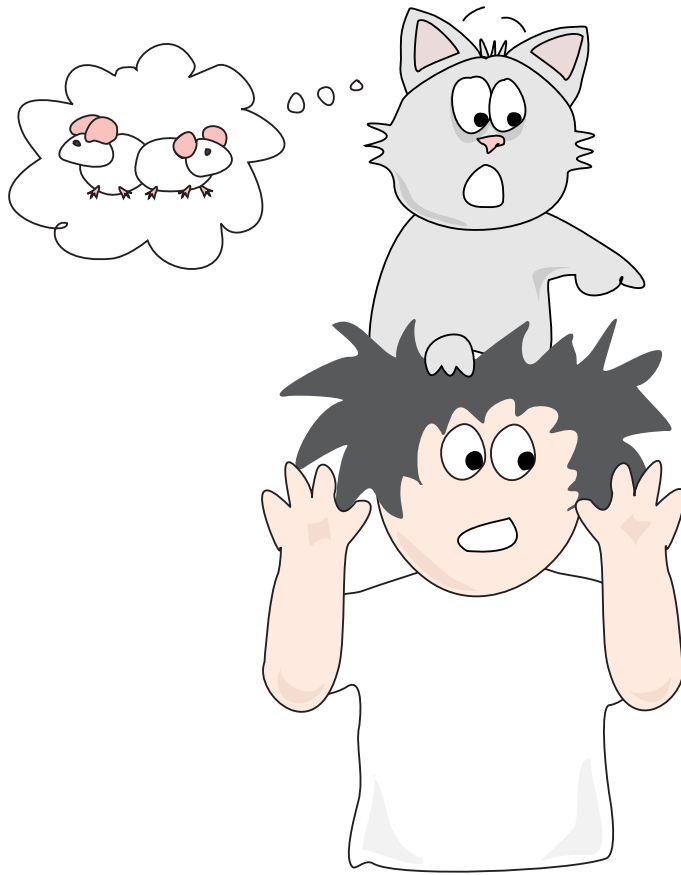




My silly **cat** is  
scared of mice, so  
she hides on my head  
all day and night.



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

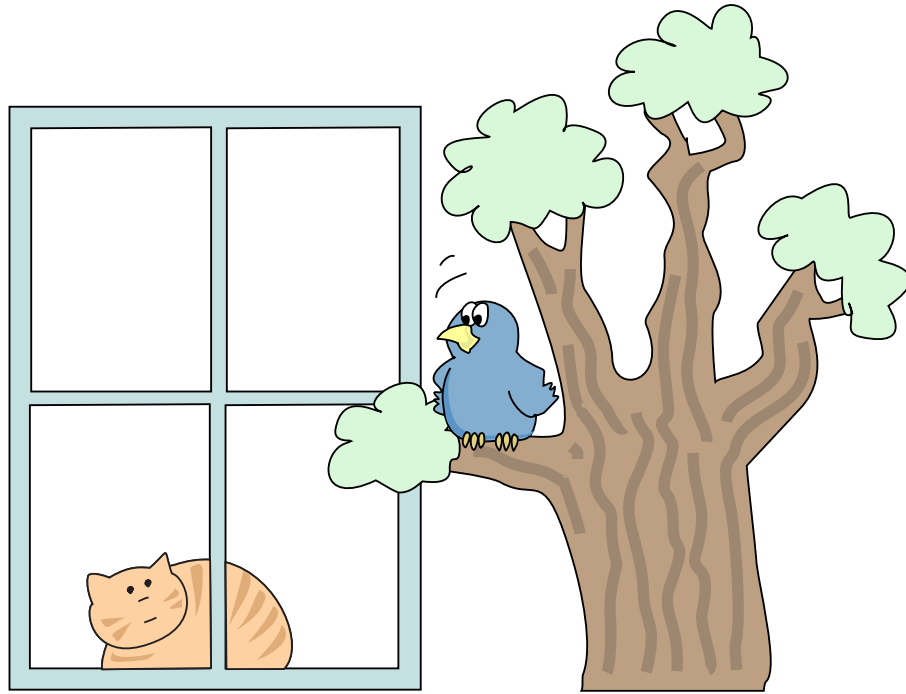


Then one day  
my **cat** said,  
“Mice!”

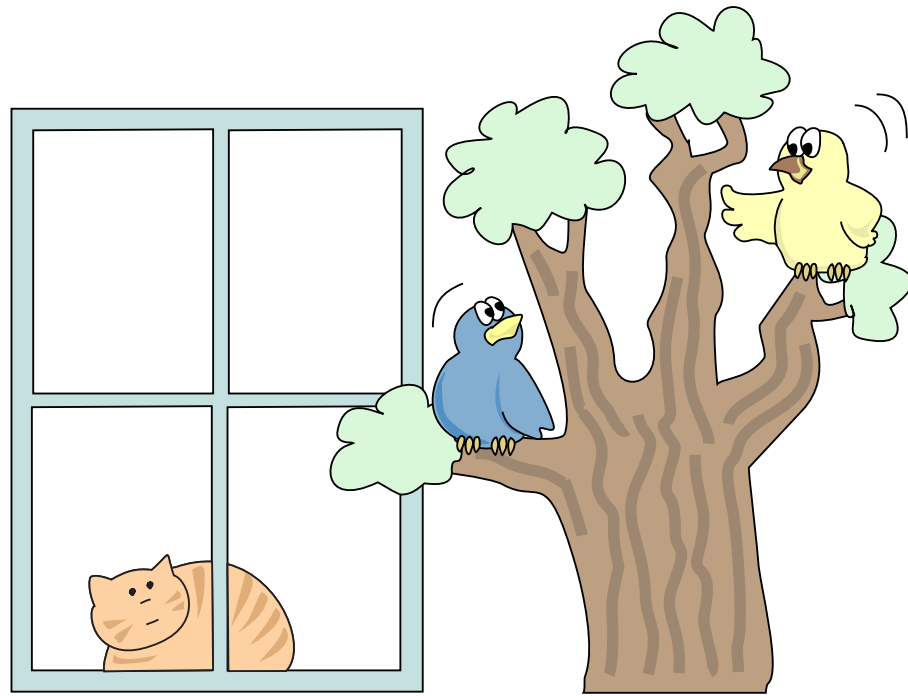


I got so scared  
that I screamed  
twice.

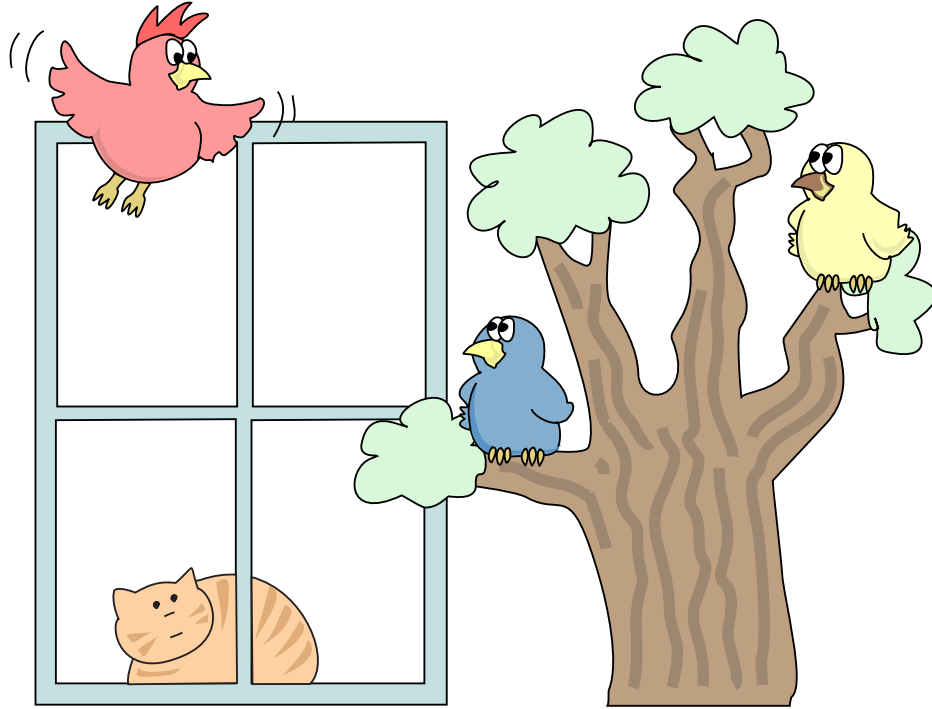
## The Cat In The Window



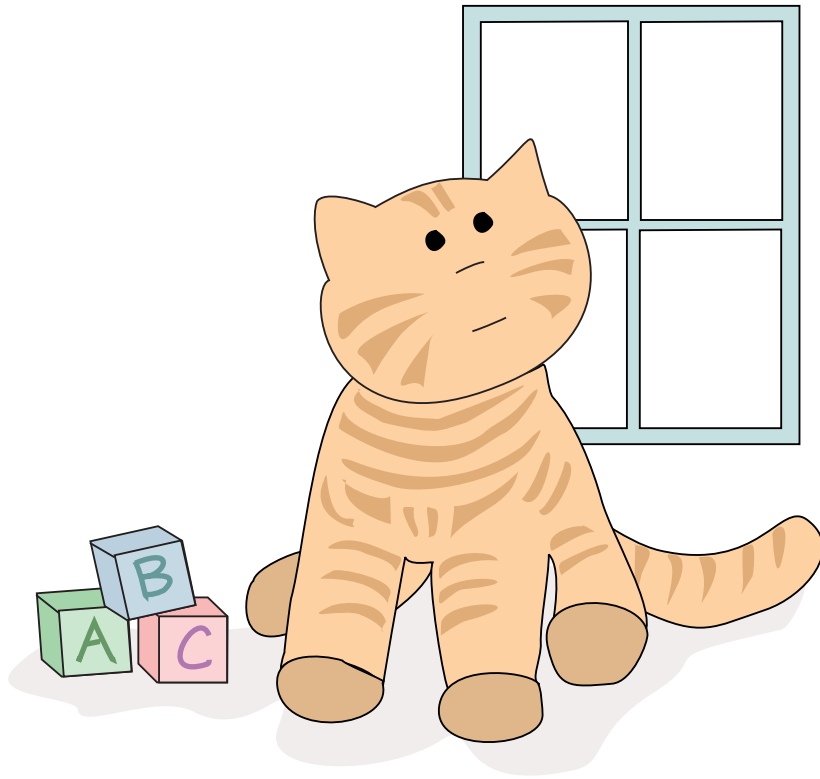
“The **cat** in the window  
is looking **at** me,” said  
a bird who **sat** on the  
branch of a tree.



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



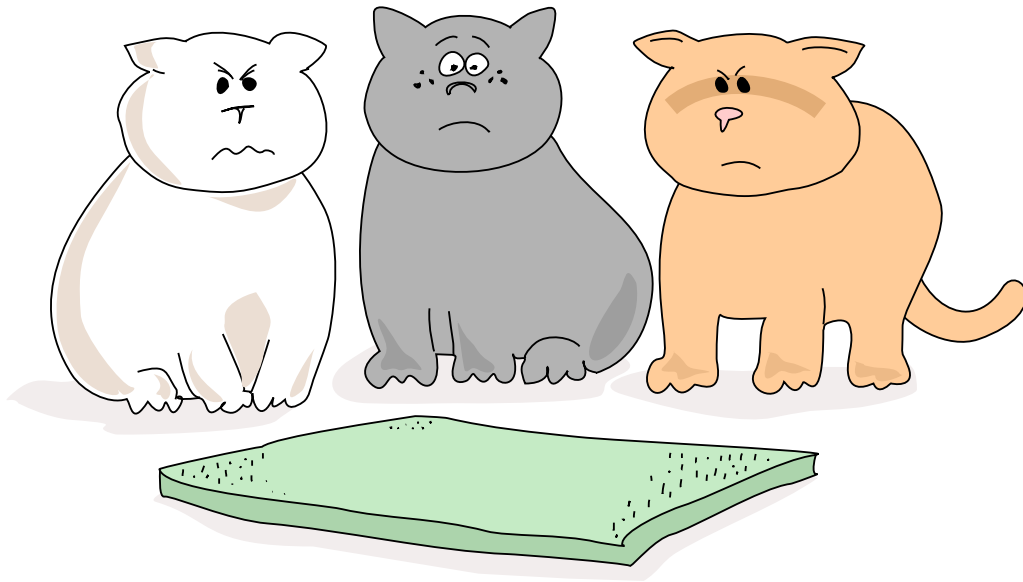
“The **cat** looks **at**  
me because I am better,”  
said bird number three as  
she flapped her feathers.



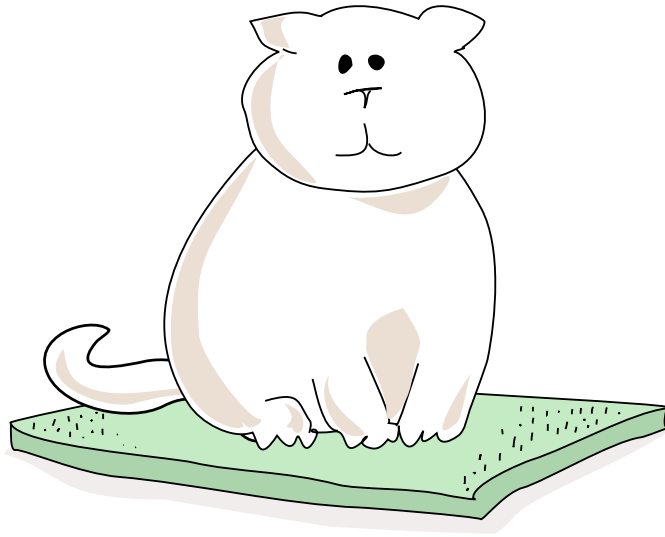
But the **cat** was a  
toy with glass eyes and  
stuffing, so the **cat**  
in the window was  
looking **at** nothing.



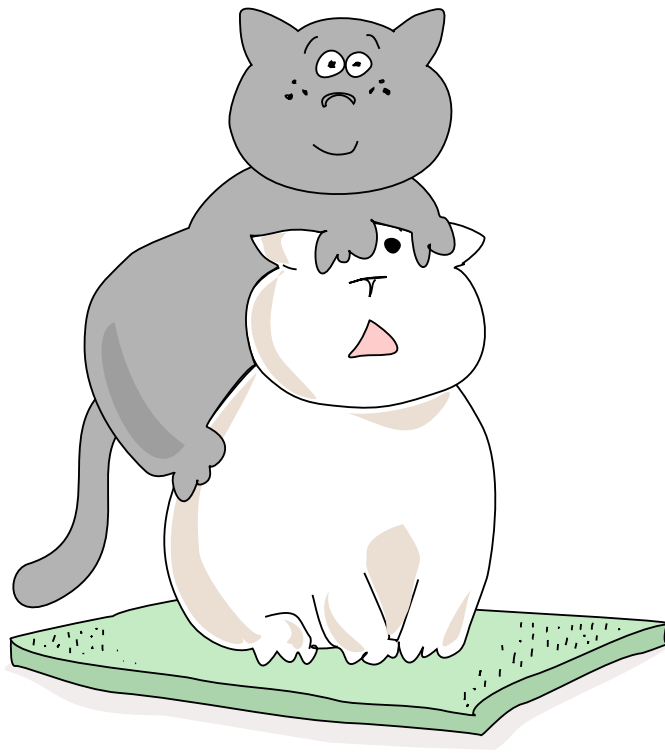
## Three Cats And A Mat



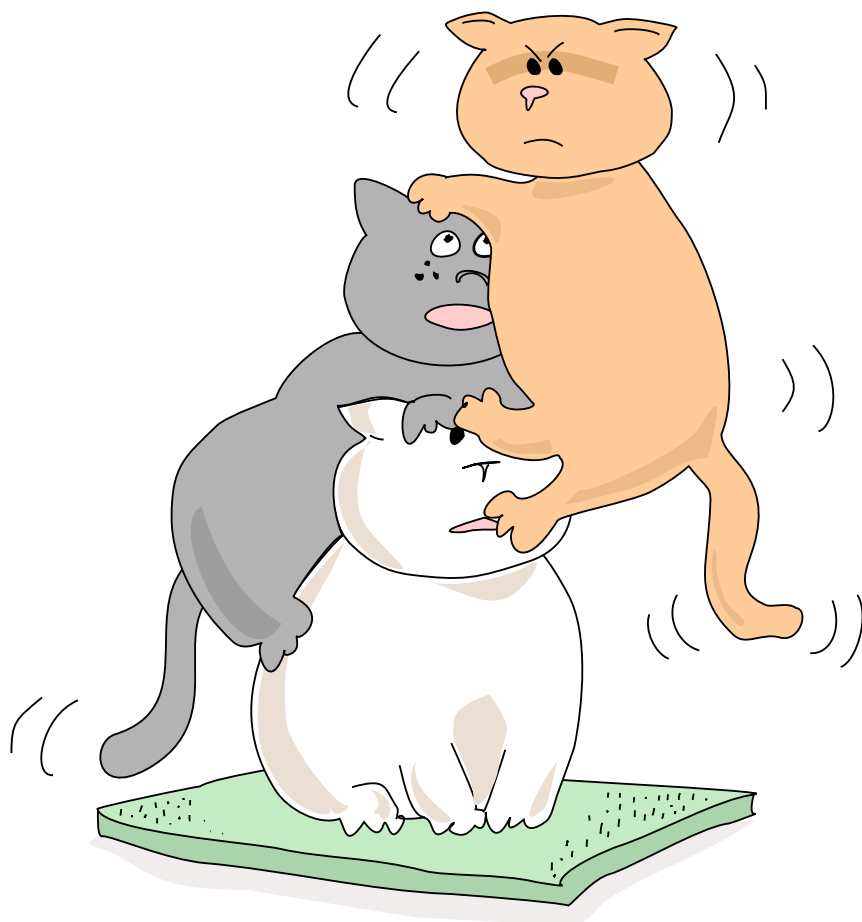
We have three cats,  
but only one **mat**.



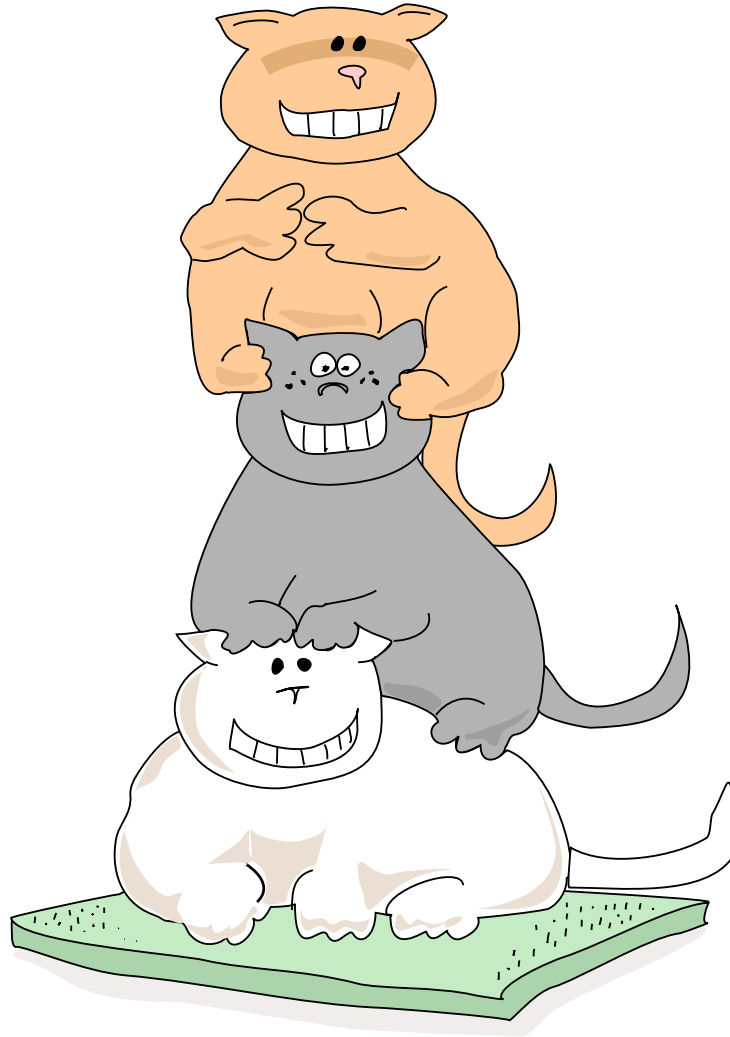
So one **cat**  
**sat** on the  
**mat.**



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



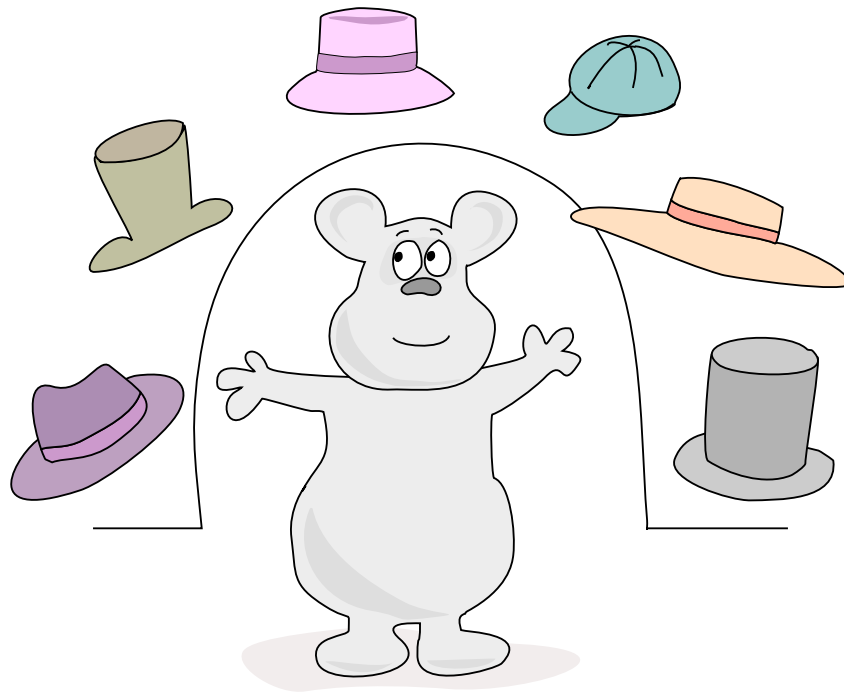
Then the third **cat**  
**sat** on the **cat**  
who **sat** on the  
**cat** on the **mat**.



And then they  
were happy.

How about that?

## The Rat's Hat



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

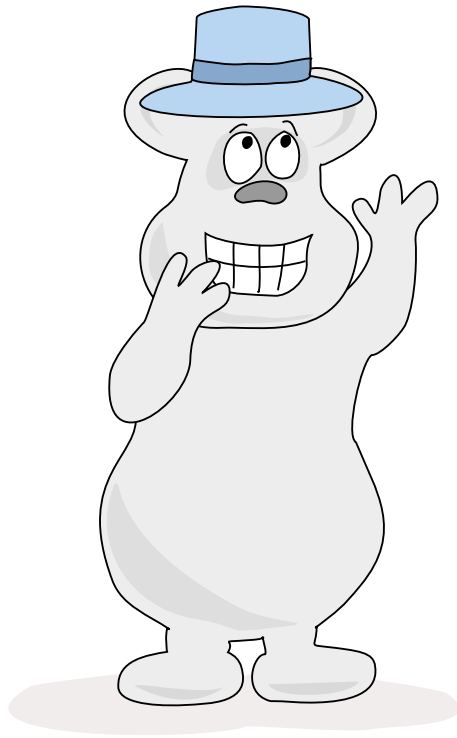


The first **hat**  
was too big.

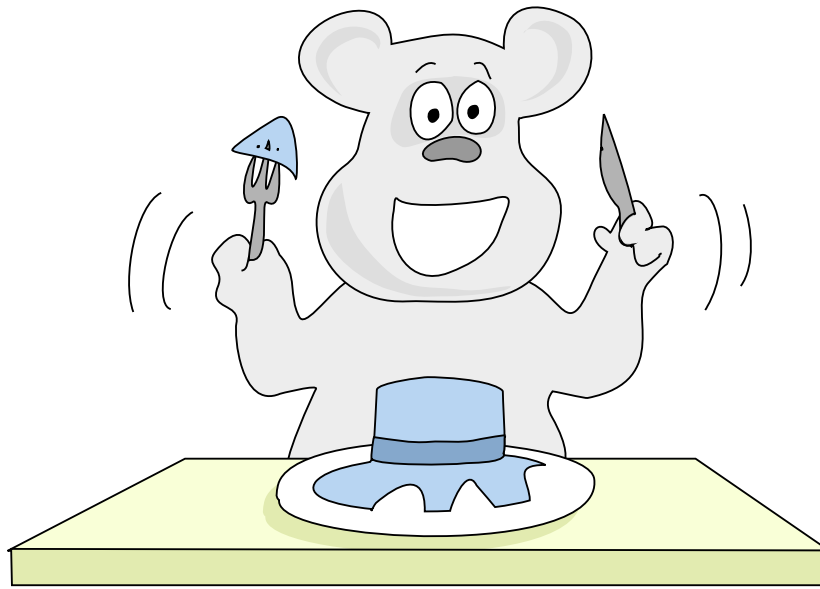


The second **hat**  
was too small.





The third **hat**  
was just right,

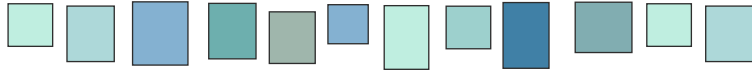


so the **rat**

ate it bite

by bite.

# "an" family



can

man

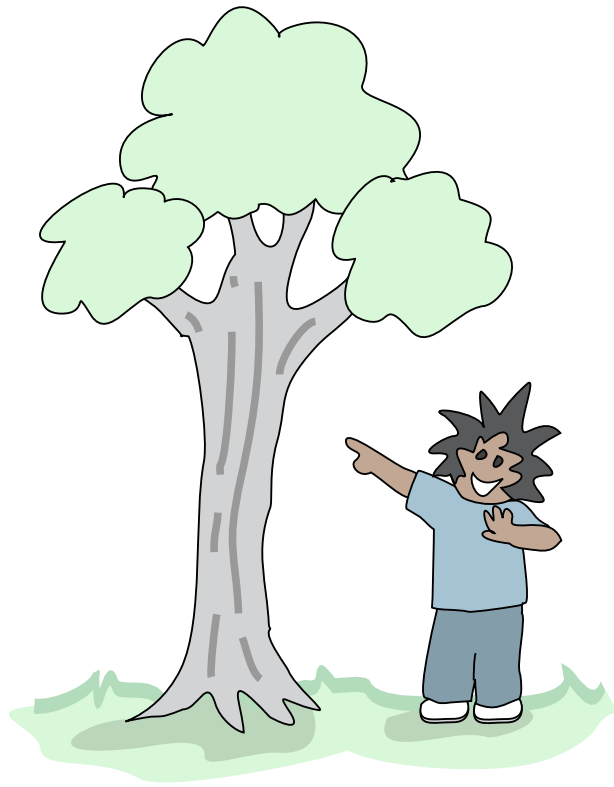
nan

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?

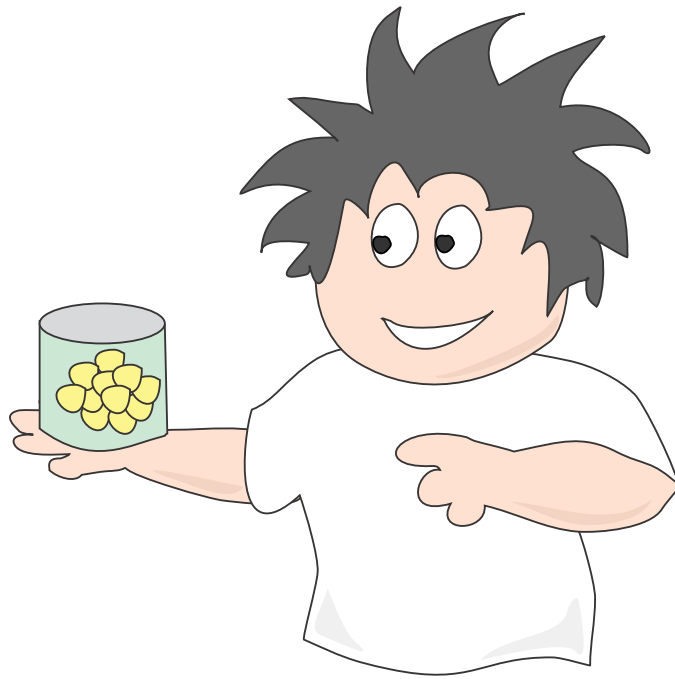
**Can** I? **Can** I?

Little, tiny me?

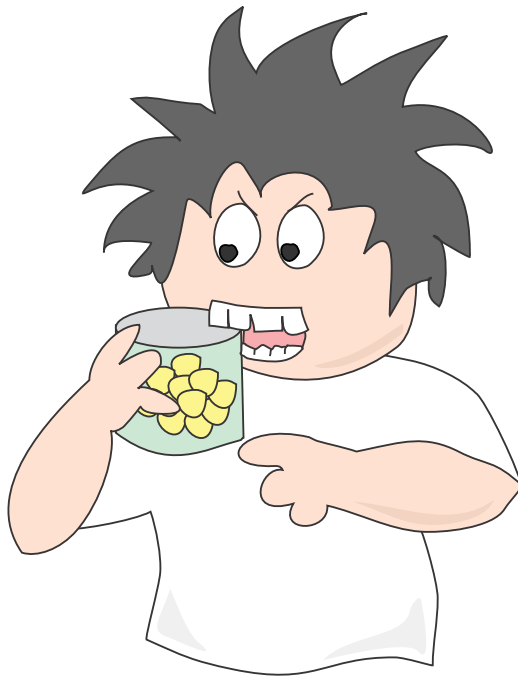


Yes, I **can** jump higher  
than a tree. A tree can't  
jump, tee, hee, hee!

## Can Of Corn

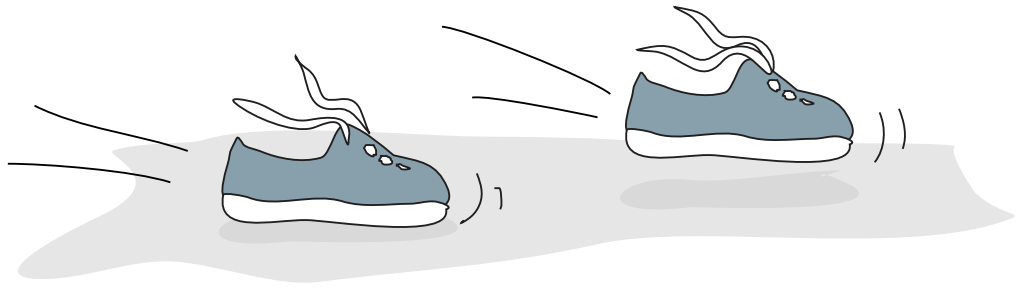


See this **can** of corn  
in my hand? I **can**  
eat it, yes, I **can**.



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.

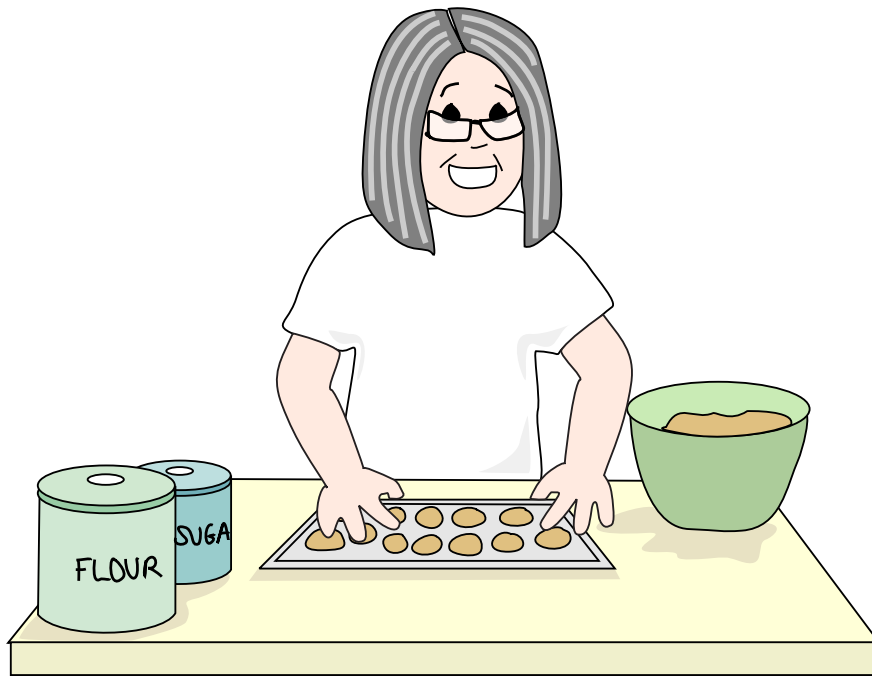
“Hey!” said the **man**,

“Come back to me.”



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

## My Nan

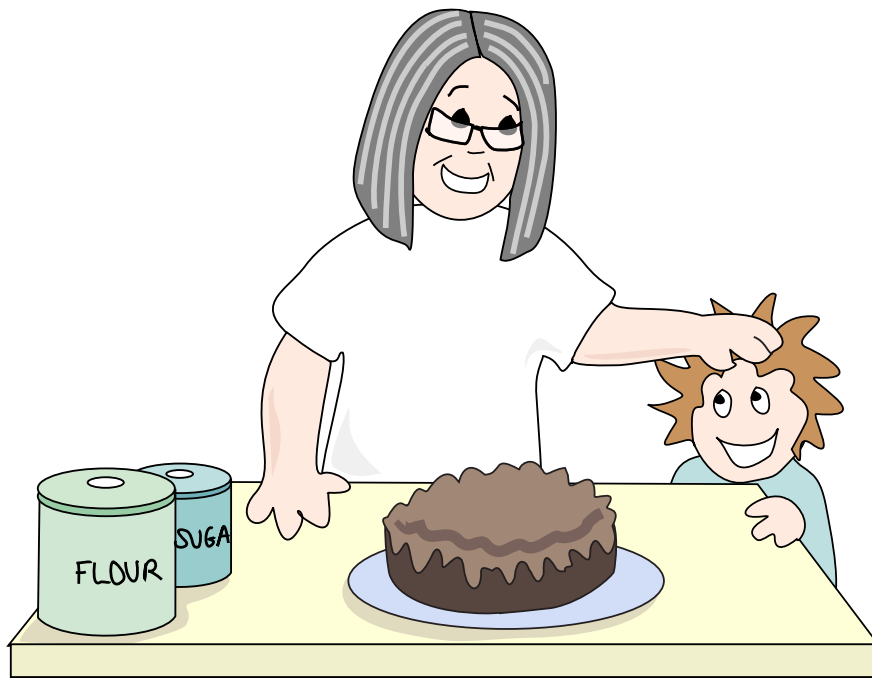


My **nan can**  
make good cookies.

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



My **nan can**  
make a cake, oh, yes!



My **nan** said

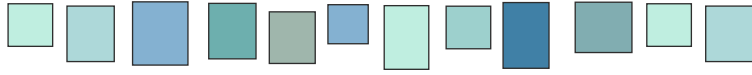
I could make

something.



So, look! I  
made a mess!

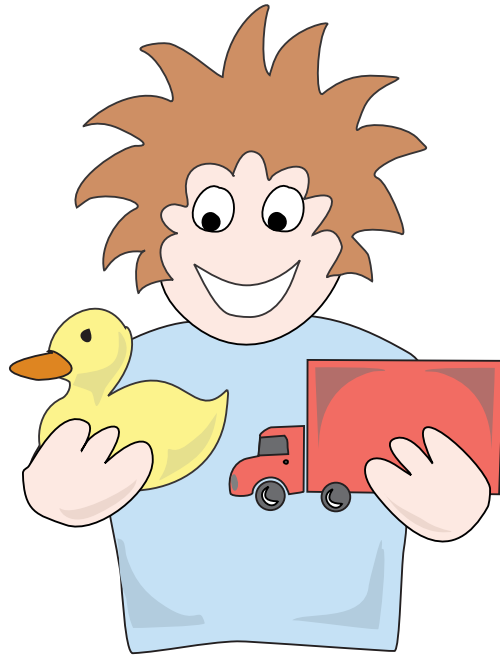
# "ad" family



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.

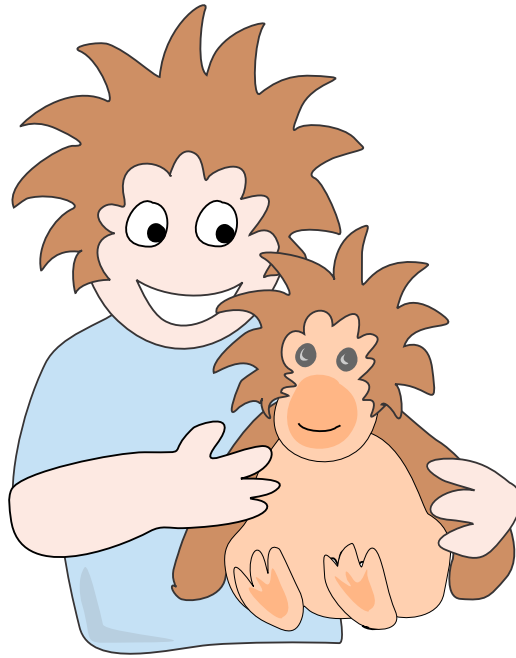
## Had



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

When I was two, I  
**had** a red truck.

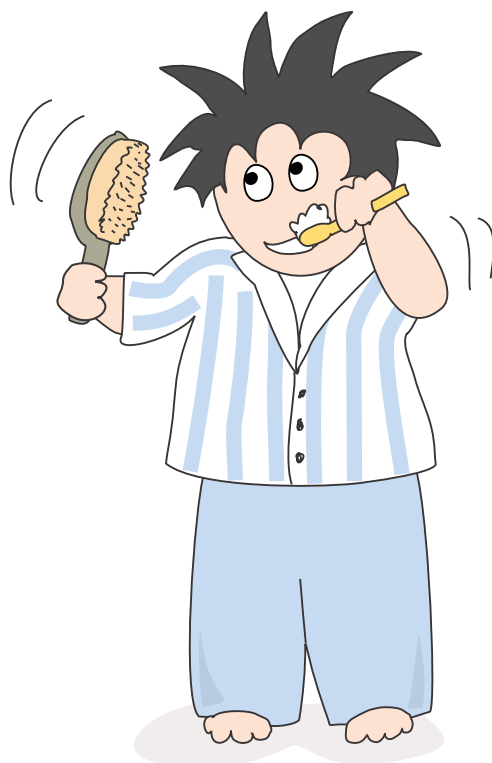




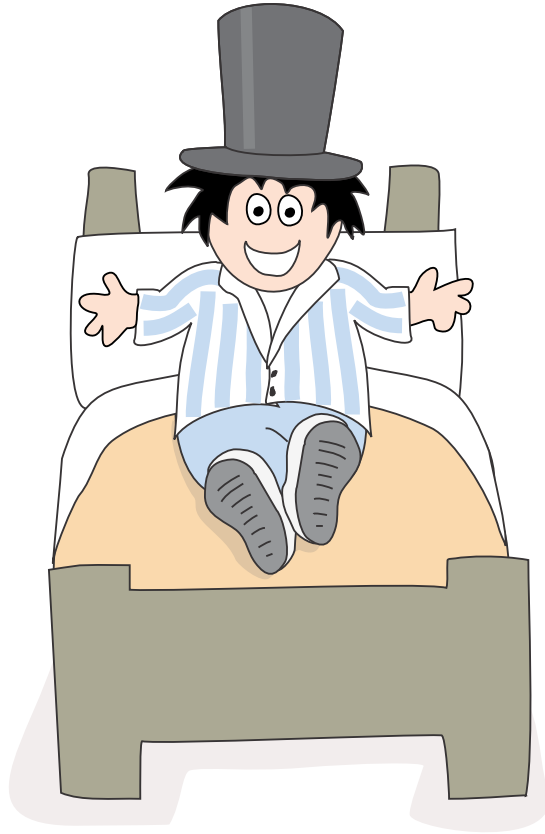
When I was three, I  
**had** a chimpanzee.

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.

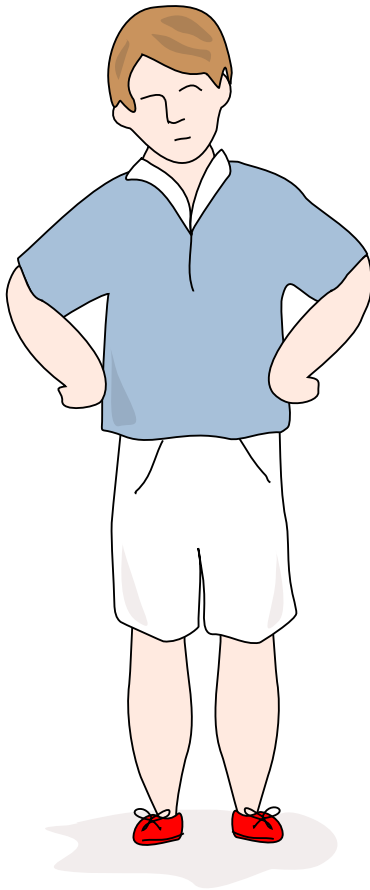
Is this what you wear  
when you go to bed?

## 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.



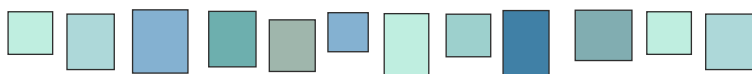
It was a **sad**,  
**sad** song.



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

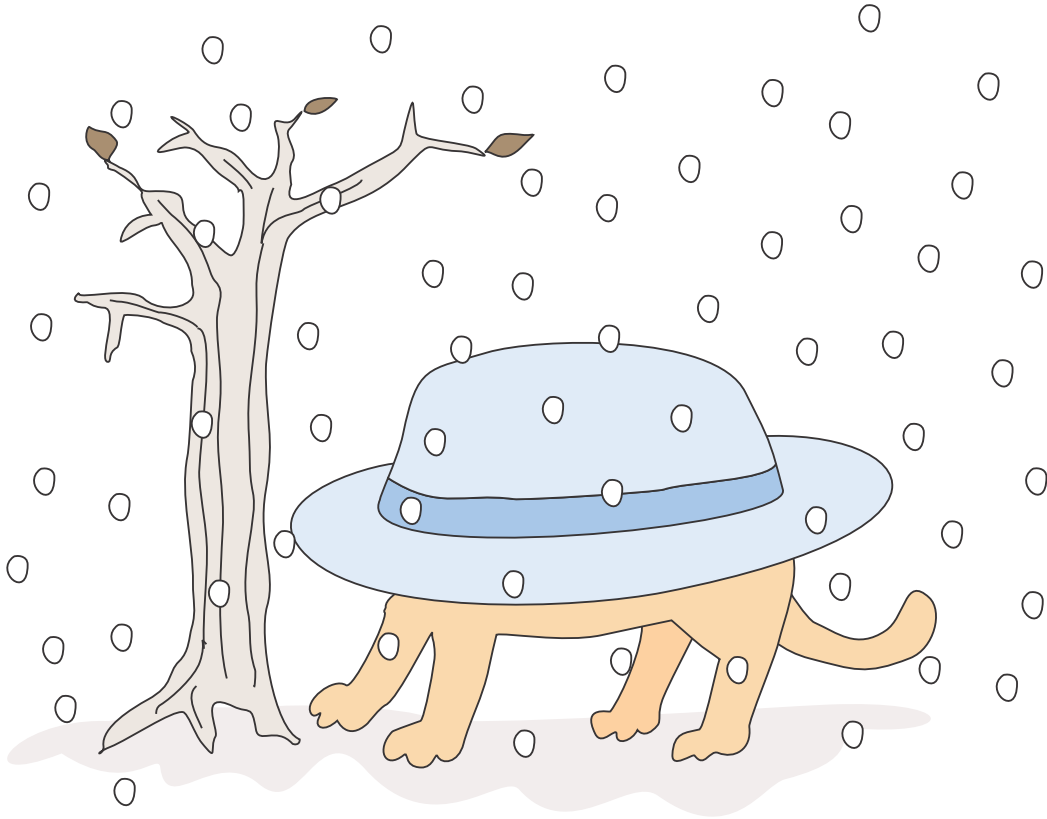


I **am** Sam.

I **am** a cat,

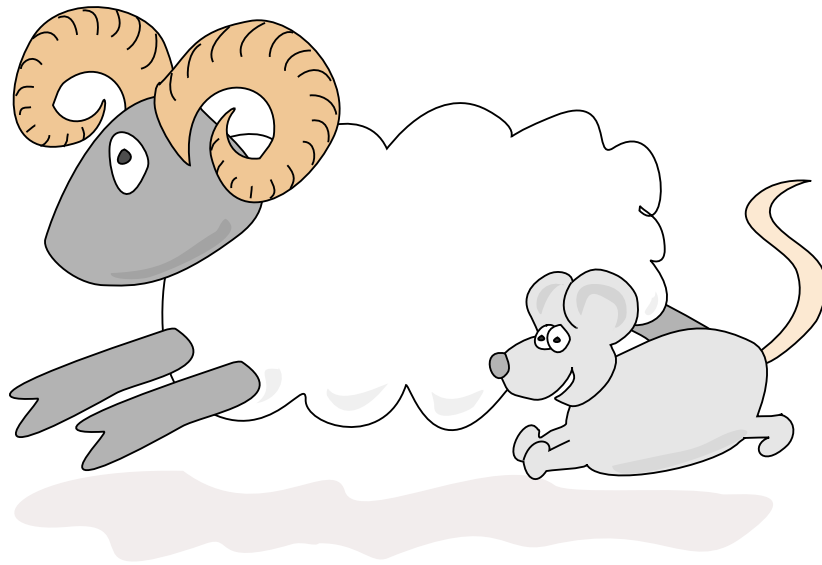
and I **am** stuck

inside a **hat**.



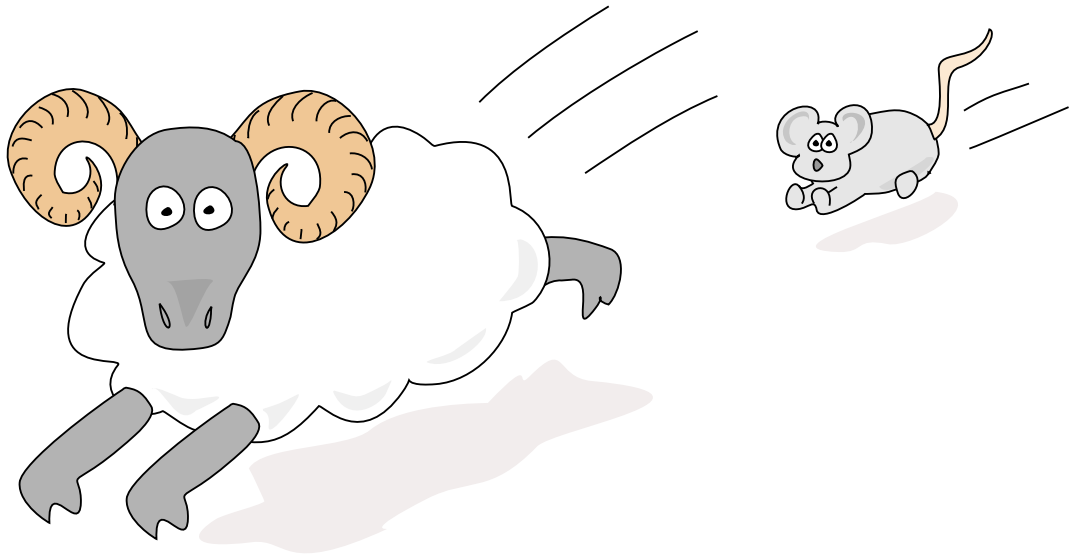
The **hat** is nice  
when it is snowing,  
but I can't see where  
I **am** going.

## Rat Race

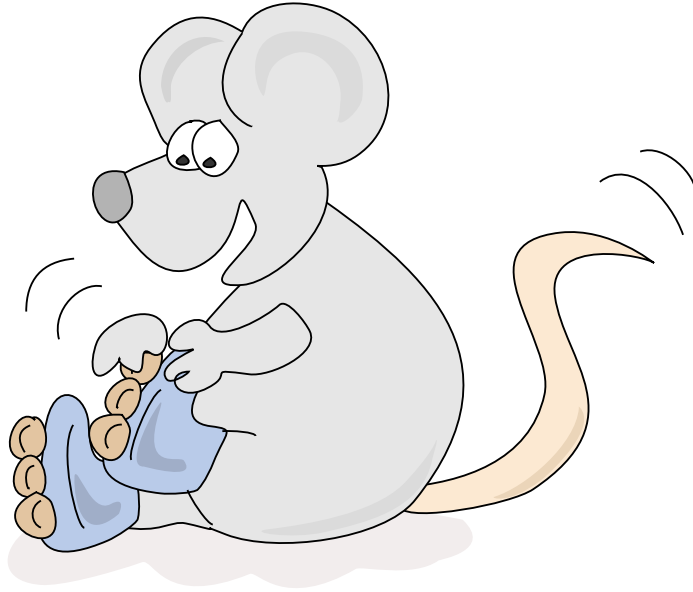


A **rat** and a  
**ram ran**  
a race.

A ram is a boy sheep.

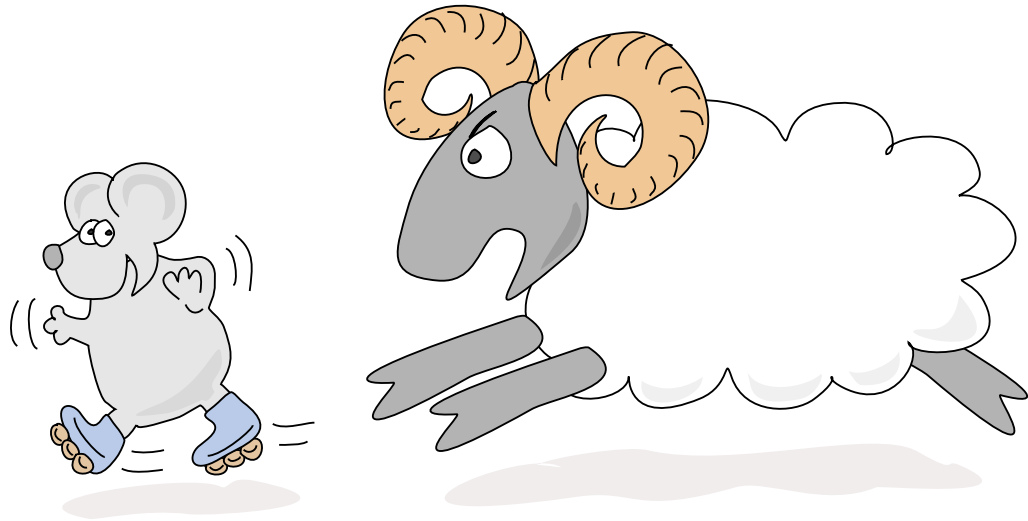


The **ram**  
**ran** faster,



so the **rat**  
put on skates.





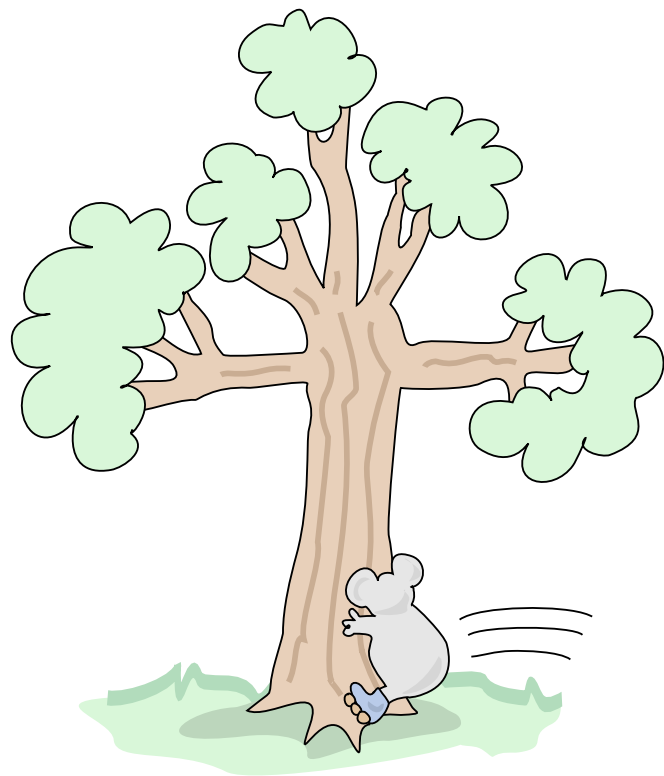
“Cheater!” said the  
**ram** as the **rat**  
rolled by.



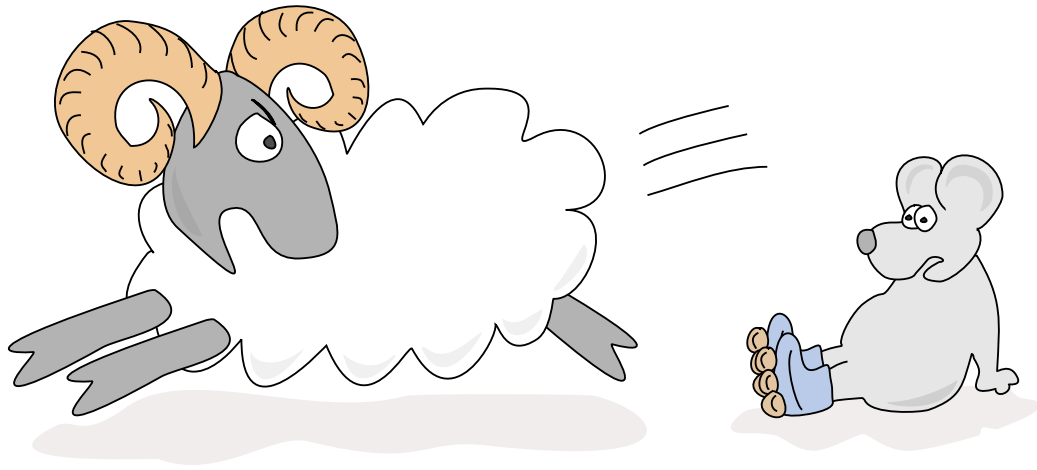
“I **am** the winner!”

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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Book 2: Short Vowel “e”

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