

Short Vowels – Reading Practice

Jan and Ted have a pet cat. The cat is big and it can not swim. Ted and the cat went to swim, but the cat ran back to Jan. Jan was mad, so she hit Ted. “Don’t hit me,” said Ted. Jan did not let the cat swim.

Jan and Ted saw a rat in the yard.

“Get rid of it!” said Jan.

“The cat will kill the rat,” said Ted, and he let the cat get the big rat.

But the cat did not kill the rat. It bit the rat and hit the cat, but then it quit.

“The cat will not kill the rat!” said Ted. “The cat just wants to have fun.”



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Mom got a job at a pet shop. The shop had pups, cats, birds, frogs, and fish. A lot of kids like to run to the shop after class and look at the pets.



One day, Jan and Ted went with them. “Look!” said Ted. “Look at that pup. It is so cute.” They went home to ask mom for the pup.

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“Can we get a pup?” asked Ted.

“The cat will not like the pup,” said mom.

“But the pup is so cute,” said Jan.

“Sorry,” said mom. “One pet is enough.”