23-Jailbird Dan
more endings

One day Dan came home, and boy was he glad!

"Rat! Rat!" he yelled. "Come see my new truck and trailer!" Rat was watching TV and did not answer Dan.

"Rat, I am speaking to you!" Dan said.

"I am resting, Dan," said Rat. "I will go see your new truck and trailer later."

"No, Rat," said Dan. "You have rested and watched TV too long. No more watching TV. Come see my new truck and trailer now."

When Rat saw the truck and trailer he said, "Wow!"

Dan said, "We can put a speed boat on the trailer and take it to Pine Lake to go boating. I may even let you drive!"

"But Dan," said Rat, "I don't know how to drive."

"Well," said Dan, "I can teach you. If I am your teacher, you will be a *safe* driver."

"With you as my teacher I will be a *fast* driver!" said Rat. "'*Faster is better*' is what I say!"

"They make jails for cats who say that, Rat," said Dan.

Dan took Rat out and started teaching Rat

how to drive. But as Dan was teaching Rat how to pass, Dan got tired. Soon Dan drifted off to sleep.

Rat knew Dan was a deep, deep sleeper, so Rat knew he could have fun with the new truck and trailer.

As Dan was sleeping, Rat said, "Now it's time to test the speed of this truck! Let the testing start!"

Rat pushed down on the gas and the truck started going faster. Faster and faster it went. Soon Rat was passing every car on the road.

"I'm beating every car out here on the road!" said Rat. "Wow! Stay out of my way!"

Then Rat said, "Let me see if I can go faster!"

So Rat kept pressing on the gas and the truck went faster and faster.

As Rat was speeding a car came up behind him. It was a police car!

"Pull that truck over to the side of the road!" yelled the policeman. As Rat was pulling to the side of the road, Dan woke up and saw the police car.

"Oh no!" screamed Dan. "I trusted you, Rat. This is what I get for trusting you. They are going to put you *under* the jail!"

"Oh, Dan!" said Rat. "Please save me!" Rat was so scared he was panting.

"No," said Dan. "I think you needed this to take place to teach you to be safe."

The policeman neared the truck, then peered in.

"Do you know how fast you were going?" the policeman asked Dan.

"I was not driving," said Dan. "It was the cat.

The cat was speeding."

"You are not the first speeder to blame his pet," the policeman said as he reached for his handcuffs.

"Wait!" screamed Dan. "It WAS the cat! Tell him Rat! Tell him you were driving!"

"Well, Dan," said Rat. "I think you may have needed this to take place. You have not been getting much rest, I know. Now you can rest while in jail. You will thank me later."

The policeman led Dan off to jail, and as he left Dan was screaming.

"I will get you for this Rat The Cat! You wait and see! I will get you!"

The next day Rat came to see Dan.

"I got you out, Dan" said Rat. "You don't have to thank me. All they want you to do is some weeding and seeding at the park, and for

the next year you must fill all the bird feeders."
Dan and Rat went home in the new truck. Dan drove.

But late that night as Rat was sleeping in his bed, Dan came creeping up. He dropped a small, black thing on Rat's bed, a thing that scares Rat even more than a huge beast – a spider!

Look out Rat!

Add -ed ending to the following words:
(just add the ending)

block   + ed   =   _____

reach   + ed   =   _____

pant   + ed   =   _____

gain   + ed   =   _____

train   + ed   =   _____

Add -ing ending to the following words:

speak   + ing   =   _____

sleep   + ing   =   _____

watch   + ing   =   _____

plant   + ing   =   _____

hand   + ing   =   _____

Add -er ending to the following words:

teach   + er   =   _____

sick   + er   =   _____

train   + er   =   _____

sleep   + er   =   _____

short   + er   =   _____

Dictation

Dan is a teacher.
Dan is teaching.
Dan is a deep sleeper.
Dan is sleeping.
Dan is a trainer.
Dan is training Rat.
Dan trained Rat.
Rat is reaching for a glass.
Rat reached the top.
Dan is trusting Rat.
Dan trusted Rat.
Dan handed Rat a hat.
Rat is sicker than Dan.
Rat is watching TV.
Rat watched TV.
Dan is speaking.

Add endings to the following words:

speak	keep	hand	feed
block	gain	rest	need

Weird Words

spider	even	should	under
pleaded	tired	over	every
policeman	behind	pirate	treasure