30-The Puppet Show
Final -y, er sound

One day Rat came running to get Dan, and Rat was so happy that he was about to burst.

"Dan! Dan!" he said. "Come see what I did in my room! I made a puppet show. It's so funny! It's about a kitty and a bunny. Bad things happen to them. I made the puppets myself. I'm going to be rich!"

Dan went with Rat to Rat's room.

"Rat!" Dan said when he went into Rat's room. "This room is DIRTY!"

"Well," said Rat, "sometimes to be funny you have to be a bit messy. Here, have some taffy."

Rat gave Dan some taffy and Dan sat down to watch the puppet show.

Rat began his puppet show. He had a bunny puppet on one hand.

"One day a pretty baby bunny was hopping in the dirt. Hippity hop! Hippity hop! *Oh, it is a nice day,'* said the bunny. *'I am so happy.'* Hippity hop! Hippity hop! The pretty bunny's mommy and daddy were inside, so no one was watching the pretty little baby bunny."

Rat stuck up his other hand with a bird puppet on it.

"Up came a big, bad bird," Rat said. "It was the kind of bird that eats pretty little baby

bunnies. The big, nasty bird dove down and grabbed the pretty little baby bunny and ate him up!" Rat was making the bird puppet attack the bunny puppet. Dan jumped up from his seat.

"Wait!" Dan yelled. "Wait, Rat! Stop! You can't make a puppet show that is about bad things happening to cute little animals. Your puppets can't get hurt in your story, or your story won't sell!"

Rat seemed sad.

"Well, how about this puppet show, then?" asked Rat. Rat held up a kitty puppet and began a new show.

"One day there was a pretty little brown kitty named Teddy. Teddy was a happy kitty. Teddy liked to purr, lick his fur, and turn over stones in the forest. But one chilly day in the forest

Teddy made a fire to keep warm."

Rat stuck up his other hand with a fire puppet on it.

"But the fire got out of control!" Rat said. "The fire chased Teddy all over the forest until Teddy ran into a rock wall. There was nowhere to go, so the fire got Teddy!" Rat made his fire puppet jump on his kitty puppet.

"Burn baby burn!" Rat yelled. Dan jumped up.

Rat!" he yelled. "What kind of crazy cat would make such mean tales for a puppet show?"

"Me?" said Rat.

"Yes," said Dan. Rat seemed sad. "Rat, you can't get rich on such mean tales." You need to write sweet stories, witty tales about happy things."

"Can I please do one more?" Rat asked.

"Sure, buddy," said Dan. "But make it nice."

Rat began. He had a boy puppet on one hand and a girl puppet on the other.

"One foggy day Sally and Jeffy were playing in the dirt. They were so happy that they were giddy. The fog made all the birch trees seem fuzzy, and Sally said the fuzzy trees were neat." Rat stood up.

"Is this a nice story to far?" Rat asked Dan.

"Yes, Rat," said Dan. "Very nice." Rat went on.

"Sally saw a fern. She said, 'I will pick the fern and take it home to Mommy.' But Jeffy said, 'No, I will pick the fern and take it home to Daddy.' 'I saw it first!' Sally yelled. 'So!' Jeffy said. 'I am bigger than you!'

"Jeffy began to dig up the fern, but Sally

jumped on him." Rat made the two puppets fight.

"Wow! What a battle!" Rat yelled.

"STOP!" screamed Dan. "You did it again Rat!" Dan wanted no more of Rat's puppet shows.

"Rat," said Dan, "I must be firm on this. I will take your puppet stage if you can't make nice stories for kids." Rat hung his head. He was sad.

"I'm sorry Dan," said Rat. "It's just what comes out."

"Do you see, Rat," asked Dan, "that making these crazy puppet shows would be about as silly as if I made reading books about all the bad things that happen to you? Do you see?"

"Yes, Dan," said Rat. "I see. It would never sell."

Vocabulary

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dirt	bird	firm	fir

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herd	term	jerk	her
fern	nerve	serve	swerve

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curd	burn	turn	church	hurt

final y

kitty	bunny	funny	mommy
daddy	sunny	muddy	silly
foggy	nutty	really	chilly
pretty	giddy	furry	fuzzy
rainy	baby	crazy	dirty
twenty	puppy	empty	Wally

Weird Words

suddenly	nowhere	changed	attack
continued	changed	capture	happen
laughing	down	through	happening
camera	door	puppet	animals
microphone	room	gathered	can't
ten-thousand	stories	usually	jumped

Making -y Plural

(change the "y" to an "i" and add "es")

kitty (change y to i) =   **kitti**   (add es)=   **kitties**

baby (change y to i) = _____   (add es)= _____

bunny (change y to i) = _____   (add es)= _____

daddy (change y to i) = _____   (add es)= _____

puppy (change y to i) = _____   (add es)= _____

Dictation

I have one kitty. She has ten kitties.

Rat has one puppy. Dan has five puppies.

My mommy has one baby.

Your daddy has six babies.

I saw one bunny, Tim saw nine bunnies.

That nutty bunny is really funny.

Today is a foggy, chilly day.

Did Pam feed her fern to the bird?

That Fred is a dirty bird.

Turn left at the big, brown church.

Is Dan nice or is he a silly jerk?

The bed was too firm for the puppy.

Can the furry kitty like the bird?