



10-The Peep

long e, consonant-ee-consonant

One fine day at five, Dan and Rat came home from a nice time at the zoo.

As Dan and Rat sat by the TV, a *PEEP* came from Rat.

"Was that a *PEEP?*" asked Dan.

"No," said Rat. "What *peep* Dan? I did not hear a *peep*. I bet the TV went *BEEP*."

Dan and Rat sat by the TV, then Rat The Cat went *PEEP* one more time.

"Rat!" said Dan. "Did you take a zoo animal to keep as a pet?" Rat could see that Dan was angry.

Rat did keep a zoo animal to be his pet. Rat hid it in a red box.

"The hen let me," said Rat.

"Peep!" said the chick in the box.

"No!" said Dan. "I DO NOT CARE if the hen let you, you can't keep it! No cat can keep a zoo animal as a pet!"

"PEEP!" said the chick in the box.

"Oh if you let me keep it I will hug it and feed it seed!" said Rat. "I will take care of it! I will meet its needs!"

"No, Rat," said Dan. "You did a bad deed."

Now Rat DID feel sad. To keep the chick would be a bad deed. No cat can take a zoo animal home to keep as a pet.

"On your feet," said Dan. "We will take the chick home to the

zoo."

A deep GRRRRRRR came from the top of Dan and Rat's home.

"Oh no!" said Dan. "Did you keep an ape too?"

OH NO!

"DAN STOLE MY CHICKEN"

A POEM BY RAT THE CAT

**THERE IS NOTHING EVER SO SADDENING
AS HAVING YOUR CHICKEN STOLEN,
NOT LOSING YOUR CLOTHES OR A RING,
OR EVEN YOUR NOSE OR COLON.**

**I MADE A NICE NEST IN A BOX,
SAFE AND AWAY FROM THE ZOO,
SAFE FROM THE HAWK AND THE FOX,
BUT THEN DAN BROKE MY HEART IN TWO.**

**DAN WAS SO MEAN TO ME THEN!
HE TREATED ME LIKE A FLUNKY,
THINK HOW SHOCKED HE'LL BE WHEN
NEXT TIME I STEAL A MONKEY!**

Vocabulary

meet	seep	weed	peel
seed	feel	deed	teen
beep	deed	weep	feed
feet	keep	reel	peep
need	heel	seen	beet
sees	bee	seem	heed

Weird Words

from	animal	went	can't
was	too	they	your
zoo	for	said	that
chick	and	by	asked

Make the following words long-vowel-sound words by inserting an "e"

met	fed	ten	Ned
bet	pep	wed	Ted

Dictation

The man did not like his feet.

I need the jet.

Tim did a bad deed.

Rat did not like the peel.

Dan can feed the dog a beet.

Rat did not beep.

I feel bad.

Ted has seen Rat and Jane.

I can keep the red dog.

Sam did weep.

I did meet Jane.

Luke the mule ate a weed.

Rat had a beet seed.

The teen can keep the beet.

Rat was on his feet.

I feel like a heel.

Rat sees a bee.