



7-The Mud Bug

short u, consonant-u-consonant

One fine day in the sun:

Rat The Cat dug a hole in the mud. It was a mud hole. Rat got into the mud hole. It was fun! Rat dug, dug, and dug. It

was so fun!

Rat made a hut in the mud. It was a mud hut. It was so much fun that Rat had to hum. It was a fine, fine day.

As Rat The Cat made the mud hut, up came a big, big, bug! It was a mud-hole bug, a mud bug!

"Ugggh!" said Rat. "A big mud bug! Oh no!"

Rat can run, and Rat ran. But

the sun was too hot. The sun made the mud on Rat The Cat dry. Rat was stuck, stuck like a pig in a poke.

Up came the big mud bug. The mud bug had a water gun.

"That cat is a nut," said the mud bug. Then the mud bug shot Rat with the water gun. Rat The Cat was stuck no more!

The big mud bug liked the

mud hut.

"I can make the mud hut my home," said the mud bug.

So the big mud bug made her home in the mud hut.

Rat dug more and more mud holes. He dug and dug and dug. But Dan came, and Dan did not like the mud holes. Dan was angry, angry, angry!

Rat The Cat did not like the tub, but he had to be in it!

"SAD CAT"

A POEM BY RAT THE CAT

I BUILT A MUD HUT,
COMFY AND WIDE,
NOW A HOMELESS
MUD BUG LIVES INSIDE,
DAN SAW MY WORK AND
I FELT HIS WRATH,
IT'S TORTURE TO MAKE ME
TAKE A BATH!
BOOOO HOOOOOO
BOOOO HOOOOOO
WHAT'S A HELPLESS
CAT TO DO?
BOOOO HOOOOOO
BOOOO HOOOOOO
I WISH I KNEW KUNG FU.

Vocabulary

tub	hum	but	bug
dug	run	bus	hut
nut	cut	gun	rug
rub	us	rut	tug
sun	fun	up	mud

Weird Words

went	could	down	then
saw	get	into	that
said	that	yelled	frog
one	Ranger	dream	was
day	too	my	shot
stuck	water	by	liked
they	hotdog	with	she

Dictation

Jane dug a hole in the hot sun.

I like to dig and hum.

It is fun to hide in the cave.

Rat can poke the ape and run.

Sam can ride the bus.

The old dog can run.

The dog can run home.

Rat is in the tub.

It is a bad cut.

The mole is in the mud.

Rat can make a mud hut.

Dan is a big nut.

The bug had fun in the sun.

Did Rat take the bus?

Can a fox run home?

Can I run in the sun?