



### **3-The Big Pig**

**short i, consonant-i-consonant**

Jane did save Rat The Cat at the lake. Dave, the tame ape, ate Rat. But Jane had a big rake. Rat The Cat was not a cake!

But Rat The Cat bit Dave the tame ape on the lip. Dave was big. Dave was an ape. And Dave the tame ape was as mad as a pig in a wig!

The tame ape bit at Rat The Cat. Rat ran! Rat hid by the lid of a big tin can.

Up came a man. The tame ape saw the man.

"Who is that man?" Sam asked Jane.

"It's Ranger Tim!" said Jane.

"I am Ranger Tim," said the man. "Who ate Rat The Cat? Was it Sam? Was it Dan? Who ate Rat The Cat? I can take him away."

"The ape did it!" said Sam.

"Dave, the tame ape, ate Rat," said Dan.

"It was the big ape," said Jane.

"But I had a rake to save Rat."

"You pig!" Ranger Tim said to

Dave. Dave did a jig.

"Yes," Dan said, "Jane did save Rat. She did it with a rake."

Ranger Tim gave Dave the tame ape a tip:

"An ape can jig, he can sit on a fig, but you ate a cat, you bad, bad, big pig!"

# **"WHEN BITING APES"**

**A POEM BY RAT THE CAT**

**IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
ANGER AN APE,**

**YOU SHOULD FIRST PLAN YOUR  
MEANS OF ESCAPE,**

**BEING A CHICKEN  
BEATS TAKING A LICKIN'**

**JUST HOPE NO ONE GETS IT ON TAPE!**

## Vocabulary

bit	pig	is	fig
tin	win	wig	it
hip	hid	dig	in
fit	did	Jim	bin
wit	hit	bid	sip
pin	big	his	Tim

## Weird Words

was	saw	it's	but
were	past	who	Ranger
find	name	fast	asked
with	tapped	named	they
that	not	one	Dan's
and	said	away	like
went	too	she	too

# Dictation

The tan ape is big.  
Jim has a big tin can.  
Dan can sit at the lake.  
The cane has a tan tip.  
Dave bit Rat on the hip.  
Rat bit Dave on the lip.  
The man has a wig on his pig.  
Tim can take a sip.  
I can fit in a tin can.  
The bat can win the big race.  
The tin lid is tan.  
An ape can sit on a fig.  
Dave the tame ape did a jig.  
A pig can win the race.  
The ape hid a pin in his wig.  
I can win the tin pin.