



## **21-The Beast**

### **endings in v-c-e words**

One fine day at nine, Dan and Rat biked to Pine Lake. Later, while Dan was making ice cream and baking a cake, Rat came up to him.

“Dan, can we play hide and seek?” Rat asked.

“Sure, Rat,” said Dan. “But first I need to make the ice cream and bake the cake.”

“Oh, let me make the cake and ice cream!” Rat pleaded. “I am a good ice cream maker and

cake baker!”

“Okay,” said Dan. “I will go hide while you bake the cake and make the ice cream. But Rat, I am a good hider!”

So Dan went to hide while Rat was baking the cake and making the ice cream.

Dan hid in a cave. As Dan had said, he was a good hider. In fact, Dan was so good at hiding that Rat couldn't find him.

So Rat said, “Dan, I made the ice cream and baked the cake. Where are you, Dan? Go *'BEEP!'*”

Dan went “*BEEP!*” Rat could tell that the beep came from the cave. But as Rat went past the cave, Dan went “*Grrrrrrrrr!*”

“That must be Dan,” said Rat. “He must be hiding in the cave and making that noise. But I

will be safe, just in case a mean beast is making the noise.”

Rat got a pole and poked the pole way back into the cave. Rat kept poking until he hit Dan with the pole.

“Rrrrrrr...” said Dan.

“Dan, is that you?” Rat asked.

“RRRRRRR!” said Dan.

“Dan, I am hoping that is you and not a beast!” Rat was scared.

“RRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!” said Dan.

“Dan, don't fake like you are a beast!” Rat yelled. “You don't scare me! I know you are faking, you faker! You have faked me out in the past, but not this time!”

“Rrrrrrr...” said Dan. Rat was angry.

“Dan,” he yelled, “don't tell me we biked all the way up to the lake, then hiked all the way

back to our camp, just so you could hide in a cave and fake a mean noise! I came up here to go hiking and tubing, not for your faking. Now I am hating this whole trip!”

Now a new noise came from the cave. The noise was like Dan's noise, but much, much deeper.

“RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!” went the noise.

“Aaaahhhh!” yelled Dan as he ran from the cave.

“As Dan ran past Rat, Rat said, “Oh, Dan – you can't fake me out. I know you are faking, you big faker!”

A big beast ran out of the cave. The beast was so angry it was fuming.

“Wow!” said Rat. “That Dan sure is brave to hide in a cave with a beast!”

“I didn't know the beast was in there!” Dan

screamed as the beast chased him. As the beast was chasing Dan, Rat had time to think.

“How can I save Dan?” Rat said. “Dan saved me from Dave the ape. In fact, Dan seems to be saving me each day. I must save Dan this time!”

“I know!” said Rat. “I know how I can save Dan! I will just smile and be nice to the beast!”

So Rat ran to save Dan. Rat smiled at the beast, but the beast did not stop chasing Dan. In fact, the beast swiped its big paw at Rat.

“Aaaahhh!” screamed Rat. Now the beast was chasing Rat too.

Up came Ranger Tim.

“Dan,” asked Ranger Tim, “were you hiding in the beast's cave?”

“Yes!” Dan answered. “I think I woke it up

and now it's angry!”

“But why is the beast chasing Rat The Cat?” asked Ranger Tim.

“Can't you tell?” said Rat. “I am saving Dan!”

Ranger Tim got a rope and roped the beast. He made the beast go back into the cave, then sang the beast back to sleep.

“Now,” said Ranger Tim, “I know you are a good hider, Dan, but a cave is not a safe place to hide.”

“Yes,” said Dan.

“Plus,” said Ranger Tim, “the next time I may not be here to save you.”

“Yes,” said Rat. “You should be safer, Dan. The next time I may not be here to save you.”

Dan picked up Rat and tossed him into the cave.

“RRRRRR!” went the beast.

“Aaaaah!” screamed Rat.

“Get the rope!” yelled Ranger Tim.

“Ha!” said Dan.

**Add -ed ending to the following words:  
(drop the silent e, then add the ending)**

rake - e = rak + ed = raked  
bake - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + ed = \_\_\_\_\_  
fake - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + ed = \_\_\_\_\_  
bike - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + ed = \_\_\_\_\_  
hike - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + ed = \_\_\_\_\_

**Add -ing ending to the following words:**

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hike - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + ing = \_\_\_\_\_

**Add -er ending to the following words:**

make - e = mak + er = maker  
bake - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + er = \_\_\_\_\_  
fake - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + er = \_\_\_\_\_  
bike - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + er = \_\_\_\_\_  
hike - e = \_\_\_\_\_ + er = \_\_\_\_\_



## Dictation

I am baking a cake.  
I baked a cake.  
I am a good baker.  
I am making a hat.  
I am a good hat maker.  
I like biking.  
We biked to Pine Lake.  
Rat is a biker.  
Dan is faking.  
Dan faked a Grrr.  
Dan is a good faker.  
I am raking the grass.  
I raked the grass.  
I am hating this.  
I hated that.  
I am a hater of bugs.

### Add endings to the following words:

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|------|------|------|------|
| tape | pave | tube | wave |
| poke | tune | fade | save |

### Weird Words

|         |        |        |       |
|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| first   | noise  | should | could |
| pleaded | deeper | would  | paw   |
| good    |        |        |       |