



## Book 35: Mat the Rat

### Review Word

nut, rat, set - Decodable

### Plot Summary

Mat the Rat gets ready to go to the zoo. He takes fish and peanuts for the animals. While he feeds the seal, a baby elephant tries to reach a peanut. Mat begins to tease the baby elephant. Mama elephant is angry. She takes the nuts away from Mat. But Mat soon becomes friends with Mama Elephant and her baby.

### Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 6: What is Mat putting in his sheet?
2. page 8: Where is Mat going?
3. page 10: How is Mat teasing the baby elephant?
4. page 11: What did Mama Elephant do?
5. page 13: What is Mat doing to make the elephants happy?

Each new word throughout the program is repeated at least five times in the book in which it first appears and five more times in the next ten books.

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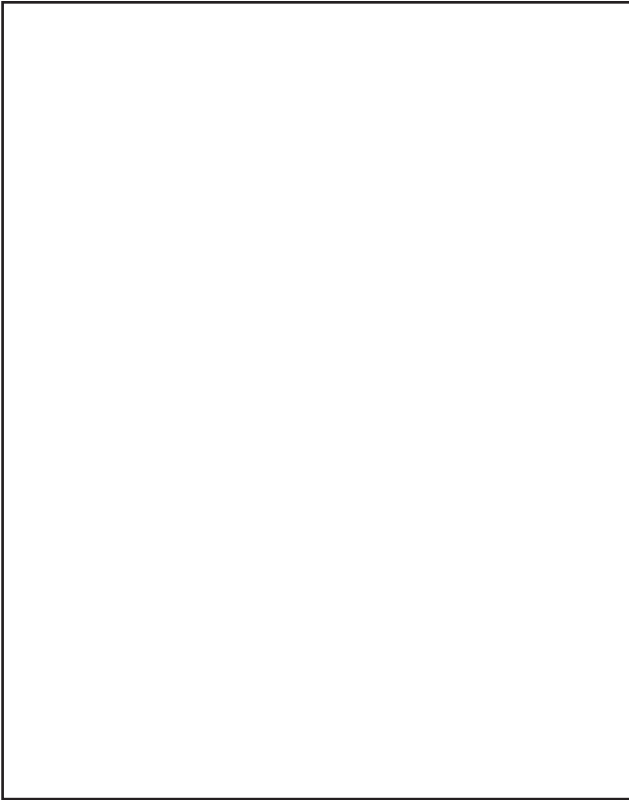
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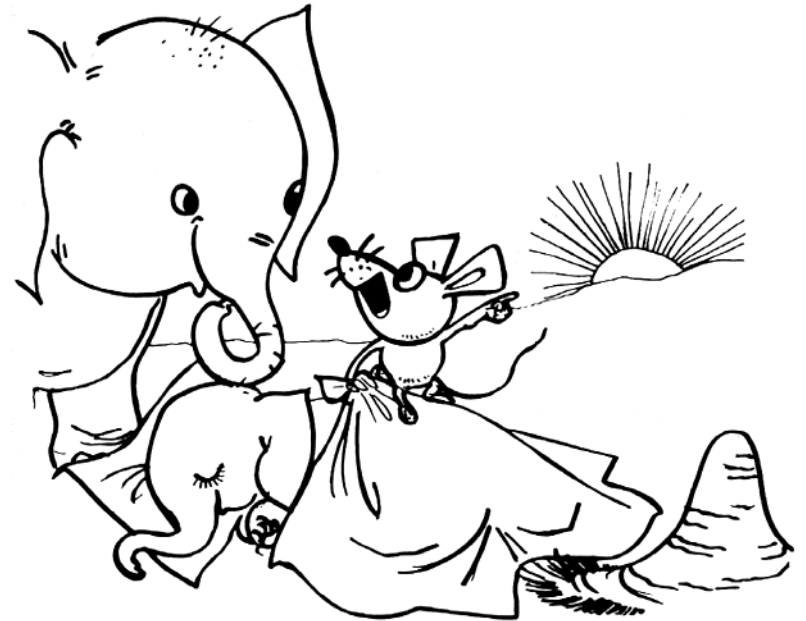
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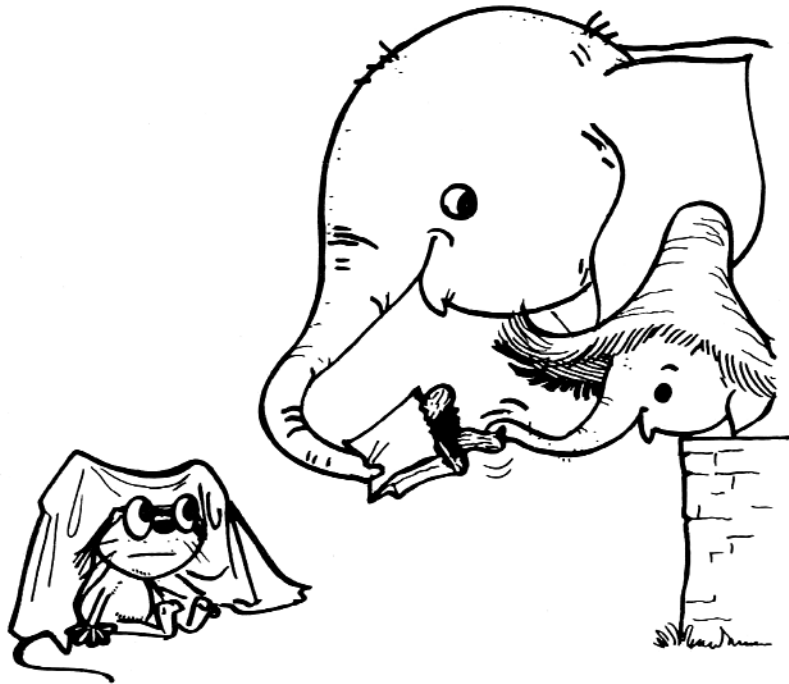
Draw a picture of Mat.

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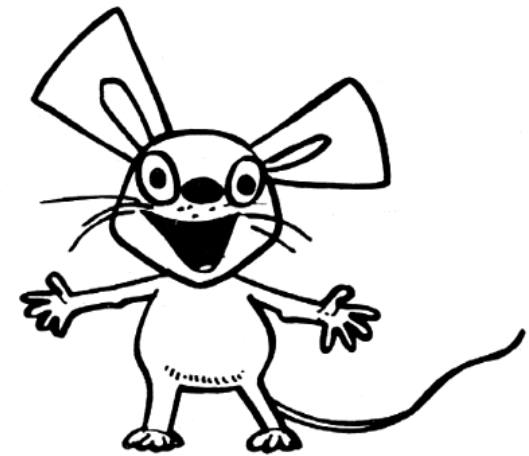
Level	Book	Title	New Words	New Sounds	Special Words
ONE	1	I See Sam	I, see, Sam	/a/ /s/ /m/	I, see
	2	Sam			
	3	See Sam	am		
	4	See Me	me		me
TWO	5	Mat	Mat	/t/	
	6	See Mat	Mit, Sis	/i/	
	7	Meet Mit	meet		meet
	8	See It	in, it	/n/	
THREE	9	Sit On It	sit, on	/o/	
	10	Sis	is		is
	11	Sam Sat	sat		
	12	It Is Ann	Ann, this		this
FOUR	13	Ann and Nan	and, Nan	/d/	
	14	Nan and the Man	a, the, man		a, the
	15	Sam is Mad	mad, that		that
	16	Sid	at, Sid		
FIVE	17	We Will See	we, will, with	/w/ /l/	we, with
	18	Sid and the Mess	fell, mess	/t/ /e/	
	19	Sis in a Mess			
	20	Nat Sits	fit, Nat		
SIX	21	Nat	sun, them, us, what	/u/	what, them
	22	Mat in the Sun			
	23	Run, Feet, Run	feet, fun, run	/r/ /ee/	
	24	Who Am I?	Nell, who, yes	/y/	who
SEVEN	25	Nell and Ed	did, Ed, let, well		
	26	Sis in the Well	need, she	/sh/	
	27	Ann is Sad	net, ran, sad, no		
	28	Ed and the Sheet	fill, sheet, shut		
EIGHT	29	Mat Did it	mud		
	30	The Shell	sand, sell, shell		
	31	Sell the Shell			
	32	The Hat	fish, hat, he	/h/	
NINE	33	Mat in the Hat			
	34	Mat and the Net	nut, rat, set		
	35	Mat the Rat			
	36	See Them	feel, not		
TEN	37	Mit is Wet	fat, if, wet		
	38	Will We Win?	fan, needs, sits, win		
	39	The Seed	fans, hand(s), hill, seed, weed		
	40	Mat and the Weed	fills, runs		
ELEVEN	41	Was It Wet?	met, hit(s), was, to		
	42	Fun With the Sheet			
	43	The Men	bad, him, men, be	/b/	
	44	The Bad Men			
TWELVE	45	Mat at Bat	bat, his, wish, ball		
	46	The Bat Rat			
	47	Mat is Wet	bell, but, has,		
	48	The Fun Fish			
THIRTEEN	49	The Bus	ant(s), Ben, bus, had		
	50	Ben the Ant			
	51	The Bee	bed, bee, Bill, hid		
	52	The Ant and the Bee			



“See the sun set.  
He needs the sheet.  
I need the hat.”



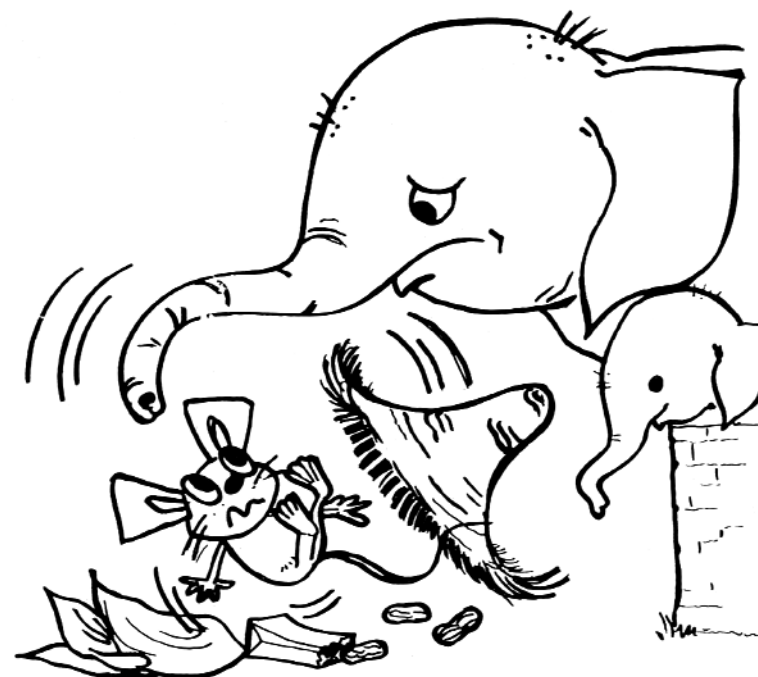
The sheet is on the rat.  
See them with the nuts  
and the hat.



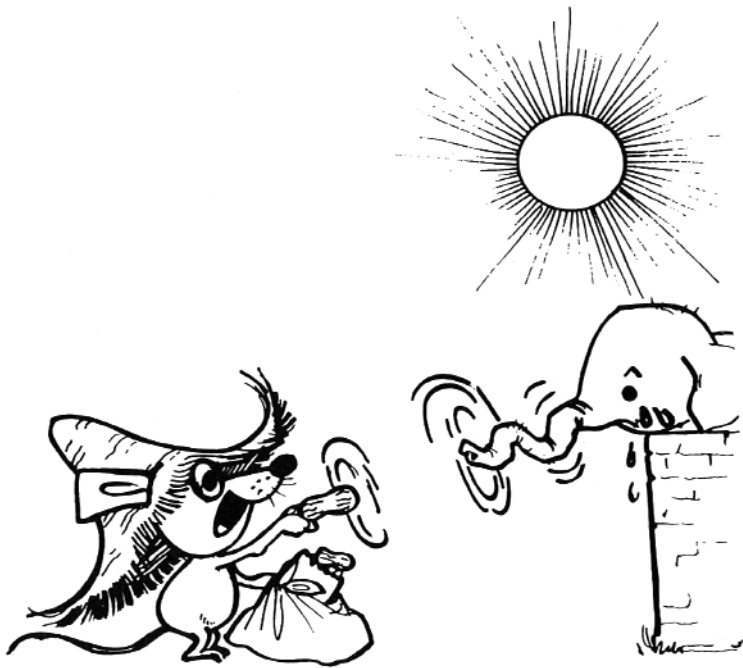
“I am Mat the Rat.”



“I am a rat  
with a hat.”



The nuts fell.  
Then the hat fell.



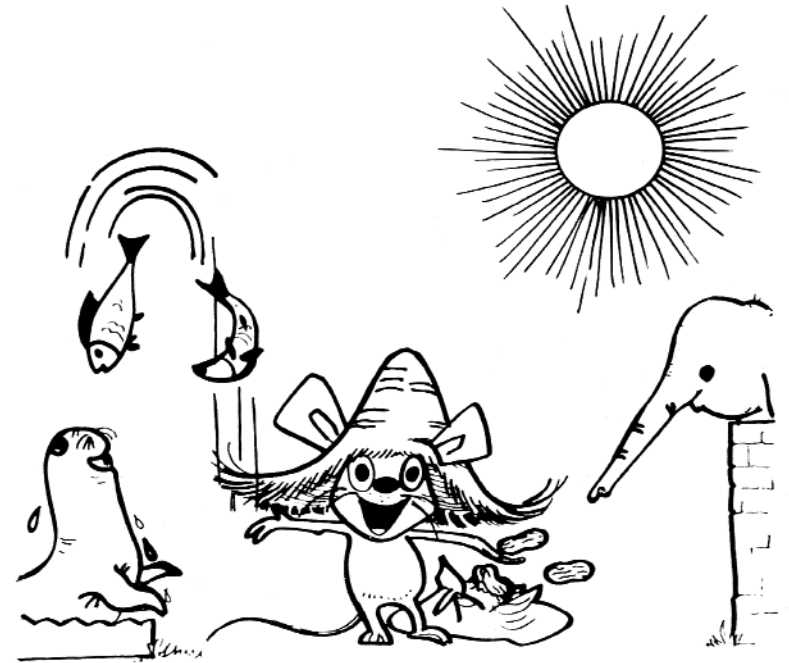
“He sees the nuts.  
He is sad.  
He needs nuts.”



“I need this fish  
and that fish.”



“I need this nut and that nut.  
I will set them in this.”



“I am Mat the Rat.  
See the fish and the nuts.”





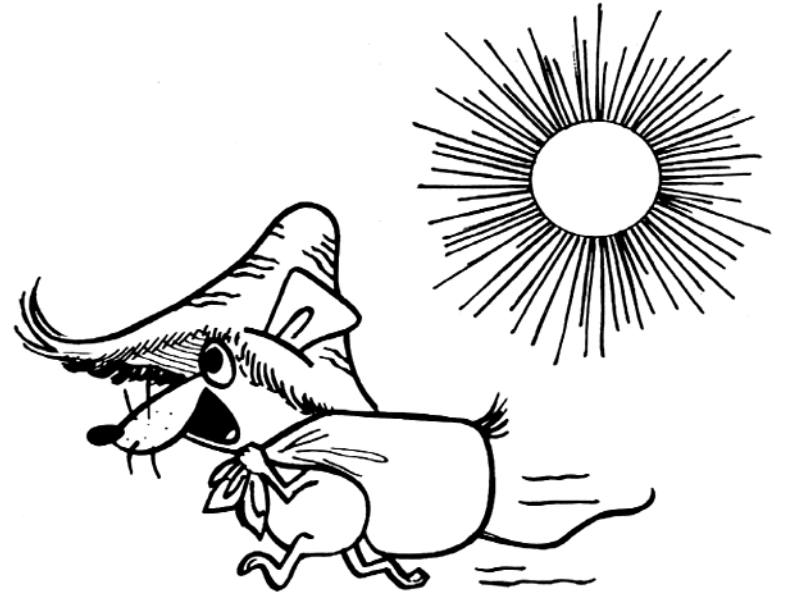
“What is it?”



“I need a sheet.”



“I will set the fish and the  
nuts in the sheet.”



“I run with them.”