

Information Sheet for the Parent – MY PEEING & POOPING RAT

In this story I've used repetition. This is to help your child grow in confidence when learning to read.

By repeatedly using the word 'rat' and 'rat a tat tat' – you can help your child learn to recognise these words and the sounds they make. This builds their confidence - because if they can learn to recognise one, two or more of these words, then suddenly they 'get it' – What I mean here is, that they make the important connection between sounds and letters & this is really exciting for them.

- ✓ **If you are good at music, beats, rap or whatever – read this story to your-self a few times to find your own unique way of reading or singing it.**

If you can help your child learn to spell **R A T** then **YOU** can teach your child two other words:

Remove the **letter R** & you are left with the word = **AT**

Remove the **letter's R & A** and you are left with the word = **A** (as in: I would like a drink)

So you see! – if your child isn't confident at writing or spelling – this way you can slowly teach them some simple words to build on.

Once they have mastered RAT, AT and A ...then you can try this! Either over the phone or as part of your letter - Ask them to get some paper.

1. Then ask them to write R A T at the top of the page.
2. Then underneath RAT ask them to write AT a few times.
3. So it looks like this:

RAT
AT
AT
AT
AT

4. Then talk to them about other letters in the alphabet such as B, C, H, F and others. If they know some of these letters – even if they only know one letter – that is fine! Ask them to write the letter that they know 'in front of 'AT'.
5. What you want is for them to see that they can write even more words! This is what you are trying to help them achieve:

RAT
BAT
CAT
HAT
FAT

Hey! Here is something you can have a laugh over with your child – In some countries people eat rats! I copied this off Google so you can describe to your child what rat tastes like:

The meat was tender, not at all gamy (strong flavoured), and the garlic and oyster sauce gave it a nice flavour... Rat meat really tastes like chicken!

& Finally – ask your child to draw a picture of the peeing & pooping rat! So that they can send it in to you!