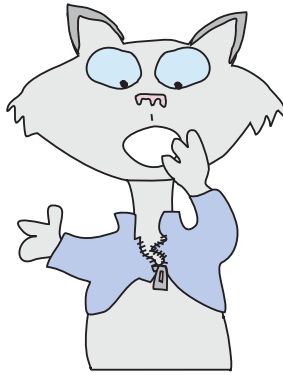


Alphabetti Book 3-17

zip



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A Progressive Phonics<sup>TM</sup> book

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Alphabetti box:

t l I f r v w y x k z j q

(This book introduces the letter "z")

Words used in this book:

am      fix      zip  
can      I      not  
let      if      on  
ten      in      tom  
wet      sip      up  
big      sit  
did      tim

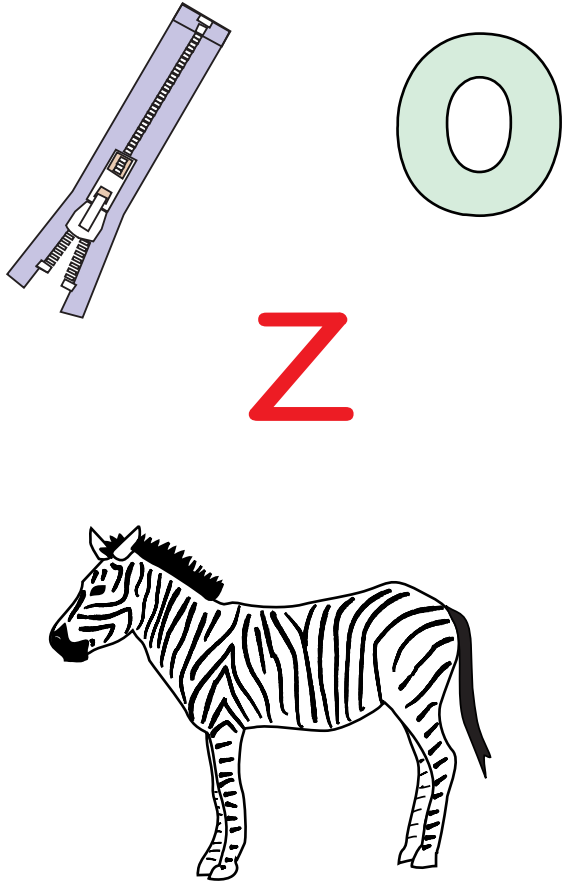
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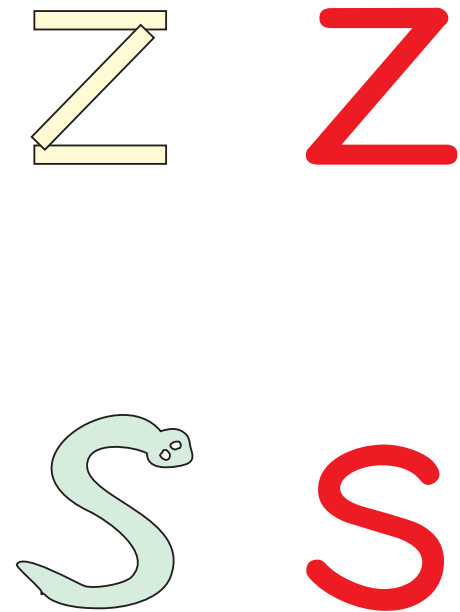
Letters learned in the second series:

s m n h c u e

This is the letter 'z.' The letter 'z' says 'zzzzz,' like in zipper, zero and zebra,

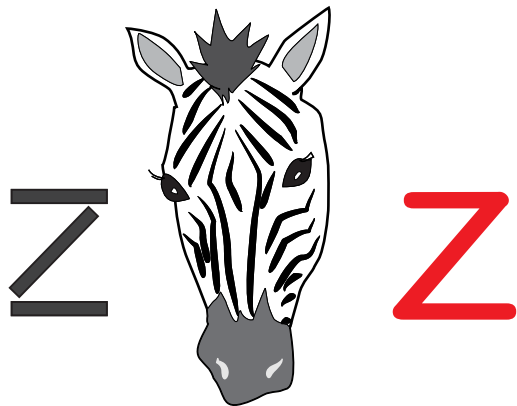


The letter 'z' looks and sounds a little bit like the letter 's,' but the letter 'z' is different in three ways (which we will learn in the next few pages).

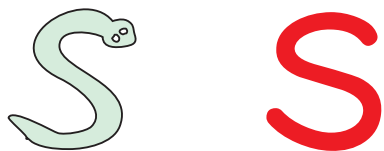


## 1 Shape

The letter 'z' is made of straight lines, sort of like some of the stripes on a zebra.



But the letter 's' is curvy like a snake; the letter 's' doesn't have any straight lines.



## 2 Voice

A voice is a sound that you make in your throat. Touch your throat as you talk, and you can feel your voice.

The letter 'z' has a voice. It says 'zzzz,' which sounds like a busy, buzzing bee. If you put your hand on your throat, you can feel your voice making the 'zzzz' sound.



## 2 (Voice continued...)

But the letter 's' doesn't have a voice. Like a snake, the only sound it makes is 'ssss,' which is a sound you make by pushing air over your tongue (You don't use your voice to make the 'sss' sound.).



(Have the child practice turning his/her voice on and off to make the 's' and 'z' sounds.)

## 3 Direction

If you put eyes on top of a letter 'z' and a letter 's,' they would be looking in different directions.



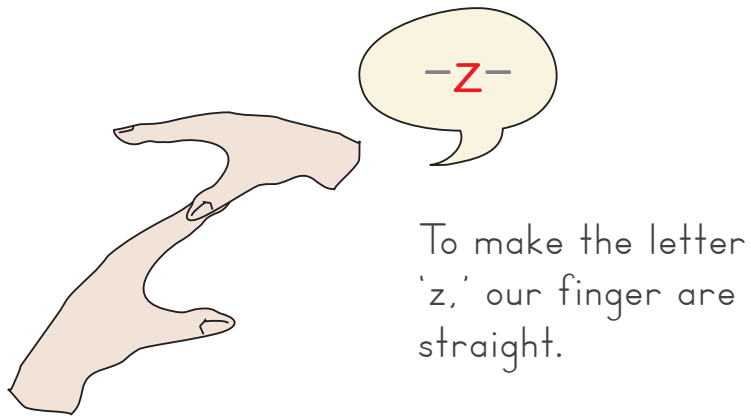
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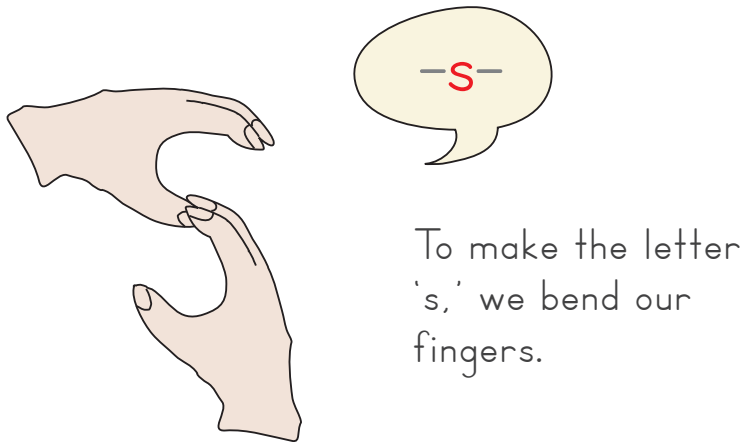
The letter 's' looks at the letters that come AFTER it.

Remember, the letter 'z' is always the last letter in any alphabet song, so if the letter 'z' wants to see another letter, it has to look at the letters that came BEFORE it.

Let's use our hands to make the letter 'z' and the letter 's.'



To make the letter 'z,' our fingers are straight.



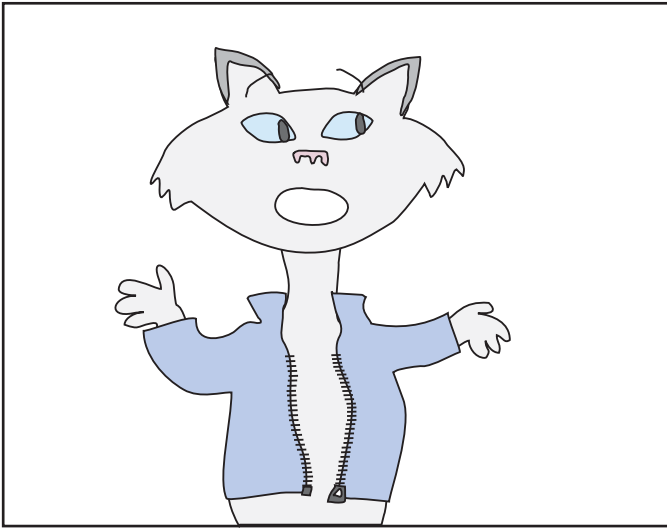
To make the letter 's,' we bend our fingers.

There is one word in this book that use the letter 'z.' Can you read it?

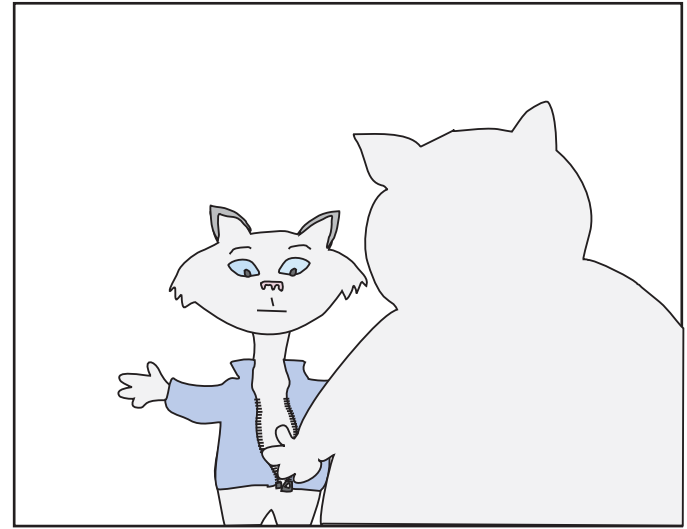
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And do you see how it is different from this word?

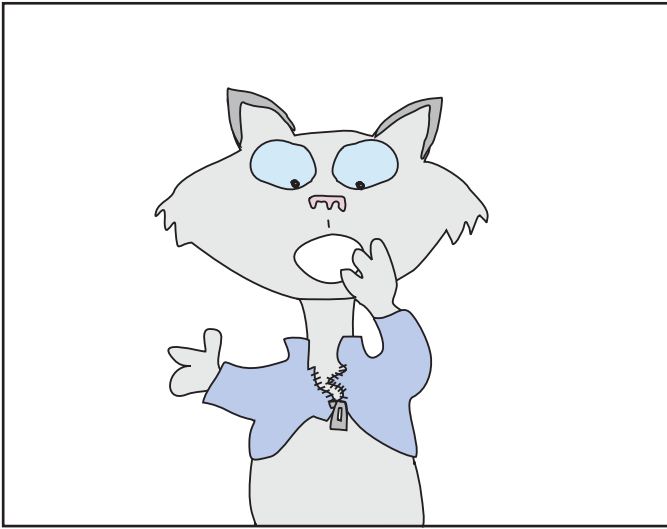
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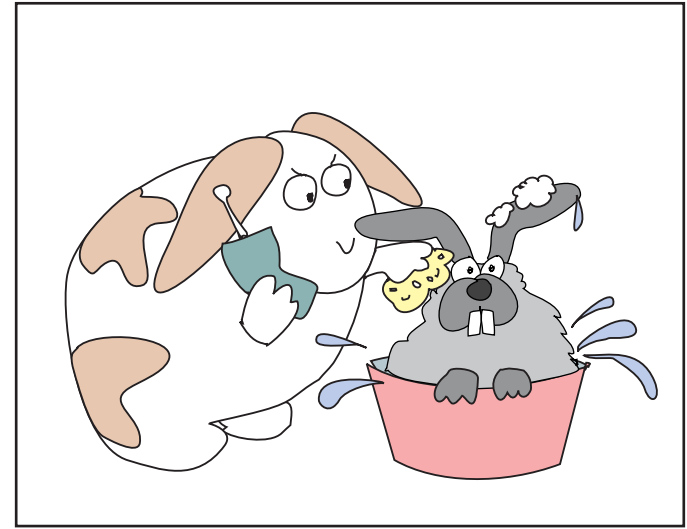
“I am cold,” says  
tim. “can you  
please help me zip  
my jacket?”



tom puts the two ends  
of the zip together and  
pulls up.

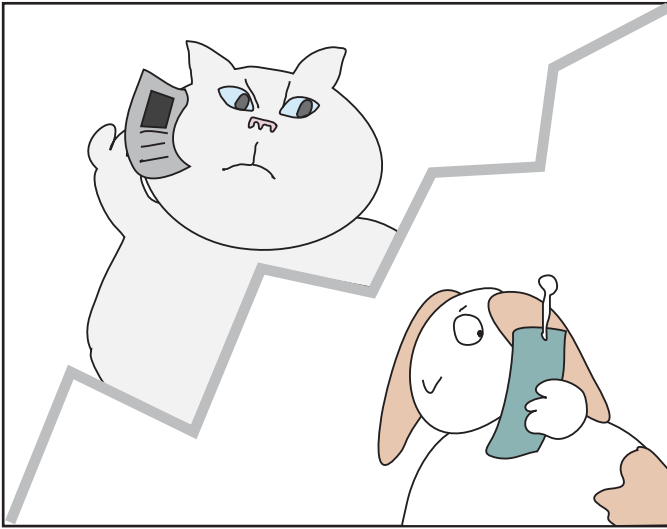


"Ouch!" says **tim**. "The  
**zip** is stuck **in** my  
fur. Quick! Call the  
rabbit."



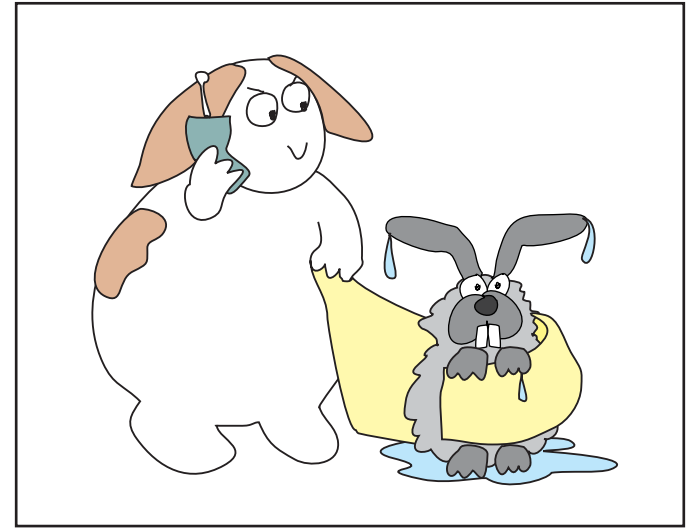
"Hello?" says the rabbit,  
who is washing his hare.

Parent/teacher note: This is a play on the word 'hair.' A hare is an animal similar to a rabbit. A hare is usually bigger than a rabbit and usually lives above ground, while a rabbit usually digs a home for itself under the ground. Rabbits come in many different colors, while hares are usually brown or grey/gray.



"Help!" says **tom**.

"We need to **fix** a  
**zip**."



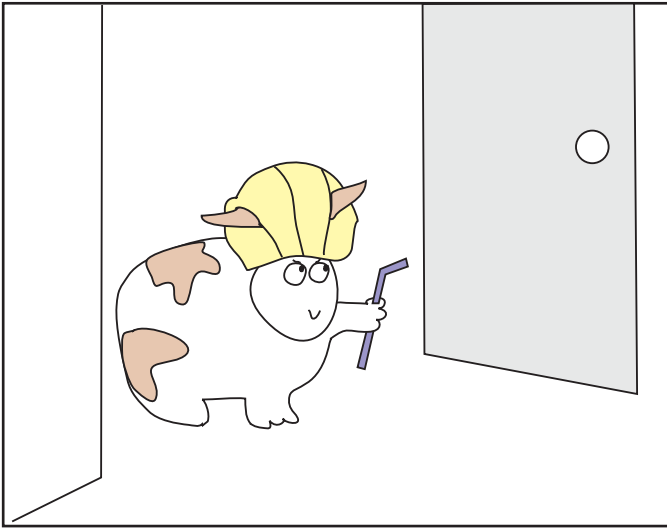
"**I** will be there as soon

as **I can**," says the

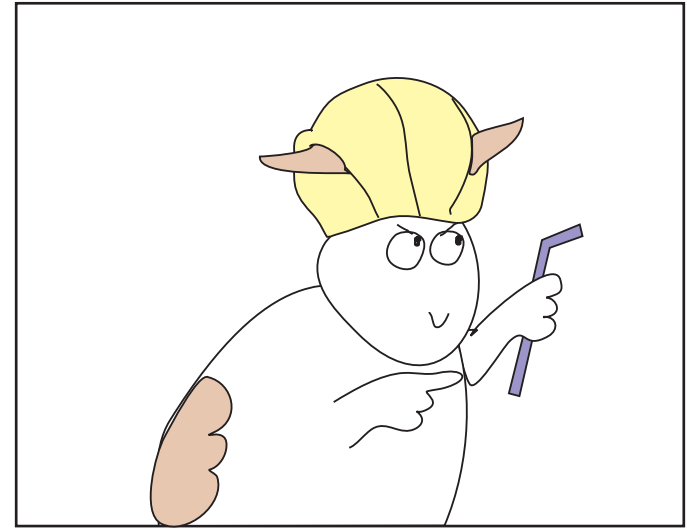
rabbit, wrapping his **wet**

hare **in** a towel.

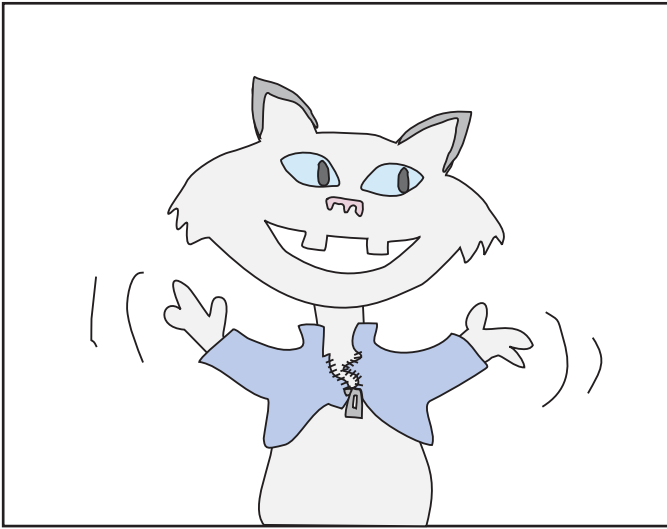




**ten** minutes later, the  
rabbit knocks **on** the  
door. **in** his hand is a  
**big**, purple straw.

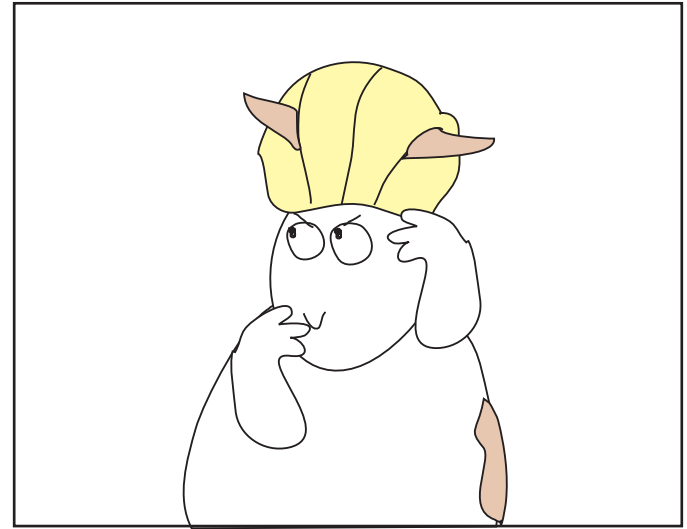


**I** brought a straw to  
help you **sip**," says the  
rabbit.



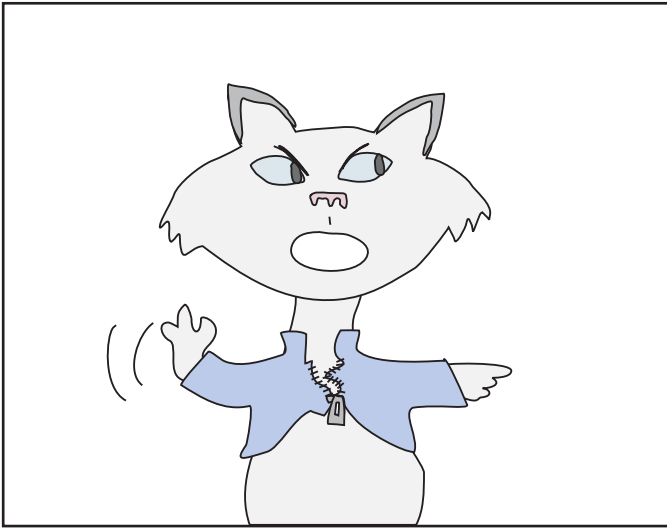
"Silly rabbit," says **tim**.

"We said, '**zip**,' **not**,  
'**sip**.'"

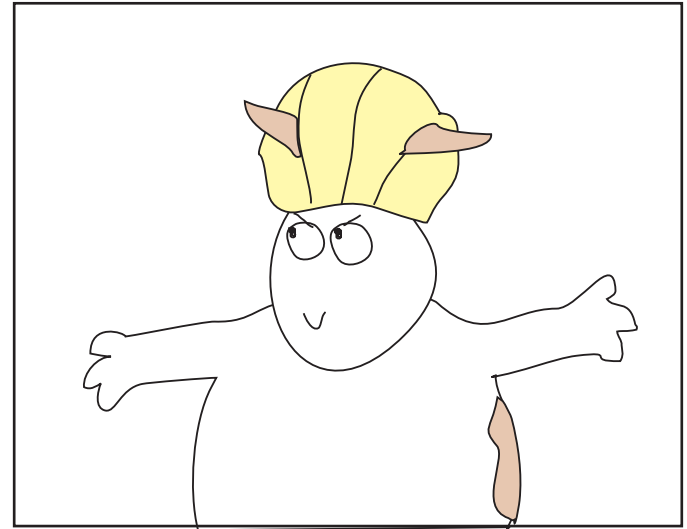


"Sick?" says the rabbit.

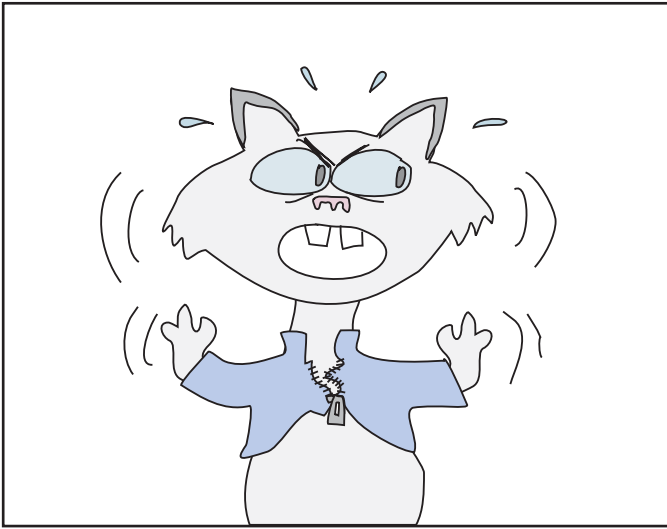
"Someone is sick? Good  
thing **I am** a doctor."



"No one is sick," says  
tim. "I said, 'zip,'  
not, 'sick.' zip,  
zip, zip!"



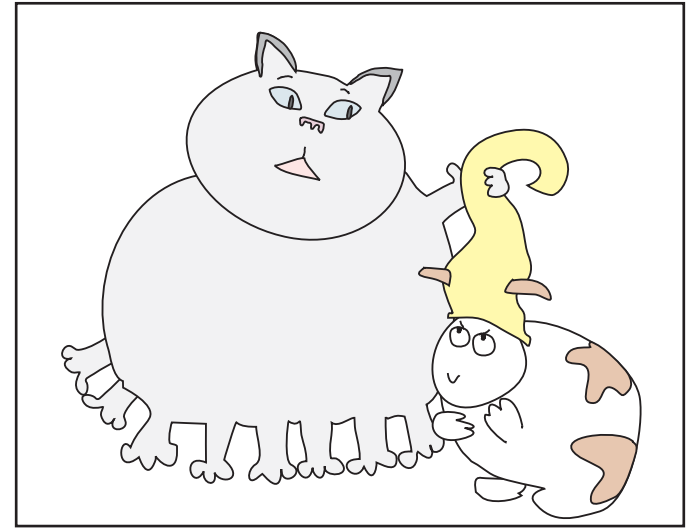
"Okay, okay," says the  
rabbit. "You don't have  
to shout. I will sit.  
Where do you want  
me to sit?"



“Aaaaah!” says **tim**.

“‘**zip**,’ **not**, ‘**sit**.’

What is wrong with your  
ears today?”

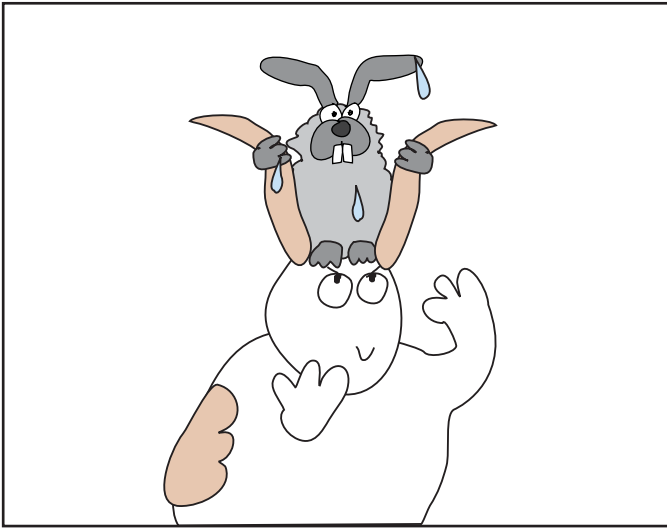


“**I** think **I** know,” says

**tom**. He lifts the

towel off the rabbit’s

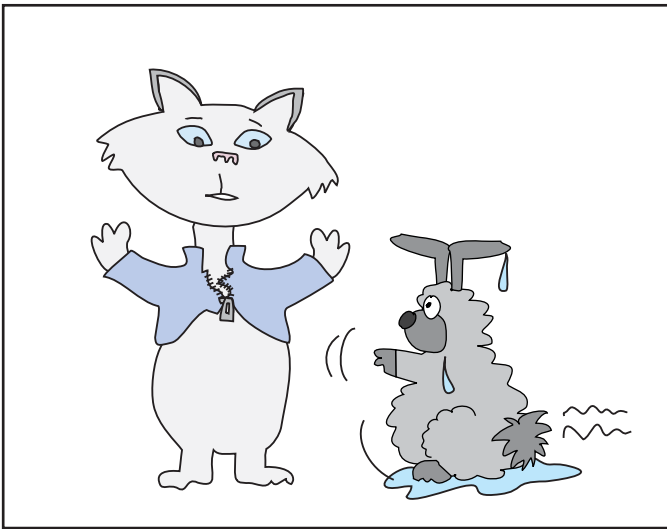
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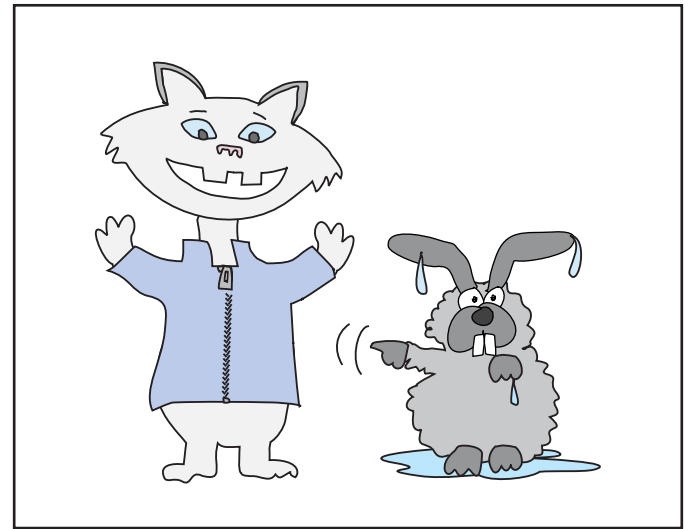
"Hey!" says the rabbit to  
his **wet** hare. "Stop  
pulling my ears!"



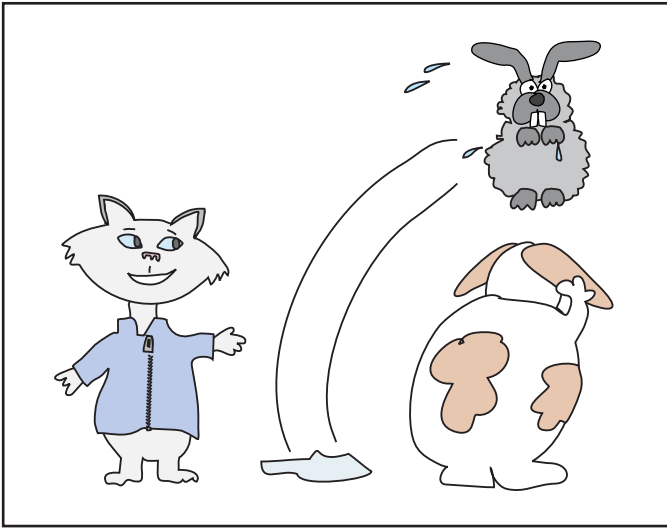
"**if** you **let** me walk  
**on** my feet," says the  
**wet** hare, "**I** wouldn't  
have to hold your ears.  
Sheesh!"



The **wet** hare jumps  
down and hops over to  
**tim**. "did you know  
that your **zip** is stuck  
**in** your fur?"

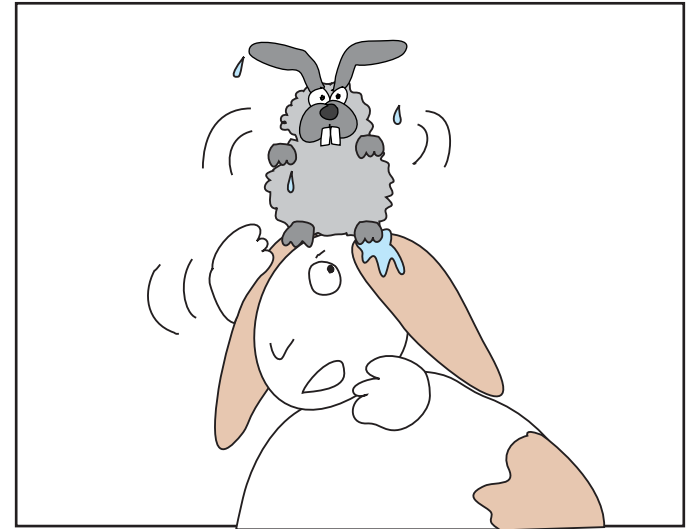


The **wet** hare wiggles  
and jiggles the **zip**.  
"There! Fixed **it** for  
you."



"Wow, thanks!" says **tim**.

"You're welcome," says the  
**wet** hare, hopping back  
onto the rabbit's head.



"**if** there is nothing else to  
**fix**," says the rabbit, "**I**  
will go home. **I** need to  
brush my hare. Goodbye!"

THE END