

catsmn + d

#### Alphabetti Book #4 Dan The Dancing Deer

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#### <u>Acknowledgments</u>

For my son, Daniel T., who made my world a wonderful place.

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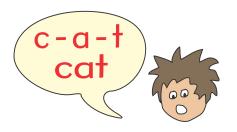
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#### **Quick Start Guide**



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.





Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

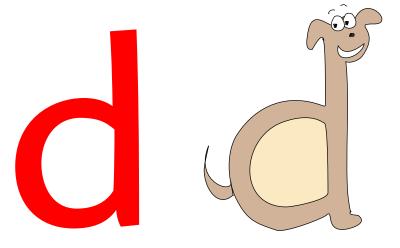
Don't rush it. Bodybuilders don't train in a day — neither does a child.



And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



This is the letter 'd' -



The letter 'd' says "-d- for dog." Can you say "-d- for dog"?

We use the "-d-" sound in lots of words, like:



Dan the dancing deer

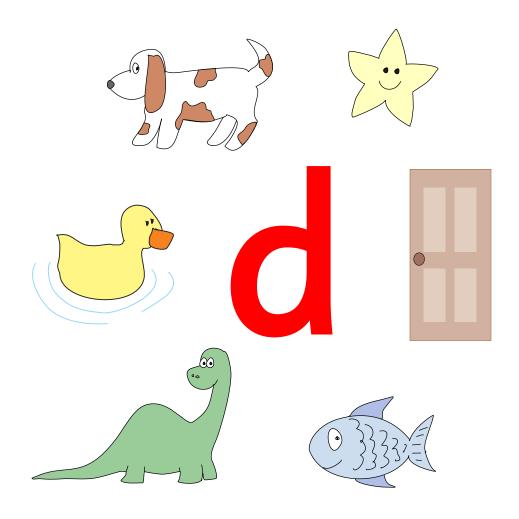






Do not dine on donuts

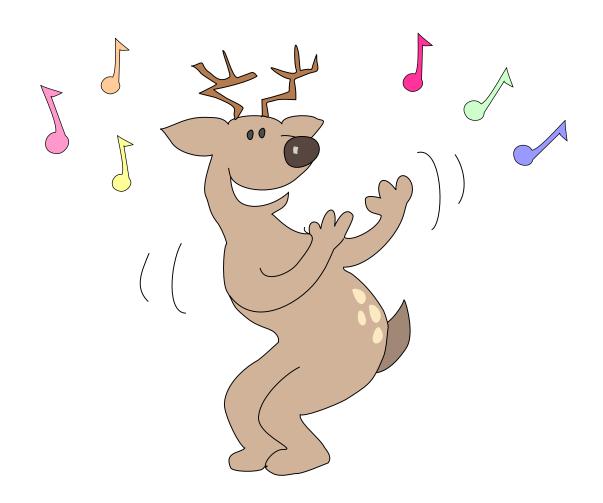
Show me the pictures that start with the "-d-" sound.



Answer: Dog, door, dinosaur, duck.

Here is a word we can make with the letter 'd' — can you read it?

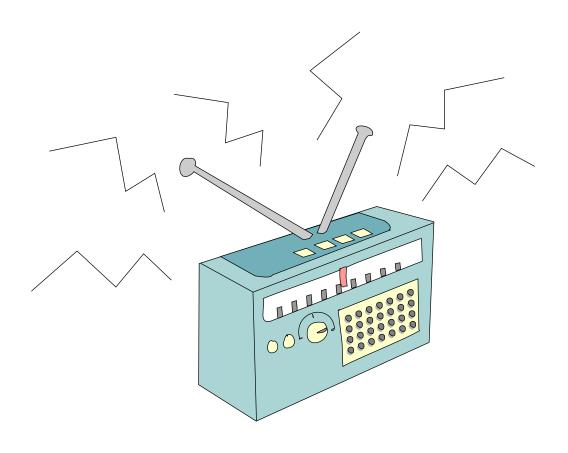
## dan



dan the deer danced in the park.



dan danced all day from dawn until dark.



## And then one day his radio died.



## dan sat

down and cried and cried.



"Poor little radio —

what happened to you?

I will get you fixed...

I promise you!"



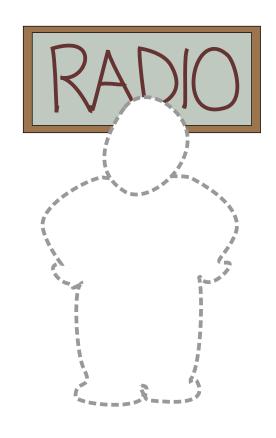
# dan ran all the way to the

radio store.



## dan knocked

two times and opened the door.



But the big

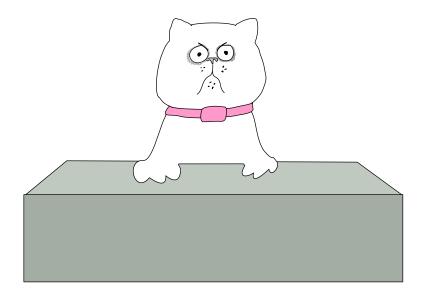
man wasn't

there that day.



He was eating
lunch at a
Chinese buffet.

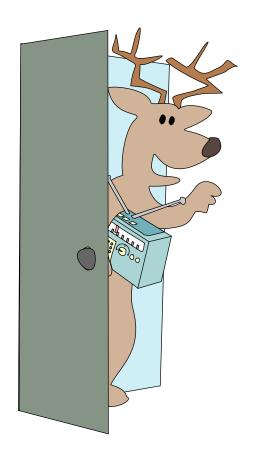




So his little, white

Cat was watching

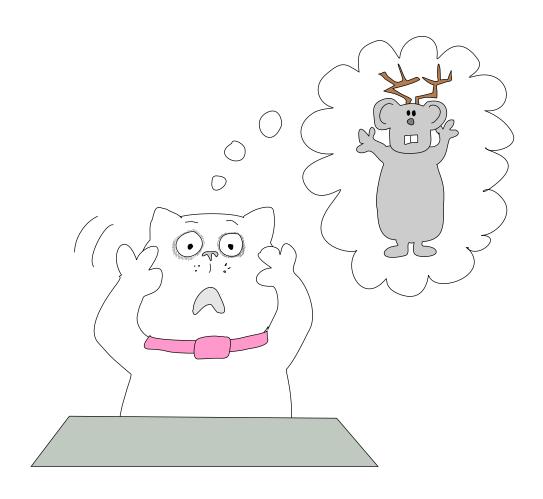
the store...



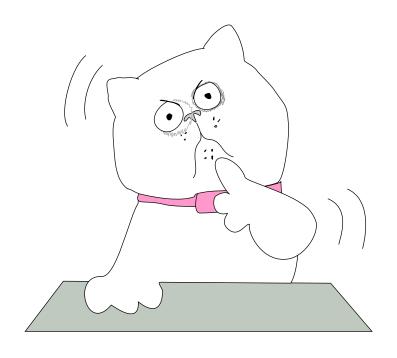
...on the day that

dan walked

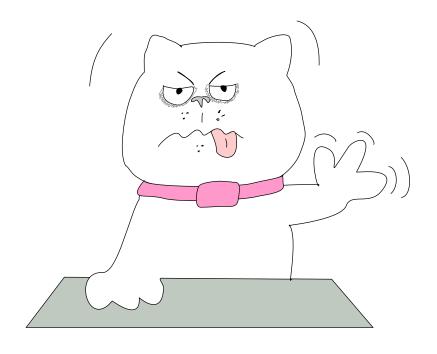
through the door.



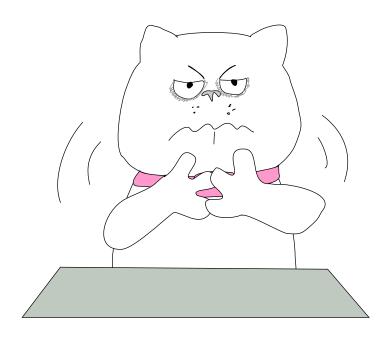
"Oh, my!" thought
the Cat. "That is
a big mouse!"



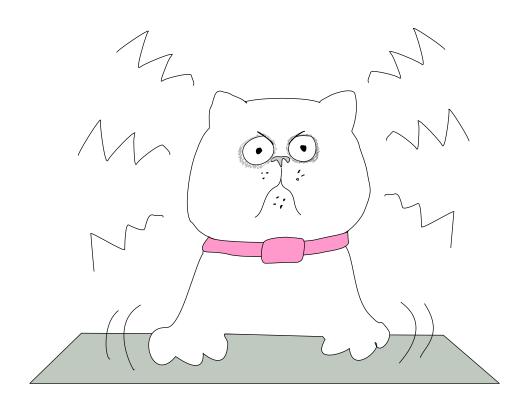
"But do I want a mouse in my house?"



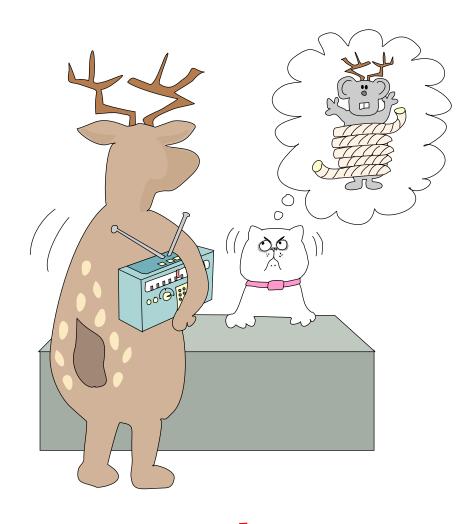
"Mice have tummies and tails and toes..."



"A mouse in my house?"



"Oh, no, no, no, no!"



So the Cat growled and frowned at dan.

Inside her head was a catch-a-mouse plan.

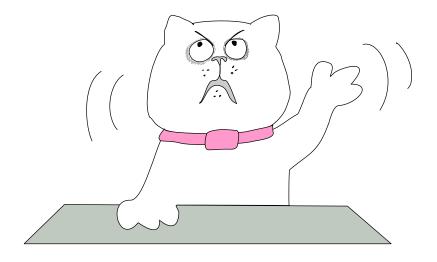


## dan took a deep

breath and said, "Boo,

hoo! My radio died. Oh!

What should I do?"



"I suppose," said the Cat,

"you think I Can fix it?"

She wrinkled a nose like

broken, old biscuit.



"My radio is my only friend. All I want," said dan, "is to hear it again."



"Then," said the Cat,

"you Can get in this
box. Come on, get in,
quick, quick, chop, chop."

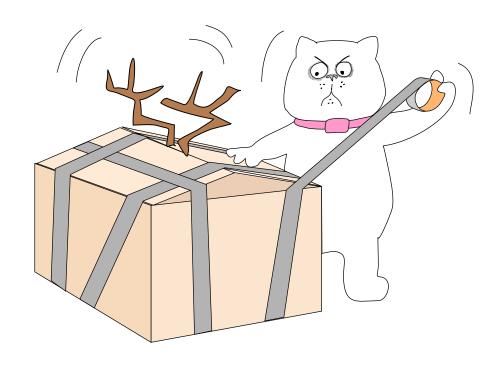


## dan looked at the

box — it was rather small — and he, dan the deer, was really quite tall.



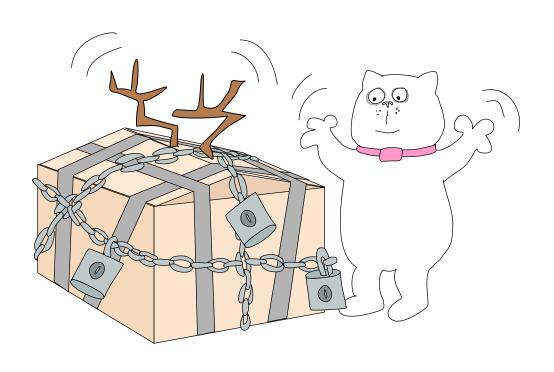
But dan did not like to make a fuss, so he squeezed himself in with the spiders and dust.



The Cat grabbed some tape and wrapped up the box.



And then, to be sure, she locked it with locks.



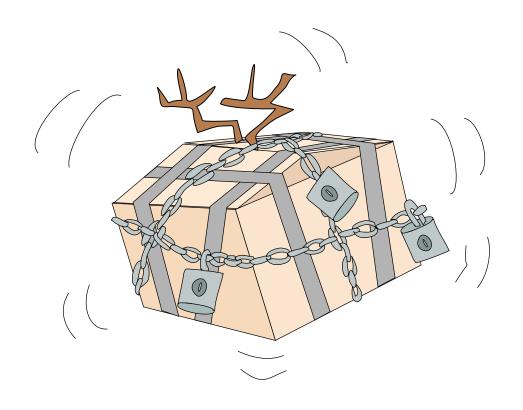
"A mouse in the

house? Ha, ha,

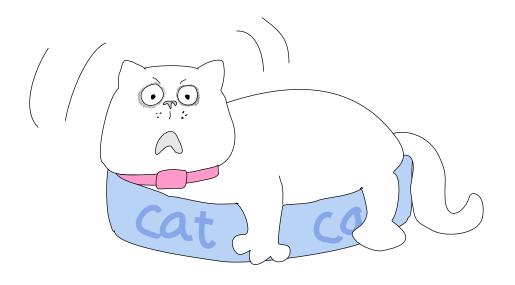
I fixed that."



"And now," said the Cat, it is time for a nap."



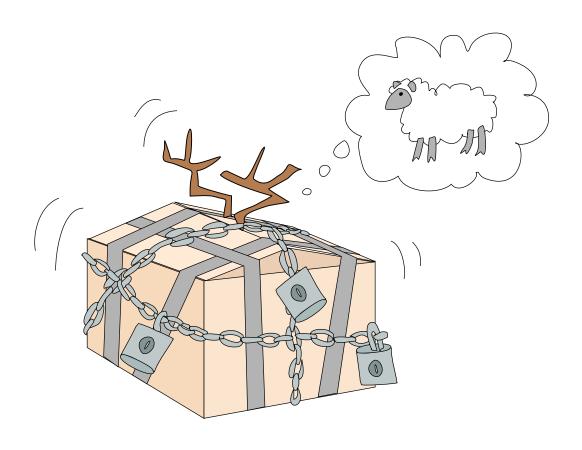
dan wriggled and jiggled but couldn't get out. "What are you doing?!" he said with a shout.



"Hush!" said the

cat. "I am

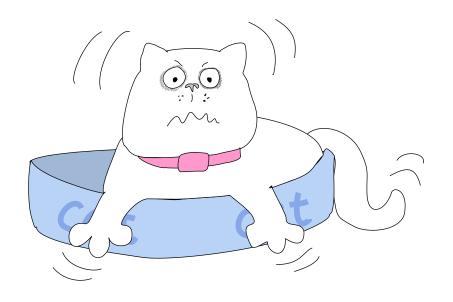
trying to sleep."



"What?" said dan.

"Did you call me a

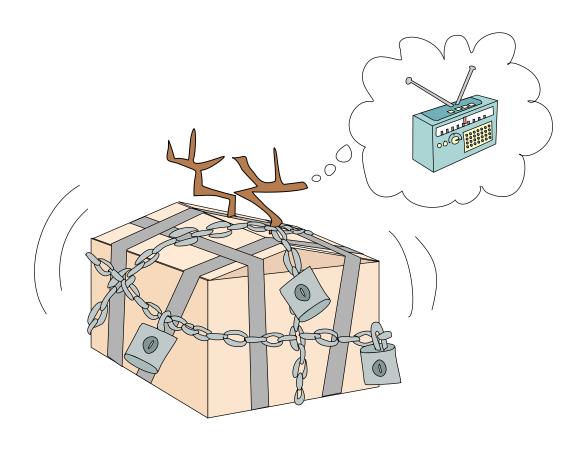
sheep?"



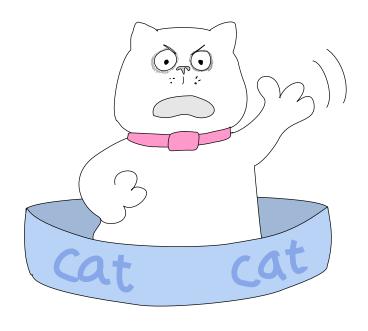
"Shush!" said the

Cat. "Don't you

dare speak again!"



"Are you working on fixing my radio friend?"



"Stop!" said the

cat. "You must

make no more noise!"



"Then, while I wait,

Can I play with

some toys?"



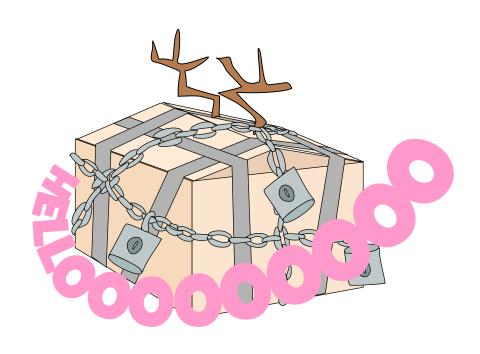
The Cat pushed a pair of socks into her ears.



"There!" said the

Cat. "Now I won't

have to hear..."



"Helllloooooo?"

said dan...



## ...and the Cat nearly screamed.



"Silence!" she said.

"Or I'll break your

machine!"

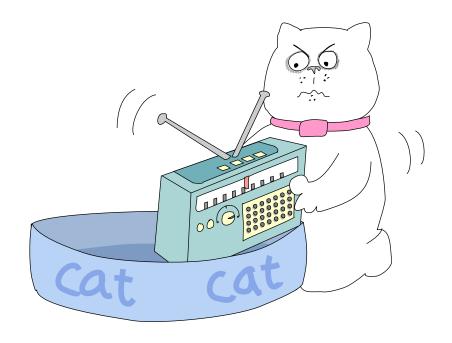


"Wait!" thought the

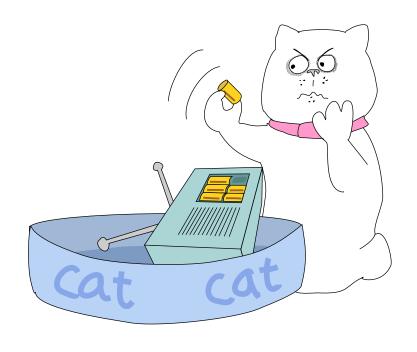
Cat. "If I fix the box,

I won't have to listen

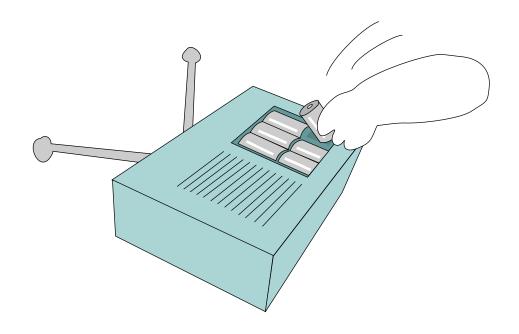
to silly mouse-talks."



So the Cat put the radio onto her bed.

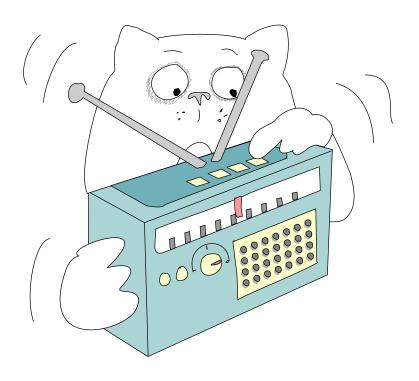


"Aha! These batteries... they are all dead!"



Plop! Plop!

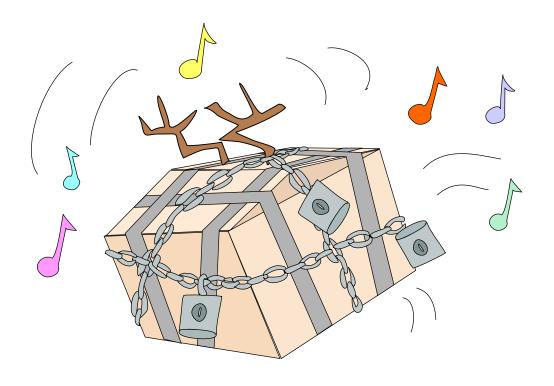
New batteries...



...turning it on...



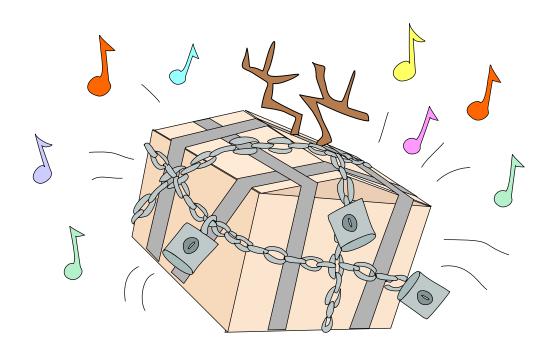
...it started to play Dan's favorite song.



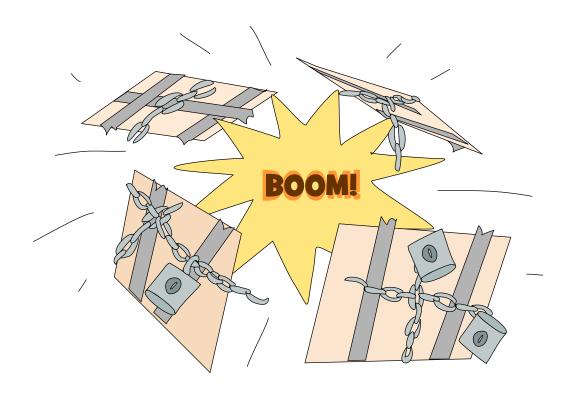
### dan couldn't

help it — he started

to dance.

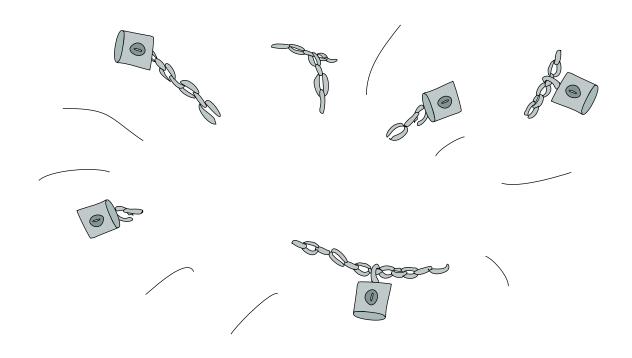


Yes, inside that box, he partied and pranced.



### Ba-boom! The

box burst!



# Locks flew everywhere!



### dan sat

on the floor with dust in his hair.



"My radio works! Oh!
I am in love." dan
grabbed the Cat
and gave her a hug.



## dan danced out

the door with

his radio friend...



...the Cat went

to sleep....



### ...and that was

the end.

THE END