





Alphabetti Book #2 Nat's Nine Noses

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Acknowledgments

To all the cats I have had the good fortune to meet.

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<u>Quick Start Guide</u>



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!



IMPORTANT!

 Read this book several times (many times if needed) over a time period of one or two weeks.

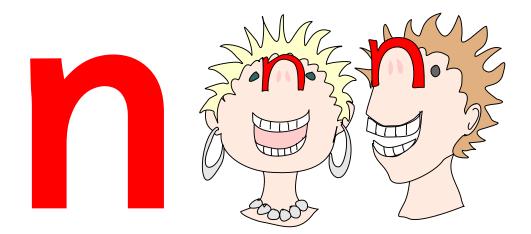
 At first, children may have difficulty with the letters 'm' and 'n,' but with practice, this will become easier.

– Don't expect perfection the first few times you read this book. Repetition, stretched out over time (and not just jammed into a single day), is the key to success.

- Keep it light and fun. Learning a "love of reading" is just as important as learning the alphabet because this is what will carry children through the hundreds of hours of reading that are required to develop true fluency.



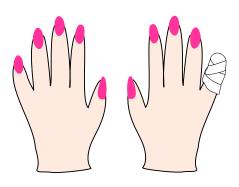
This is the letter 'n' -



The letter 'n' says "-nn- for nose." Can you say "-nn- for nose"?

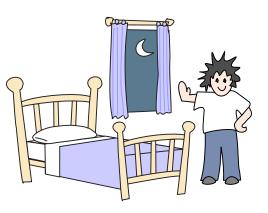
Lesson 1

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



Nine nice nails.

Nick never naps at night.





No noisy noses!

Lesson 1

Show me the pictures that start with the "-nn—" sound.



Answer: Nail, needle, nurse, nose.



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



Good! Let's start the story...

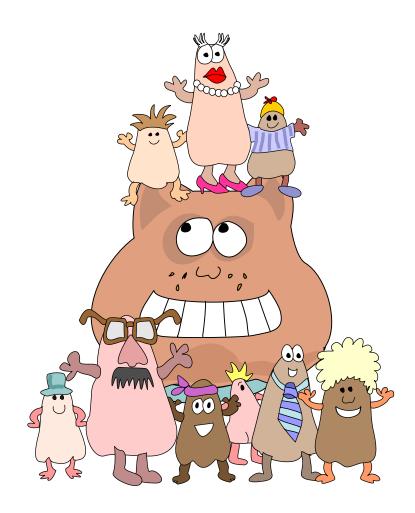
Nat is a boy's name and is short for the name, Nathaniel. Nat rhymes with cat.

Note: In our Alphabetti books, we don't use ANY uppercase letters in the "big red word," so names are not capitalized. Uppercase letters will be taught later.



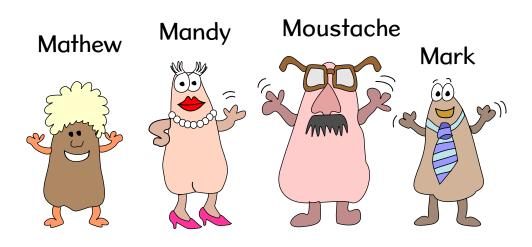
Most cats have

nine lives, but no, not **nat**.



nat the cat

has nine noses.



nat calls the big

noses Mathew, Mandy,

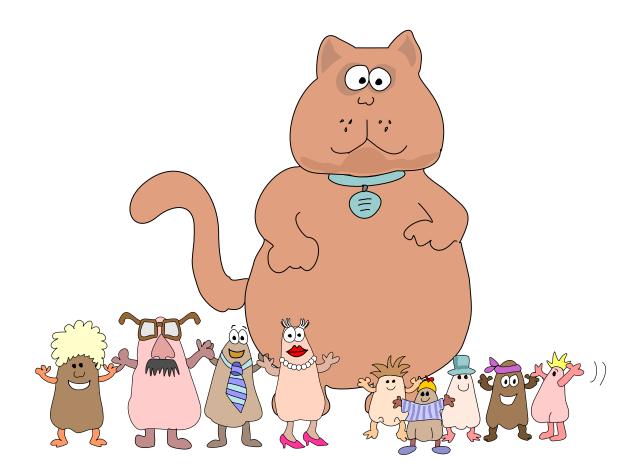
Moustache and Mark



And the little noses

Snort, Sneeze, Snuffle,

Snivel and Sniff.



One day, **Nat**

took the nine noses

out for a walk.



They did not run

because no one

likes a runny nose.



As usual, **nat** and

the noses went to all

the smelly places.



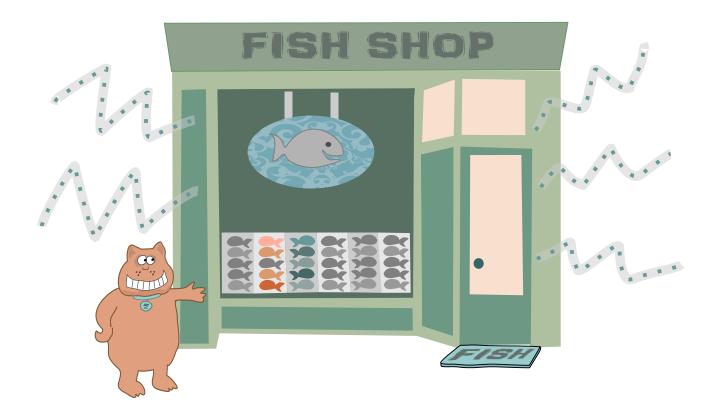
A bakery.



A candy store.



A flower shop.



And last, because **Nat**

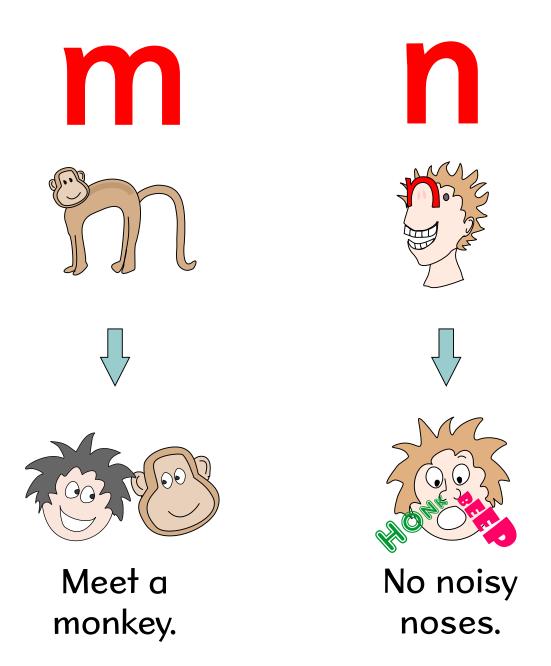
insisted, they went to

the smelliest place of all:

the fish store.

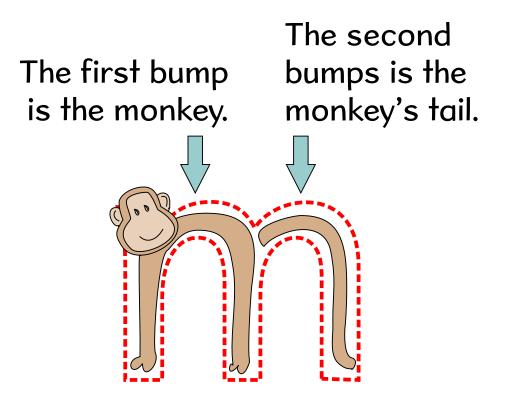


The letter 'n' is the little brother of the letter 'm' —





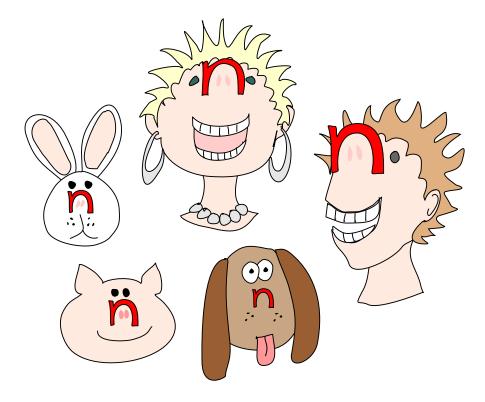
The letter 'm' has TWO bumps...



A monkey always has a tail, so the letter 'm' always has two bumps.



The letter 'n' has ONE bump...



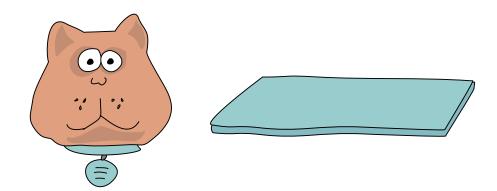
... same for noses. People and animals only have ONE nose, just like the letter 'n' only has ONE bump.

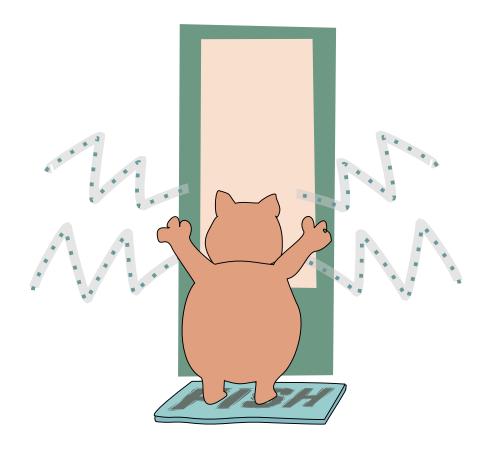


Can you read these two words?



Now show me which word goes with which picture.





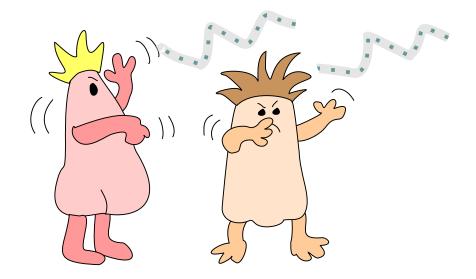
nat stood on the mat in front of the

fish store and breathed

in the lovely smell.

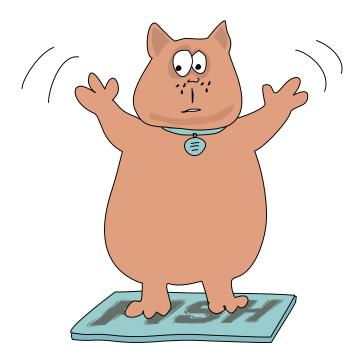


"Let's go inside!" said **nat**, wiping his feet on the **mat**.



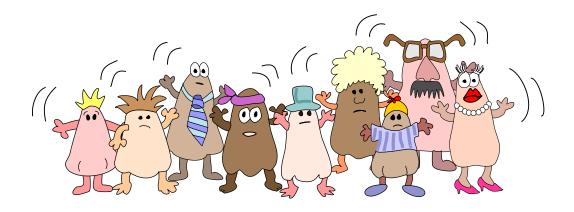
"Ewwww!" said

the noses.



"Aw, come on, guys," said **nat** on the **mat**. "It will be

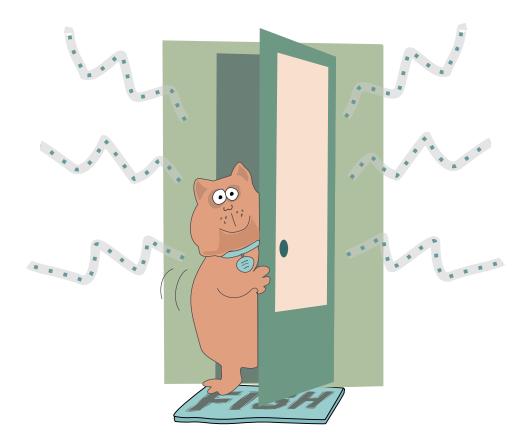
fun!"



But the noses stood

far away from the **mat** and shook

their little heads.



"Fine!" said **nat** on the **mat**. "I will go in all by myself. Be good!"



The letter 'n' can also go at the end of words, like in the word 'can' —







Show me which word goes with which picture.



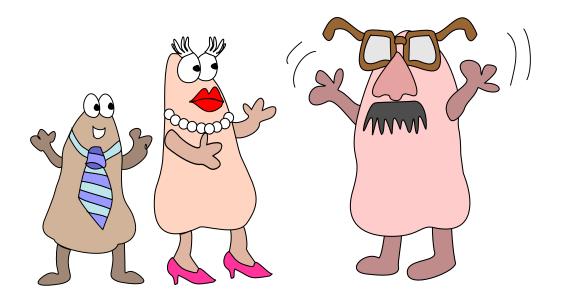




While **Nat** was in

the fish shop, the nine

noses had a meeting.



Moustache, the eldest

nose, said, "Listen up,

everyone. CON you

keep a secret?"



"We CCN! We CCN!" squealed all the little noses.



"Good," said Moustache,

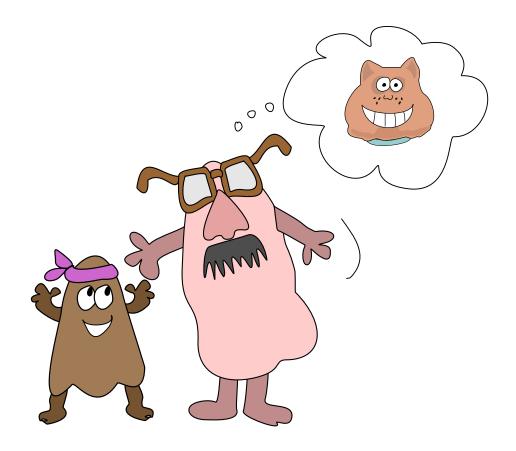
"because today is a

birthday..."



"Aaachoo!" said little Sneeze. "<mark>CCN</mark>I

have a birthday?"



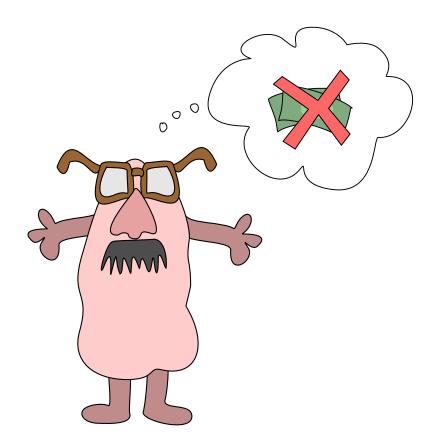
"Of course you **Can**," said Moustache, but not today — today we say Happy Birthday to **nat**."



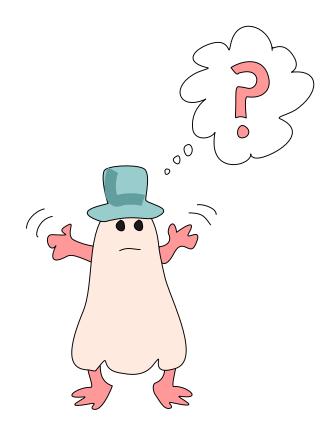
"CCIN we buy him

a present?" said

Snort.



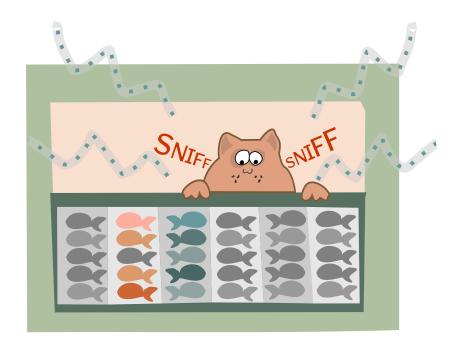
"I wish we could," said Moustache, "but we don't have any money."



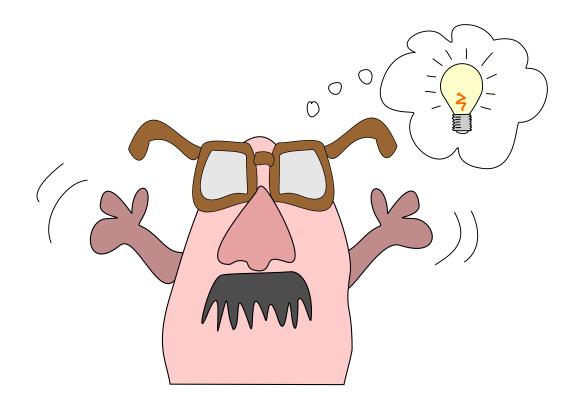
"So what CON

we do?" said

Snuffle.



Through the window, Moustache could see **nat** sniffing the fat fishes in their baskets.



"I think I have an idea," said Moustache. "When **nat** comes out of the store, keep him busy. **CAN** you do that?"



"Yes, we CON!"

said the noses.



Here is another word we can make with the letters we know:

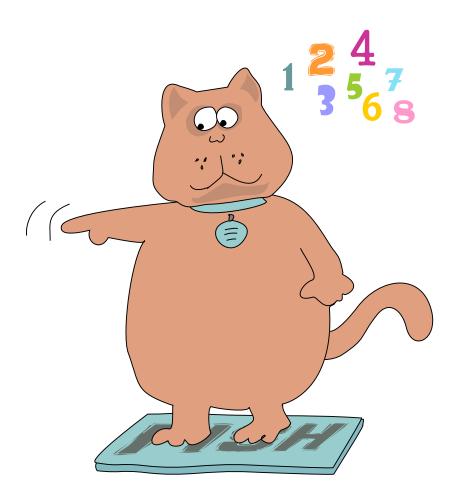


I **CIM** a dog.





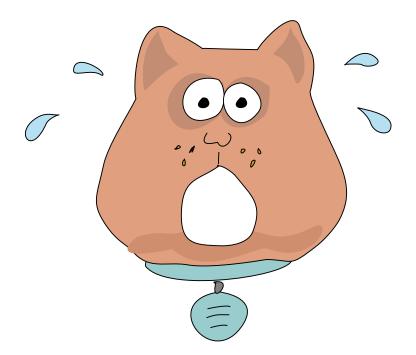
I CM happy.



When **nat** came out

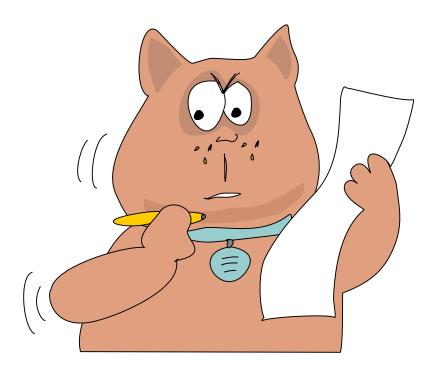
of the fish shop, he stood on the **mat**

and counted the noses.

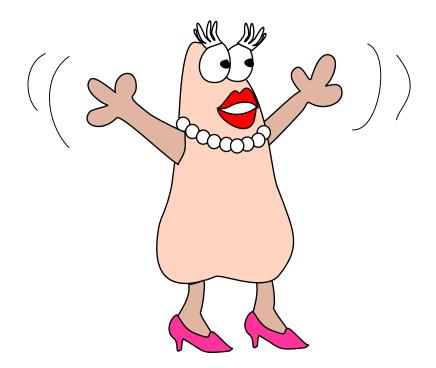


"Oh, no!" said Nat.

"Someone is missing!"



nat pulled a long piece of paper from his pocket. "Mandy are you here?"



"Yes, I CM here!"



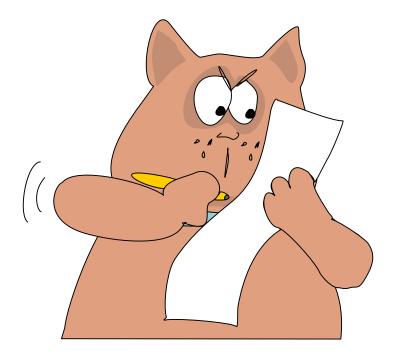
"Good. Now,

Mathew – are

you here?"



"Yes, I **CIM**!"



"Sniff?"



All the noses sniffed.



"Stop being silly!" said nat. "Sneeze?"

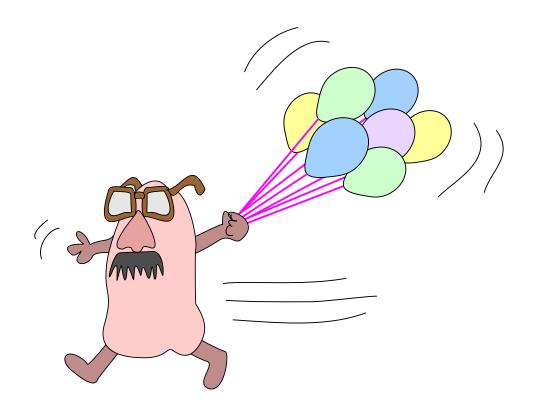


All the noses sneezed.



"Aaaah!" nat sat on the mat. "This is

going nowhere!"



Just thenn, Moustache ran around the corner, holding a big bunch of balloons...



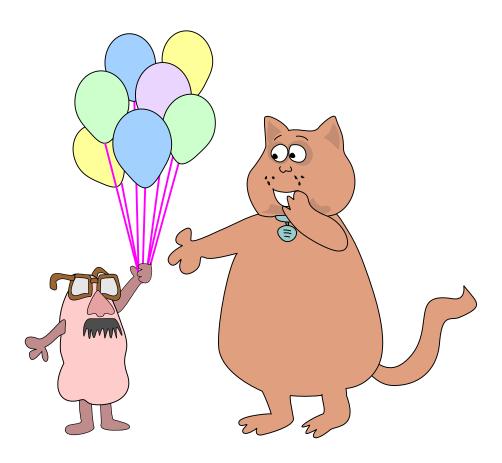
...and all the noses

started to sing.

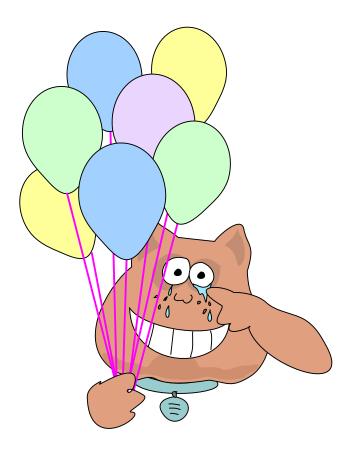
<u>Optional</u>:

To see what the noses sounded like, let's hold our noses and sing the Birthday song.

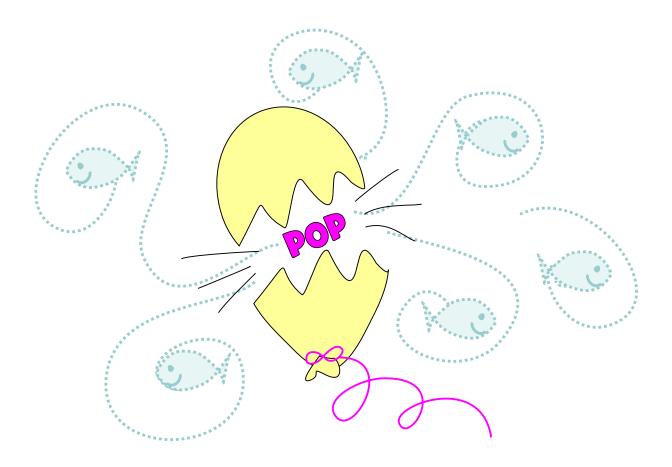
(As you sing, "send" the sound through your nose to make it as nasal as possible.)



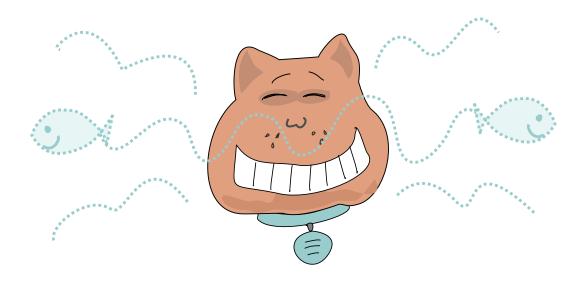
Moustache gave the balloons to **nat**. "They are special," said Moustache. "I filled them with air from the fish shop!"



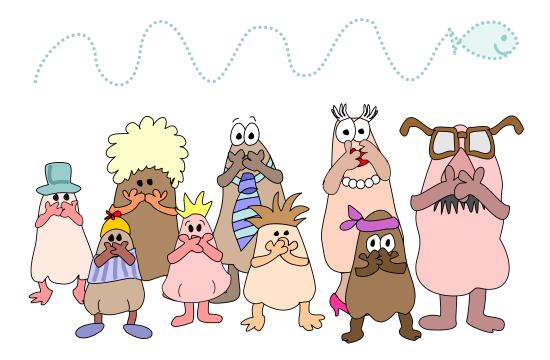
"Oh, wow!" said **nat**. "I **am** so happy. Thanks, guys. This is the best birthday ever!"



When they got home, **nat** popped one of the balloons, and the scent of fresh fish filled the room.



"Aaaaaaaah!" said nat



"Ewwwww!" said

the noses.

THE END