

Bank of suggested captions for practising reading

Captions with sets 1–4 words

pat a dog	dad and nan
a cat in a hat	a nap in a cot
a sad man	a kid in a cap
a pin on a map	a tin can
pots and pans	cats and dogs

Captions with sets 1–4 words + *to, the*

a red rug	rats on a sack
get to the top	a pup in the mud
socks on a mat	run to the den
a cap on a peg	mugs and cups
a run in the sun	an egg in an egg cup

Captions, instructions and signs with sets 1–5 words + *to, the, no, go*

a hug and a kiss	a cat on a bed
on top of the rock	to the top of the hill
a bag of nuts	get off the bus
to huff and puff	no lid on the pan
go to the log hut	pack a pen in a bag
a hot hob	a doll in a cot
sit back to back	a cat and a big fat rat
a duck and a hen	

The captions are included to provide a bridge between the reading of single words and the reading of books. They enable children to use and apply their decoding skills on simple material fully compatible with the word-reading level they have reached. This helps them to gain confidence and begin to read simple books.