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Stan ran and hid.
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Kit and Stan had fun.
Kit’s Hats
Kit has hats.
Kit has big hats.
Kit has flat hats.
Kit has fun hats.
Kit’s Cats
Kit has cats.
Kit’s cats run fast.
Kit’s cats lap up milk.
Kit’s cats jump up on Kit’s bed.
Kit’s Mom
Kit’s mom gets up at six.
Kit’s mom gets dad up.

Kit’s mom gets Kit up.
Kit’s mom gets dad fed.
Kit’s mom gets Kit fed.
Kit’s mom gets Kit’s pets fed.
Kit’s Pants
Kit had red pants.

Kit’s pants got lost at camp.
Kit’s mom got mad at Kit.
Kit’s mom can’t stand lost pants.
Mumps
Kit has mumps.
Kit is in bed.
Kit can’t get up.
Kit can’t run and jump.
Kit can’t skip and hop.
Kit is sad.
Up
Kit gets up on top.

Kit helps Max get up.
Max helps Jen get up.

Jen helps Kent get up.
Kent helps Ted get up.
Ted helps Peg get up.
Fast Fred
Kit’s pal Fred gulps his milk. 
Fast Fred gulps and gulps. 
Fred gets milk on his desk. 
Fred gets milk on his pants.
Fred gets milk on Kit.
Kit gets mad at Fred.
“Stop it, Fred!”
Pip’s Cats
Pip is Kit’s pal.

Pip has six cats.
Pip’s cats got in mud.

Pip’s cats left mud on his rug.
Pip’s mom got mad.
Vic Gets Lost
Pip’s cat Vic got lost.

Pip felt sad.
Kit ran and got Vic.
Kit set Vic on Pip’s lap.
Pip felt glad.
About this Book

This book has been created for use by students learning to read with the Core Knowledge Reading Program. Readability levels are suitable for early readers. The book has also been carefully leveled in terms of its “code load,” or the number of spellings used in the stories.

The English writing system is complex. It uses more than 200 spellings to stand for 40-odd sounds. Many sounds can be spelled several different ways, and many spellings can be pronounced several different ways. This book has been designed to make early reading experiences simpler and more productive by using a subset of the available spellings. It uses only spellings students have been taught to sound out as part of their phonics lessons, plus a handful of tricky words, which have also been deliberately introduced in the lessons. This means the stories will be 100% decodable if they are assigned at the proper time.

As the students move through the program, they learn new spellings and the “code load” in the decodable readers increases gradually. The code load graphic on this page indicates the number of spellings students are expected to know in order to read the first story of the book and the number of spellings students are expected to know in order to read the final stories in the book. The columns on the opposite page list the specific spellings and Tricky Words students are expected to recognize at the beginning of this reader. The bullets at the bottom of the opposite page identify spellings, tricky words, and other topics that are introduced gradually in the unit this reader accompanies.

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Other:

- Four- and five-letter words
- ’s (for possession)
- ’t (contraction)
- Punctuation (period, comma, exclamation point)

Code Knowledge assumed at the beginning of the reader:

- Code Knowledge added gradually in the unit for this reader:
  - Beginning with “Kit’s Hats”: /z/ as in has