

## **Dear Parents and Teachers**

Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and voice modulation so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

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## The Cat and the Rat

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Once there lived a cat and a rat in a very big flat. They used to quarrel with each other. They were bored, so they decided to buy a bat. They went to the shop and looked for a bat. But the shop had only a hat and a mat. So, the cat and the rat sat on the mat and had a chat.

"Shall I buy the hat?" the rat asked the cat.

"But it will make you look fat," said the cat.

"Oh drat!" said the rat and looked quite sad. The cat gave him a kind pat.

While the cat and the rat were chatting on the mat, the shopkeeper came there and asked them to scat.

'Oh! The shopkeeper is a brat,' thought the cat and the rat and went back to their flat. They sat on a vat and had some butterfat. Then they went into their room and slept on the doormat.

