

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the story. Read it again. Can you find the special words in the story? Count the number of times that you see each special word and write it next to the word on the following page.

## I'm Not Your Mama!

Grandpa loves to tell a good story now and then to keep the grandkids entertained. Even though he grew up on a farm with way too much work for a little boy, he came away with some great stories. Many of them are about his chores, his brother, school days, and the animals on the farm.

Some of my favorite stories are about his playful adventures with baby animals that were orphaned and needed to be adopted. His friend, Jerry, adopted a baby goat that turned out to be more work than play! Jerry's family didn't have a lot, and so he never had his own pony like the other boys did. He always wanted a pet of his own.

One day Jerry's dad brought home a baby goat that needed a mama. That goofy goat followed Jerry all around the farm like a puppy dog. At first everyone thought he was cute and liked to give him special treats. (Grandpa always likes to tell us that pets are cute when they're little, but then they grow up!) They even brought him into the house and gave him milk in the kitchen.

When the goat grew up, he wasn't allowed in the house anymore and he wasn't happy about that! He tried to poke holes in the screen door with his feet. He wasn't allowed to have special treats and so he ate anything that wasn't nailed down, including empty tin cans! Jerry's mom even had to keep him locked up when she did the laundry, or he would have eaten that, too!

Jerry and his mom had to work hard to keep the goat from getting into too much trouble. Being followed around by a gangly goat wasn't much fun for Jerry anymore. "I'm not your mama!" he would tell him.

One day, that goat bit off more than he could chew! Jerry's dad had left the window down in his old Chevy. The goat climbed into the car and managed to eat the front seat before anyone knew he was there!

That was the last funny goat story Jerry ever told Grandpa. His dad wouldn't let him keep the goat after he tried to eat the car. Grandpa says, "I guess that's one goat that got everybody else's goat!"

tell \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_ keep \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of the goat eating the car.



### Fill in the Blanks

Read each sentence below. Circle the missing word and write it in the space.

1. Grandpa loves to \_\_\_\_\_ a good story now and then.  
told tell

2. He had too \_\_\_\_\_ hard \_\_\_\_\_ on the farm .  
many much work word

3. Jerry tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the goat out of trouble.  
keep kept

## Yes or No?

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| 1. Does the story happen on a farm?  | yes | no |
| 2. Did Jerry adopt a baby goat?      | yes | no |
| 3. Did the goat stay out of trouble? | yes | no |
| 4. Did the goat eat the car?         | yes | no |
| 5. Did Jerry get to keep the goat?   | yes | no |

## It's a Match!

Draw a line to connect the naming part of the sentence with the action part of the sentence. Read them to yourself to make sure that they make sense. The first one is done for you.

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| Grandpa            | thought that Jerry was his mama.             |
| His friend, Jerry, | loves to tell a good story.                  |
| The goat           | left the car window down.                    |
| Everyone           | adopted a baby goat.                         |
| Dad                | climbed into the car and ate the front seat. |
| The goat           | thought that he was cute.                    |

What did Jerry's dad bring him?

Where did Jerry live?


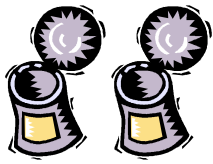


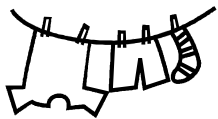
What did the goat like to eat?

Did Dad leave the car window down?

What Jerry's mom give the goat in the kitchen?

Did the goat eat the backseat of the car?

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Reread the story. Think about a time when your pet got into trouble. Describe the characters, the setting and the action! Give your story a good title.

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