

AT DAYCARE WITH KITTYCAT

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Ages
2+





Rusty is so excited, his heart is beating faster that he can run! Today is the day he starts daycare with his friend Kittycat.

**He can't wait to play with him!
He has been thinking about it day and night.**



But when Rusty reaches the daycare and sees everyone running and shouting and tumbling, he is suddenly shy. His heart becomes small, so small, as if it wanted to hide.





**Rusty sits in a corner and watches.
Quackers and Trotter push toy cars around. Inky and Pippin
play charades. And Owly draws a pretty picture.
But Kittycat is nowhere to be found.**

Rusty feels sad. His heart becomes so big it feels like it is going to burst! His eyes are tearing up, he is about to cry.



Oh! There he is! Kittycat is right over there!



Rusty takes a deep, deep breath,
gathering up his courage.
Then he crosses the room full
of noise to join his friend.



When Rusty gets near him, Kitty cat gives him a very, very big hug. And Trotter and Quackers and all the other friends give him hugs too! Rusty is surprised. His heart smiles.



Hi,
Rusty!

Hello!

Hey
there!

Rusty feels great! Now it is time to have fun!

There is so much to do!
Rusty does not know where to start...

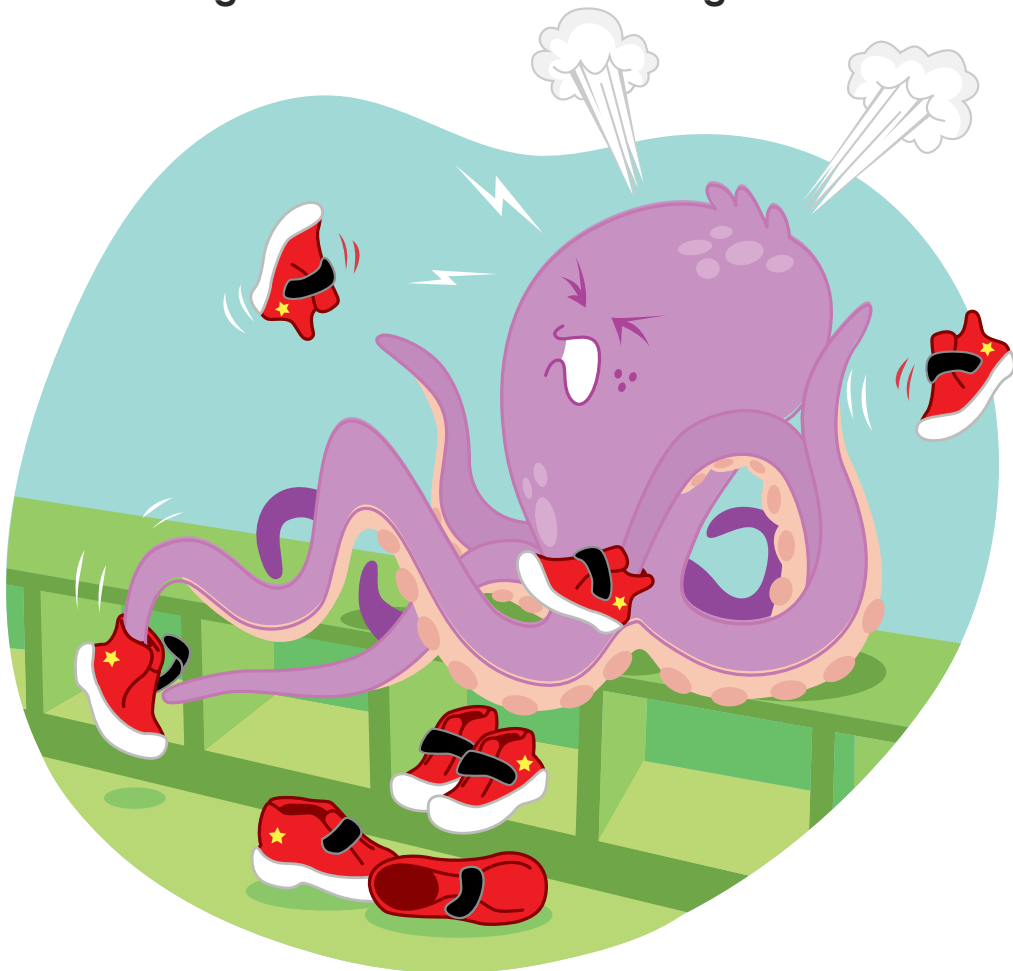


Choo, Choo!



**Rusty's finger
points to a box. A box? No way!
It is a train. The fastest one in the world.
All aboard!**

Suddenly, all the friends hear a shout! Inky is struggling with her eight boots! Smoke is shooting out of her ears!



**Oh no! Rusty wants to help.
— One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight!**

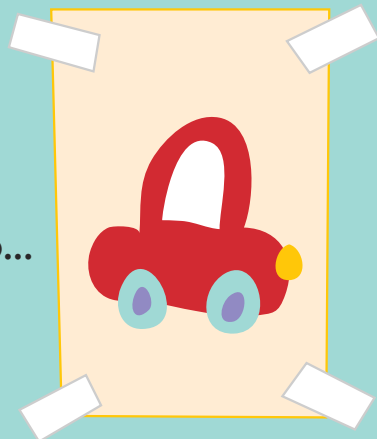
**Rusty has slipped on all eight of Inky's shoes!
He's very proud. His heart swells up like a hot-air balloon!**



**The day flies by,
everything is great,
everything is easy!
Rusty has
so much fun!**

When it is time to go, Rusty is very happy to see his mommy! His heart floats like a kite in a soft breeze!

He would have liked to do a puzzle, to draw, to play with the toy cars and paint a picture too...





**Kittycat reassures him.
He can do more tomorrow!
Rusty follows his mommy and
waves goodbye to his friends.**

See you all tomorrow!



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