

**Jim and Dan Run
(Closed syllables)**

1. Jim had a problem. Jim felt sad. Jim felt mad.
2. Jim sat at the top of the steps. Jim said, "I cannot run fast. I cannot hit the ball with a bat." Jim had given up on himself.
3. Just then, Jim felt a hand on his arm. It was Dan. Dan was a man that ran fast. Dan was a man that hit the ball well. Dan said, "I can help, Jim."
4. Dan and Jim went to the lot. Dan had a bag of balls to hit with the bat. Jim held the bat. But Jim had his hands on the big end of the bat.
5. "Stop, Jim," Dan said. Then Dan held the bat.
6. "It is best if the bat is held at the small end," Dan said. Jim did what Dan said.
7. Dan began to toss the ball to Jim. Jim hit the ball. The ball went past the wall. The ball went past a bus and a van.
8. The ball went past a lot of plants. The ball went past the mud and the sand. Jim was glad. Jim hit the ball well.
9. "I hit the ball well, and I am glad. But I still cannot run fast," Jim said.
10. "I can help with that," Dan said.
11. Dan and Jim went to the sand. Dan said, "Jim, run on the sand."

12. Jim began to run on the sand. "The sand is hot. The sand is wet. It is not fun to run on the hot, wet sand," Jim said.
13. "It is not fun," Dan said. "But it will help."
14. Then Jim did his best. Jim did not stop. Jim did not rest. Jim ran on the sand.
15. Then Dan went with Jim to the steps. "Jim, run up ten steps," Dan said.
16. "I am not a fan of the steps," Jim said. "It is just not fun to run up the steps. Let's rest."
17. Dan said, "Jim, it is best not to rest. To run fast, it will help to run up the steps."
18. Dan did not let Jim rest. "Just run," Dan said.
19. Jim ran up ten steps. Then Jim ran up the next ten steps, and then the next ten steps. Jim began to run fast up the steps.
20. Jim ran past a nest. Jim ran past a mop. Jim ran past a tin can and a man that sat on the steps.
21. And then Jim was at the top. Jim ran fast. Jim was glad that he ran fast up the steps.
22. Then Dan said, "Jim, run a lap." Jim ran a lap, and Jim ran fast. Then Dan ran a lap with Jim.

23. Jim did not lag, and kept up with Dan. Then Jim ran past Dan. “Not bad,” Dan said. Dan was glad that Jim ran fast.
24. Then Jim sat next to Dan. Jim said, “I can hit the ball with the bat. I can hit the ball well. I can hit the ball past the wall.”
25. “Yes,” Dan said. “And I can run fast,” Jim said. “I can win.”
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| 2. am | 39. if | 76. the |
| 3. and | 40. is | 77. then |
| 4. arm | 41. it | 78. tin |
| 5. at | 42. Jim | 79. to |
| 6. bad | 43. just | 80. top |
| 7. bag | 44. kept | 81. toss |
| 8. ball | 45. lag | 82. up |
| 9. balls | 46. lap | 83. van |
| 10. bat | 47. let | 84. wall |
| 11. began | 48. let's | 85. was |
| 12. best | 49. lot | 86. well |
| 13. big | 50. mad | 87. went |
| 14. bus | 51. man | 88. wet |
| 15. but | 52. mop | 89. what |
| 16. can | 53. mud | 90. will |
| 17. cannot | 54. nest | 91. win |
| 18. Dan | 55. next | 92. with |
| 19. did | 56. not | 93. yes |
| 20. end | 57. of | |
| 21. fan | 58. on | |
| 22. fast | 59. past | |
| 23. felt | 60. plants | |
| 24. fun | 61. problem | |
| 25. given | 62. ran | |
| 26. glad | 63. rest | |
| 27. had | 64. run | |
| 28. hand | 65. sad | |
| 29. hands | 66. said | |
| 30. he | 67. sand | |
| 31. held | 68. sat | |
| 32. help | 69. small | |
| 33. himself | 70. steps | |
| 34. his | 71. still | |
| 35. hit | 72. stop | |
| 36. hot | 73. ten | |
| 37. I | 74. thanks | |