

Ben and Kim Get a Gift for Mom
(Open + Closed Syllables)

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4. “Then what is the best gift? Is it a fish?” Ben said. “If it is, I can get Mom a fish.”
5. “No,” Kim said. “A fish is wet. So a fish is not the best gift to get for Mom.”
6. “So I must get a gift,” Ben said. “I must get a gift that is not wet and can go in a box. A pad and a pen is a gift that is not wet and can go in a box. Is a pad and a pen the best gift for Mom?”
7. “No,” Kim said. “She has a pad and a pen. So it is not the best gift.”

8. Ben sat with his hands on his hips. “Mom has no bug. So is a bug the best gift for her?” he said.
9. “No!” Kim said. “A bug is not fun at all! A bug is not fun, so it is not the best gift to get for Mom.”
10. “So the gift I get must be fun and it must fit in a box, and it cannot be wet. And if Mom has it, it is not the best gift to get for her,” he said. “Yes, Ben. That is so,” Kim said.
11. “Go with me to get a gift for Mom, Kim. It will help me,” Ben said. “I will be glad to,” Kim said. “I will get the gift box and then we will go.”
12. Kim had a box for the gift. It was red, and it had a felt lid with a map on top. Kim said that the gift Ben got must fit in the box. So Ben and Kim left to go to the shop.
13. At the shop, Ben had a plan. He went to ask the man at the shop for a gift that fit in the box Kim had. Ben held up the box and said to the man, “Will a plant fit?”
14. “No,” the man said. “A plant is big and will not fit in that box.”

15. Then Ben said, “A fan that Mom can hold in her hand is not big. Will a fan fit in the box?”
16. “Yes,” the man said. “But the box is so big that ten fans can fit in it. And no mom can hold ten fans.”
17. Ben felt sad. What gift did fit in the box and was the best gift for his mom? “A hat!” Ben said. “A hat will fit in the box! A hat is the best gift for Mom!”
18. “Yes!” Kim said. “Go ask the man for a hat!” The man had a hat that was red with dots on it. It fit in the box. Ben got the hat for his mom.
19. Ben and Kim left the shop. Ben held the box with the hat in it. He felt glad. He felt that the hat was the best gift for his mom. “I will go to Mom with the hat in the box and hand it to her,” he said.
20. He did hand the box to his mom. “We got it at the shop,” Ben said. His mom got the lid off, and she was glad.
21. “Thanks for the hat, Ben!” she said. “It is red and has dots on it, and it will fit.
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| 3. and | 34. has | 66. plant |
| 4. ask | 35. hat | 67. red |
| 5. at | 36. he | 68. sad |
| 6. be | 37. held | 69. said |
| 7. bed | 38. help | 70. sat |
| 8. Ben | 39. her | 71. she |
| 9. best | 40. hips | 72. shop |
| 10. big | 41. his | 73. Sis |
| 11. box | 42. hold | 74. so |
| 12. bug | 43. hug | 75. tell |
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| 20. fans | 51. left | 83. up |
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| 22. fish | 53. man | 85. we |
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| 26. get | 57. must | 89. will |
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