

WORD FAMILY TALES™



-an

# Jan and Stan

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For Daniel, a.k.a. Señor, my best friend  
in the whole wide world



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Want to hear a secret about my dog Stan?  
He thinks he can do everything that I can!





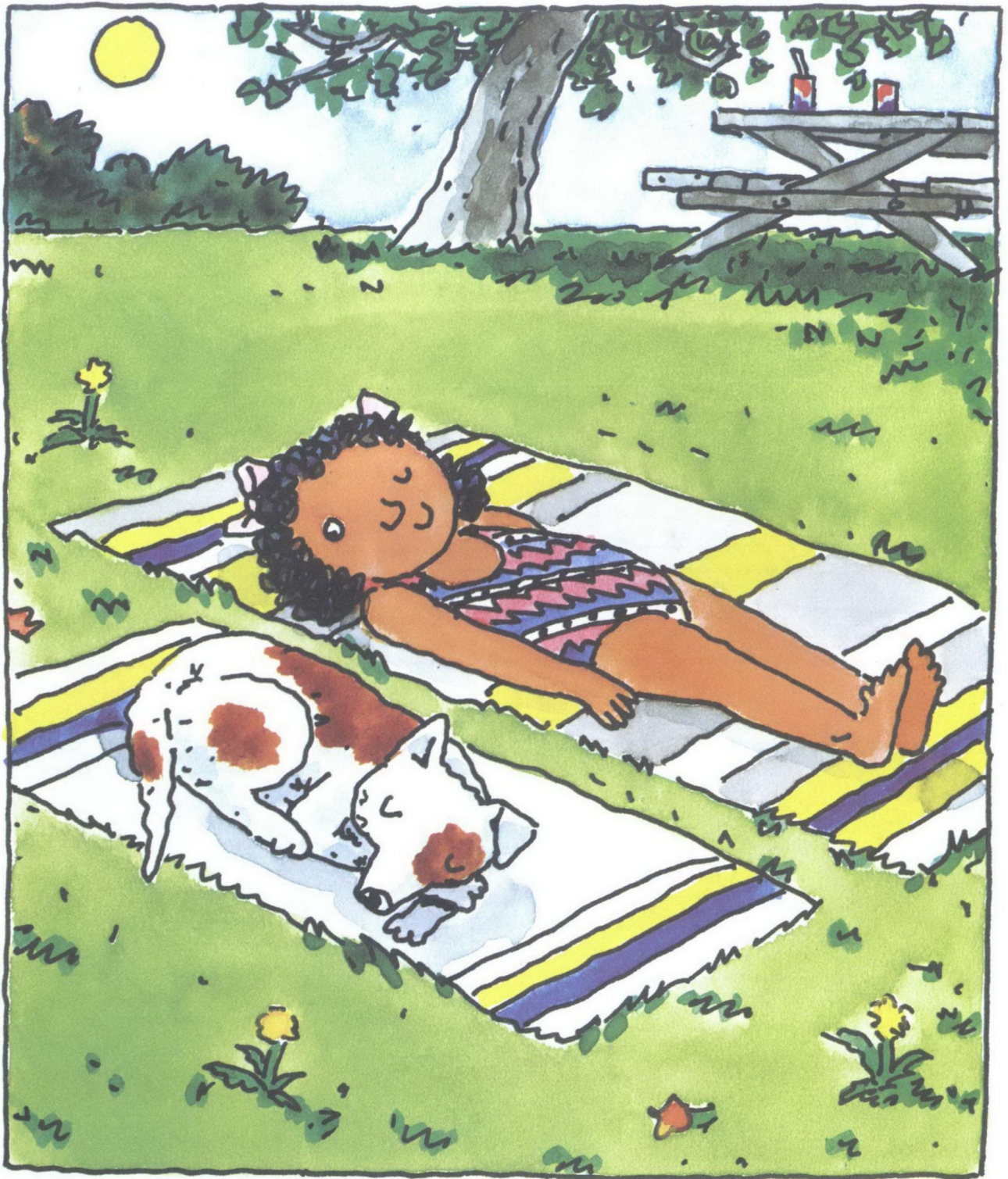
He loves to play soccer with my friend Fran.





He drinks orange soda right out of the can.





He lies in the sun to get a nice tan.





He cools himself off with a little fan.





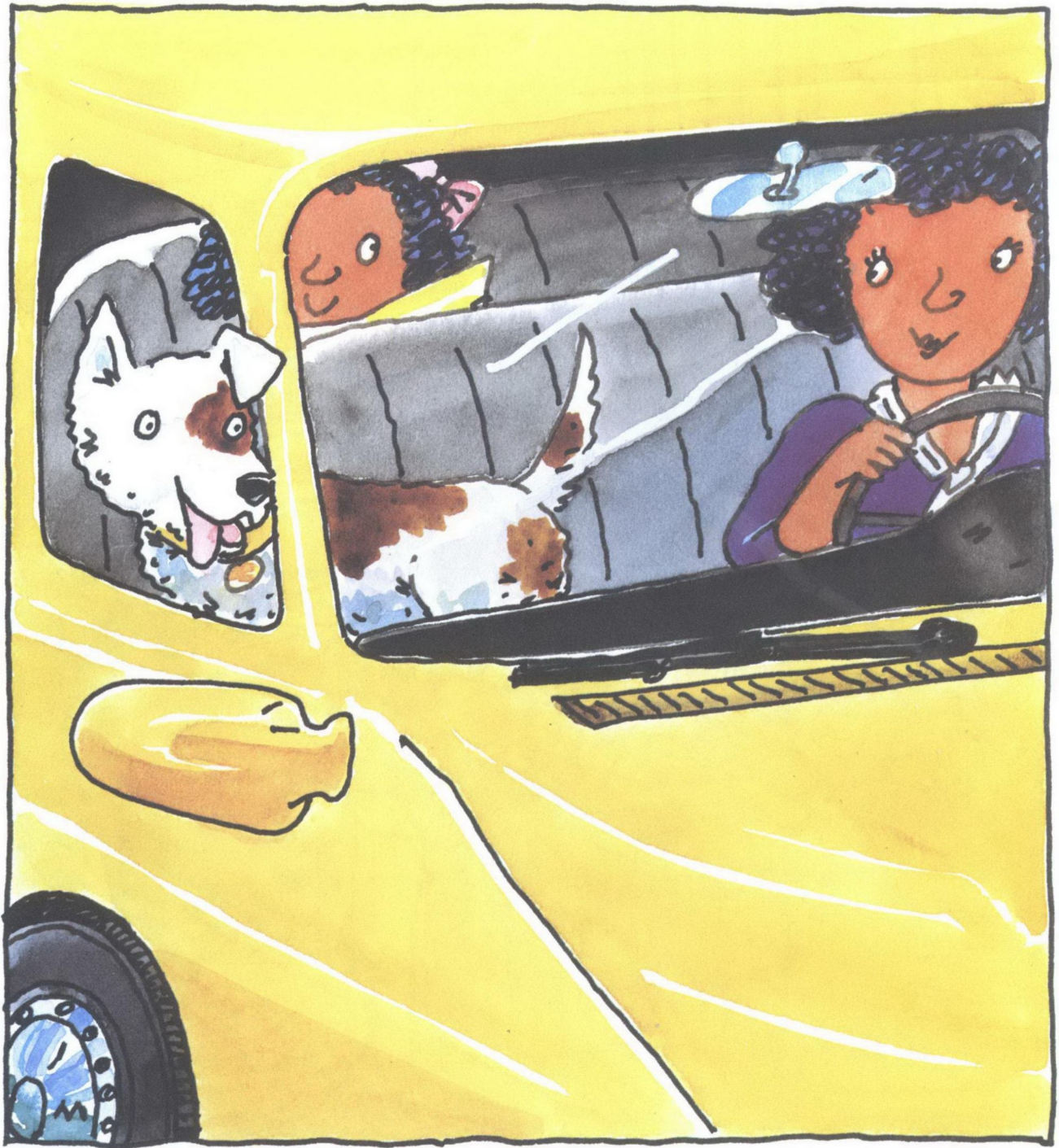
He likes his food heated up in a pan.





He reads comic books.  
His favorite's Catman!





He sits right up front  
when we ride in the van.





He talks on the phone to Grandma Nan.





Want to hear another secret  
about my dog Stan?  
He can't really do everything that I can.



He can't play checkers  
with my brother Dan.



He can't make music  
like I can.





And he definitely can't build a snowman.







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# Word Family Riddles

Listen to the riddle sentences. Add the right letter or letters to the -an sound to finish each one.

1 Soda comes in a shiny tin \_\_\_an.

2 When you move to a new home, you need a moving \_\_\_an.

3 When the race began, we all \_\_\_an.

4 To cool off in the summer, try sitting near a \_\_\_an.

5 When you play at the beach, you might get a sun\_\_\_an.







- 6 Eggs really sizzle when you fry them in a \_\_\_an.
- 7 My dad's friend Stan is a very tall \_\_\_an.
- 8 "Once upon a time," is how my book \_\_\_\_\_an.
- 9 When your room is really tidy, it's spic and \_\_\_\_\_an.
- 10 To sweep the floor, you need a broom and \_\_\_\_\_an.

Now make up some new riddle sentences using -an





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# Cheer

Give a great holler, a cheer, a yell

For all of the words that we can spell

With an A and an N that make the sound **-an**,

You'll find it in **man** and **can** and **van**.

Two little letters, that's all that we need

To make a whole family of words to read!









Make a list  
of other **-an**  
words. Then  
use them in  
the cheer!



# Reading Tips

## -an

**Here are some quick and fun ways to use this story to help children learn the word family -an.**

-  Explain to children that you are going to read a story that has many words with the -an sound, made by the letters A and N. All these words belong to a group called a word family.
-  Ask children to find the -an word ending at the top of the front cover. Review aloud with children the sound these two letters make together. Can they find two words in the title with the -an sound?
-  Flip over the book and read the story summary on the back cover. Ask children to point out the words they hear with the -an sound. Explain that the story you are about to read includes many more words that end in -an. Can they help you find them?
-  Read aloud the story once for pleasure and enjoy the whimsical illustrations. Then reread the book, emphasizing the -an word ending in the appropriate words. Ask children to listen closely and identify all the words that end in -an (they might raise their hand or clap when they hear one, or you might choose a volunteer to point to the word on the page). As they do so, make a list on chart paper of all the -an words.
-  Write each of the words from your list on an unlined index card. Use a different color for -an than the rest of the word. Read each word on the cards with children. On another reading of the story, distribute the cards to children and have them hold up their card as their word is read.
-  Pages 14–15 of the book feature 10 riddles with answers that require a word ending in -an. Read each riddle aloud and have children volunteer answers.
-  Read aloud the cheer on page 16 several times, with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Invite children to join you in reciting the cheer when they feel ready (you might even choose a “cheerleader”).

### Other words in the -an family:

an	dishpan
ban	dustpan
bran	hangman
plan	Japan
ran	caravan
scan	handyman
began	Pakistan
caveman	catamaran



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**Jan has a super dog named Stan,  
who thinks he can do everything she can!  
But is that really true? See for yourself in  
this laugh-out-loud story!**



## **WORD FAMILY TALES™**

are humorous read-aloud stories created to build early phonics skills by teaching children to recognize “families” of words that share the same spelling pattern. This key reading strategy helps kids decode new words with ease—and become stronger readers, writers, and spellers. Set learners on the path to literacy success with these rib-tickling tales—one for each of the top 25 word families!

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