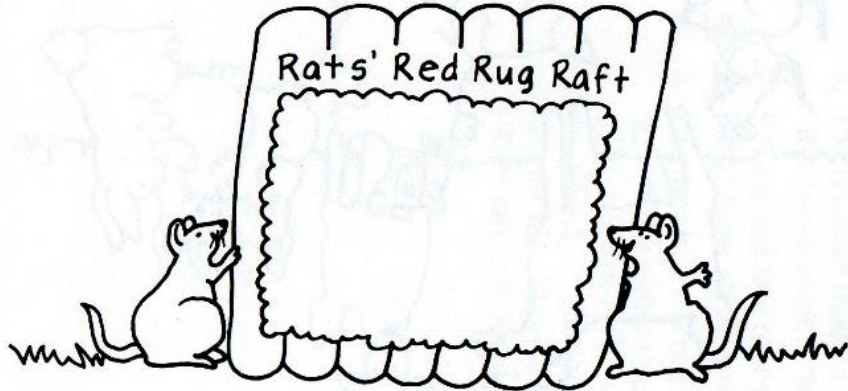


I am Racing Raccoon.

RACING RACCOON

1. Once there was a raccoon named Racing. Racing had rings around his eyes and rosy cheeks, and he always wore rings on a red ribbon around his neck. Racing had won the rings in river races.
2. Racing loved to race down the river on his raft, which was shaped like a rectangle. Racing would row his raft down the rough river. Because he could make it go very fast, he won many river races. Racing's raft made this sound when he paddled with the oar: "R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R!" (Have the children make the sound of **R** with you in the story.)
3. One day, Racing decided to plan a big raft race on the river with all his friends. The animals were all excited, and everyone began to build new rafts for the race.
4. The rabbits made a raft and painted it like a rainbow. They named it "Rainbow Raft." "R-R-R-R-R-R!" went the rainbow raft in the river.
5. The rats made a raft covered with a red rug. They named their raft "Rats' Red Rug Raft." "R-R-R-R-R-R!" went the red rug raft in the water.
6. The reindeer made a raft of rubber. It was round. They named it "Rubber-Runner." "R-R-R-R-R-R!" went this raft in the water.
7. Racing had tied ropes around his raft and named it "Racing's Rope Raft." Now all the rafts were ready for the race on the river.
8. The robins in the trees began the race by chirping out, "Ready, Set, Row!" The water rippled as the racers rowed down the river. "R-R-R-R-R-R-R-R!" went all the rafts. (Make the sound loudly this time.) Racing reached the finish line first and won another ring for his ribbon. Everyone was happy for him. They shouted, "Rah, rah, rah, Racing Raccoon!"

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rats

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reindeer

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Racing's raft

8



ring

