Fat Cat on a Mat:
About the words in this book

Most words in Fat Cat on a Mat can be broken down into single letters representing single phonemes (such as “c-a-t” and “y-e-l-p-s”). There are some words in the book, however, where a combination of letters creates a single phoneme, and these are listed below.

sees s-ee-s
bee b-ee
flees f-l-ee-s
tree t-r-ee
bees b-ee-s
trees t-r-ee-s
see s-ee
buzz b-u-zz
stuck s-t-u-ck
luck l-u-ck
like l-(i-e)-k
my m-y
or or
for f-or
shouts sh-ou-t-s
down d-ow-n
groans g-r-oa-n-s
moans m-oa-n-s
new n-ew
good g-oo-d

“ck” is an alternative spelling of the “c” sound.

“i-e” is an alternative spelling of the “ie” sound (as in tie).

“k” is an alternative spelling of the “c” sound.

“y” is an alternative spelling of the “ie” sound.

“ow” is an alternative spelling of the “ou” sound.

“ew” is an alternative spelling of the “ue” sound (as in cue).
catch  c-a-tch  “tch” is an alternative spelling of the “ch” sound.
hatch  h-a-tch
sandy  s-a-n-d-y  “y” is an alternative spelling of the “ee” sound.
patch  p-a-tch
eggs  e-gg-s
clever  c-l-e-v-er
day  d-ay  “ay” is an alternative spelling of the “ai” sound.
play  p-l-ay
stay  s-t-ay
away  a-w-ay
bake  b-(a-e)-k  “a-e” is an alternative spelling of the “ai” sound.
cake  c-(a-e)-k
Jake  j-(a-e)-k
Snake  s-n-(a-e)-k
will  w-i-ll
with  w-i-th
chicks  ch-i-ck-s
her  h-er
Shh!  sh  (one long “sh” sound)
off  o-ff

IRREGULAR WORDS.
These are the words that don’t follow the phonic rules completely. Usually, the consonants are regular but the vowels represent different phonemes. You’ll need to teach your child how to pronounce these words and to recognize the unexpected parts.
Here are the irregular words you’ll find in Fat Cat on a Mat:

are  no  to
crazy  of  today
don’t  says  you
lazy  she
me  the