

The Hat

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What's the book about?

Work with a friend and talk about hats.



- 1 Do many people in your country have hats? Are they old people or young people?
- 2 Do you have a hat? Why (not)?
- 3 Do you like hats? Why (not)?

1.2 What happens first?

Look at the picture on page 1. Circle the right answer.

- 1 What country is this?
 - a France.
 - b The United States.
 - c Italy.
- 2 What town is it?
 - a New York.
 - b Rome.
 - c Paris.
- 3 Is it a good day for a walk?
 - a Yes, but it's cold.
 - b No, it's raining.
 - c Yes, but it's hot.
- 4 How old is the man?
 - a About twenty years old.
 - b About thirty years old.
 - c About forty years old.
- 5 What is he looking at?
 - a A green and blue hat.
 - b A red and yellow hat.
 - c A green and yellow hat.



Bernardo lives in Rome. He likes hats. One day he is at a street **market** near the Colosseum. Suddenly, he stops.

“I like *that* hat!” he says.

Bernardo buys the hat.

“I can put it in a bag for you,” the woman says.

“No, it’s OK,” Bernardo says. “I can **wear** it. Put my old hat in the bag, please.”

market /'mɑ:kɪt/ (n) I buy fruit in the *market*, not in a store.

wear /weə/ (v) I only *wear* this coat on very cold days.

Bernardo arrives home.

“Hello, Natalie,” he says to his **wife**. “Do you like my new hat?”

Natalie looks at him. She thinks, “No!” But she says, “Why do you want **another** hat, Bernardo? You have twenty!”

“I like hats,” Bernardo says. “And I like *this* hat.”

Natalie sees some people in the street. “They’re **laughing** at Bernardo’s hat,” she thinks. “What can I do with it?”



wife /waɪf/ (n) She is my sister, not my *wife*.

another /əˈnʌðə/ (det) Can I have *another* cup of coffee, please?

laugh /læf/ (v) I *am laughing* at the movie, not at you!



Two days later, Natalie takes the hat to a store. The store buys and **sells clothes**. The man in the store buys Bernardo's hat.

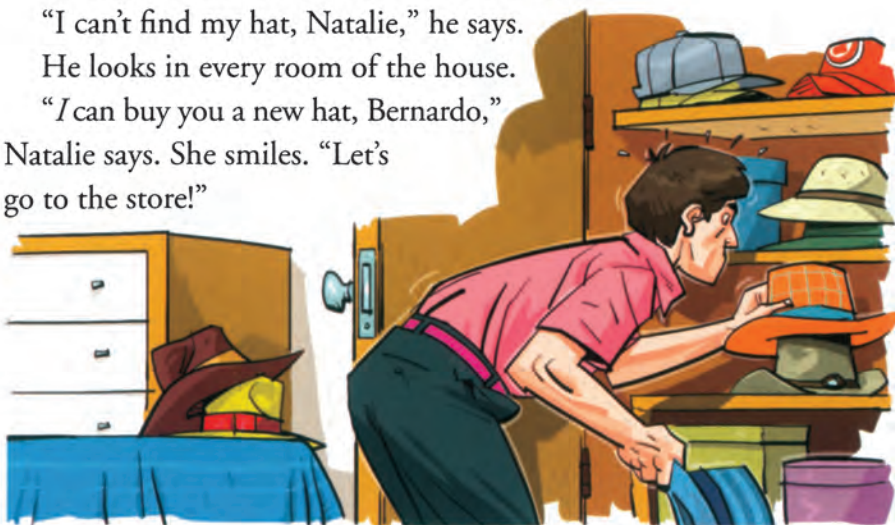
That afternoon, Bernardo looks for his hat.

"I can't find my hat, Natalie," he says.

He looks in every room of the house.

"I can buy you a new hat, Bernardo,"

Natalie says. She smiles. "Let's go to the store!"



sell /sel/ (v) He *is selling* his old car. He wants a new car.

clothes /klouz, klouðz/ (n) I never buy new *clothes*. This shirt is very old.

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Bernardo likes hats. One day he buys a new hat at a street market and people laugh at it. "Why do you want another hat, Bernardo?" his wife says to him. "You have twenty." But what can she do?

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