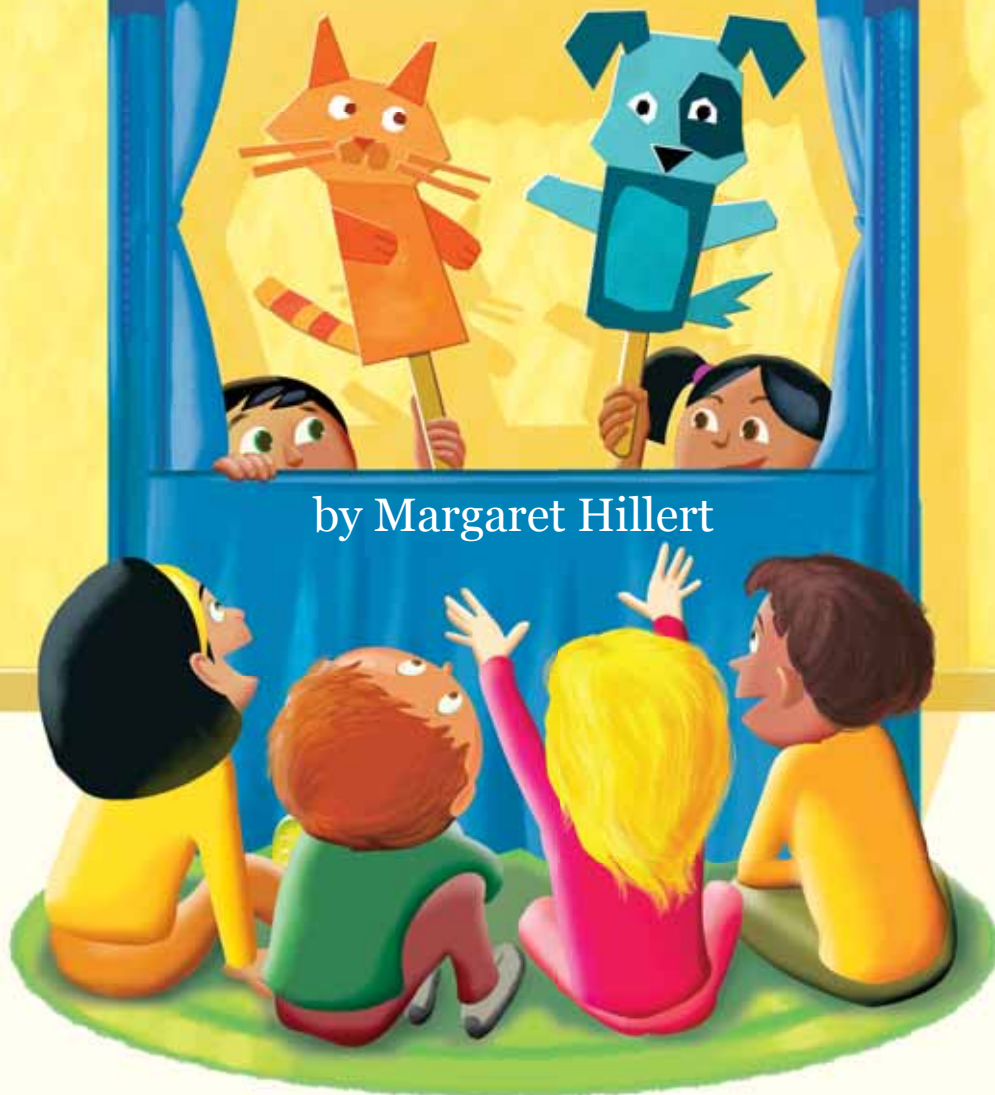


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Dog and Cat

A Play

Players:





DOG: Go away, Cat.
Go away.
It is not good for you
to be here.

CAT: Why not?



DOG: I have a little cold.
I do not want you
to get it.



CAT: Oh, I see.
So I will go away.



DOG: Cat went away.
That is good.
I will rest.



DOG: Now I feel good.
But I am not happy
without Cat.



DOG: Where are you, Little Cat?
I want you.
Come here. Come here.

CAT: Why, Dog?
Why do you want me?



DOG: Now I do not have a cold.
I feel good.
I want to play with you.

CAT: That is good, Dog.
I want to play with you too.

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Guess, ? ? Guess

A Play

Players:



BOY



GIRL



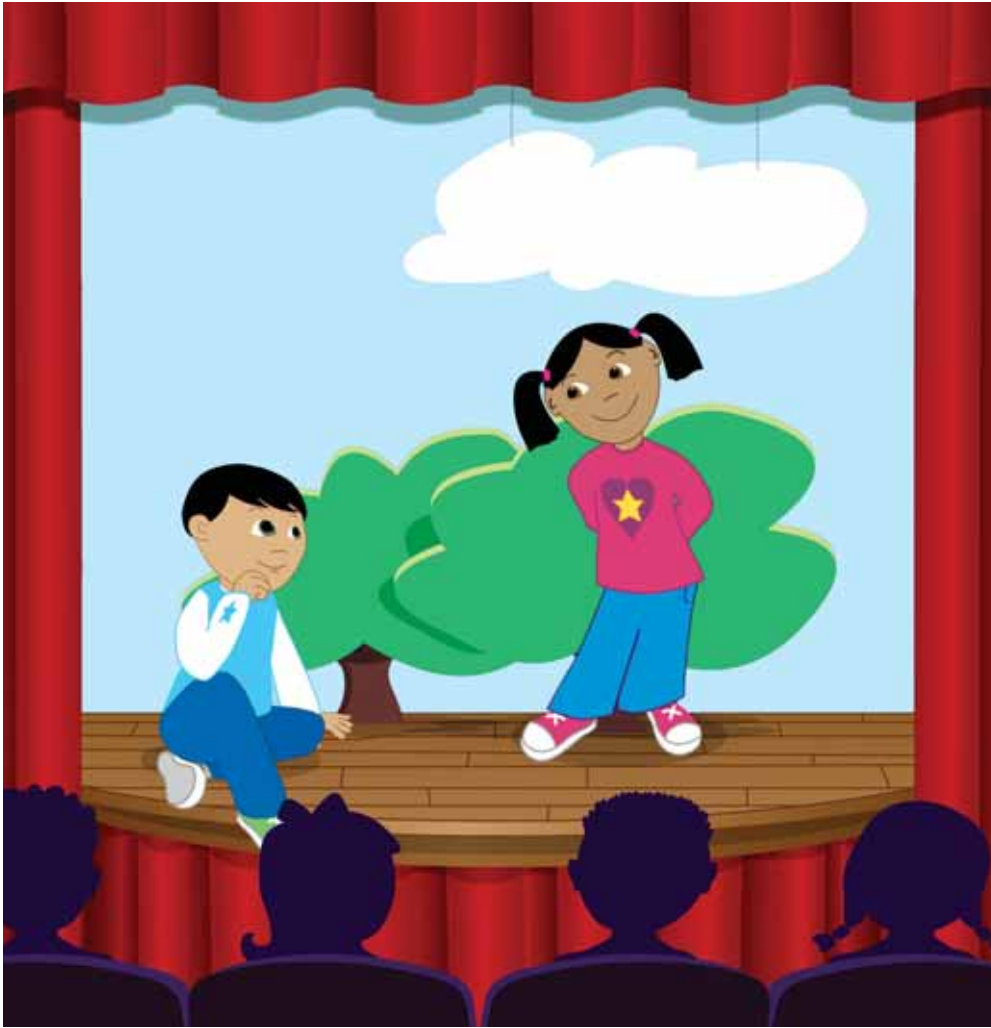
BOY: What do you have?
 I want to look at it.

GIRL: No, no.
 You can not look.
 Guess, guess.



BOY: Is it something little?
Is it something big?

GIRL: It is little.
Oh, yes. It is little.
Guess, guess.



BOY: Is it something red?
Is it something yellow?

GIRL: Yes, yes.
It is red AND yellow.
Go on. Go on.



BOY: Can you eat it?
Is it good to eat?

GIRL: No, no.
You can not eat it.



BOY: Can you play with it?
Is it something to play with?

GIRL: Yes, you can play with it,
but what is it?
You have to guess.



BOY: Is it a car?
A little car to play with?

GIRL: No, it is not a car.
That is not it.



BOY: What is it?
 What is it?
 I can not guess.



GIRL: It is TWO cars.
Two little cars.
One for you and one for me.
Now we can play and have
fun.

Cookies

A Play

Players:





MOTHER: Come here.
Come here.
Run, run, run.
I want you.



BOY and GIRL: What for, Mother?
Why do you want us?



MOTHER: I want you to help me.
I will make cookies,
and you can help me.



BOY and GIRL: Oh, boy!
What fun!
We like to do this.



GIRL: I will make one look
like a cat.

BOY: I can make one look
like a dog.



MOTHER: Now – here they go.
In here.
In here.



BOY: And now – into us!
One in me.
And one in you.

GIRL: We like to help you, Mother.
And we like to eat cookies.

About the Author

Over a million children worldwide have learned to read and to love reading thanks to Margaret Hillert. She developed her knack for writing exciting books for beginning readers during her 34 years as a first-grade teacher. She continued writing into her '90s, and published over eighty books for children. Margaret's use of a controlled vocabulary of high-frequency words helps children gain confidence and reading fluency. Her wonderful stories spark their interest.

Margaret earned a teaching degree from Wayne State University in 1948, after completing a nursing degree in 1944 at the University of Michigan. In addition to writing children's books, Margaret authored a book of poetry for adults, wrote magazine articles, gave lectures, and always found time to read to children at her local library. In 1993, Margaret won a prestigious award from the Woman's National Book Association for her contribution to early reading, but believed her biggest reward to be the three generations of students whom she taught to read.

Margaret passed away in 2014.

Vocabulary - 75 Words

a	feel	look	they
am	for	make	this
and	fun	me	to
are	get	mother	too
at	girl	no	two
away	go	not	us
be	good	now	want
big	guess	oh	we
boy	happy	on	went
but	have	one	what
can	help	play	where
car(s)	here	players	why
cat	I	red	will
cold	in	rest	with
come	into	run	without
cookies	is	see	yellow
do	it	so	yes
dog	like	something	you
eat	little	that	

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