

Cyril and Pat

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Synopsis: What will Cyril do when he discovers that his best friend is a rat and not another squirrel?

Suggested Reading Date: Thursday, January 21 (Squirrel Appreciation Day) or Around Sunday, April 4 (World Rat Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- **T Chart:** Label the top of the chart with "Squirrel" and "Rat." Have students working as a class, small groups, or partners list the attributes of each animal.
- **Venn Diagram:** Label one circle "Squirrel" and one "Rat." Students can list attributes of both when the circles overlap. You could use the T-Chart activity in tandem with this one if you need a longer activity. You could do this activity as a class, in small groups, or with partners depending on time or skill.
- **Draw Cyril and Pat:** Use Emily Gravett's video (part 1) and draw Cyril and Pat. If you have a shorter time just do the Cyril part (1st part) of video (link below)

Related Websites:

- Emily Gravett draws Cyril and Pat, Part 1 (how to draw video): https://youtu.be/_qTs4qBmhDs
- Emily Gravett draws Cyril and Pat, Part 2 (mostly on painting): <https://youtu.be/IR-1RIPJRUU>
- Emily Gravett reads her book: <https://youtu.be/b45BR6MtbCA>
- Emily Gravett's Website: <https://www.emilygravett.com/>

Text to Text Connections:

Squirrel's New Year's Resolution by Pat Miller

Those Darn Squirrels! by Adam Rubin

Secret Life of Squirrels, The by Nancy Rose

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

Peanut by Linas Alsenas

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