The Costume Party

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Green Words (Phonetic):

Ann  cap  cot  pin
can  bat  Nick’s  hat

Red Words (Sight):
says  you  be  he

Practice reading these sentences.

Nick says, “Matt is a cat.
I can not be a cat.”
Tim’s bat is on Nick’s cot.
Matt and his sister, Ann, are friends of Matt and Tim. Nick invites his friends to his house to go to a costume party. What is Matt’s costume?

Matt sits on Nick’s cot. He says, “I am a cat.”
Tim points to his things on the cot. What is Tim’s costume?

Tim’s cap is on Nick’s cot. Tim’s bat is on Nick’s cot. He says, “I am a baseball player.”
Nick looks at Tim and Matt. He says, “I can not be a cat. I can not be a baseball player.” He is sad.
Matt and Tim try to help Nick think of a costume. Tim has an idea.

Tim says, “You can be a dragon! I can pin on the tail.”
Don is a dragon.
Nick sits on the cot.
He says, “I can not be a dragon.”
He is sad.
Don says, “You can be a pirate! I can get a pirate hat.”
Again, Nick jumps up. Ann knocks on the door and comes in. What do you think her costume is?

Ann is a 🐨 .
Nick sits on the cot.
He says, “I can not be a 🐨 .”
He is sad.
Nick sits on the cot and thinks about what costume to wear to the party. Then Nick has an idea.

Nick says, “Dad is a policeman . I can be a !”
Nick talks to his dad. His dad helps him get everything he needs for a policeman costume.

Nick gets Dad’s jacket.
Nick gets Dad’s hat.
Nick gets Dad’s badge.

Finally, Nick has a costume to wear to the party! He is so excited, he can hardly wait for the party to begin!
1. Is Tim a cat?
   yes  no

2. Is Tim’s cap on Nick’s cot?
   yes  no

3. Is Ann a pirate?
   yes  no

4. Can Nick be a policeman?

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