

# Akeelah Is In This Story



## Played

Sam and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

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## Robot

"Can I have a robot?" said Cody.

"A robot could play games with me."

"A robot could read books to me."

"A robot would be neat."

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## Saw a Cat Look

"I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat," said Sam.

"I don't know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends."

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## Airplane

"When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane," said Sam.

"I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun."

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## Cody Went to a City



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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## Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad.

"Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky.

"Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Cody.

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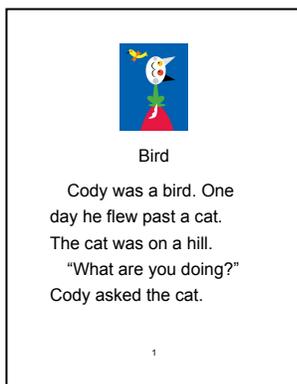


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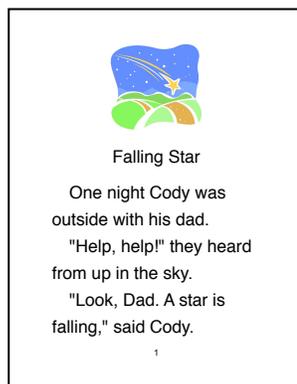


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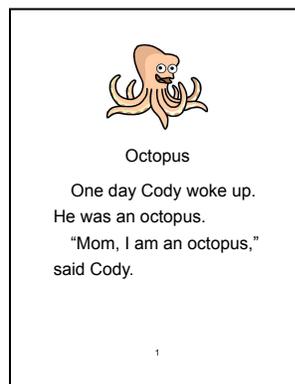
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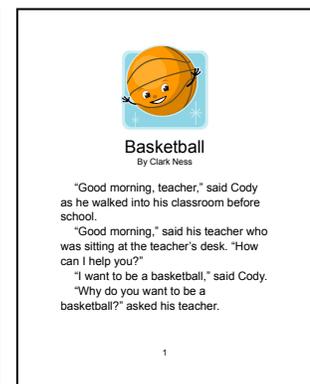
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# Played

Akeelah and her friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

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Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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## Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Akeelah.

“The two cows saw me. I like these two cows. I hope the two cows like me.”

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Akeelah.

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## Race

Akeelah likes to race.

One day she was in a  
race. She ran and ran.

She ran fast. Akeelah won  
the race. She was happy.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.7

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## Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said  
Akeelah.

“I wish I was a cat. I could  
run fast. I could climb trees.”

“It would be neat to be a  
cat,” she said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.5

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## Out of the Water

Akeelah was a fish. One day she swam fast. She went so fast that she jumped out of the water.

She went up high. She could see far and wide. She had fun.

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## Fox

Akeelah went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Akeelah to the fox.

“I do very well, thank you. It is a nice day for a walk, isn’t it?” said the fox.

“Yes, it is,” said Akeelah.

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## Crocodile

One day Akeelah woke up. She was a crocodile. She went to school. She scared her teacher.

Her friends thought she looked cool.

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## Singing Flower

Akeelah is a flower. She loves to sing. She is a singing flower. She sings and sings.

Akeelah thinks that singing is fun.

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## Christmas Tree

Akeelah helped with the Christmas tree. She put candy canes on it. She put balls on it.

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.9

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## Read a Book

“I think I will read a book,” said Akeelah. Soon she was done.

“I think I will read some more,” said Akeelah.

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Akeelah.

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## Ice Cream Truck

“I hear the ice cream truck coming,” said Akeelah.

“I hope it stops by my home.”

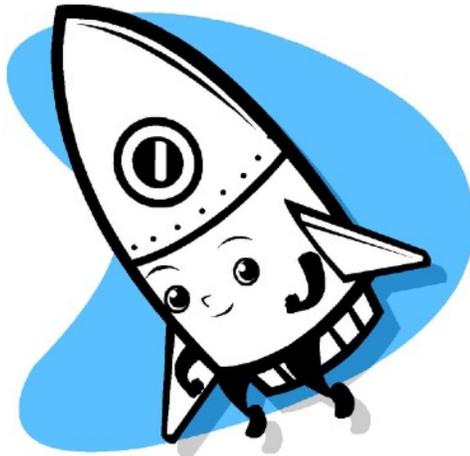
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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## Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”  
said Akeelah.

*Poof!* She was a rocket.  
*Whoosh!* She flew up into  
the sky and went to the  
moon.

“Now that was fun,” said  
Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Surfing Dog

Akeelah is a cool dog.  
She has a surf board. She  
loves to go to the beach  
with her surf board. She  
goes surfing at the beach.

Akeelah thinks surfing is  
cool.

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## Cat Lover

Akeelah is a cat lover.  
She loves cats. She loves  
big cats.

Akeelah loves little cats.  
She loves pretty cats. She  
loves ugly cats. Akeelah  
loves all cats.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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loves ugly dogs. Akeelah  
loves all dogs.

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## Fly to School

One day Akeelah said, “I think I will fly to school today.”

She put on her flying suit. She flew to school.

“Wow! You flew to school,” said her teacher.

“It was easy,” said Akeelah.

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## Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said  
Akeelah.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

“I am Akeelah the happy  
cat,” said Akeelah.

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## Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said  
Akeelah.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

“I am Akeelah the happy  
dog,” said Akeelah.

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## Rhino

Akeelah is a rhino. She likes to play soccer. She can kick the ball. She can score a goal.

Akeelah likes being a rhino.

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## A Deer

Akeelah went for a walk.  
She was very quiet. She  
looked.

She saw a baby deer. It  
had spots on its back.

Akeelah was glad that  
she saw a baby deer.

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## Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”  
said Akeelah.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to  
me.”

“A pet dragon would be  
neat,” said Akeelah.

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## Owl

Akeelah went for a walk  
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

The owl said, “*Whoo,  
whoo, who, who.*”

“I think that owl just said  
*hello to me,*” said Akeelah.

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## Horse With Wings

One day Akeelah  
became a horse with  
wings.

She flew to her school.  
Akeelah took each of her  
friends for a ride up into  
the sky.

They all had fun.

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## Astronaut

“I want to be an astronaut,” said Akeelah.

“I want to go out in space.”

“It would be neat to go to the Moon.”

“It would be neat to go to Mars.”

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## Happy Turtle

This is Akeelah. She is a happy turtle. She likes to run.

“I am a happy turtle. I like to run,” said Akeelah.

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## Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Akeelah.

“I like to go on hikes.”

“I wear a hat. I take a pack.”

“I use a walking stick.”

“It is neat to be a giraffe,” said Akeelah.

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## Bubbles

Akeelah made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Akeelah made a lot of  
bubbles. She had fun.

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## Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Akeelah.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

“I wonder if all chickens can read?” said Akeelah.

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## Horses

Akeelah saw two horses.  
One horse was brown.  
One horse was white. The  
horses were big.

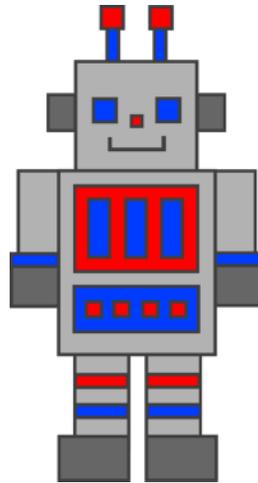
Akeelah liked seeing the  
horses.

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## Robot

“Can I have a robot?”  
said Akeelah.

“A robot could play  
games with me. A robot  
could read books to me.  
A robot would be neat.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Sheep

“I saw a sheep near my home,” said Akeelah.

“It was knitting a sock.”

“I told the sheep that it was a nice sock.”

“The sheep smiled and kept on knitting,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Snow Skiing

“I want to go snow skiing,” said Akeelah.

“It would be so much fun.”

“I would be out in the nice cold snow.”

“I could go fast.”

“Snow skiing would be a blast,” she said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”  
said Akeelah.

“I would have two long  
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

“I would even like to eat  
carrots,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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## Cowgirl

“I am going to be a cowgirl,” said Akeelah.

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

“It will be neat to be a cowgirl,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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## Bear

Akeelah went for a walk and met a happy bear.

The bear wore boots, mittens, and a stocking hat.

“It must be a cold day,” said Akeelah.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Soccer Ball

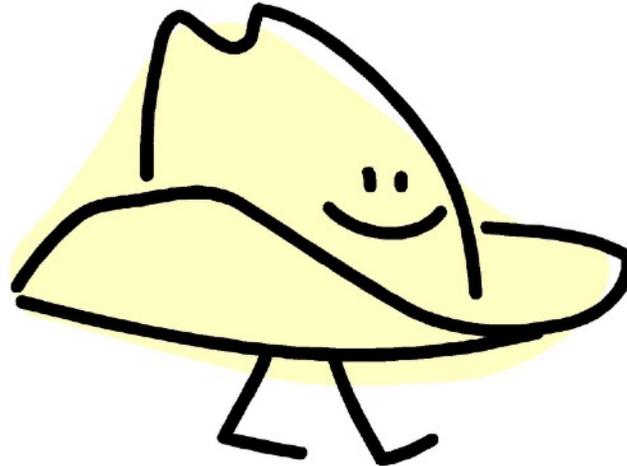
Akeelah has a soccer ball. She plays soccer with it every day.

“I love playing soccer. It is a great sport. Soccer is fun,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Hat

Akeelah saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Akeelah.

“I am going to a cattle ranch,” said the hat.

“I want a cowboy to find me so that I can become a real cowboy hat.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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## Rat

One day Akeelah saw a rat.

“That rat is on a skateboard,” said Akeelah.

“I love to go on my skateboard,” said the rat.

“Hope you have fun,” said Akeelah.

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## Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Akeelah.

“I went on a safari.”

“We drove out in a jeep and saw a rhino.”

“It was so neat.”

“I took a lot of pictures.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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## I Have a Pencil

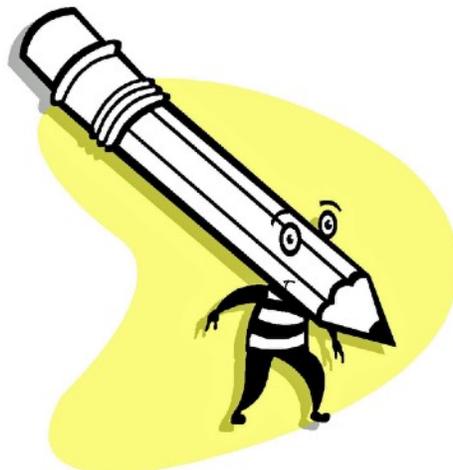
“I have a pencil,” said Akeelah. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

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## Pencil

One day Akeelah woke up. She was a pencil.

“I think I will write a story,” said Akeelah. She wrote a story. It was about being a pencil.

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## Pink Elephant

“I saw a pink elephant,”  
said Akeelah. “It had a  
green balloon and wore a  
yellow hat.”

“There was a bird sitting  
on its back. I wonder  
where it was going?” said  
Akeelah.

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## Saw a Cat Look

“I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat,” said Akeelah.

“I don’t know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends.”

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Snake

“I think I would like to be a snake,” said Akeelah.

“It would be fun to slither along the ground.”

“I would hunt for food and have a good life.”

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## Elephant

“I went to a pet shop,”  
said Akeelah.

“I got a nice elephant. I  
took my elephant home.”

“Mom said it was too big  
for me to keep.”

“So I took the elephant  
back,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Akeelah.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

“I wonder where they were going?” said Akeelah.

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## Pet Shop

“I am going to go to a pet shop,” said Akeelah.

“I will see all kinds of animals there.”

“I will see fish, cats, dogs, mice, and birds.”

“It will be fun to go to a pet shop,” said Akeelah.

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## Singing Apples

“I went to the store. I saw some apples. Three of the apples jumped up and sang a song to me,” said Akeelah.

“I had never seen singing apples before.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.1

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## Happy Snowman

“I am a happy snowman,” said Akeelah.

“I wear a hat and a scarf, and I hold a broom.”

“My nose is a carrot.”

“I am happy to be a snowman,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.2

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## Snail

“Last night I had a dream. I dreamed that I was a snail,” said Akeelah.

“I was a happy snail, but it took a long time to get anywhere.”

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## Singing Fish

“I want to be a fish that can sing,” said Akeelah.

“I would sing songs about the sea.”

“I would sing songs to sailors and to people who go fishing.”

“It would be fun to be a singing fish,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.6

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## Airplane

“When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane,” said Akeelah.

“I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.7

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## Kangaroo

Akeelah is a kangaroo.  
She likes to play basketball.  
She can jump. She can  
shoot.

Akeelah likes being a  
kangaroo.

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## Lemonade

Akeelah made some lemonade. She set up a lemonade stand. She sold lemonade to her friends and family.

Akeelah made \$5.00 in one day.

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## If I Were a Dog

“If I were a dog, I would want to be able to drive a car,” said Akeelah.

“I would put on my yellow hat and get in my red car. People would smile when I went by.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.0

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## Submarine

“I went on a submarine,”  
said Akeelah.

“We went down  
underwater.”

“I saw all kinds of fish.”

“It was fun to go on a  
submarine.”

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## Treehouse

“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Akeelah.

“It will be so much fun.”

“I will have a good view and get to see birds and little animals every day.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.5

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## Helicopter

“I want to fly a helicopter,” said Akeelah.

“It would be neat to fly it up in the sky.”

“I could help save people by flying a helicopter.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.8

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## Opened a Book

“I opened a book last week and a pirate story came out,” said Akeelah.

“It was a very good story about pirates and pirate ships. I liked the part about buried treasure.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.4

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## Hippo

Akeelah saw a hippo. It was on a unicycle. It was playing a violin.

“Be careful when you play your violin on a unicycle,” said Akeelah to the hippo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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# Akeelah Saw



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

# Cat



Akeelah saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big cat,” she  
said.

# Bat



Akeelah saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big bat,” she  
said.

# Rat



Akeelah saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big rat,” she  
said.

# Ant



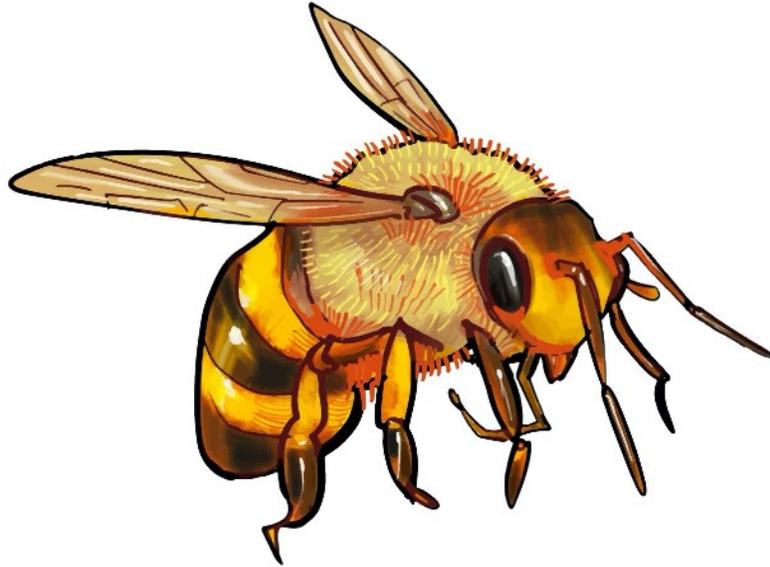
Akeelah saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big ant,” she  
said.

# Bee



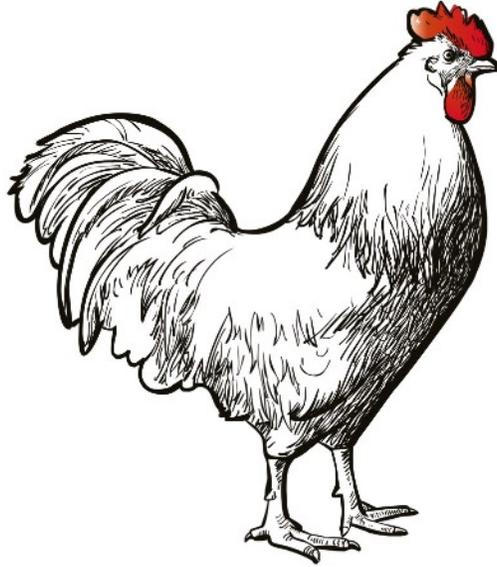
Akeelah saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big bee,” she  
said.

# Hen



Akeelah saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big hen,” she  
said.

# Elk



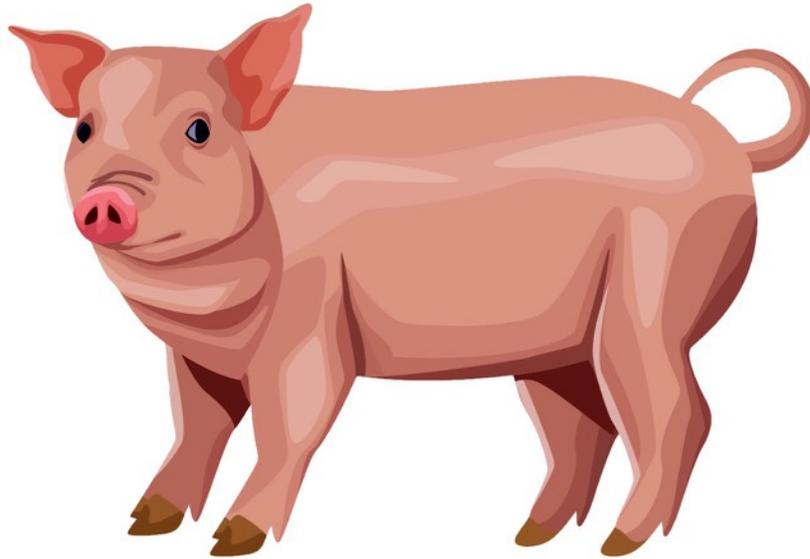
Akeelah saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big elk,” she  
said.

# Pig



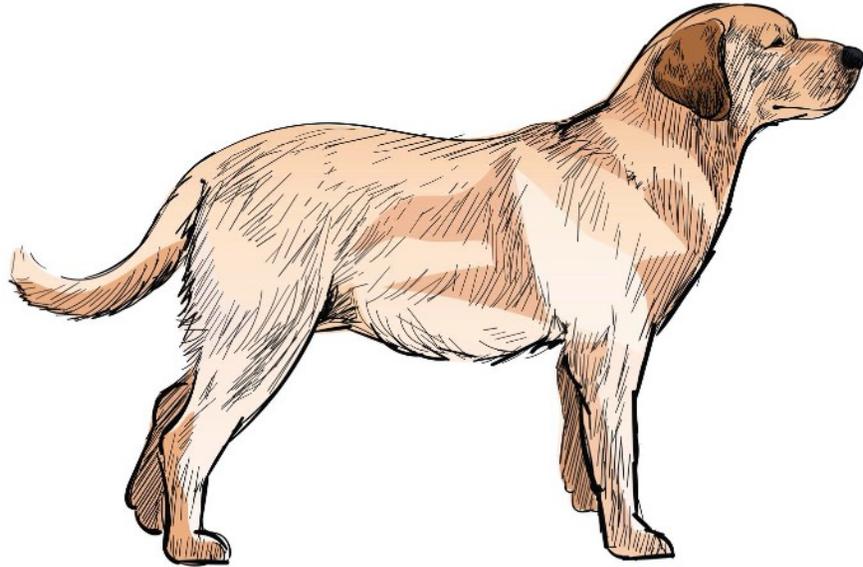
Akeelah saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big pig,” she  
said.

# Dog



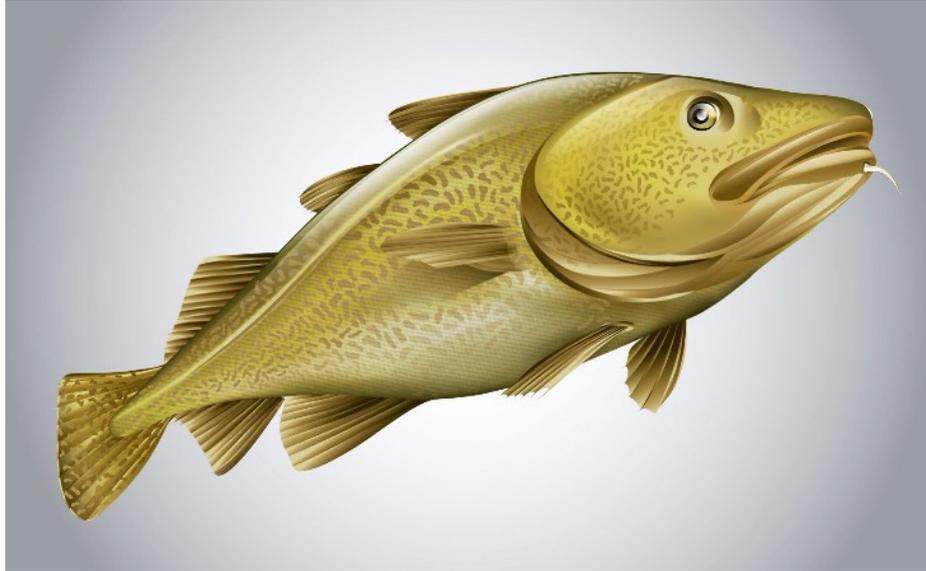
Akeelah saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big dog,” she  
said.

# Cod



Akeelah saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big cod,” she  
said.

# Fox



Akeelah saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big fox,” she  
said.

# Cow



Akeelah saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big cow,” she  
said.

# Owl



Akeelah saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big owl,” she  
said.

# Bug



Akeelah saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big bug,” she  
said.

# Pup



Akeelah saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big pup,” she  
said.

# Fly



Akeelah saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a big fly,” she  
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Akeelah Saw a Cab



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Fiction

# Cab



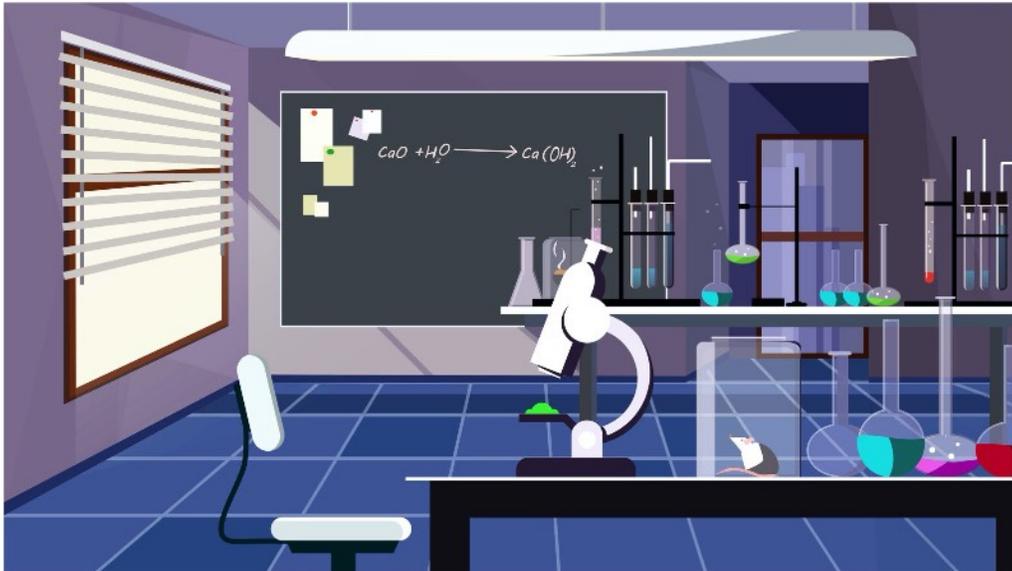
Akeelah saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice cab,” she  
said.

# Lab



Akeelah saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice lab,” she  
said.

# Bag



Akeelah saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice bag,” she  
said.

# Rag



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Akeelah saw a rag.

It was a nice rag.

“I saw a rag,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice rag,” she  
said.

# Yam



Akeelah saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice yam,” she  
said.

# Can



Akeelah saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice can,” she  
said.

# Fan



Akeelah saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice fan,” she  
said.

# Pan



Akeelah saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice pan,” she  
said.

# Van



Akeelah saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice van,” she  
said.

# Cap



Akeelah saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice cap,” she  
said.

# Map



Akeelah saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice map,” she  
said.

# Bat



Akeelah saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice bat,” she  
said.

# Hat



Akeelah saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice hat,” she  
said.

# Mat



Akeelah saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice mat,” she  
said.

# Vat



Akeelah saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a nice vat,” she  
said.

# Sax



Akeelah saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said  
Akeelah.

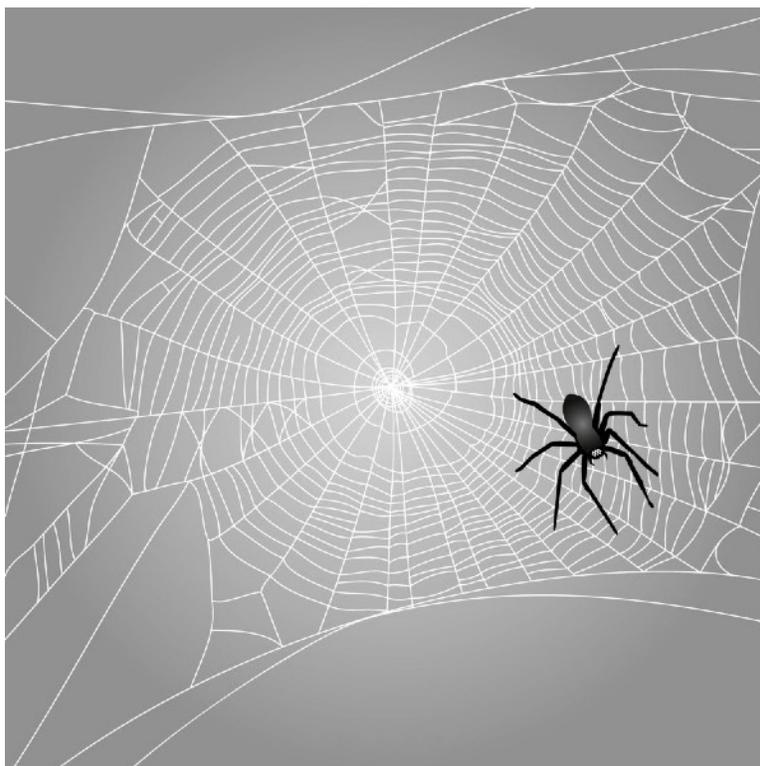
“It was a nice sax,” she  
said.

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Fiction

# Web



Akeelah saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool web,” she  
said.

# Gem



Akeelah saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool gem,” she  
said.

# Pen



Akeelah saw a pen.

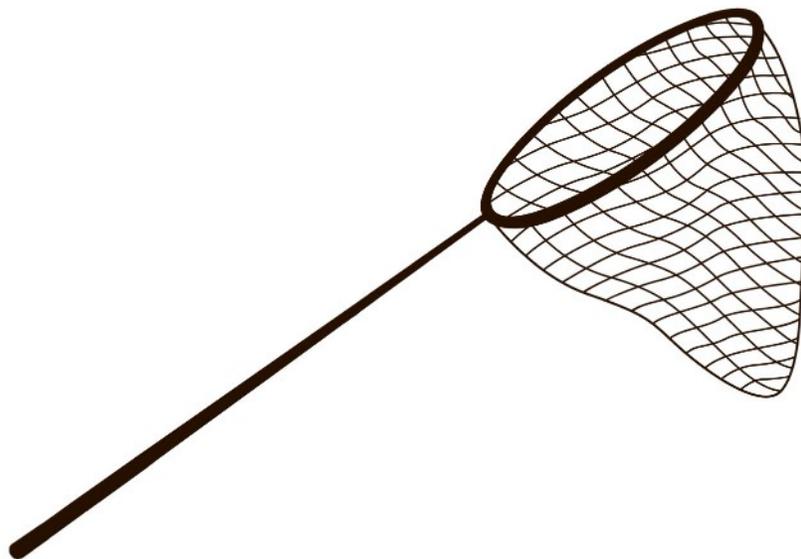
It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said

Akeelah.

“It was a cool pen,” she  
said.

# Net



Akeelah saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool net,” she  
said.

# Jet



Akeelah saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool jet,” she  
said.

# Wig



Akeelah saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool wig,” she  
said.

# Bin



Akeelah saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool bin,” she  
said.

# Fin



Akeelah saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool fin,” she  
said.

# Pin



Akeelah saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool pin,” she  
said.

# Rod



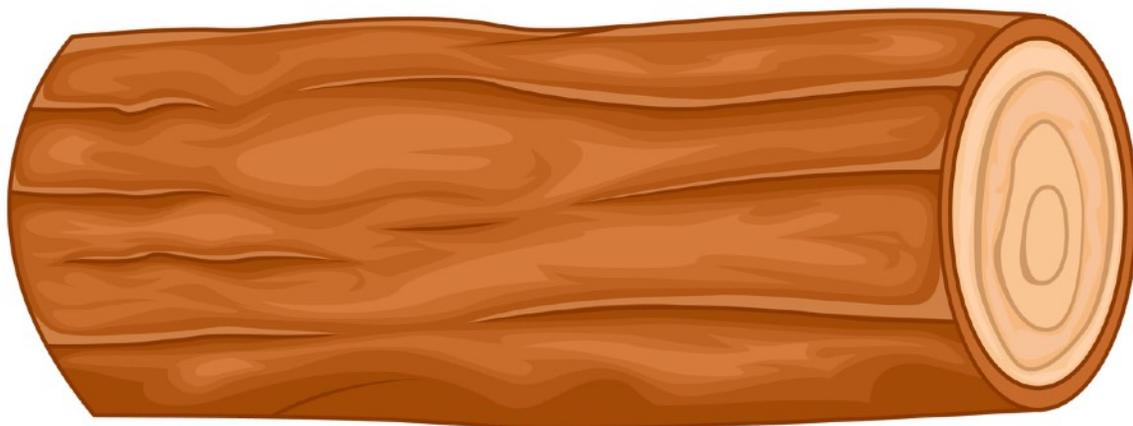
Akeelah saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool rod,” she  
said.

# Log



Akeelah saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool log,” she  
said.

# Mop



Akeelah saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool mop,” she  
said.

# Top



Akeelah saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool top,” she  
said.

# Cot



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Akeelah saw a cot.

It was a cool cot.

“I saw a cot,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool cot,” she  
said.

# Pot



Akeelah saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool pot,” she  
said.

# Box



Akeelah saw a box.

It was a cool box.

“I saw a box,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a cool box,” she  
said.

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# Akeelah Saw a Tub



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Fiction

# Tub



Akeelah saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat tub,” she  
said.

# Jug



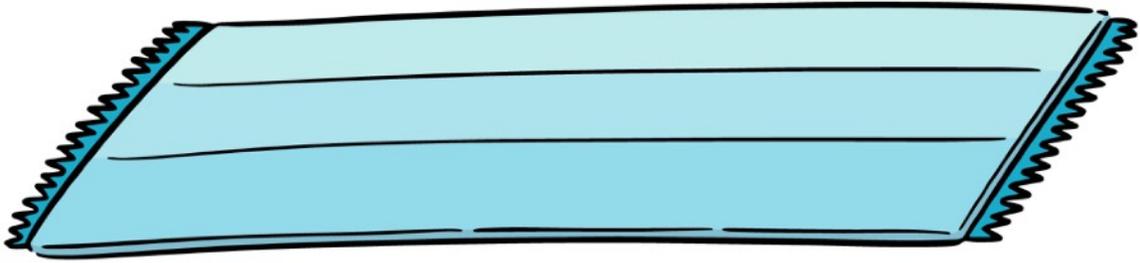
Akeelah saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat jug,” she  
said.

# Rug



Akeelah saw a rug.  
It was a neat rug.  
“I saw a rug,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat rug,” she  
said.

# Bun



Akeelah saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat bun,” she  
said.

# Cup



Akeelah saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat cup,” she  
said.

# Bus



Akeelah saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat bus,” she  
said.

# Hut



Akeelah saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat hut,” she  
said.

# Nut



Akeelah saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said  
Akeelah.

“It was a neat nut,” she  
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Akeelah Went to a Farm



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Fiction



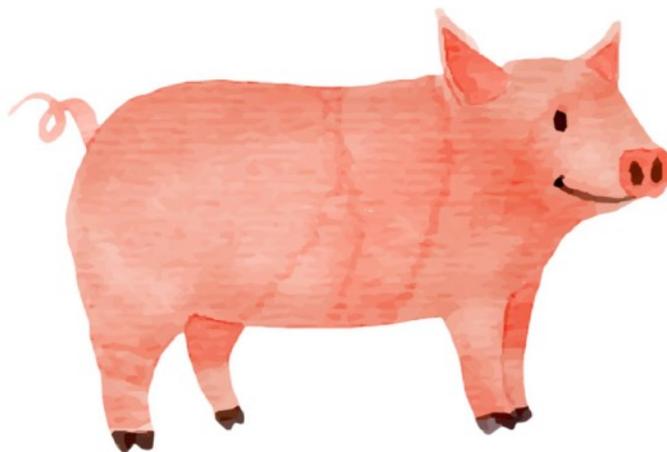
Akeelah went to a  
farm. She saw a  
horse. It was a nice  
horse.



Akeelah went to a  
farm. She saw a  
cow. It was a nice  
COW.



Akeelah went to a farm. A donkey was there. It was a nice donkey.



Akeelah went to a  
farm. A pig was  
there. It was a nice  
pig.



Akeelah went to a farm. There was a sheep. It was a nice sheep.



Akeelah went to a farm. There was a turkey. It was a nice turkey.



Akeelah went to a  
farm. It had a duck.  
It was a nice duck.



Akeelah went to a  
farm. It had a  
chicken. It was a  
nice chicken.



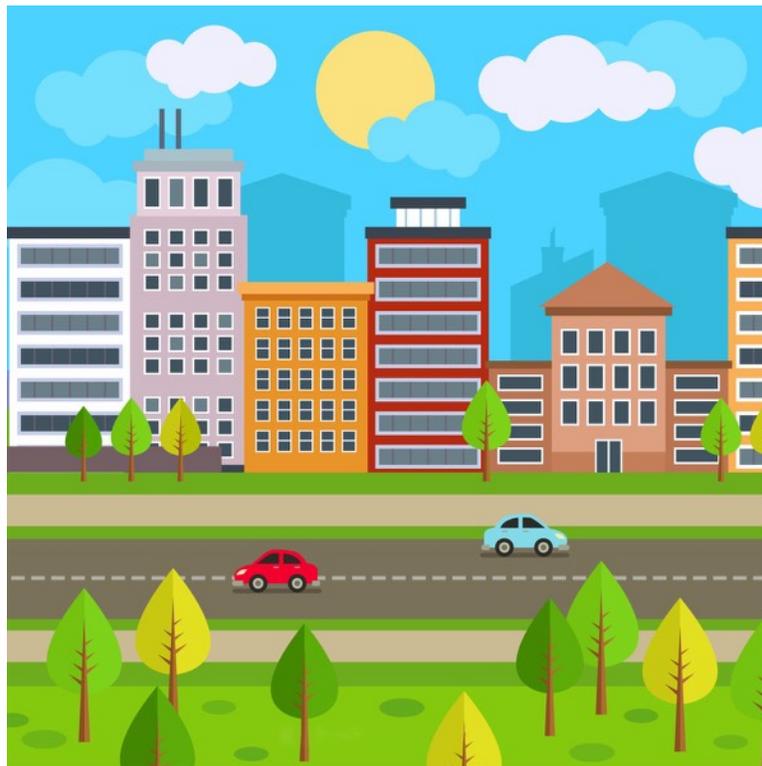
Akeelah was  
happy that she went  
to a nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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# Akeelah Went to a City

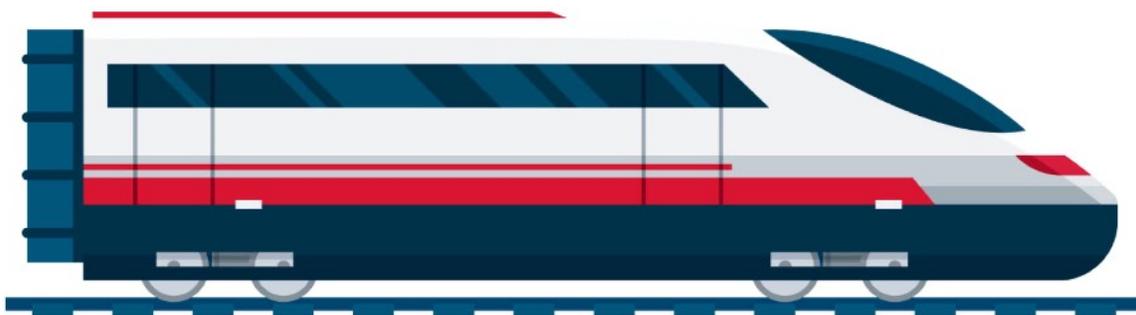


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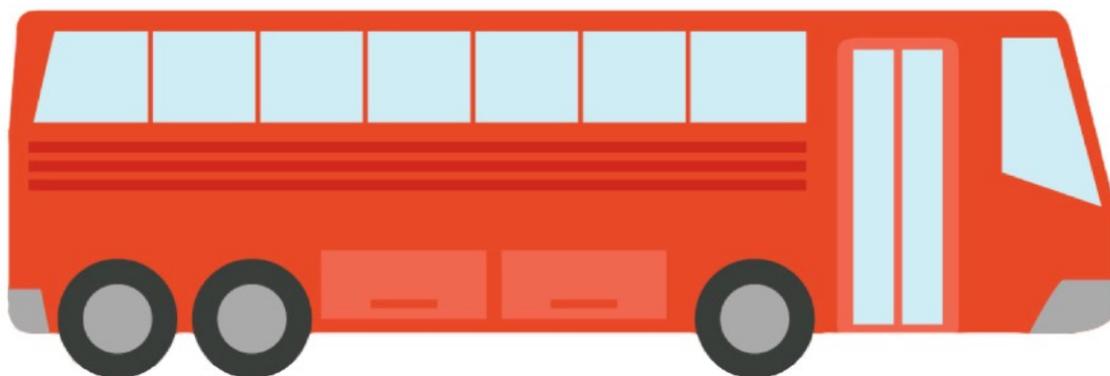
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Fiction



Akeelah went to a  
city. She saw a  
train. It was a nice  
train.



Akeelah went to a  
city. She saw a bus.  
It was a nice bus.



Akeelah went to a  
city. A truck was  
there. It was a nice  
truck.



Akeelah went to a city. A fire truck was there. It was a nice fire truck.



Akeelah went to a city. An ambulance was there. It was a nice ambulance.



Akeelah went to a city. There was a police car. It was a nice police car.



Akeelah went to a  
city. There was a  
taxi. It was a nice  
taxi.



Akeelah went to a city. There was a motorcycle. It was a nice motorcycle.



Akeelah was  
happy that she went  
to a nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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# Akeelah Is In This Story



Bird

Cody was a bird. One day he flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill. "What are you doing?" Cody asked the cat.

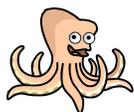
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Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad. "Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky. "Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Cody.

1



Octopus

One day Cody woke up. He was an octopus. "Mom, I am an octopus," said Cody.

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

"Good morning, teacher," said Cody as he walked into his classroom before school. "Good morning," said his teacher who was sitting at the teacher's desk. "How can I help you?" "I want to be a basketball," said Cody. "Why do you want to be a basketball?" asked his teacher.

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## Bird

Akeelah was a bird.  
One day she flew past a  
cat.

The cat was on a hill.

“What are you doing?”  
Akeelah asked the cat.



“I am sitting on a hill,”  
said the cat.

“Come and fly with me,”  
said Akeelah.

“I cannot fly,” said the  
cat.

“That is too bad,” said  
Akeelah.



“I will go and fly all around,” said Akeelah.

“I will then come back and tell you all about it,” she said.

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Akeelah went and  
flew all around.

She then came back to  
the cat.

Akeelah told the cat  
what she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the  
cat.

“You are welcome,”  
said Akeelah.

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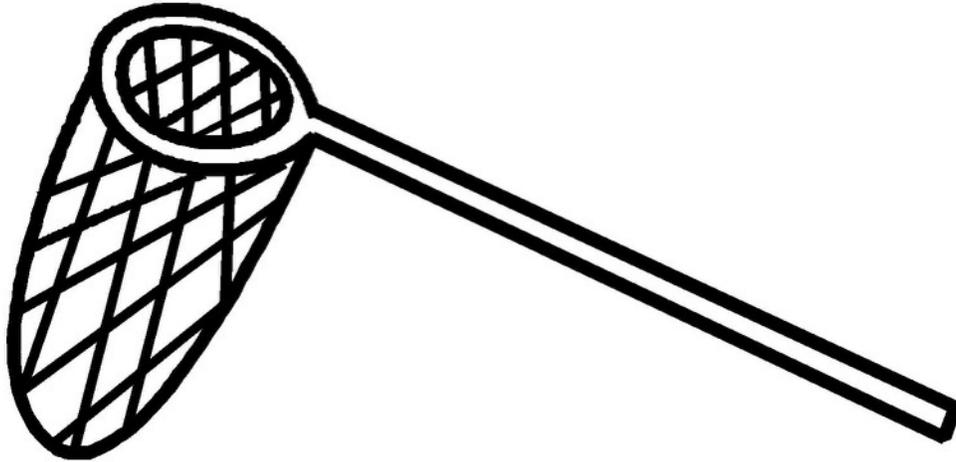


## Falling Star

One night Akeelah was outside with her dad.

"Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky.

"Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Akeelah.



"What should we do?"  
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"  
said Akeelah.

She ran and got a big  
net.



Akeelah took the net and quickly caught the star just before it hit the ground.

"Thanks for saving me," said the star.

"What should we do with this star now?" asked Akeelah's dad.



"We need to throw it back up into the sky," said Akeelah.

Akeelah grabbed the star out of the net and threw it back up into the sky.



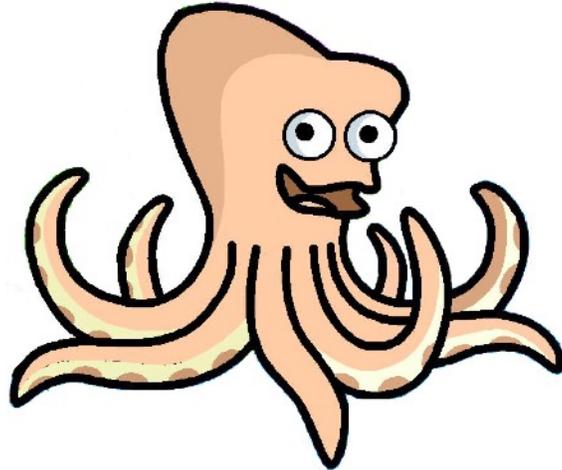
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Akeelah was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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## Octopus

One day Akeelah woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Akeelah.



“That is nice. Now figure out what to do with your eight arms,” said her mom.

Akeelah thought and thought.

“I think I will play some music,” she said.



She got out a guitar and played it.

She got out a trumpet and played it.

She got out a drum and played it.

She then got out a maraca and played it.



“I bet I can play all of these at once with my eight arms,” said Akeelah.

She picked up the maraca. She put the drum next to her. She picked up the trumpet. She then picked up the guitar.



She began to play music with the guitar, the trumpet, the drum, and the maraca.

“Your band sounds great,” said her mother.

“Thanks, Mom. It is fun to be a one octopus band,” said Akeelah.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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# Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Akeelah as she walked into her classroom before school.

“Good morning,” said her teacher who was sitting at the teacher’s desk. “How can I help you?”

“I want to be a basketball,” said Akeelah.

“Why do you want to be a basketball?” asked her teacher.



“I think it would be fun to fly in the air and then go *swish* through the basketball net,” replied Akeelah.

“Okay you can become a basketball. Please come over here,” said the teacher. Akeelah’s teacher reached inside the teacher’s desk and pulled out the lucky buffalo coin. Akeelah walked over to the teacher’s desk. Her teacher held the coin above Akeelah’s head.

“Basketball, basketball, basketball,” said the teacher.



There was a loud *poof*, followed by some white smoke, and Akeelah was a basketball.

One of Akeelah's friends walked into the classroom just at that time.

"Do you want to go out and play basketball?" asked Akeelah the basketball. Her friend stopped right in her tracks and looked at the talking basketball.

"How can a basketball talk?" she asked.



“It’s me, Akeelah,” said Akeelah. “Our teacher used the lucky buffalo coin and turned me into a basketball.”

“Boy, you must have done something really bad for our teacher to turn you into a basketball,” said the friend.

“No, I didn’t. I asked our teacher to turn me into a basketball because I wanted to be a basketball,” said Akeelah with a big smile.



“You kids can go outside and play,” said the teacher. “You have about five minutes before school will start. Just remember to bring Akeelah back inside.”

Akeelah’s friend grabbed Akeelah the basketball and ran outside with her.

“Cool basketball,” said the other kids on the playground.

“It is just me, your friend, Akeelah,” said the basketball.

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Akeelah the basketball.

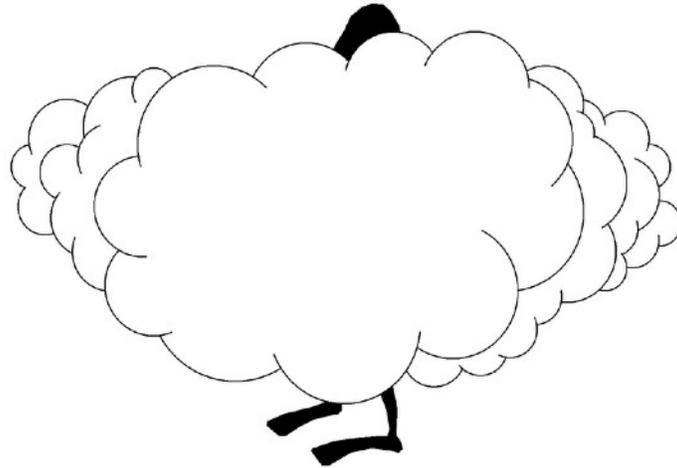
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

“Not a bit,” said Akeelah. “Shoot me through the hoop again.”

One of the kids picked up Akeelah and took a shot. *Swish* went Akeelah.

“That sure is fun,” said Akeelah. “Thanks.”

The school bell then rang. Akeelah’s friend went back into the classroom with Akeelah and walked over to their teacher.



The teacher held up the lucky buffalo coin and said, “Akeelah, Akeelah, Akeelah.” There was a *poof*, then some white smoke, and Akeelah was Akeelah the girl again.

“Thank you. It was a lot of fun being a basketball. Maybe tomorrow I can be a baseball,” said Akeelah.

“I am glad you had fun. We can see about you being a baseball tomorrow. Now, time for school,” said the teacher.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.6

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