

Anselmo 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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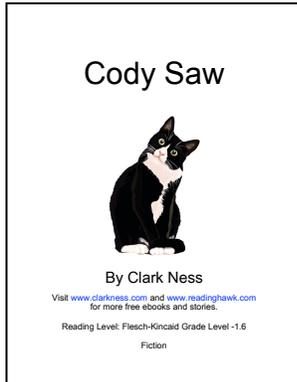
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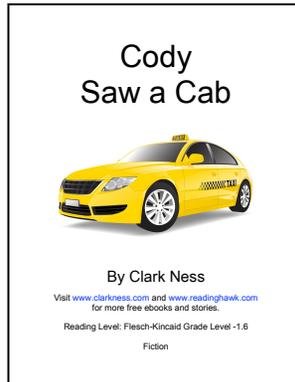
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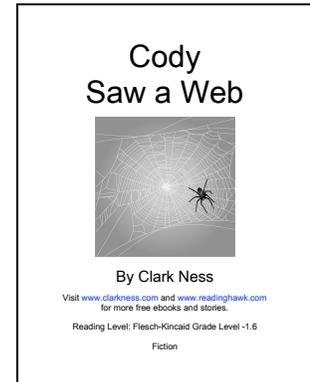
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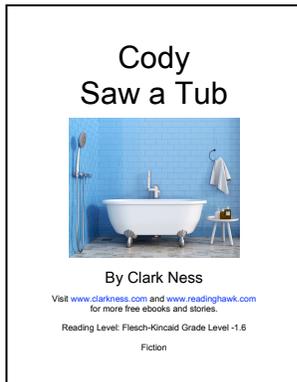
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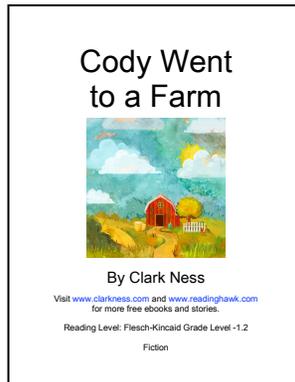
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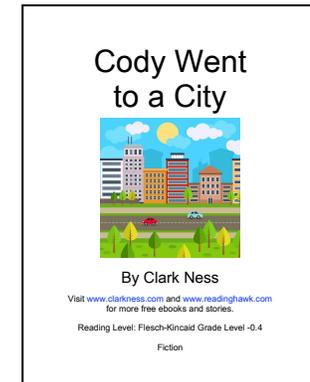
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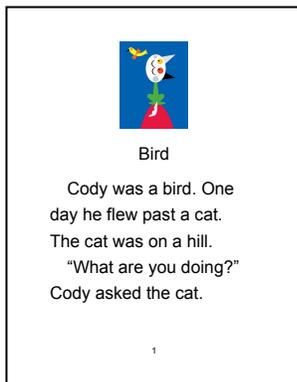


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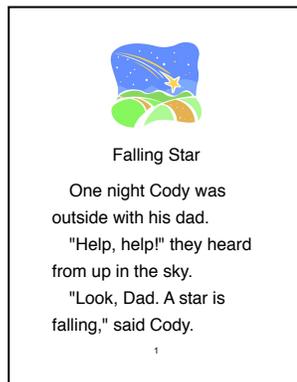


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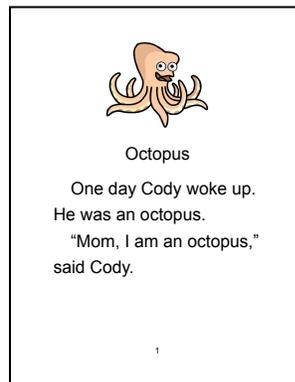
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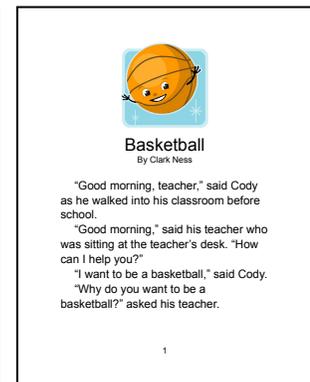
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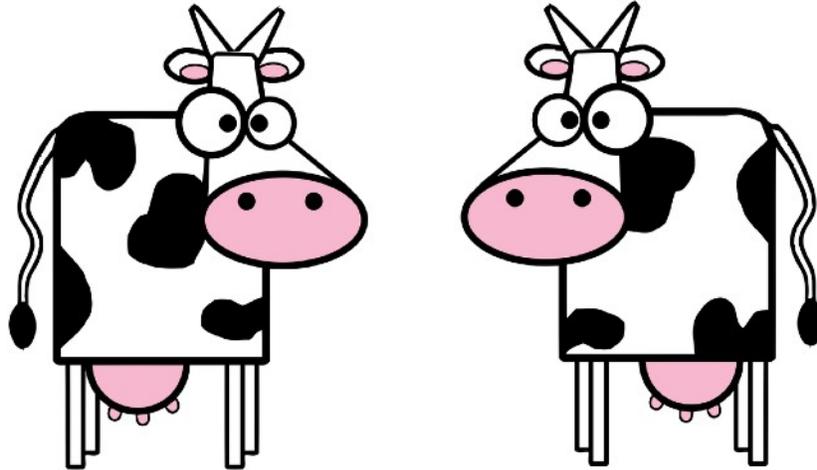
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They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Anselmo.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Anselmo.

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Race

Anselmo likes to race.
One day he was in a race.
He ran and ran. He ran
fast. Anselmo won the
race. He was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said
Anselmo.

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

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

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Out of the Water

Anselmo was a fish. One day he swam fast. He went so fast that he jumped out of the water.

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

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Fox

Anselmo went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Anselmo 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 Anselmo.

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Crocodile

One day Anselmo woke up.

He was a crocodile. He went to school. He scared his teacher.

His friends thought he looked cool.

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Singing Flower

Anselmo is a flower. He loves to sing. He is a singing flower. He sings and sings.

Anselmo thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Anselmo helped with the Christmas tree. He put candy canes on it. He put balls on it.

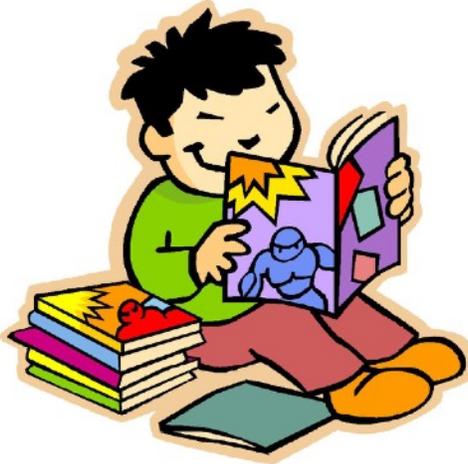
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

“I think I will read a book,” said Anselmo. Soon he was done.

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Anselmo.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

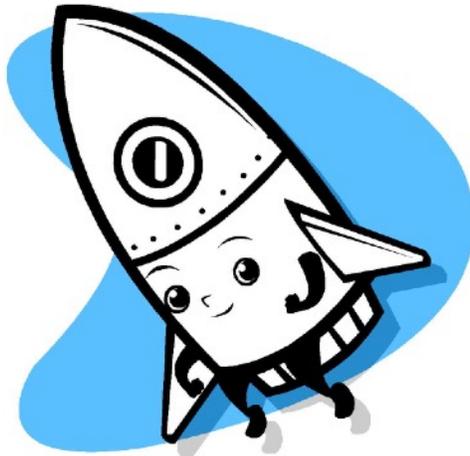
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Anselmo.

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Surfing Dog

Anselmo is a cool dog.
He has a surf board. He
loves to go to the beach
with his surf board. He
goes surfing at the beach.

Anselmo thinks surfing is
cool.

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Cat Lover

Anselmo is a cat lover.
He loves cats. He loves
big cats.

Anselmo loves little cats.
He loves pretty cats. He
loves ugly cats. Anselmo
loves all cats.

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Dog Lover

Anselmo is a dog lover.
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big dogs.

Anselmo loves little
dogs. He loves pretty
dogs. He loves ugly dogs.
Anselmo loves all dogs.

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Fly to School

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

He put on his flying suit.
He flew to school.

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

“It was easy,” said
Anselmo.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Anselmo.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said Anselmo.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

Anselmo is a rhino. He likes to play soccer. He can kick the ball. He can score a goal.

Anselmo likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

Anselmo went for a walk.
He was very quiet. He
looked.

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

Anselmo was glad that
he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Anselmo.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Anselmo went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

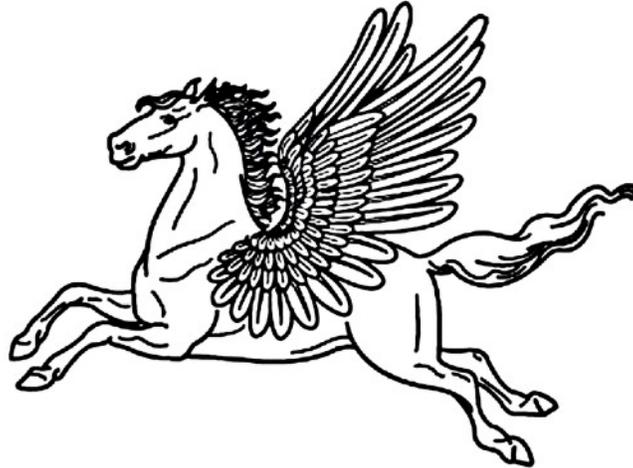
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day Anselmo became a horse with wings.

He flew to his school. Anselmo took each of his friends for a ride up into the sky.

They all had fun.

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Astronaut

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

“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 Anselmo. He is a happy turtle. He likes to run.

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

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Bubbles

Anselmo made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

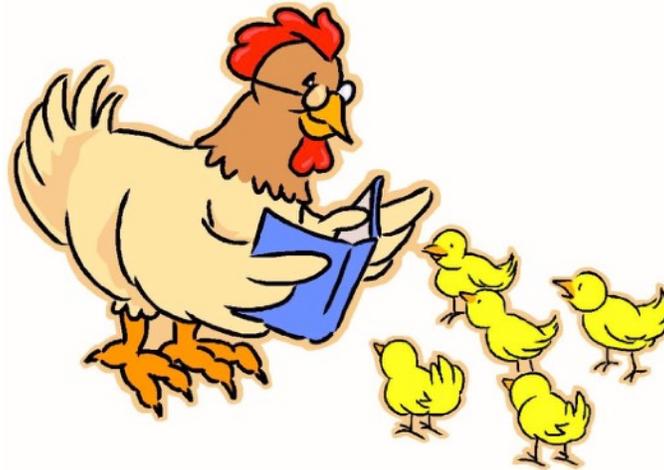
Anselmo made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Anselmo.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

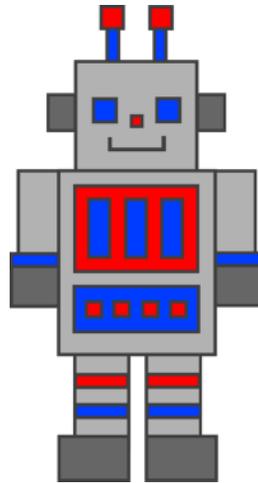
Anselmo liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Anselmo.

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

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Sheep

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

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Rabbit

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

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

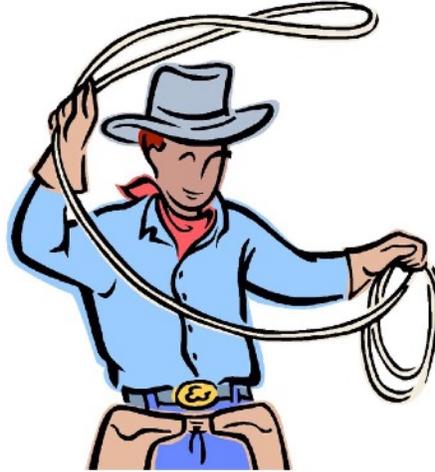
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Anselmo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowboy

“I am going to be a cowboy,” said Anselmo.

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

“It will be neat to be a cowboy,” said Anselmo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Anselmo 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 Anselmo.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

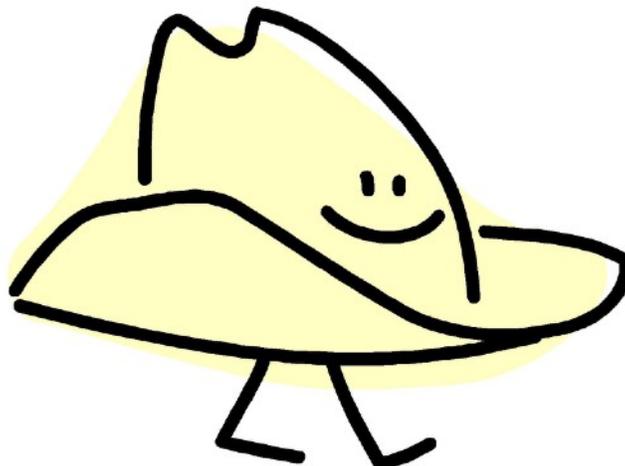
Anselmo has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

Anselmo saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Anselmo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Anselmo.

“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.”

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I Have a Pencil

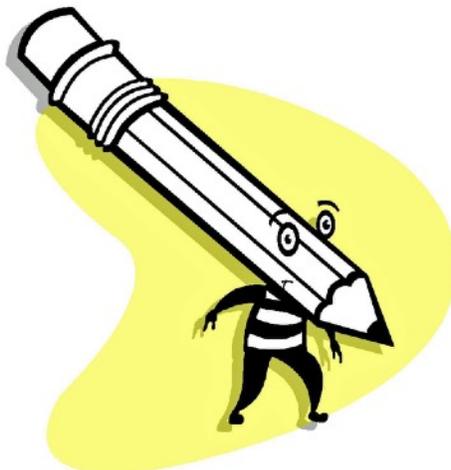
“I have a pencil,” said Anselmo. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Anselmo woke up. He was a pencil.

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

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Pink Elephant

“I saw a pink elephant,”
said Anselmo. “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
Anselmo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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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 Anselmo.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Snake

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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Elephant

“I went to a pet shop,”
said Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Anselmo.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Anselmo.

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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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

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 Anselmo.

“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

Anselmo is a kangaroo.
He likes to play basketball.
He can jump. He can
shoot.

Anselmo likes being a
kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

Anselmo made some lemonade. He set up a lemonade stand. He sold lemonade to his friends and family.

Anselmo 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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

“We went down
underwater.”

“I saw all kinds of fish.”

“It was fun to go on a
submarine.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 2.0

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Treehouse

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

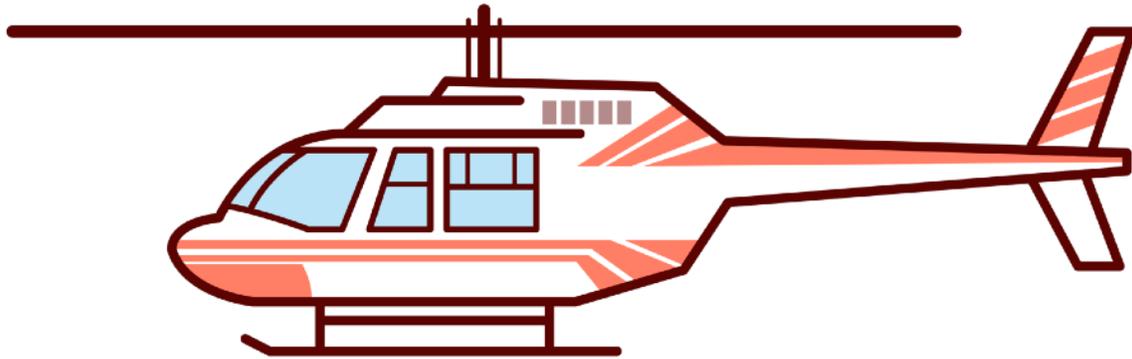
“It will be so much fun.”

“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 Anselmo.

“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 Anselmo.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Anselmo Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Anselmo saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Anselmo saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Anselmo saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



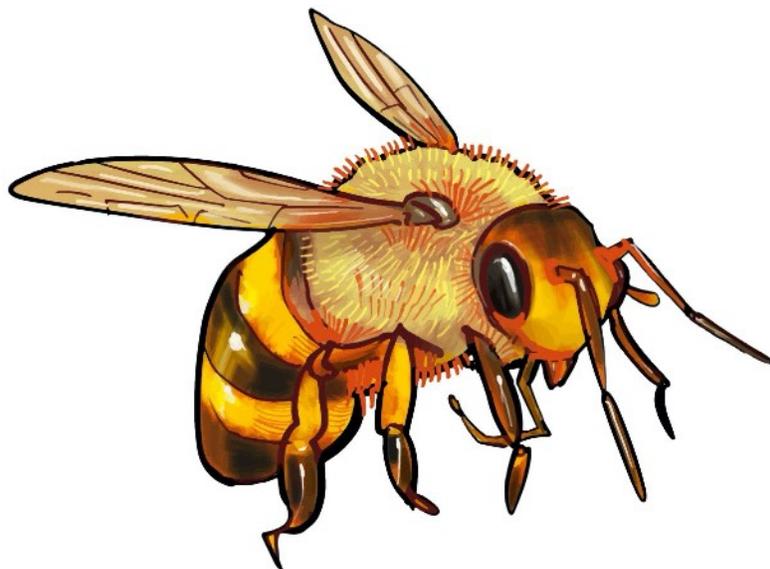
Anselmo saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



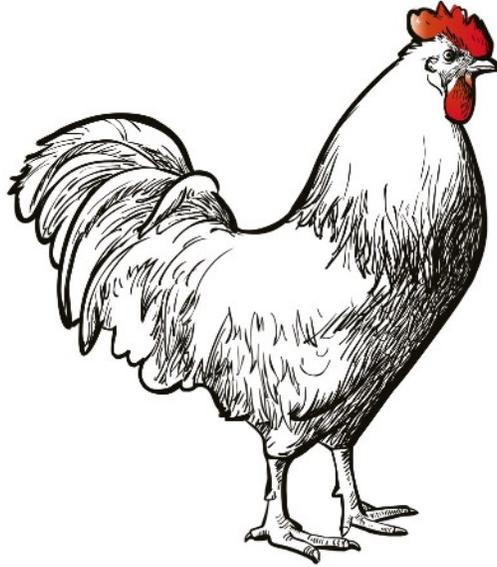
Anselmo saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Anselmo saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



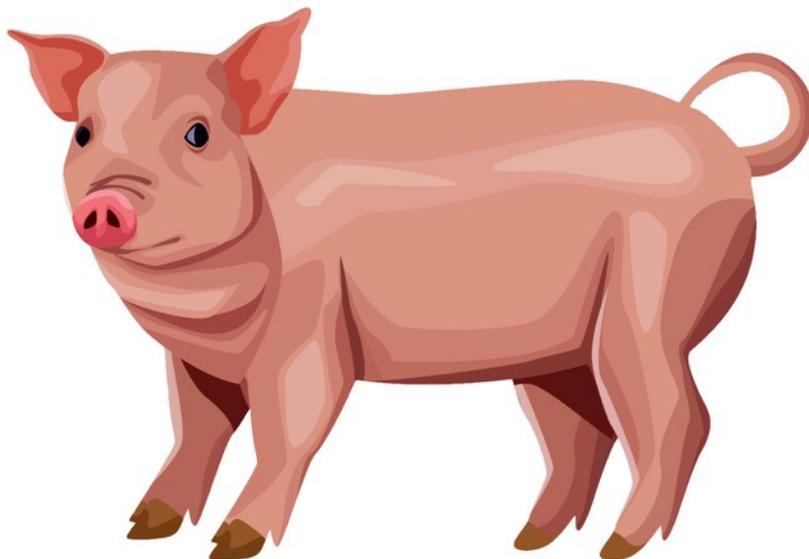
Anselmo saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



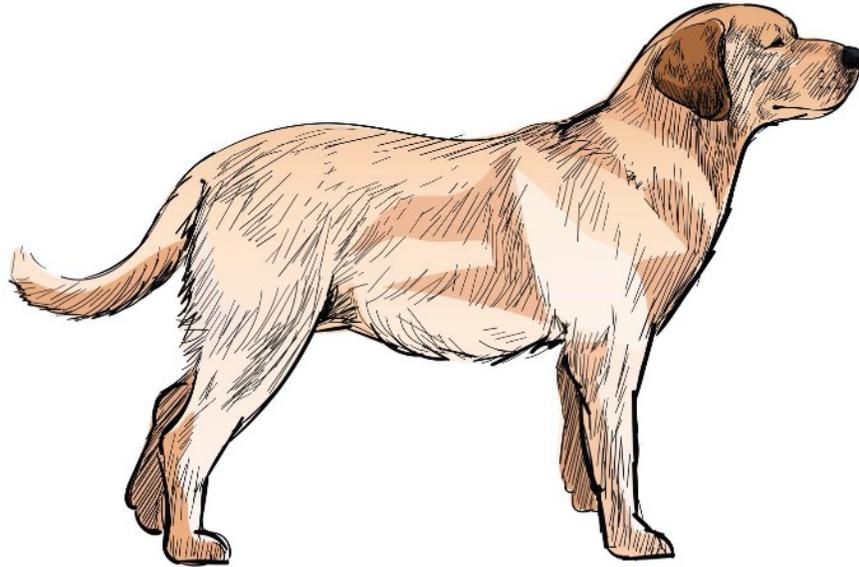
Anselmo saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



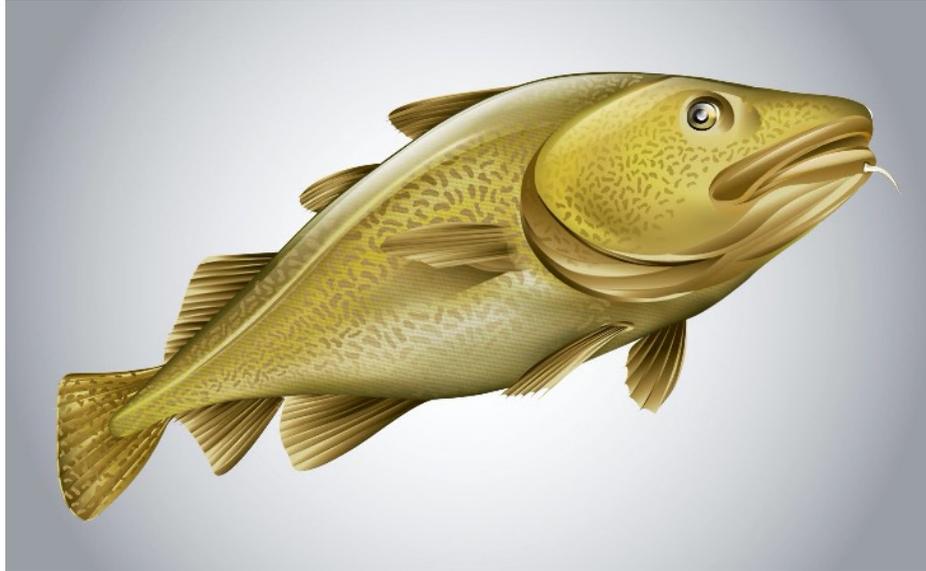
Anselmo saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Anselmo saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Anselmo saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Anselmo saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Anselmo saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Anselmo saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Anselmo saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Anselmo saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Anselmo Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



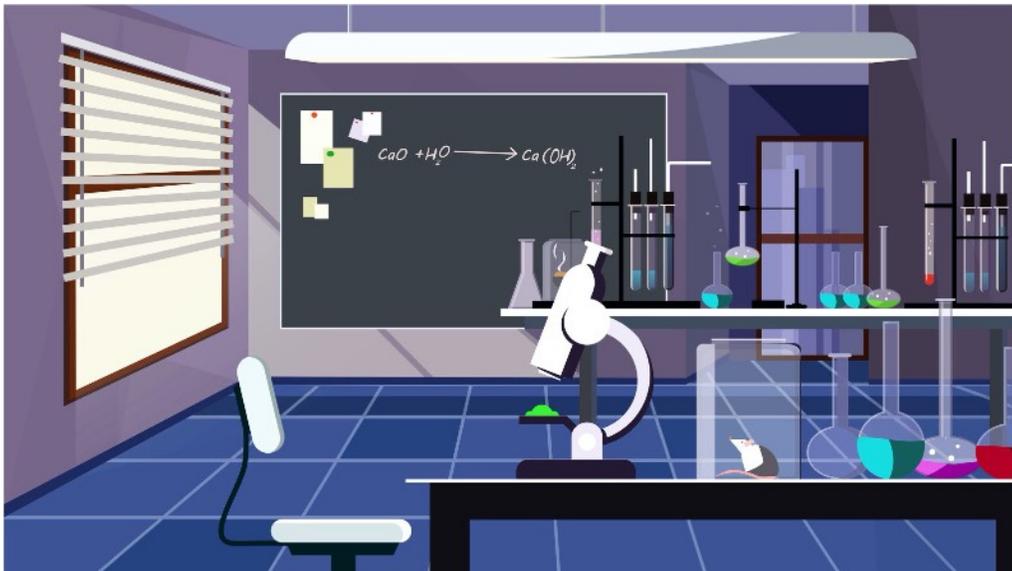
Anselmo saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Anselmo saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



Anselmo saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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Anselmo saw a rag.

It was a nice rag.

“I saw a rag,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Anselmo saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Anselmo saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Anselmo saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



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It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Anselmo saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Anselmo saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



Anselmo saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



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“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



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said.

Mat



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It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



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It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



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It was a nice sax.

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Anselmo.

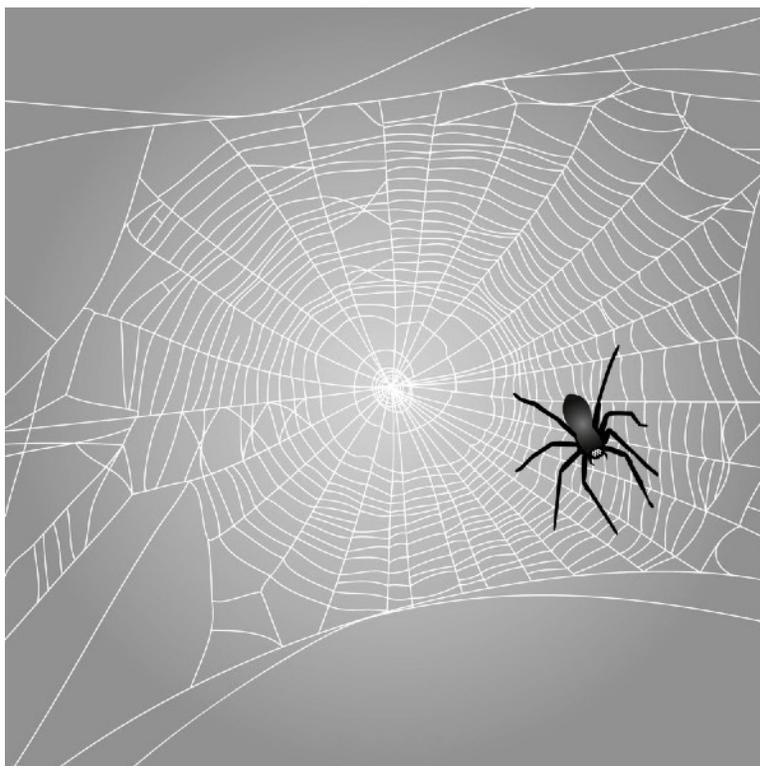
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Anselmo Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Anselmo saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



Anselmo saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



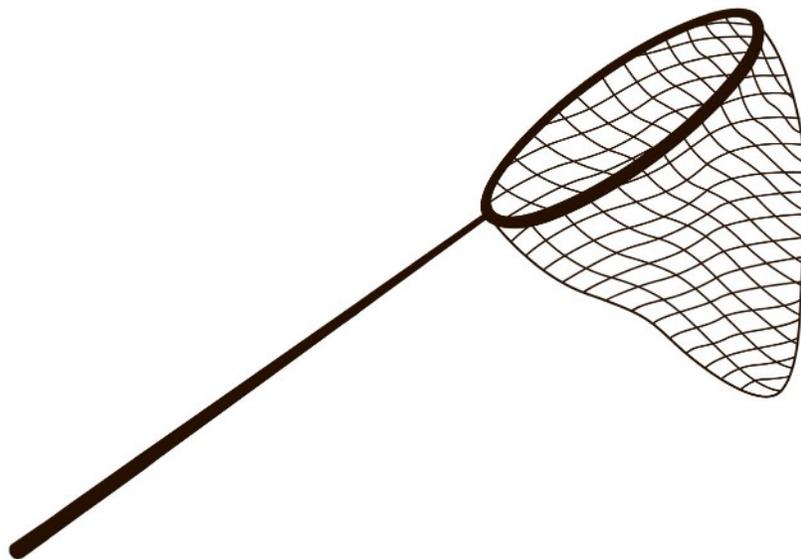
Anselmo saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Anselmo saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Anselmo saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



Anselmo saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Anselmo saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



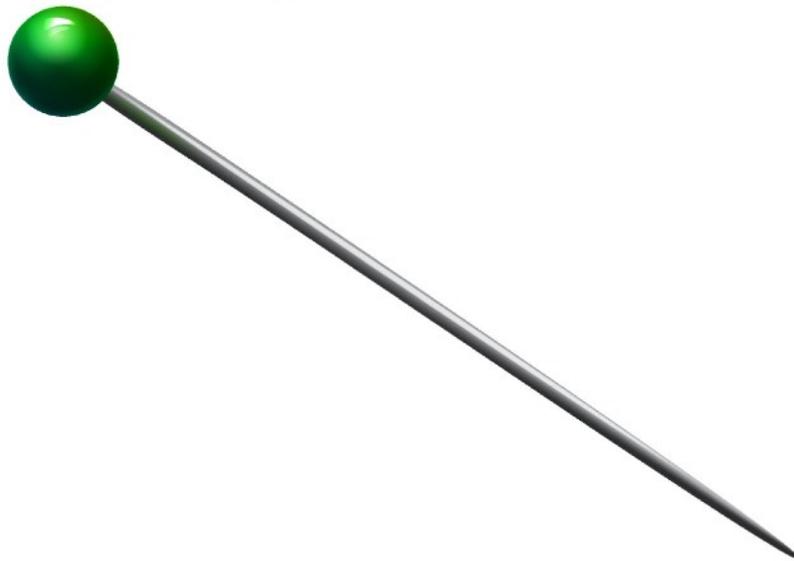
Anselmo saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



Anselmo saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



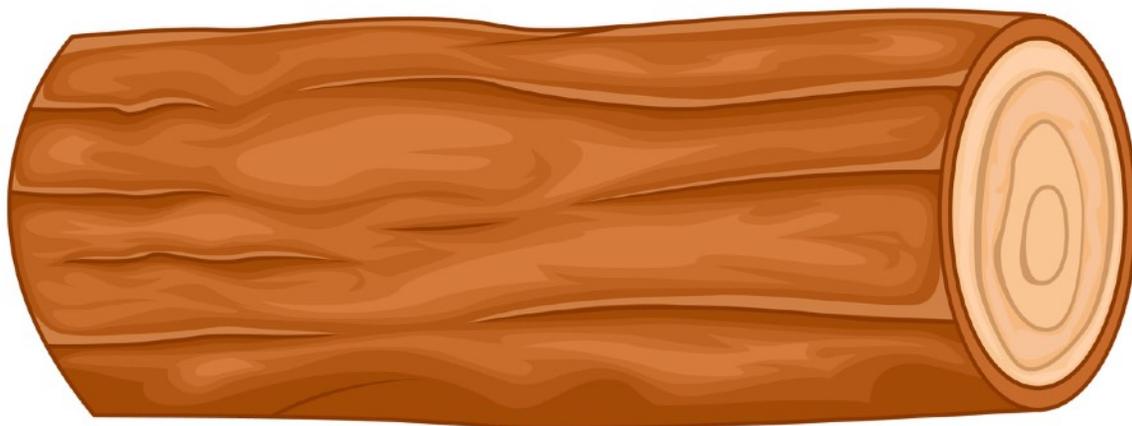
Anselmo saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



Anselmo saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



Anselmo saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Anselmo saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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Anselmo saw a cot.

It was a cool cot.

“I saw a cot,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool cot,” he
said.

Pot



Anselmo saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



Anselmo saw a box.

It was a cool box.

“I saw a box,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

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Anselmo Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



Anselmo saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



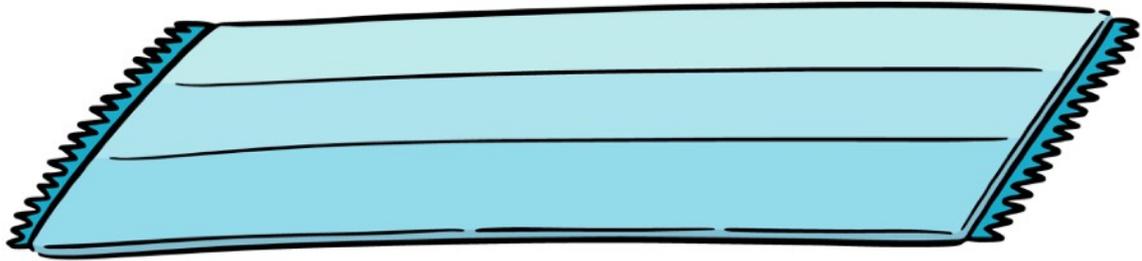
Anselmo saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat jug,” he
said.

Rug



Anselmo saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



Anselmo saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



Anselmo saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



Anselmo saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Anselmo saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Anselmo saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
Anselmo.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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Anselmo Went to a Farm



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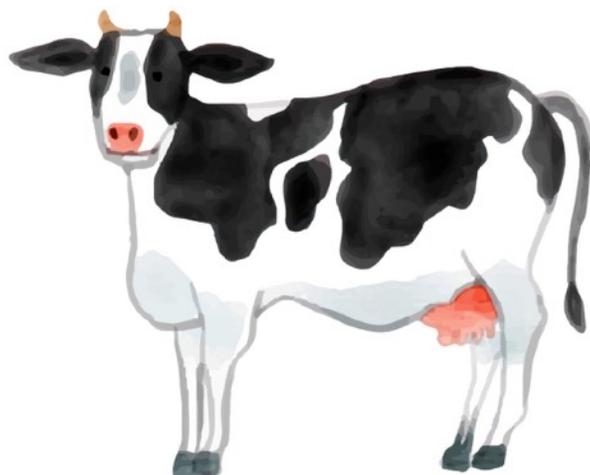
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Fiction



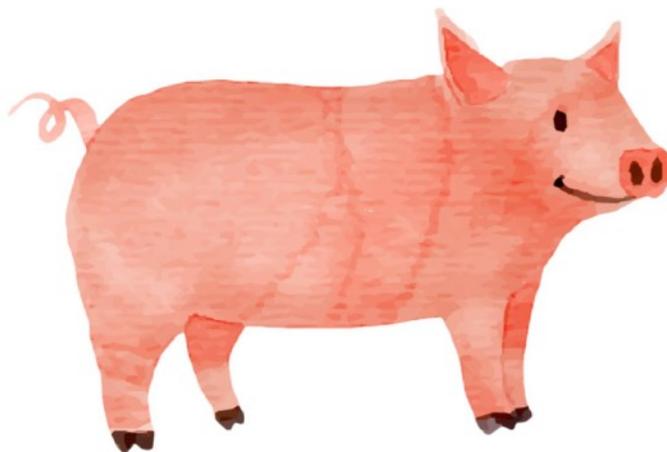
Anselmo went to
a farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



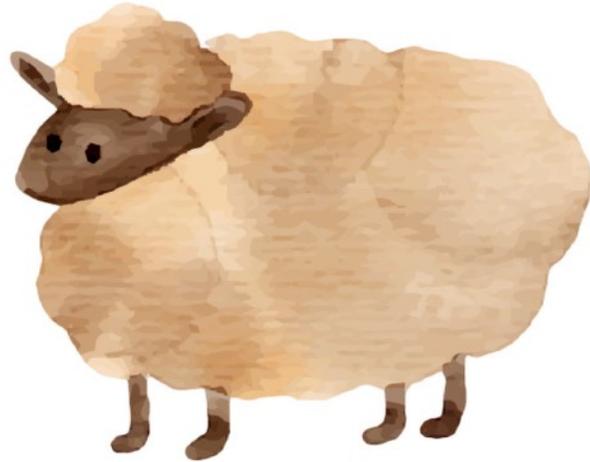
Anselmo went to
a farm. He saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



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



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



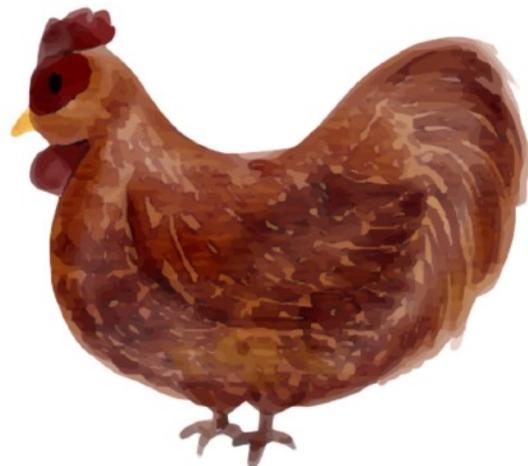
Anselmo went to
a farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



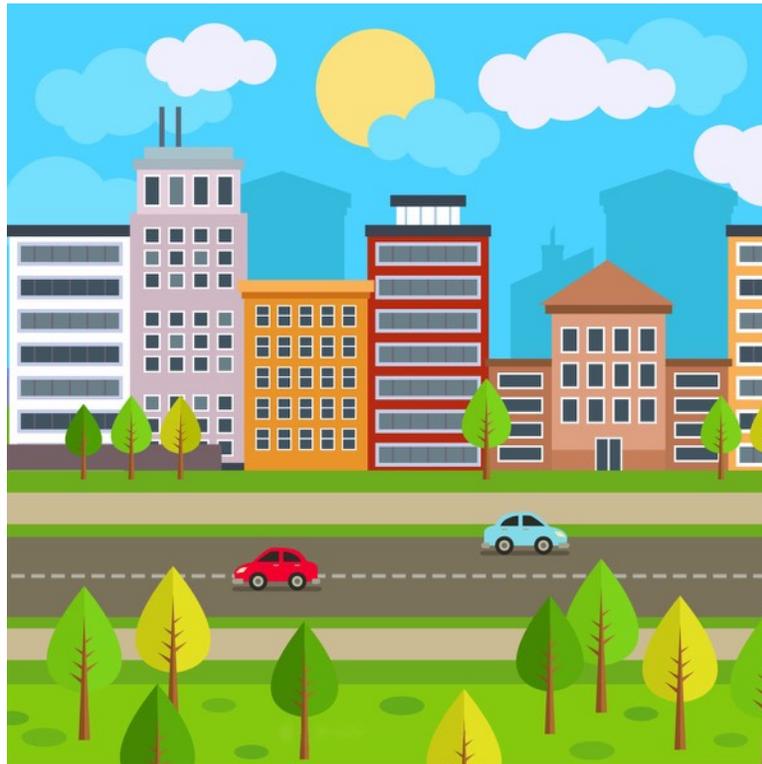
Anselmo was
happy that he went
to a nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Anselmo Went to a City



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Fiction



Anselmo went to
a city. He saw a
train. It was a nice
train.



Anselmo went to
a city. He saw a
bus. It was a nice
bus.



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



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



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



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



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



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



Anselmo was
happy that he went
to a nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Anselmo 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.

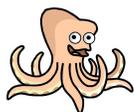
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Falling Star

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.

1



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

Anselmo was a bird.
One day he flew past a
cat.

The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Anselmo.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Anselmo.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Anselmo went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Anselmo told the cat
what he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Anselmo.

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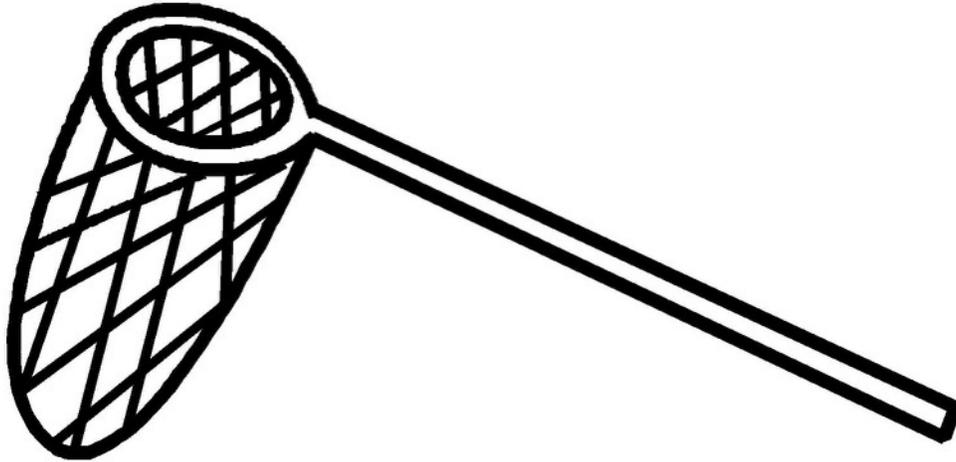


Falling Star

One night Anselmo was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Anselmo.

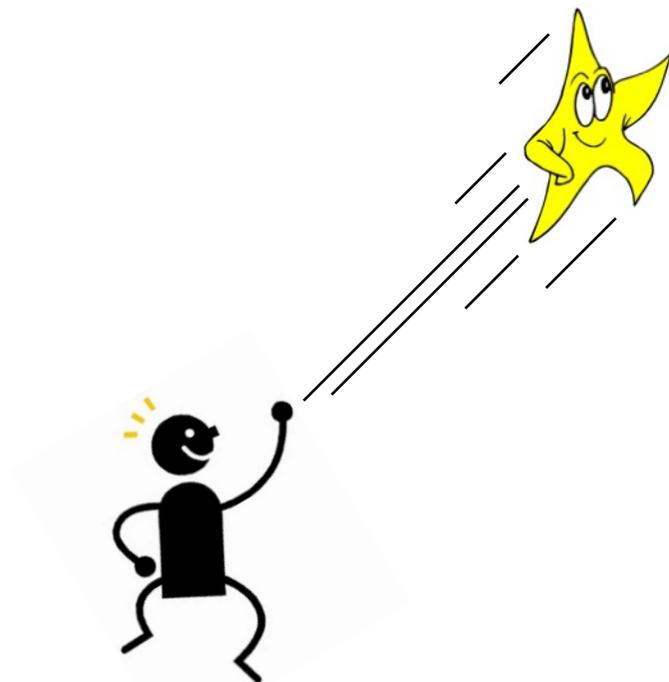
He ran and got a big
net.



Anselmo 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 Anselmo's dad.



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

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



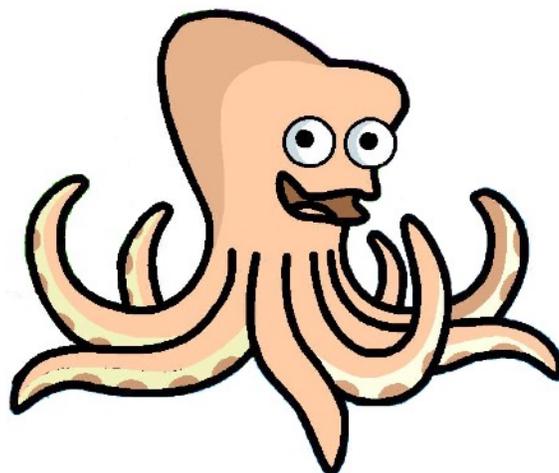
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Anselmo was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Anselmo woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Anselmo.



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

Anselmo thought and thought.

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



He got out a guitar and played it.

He got out a trumpet and played it.

He got out a drum and played it.

He then got out a maraca and played it.



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

He picked up the maraca. He put the drum next to him. He picked up the trumpet. He then picked up the guitar.



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

“Your band sounds great,” said his mother.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Anselmo 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 Anselmo.

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



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

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

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



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

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

"Do you want to go out and play basketball?" asked Anselmo the basketball. His friend stopped right in his tracks and looked at the talking basketball.

"How can a basketball talk?" he asked.



“It’s me, Anselmo,” said Anselmo. “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 Anselmo 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 Anselmo back inside.”

Anselmo’s friend grabbed Anselmo the basketball and ran outside with him.

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Anselmo the basketball.

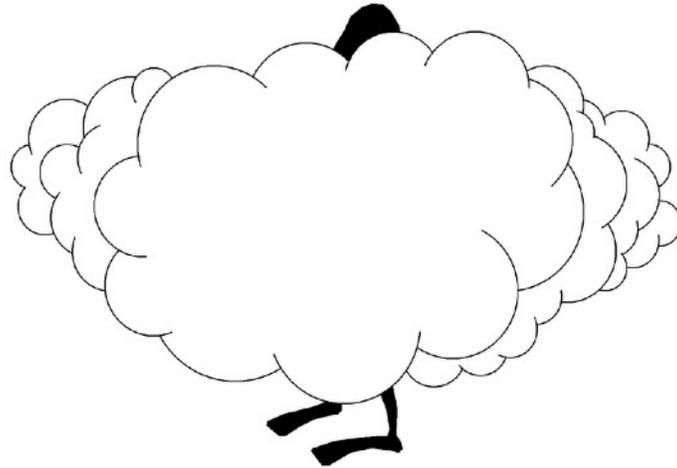
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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