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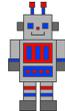


Played

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.

Fleisch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8
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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."

Fleisch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.1
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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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Fiction



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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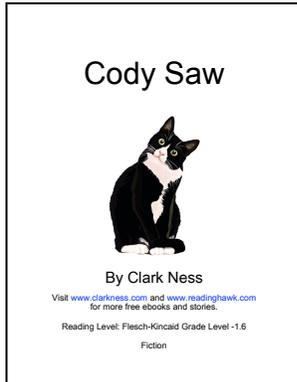
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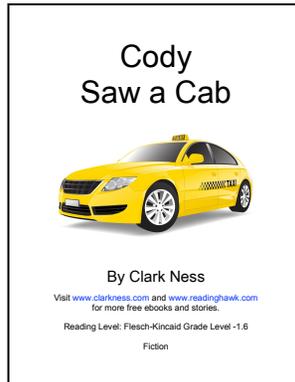
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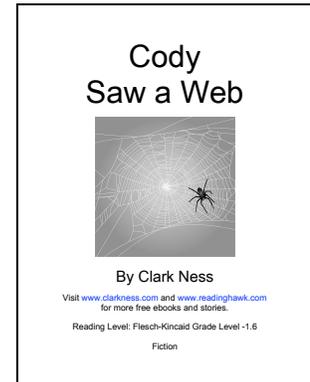
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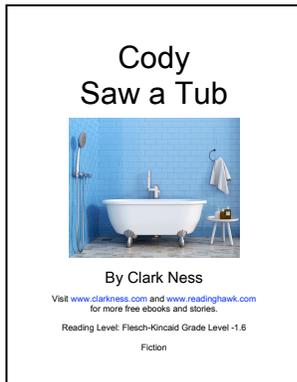
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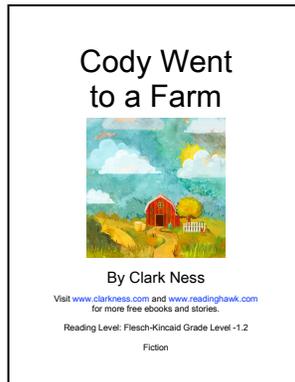
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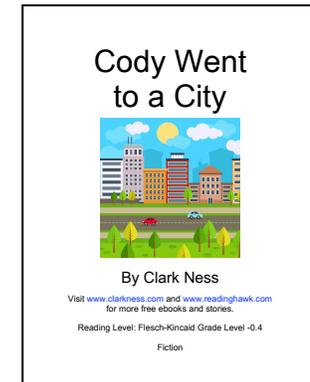
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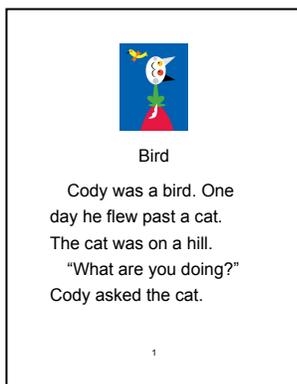


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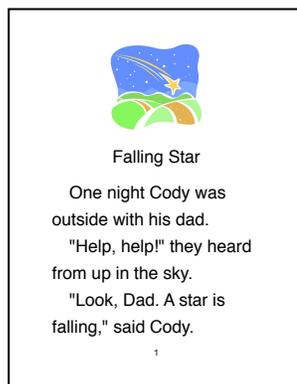


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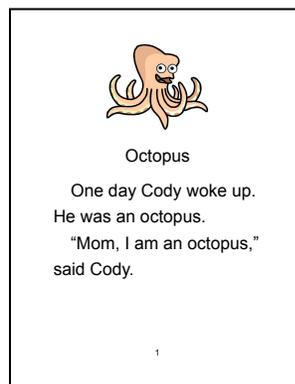
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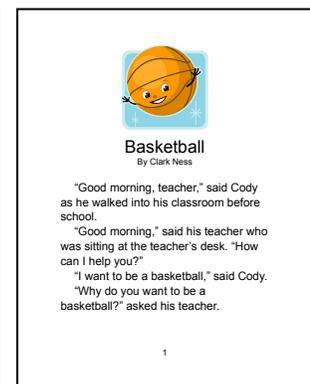
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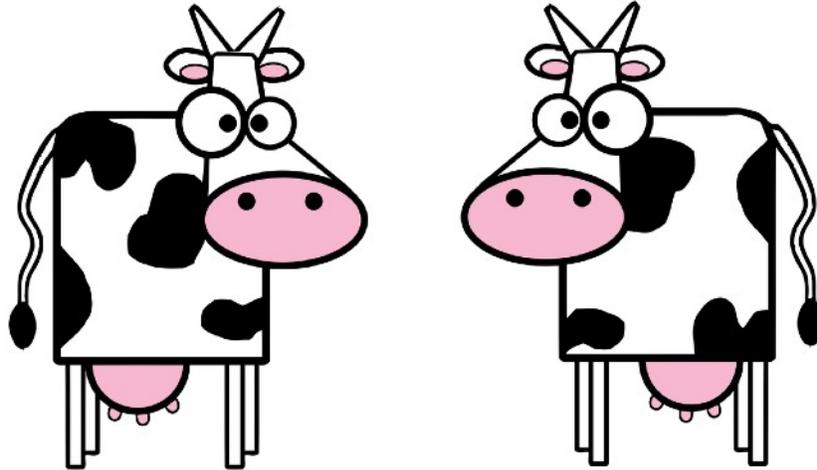
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They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said April.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said April.

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Race

April likes to race. One day she was in a race. She ran and ran. She ran fast. April won the race. She was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said April.

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

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

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Out of the Water

April 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

April went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said April 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 April.

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Crocodile

One day April 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

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

April thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said April.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

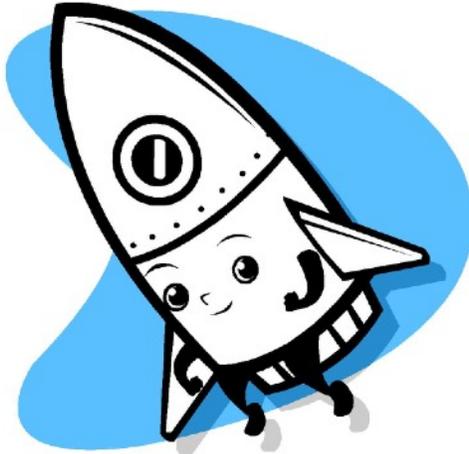
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said April.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
April.

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Surfing Dog

April 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.

April thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

April is a dog lover. She loves dogs. She loves big dogs.

April loves little dogs. She loves pretty dogs. She loves ugly dogs. April loves all dogs.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day April 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 April.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
April.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
April.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

April likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

April was glad that she
saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said April.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

April went for a walk and
saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

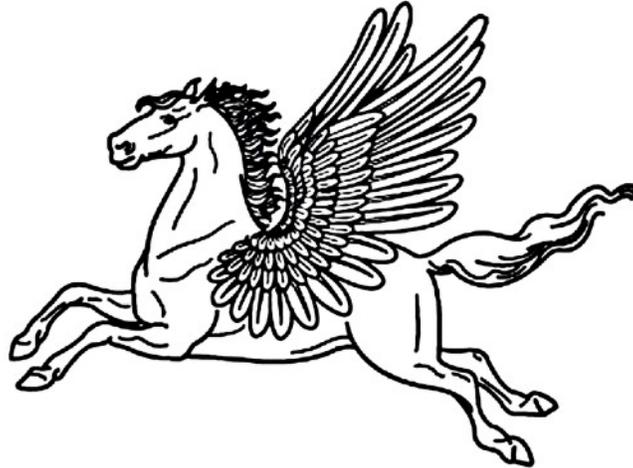
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day April became a horse with wings.

She flew to her school. April 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 April.

“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 April. She is a happy turtle. She likes to run.

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said April.

“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 April.

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Bubbles

April made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

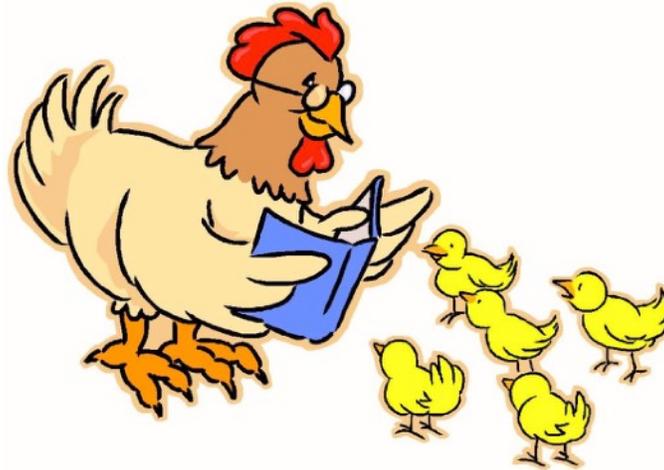
April made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said April.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

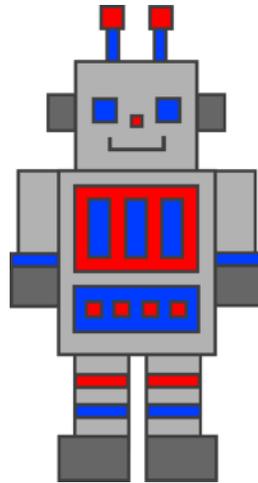
April liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said April.

“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 April.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 April.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowgirl

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

April 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 April.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

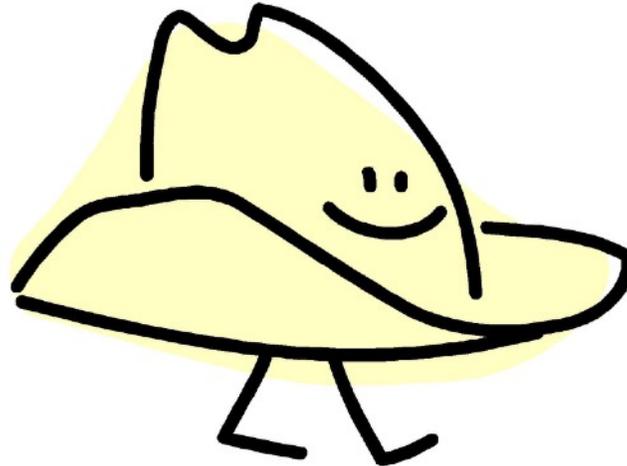
April has a soccer ball.
She plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

April saw a hat walk by.
“Where are you going?”
asked April.

“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 April saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said April.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
April.

“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

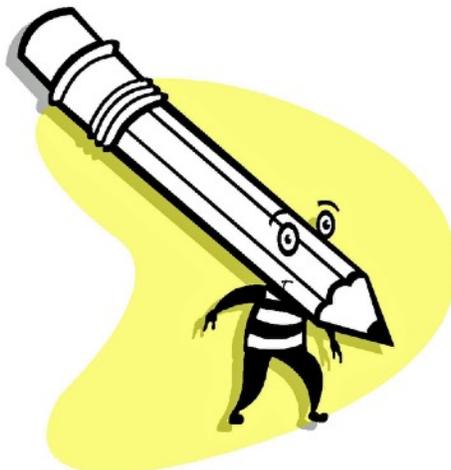
“I have a pencil,” said April. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day April woke up.
She was a pencil.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pink Elephant

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

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 April.

“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 April.

“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 April.

“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 April.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said April.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 April.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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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 April.

“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 April.

“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 April.

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 April.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.2

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Singing Fish

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

“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 April.

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 April.

“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

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

April likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

April 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 April.

“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 April.

“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

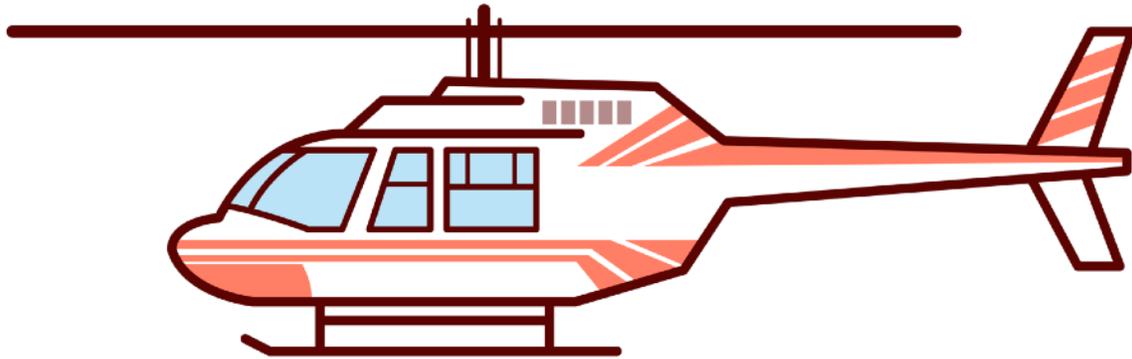
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said April. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 April.

“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 April.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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April Saw



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Fiction

Cat



April saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said April.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



April saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said April.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



April saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said April.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



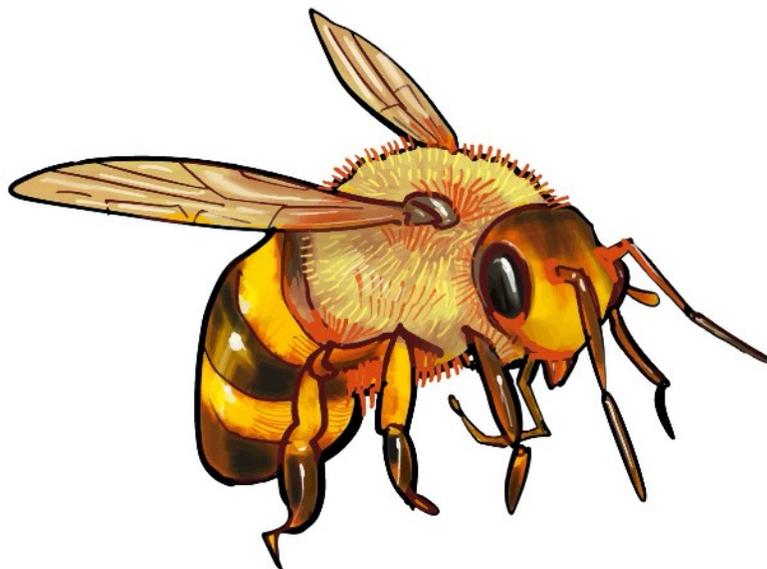
April saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said April.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



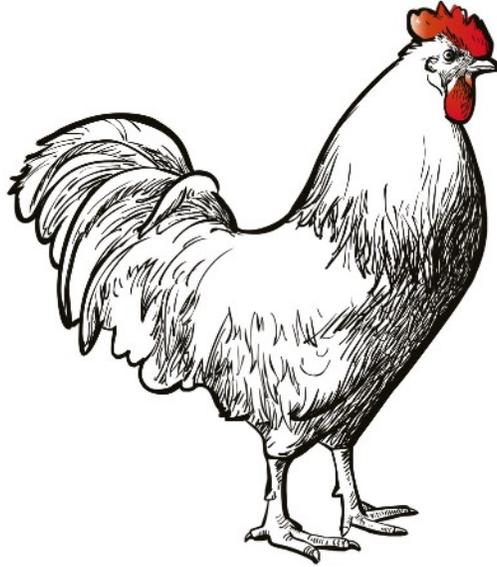
April saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said April.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



April saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said April.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



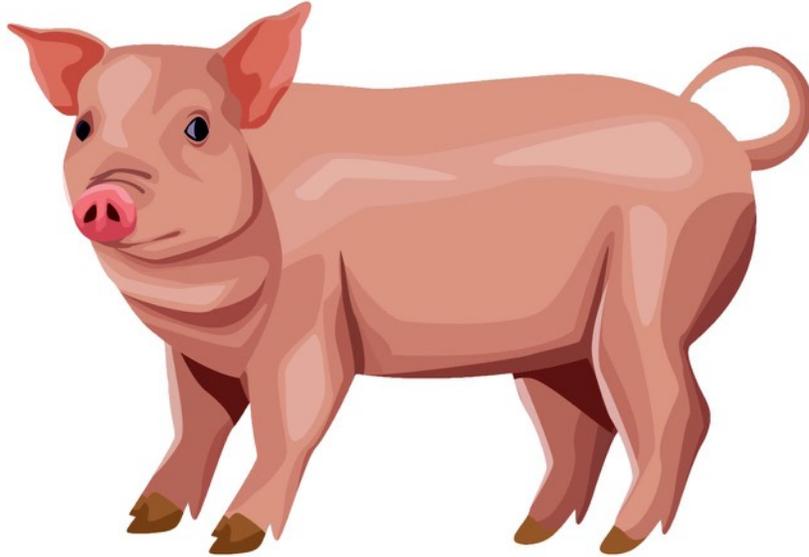
April saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said April.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



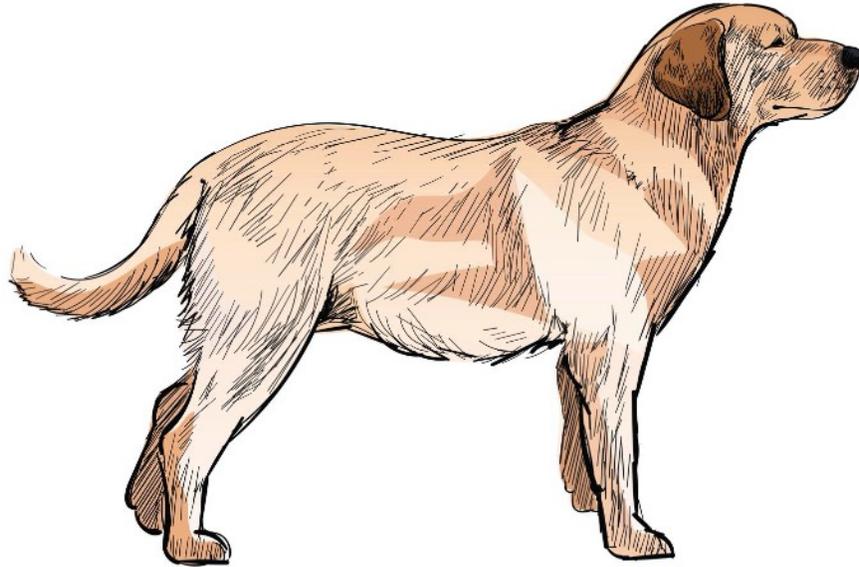
April saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said April.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



April saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said April.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



April saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said April.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



April saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said April.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



April saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said April.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



April saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said April.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



April saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said April.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



April saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said April.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



April saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said April.

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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April Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



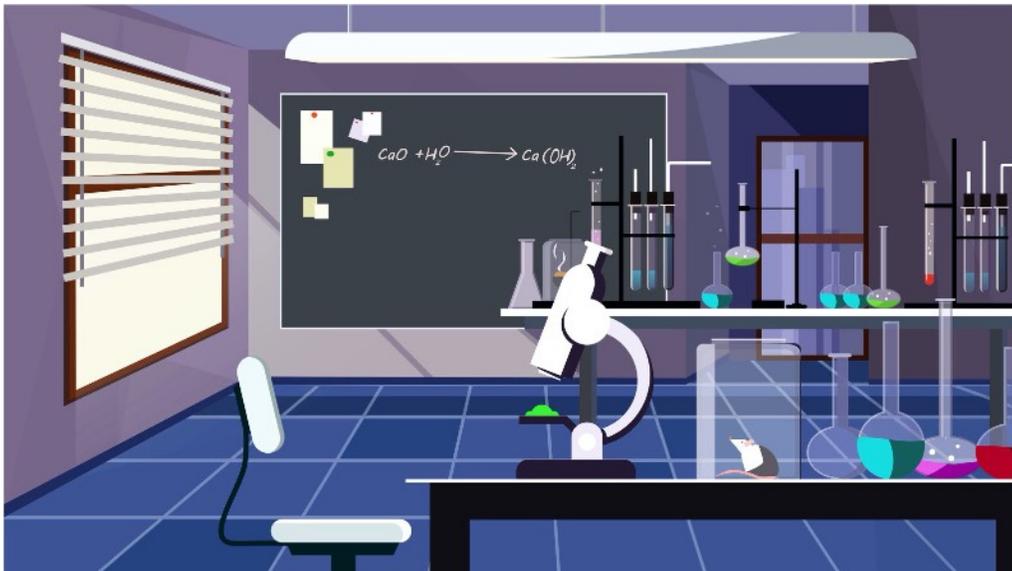
April saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said April.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



April saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said April.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



April saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said April.

“It was a nice bag,” she
said.

Rag



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April saw a rag.
It was a nice rag.
“I saw a rag,” said April.
“It was a nice rag,” she
said.

Yam



April saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said April.

“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



April saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said April.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



April saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said April.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



April saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said April.

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



April saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said April.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



April saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said April.

“It was a nice cap,” she
said.

Map



April saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said April.

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



April saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said April.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



April saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said April.

“It was a nice hat,” she
said.

Mat



April saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said April.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



April saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said April.

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



April saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said April.

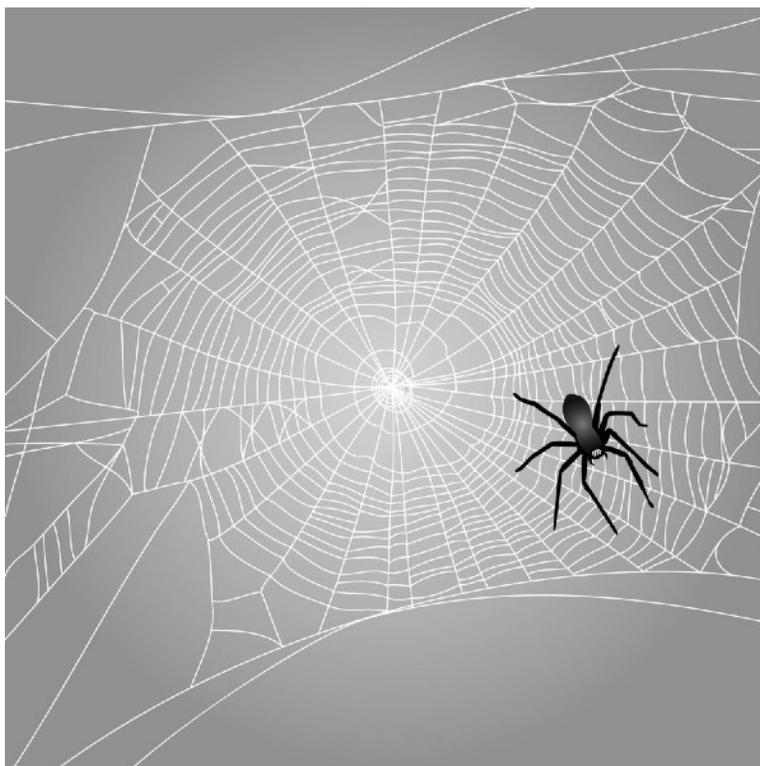
“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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April Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



April saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said April.

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



April saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said April.

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

Pen



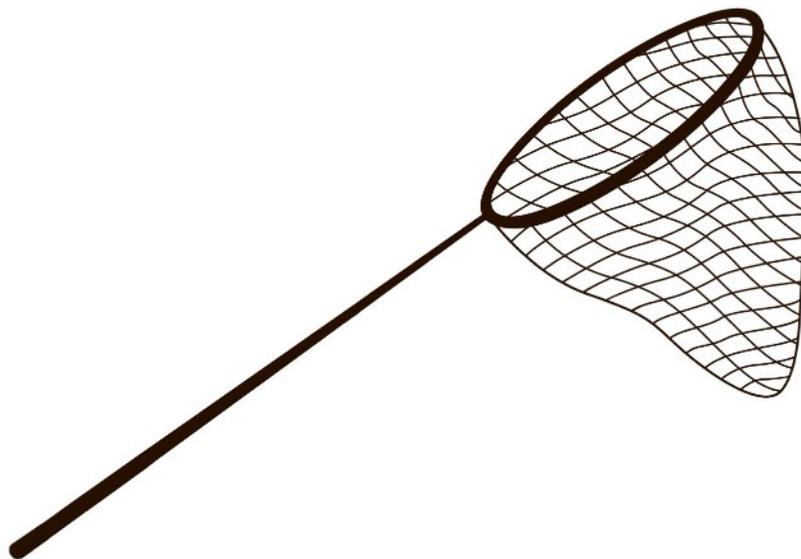
April saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said April.

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



April saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said April.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



April saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said April.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



April saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said April.

“It was a cool wig,” she
said.

Bin



April saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said April.

“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



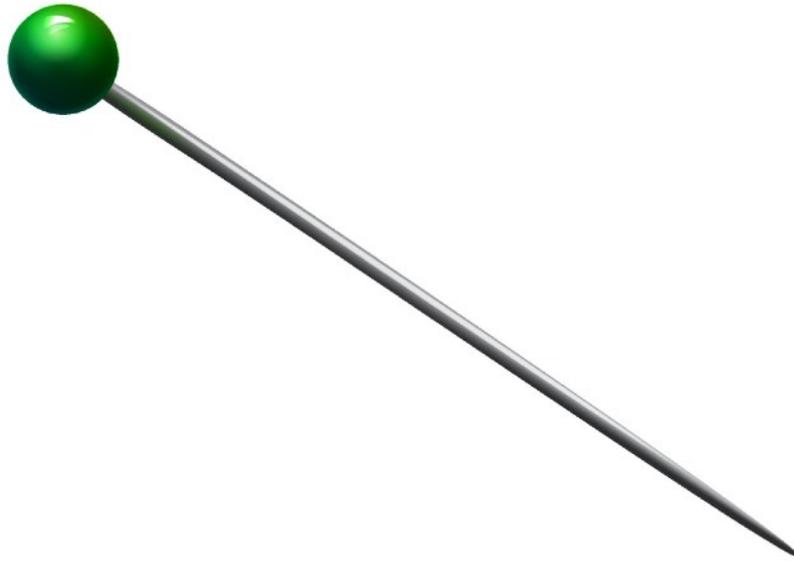
April saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said April.

“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



April saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said April.

“It was a cool pin,” she
said.

Rod



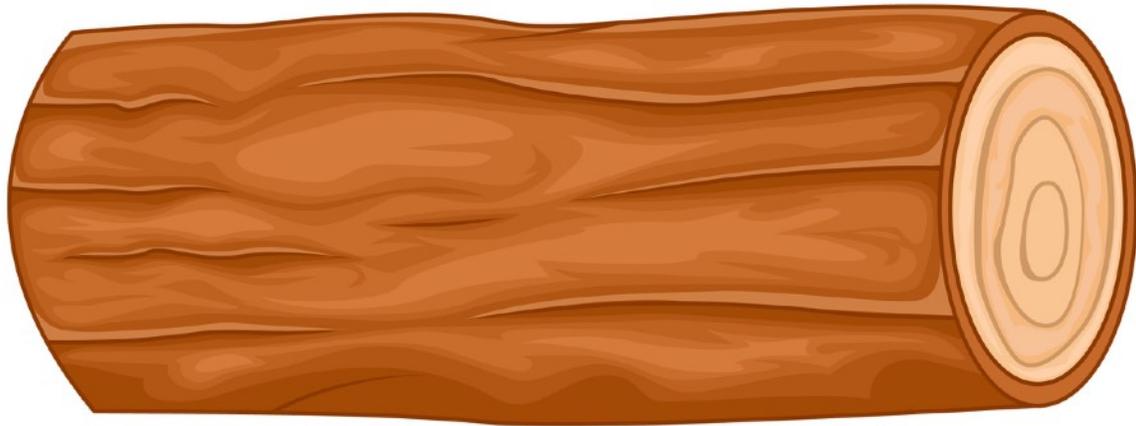
April saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said April.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



April saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said April.

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



April saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said April.

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



April saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said April.

“It was a cool top,” she
said.

Cot



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April saw a cot.
It was a cool cot.
“I saw a cot,” said April.
“It was a cool cot,” she
said.

Pot



April saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said April.

“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



April saw a box.
It was a cool box.
“I saw a box,” said April.
“It was a cool box,” she
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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April Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



April saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said April.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

Jug



April saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said April.

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



April saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said April.

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



April saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said April.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



April saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said April.

“It was a neat cup,” she
said.

Bus



April saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said April.

“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



April saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said April.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



April saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said April.

“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

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April Went to a Farm



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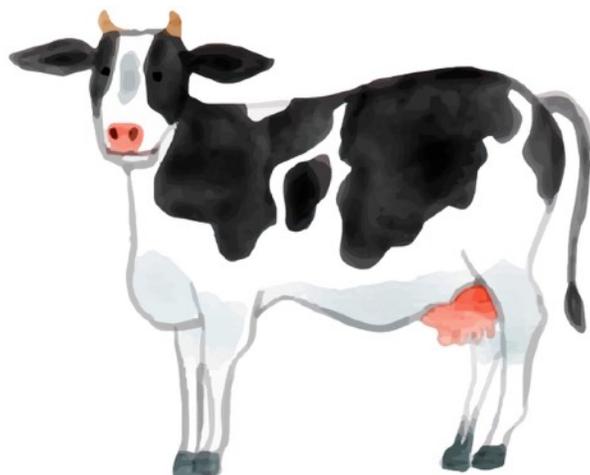
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction



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



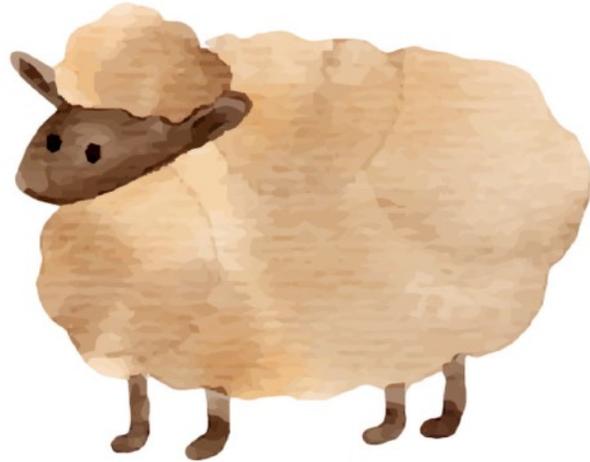
April went to a
farm. She saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



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



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



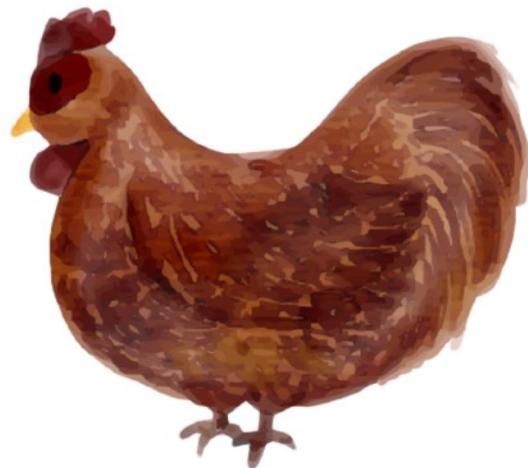
April went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



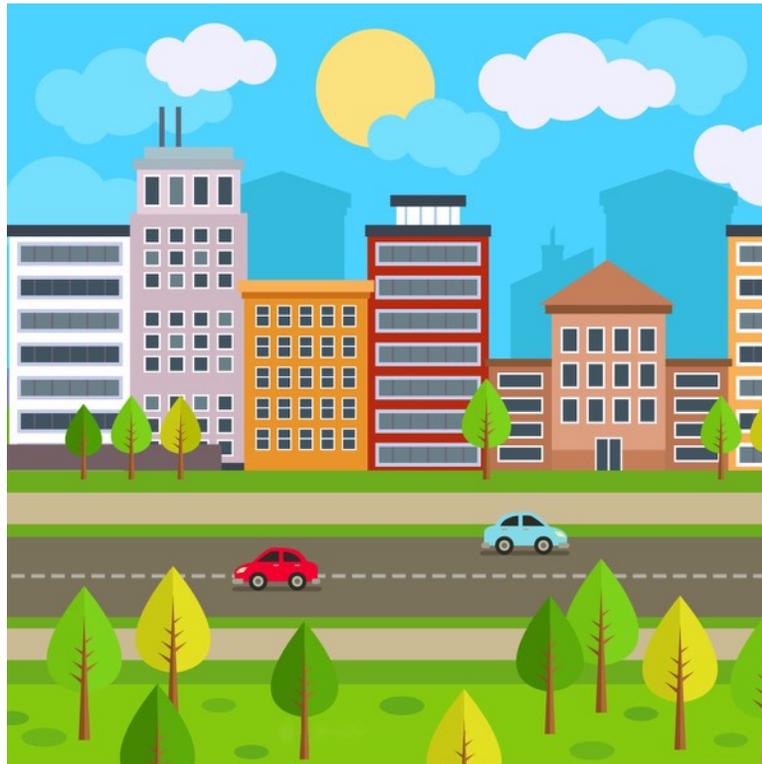
April was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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April Went to a City



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



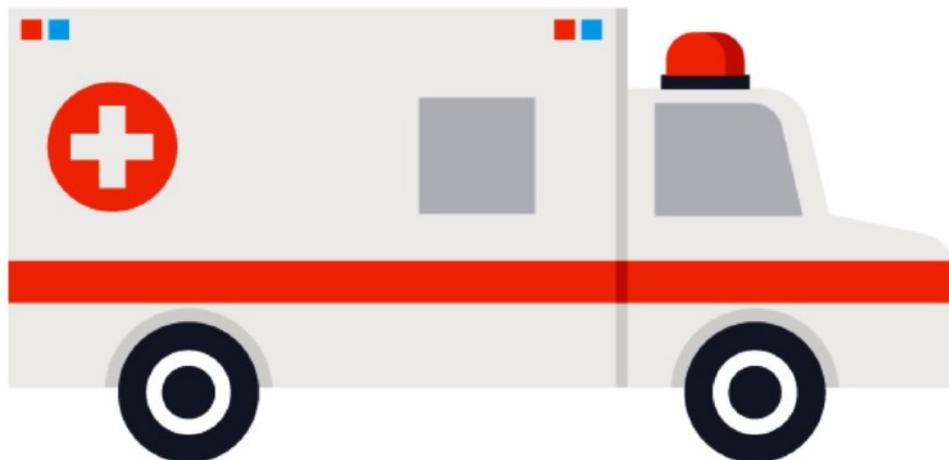
April went to a
city. She saw a bus.
It was a nice bus.



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



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



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



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



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



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



April was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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April 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.

1



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

April was a bird. One day she flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said April.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
April.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So April went and flew
all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

April told the cat what
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said April.

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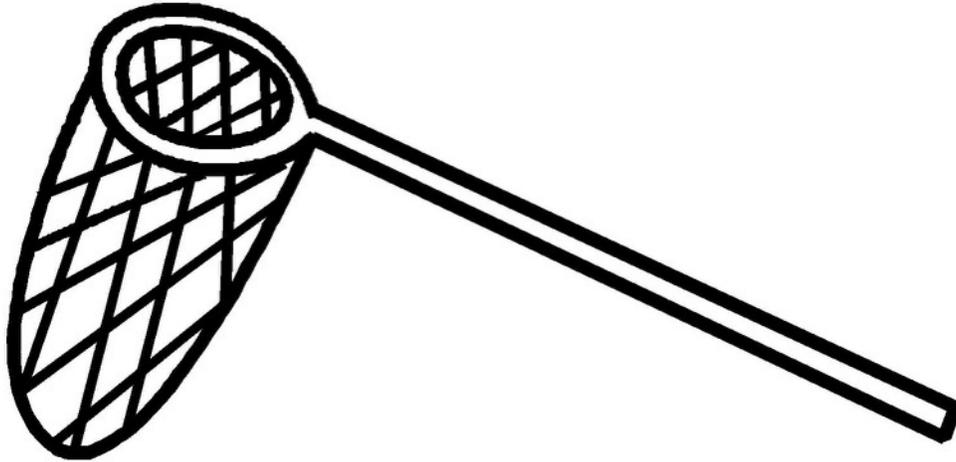


Falling Star

One night April was
outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said April.

She ran and got a big
net.



April 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 April's dad.



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

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



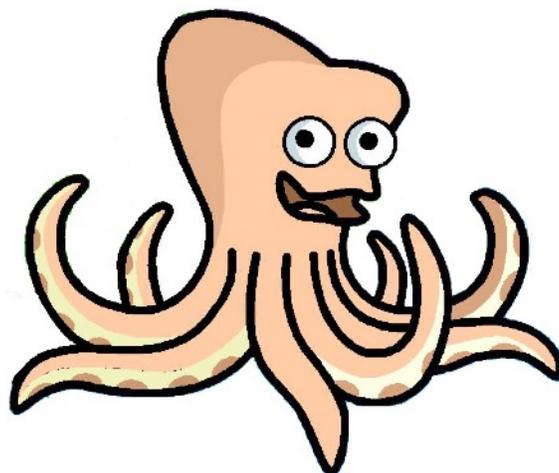
"Thanks so much," said
the star from high up in
the sky.

April was proud that she
had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day April woke up.
She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an
octopus,” said April.



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

April 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 April.

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 April.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said April 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 April.

“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 April.

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

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



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

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

"Do you want to go out and play basketball?" asked April 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, April,” said April. “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 April 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 April back inside.”

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with April the basketball.

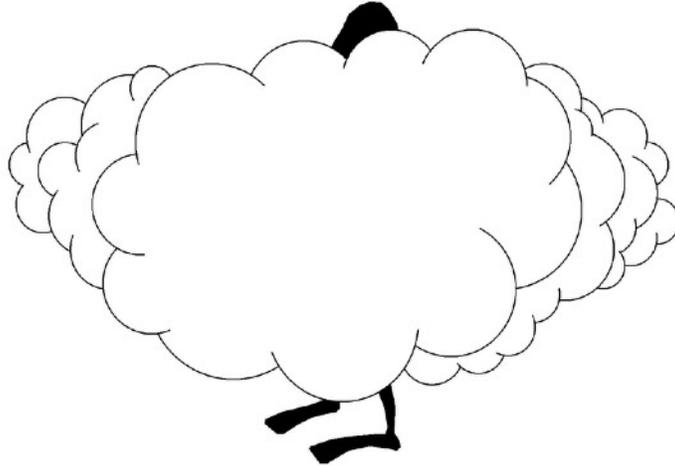
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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