

August 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

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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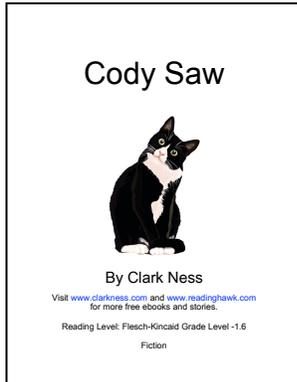
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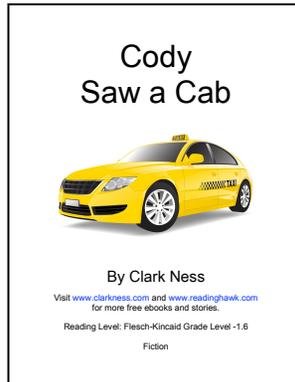
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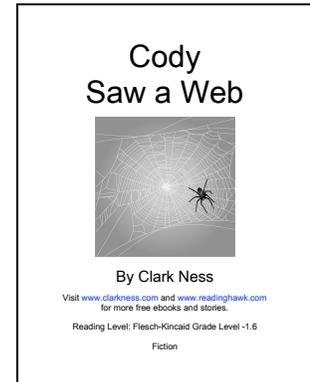
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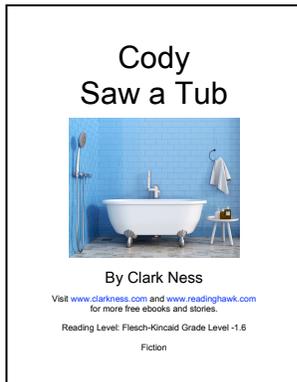
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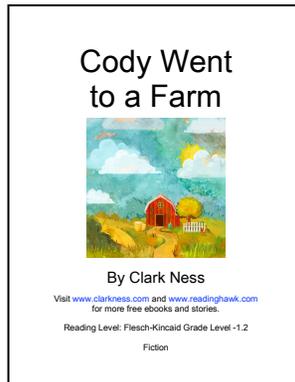
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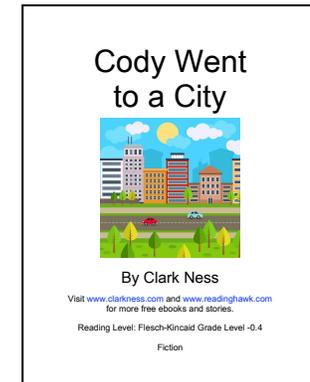
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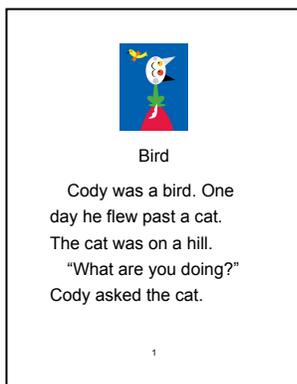


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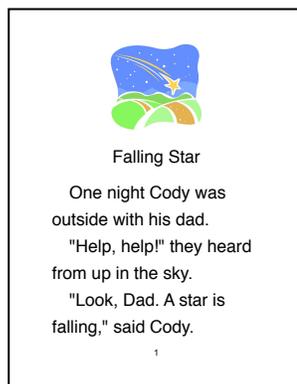


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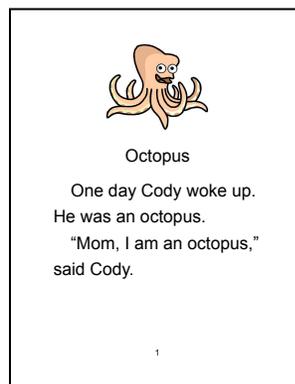
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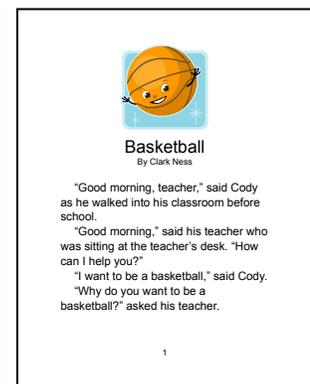
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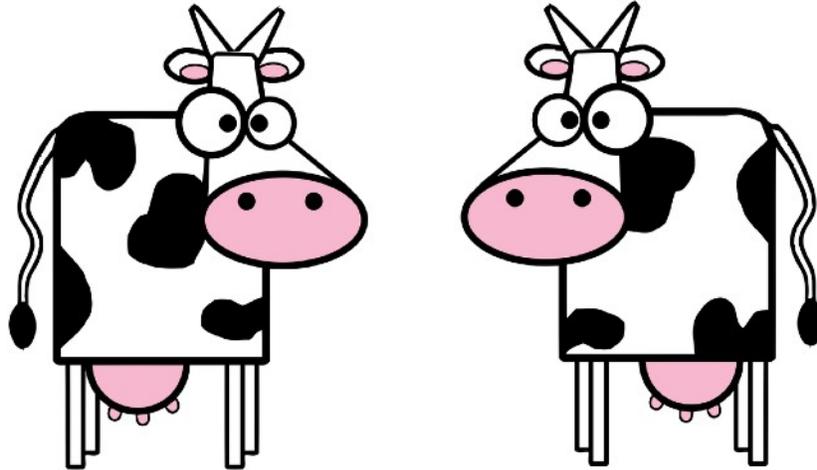
August and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said August.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said August.

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Race

August likes to race.

One day he was in a race.

He ran and ran. He ran

fast. August won the race.

He was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said August.

“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

August 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

August went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said August 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 August.

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Crocodile

One day August 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

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

August thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

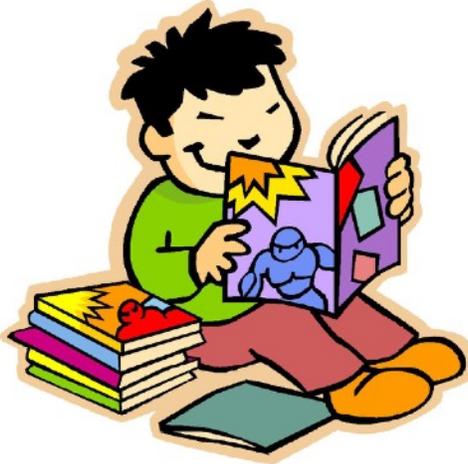
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said August.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

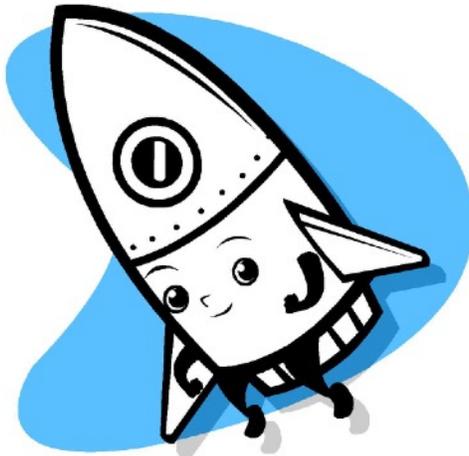
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said August.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
August.

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Surfing Dog

August 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.

August thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Dog Lover

August is a dog lover.
He loves dogs. He loves
big dogs.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day August 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 August.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said August.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said August.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

August likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

August was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said August.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

August went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

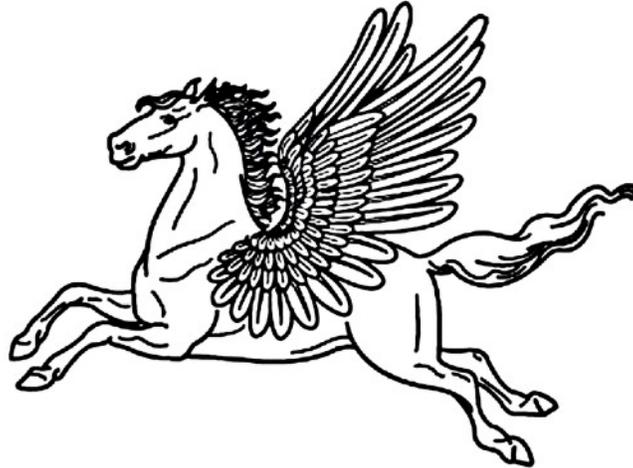
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day August became
a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
August 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 August.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said August.

“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 August.

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Bubbles

August made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

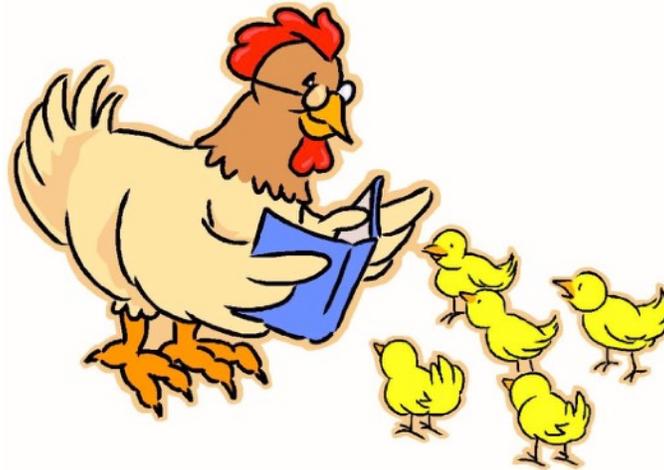
August made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said August.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

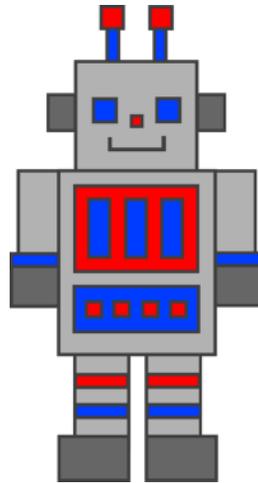
August liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said August.

“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 August.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 August.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

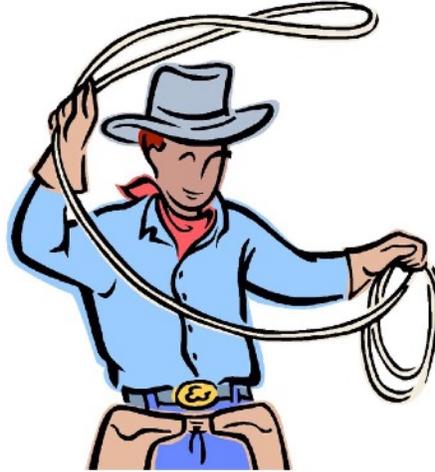
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said August.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

August 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 August.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

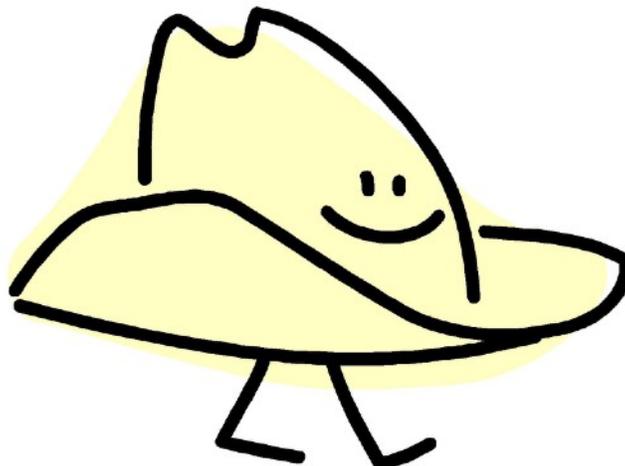
August has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 August saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said August.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said August.

“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

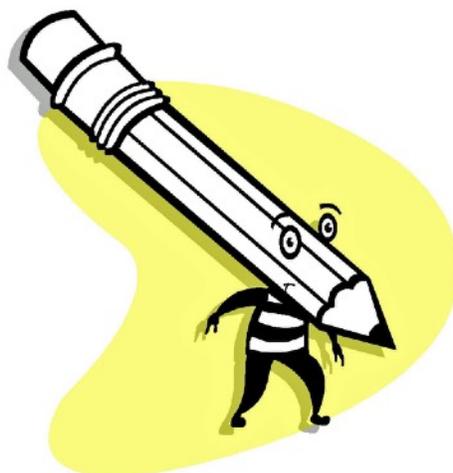
“I have a pencil,” said August. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day August woke up.
He was a pencil.

“I think I will write a story,”
said August. He 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 August. “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
August.

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 August.

“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 August.

“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 August.

“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 August.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said August.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 August.

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 August.

“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 August.

“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 August.

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 August.

“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 August.

“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 August.

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 August.

“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

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

August likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

August 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 August.

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

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Submarine

“I went on a submarine,”
said August.

“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 August.

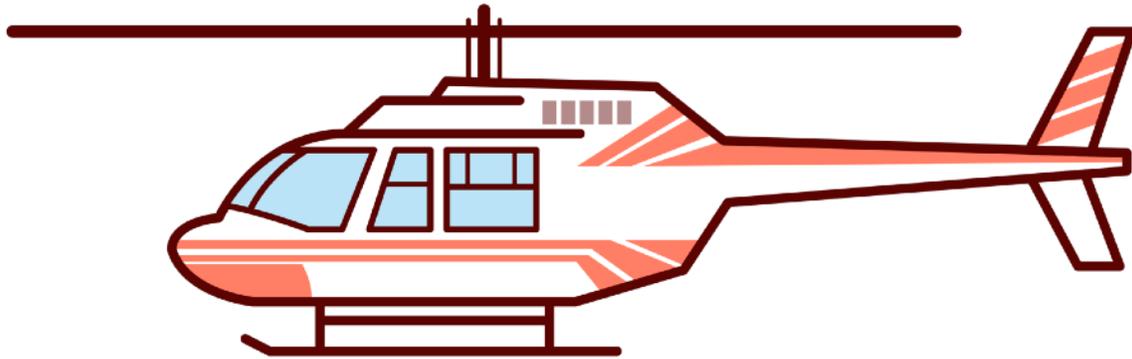
“It will be so much fun.”

“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 August.

“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 August.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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August Saw



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Fiction

Cat



August saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
August.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



August saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
August.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



August saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
August.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



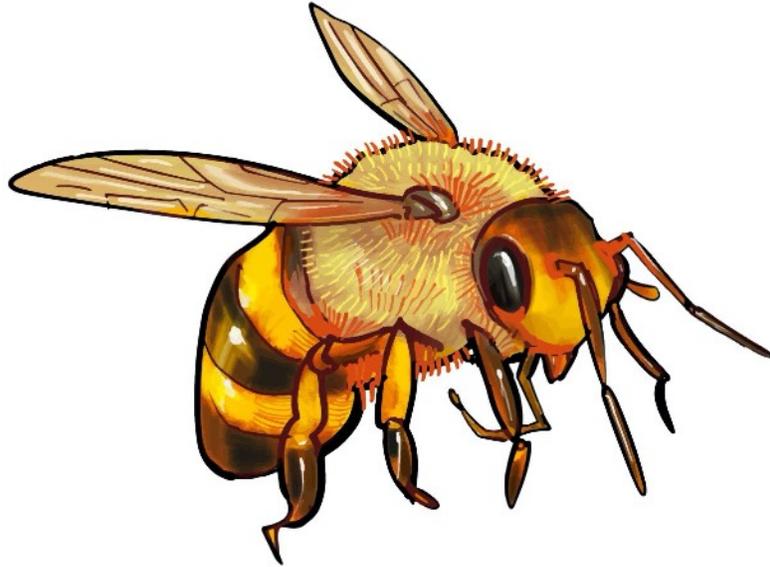
August saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
August.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



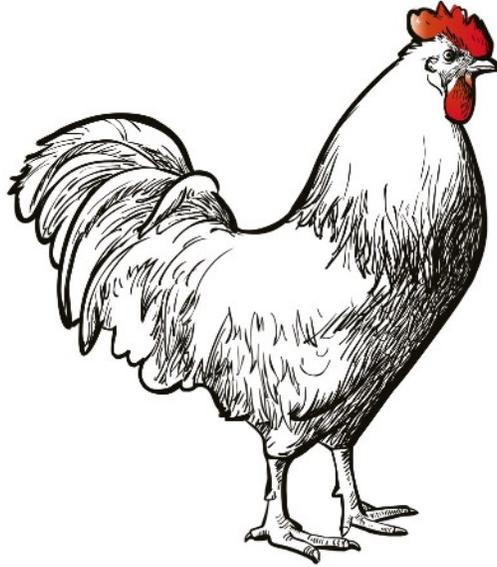
August saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
August.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



August saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
August.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



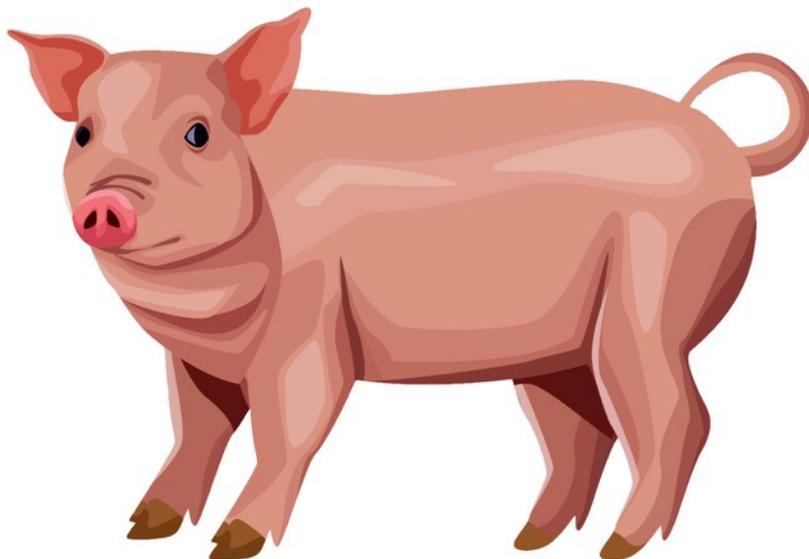
August saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
August.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



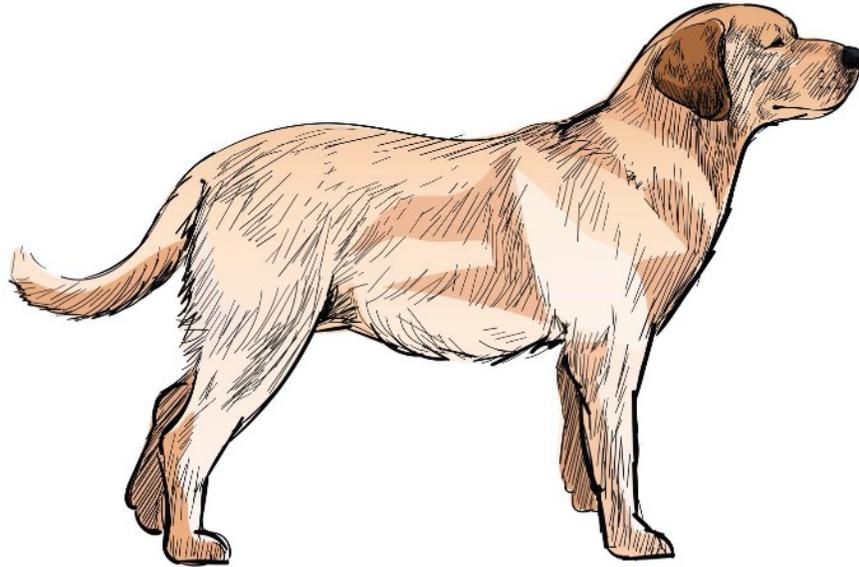
August saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
August.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



August saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
August.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



August saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
August.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



August saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
August.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



August saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
August.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



August saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
August.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



August saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
August.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



August saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
August.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



August saw a fly.
It was a big fly.
“I saw a fly,” said
August.
“It was a big fly,” he said.

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August Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



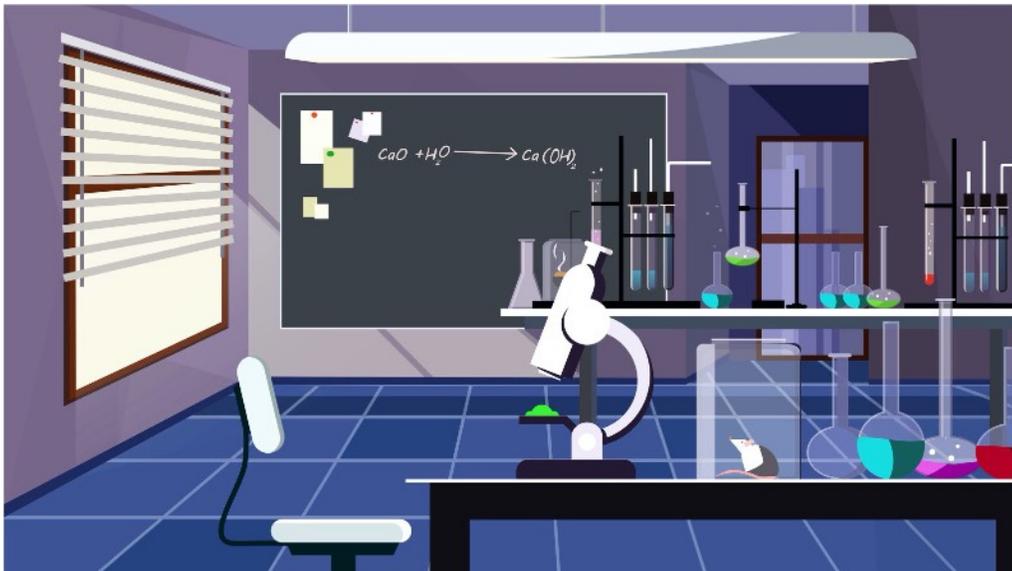
August saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
August.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



August saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
August.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



August saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said
August.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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August saw a rag.

It was a nice rag.

“I saw a rag,” said
August.

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



August saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
August.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



August saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
August.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



August saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
August.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



August saw a pan.
It was a nice pan.
“I saw a pan,” said
August.
“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



August saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
August.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



August saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
August.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



August saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
August.

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said.

Bat



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Hat



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Mat



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August.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



August saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
August.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



August saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
August.

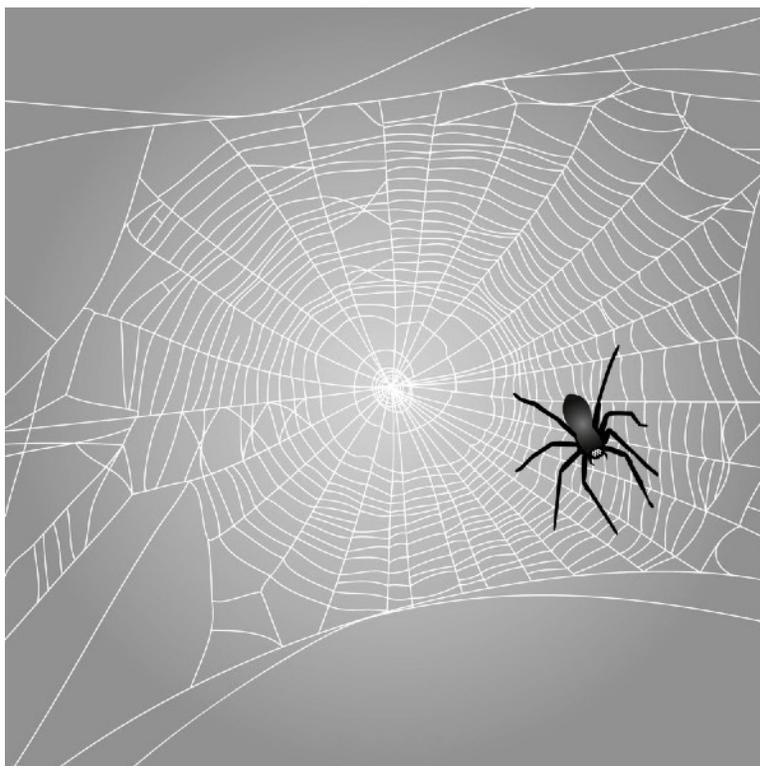
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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August Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



August saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
August.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



August saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said
August.

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



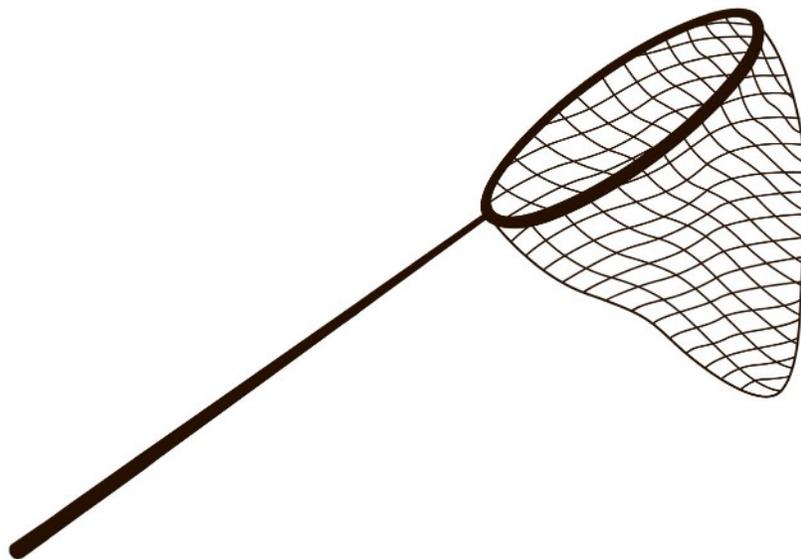
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It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
August.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



August saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
August.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



August saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said
August.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



August saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said
August.

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



August saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
August.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



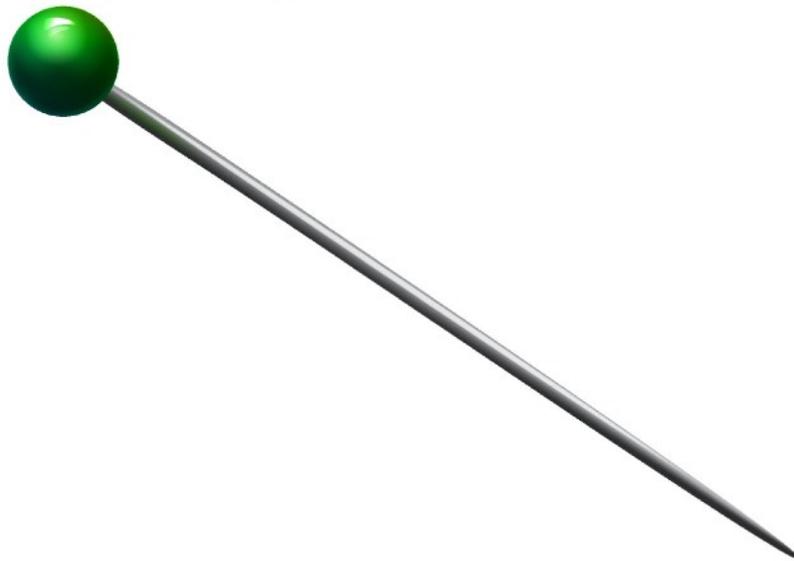
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It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said
August.

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Pin



August saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

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August.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



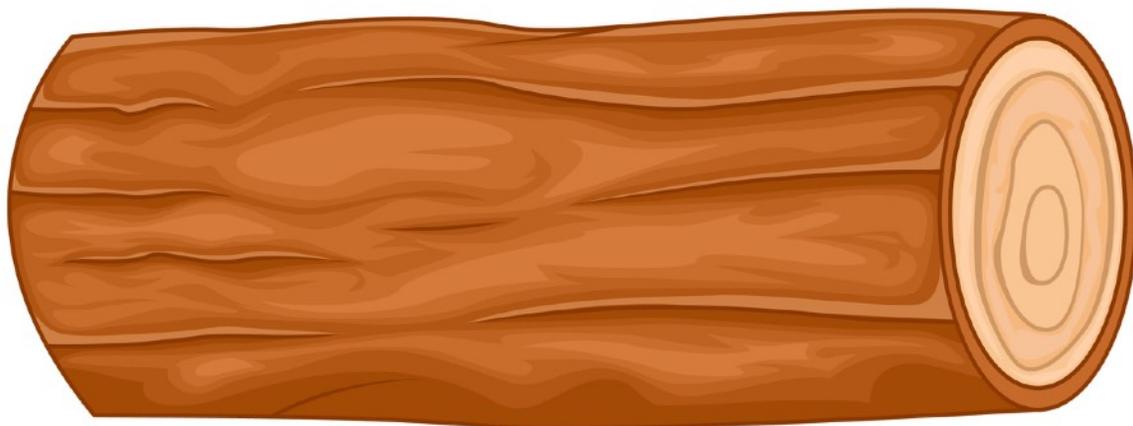
August saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
August.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



August saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said
August.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



August saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
August.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



August saw a top.
It was a cool top.
“I saw a top,” said
August.
“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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August saw a cot.

It was a cool cot.

“I saw a cot,” said

August.

“It was a cool cot,” he
said.

Pot



August saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
August.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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August Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



August saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
August.

“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

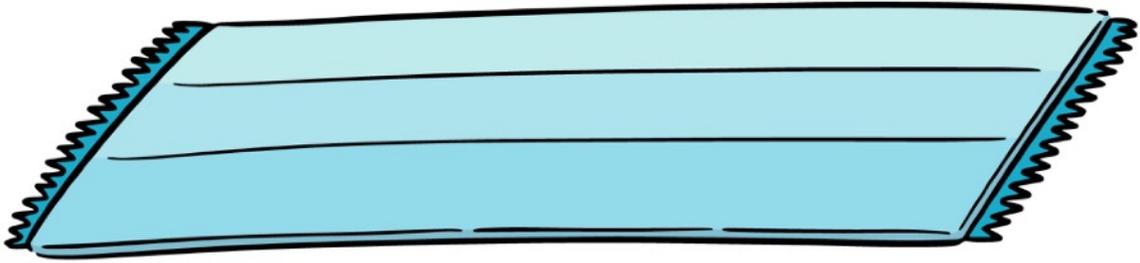
Jug



August saw a jug.
It was a neat jug.
“I saw a jug,” said
August.

“It was a neat jug,” he
said.

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



August saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
August.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



August saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said
August.

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



August saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
August.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



August saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
August.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



August saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
August.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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August Went to a Farm



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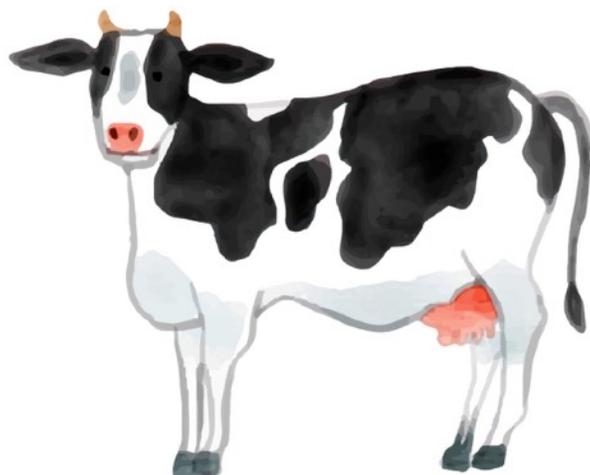
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Fiction



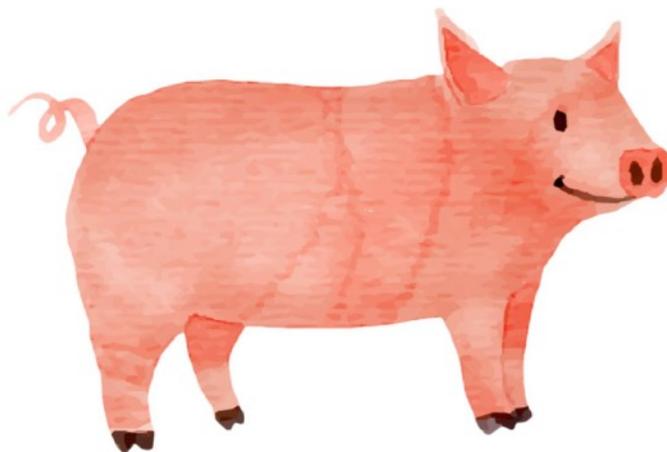
August went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



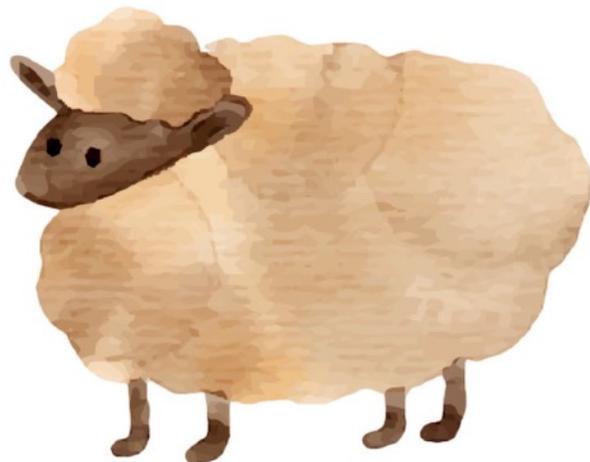
August went to a
farm. He saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



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



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



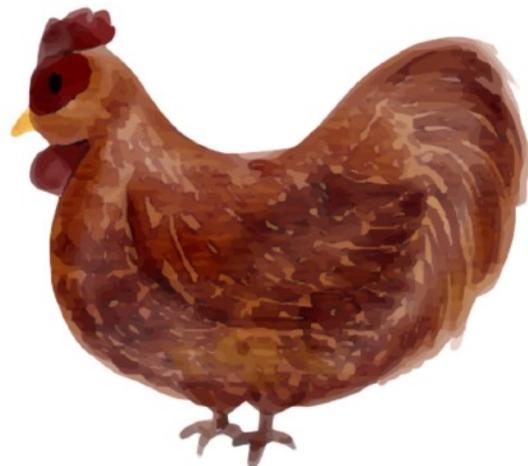
August went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



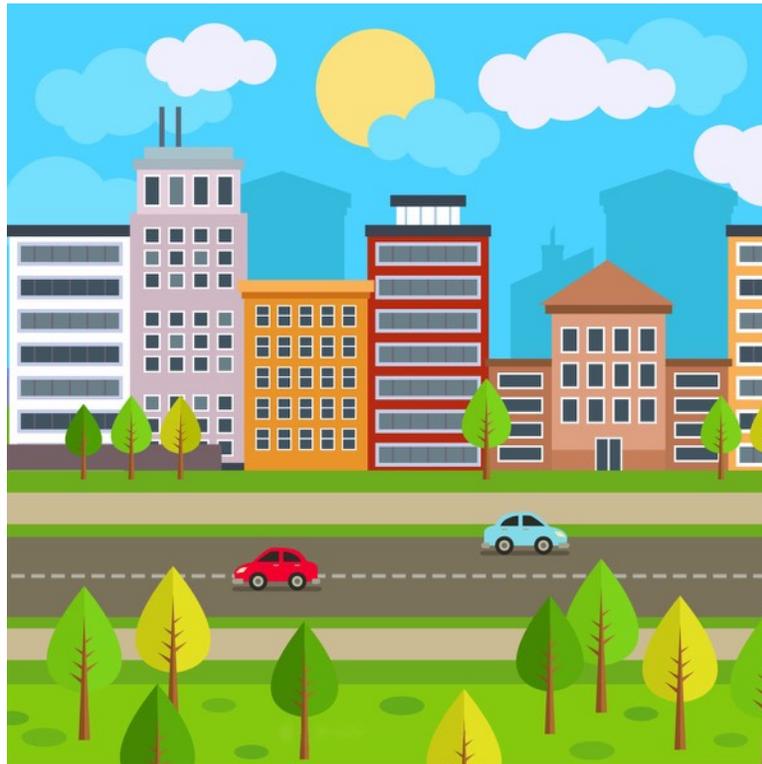
August was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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August Went to a City



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Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



August was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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August 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.

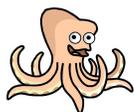
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Falling Star

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

August was a bird. One day he flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said August.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
August.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So August went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

August told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said August.

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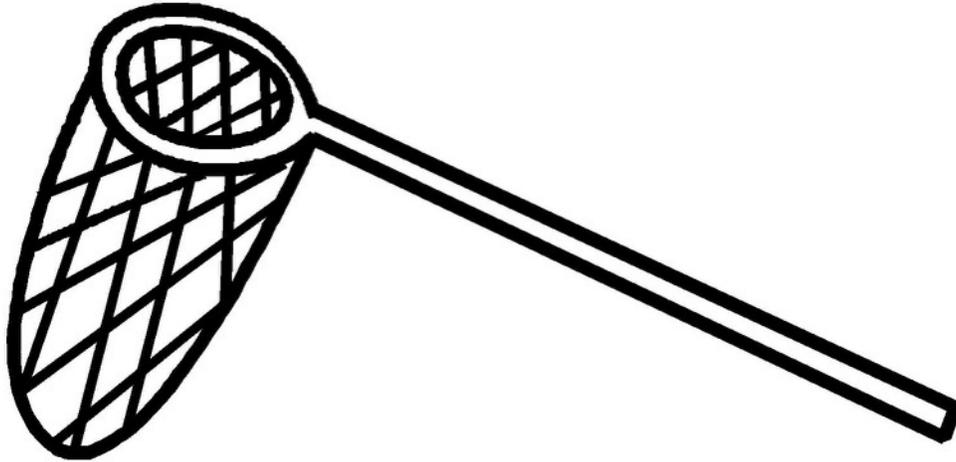


Falling Star

One night August was
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said August.

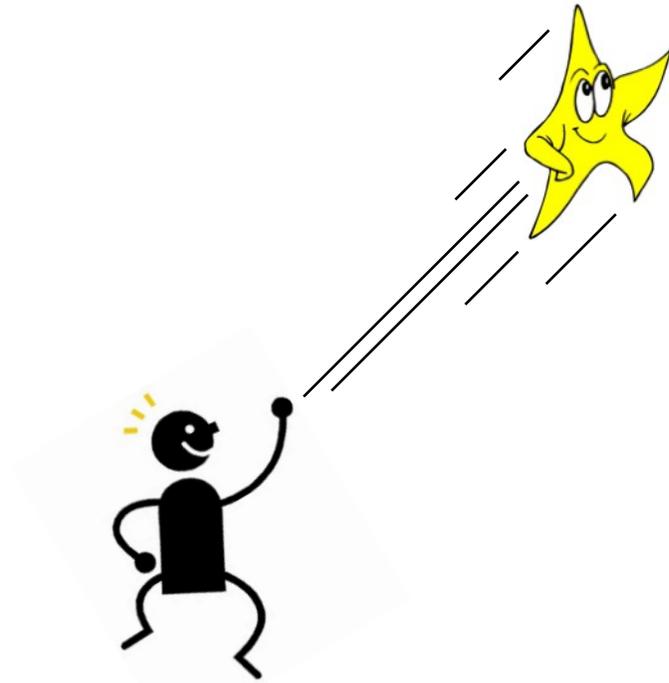
He ran and got a big
net.



August 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 August's dad.



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

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



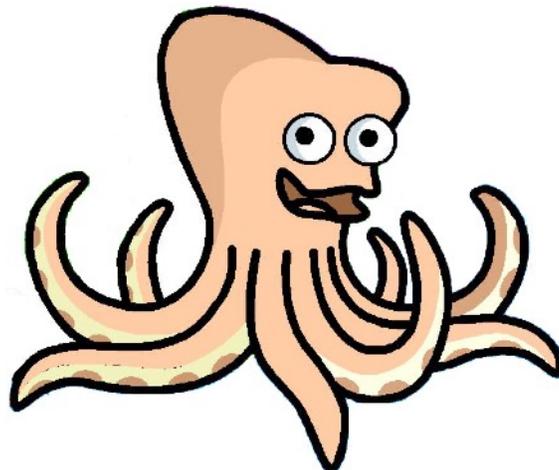
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

August was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day August woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said August.



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

August 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 August.

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 August.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said August 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 August.

“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 August.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with August the basketball.

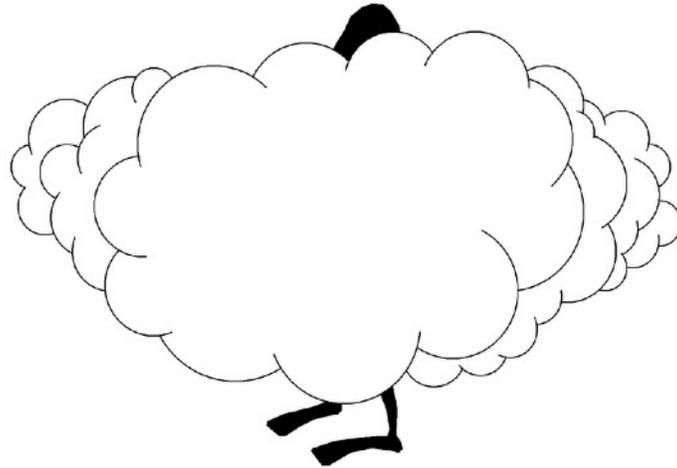
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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