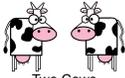




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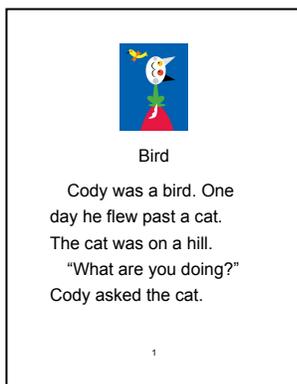


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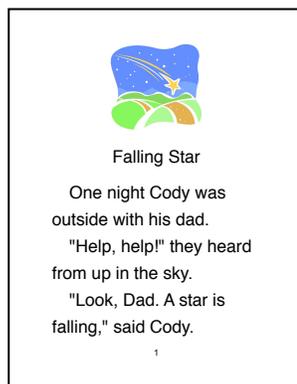


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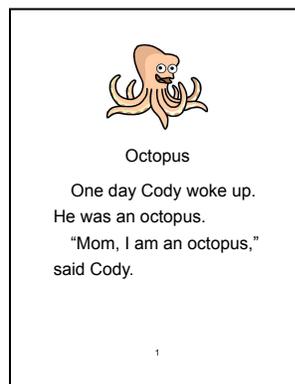
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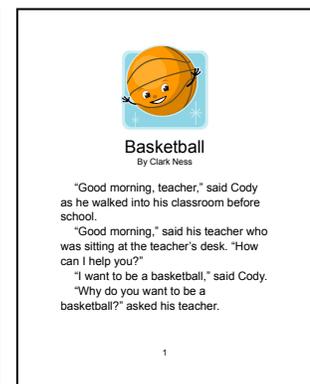
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# Played

Jenson 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 Jenson.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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## Race

Jenson likes to race.

One day he was in a race.

He ran and ran. He ran

fast. Jenson won the race.

He was happy.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.7

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## Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Jenson.

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.5

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## Out of the Water

Jenson 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.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.3

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## Fox

Jenson went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Jenson 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 Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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## Crocodile

One day Jenson woke up. He was a crocodile. He went to school. He scared his teacher.

His friends thought he looked cool.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.0

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## Singing Flower

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

Jenson thinks that singing is fun.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.0

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## Christmas Tree

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

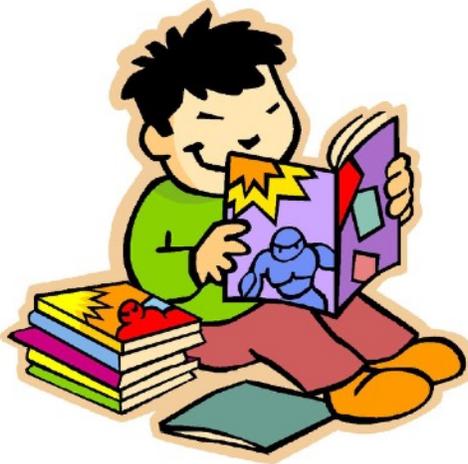
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.9

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## Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.8

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## Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

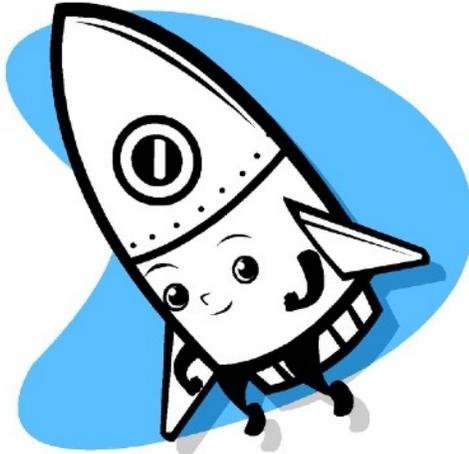
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said  
Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Surfing Dog

Jenson 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.

Jenson thinks surfing is cool.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Dog Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Fly to School

One day Jenson 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 Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said  
Jenson.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said  
Jenson.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Rhino

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

Jenson likes being a rhino.

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## A Deer

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

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

Jenson was glad that he  
saw a baby deer.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.3

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## Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”  
said Jenson.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to  
me.”

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

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## Owl

Jenson 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 Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.2

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## Horse With Wings

One day Jenson became  
a horse with wings.

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

They all had fun.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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## Astronaut

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

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

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

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## Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said  
Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

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## Bubbles

Jenson made bubbles.  
Some bubbles were big.  
Some bubbles were small.  
Jenson made a lot of  
bubbles. He had fun.

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## Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Jenson.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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## Horses

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

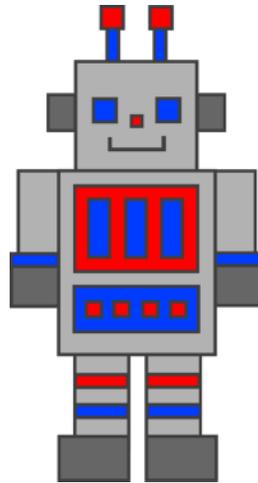
Jenson liked seeing the  
horses.

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## Robot

“Can I have a robot?”  
said Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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## Snow Skiing

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

“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.

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## Rabbit

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

“I would have two long  
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

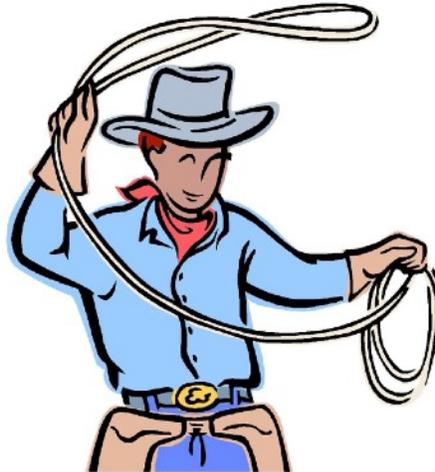
“I would even like to eat  
carrots,” said Jenson.

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## Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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## Bear

Jenson 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 Jenson.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Soccer Ball

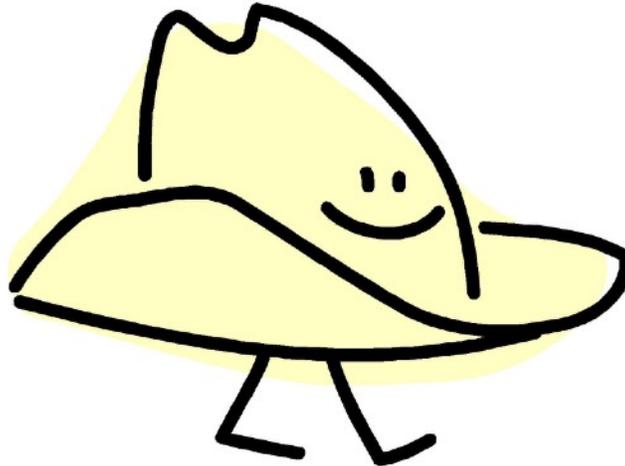
Jenson has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

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Hat

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

“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 Jenson saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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## Safari

“I went to Africa,” said  
Jenson.

“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

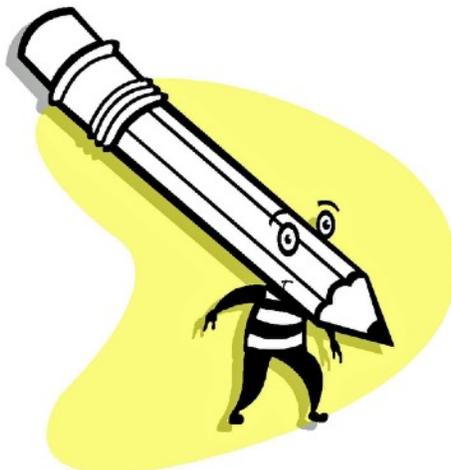
“I have a pencil,” said Jenson. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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## Pencil

One day Jenson woke up. He was a pencil.

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

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## Pink Elephant

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

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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Jenson.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Pet Shop

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

“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 Jenson.

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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

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 Jenson.

“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

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

Jenson likes being a kangaroo.

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## Lemonade

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

Jenson 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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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# Jenson Saw



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Fiction

# Cat



Jenson saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big cat,” he  
said.

# Bat



Jenson saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big bat,” he  
said.

# Rat



Jenson saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big rat,” he  
said.

# Ant



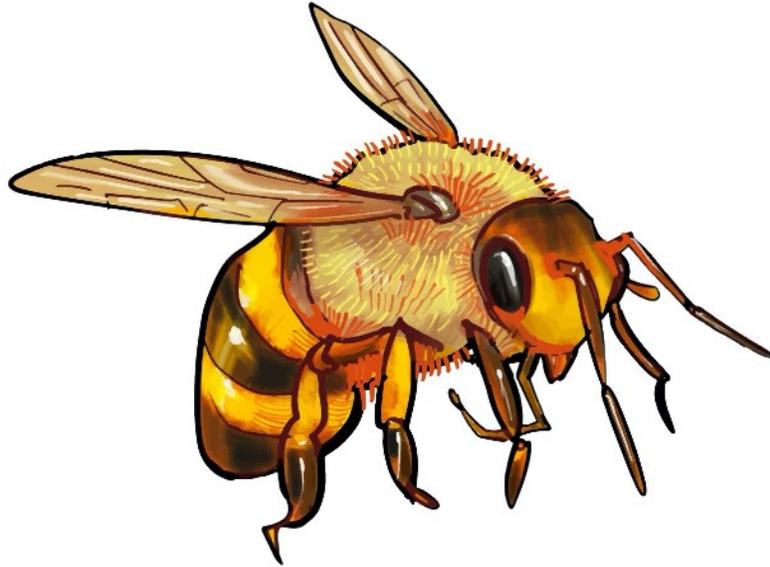
Jenson saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big ant,” he  
said.

# Bee



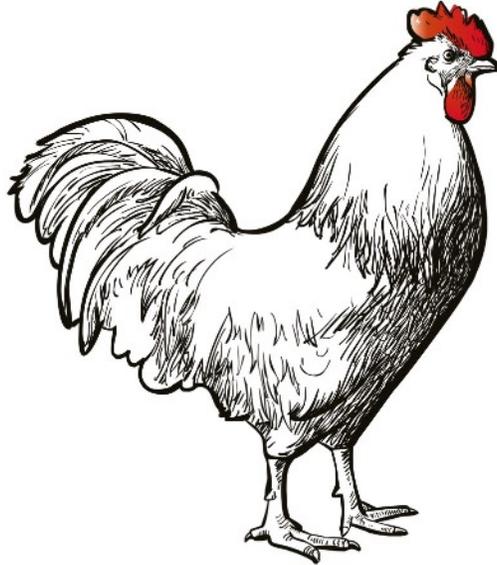
Jenson saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big bee,” he  
said.

# Hen



Jenson saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big hen,” he  
said.

# Elk



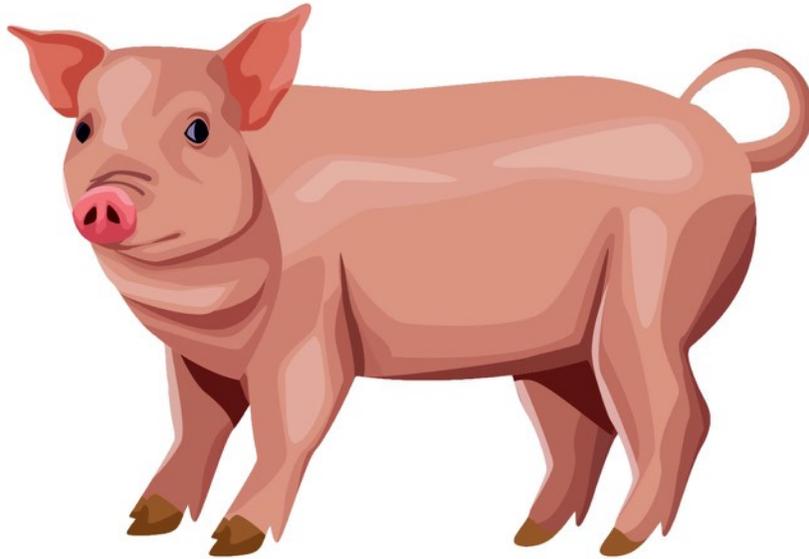
Jenson saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said  
Jenson.

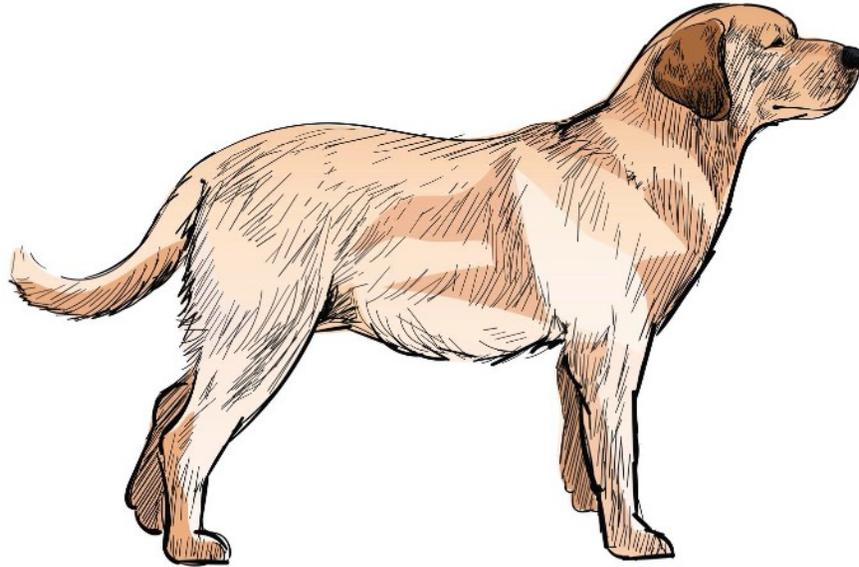
“It was a big elk,” he  
said.

# Pig



Jenson saw a pig.  
It was a big pig.  
“I saw a pig,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a big pig,” he  
said.

# Dog



Jenson saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big dog,” he  
said.

# Cod



Jenson saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big cod,” he  
said.

# Fox



Jenson saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big fox,” he  
said.

# Cow



Jenson saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big cow,” he  
said.

# Owl



Jenson saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big owl,” he  
said.

# Bug



Jenson saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big bug,” he  
said.

# Pup



Jenson saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a big pup,” he  
said.

# Fly



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Jenson Saw a Cab



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Fiction

# Cab



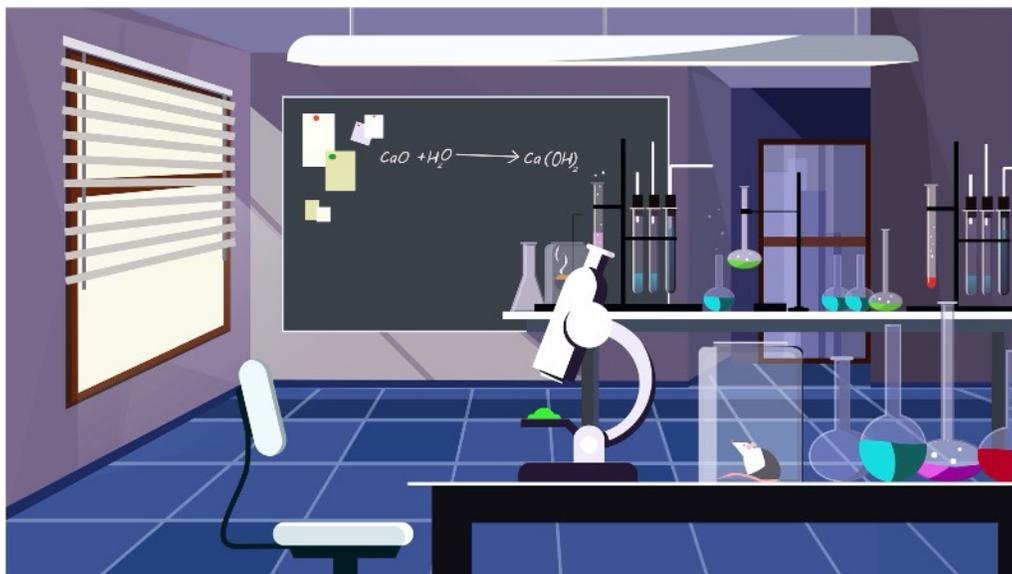
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It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice cab,” he  
said.

# Lab



Jenson saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice lab,” he  
said.

# Bag



Jenson saw a bag.  
It was a nice bag.  
“I saw a bag,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice bag,” he  
said.

# Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he  
said.

# Yam



Jenson saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice yam,” he  
said.

# Can



Jenson saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice can,” he  
said.

# Fan



Jenson saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice fan,” he  
said.

# Pan



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

# Van



Jenson saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice van,” he  
said.

# Cap



Jenson saw a cap.  
It was a nice cap.  
“I saw a cap,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a nice cap,” he  
said.

# Map



Jenson saw a map.  
It was a nice map.  
“I saw a map,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice map,” he  
said.

# Bat



Jenson saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice bat,” he  
said.

# Hat



Jenson saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice hat,” he  
said.

# Mat



Jenson saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a nice mat,” he  
said.

# Vat



Jenson saw a vat.  
It was a nice vat.  
“I saw a vat,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a nice vat,” he  
said.

# Sax



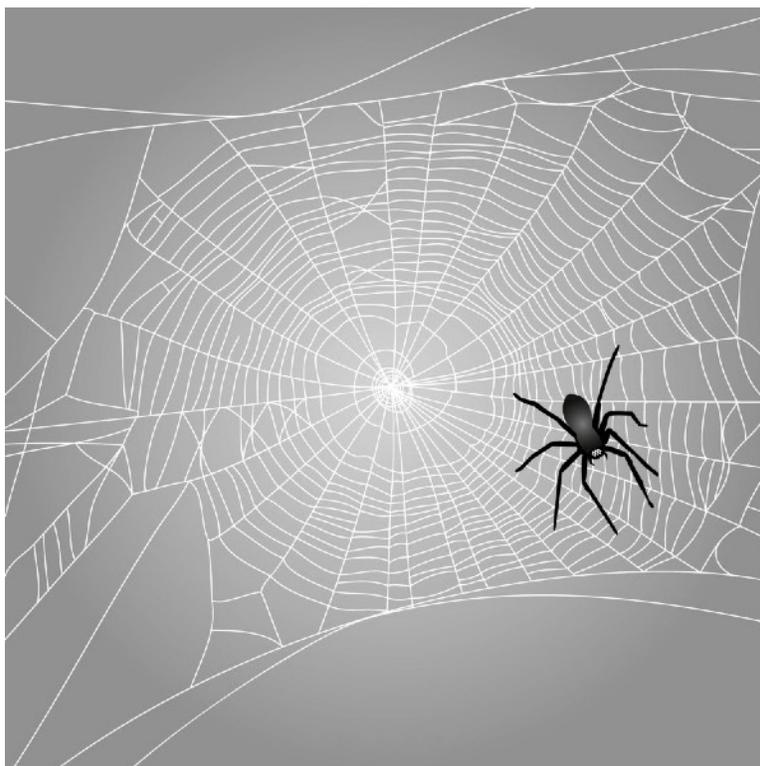
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It was a nice sax.  
“I saw a sax,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a nice sax,” he  
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Jenson Saw a Web



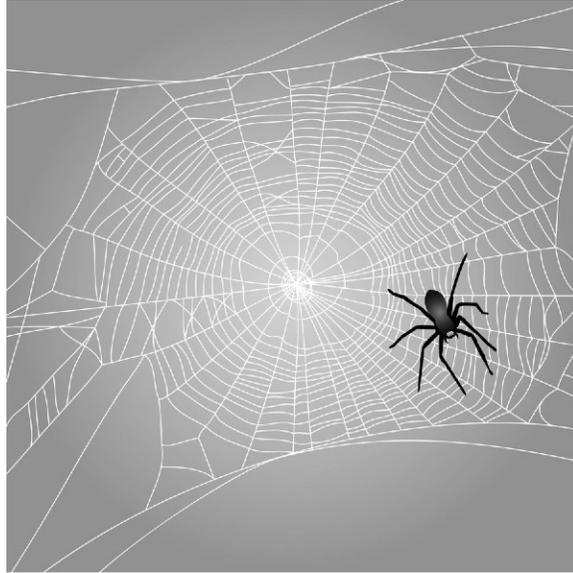
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Fiction

# Web



Jenson saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool web,” he  
said.

# Gem



Jenson saw a gem.  
It was a cool gem.  
“I saw a gem,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool gem,” he  
said.

# Pen



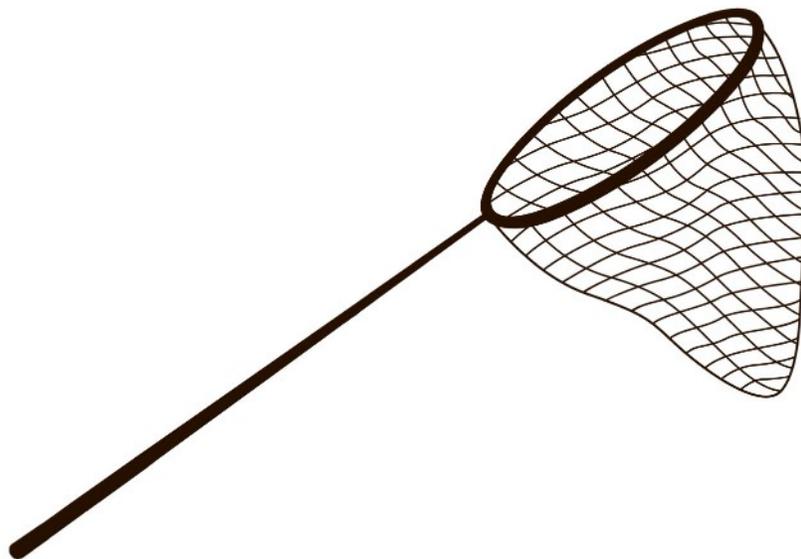
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It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool pen,” he  
said.

# Net



Jenson saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool net,” he  
said.

# Jet



Jenson saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool jet,” he  
said.

# Wig



Jenson saw a wig.  
It was a cool wig.  
“I saw a wig,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool wig,” he  
said.

# Bin



Jenson saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool bin,” he  
said.

# Fin



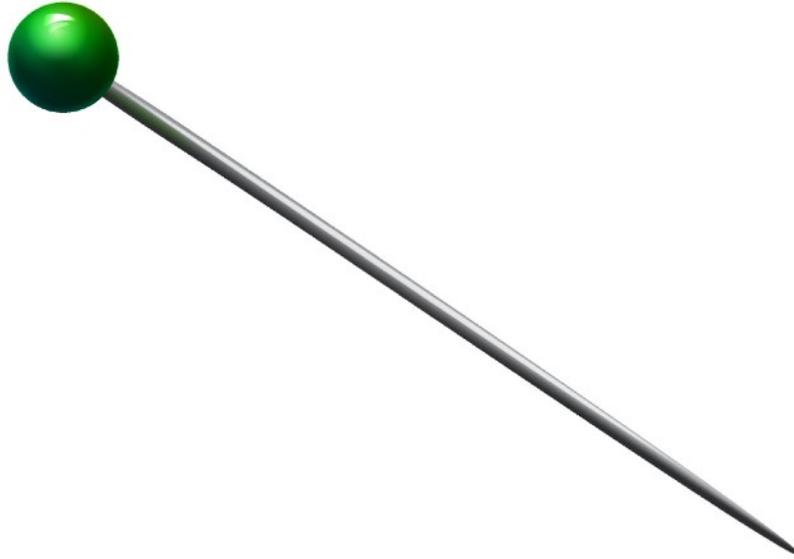
Jenson saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool fin,” he  
said.

# Pin



Jenson saw a pin.  
It was a cool pin.  
“I saw a pin,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a cool pin,” he  
said.

# Rod



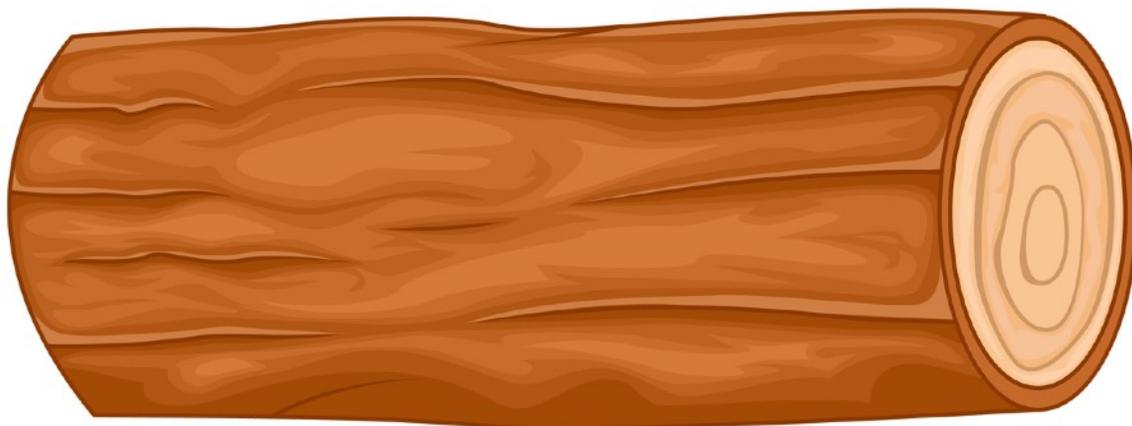
Jenson saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool rod,” he  
said.

# Log



Jenson saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool log,” he  
said.

# Mop



Jenson saw a mop.  
It was a cool mop.  
“I saw a mop,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a cool mop,” he  
said.

# Top



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

“It was a cool top,” he  
said.

# Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” he  
said.

# Pot



Jenson saw a pot.  
It was a cool pot.  
“I saw a pot,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a cool pot,” he  
said.

# Box



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

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# Jenson Saw a Tub



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Fiction

# Tub



Jenson saw a tub.  
It was a neat tub.  
“I saw a tub,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a neat tub,” he  
said.

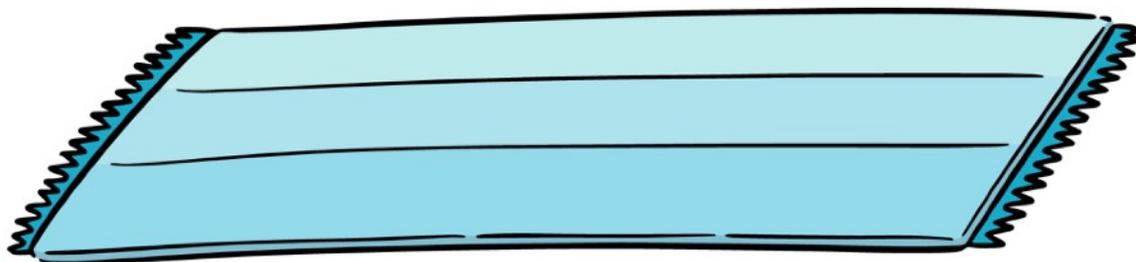
# Jug



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

“It was a neat jug,” he  
said.

# Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he  
said.

# Bun



Jenson saw a bun.  
It was a neat bun.  
“I saw a bun,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a neat bun,” he  
said.

# Cup



Jenson saw a cup.  
It was a neat cup.  
“I saw a cup,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a neat cup,” he  
said.

# Bus



Jenson saw a bus.  
It was a neat bus.  
“I saw a bus,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a neat bus,” he  
said.

# Hut



Jenson saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said  
Jenson.

“It was a neat hut,” he  
said.

# Nut



Jenson saw a nut.  
It was a neat nut.  
“I saw a nut,” said  
Jenson.  
“It was a neat nut,” he  
said.

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# Jenson Went to a Farm



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction



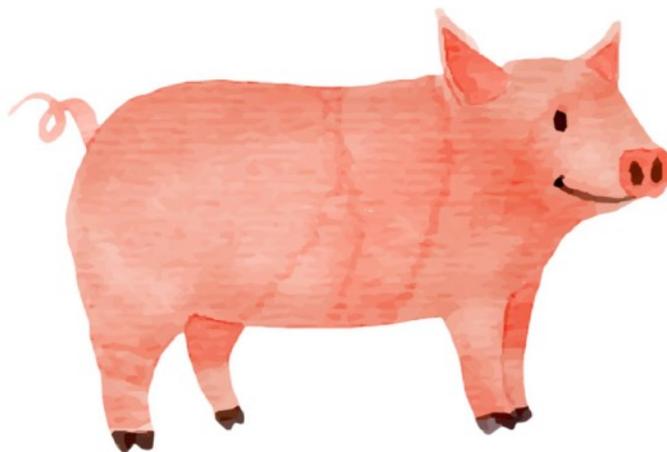
Jenson went to a  
farm. He saw a  
horse. It was a nice  
horse.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



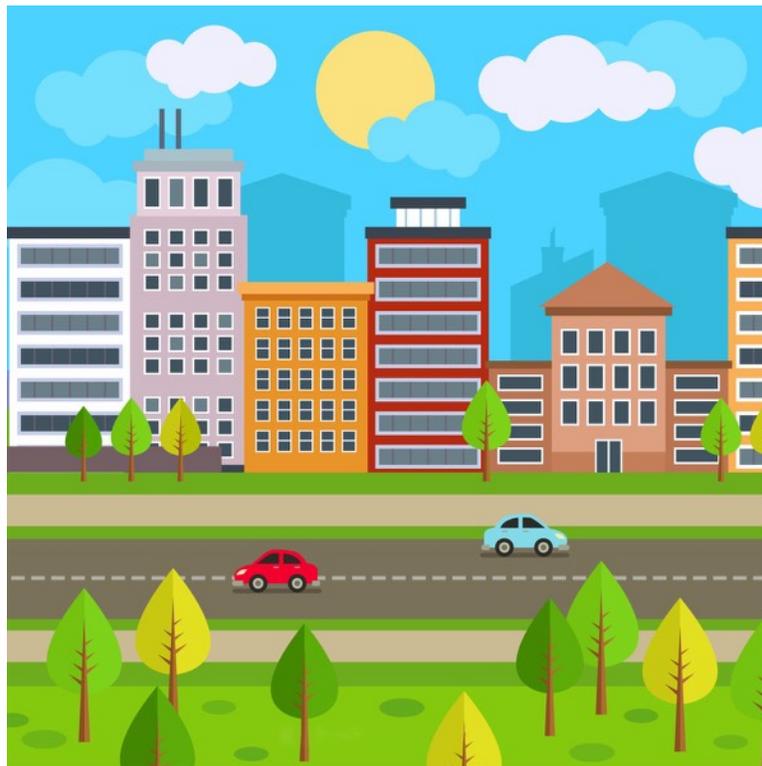
Jenson was happy  
that he went to a  
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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# Jenson Went to a City

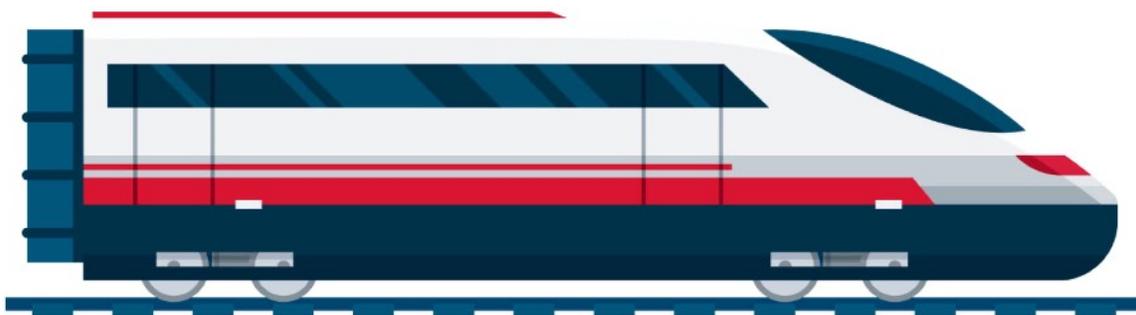


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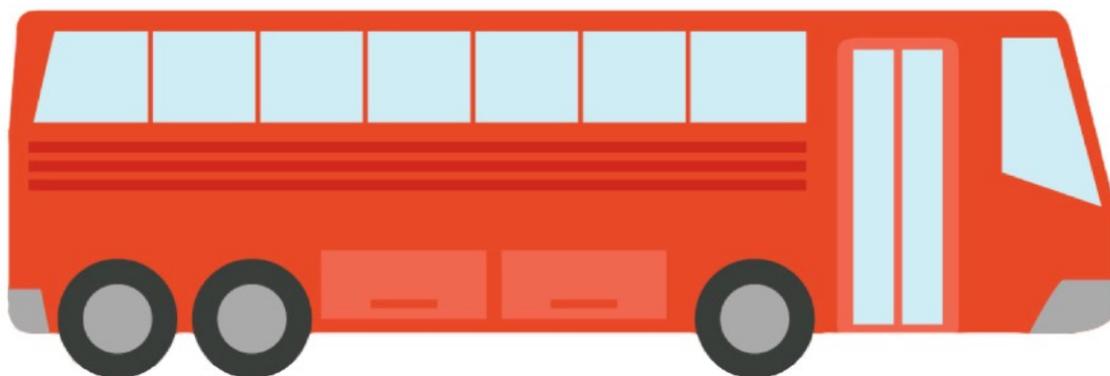
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Jenson was happy  
that he went to a  
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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# Jenson 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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”  
said Jenson.

“I cannot fly,” said the  
cat.

“That is too bad,” said  
Jenson.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Jenson went and  
flew all around.

He then came back to  
the cat.

Jenson told the cat  
what he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the  
cat.

“You are welcome,”  
said Jenson.

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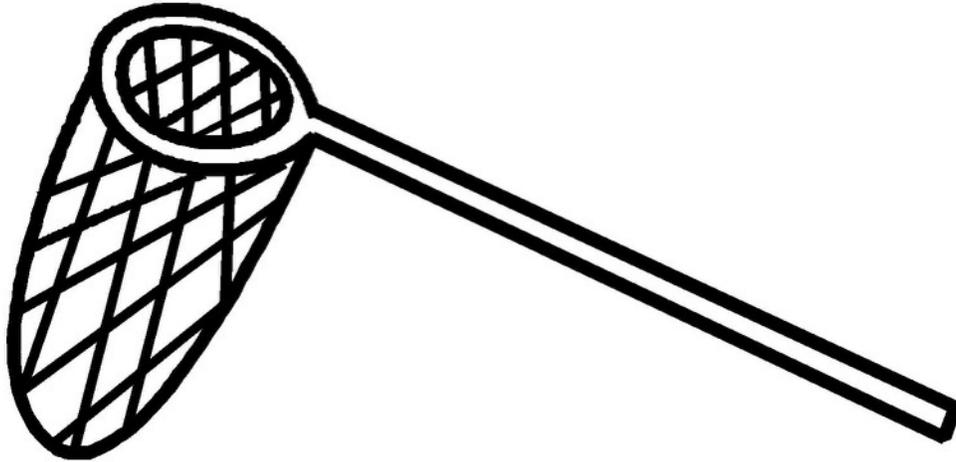


## Falling Star

One night Jenson was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"  
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"  
said Jenson.

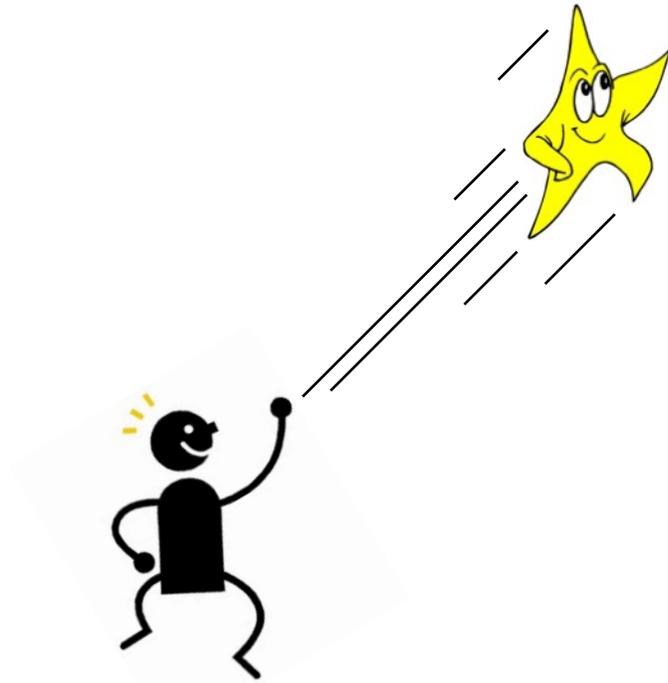
He ran and got a big  
net.



Jenson 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 Jenson's dad.



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

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



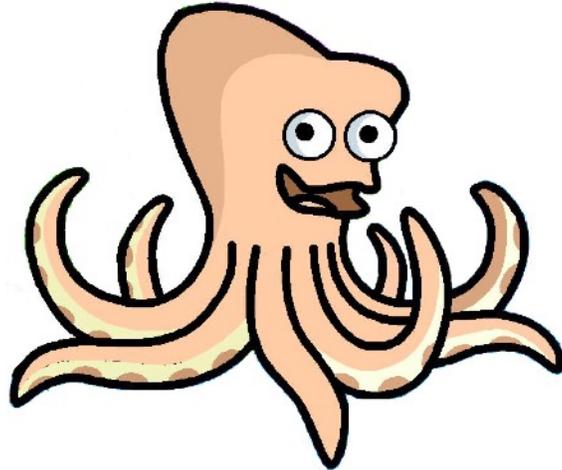
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Jenson was proud that he had saved a falling star.

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## Octopus

One day Jenson woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Jenson.



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

Jenson 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 Jenson.

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 Jenson.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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# Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Jenson 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 Jenson.

“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 Jenson.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Jenson the basketball.

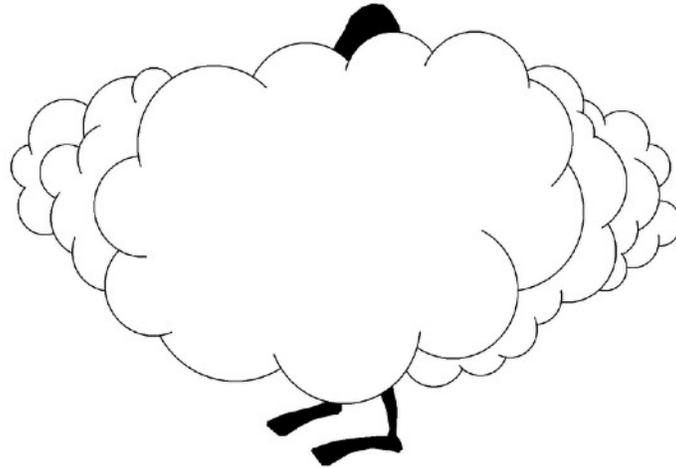
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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