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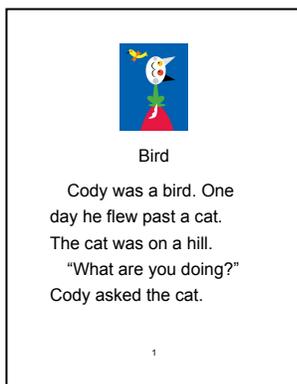


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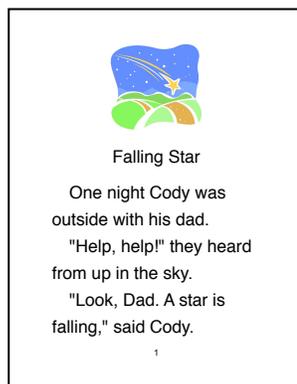


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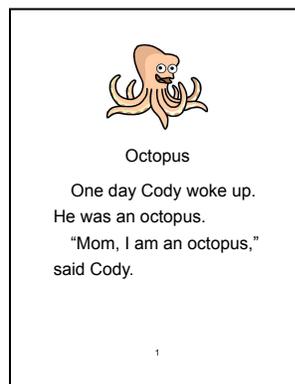
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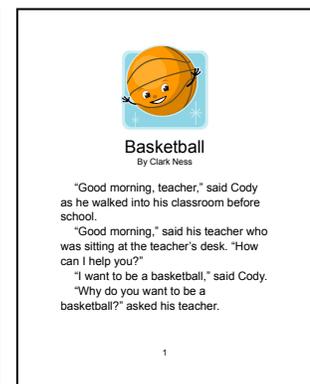
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# Played

Leilani and her 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 Leilani.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Leilani.

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## Race

Leilani likes to race. One day she was in a race.

She ran and ran. She ran fast. Leilani won the race.

She was happy.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.7

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## Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Leilani.

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.5

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## Out of the Water

Leilani 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.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.3

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## Fox

Leilani went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Leilani 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 Leilani.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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## Crocodile

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

Her friends thought she looked cool.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.0

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## Singing Flower

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

Leilani thinks that singing is fun.

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## Christmas Tree

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

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.9

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## Read a Book

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

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Leilani.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.8

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## Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

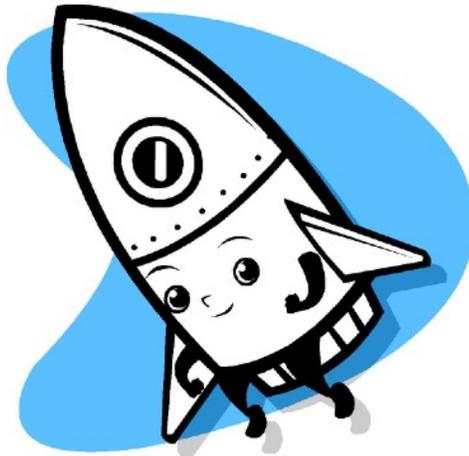
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said  
Leilani.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Surfing Dog

Leilani 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.

Leilani thinks surfing is cool.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Dog Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Fly to School

One day Leilani 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 Leilani.

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## Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said  
Leilani.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said  
Leilani.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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## Rhino

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

Leilani likes being a rhino.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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## A Deer

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

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

Leilani was glad that she  
saw a baby deer.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.3

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## Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”  
said Leilani.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to  
me.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.3

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## Owl

Leilani 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 Leilani.

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## Horse With Wings

One day Leilani became  
a horse with wings.

She flew to her school.  
Leilani 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 Leilani.

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

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

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## Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said  
Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

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## Bubbles

Leilani made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Leilani made a lot of  
bubbles. She had fun.

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## Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Leilani.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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## Horses

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

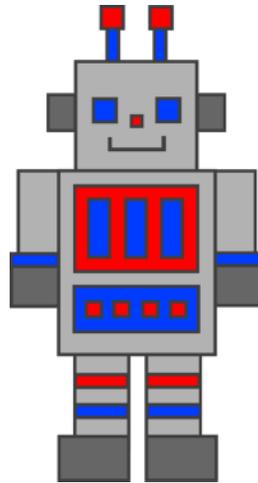
Leilani liked seeing the  
horses.

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## Robot

“Can I have a robot?”  
said Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Snow Skiing

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

“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.

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## Rabbit

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

“I would have two long  
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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## Cowgirl

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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## Bear

Leilani 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 Leilani.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Soccer Ball

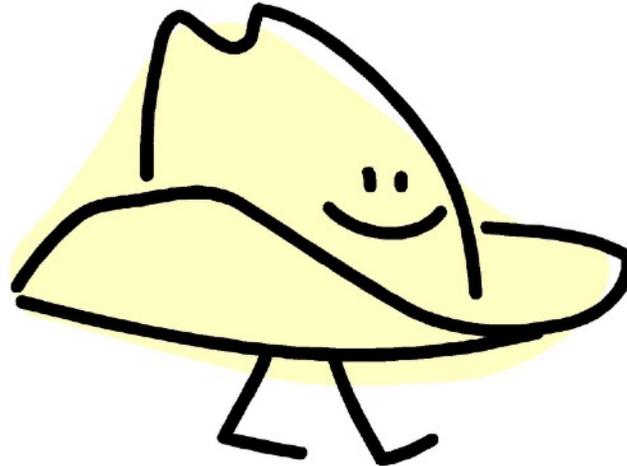
Leilani has a soccer ball.  
She plays soccer with it  
every day.

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

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## Hat

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

“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.”

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## Rat

One day Leilani saw a rat.

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

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

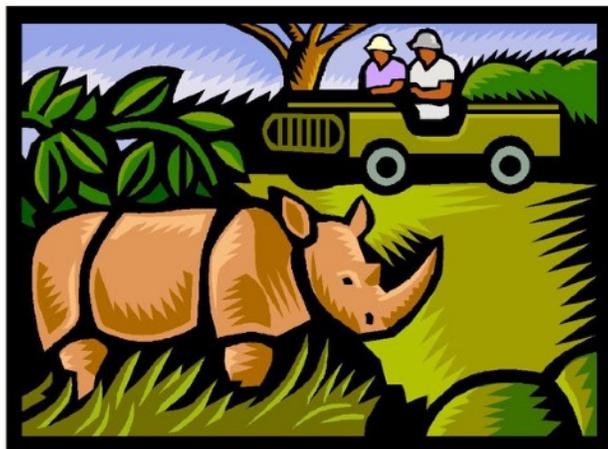
“Hope you have fun,” said Leilani.

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## Safari

“I went to Africa,” said  
Leilani.

“I went on a safari.”

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

“It was so neat.”

“I took a lot of pictures.”

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## I Have a Pencil

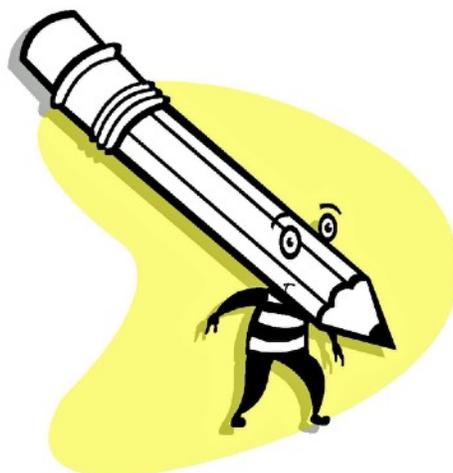
“I have a pencil,” said Leilani. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

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## Pencil

One day Leilani woke up. She was a pencil.

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

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## Pink Elephant

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

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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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Leilani.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

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## Pet Shop

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

“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 Leilani.

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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

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 Leilani.

“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

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

Leilani likes being a kangaroo.

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## Lemonade

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

Leilani 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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani. “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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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# Leilani Saw



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Fiction

# Cat



Leilani saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big cat,” she  
said.

# Bat



Leilani saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big bat,” she  
said.

# Rat



Leilani saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Leilani.

“It was a big rat,” she  
said.

# Ant



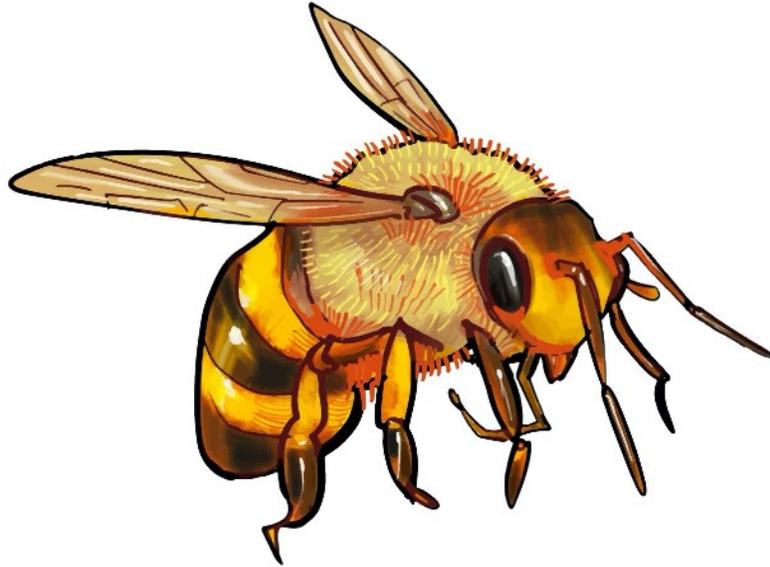
Leilani saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big ant,” she  
said.

# Bee



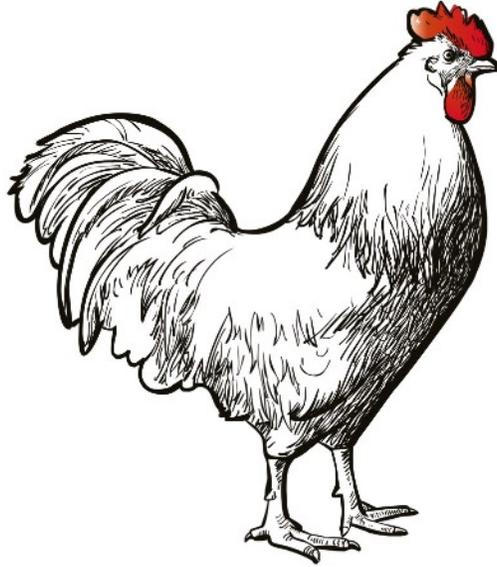
Leilani saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big bee,” she  
said.

# Hen



Leilani saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big hen,” she  
said.

# Elk



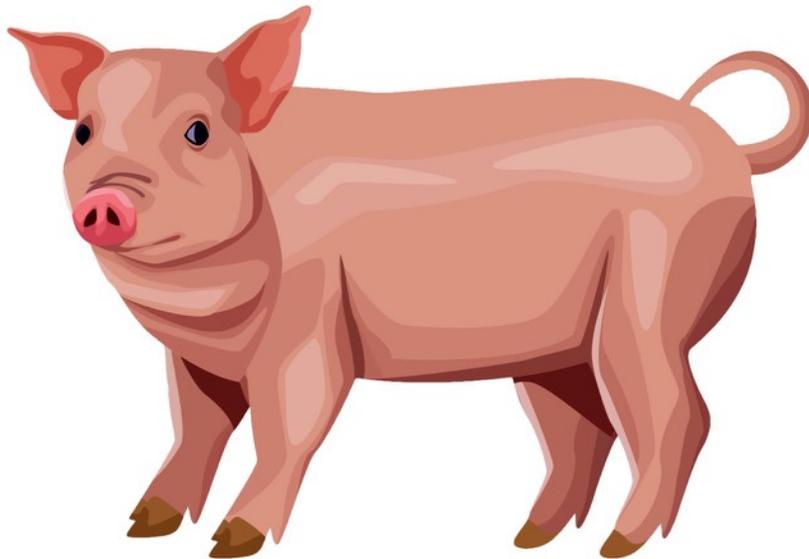
Leilani saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big elk,” she  
said.

# Pig



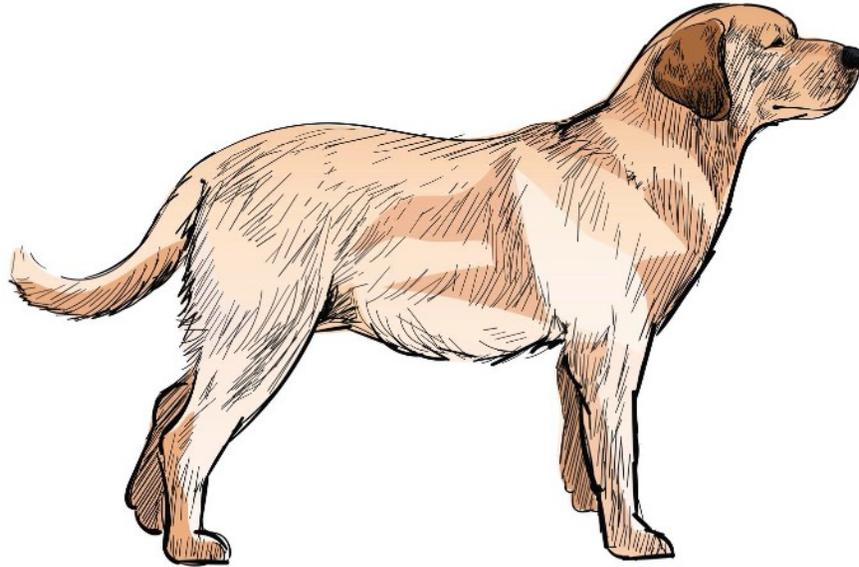
Leilani saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big pig,” she  
said.

# Dog



Leilani saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big dog,” she  
said.

# Cod



Leilani saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big cod,” she  
said.

# Fox



Leilani saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big fox,” she  
said.

# Cow



Leilani saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big cow,” she  
said.

# Owl



Leilani saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big owl,” she  
said.

# Bug



Leilani saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big bug,” she  
said.

# Pup



Leilani saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a big pup,” she  
said.

# Fly



Leilani saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Leilani.

“It was a big fly,” she  
said.

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# Leilani Saw a Cab



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Fiction

# Cab



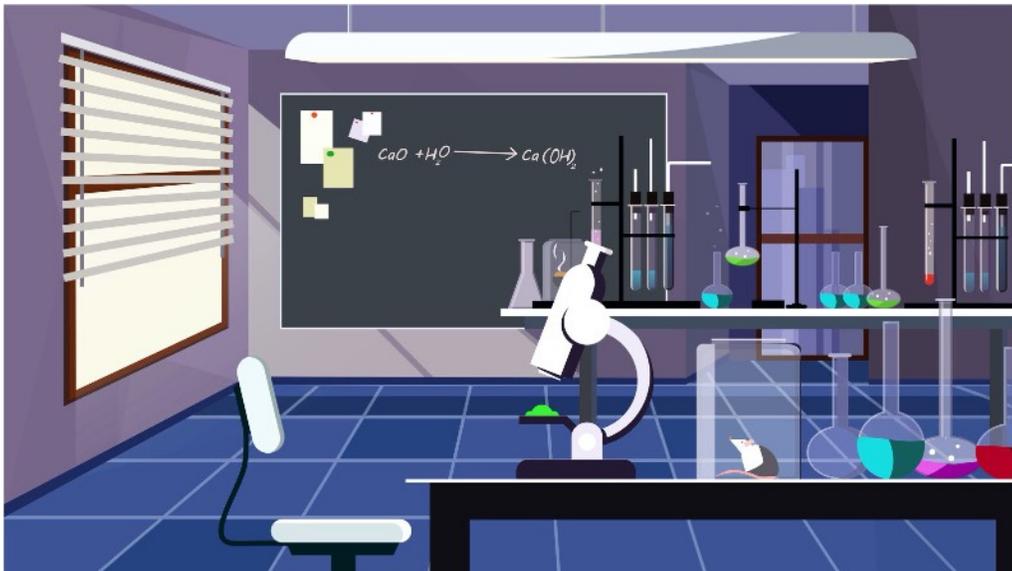
Leilani saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice cab,” she  
said.

# Lab



Leilani saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice lab,” she  
said.

# Bag



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

“It was a nice bag,” she  
said.

# Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” she  
said.

# Yam



Leilani saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice yam,” she  
said.

# Can



Leilani saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice can,” she  
said.

# Fan



Leilani saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice fan,” she  
said.

# Pan



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

“It was a nice pan,” she  
said.

# Van



Leilani saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice van,” she  
said.

# Cap



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

“It was a nice cap,” she  
said.

# Map



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

“It was a nice map,” she  
said.

# Bat



Leilani saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice bat,” she  
said.

# Hat



Leilani saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice hat,” she  
said.

# Mat



Leilani saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a nice mat,” she  
said.

# Vat



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

“It was a nice vat,” she  
said.

# Sax



Leilani saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said  
Leilani.

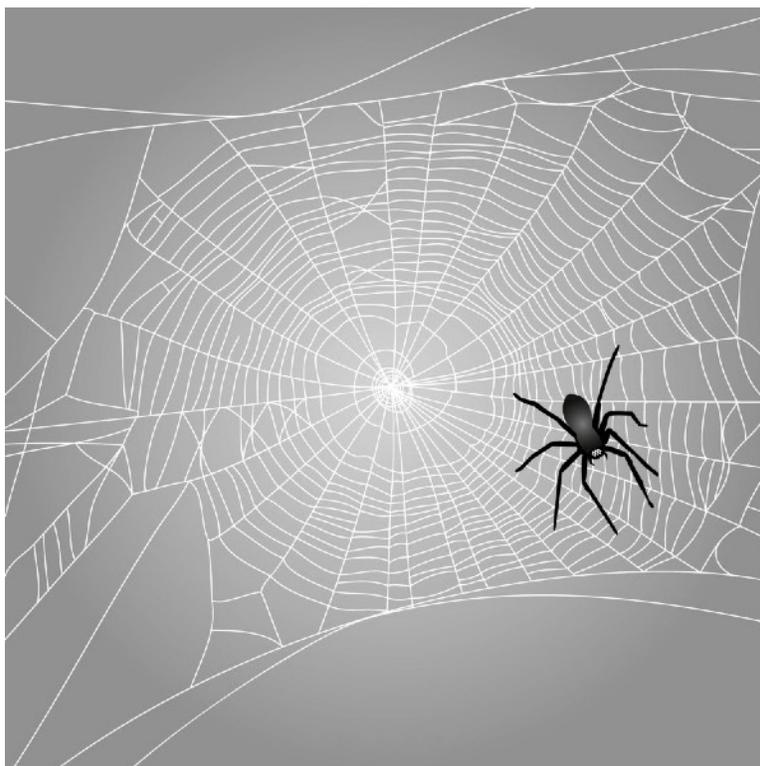
“It was a nice sax,” she  
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Leilani Saw a Web



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

# Web



Leilani saw a web.  
It was a cool web.  
“I saw a web,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool web,” she  
said.

# Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” she  
said.

# Pen



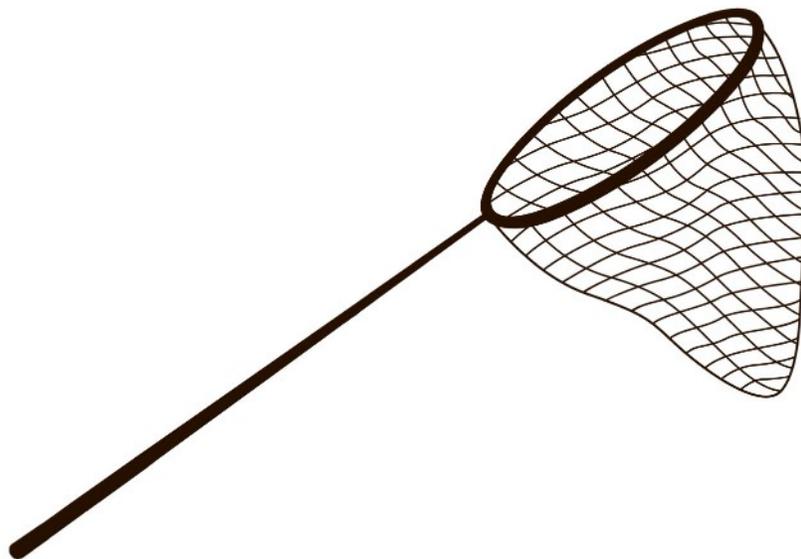
Leilani saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool pen,” she  
said.

# Net



Leilani saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool net,” she  
said.

# Jet



Leilani saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Leilani.

“It was a cool jet,” she  
said.

# Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” she  
said.

# Bin



Leilani saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool bin,” she  
said.

# Fin



Leilani saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Leilani.

“It was a cool fin,” she  
said.

# Pin



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

“It was a cool pin,” she  
said.

# Rod



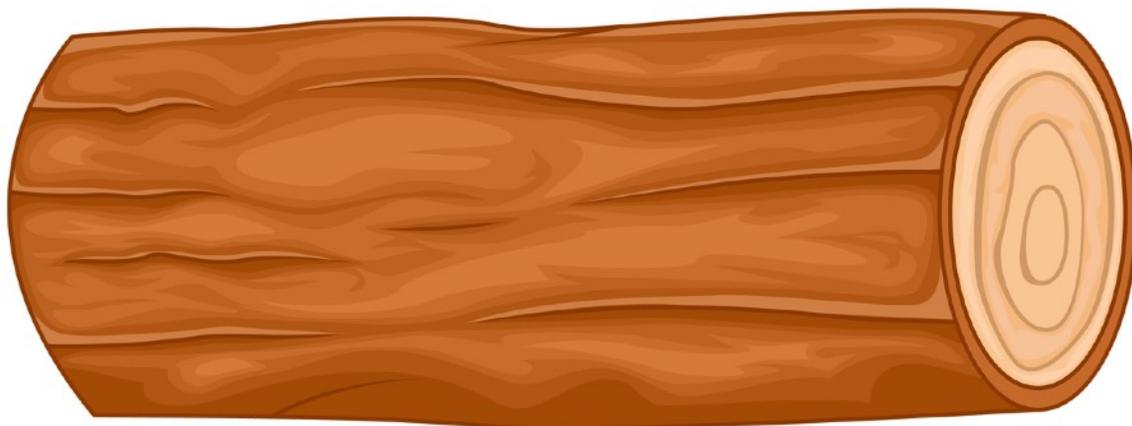
Leilani saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool rod,” she  
said.

# Log



Leilani saw a log.  
It was a cool log.  
“I saw a log,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a cool log,” she  
said.

# Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” she  
said.

# Top



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

“It was a cool top,” she  
said.

# Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” she  
said.

# Pot



Leilani saw a pot.  
It was a cool pot.  
“I saw a pot,” said  
Leilani.  
“It was a cool pot,” she  
said.

# Box



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

“It was a cool box,” she  
said.

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# Leilani Saw a Tub



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Fiction

# Tub



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

“It was a neat tub,” she  
said.

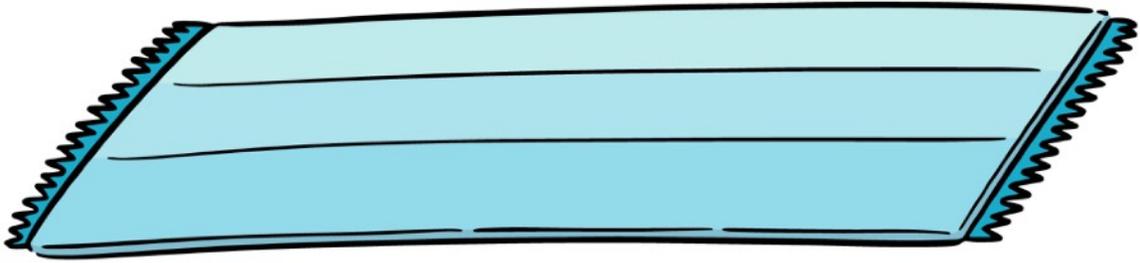
# Jug



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

“It was a neat jug,” she  
said.

# Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” she  
said.

# Bun



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

“It was a neat bun,” she  
said.

# Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” she  
said.

# Bus



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

“It was a neat bus,” she  
said.

# Hut



Leilani saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said  
Leilani.

“It was a neat hut,” she  
said.

# Nut



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

“It was a neat nut,” she  
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Leilani Went to a Farm



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction



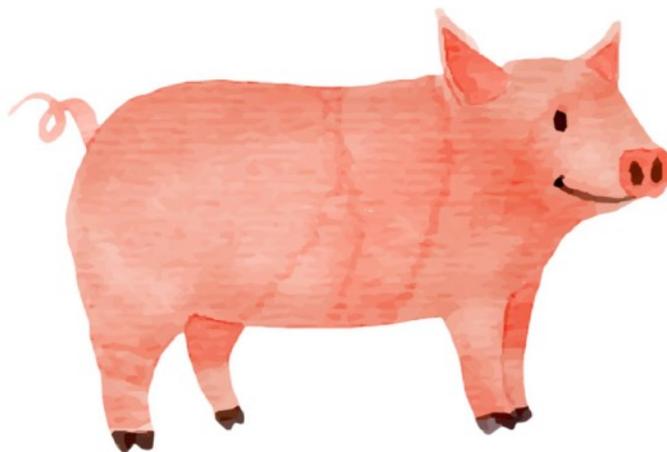
Leilani went to a  
farm. She saw a  
horse. It was a nice  
horse.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



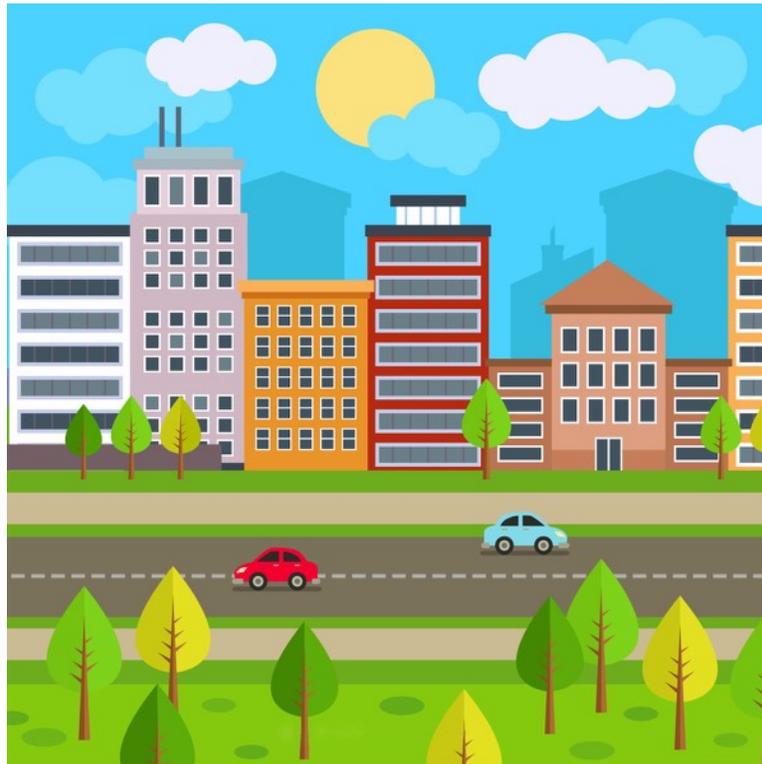
Leilani was happy  
that she went to a  
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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# Leilani Went to a City

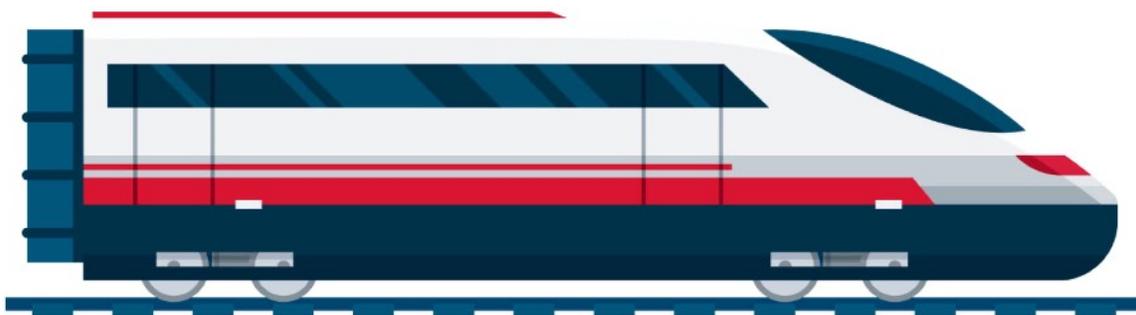


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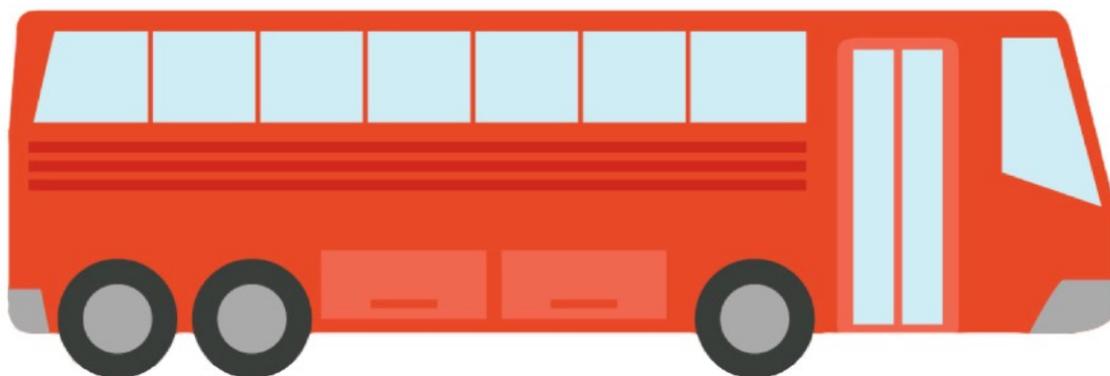
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Leilani was happy  
that she went to a  
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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# Leilani 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.

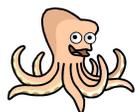
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Falling Star

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.

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Octopus

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

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

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

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## Bird

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”  
said Leilani.

“I cannot fly,” said the  
cat.

“That is too bad,” said  
Leilani.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Leilani went and  
flew all around.

She then came back to  
the cat.

Leilani told the cat what  
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the  
cat.

“You are welcome,”  
said Leilani.

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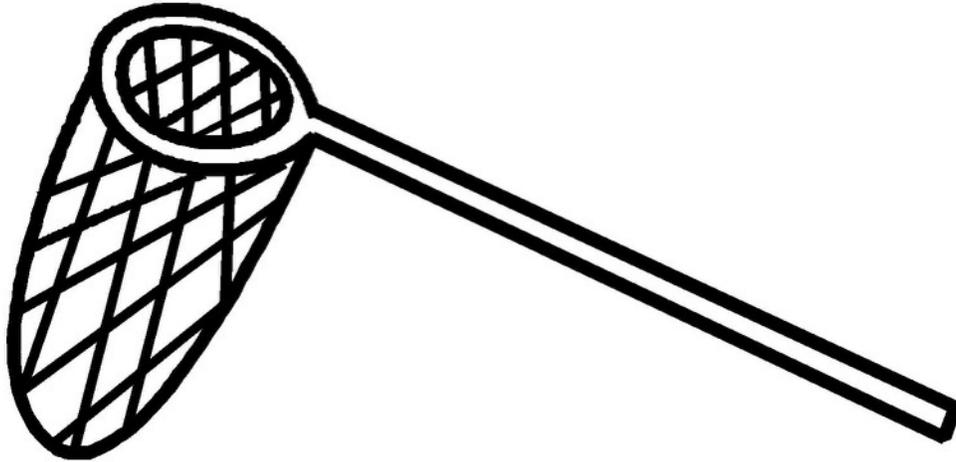


## Falling Star

One night Leilani was  
outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"  
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"  
said Leilani.

She ran and got a big  
net.



Leilani 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 Leilani's dad.



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

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



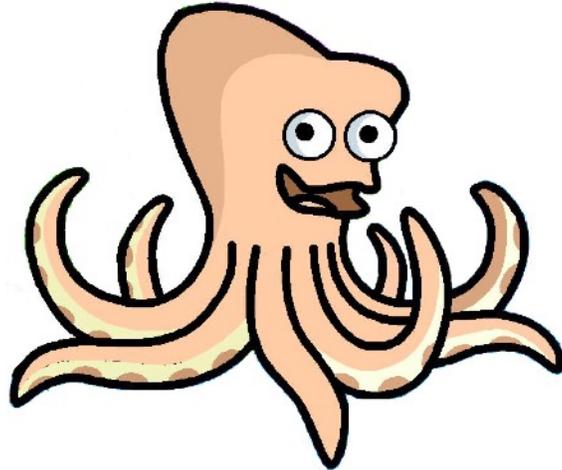
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Leilani was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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## Octopus

One day Leilani woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Leilani.



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

Leilani 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 Leilani.

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 Leilani.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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# Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Leilani 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 Leilani.

“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 Leilani.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Leilani the basketball.

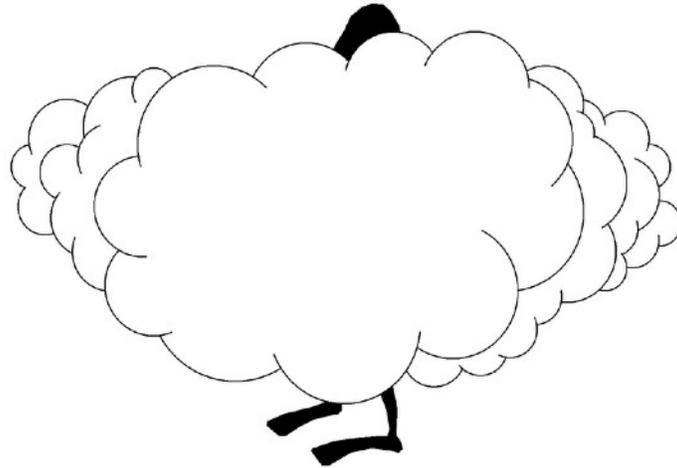
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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