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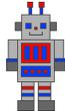


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Sam and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

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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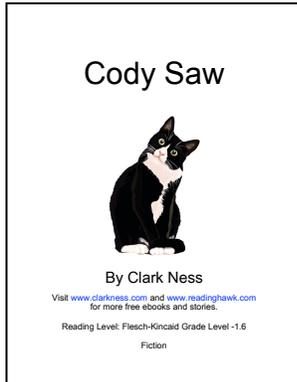
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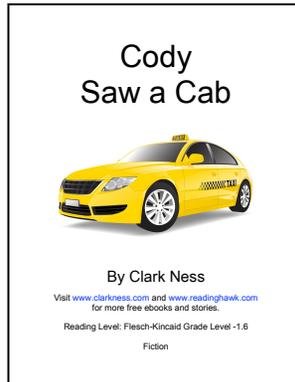
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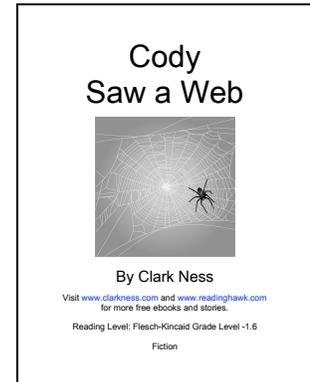
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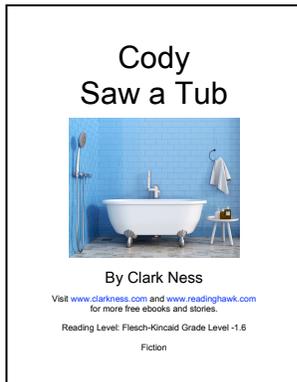
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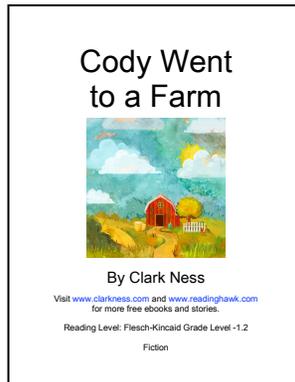
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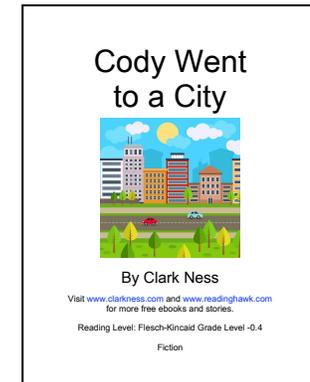
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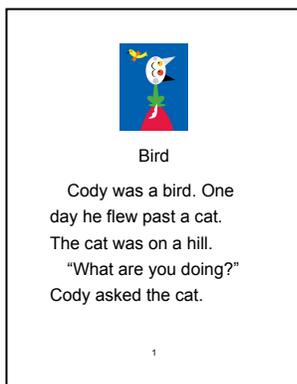


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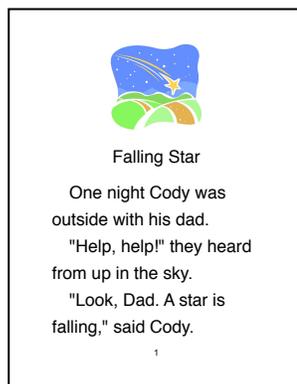


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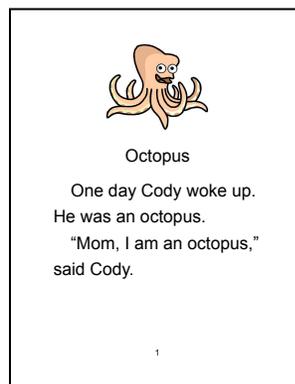
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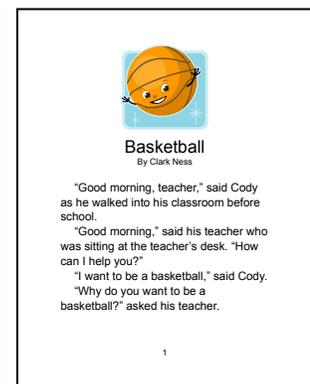
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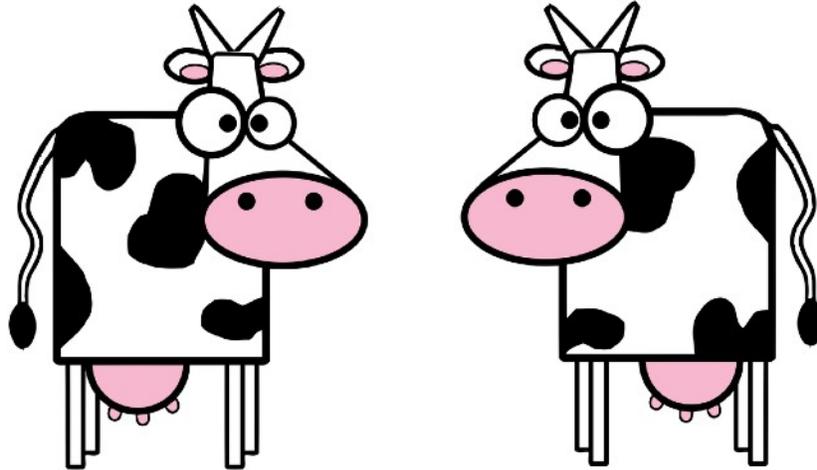
Lydia and her friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Lydia.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Lydia.

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Race

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

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

She was happy.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.7

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Lydia.

“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

Lydia was a fish. One day she swam fast. She went so fast that she jumped out of the water.

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

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Fox

Lydia went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Lydia 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 Lydia.

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Crocodile

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

Her friends thought she
looked cool.

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Singing Flower

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

Lydia thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Lydia.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

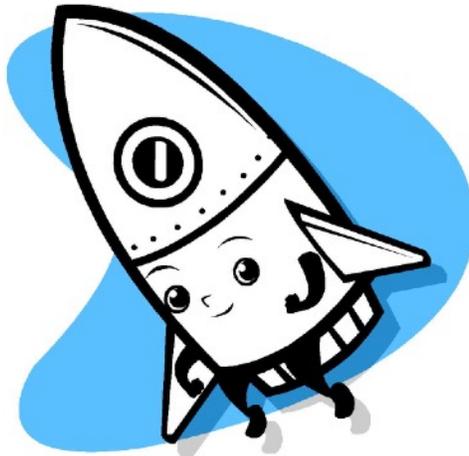
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Lydia.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Lydia.

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Surfing Dog

Lydia 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.

Lydia thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Dog Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day Lydia 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 Lydia.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Lydia.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Lydia.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Lydia likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Lydia was glad that she
saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Lydia.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Lydia went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

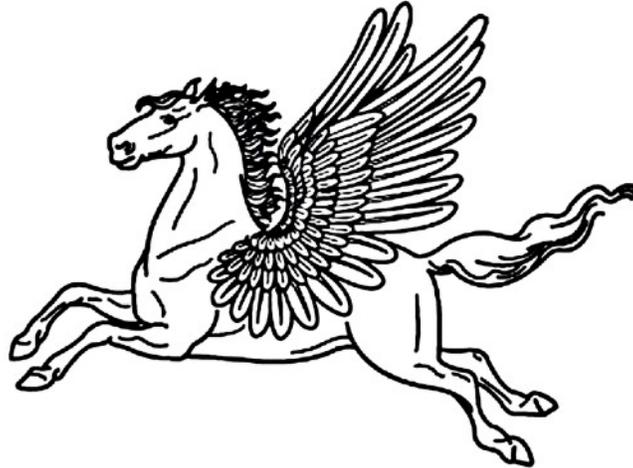
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day Lydia became a horse with wings.

She flew to her school.
Lydia 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 Lydia.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

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Bubbles

Lydia made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

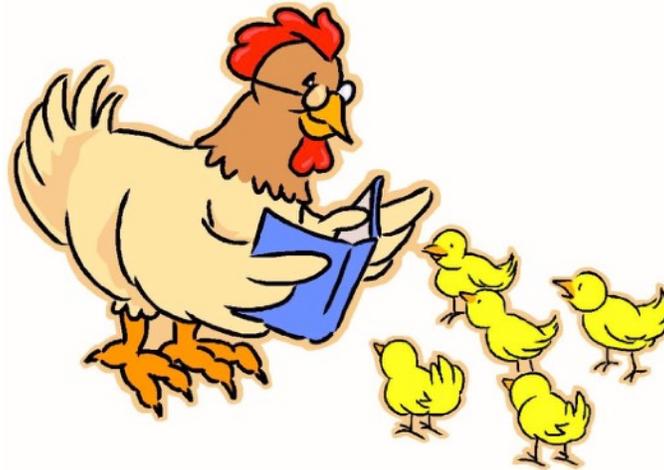
Lydia made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Lydia.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

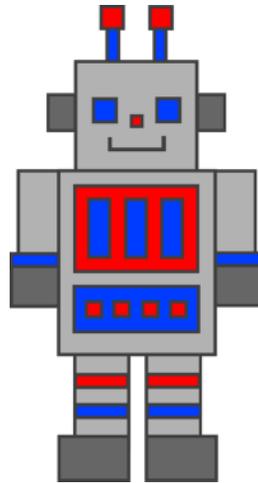
Lydia liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Lydia.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Sheep

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

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“It would be so much fun.”

“I would be out in the nice cold snow.”

“I could go fast.”

“Snow skiing would be a blast,” she said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Lydia.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowgirl

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Lydia 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 Lydia.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

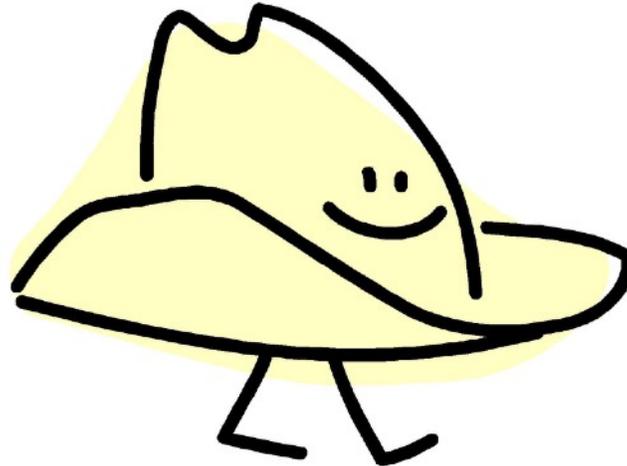
Lydia has a soccer ball.
She plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Lydia saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Lydia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Lydia.

“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

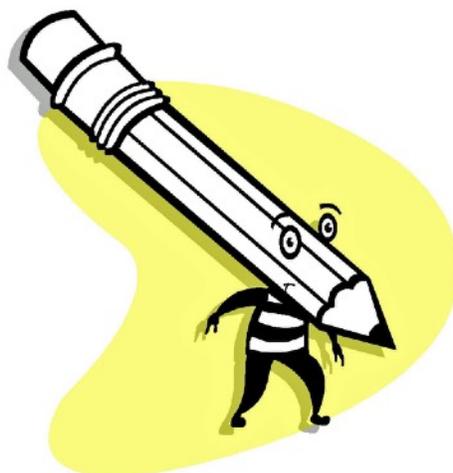
“I have a pencil,” said Lydia. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Lydia woke up.
She was a pencil.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pink Elephant

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

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 Lydia.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Snake

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

“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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Lydia.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Lydia.

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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

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Airplane

“When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane,” said Lydia.

“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

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

Lydia likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Lydia made \$5.00 in one day.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

“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

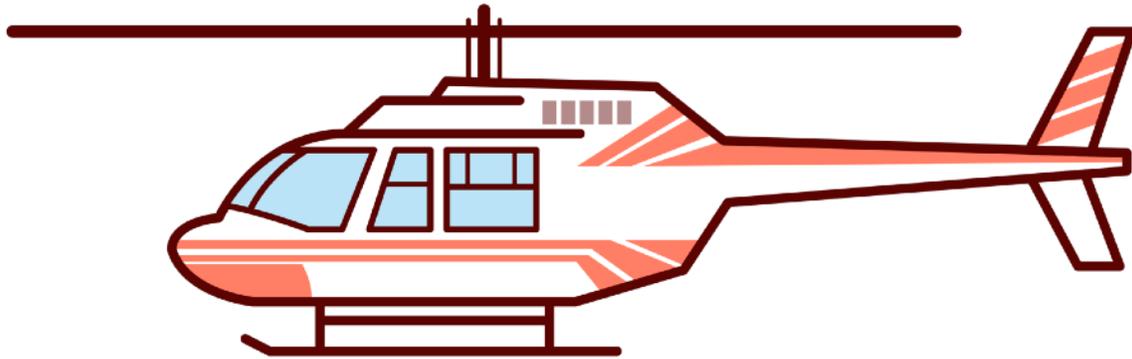
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Lydia. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

“It was a very good story about pirates and pirate ships. I liked the part about buried treasure.”

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Hippo

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Lydia Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Lydia saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Lydia.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



Lydia saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Lydia.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



Lydia saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Lydia.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



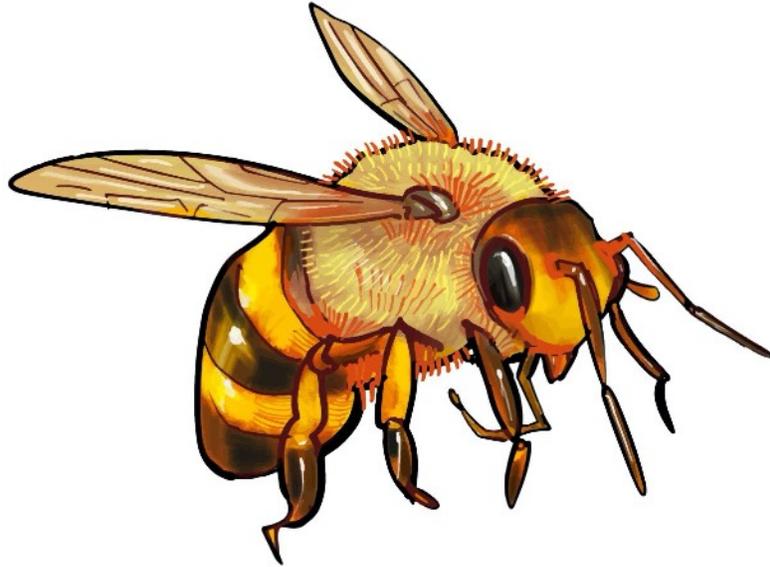
Lydia saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Lydia.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



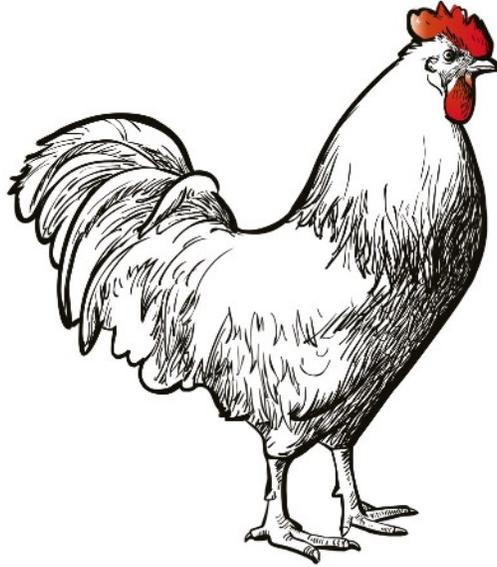
Lydia saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said Lydia.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



Lydia saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said Lydia.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



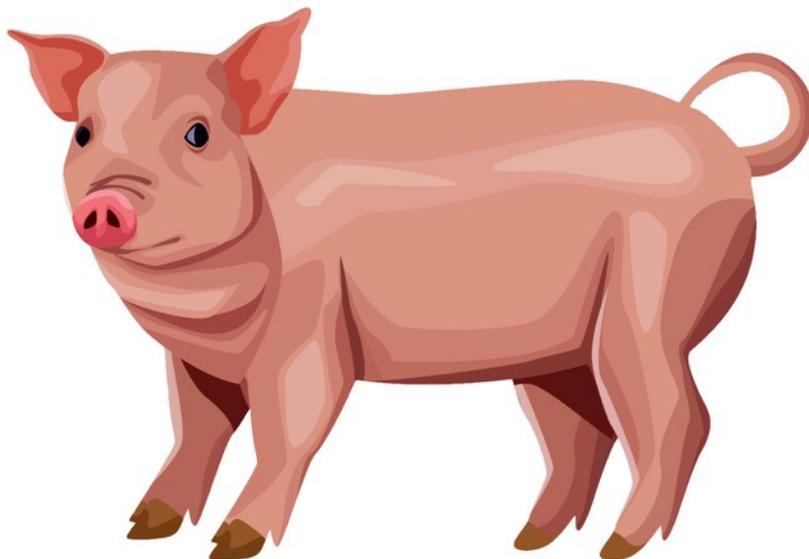
Lydia saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Lydia.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



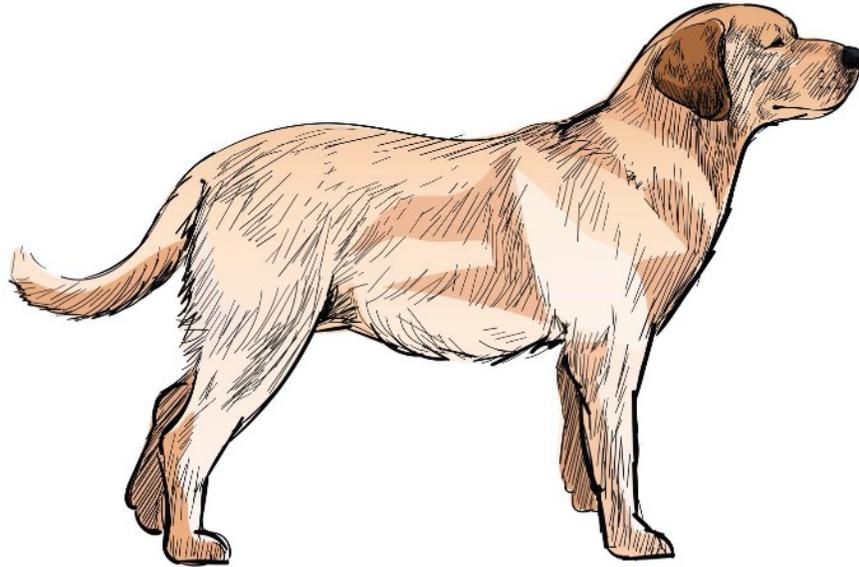
Lydia saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Lydia.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



Lydia saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said Lydia.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



Lydia saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said Lydia.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



Lydia saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Lydia.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



Lydia saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Lydia.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



Lydia saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Lydia.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



Lydia saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said Lydia.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



Lydia saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said Lydia.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



Lydia saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Lydia.

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

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Lydia Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



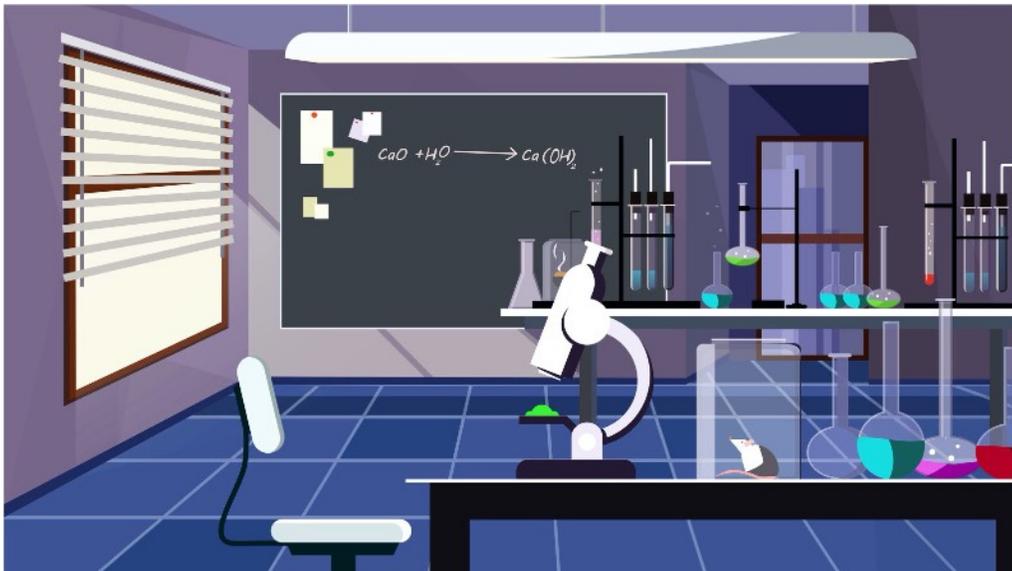
Lydia saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



Lydia saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



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

Rag



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

Yam



Lydia saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Lydia.

“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



Lydia saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



Lydia saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



Lydia saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



Lydia saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



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

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



Lydia saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



Lydia saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice hat,” she
said.

Mat



Lydia saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



Lydia saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said Lydia.

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



Lydia saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said Lydia.

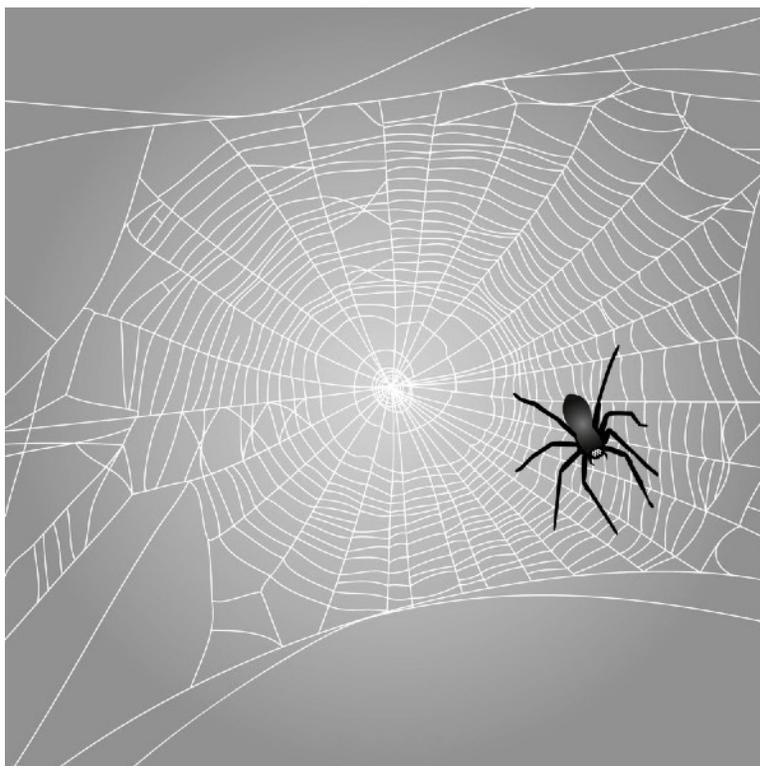
“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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Lydia Saw a Web



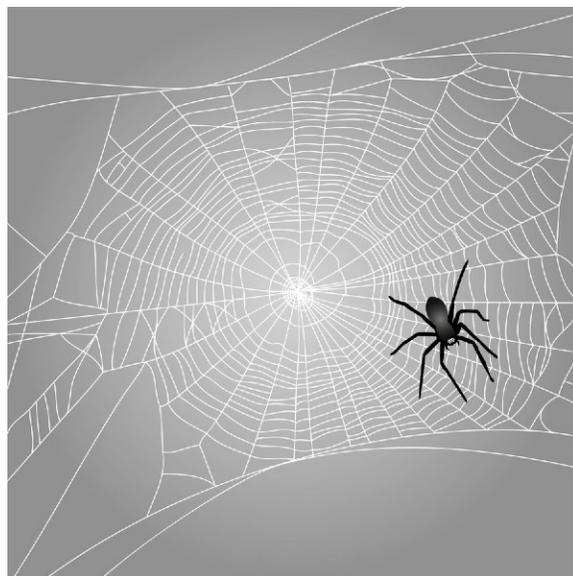
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Fiction

Web



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

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

Pen



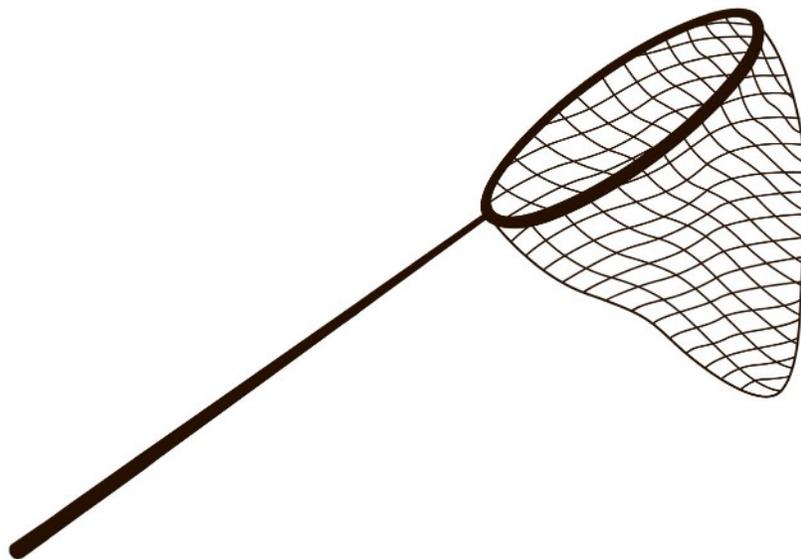
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It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



Lydia saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



Lydia saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



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

Bin



Lydia saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Lydia.

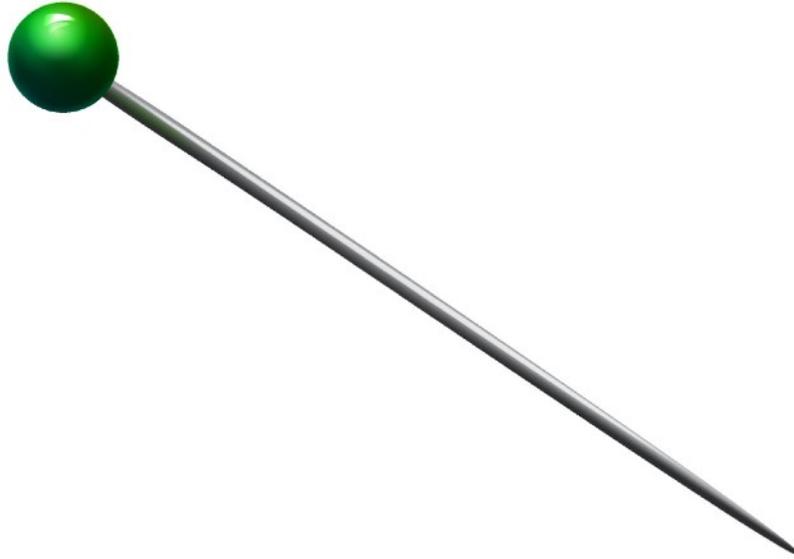
“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



Lydia saw a fin.
It was a cool fin.
“I saw a fin,” said Lydia.
“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



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

Rod



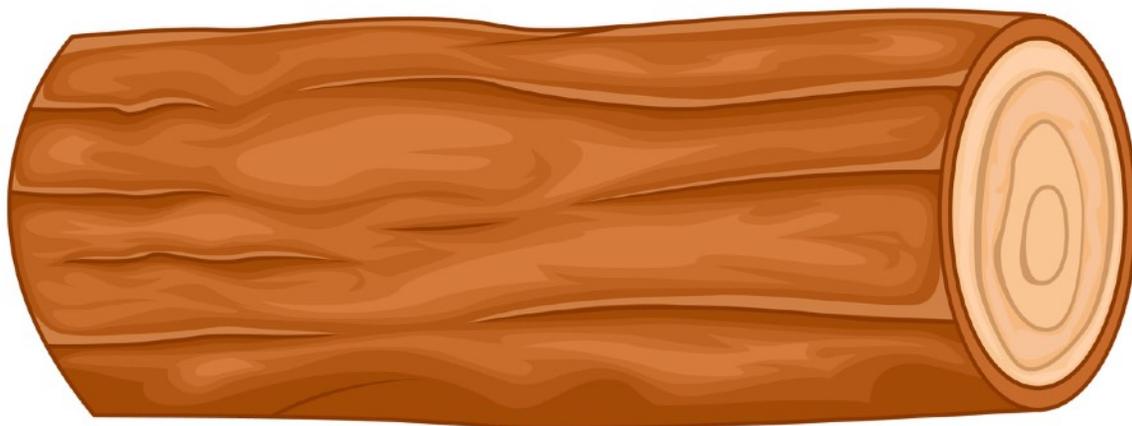
Lydia saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



Lydia saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



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

Cot



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

Pot



Lydia saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Lydia.

“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Lydia Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



Lydia saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

Jug



Lydia saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



Lydia saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



Lydia saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



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

Bus



Lydia saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



Lydia saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



Lydia saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Lydia.

“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

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Lydia Went to a Farm



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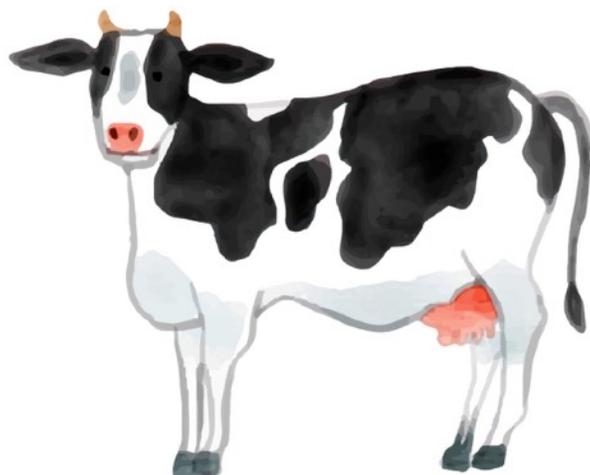
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Fiction



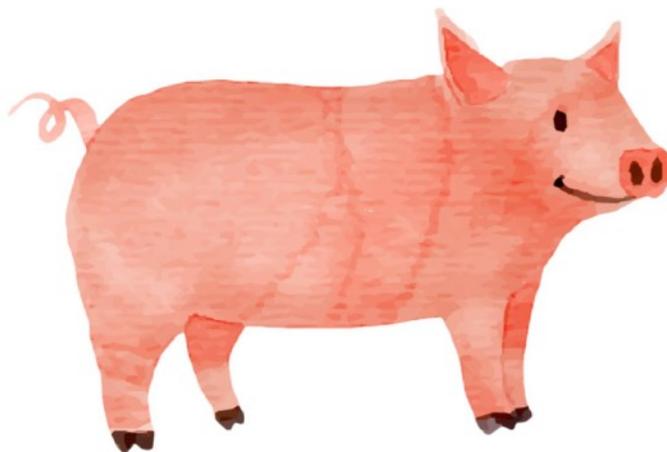
Lydia went to a
farm. She saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



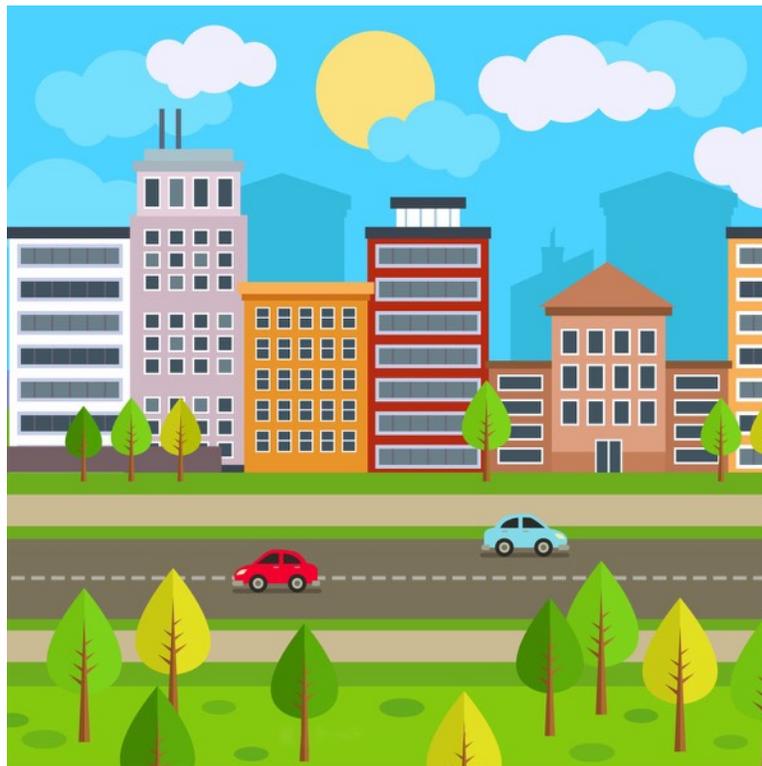
Lydia was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Lydia was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Lydia 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.

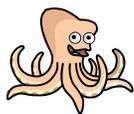
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Falling Star

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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Lydia.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Lydia.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Lydia went and flew
all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

Lydia told the cat what
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Lydia.

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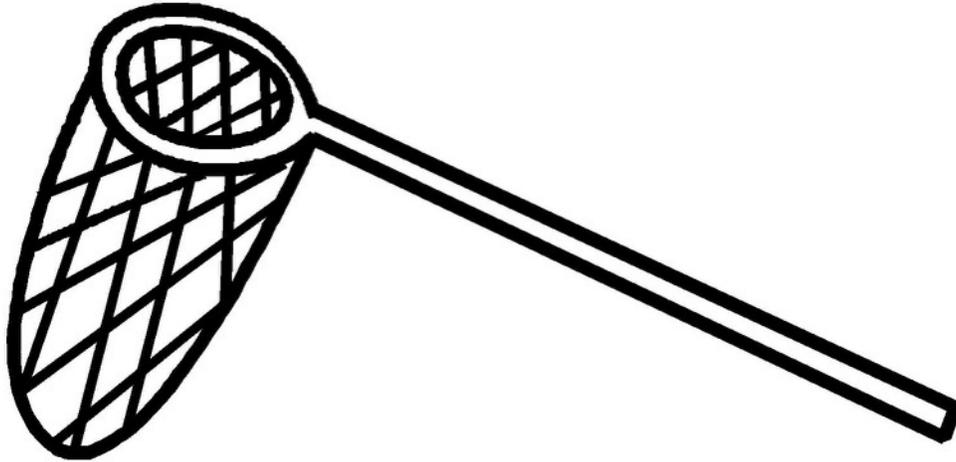


Falling Star

One night Lydia was outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Lydia.

She ran and got a big
net.



Lydia 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 Lydia's dad.



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

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



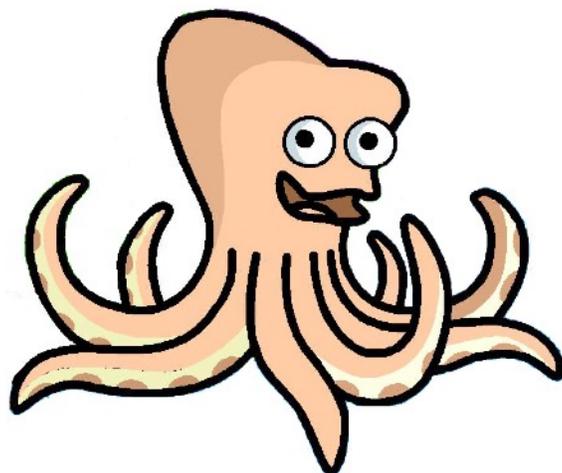
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Lydia was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Lydia woke up.
She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an
octopus,” said Lydia.



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

Lydia 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 Lydia.

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 Lydia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Lydia 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 Lydia.

“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 Lydia.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Lydia the basketball.

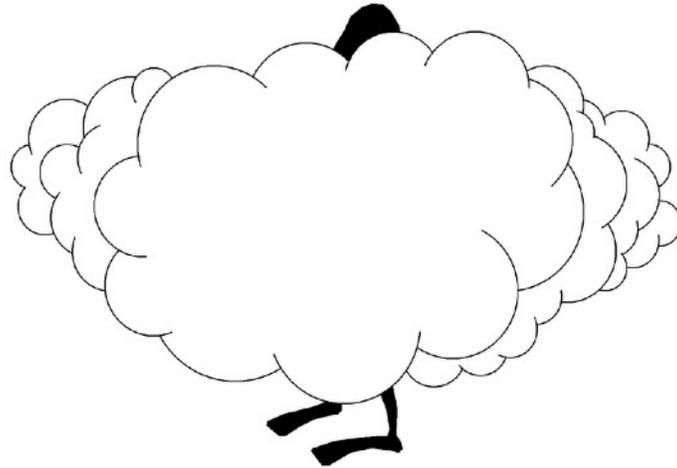
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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