

Martin Is In This Story



Played

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

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Robot

"Can I have a robot?" said Cody.
"A robot could play games with me."
"A robot could read books to me."
"A robot would be neat."

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Saw a Cat Look

"I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat," said Sam.
"I don't know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends."

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Airplane

"When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane," said Sam.
"I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun."

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Cody Went to a City



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad.
"Help, help!" they heard from up in the sky.
"Look, Dad. A star is falling," said Cody.

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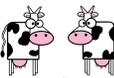
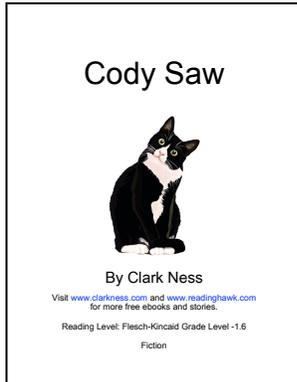
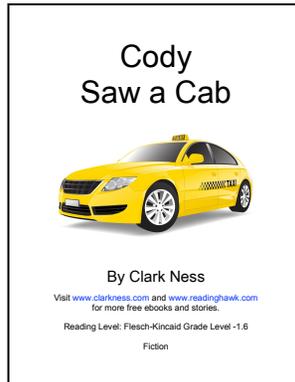
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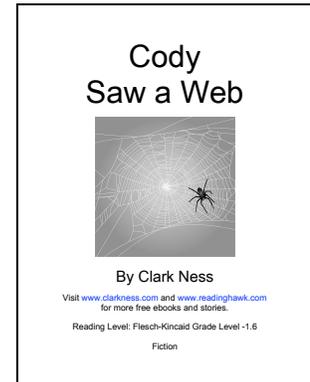
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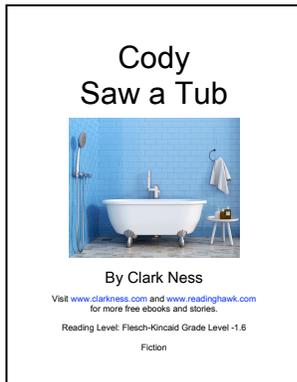
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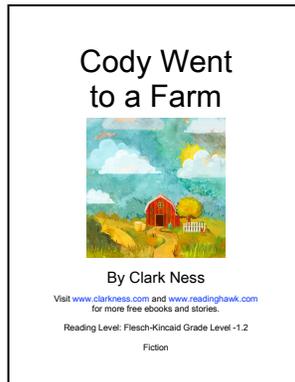
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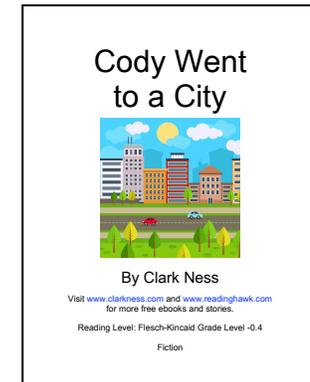
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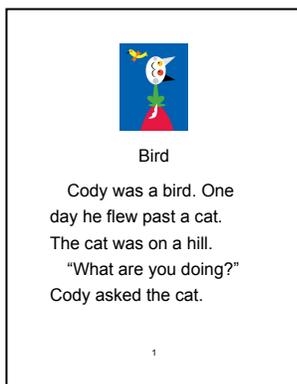


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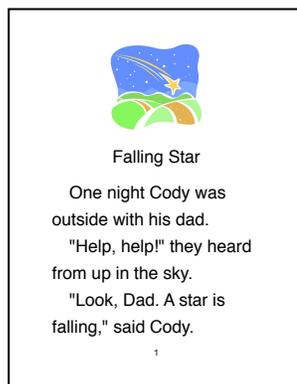


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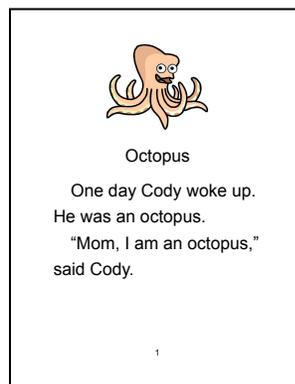
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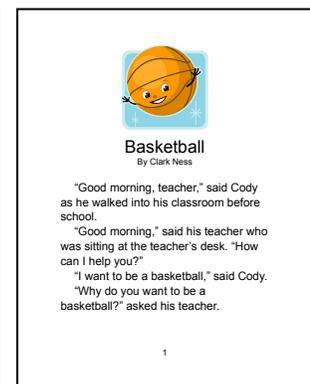
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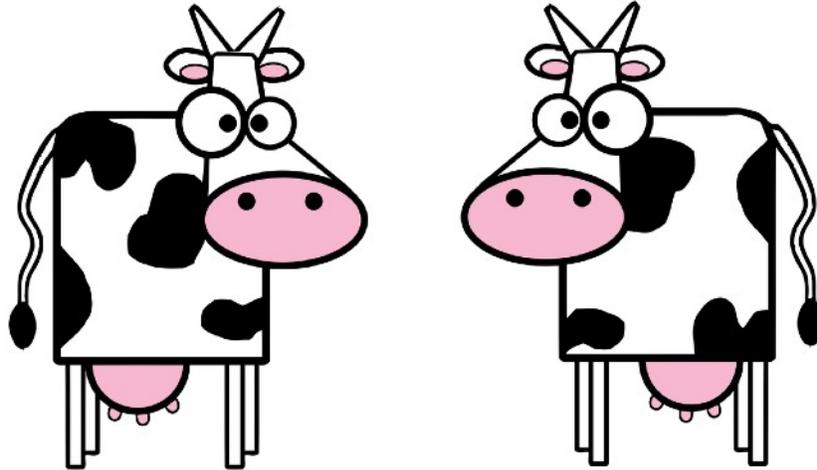
Martin and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Martin.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Martin.

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Race

Martin likes to race. One day he was in a race. He ran and ran. He ran fast. Martin won the race. He was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Martin.

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

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

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Out of the Water

Martin was a fish. One day he swam fast. He went so fast that he jumped out of the water.

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

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Fox

Martin went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Martin 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 Martin.

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Crocodile

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

His friends thought he
looked cool.

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Singing Flower

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

Martin thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

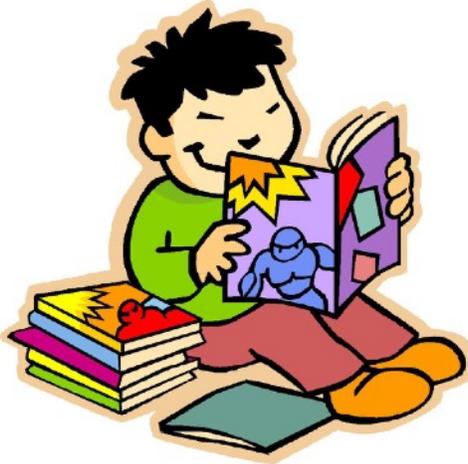
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Martin.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

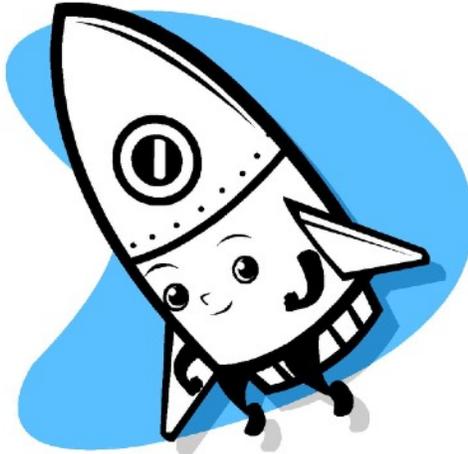
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Martin.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Martin.

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Surfing Dog

Martin 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.

Martin thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Dog Lover

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

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Fly to School

One day Martin 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 Martin.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Martin.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Martin.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Martin likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Martin was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Martin.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Martin went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

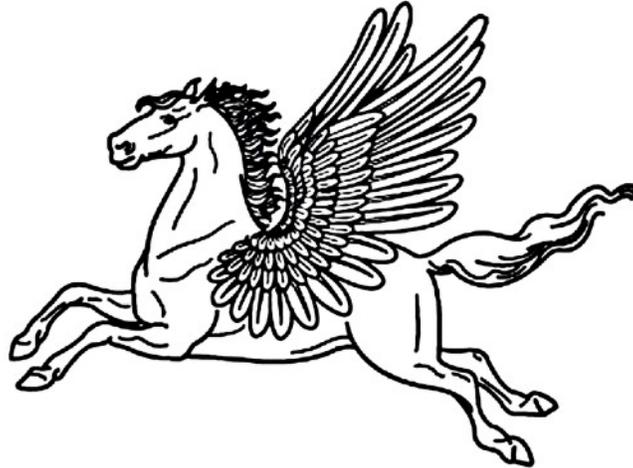
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day Martin became
a horse with wings.

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

They all had fun.

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Astronaut

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

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Martin.

“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 Martin.

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Bubbles

Martin made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

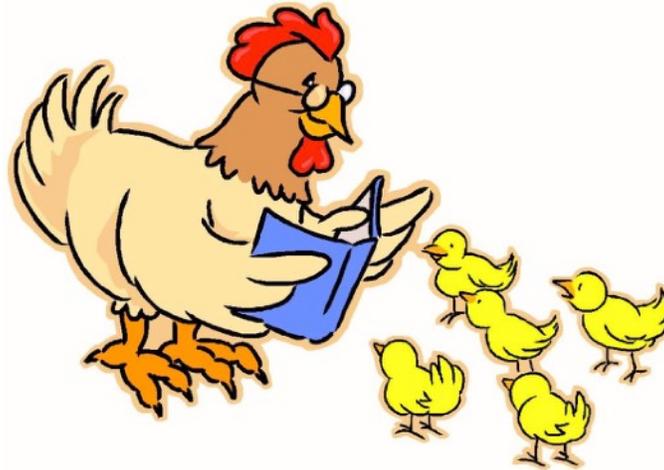
Martin made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Martin.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

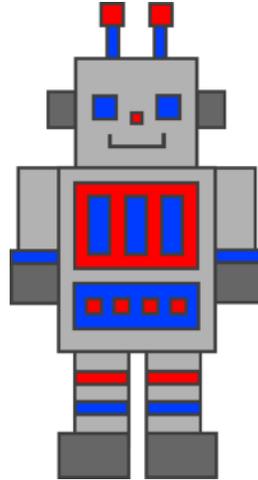
Martin liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
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“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 Martin.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“It would be so much fun.”

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

“I could go fast.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Martin.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

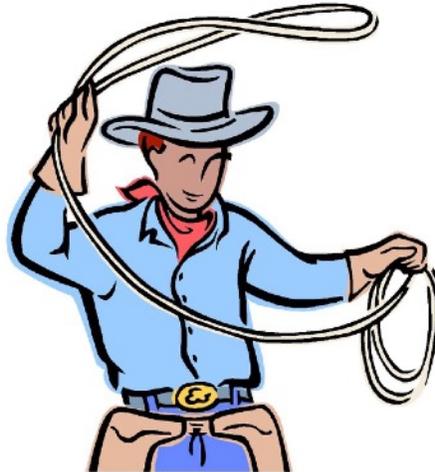
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Martin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Martin 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 Martin.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

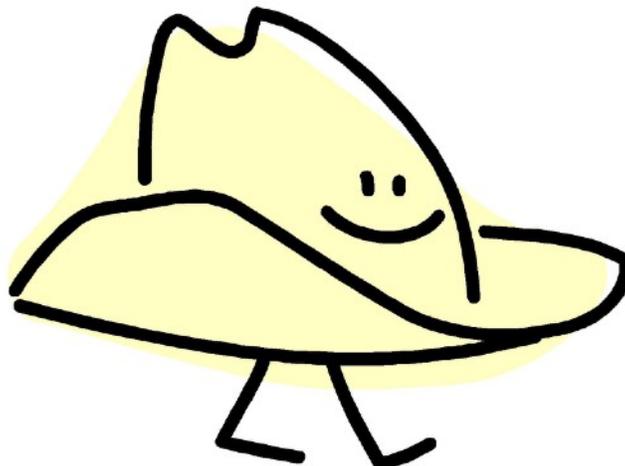
Martin has a soccer ball.
He plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

Martin saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Martin.

“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 Martin saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Martin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Martin.

“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

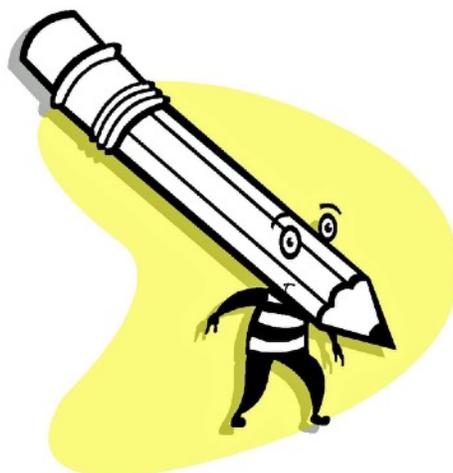
“I have a pencil,” said Martin. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Martin woke up.
He was a pencil.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pink Elephant

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

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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Martin.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Martin.

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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

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 Martin.

“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

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

Martin likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Martin 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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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

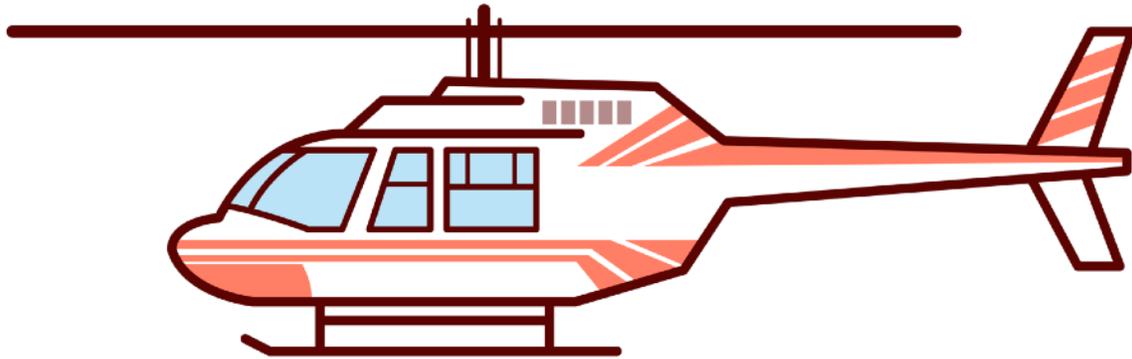
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Martin. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Martin Saw



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Cat



Martin saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Martin.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Martin saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Martin.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Martin saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Martin.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



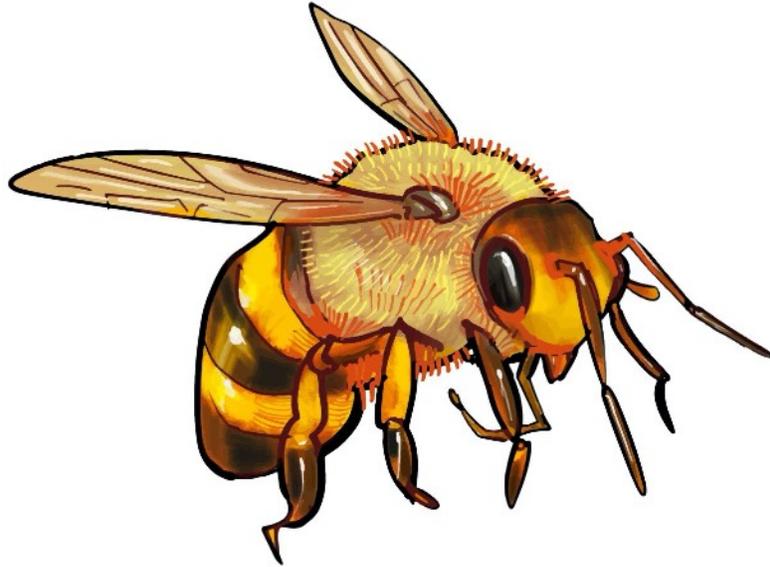
Martin saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Martin.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



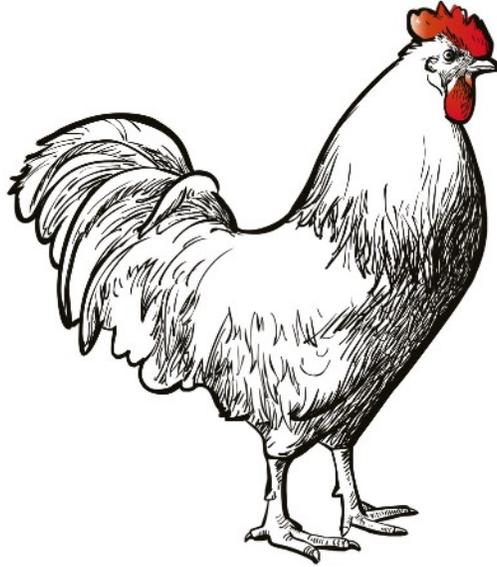
Martin saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Martin.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Martin saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Martin.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



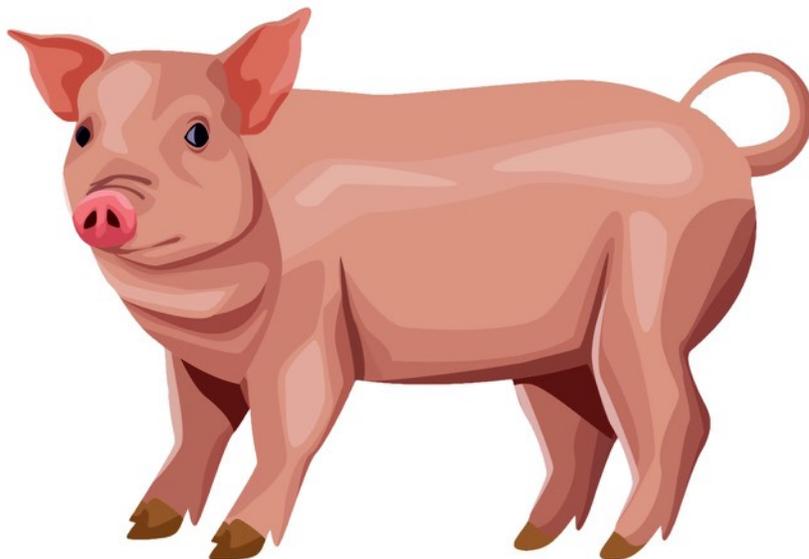
Martin saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Martin.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



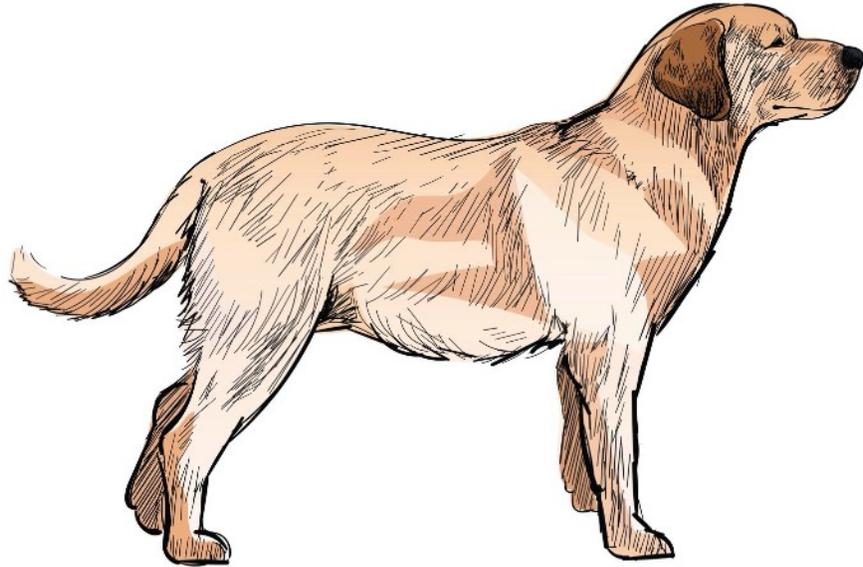
Martin saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Martin.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



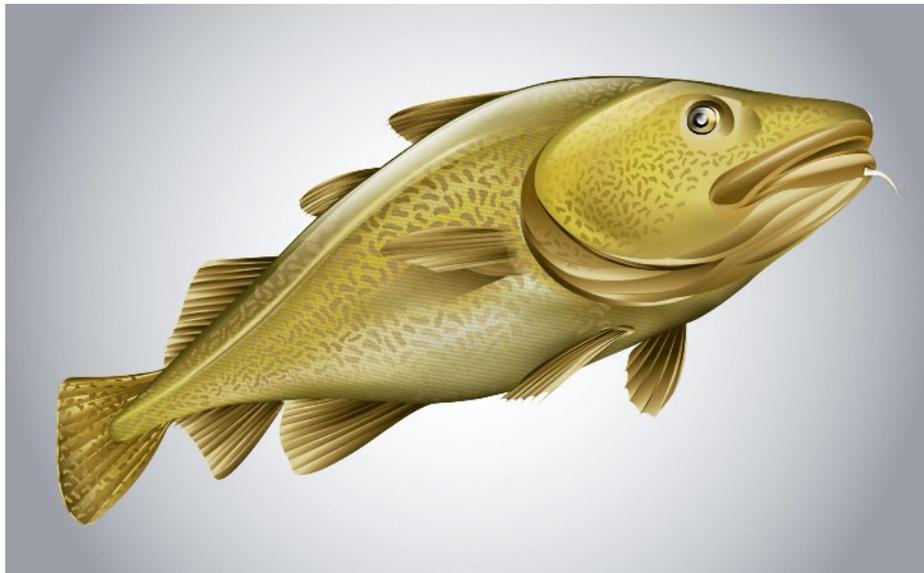
Martin saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Martin.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Martin saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Martin.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Martin saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Martin.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Martin saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Martin.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Martin saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Martin.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Martin saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Martin.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



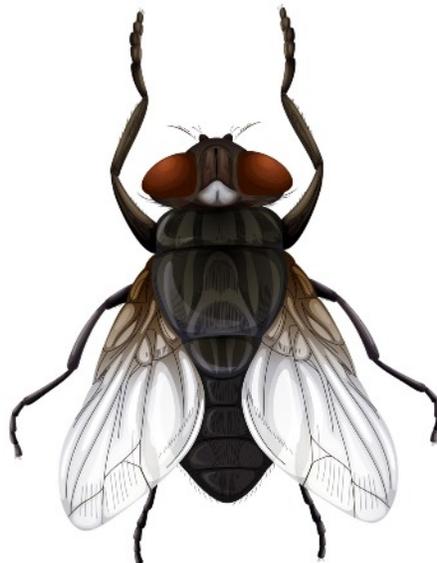
Martin saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Martin.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Martin saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Martin.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Martin Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



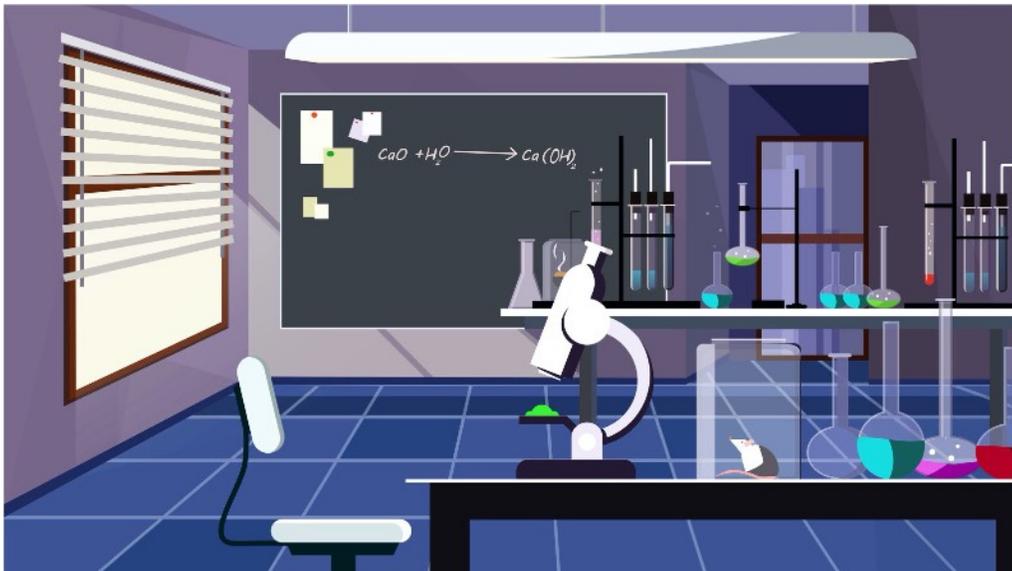
Martin saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Martin saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



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

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Martin saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Martin saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Martin saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



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

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Martin saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



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

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



Martin saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



Martin saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice hat,” he
said.

Mat



Martin saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Martin saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Martin.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Martin saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Martin.

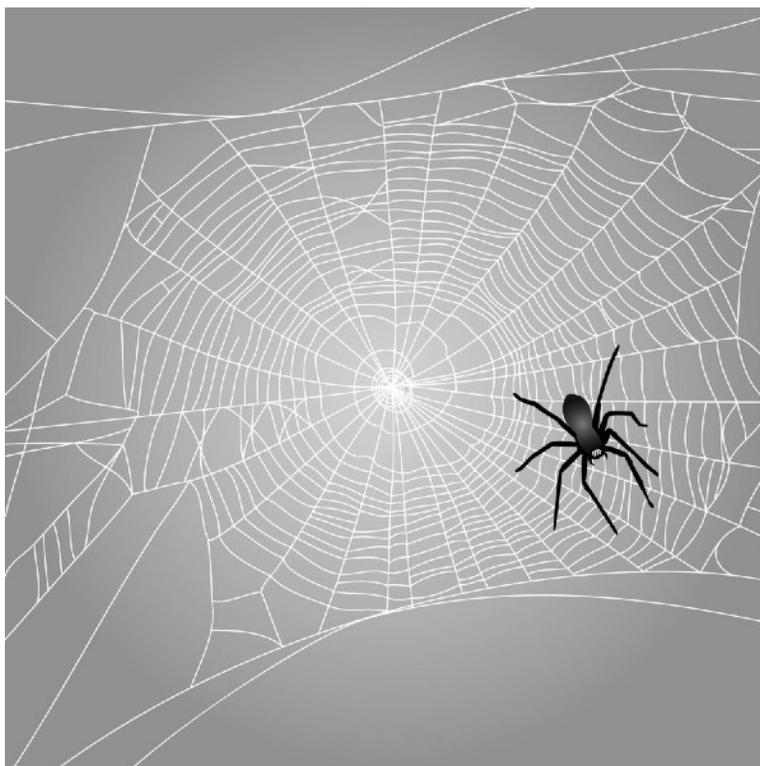
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Martin Saw a Web



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Web



Martin saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



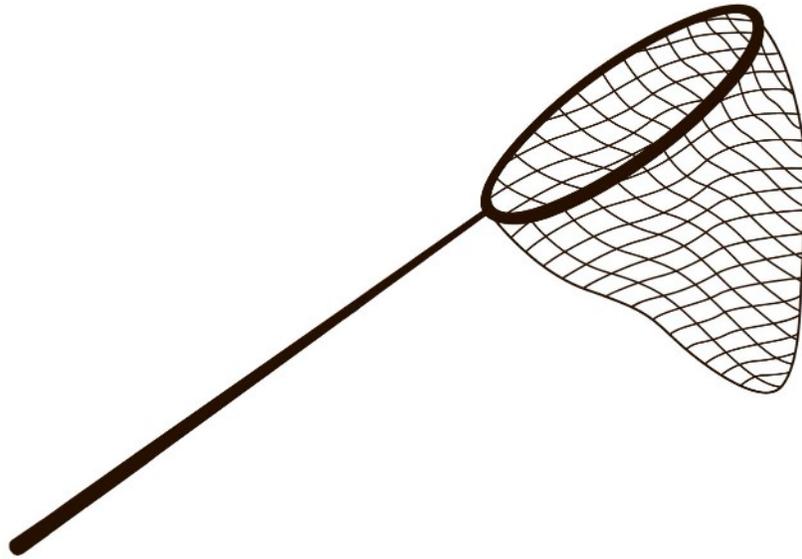
Martin saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Martin saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Martin saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Martin.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Martin saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



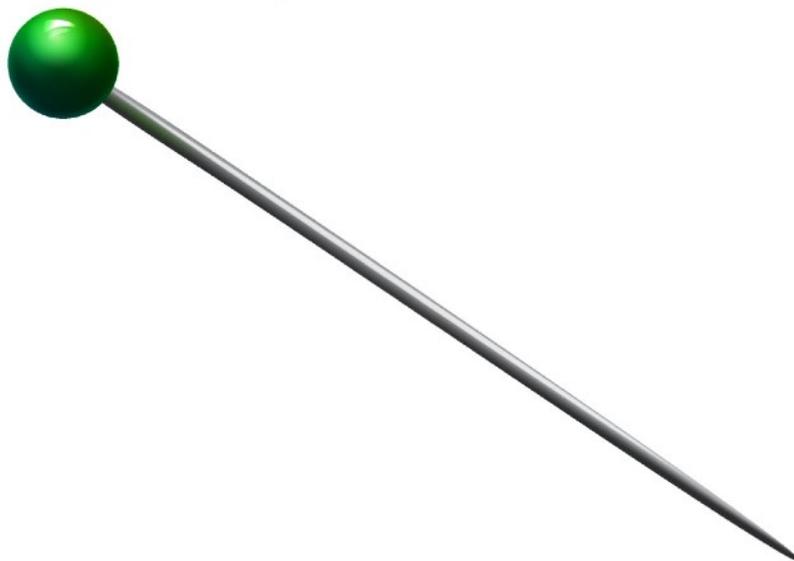
Martin saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Martin.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



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

Rod



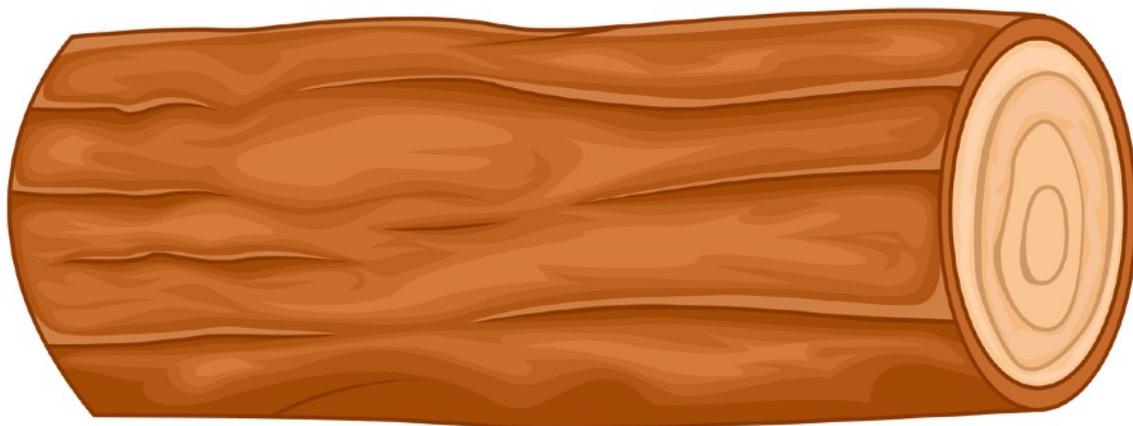
Martin saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



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

Mop



Martin saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



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

Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” he
said.

Pot



Martin saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Martin.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Martin Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



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

Jug



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

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



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

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



Martin saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Martin.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Martin saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Martin.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Martin Went to a Farm



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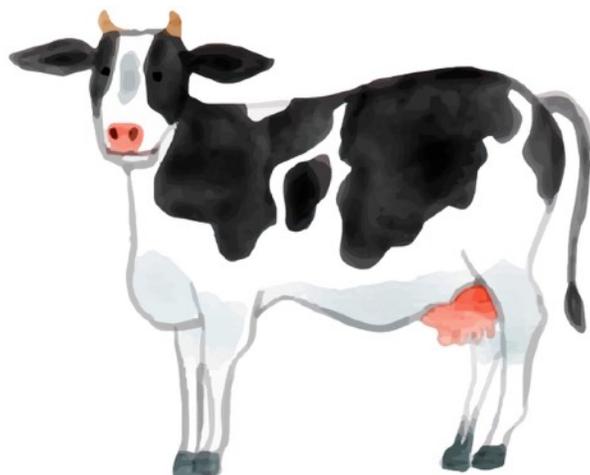
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction



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



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



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



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



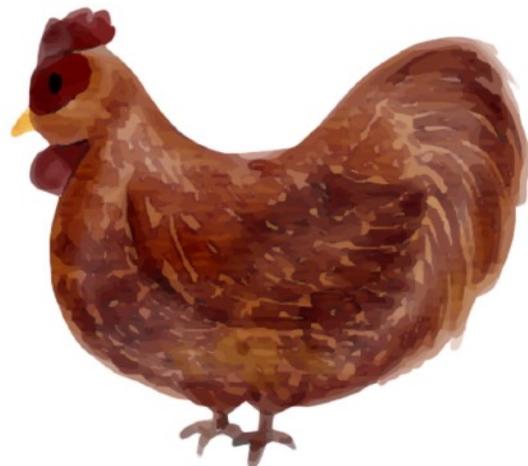
Martin went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



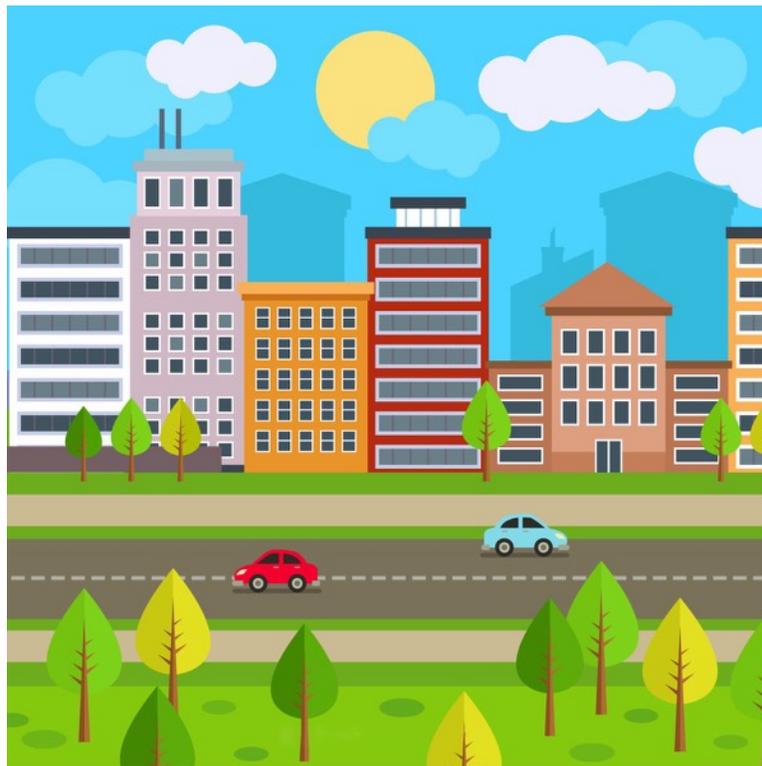
Martin was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Martin Went to a City



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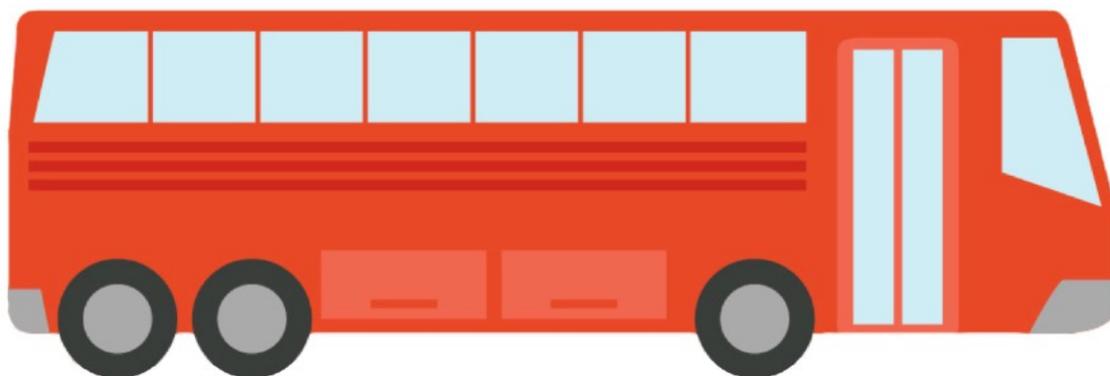
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Martin was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Martin 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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Martin.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Martin.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Martin went and flew
all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Martin told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Martin.

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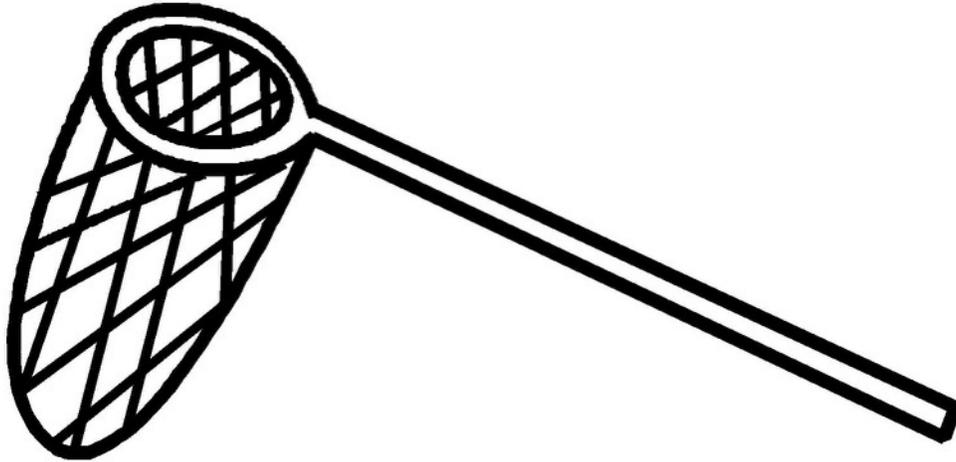


Falling Star

One night Martin was
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Martin.

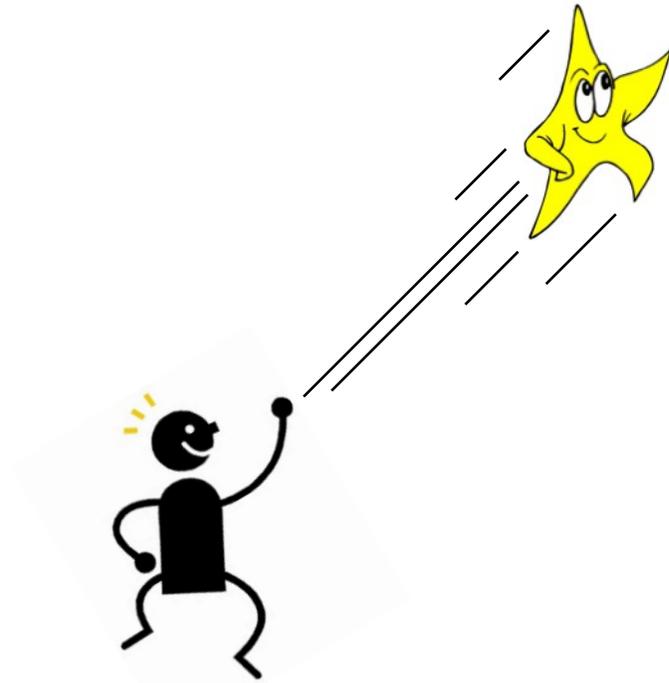
He ran and got a big
net.



Martin 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 Martin's dad.



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

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



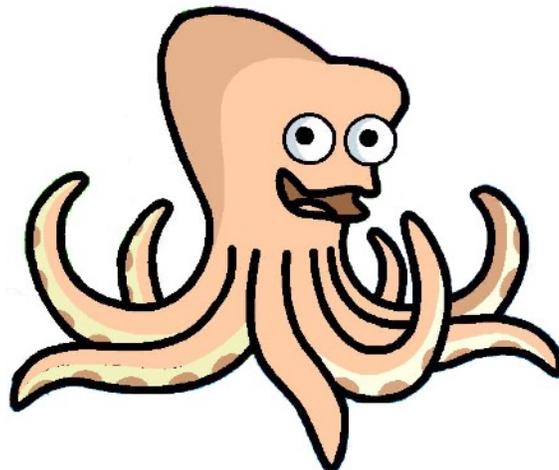
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Martin was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Martin woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Martin.



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

Martin 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 Martin.

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 Martin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Martin 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 Martin.

“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 Martin.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Martin the basketball.

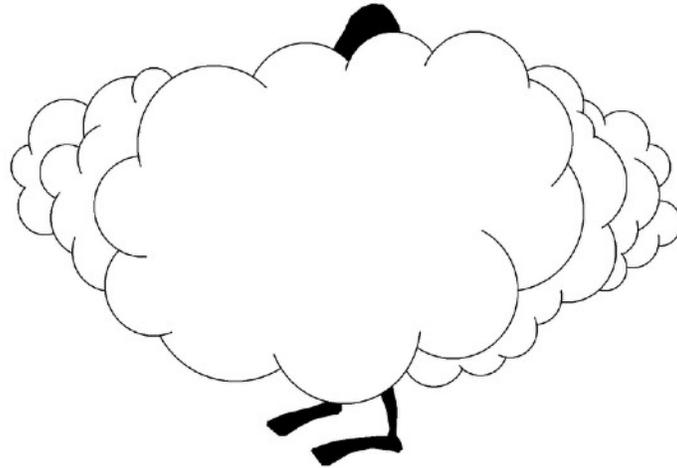
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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