

Maverick 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.

Fleisch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8
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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: Fleisch-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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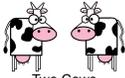
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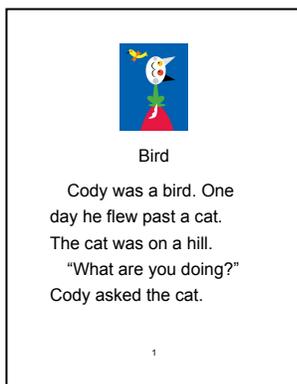


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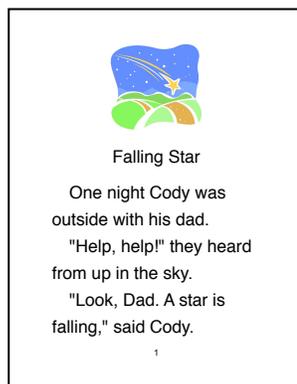


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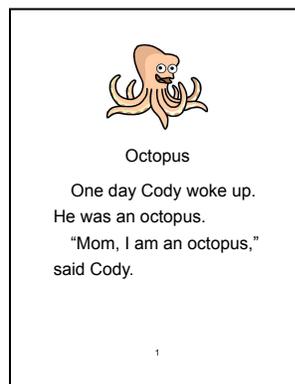
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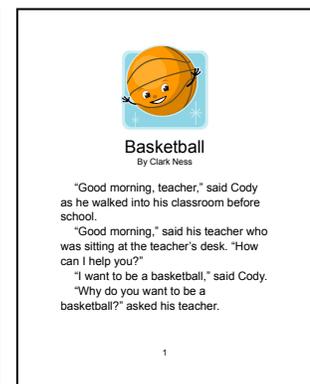
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Maverick.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Maverick.

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Race

Maverick likes to race.

One day he was in a race.

He ran and ran. He ran

fast. Maverick won the

race. He was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said
Maverick.

“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
Maverick 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

Maverick went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Maverick 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 Maverick.

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Crocodile

One day Maverick 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

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

Maverick thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

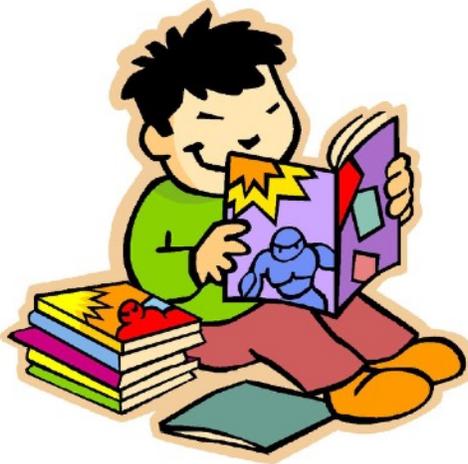
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Maverick.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

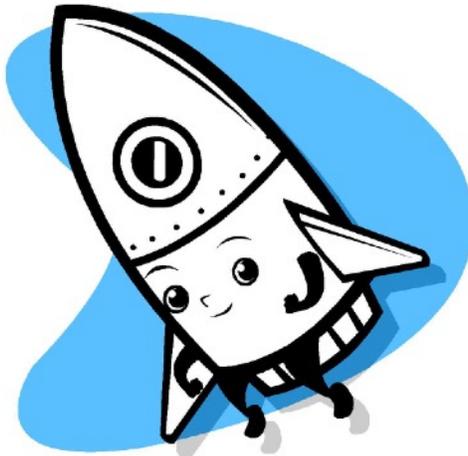
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Maverick.

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Surfing Dog

Maverick 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.

Maverick thinks surfing
is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Maverick 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
Maverick.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Maverick.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Maverick.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Maverick likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Maverick was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Maverick.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Maverick 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 Maverick.

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Horse With Wings

One day Maverick became a horse with wings.

He flew to his school. Maverick 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 Maverick.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said
Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

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Bubbles

Maverick made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Maverick made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said
Maverick.

“She wore glasses and
had a book.”

“She was reading to her
chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

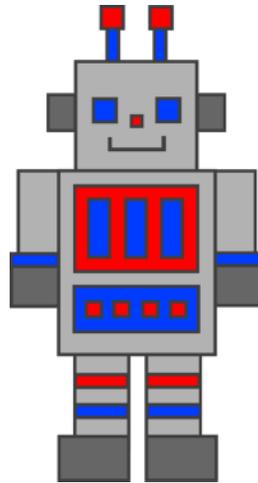
Maverick liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“It would be so much fun.”

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

“I could go fast.”

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

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Rabbit

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

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

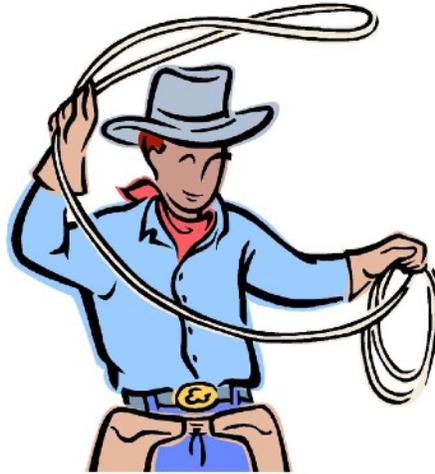
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Maverick.

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Maverick 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 Maverick.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

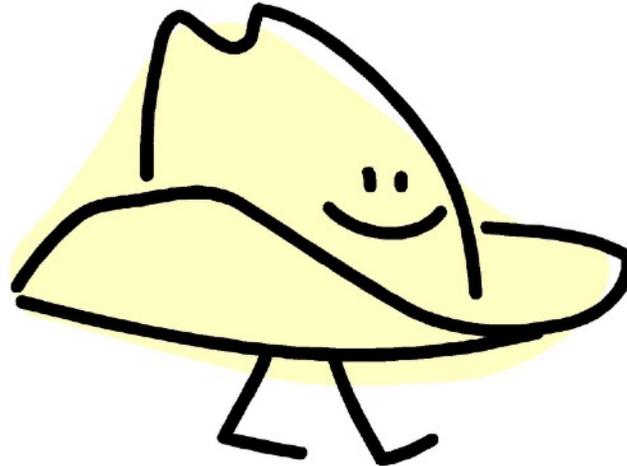
Maverick has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

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Hat

Maverick saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Maverick.

“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 Maverick saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Maverick.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Maverick.

“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

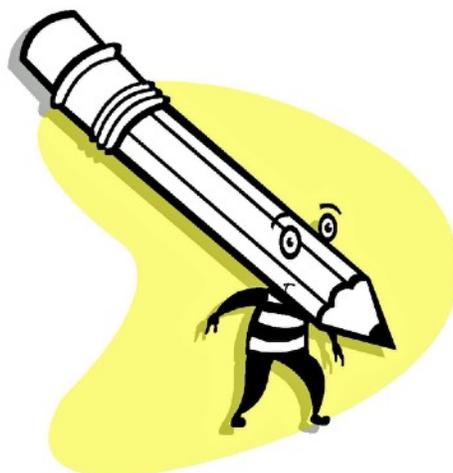
“I have a pencil,” said Maverick. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Maverick woke up. He was a pencil.

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

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Pink Elephant

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

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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Maverick.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Maverick.

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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

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 Maverick.

“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

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

Maverick likes being a
kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

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

Maverick 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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Maverick Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Maverick saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Maverick saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Maverick saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



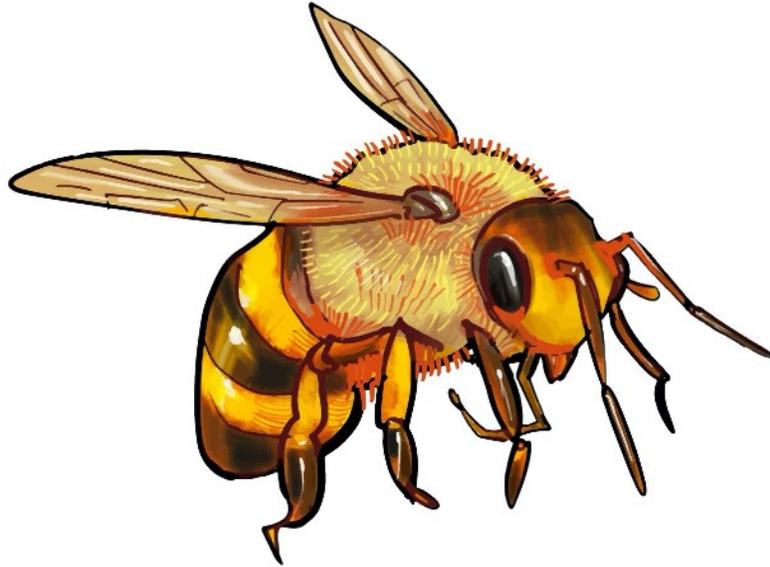
Maverick saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



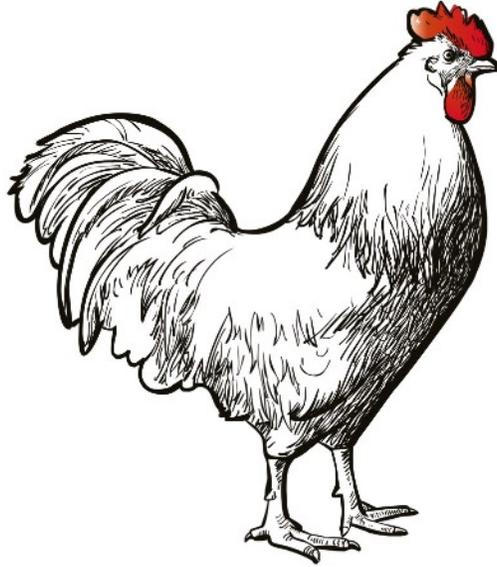
Maverick saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Maverick saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



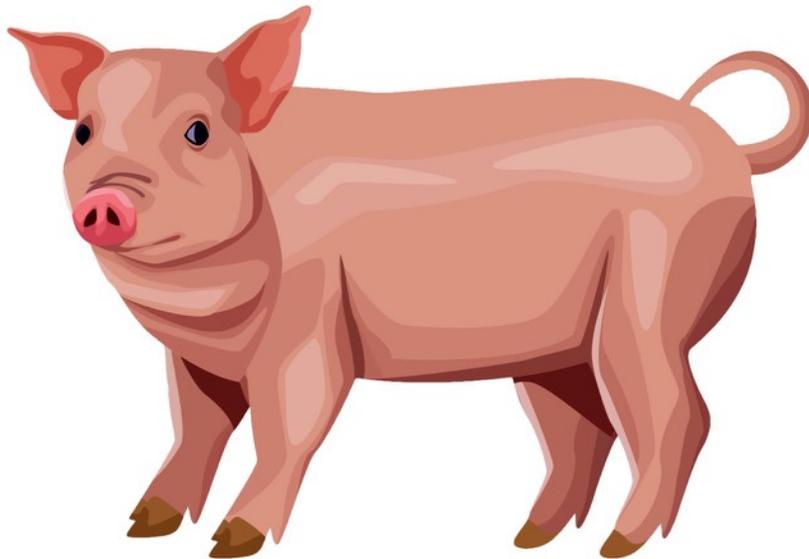
Maverick saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



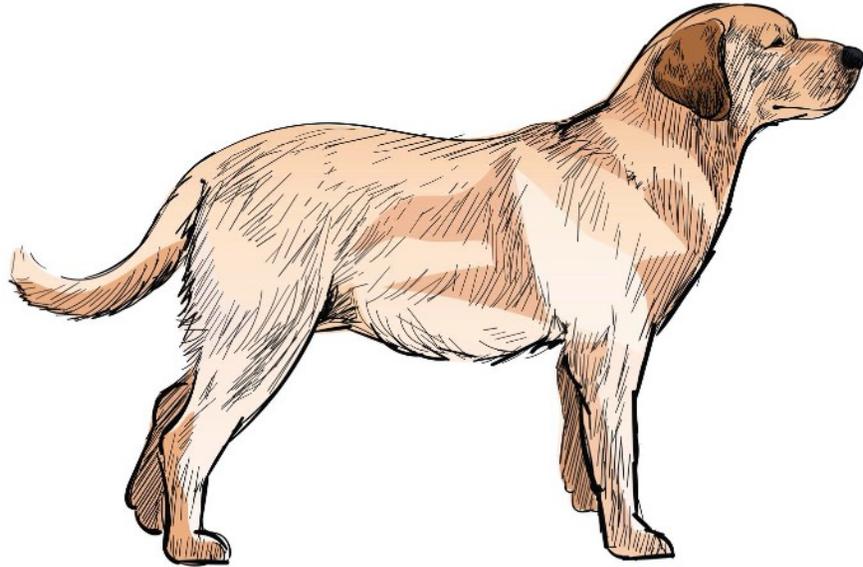
Maverick saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



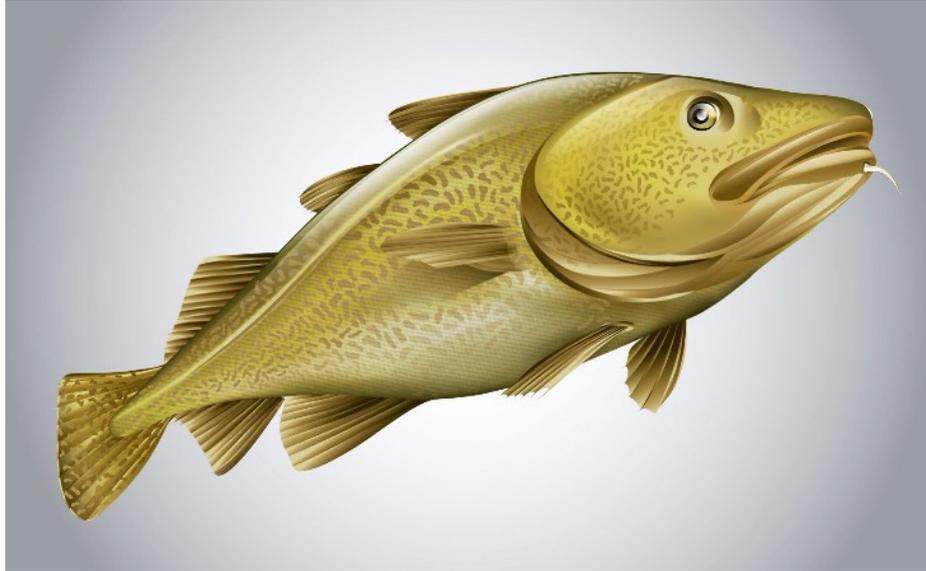
Maverick saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Maverick saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Maverick saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Maverick saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Maverick saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Maverick saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Maverick saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Maverick.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



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

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Maverick Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



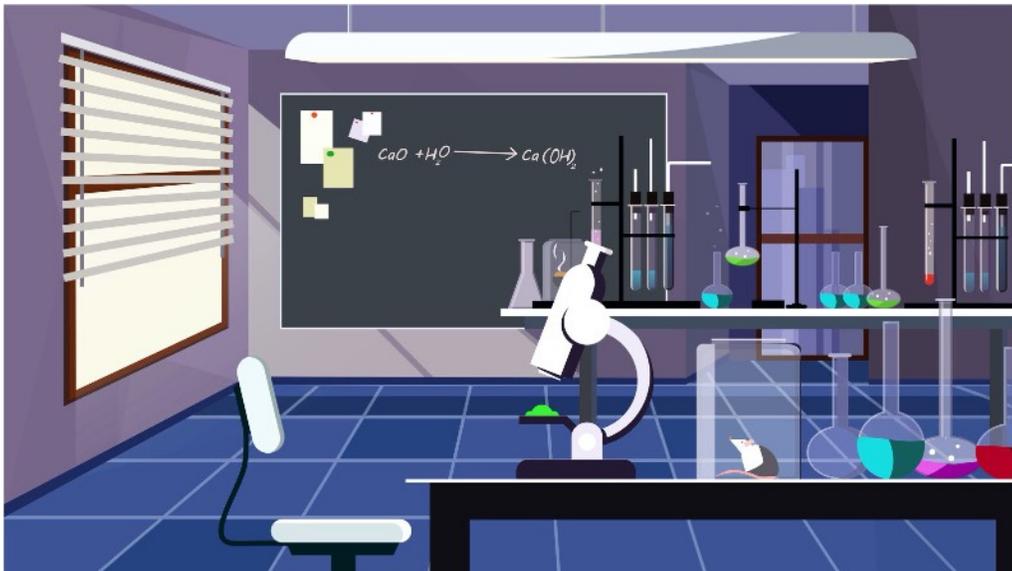
Maverick saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Maverick saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



Maverick saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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

Yam



Maverick saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Maverick saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Maverick saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



Maverick saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Maverick saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Maverick saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



Maverick saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



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It was a nice bat.

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Maverick.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



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It was a nice hat.

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Maverick.

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said.

Mat



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It was a nice mat.

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Maverick.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Maverick saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Maverick.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Maverick saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Maverick.

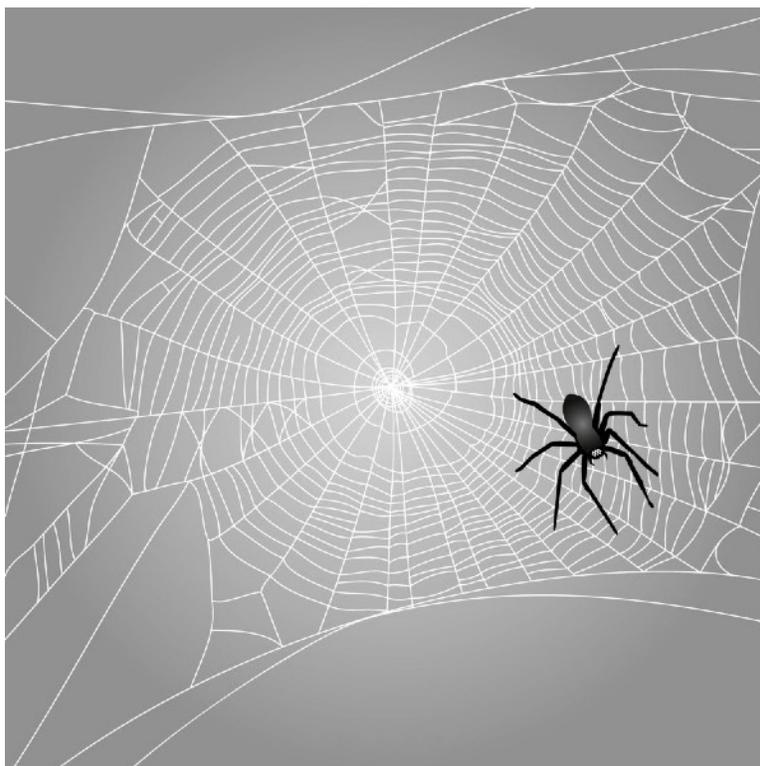
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Maverick Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Maverick saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

Pen



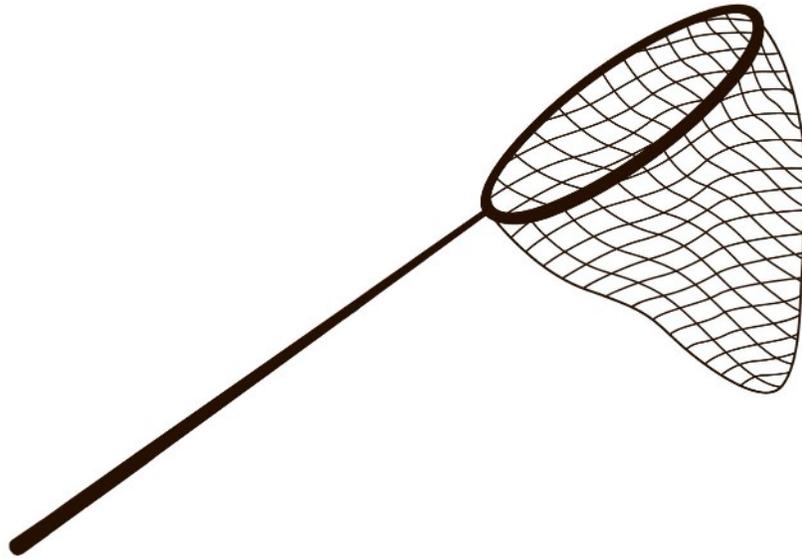
Maverick saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Maverick saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Maverick saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



Maverick saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Maverick saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Maverick saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



Maverick saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



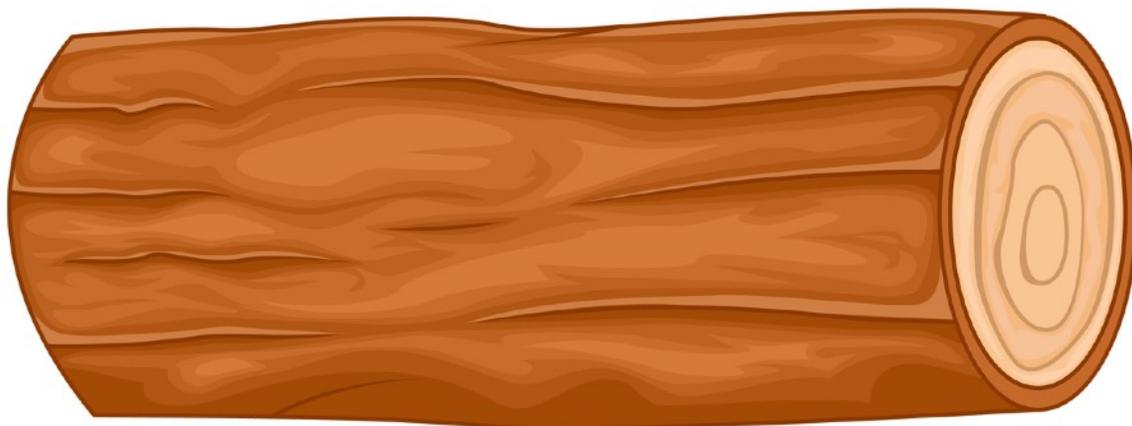
Maverick saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



Maverick saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



Maverick saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Maverick saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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

Pot



Maverick saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Maverick.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Maverick Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



Maverick saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
Maverick.

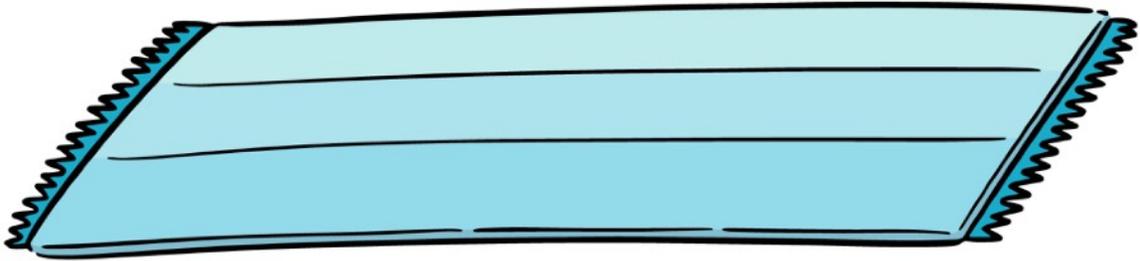
“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



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

Rug



Maverick saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said
Maverick.

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



Maverick saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
Maverick.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

Bus



Maverick saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Maverick.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Maverick saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Maverick.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Maverick saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
Maverick.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Maverick Went to a Farm



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Fiction



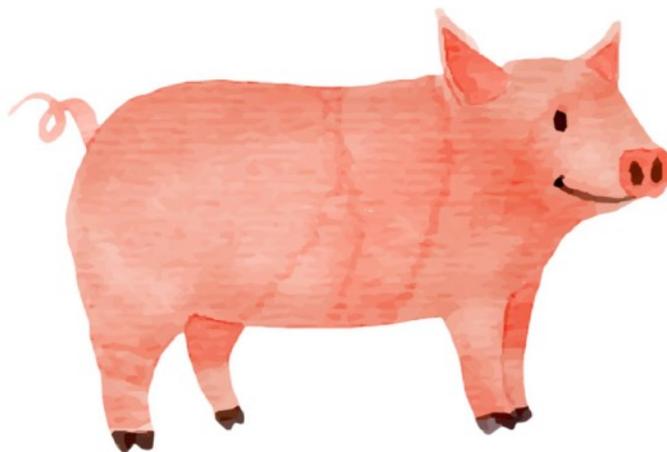
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a farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



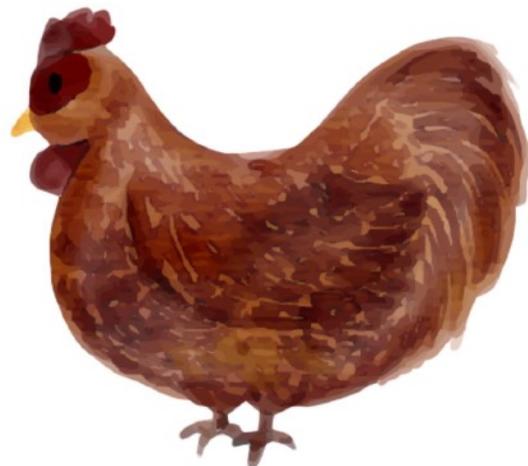
Maverick went to
a farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



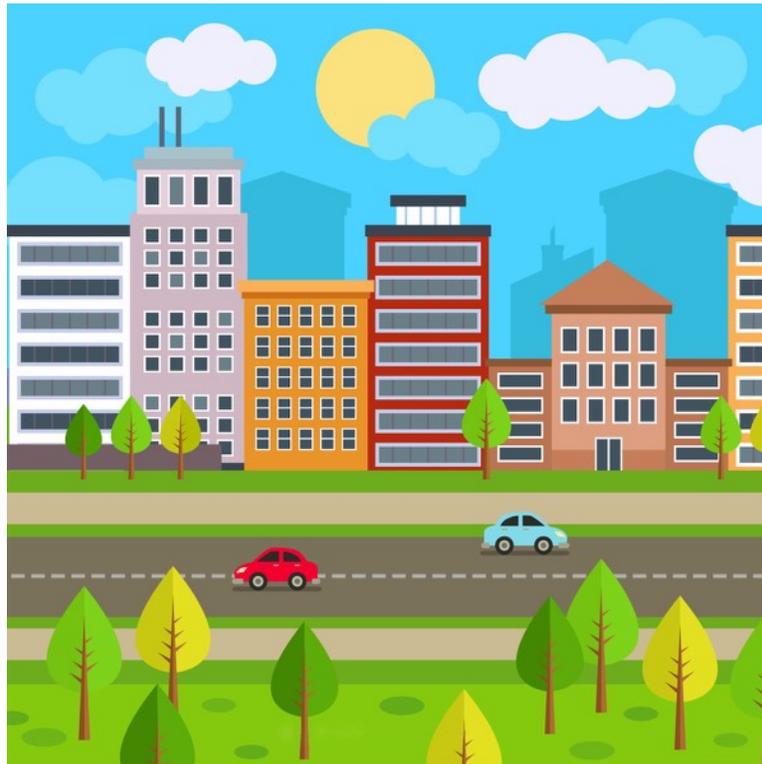
Maverick was
happy that he went
to a nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Maverick Went to a City

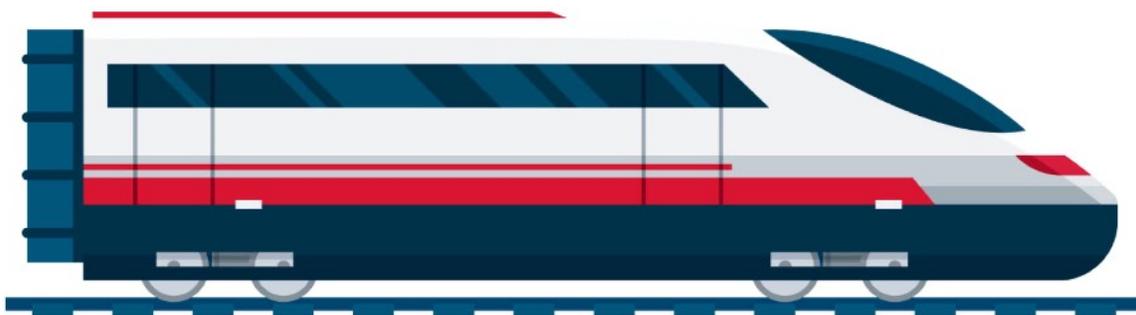


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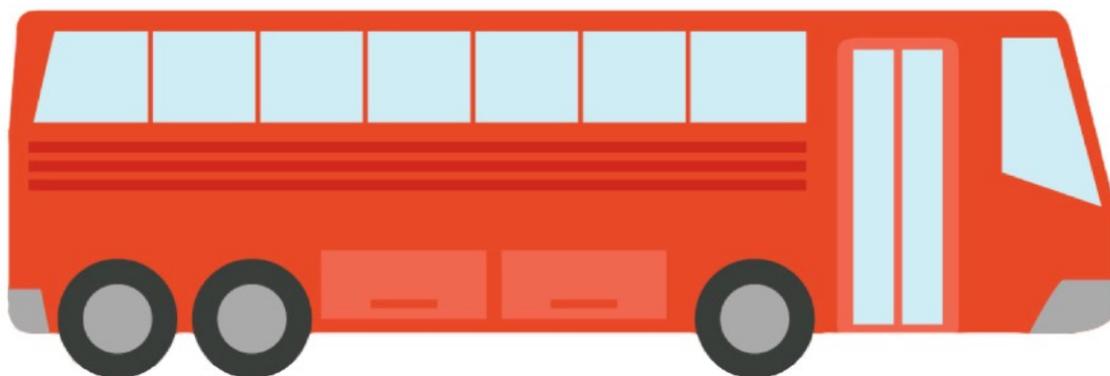
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Maverick was
happy that he went
to a nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Maverick 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.

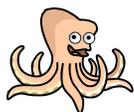
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Falling Star

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

Maverick was a bird.
One day he flew past a
cat.

The cat was on a hill.

“What are you doing?”

Maverick asked the cat.



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Maverick.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Maverick.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Maverick went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Maverick told the cat
what he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Maverick.

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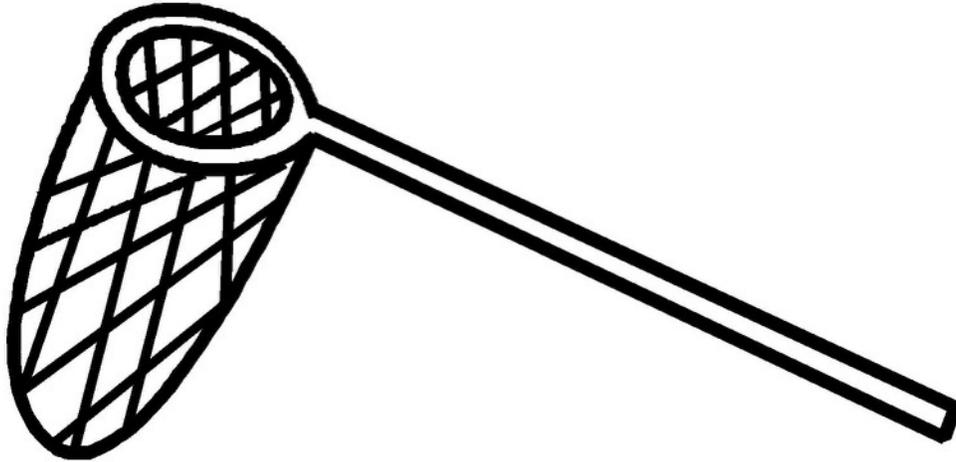


Falling Star

One night Maverick was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Maverick.

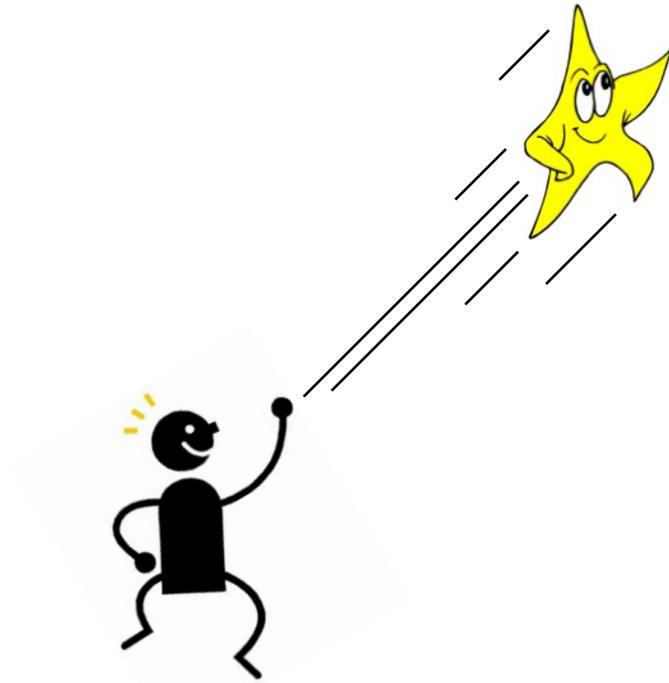
He ran and got a big
net.



Maverick 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 Maverick's dad.



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

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



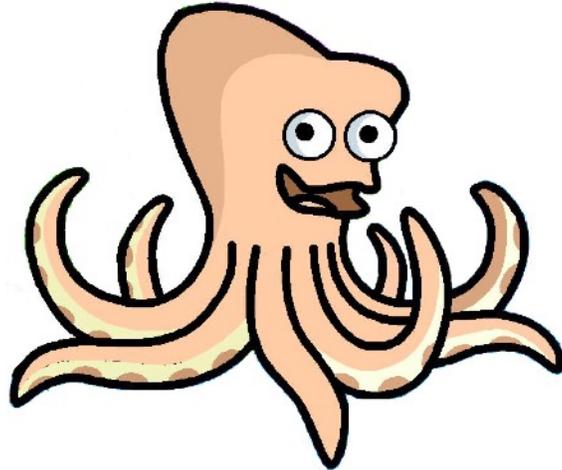
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Maverick was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Maverick woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Maverick.



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

Maverick 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 Maverick.

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 Maverick.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Maverick 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 Maverick.

“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 Maverick.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Maverick the basketball.

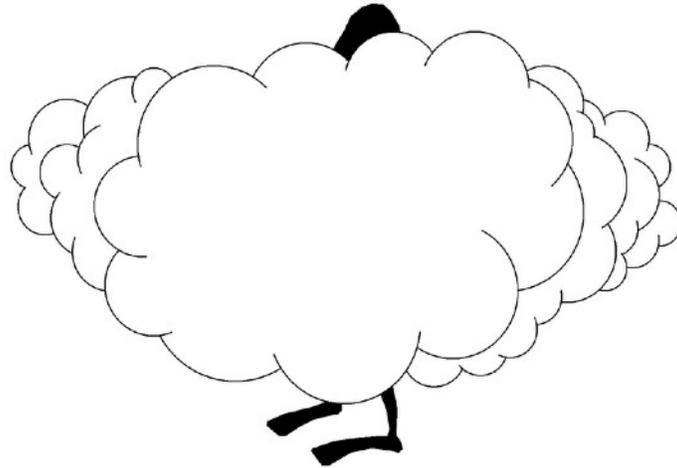
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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