

Owen 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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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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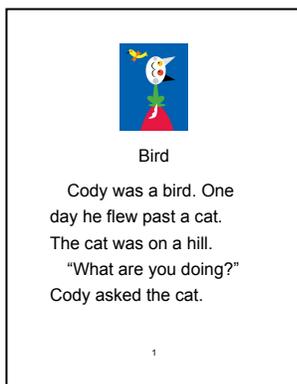


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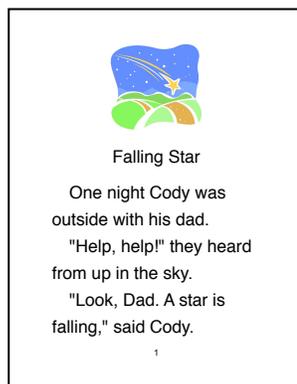


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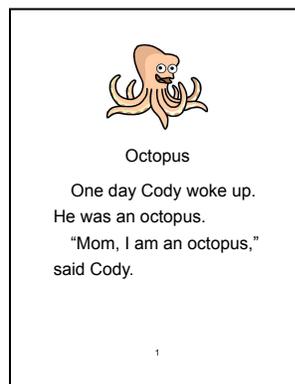
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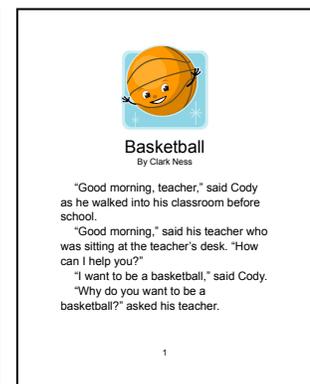
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Owen.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Owen.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Owen.

“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

Owen 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

Owen went for a walk
and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said
Owen 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 Owen.

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Crocodile

One day Owen 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

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

Owen thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

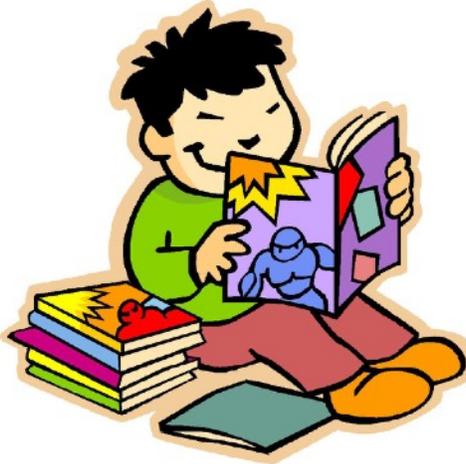
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Owen.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

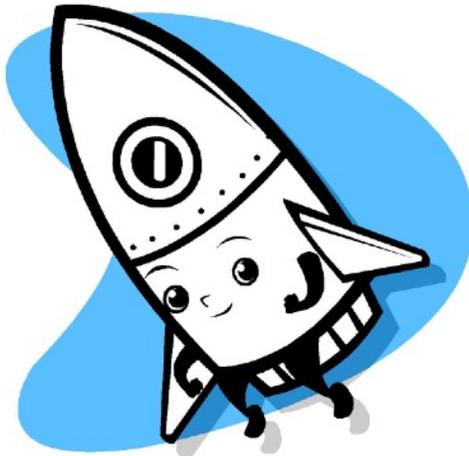
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Owen.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Owen.

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Surfing Dog

Owen 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.

Owen thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Owen 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 Owen.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Owen.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

“I am Owen the happy
cat,” said Owen.

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Rhino

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

Owen likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Owen was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Owen.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Owen 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 Owen.

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Horse With Wings

One day Owen became
a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
Owen 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 Owen.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Owen.

“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 Owen.

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Bubbles

Owen made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Owen made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Owen.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

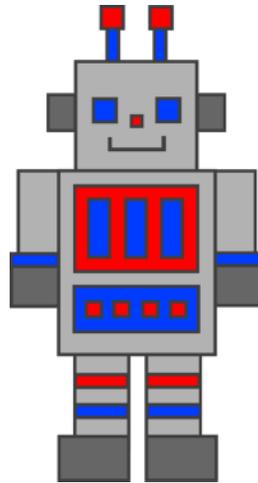
Owen liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Owen.

“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 Owen.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Owen.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

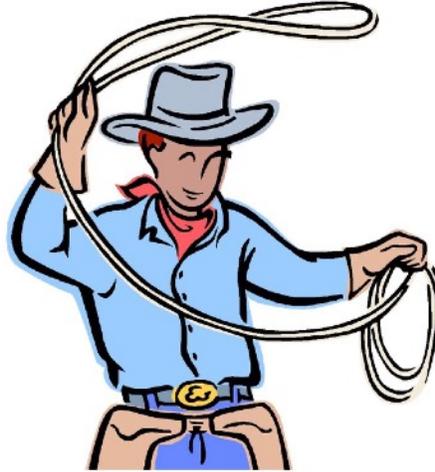
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Owen.

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Owen 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 Owen.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

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Soccer Ball

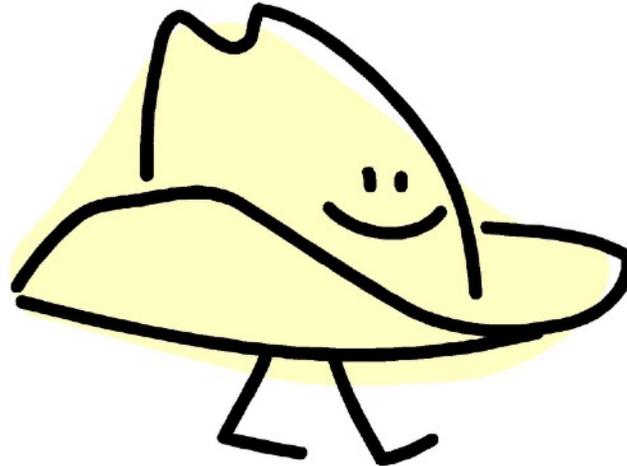
Owen has a soccer ball.
He plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Owen saw a rat.

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

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

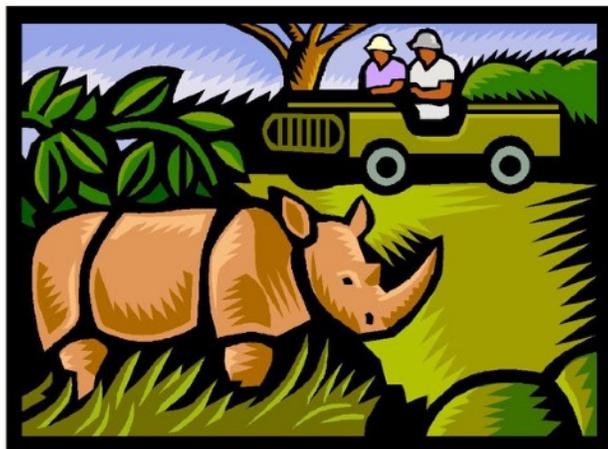
“Hope you have fun,” said Owen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Owen.

“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

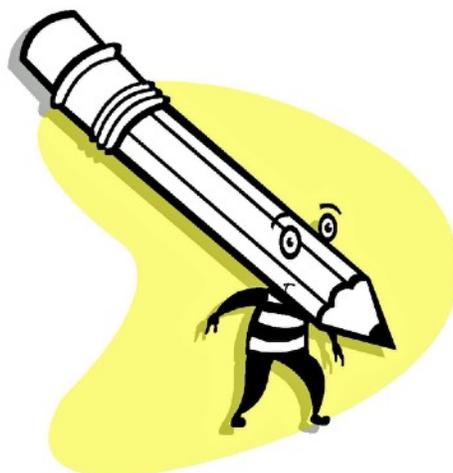
“I have a pencil,” said Owen. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Owen woke up.
He was a pencil.

“I think I will write a
story,” said Owen. 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 Owen. “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
Owen.

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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Owen.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Owen.

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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

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 Owen.

“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

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

Owen likes being a kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

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

Owen 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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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 Owen. “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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Owen Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Owen saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Owen.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Owen saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Owen.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Owen saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Owen.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



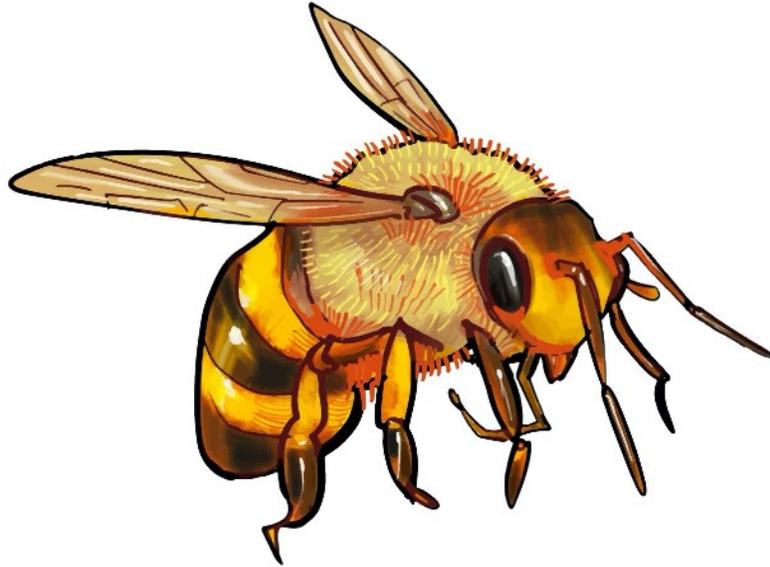
Owen saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Owen.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



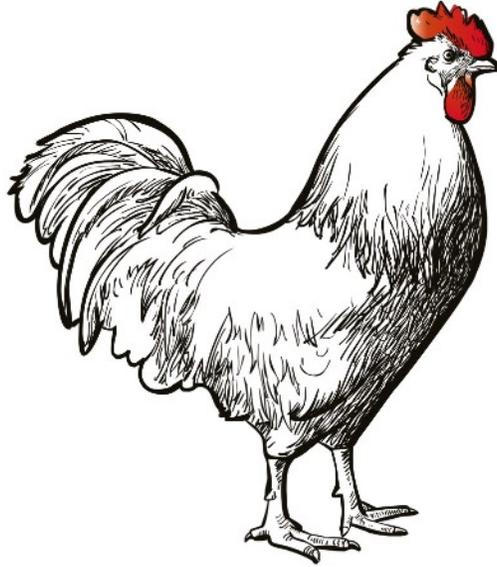
Owen saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Owen.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Owen saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Owen.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



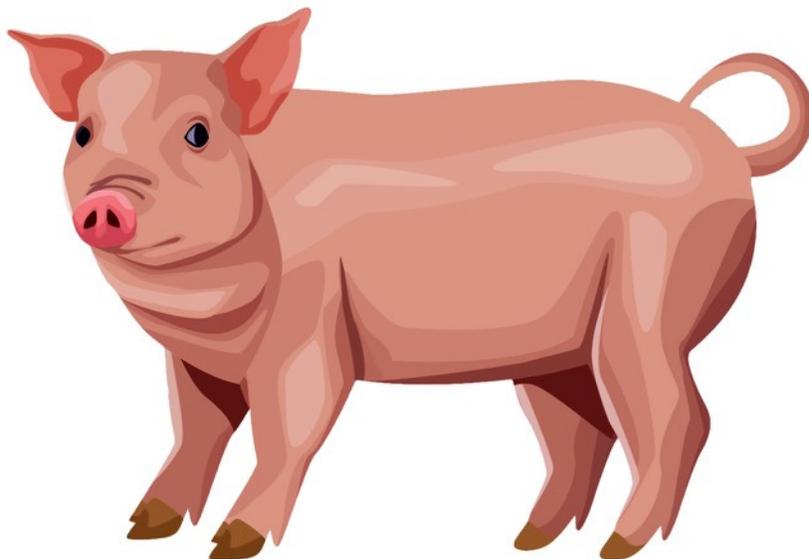
Owen saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Owen.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



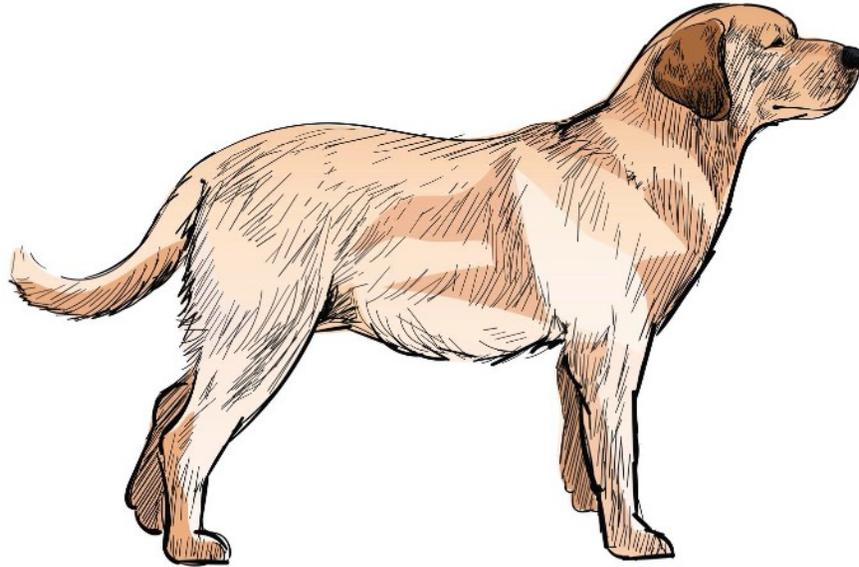
Owen saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Owen.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Owen saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Owen.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Owen saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Owen.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Owen saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Owen.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Owen saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Owen.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Owen saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Owen.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Owen saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Owen.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Owen saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Owen.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Owen saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Owen.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Owen Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



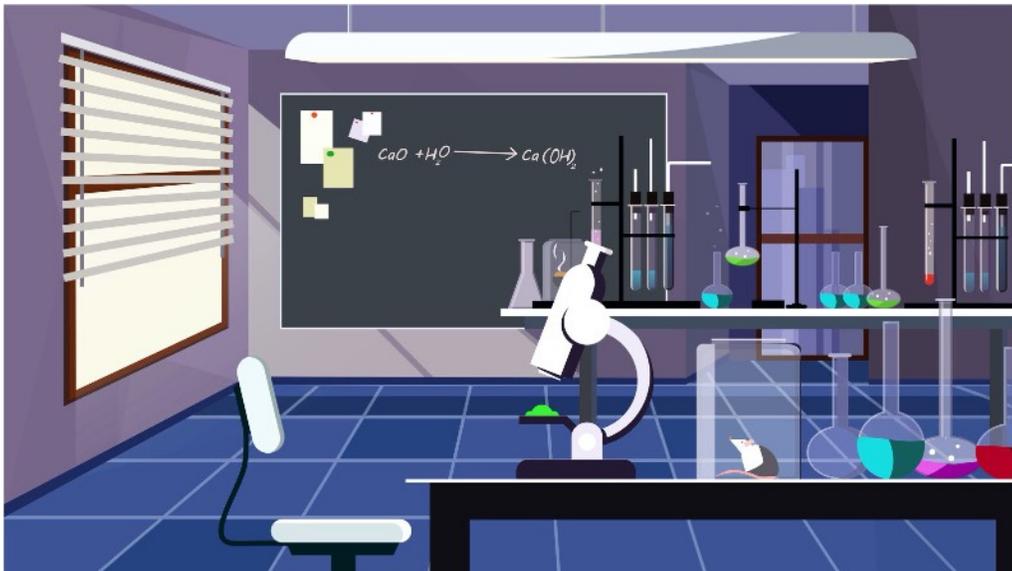
Owen saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Owen.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Owen saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Owen.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



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

Rag



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

Yam



Owen saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Owen.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Owen saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Owen.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Owen saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Owen.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



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

Van



Owen saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Owen.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



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

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



Owen saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Owen.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



Owen saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

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said.

Mat



Owen saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Owen.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Owen saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said Owen.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Owen saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Owen.

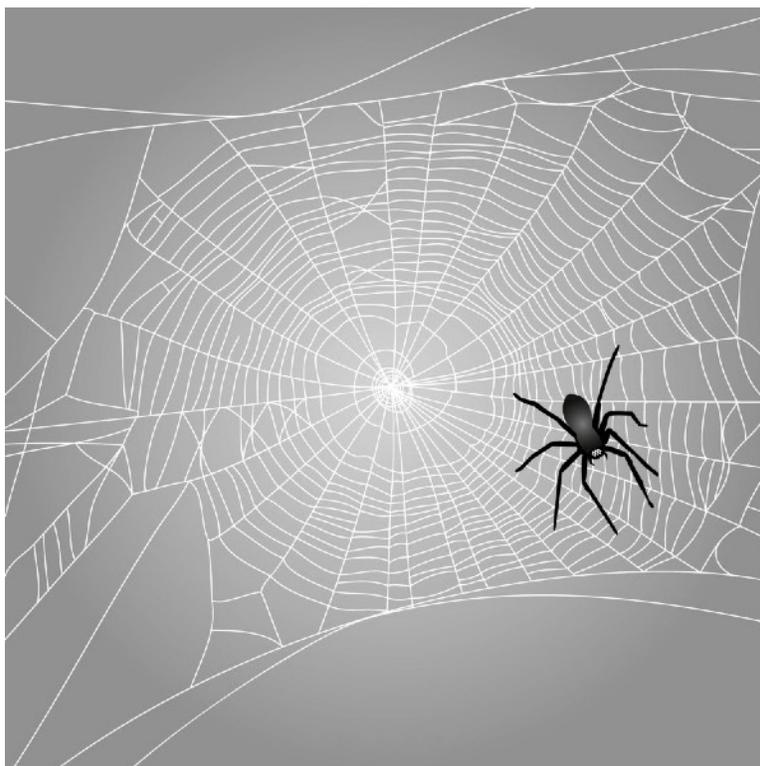
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Owen Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Owen saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Owen.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



Owen saw a pen.

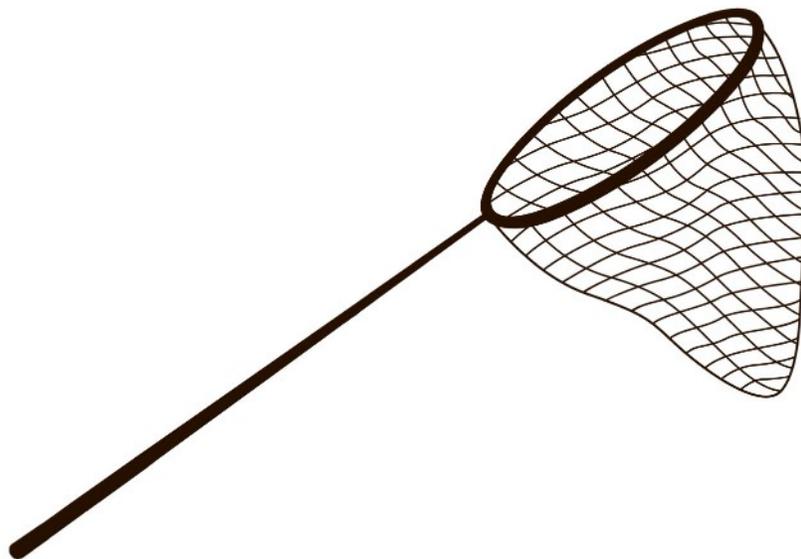
It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said

Owen.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Owen saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Owen.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Owen saw a jet.
It was a cool jet.
“I saw a jet,” said Owen.
“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Owen saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Owen.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Owen saw a fin.
It was a cool fin.
“I saw a fin,” said Owen.
“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



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

Rod



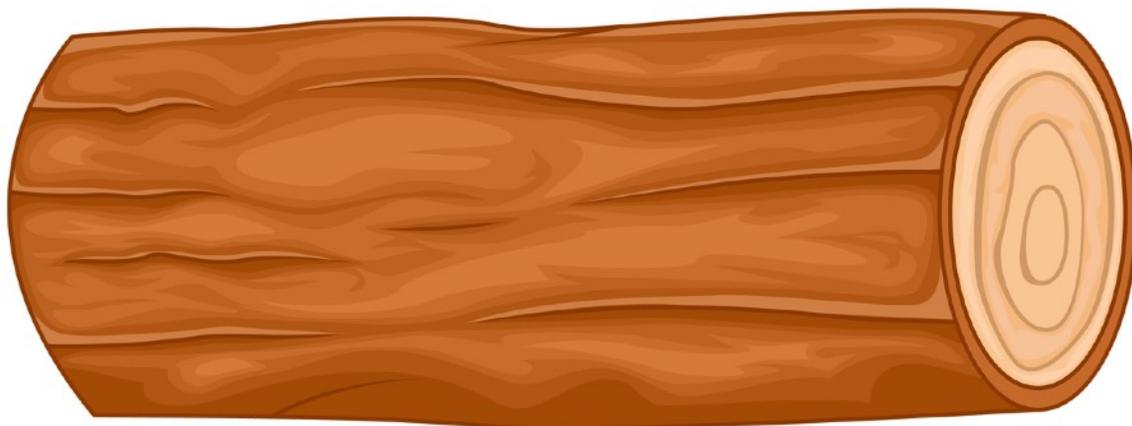
Owen saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Owen.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



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

Mop



Owen saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Owen.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



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

Cot



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

Pot



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

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Owen Saw a Tub



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Tub



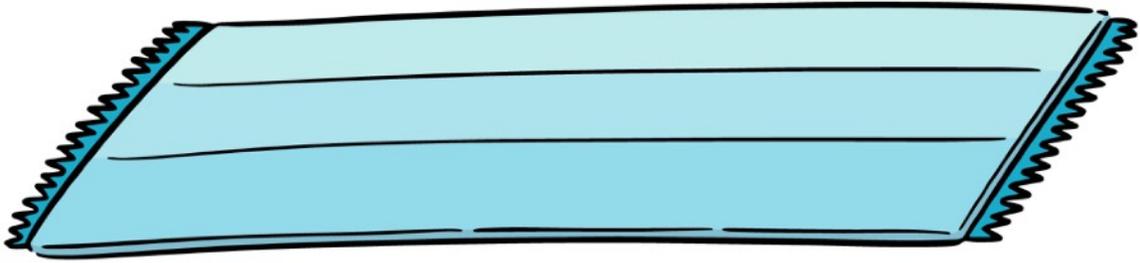
Owen saw a tub.
It was a neat tub.
“I saw a tub,” said Owen.
“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



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

Rug



Owen saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Owen.

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



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

Cup



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

Bus



Owen saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Owen.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Owen saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Owen.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Owen saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Owen.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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Owen Went to a Farm



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Fiction



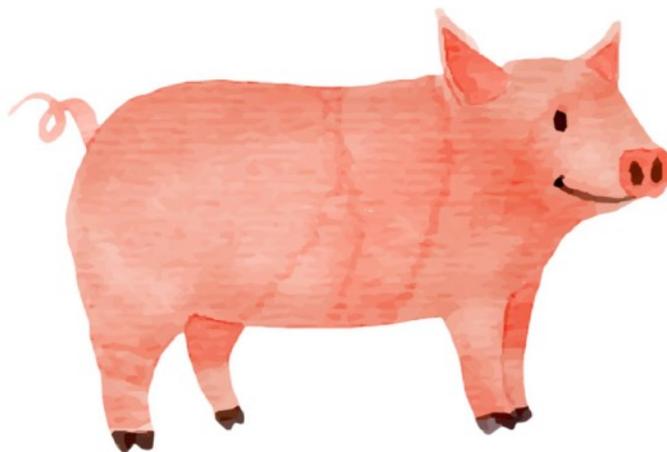
Owen went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



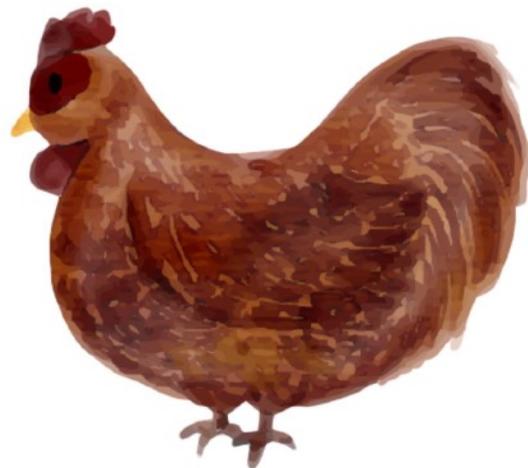
Owen went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



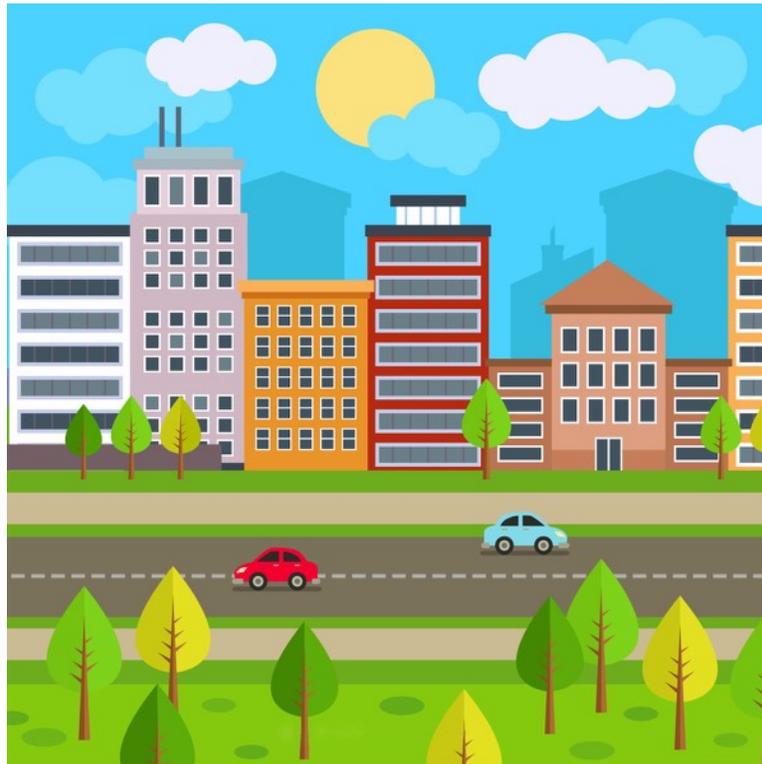
Owen was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Owen Went to a City

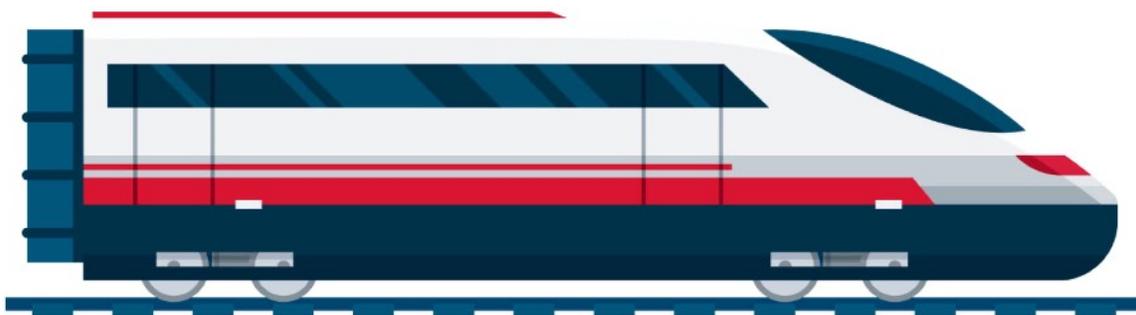


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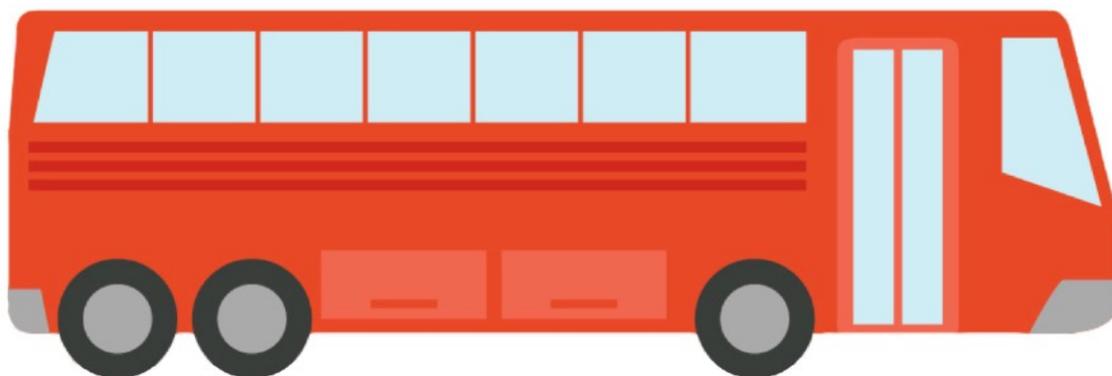
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Owen was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Owen Is In This Story



Bird

Cody was a bird. One day he flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill. "What are you doing?" Cody asked the cat.

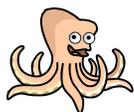
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Falling Star

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

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Octopus

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

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

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

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Bird

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Owen.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Owen.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Owen went and flew
all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Owen told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Owen.

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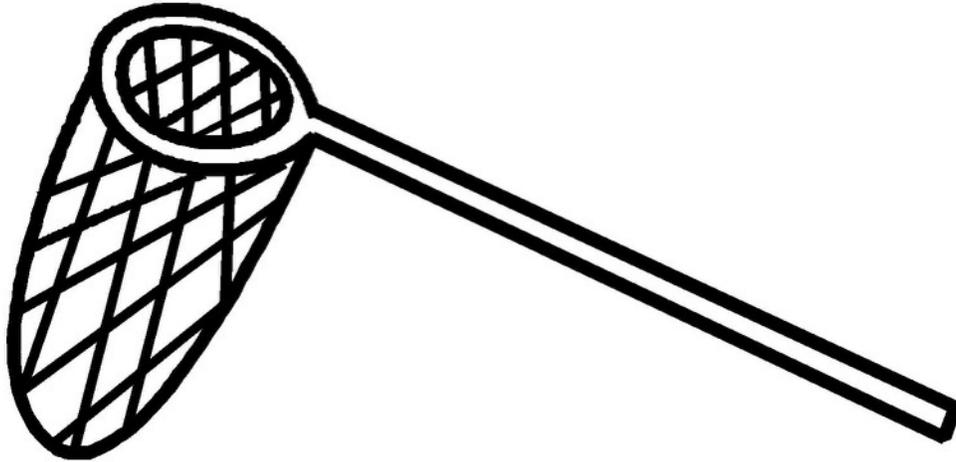


Falling Star

One night Owen was
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Owen.

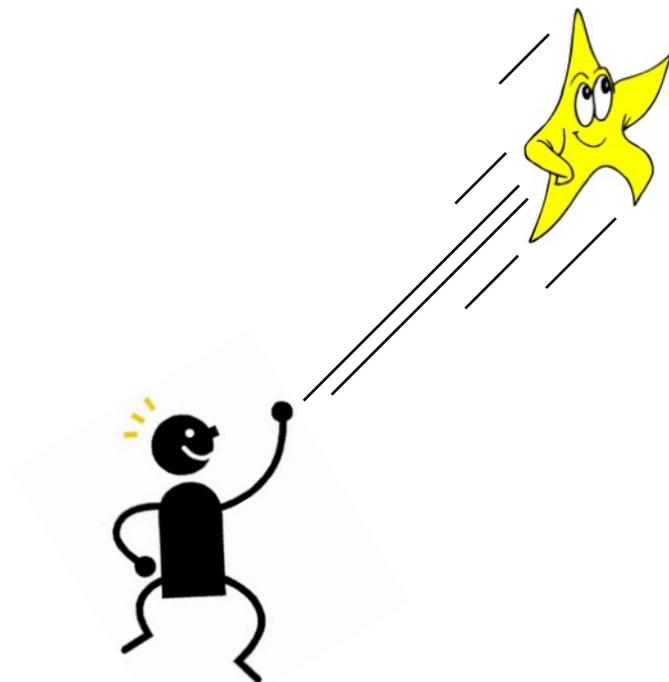
He ran and got a big
net.



Owen 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 Owen's dad.



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

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



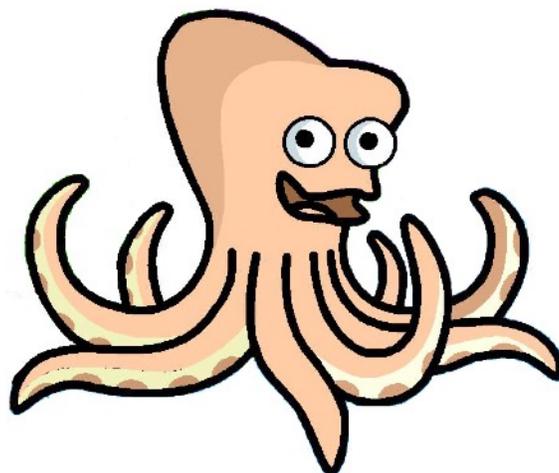
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Owen was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Owen woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Owen.



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

Owen 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 Owen.

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 Owen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Owen 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 Owen.

“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 Owen.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Owen the basketball.

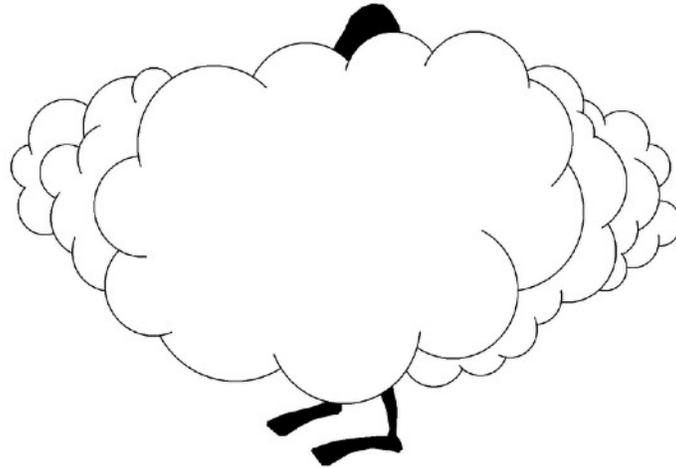
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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