

Pearl 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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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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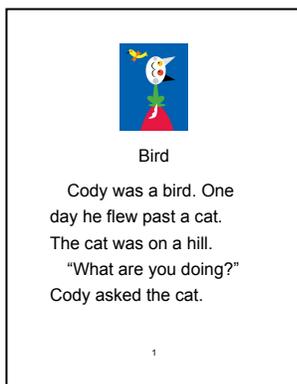


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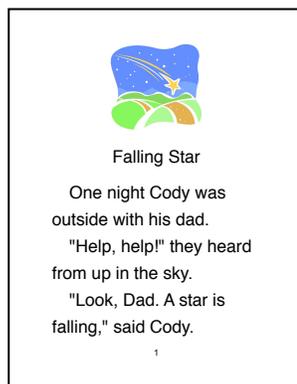


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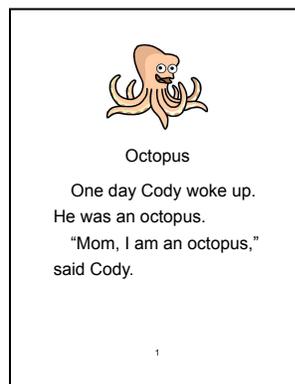
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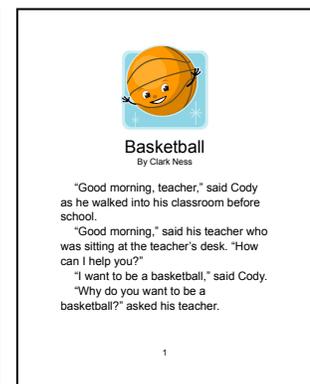
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Pearl.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Pearl.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Pearl.

“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

Pearl 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

Pearl went for a walk
and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said
Pearl 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 Pearl.

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Crocodile

One day Pearl 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

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

Pearl thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

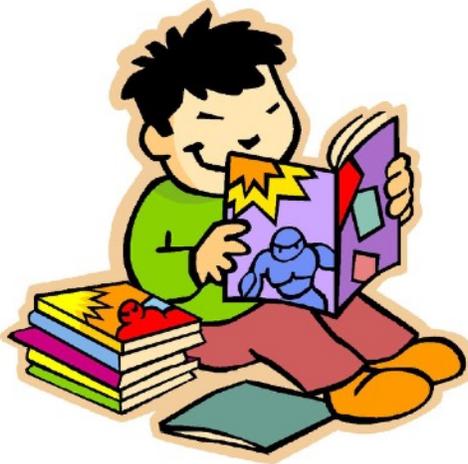
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Pearl.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

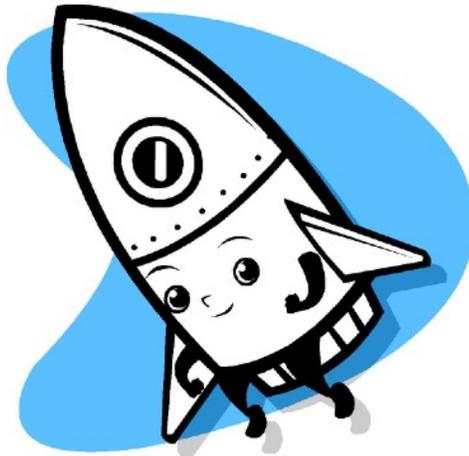
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Pearl.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Pearl.

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Surfing Dog

Pearl 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.

Pearl thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Pearl 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 Pearl.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Pearl.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

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Pearl.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

“I am Pearl the happy
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Rhino

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

Pearl likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Pearl was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Pearl.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Pearl 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 Pearl.

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Horse With Wings

One day Pearl became a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
Pearl 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 Pearl.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

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Bubbles

Pearl made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Pearl made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Pearl.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

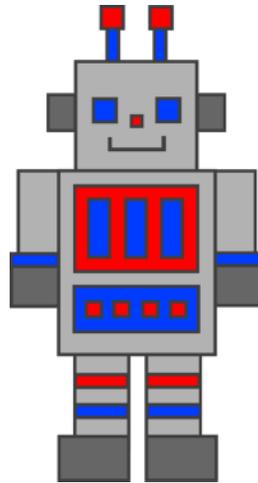
Pearl liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Pearl.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

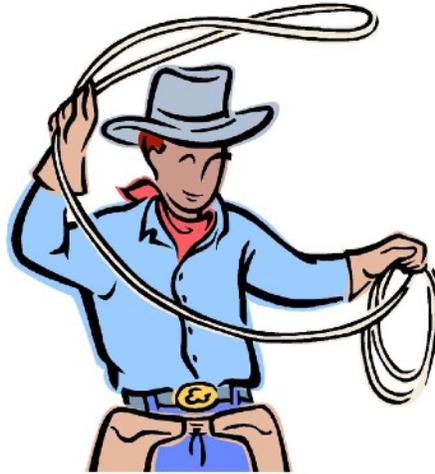
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Pearl.

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Pearl 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 Pearl.

“Yes, it is,” said the
bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

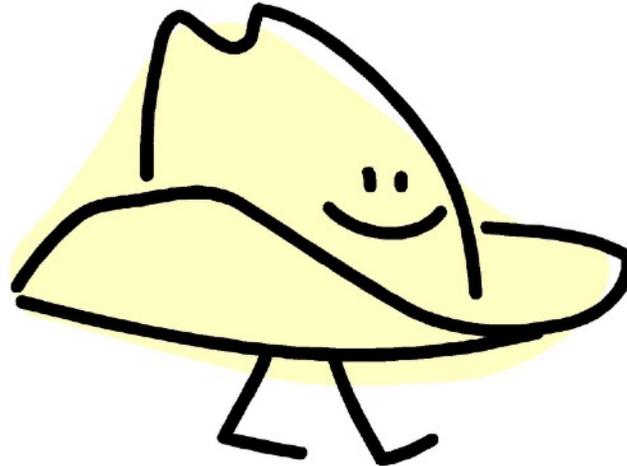
Pearl has a soccer ball.
He plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Pearl saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Pearl.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Pearl.

“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

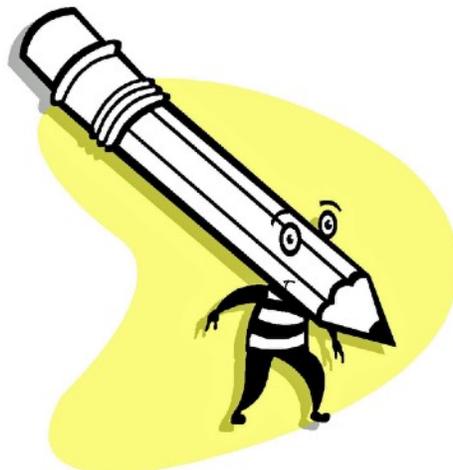
“I have a pencil,” said Pearl. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Pearl woke up.
He was a pencil.

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

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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“It would be fun to slither along the ground.”

“I would hunt for food and have a good life.”

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Elephant

“I went to a pet shop,”
said Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Pearl.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Pearl.

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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

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 Pearl.

“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

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

Pearl likes being a kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

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

Pearl 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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl. “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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Pearl Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Pearl saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Pearl.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Pearl saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Pearl.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Pearl saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Pearl.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



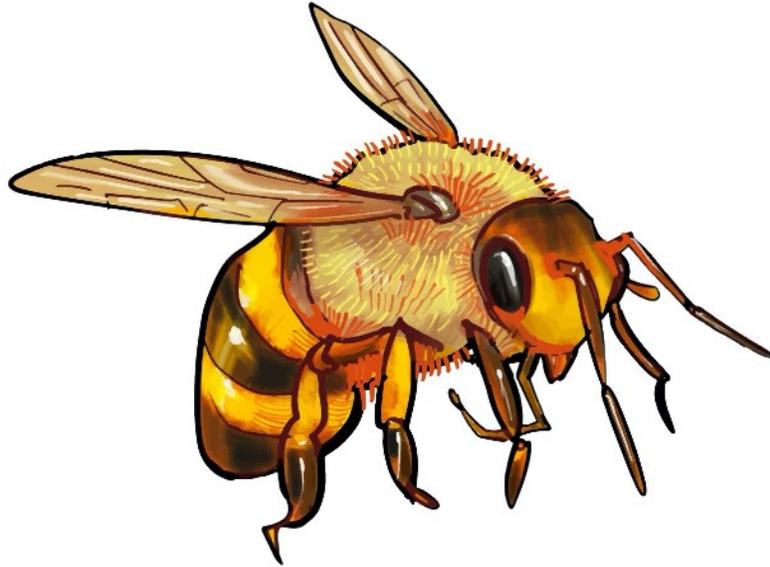
Pearl saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Pearl.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



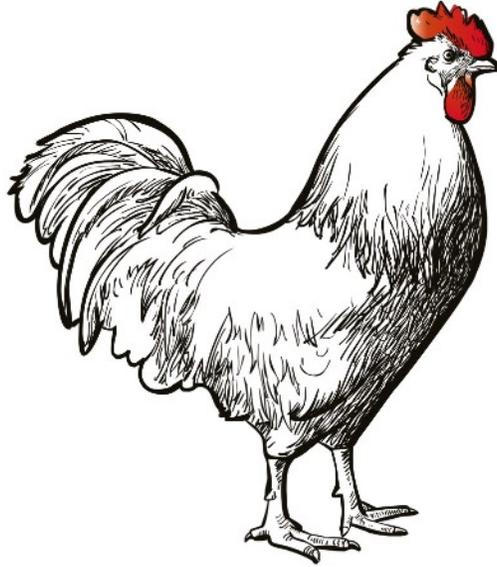
Pearl saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said Pearl.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Pearl saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said Pearl.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



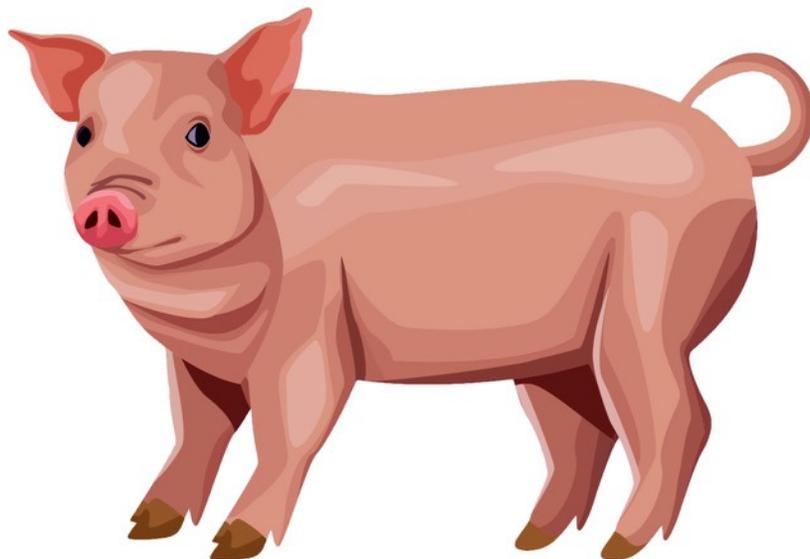
Pearl saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Pearl.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



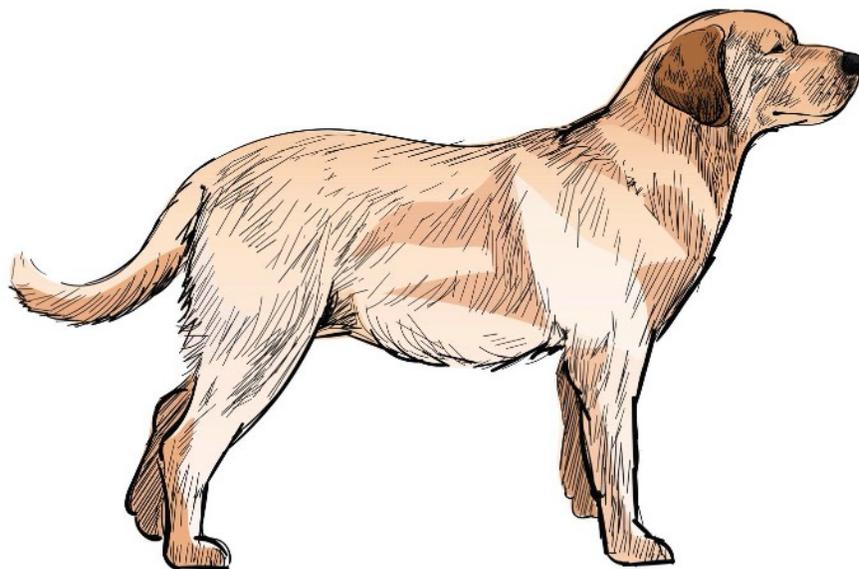
Pearl saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Pearl.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Pearl saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said Pearl.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Pearl saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said Pearl.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Pearl saw a fox.
It was a big fox.
“I saw a fox,” said Pearl.
“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Pearl saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Pearl.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Pearl saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Pearl.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Pearl saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said Pearl.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



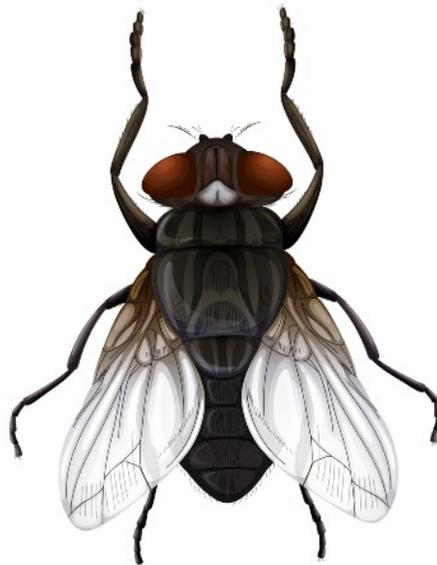
Pearl saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said Pearl.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Pearl saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Pearl.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

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Pearl Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



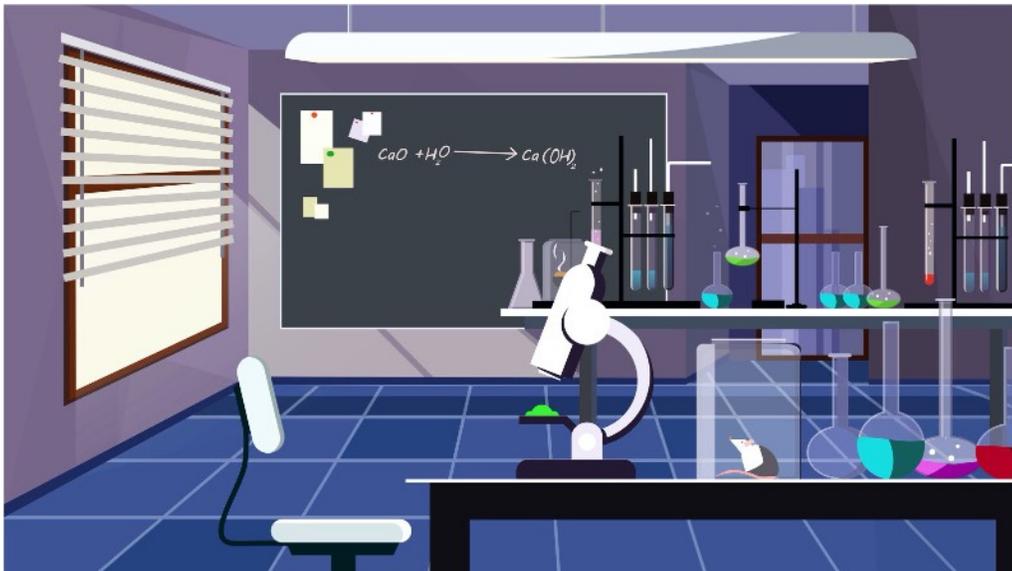
Pearl saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Pearl saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



Pearl saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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

Yam



Pearl saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Pearl.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Pearl saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Pearl saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



Pearl saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Pearl saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Pearl saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



Pearl saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Pearl.

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



Pearl saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Pearl.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



Pearl saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

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“It was a nice hat,” he
said.

Mat



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It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said Pearl.

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said.

Vat



Pearl saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

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“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Pearl saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said Pearl.

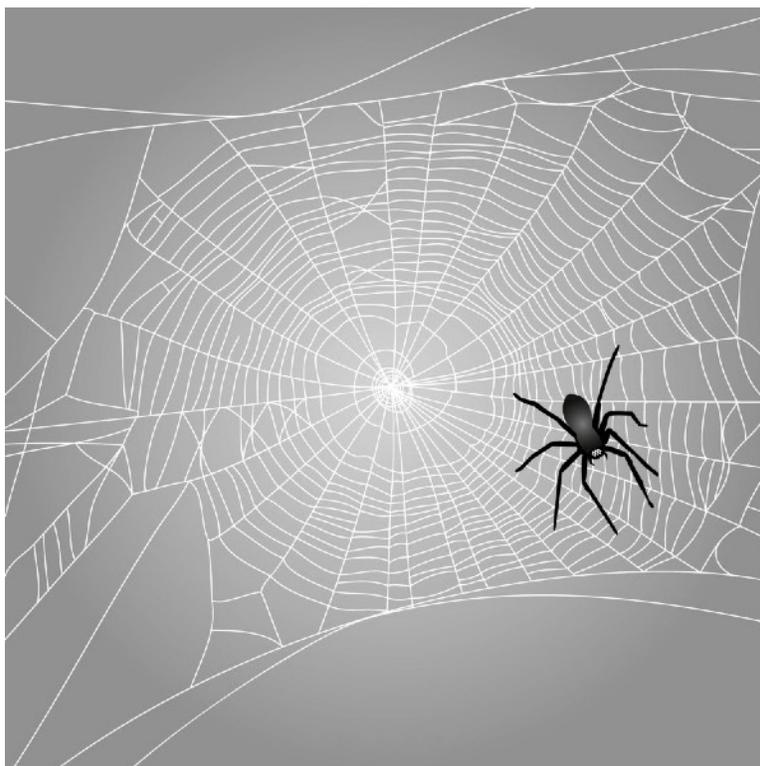
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Pearl Saw a Web



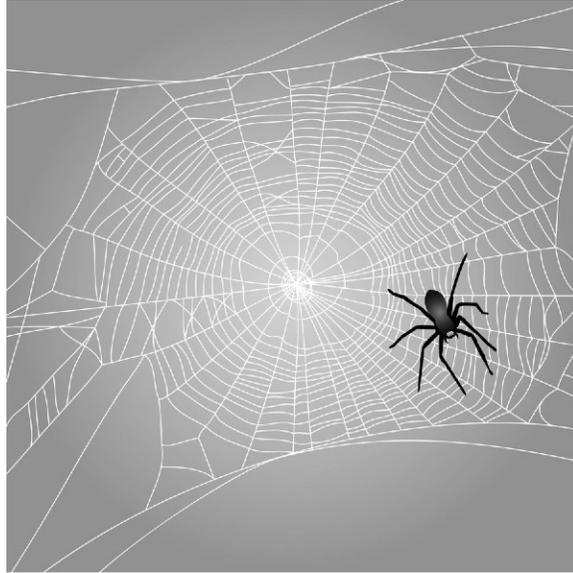
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Fiction

Web



Pearl saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Pearl.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

Pen



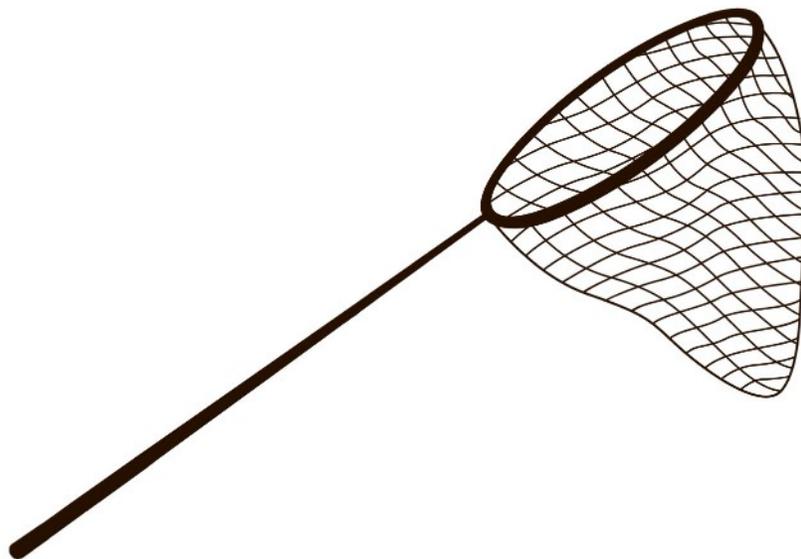
Pearl saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Pearl saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Pearl saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

Bin



Pearl saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Pearl saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



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

Rod



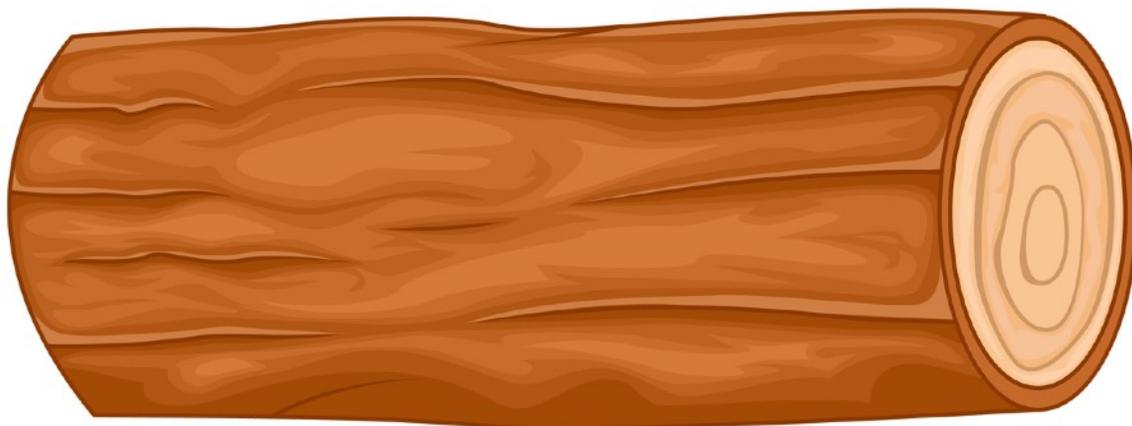
Pearl saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



Pearl saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



Pearl saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Pearl.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Pearl saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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

Pot



Pearl saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Pearl.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Pearl Saw a Tub



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Tub



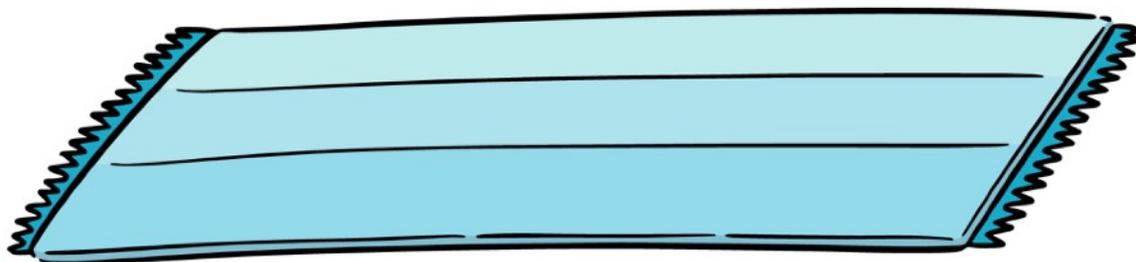
Pearl saw a tub.
It was a neat tub.
“I saw a tub,” said Pearl.
“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



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

Rug



Pearl saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Pearl.

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



Pearl saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said Pearl.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

Bus



Pearl saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said Pearl.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Pearl saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Pearl.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Pearl saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Pearl.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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Pearl Went to a Farm



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Fiction



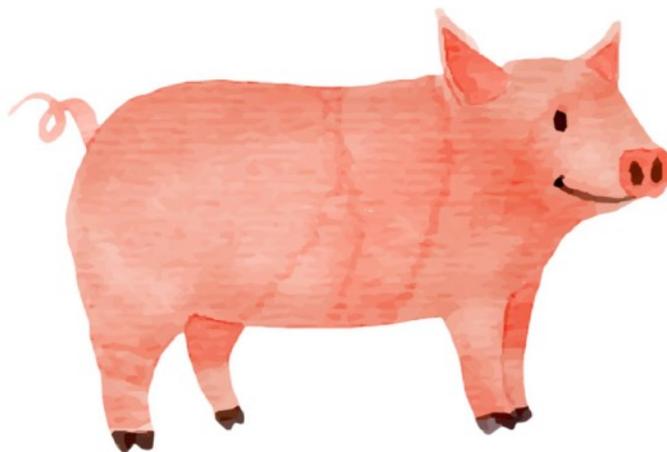
Pearl went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



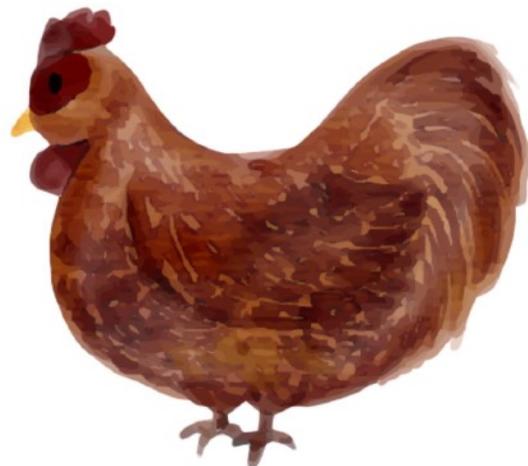
Pearl went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



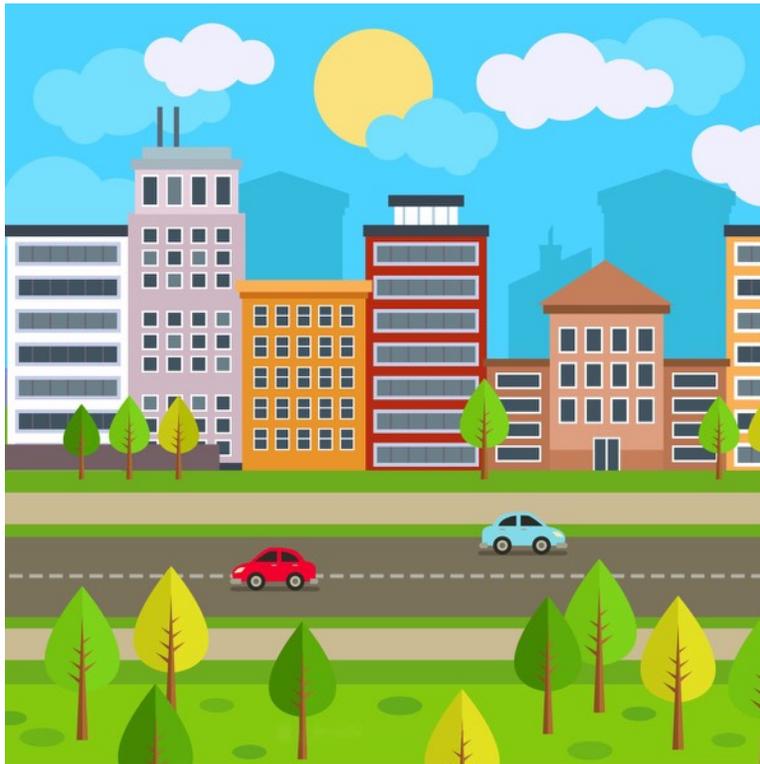
Pearl was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Pearl Went to a City

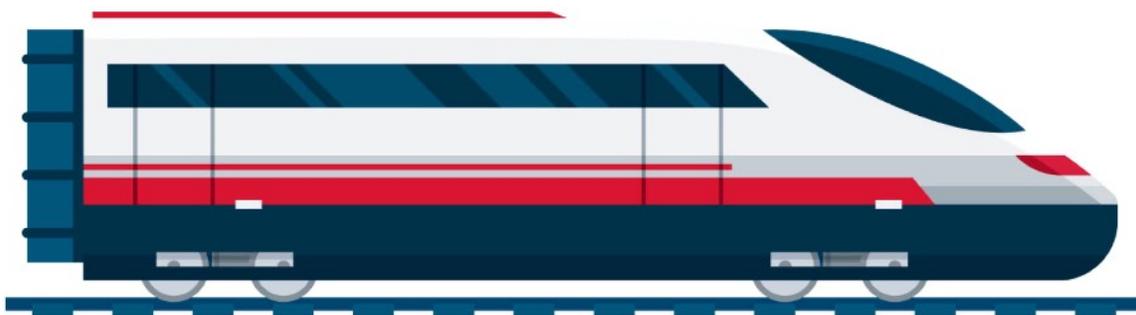


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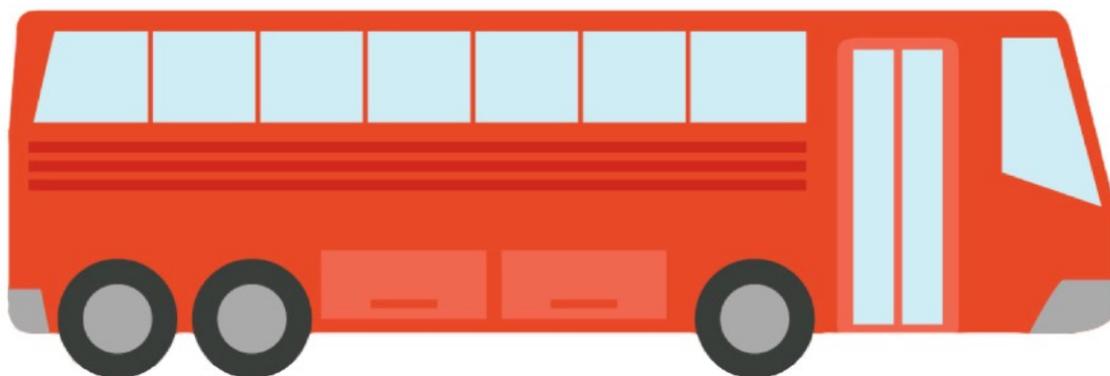
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Pearl was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Pearl 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.

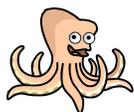
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Falling Star

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

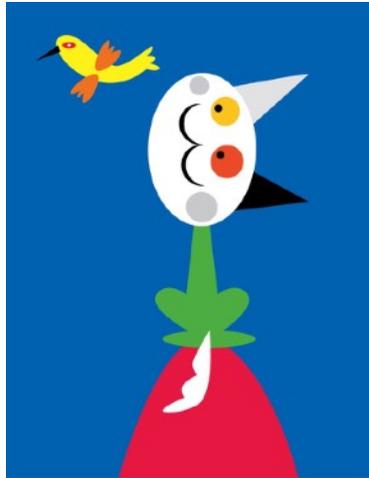
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"Good morning, teacher," said Cody as he walked into his classroom before school. "Good morning," said his teacher who was sitting at the teacher's desk. "How can I help you?" "I want to be a basketball," said Cody. "Why do you want to be a basketball?"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

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Bird

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Pearl.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Pearl.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Pearl went and flew
all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Pearl told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Pearl.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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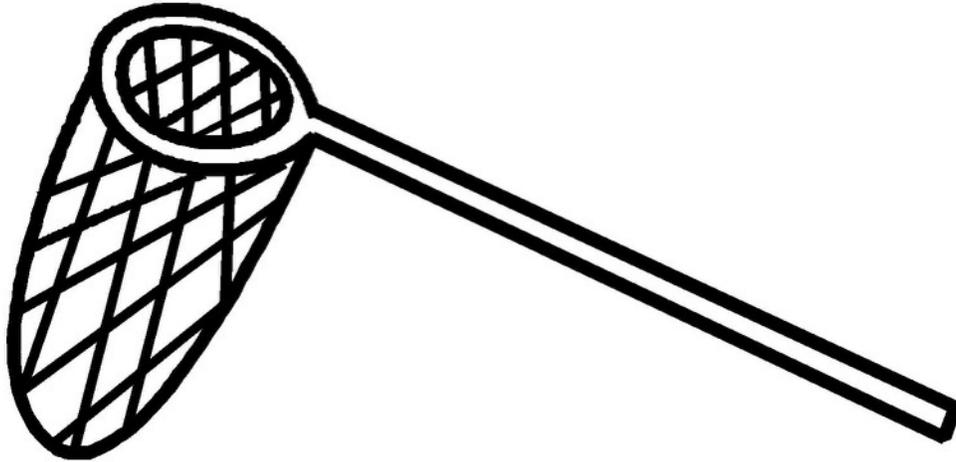


Falling Star

One night Pearl was
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Pearl.

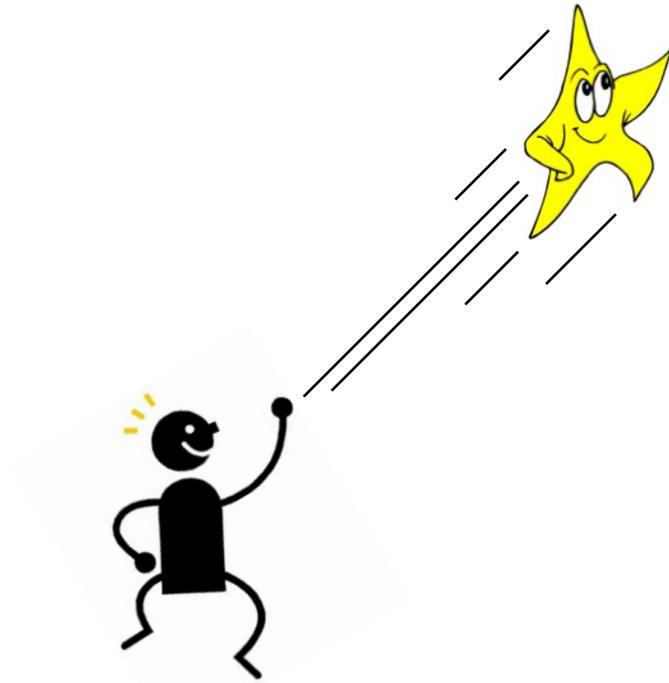
He ran and got a big
net.



Pearl 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 Pearl's dad.



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

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



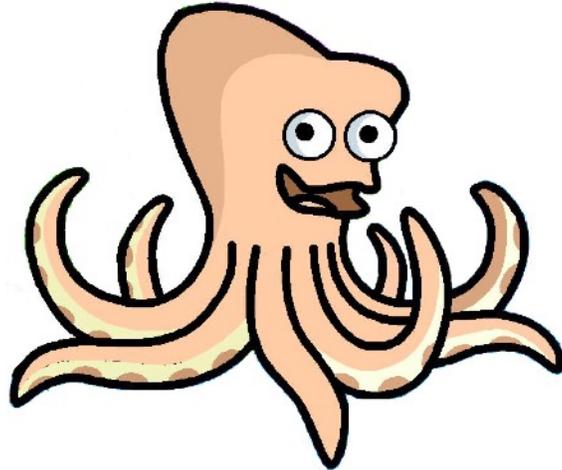
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Pearl was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Pearl woke up.
He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an
octopus,” said Pearl.



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

Pearl 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 Pearl.

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 Pearl.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Pearl 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 Pearl.

“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 Pearl.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Pearl the basketball.

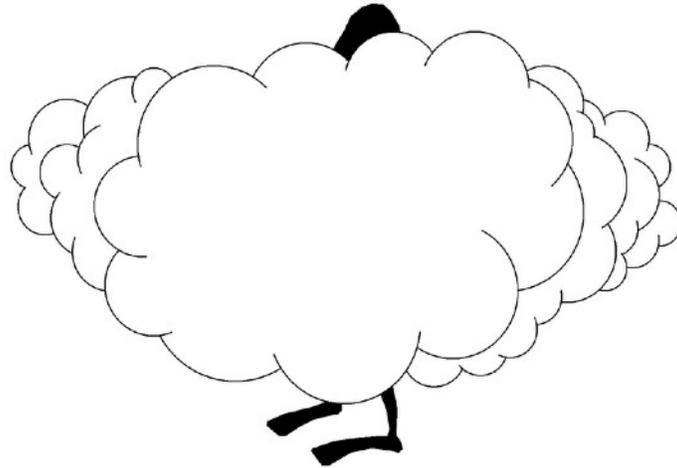
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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