

Ranen 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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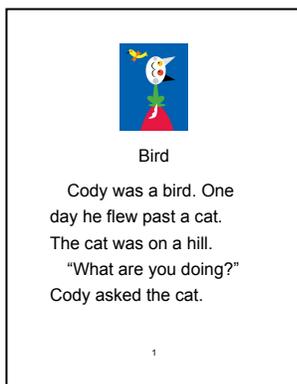


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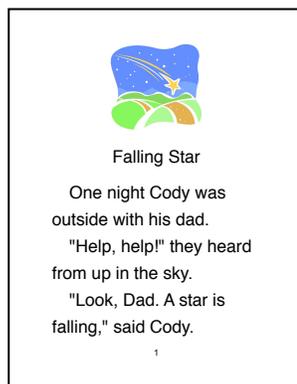


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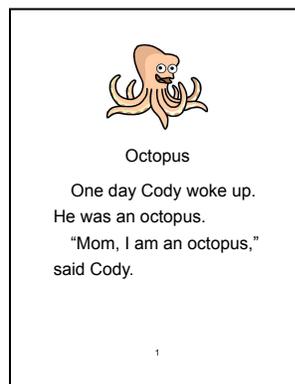
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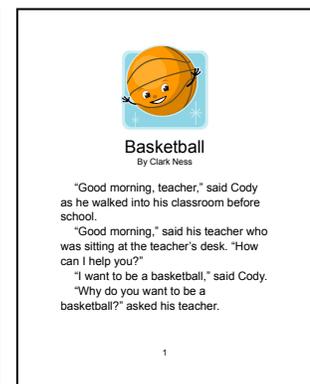
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Ranen.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Ranen.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Ranen.

“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

Ranen 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

Ranen went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Ranen 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 Ranen.

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Crocodile

One day Ranen 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

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

Ranen thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

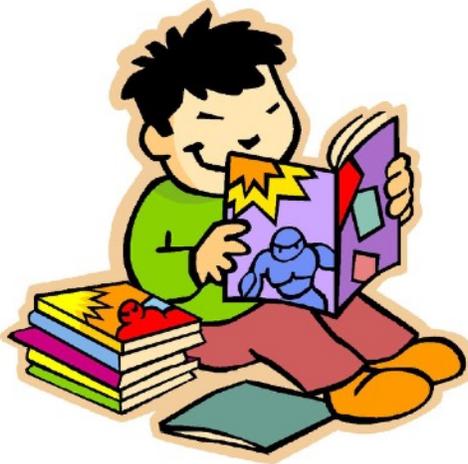
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Ranen.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

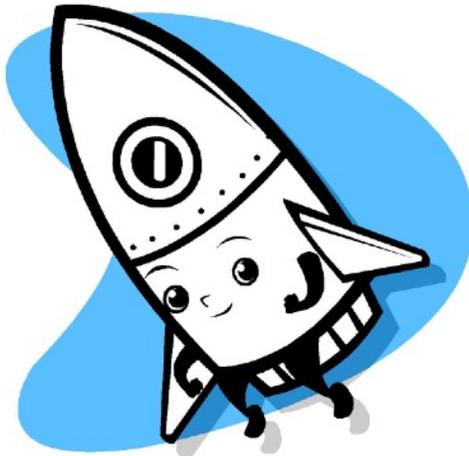
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Ranen.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Ranen.

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Surfing Dog

Ranen 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.

Ranen thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Ranen 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 Ranen.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Ranen.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Ranen.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Ranen likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Ranen was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Ranen.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Ranen 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 Ranen.

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Horse With Wings

One day Ranen became
a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
Ranen 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 Ranen.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

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Bubbles

Ranen made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Ranen made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Ranen.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

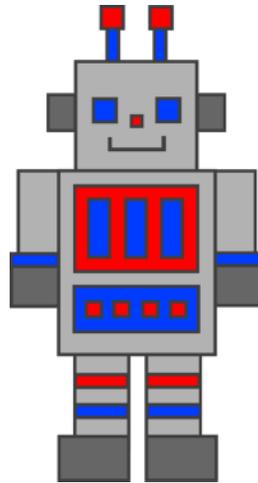
Ranen liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Ranen.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

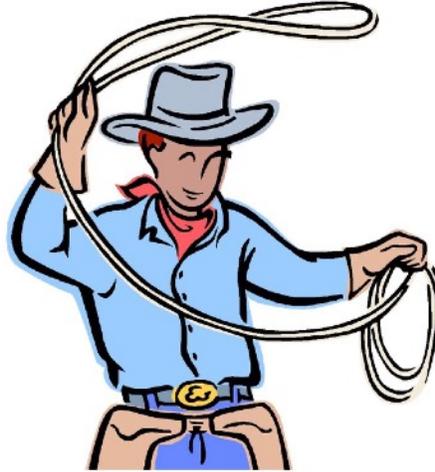
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Ranen.

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Ranen 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 Ranen.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

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Soccer Ball

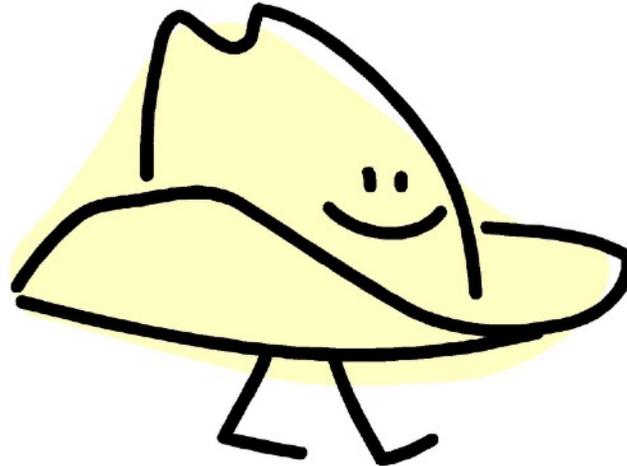
Ranen has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Ranen saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Ranen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Ranen.

“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

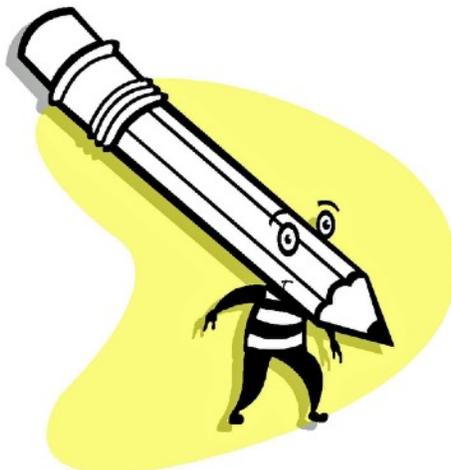
“I have a pencil,” said Ranen. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Ranen woke up.
He was a pencil.

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

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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Ranen.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Ranen.

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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

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 Ranen.

“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

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

Ranen likes being a kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

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

Ranen 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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen. “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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Ranen Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Ranen saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Ranen saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Ranen saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



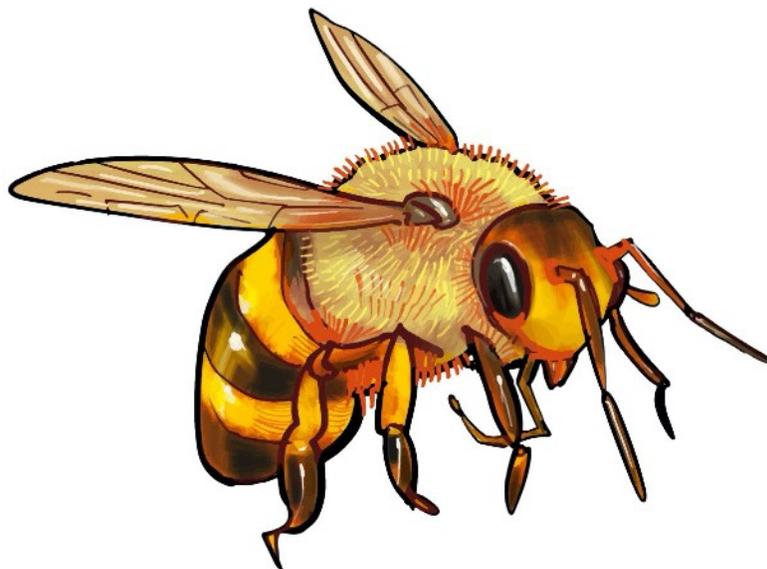
Ranen saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



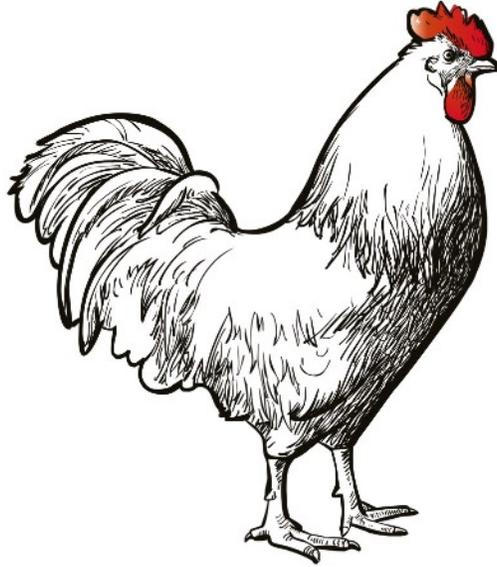
Ranen saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Ranen saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



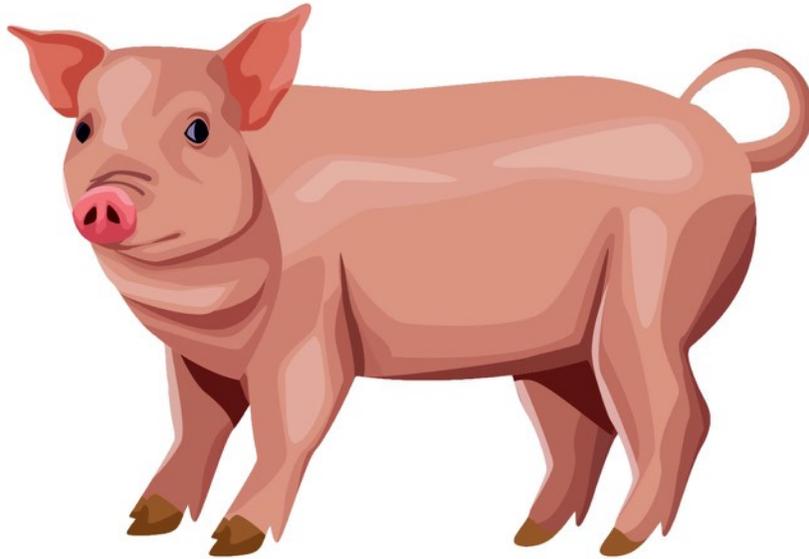
Ranen saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



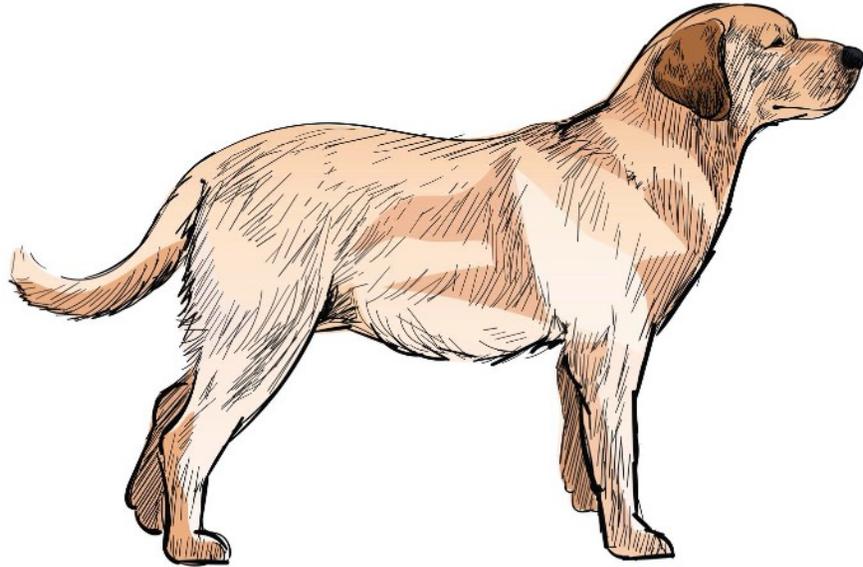
Ranen saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Ranen saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Ranen saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Ranen saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Ranen saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Ranen saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Ranen saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Ranen saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Ranen.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Ranen saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Ranen.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Ranen Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



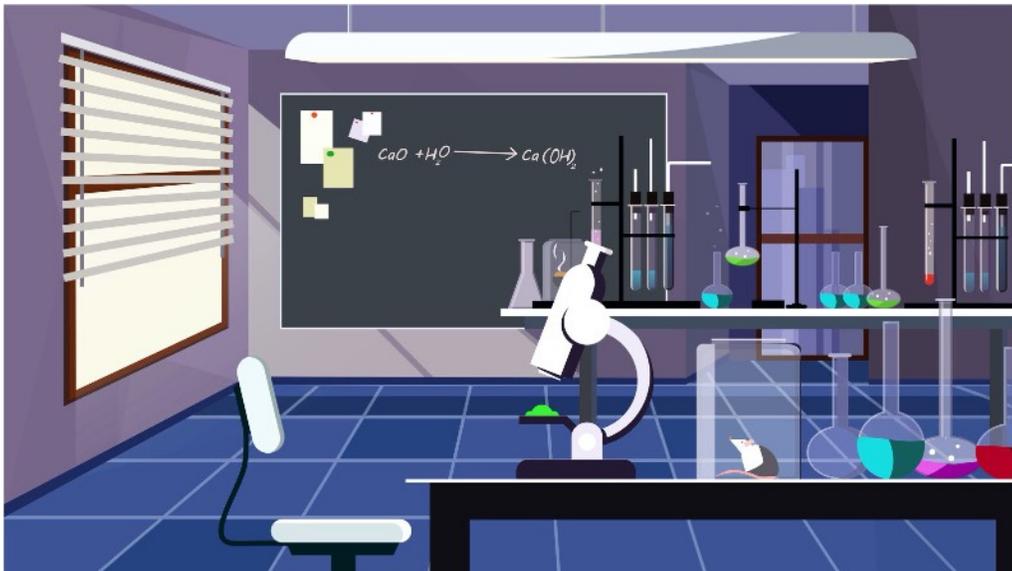
Ranen saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Ranen saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



Ranen saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Ranen saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Ranen saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Ranen saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



Ranen saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Ranen saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



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

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



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It was a nice bat.

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Ranen.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



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Mat



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Ranen.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Ranen saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Ranen.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Ranen saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Ranen.

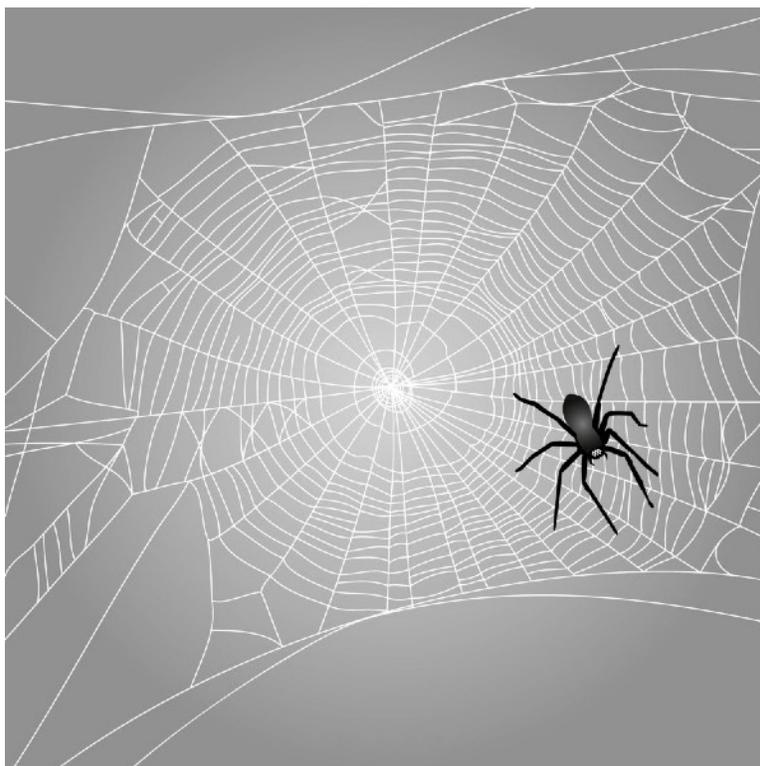
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Ranen Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Ranen saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



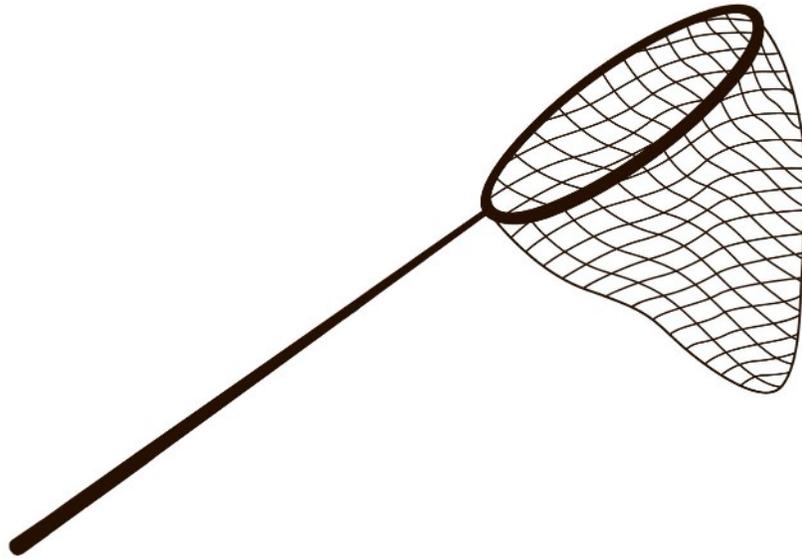
Ranen saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Ranen saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Ranen saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Ranen.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Ranen saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Ranen saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Ranen.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



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

Rod



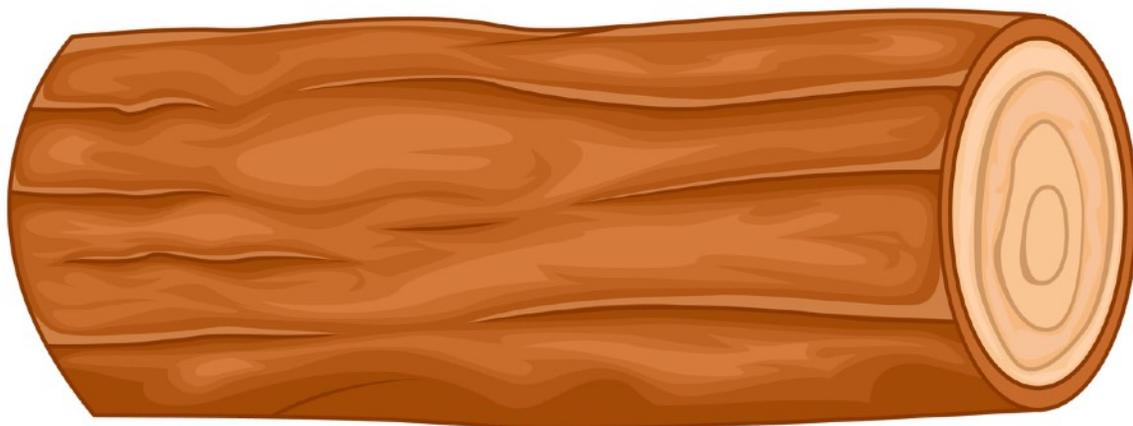
Ranen saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



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

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Ranen saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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

Pot



Ranen saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Ranen.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Ranen Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



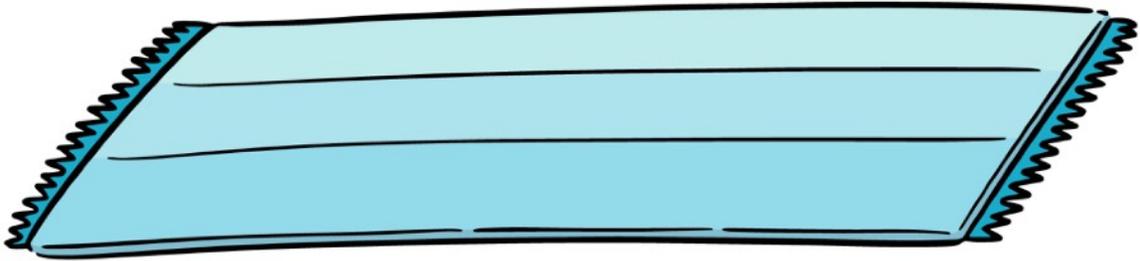
Ranen saw a tub.
It was a neat tub.
“I saw a tub,” said
Ranen.
“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



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

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



Ranen saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
Ranen.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



Ranen saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Ranen.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Ranen saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Ranen.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



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

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Ranen Went to a Farm



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Fiction



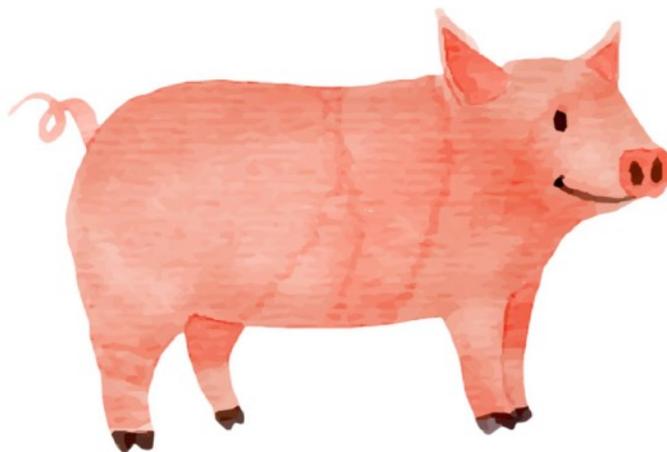
Ranen went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



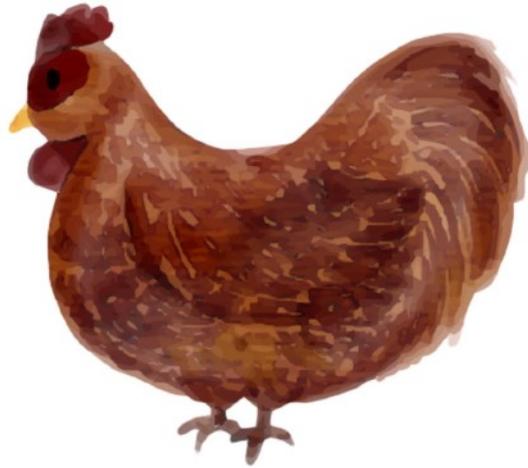
Ranen went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



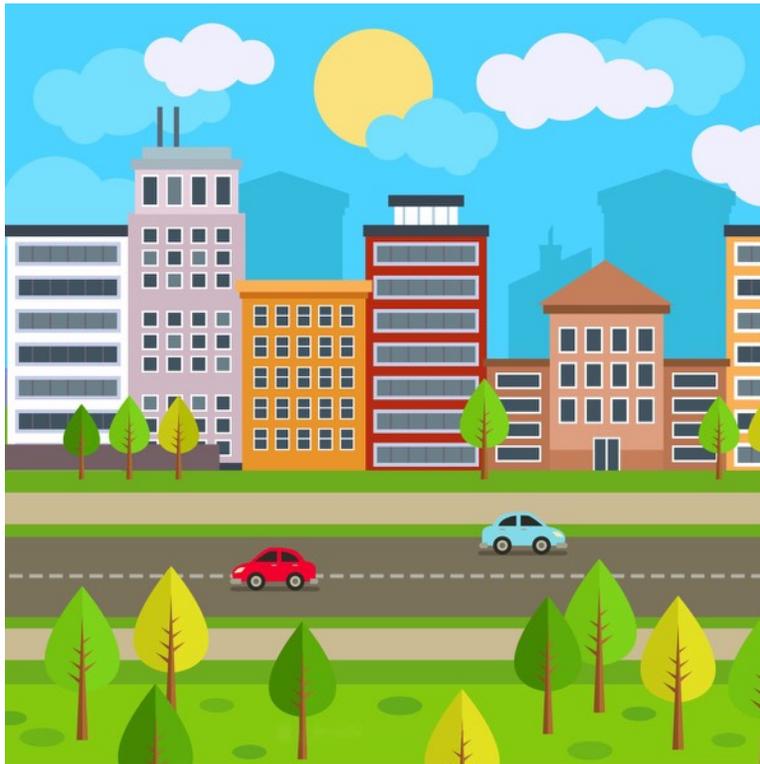
Ranen was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Ranen Went to a City

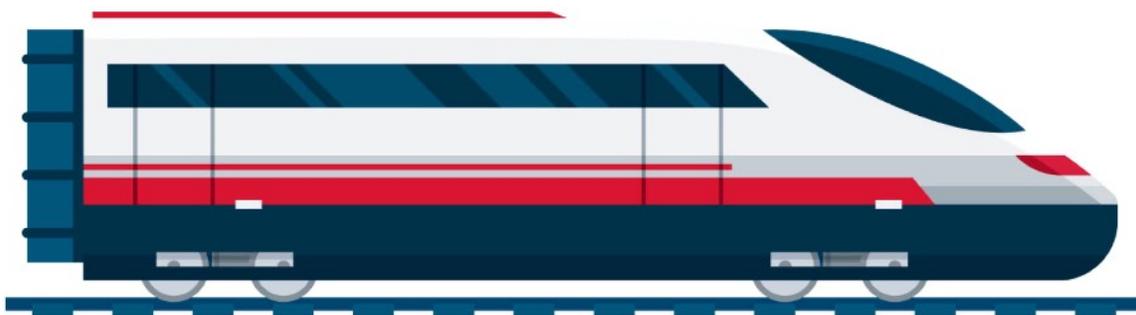


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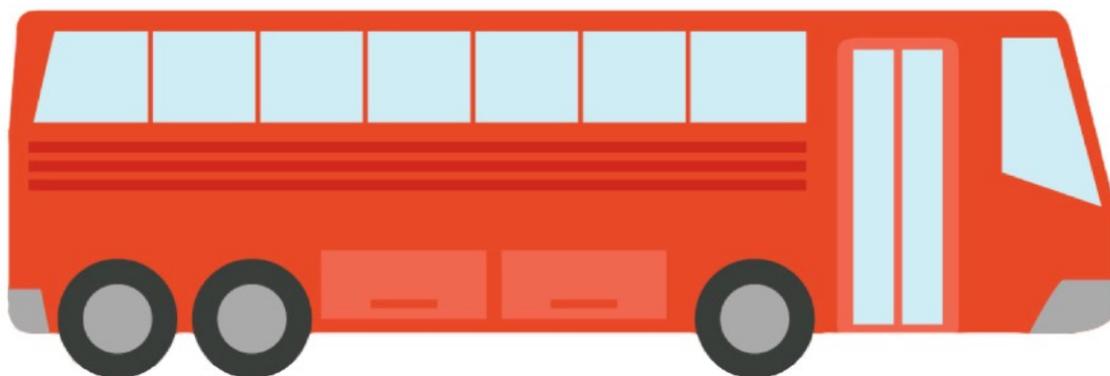
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Ranen was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Ranen 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.

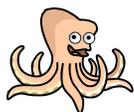
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Falling Star

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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Ranen.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Ranen.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Ranen went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Ranen told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Ranen.

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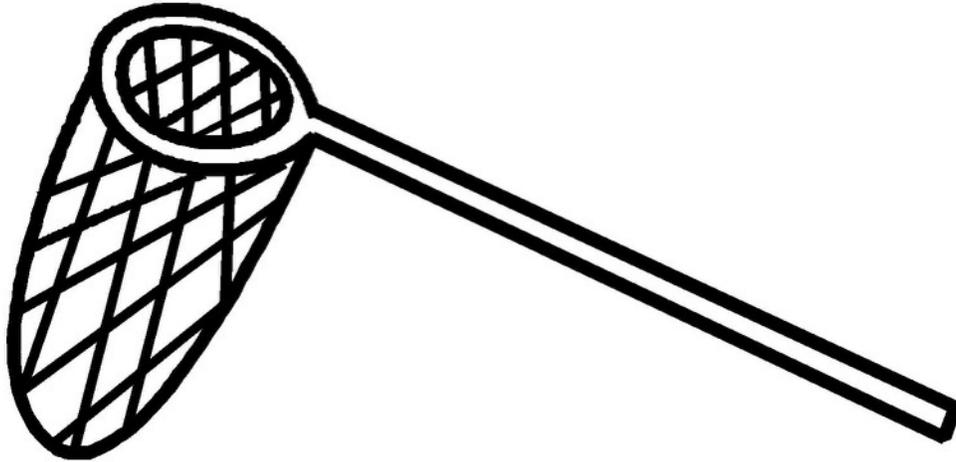


Falling Star

One night Ranen was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Ranen.

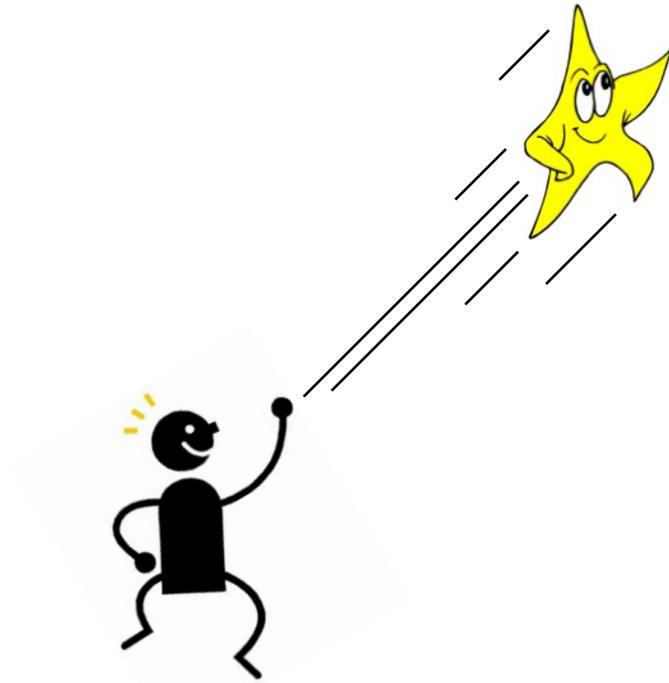
He ran and got a big
net.



Ranen 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 Ranen's dad.



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

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



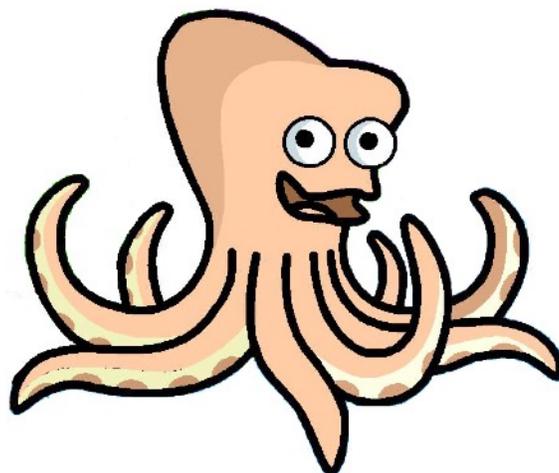
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Ranen was proud that he had saved a falling star.

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Octopus

One day Ranen woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Ranen.



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

Ranen 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 Ranen.

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 Ranen.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Ranen 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 Ranen.

“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 Ranen.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Ranen the basketball.

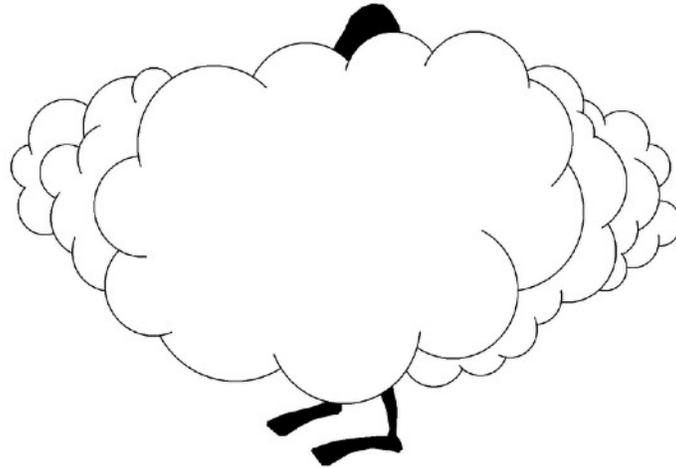
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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