

# Reuben Is In This Story



## Played

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

They had a great time.

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## Robot

"Can I have a robot?" said Cody.

"A robot could play games with me."

"A robot could read books to me."

"A robot would be neat."

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## Saw a Cat Look

"I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat," said Sam.

"I don't know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends."

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## Airplane

"When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane," said Sam.

"I will fly it up into the sky and look down on the world. It will be so fun."

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## Cody Went to a City



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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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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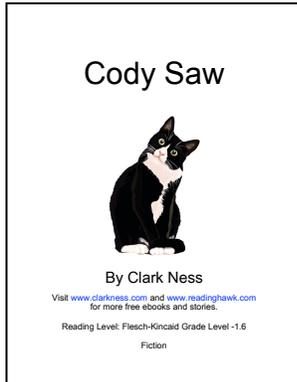
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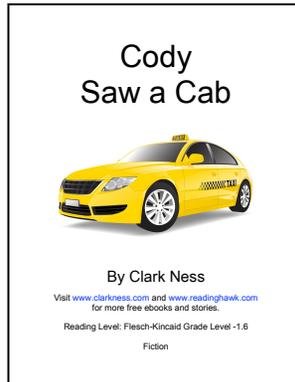
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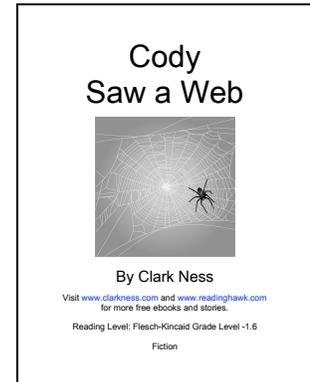
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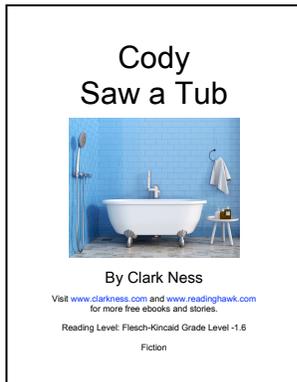
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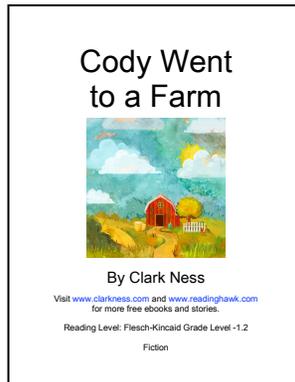
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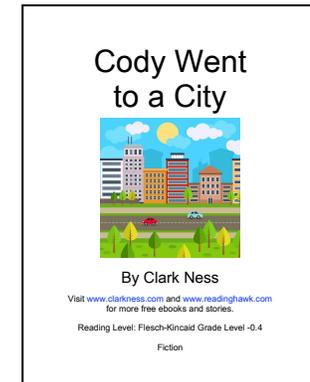
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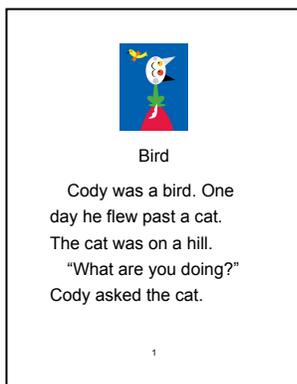


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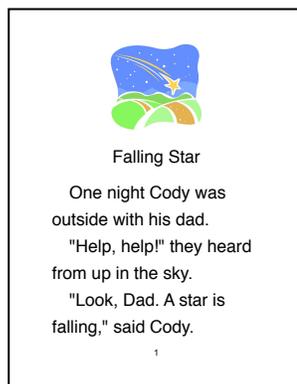


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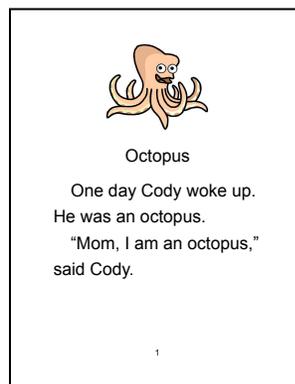
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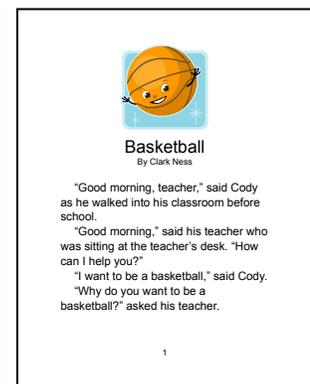
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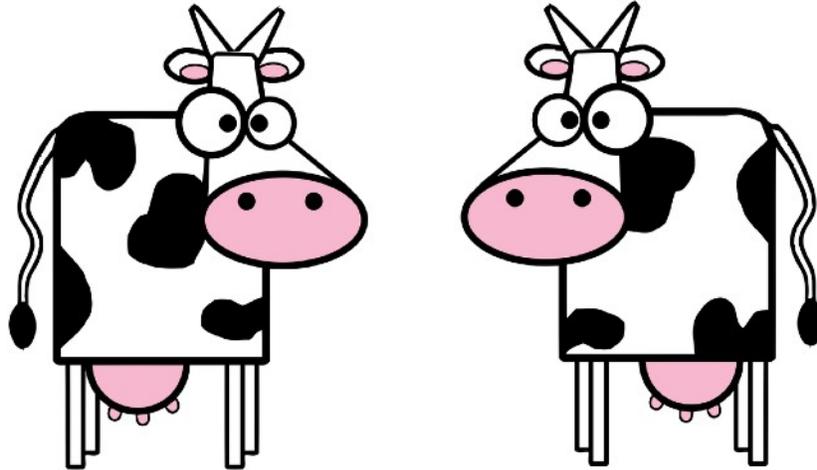
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Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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## Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Reuben.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Reuben.

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## Race

Reuben likes to race.

One day he was in a race.

He ran and ran. He ran

fast. Reuben won the race.

He was happy.

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## Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said  
Reuben.

“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

Reuben 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

Reuben went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Reuben 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 Reuben.

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## Crocodile

One day Reuben 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

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

Reuben thinks that singing is fun.

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## Christmas Tree

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

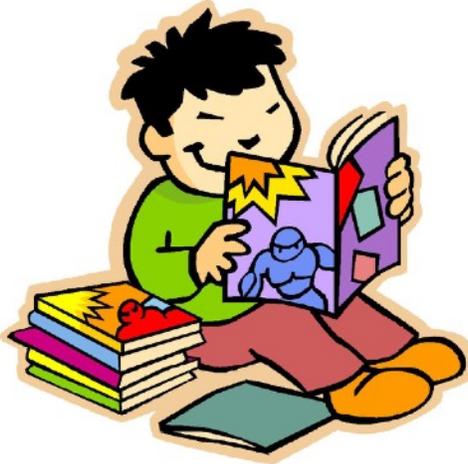
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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## Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Reuben.

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## Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

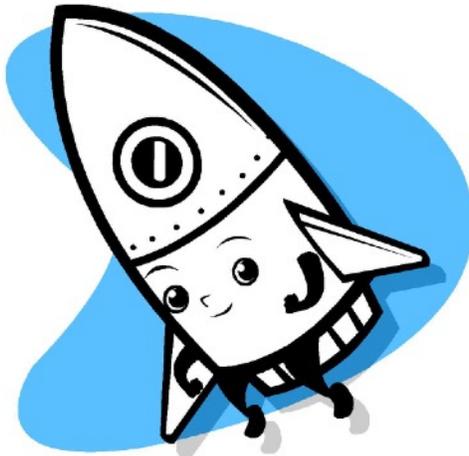
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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## Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said  
Reuben.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Surfing Dog

Reuben 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.

Reuben thinks surfing is  
cool.

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## Cat Lover

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

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

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## Dog Lover

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

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

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## Fly to School

One day Reuben 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 Reuben.

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## Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Reuben.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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## Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said  
Reuben.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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## Rhino

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

Reuben likes being a rhino.

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## A Deer

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

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

Reuben was glad that he  
saw a baby deer.

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## Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”  
said Reuben.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to  
me.”

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

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## Owl

Reuben went for a walk  
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

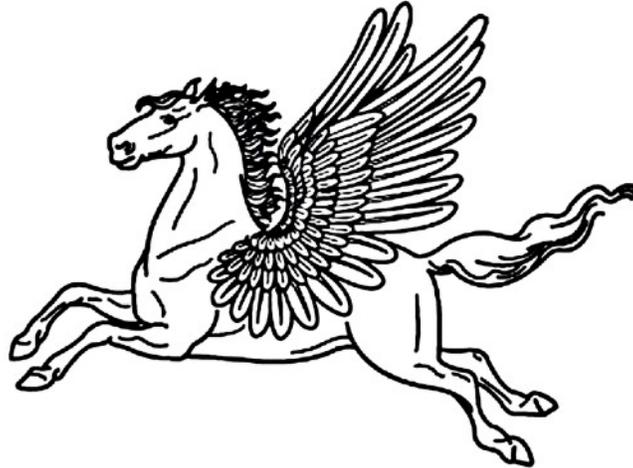
The owl said, “*Whoo,  
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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## Horse With Wings

One day Reuben  
became a horse with  
wings.

He flew to his school.  
Reuben 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 Reuben.

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

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

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## Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

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## Bubbles

Reuben made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

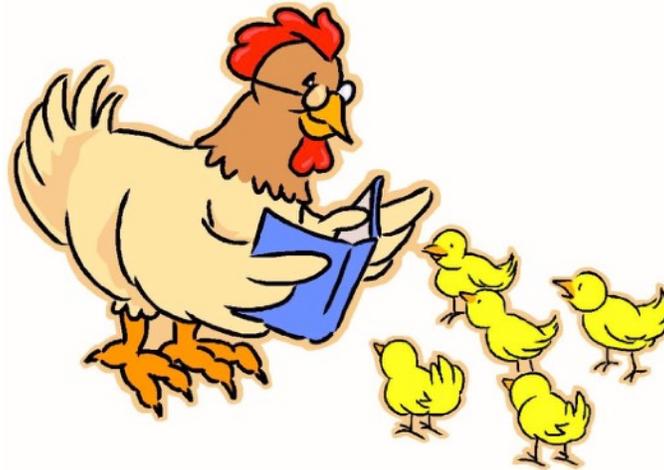
Reuben made a lot of  
bubbles. He had fun.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Reuben.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Horses

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

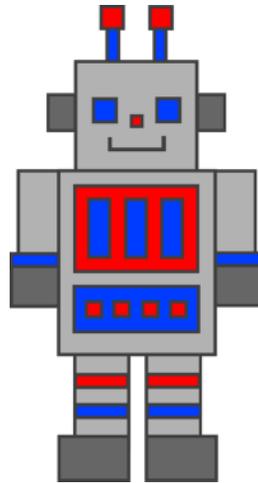
Reuben liked seeing the  
horses.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Robot

“Can I have a robot?”  
said Reuben.

“A robot could play  
games with me. A robot  
could read books to me.  
A robot would be neat.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Sheep

“I saw a sheep near my home,” said Reuben.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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## Snow Skiing

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

“It would be so much fun.”

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

“I could go fast.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Rabbit

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

“I would have two long  
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

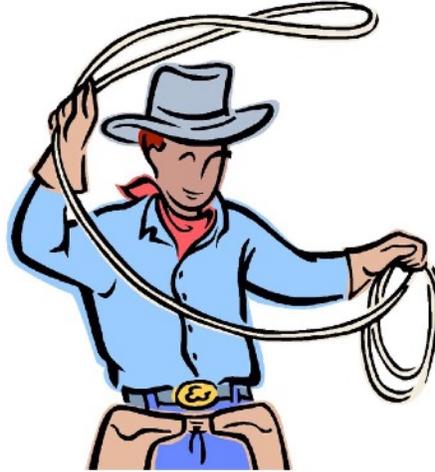
“I would even like to eat  
carrots,” said Reuben.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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## Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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## Bear

Reuben 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 Reuben.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Soccer Ball

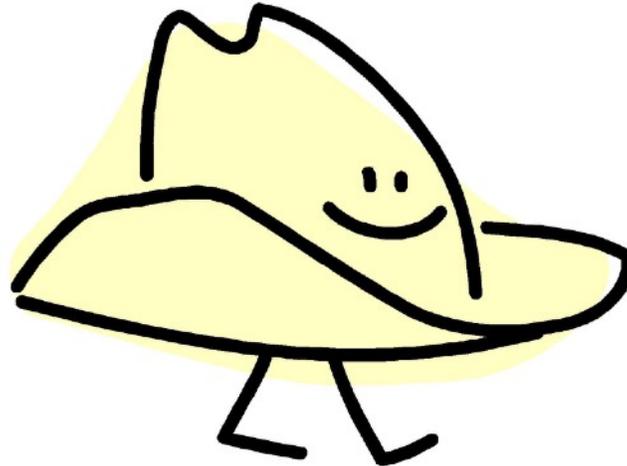
Reuben has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Hat

Reuben saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Reuben.

“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 Reuben saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Reuben.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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## Safari

“I went to Africa,” said  
Reuben.

“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

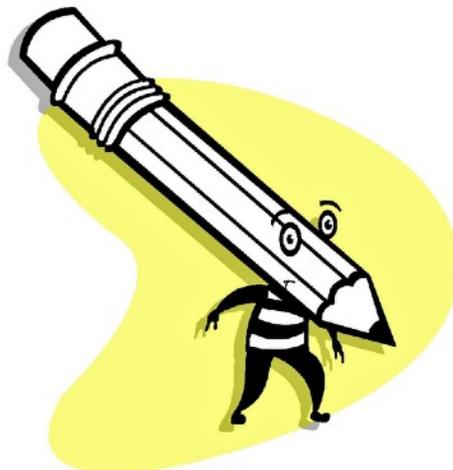
“I have a pencil,” said Reuben. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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## Pencil

One day Reuben woke up. He was a pencil.

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

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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 Reuben.

“I don’t know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends.”

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Snake

“I think I would like to be a snake,” said Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Reuben.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

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## Pet Shop

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

“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 Reuben.

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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

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 Reuben.

“I was a happy snail, but it took a long time to get anywhere.”

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## Singing Fish

“I want to be a fish that can sing,” said Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

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## Airplane

“When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane,” said Reuben.

“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

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

Reuben likes being a  
kangaroo.

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## Lemonade

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

Reuben made \$5.00 in one day.

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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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

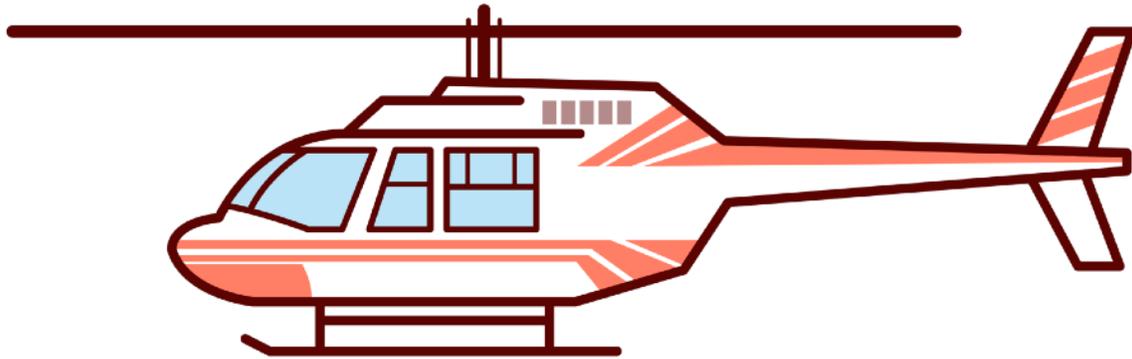
“It will be so much fun.”

“I will have a good view and get to see birds and little animals every day.”

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## Helicopter

“I want to fly a helicopter,” said Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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# Reuben Saw



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Fiction

# Cat



Reuben saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big cat,” he  
said.

# Bat



Reuben saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big bat,” he  
said.

# Rat



Reuben saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big rat,” he  
said.

# Ant



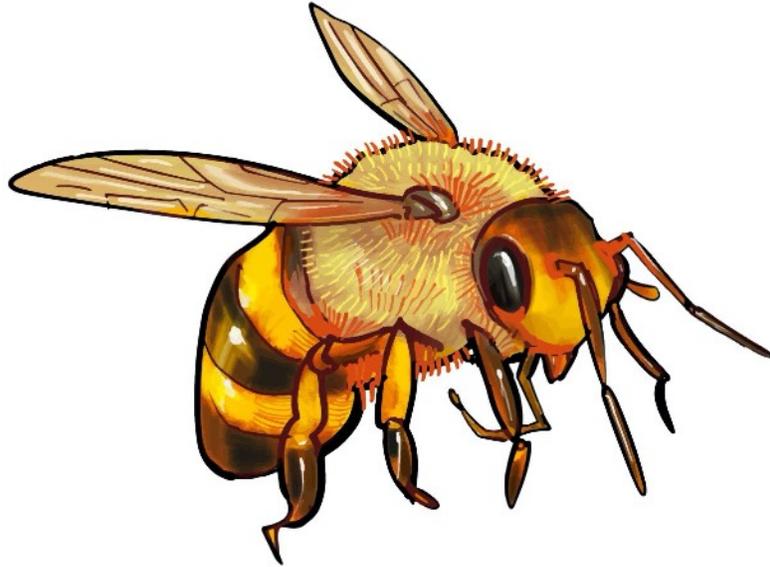
Reuben saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big ant,” he  
said.

# Bee



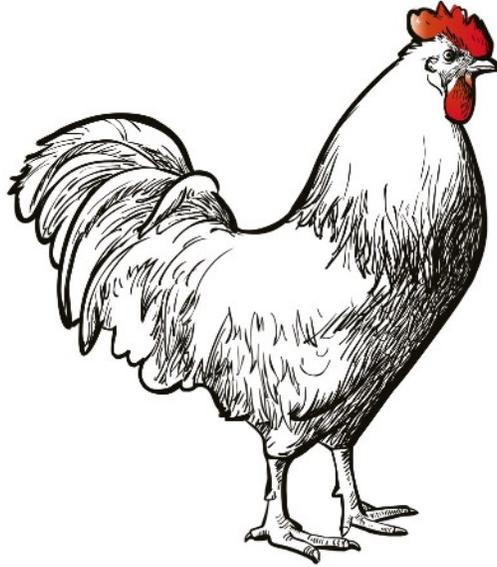
Reuben saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big bee,” he  
said.

# Hen



Reuben saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big hen,” he  
said.

# Elk



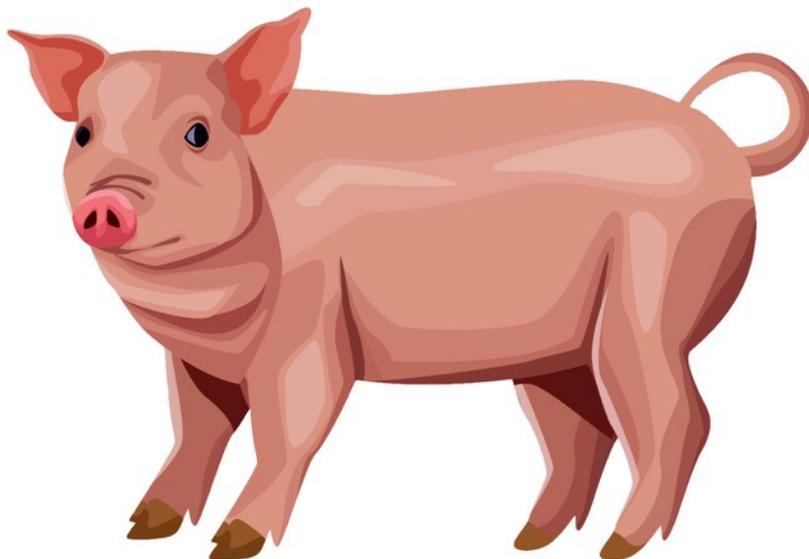
Reuben saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big elk,” he  
said.

# Pig



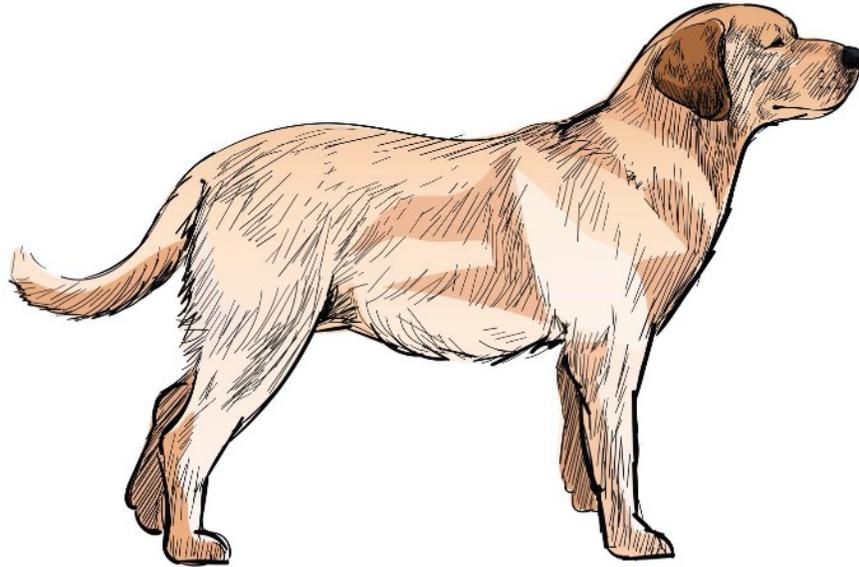
Reuben saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big pig,” he  
said.

# Dog



Reuben saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big dog,” he  
said.

# Cod



Reuben saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big cod,” he  
said.

# Fox



Reuben saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big fox,” he  
said.

# Cow



Reuben saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big cow,” he  
said.

# Owl



Reuben saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big owl,” he  
said.

# Bug



Reuben saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big bug,” he  
said.

# Pup



Reuben saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a big pup,” he  
said.

# Fly



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Reuben Saw a Cab



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Fiction

# Cab



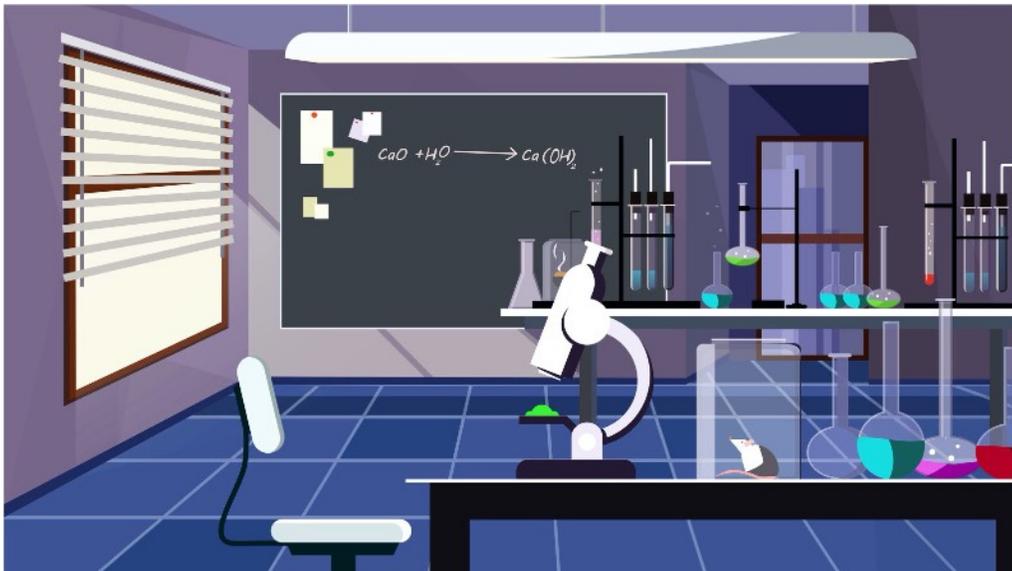
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It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice cab,” he  
said.

# Lab



Reuben saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice lab,” he  
said.

# Bag



Reuben saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice bag,” he  
said.

# Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he  
said.

# Yam



Reuben saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice yam,” he  
said.

# Can



Reuben saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice can,” he  
said.

# Fan



Reuben saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice fan,” he  
said.

# Pan



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

# Van



Reuben saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice van,” he  
said.

# Cap



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

# Map



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

“It was a nice map,” he  
said.

# Bat



Reuben saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice bat,” he  
said.

# Hat



Reuben saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice hat,” he  
said.

# Mat



Reuben saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice mat,” he  
said.

# Vat



Reuben saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a nice vat,” he  
said.

# Sax



Reuben saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said  
Reuben.

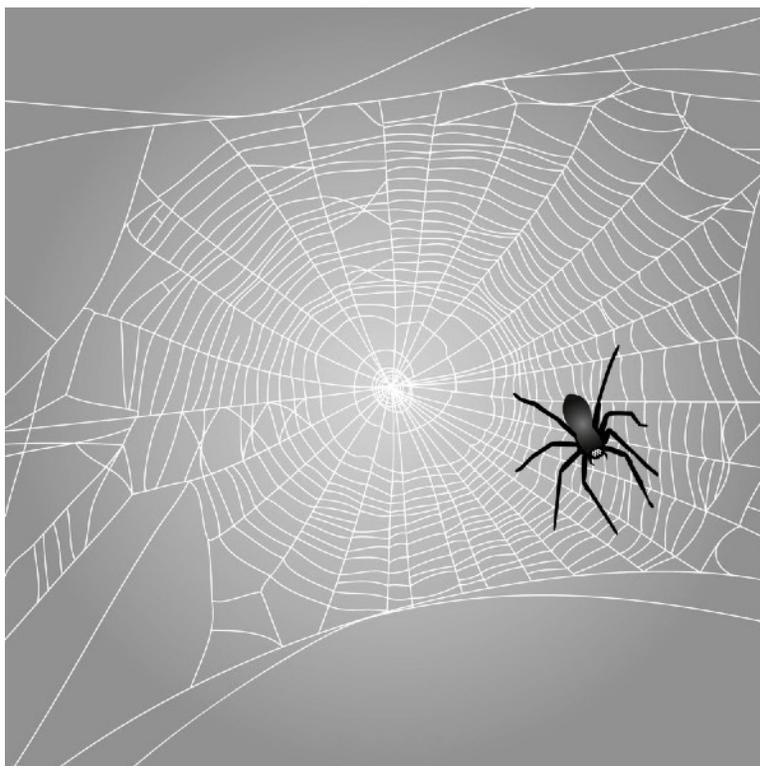
“It was a nice sax,” he  
said.

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# Reuben Saw a Web



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Fiction

# Web



Reuben saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool web,” he  
said.

# Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he  
said.

# Pen



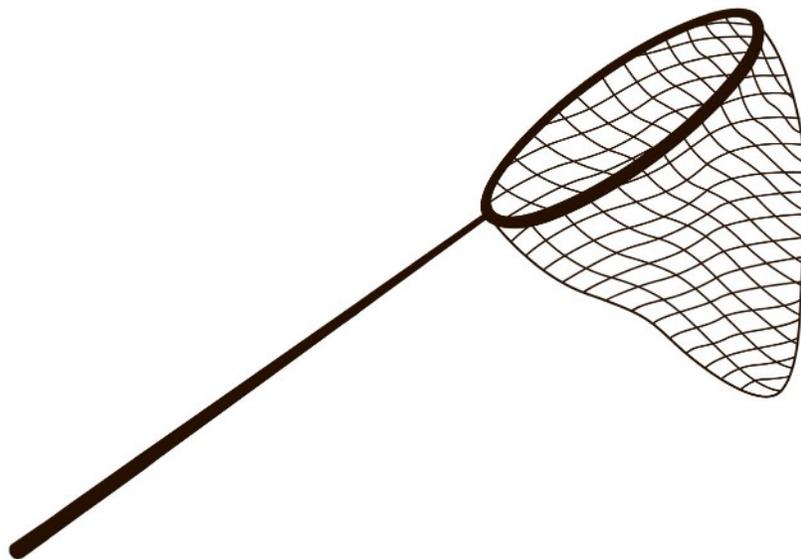
Reuben saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool pen,” he  
said.

# Net



Reuben saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool net,” he  
said.

# Jet



Reuben saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool jet,” he  
said.

# Wig



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

# Bin



Reuben saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool bin,” he  
said.

# Fin



Reuben saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool fin,” he  
said.

# Pin



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

# Rod



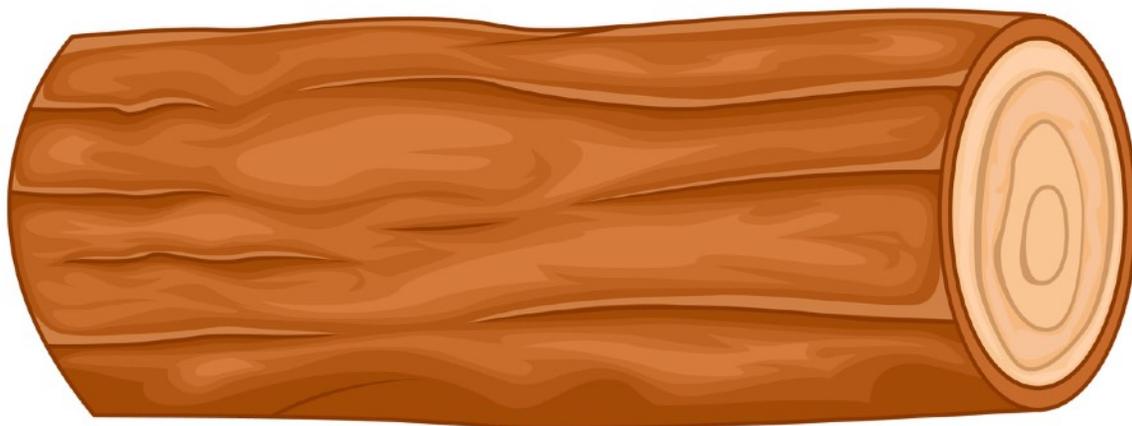
Reuben saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool rod,” he  
said.

# Log



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

# Mop



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

# Top



Reuben saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool top,” he  
said.

# Cot



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

# Pot



Reuben saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a cool pot,” he  
said.

# Box



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

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# Reuben Saw a Tub



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Fiction

# Tub



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

# Jug



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

# Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he  
said.

# Bun



Reuben saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a neat bun,” he  
said.

# Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” he  
said.

# Bus



Reuben saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a neat bus,” he  
said.

# Hut



Reuben saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said  
Reuben.

“It was a neat hut,” he  
said.

# Nut



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

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# Reuben Went to a Farm



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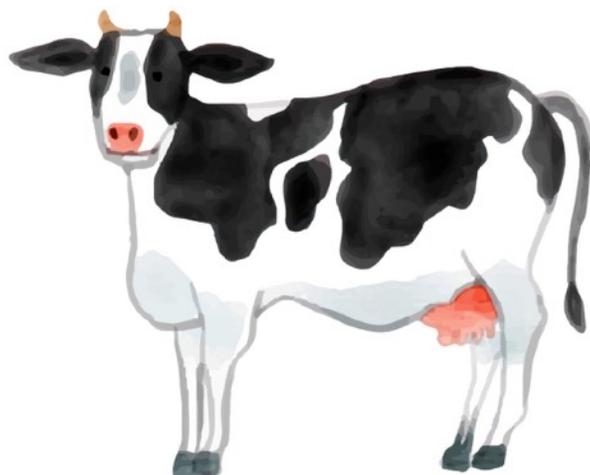
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Fiction



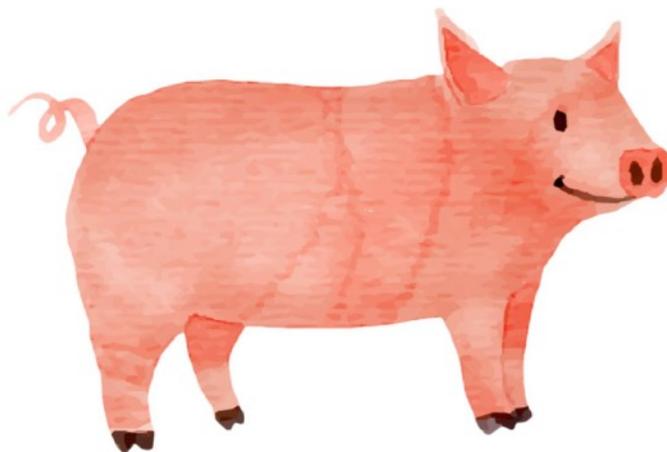
Reuben went to a  
farm. He saw a  
horse. It was a nice  
horse.



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



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



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



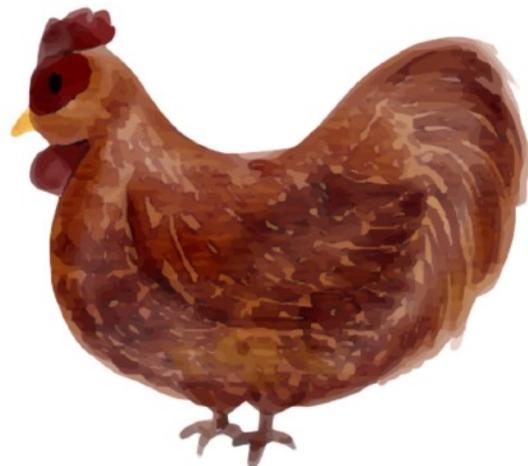
Reuben went to a  
farm. There was a  
sheep. It was a nice  
sheep.



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



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



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



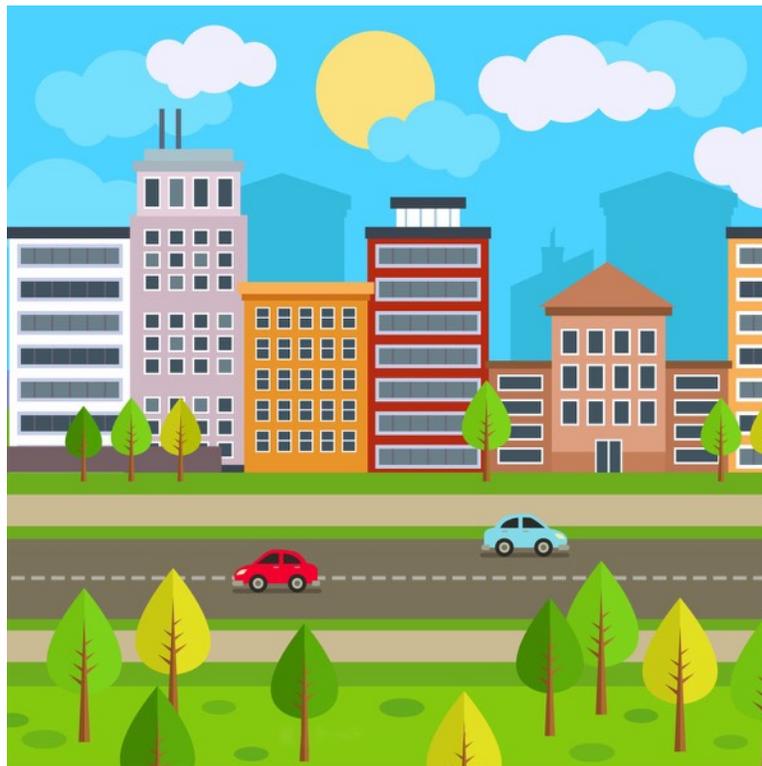
Reuben was  
happy that he went  
to a nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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# Reuben Went to a City



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Reuben was  
happy that he went  
to a nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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# Reuben Is In This Story



Bird

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

1



Falling Star

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

1



Octopus

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

1



Basketball  
By Clark Ness

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

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## Bird

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

The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”  
said Reuben.

“I cannot fly,” said the  
cat.

“That is too bad,” said  
Reuben.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Reuben went and  
flew all around.

He then came back to  
the cat.

Reuben told the cat  
what he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the  
cat.

“You are welcome,”  
said Reuben.

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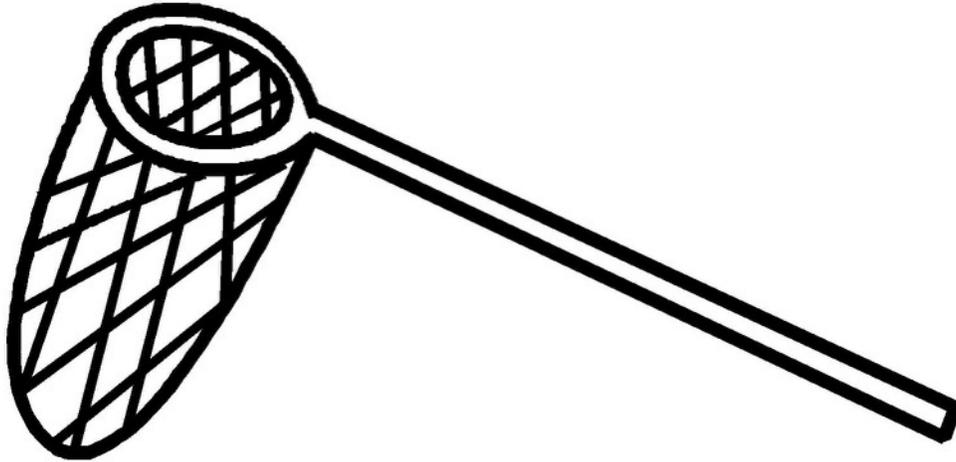


## Falling Star

One night Reuben was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"  
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"  
said Reuben.

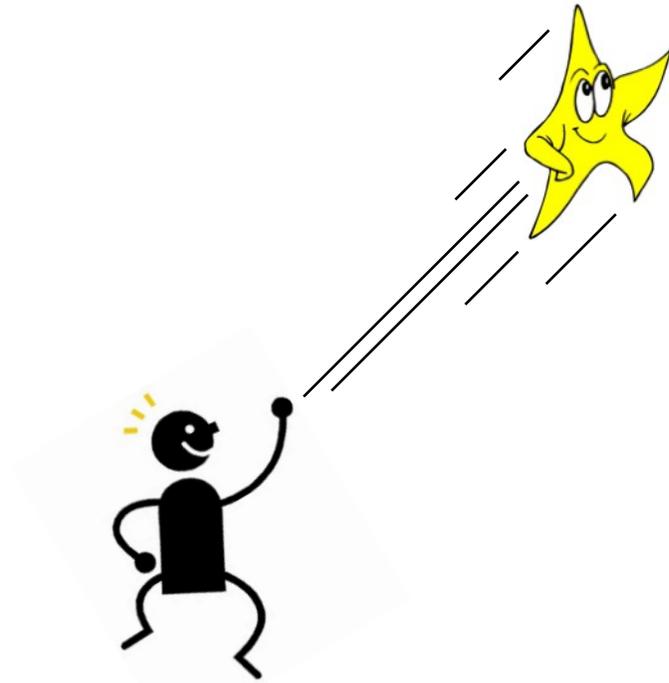
He ran and got a big  
net.



Reuben 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 Reuben's dad.



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

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



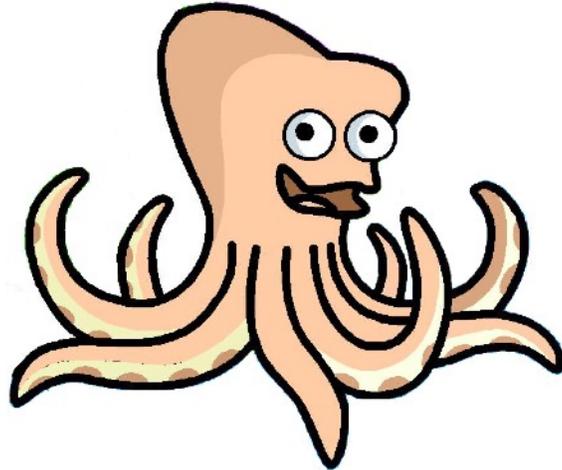
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Reuben was proud that he had saved a falling star.

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## Octopus

One day Reuben woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Reuben.



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

Reuben 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 Reuben.

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 Reuben.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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# Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Reuben 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 Reuben.

“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 Reuben.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Reuben the basketball.

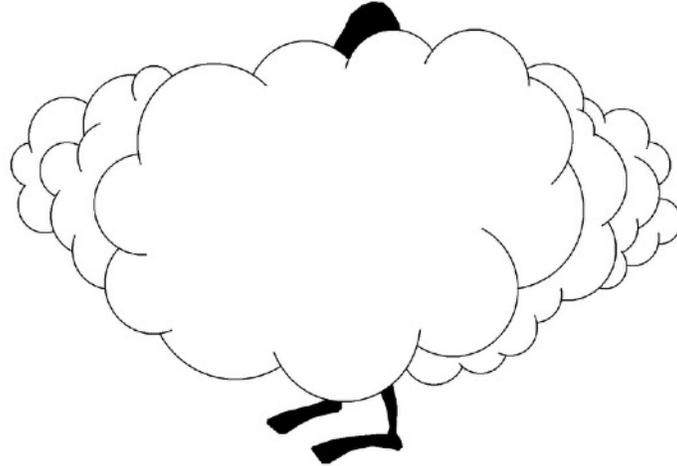
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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