

Tristan 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

Fiction



Falling Star

One night Cody was outside with his dad.

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

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

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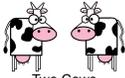
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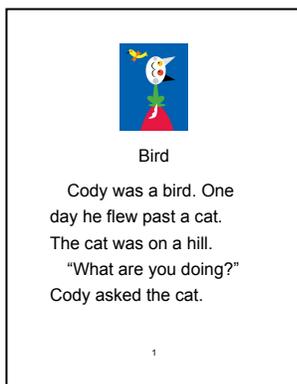


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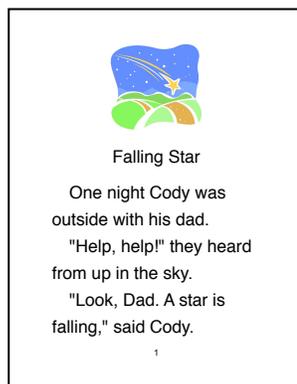


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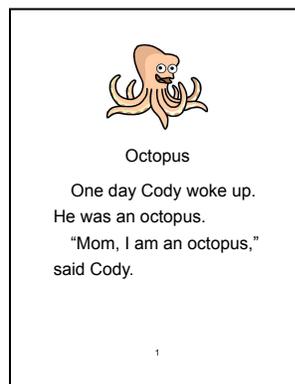
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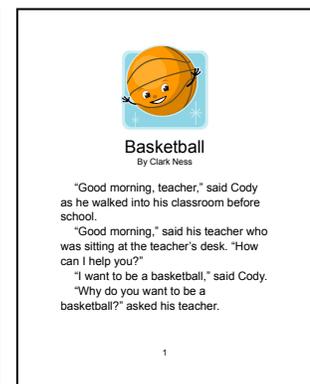
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Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Tristan.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Tristan.

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Race

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.7

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Tristan.

“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

Tristan 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

Tristan went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Tristan 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 Tristan.

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Crocodile

One day Tristan woke up.
He was a crocodile. He
went to school. He scared
his teacher.

His friends thought he
looked cool.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.0

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Singing Flower

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

Tristan thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

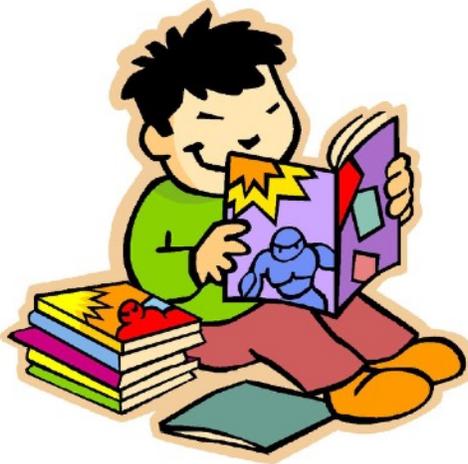
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Tristan.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

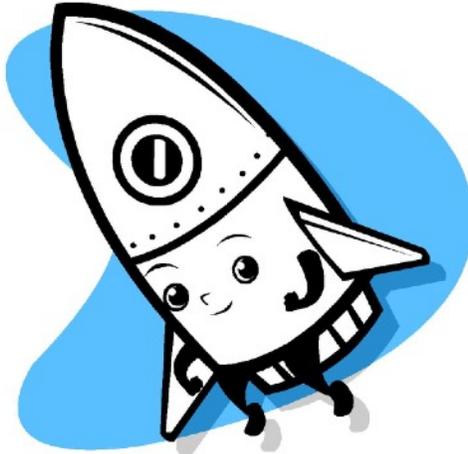
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

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

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Tristan.

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Surfing Dog

Tristan 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.

Tristan thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Tristan 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 Tristan.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Tristan.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Tristan.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Tristan likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Tristan was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Tristan.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Tristan 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 Tristan.

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Horse With Wings

One day Tristan became
a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
Tristan 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 Tristan.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said
Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

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Bubbles

Tristan made bubbles.
Some bubbles were big.
Some bubbles were small.
Tristan made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Tristan.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

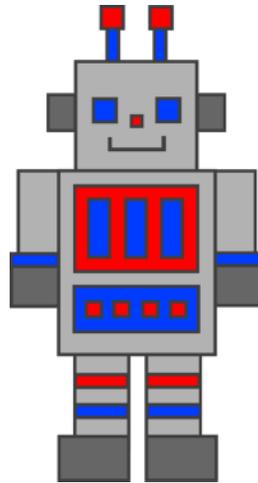
Tristan liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Tristan.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

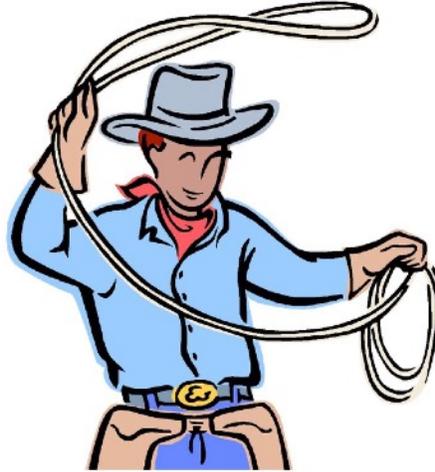
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Tristan.

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Tristan 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 Tristan.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

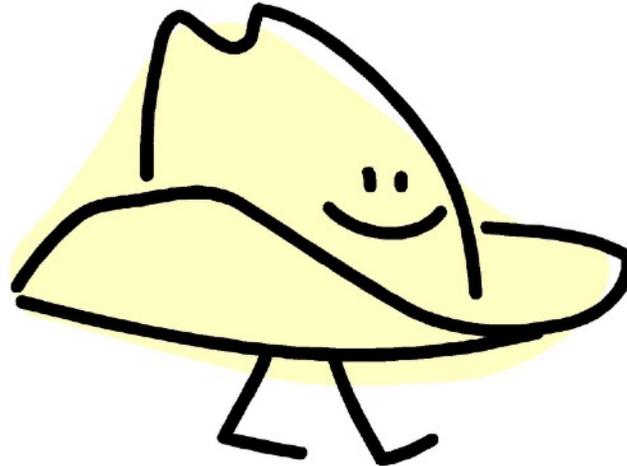
Tristan has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Tristan saw a rat.

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

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

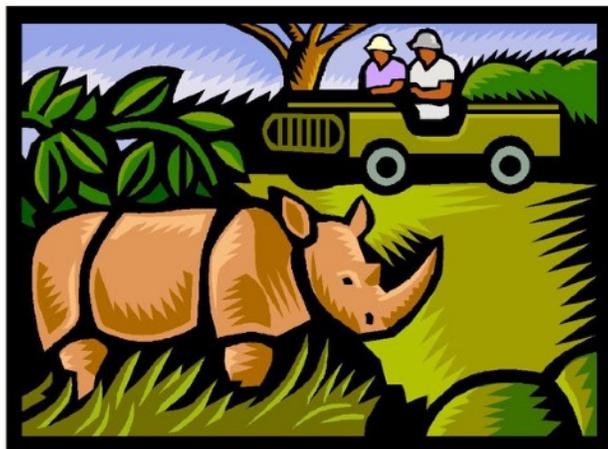
“Hope you have fun,” said Tristan.

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Tristan.

“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

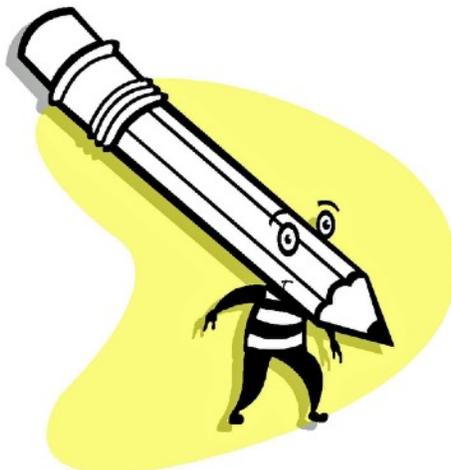
“I have a pencil,” said Tristan. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Tristan woke up.
He was a pencil.

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

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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Tristan.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Tristan.

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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

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 Tristan.

“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

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

Tristan likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Tristan 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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan. “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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Tristan Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Tristan saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Tristan saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Tristan saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



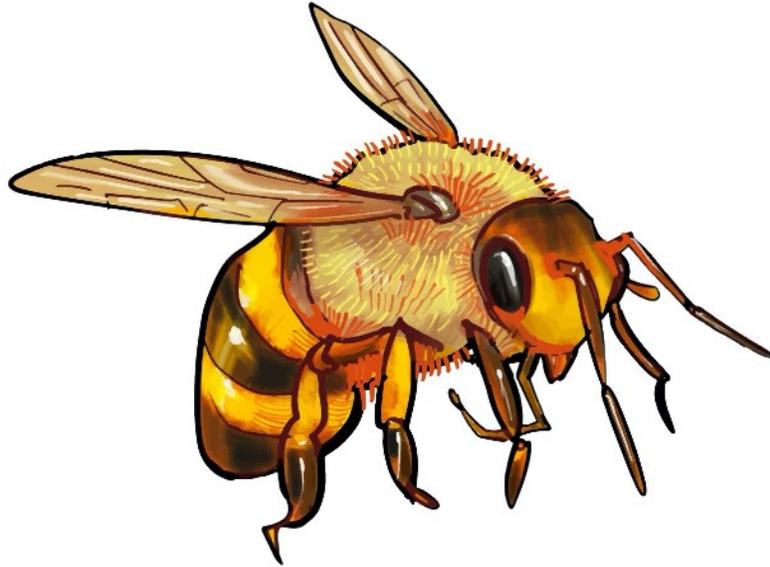
Tristan saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



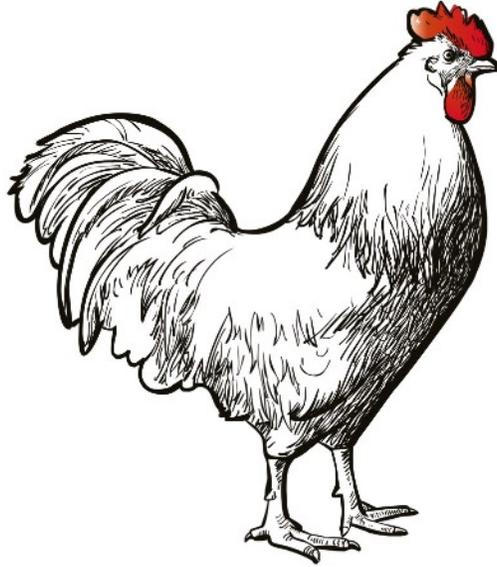
Tristan saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Tristan saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



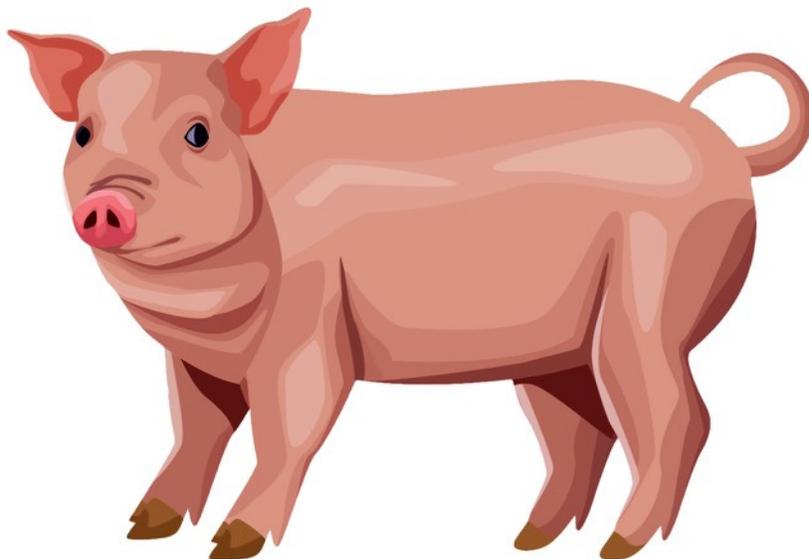
Tristan saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



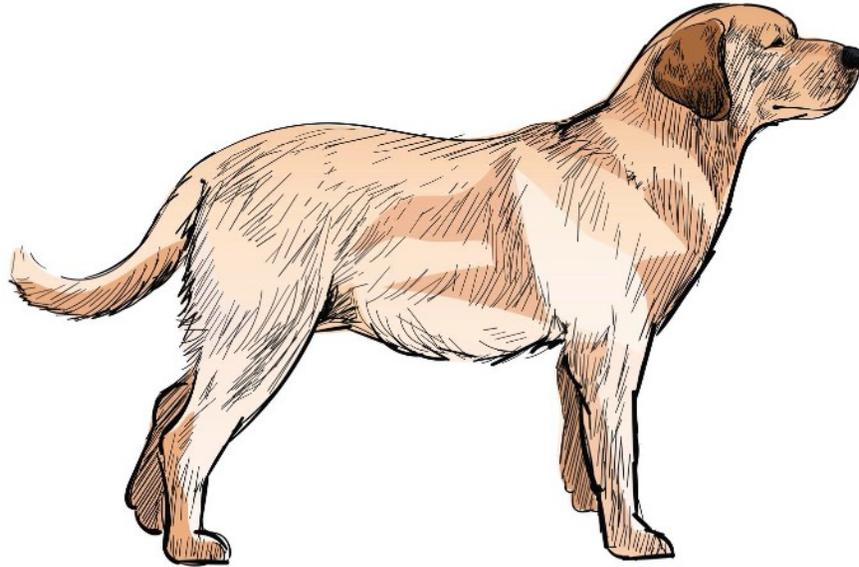
Tristan saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Tristan saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Tristan saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Tristan saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Tristan saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Tristan saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Tristan saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



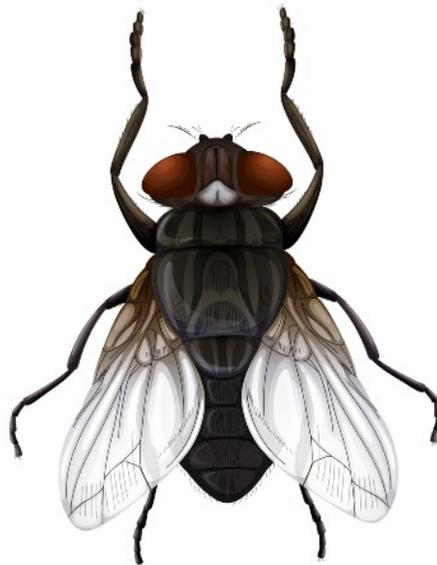
Tristan saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Tristan.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Tristan saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Tristan.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

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Tristan Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



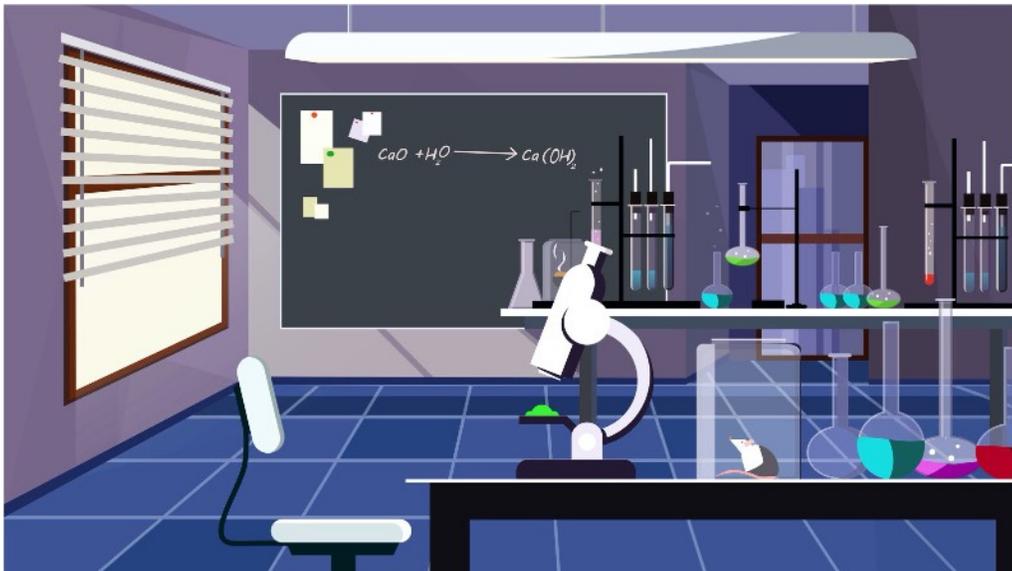
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It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Tristan saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



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

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Tristan saw a yam.
It was a nice yam.
“I saw a yam,” said
Tristan.
“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Tristan saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Tristan saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



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

Van



Tristan saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Tristan saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



Tristan saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



Tristan saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice hat,” he
said.

Mat



Tristan saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Tristan saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Tristan.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



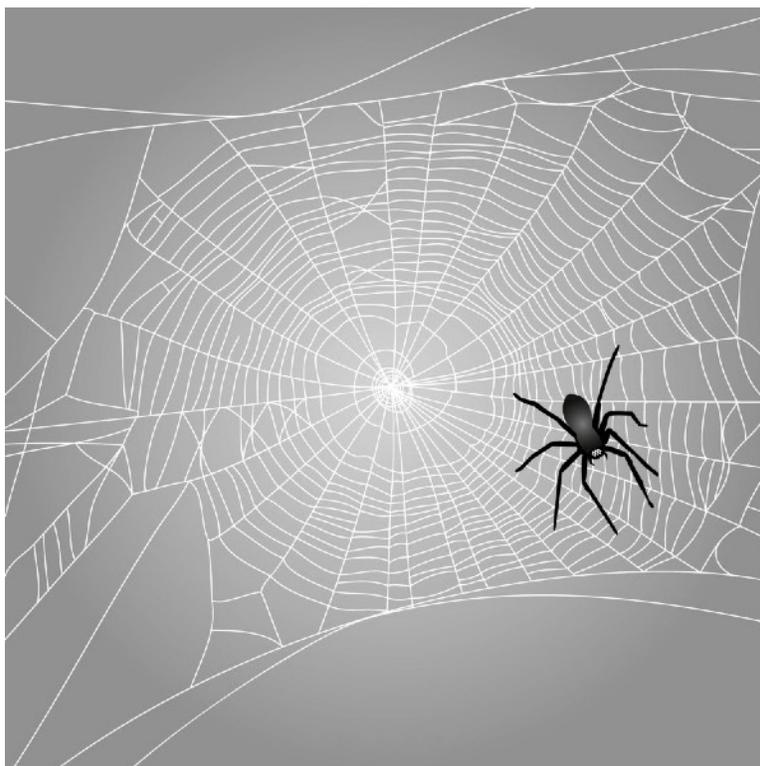
Tristan saw a sax.
It was a nice sax.
“I saw a sax,” said
Tristan.
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Tristan Saw a Web



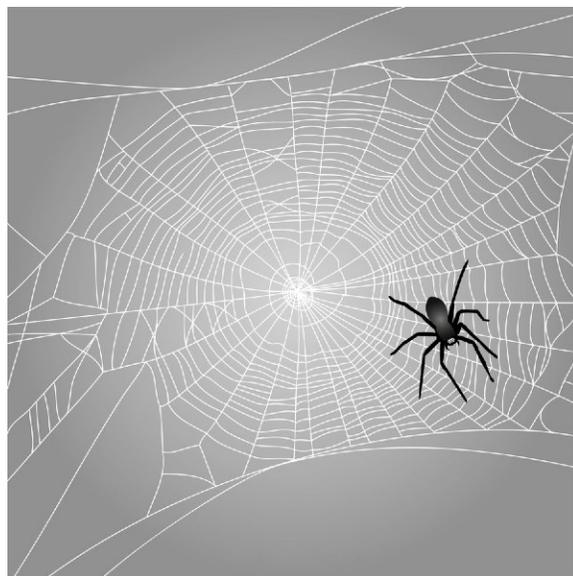
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Fiction

Web



Tristan saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

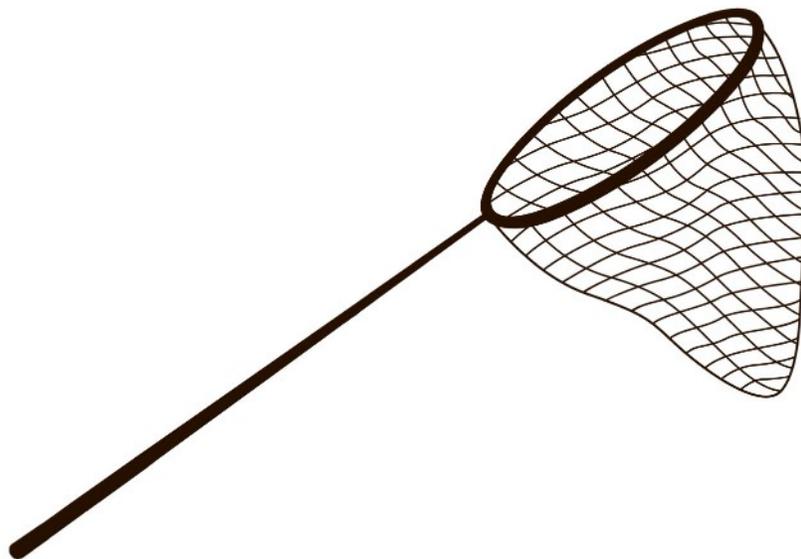
“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



Tristan saw a pen.
It was a cool pen.
“I saw a pen,” said
Tristan.
“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Tristan saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Tristan saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Tristan saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Tristan saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



Tristan saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



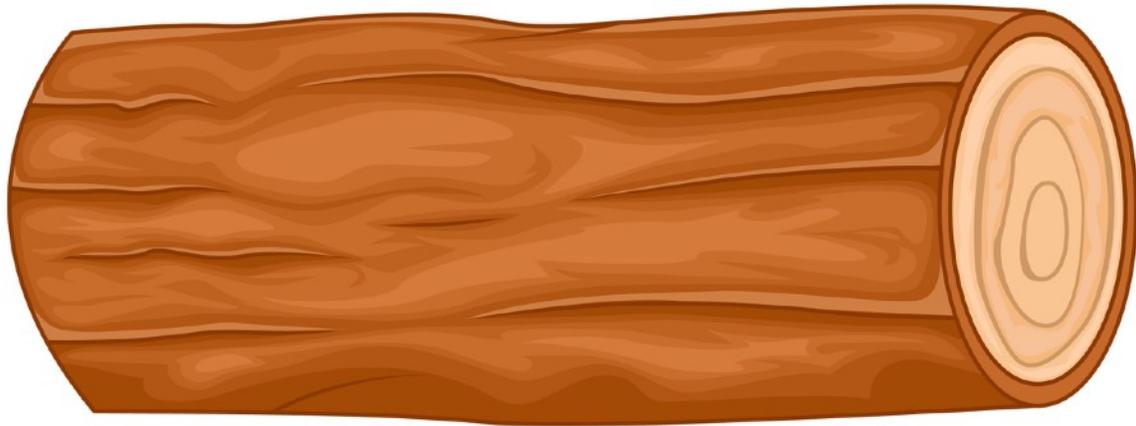
Tristan saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



Tristan saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



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

Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” he
said.

Pot



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

Box



Tristan saw a box.

It was a cool box.

“I saw a box,” said
Tristan.

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Tristan Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



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

“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

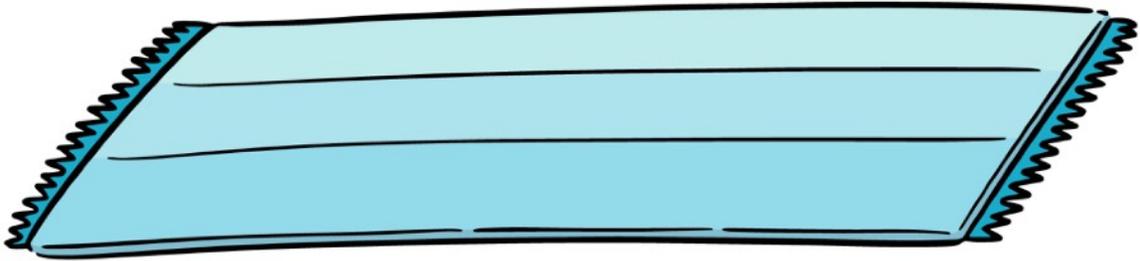
Jug



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

“It was a neat jug,” he
said.

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



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

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



Tristan saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Tristan.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Tristan saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Tristan.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



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

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Tristan Went to a Farm



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Fiction



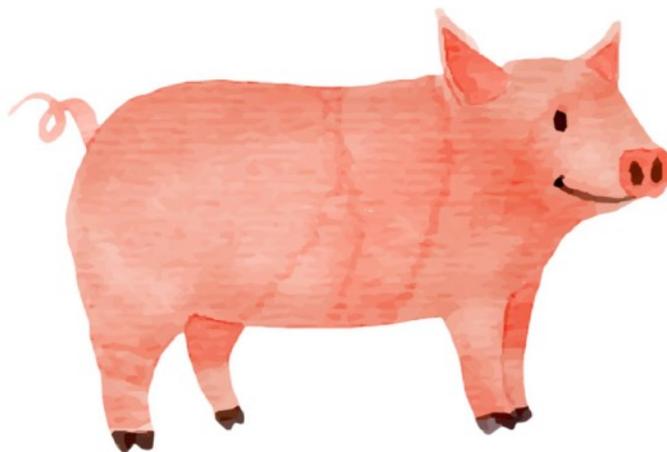
Tristan went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



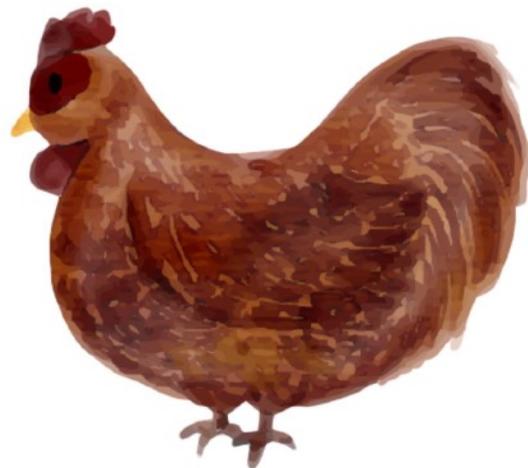
Tristan went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



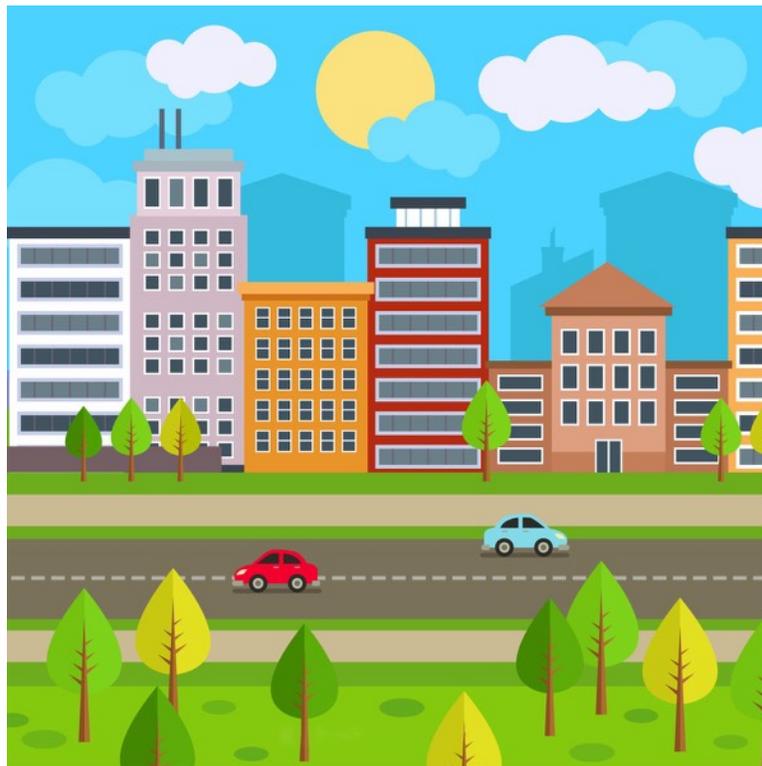
Tristan was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Tristan Went to a City



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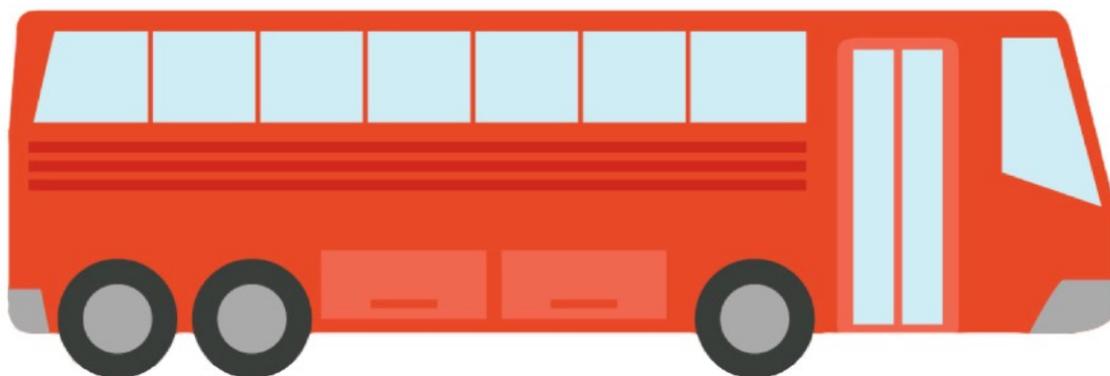
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Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Tristan was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Tristan 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.

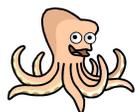
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Falling Star

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.

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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

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

The cat was on a hill.

“What are you doing?”

Tristan asked the cat.



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Tristan.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Tristan.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Tristan went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Tristan told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Tristan.

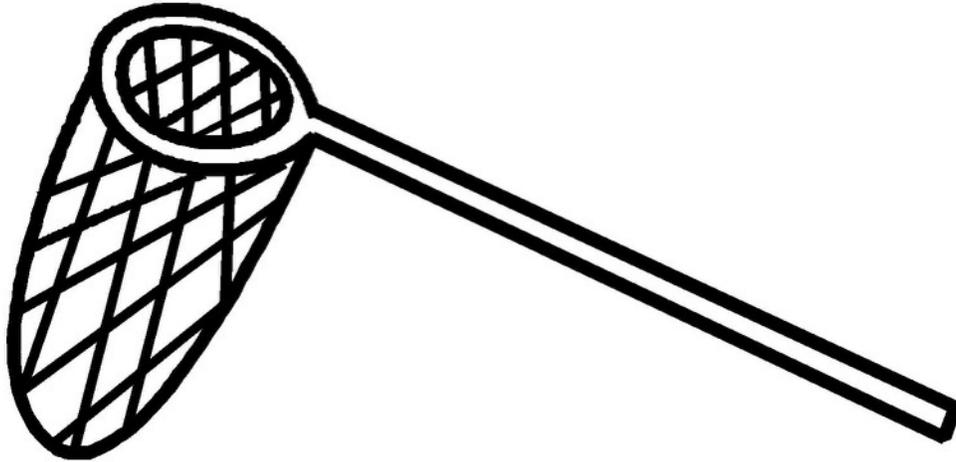


Falling Star

One night Tristan was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Tristan.

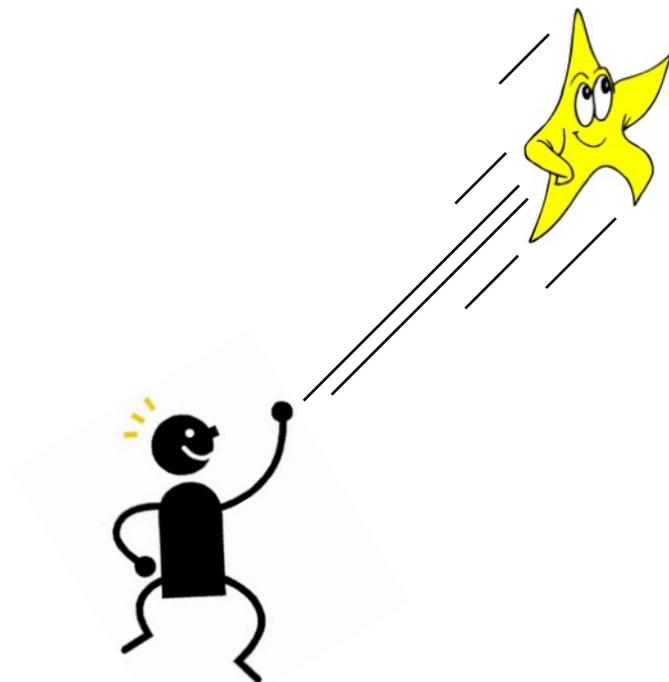
He ran and got a big
net.



Tristan 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 Tristan's dad.



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

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



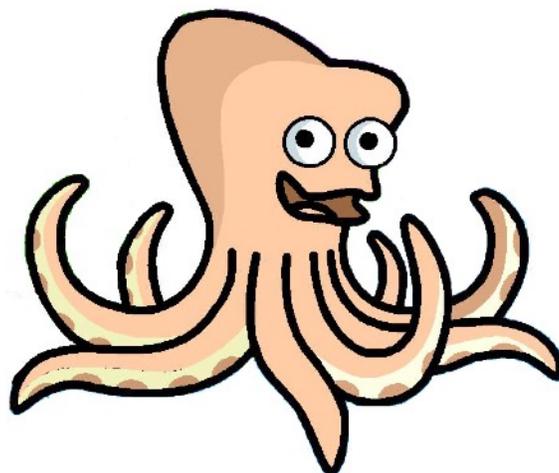
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Tristan was proud that he had saved a falling star.

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Octopus

One day Tristan woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Tristan.



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

Tristan 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 Tristan.

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 Tristan.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Tristan 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 Tristan.

“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 Tristan.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Tristan the basketball.

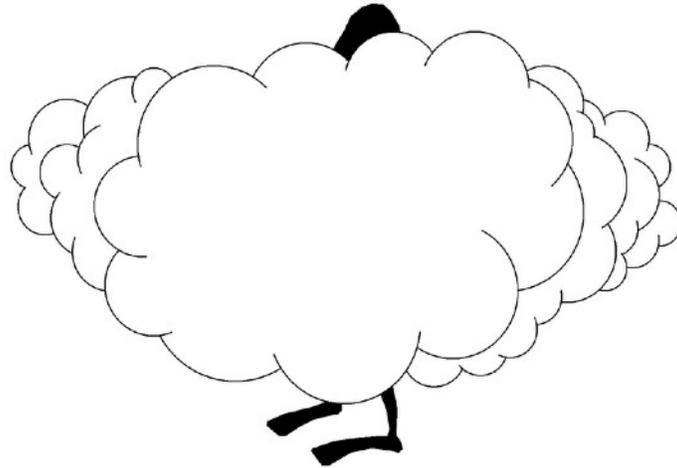
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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