

# A Neat Trick




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## A Neat Trick

"I am Rick, and I am a , " said Rick.  
clown

"I am a sweet , " he said.  
clown

"I did this trick," said Rick.

"It is a neat trick," he said.

"This trick is a hit," said Rick.

"It is a kick that I did this trick," he said.



## A Sweet Drink

"I am Rick, and I want a drink," said Rick.

"I think I want a drink that is sweet," he said.

"I want a sweet drink," said Rick.

"It is neat that I can drink a sweet drink," he said.

"A sweet drink is a hit with me," said Rick.



○  
Couldn't Hit the Ball

○  
The man sees the ball.

○  
Swish. The man couldn't hit the ball.

The man is sad that he couldn't hit

○  
the ball.



## I Can Kiss Dad

"I can kiss Dad," said Tim.

"I can kiss Dad," said Kim.

"We can kiss Dad," said Tim.

"The kids can kiss me," said Dad.



## I Can Wink

"I am Mack, and I can wink," said Mack.

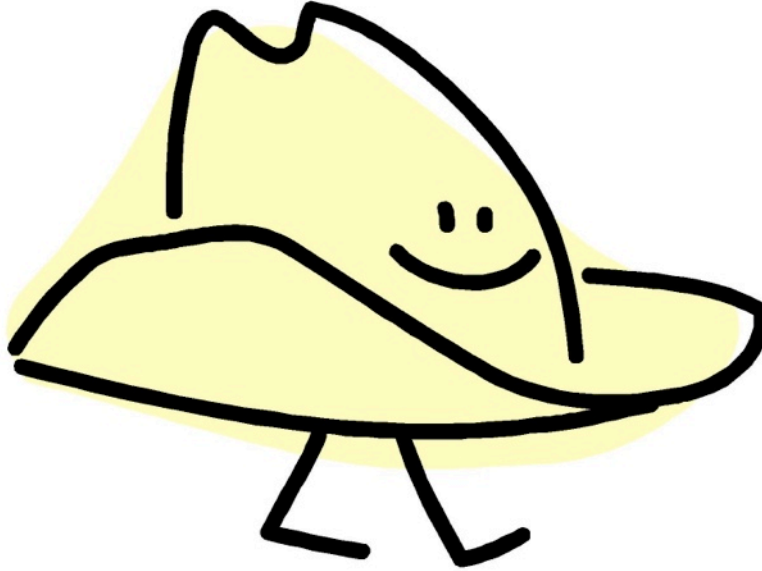
"It isn't a trick that I can wink," he said.

"I think, and I wink," said Mack.

"I can wink at Nick and Rick," he said.

"I can wink at Nan and Nat," said Mack.

"I think that it is neat that I can wink," he said.



## I Want a Hat

I want a hat that is happy. 

I wouldn't want a hat that is mean.

I wouldn't want a hat that is sad.

I want a hat that is happy. 



Ink



I see ink in a bottle.



I see an ink pen.



We can write with ink.



Kim Acts Happy



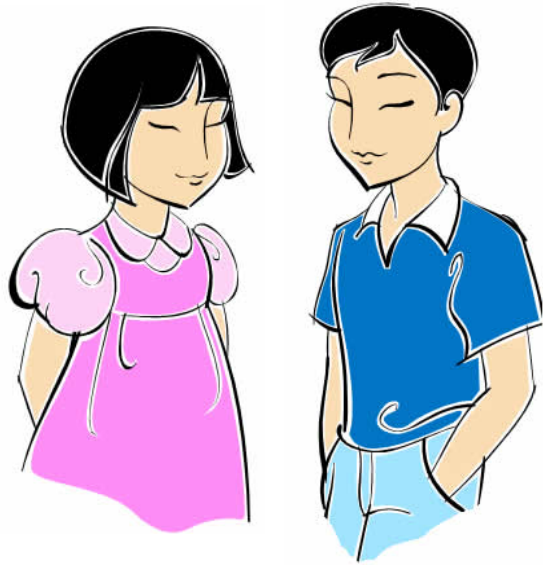
Kim acts happy.



"I am happy," said Kim.



Kim acts happy and is happy.



Kim and Tim

"I am Kim, and this is Tim," said Kim.

"He stands near me," she said.

"I am Tim, and I stand near Kim," said Tim.

"I am a twin," said Kim.

"I am a twin," said Tim.

"It is neat that I am a twin," she said.

"It is a kick that I am a twin," he said.




## Kim is Sick

"I am Kim, and I am sick," said Kim.

"I wish I wasn't sick," she said.

"I am in a , " said Kim.  
hospital

"I can eat in the , " she said.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't in the , " said Kim.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't sick," she said.



Mack Acts Happy



Mack acts happy.



"I am happy," said Mack.



Mack acts happy and is happy.



Mack has   
Books

"I am Mack. I can read," said Mack.

"I am a kid with a stack," he said.

"I can see  in this stack," said Mack.  
books

"I can read the  in this stack," he said.  
books

"It is neat that I can read ," said Mack.  
books



Mean

This stinks.

Rick is mean.

He shouldn't act mean.

Mean isn't neat.



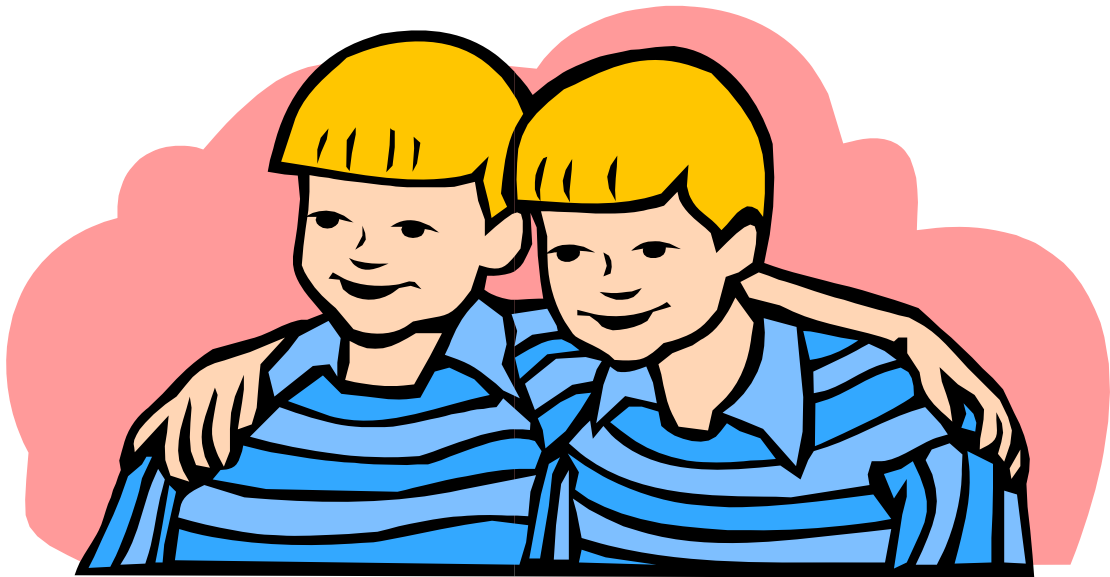
## Nick and Kim Can Act

Nick and Kim can act.

"I can act," said Nick.

"I can act, said Kim.

It is neat that Nick and Kim can act.



Nick and Rick

"I am Nick. I am a kid," said Nick.

"This is Rick. He is a kid," he said.

"I am a twin, and Nick is a twin," said Rick.

"I need Rick, and he needs me," said Nick.

"It is a kick that I am a twin," he said.

"It is neat that I am a twin," said Rick.



## Nick Is Meek

Nick is meek.

Nick isn't sad.

Nick isn't mean.

Nick is sweet.

Nick is meek.



## Rick and a Trick

Rick is a  .  
dog

He did a trick.

It was a neat trick.

I think it is neat that Rick did a trick.

Rick is a neat  that did a neat trick.  
dog

It is sweet that Rick did a neat trick.



## Rick and Nick Near a Sink

"I am Rick. See me with a hat?" said Rick.

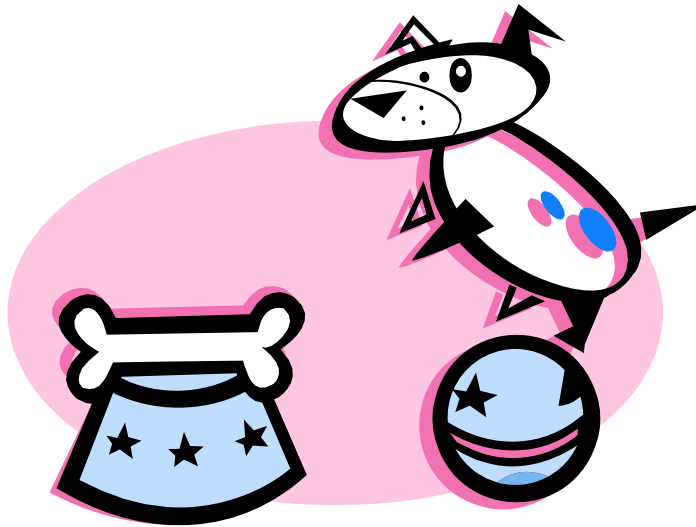
"I am Nick. See me with a hat?" said Nick.

"I am near a sink," said Rick.

"I am near a sink," said Nick.

"I am near a sink with a hat," said Rick.

"I am near a sink with a hat," said Nick.



## Rick Did a Trick

Rick is a  .  
dog

He did a trick.

It was a neat trick.

Rick could see his  .  
bone

The  is a treat.  
bone

It is a sweet treat.



## Rick is Sick

"I am Rick, and I am sick," said Rick.

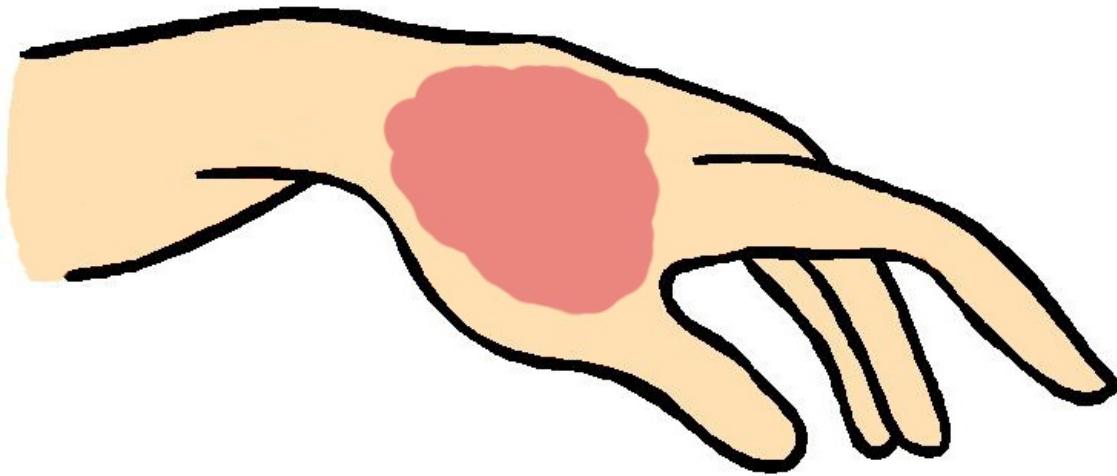
"I wish I wasn't sick," he said.

"I am in a , " said Rick.  
hospital

"I can read in the , " he said.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't in the , " said Rick.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't sick," he said.



## Rick's Hand

This is Rick's hand.

Rick's hand is sick.

Rick's hand has a rash.



Rick should seek rash medicine and  
treat his rash.



## The 2 Kids Stand

The 2 kids stand.



The 2 kids and the dog stand.



The 2 kids and the dog stand and eat

  
snow.

The 2 kids shouldn't eat snow.





## The Books in This Stack

I can read and read.



I can read the books in this stack in 1  
week.

It isn't a trick that I can read the



books in this stack in 1 week.

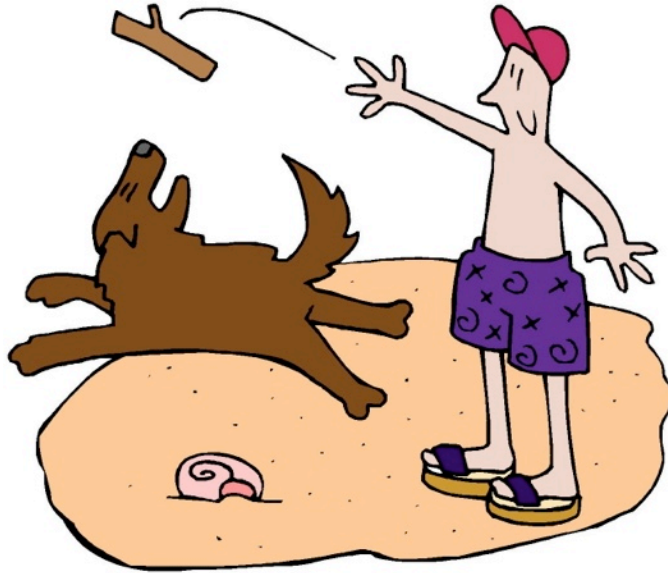


## The Kids

The kids sit.

The kids read.

The kids seem  happy.



## The Man Has a Stick

The man has a stick.



The dog sees the stick.



The dog wants the stick.



## The Shack

"I see a shack," said Mack.



"I want to go in this shack," said Mack.



"We can't go in this shack," said Rick.



"It could crash down," said Rick.



This Desk



I can sit at this desk.



I can stash pencils in this desk.



I can stash papers in this desk.



I can stash books in this desk.



## This Is a Creek

This is a creek.

Trees stand near this creek.



This creek has water in it.



This creek has fish in it.



## Trash in the Creek

I see trash in the creek.

It can stink. It can reek.



Trash shouldn't go in the creek.



## Trish Had a Trim

Trish had a trim.

It was neat that Trish had a trim.




Trish was happy with the trim.



## Trish is Sick

"I am Trish, and I am sick," said Trish.

"I wish I wasn't sick," she said.

"I am in a , " said Trish.  
hospital

"I can eat in the , " she said.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't in the , " said Trish.  
hospital

"I wish I wasn't sick," she said.