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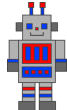


Played

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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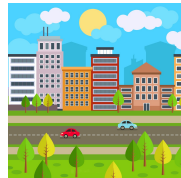
Airplane

"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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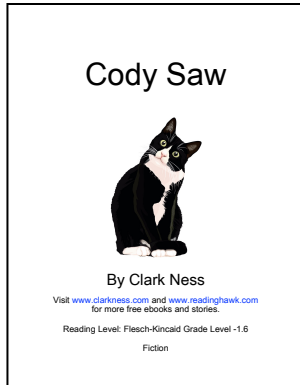
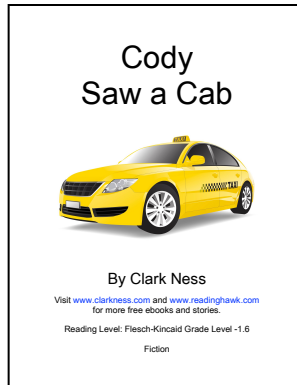
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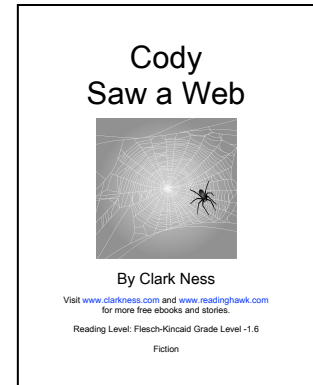
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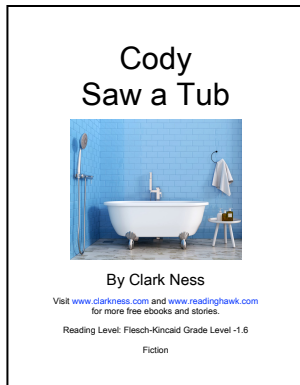
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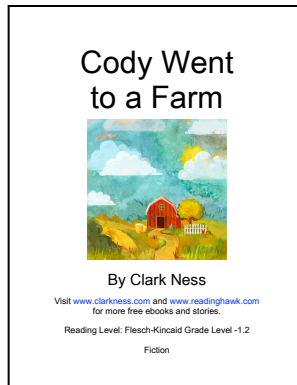
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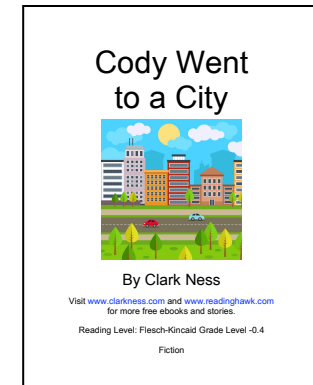
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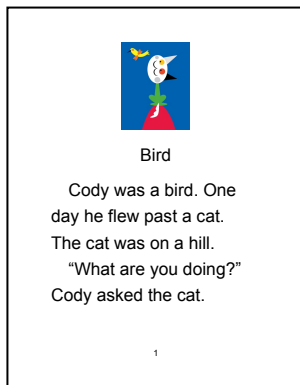


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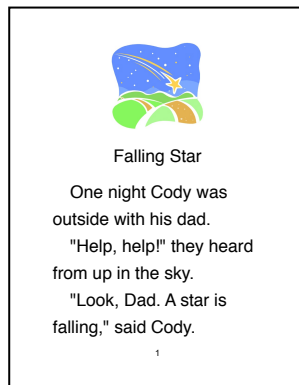


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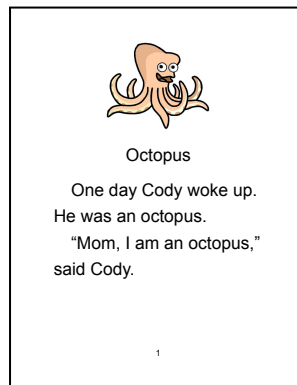
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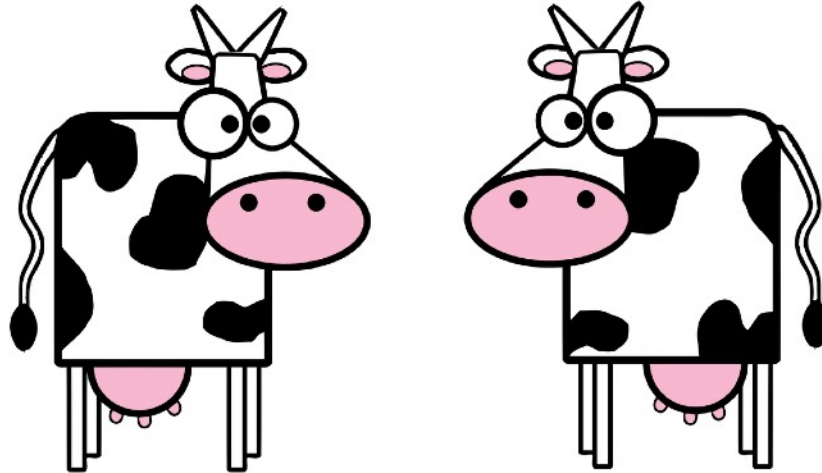
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Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said
Serena.

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

“Moo,” said the two
COWS.

“Moo,” said Serena.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Race

Serena likes to race.
One day she was in a
race. She ran and ran.
She ran fast. Serena won
the race. She was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Serena.

“I wish I was a cat. I could run fast. I could climb trees.”

“It would be neat to be a cat,” she said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.5

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Out of the Water

Serena was a fish. One day she swam fast. She went so fast that she jumped out of the water.

She went up high. She could see far and wide. She had fun.

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Fox

Serena went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Serena 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 Serena.

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Crocodile

One day Serena woke up. She was a crocodile. She went to school. She scared her teacher.

Her friends thought she looked cool.

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Singing Flower

Serena is a flower. She loves to sing. She is a singing flower. She sings and sings.

Serena thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Serena helped with the Christmas tree. She put candy canes on it. She put balls on it.

Her dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

“I think I will read a book,” said Serena. Soon she was done.

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Serena.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

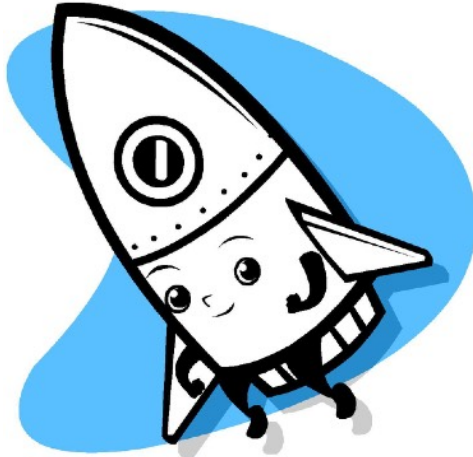
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Serena.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Serena.

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Surfing Dog

Serena is a cool dog.
She has a surf board. She
loves to go to the beach
with her surf board. She
goes surfing at the beach.

Serena thinks surfing is
cool.

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Cat Lover

Serena is a cat lover.
She loves cats. She loves
big cats.

Serena loves little cats.
She loves pretty cats. She
loves ugly cats. Serena
loves all cats.

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Dog Lover

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loves all dogs.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day Serena said, “I think I will fly to school today.”

She put on her flying suit. She flew to school.

“Wow! You flew to school,” said her teacher.

“It was easy,” said Serena.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Serena.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Serena.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

Serena is a rhino. She likes to play soccer. She can kick the ball. She can score a goal.

Serena likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

Serena went for a walk.
She was very quiet. She
looked.

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

Serena was glad that
she saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Serena.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Serena 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 Serena.

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Horse With Wings

One day Serena became
a horse with wings.

She flew to her school.
Serena took each of her
friends for a ride up into
the sky.

They all had fun.

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Astronaut

“I want to be an astronaut,” said Serena.

“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 Serena. She is a happy turtle. She likes to run.

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said
Serena.

“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 Serena.

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Bubbles

Serena made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

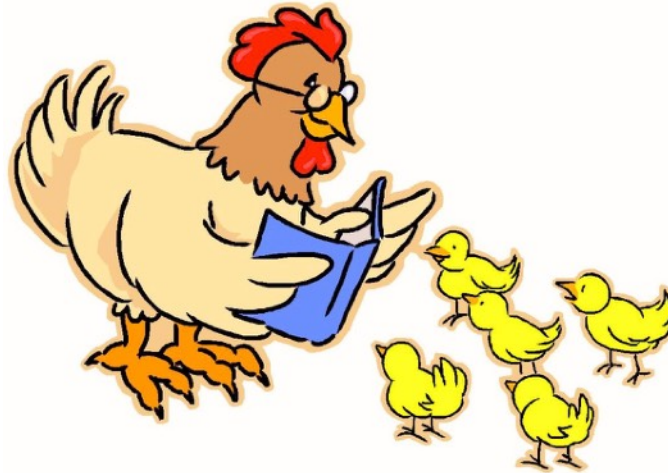
Serena made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said
Serena.

“She wore glasses and
had a book.”

“She was reading to her
chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

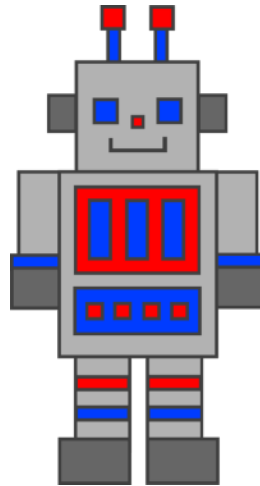
Serena liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Serena.

“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 Serena.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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,” she said.

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Serena.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowgirl

“I am going to be a cowgirl,” said Serena.

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

“It will be neat to be a cowgirl,” said Serena.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Serena 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 Serena.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

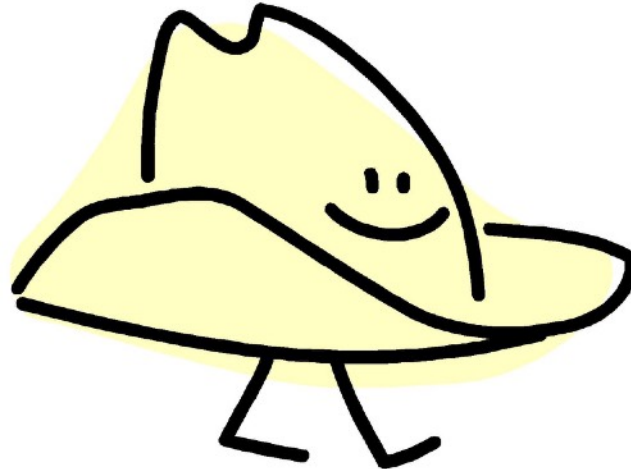
Serena has a soccer ball. She plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Serena saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Serena.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Serena.

“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

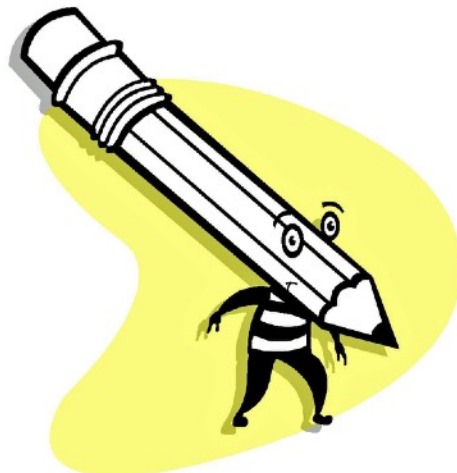
“I have a pencil,” said Serena. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Serena woke up.
She was a pencil.

“I think I will write a story,”
said Serena. She 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 Serena. “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
Serena.

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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Elephant

“I went to a pet shop,”
said Serena.

“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 Serena.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Serena.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Serena.

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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

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Airplane

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

“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

Serena is a kangaroo. She likes to play basketball. She can jump. She can shoot.

Serena likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

Serena made some lemonade. She set up a lemonade stand. She sold lemonade to her friends and family.

Serena 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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

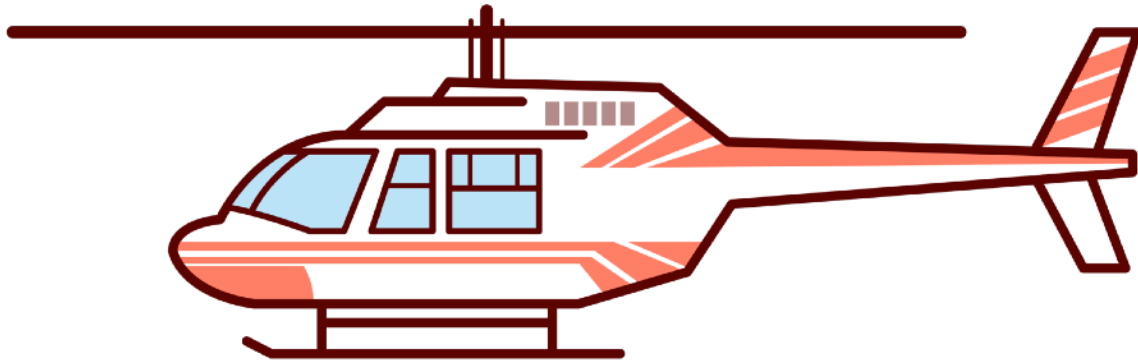
“It will be so much fun.”

“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 Serena.

“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 Serena.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Serena Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Serena saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Serena.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



Serena saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Serena.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



Serena saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Serena.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



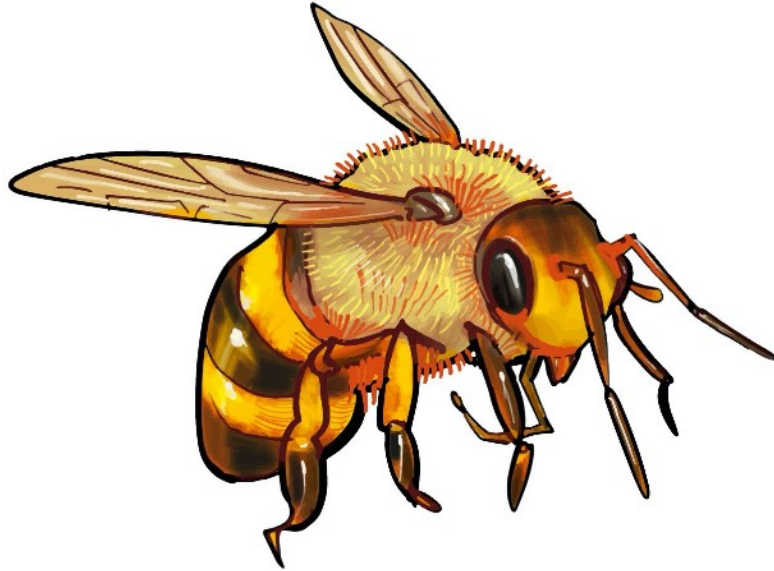
Serena saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Serena.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



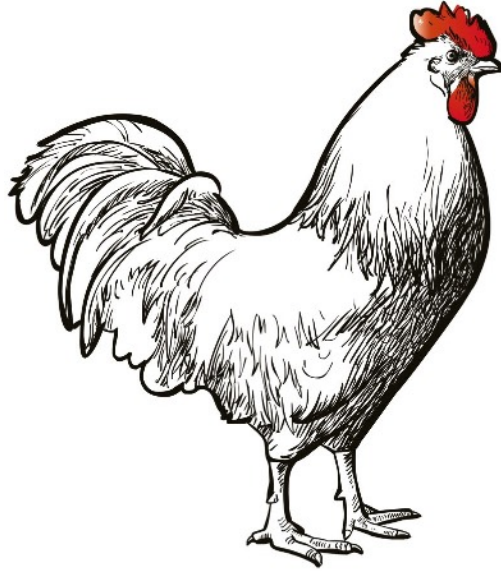
Serena saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Serena.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



Serena saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Serena.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



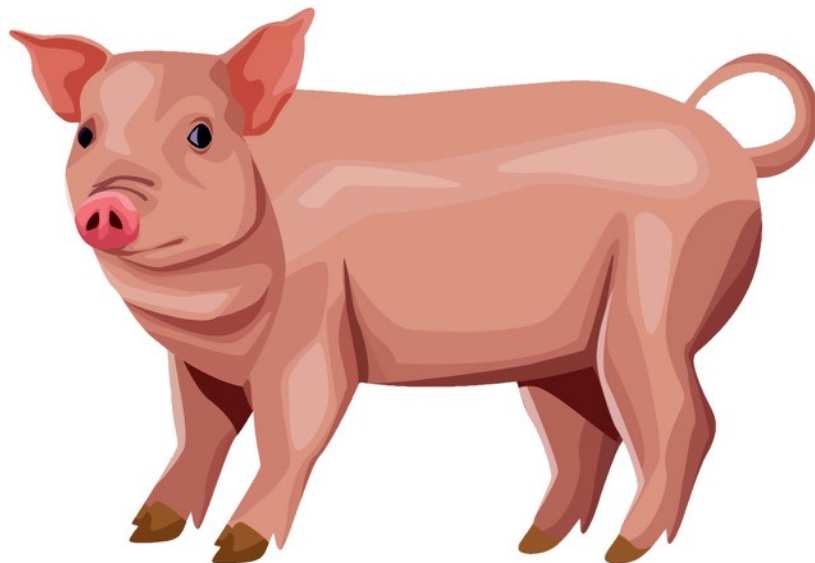
Serena saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Serena.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



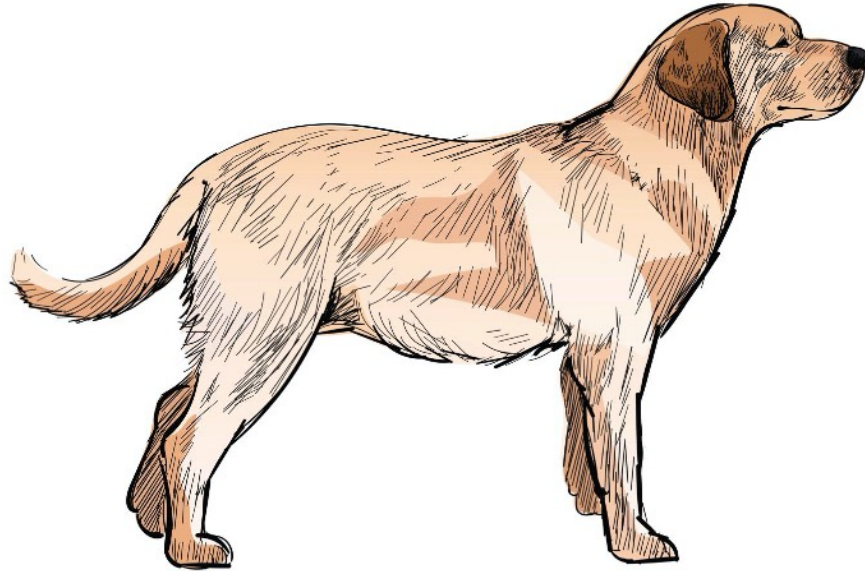
Serena saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Serena.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



Serena saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Serena.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



Serena saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Serena.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



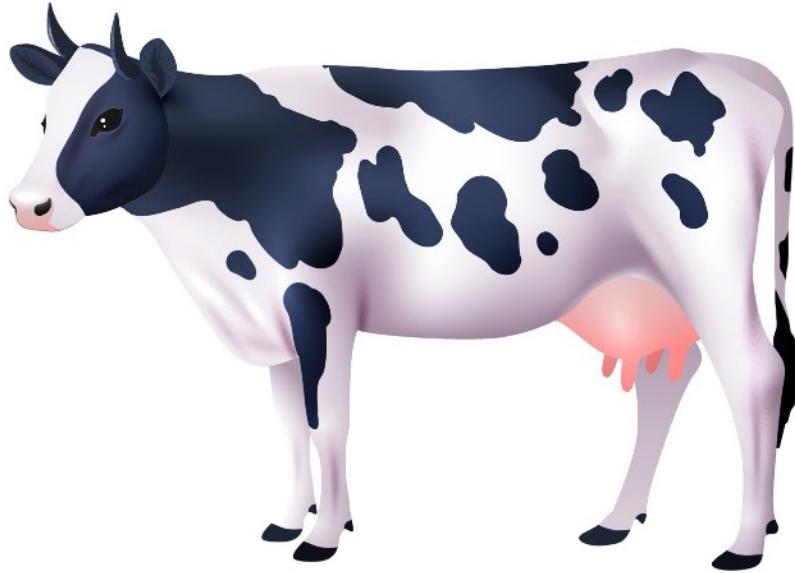
Serena saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Serena.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



Serena saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Serena.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



Serena saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Serena.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



Serena saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Serena.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



Serena saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Serena.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



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

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

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Serena Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



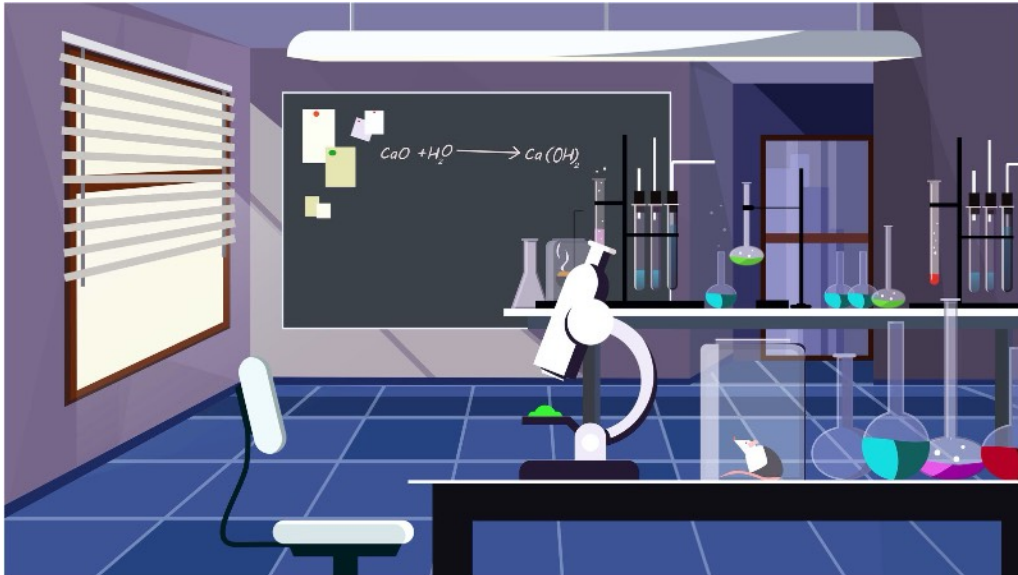
Serena saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



Serena saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



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

“It was a nice bag,” she
said.

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” she
said.

Yam



Serena saw a yam.
It was a nice yam.
“I saw a yam,” said
Serena.
“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



Serena saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



Serena saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



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

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



Serena saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



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

“It was a nice cap,” she
said.

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



Serena saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



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It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice hat,” she
said.

Mat



Serena saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



Serena saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



Serena saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Serena.

“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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Serena Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Serena saw a web.
It was a cool web.
“I saw a web,” said
Serena.

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

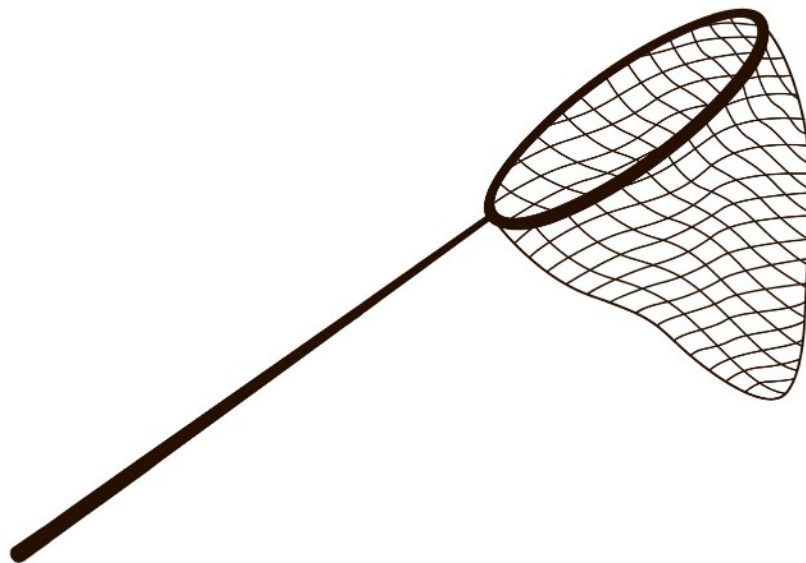
Pen



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

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



Serena saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Serena.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



Serena saw a jet.
It was a cool jet.
“I saw a jet,” said
Serena.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” she
said.

Bin



Serena saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Serena.

“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



Serena saw a fin.
It was a cool fin.
“I saw a fin,” said
Serena.
“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



Serena saw a pin.
It was a cool pin.
“I saw a pin,” said
Serena.
“It was a cool pin,” she
said.

Rod



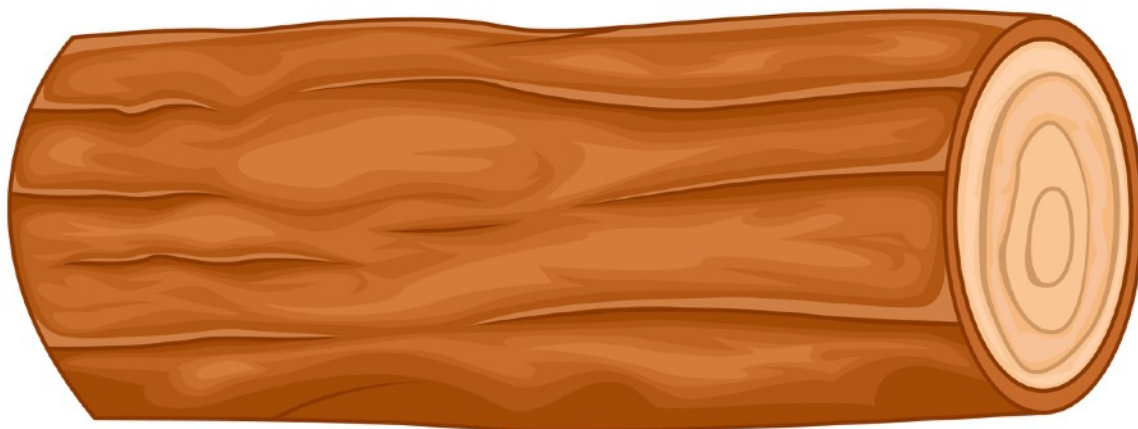
Serena saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Serena.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



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

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



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

“It was a cool top,” she
said.

Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” she
said.

Pot



Serena saw a pot.
It was a cool pot.
“I saw a pot,” said
Serena.
“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



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

“It was a cool box,” she
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Serena Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



Serena saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
Serena.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

Jug



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

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



Serena saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said
Serena.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” she
said.

Bus



Serena saw a bus.
It was a neat bus.
“I saw a bus,” said
Serena.
“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



Serena saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Serena.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



Serena saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
Serena.

“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

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Fiction



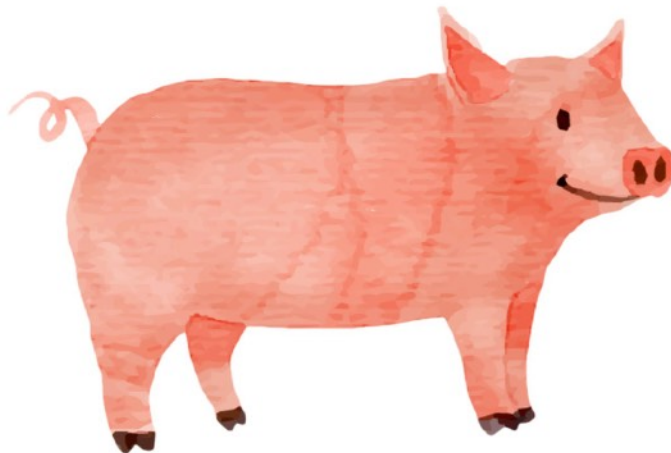
Serena went to a
farm. She saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



Serena went to a
farm. She saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



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



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



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



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



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



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



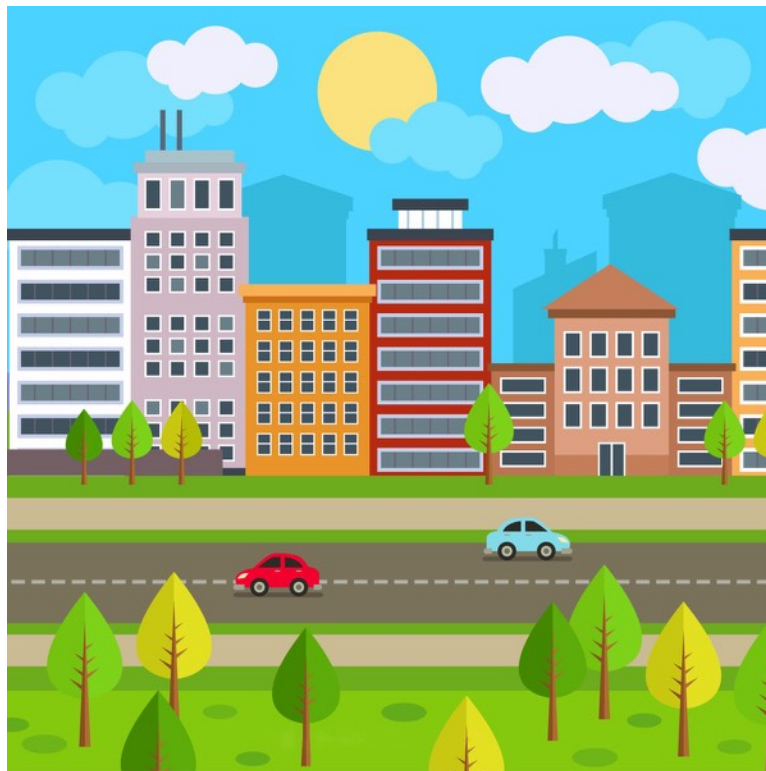
Serena was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Serena Went to a City



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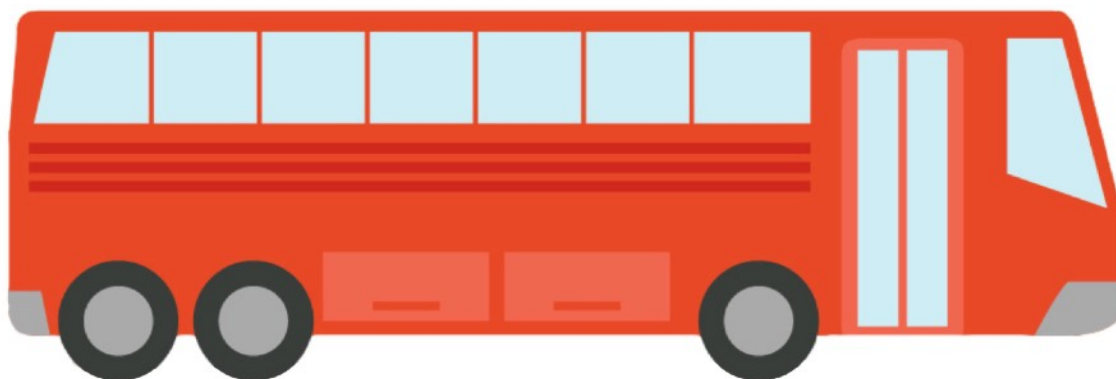
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



Serena went to a
city. She saw a
train. It was a nice
train.



Serena went to a
city. She saw a bus.
It was a nice bus.



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



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



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



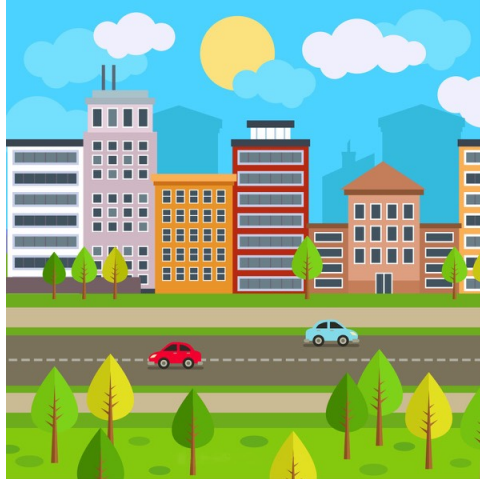
Serena went to a city. There was a police car. It was a nice police car.



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



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



Serena was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Serena 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.

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Basketball

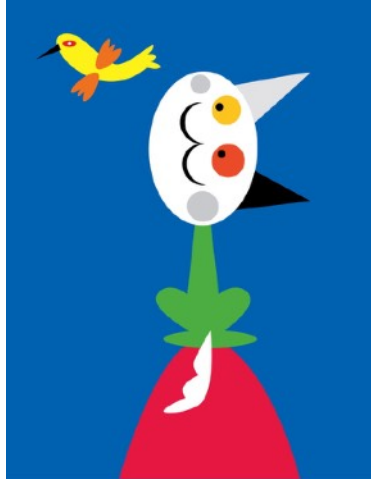
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"Good morning, teacher," said Cody as he walked into his classroom before school. "Good morning," said his teacher who was sitting at the teacher's desk. "How can I help you?" "I want to be a basketball," said Cody. "Why do you want to be a basketball?"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

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Bird

Serena was a bird. One day she flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Serena.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Serena.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Serena went and
flew all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

Serena told the cat
what she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Serena.

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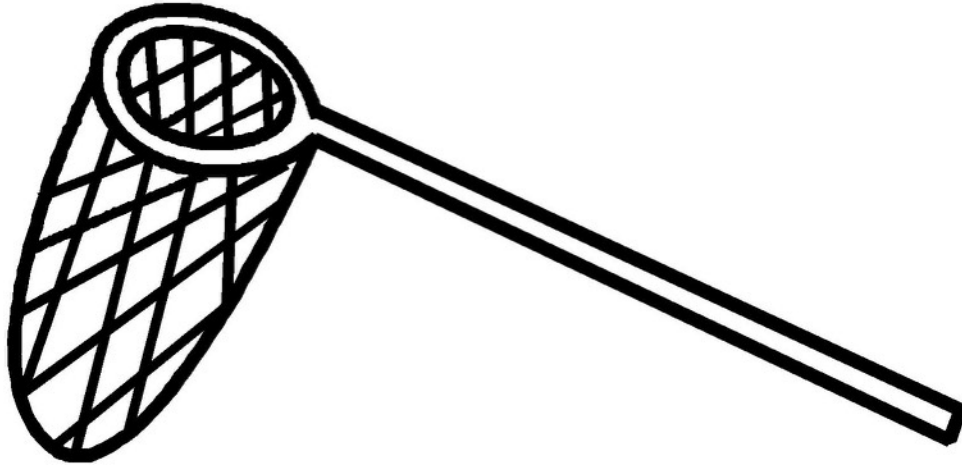


Falling Star

One night Serena was outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Serena.

She ran and got a big
net.



Serena 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 Serena's dad.



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

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



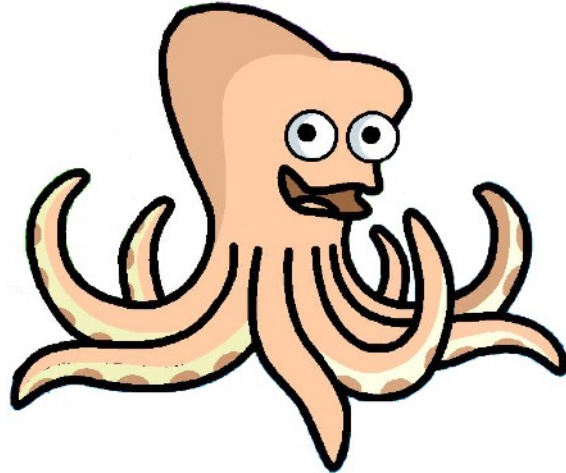
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Serena was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Serena woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Serena.



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

Serena thought and thought.

“I think I will play some music,” she said.



She got out a guitar and played it.

She got out a trumpet and played it.

She got out a drum and played it.

She then got out a maraca and played it.



“I bet I can play all of these at once with my eight arms,” said Serena.

She picked up the maraca. She put the drum next to her. She picked up the trumpet. She then picked up the guitar.



She began to play music with the guitar, the trumpet, the drum, and the maraca.

“Your band sounds great,” said her mother.

“Thanks, Mom. It is fun to be a one octopus band,” said Serena.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Serena as she walked into her classroom before school.

“Good morning,” said her teacher who was sitting at the teacher’s desk. “How can I help you?”

“I want to be a basketball,” said Serena.

“Why do you want to be a basketball?” asked her teacher.



“I think it would be fun to fly in the air and then go *swish* through the basketball net,” replied Serena.

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

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



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

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

"Do you want to go out and play basketball?" asked Serena the basketball. Her friend stopped right in her tracks and looked at the talking basketball.

"How can a basketball talk?" she asked.



“It’s me, Serena,” said Serena. “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 Serena 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 Serena back inside.”

Serena’s friend grabbed Serena the basketball and ran outside with her.

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Serena the basketball.

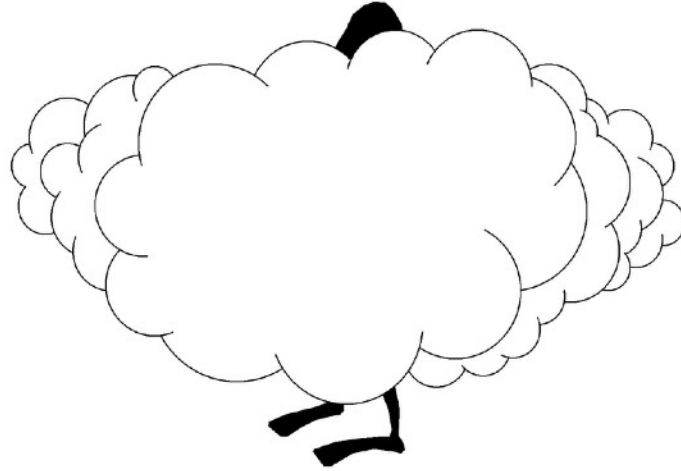
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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