## Fred is a Frog



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Fred is a Frog

Fred is a frog.

He swims. He eats insects. He must be a real frog.

Fred is a king, too. He is the frog king.

The frog gets to tell the frogs what to do.

"It is neat to be a frog," he said.

"It is neat to be the frog ," said Fred.



Fred is an Umbrella

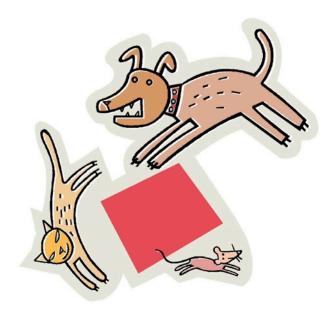
"I am Fred, and I am an umbrella," said Fred.

"It is fun to be an umbrella," he said.

"I am an unselfish umbrella because I work so that things will be dry," said Fred.

"I work hard so that kids will be dry when it is wet," he said.

"I feel grand about being an umbrella," said Fred.



## Friends

I am Ben. I am a dog.

This is Harriet. She is a cat.

This is Tom. He is a rat.

We are the best of friends.

Harriet can run fast.

Tom can run fast.

I can run fast too.

It is neat that we are best of friends.



## I Am Beth

I am Beth and I can scrub.

It is fun to scrub.

I can scrub and scrub.

I can scrub a wall.

I can scrub a dish.

I can scrub a car.

It is neat when things are clean.



I Had a Basketball

I had a basketball.

I could see the basket.

"Should I shoot this ball?" I asked.

"Shoot the ball," said my friend.

"The ball will go in," he said.

So I shot the basketball.

It went in. That was neat.



I Met a Man Who Had a Rug

I met a man who had a rug. It was a neat rug.

The rug could fly with the man  $\frac{1}{up}$  into the sky.

I asked him if I could sit on the rug.

As soon as I sat down on the rug, we went up into the sky.

It was cool to look down on things from  $\frac{\uparrow}{up}$  in the sky.

We soon got back. I had fun  $\frac{\uparrow}{\psi}$  in the sky.



I Want to Run

"I want to run. It will be fun," I said.

"I want to run too," said my friend.

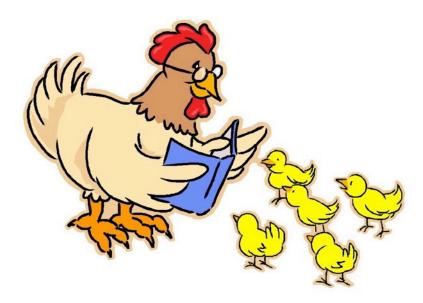
"Let's go and run," I said.

"Let's go and run and run," said my friend.

"We can run in the sun," I said.

We went and ran. We ran and ran in the sun.

It was fun to run in the sun.



Look at Harriet

Look at Harriet.

She is a hen.

She is a hen that can read.

She can read to the little chicks.

The chicks want her to read to them.

"Read to us," said the chicks.

"It is fun that Harriet can read to us."



This is Fran

This is Fran.

She is a hen.

Fran is from a farm.

Eggs are from hens that are from farms.

A lot of eggs are from farms.

Kids eat eggs.

Kids eat Fran's eggs.