

# Adam 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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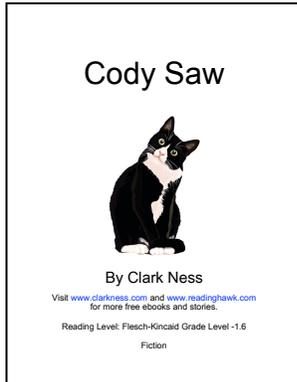
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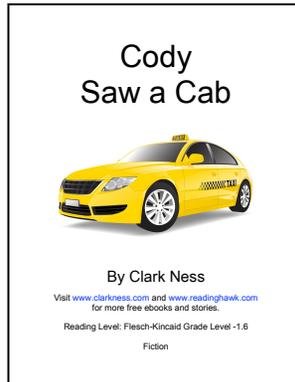
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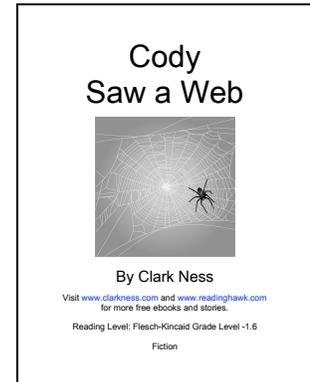
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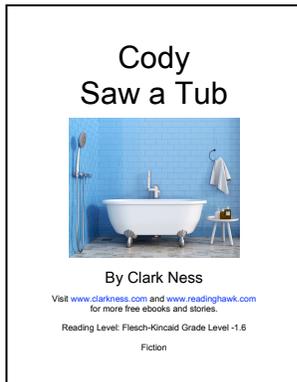
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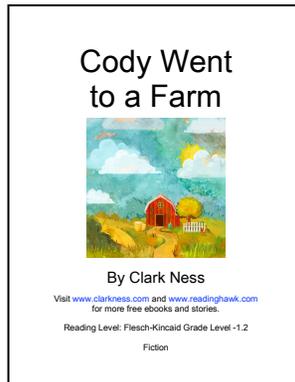
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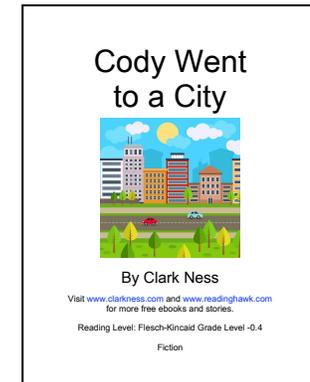
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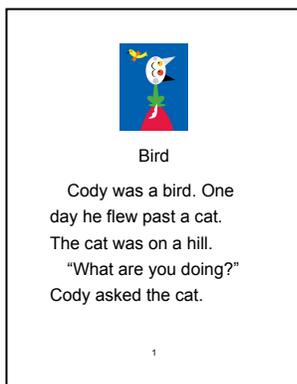


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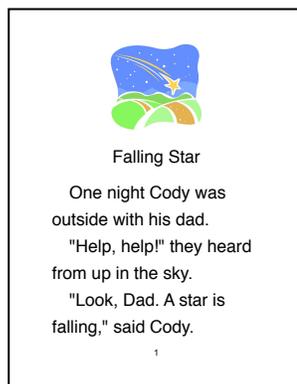


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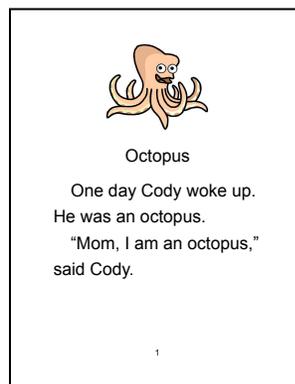
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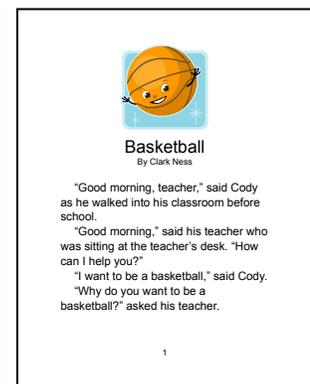
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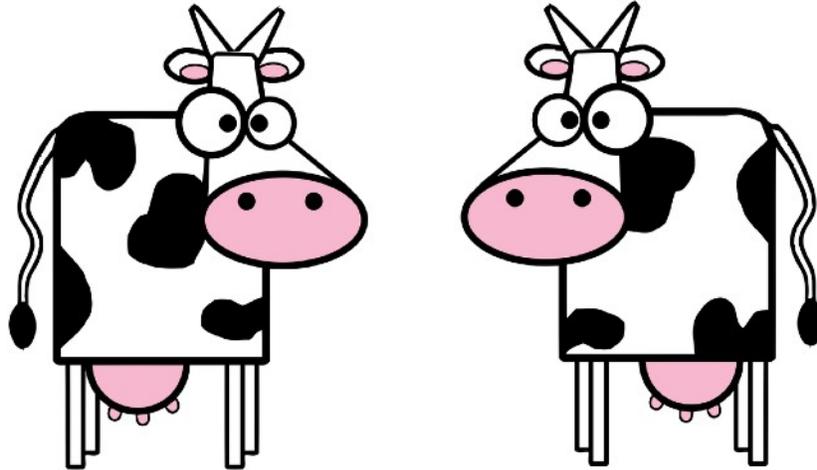
Adam and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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## Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Adam.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Adam.

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## Race

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

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## Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Adam.

“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

Adam 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

Adam went for a walk  
and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said  
Adam 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 Adam.

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## Crocodile

One day Adam 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

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

Adam thinks that singing  
is fun.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.0

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## Christmas Tree

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

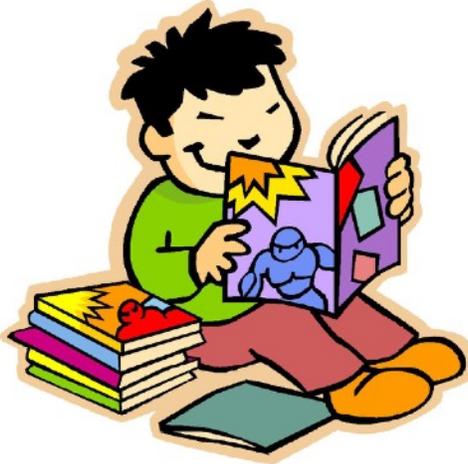
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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## Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Adam.

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## Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

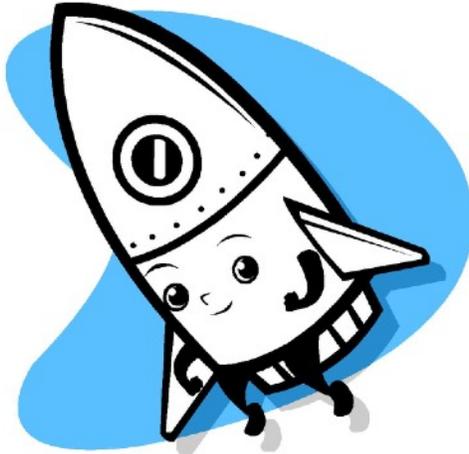
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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## Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”  
said Adam.

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

“Now that was fun,” said  
Adam.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.6

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## Surfing Dog

Adam 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.

Adam thinks surfing is cool.

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## Cat Lover

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

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

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## Dog Lover

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

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

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## Fly to School

One day Adam 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 Adam.

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## Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Adam.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

“I am Adam the happy cat,” said Adam.

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## Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said Adam.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

“I am Adam the happy dog,” said Adam.

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## Rhino

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

Adam likes being a rhino.

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## A Deer

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

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

Adam was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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## Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”  
said Adam.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to  
me.”

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

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## Owl

Adam went for a walk  
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

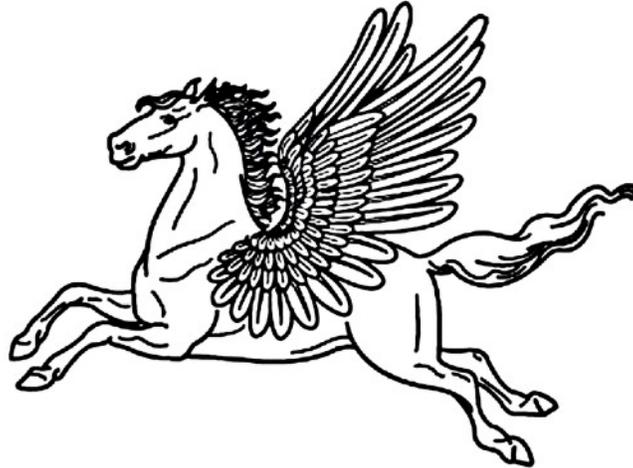
The owl said, “*Whoo,  
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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## Horse With Wings

One day Adam became  
a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.  
Adam 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 Adam.

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

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

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## Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Adam.

“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 Adam.

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## Bubbles

Adam made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

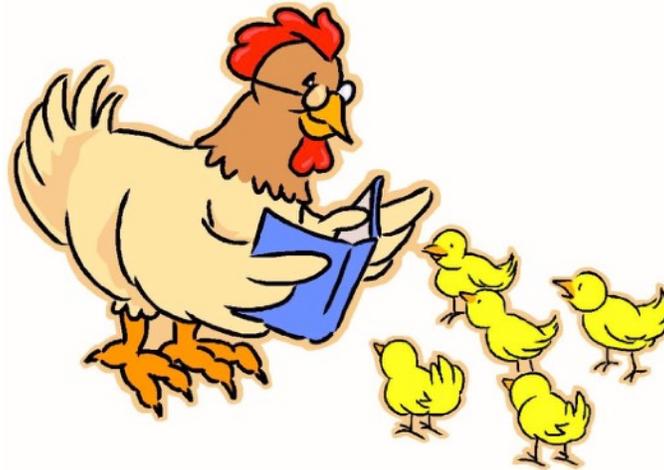
Adam made a lot of  
bubbles. He had fun.

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## Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Adam.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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## Horses

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

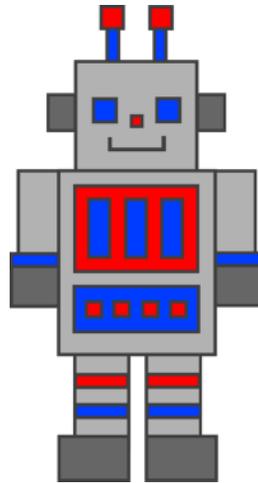
Adam liked seeing the  
horses.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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## Robot

“Can I have a robot?”  
said Adam.

“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 Adam.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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## Snow Skiing

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

“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 Adam.

“I would have two long  
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

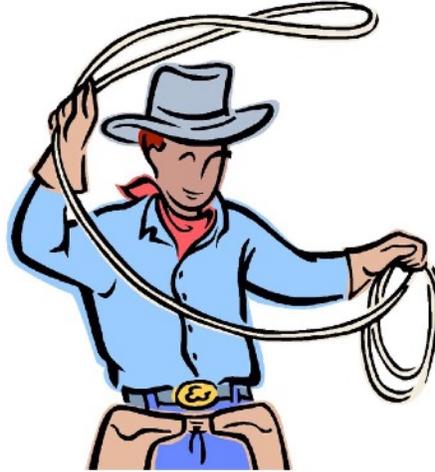
“I would even like to eat  
carrots,” said Adam.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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## Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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## Bear

Adam 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 Adam.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Soccer Ball

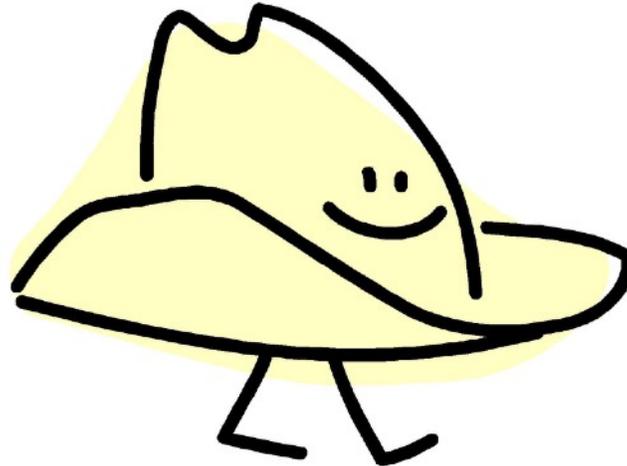
Adam has a soccer ball.  
He plays soccer with it  
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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## Hat

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

“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 Adam saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Adam.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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## Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Adam.

“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.”

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## I Have a Pencil

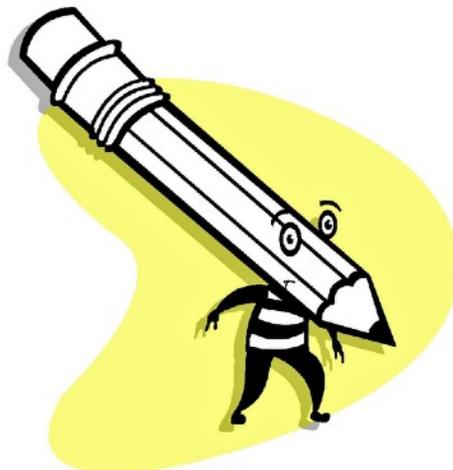
“I have a pencil,” said Adam. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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## Pencil

One day Adam woke up.  
He was a pencil.

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

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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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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## Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Adam.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

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## Pet Shop

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

“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 Adam.

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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

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 Adam.

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

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## Kangaroo

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

Adam likes being a kangaroo.

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## Lemonade

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

Adam 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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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

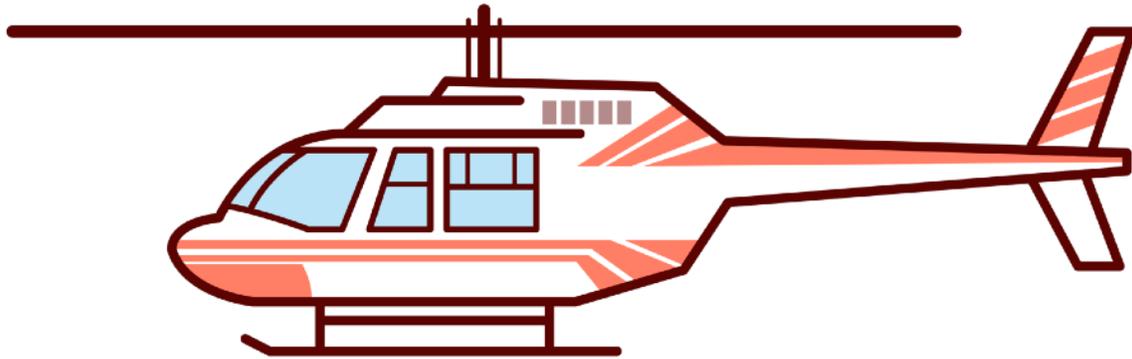
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Adam. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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# Adam Saw



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Fiction

# Cat



Adam saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Adam.

“It was a big cat,” he  
said.

# Bat



Adam saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Adam.

“It was a big bat,” he  
said.

# Rat



Adam saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Adam.

“It was a big rat,” he  
said.

# Ant



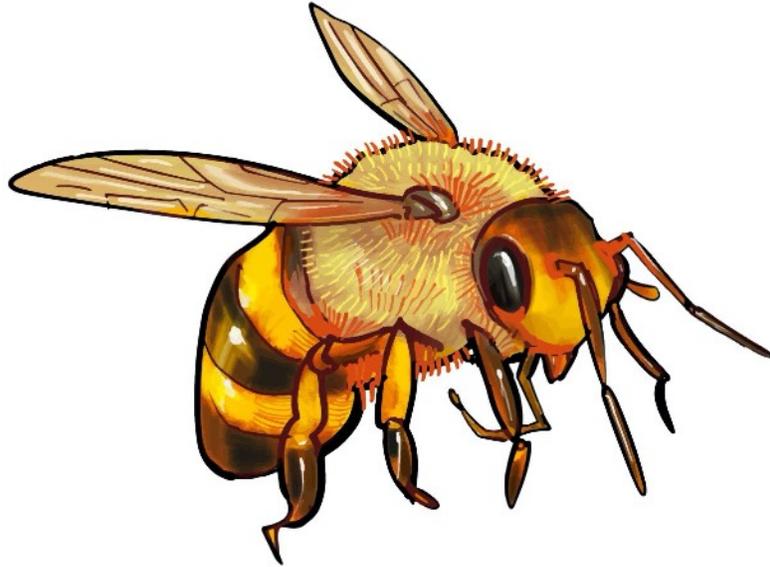
Adam saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big ant,” he  
said.

# Bee



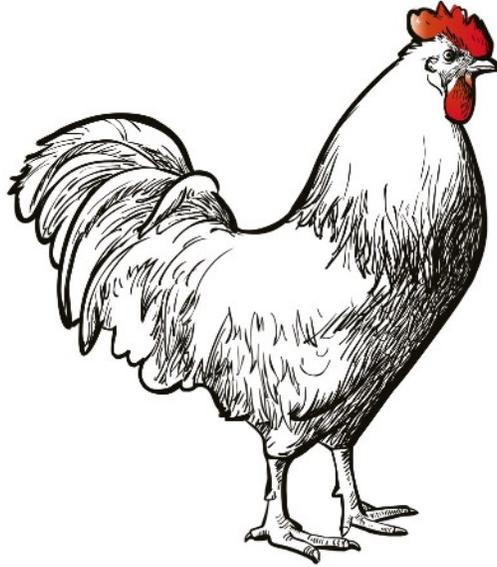
Adam saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big bee,” he  
said.

# Hen



Adam saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big hen,” he  
said.

# Elk



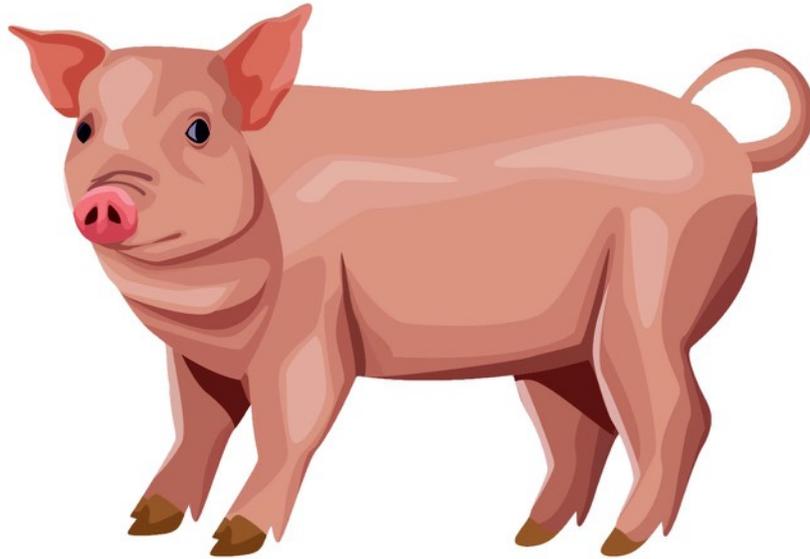
Adam saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big elk,” he  
said.

# Pig



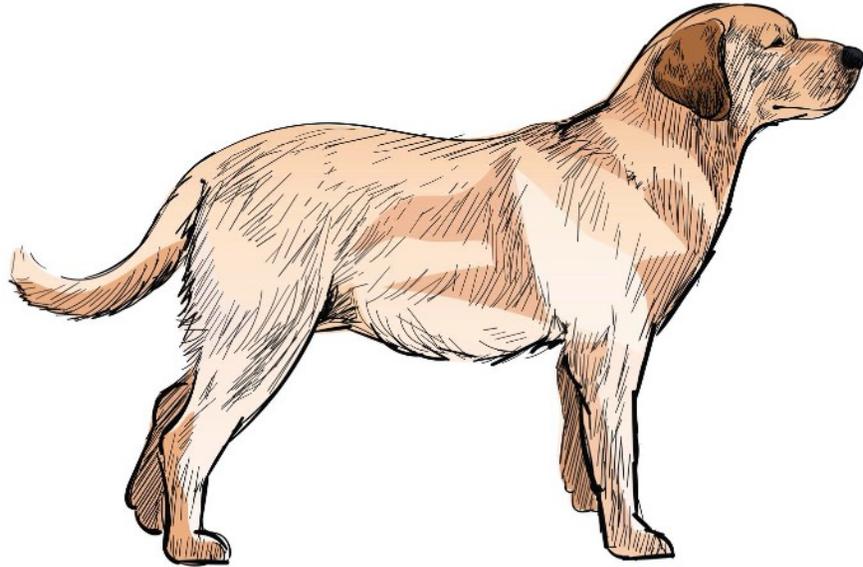
Adam saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Adam.

“It was a big pig,” he  
said.

# Dog



Adam saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big dog,” he  
said.

# Cod



Adam saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big cod,” he  
said.

# Fox



Adam saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Adam.

“It was a big fox,” he  
said.

# Cow



Adam saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big cow,” he  
said.

# Owl



Adam saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big owl,” he  
said.

# Bug



Adam saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big bug,” he  
said.

# Pup



Adam saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said  
Adam.

“It was a big pup,” he  
said.

# Fly



Adam saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Adam.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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# Adam Saw a Cab



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Fiction

# Cab



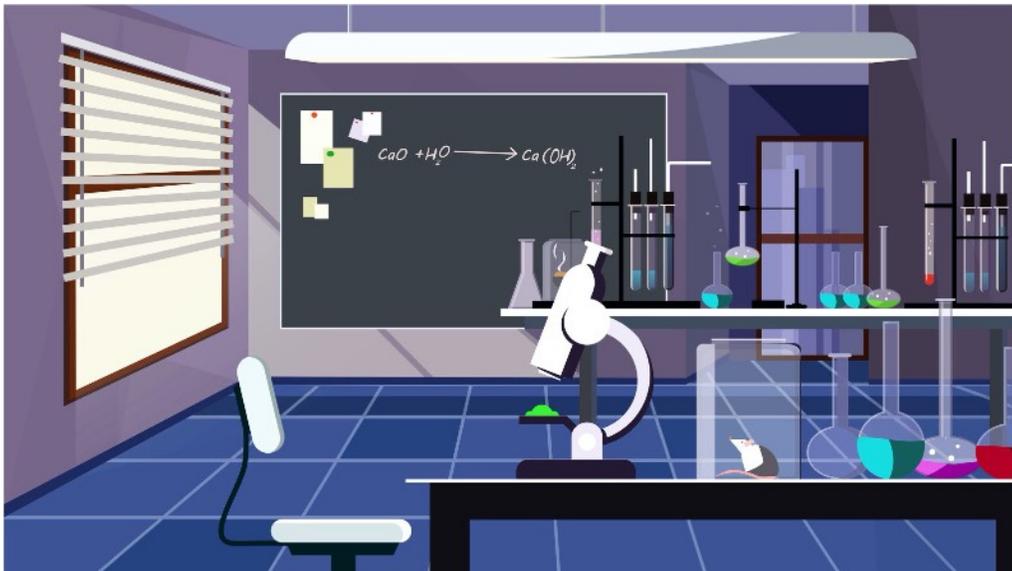
Adam saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice cab,” he  
said.

# Lab



Adam saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Adam.

“It was a nice lab,” he  
said.

# Bag



Adam saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice bag,” he  
said.

# Rag



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

# Yam



Adam saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice yam,” he  
said.

# Can



Adam saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice can,” he  
said.

# Fan



Adam saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Adam.

“It was a nice fan,” he  
said.

# Pan



Adam saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice pan,” he  
said.

# Van



Adam saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice van,” he  
said.

# Cap



Adam saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice cap,” he  
said.

# Map



Adam saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice map,” he  
said.

# Bat



Adam saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Adam.

“It was a nice bat,” he  
said.

# Hat



Adam saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said Adam.

“It was a nice hat,” he  
said.

# Mat



Adam saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said  
Adam.

“It was a nice mat,” he  
said.

# Vat



Adam saw a vat.  
It was a nice vat.  
“I saw a vat,” said Adam.  
“It was a nice vat,” he  
said.

# Sax



Adam saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said  
Adam.

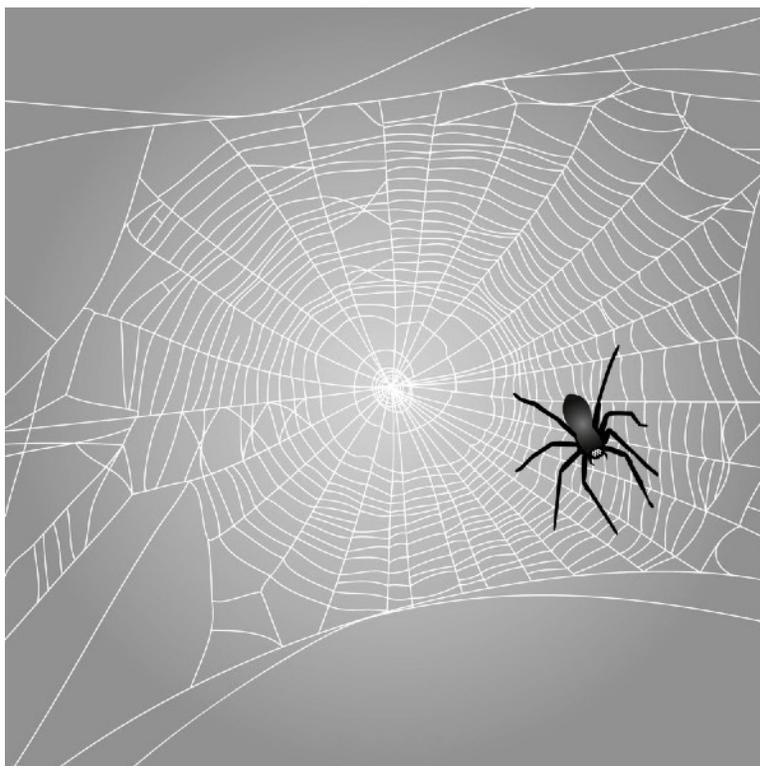
“It was a nice sax,” he  
said.

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Fiction

# Web



Adam saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said  
Adam.

“It was a cool web,” he  
said.

# Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he  
said.

# Pen



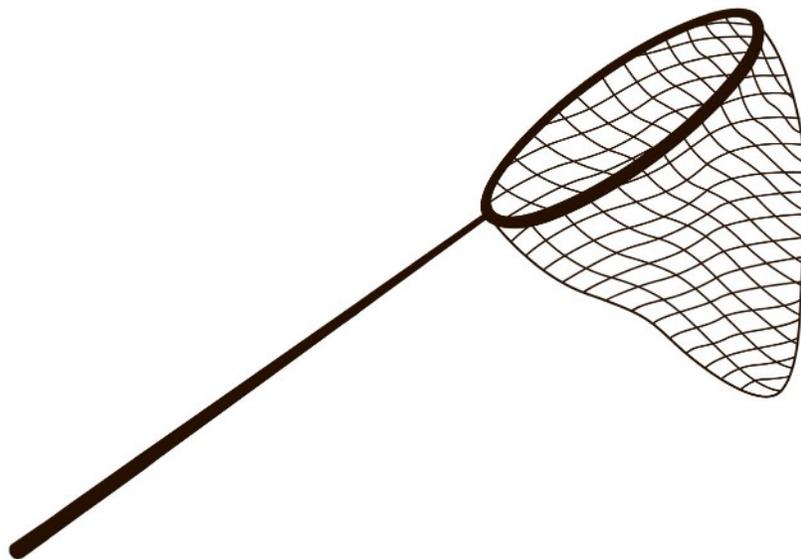
Adam saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said  
Adam.

“It was a cool pen,” he  
said.

# Net



Adam saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Adam.

“It was a cool net,” he  
said.

# Jet



Adam saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Adam.

“It was a cool jet,” he  
said.

# Wig



Adam saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said  
Adam.

“It was a cool wig,” he  
said.

# Bin



Adam saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Adam.

“It was a cool bin,” he  
said.

# Fin



Adam saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Adam.

“It was a cool fin,” he  
said.

# Pin



Adam saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said Adam.

“It was a cool pin,” he  
said.

# Rod



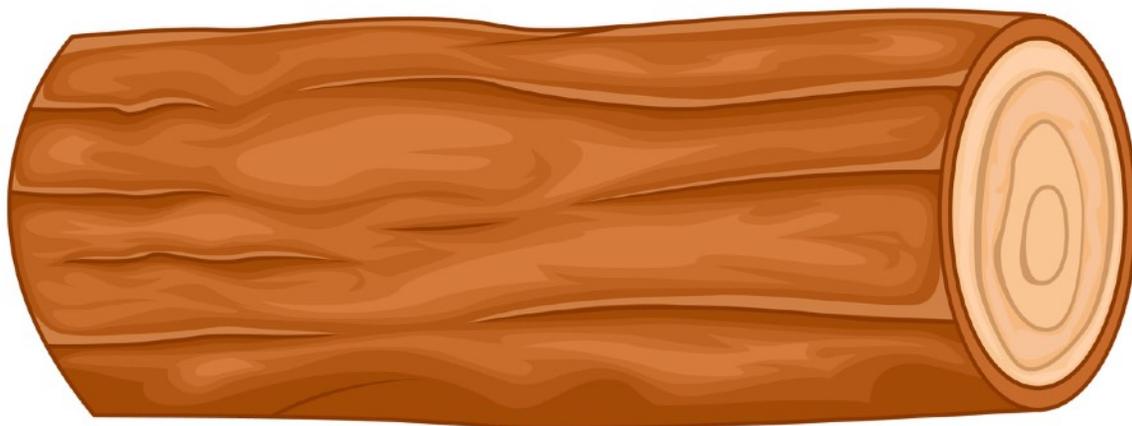
Adam saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Adam.

“It was a cool rod,” he  
said.

# Log



Adam saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Adam.

“It was a cool log,” he  
said.

# Mop



Adam saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said  
Adam.

“It was a cool mop,” he  
said.

# Top



Adam saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said Adam.

“It was a cool top,” he  
said.

# Cot



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

# Pot



Adam saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Adam.

“It was a cool pot,” he  
said.

# Box



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

“It was a cool box,” he  
said.

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# Adam Saw a Tub



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Fiction

# Tub



Adam saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said Adam.

“It was a neat tub,” he  
said.

# Jug



Adam saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said Adam.

“It was a neat jug,” he  
said.

# Rug



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

# Bun



Adam saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said  
Adam.

“It was a neat bun,” he  
said.

# Cup



Adam saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said  
Adam.

“It was a neat cup,” he  
said.

# Bus



Adam saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said  
Adam.

“It was a neat bus,” he  
said.

# Hut



Adam saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Adam.

“It was a neat hut,” he  
said.

# Nut



Adam saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Adam.

“It was a neat nut,” he  
said.

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# Adam Went to a Farm



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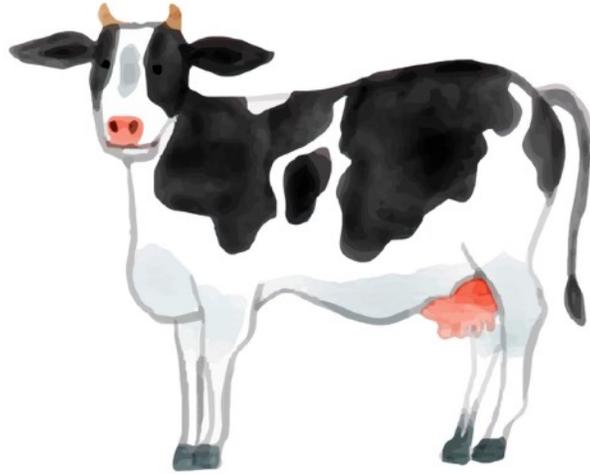
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Fiction



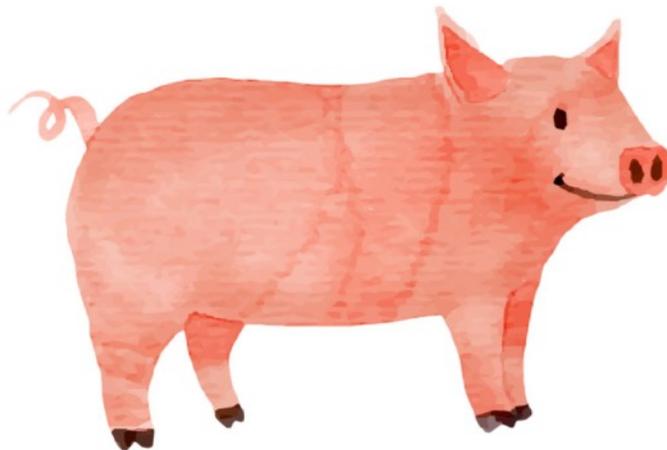
Adam went to a  
farm. He saw a  
horse. It was a nice  
horse.



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



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



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



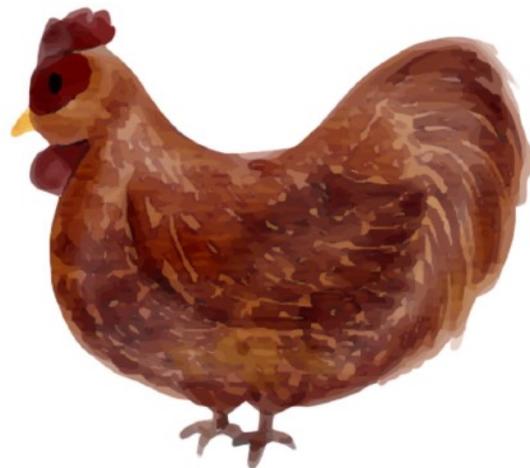
Adam went to a  
farm. There was a  
sheep. It was a nice  
sheep.



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



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



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



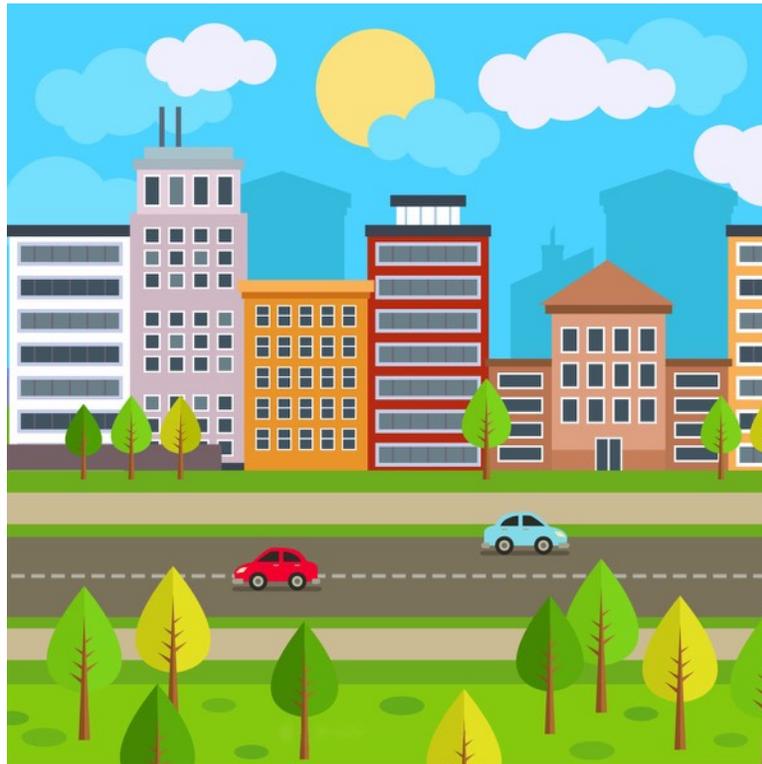
Adam was happy  
that he went to a  
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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# Adam Went to a City



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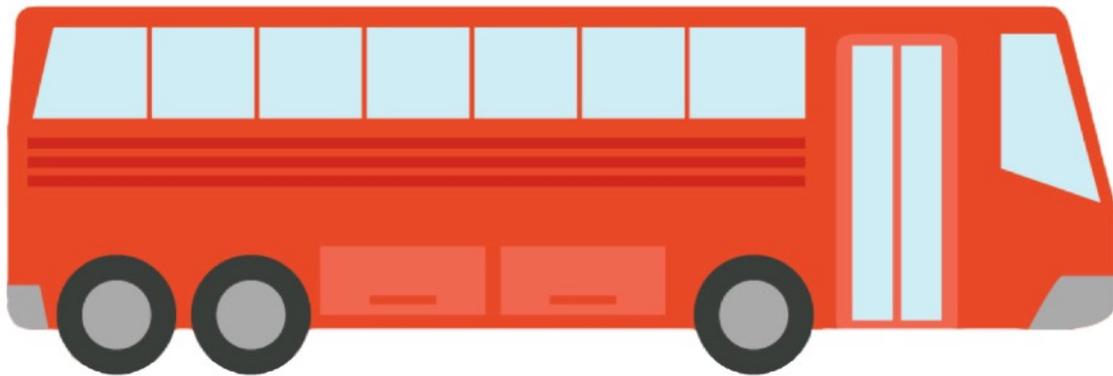
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Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Adam was happy  
that he went to a  
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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# Adam 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.

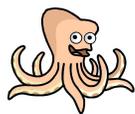
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Falling Star

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.

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

Adam was a bird. One day he flew past a cat. The cat was on a hill.

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”  
said Adam.

“I cannot fly,” said the  
cat.

“That is too bad,” said  
Adam.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Adam went and flew  
all around.

He then came back to  
the cat.

Adam told the cat what  
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the  
cat.

“You are welcome,”  
said Adam.

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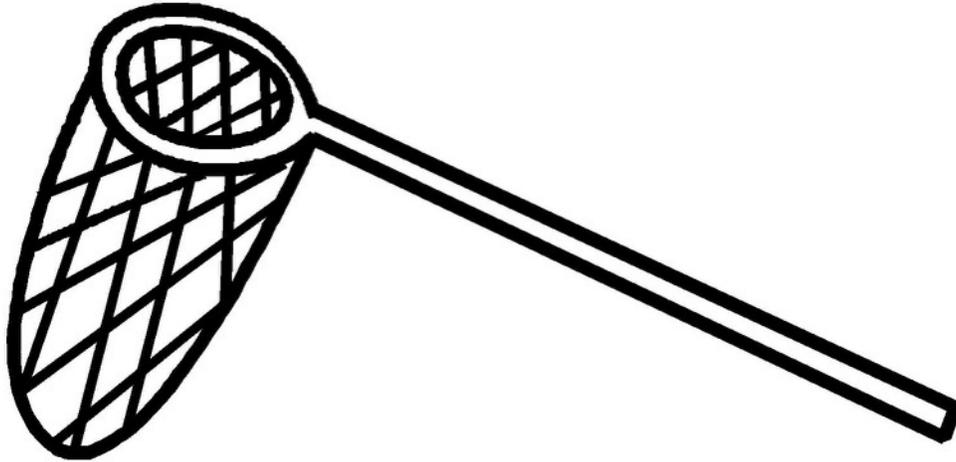


## Falling Star

One night Adam was  
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"  
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"  
said Adam.

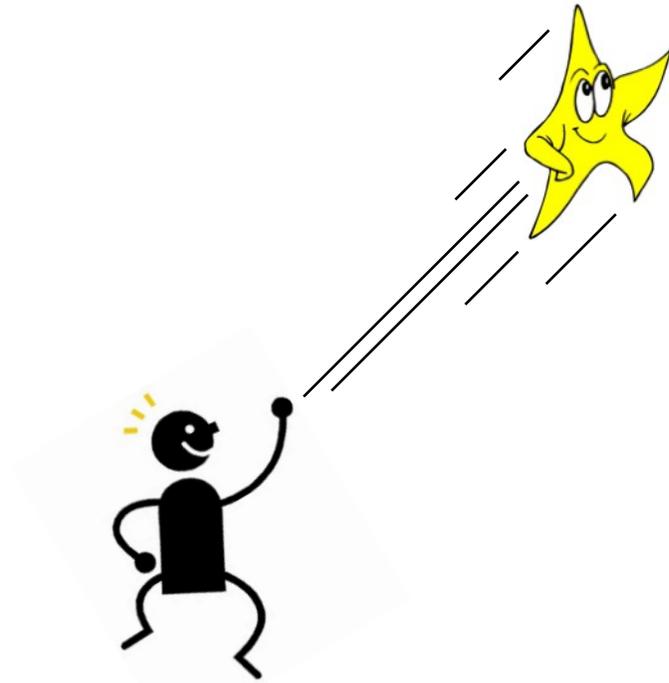
He ran and got a big  
net.



Adam 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 Adam's dad.



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

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



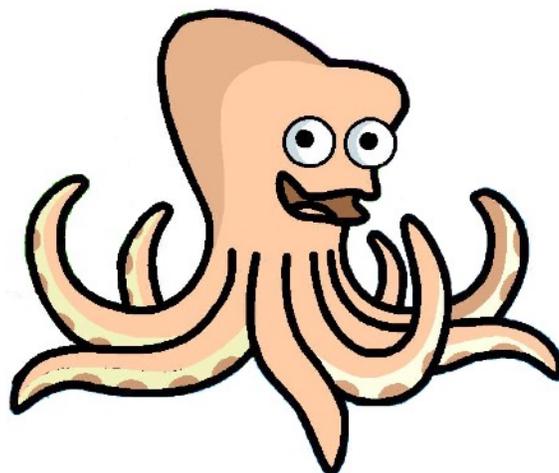
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Adam was proud that he had saved a falling star.

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## Octopus

One day Adam woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Adam.



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

Adam 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 Adam.

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 Adam.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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# Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Adam 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 Adam.

“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 Adam.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Adam the basketball.

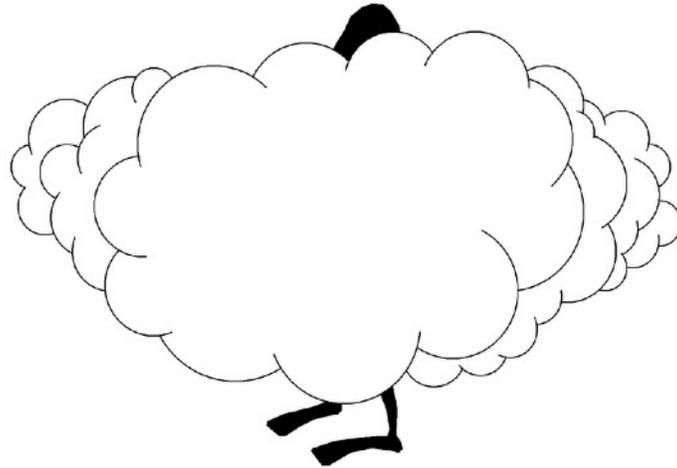
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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