

Alvin 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.

Fleisch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8
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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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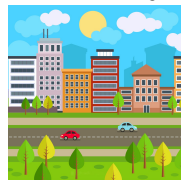
Airplane

"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: Fleisch-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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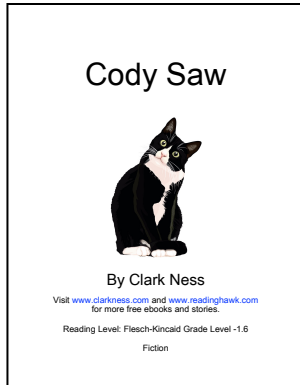
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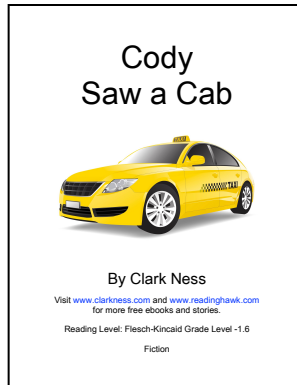
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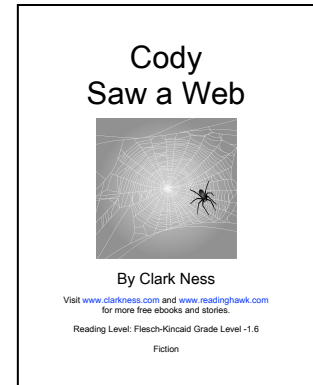
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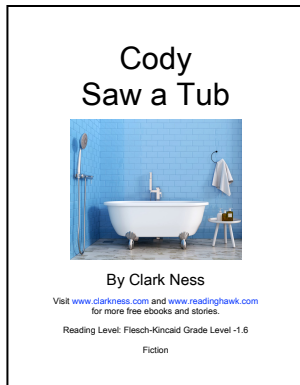
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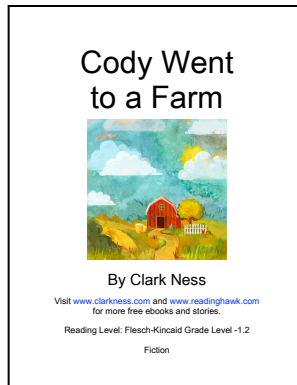
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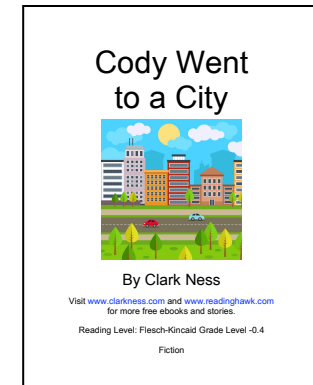
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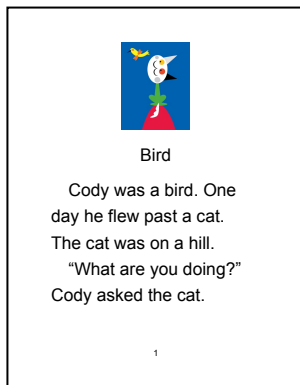


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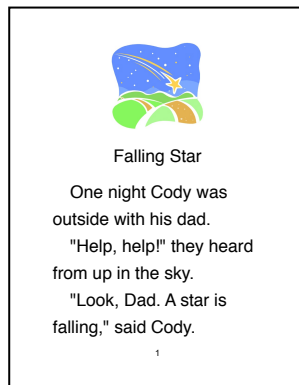


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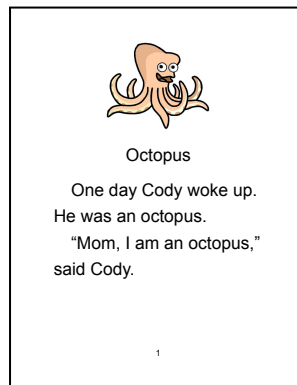
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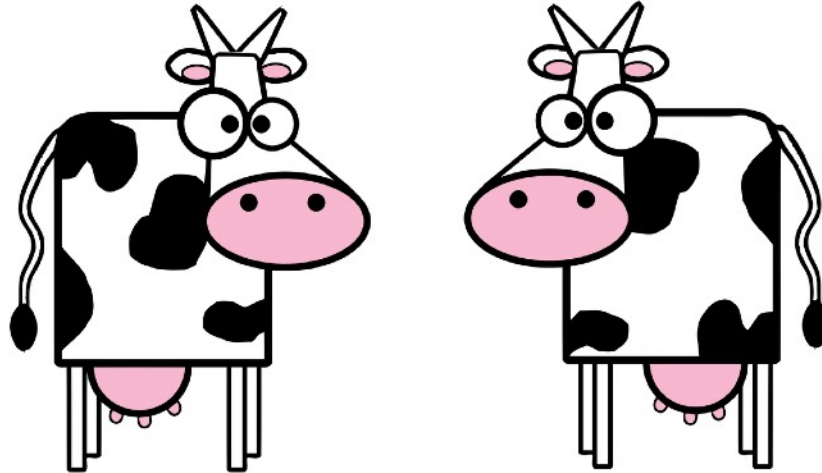
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Alvin.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Alvin.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Alvin.

“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

Alvin 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

Alvin went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Alvin 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 Alvin.

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Crocodile

One day Alvin 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

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

Alvin thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Alvin 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 Alvin. Soon he was done.

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Alvin.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

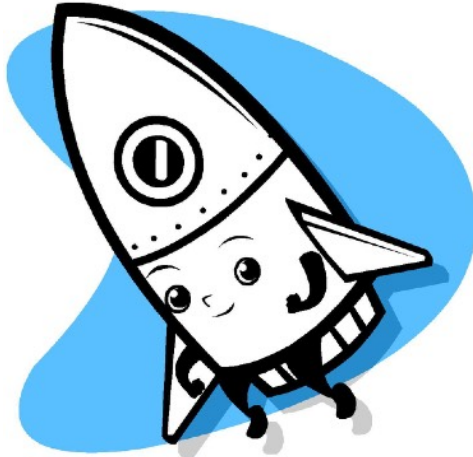
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Alvin.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Alvin.

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Surfing Dog

Alvin 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.

Alvin thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Alvin 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 Alvin.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Alvin.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

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“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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Rhino

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

Alvin likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Alvin was glad that he saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Alvin.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Alvin 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 Alvin.

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Horse With Wings

One day Alvin became a horse with wings.

He flew to his school.
Alvin 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 Alvin.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

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Bubbles

Alvin made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

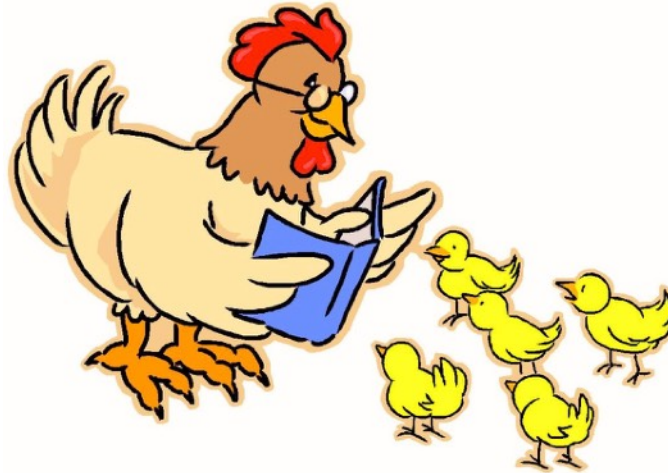
Alvin made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Alvin.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

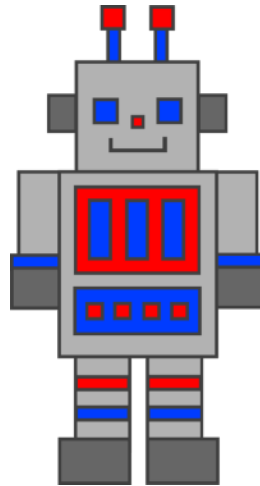
Alvin liked seeing the
horses.

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“Can I have a robot?”
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“A robot could play
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A robot would be neat.”

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Sheep

“I saw a sheep near my home,” said Alvin.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Alvin.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

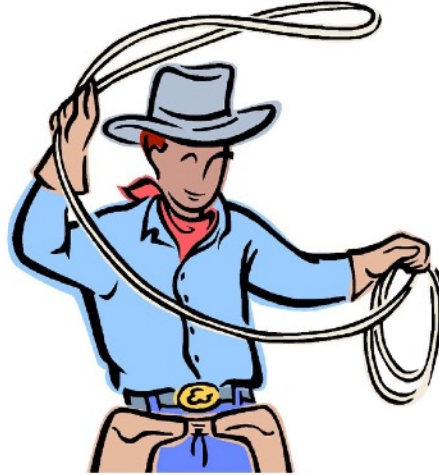
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Alvin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Alvin 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 Alvin.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

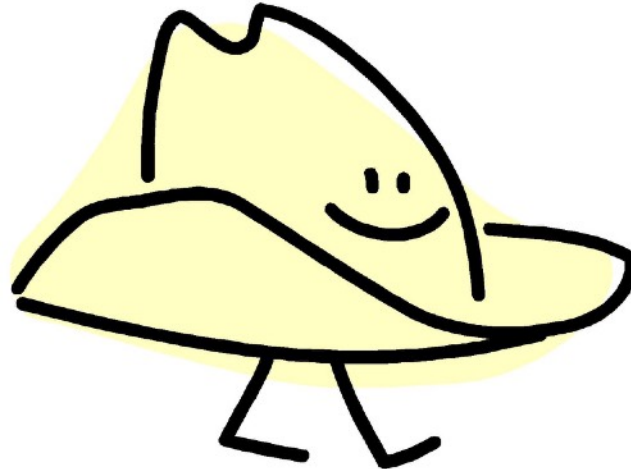
Alvin has a soccer ball.
He plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Alvin saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Alvin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Alvin.

“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

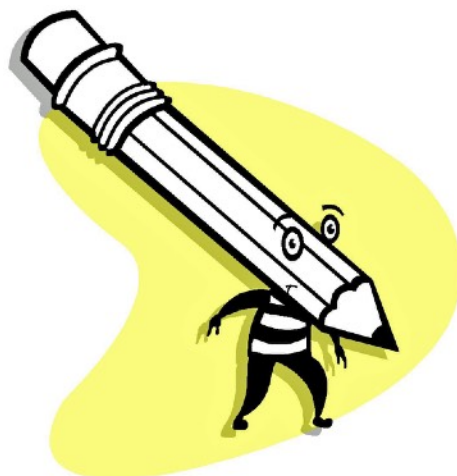
“I have a pencil,” said Alvin. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Alvin woke up.
He was a pencil.

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

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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Alvin.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Alvin.

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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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

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Airplane

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

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

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Kangaroo

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

Alvin likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Alvin 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 Alvin.

“I would put on my yellow hat and get in my red car. People would smile when I went by.”

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Submarine

“I went on a submarine,”
said Alvin.

“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

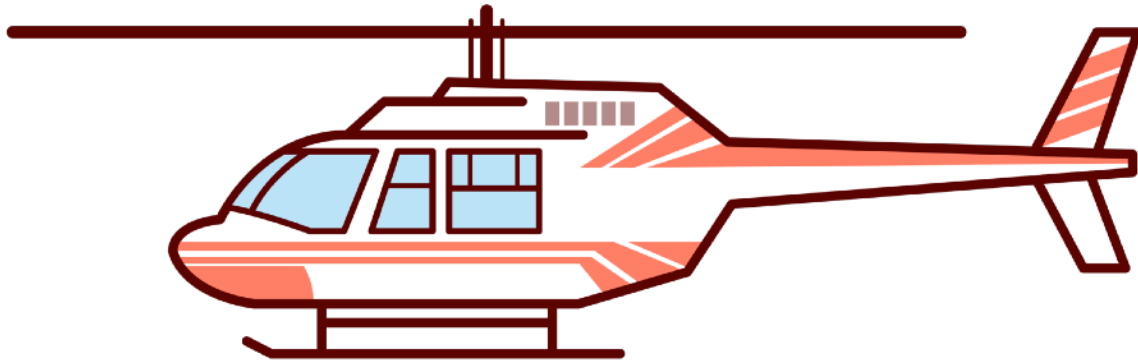
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Alvin. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Alvin Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Alvin saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Alvin.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Alvin saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Alvin.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



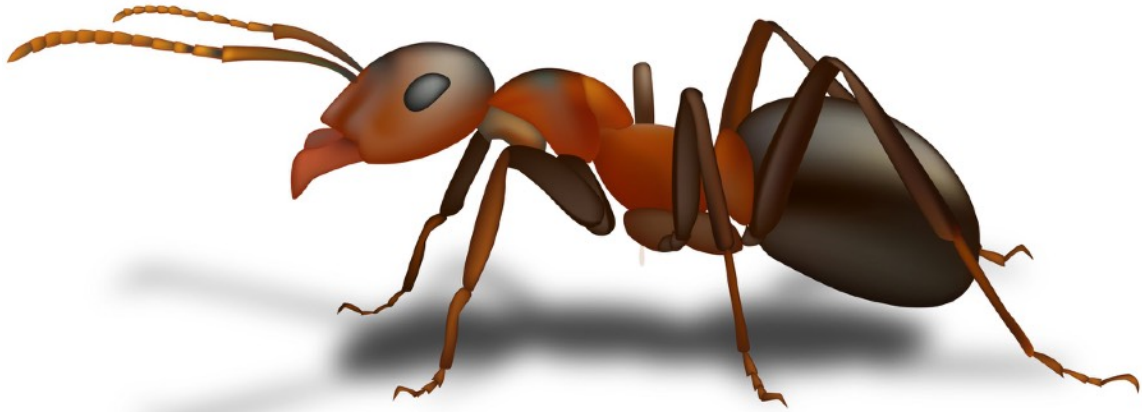
Alvin saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Alvin.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



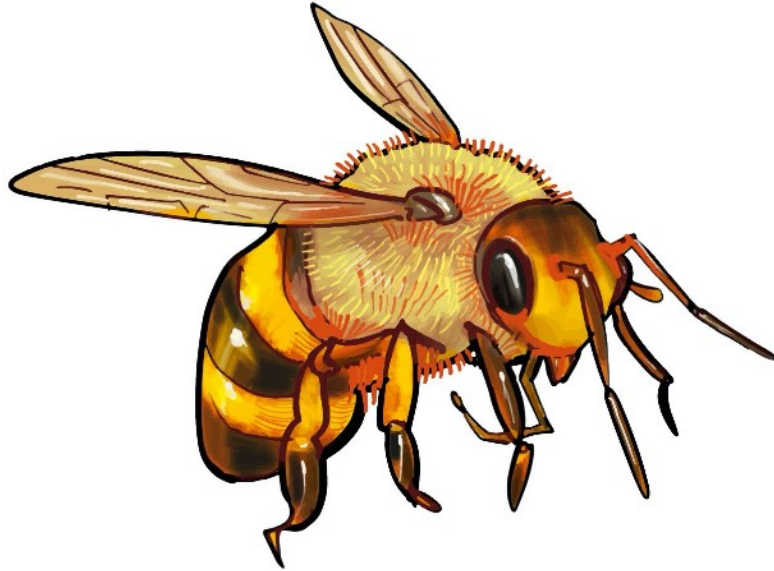
Alvin saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Alvin.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



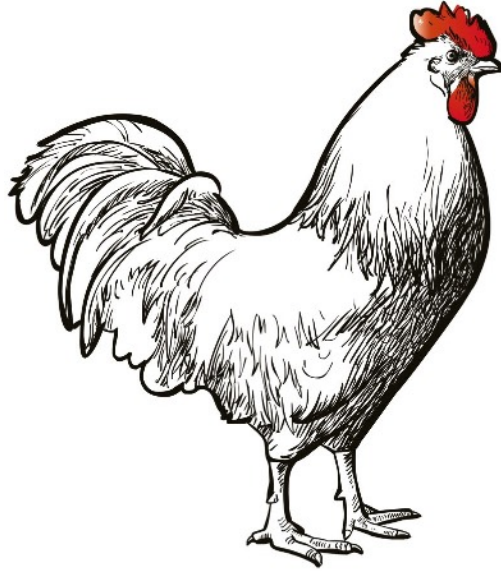
Alvin saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said Alvin.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Alvin saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said Alvin.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



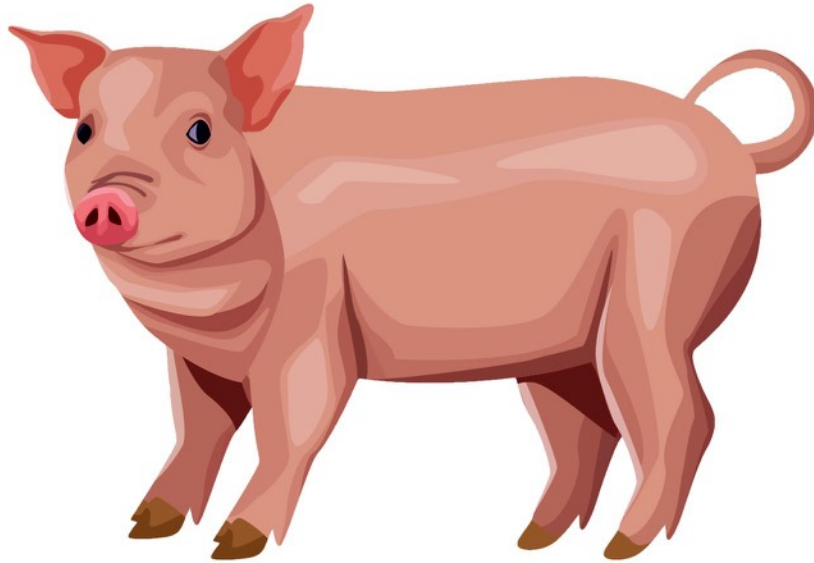
Alvin saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said Alvin.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



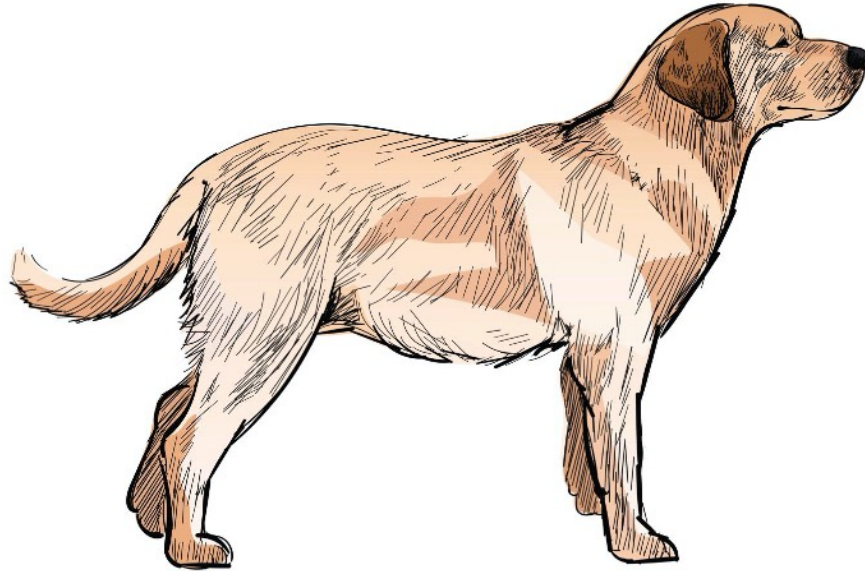
Alvin saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Alvin.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Alvin saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said Alvin.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Alvin saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said Alvin.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



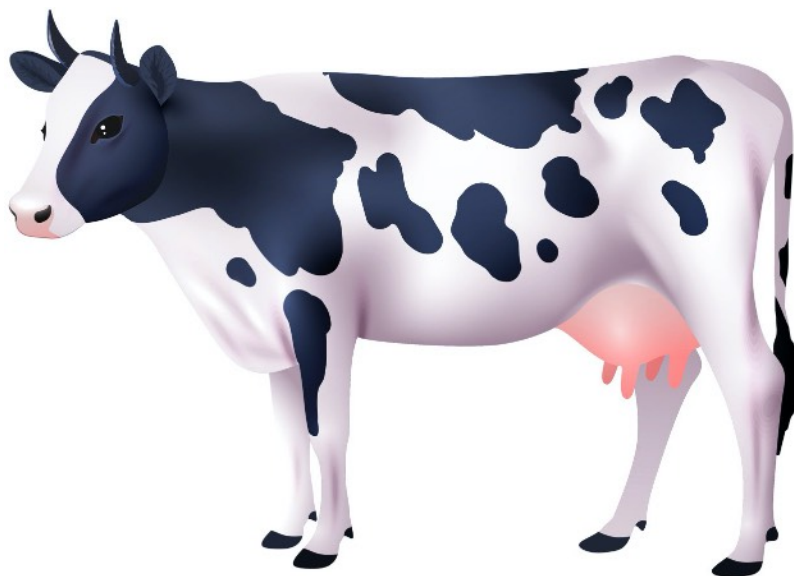
Alvin saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Alvin.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Alvin saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said Alvin.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Alvin saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Alvin.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Alvin saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said Alvin.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Alvin saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said Alvin.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Alvin saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Alvin.

“It was a big fly,” he said.

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Alvin Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



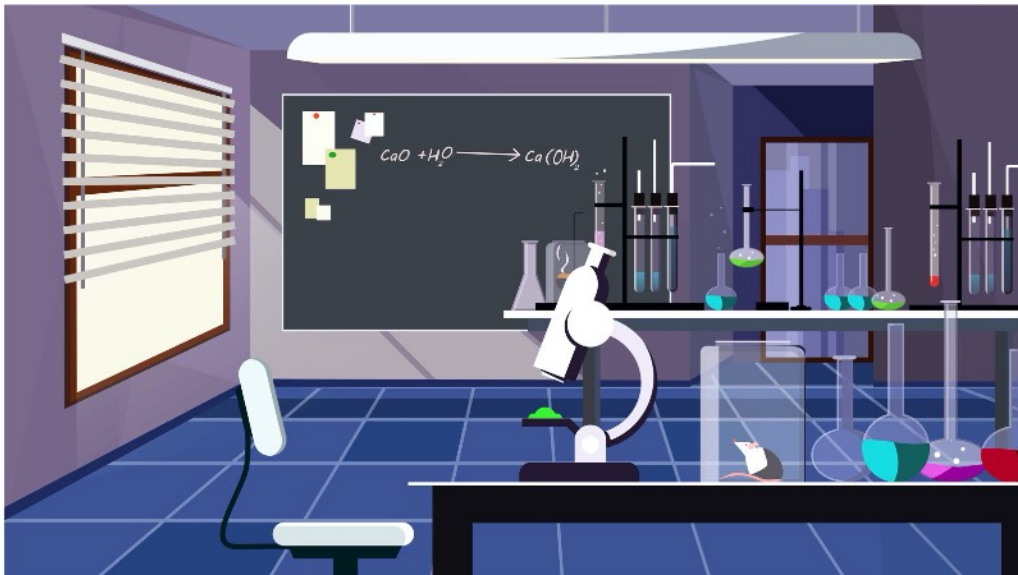
Alvin saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Alvin saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



Alvin saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice bag,” he
said.

Rag



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Alvin saw a rag.

It was a nice rag.

“I saw a rag,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Alvin saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Alvin saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Alvin saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



Alvin saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice pan,” he
said.

Van



Alvin saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Alvin saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



Alvin saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Alvin.

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



Alvin saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



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It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice hat,” he
said.

Mat



Alvin saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Alvin saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Alvin saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said Alvin.

“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Alvin Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Alvin saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



Alvin saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said
Alvin.

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



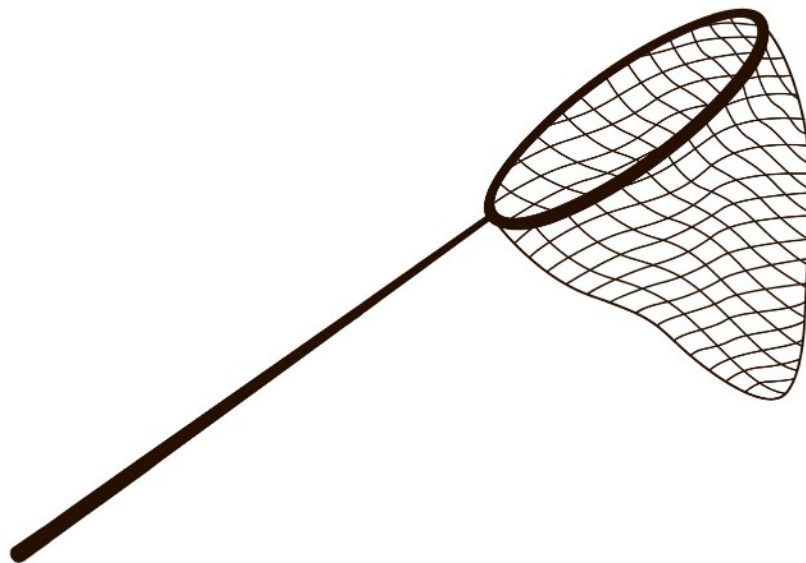
Alvin saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Alvin saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Alvin saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



Alvin saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Alvin saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



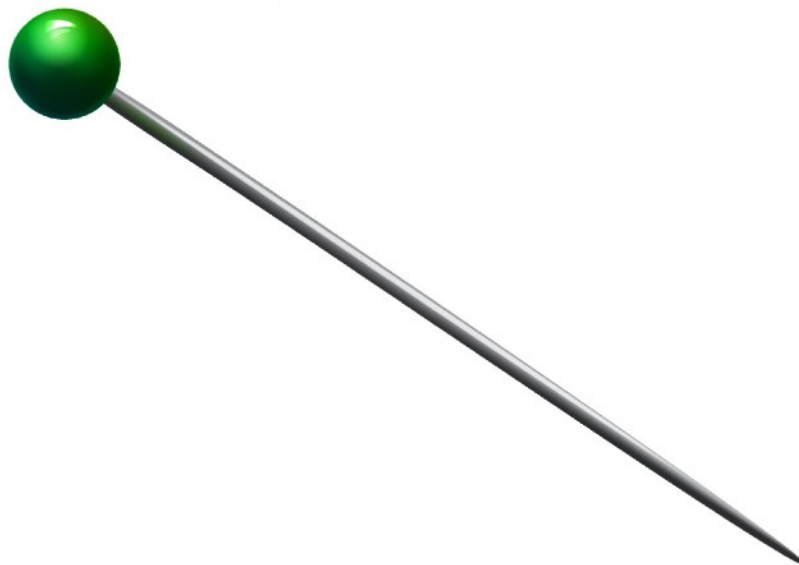
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It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



Alvin saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



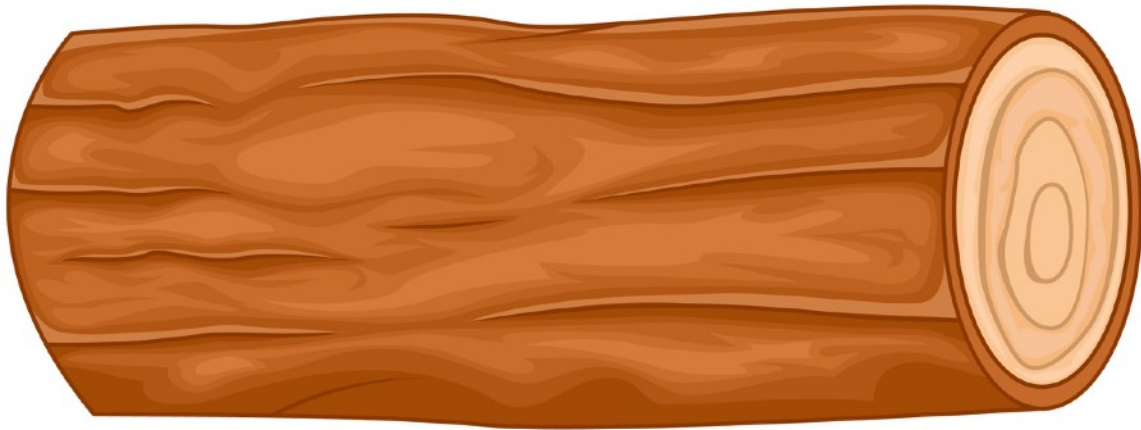
Alvin saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



Alvin saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool log,” he
said.

Mop



Alvin saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said
Alvin.

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Alvin saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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Alvin saw a cot.

It was a cool cot.

“I saw a cot,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool cot,” he
said.

Pot



Alvin saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



Alvin saw a box.

It was a cool box.

“I saw a box,” said Alvin.

“It was a cool box,” he
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Alvin Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



Alvin saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



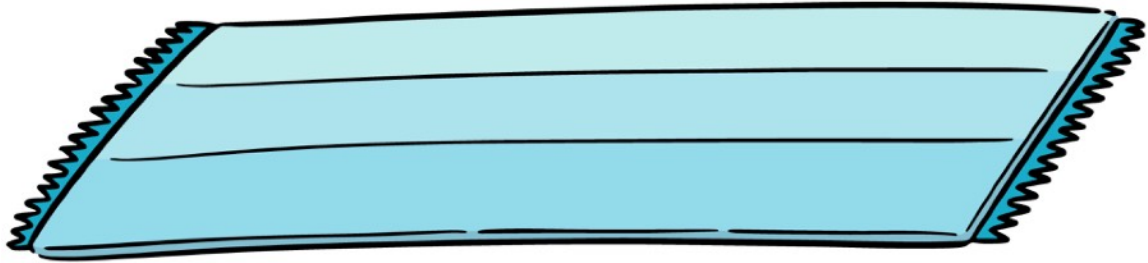
Alvin saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat jug,” he
said.

Rug



Alvin saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



Alvin saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



Alvin saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat cup,” he
said.

Bus



Alvin saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Alvin saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Alvin saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Alvin.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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Alvin Went to a Farm



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Fiction



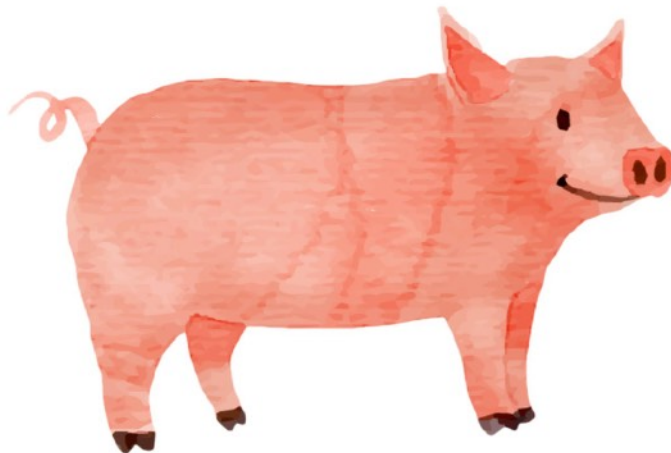
Alvin went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



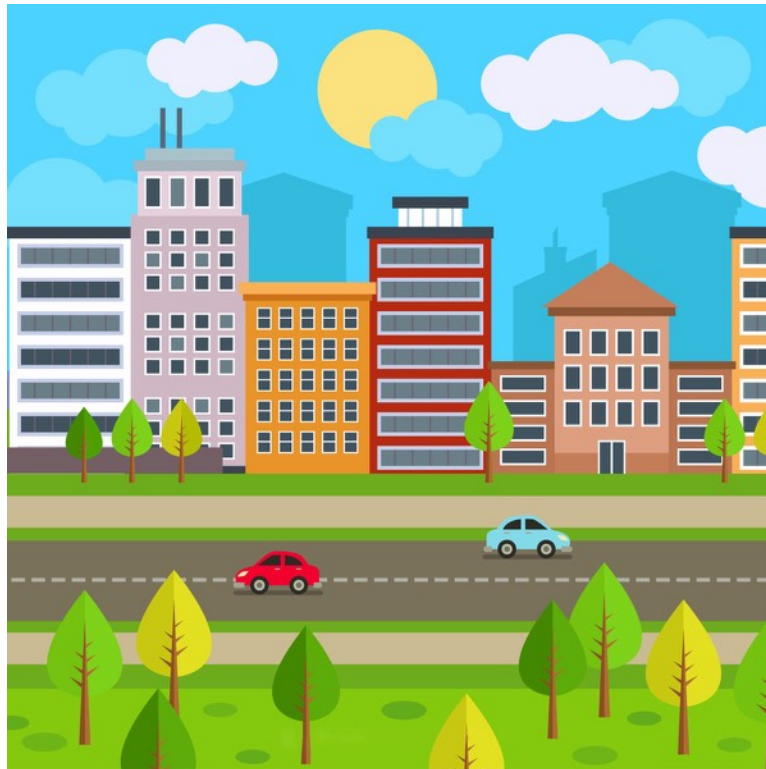
Alvin was happy
that he went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Alvin Went to a City



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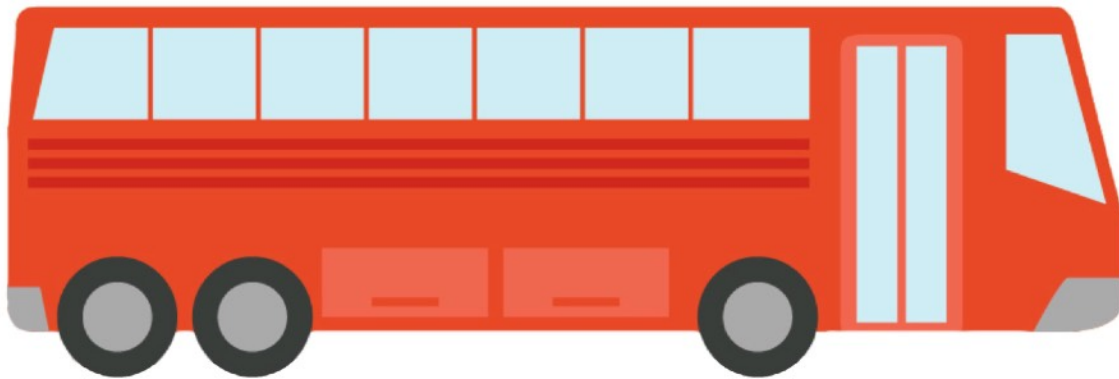
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



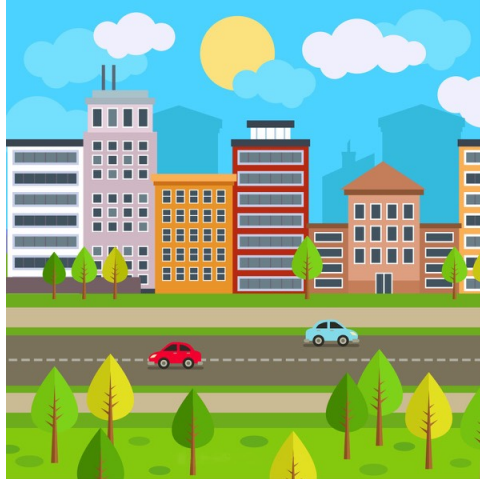
Alvin went to a
city. There was a
police car. It was a
nice police car.



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



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



Alvin was happy
that he went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Alvin 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

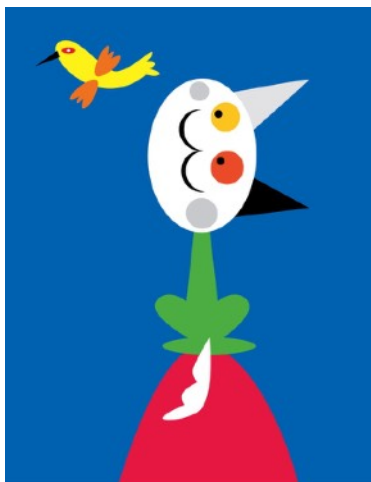
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"Good morning, teacher," said Cody as he walked into his classroom before school. "Good morning," said his teacher who was sitting at the teacher's desk. "How can I help you?" "I want to be a basketball," said Cody. "Why do you want to be a basketball?"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

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Bird

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Alvin.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Alvin.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Alvin went and flew
all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Alvin told the cat what
he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Alvin.

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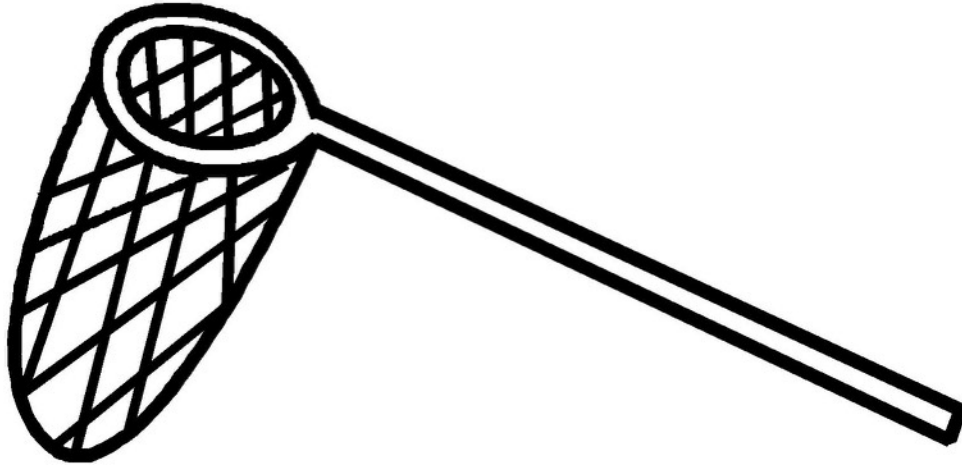


Falling Star

One night Alvin was
outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Alvin.

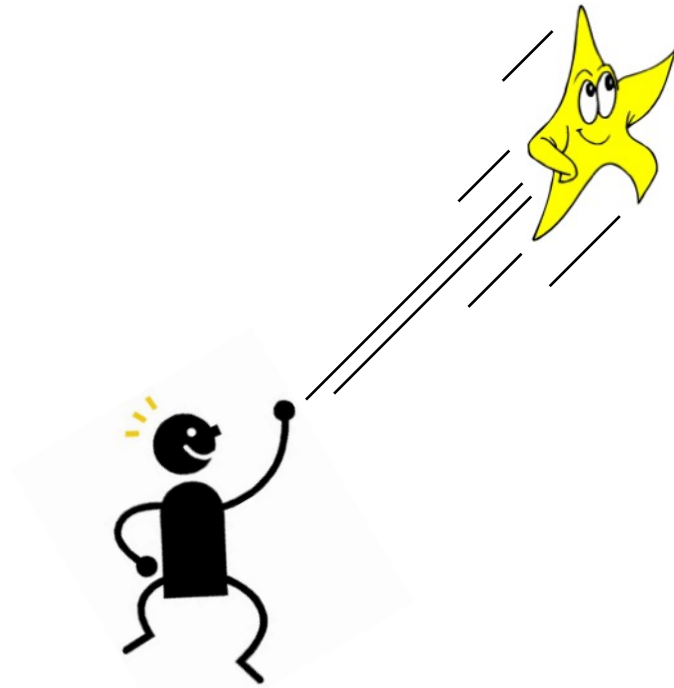
He ran and got a big
net.



Alvin 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 Alvin's dad.



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

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



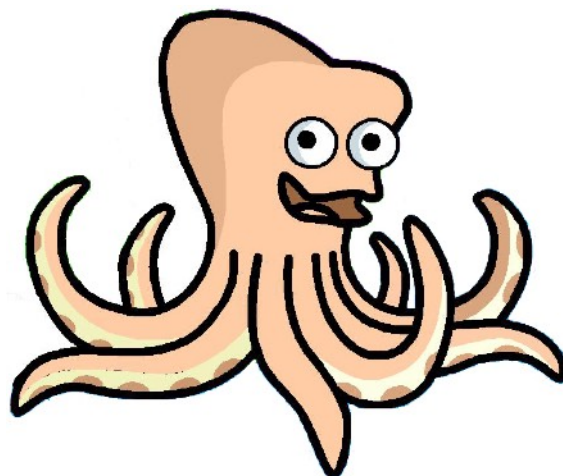
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Alvin was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Alvin woke up.
He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an
octopus,” said Alvin.



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

Alvin 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 Alvin.

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 Alvin.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Alvin 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 Alvin.

“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 Alvin.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Alvin the basketball.

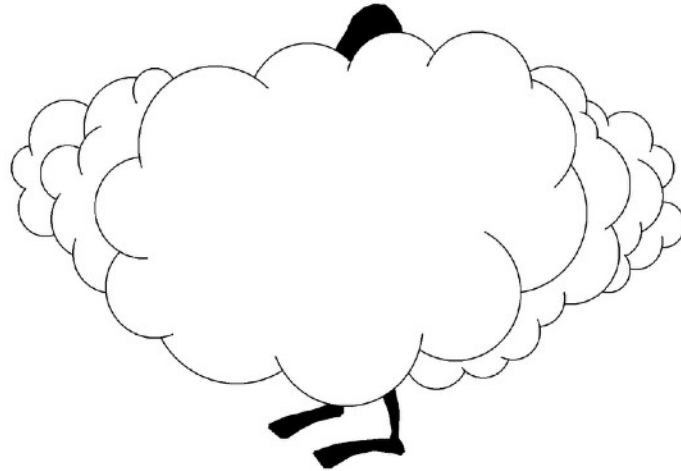
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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