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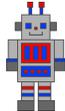


Played

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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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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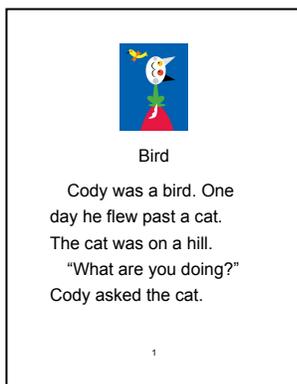


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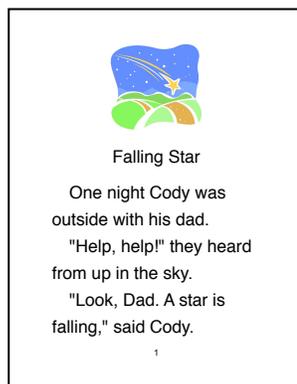


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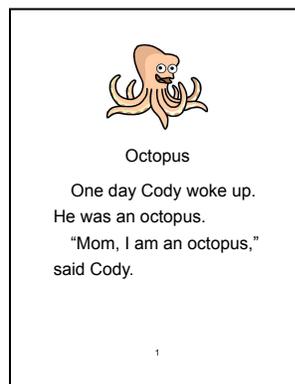
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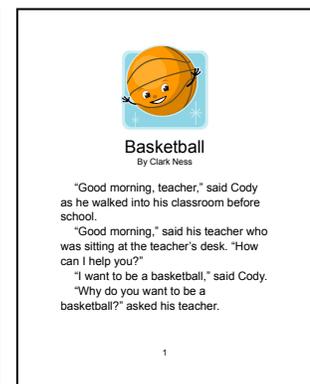
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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Barkot.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Barkot.

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Race

Barkot likes to race. One day she was in a race.

She ran and ran. She ran fast. Barkot won the race.

She was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Barkot.

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

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

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Out of the Water

Barkot 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

Barkot went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Barkot 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 Barkot.

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Crocodile

One day Barkot 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

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

Barkot thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Barkot 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 Barkot. Soon she was done.

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Barkot.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

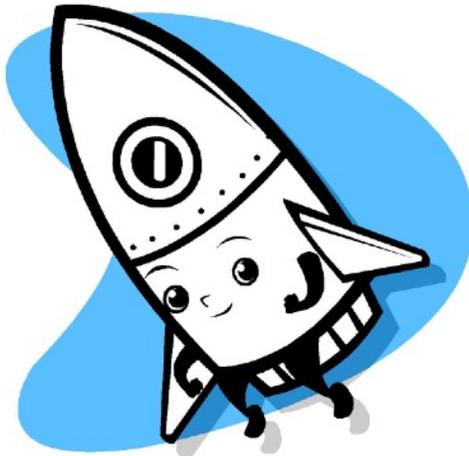
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Barkot.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Barkot.

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Surfing Dog

Barkot 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.

Barkot thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

Barkot is a dog lover.
She loves dogs. She loves
big dogs.

Barkot loves little dogs.
She loves pretty dogs. She
loves ugly dogs. Barkot
loves all dogs.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Fly to School

One day Barkot 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 Barkot.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Barkot.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said Barkot.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Barkot likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Barkot was glad that she
saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Barkot.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Barkot 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 Barkot.

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Horse With Wings

One day Barkot became
a horse with wings.

She flew to her school.
Barkot 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 Barkot.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

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Bubbles

Barkot made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Barkot made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Barkot.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

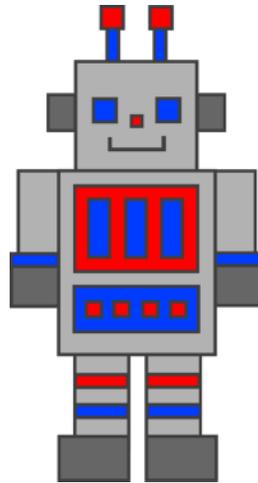
Barkot liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“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 Barkot.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

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Cowgirl

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

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Bear

Barkot 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 Barkot.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

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Soccer Ball

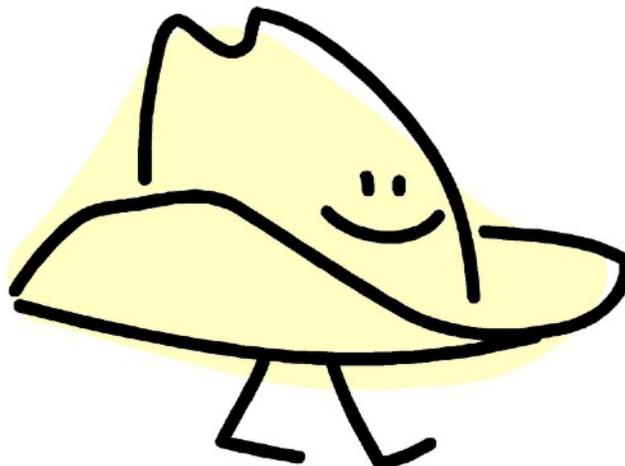
Barkot has a soccer ball.
She plays soccer with it
every day.

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

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Hat

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

“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.”

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Rat

One day Barkot saw a rat.

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

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

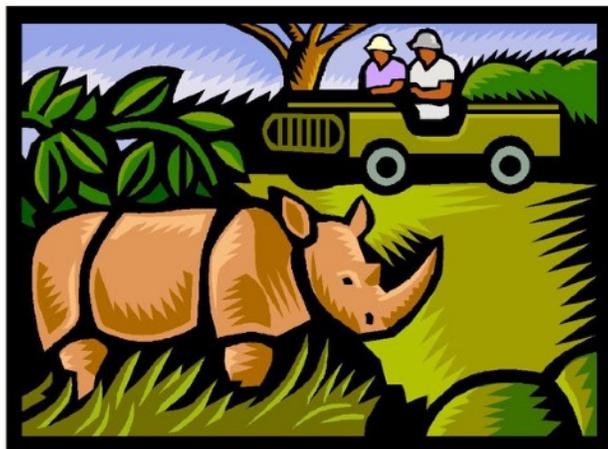
“Hope you have fun,” said Barkot.

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said
Barkot.

“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

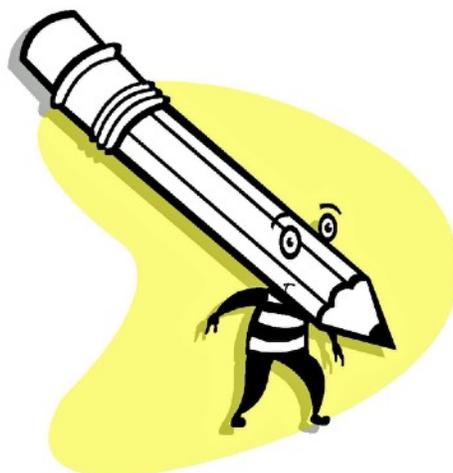
“I have a pencil,” said Barkot. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

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Pencil

One day Barkot woke up.
She was a pencil.

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

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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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Barkot.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Barkot.

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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

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 Barkot.

“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

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

Barkot likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Barkot 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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot. “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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Barkot Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Barkot saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



Barkot saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



Barkot saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Barkot.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



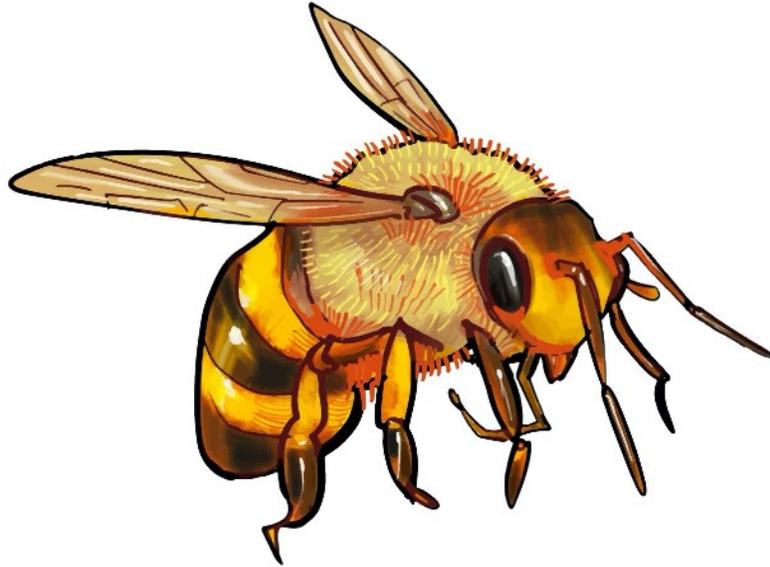
Barkot saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



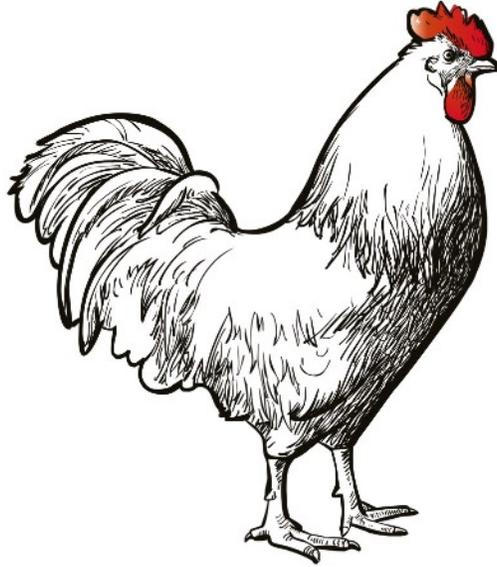
Barkot saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



Barkot saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



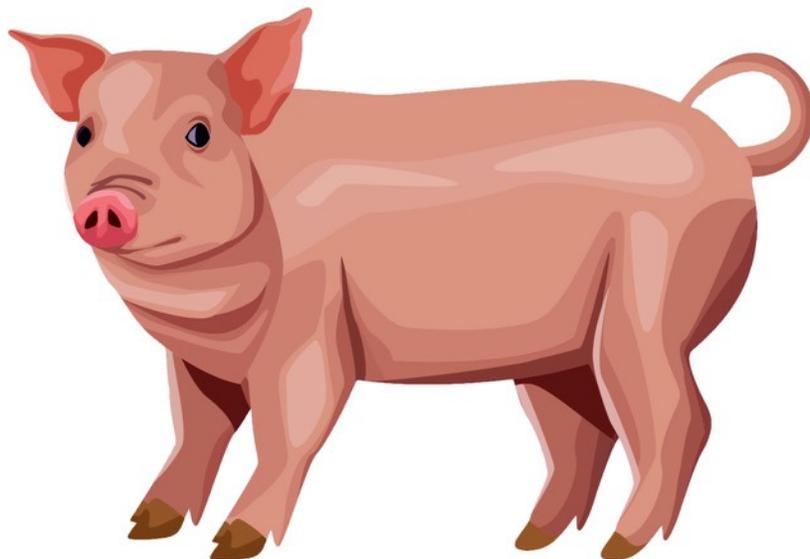
Barkot saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



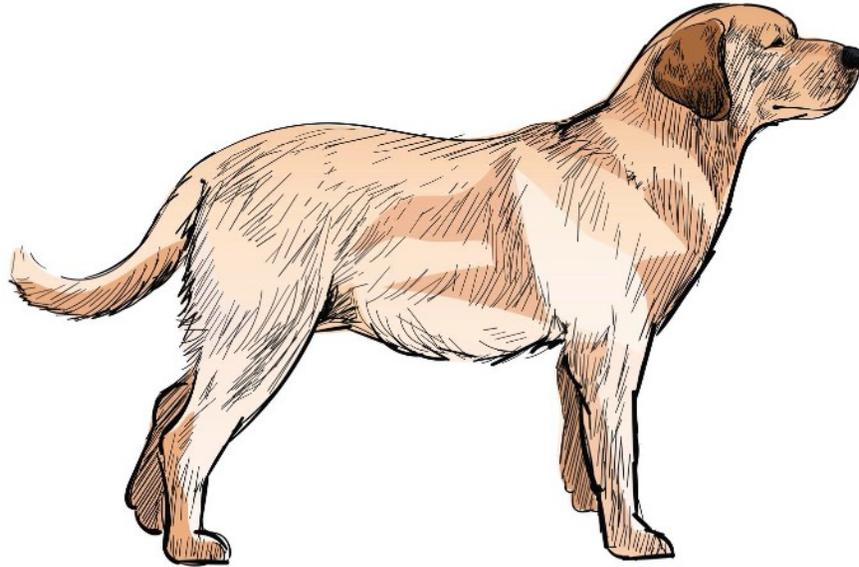
Barkot saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



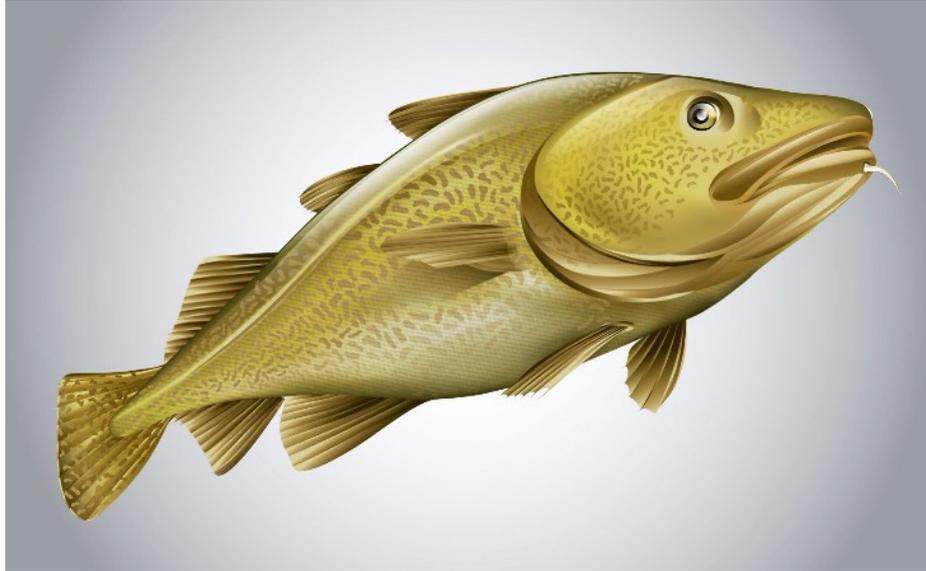
Barkot saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



Barkot saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



Barkot saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



Barkot saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



Barkot saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



Barkot saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



Barkot saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Barkot.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



Barkot saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Barkot.

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

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Barkot Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



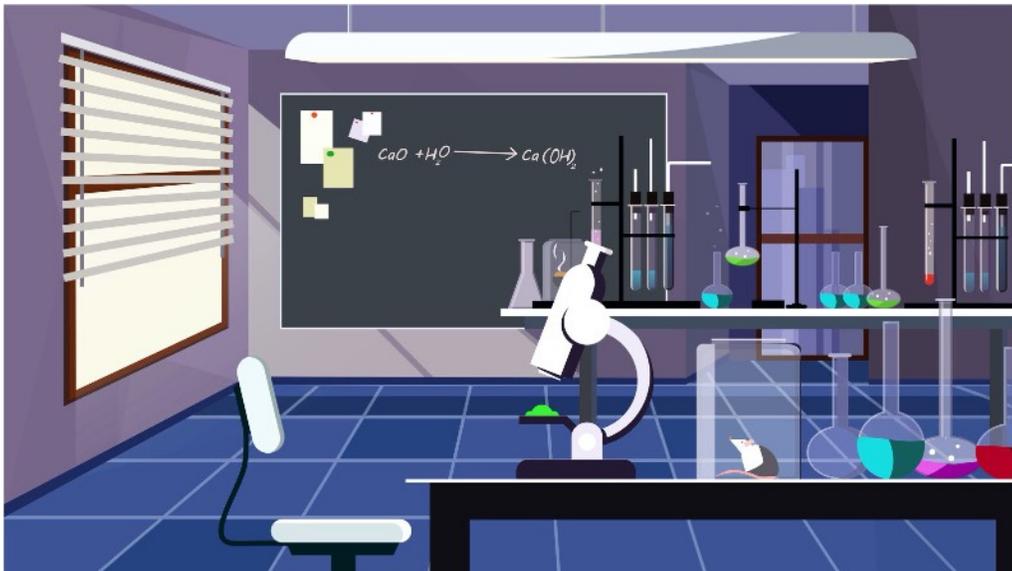
Barkot saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



Barkot saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



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

“It was a nice bag,” she
said.

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” she
said.

Yam



Barkot saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



Barkot saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



Barkot saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



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

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



Barkot saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



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

“It was a nice cap,” she
said.

Map



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

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



Barkot saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



Barkot saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice hat,” she
said.

Mat



Barkot saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Barkot.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



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

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



Barkot saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Barkot.

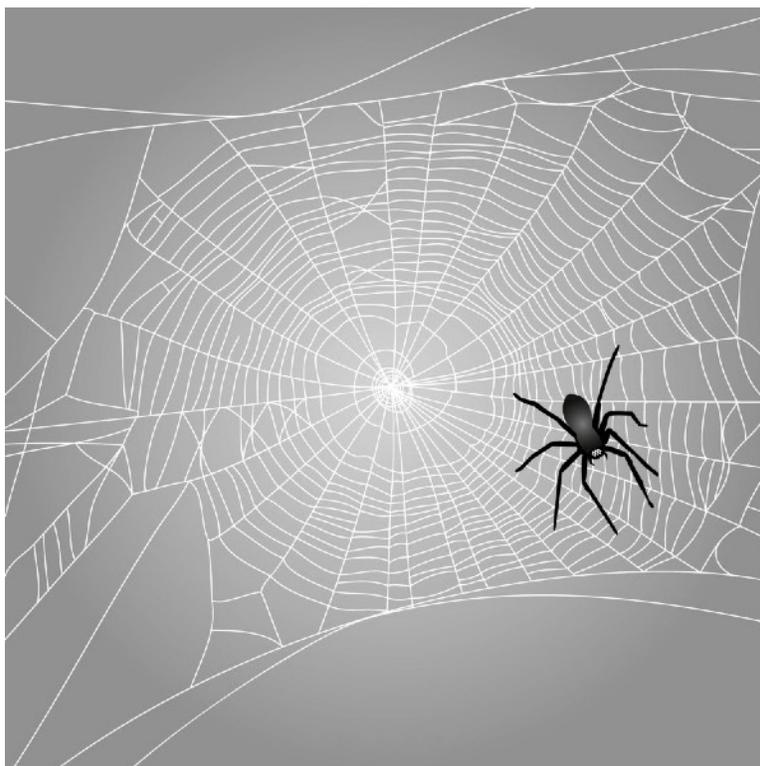
“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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Barkot Saw a Web



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Fiction

Web



Barkot saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

Pen



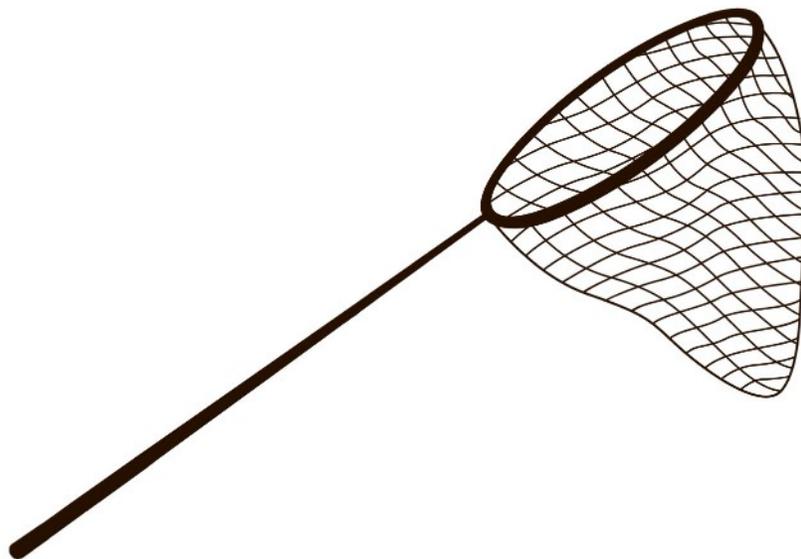
Barkot saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



Barkot saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



Barkot saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Barkot.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” she
said.

Bin



Barkot saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



Barkot saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Barkot.

“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



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

Rod



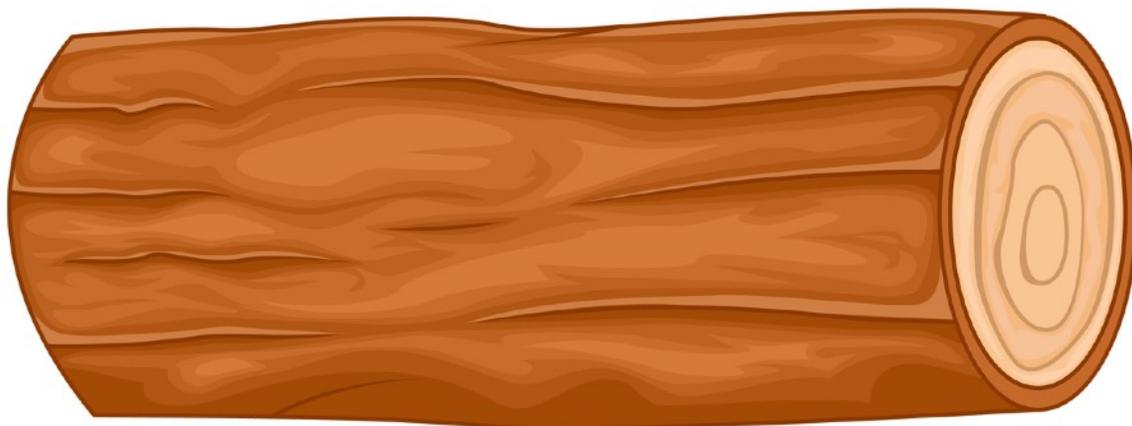
Barkot saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



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

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



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

“It was a cool top,” she
said.

Cot



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

“It was a cool cot,” she
said.

Pot



Barkot saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Barkot.

“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



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

“It was a cool box,” she
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Barkot Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



Barkot saw a tub.
It was a neat tub.
“I saw a tub,” said
Barkot.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

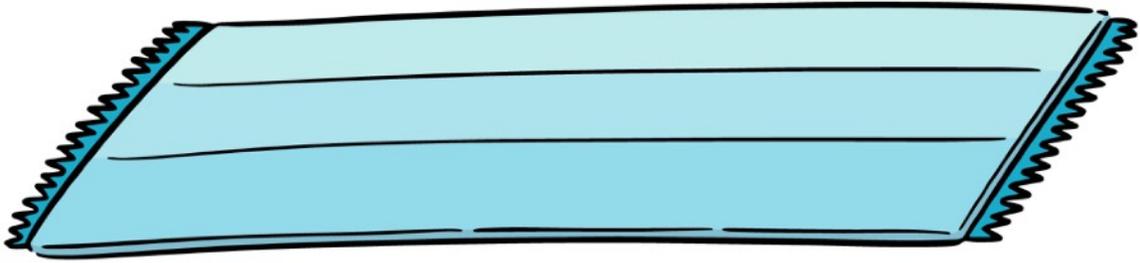
Jug



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

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



Barkot saw a bun.
It was a neat bun.
“I saw a bun,” said
Barkot.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



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

“It was a neat cup,” she
said.

Bus



Barkot saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Barkot.

“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



Barkot saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Barkot.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



Barkot saw a nut.
It was a neat nut.
“I saw a nut,” said
Barkot.
“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

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Barkot Went to a Farm



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction



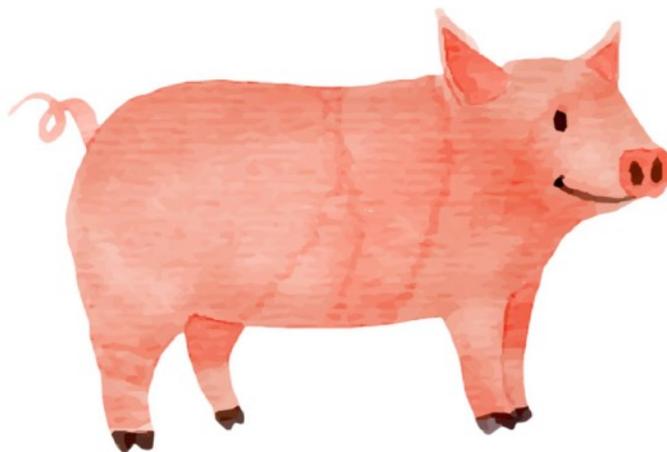
Barkot went to a
farm. She saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



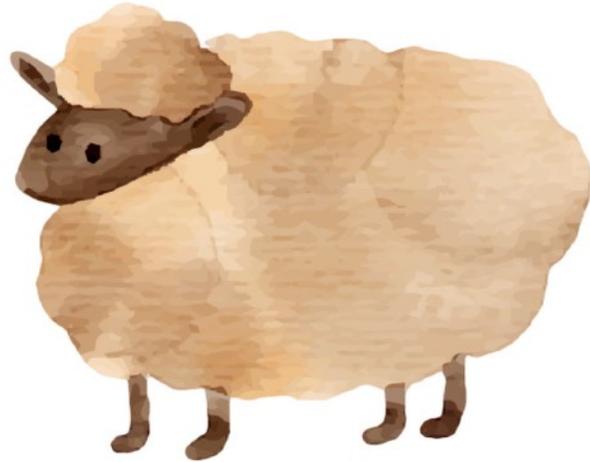
Barkot went to a
farm. She saw a
cow. It was a nice
COW.



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



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



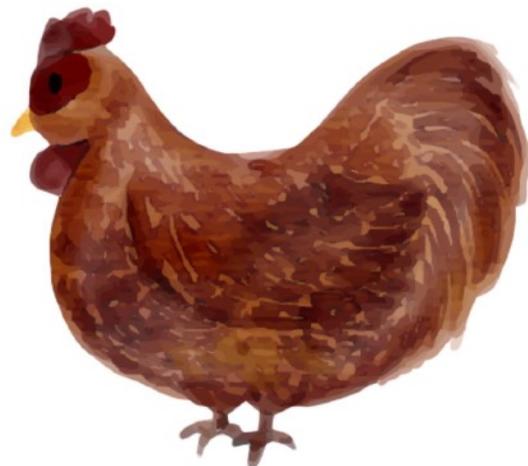
Barkot went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



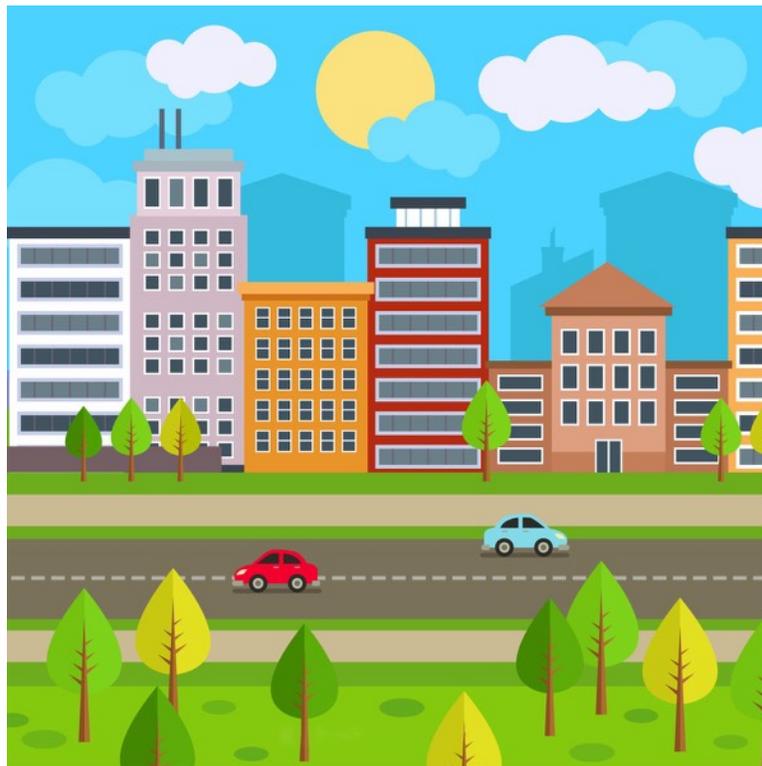
Barkot was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Barkot Went to a City

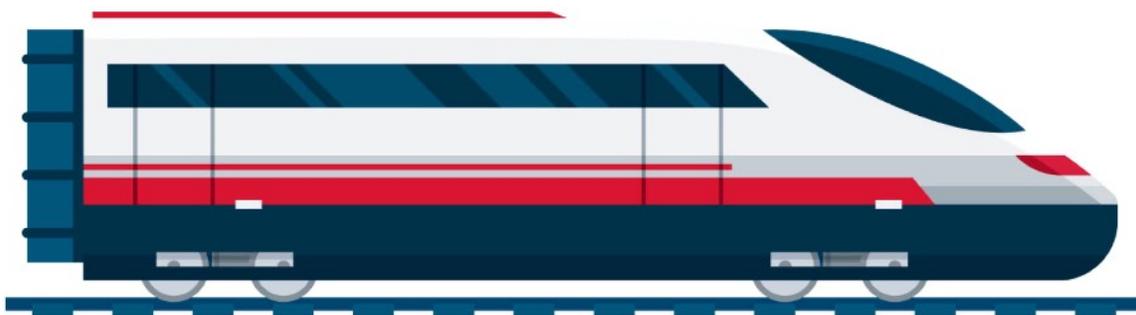


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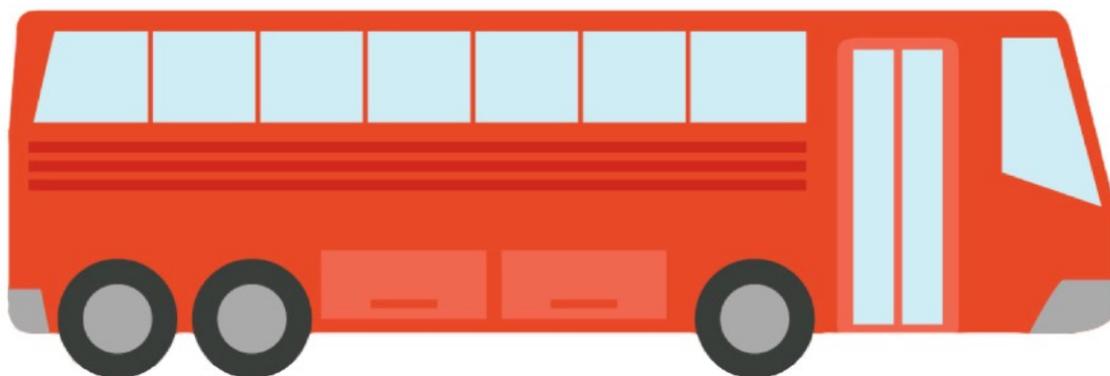
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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Barkot was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Barkot 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.

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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Barkot.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Barkot.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Barkot went and
flew all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

Barkot told the cat what
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Barkot.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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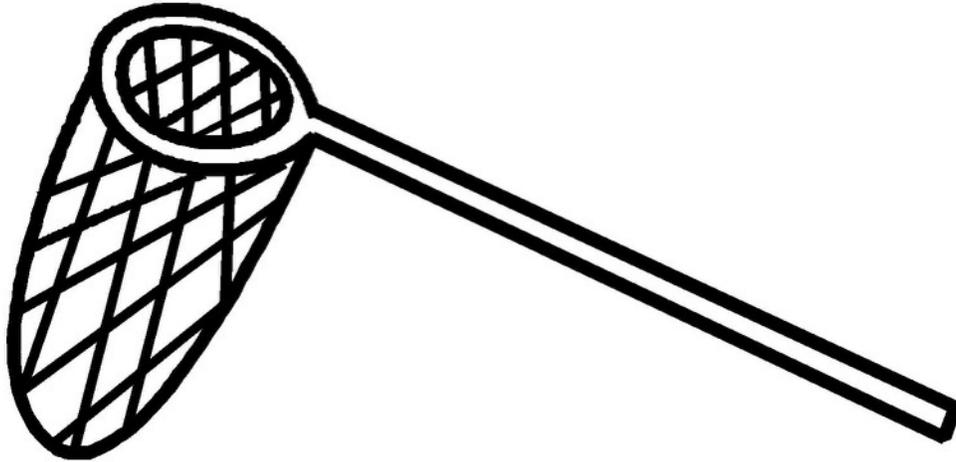


Falling Star

One night Barkot was outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Barkot.

She ran and got a big
net.



Barkot 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 Barkot's dad.



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

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



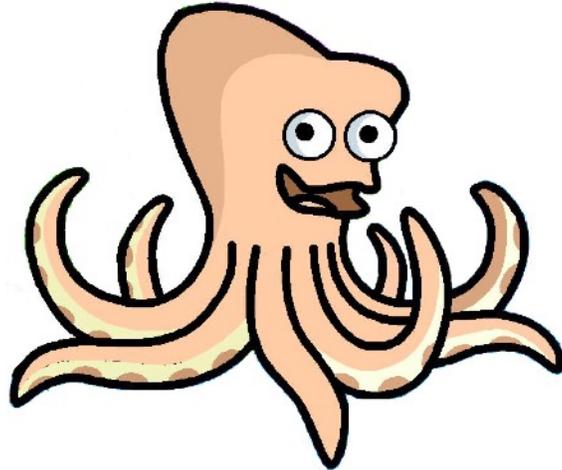
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Barkot was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Barkot woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Barkot.



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

Barkot 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 Barkot.

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 Barkot.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Barkot 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 Barkot.

“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 Barkot.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Barkot the basketball.

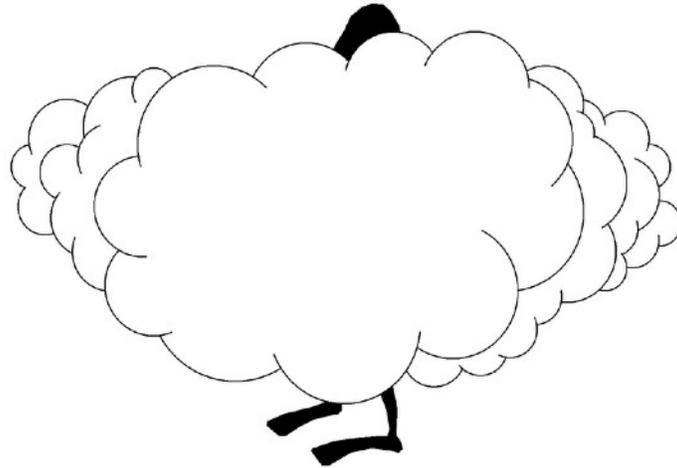
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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