

Mia 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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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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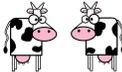
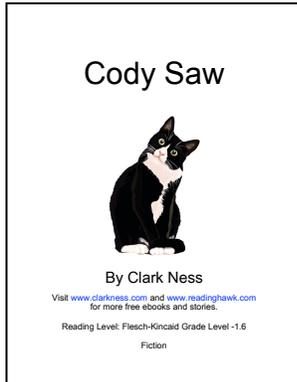
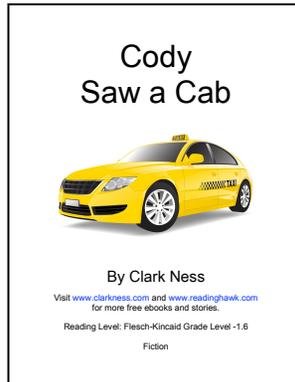
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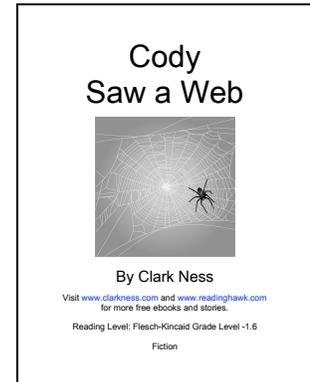
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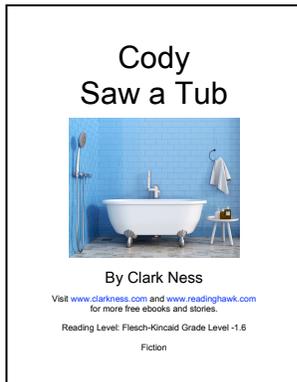
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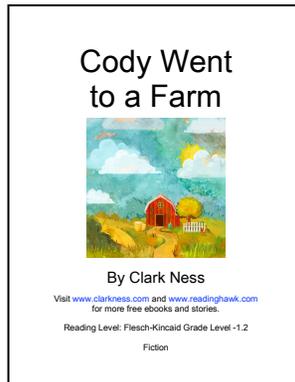
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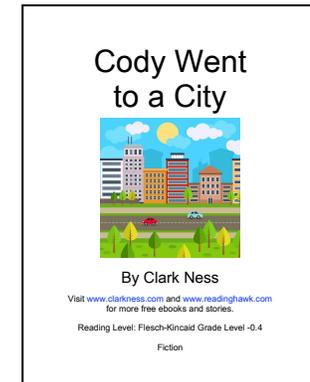
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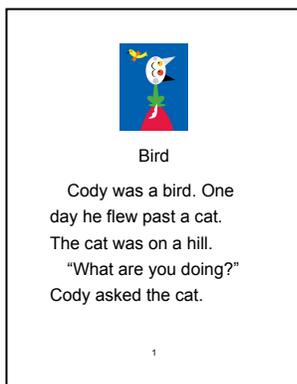


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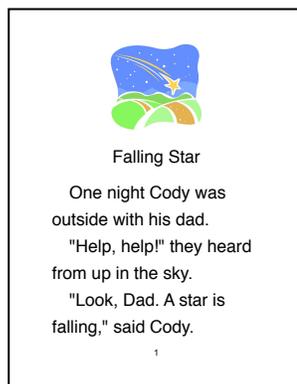


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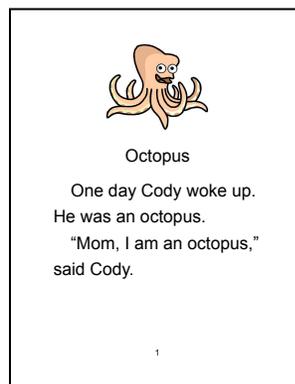
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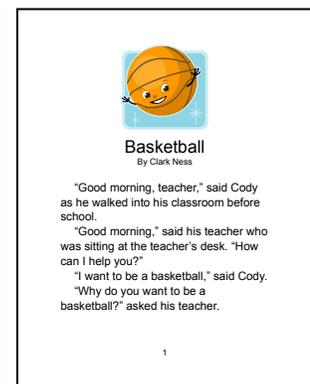
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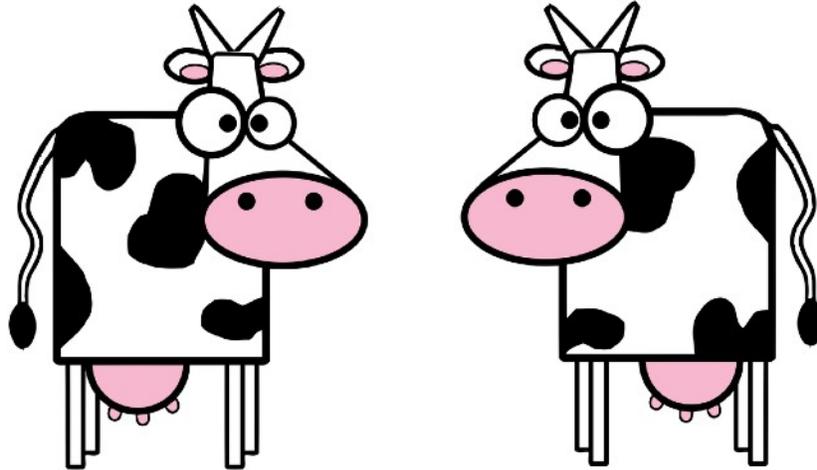
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Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Mia.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Mia.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said Mia.

“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

Mia 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

Mia went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Mia 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 Mia.

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Crocodile

One day Mia 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

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

Mia thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Mia 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 Mia. Soon she was done.

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

Soon she was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Mia.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

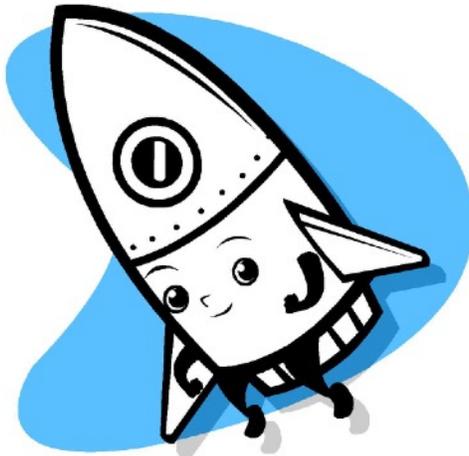
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Mia.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Mia.

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Surfing Dog

Mia 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.

Mia thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Dog Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Mia 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 Mia.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said
Mia.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

“I am Mia the happy cat,”
said Mia.

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Mia.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

“I am Mia the happy
dog,” said Mia.

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Rhino

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

Mia likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Mia was glad that she saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Mia.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Mia 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 Mia.

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Horse With Wings

One day Mia became a horse with wings.

She flew to her school. Mia 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 Mia.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Mia.

“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 Mia.

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Bubbles

Mia made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

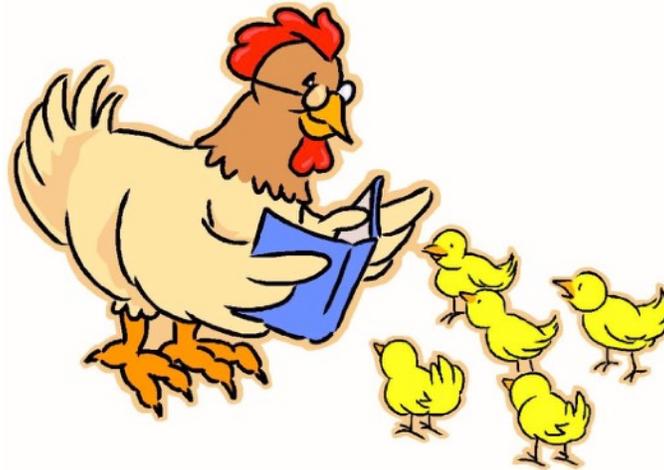
Mia made a lot of
bubbles. She had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Mia.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

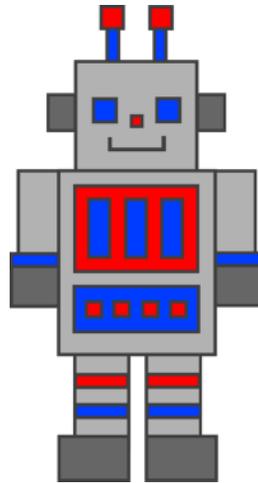
Mia liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Mia.

“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 Mia.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

“I want to go snow skiing,” said Mia.

“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.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Mia.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowgirl

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Mia 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 Mia.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

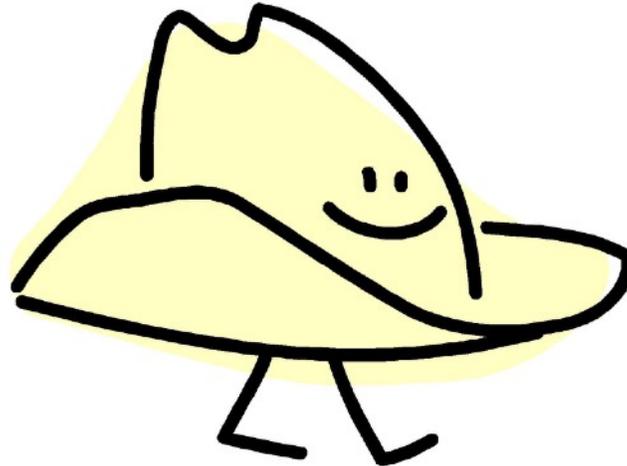
Mia has a soccer ball.
She plays soccer with it
every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

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

“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 Mia saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Mia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Mia.

“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

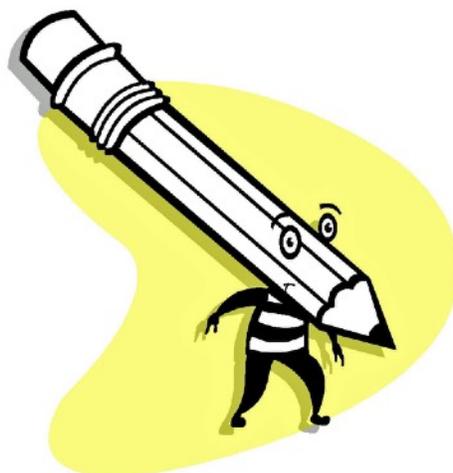
“I have a pencil,” said Mia. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Mia woke up.
She was a pencil.

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

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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Mia.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Mia.

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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

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Airplane

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

“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

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

Mia likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Mia 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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“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

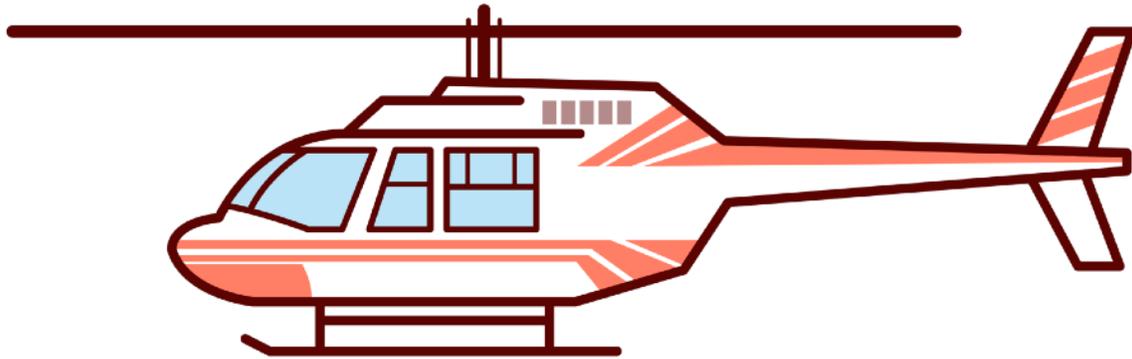
“I am going to build a treehouse,” said Mia. “It will be so much fun.”

“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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

“It was a very good story about pirates and pirate ships. I liked the part about buried treasure.”

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Hippo

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Mia Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Mia saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Mia.

“It was a big cat,” she
said.

Bat



Mia saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Mia.

“It was a big bat,” she
said.

Rat



Mia saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Mia.

“It was a big rat,” she
said.

Ant



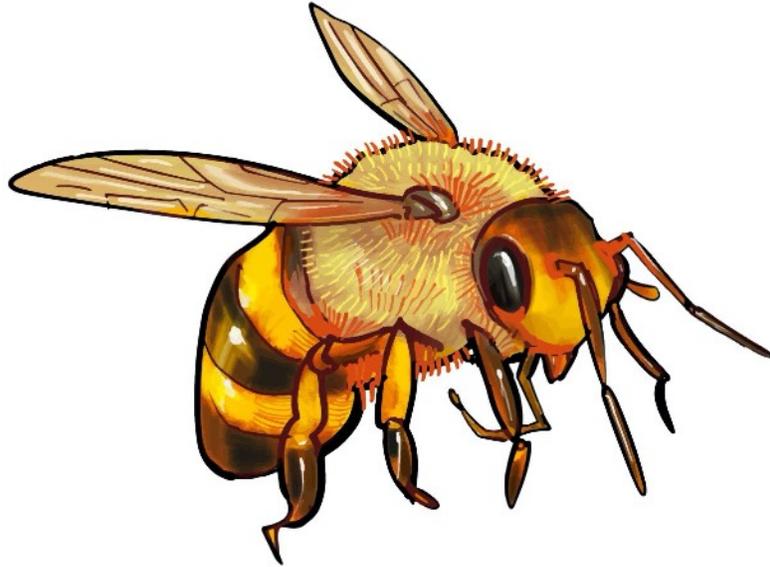
Mia saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said Mia.

“It was a big ant,” she
said.

Bee



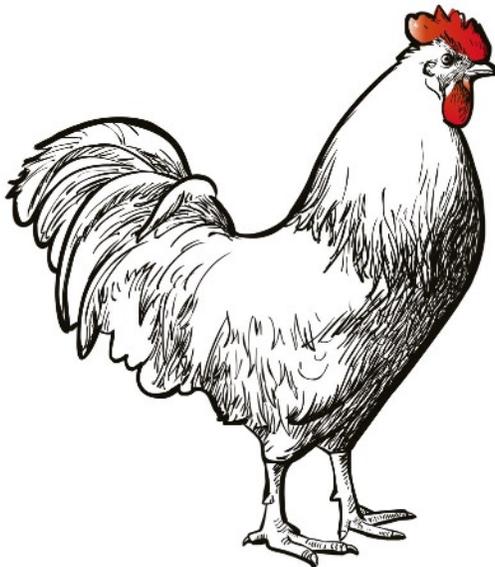
Mia saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said Mia.

“It was a big bee,” she
said.

Hen



Mia saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said Mia.

“It was a big hen,” she
said.

Elk



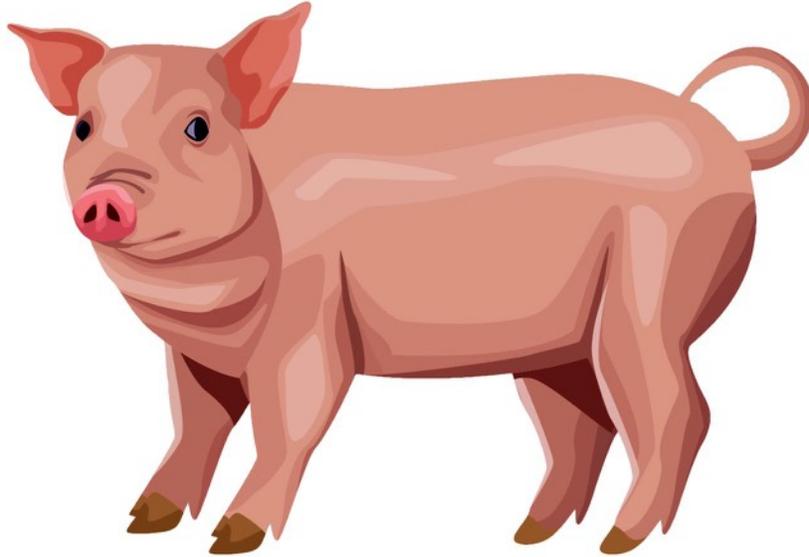
Mia saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said Mia.

“It was a big elk,” she
said.

Pig



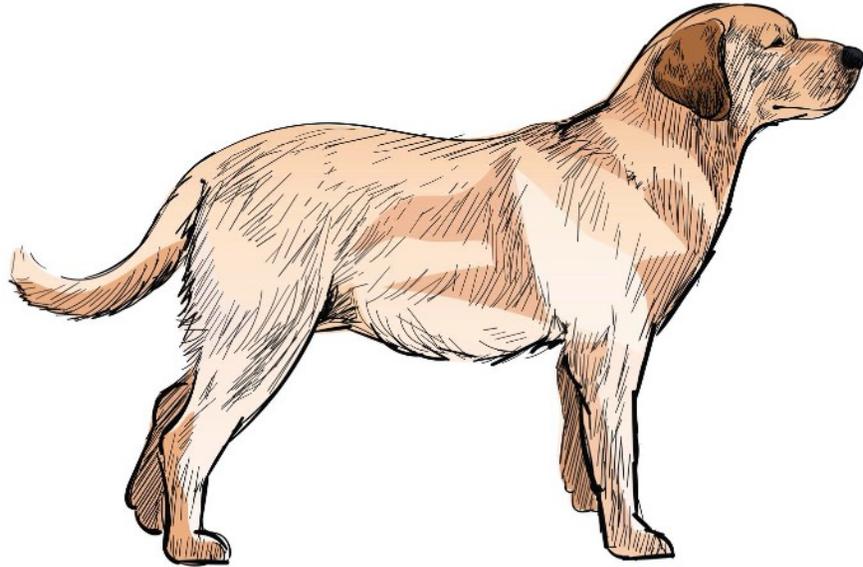
Mia saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Mia.

“It was a big pig,” she
said.

Dog



Mia saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said Mia.

“It was a big dog,” she
said.

Cod



Mia saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said Mia.

“It was a big cod,” she
said.

Fox



Mia saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Mia.

“It was a big fox,” she
said.

Cow



Mia saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said Mia.

“It was a big cow,” she
said.

Owl



Mia saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said Mia.

“It was a big owl,” she
said.

Bug



Mia saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said Mia.

“It was a big bug,” she
said.

Pup



Mia saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said Mia.

“It was a big pup,” she
said.

Fly



Mia saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Mia.

“It was a big fly,” she
said.

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Mia Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



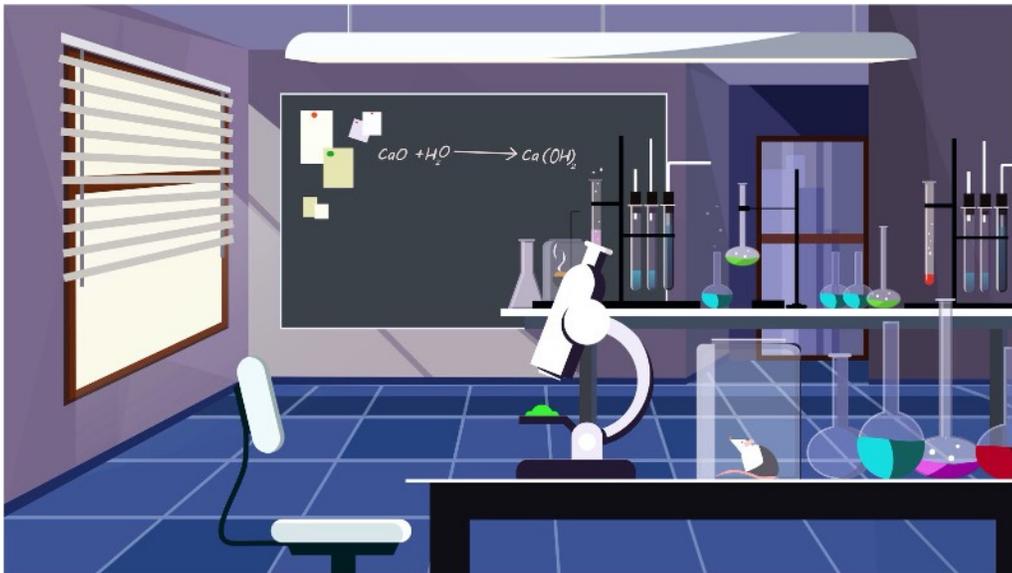
Mia saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said Mia.

“It was a nice cab,” she
said.

Lab



Mia saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said Mia.

“It was a nice lab,” she
said.

Bag



Mia saw a bag.

It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said Mia.

“It was a nice bag,” she
said.

Rag



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

Yam



Mia saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said Mia.

“It was a nice yam,” she
said.

Can



Mia saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said Mia.

“It was a nice can,” she
said.

Fan



Mia saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said Mia.

“It was a nice fan,” she
said.

Pan



Mia saw a pan.

It was a nice pan.

“I saw a pan,” said Mia.

“It was a nice pan,” she
said.

Van



Mia saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said Mia.

“It was a nice van,” she
said.

Cap



Mia saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said Mia.

“It was a nice cap,” she
said.

Map



Mia saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said Mia.

“It was a nice map,” she
said.

Bat



Mia saw a bat.

It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Mia.

“It was a nice bat,” she
said.

Hat



Mia saw a hat.

It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said Mia.

“It was a nice hat,” she
said.

Mat



Mia saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said Mia.

“It was a nice mat,” she
said.

Vat



Mia saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said Mia.

“It was a nice vat,” she
said.

Sax



Mia saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said Mia.

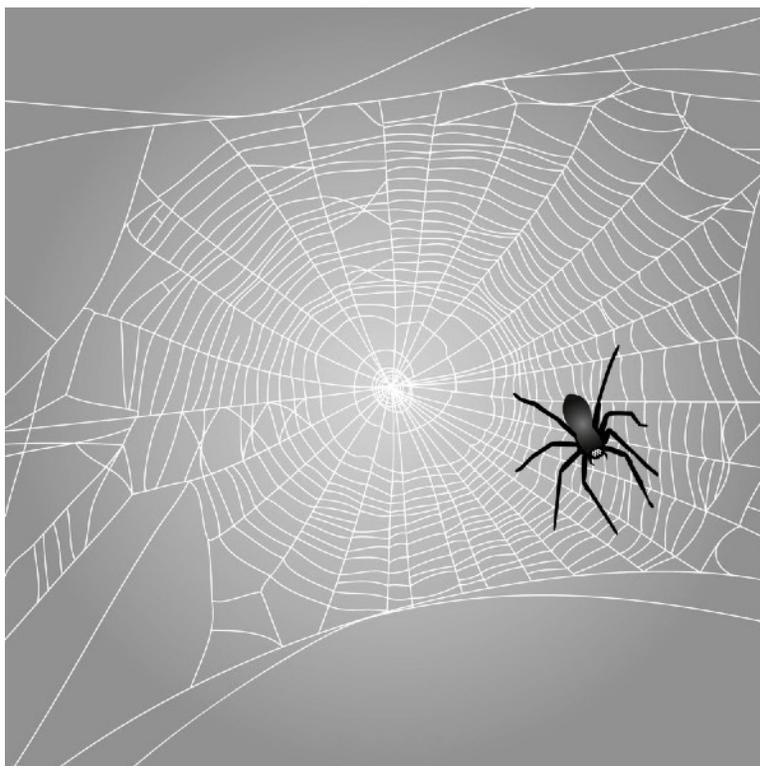
“It was a nice sax,” she
said.

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Mia Saw a Web



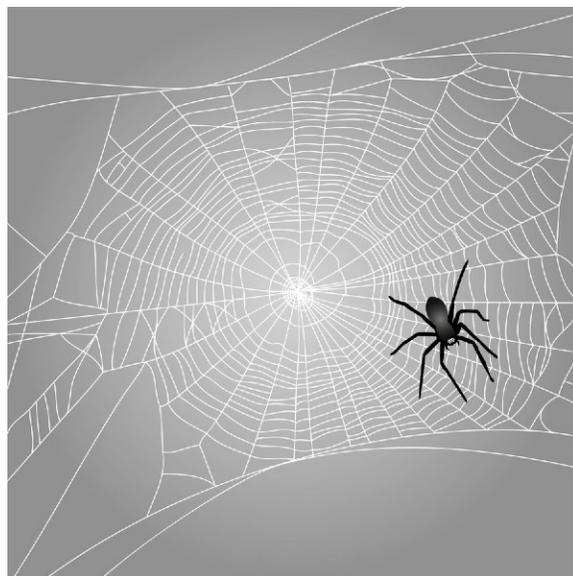
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Fiction

Web



Mia saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said Mia.

“It was a cool web,” she
said.

Gem



Mia saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said Mia.

“It was a cool gem,” she
said.

Pen



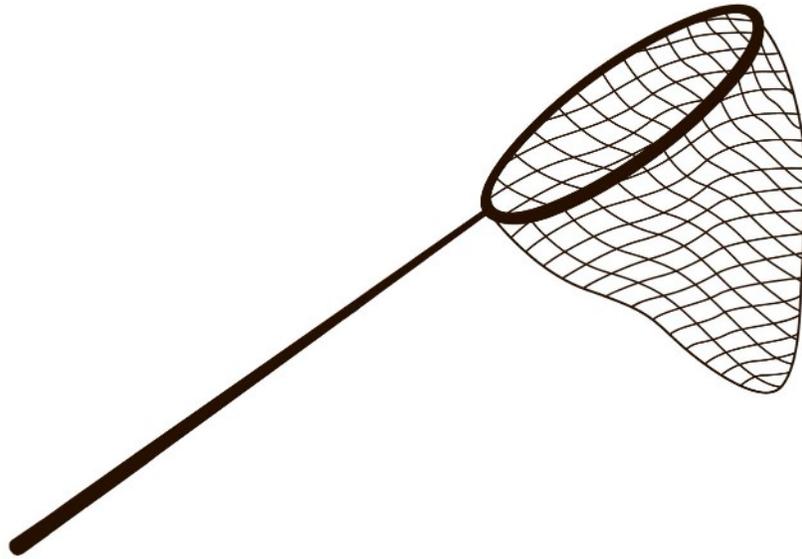
Mia saw a pen.

It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said Mia.

“It was a cool pen,” she
said.

Net



Mia saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said Mia.

“It was a cool net,” she
said.

Jet



Mia saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said Mia.

“It was a cool jet,” she
said.

Wig



Mia saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said Mia.

“It was a cool wig,” she
said.

Bin



Mia saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Mia.

“It was a cool bin,” she
said.

Fin



Mia saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Mia.

“It was a cool fin,” she
said.

Pin



Mia saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said Mia.

“It was a cool pin,” she
said.

Rod



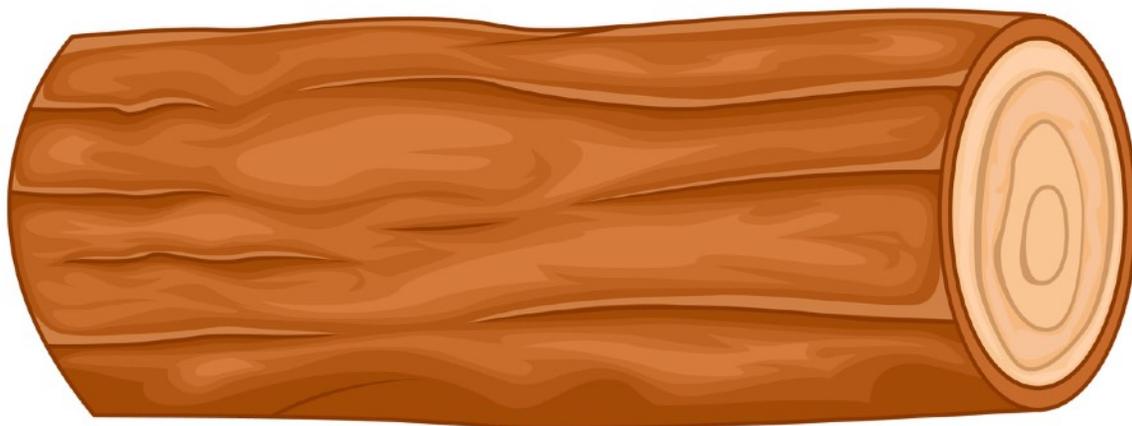
Mia saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said Mia.

“It was a cool rod,” she
said.

Log



Mia saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Mia.

“It was a cool log,” she
said.

Mop



Mia saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said Mia.

“It was a cool mop,” she
said.

Top



Mia saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said Mia.

“It was a cool top,” she
said.

Cot



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

Pot



Mia saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Mia.

“It was a cool pot,” she
said.

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Mia Saw a Tub



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub



Mia saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said Mia.

“It was a neat tub,” she
said.

Jug



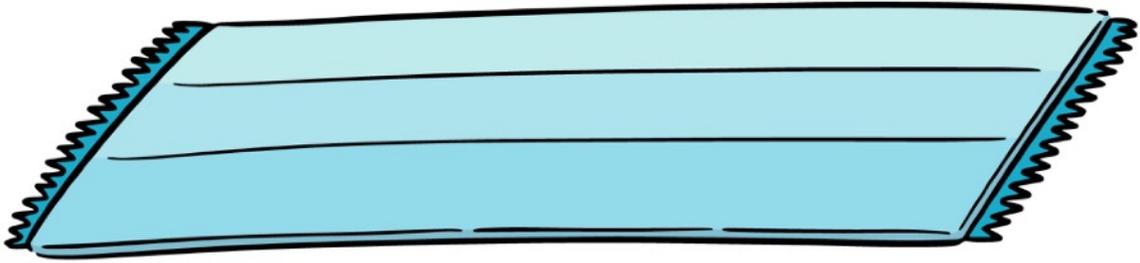
Mia saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said Mia.

“It was a neat jug,” she
said.

Rug



Mia saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Mia.

“It was a neat rug,” she
said.

Bun



Mia saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said Mia.

“It was a neat bun,” she
said.

Cup



Mia saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said Mia.

“It was a neat cup,” she
said.

Bus



Mia saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said Mia.

“It was a neat bus,” she
said.

Hut



Mia saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Mia.

“It was a neat hut,” she
said.

Nut



Mia saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Mia.

“It was a neat nut,” she
said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Mia Went to a Farm



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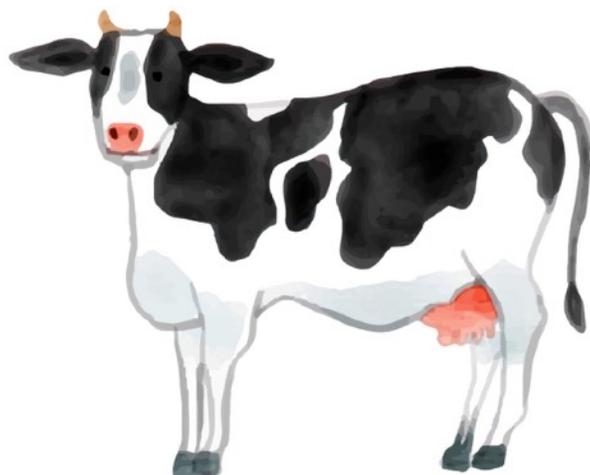
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Fiction



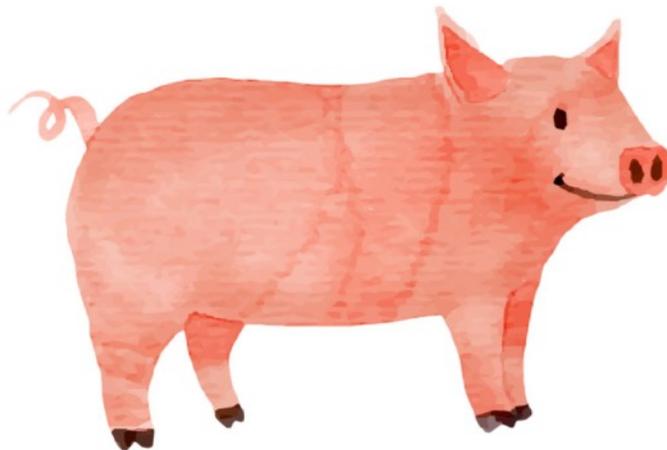
Mia went to a
farm. She saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



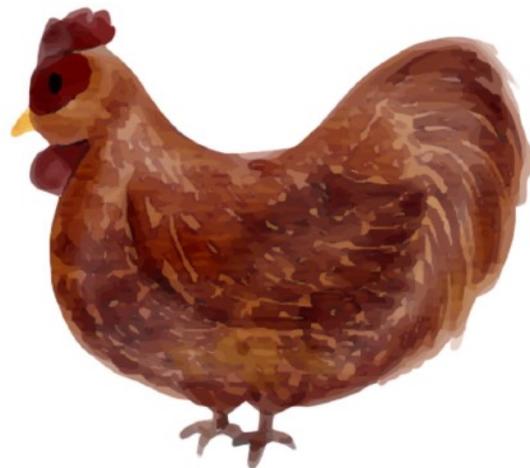
Mia went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



Mia was happy
that she went to a
nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Mia Went to a City



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Fiction



Mia went to a city.

She saw a train. It
was a nice train.



Mia went to a city.

She saw a bus. It
was a nice bus.



Mia went to a city.

A truck was there. It
was a nice truck.



Mia went to a city.

A fire truck was

there. It was a nice

fire truck.



Mia went to a city.

An ambulance was
there. It was a nice
ambulance.



Mia went to a city.

There was a police
car. It was a nice
police car.



Mia went to a city.

There was a taxi. It
was a nice taxi.



Mia went to a city.

There was a

motorcycle. It was a

nice motorcycle.



Mia was happy
that she went to a
nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Mia 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.

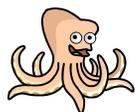
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Falling Star

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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Mia.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Mia.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Mia went and flew
all around.

She then came back to
the cat.

Mia told the cat what
she had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Mia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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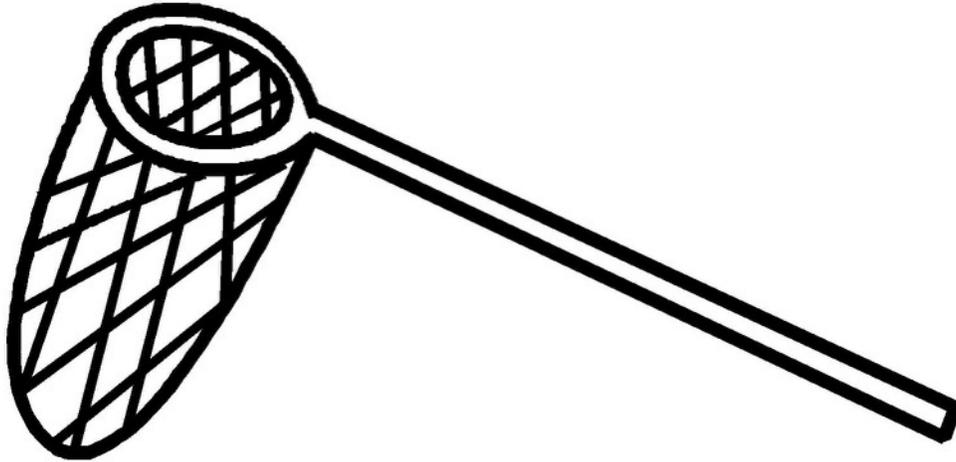


Falling Star

One night Mia was
outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said her dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Mia.

She ran and got a big
net.



Mia 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 Mia's dad.



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

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



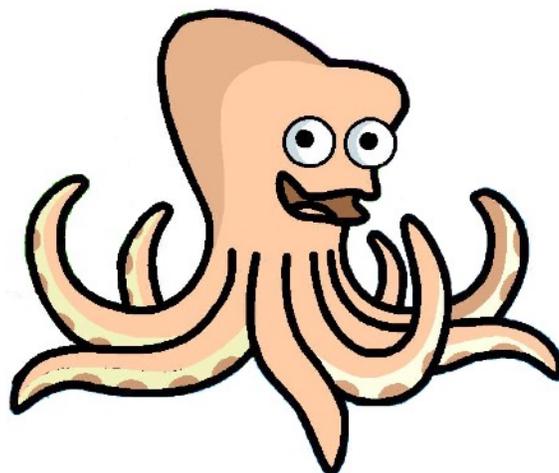
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Mia was proud that she had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Mia woke up.
She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an
octopus,” said Mia.



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

Mia 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 Mia.

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 Mia.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

By Clark Ness

“Good morning, Teacher,” said Mia 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 Mia.

“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 Mia.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Mia the basketball.

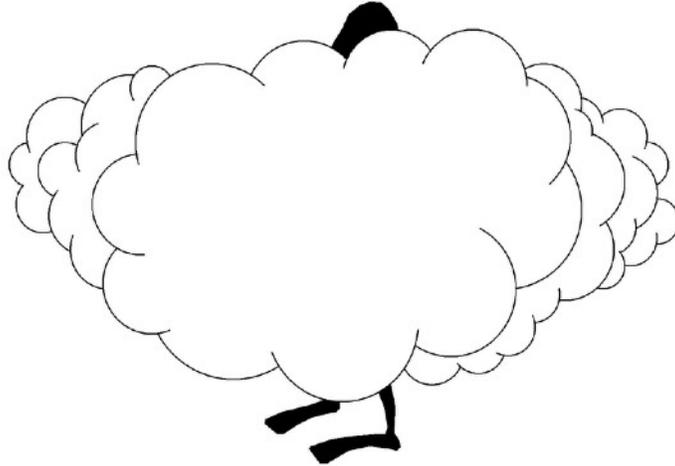
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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