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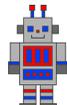


Played

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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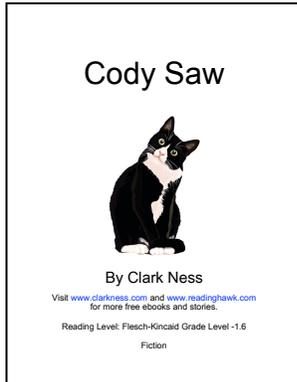
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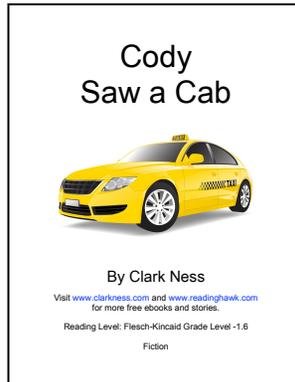
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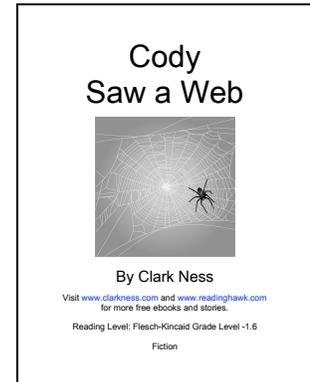
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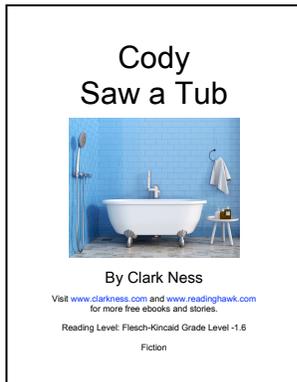
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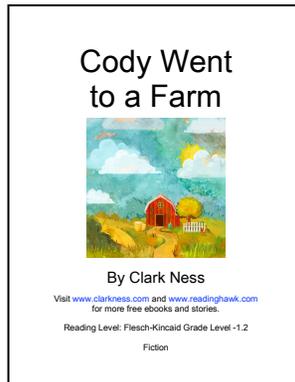
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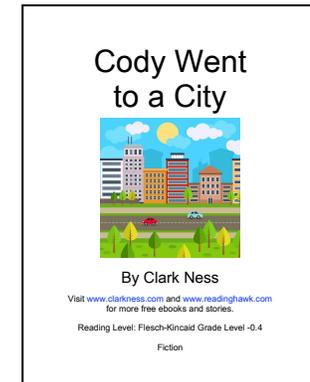
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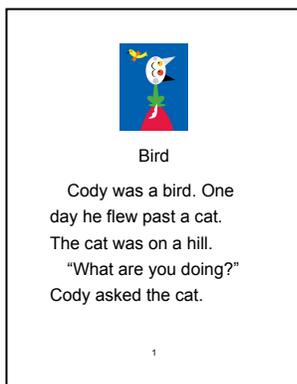


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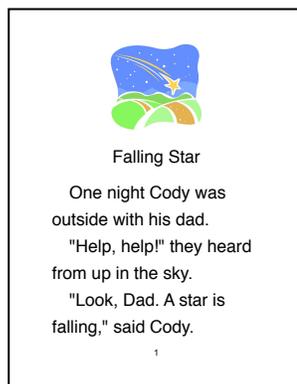


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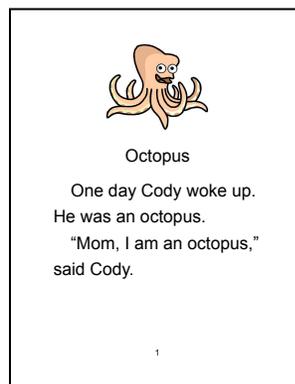
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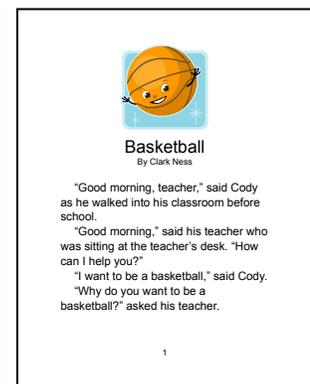
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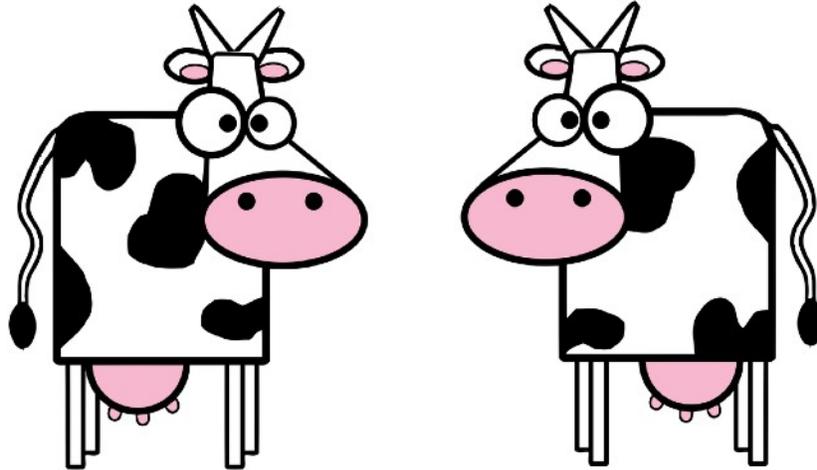
Michael and his friends played. They played with a ball. They played in the sand. They played with a dog. They went down the slide.

They had a great time.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.8

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Two Cows

“I saw two cows,” said Michael.

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

“Moo,” said the two COWS.

“Moo,” said Michael.

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Race

Michael likes to race.

One day he was in a race.

He ran and ran. He ran

fast. Michael won the race.

He was happy.

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Saw a Cat

“I saw a cat,” said
Michael.

“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

Michael 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

Michael went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Michael 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 Michael.

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Crocodile

One day Michael 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

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

Michael thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

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

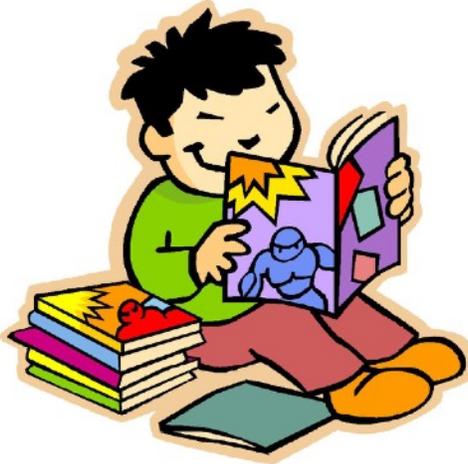
His dog helped too. The tree looked great.

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Read a Book

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

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

Soon he was done reading seven books.

“That was fun,” said Michael.

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Ice Cream Truck

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

“I hope it stops by my home.”

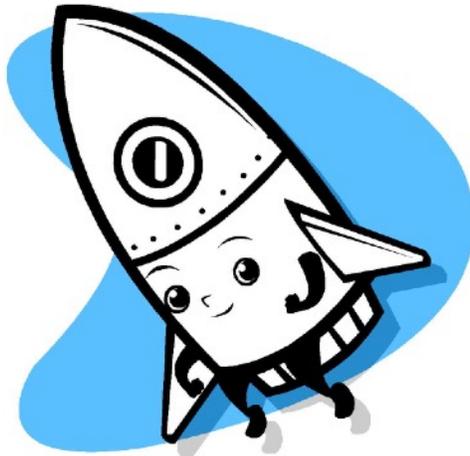
“I want to buy an ice cream treat.”

“It will taste so good.”

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Rocket

“I want to be a rocket,”
said Michael.

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

“Now that was fun,” said
Michael.

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Surfing Dog

Michael 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.

Michael thinks surfing is
cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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Dog Lover

Michael is a dog lover.
He loves dogs. He loves
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He loves pretty dogs. He
loves ugly dogs. Michael
loves all dogs.

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Fly to School

One day Michael 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 Michael.

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Happy Cat

“Can you see me?” said Michael.

“I am a cat.”

“I am a happy cat.”

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

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Happy Dog

“Can you see me?” said
Michael.

“I am a dog.”

“I am a happy dog.”

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

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Rhino

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

Michael likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Michael was glad that he
saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

“I want a pet dragon,”
said Michael.

“It could play with me.”

“It could read books to
me.”

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

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Owl

Michael went for a walk
and saw an owl.

It sat up in a tree.

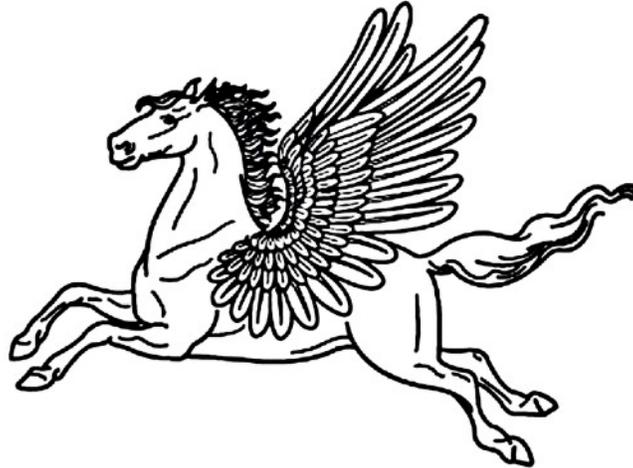
The owl said, “*Whoo,
whoo, who, who.*”

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

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Horse With Wings

One day Michael
became a horse with
wings.

He flew to his school.
Michael 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 Michael.

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

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

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Giraffe

“I am a giraffe,” said Michael.

“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 Michael.

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Bubbles

Michael made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

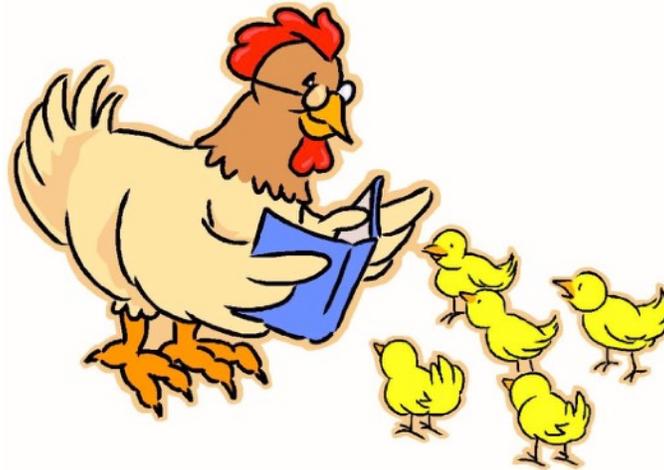
Michael made a lot of
bubbles. He had fun.

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Chicken

“I saw a chicken,” said Michael.

“She wore glasses and had a book.”

“She was reading to her chicks.”

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

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Horses

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

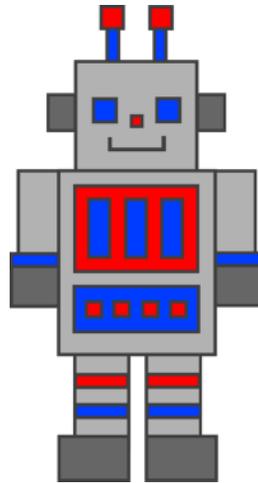
Michael liked seeing the
horses.

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Robot

“Can I have a robot?”
said Michael.

“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 Michael.

“It was knitting a sock.”

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

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

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Snow Skiing

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

“It would be so much fun.”

“I would be out in the nice cold snow.”

“I could go fast.”

“Snow skiing would be a blast,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.1

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Rabbit

“I want to be a rabbit,”
said Michael.

“I would have two long
ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

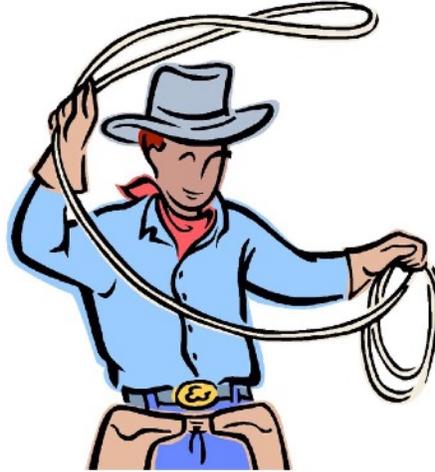
“I would even like to eat
carrots,” said Michael.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.2

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Cowboy

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

“I will have a rope.”

“I will ride a horse.”

“I will herd my cattle.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.3

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Bear

Michael 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 Michael.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Soccer Ball

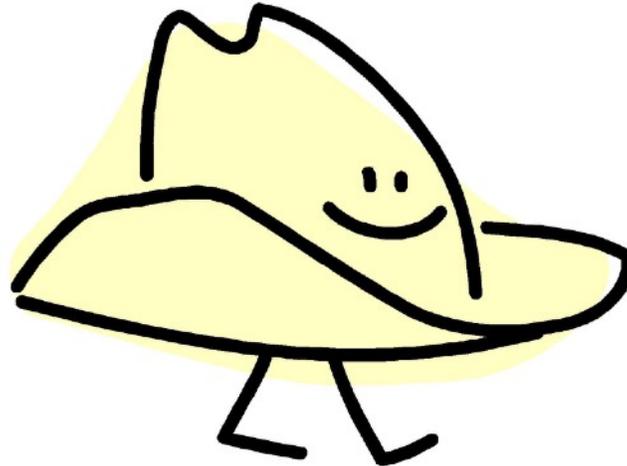
Michael has a soccer ball. He plays soccer with it every day.

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.5

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Hat

Michael saw a hat walk by.

“Where are you going?” asked Michael.

“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 Michael saw a rat.

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

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

“Hope you have fun,” said Michael.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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Safari

“I went to Africa,” said Michael.

“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.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.7

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I Have a Pencil

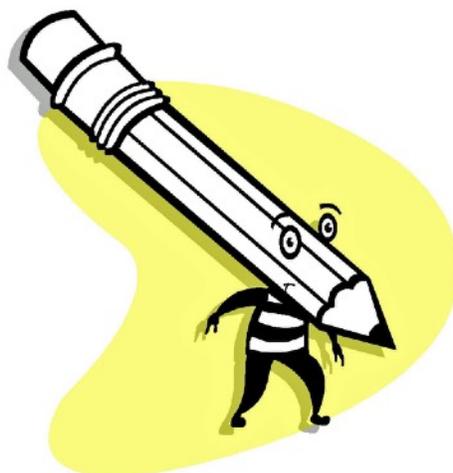
“I have a pencil,” said Michael. “I use it every day. I write stories with it. I answer questions. I solve math problems.”

“My pencil is a great tool to have.”

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 0.9

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Pencil

One day Michael woke up. He was a pencil.

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

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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Monsters

“I saw three monsters today,” said Michael.

“They were happy monsters going for a walk.”

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Pet Shop

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

“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 Michael.

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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

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 Michael.

“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

Michael is a kangaroo.

He likes to play basketball.

He can jump. He can shoot.

Michael likes being a
kangaroo.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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Lemonade

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

Michael made \$5.00 in one day.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.9

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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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

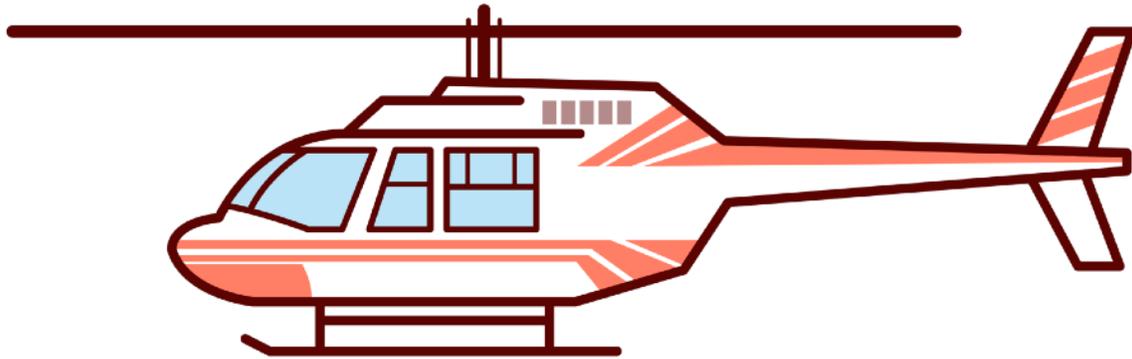
“It will be so much fun.”

“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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

“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

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

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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 4.7

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Michael Saw



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Fiction

Cat



Michael saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said
Michael.

“It was a big cat,” he
said.

Bat



Michael saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Michael.

“It was a big bat,” he
said.

Rat



Michael saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said
Michael.

“It was a big rat,” he
said.

Ant



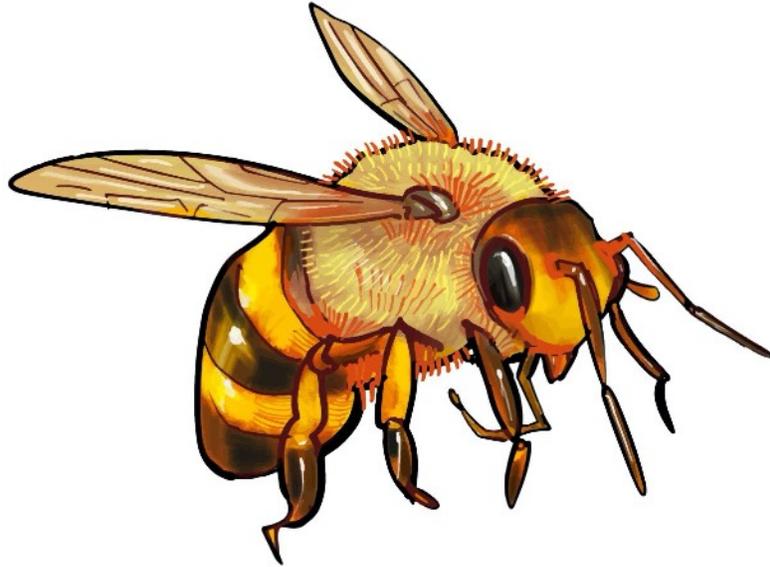
Michael saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said
Michael.

“It was a big ant,” he
said.

Bee



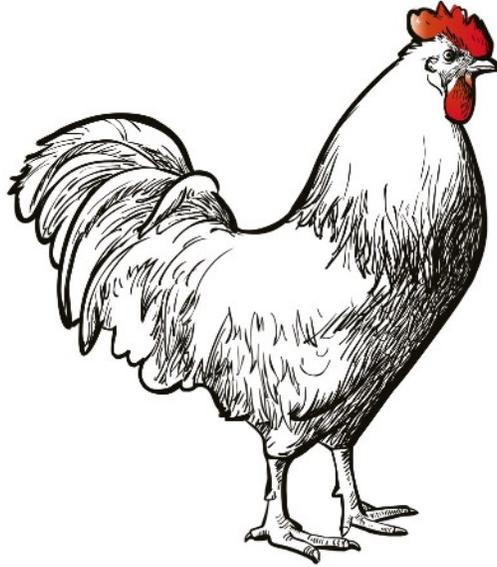
Michael saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said
Michael.

“It was a big bee,” he
said.

Hen



Michael saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said
Michael.

“It was a big hen,” he
said.

Elk



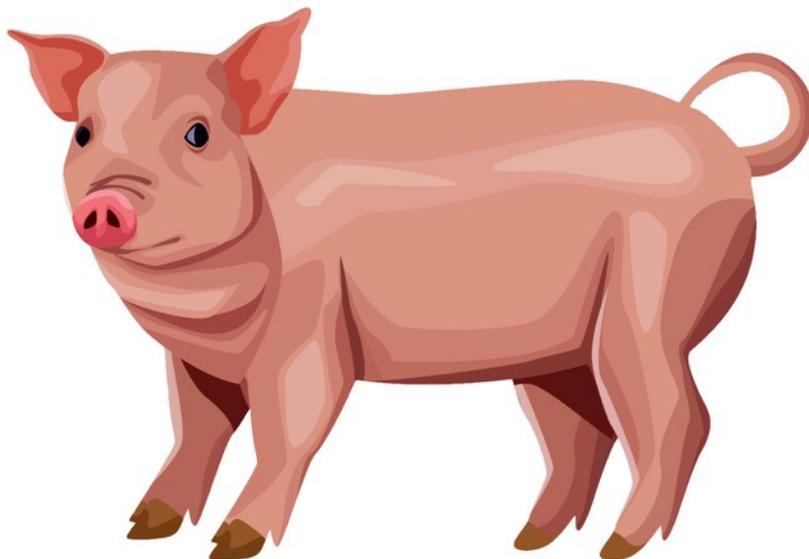
Michael saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said
Michael.

“It was a big elk,” he
said.

Pig



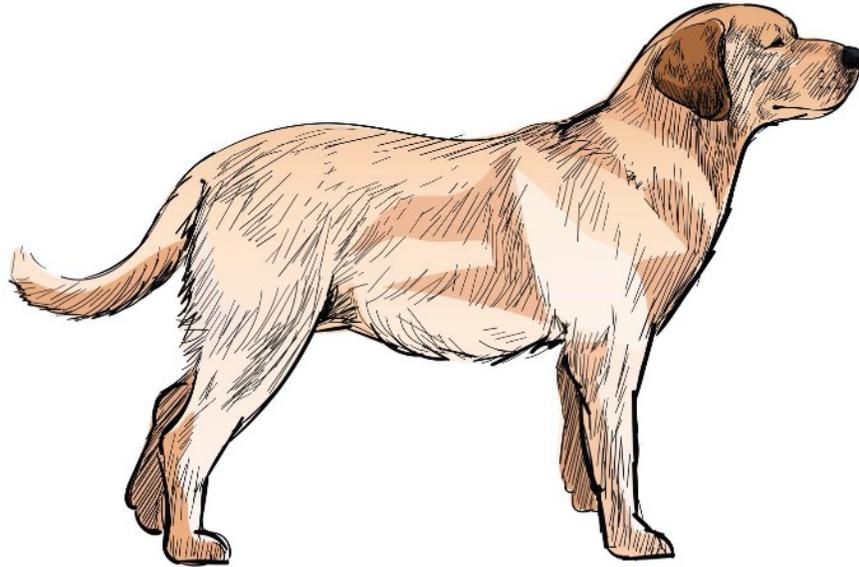
Michael saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said
Michael.

“It was a big pig,” he
said.

Dog



Michael saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said
Michael.

“It was a big dog,” he
said.

Cod



Michael saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said
Michael.

“It was a big cod,” he
said.

Fox



Michael saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said
Michael.

“It was a big fox,” he
said.

Cow



Michael saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said
Michael.

“It was a big cow,” he
said.

Owl



Michael saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said
Michael.

“It was a big owl,” he
said.

Bug



Michael saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said
Michael.

“It was a big bug,” he
said.

Pup



Michael saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said
Michael.

“It was a big pup,” he
said.

Fly



Michael saw a fly.
It was a big fly.
“I saw a fly,” said
Michael.
“It was a big fly,” he said.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Michael Saw a Cab



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Fiction

Cab



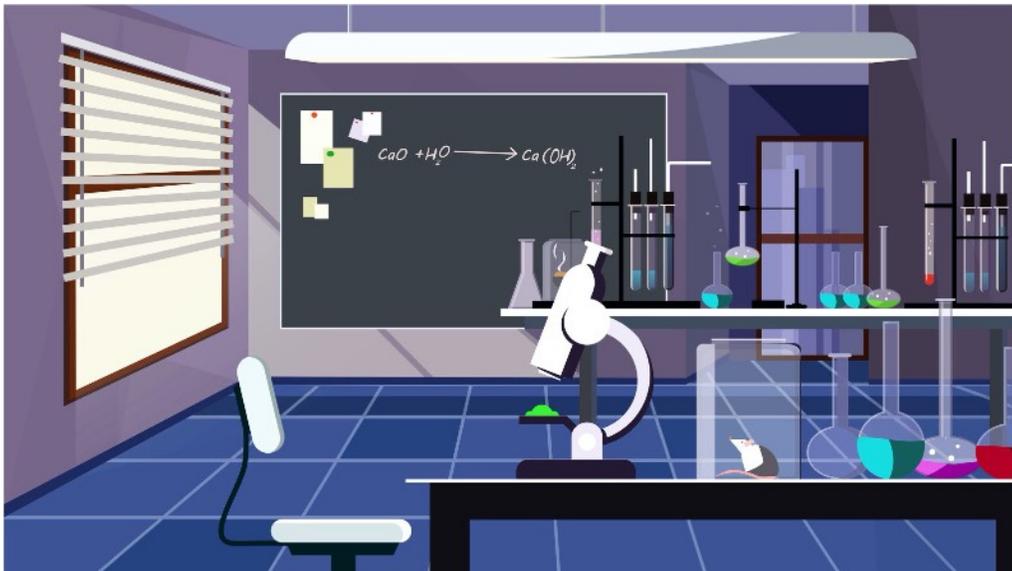
Michael saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice cab,” he
said.

Lab



Michael saw a lab.

It was a nice lab.

“I saw a lab,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice lab,” he
said.

Bag



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

Rag



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

“It was a nice rag,” he
said.

Yam



Michael saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice yam,” he
said.

Can



Michael saw a can.

It was a nice can.

“I saw a can,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice can,” he
said.

Fan



Michael saw a fan.

It was a nice fan.

“I saw a fan,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice fan,” he
said.

Pan



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

Van



Michael saw a van.

It was a nice van.

“I saw a van,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice van,” he
said.

Cap



Michael saw a cap.

It was a nice cap.

“I saw a cap,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice cap,” he
said.

Map



Michael saw a map.

It was a nice map.

“I saw a map,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice map,” he
said.

Bat



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It was a nice bat.

“I saw a bat,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice bat,” he
said.

Hat



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It was a nice hat.

“I saw a hat,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice hat,” he
said.

Mat



Michael saw a mat.

It was a nice mat.

“I saw a mat,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice mat,” he
said.

Vat



Michael saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said
Michael.

“It was a nice vat,” he
said.

Sax



Michael saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said
Michael.

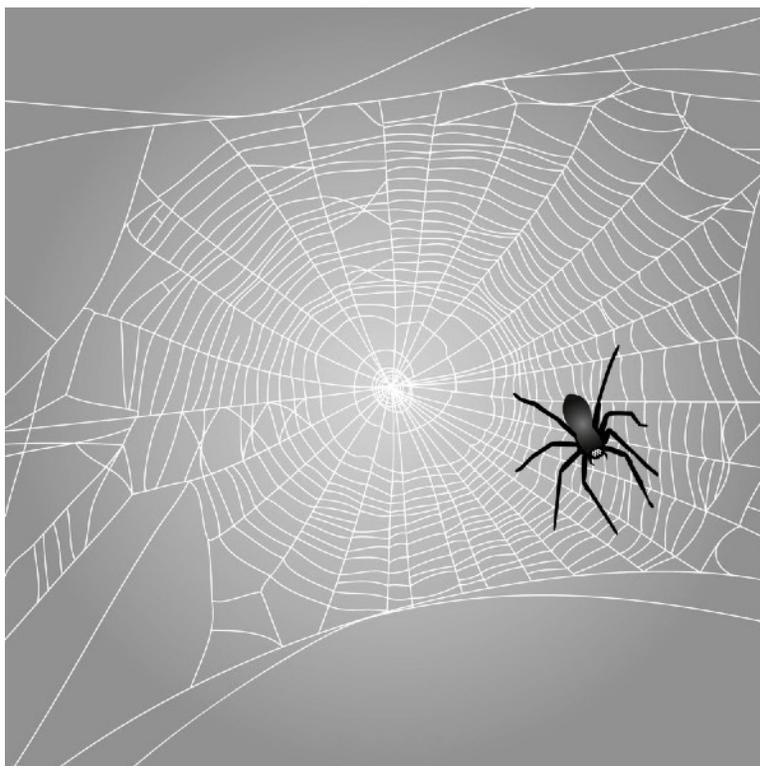
“It was a nice sax,” he
said.

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Michael Saw a Web



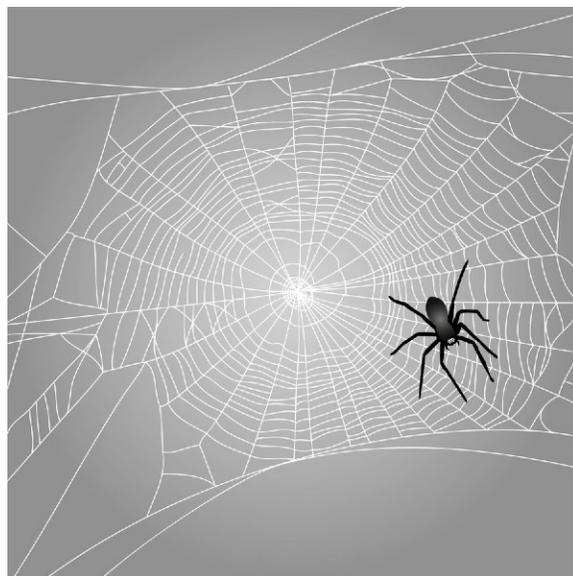
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Fiction

Web



Michael saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool web,” he
said.

Gem



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

“It was a cool gem,” he
said.

Pen



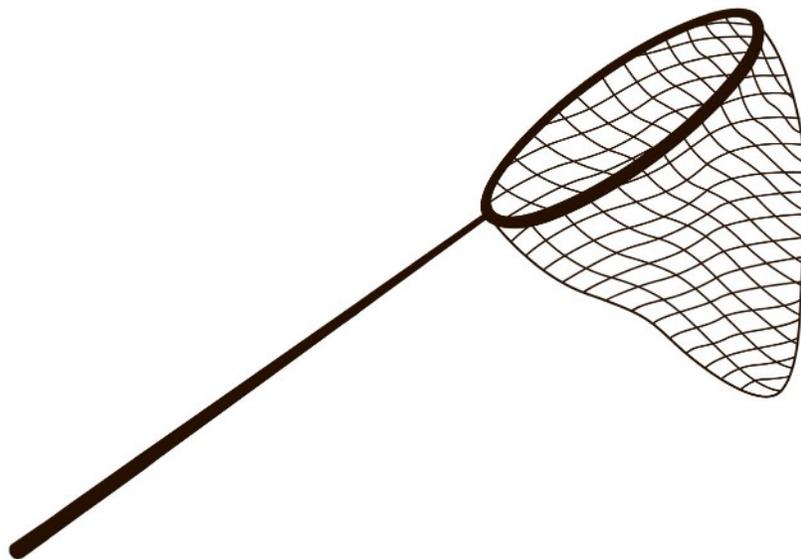
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It was a cool pen.

“I saw a pen,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool pen,” he
said.

Net



Michael saw a net.

It was a cool net.

“I saw a net,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool net,” he
said.

Jet



Michael saw a jet.

It was a cool jet.

“I saw a jet,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool jet,” he
said.

Wig



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

“It was a cool wig,” he
said.

Bin



Michael saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool bin,” he
said.

Fin



Michael saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool fin,” he
said.

Pin



Michael saw a pin.

It was a cool pin.

“I saw a pin,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool pin,” he
said.

Rod



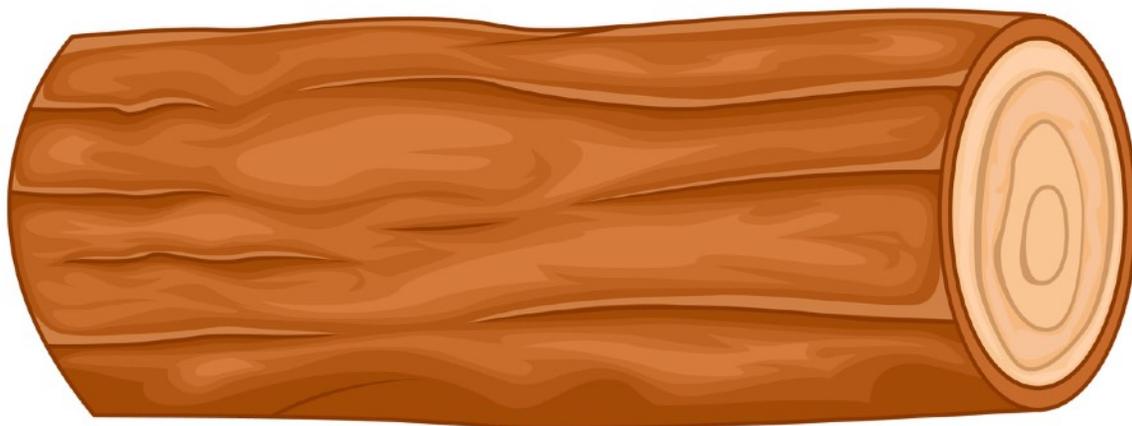
Michael saw a rod.

It was a cool rod.

“I saw a rod,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool rod,” he
said.

Log



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

Mop



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

“It was a cool mop,” he
said.

Top



Michael saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool top,” he
said.

Cot



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

Pot



Michael saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said
Michael.

“It was a cool pot,” he
said.

Box



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

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

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Michael Saw a Tub



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Fiction

Tub



Michael saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said
Michael.

“It was a neat tub,” he
said.

Jug



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

Rug



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

“It was a neat rug,” he
said.

Bun



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

“It was a neat bun,” he
said.

Cup



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

Bus



Michael saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said
Michael.

“It was a neat bus,” he
said.

Hut



Michael saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said
Michael.

“It was a neat hut,” he
said.

Nut



Michael saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said
Michael.

“It was a neat nut,” he
said.

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Michael Went to a Farm



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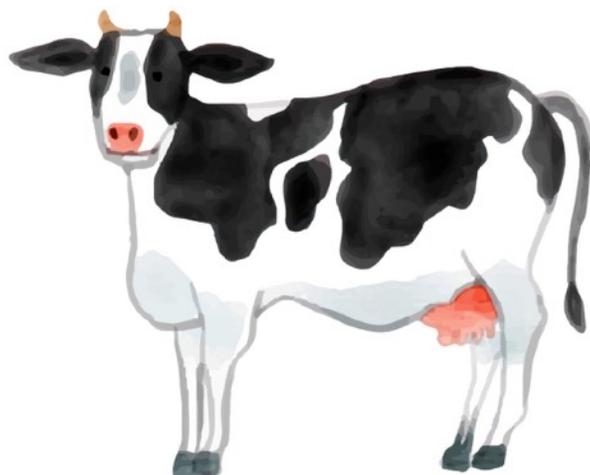
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Fiction



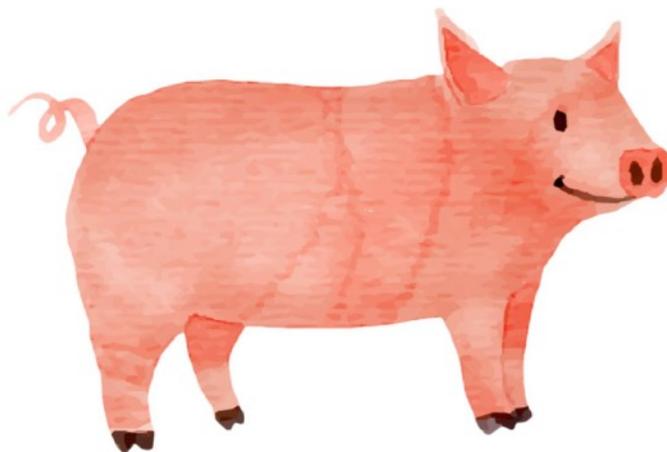
Michael went to a
farm. He saw a
horse. It was a nice
horse.



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



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



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



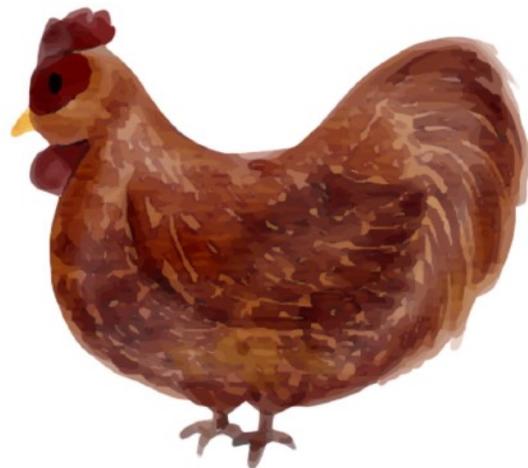
Michael went to a
farm. There was a
sheep. It was a nice
sheep.



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



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



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



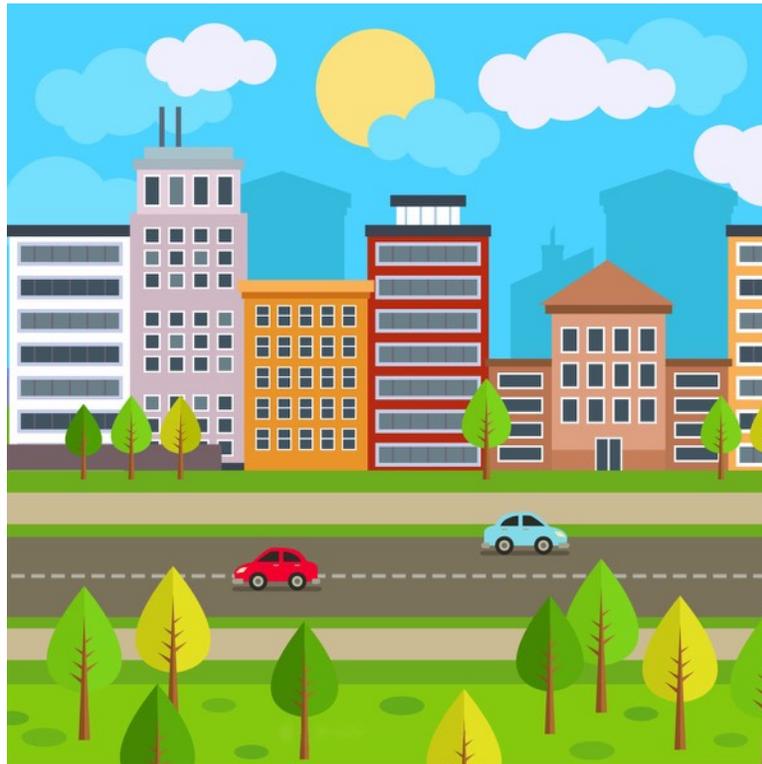
Michael was
happy that he went
to a nice farm.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

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Michael Went to a City



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Fiction



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Michael was
happy that he went
to a nice city.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.4

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Michael 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.

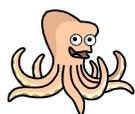
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Falling Star

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

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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

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

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



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

“Come and fly with me,”
said Michael.

“I cannot fly,” said the
cat.

“That is too bad,” said
Michael.



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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.



So Michael went and
flew all around.

He then came back to
the cat.

Michael told the cat
what he had seen.

The cat was happy.



“Thank you,” said the
cat.

“You are welcome,”
said Michael.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -0.5

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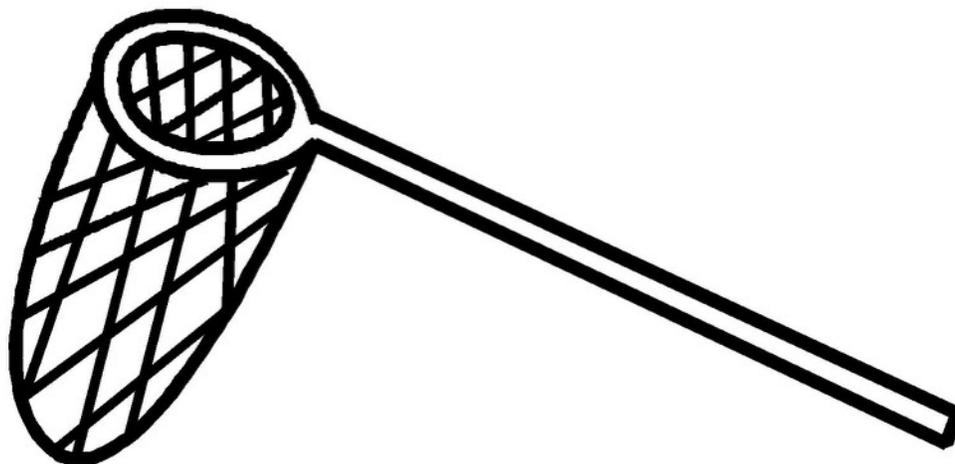


Falling Star

One night Michael was outside with his dad.

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

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



"What should we do?"
said his dad.

"I know what to do,"
said Michael.

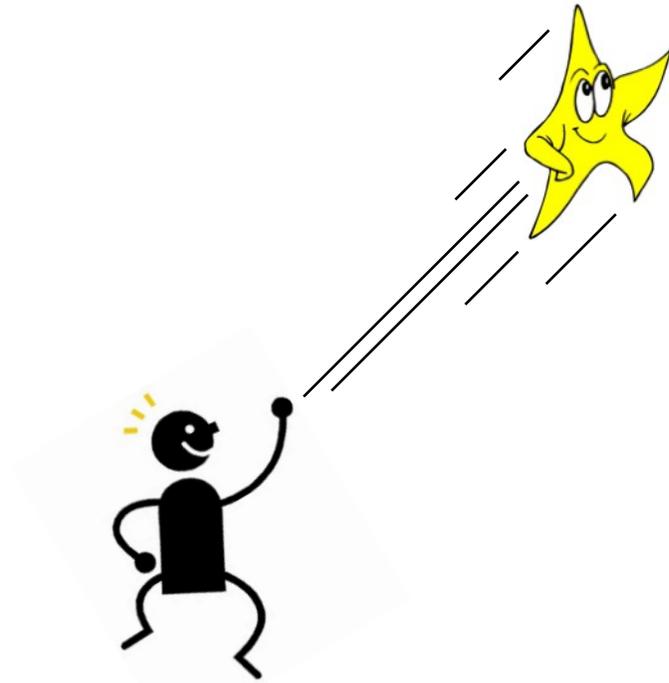
He ran and got a big
net.



Michael 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 Michael's dad.



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

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



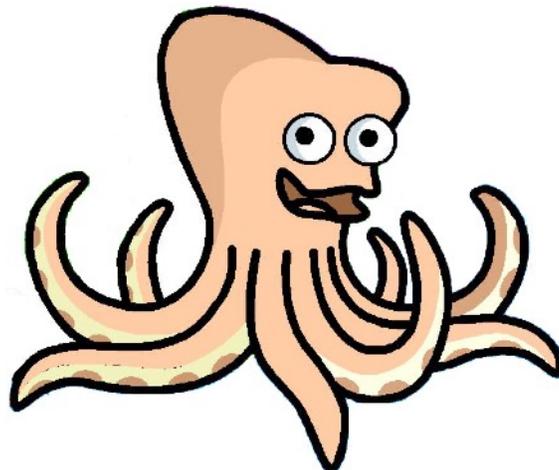
"Thanks so much," said the star from high up in the sky.

Michael was proud that he had saved a falling star.

Flesch Kincaid Grade Level -0.1

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Octopus

One day Michael woke up. He was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Michael.



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

Michael 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 Michael.

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 Michael.

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.0

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Michael 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 Michael.

“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 Michael.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.



The kids all played basketball with Michael the basketball.

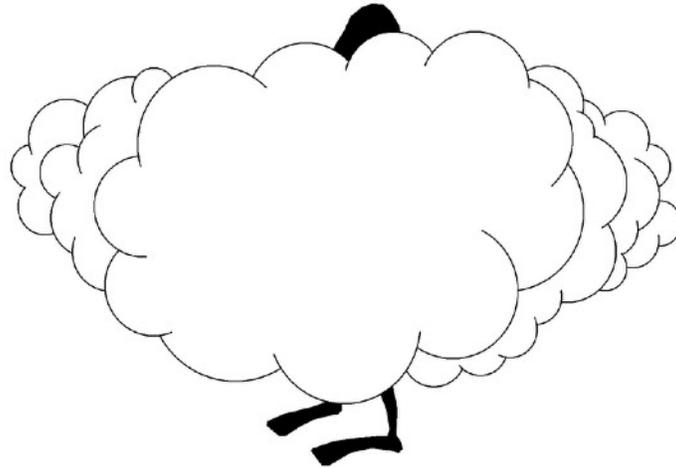
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“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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