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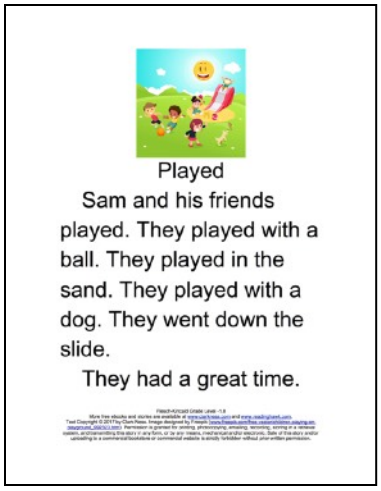

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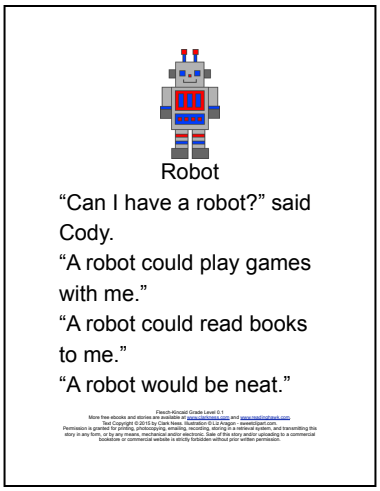
They had a great time.



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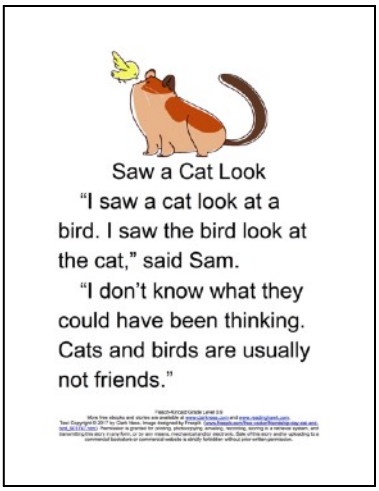
"A robot could read books to me."

"A robot would be neat."



Saw a Cat Look

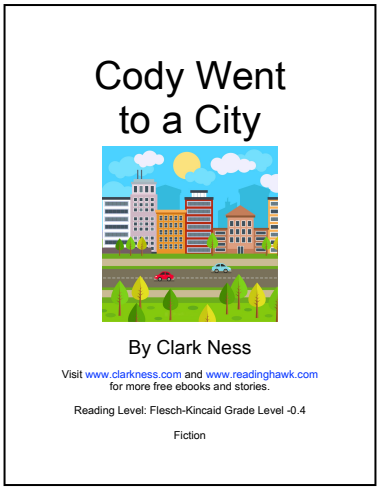
"I saw a cat look at a bird. I saw the bird look at the cat," said Sam.

"I don't know what they could have been thinking. Cats and birds are usually not friends."

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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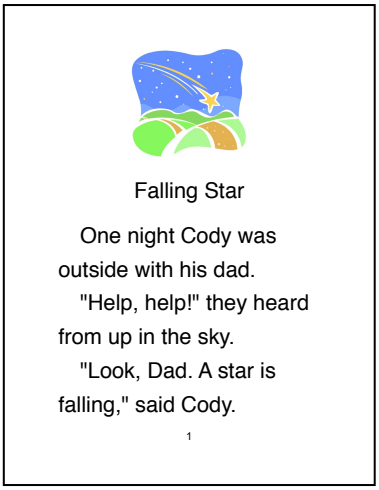

Falling Star

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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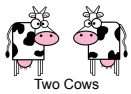 Two Cows 5

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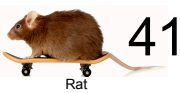 Rat 41

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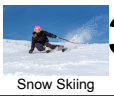 Snow Skiing 35

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"What are you doing?" Cody asked the cat.

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

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

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One day Cody woke up. He was an octopus.

"Mom, I am an octopus," said Cody.

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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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Played

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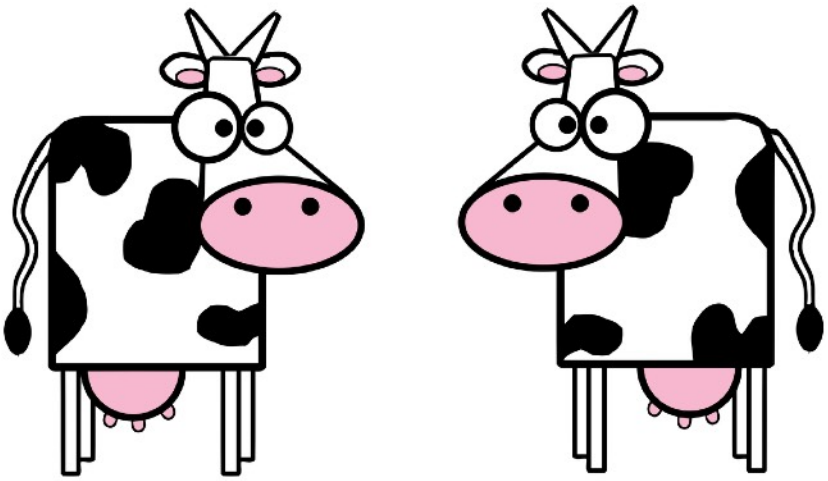

Two Cows

"I saw two cows," said Olivia.

"The two cows saw me. I like these two cows. I hope the two cows like me."

"Moo," said the two cows.

"Moo," said Olivia.

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Race

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

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Saw a Cat

"I saw a cat," said Olivia. "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

Olivia 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

Olivia went for a walk and met a fox.

“How do you do?” said Olivia 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 Olivia.

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Crocodile

One day Olivia 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

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

Olivia thinks that singing is fun.

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Christmas Tree

Olivia 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 Olivia. Soon she was done.

"I think I will read some more," said Olivia.

Soon she was done reading seven books.

"That was fun," said Olivia.

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Ice Cream Truck

"I hear the ice cream truck coming," said Olivia.

"I hope it stops by my home."

"I want to buy an ice cream treat."

"It will taste so good."

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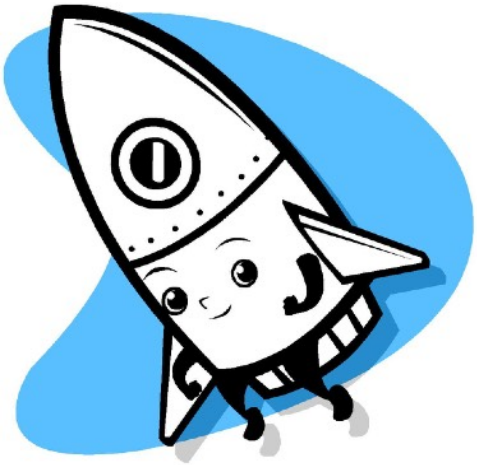

Rocket

"I want to be a rocket," said Olivia.

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

"Now that was fun," said Olivia.

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Surfing Dog

Olivia 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.

Olivia thinks surfing is cool.

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Cat Lover

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

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

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Fly to School

One day Olivia 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 Olivia.

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Happy Cat

"Can you see me?" said Olivia.

"I am a cat."

"I am a happy cat."

"I am Olivia the happy cat," said Olivia.

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Rhino

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

Olivia likes being a rhino.

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A Deer

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

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

Olivia was glad that she saw a baby deer.

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Pet Dragon

"I want a pet dragon," said Olivia.

"It could play with me."

"It could read books to me."

"A pet dragon would be neat," said Olivia.

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Owl

Olivia 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 Olivia.

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Horse With Wings

One day Olivia became a horse with wings.

She flew to her school. Olivia 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 Olivia.

"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 Olivia. She is a happy turtle. She likes to run.

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

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Giraffe

"I am a giraffe," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

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Bubbles

Olivia made bubbles.

Some bubbles were big.

Some bubbles were small.

Olivia made a lot of bubbles. She had fun.

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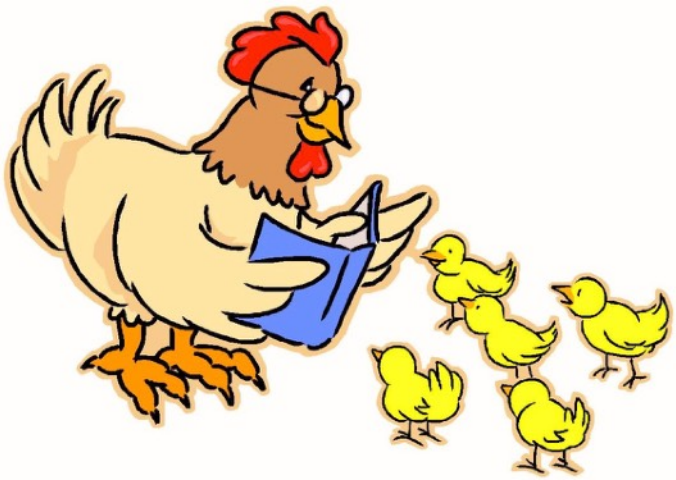

Chicken

"I saw a chicken," said Olivia.

"She wore glasses and had a book."

"She was reading to her chicks."

"I wonder if all chickens can read?" said Olivia.

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Horses

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

Olivia liked seeing the horses.

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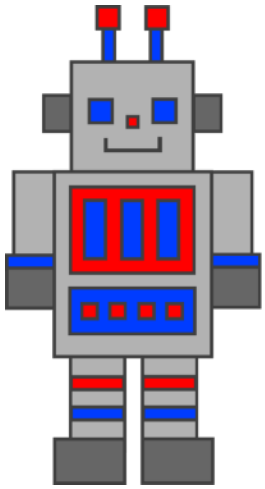

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Sheep

"I saw a sheep near my home," said Olivia.

"It was knitting a sock."

"I told the sheep that it was a nice sock."

"The sheep smiled and kept on knitting," said Olivia.

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Snow Skiing

"I want to go snow skiing," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

“I would have two long ears.”

“I could hop and hop.”

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

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Cowgirl

"I am going to be a cowgirl," said Olivia.

"I will have a rope."

"I will ride a horse."

"I will herd my cattle."

"It will be neat to be a cowgirl," said Olivia.

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Bear

Olivia 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 Olivia.

“Yes, it is,” said the bear.

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Soccer Ball

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

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

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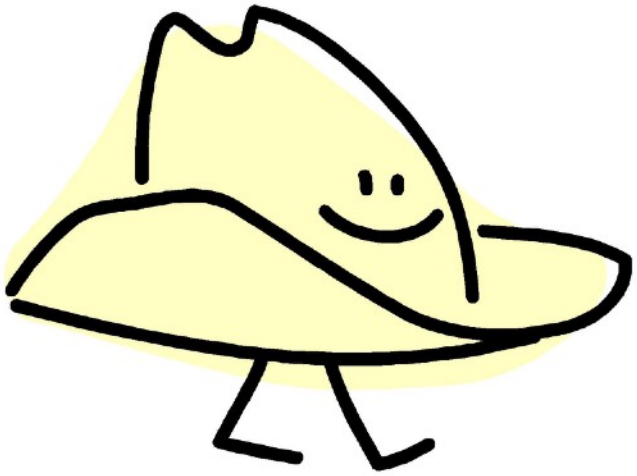

Hat

Olivia saw a hat walk by.

"Where are you going?" asked Olivia.

"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 Olivia saw a rat.

"That rat is on a skateboard," said Olivia.

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

"Hope you have fun," said Olivia.

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Safari

"I went to Africa," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia. "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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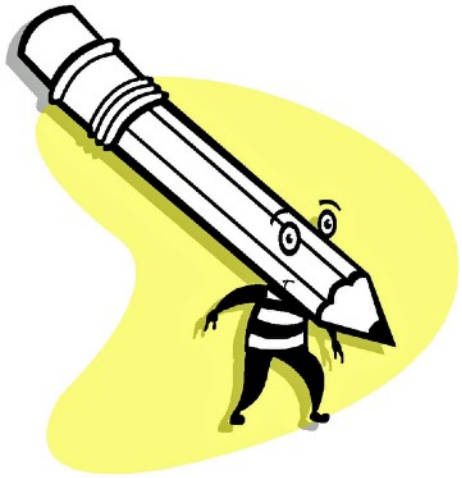

Pencil

One day Olivia woke up. She was a pencil.

"I think I will write a story," said Olivia. She wrote a story. It was about being a pencil.

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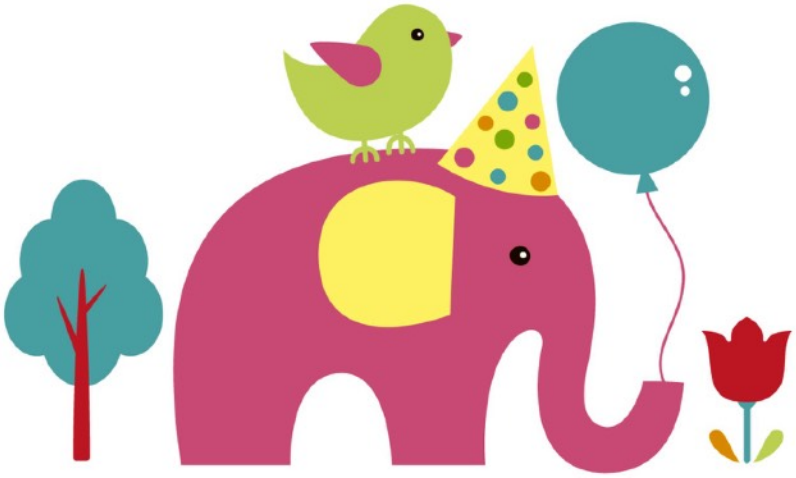

Pink Elephant

"I saw a pink elephant," said Olivia. "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 Olivia.

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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 Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

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Monsters

"I saw three monsters today," said Olivia.

"They were happy monsters going for a walk."

"I wonder where they were going?" said Olivia.

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Pet Shop

"I am going to go to a pet shop," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

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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 Olivia.

"I had never seen singing apples before."

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Happy Snowman

"I am a happy snowman," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

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Snail

"Last night I had a dream. I dreamed that I was a snail," said Olivia.

"I was a happy snail, but it took a long time to get anywhere."

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Singing Fish

"I want to be a fish that can sing," said Olivia.

"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 Olivia.

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Airplane

"When I get older, I want to learn how to fly an airplane," said Olivia.

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

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Kangaroo

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

Olivia likes being a kangaroo.

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Lemonade

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

Olivia 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 Olivia.

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

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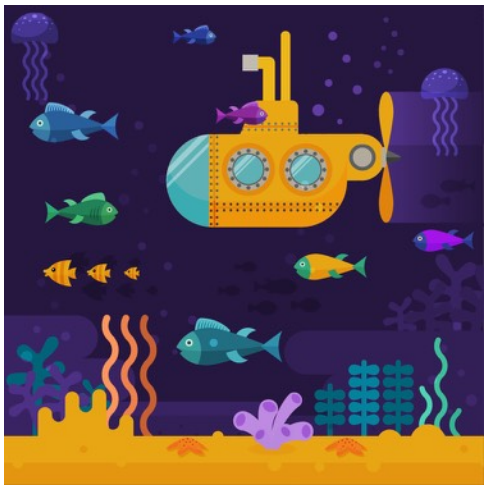

Submarine

"I went on a submarine," said Olivia.

"We went down underwater."

"I saw all kinds of fish."

"It was fun to go on a submarine."

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Treehouse

"I am going to build a treehouse," said Olivia. "It will be so much fun."

"I will have a good view and get to see birds and little animals every day."

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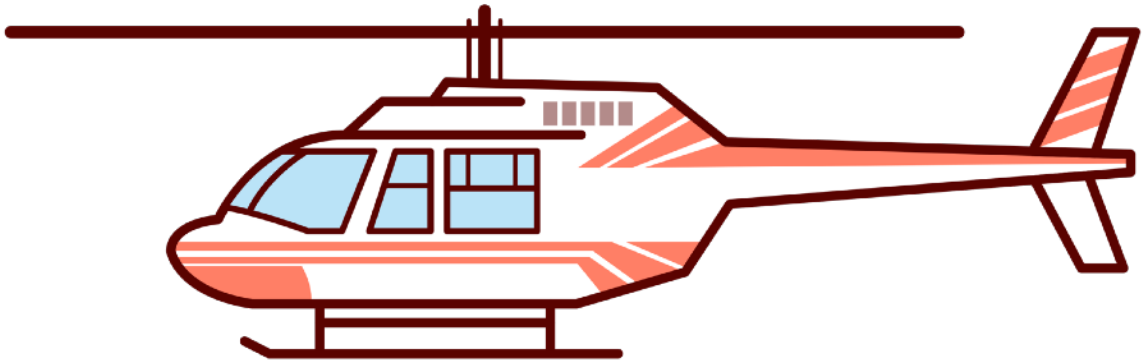

Helicopter

"I want to fly a helicopter," said Olivia.

"It would be neat to fly it up in the sky."

"I could help save people by flying a helicopter."

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Opened a Book

"I opened a book last week and a pirate story came out," said Olivia.

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

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Hippo

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

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

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Olivia Saw

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Fiction

Cat

Olivia saw a cat.

It was a big cat.

“I saw a cat,” said Olivia.

“It was a big cat,” she said.

Bat

Olivia saw a bat.

It was a big bat.

“I saw a bat,” said Olivia.

“It was a big bat,” she said.

Rat

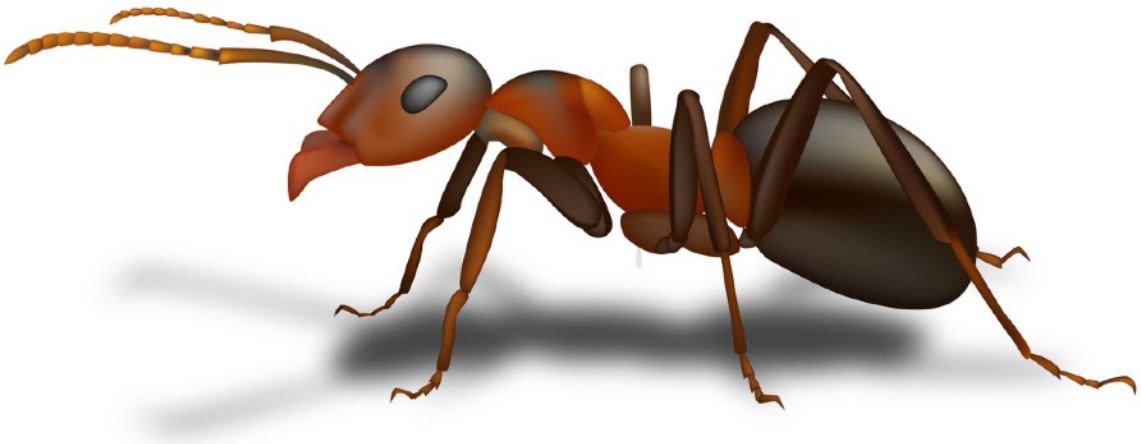
Olivia saw a rat.

It was a big rat.

“I saw a rat,” said Olivia.

“It was a big rat,” she said.

Ant



Olivia saw an ant.

It was a big ant.

“I saw an ant,” said Olivia.

“It was a big ant,” she said.

Bee

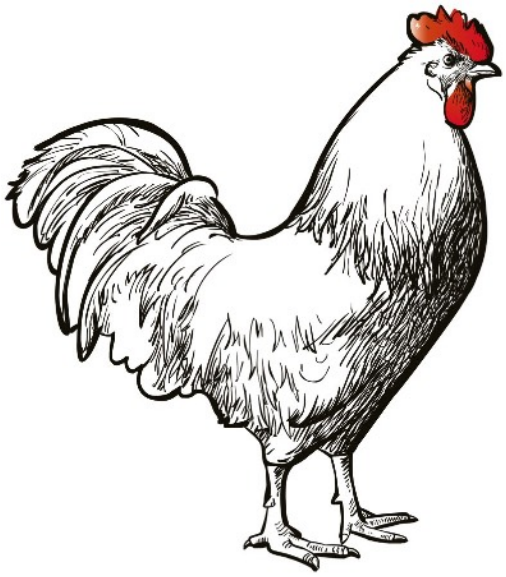
Olivia saw a bee.

It was a big bee.

“I saw a bee,” said Olivia.

“It was a big bee,” she said.

Hen



Olivia saw a hen.

It was a big hen.

“I saw a hen,” said Olivia.

“It was a big hen,” she said.

Elk

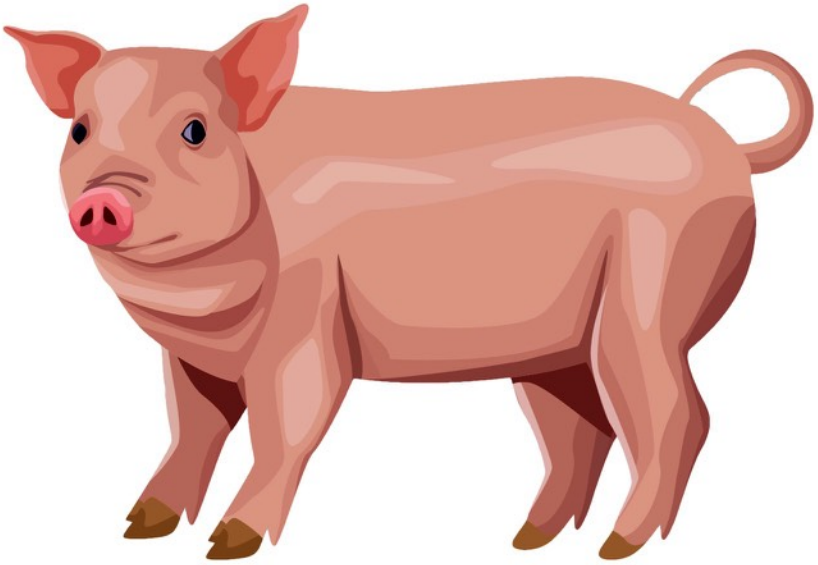
Olivia saw an elk.

It was a big elk.

“I saw an elk,” said Olivia.

“It was a big elk,” she said.

Pig



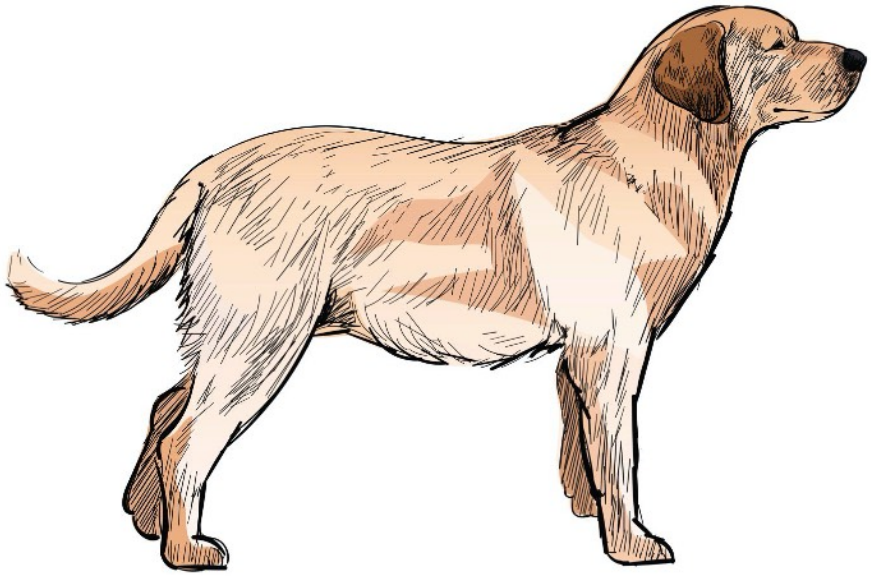
Olivia saw a pig.

It was a big pig.

“I saw a pig,” said Olivia.

“It was a big pig,” she said.

Dog



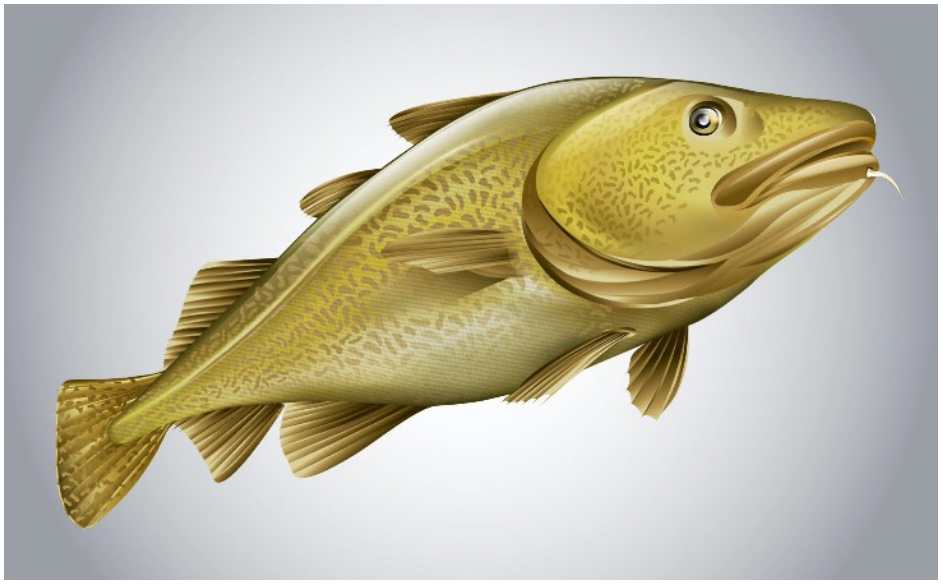
Olivia saw a dog.

It was a big dog.

“I saw a dog,” said Olivia.

“It was a big dog,” she said.

Cod



Olivia saw a cod.

It was a big cod.

“I saw a cod,” said Olivia.

“It was a big cod,” she said.

Fox

Olivia saw a fox.

It was a big fox.

“I saw a fox,” said Olivia.

“It was a big fox,” she said.

Cow

Olivia saw a cow.

It was a big cow.

“I saw a cow,” said Olivia.

“It was a big cow,” she said.

Owl

Olivia saw an owl.

It was a big owl.

“I saw an owl,” said Olivia.

“It was a big owl,” she said.

Bug

Olivia saw a bug.

It was a big bug.

“I saw a bug,” said Olivia.

“It was a big bug,” she said.

Pup

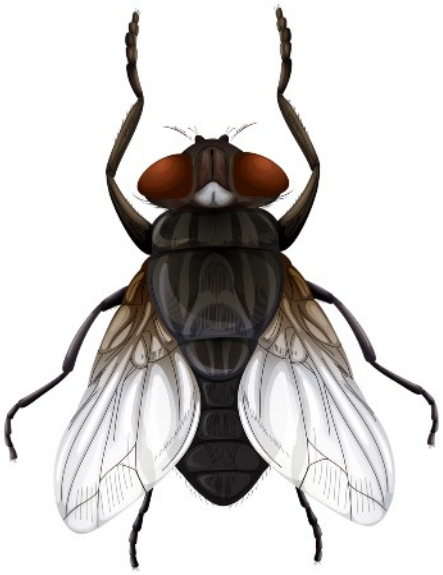
Olivia saw a pup.

It was a big pup.

“I saw a pup,” said Olivia.

“It was a big pup,” she said.

Fly



Olivia saw a fly.

It was a big fly.

“I saw a fly,” said Olivia.

“It was a big fly,” she said.

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Olivia Saw a Cab

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Fiction

Cab

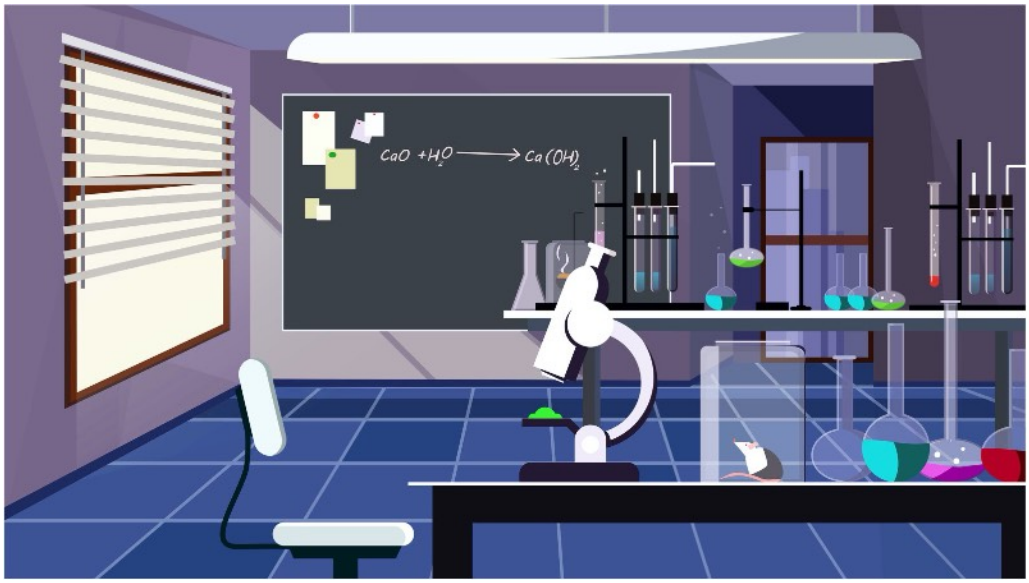
Olivia saw a cab.

It was a nice cab.

“I saw a cab,” said Olivia.

“It was a nice cab,” she said.

Lab



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It was a nice lab.

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“It was a nice lab,” she said.

Bag

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It was a nice bag.

“I saw a bag,” said Olivia.

“It was a nice bag,” she said.

Rag

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Olivia saw a rag.

It was a nice rag.

“I saw a rag,” said Olivia.

“It was a nice rag,” she said.

Yam

Olivia saw a yam.

It was a nice yam.

“I saw a yam,” said Olivia.

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Can

Olivia saw a can.

It was a nice can.

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Fan

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It was a nice fan.

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Pan

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Van

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Cap

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Map

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It was a nice map.

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Bat

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Hat

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Mat

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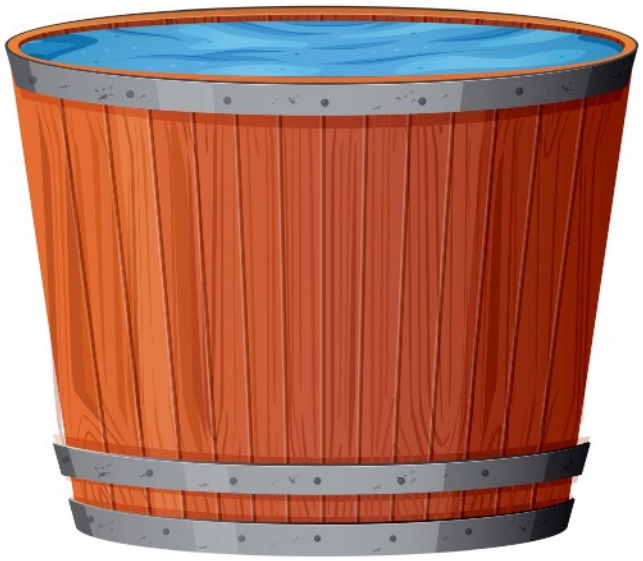

Olivia saw a vat.

It was a nice vat.

“I saw a vat,” said Olivia.

“It was a nice vat,” she said.

Sax

Olivia saw a sax.

It was a nice sax.

“I saw a sax,” said Olivia.

“It was a nice sax,” she said.

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Olivia Saw a Web

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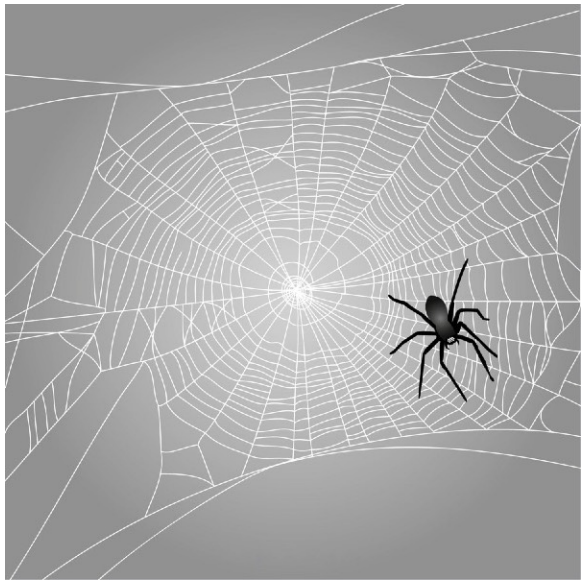
Fiction

Web



Olivia saw a web.

It was a cool web.

“I saw a web,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool web,” she said.

Gem

Olivia saw a gem.

It was a cool gem.

“I saw a gem,” said Olivia.

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Pen

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It was a cool pen.

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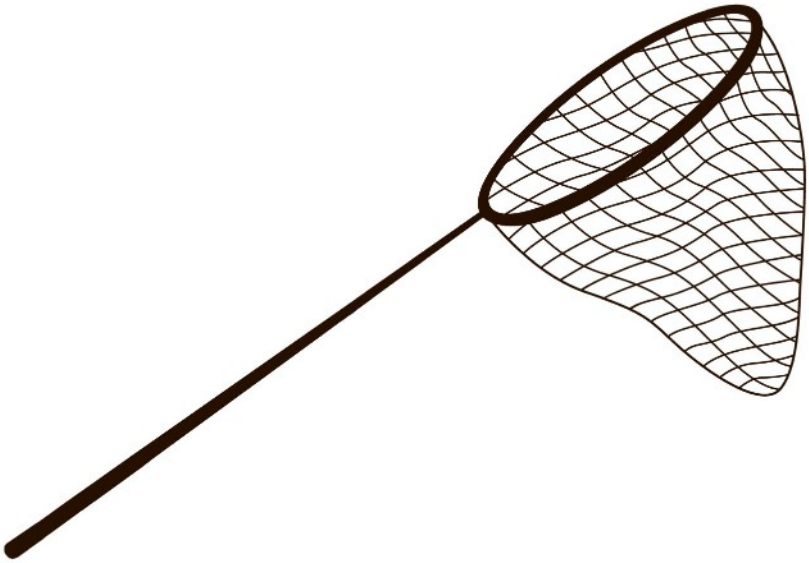

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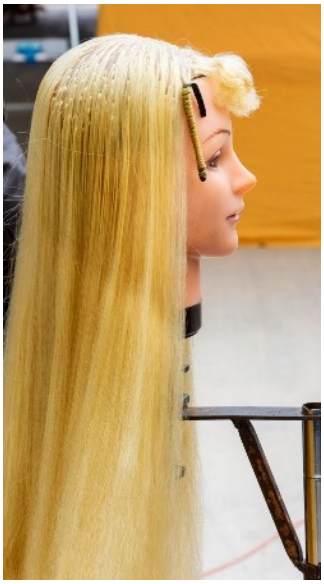
Wig



Olivia saw a wig.

It was a cool wig.

“I saw a wig,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool wig,” she said.

Bin

Olivia saw a bin.

It was a cool bin.

“I saw a bin,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool bin,” she said.

Fin

Olivia saw a fin.

It was a cool fin.

“I saw a fin,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool fin,” she said.

Pin

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It was a cool pin.

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Rod

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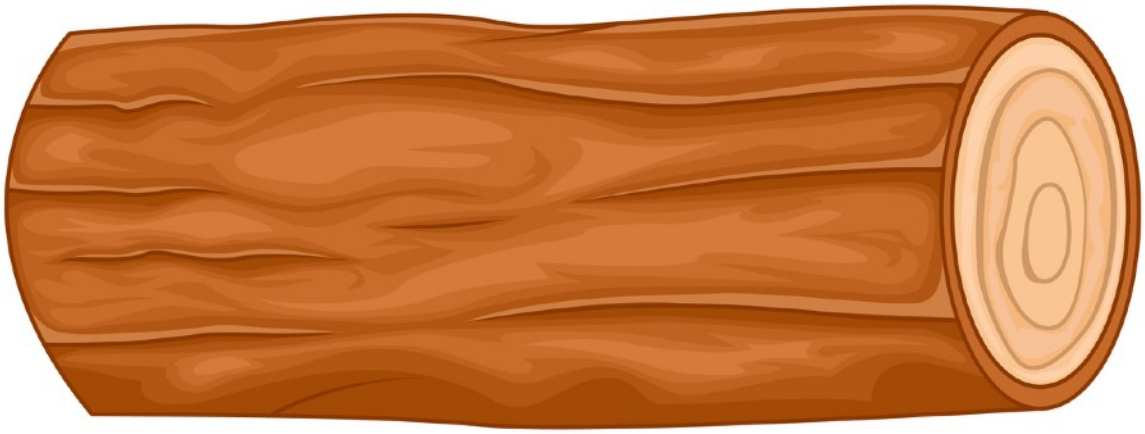
Log



Olivia saw a log.

It was a cool log.

“I saw a log,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool log,” she said.

Mop

Olivia saw a mop.

It was a cool mop.

“I saw a mop,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool mop,” she said.

Top

Olivia saw a top.

It was a cool top.

“I saw a top,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool top,” she said.

Cot

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Olivia saw a cot.

It was a cool cot.

“I saw a cot,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool cot,” she said.

Pot

Olivia saw a pot.

It was a cool pot.

“I saw a pot,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool pot,” she said.

Box

Olivia saw a box.

It was a cool box.

“I saw a box,” said Olivia.

“It was a cool box,” she said.

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Olivia Saw a Tub

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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.6

Fiction

Tub

Olivia saw a tub.

It was a neat tub.

“I saw a tub,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat tub,” she said.

Jug

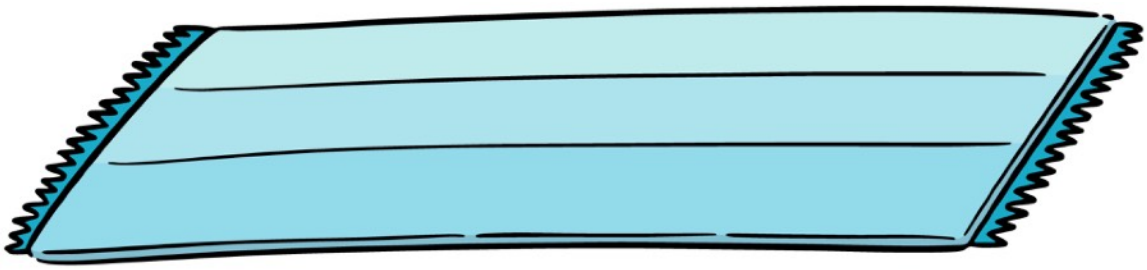
Olivia saw a jug.

It was a neat jug.

“I saw a jug,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat jug,” she said.

Rug



Olivia saw a rug.

It was a neat rug.

“I saw a rug,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat rug,” she said.

Bun

Olivia saw a bun.

It was a neat bun.

“I saw a bun,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat bun,” she said.

Cup

Olivia saw a cup.

It was a neat cup.

“I saw a cup,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat cup,” she said.

Bus

Olivia saw a bus.

It was a neat bus.

“I saw a bus,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat bus,” she said.

Hut

Olivia saw a hut.

It was a neat hut.

“I saw a hut,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat hut,” she said.

Nut

Olivia saw a nut.

It was a neat nut.

“I saw a nut,” said Olivia.

“It was a neat nut,” she said.

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Olivia Went to a Farm

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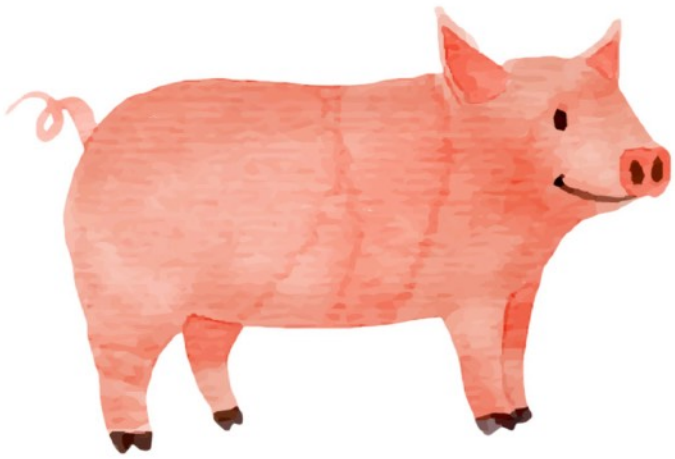
Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level -1.2

Fiction

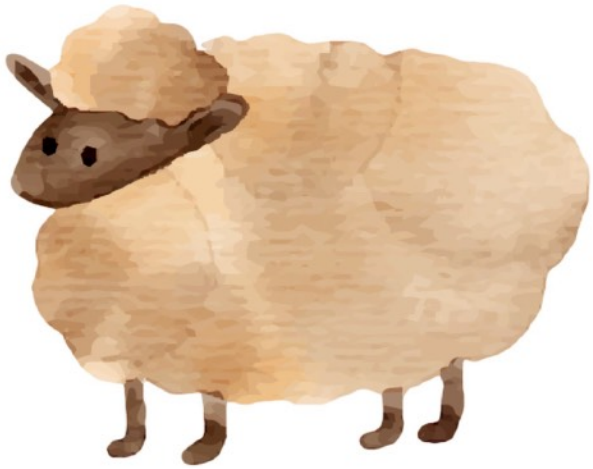
Olivia went to a farm. She saw a horse. It was a nice horse.

Olivia went to a farm. She saw a cow. It was a nice cow.

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



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



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

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

Olivia went to a farm. It had a duck.

It was a nice duck.

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

Olivia was happy that she went to a nice farm.

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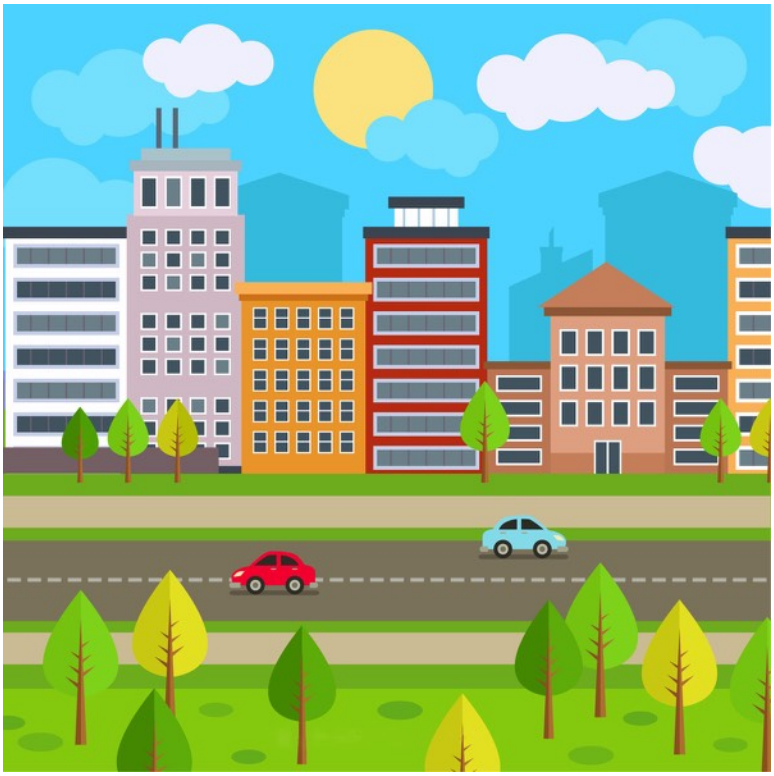
Olivia Went to a City



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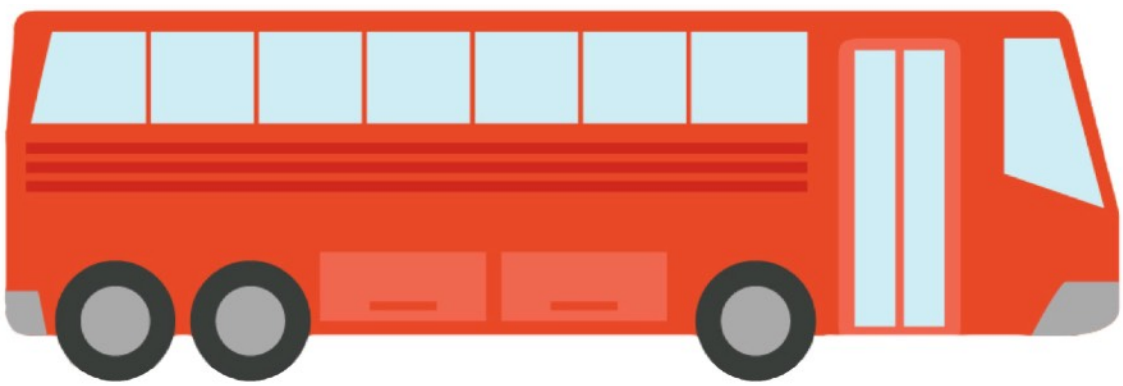
Fiction

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olivia was happy that she went to a nice city.

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Olivia 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.

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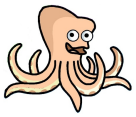

Octopus

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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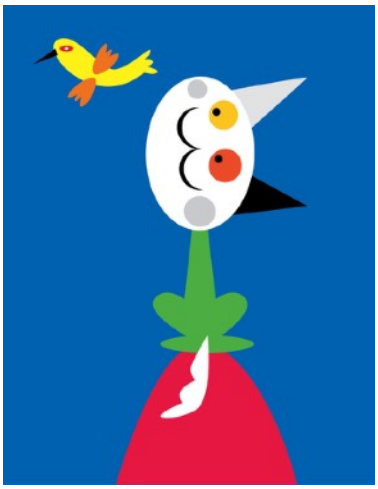

Bird

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

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

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

“Come and fly with me,” said Olivia.

“I cannot fly,” said the cat.

“That is too bad,” said Olivia.

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

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

“That would be nice,” said the cat.

So Olivia went and flew all around.

She then came back to the cat.

Olivia told the cat what she had seen.

The cat was happy.

“Thank you,” said the cat.

“You are welcome,” said Olivia.

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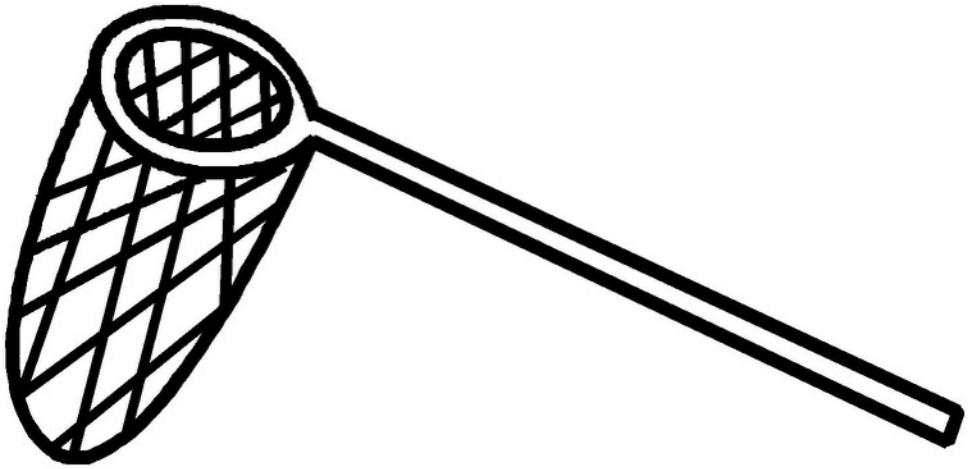
Falling Star

One night Olivia was outside with her dad.

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

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



"What should we do?" said her dad.

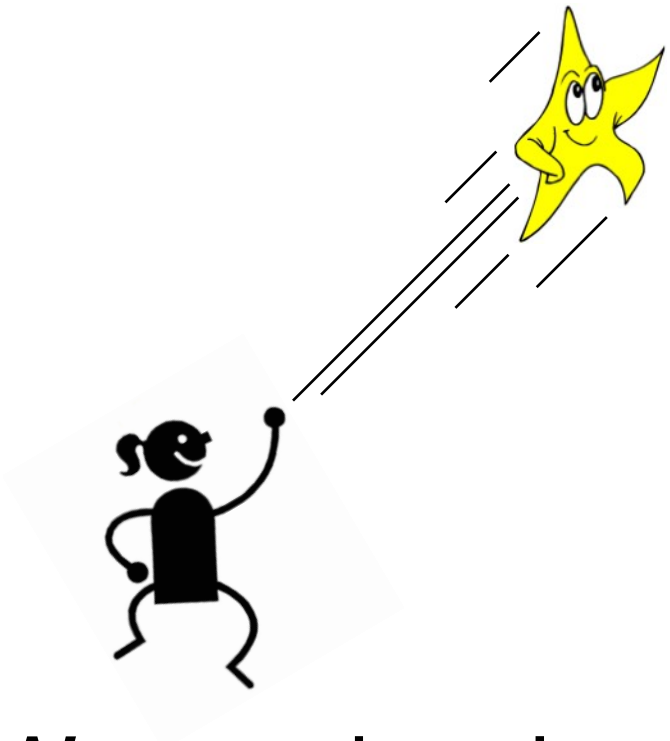
"I know what to do," said Olivia.

She ran and got a big net.

Olivia 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 Olivia's dad.



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

Olivia 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.

Olivia was proud that she had saved a falling star.

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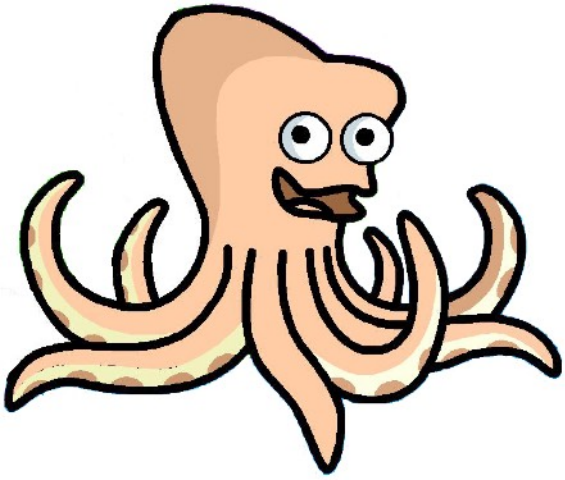

Octopus

One day Olivia woke up. She was an octopus.

“Mom, I am an octopus,” said Olivia.

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

Olivia 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 Olivia.

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 Olivia.

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Basketball

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“Good morning, Teacher,” said Olivia 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 Olivia.

“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 Olivia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Neat,” said the kids.

The kids all played basketball with Olivia the basketball.

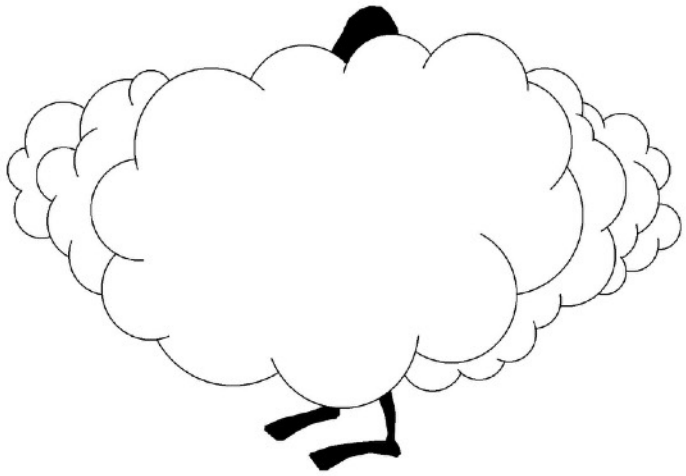
“Does it hurt being a basketball?” asked one of the friends.

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

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

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

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



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

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

“I am glad you had fun. We can see about you being a baseball tomorrow. Now, time for school,” said the teacher.

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