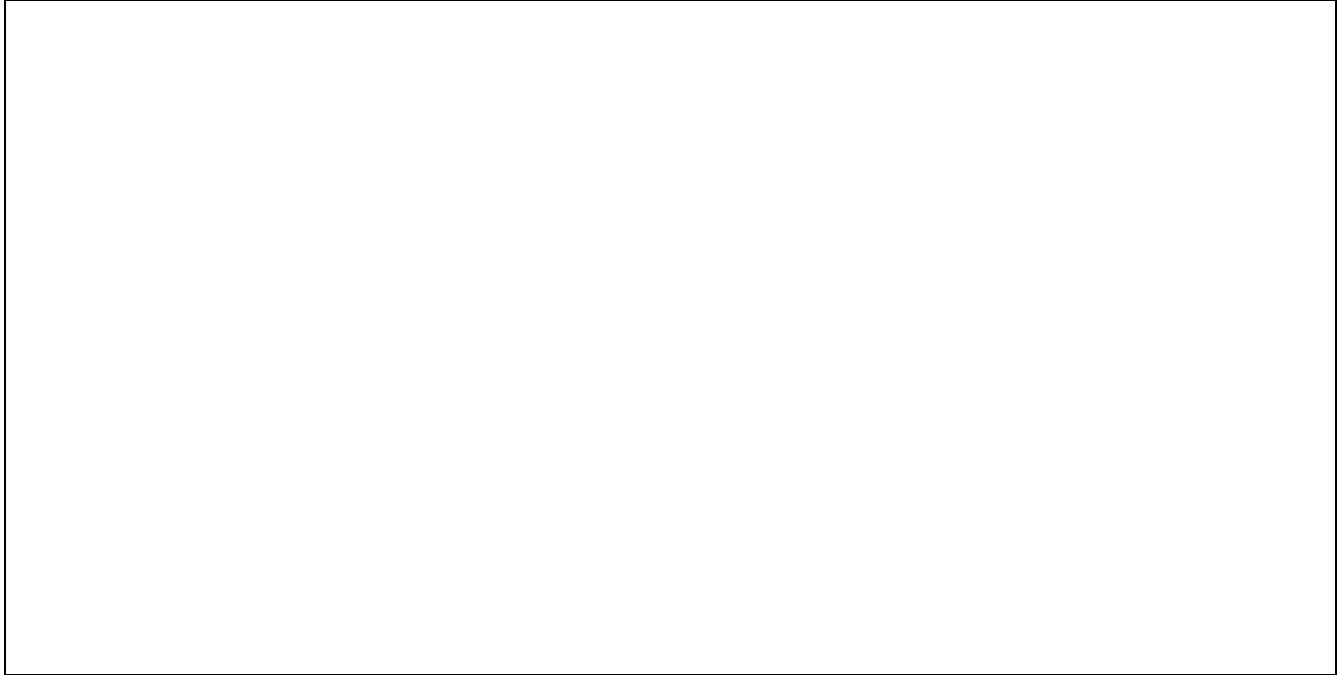


I Sit, I Tap

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I sit and I tap.

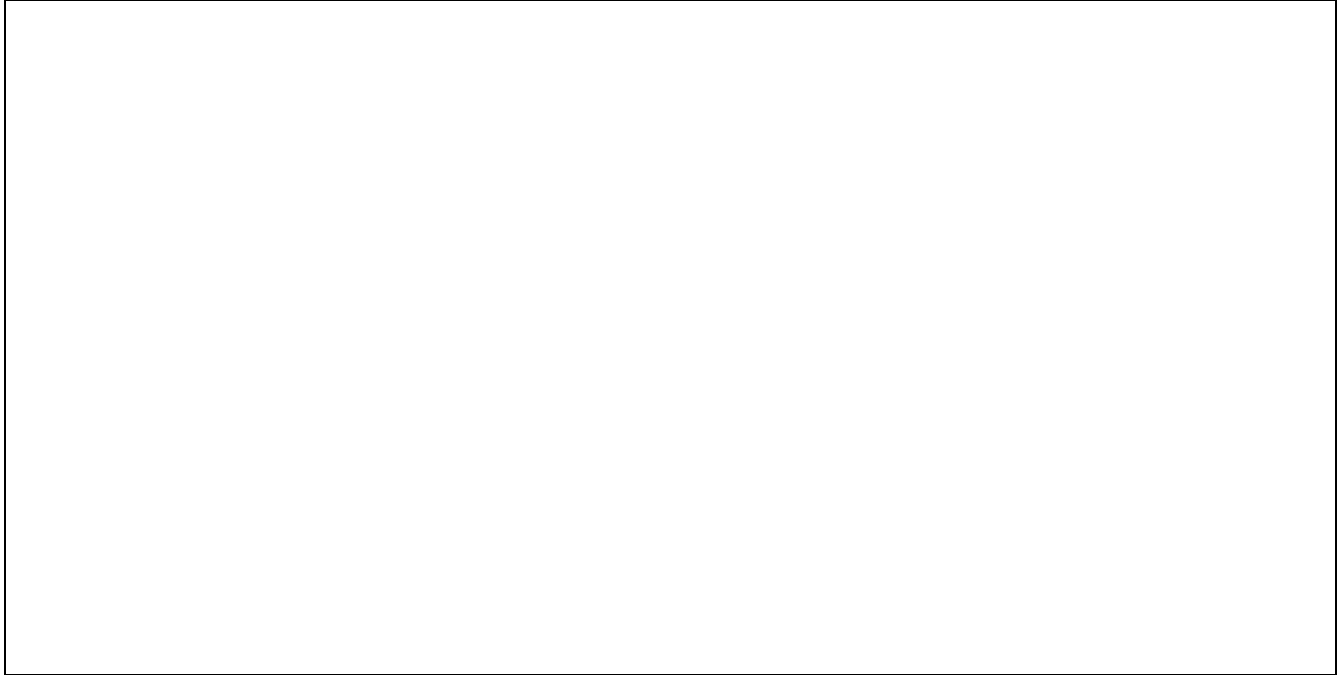
I tap and I sit.

Pim and I sit.

Pim and I tap.

The Pin in the Map

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A map. I tap the map.

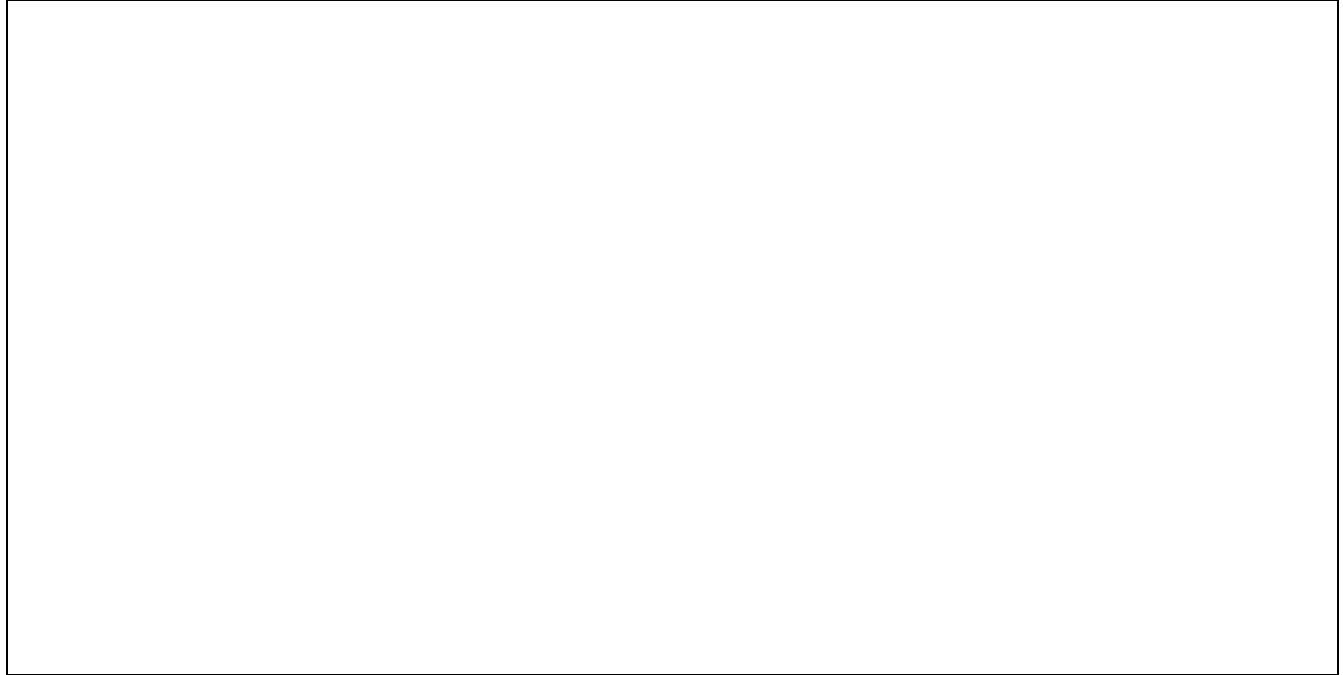
A tin. A pin is in the tin.

I tap the pin. I tap it in.

The pin is in the map.

The Pit

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A pit. Min is in the pit.

Nat is in the pit.

Min and Nat fit.

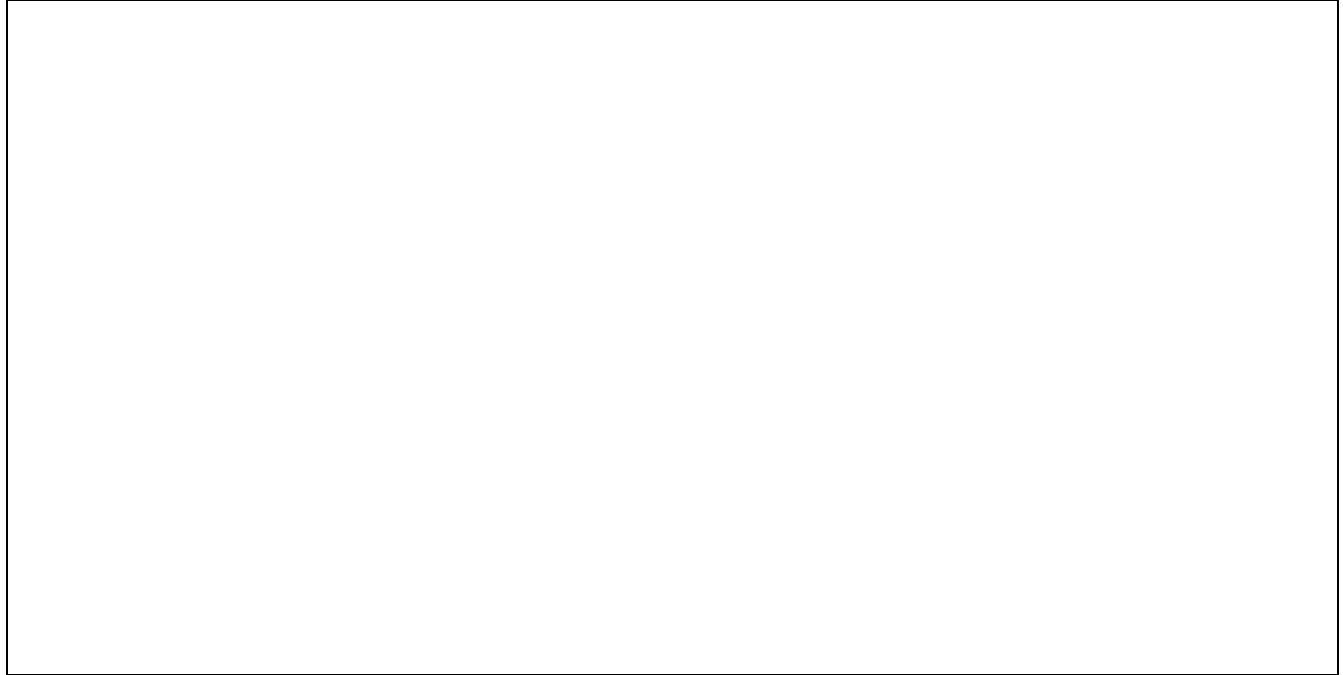
Min and Nat sit in the pit.

Sap is in the pit.

Min and Nat sat in sap!

Sam and Pam

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Sam is tan. Pam is tan.

Pam is as tan as Sam.

Sam and Pam sat on the mat.

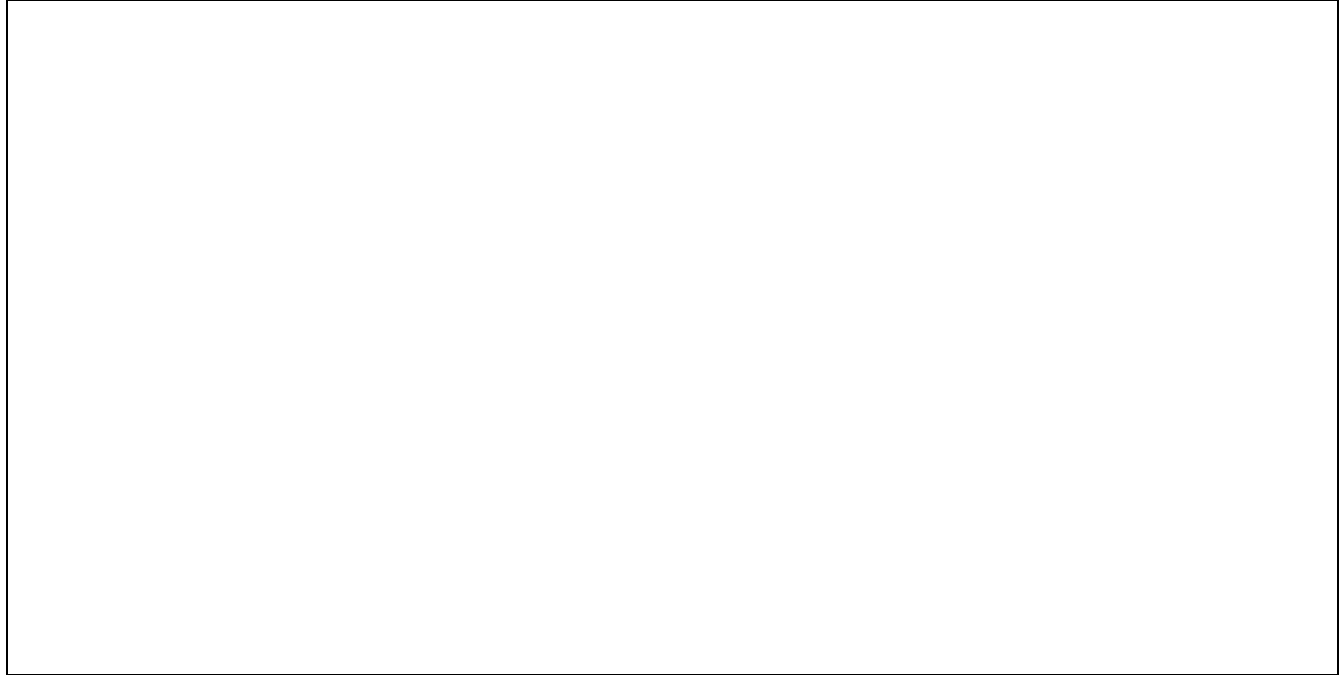
Sam and Pam tap the mat.

Sam and Pam tap and tap and tap.

Sam and Pam nap.

Tom and the Fan

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A fan is not a man.

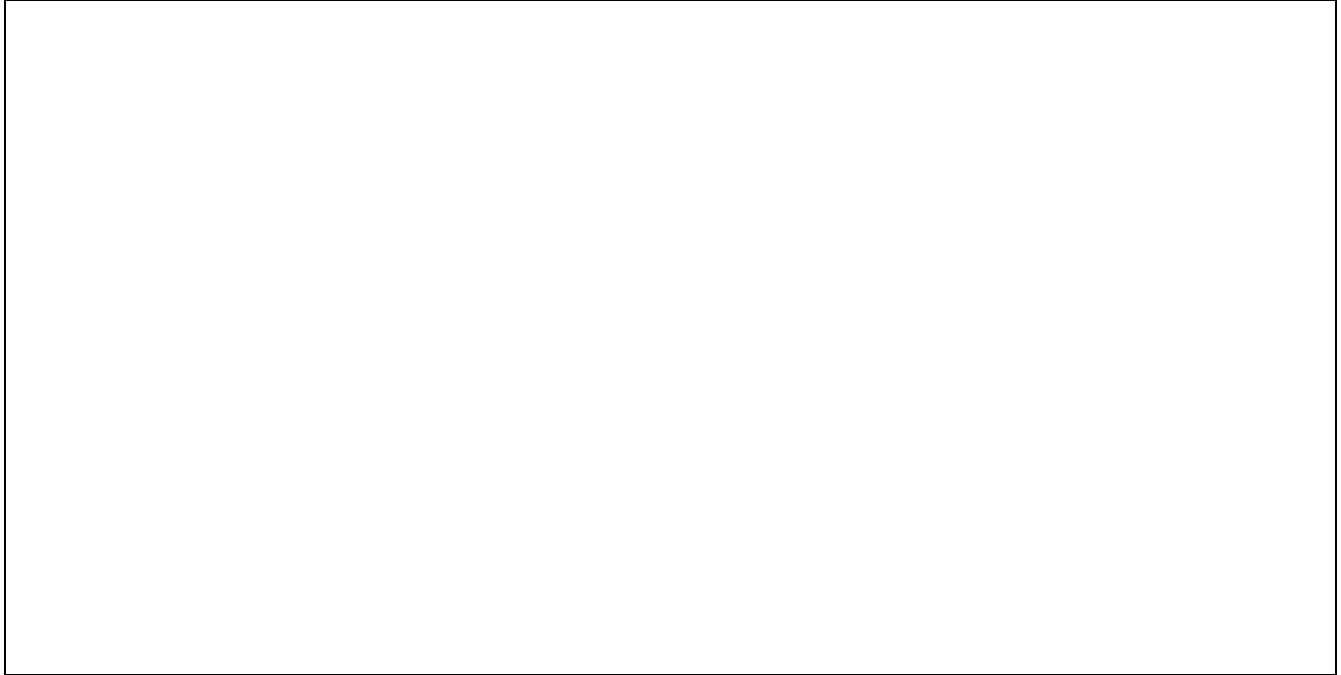
Tom is on the mat.

The fan is on the mat.

Tom and the fan fit on the mat.

Sid and Dad

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Dad is sad. Dad did not fit in the pit.

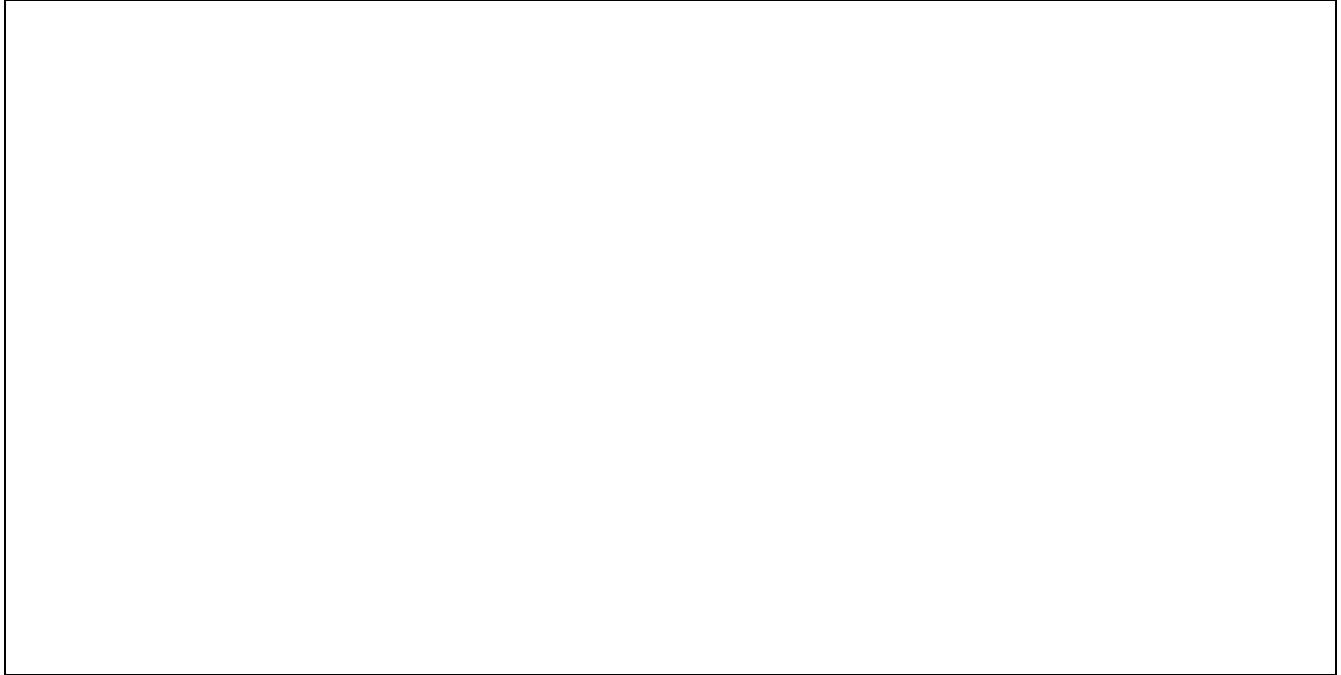
Sid is not sad. Sid can fit in the pit.

Dad is mad. Dad did not sit in the pit.

Sid is not mad. Sid can sit in the pit.

The Cat Can

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Can Cam fit on the cot?

Cam can not fit on the cot.

Can the cat fit on the cot?

The cat can fit on the cot.

The cat can nap on the cot.

Cam can not nap on the cot.

Cam can nap on the mat.

The Pup

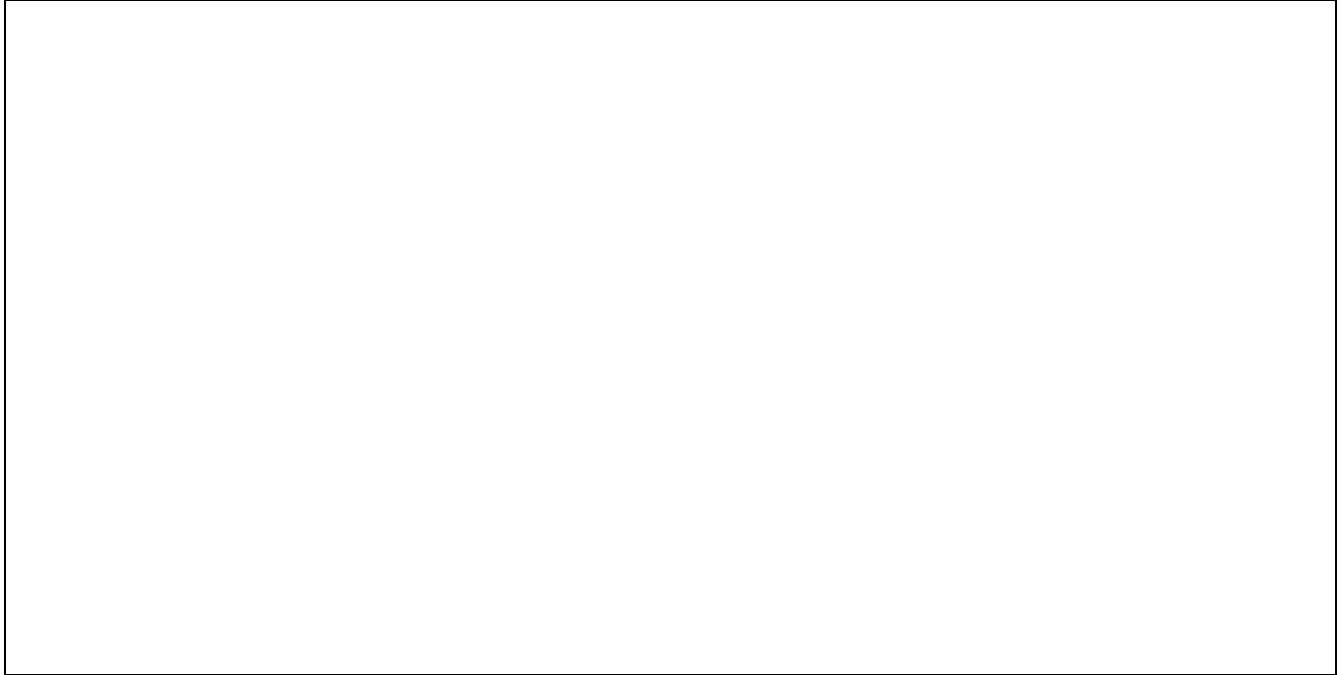
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The pup is up! The pup is on us. It's fun. Mom said the pup can sit on the mat in the sun. The pup did not sit on the mat. The pup is in the mud!

Gus the Dog

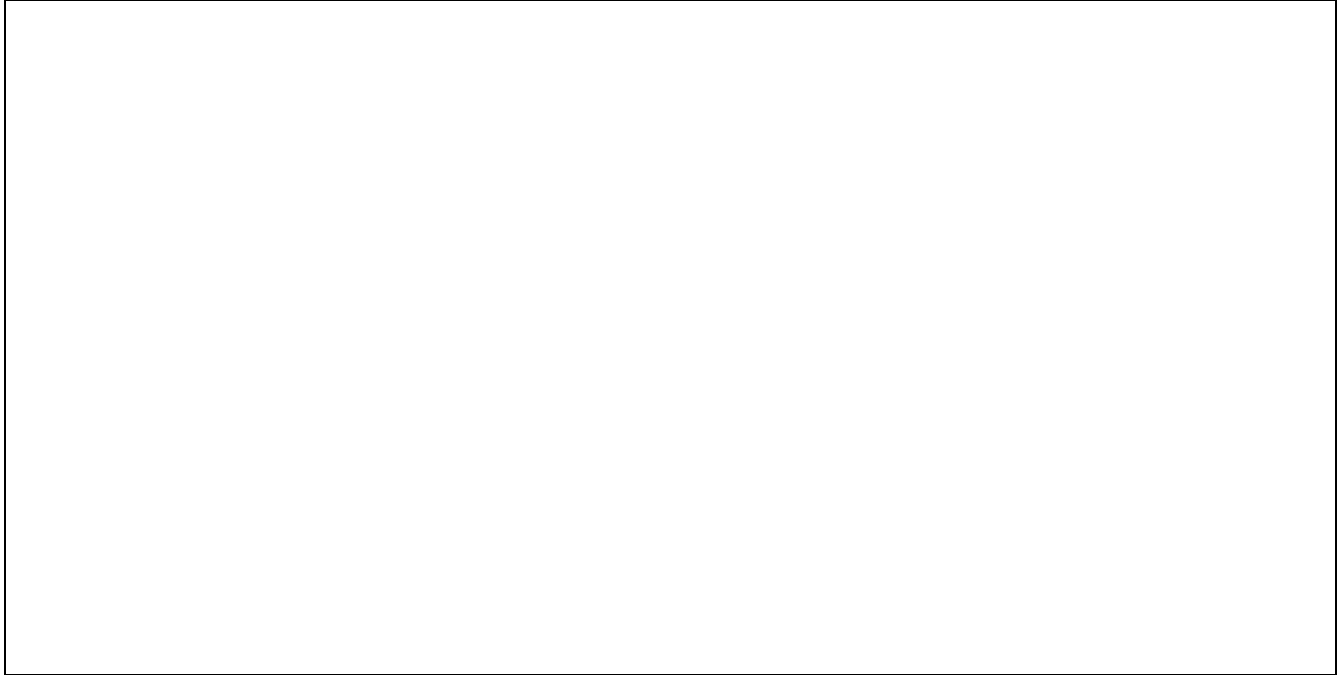
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Gus is a dog. Gus the dog is fun.
Gus the dog can dig. Gus can dig in
a pit. Gus dug and dug and dug.
Gus dug in the mud! “Gus! Do not
dig in the mud!” said Mom.

A Bug on the Bus

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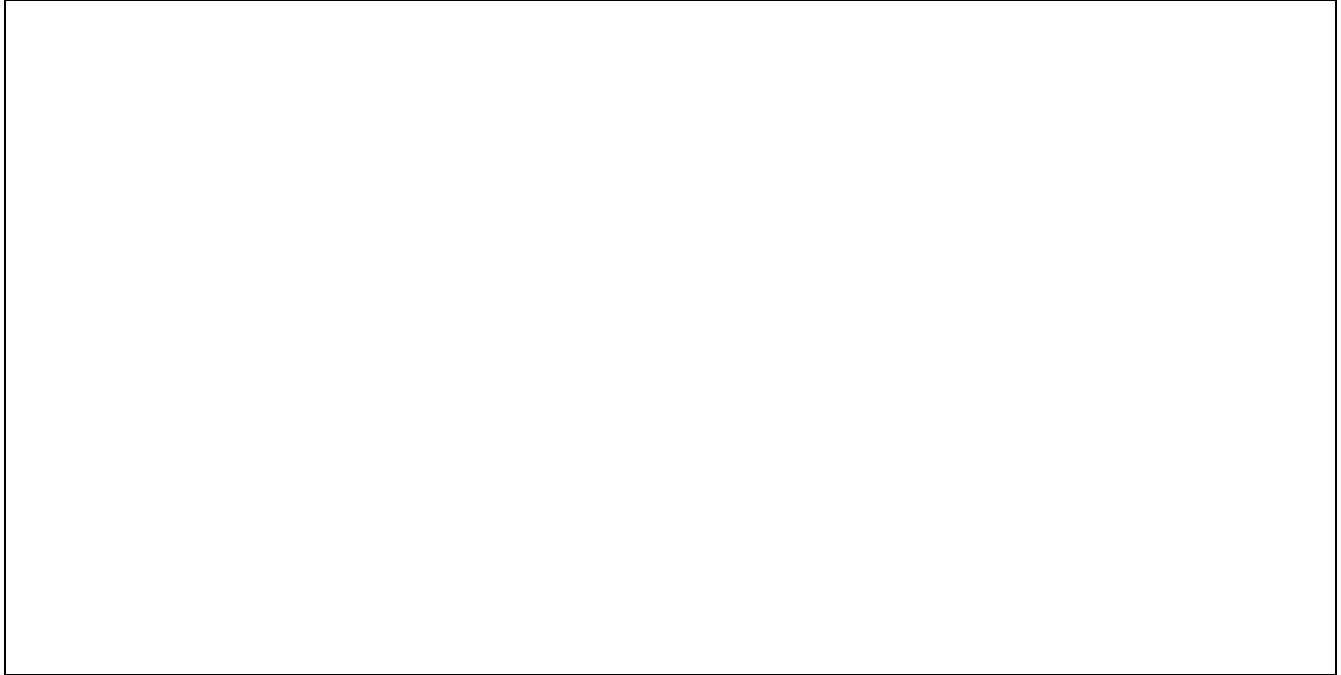


Sib got on the bus. Bob, Gab,
and Bim got on the bus. A big bad
bug got on the bus.

“I can not sit on the bus,” said Sib.
Sib got up. Bob got up. Gab got up
and Bim got up. But the big bad
bug did not.

Ten on the Bed

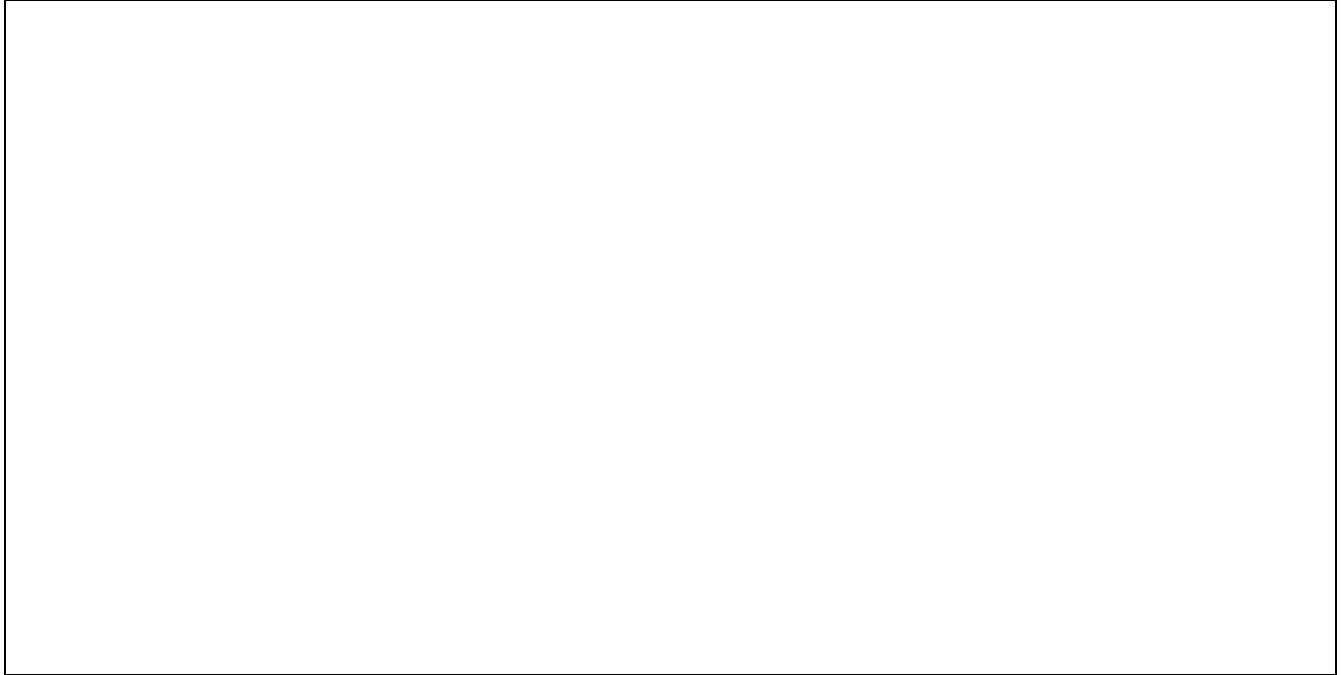
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Mom and Dad get a big bed. Ben and Ted get on the big bed. Gab and Dot get on the big bed. Tam the cat and Gus the dog get on the big bed. Ned and Ed get on the big bed. Mom and Dad get on the big bed. Ten fit on the big bed!

I See

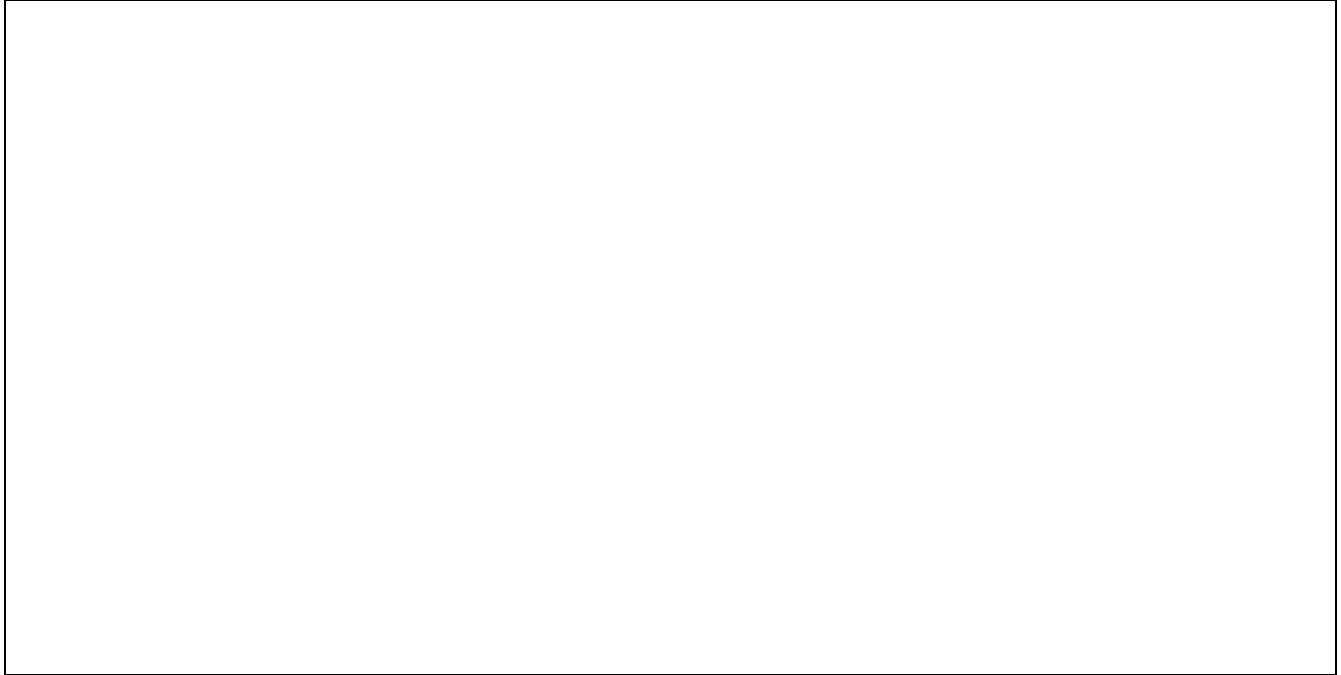
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I see a pig. The pig is in its pen. I see
a cat. The cat is on the bed. I see a
dog. The dog is in its den. I see a bug.
The bug is on a bat!

Pet Cats

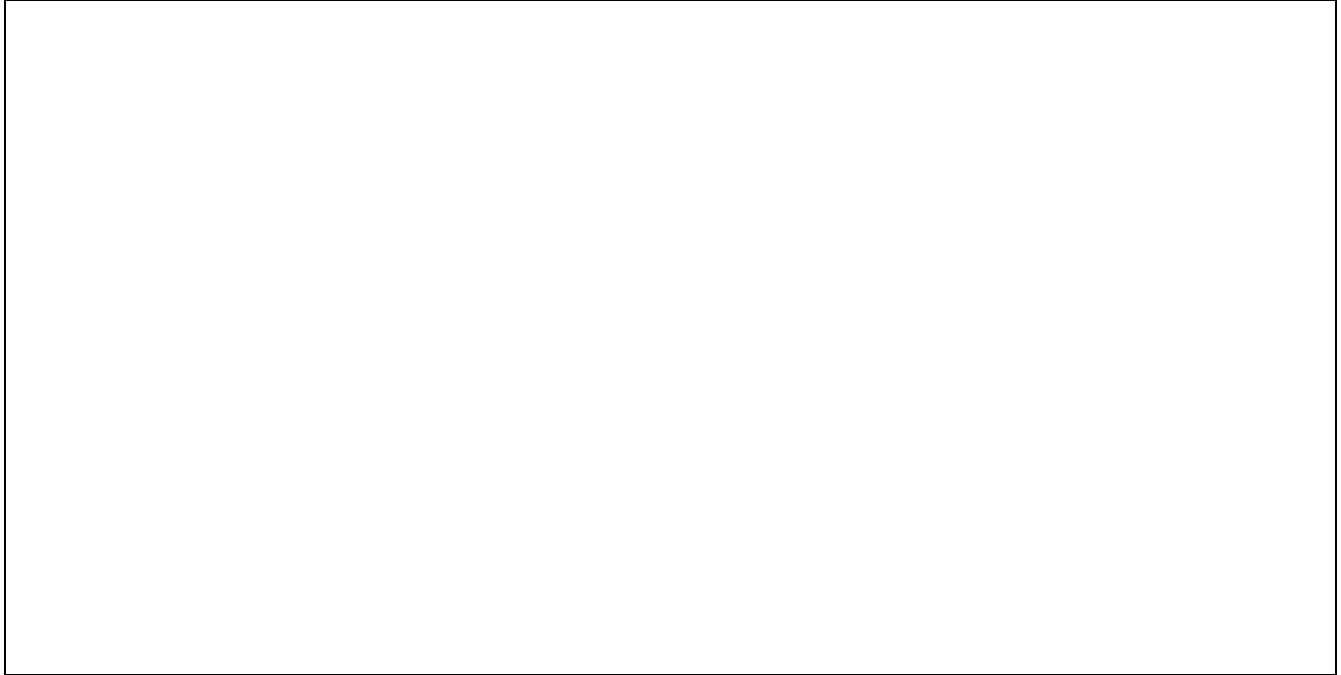
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Tam and Meg got cats. “The cats can fit on the bed,” said Tam. “The cats can sit on top of the cot,” said Meg. Tam pets the cats. Meg pets the cats. The cats nap.

Cubs in the Den

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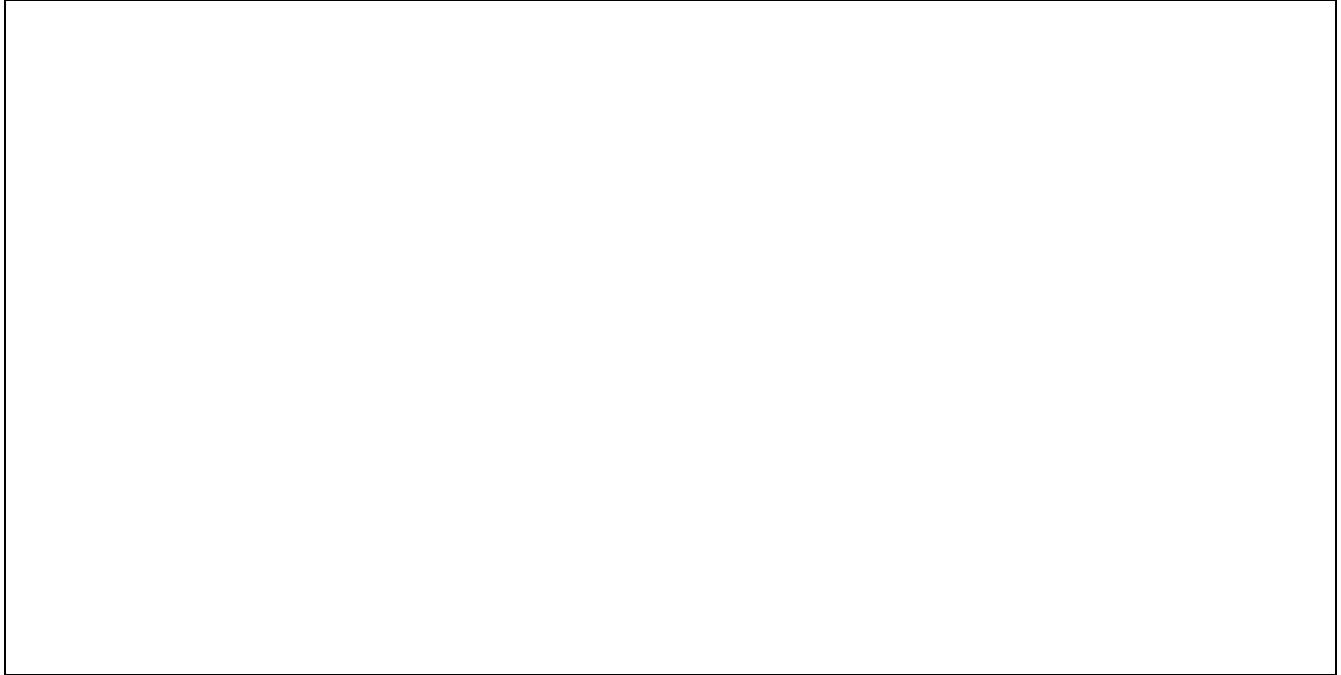
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Mom sees the cubs. Mom and the cubs get in the den. The den is big. Mom sits in the den.

The cubs see bugs and bats in the den. The cubs get the bugs. The cubs do not get the bats. Mom and the cubs nap in the den.

Kip is the Best Pup

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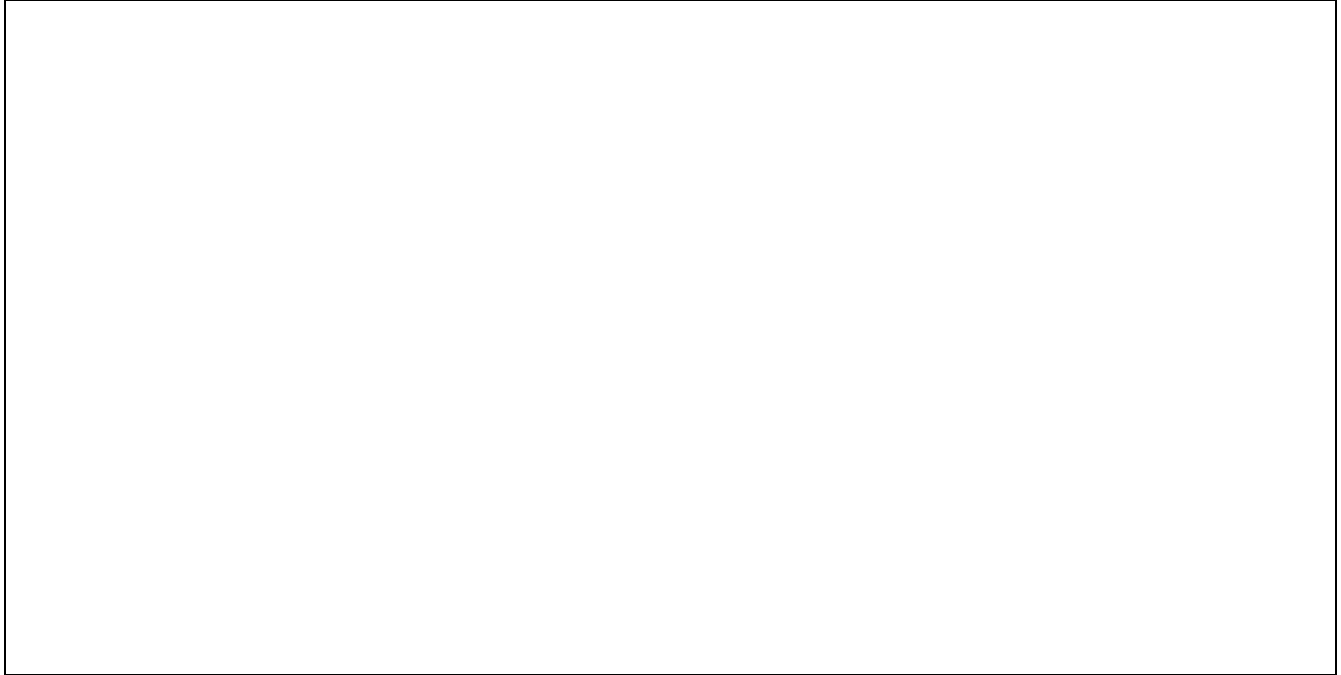


Kip is the best pup. Kip sits. Kip skips. Kip runs in the sun. Kip runs fast to get a disk. But Kip did not see the mud.

“Stop, Kip!,” Dad said. But Kip can not stop. Kip skids into the mud. Dad gets Kip in the tub.

The Big Hut

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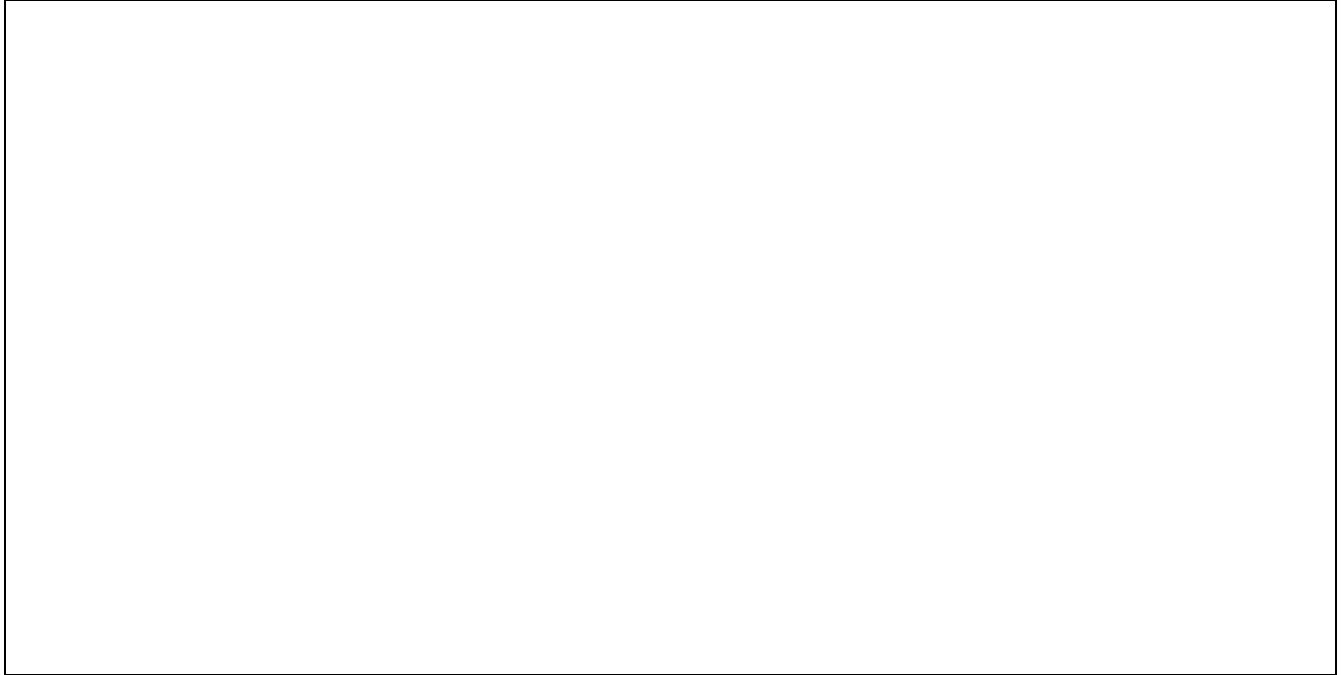


The hen sits in the big hut. The hog sees the hut. The hog asks the hen if he can sit in the hut.

The hog and the hen sit in the hut. The dog sees the hut. The dog asks the hen if he can sit in the hut. The dog, the hog, and the hen sit in the big hut.

The Red Cat and the Rat

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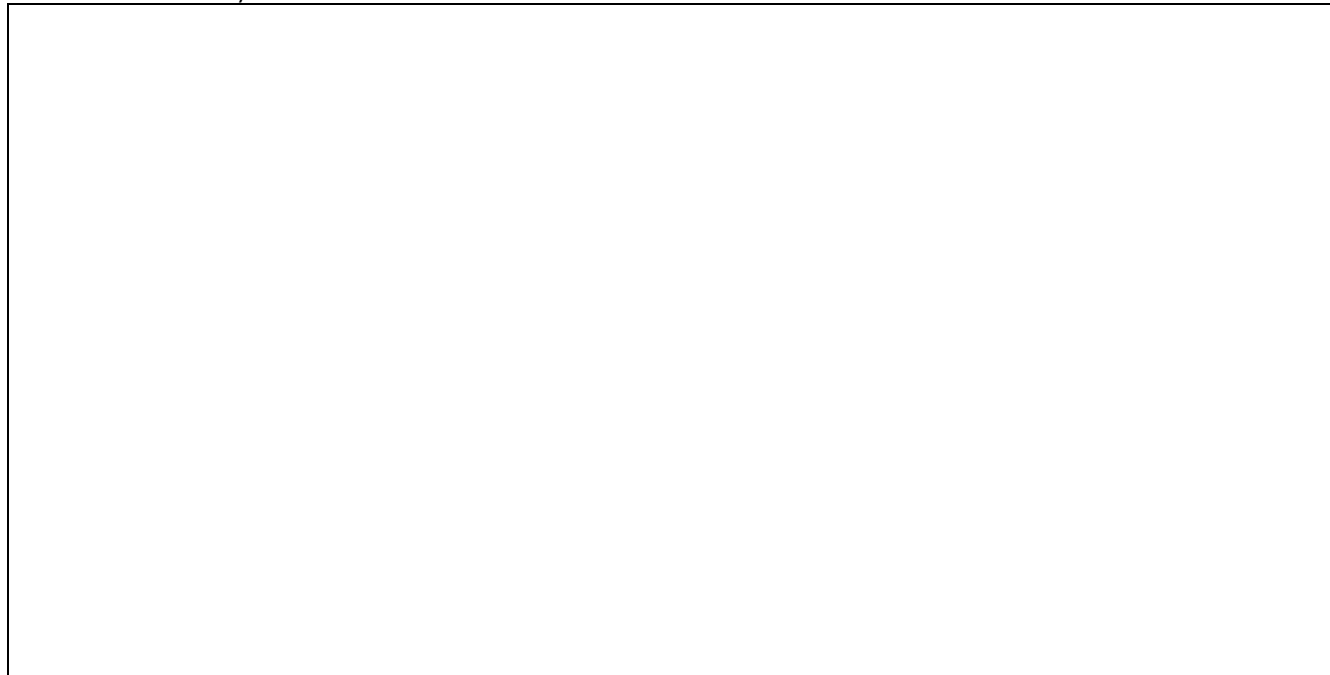


The red cat sees a rat. The rat runs.
The red cat runs to get the rat. The rat
is fast. The red cat is not as fast.

The rat runs to a raft. The rat got on
the raft. The red cat did not fit on the
raft. The rat got rid of the red cat.

The Drums

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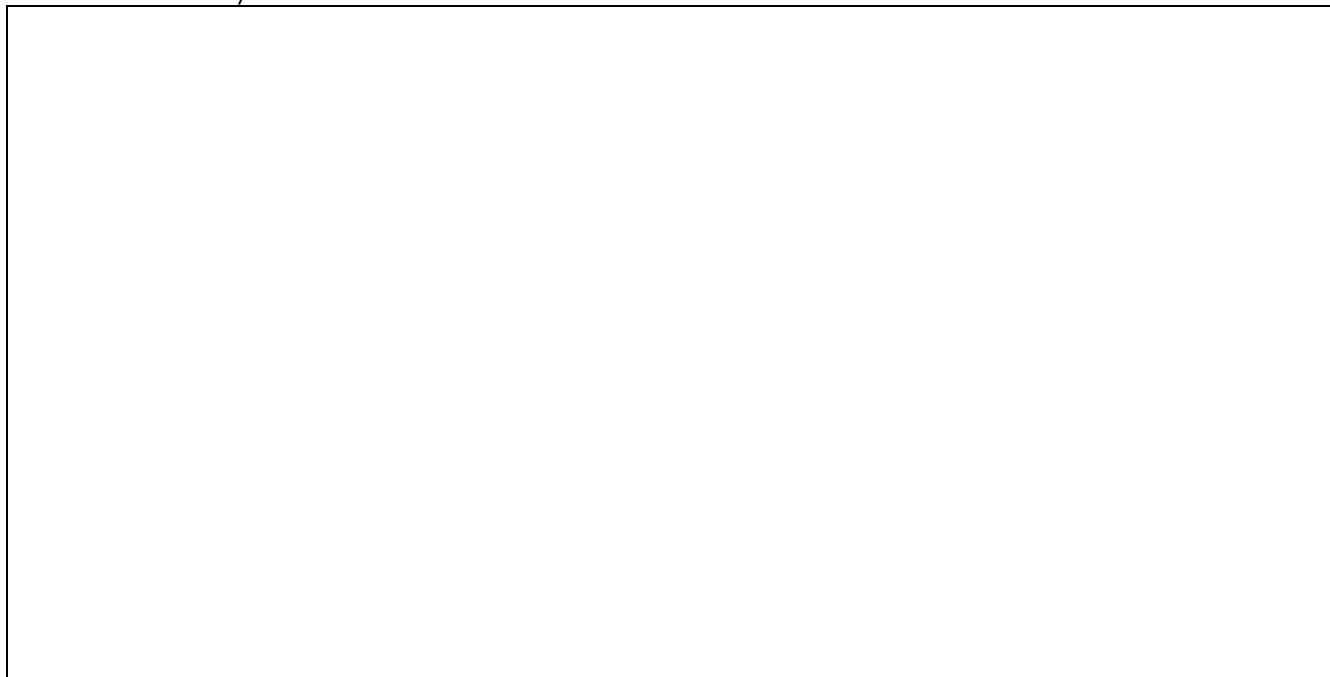


Greg and Brent get drums. Greg's drum is big and red. Greg taps the drum. The drum is fun. Greg trips and drops his drum. BAM! The drum is bent. Greg is sad.

"Do not fret, Greg," said Brent. Brent grabs his drum and hands it to Greg. Greg grins at Brent. Greg and Brent tap Brent's drum.

Lost in the Lab

Illustrate the story here:



Gil is in a big lab. Gil got lost in the big lab. The lamp in the lab is not on. Gil can not see. “Help!” said Gil.

Mel gets to the lab. Mel can help. Mel taps the lamp. The lamp is on.

Gil can see at last! Mel hands Gil his books. Gil left the lab.

Slugs on a Plant

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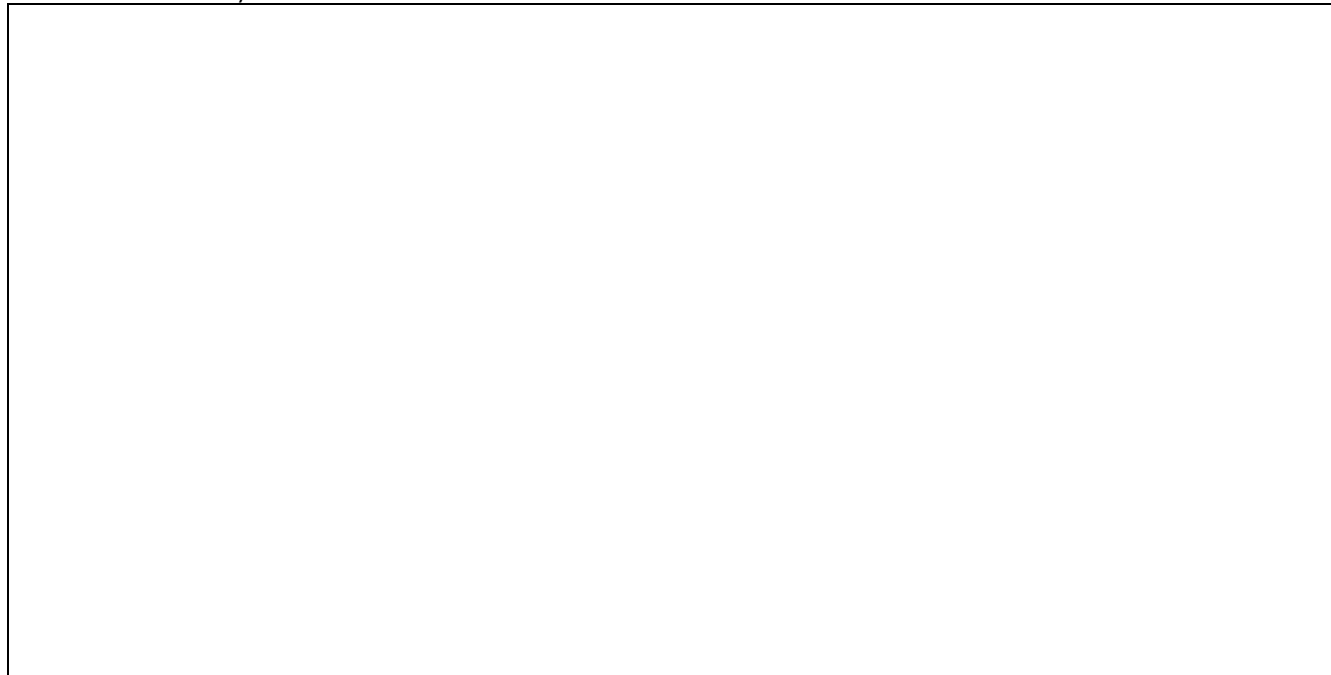
Glen and Al are slugs. Glen and Al are pals. Al can not run. Glen can not trot. Glen and Al are not fast.

Al is glum. “Slugs can not do a lot,” Al said. “Slugs can rest!” Glen said.

Glen and Al plop on top of a plant. Slugs are the best at rest. Al is glad. Glen and Al nap on the plant.

A Hog in the Mud

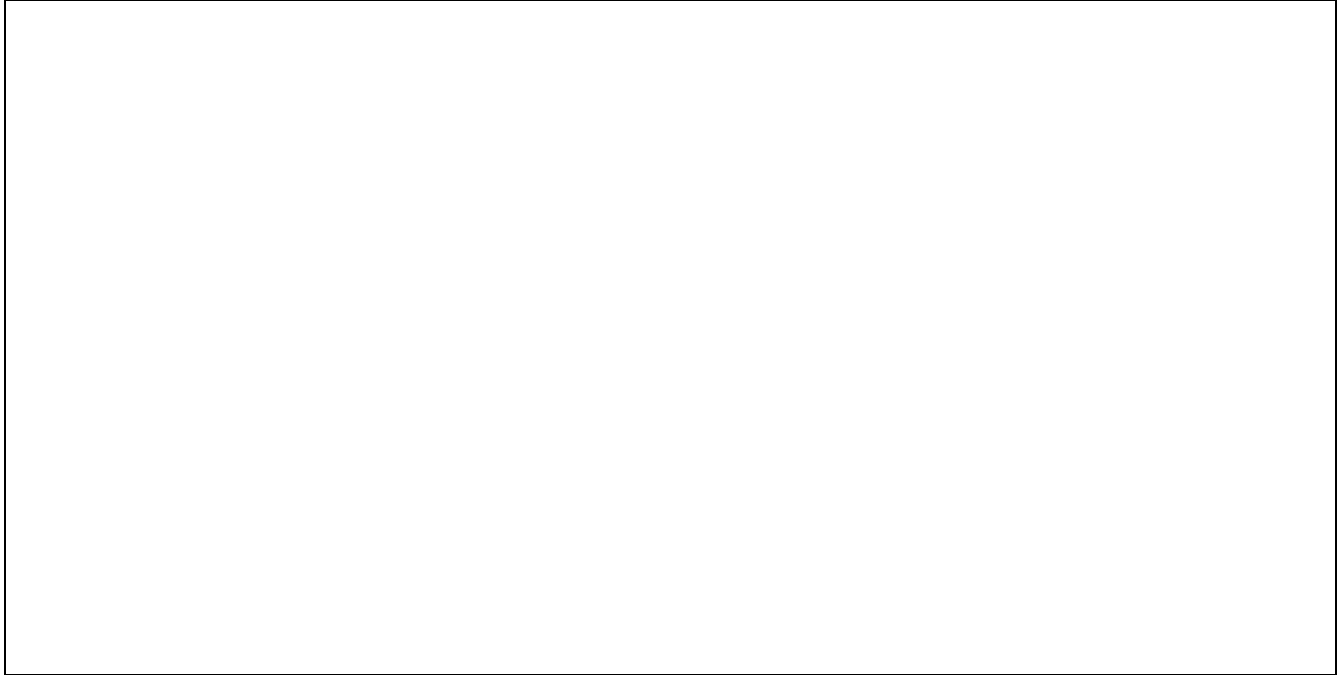
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Wes is a hog. A hog is a big pig. The sun is up. Wes' skin is hot. He rolls in the mud in his pen. Wes is wet. The mud drip, drip, drips from his skin. "Ahh!," said Wes. He is glad he gets to sit in the mud.

Yams! Yum!

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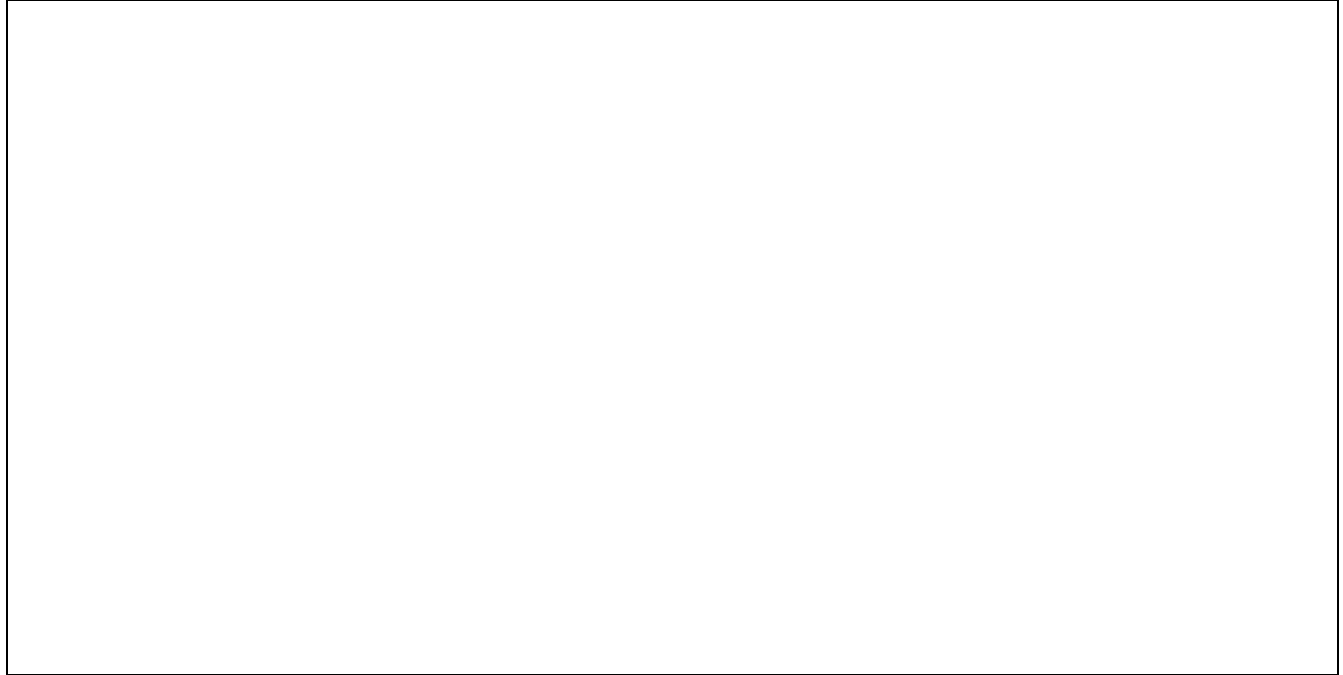
A yak looks at a plant. It's a yam plant. The yak digs to get a yam from the plant. The yak stomps on the yam to cut it into bits.

A dog sees the plant. The dog digs to get a yam from the plant. The dog can not stomp on the yam.

The yak helps the dog. "Yum," said the yak, "yams are the best!" "Yes," said the dog, "yum, yum, yum!"

The Box

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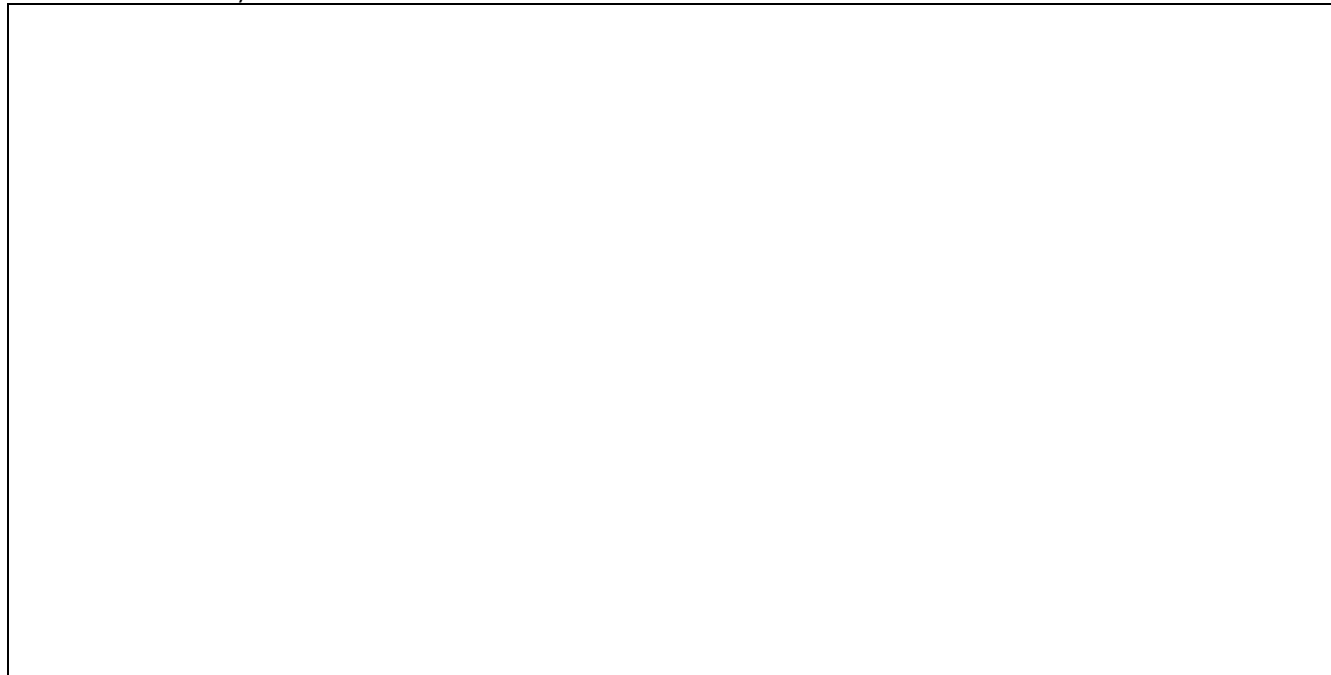
Pax got a big red box from his dad. “Look at this box!” Pax said to Rex. “Let’s jump in it.”

Pax jumps in the big red box. Rex is next. “Can you help me, Pax?” said Rex. “Yes! I can help you,” said Pax.

Pax helps Rex get in the box. Pax and Rex jump in the box. “The box is fun!” said Pax and Rex.

Do Not Quit!

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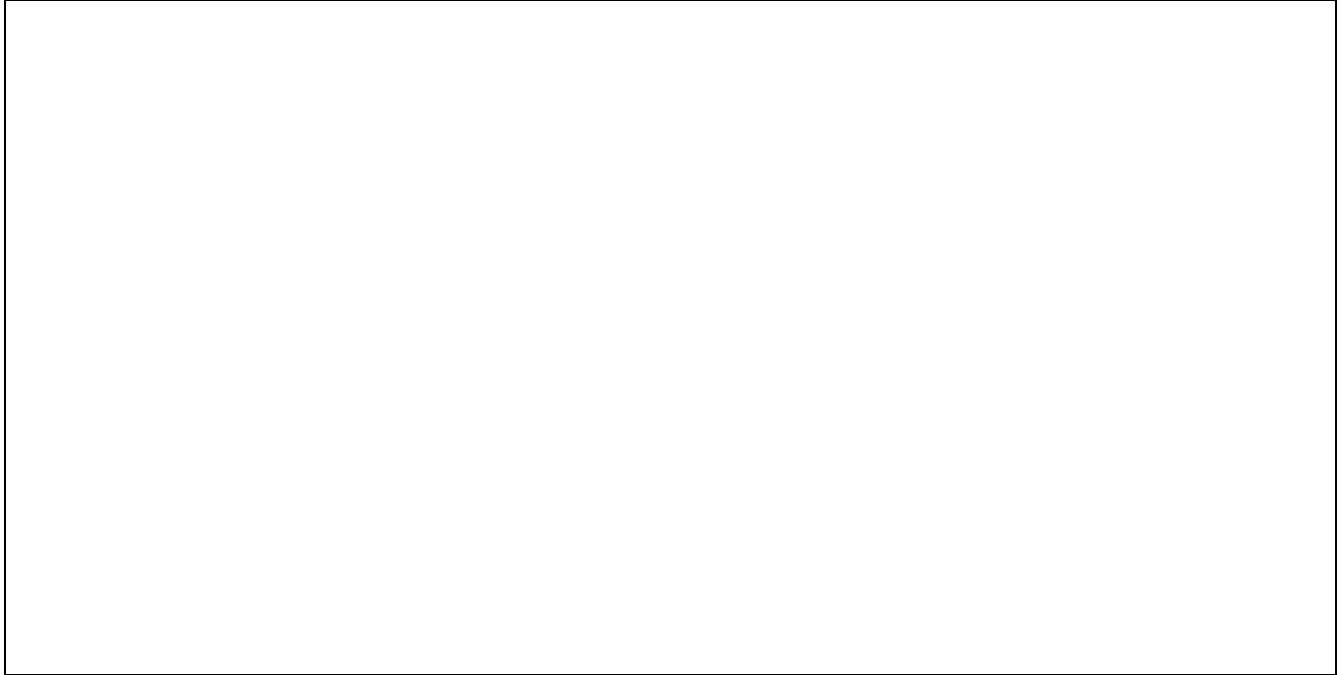


Quint is next to run. He is on a quest to win. He can not quit. “You can not quit,” said his mom. “You can do it,” said his dad.

Quint runs fast. He can see the end. “You can do it,” said his dad. Quint gets to the end and wins. “Yes! I went fast! I did the best!” said Quint.

What is a Vet?

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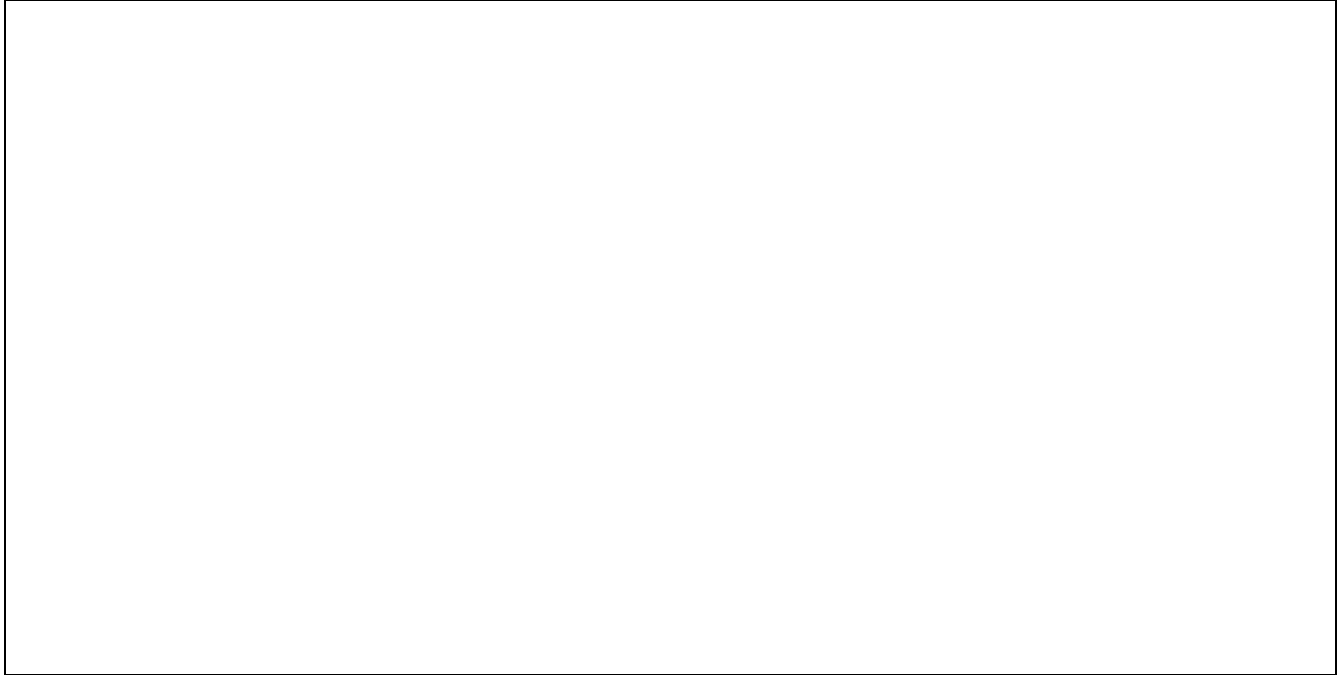
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What can vets do? Vets help pets. Can a vet help a dog? Yes, a vet can help a dog. Can a vet help a cat? Yes, a vet can help lots of pets.

Can a vet help kids? No, a vet can not help kids. Vets just help pets. Vets have a fun job.

Zip the Tent

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Jaz and Zed went on a trip in a tent. Jaz sets up the tent. Zed helps.

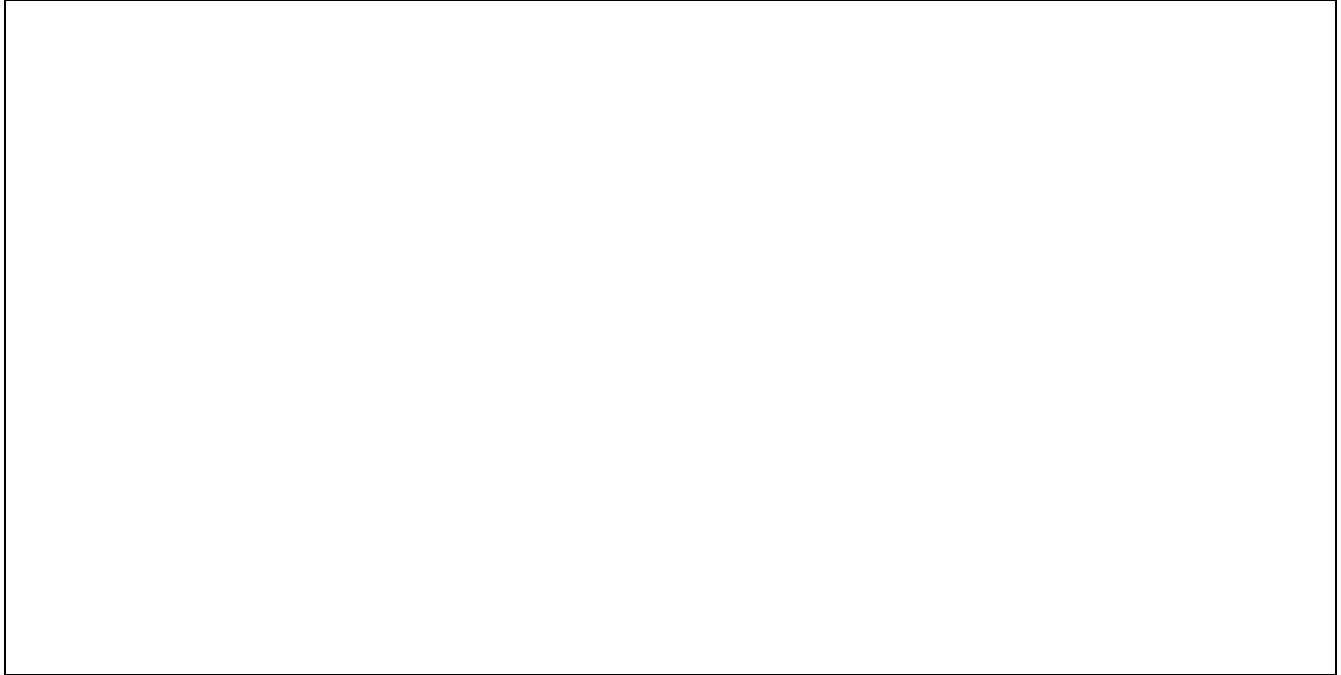
“Look at the pond,” said Jaz. “Let’s swim!” Jaz and Zed jump in the pond to swim.

Jaz and Zed see lots of bugs. “You have to zip up the tent,” said Jaz. “If you zip it, the bugs do not get in.”

Zed runs to the tent to zip it up. The bugs do not get in.

Bag of Hats and Caps

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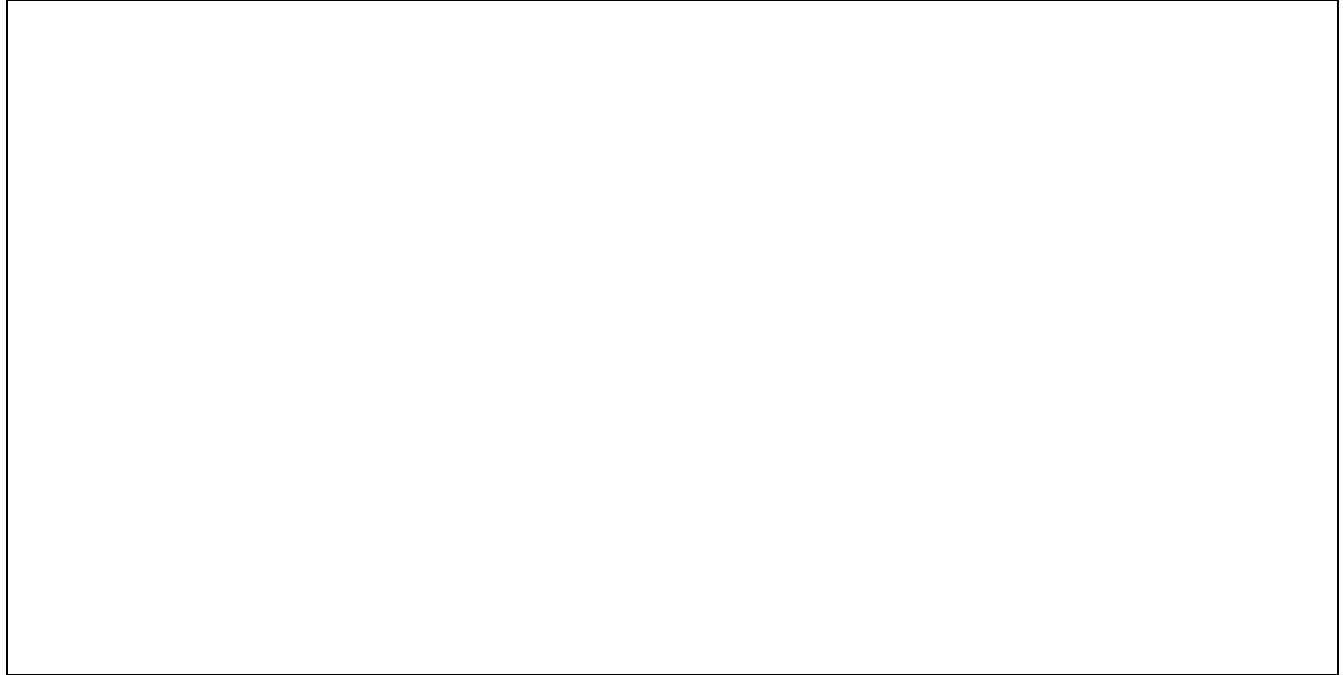


Jax has a big bag. The bag has hats and caps in it. Six hats and ten caps fit in the bag.

“Can I have a hat?” asks Gab. “Yes, you can have a hat,” said Jax. “Can I have a cap?” asks Kat. “Yes, you can have a cap,” said Jax. Gab and Kat are glad to have the hat and cap.

Let's Plan a Trip

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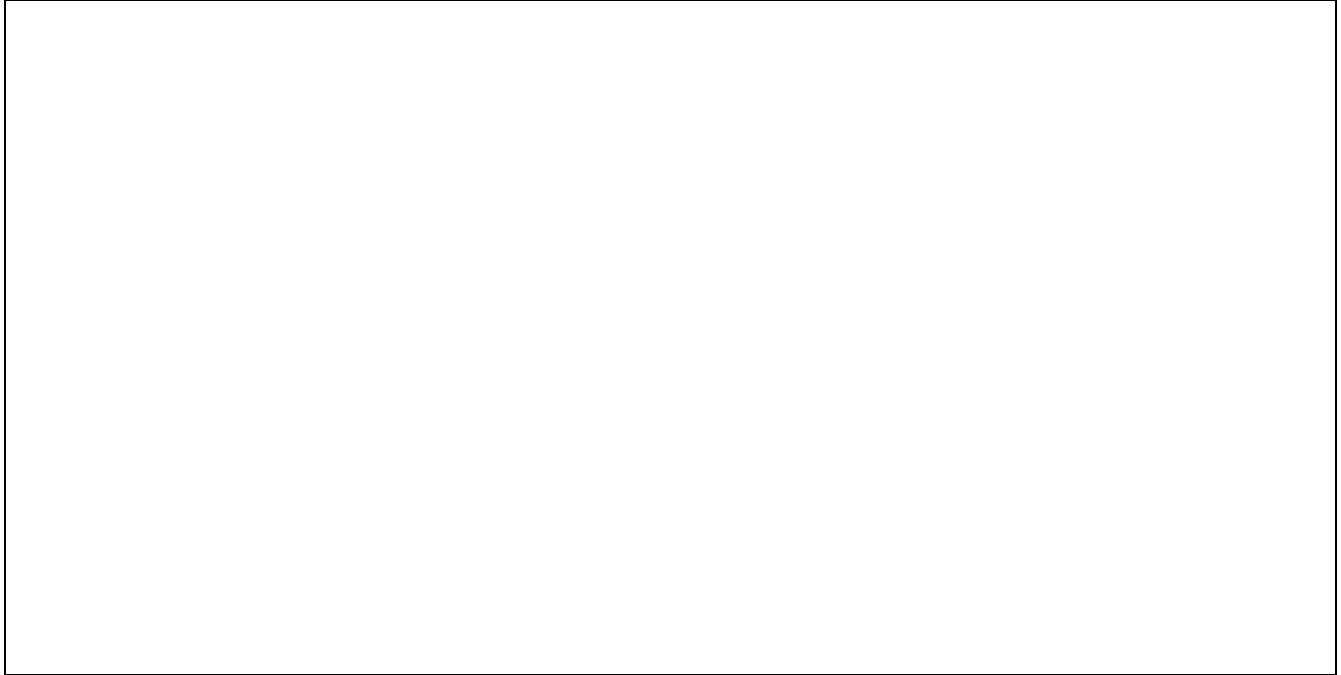
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Sam plans a trip to camp. Sam asks Dan to plan the trip with him. Dan said, “Yes! Let’s plan a trip! What do we have to do?” “We have to get the van and the tents,” said Sam. “I can get the van if you can get the tents,” said Dan.

Dan gets the van. Sam gets the tents. The men are glad to be on a trip to camp.

Vlad the Crab

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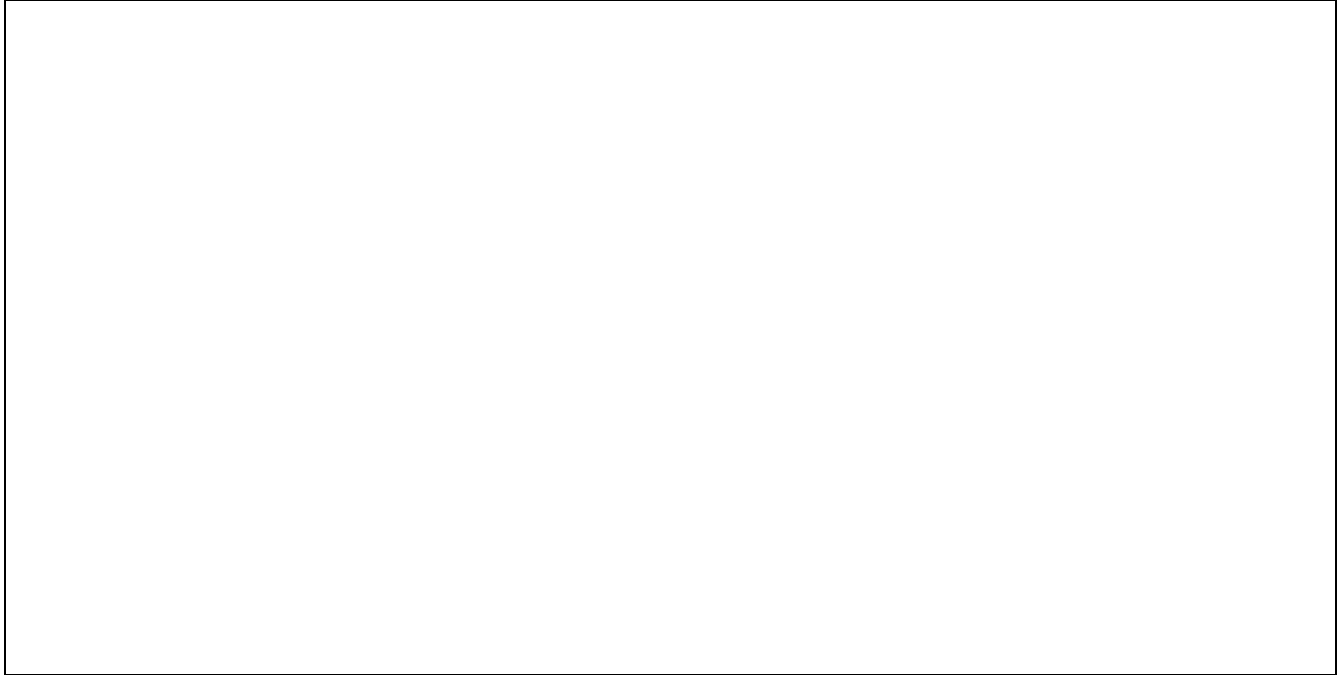


Vlad is a crab. Vlad the crab ran on the sand. A crab trap was in the sand. Vlad did not see the trap. Vlad ran in to the trap. “Help!” said Vlad.

Dax the crab sees Vlad. “I can help you!” said Dax. Dax acts fast. He grabs Vlad. Dax and Vlad ran from the trap. The crabs are glad.

Gil and His Pig

Illustrate the story here:



Gil has a big pig. His pig is in its big pen. A mud pit is in the pen. The pig can swim in the mud pit. The pig can dig in the mud pit. The pig has a lot of fun in the mud pit. Gil grins at his pig. The pig grins at Gil.

Trip to the Pond

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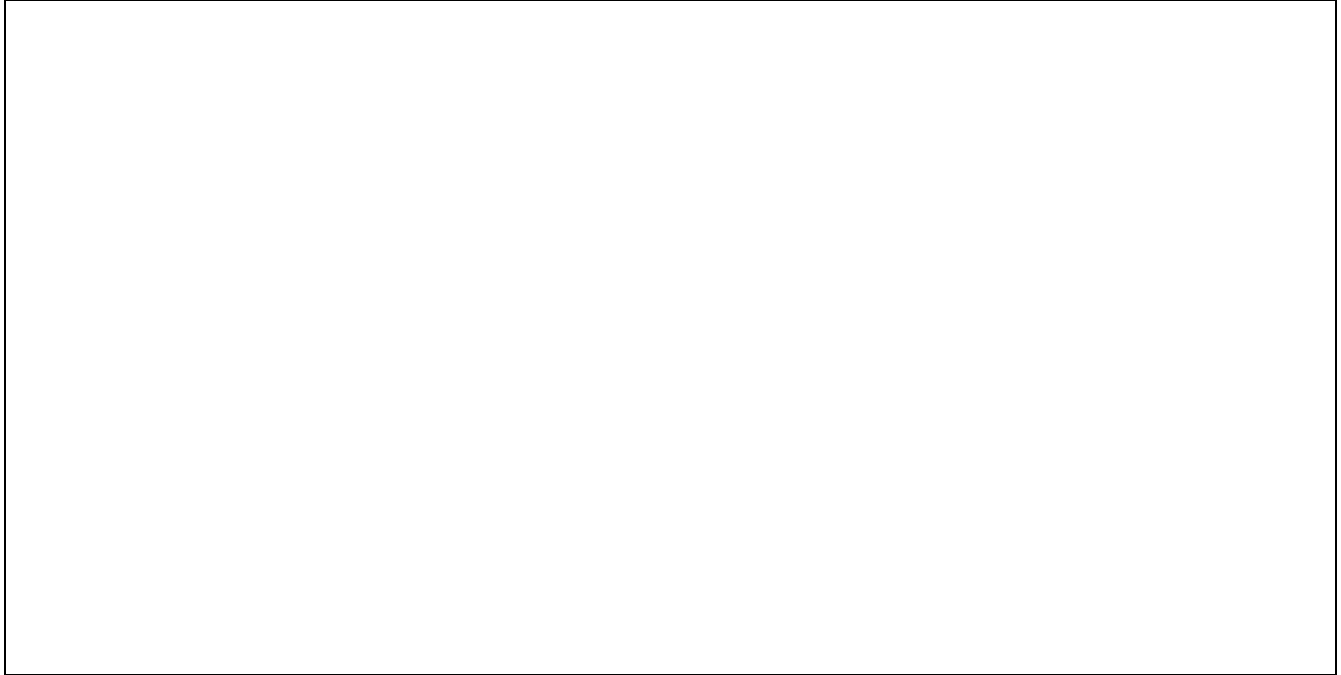
Tim and his six dogs are on a trip to the pond. The dogs do flips in the mud and spin in the sand.

Next, Tim and his six dogs jump in the pond for a swim. Tim said, “I see a disk.” The dogs swim to get the disk.

Tim and his dogs are wet. Drip! Drip! Drip! “The trip to the pond was fun,” said Tim. “Yip, Yip,” said the six dogs.

It's Hot!

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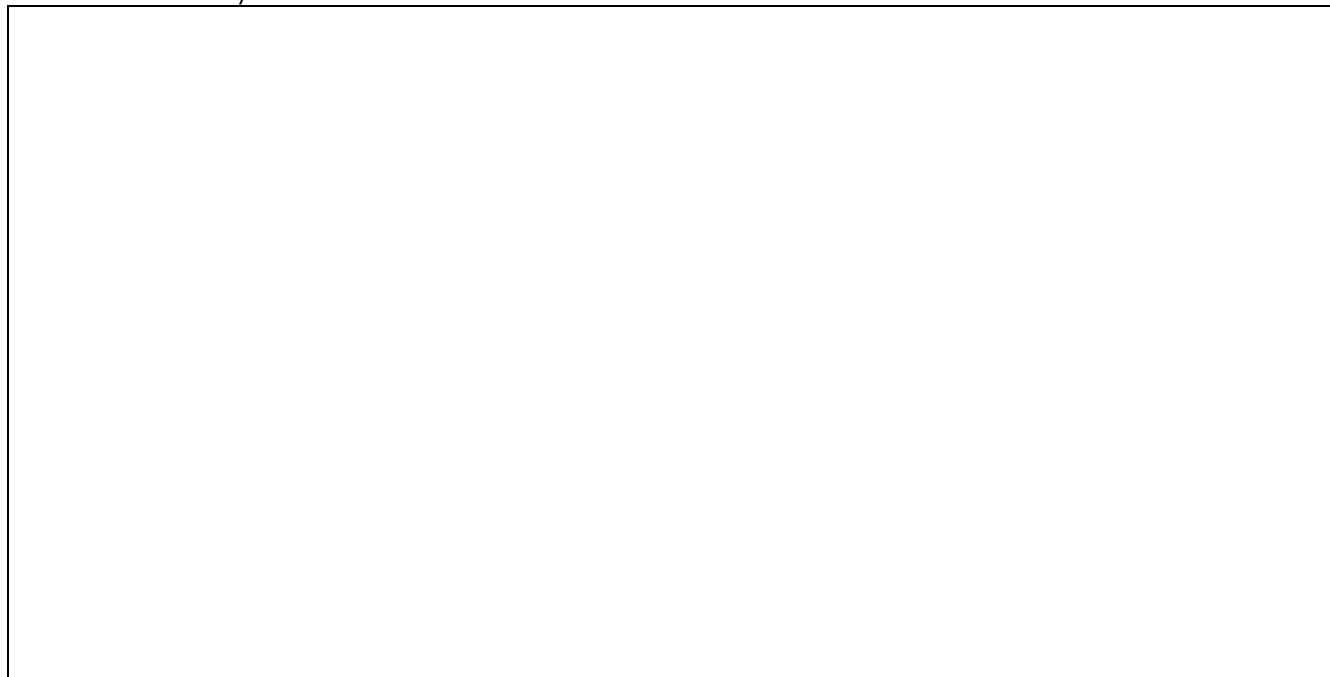


Mom and Dad went for a jog. Mom and Dad got hot. Is the fan on? The fan is not on. The fan is in the box.

Mom set the fan on top of the box. Dad taps the fan on. The fan is on. It's not hot!

Lost

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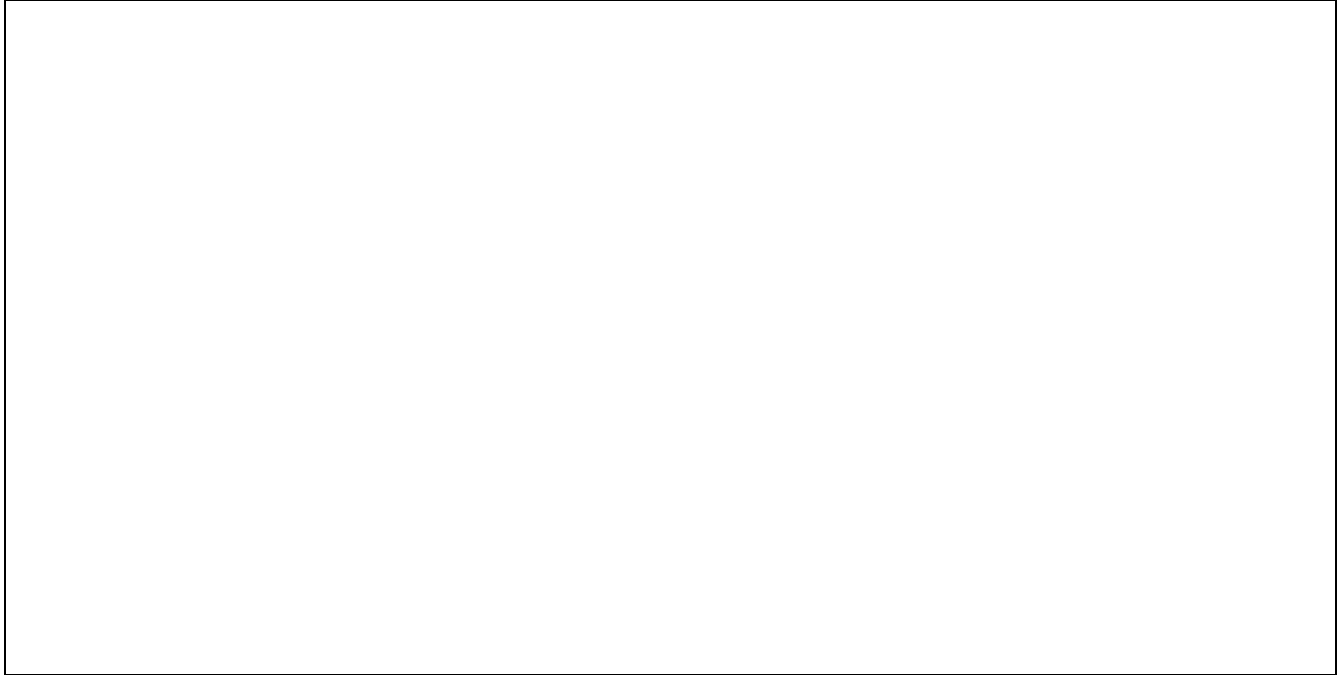
Dom is lost. He went to look at a frog and lost his mom. He can not spot his mom.

Is Mom at the camp? No. Mom is not at the camp. Is Mom in the sandbox? No. Mom is not in the sandbox.

Dom stops at the pond. He can see his mom! He runs to his mom. Dom and his mom look at frogs in the pond.

The Big Box

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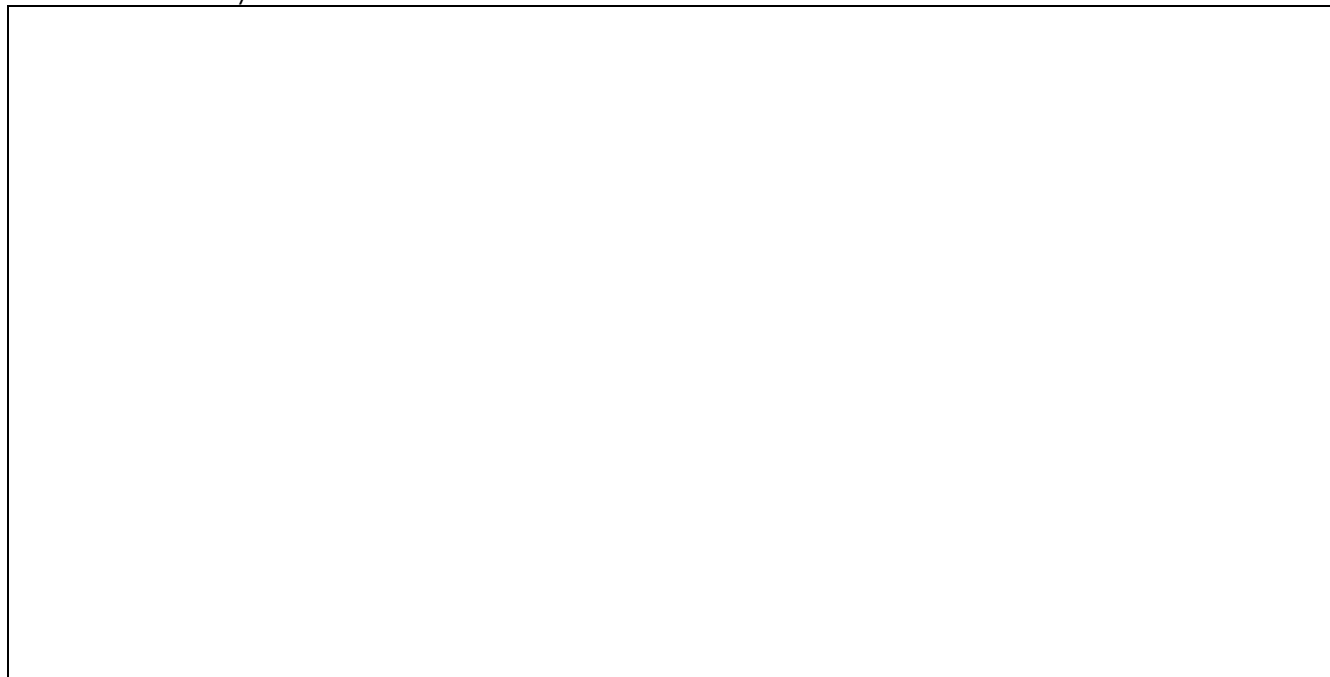
Nils, Jon, and Mag got a big box. What is in the box?

Nils looks in the box. Nils sees a hat in the box. Jon looks in the box. Jon sees a map in the box. Mag looks in the box. Mag sees a book in the box.

Next, the kids see pots and pans and bats in the box. A lot is in this box!

Brad Quits

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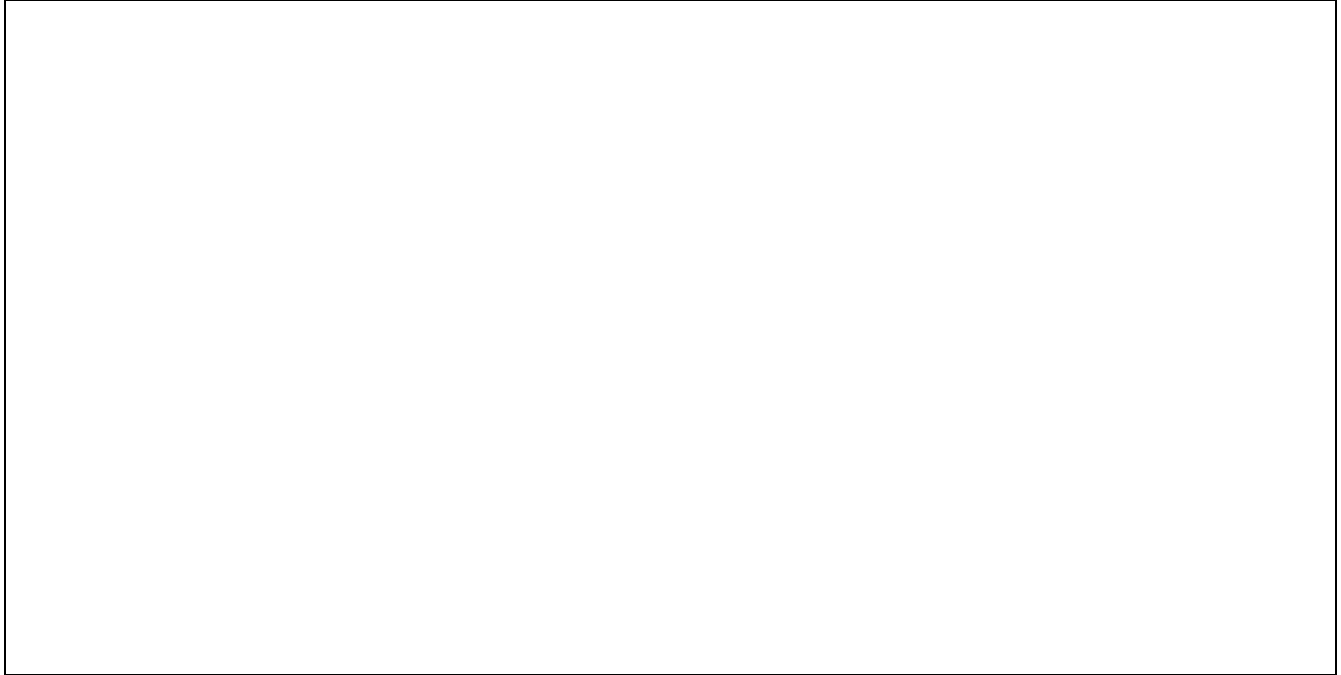
Fran and Brad are in a band. "I quit," said Brad. Brad grabs his bag. He slams it into the van. Fran can see Brad is mad.

Fran and Brad get in the van. "You are mad," said Fran. Brad hits his bag. "Yes! I am mad," said Brad.

Fran grabs his hand. "Let's rest a bit." Brad grins. "Yes. Let's rest." Brad and Fran rest a bit. "I am not mad," said Brad, "I do not quit." "I am glad," said Fran.

Cub and Pup

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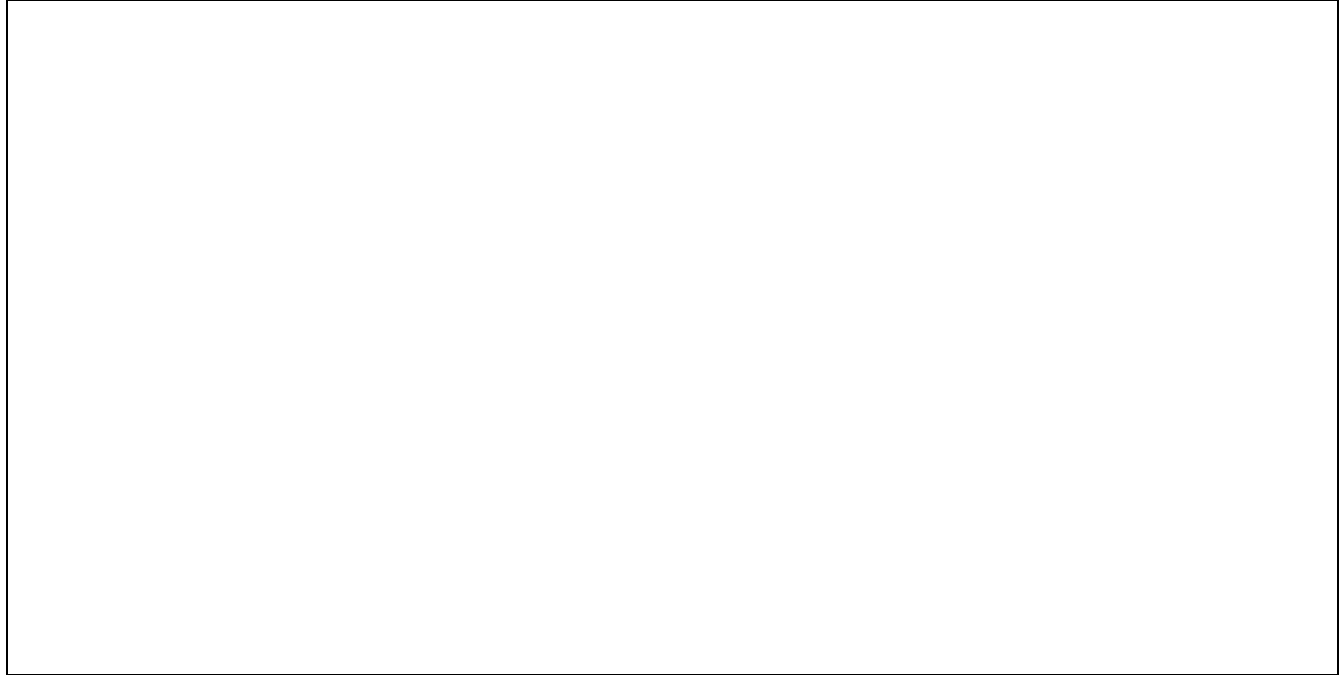


Cub and Pup are buds. Cub and Pup have lots of fun. Cub runs in the sun. Pup digs in the mud.

Cub and Pup are hot and wet. The fun must stop. Cub and Pup must get in the tub. The buds have fun in the suds. The fun did not stop!

Gus the Pup

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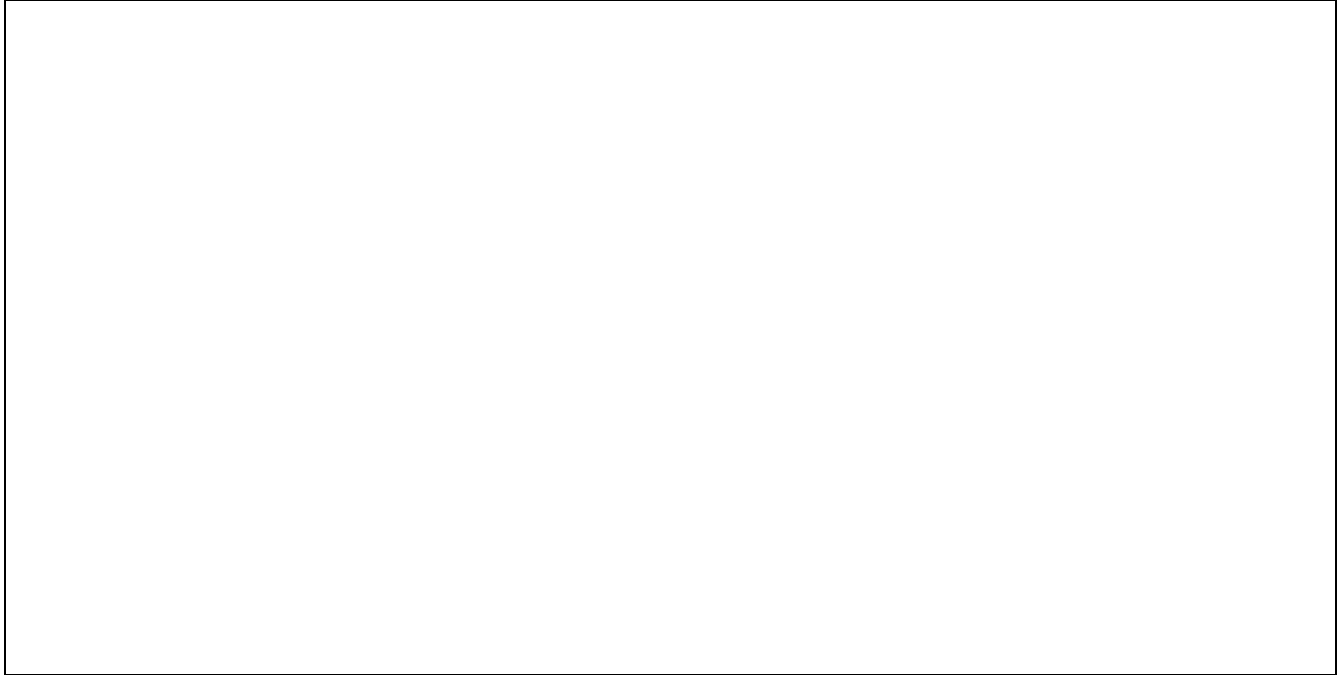


Gus the pup was in the mud. He dug in the mud and got a bug. Gus ran to the rug with his bug. Mom sees Gus on the rug. “No Gus! No bugs on the rug!” Mom jumps up to stop Gus, but he is fast.

Gus runs to the mud. Mom grabs Gus and dumps him in the tub. Mom scrubs Gus. Gus looks glum. Mom pets Gus. Gus is not glum.

The Pet Hen

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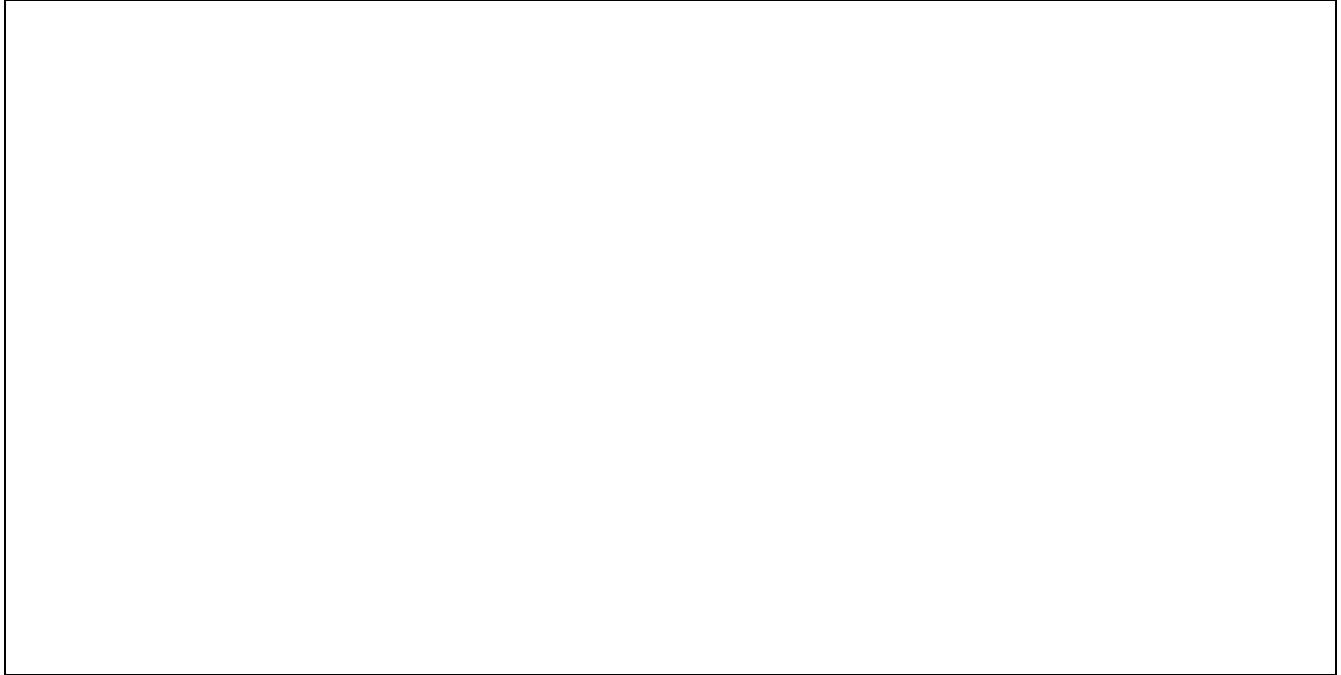


Dex has a pet hen. The hen is big and red. Dex let his hen run. But the hen ran into a pig pen.

The hen has a big welt. Dex must tend to his red hen. He gets the hen in its bed. "You must rest," Dex said.

Fred and the Tent

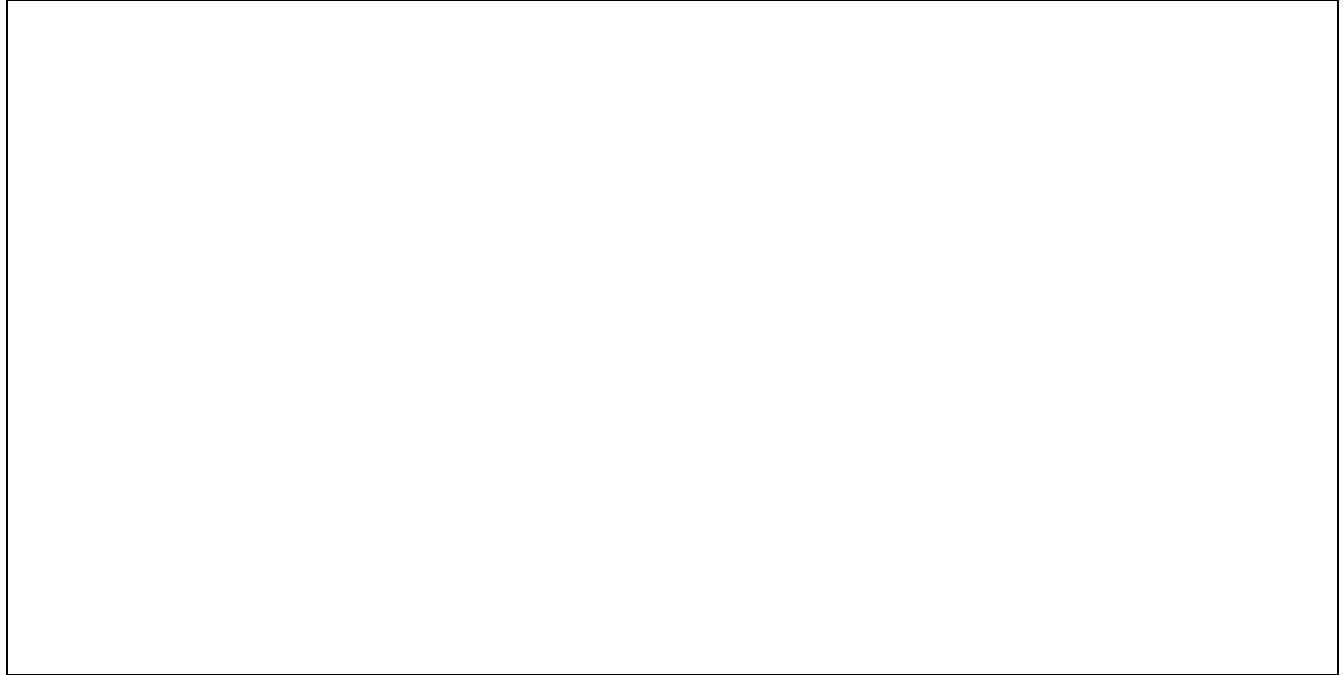
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Fred is at camp. He must set up his tent. Oh no! The tent has a rip in it. Fred must mend the tent. What can help Fred mend the tent? A kit can help him mend the tent. Fred mends and tests the tent. It is set up!

The Fox and the Red Hen

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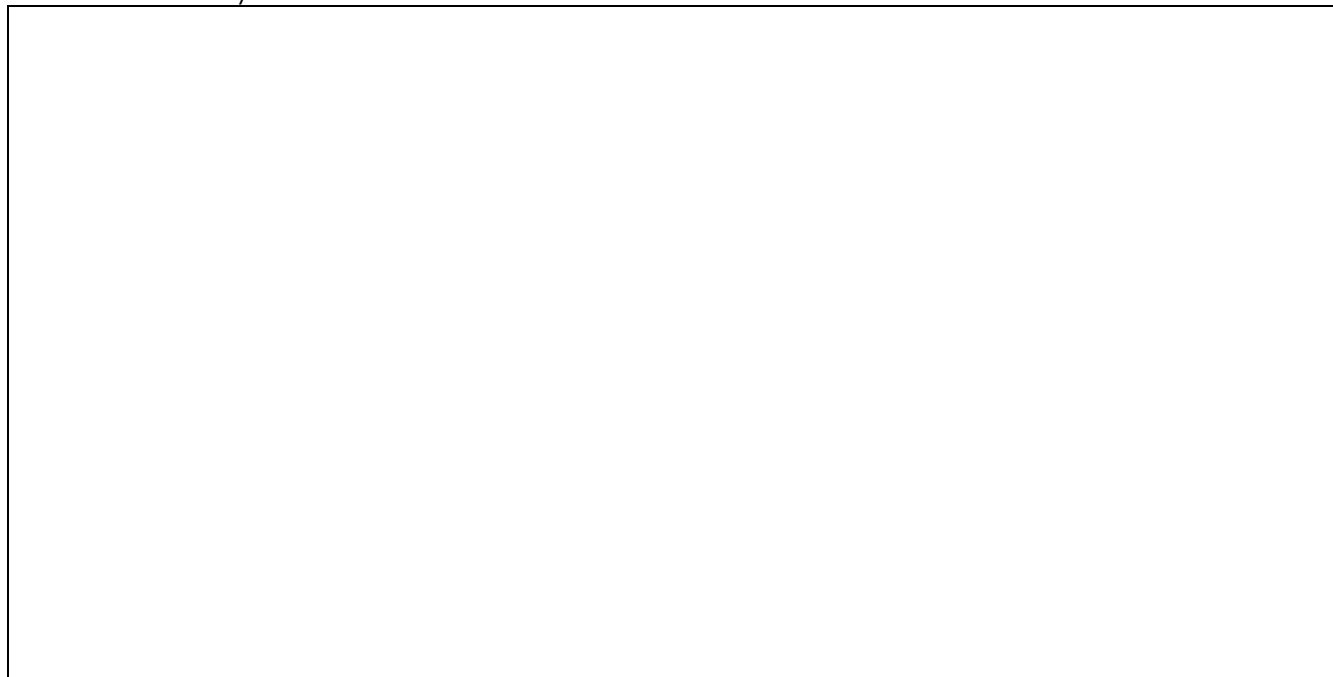


The fox can not get up. He is in a pit. The red hen looks at the fox. "Oh no! You are in the pit." "Yes, I am in the pit. Can you help me?" asks the fox. "Yes, I can help, but do not jump on me!" said the red hen.

The red hen helps the fox. The fox did not jump on the red hen. The red hen and the fox are glad the fox is not in the pit.

The Frog and the Slug

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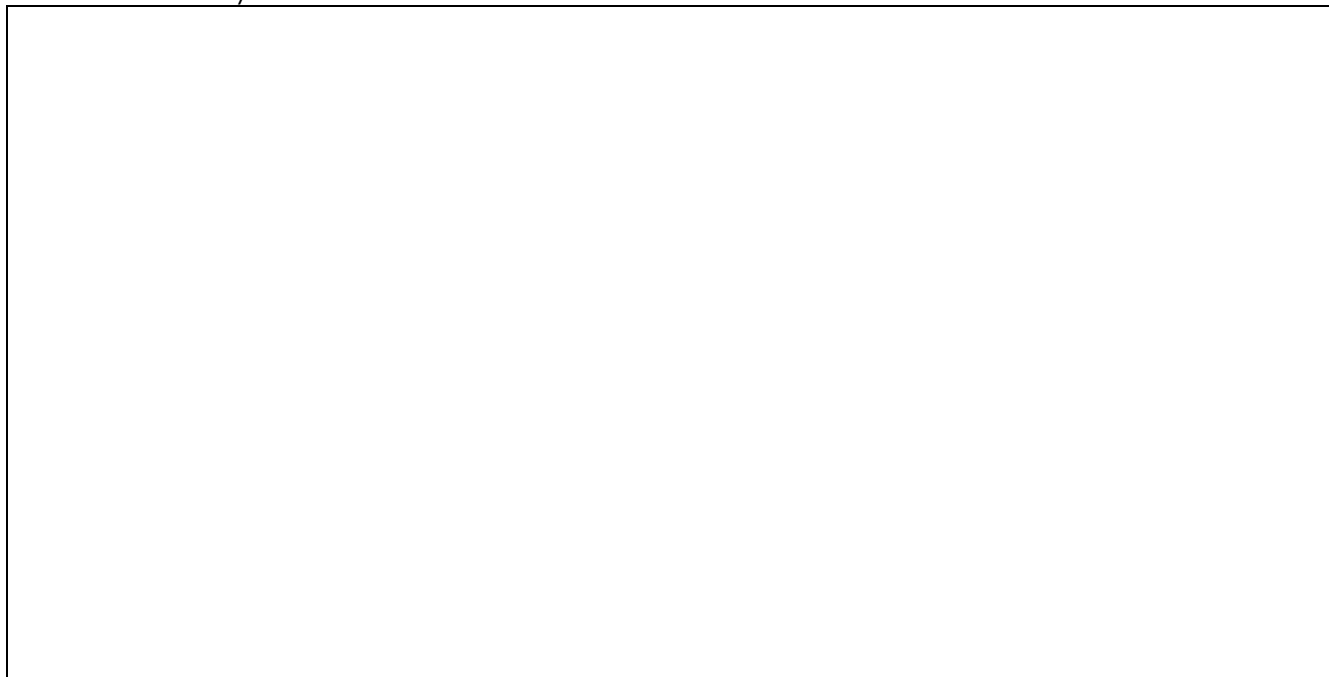


Glen is a frog with black spots. Glen is in the pond. The pond has pads. Glen can jump from pad to pad. He can flip and flop on the pads in the pond.

Glen sees a slug in the pond. The slug is on a pad. "Do you have legs to jump?" Glen asks the slug. "I do not have legs. I can not jump." said the slug. Glen lets the slug get on his back. Look! Glen and the slug can jump from pad to pad!

A Craft for Mom

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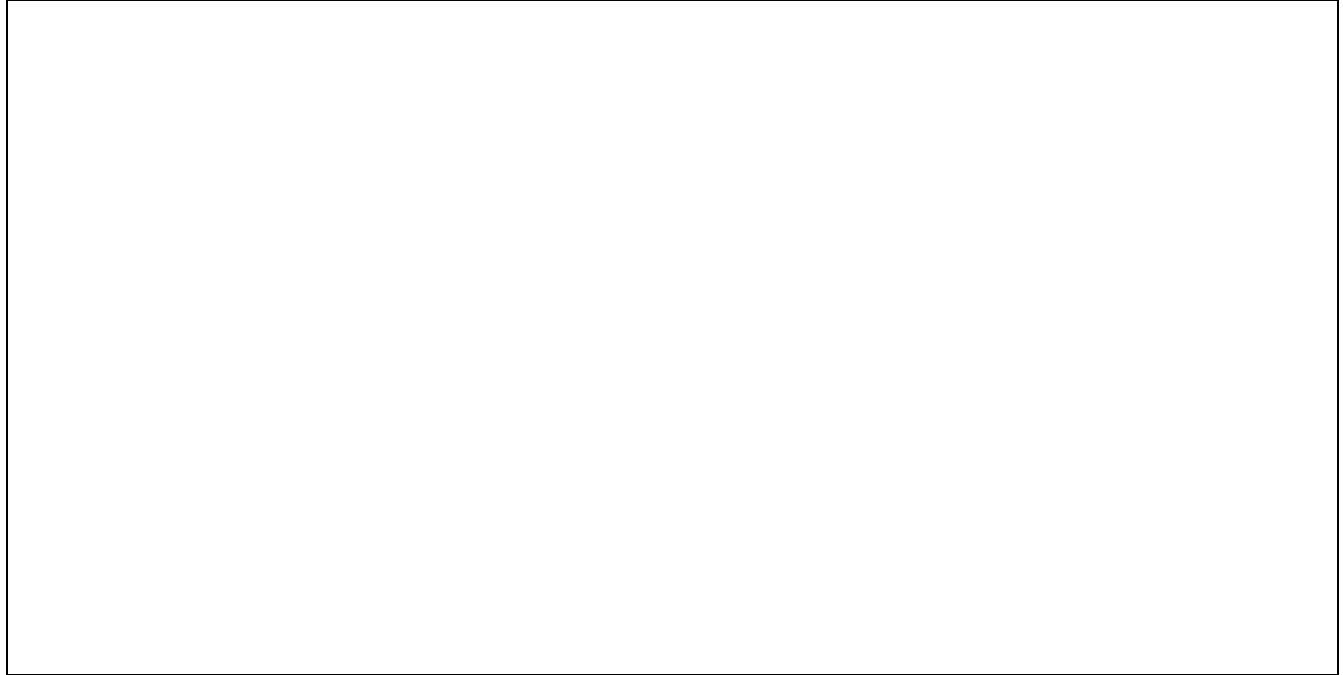
Brent and Clint must get Mom a gift. The kids went to Gram's Craft Stand.

Brent helps Clint cut ten red dots. Next, Clint helps Brent stamp six red spots. The gift Brent and Clint craft is a crest. The kids set the crest in a box.

The crest Brent and Clint craft is grand. "Yes!" said Mom, "This is the best gift. You are the best kids."

Buzz Sells Milk

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Buzz has a fun job. His job is to sell jugs of milk at the mill. Buzz runs up a tall grass hill to get the milk. He huffs and puffs at the top of the hill. Buzz fills six glass jugs with milk. Not a drop spills.

Next, Buzz runs the milk jugs to the mill. Buzz sees Tiff, Will, and Russ at the mill. “Do you want milk?” asks Buzz. “Yes!” yell the pals. The pals get the jugs. The boss gets the bill. Buzz did a swell job.

Let's Golf

Illustrate the story here:



Ross and his mom went to the mall. Ross got golf clubs and golf balls. The golf balls are small. The man from the mall said Ross can hit the balls in the hall.

Ross taps the ball with the club. The ball rolls up the hall and hits the tall wall. "Look at me!" Ross calls to Mom from the hall. He did not want to stop but Mom said he had to go. It was fun to hit golf balls in the mall!

The Mud Track

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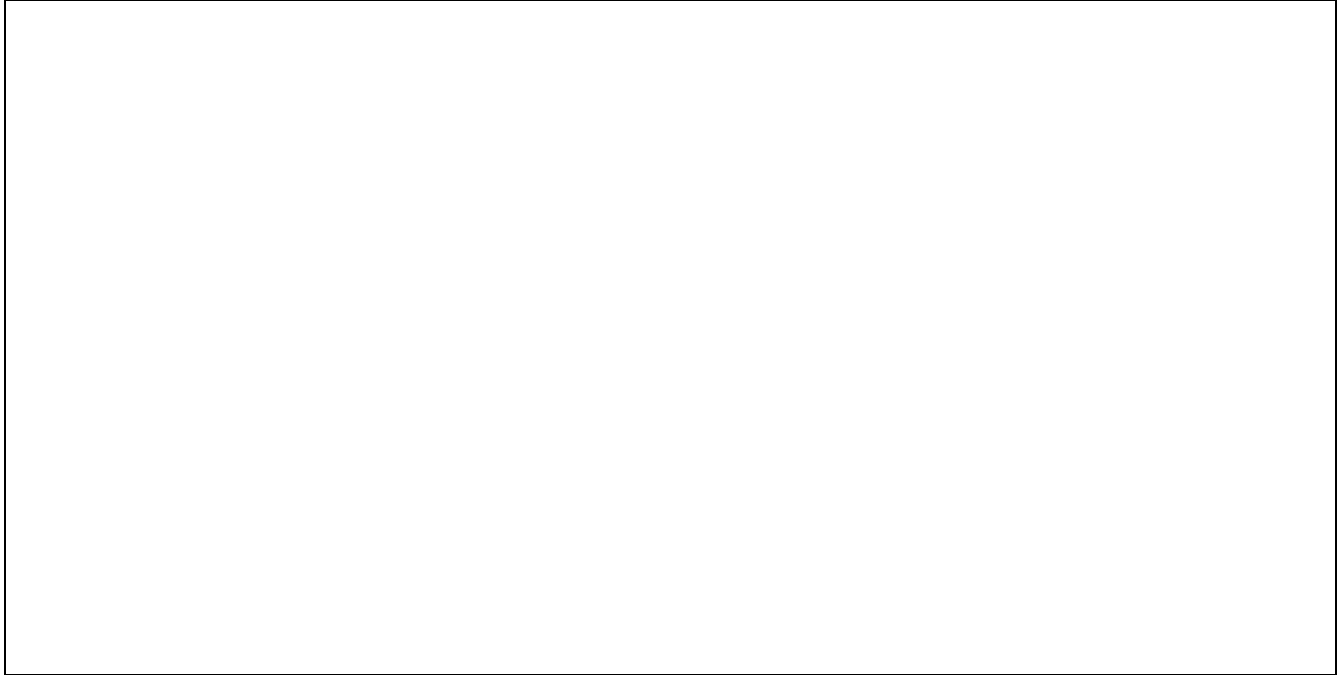
Mack and Rick are at the mud track. The pals see lots of trucks. The big truck gets stuck in the mud. The small truck goes fast on the track. Mack and Rick clap.

Mack goes to the snack stand to grab chips. At the snack stand, he sees his pals, Beck and Nick. Rick sees the pack at the snack stand and yells, "Get back, quick!".

The pals run back to the track. A truck ran into a stack of bricks! The pack yells and jumps. "The mud track is the best," says Mack.

The Ship

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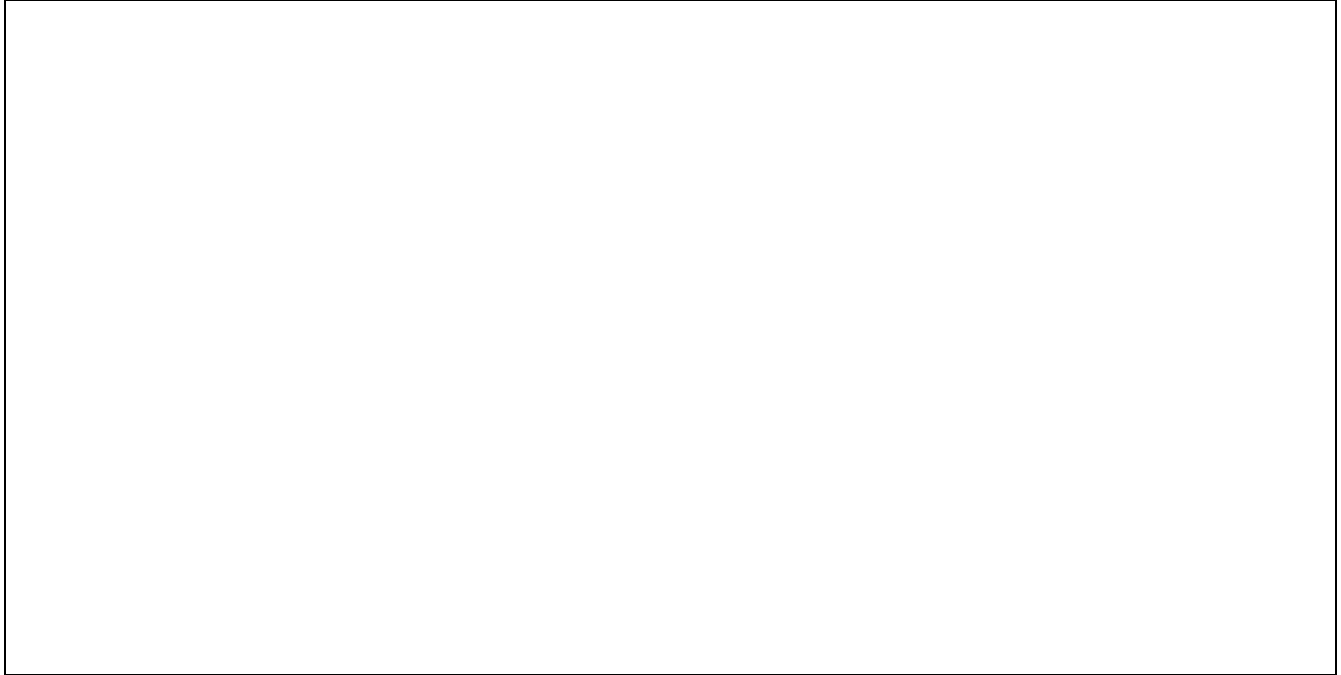
Look at the ship. Trish and Josh jump on the ship deck. Trish has a net to get fish. Josh has a bag to get shells.

Trish jumps off the ship with the net. She swims to get fish. Josh jumps off the ship with his bag. He swims to get shells.

Trish and Josh get back on the ship. “Look at the fish in my net,” said Trish. “Look at the shells in my bag,” said Josh. We had fun on the ship.

This and That

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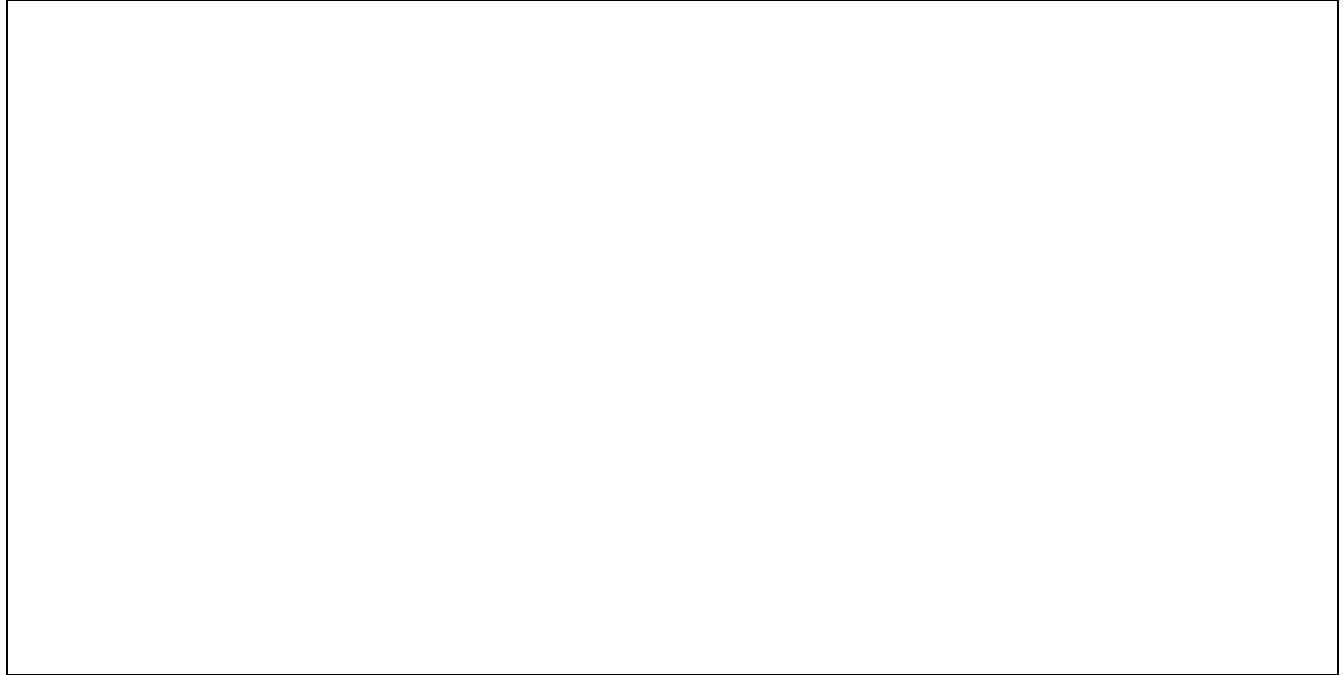
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Jack and Finn want to go to the pond. Finn picks this red hat. Jack picks that pink hat. Finn picks this big backpack. Jack picks that small backpack.

Finn and Jack walk to Liz. Liz will go with them to the pond. Finn, Jack, and Liz jump off the rocks and splash in the pond. Finn, Jack, and Liz had a ball at the pond.

Thump! Thump! Thud!

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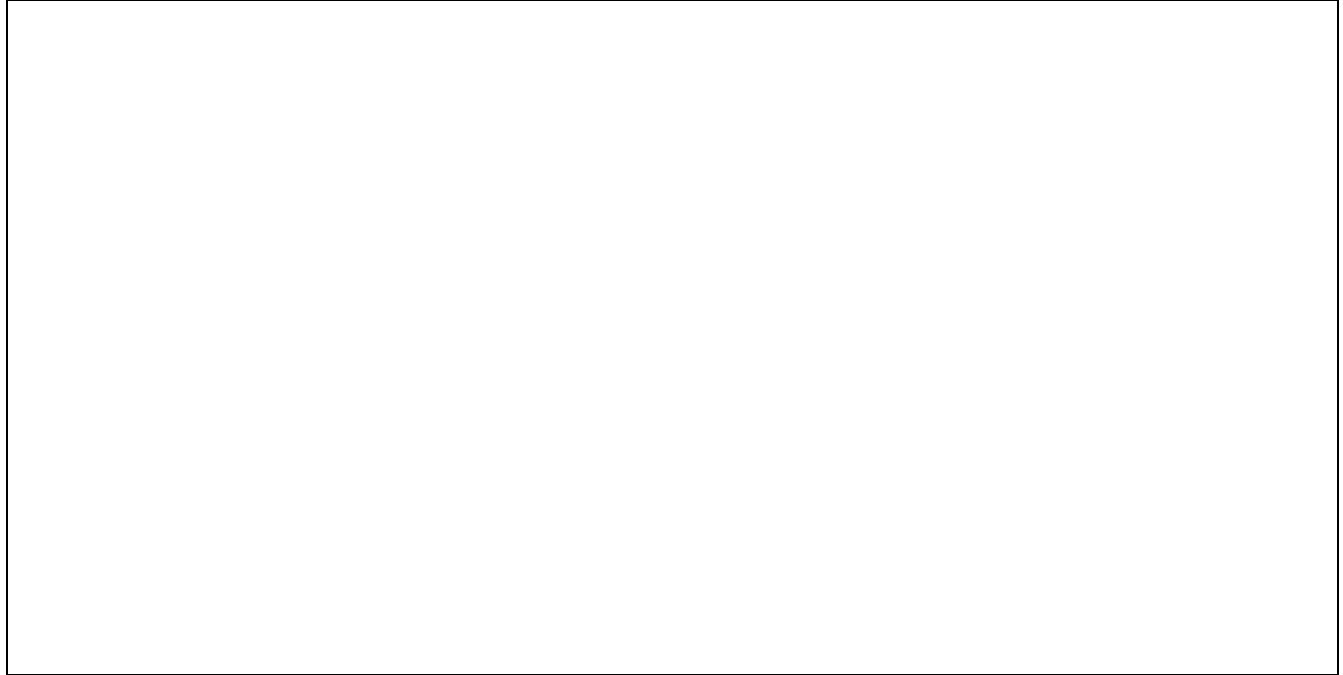
Thad and Cath go on a jog at camp. They have six paths to pick from. They pick the fifth path.

Thump! Thump! Thud! “What was that?” asks Cath. Thad looks and sees a big rock on the path. “This rock fell from that hill. That was the thud,” says Thad. “Both of us were in luck that we did not get hit!” says Cath. “Let’s go on the sixth path back to camp,” says Thad.

Thad and Cath jog back to camp. At camp they grab a wet cloth to wash off. “That was a fun jog,” said Thad.

Chips and Dip

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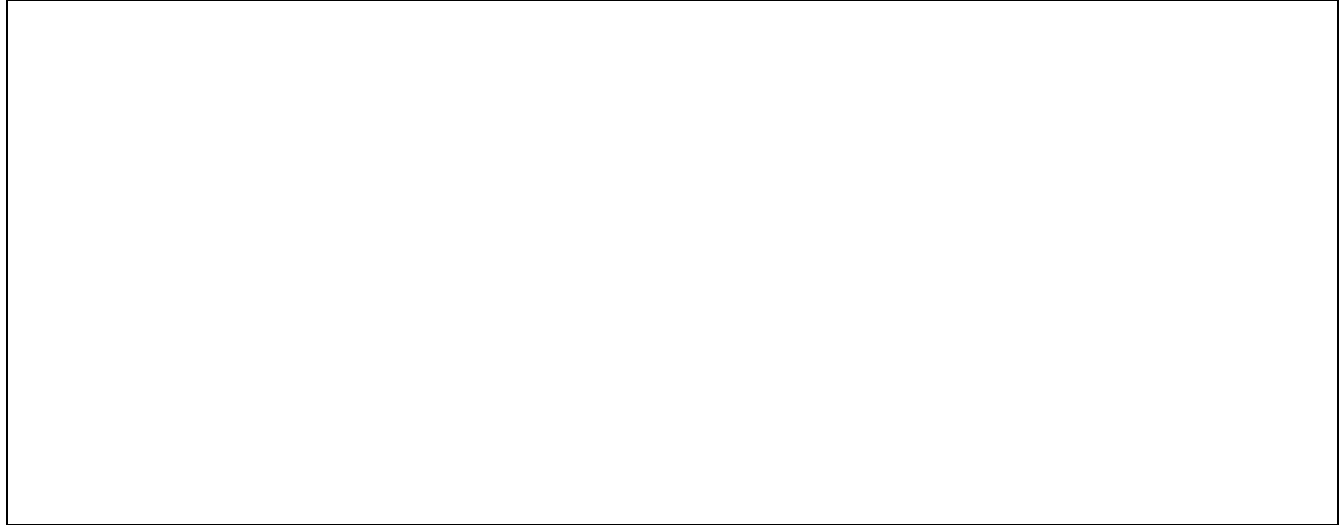


Chuck and Rich are at lunch. Chuck has chips in his lunchbox but no dip. Rich has dip in his lunchbox but no chips. Chuck looks at Rich. Rich looks at Chuck. What can they do?

Chuck dumps his chips on a dish. “Rich, do you want chips?” Chuck asks. “Yes I do!” said Rich. Rich slid his dip next to the dish. “Chuck, do you want dip?” Rich asks. “Yes I do!” said Chuck. They chill and chat and munch on chips and dip. Yum! Yum! Yum!

Snacks for the Pets

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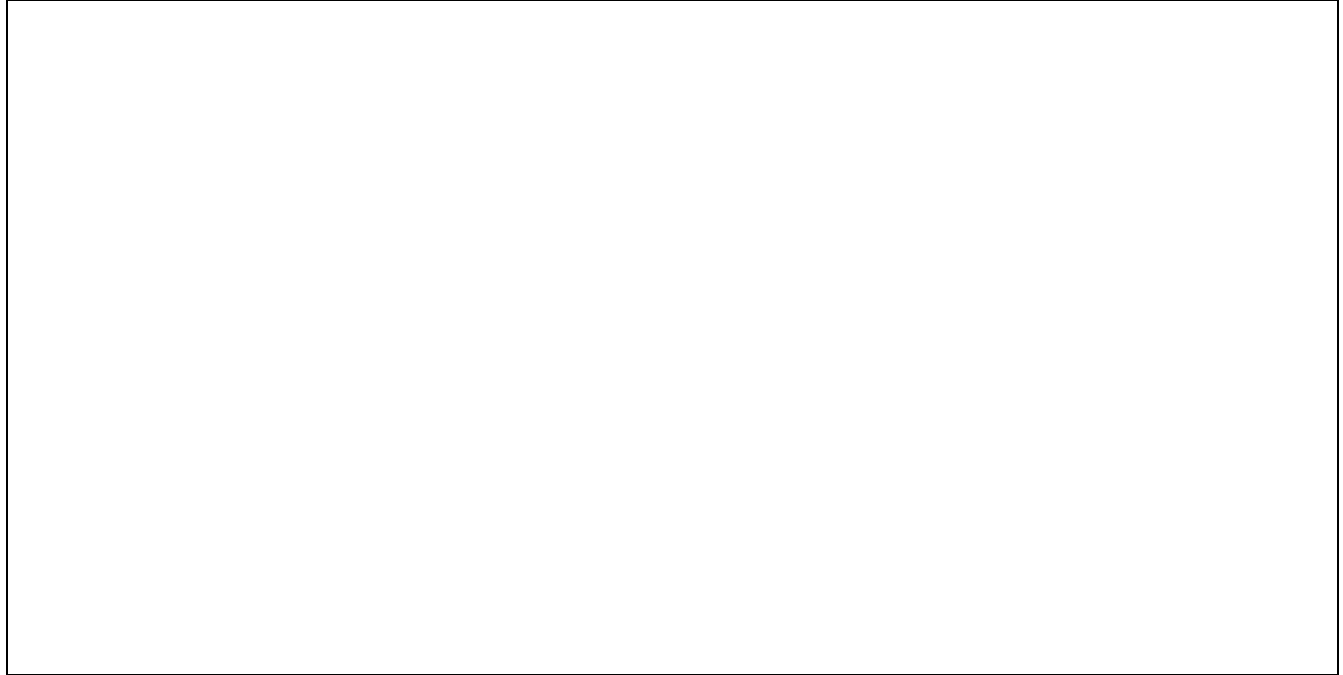
Beth has a lot of pets. She has ten small chicks and six big sloths. She grabs a big bag of snacks and drags it to the pet pens.

The ten small chicks run to Beth. “Do you chicks want a snack?” Beth asks. “Cluck, cluck, cluck,” go the chicks. The chicks peck at their snacks. Beth looks up in the tree at the sloths. “Do you sloths want a snack?” The sloths nod. Beth hands the sloths their dish of snacks. Munch, munch, munch go the sloths.

Beth grabs the last snack in the bag. “I will have this snack,” Beth says. Beth sits on the grass and snacks with the pets.

On a Whim

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Phil and Whit went on a walk. On a whim, they went to see Steph. She could whip them up a snack. She was a whiz with a whisk.

“Which snack do you want to munch on?” said Steph. Whit would want a big snack, but Phil would want a small snack. “Let me have a whack at this dish,” said Steph. She whips up a dish to munch on.

Phil and Whit got a whiff of the dish. “Yum!” said Whit. The pals were glad they went to see Steph on a whim!

King and Ash Sing

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King and Ash are best pals. To have fun, King and Ash sing songs. King brings Ash a book of songs. “Which song should we sing?” asks King. “Let’s pick a quick song and then a long song,” said Ash. King and Ash sing their songs.

King’s mom just got back from the shop. “Will you sing me a song?” she asks. “Yes!” yell Ash and King. They grab the book of songs. “We have to pick the best song for your mom,” said Ash. King looks in the book. He sees the best song. “This is it,” he says. King and Ash sing. King’s mom claps and says, “I am so glad you sang that song.”

Stink in the Bank

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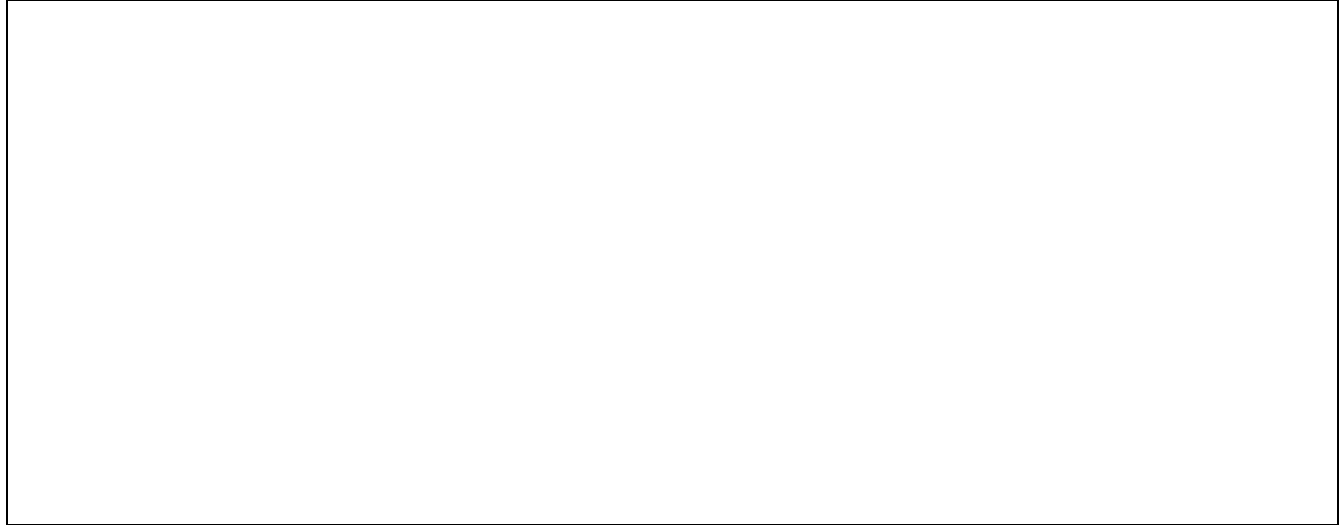


Hank has a job at the bank. When Hank gets to the bank, he sniffs a bad smell. “What is that smell?” Hank thinks. “Is it a skunk?” He sniffs his desk. “No, it’s not my desk.” He checks the fish tank. “No, this is not what stinks.” He walks to the back of the bank. When he gets to the back, he sees the small trash bin.

“Oh no!” Hank yells, “I left all the trash in the bin.” Hank sniffs the trash. “Yuck!” he yells, “that’s what stinks!” Hank brings the trash to the big bin and slams the lid shut. Hank is glad he got rid of the stink.

The Ship Dock

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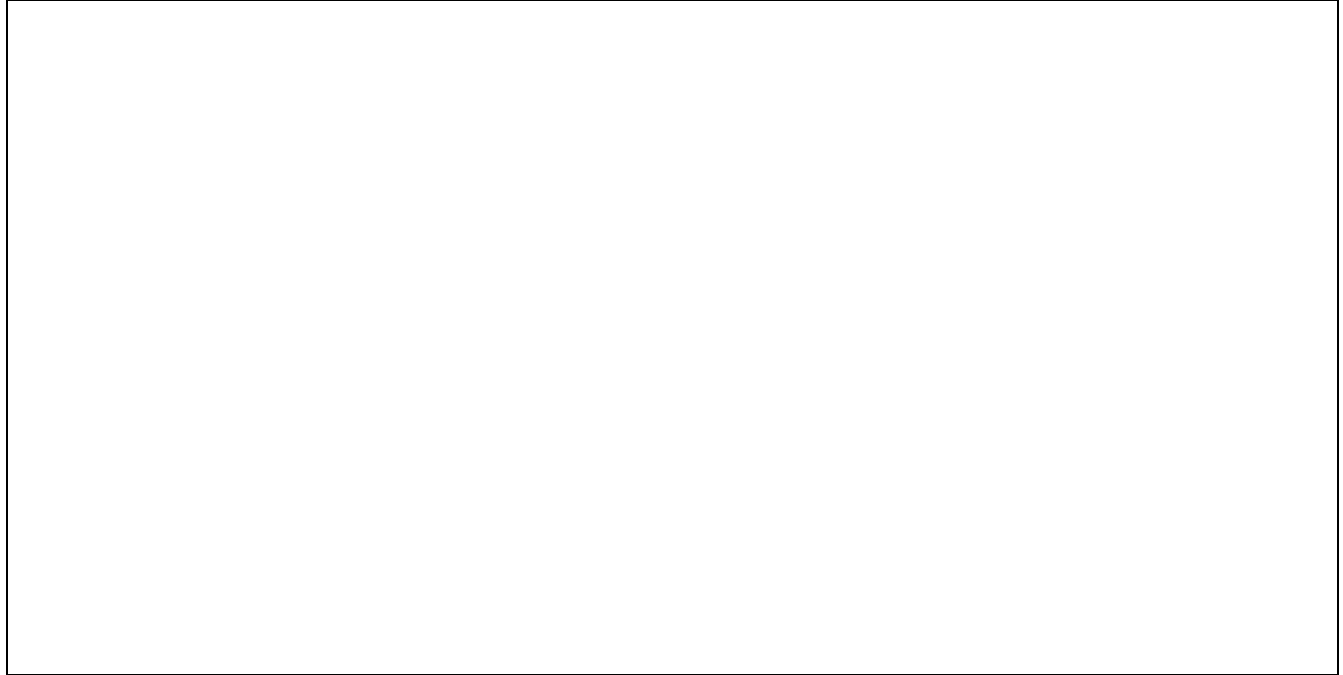
Quin goes to the dock with Jax. They sit on the dock and look at the ships. Jax looks up and sees a big clock. "What is that clock for?" he asks. Quin says, "There is a bell in the clock. When the bell rings, the ships can go to the dock."

Quin and Jax look for ships that could go to the dock. "I think that tall black ship will go to the dock," said Quin. "I think this big pink ship will go to the dock," said Jax.

The bell rings. Ding dong. Ding dong. Which ship will go to the dock? The tall black ship goes past the dock. The big pink ship goes past the dock. "Look!" said Quin. Jax sees a small red ship. The small red ship stops at the dock. "We should have said the red ship!"

Cave in the Maze

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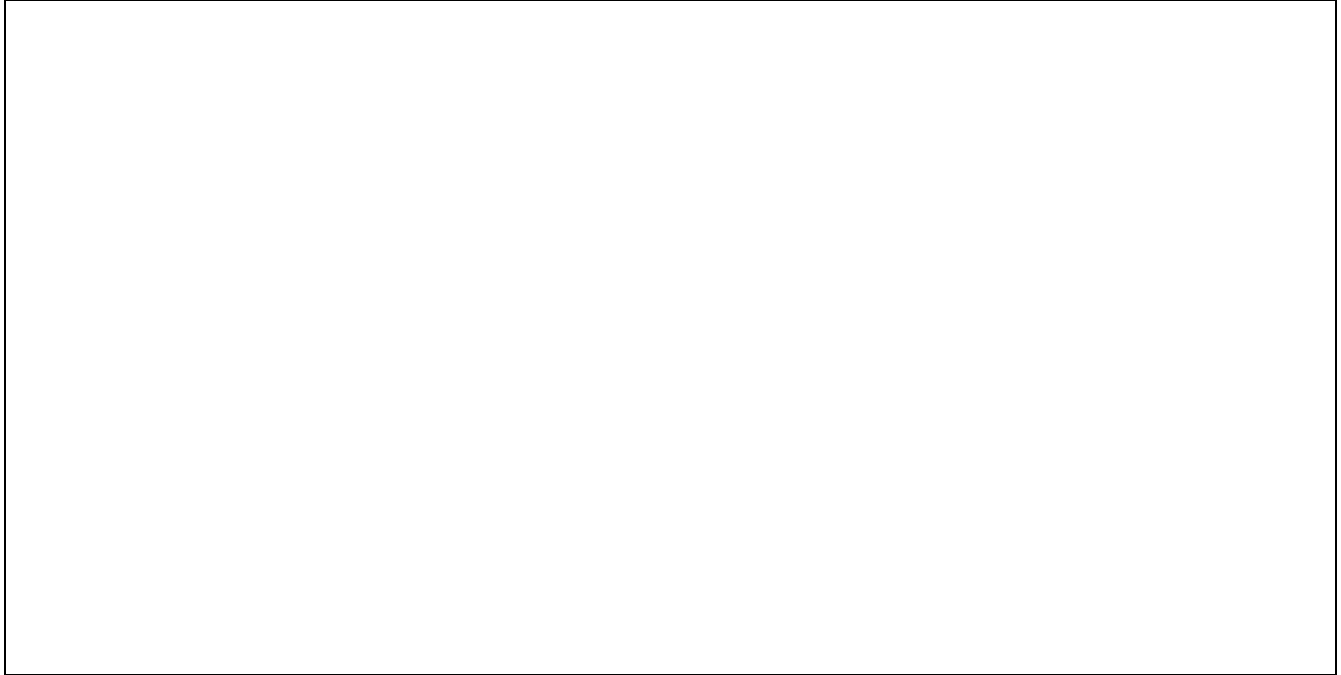
Dale and Jade went into a maze to win a game. The maze was long and full of snakes. Dale said to Jade, “I can not go on.” “Yes, you can. You are brave!” said Jade. Dale and Jade walk and walk.

At last, they made a left and got to the end of the maze. Then they see six small caves. “Let’s go into the last cave.” said Jade. In the back of the cave, they see a gate! The gate is shut. How will they pass?

Dale shakes the gate. Jade kicks the gate. The gate is still shut. “Look! yells Jade, “the gate has a lock.” Dale twists the lock. Pop! The gate swings in. Dale and Jade win the game!

Kites for Sale

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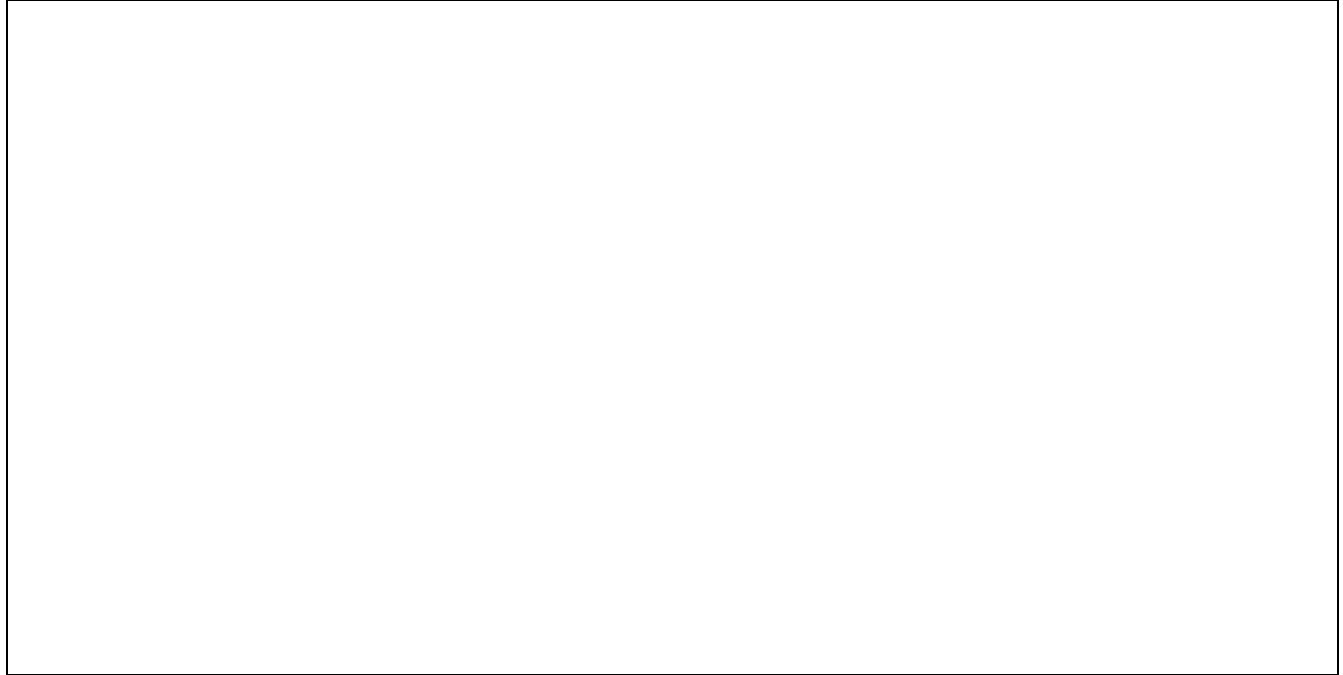


Mike can ride his bike quite well. Mike likes to ride his bike to sell kites. Mike takes nine kites and a bit of twine. He strings the kites to his bike with the twine. As he rides, the kites go up, up, up. You can see the kites for miles.

Mike stops by a red gate and lets the kites wave. “Kites for sale!” he yells. Kids run to his bike. Mike sells his kites for a dime. “Thank you, Mike!” yell the kids as they take their kites.

The Drive Home

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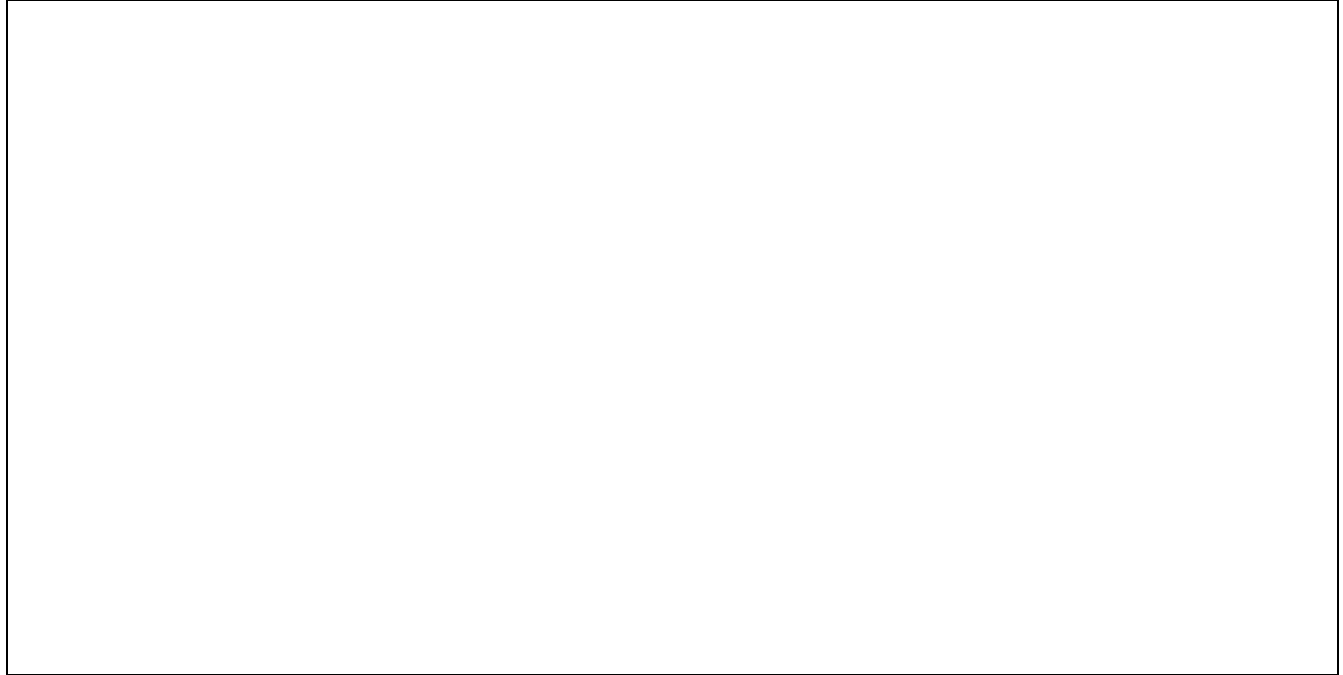


Hope and Dad went to the lake for a swim. They swam and swam. "It's time to go home, Hope," Dad yelled. As Dad drove home, Hope could see smoke! "Dad there is smoke!" yells Hope. "It is next to the phone shop."

They drove fast to the phone shop. When they got to the front of the shop they froze. The shop was on fire! Dad calls 911. "Yes, send the fire trucks!" Dad tells the man on the line. While Dad is on the phone, Hope sees a man run out of the shop. He is safe. The fire trucks came just in time to get rid of the flames. Hope and Dad save the shop!

Five Mile Hike

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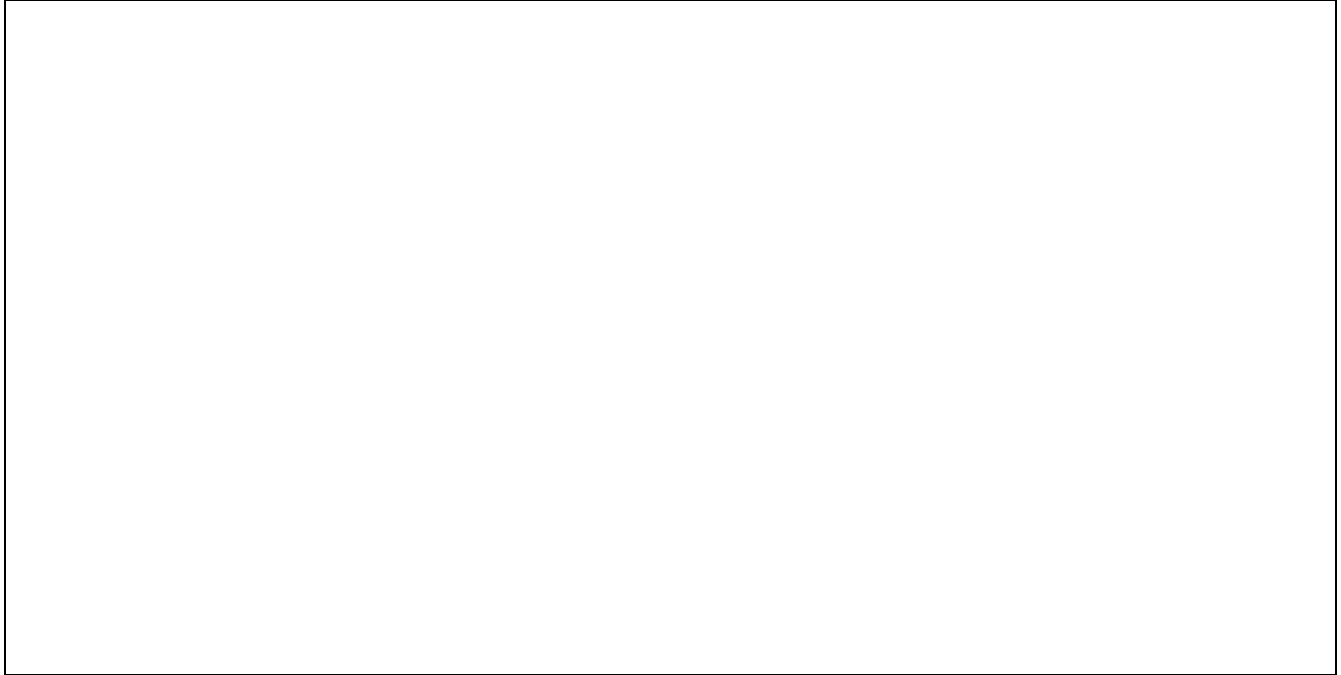
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Chan rides his skates to the lake. When Chan gets to the lake, he looks for his pal Eve. He sees Eve on the black dock. “Want to hike?” asks Eve. “Yep!” Chan says. “OK. Grab these snacks for us to have on the hike,” says Eve.

Eve and Chan hike for a long time. “This is a long hike!” says Chan. “Yes. It is five miles” says Eve. Eve and Chan talk as they walk. Eve tells Chan when they are close to the top. “Here we are! The top of the hill!” Eve yells. Eve and Chan can see for miles. “Thank you for this grand hike,” says Chan with a wide smile.

June's Flute

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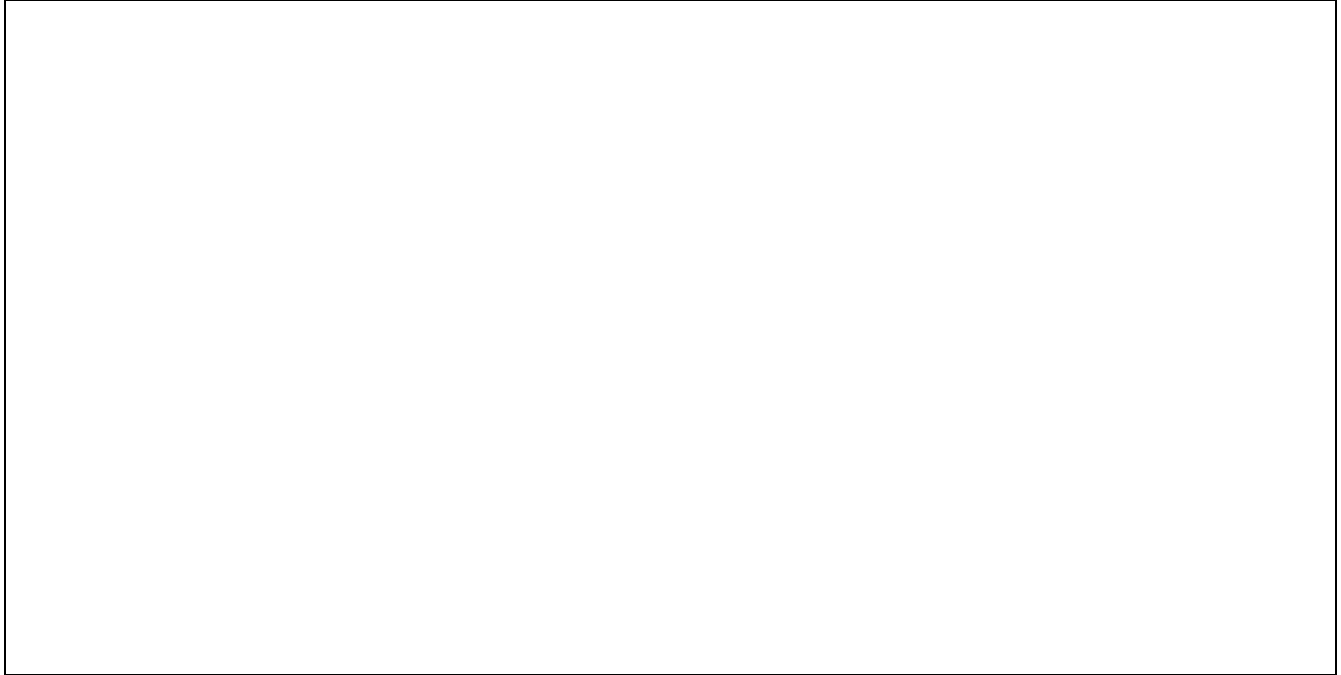
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June has a flute. June likes to use the flute to make tunes. There is one tune June likes best. She likes the song Sand Dunes. June has a pal, Luke. Luke has no flute, but Luke likes to sing.

Once, June and Luke made tunes at lunch for their pals. The last song they did was Sand Dunes. June was on the flute and Luke sang. They did a fine job!

A Cake for Tess

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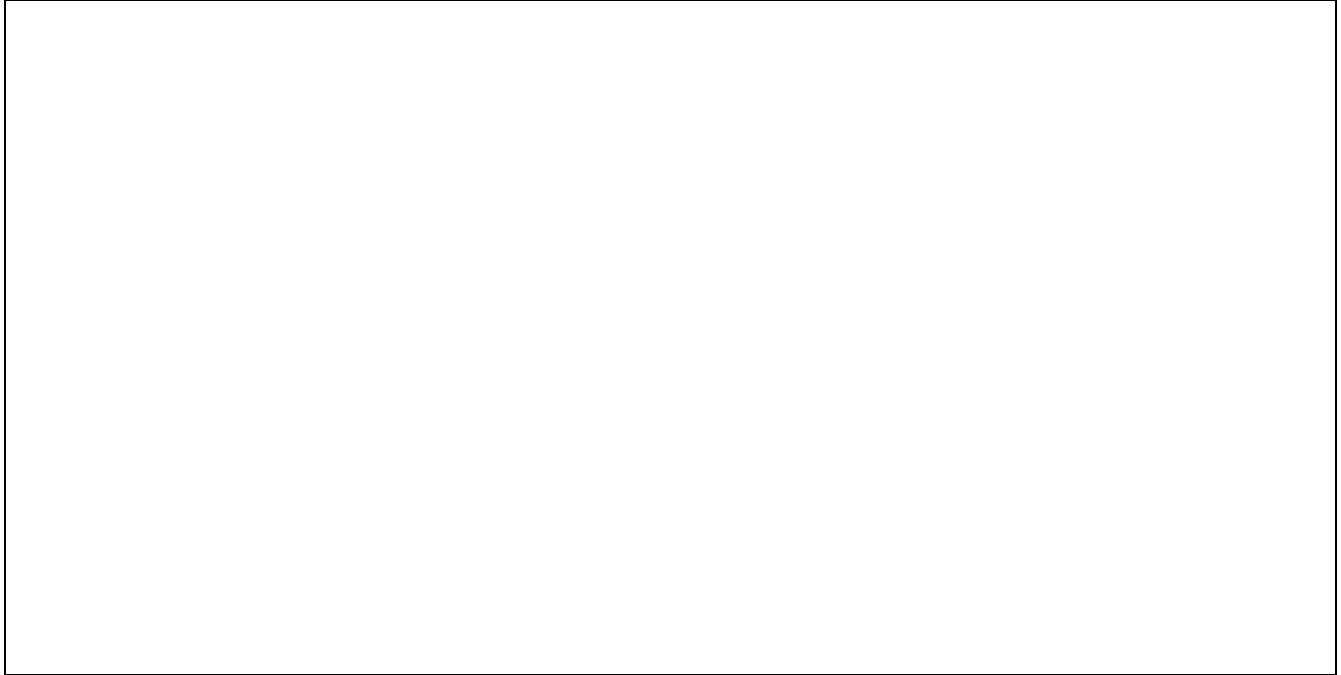


Niles and Blake want to bake a cake for Tess. Tess is their big sis. She will be a bride, so they want to bake a white cake. Niles and Blake mix the cake while Dad gets one pan. The mix goes, Drip! Drip! into the pan.

They ask Dad for help with the stove. The cake bakes for a long time. Next the cake goes on a glass plate. "The cake looks so cute. I want to take a bite!" says Niles. "We can not take a bite. This cake is for Tess!" says Blake.

The Mice Can Race

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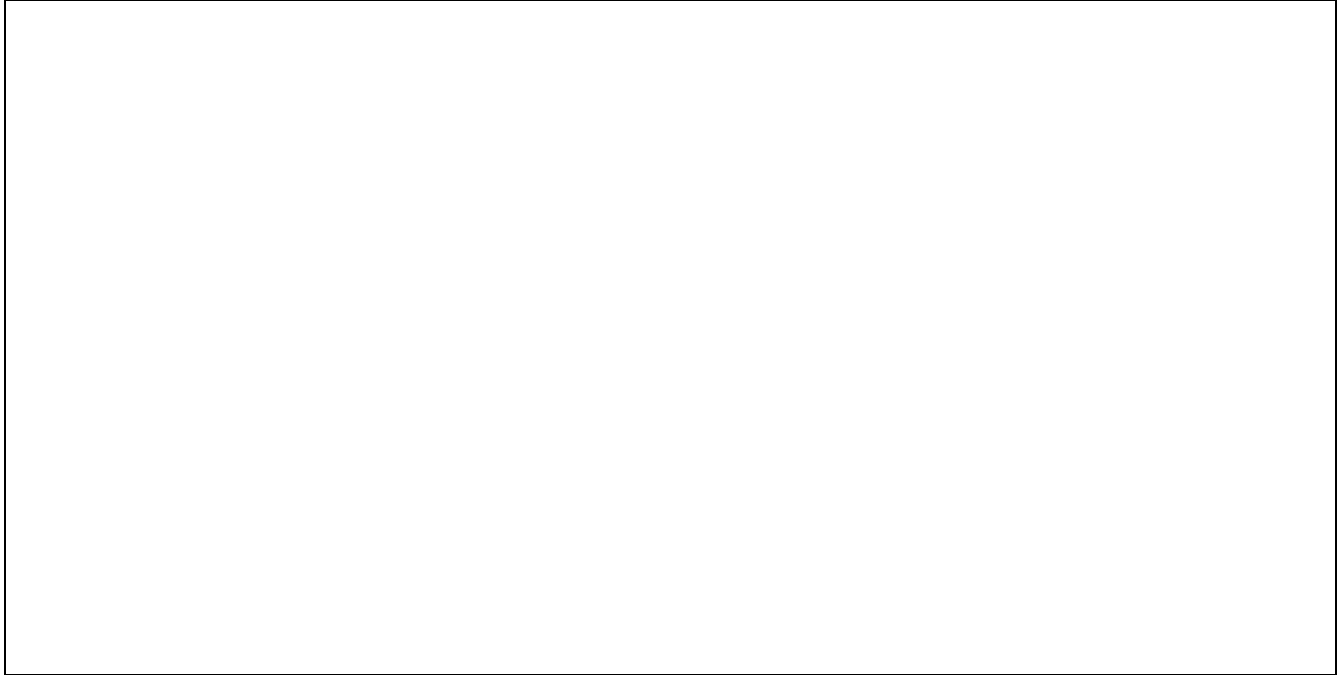


What is the price for the box of white mice?" Grace asks. The man at the pet shop tells Grace they cost five bucks. "I have five bucks! I would like to take these mice," says Grace. The man hands the box of mice to Grace.

Grace takes the mice home. Grace makes a track for the white mice. She wants them to race. Grace will place the mice on the track. When Grace says "GO!" the mice race. They run the track twice. "These mice are so fast!" says Grace.

Pete's Pet Snake

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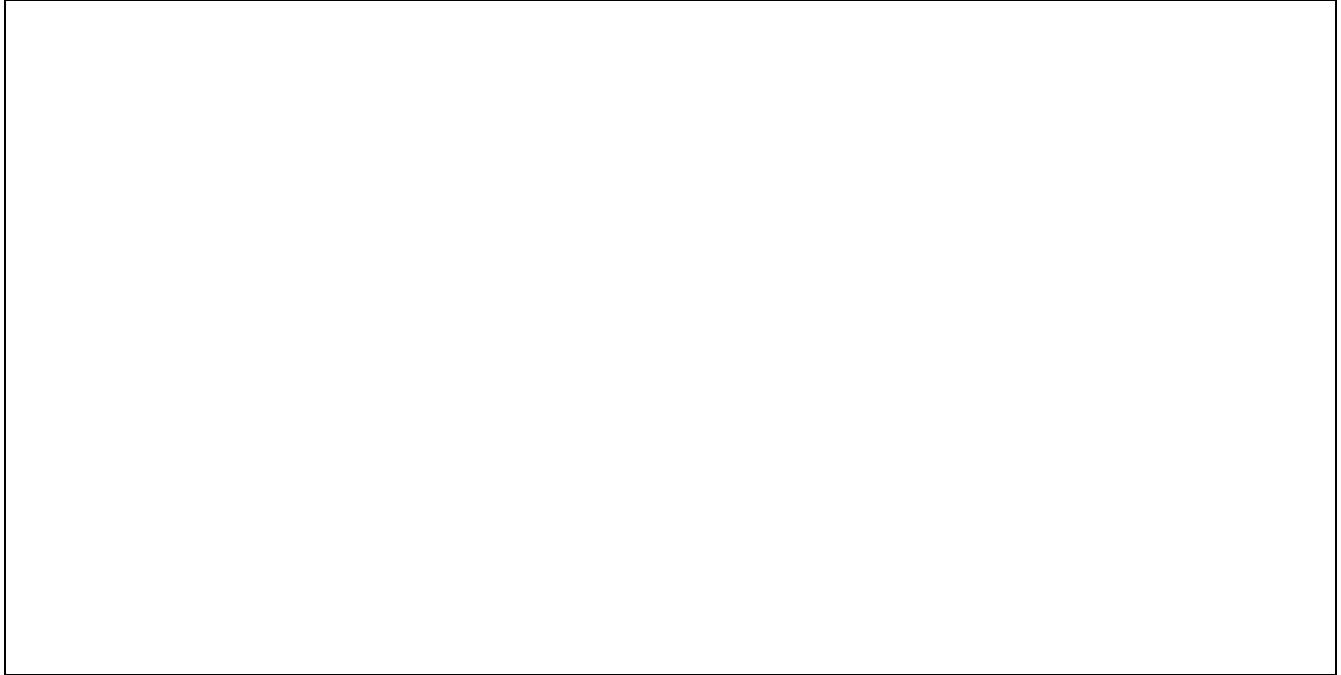


Pete got a pet snake. Pete gave the snake a name. "You are Steve," Pete said to the snake. Steve has a huge glass cage. Pete has to lock the cage, so Steve is safe.

Steve likes his cage. He can hide next to the rocks. He can rest in the sunshine or the shade. At his age, Steve's skin sheds and his scales change. This looks a bit strange, but Pete likes Steve all the same.

June's Bike Shop

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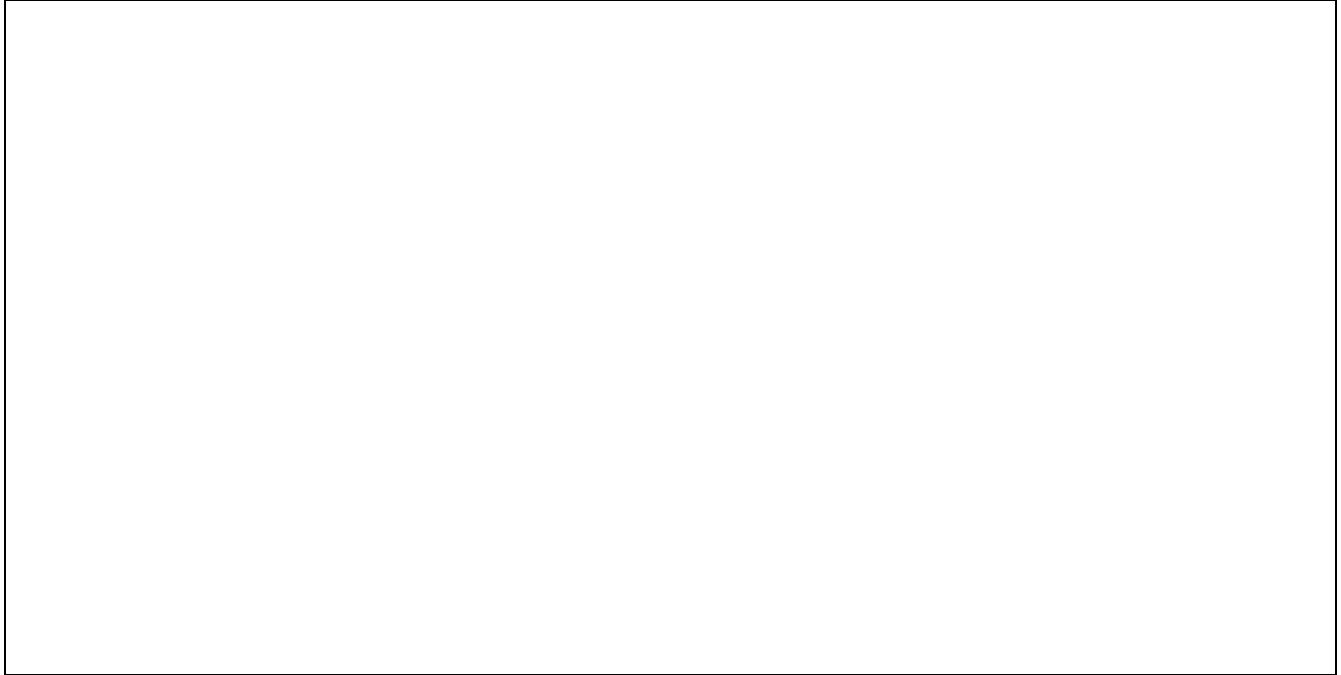
June sells bikes. She will give you such a nice price you will not think twice. Steve and Grace come to June's shop to get bikes.

"I love this red one, it looks fast," said Steve. "I love this blue one, it looks fun," said Grace.

"Can you give us a good price," asks Grace. "Done and done," said June. Steve and Grace smile and ride off with their bikes.

Two Foxes

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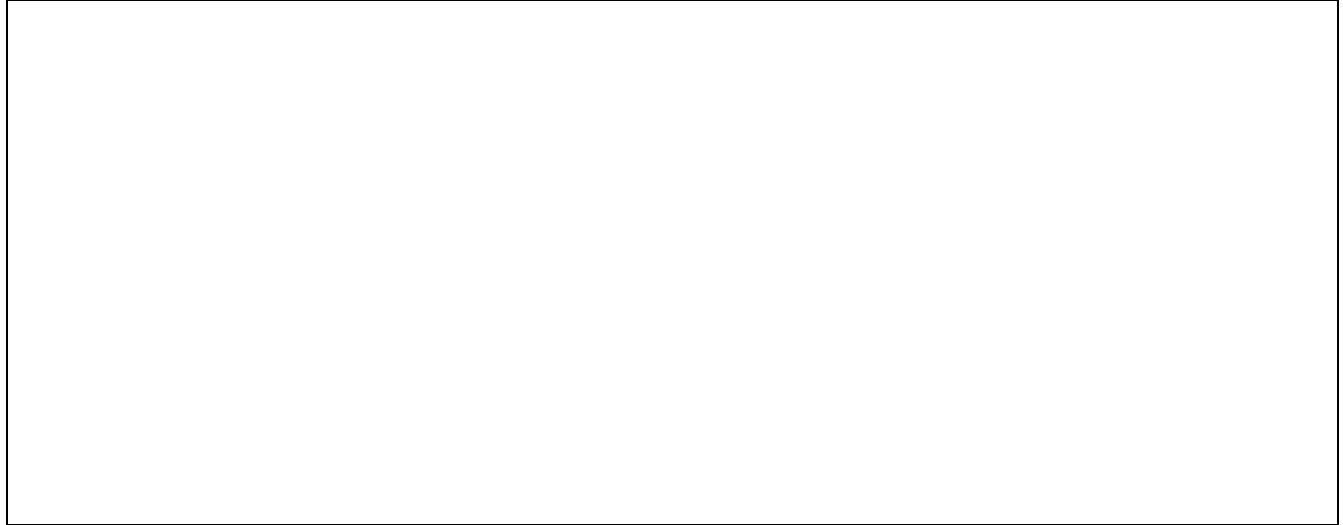
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Alex lives in a home close to the lake. Two foxes live in a den next to him. Alex likes to see the foxes in the bushes by their den. Alex is nice to the foxes. When Alex goes for walks, he brings boxes of snacks for the foxes.

Alex loves when the foxes munch on the snacks. The foxes like Alex so much, they give him kisses. Alex wishes he could see the foxes all the time. But they like to spend lots of time in their den.

Will the Whale

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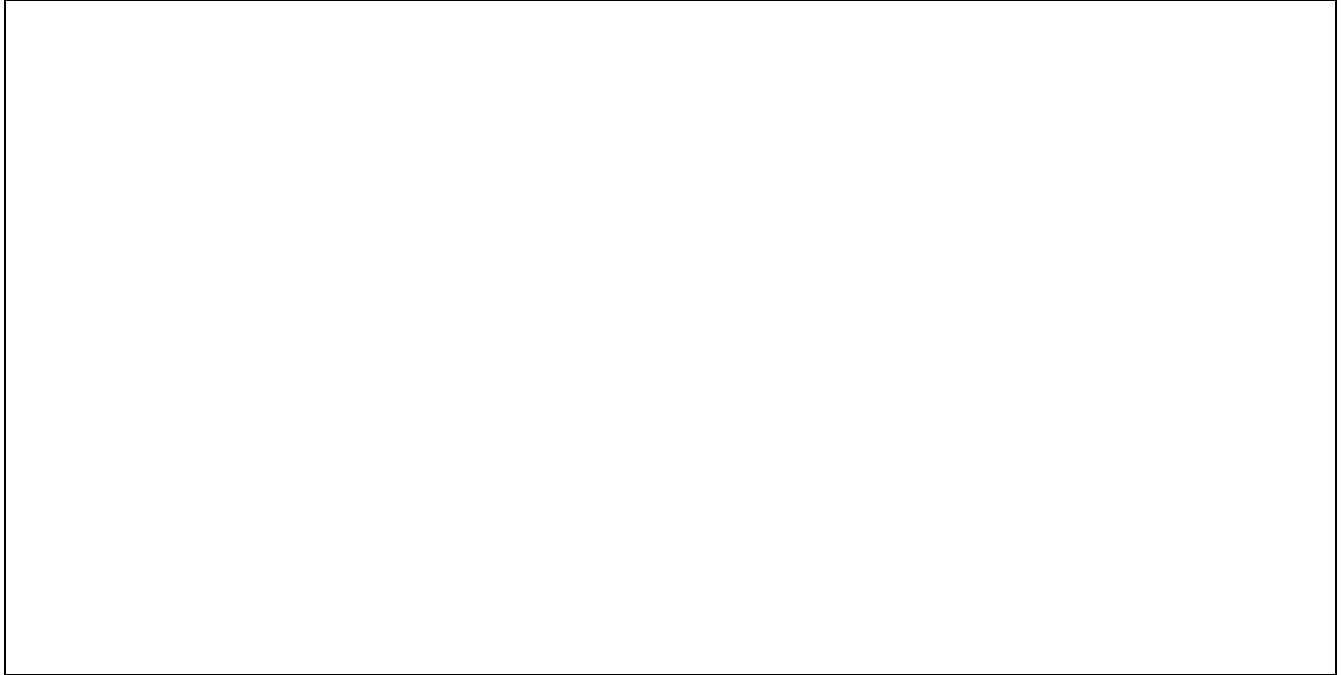
Once upon a time there was a whale named Will. Will lived with many whales in a pod. Will loved his pod. The pod splashed and jumped in the waves. The pod drifted from place to place.

One time, Will and his pod of whales ended up in a cove. The cove was filled with fish and shrimp. The fish swam in the waves. The shrimp drifted with the tide. Will and his pod of whales flicked their fins to splash the fish. The fish flicked their fins back at the whales.

The whales and the fish did not splash any of the shrimp. And the shrimp did not splash any of the whales or the fish. The whales and the fish had fun while the shrimp just drifted.

We Love Camp

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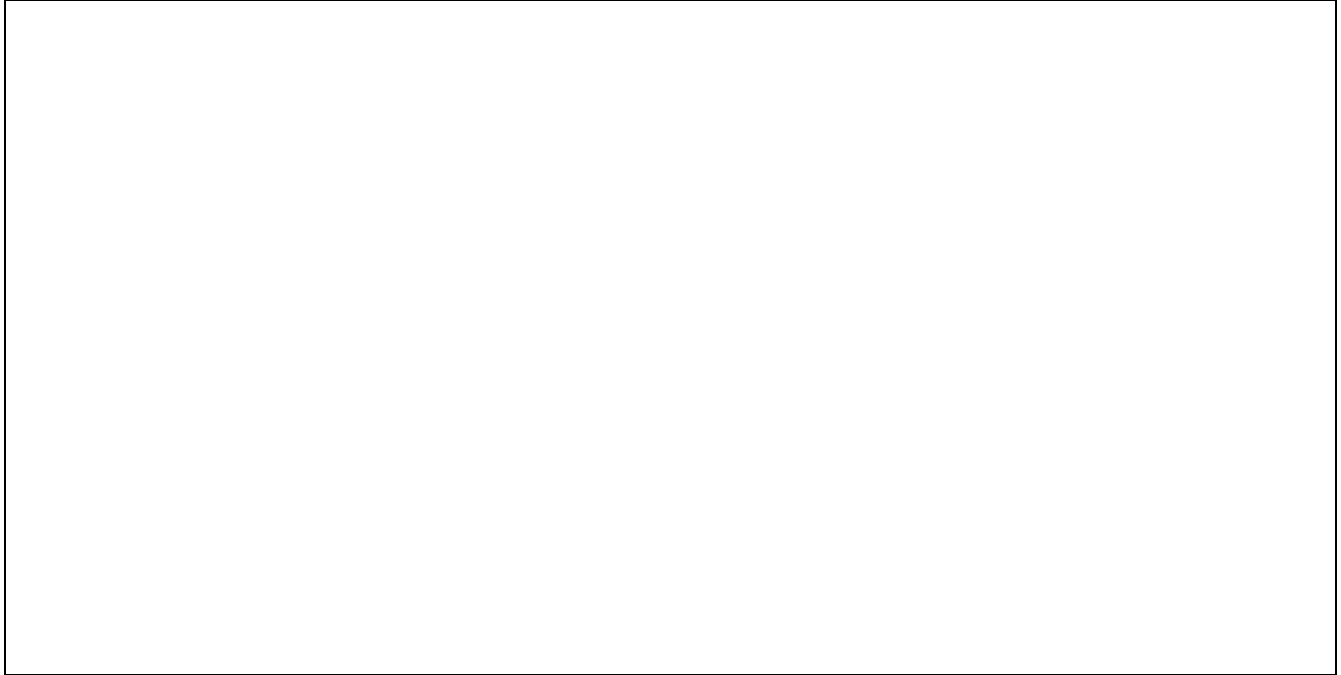
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Going to camp is so much fun. We all get to spend time doing things we love. Chance is fishing at the pond. Ming and Beth are boxing in the ring. Sage is resting in the tent.

Jace and Tess are acting on the stage. Len is looking for bugs in the grass. We will be sad when camp ends. We love spending time at camp!

Jo's Friend Russ

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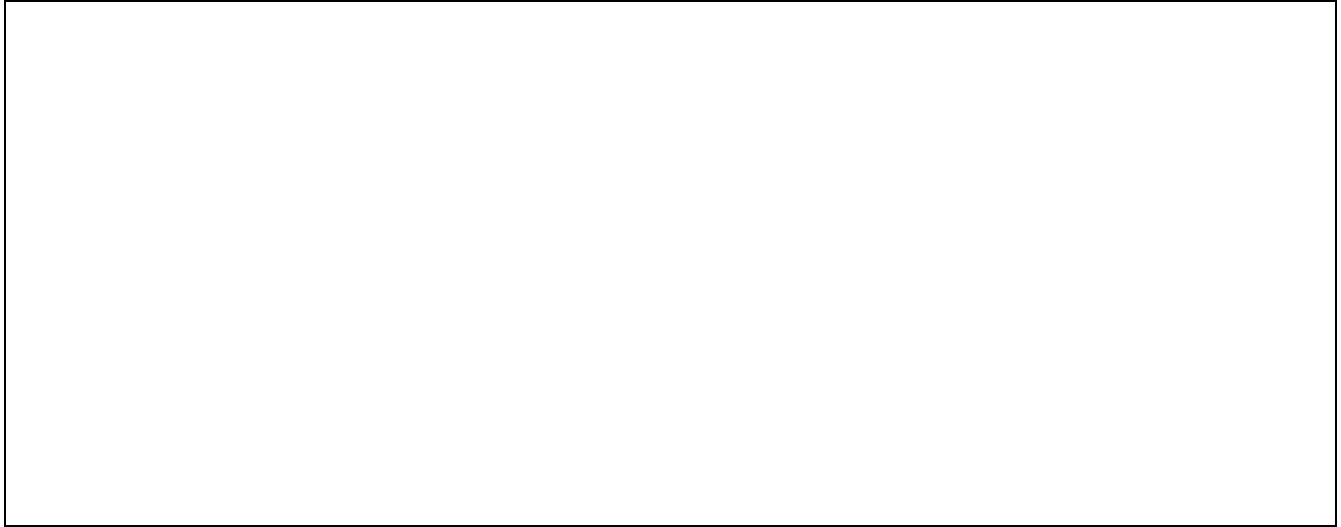
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Jo has a best friend named Russ. Russ and Jo go on bike rides in the fall. In the spring, they swim in the lake. At the lake, Jo brings snacks and Russ brings drinks.

They also love acting, singing, and telling jokes. Russ likes spending time with Jo and Jo likes spending time with Russ. Russ and Jo will be friends for a long time.

Mo and the Sandbox

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Mo was at home with his grandmom. Mo sat in his sandbox while grandmom swept the tile. When grandmom was done with the tile she yelled to Mo, “bath time!”

Mo did not want to take a bath. He still wanted to sit in his sandbox. “Mo, you must get in the bathtub because you are full of sand,” said grandmom. “OK, fine,” said Mo. He picked up his stuff from the sandbox and got in the bathtub.

When Mo was done with his bath he sat with grandmom. “Can I tell you something, grandmom? The bath was not so bad. It got rid of all the sand just like you said.” Grandmom gave Mo a big hug and a kiss.

The Rocket Contest

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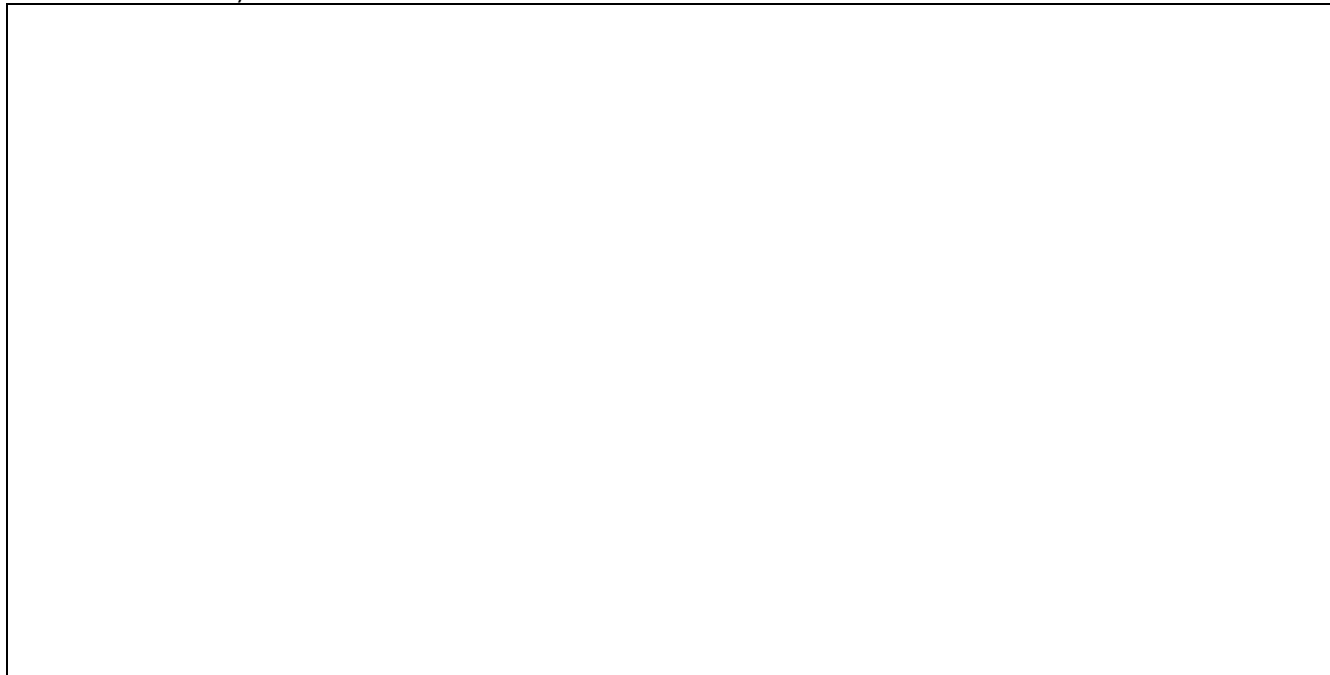


Denzel and Edwin dash to the rocket contest. The man at the gate says “Get your tickets, get your tickets! You do not want to miss the big rocket contest. Which rocket will be the fastest and win the prize basket?”

Denzel and Edwin get to the contest just in time. They grab their blankets and look for a nice spot to sit. They are all set to see the rockets go! They see the blue rocket take off, then red, then pink, then white. They go up, up, up, so fast. Which is the fastest? The blue rocket wins!

Music Class

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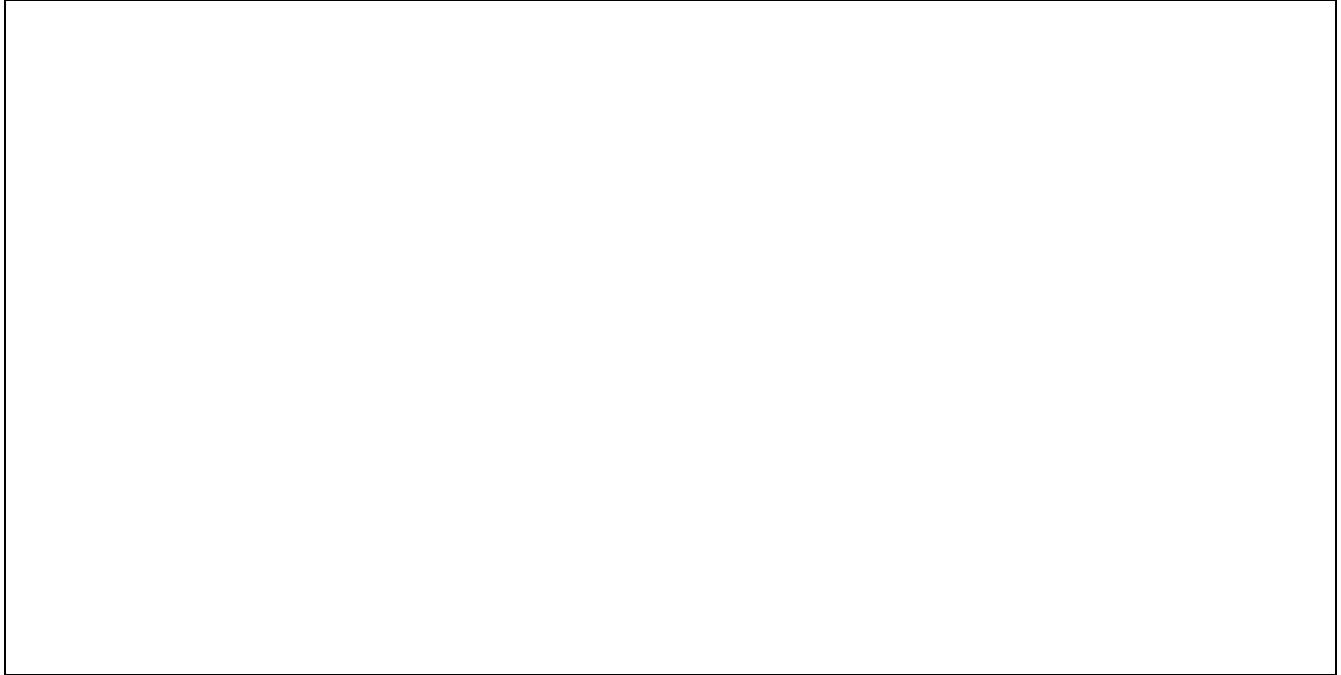
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Music class is the best because we get to sing. It is no secret that I love to sing. If you sing well, you get to have a solo.

When I have a solo in music class, I pretend I am on a huge stage. It is silent for a moment, then I begin. I sing and sing like time is frozen. At the end, my friends clap for me. That is a nice bonus.

Catching Fish

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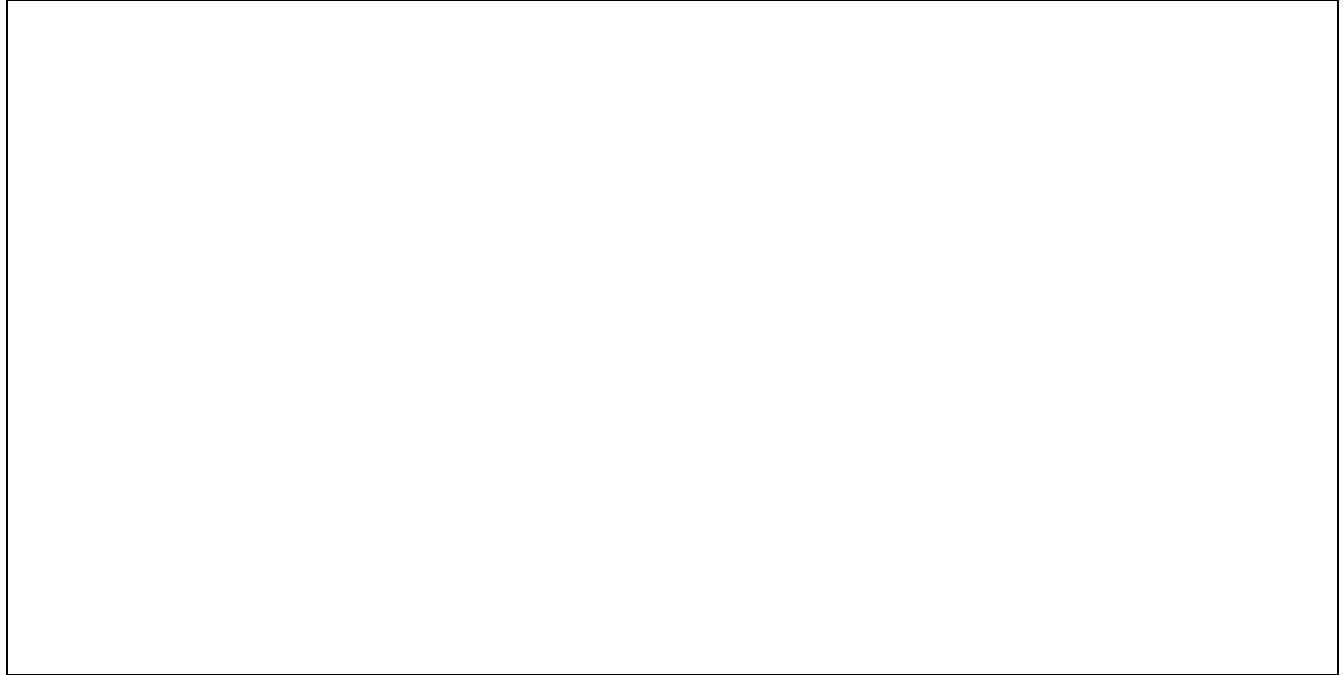


Kate and Mitch wanted to do something fun. Kate hatched a thrilling plan. She snatched a bucket and some poles from the hutch. “Let’s go!” Kate yelled. Kate and Mitch went to the lake beyond the ditch.

“Let’s catch some fish,” Kate calls out. Mitch catches a fish! They pitch it in the bucket. “Nice catch! Let’s get this fish back home,” said Kate. At home, Kate and Mitch toss the fish into their pond. “This fish can be our pet!” said Kate.

The Lodge

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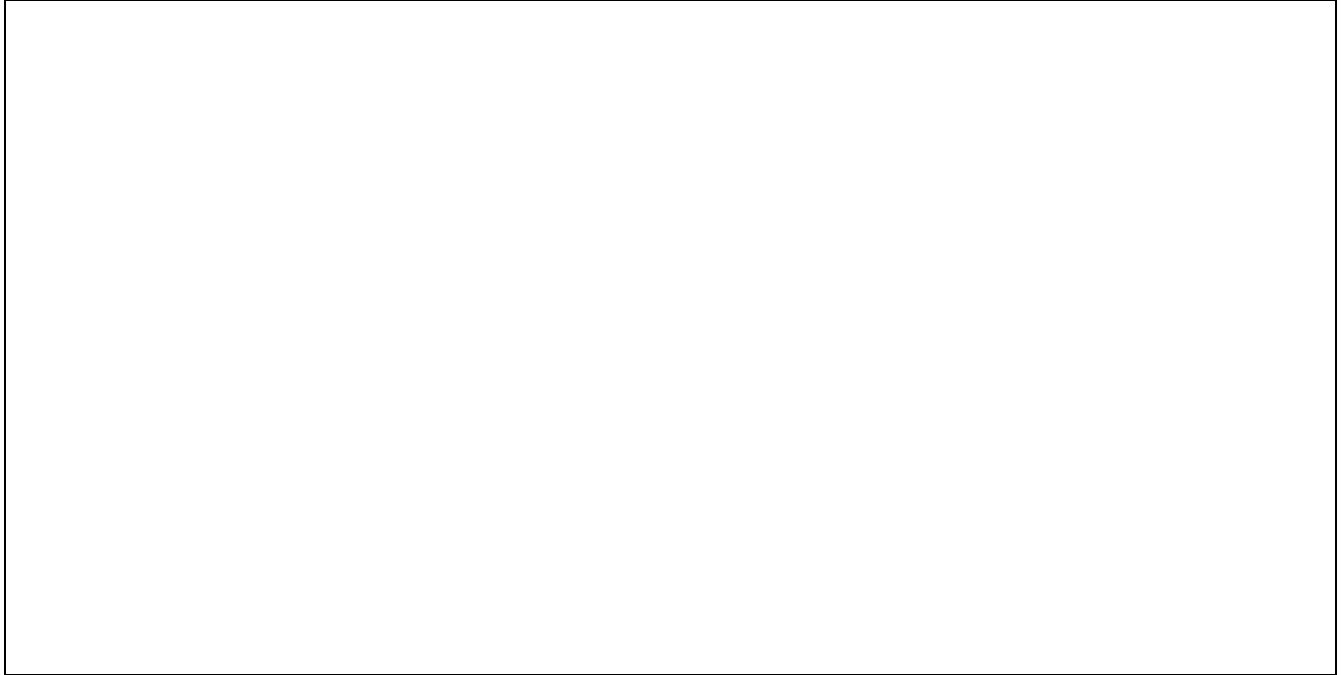


Calvin has a lodge at the edge of the glen. The lodge has a fridge and a TV. To get to the lodge, you must go on a bridge then pass the ridge by the lake. You can see many animals move from place to place by the lake.

Calvin loves the lodge. He pledges he will not move from it because his children come to visit him there. Calvin and his children have lots of fun at the lodge. They make music and sing songs by the fire. Sometimes they even jump into the lake and swim with the animals. The lodge is a hidden gem.

Robin and Butch

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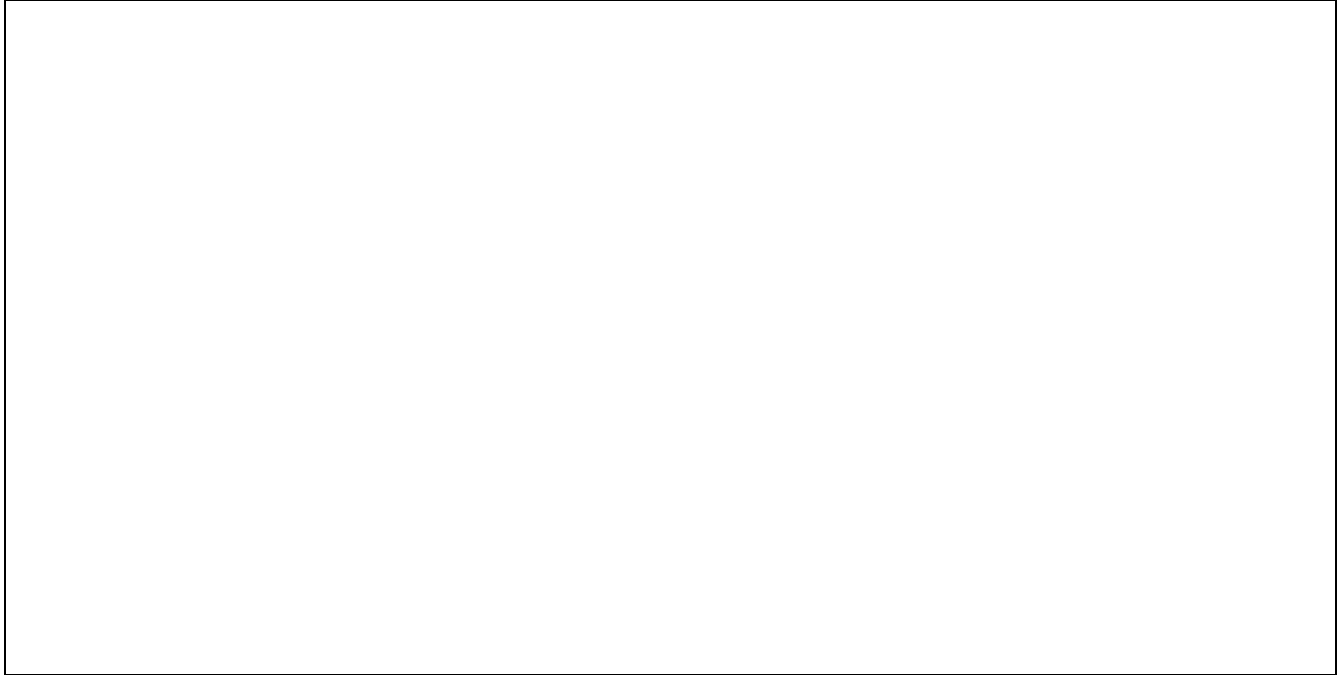


Robin is walking Butch the bulldog. They walk to a patch of grass beside a big ditch. Robin tosses a stick and Butch dashes to fetch it. The stick lands on the edge of the ditch. “Oh no! That is a bad place for the stick to land,” thinks Robin.

“Stop Butch!” she yells. Butch stops and does not budge. Robin walks up to the edge and grabs the stick. “Good job Butch! I got your stick. Do you want it back?” Robin tosses the stick and Butch jumps to catch it.

The Gold Rush

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Long ago, bold men and women drove west to find gold. They left their old lives behind in hopes of being rich. These were wild times. Mines exploded with gold that could be sold for lots of cash.

Some folks got rich, but most did not find any gold. The men and women who did not find gold went back to their old homes. There they told the tale of their tragic time in the Wild West gold rush.

Plane Race

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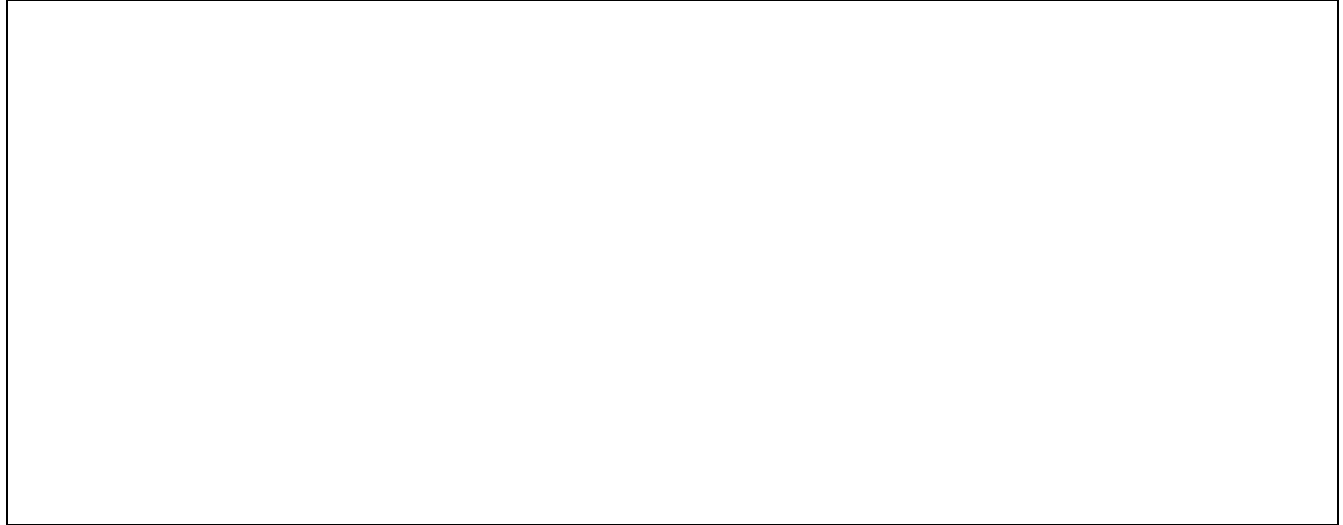


Tyrell and Franklin love planes. They love to see them fly in the sky. Once, Tyrell and Franklin went to see four planes race. There was a red plane, a white plane, a pink plane, and a black plane. “I bet the red plane will win!” said Tyrell. “I think the white one will win!” said Franklin.

Tyrell and Franklin spy the planes as they fly by in the sky. In the end, the black plane made it to the finish line. “Oh well! The red and white planes can try to win next time,” said Tyrell.

Lily's Puppy

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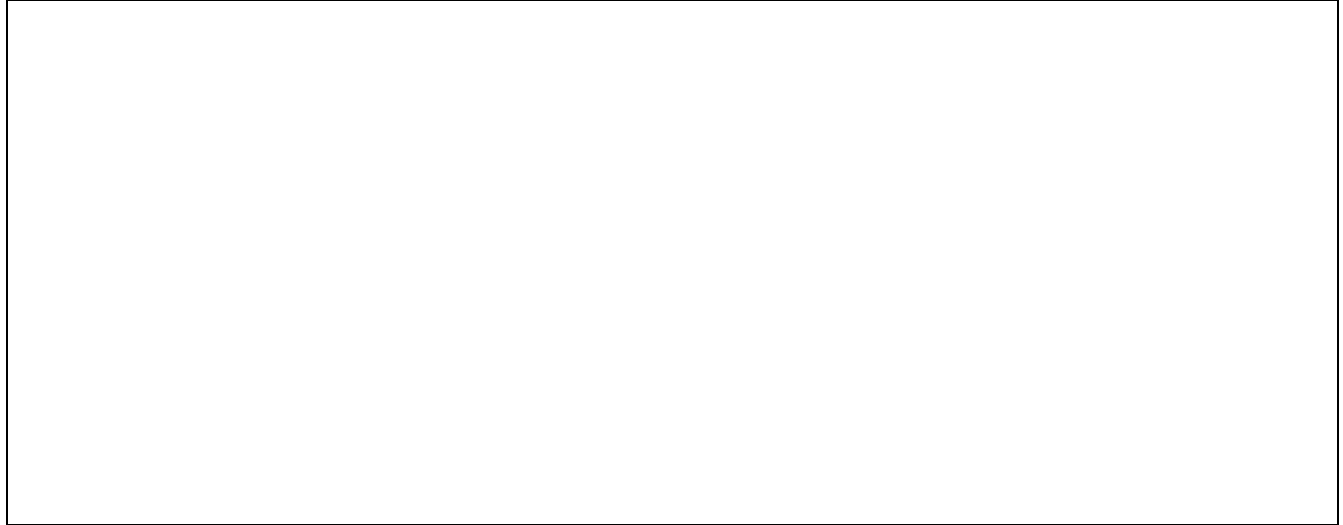


Lily had been wishing for a puppy for a long time. She wanted a silly puppy to run and jump with. But her mommy said Lily could not have one because she was only seven. Lily begged her mommy and daddy. She said, "I am not a baby. It would make me so happy to have a puppy."

Lily's mommy and daddy talked for a long time. They said, "We do think you will try your best. We will let you have a puppy." Lily was so happy. She went to the pet shop and picked a tiny puppy. She named him Cody. Cody is the best puppy for this family.

Maple Fudge

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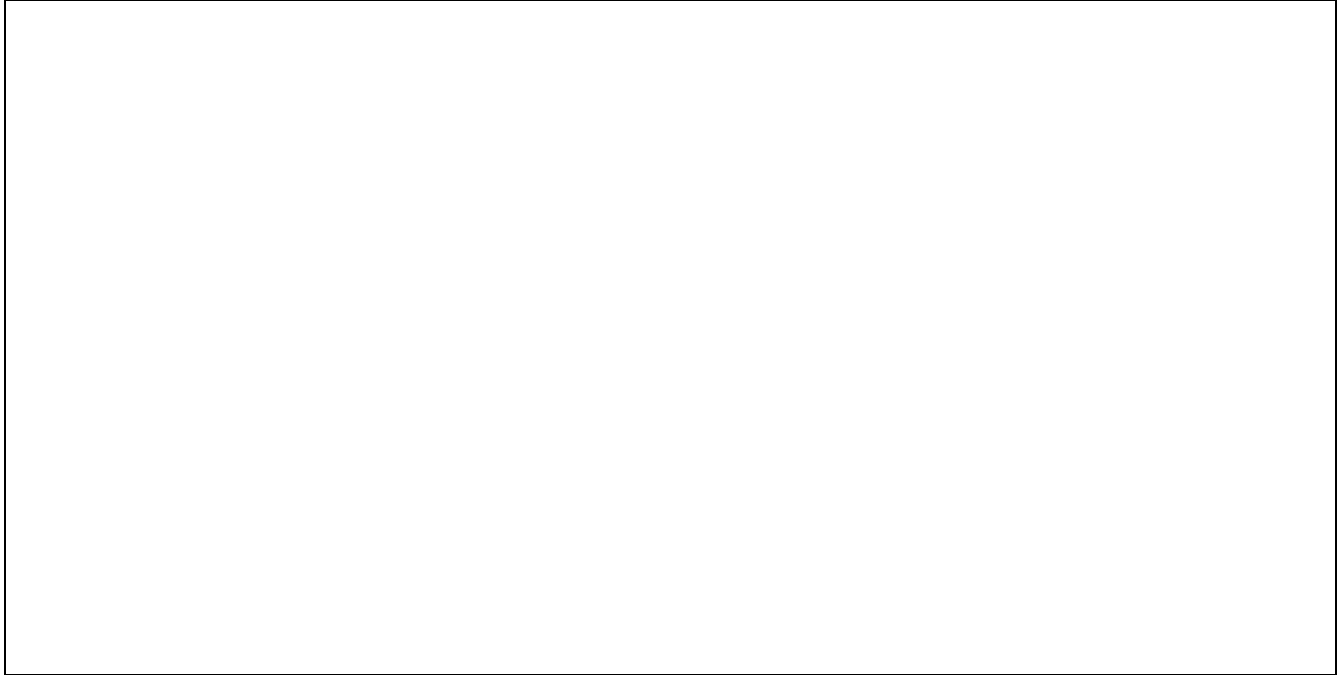
Uncle Billy wanted to take Able to the candy shop. They drove to a lot and jumped on a shuttle to the shop. When they walked into the candy shop, they smelled the fudge on the table. Able wanted a sample of the maple fudge. He hoped it would not be a hassle for the woman behind the table.

“Can I have a sample?” asked Able. “Yes, you can! Which would you like to sample?” said the woman. Able, with a giggle, asked for the maple fudge. “You picked the best one to sample!” said the woman.

Able nibbled on the fudge. “This is so yummy!” he said while licking his lips. Uncle Billy got a little bag of fudge for Able to take back home.

A Trip to the Jungle

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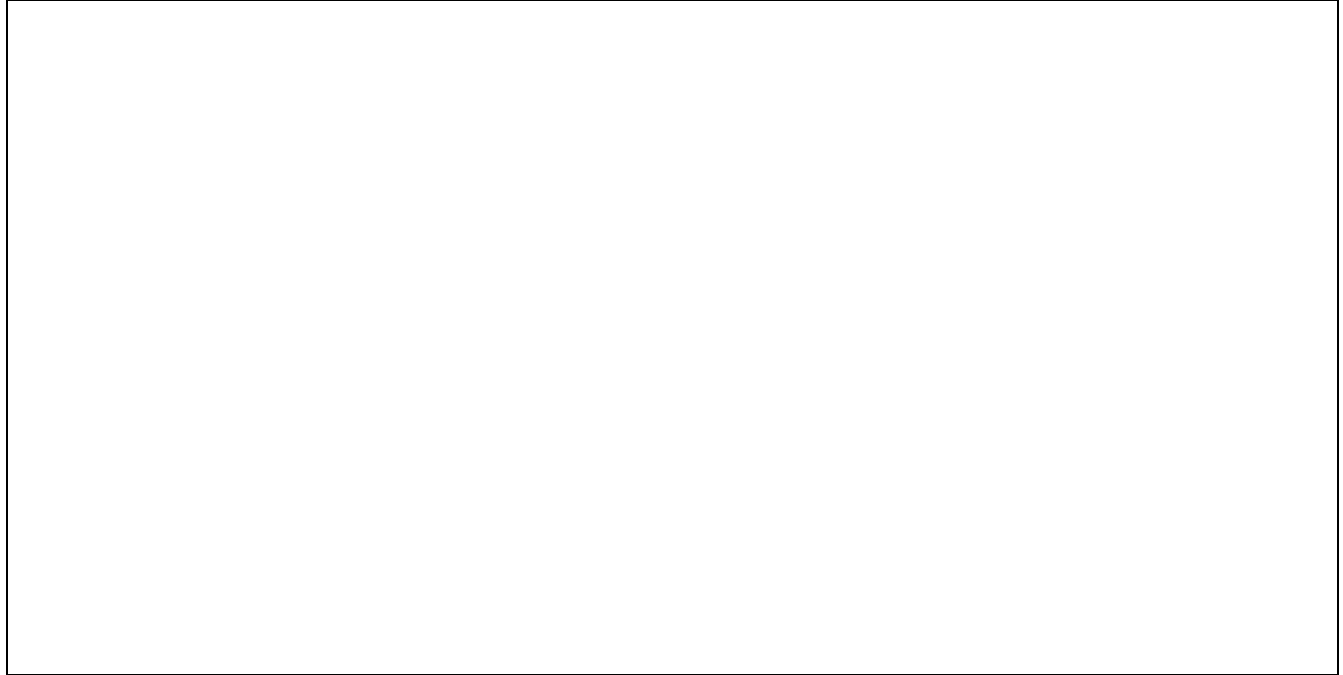


Salma and Felix are going on a trip to the jungle. They packed their duffle bags and got on a plane to Brazil. Once in Brazil, they rode a shuttle to the jungle. In the jungle, they saw an anaconda in the grass. They also saw a chimp dangle from a vine.

At the end of their trip, they got to see the king of the jungle, the lion! The lion looked hungry and dashed to find a yummy snack. "I am so happy we got to see these animals," said Salma. "Me too!" said Felix.

The Garden

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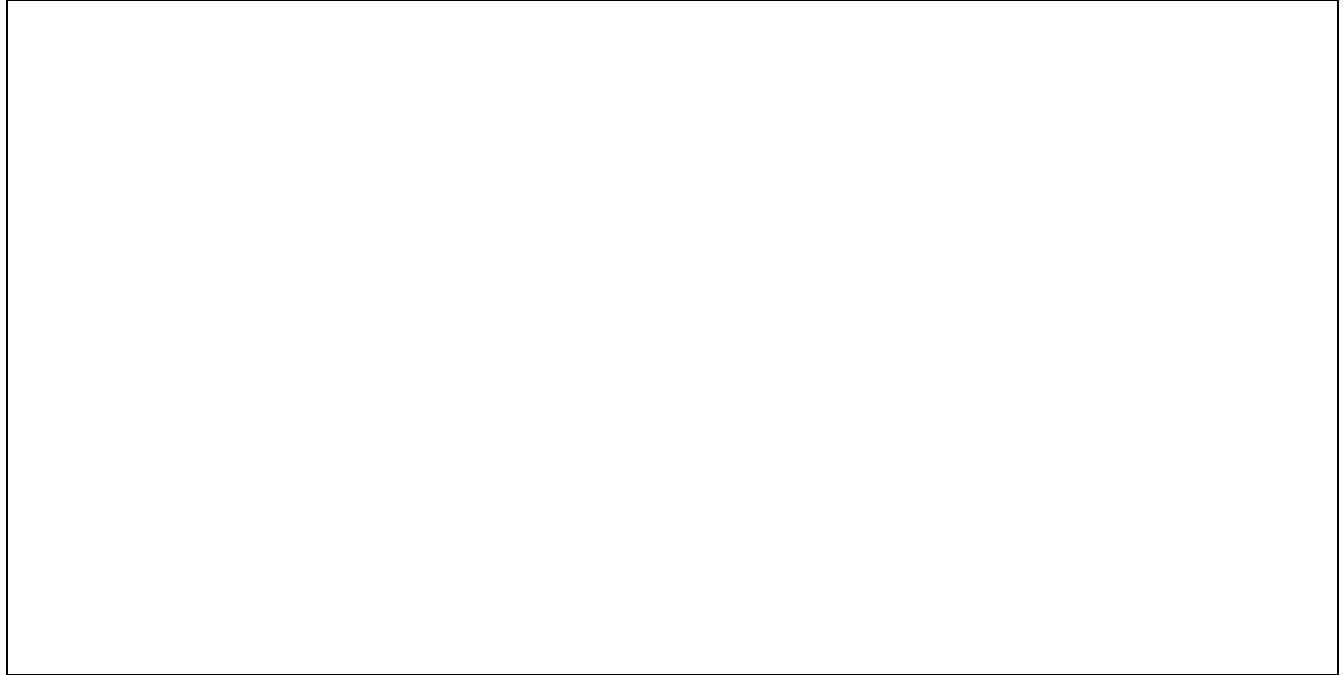


Omar loves to be in his garden on his farm. While it is still dark, he drags his old cart across the yard to the barn. He fills the cart with plants for the garden. When he gets to the garden, he looks at the plants one by one. Then he finds them all the best place to live. He finds big spaces for the large plants. He finds shade for the plants that do not like the harsh sun. He gives them all just what they want and makes them look so pretty.

When Omar is done, he brings the cart back to the barn. Then he sits on his deck and looks at his garden with pride.

Marvel at the Shore

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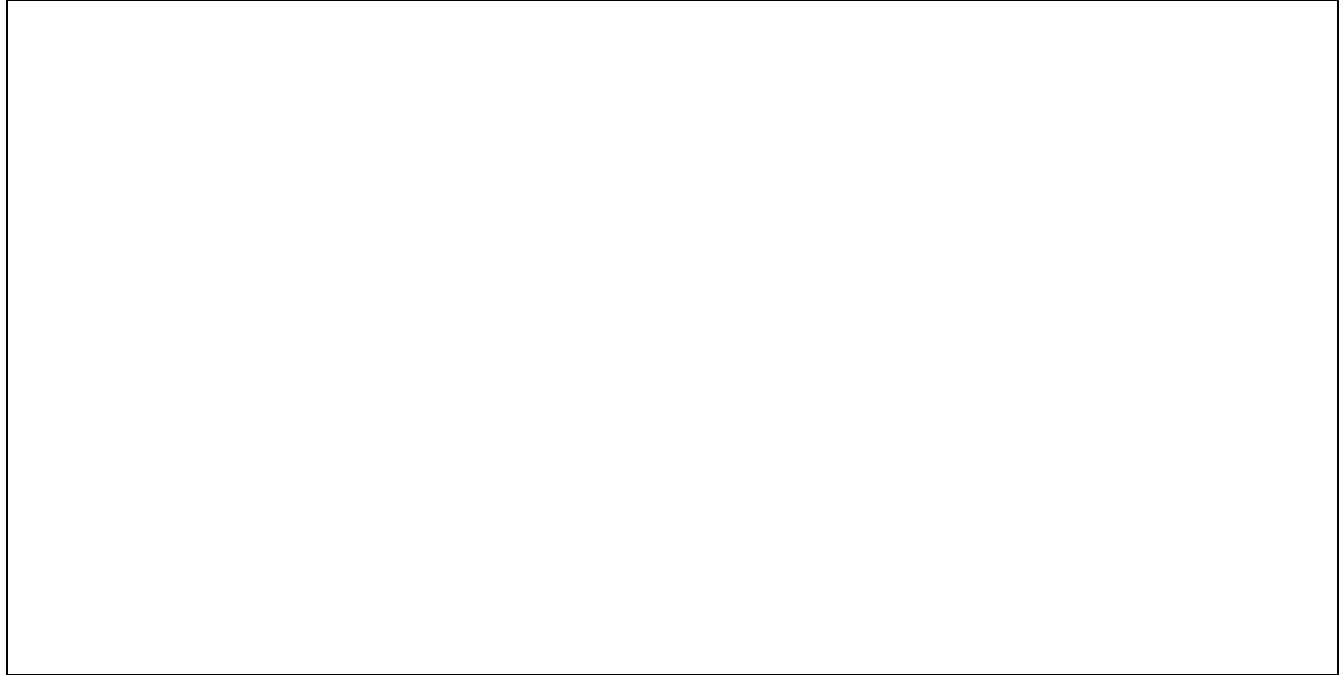


Cory and his horse, North, traveled to the shore. Cory held on to North's mane as North galloped across the sand. They arrived at the shore before anyone else. There had been a storm at sunset, so this morning the shore was a marvel.

There were hundreds of starfish along the shoreline. The starfish got pulled to the shore in the storm. They were so pretty, but if they were left on the shore they would dry up. Cory jumped off North's back. He picked up starfish one by one and placed them back where they came from. Cory was happy he could transport the starfish back home.

Trip to the Market

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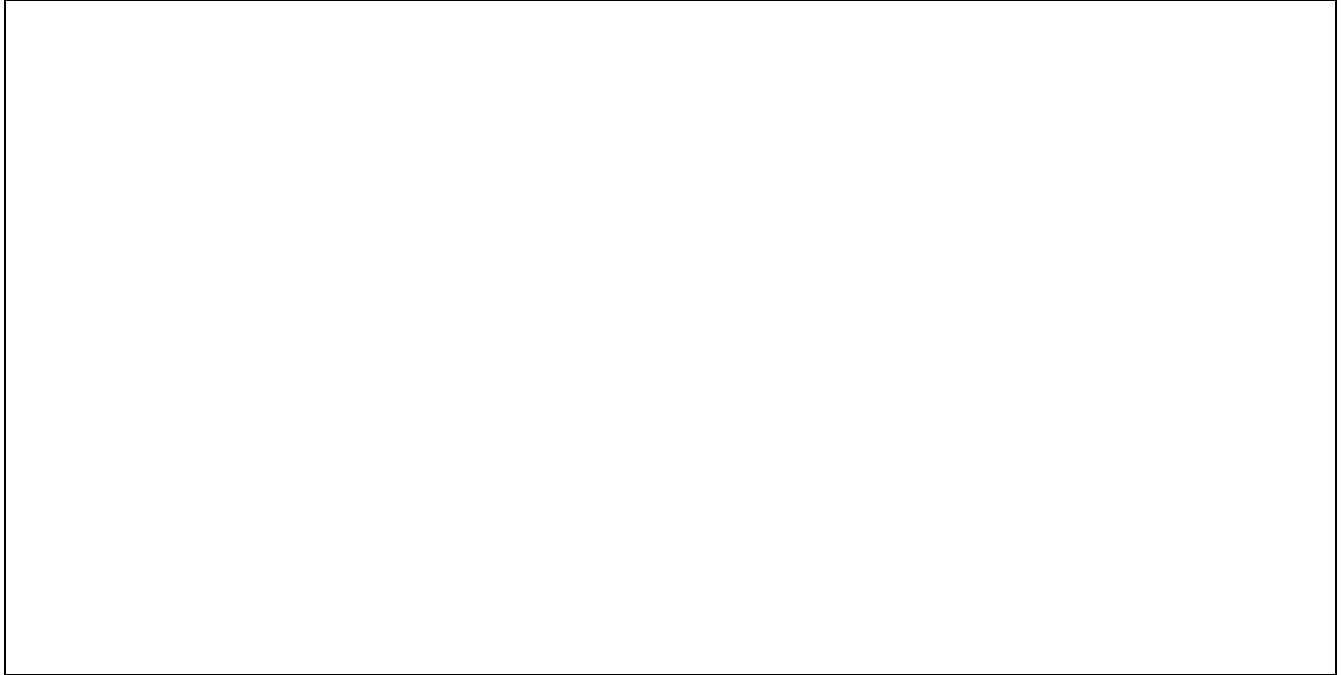
Mom and Marcus went to the market. They wanted to pick up some pork, corn, rice, and a jar of mango jelly. They liked this market more than the large store with all the people. The market was on a farm.

Mom parked the car and Marcus got the cart. This would be a short trip since they only wanted four things. Marcus got the rice and jar of mango jelly. Mom picked up the pork and corn.

Once they had all their items, they gave the saleswoman their cash. Then, they departed the market. They got back in their car and drove home for a yummy lunch.

My Sister's Fern

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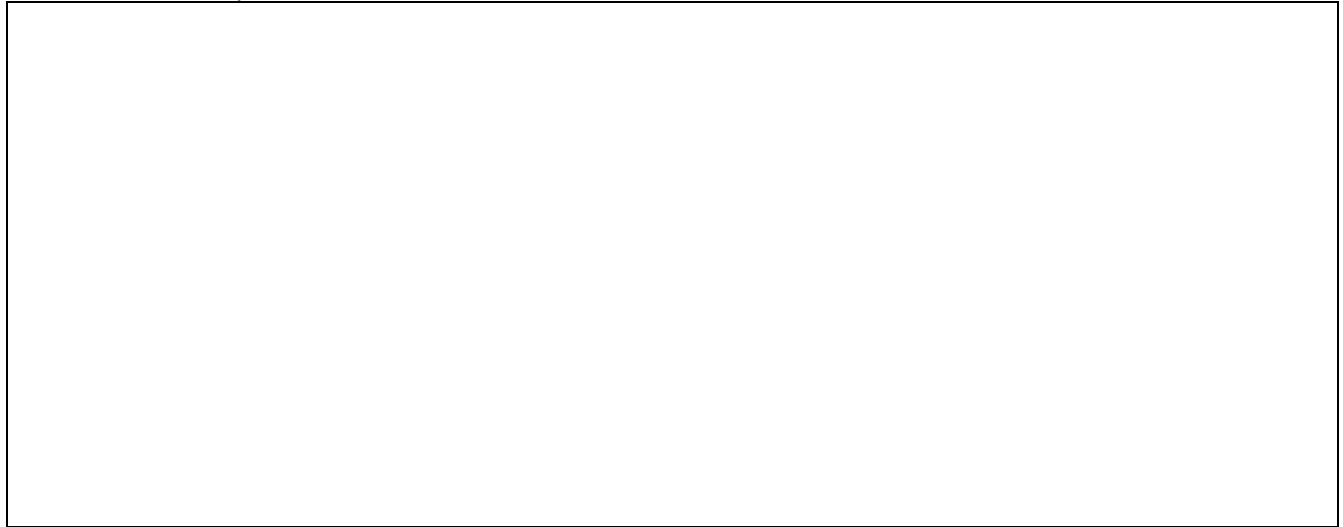
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My sister adores plants. She wants to be a farmer or a gardener when she gets older. She has a number of plants at home, but the plant she loves the most is a fern. She has five different kinds of ferns in her backyard.

When the ferns are on the verge of wilting, she uses her mister to get them wet. After that, they perk back up. If it is too hot, she gives the ferns some shade on the porch. My sister thinks there is nothing more pretty than a fern!

A Turtle can Surf!

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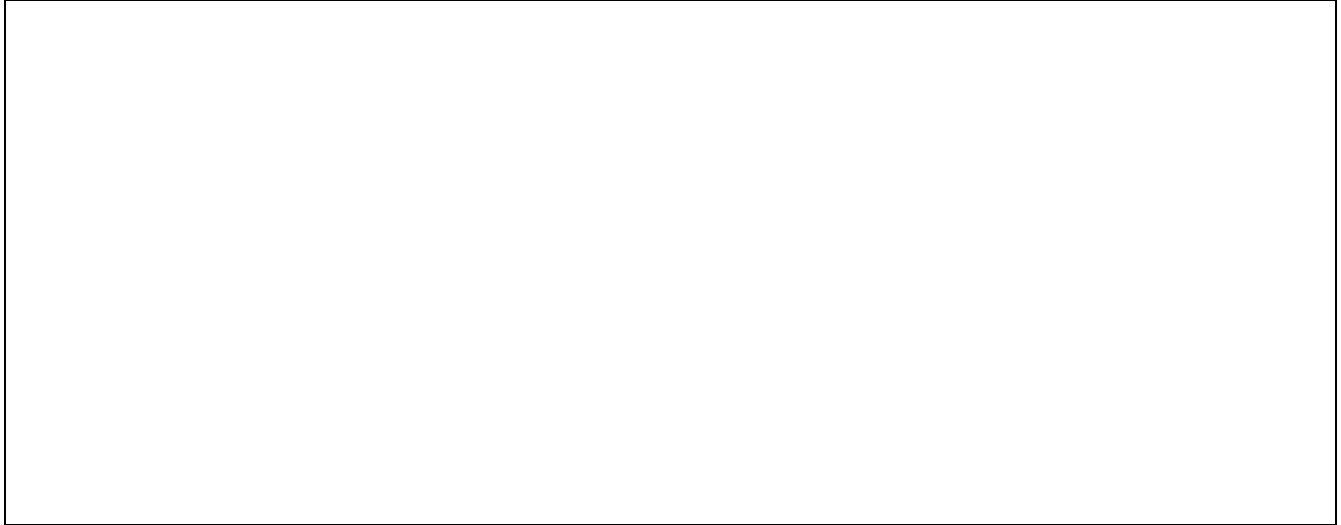
Irma the turtle loved to surf. Her mother, Shirly, was the first girl surfer in their turtle village, and Irma wanted to be just like her. Every morning Irma would rush to the shoreline.

When she was surfing, Irma would do flips and turns. She would twirl like a twister. All the other animals were shocked that a girl turtle could surf so well! Irma would just yell, "A girl can do anything!" just like her mother told her.

Irma would surf until sunset. When the sun was no longer in the sky, she would skip back home. Once she was home, she would curl up in her turtle bed and relax.

The Worst Pet Ever

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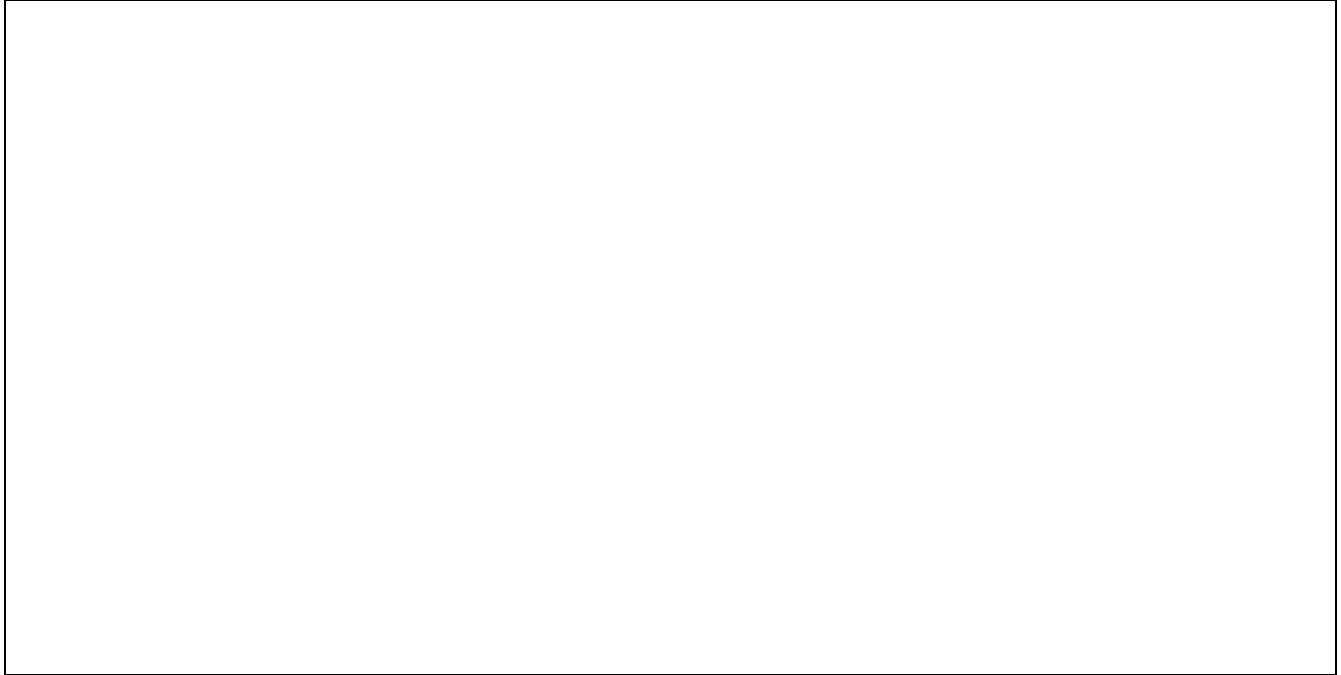
Morgan has wanted a pet for a long time. One morning, there was a small box on the table with her name on it. Inside the box, there was a bunch of dirt. Under the dirt was her new pet, a worm!

Morgan was sad. She thinks a worm is the worst pet in the world. She wanted a dog or cat or even a hamster, not a squirmy worm! What were her mom and dad thinking? This pet will not work. She started to cry.

Just then, mom and dad came in and said, "We got you! It was a joke! We are going to the pet shop!" Morgan was so happy. She wiped her face and gave mom and dad a hug. She was going to get the best pet ever!

Fishing at the Port

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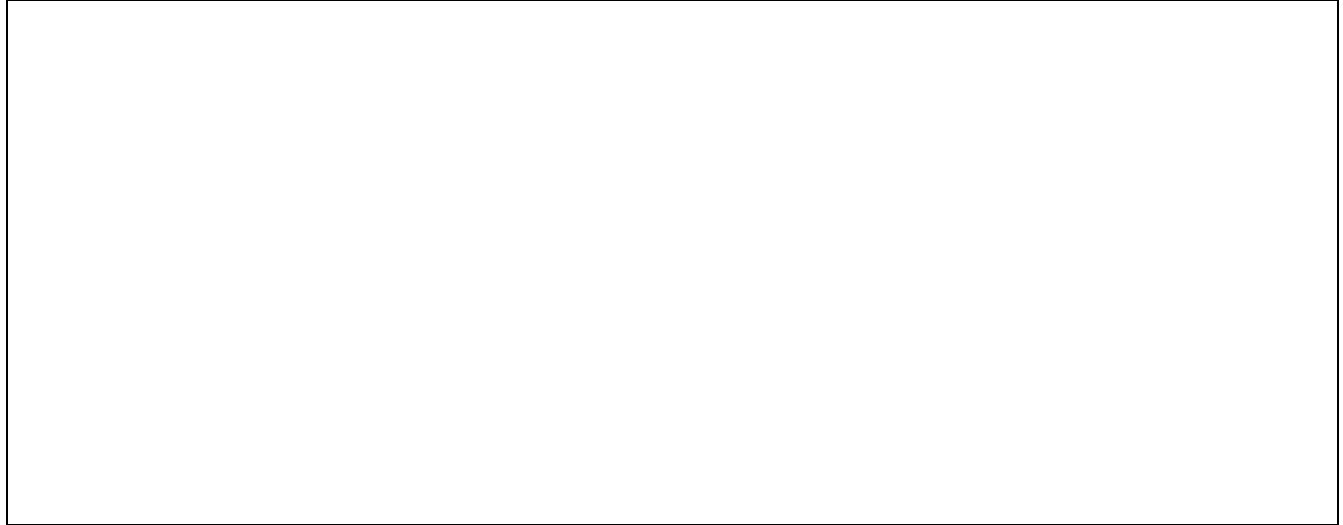
Travis and his father wanted to go fishing at the port. They drove to the tackle store to pick up some items. They had to get some fishing line and a jar of worms.

Travis found the jar of worms under a large rack of fishing poles. His father found the fishing line. He picked the extra sturdy line so they could catch big fish. They gave the clerk a credit card for their items.

Travis and his father left the tackle store, got in the car, and drove north to the water. This would be their third trip to the port. Last time, they went home with five fish. This time, they hope to catch more.

Sunday Fun

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On Sundays, Gail visits her brother at his farm. Gail loves to go to the farm because there is so much to do. She starts the day in the garden. If it did not rain, she sprays the plants with water.

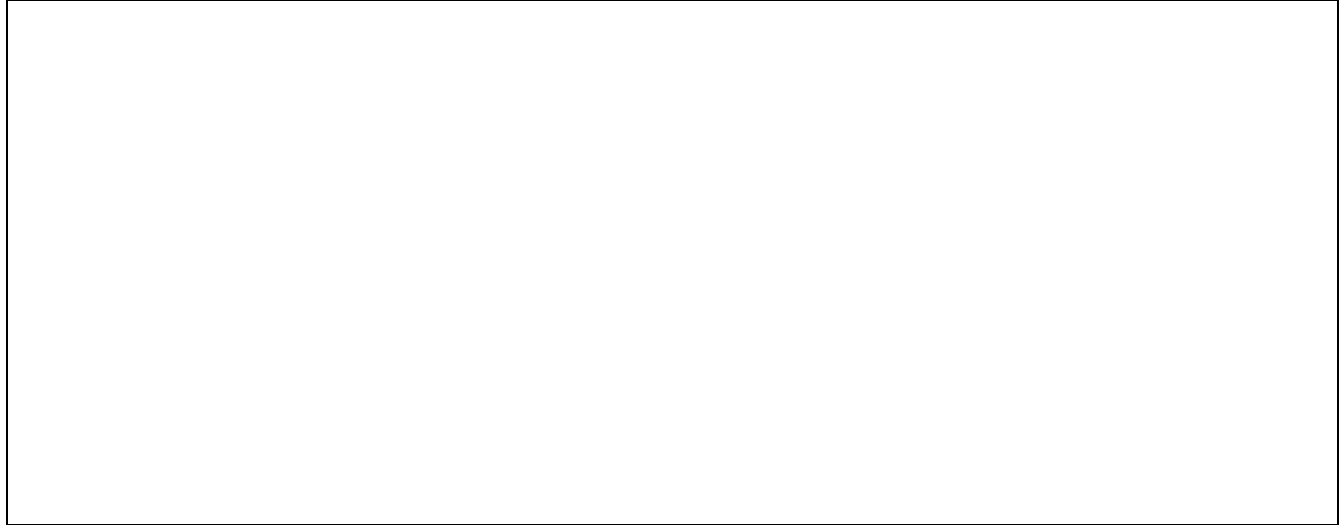
Then, Gail and her brother walk on the trail from the garden to the pond. As they walk, Gail hunts for snail shells. When she finds shells, she tucks them in her pocket. She will paint them when she gets home.

At the pond, her brother likes to fish. He strings bait onto his fishing pole and waits for a bite. While they wait, Gail plays in the mud and clay.

At the end of the day, they walk back up the trail to go home. As they walk, they see the sun set and the day fade away.

Deep in the Green Forest

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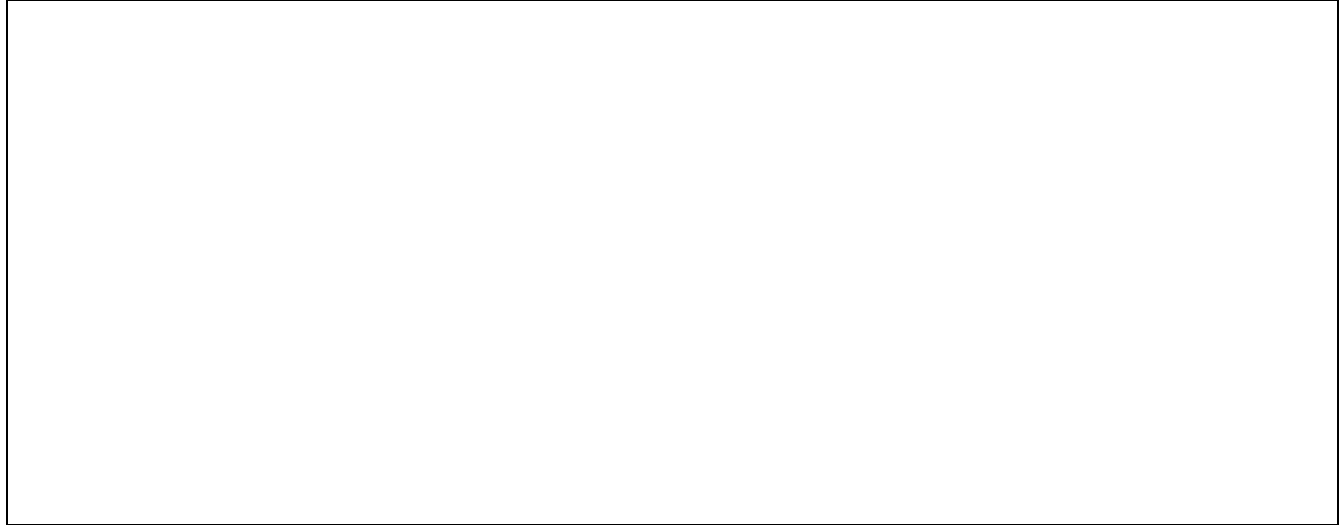
Once upon a time, there was a fox who lived in a valley. She spent her days deep in the green forest. Each day, she would wake up from her sleep and greet the forest animals. She would say hello to the animals in the trees above her. She would also say hello to the animals who rested by the stream.

One morning, the peace of the forest was broken by a horrid scream! The fox looked up to see where the scream came from. She saw a fallen tree. She peeked in and came upon a monkey. The monkey was stuck in the fallen tree. "Can you please help me get free?" pleaded the monkey. "I will try my best," the fox said.

The fox pushed very hard and in the end the monkey was freed! "Thank you so much," the monkey said as he leaped into another tree. As the fox walked back to the valley, she beamed with pride for helping the monkey.

A Trip to the Coast

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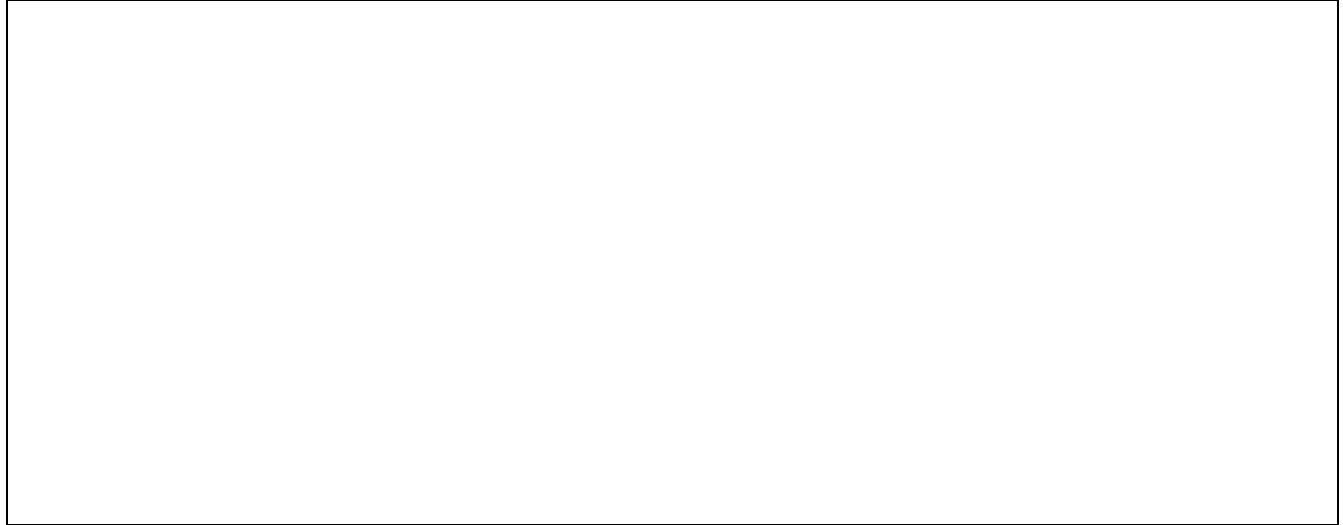
Harvey owns a big yellow boat. Every summer, he takes the boat on a trip to the coast. This time, he wants to bring his friends, Layla and Joe, with him. There is just one problem, Layla can not swim! Layla must be able to swim if she wants to go on the boat.

Layla started swim lessons to grow her skills. She even got a swim coach to teach her. She started slow, but Joe helped her get better. After four weeks of lessons, Layla could swim! Now she could paddle, kick, and float all by herself.

Layla showed Harvey her skills. Harvey was thrilled! The next day, Harvey and Layla and Joe set sail to the coast.

The Right Job

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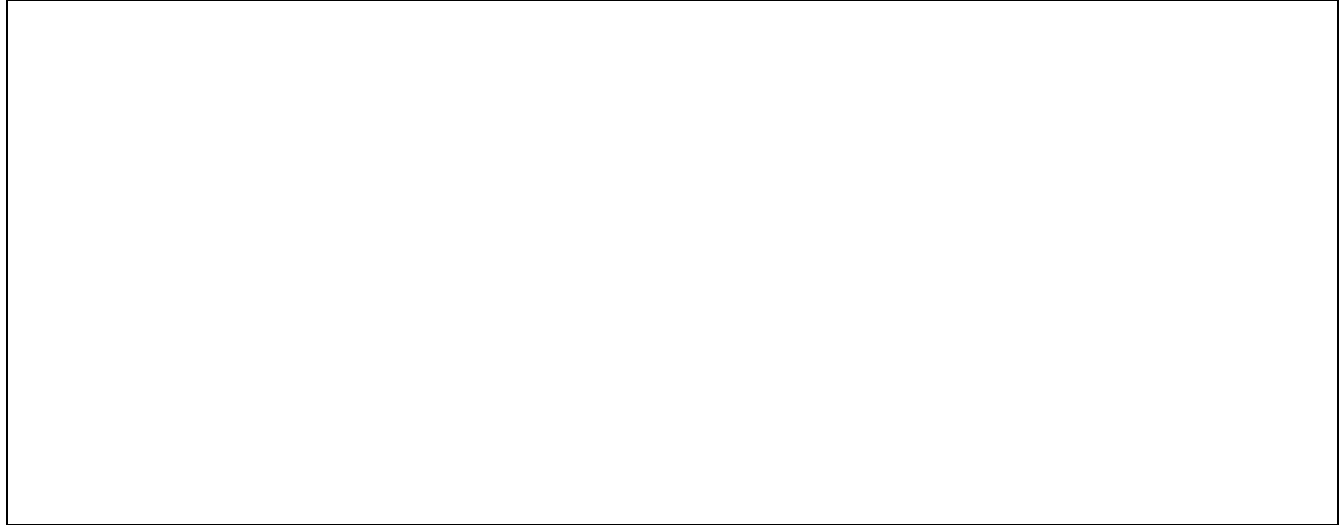
Curt is a pilot. This means he must fly planes for work. He sports a white shirt and a necktie when he is on the plane. He has been flying for a long time. Sometimes Curt must fly at night when there is no light in the sky.

At night, everyone on the plane is asleep and it is silent. This is peaceful, but sometimes it gets boring. Curt prefers to fly in the daylight. This is when he can see the land below and talk to people.

Curt also likes seeing the sights in the places he goes. He delights in exploring the parks, theaters, and stores wherever his flights take him. But what he likes best is being high up in the sky. Being a pilot is the right job for Curt!

Aiden's Goal

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Aiden had to find a way to make money. He needed to save up for his dream car. He wanted to get a jeep, but jeeps are not cheap. He needed to find a job that paid very well, so he could own his dream car. What could he do?

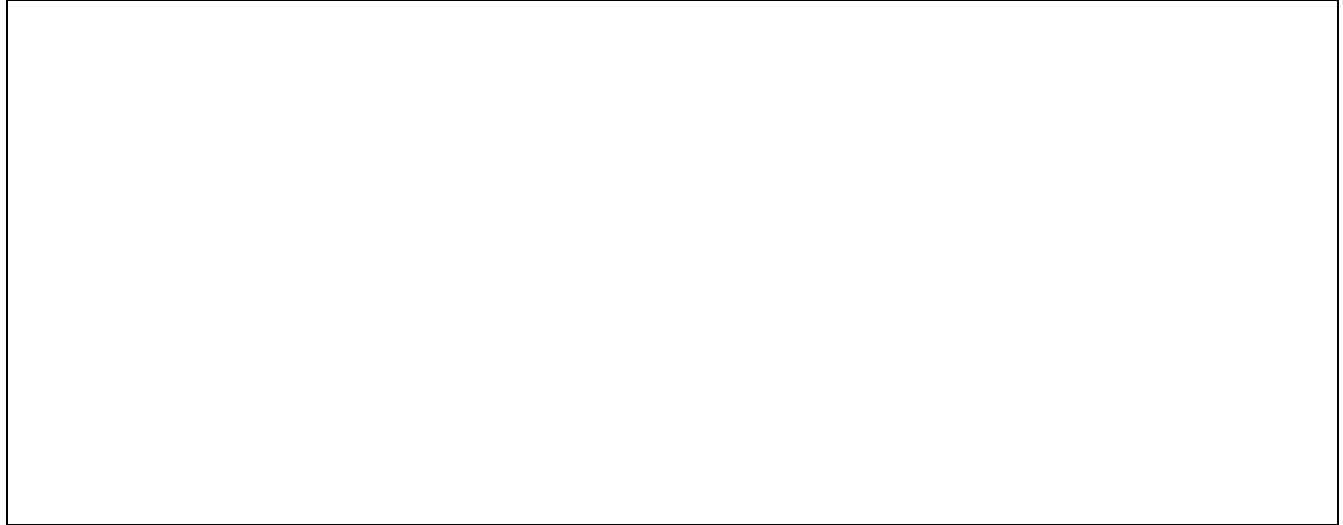
Aiden went to his father for advice. His father said he should study. "How will studying get me my dream car?" Aiden asked. His father explained that he could study a trade like welding or carpentry. He could also take more classes to get a degree.

People who had a trade or a degree could make a lot of money. Aiden needed to think over what his father had told him. It would take longer to study, but in the end, Aiden would be able to get his dream car and more.

After days of thinking, Aiden chose to take more classes. This would help him reach this goal and his next one, whatever that might be. Aiden's father was almost always right.

Brooklyn's Reading Nook

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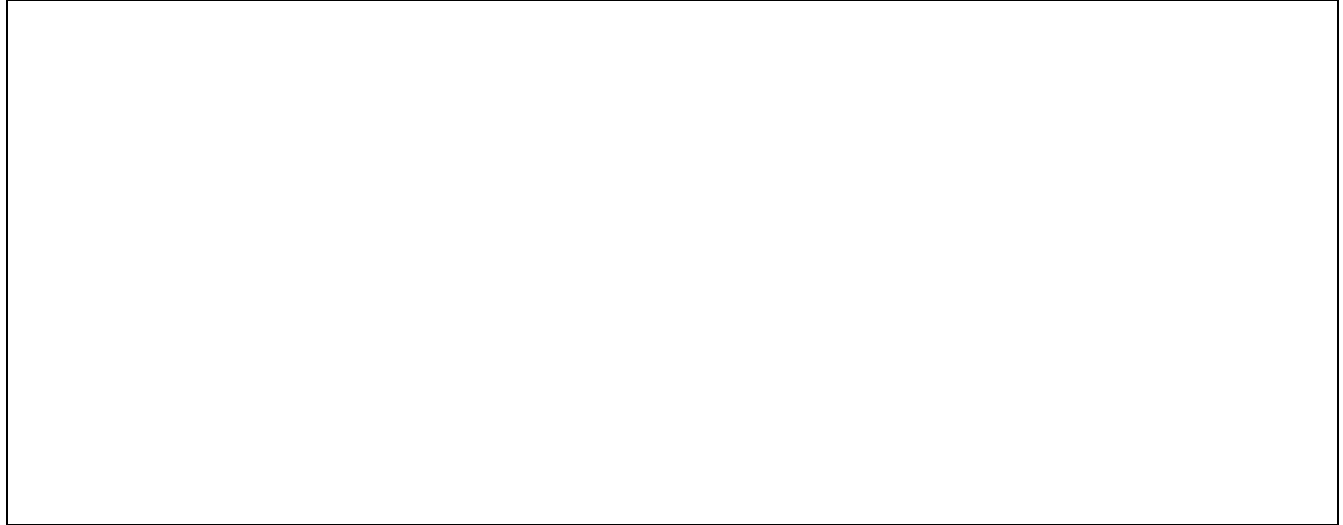
Brooklyn got a new book. For weeks, Brooklyn had been looking for this book in every bookshop. She put it at the top of her list because she was confident that this story would be a good one. Brooklyn loved her reading time on the weekends.

Each Saturday, she was able to sit in her reading nook and dive into a good book. Last weekend, she finished a story of a famed football star. This weekend she would be starting Little Red Riding Hood. But this story is not the classic she remembers from her childhood.

In that book, Little Red Riding Hood is a small child. This modern story is a twisted tale. Little Red Riding Hood is a grown-up when she goes for a walk in the woods. Brooklyn could not wait to pull on her cozy hooded blanket and curl up in her nook with her book.

The Groom is Late!

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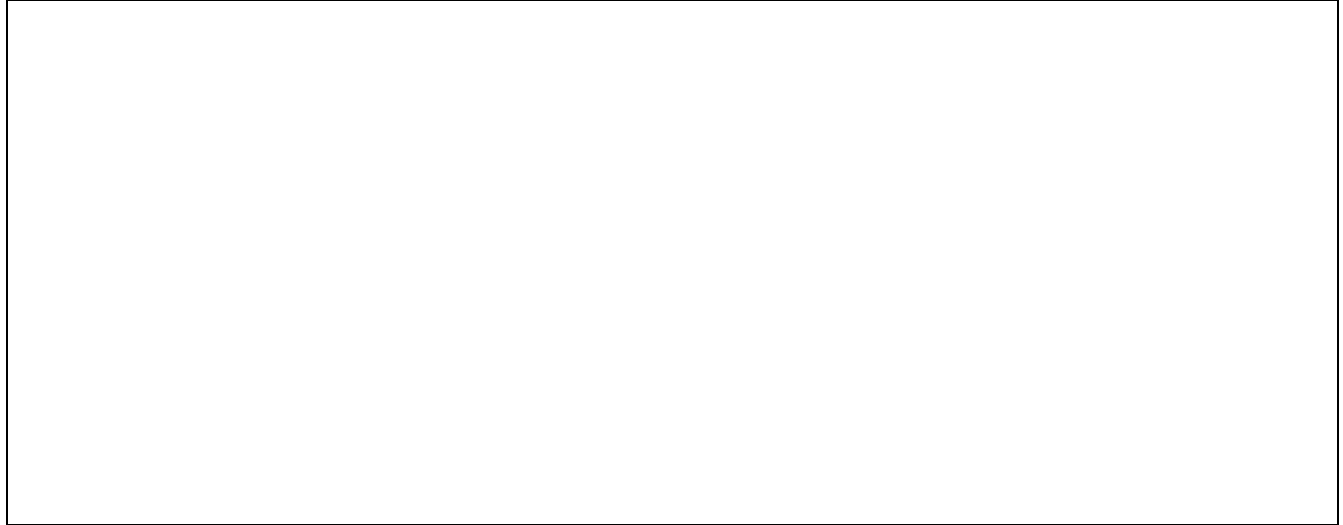
The flustered groom rushed into the church. He was very late. Not only was he late, but he had not even finished dressing. He was still pulling on his boots. He ran to his best man and said, “I slept in! My alarm did not go off!”

“Keep your cool! Better late than never,” said the best man. The groom smoothed his shirt as best as he could and finished pulling on his boots. “All set!” said the groom. “Time to see my bride.” Just then, booming music started to play, and the church doors swung open.

The bride was so graceful as she entered the room, she seemed to be floating. As she reached the groom, she whispered, “Better late than never.” The groom blushed and said, “my alarm did not go off!” With a smile, the bride took her groom’s hand and said, “Next time I will put the alarm on for you.”

Cruise Ship Trip

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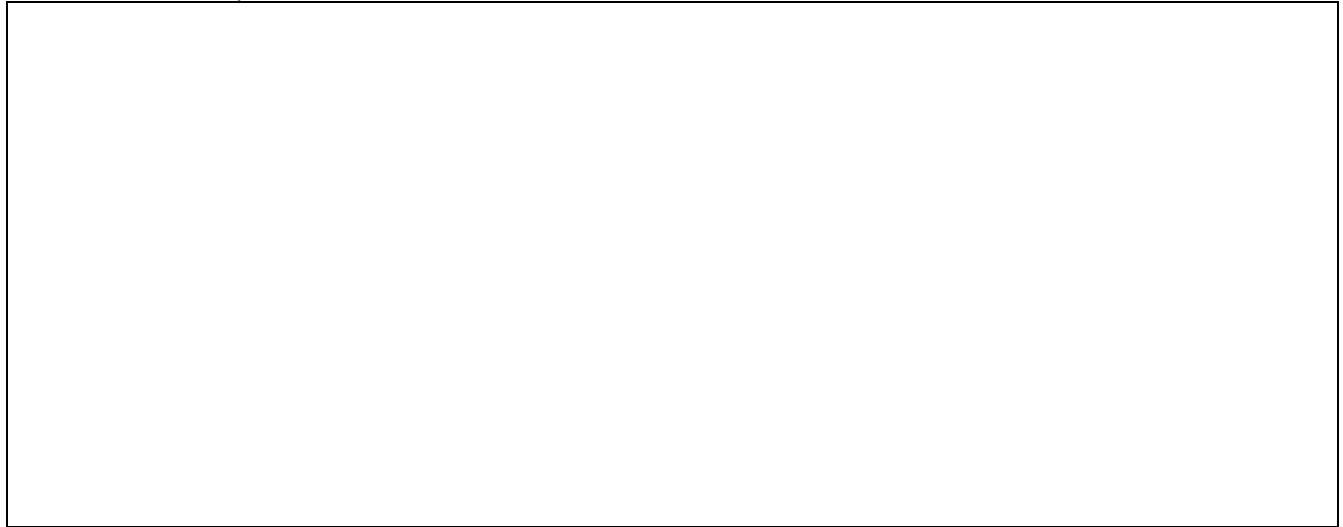
Drew and Marley were thrilled as they walked onto their first cruise ship. They had been packing for this trip for months. Their suitcases were so full they almost did not close. When they got to their cabin, they looked out their window and saw the vast blue sea. It was very pretty!

They left their suitcases in the cabin and went to grab a bite to eat by the pool. Yes, the new cruise ship had a pool! How cool! Drew drank apple juice while Marley chewed on some fruit. They watched the crew greeting everyone as they came onto the ship.

"This is going to be a fantastic trip!" said Marley. "Yes, I think when we get back on Tuesday, I will feel relaxed and renewed!" Drew said as the ship's horn blew. Honk! Honk! "And off we go!" Marley squealed. It was a dream come true.

Classroom Clean Up

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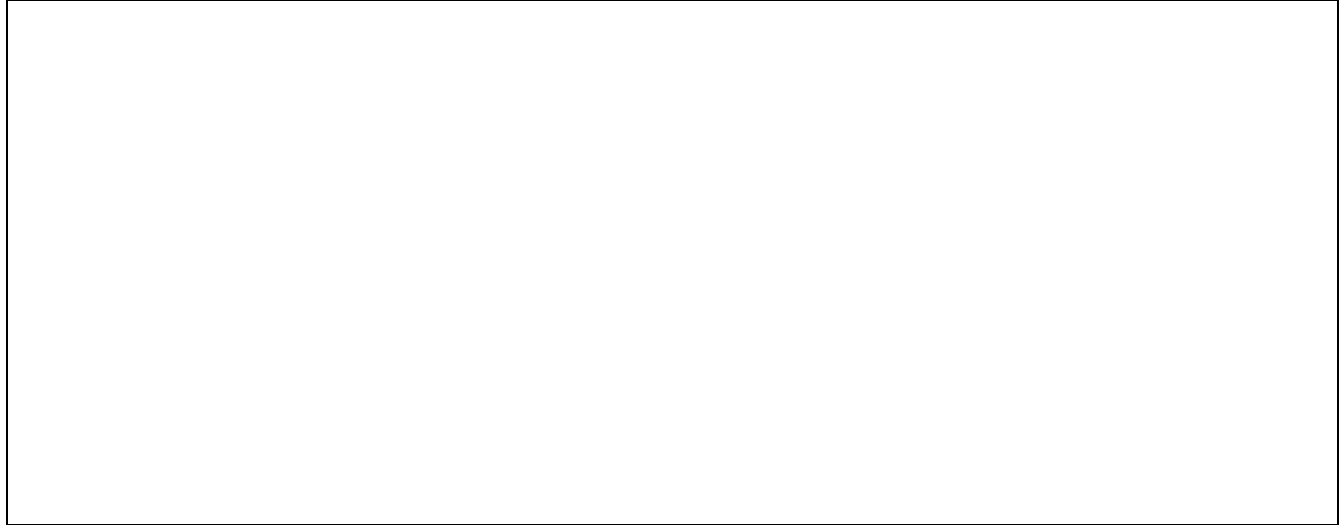
Miss Booker had so many things to do. Classes would be starting next week. She wanted the classroom to be perfect for the children's first day!

On Tuesday, she needed to clean the floors and closets. They were filled with dust and grime from the summer months. On Thursday, she would need to unpack all the boxes. The boxes contained her books, games, and puzzles. On Friday, she would decorate the door and create a display in the hallway. She also wanted to put up a new welcome banner.

Then on the weekend, she was going to plan the cool games and projects they would do during their first week. Miss Booker was so excited for her new class!

Trip to the Zoo

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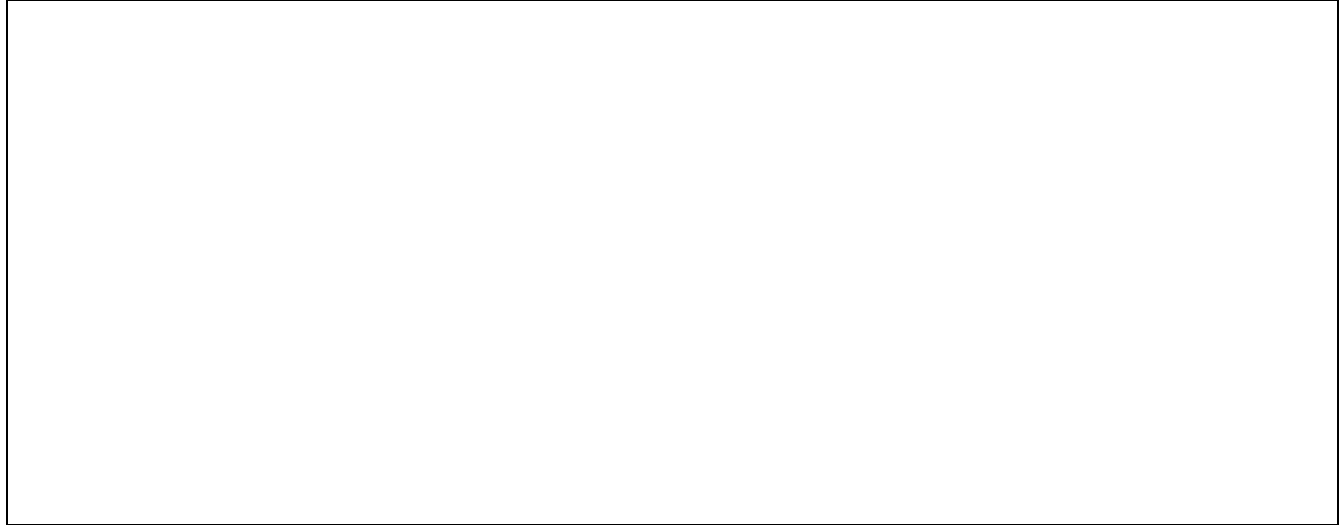
Audrey and Willow could not wait to see all the animals at the zoo. As they reached the entrance, Audrey paused and asked, “did you bring the tickets?” “Yes! I have them right here,” said Willow.

The first display they visited was full of birds. “Look at that pretty macaw! Its wings are like a rainbow,” exclaimed Audrey. “I see the macaw,” responded Willow, “but look at this hawk! It caught a fish in its claws.” Willow could have spent hours at the bird display, but Audrey said she wanted to see more animals.

The next display contained a lion sleeping on a large lawn. The lion woke up for five minutes, but then yawned and fell back asleep. “He seems to have day and night mixed up,” snickered Audrey. “Well, it’s not his fault. If I had to hunt for my food, I would want a nap too,” Willow commented. Audrey smirked and said, “That reminds me, I am hungry. Can we go hunt for some food at the snack stand?”

Surprise on the Track

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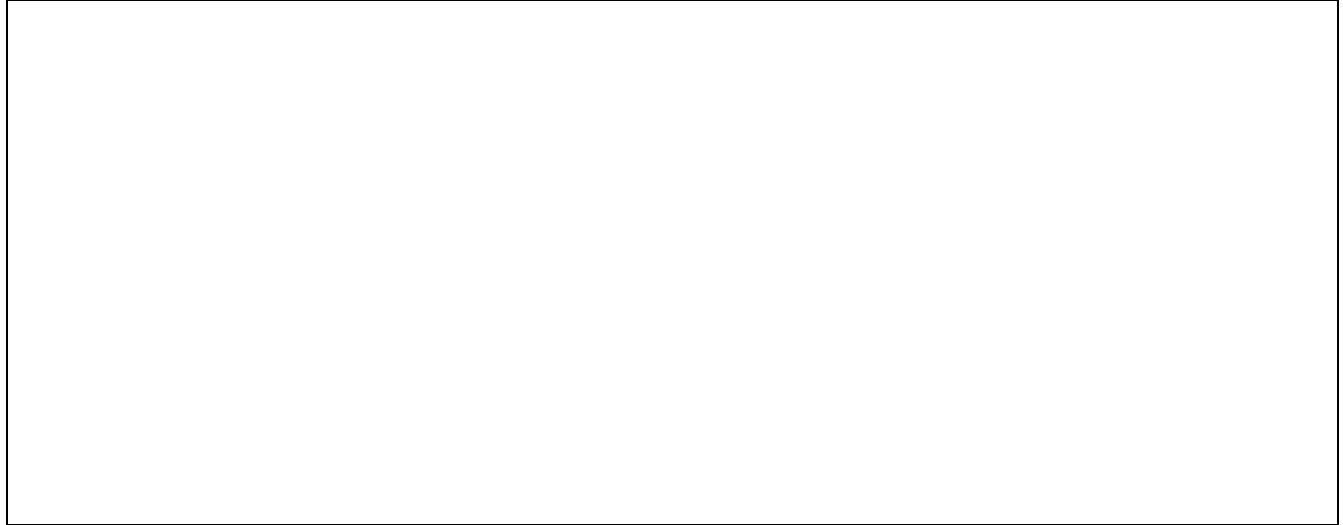
“Ready, set, go!” yelled the track coach. The first race of the fourth-grade track meet had begun. Heather had been waiting for this track meet for months. She was ready to win.

At first, Heather took the lead. But, as she sprinted to the finish line, she saw some other fourth graders catching up to her. She did not want to give up her lead. She worked on keeping her breath steady as she ran and leaped over the hurdles.

Heather was almost to the finish line when, all of a sudden, she saw something white wander onto the track. “A swan!” yelled a child in the stands. A swan wandered onto the track from the swamp up the road. The swan began to waddle to the finish line. Heather crossed the finish line at the same exact time as the swan. “So, who won the race?” asked the class. “It’s a tie! Heather and the swan both won!” exclaimed the track coach.

The Right Choice

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In February, Boyd and James had a choice to make. Their mother said they could get a new pet, but they had to agree on which pet to get. As the boys entered the pet store, their mother's voice rang in their heads. "Boys, you need to pick a pet that is cute, sweet, and spirited."

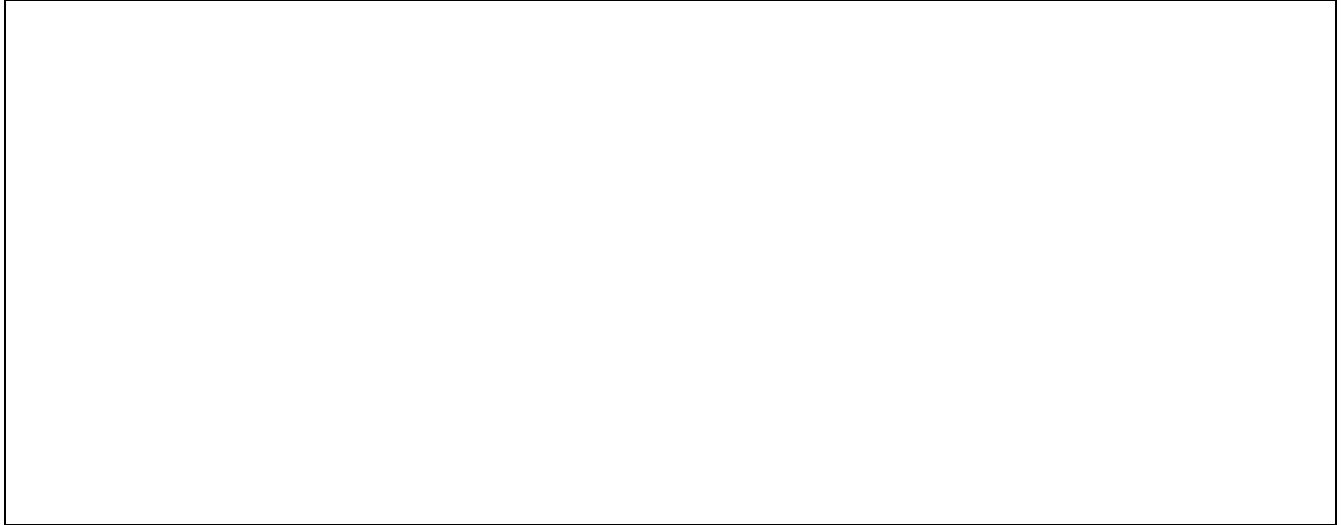
The boys looked at all the choices of pets. Boyd saw a small kitten. "This kitten is cute," said Boyd. James pointed to a spunky puppy. "This puppy looks sweet," said James.

Crash! Just then, the boys heard a big noise. They turned to see a bin of dog toys spilled on the floor. Right in the middle of this mess was a tiny yellow bird. The bird must have gotten free from its cage and flew into the bin.

When the yellow bird saw the boys, she joined them and sat in Boyd's hands. "I think we have our new pet," Boyd said. "Yes, she is cute, sweet, and spirited," said James. "And she made the choice for us!"

Summer at the Farmhouse

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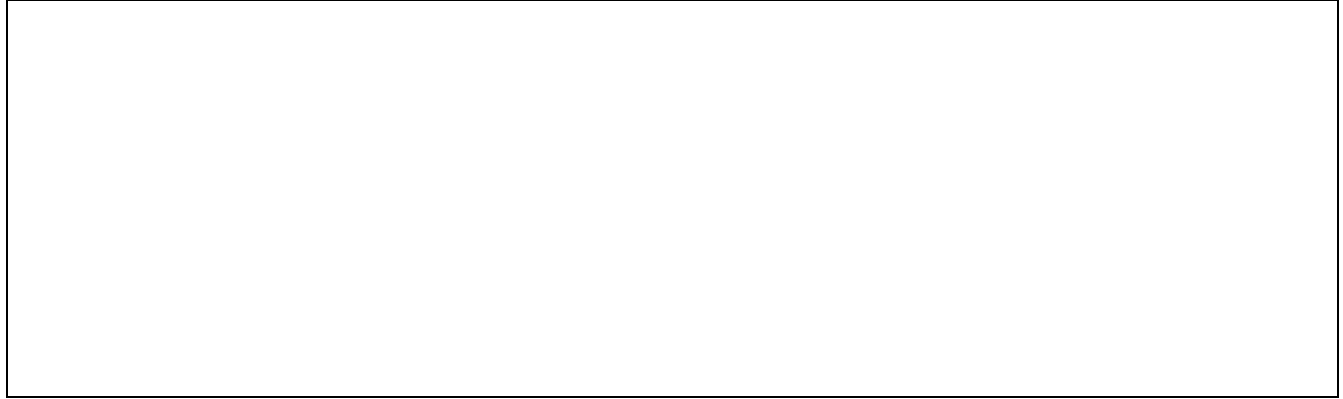
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Joey is staying with his grandmother for the summer. His grandmother owns a farmhouse close to town. Joey likes to help his grandmother around the farm. However, he most enjoys watching the animals who live outdoors.

On Monday, he saw a brown owl hunting a small mouse. The mouse found its way back underground just before the owl swooped down. On Wednesday, he walked down to the stream south of the farm. This stream is full of trout and Joey likes to watch them swim. Then on Friday, he went to the meadow where the cows graze. He picked some wildflowers for his grandmother. Joey hopes to return to his grandmother's farmhouse each summer.

A New Coin

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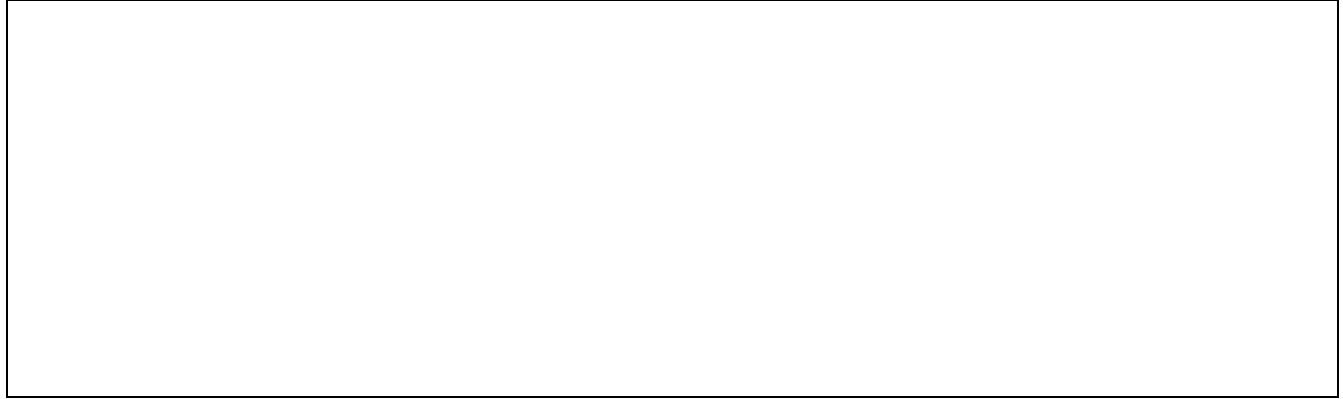
While walking home from work, Carson saw a coin laying on the ground. “This is my lucky day! I found a coin,” said Carson. But as Carson inspected the coin, he began to notice that he had never seen a coin quite like this before. This coin had a hole in the middle of it, and Carson did not recognize the markings on it.

Carson wanted to find out where this coin came from. When he got home, he went online to see what he could find out. He looked for any coins with holes in the middle. He found that there are several kinds of these coins around the world. Japan, Norway, and Spain all have coins with holes in the middle. However, as Carson looked at the coins on his computer screen in more detail, he found one that was an exact match.

He ran into the family room and shouted to his father and sister, “My newfound coin is from Japan! Japanese coins are called yen. Who could have lost it?” Carson’s father considered for a minute, and then said, “I remember the mailman telling me he had taken a trip to Japan last month. It could be his. I will ask him on Wednesday!”

Birdwatching

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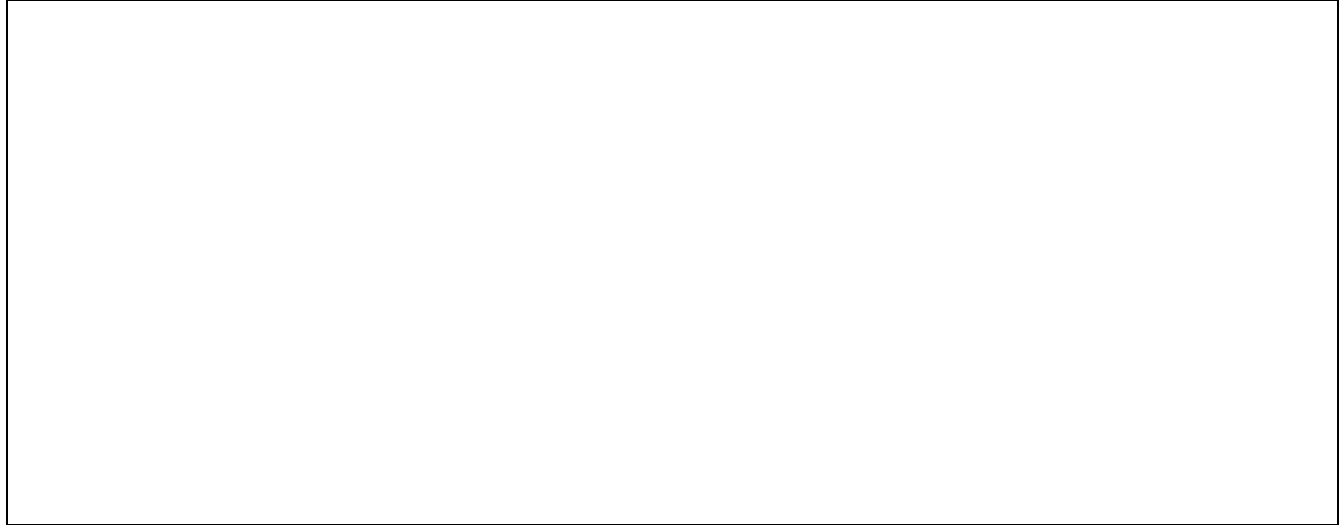
With her notebook in hand, Cassie walked into the forest ready to study some birds. She loved birdwatching, and she had a knack for finding birds in new places. As she walked, she wrote down the names of the different birds she saw. She would even sketch a drawing of each bird in her notebook.

About one hour into her hike, Cassie knelt to rest and eat a snack. As she ate, large crumbs fell to the ground. Snap! Cassie heard a noise very close to her. When she turned around, she saw a small brown bird pecking at her leftover crumbs. It was a wren! Cassie had never seen a wren in real life, but she knows about them from reading her books.

Cassie knows that wrens have short wings and hold their tails upright. Wrens are also known for singing loud, complex songs. This little wren seemed to love Cassie's snack. When all the crumbs were gone, the wren lifted its wings. Cassie watched it fly away into the forest. Cassie was so thrilled with her wren sighting that she sang a long tune all the way home.

Trip to the Baseball Park

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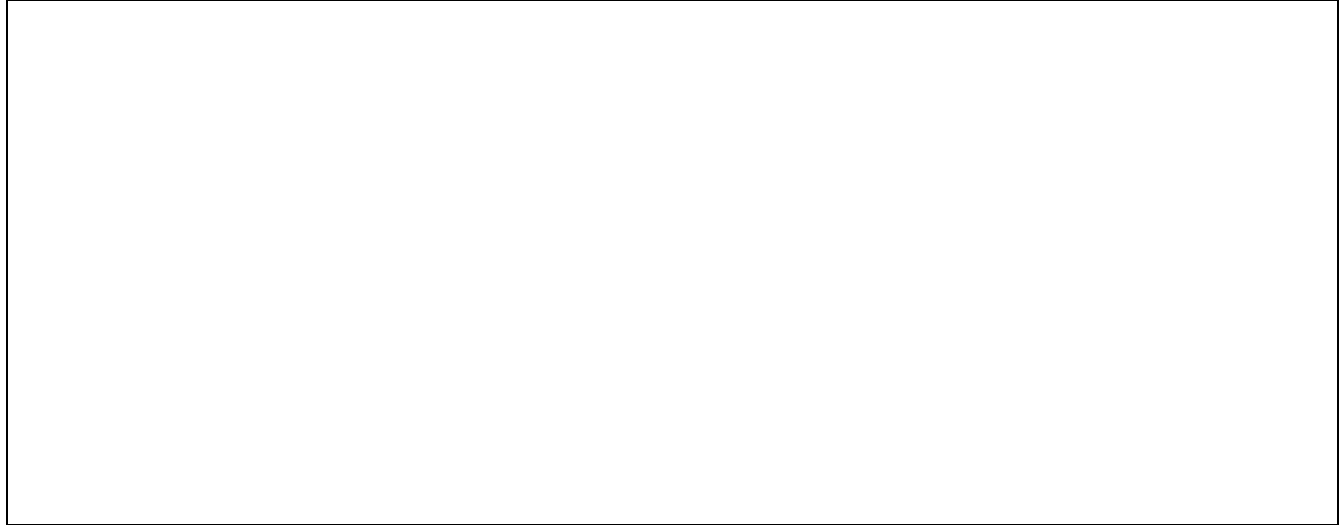
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The boys and girls of Miss Brown's third grade class are jumping up and down with delight when the buses pull up in front of them. All the third grade classes are going on a trip to see a baseball game today. After the teachers check who is present, the students and teachers make their way onto the buses and sit down. As they drive to the baseball park, the students look out the windows and sing silly songs.

Once inside the park, they look at the numbers on the benches to find their seats. The game starts a few minutes later. The students cheer as they watch the home team score the first points. The home team makes some impressive runs, passes, and pitches. As the game is about to end, the classes scream with joy. They see themselves on the big screen! On the ride back home, the students and teachers talk about the thrilling events of the day. They all agree they should take a trip to the baseball park again soon.

Growth Spurt

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Akeem woke up one morning feeling quite strange. His arms stretched longer than they ever have before. When he stood up, he hit his head on a shelf! He felt like he had a brand new body.

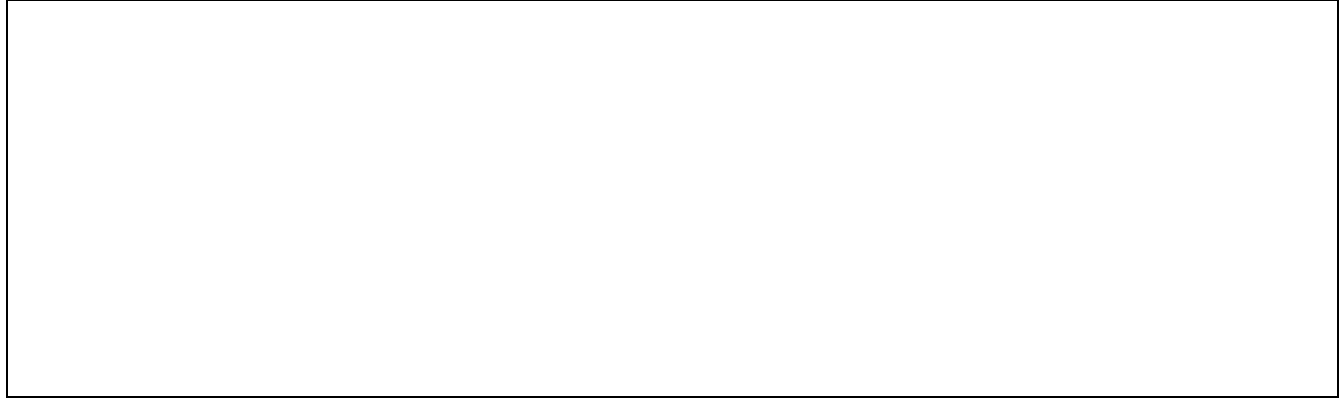
When Akeem got dressed, none of his clothes fit. His arms were longer than his shirt sleeves. His shoes were smaller than his feet. Even his longest pants were now too short. What was he going to do?

Akeem walked into the kitchen with his too big body in his too small outfit. "Wow," grandma exclaimed, "you had a growth spurt! You got taller overnight! Now you may be the tallest kid in your class!"

Akeem's big brother got up from the table and stood next to him. The top of Akeem's head only reached his brother's elbows. "Well, you're still shorter than me," he said with a grin.

Rollercoaster

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When Kenzer and Sidney got to the front of the line, they finally saw the cars rushing past them. Up close, they seemed a lot faster. As the kids sat in their seats, they double checked that their seatbelts were firmly locked in. Then, they breathed deeply and closed their eyes.

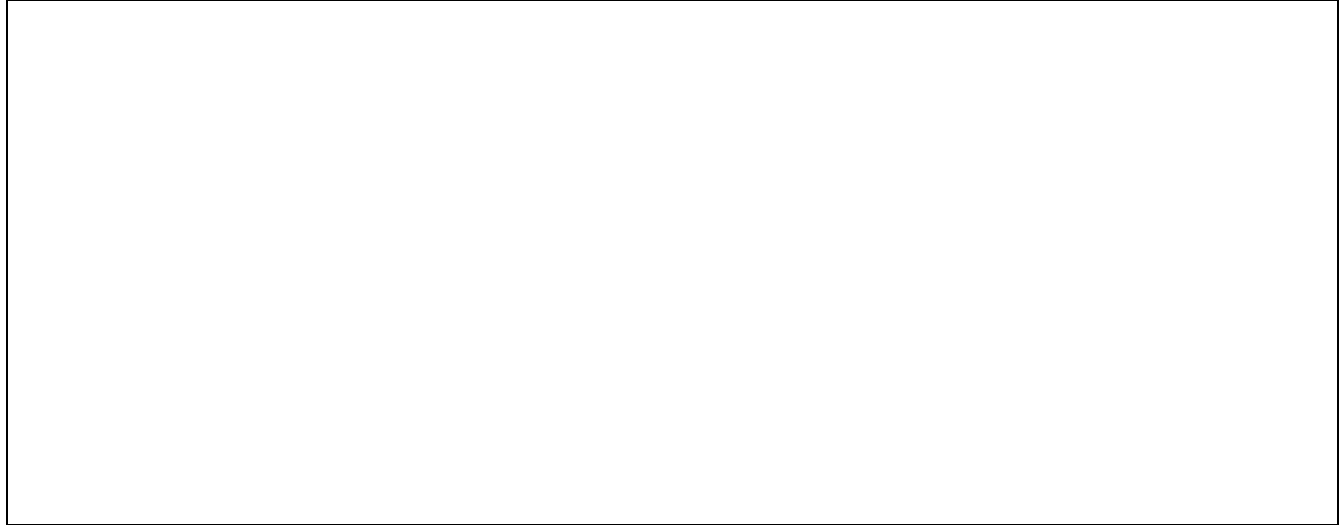
The rollercoaster inched up the tracks so slowly it hardly felt like they were moving. When it got to the top, Kenzer timidly peered over the edge. Just when it felt like they got stuck, the car fell quickly. Instantly, they screamed loudly.

Kenzer's belly was doing backflips. Sidney's curls were blowing in the wind. Their arms and legs were flailing in the sky. Then, just as quickly as the ride started, it was finished. They sat silently for a moment, hardly understanding what just happened.

As Kenzer and Sidney took off their seatbelts, they looked at each other and yelled, "that was awesome!" Then they got back in line to take another ride on the roller coaster.

A Dreadful, Stormy Day

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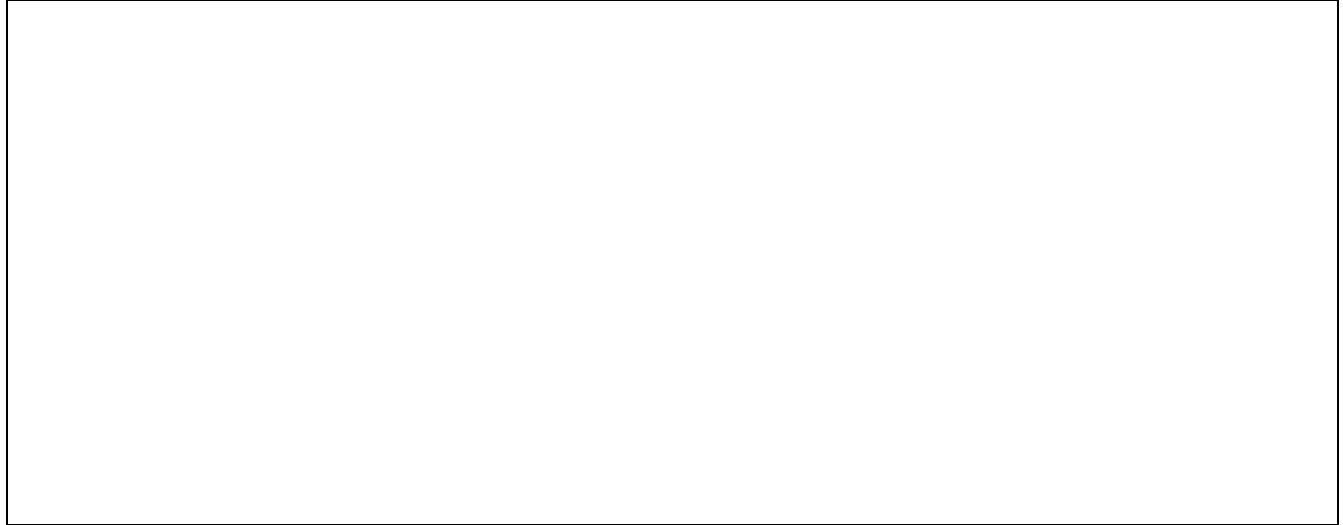
Today Hailey was feeling restless. She wanted so badly to go outside and play but there was a huge storm. The wind was blowing powerfully, and the rain was extremely heavy. It was not safe for Hailey to go outside. She was clueless about how to have fun inside and started to become hopeless.

As she was searching her room for something to play with, she found an old box hidden deep under her bed. She assumed it was full of useless junk, but when she opened it, she found one of her old games.

Hailey lost the game a long time ago and was thankful to find it. At last, she was feeling hopeful. She showed the game to her sister, and they played for countless hours. It was delightful. They didn't even realize the storm had passed. What Hailey assumed would be a pointless day turned out to be delightful!

Unlucky

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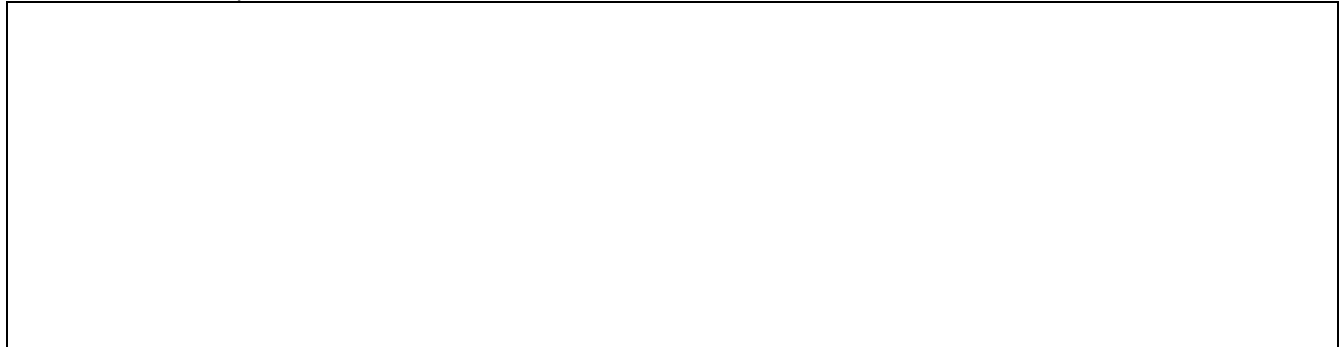
Something very unlucky happened to Lee last week. As he was walking into his classroom, he did not see the puddle on the floor. He slid and fell in front of his entire class. That's not even the worst part! Lee was holding a jar of marbles with the lid unscrewed. When he fell, the marbles flew everywhere.

Lee laid on the floor, covered his face, and wanted to cry. But then, all of a sudden, his best friend, Jayvon, sat down next to him. Jayvon uncovered Lee's face and helped him up. "Don't worry," Jayvon said, "people fall all the time." At first, Lee felt uneasy. When he looked around at his classmates, nobody made fun of him for falling.

Instead, Lee's classmates began picking up all the marbles that spilled. Some of them even told him about times when mistakes like this happened to them. It turns out, it is not that unusual to slip and fall. "I am thankful to have such nice friends," Lee said.

Dinner at Grandma's

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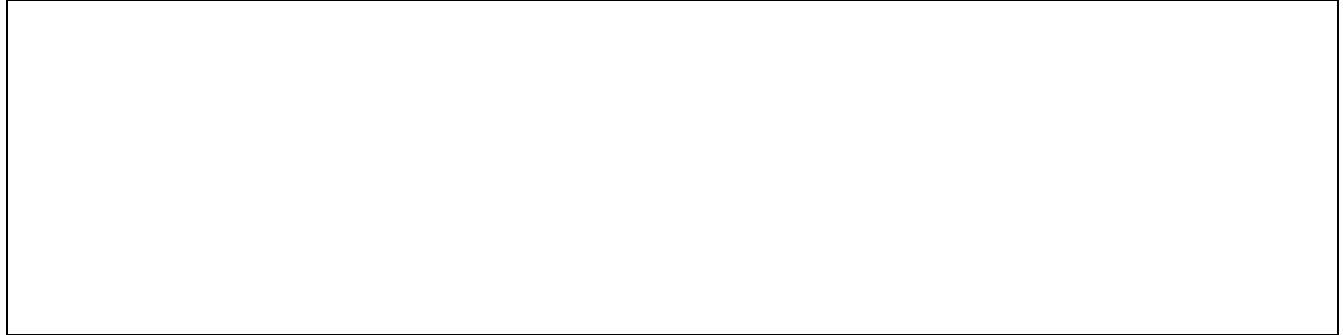
Every Sunday David and Alexis go to Grandma's house for dinner. This Sunday, they got to help Grandma cook. "Here, put these aprons on," Grandma said as she greeted the kids at the door. David and Alexis helped each other untie and retie the aprons so they fit just right.

"First, we must preheat the oven," said Grandma. "Next, we wash the potatoes and use a knife to remove the skin. David, that can be your job." David began cutting the potatoes. "Now we need to boil some water. Alexis, this will be your job. Dump this cup of water into the pot then refill it and add more until the pot is full." Alexis began filling the pot. "Grandma, this potato still has a bit of skin. Should I redo it?" asked David. "No, that is perfect," Grandma responded.

As the kids cooked, they retold jokes their friends told them and showed Grandma a preview of the new show they were watching. When the meal was ready, David and Alexis sat down to eat. Grandma got a cake from the fridge and placed it on the table. "I premade this as a surprise for dessert!" she said. David and Alexis can't wait to return to Grandma's next week to cook some more.

Poppy the Gamer

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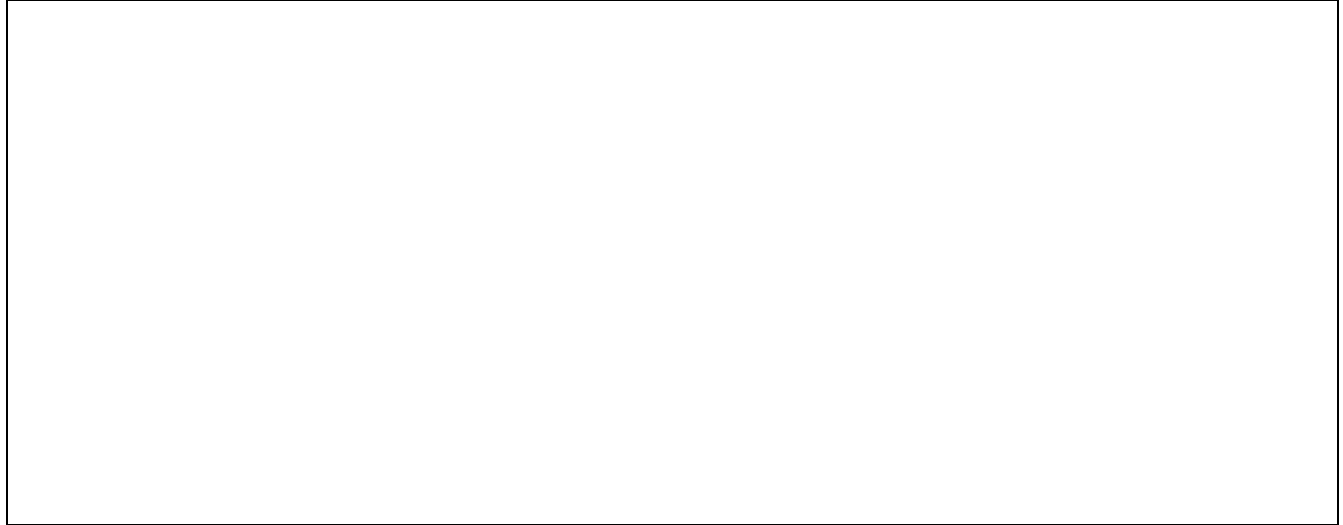
Poppy enjoys playing video games. She is so talented that she plays in events against other gamers and wins quite a bit. The only problem is that her video game console is old. She needs a replacement. Her mom disagrees. Mom thinks the old console works just fine. “You don’t understand,” explained Poppy, “it is so old that it will disqualify me from playing in some events. I am at a huge disadvantage with this console.” Mom understood, but the truth was that a new console was just too expensive. Poppy was so disappointed.

A few weeks later, Mom had a surprise for Poppy. “What is this?” Poppy asked, looking at a big bag. “Open it and find out,” said Mom with a smirk. It was the new console! And a brand-new game. “It was on sale,” Mom explained. “At the discounted price, we could afford it. Plus, I told the clerk that you compete, so he threw in this new game for free.”

Poppy was elated. She gave mom a huge hug and rushed up to her room with the bag. She disconnected her old console and connected the new one. It was amazing! The graphics were so much better, and the new game was more of a challenge. Poppy now had everything she needed to compete with the best players around.

Words Matter

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It is important to remember that words matter. The words we say can impact how we feel and how we make other people feel.

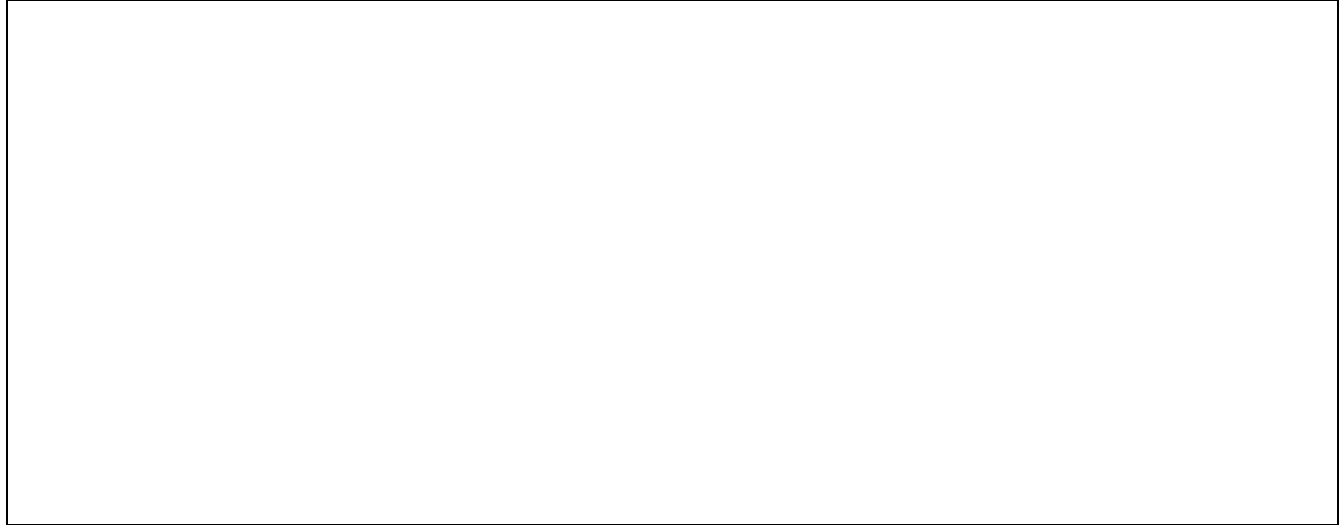
Kind words are powerful. We are more likely to get what we need when we ask nicely. We can also use kind words to express our feelings and share what we are thankful for. Think of a time someone gave you a compliment. It probably made you feel cheerful.

Unkind words are powerful too. They can be deeply painful and disrespectful. Has anyone ever said something unkind to you? It probably made you feel dreadful.

Nobody is flawless, we all make mistakes. If we say something hurtful, we can stop, reflect, and retry. Hopefully, we can all think deeply about the words we say to make everyone's day a bit more delightful.

The Busy Day

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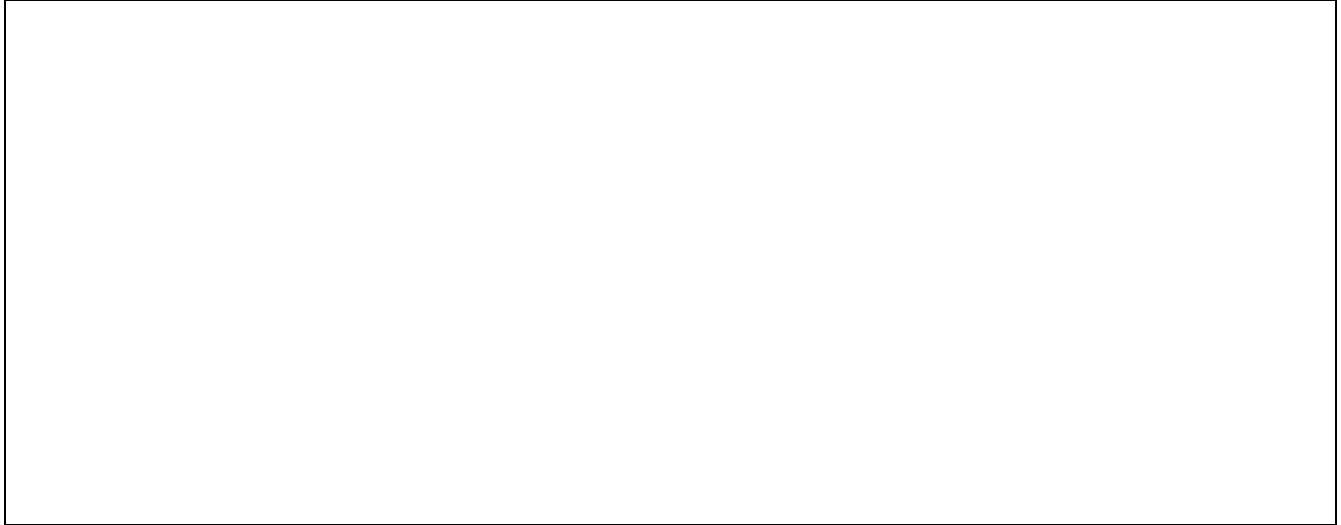
When Edwin got home from work, he dropped his bag on the floor and plopped on the couch. What a busy day I had," he sighed. "I am exhausted." Edwin's roommate walked in. "What made your day so busy?" he asked. Edwin explained.

"It started this morning when I dropped off some letters at the post office. The line was so long that I ended up running late for work. Then, at work, I had so many meetings. It felt like they were never going to end. I planned to come home for lunch, but I was so busy I skipped that trip. I grabbed a sandwich and a drink from the diner on the corner. As I was jogging back to the office, I tripped and dropped my drink. But I was too busy to go back and get a new one. When my day was finally over, I hopped in my car and drove home."

"What are you planning to do this evening?" Edwin's roommate asked. "Nothing!" Edwin responded, "I will be sitting right here on this couch, resting."

The Hottest Day

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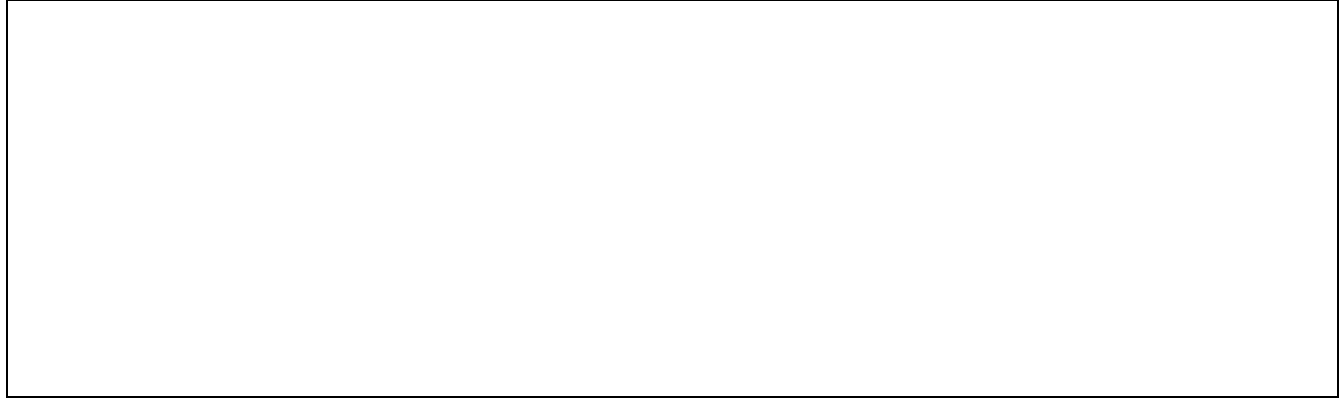
One August day, Tyler went outside to play tag with his friends. The sun was high in the sky. It felt like the hottest day of the year. As Tyler was running around, his face got redder and redder and he felt hotter and hotter. “It’s too hot outside to play tag,” Tyler called to his friends, “let’s go swimming instead.”

Tyler and his friends hopped on their bikes and rode to the pool. At the pool, they had a contest to see who could make the biggest splash in the water. Tyler made a pretty big splash, but his friends made bigger ones.

The friends had lots of fun at the pool. The saddest part of the day was when they had to stop playing and go back home.

The Baker

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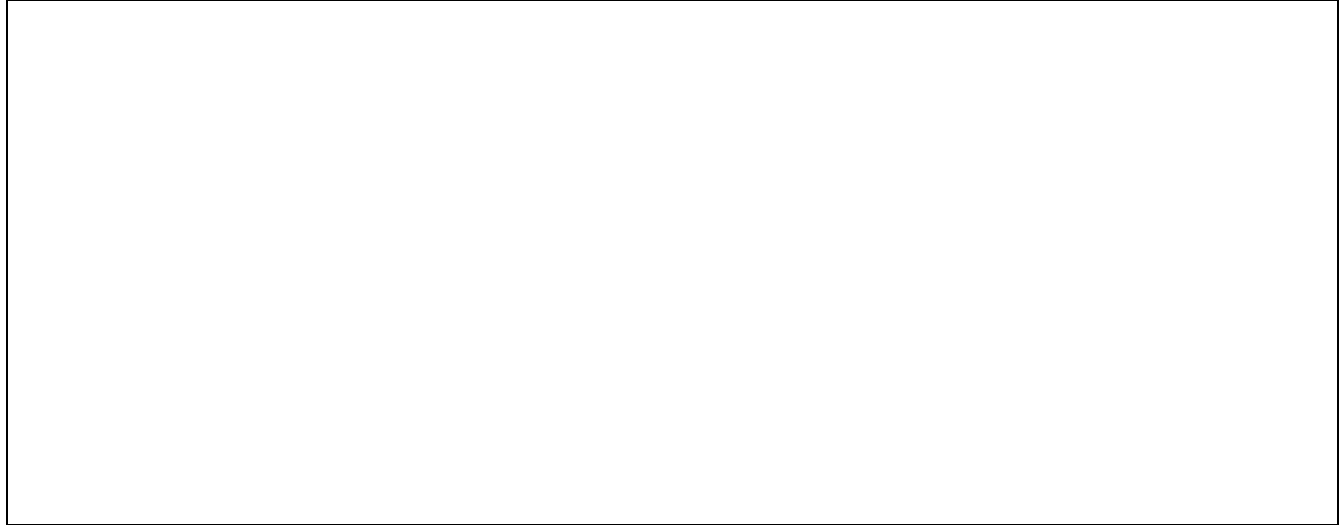
Rashawn is a world class baker. He has been baking since he was a little boy. Every day you can find him dancing around the kitchen while making yummy treats. He also loves trading tips with other bakers about how to make their dishes even better.

One day, Rashawn's friend, Payton, came over to visit. Payton was hoping to taste some of Rashawn's newest treats. "You're right on time!" Rashawn called. "I was just taking a fresh pie out of the oven." He cut two slices of pie and handed the larger slice to Payton. "I am sure you're going to love it," Rashawn said smiling.

"Yuck!" Payton yelled as she tasted the pie. "What do you mean, yuck?" asked Rashawn, his smile fading. "You don't like it?" "Just joking!" Payton said with a grin. "This is the best pie I have ever tasted!" "Oh good," Rashawn sighed as he sliced the rest of the pie up. "But next time, it would be nicer to say you liked it from the start."

Puppies

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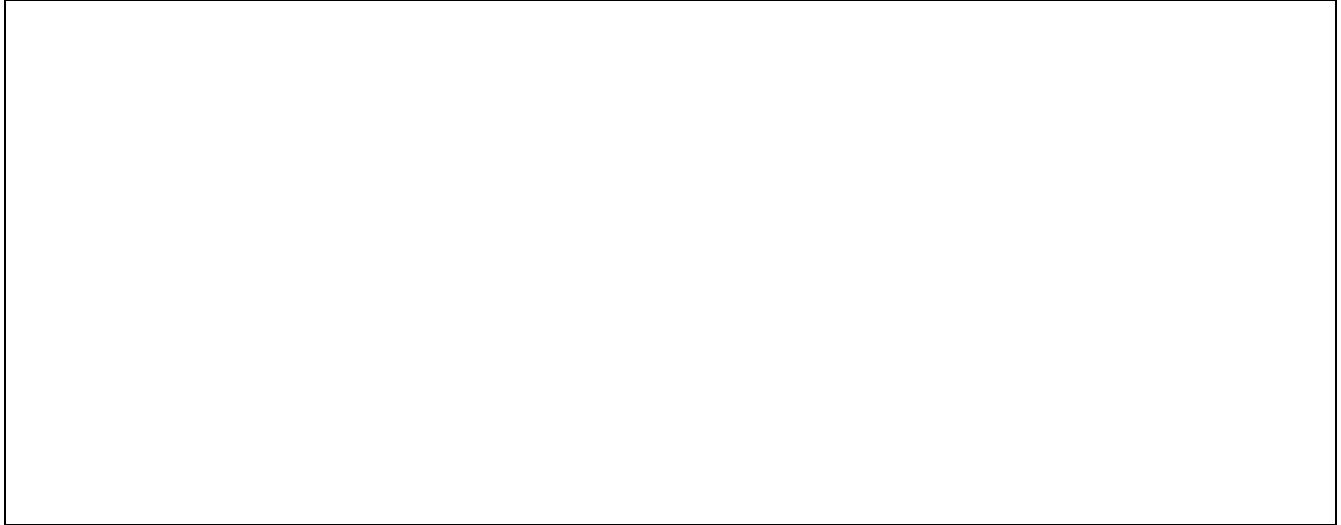
Violet loves helping animals. Her favorite animals to look after are puppies. Violet thinks puppies are the best because they are so cute and cuddly. The way they run around and play always makes her laugh. But looking after puppies isn't always easy.

Puppies need a lot of help. The tiniest puppies need to be fed constantly. It seems like their little bellies are never full. When a puppy cries, Violet tries her best to find out what they need. When the puppies need a bath, Violet scrubs them clean then dries them off. When the puppies are sleepy, Violet lays them on the fluffiest blankets for a nap.

When the puppies need to go potty, Violet hurries to get them outside before they make a mess. Most of the time, the puppies just want their tummies rubbed, which Violet is perfectly happy to do for them.

A Pet Lizard

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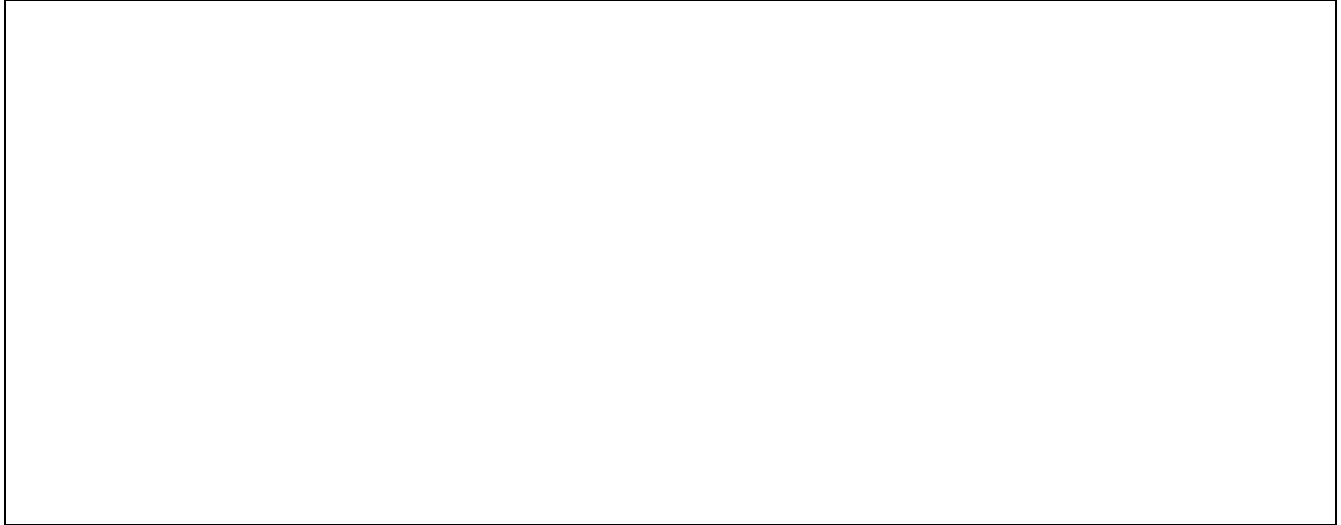
Have you ever considered getting a pet lizard? They may seem like an unusual choice, but they can be lovely pets. Lizards are reptiles. They can be big or small and many different colors.

You can create a nice habitat for your lizard to live in. Start with a big cage so your lizard has room to roam. You will also need some food for your lizard. Lizards eat bugs and worms and plants. Some even like to eat flowers. Perhaps they like the flavor of the nectar inside the flowers.

Unlike dogs and cats, lizards do not need collars and do not need to be taken on walks. Just remember, if they ever get sick, take them to a doctor who can help them get better. So, what do you think? Would you want to have a pet lizard?

A New Pair of Pants

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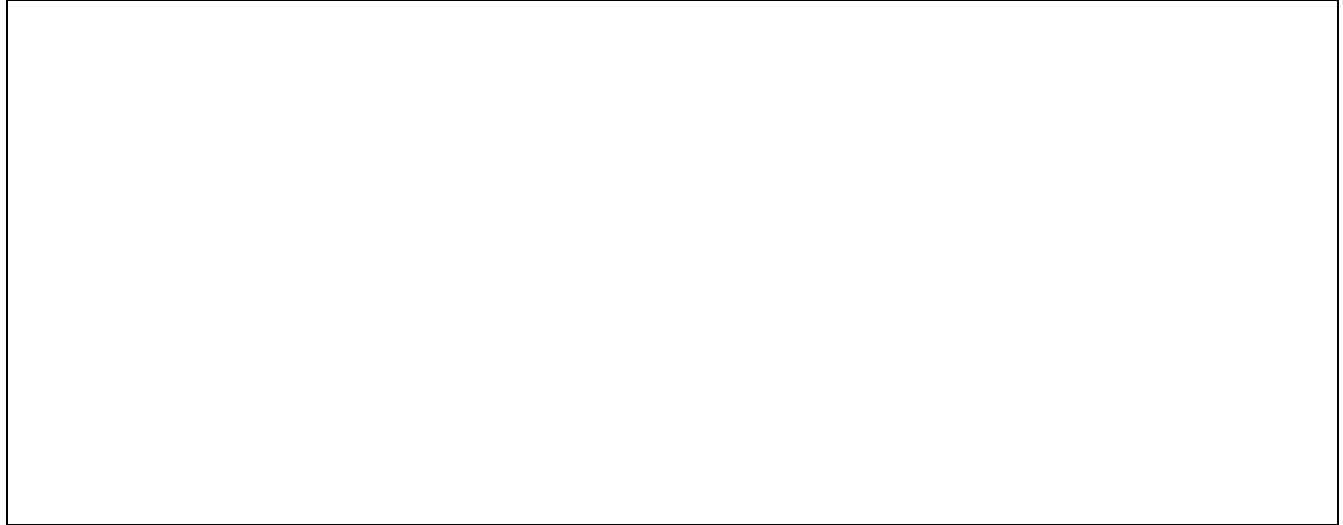
Clare went shopping for a new pair of pants. After going to five stores, she could not find the pair she wanted. Then, at the sixth store, she found them. The pair she picked flared out at the bottom. They were light as air and so comfortable.

When she put them on, she stared at herself in the mirror. Clare felt so fantastic in these pants that she twirled around and tossed her hair. She wanted to purchase two pairs so she would have a spare pair to wear.

She brought the pants to the checkout counter. "Those are nice pairs of pants," said the clerk, "if you take good care of them, they will last forever." "Thank you," answered Clare with a big smile, "I sure will."

The Yearly Strawberry Festival

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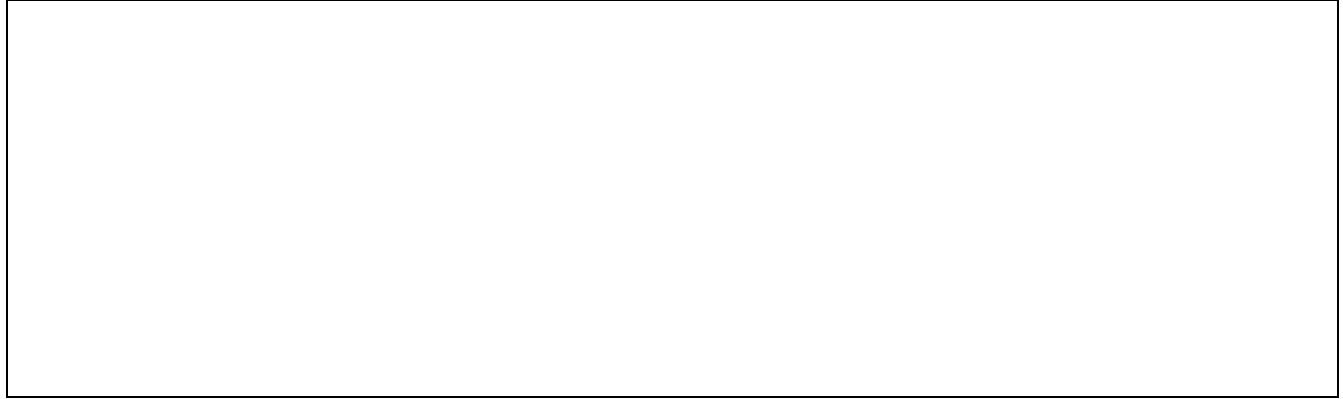


Did you hear? The Strawberry Festival is nearly here! Toward the beginning of each year, our town hosts this event to honor the strawberry farmers. It is always a blast to attend. You can eat all the yummiest strawberry treats including ice cream, cake, cookies, and milkshakes. There are also rides and games. The most interesting game is hosted by the man with the long beard. He will guess your birthday. Somehow, he is always right, but nobody knows how he does it. There is also a person who does amazing card tricks. If you give them a card, they will make it disappear!

What if the weather is bad, you ask? Never fear! Even on a dreary day, there is fun to be had under the big tent. Music, dancing, and crafts are sure to delight. There are also clowns and comics to give you a good laugh. Remember, the Strawberry Festival is only in town once a year. Get your tickets now so you do not miss out on the fun!

Greyson's Neighborhood

Illustrate the story here:



Greyson lives in a beige house on the corner of Eighth Street and Great Lake Road. He has lived there for eighteen years. Greyson loves his neighborhood because he has great neighbors. Any time he passes someone on his street they always wave and say hey.

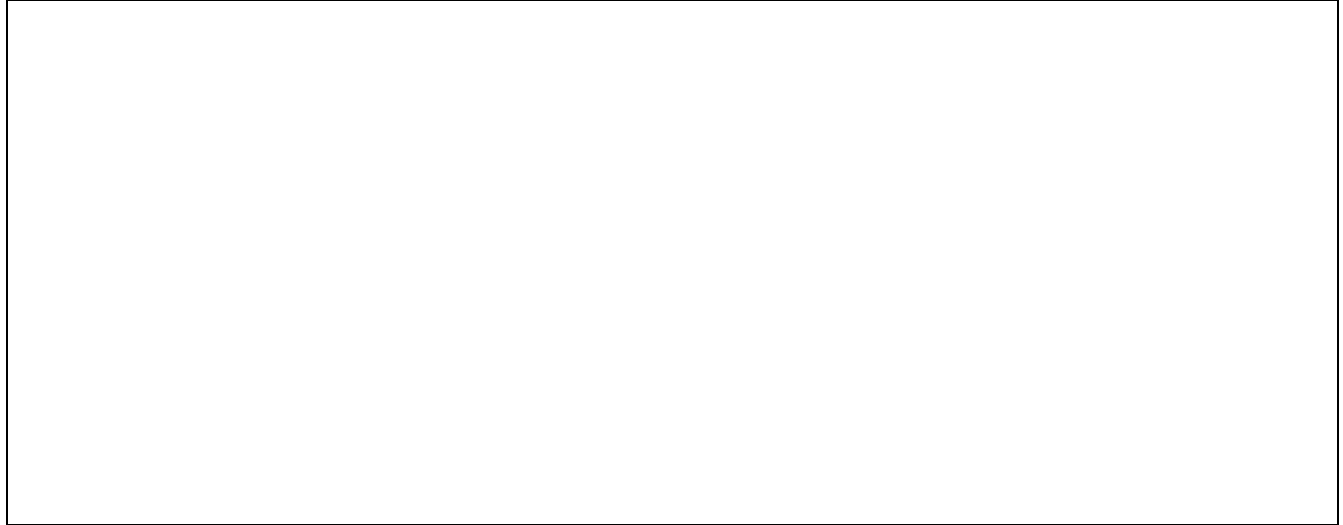
Greyson's next-door neighbor is Stewart. Stewart loves to cook and has a huge grill in his backyard. Every Friday, Stewart hosts a dinner party for Greyson and some other neighbors. Last Friday, Stewart grilled steak and corn. It was quite tasty!

Greyson's neighbors across the street are Cosmo and Wanda. They have three dogs, four cats, and one fish. That's eight pets! Sometimes, Greyson walks the dogs for Cosmo and Wanda if they need a break. When Greyson walks the dogs, they always go straight to the park to play fetch.

Greyson loves his beige house, his nice neighborhood, and his friendly neighbors. He thinks he just might stay there for another eighteen years.

It's No Fun to Argue

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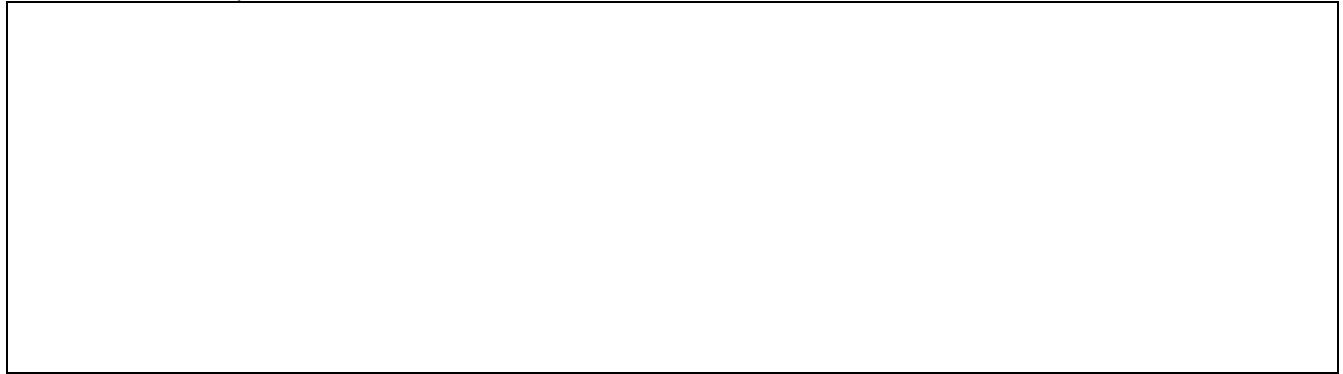
Corey lives down the street from his nephew, Louis. They love to spend time together. Corey calls Louis the best nephew on earth and Louis calls Corey the best uncle on earth.

Last Saturday, Corey took Louis to the park to play. Louis played a new game with a group of his friends. The game was going well, but then a few of the kids started to argue about the rules. The game could not continue while the kids were arguing. This made the rest of the group angry.

After a few minutes, Corey came to the rescue. He said, "if you all continue to argue, you will not have any time left to play." This made everyone stop and think. The kids agreed that they wanted to spend their time playing instead of arguing. "See," Louis yelled, "this is why Corey is the best uncle on earth!"

The Dough Guy

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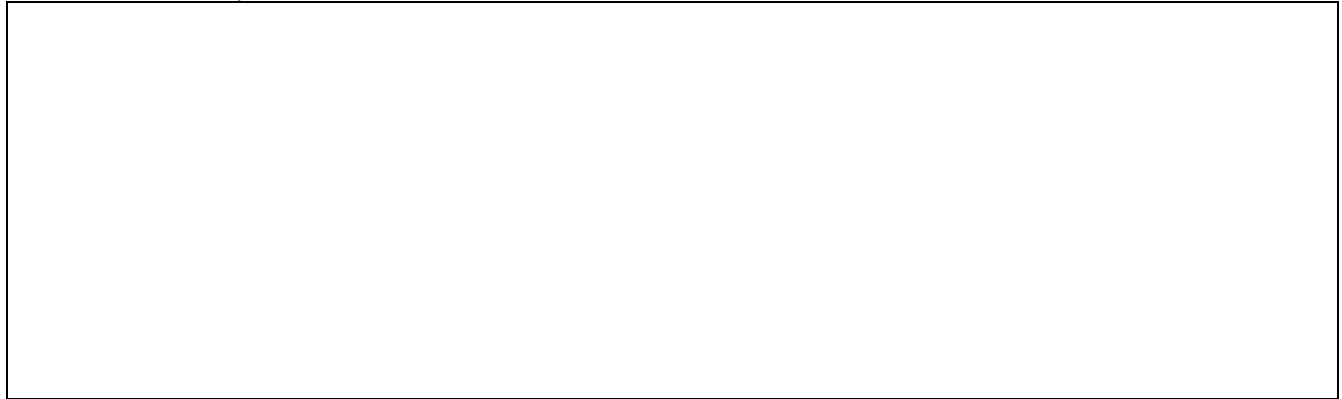
Stanley was preparing dinner one night when he thought to himself, “I would love to learn how to make fresh bread.” He looked down at the loaf of crusty bread he bought from the store. “I bet I can make better bread than this.”

The next morning, Stanley went to the store. He wanted to buy all the ingredients to make fresh bread. He needed flour and yeast to make the dough. He picked those up and brought his basket to the counter. “Are you making bread?” asked the guy behind the counter. “Well, I’m going to try,” replied Stanley, although he still wasn’t quite sure what he was doing.

“You ought to buy a few more supplies,” said the guy. “Wait here.” A few minutes later, the guy returned with salt, oil and a few different seasonings. “This is what you need.” he said, “I also wrote down some tips to make your dough rise perfectly.” “Wow!” replied Stanley, “that is so kind, thank you.” “No problem,” said the guy, “I love making bread. Everyone calls me Dough Guy. If your bread turns out well, would you bring back a slice for me to try?” “I’ll bring you a whole loaf!” chuckled Stanley. “Thanks, Dough Guy!”

A Trip to the City

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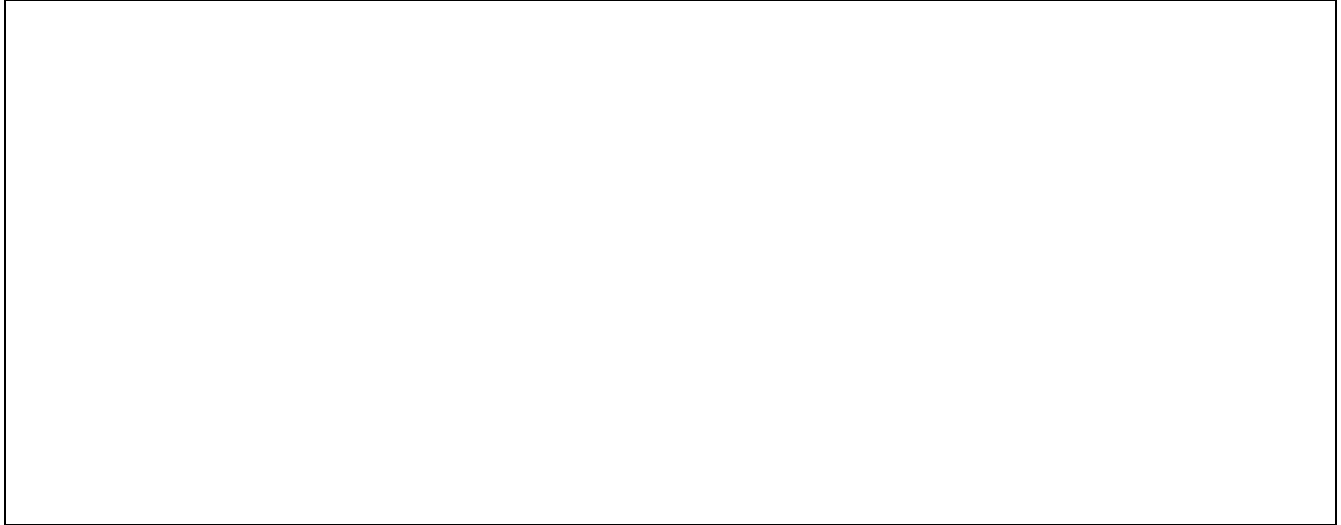
Reginald took a train trip to New York City to visit his Uncle Quincy. When he arrived, Uncle Quincy was there to greet him at the station. “Welcome!” called Uncle Quincy with glee, “I am so excited to have you as my guest for the week. I can’t wait to be your city guide.” “I’m excited too!” replied Reginald, “I have been imagining this trip for a long time.”

Their first excursion was to a fancy ice cream parlor. Reginald got a giant scoop of cinnamon ice cream. “This is incredible,” exclaimed Reginald between bites. Next, the pair walked back to Uncle Quincy’s apartment. When they got there, they saw a letter taped to the door. It was marked urgent. “I wonder what that could be,” said Uncle Quincy with a sly smile, “open it up and see if there is a message inside.”

Reginald opened the letter and two tickets fell into his hands. “Surprise! I managed to get us tickets to a concert at Madison Square Garden. It was sold out, but my friend is a ticket agent. She got us the last two general admission seats.” “Wow,” gasped Reginald, “I never would have guessed I’d get to see a real concert. Thank you, Uncle Quincy. This is the best trip ever!”

The School Chorus

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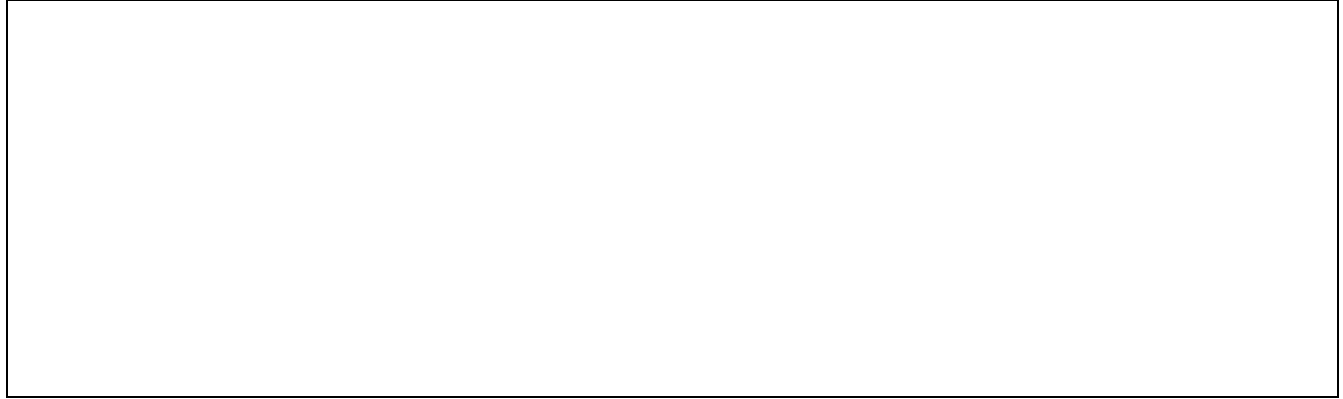


Chris is in the school chorus. The chorus is a group of students who sing together. Chris goes to chorus practice every day after school. At chorus practice, the students learn how to sing new songs. First, everyone listens to their teacher sing the song. Next, they hum the song. Then, they whistle the tune. Finally, they all sing together.

After many weeks of practice, the chorus learned eight new songs. They were now ready to sing with the orchestra. The orchestra is a group of students who play instruments together. The chorus and the orchestra met in the auditorium to perform. The music they made was beautiful. It echoed through the halls and brought joy to all who could hear it.

The Audition

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Today is a big day for Ricardo. The theater club is holding auditions for the school play. Acting is Ricardo's passion. He is auditioning for the lead role. This year's play is about a mission to outer space. It is packed with action and ends with a real explosion!

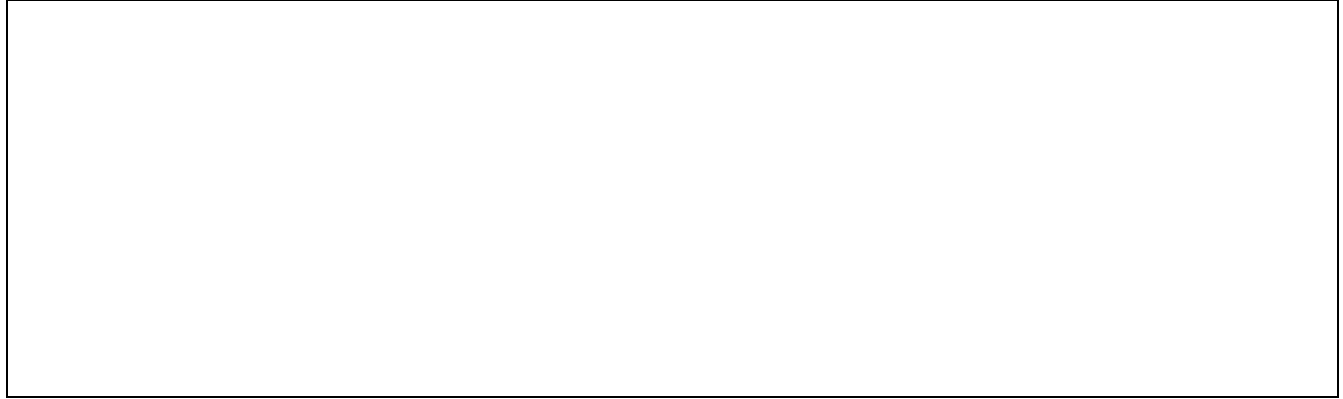
Ricardo walked into the theater club meeting. He excitedly handed his permission slip to the director and found a seat. He listened as the director explained how the audition would work. "Remember to be creative and use your imaginations. Any questions before we begin?"

No questions. Everyone was ready to begin. The students took turns auditioning for the director. There was a lot of competition, but Ricardo did a great job! Once the auditions were finished, the director announced the parts.

"This was a tough decision," she said. "You each made a great impression. The lead role goes to...Ricardo!" Ricardo leaped out of his seat with joy. His friends clapped for him. He could not wait to run home and start memorizing his lines.

We're Going on an Adventure

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Every Sunday, Lucy spends the afternoon with her babysitter, Kaylen. Lucy loves Kaylen because Kaylen always takes Lucy on fun and exciting adventures. Today, Kaylen was holding a magnifying glass in one hand and a notebook in the other.

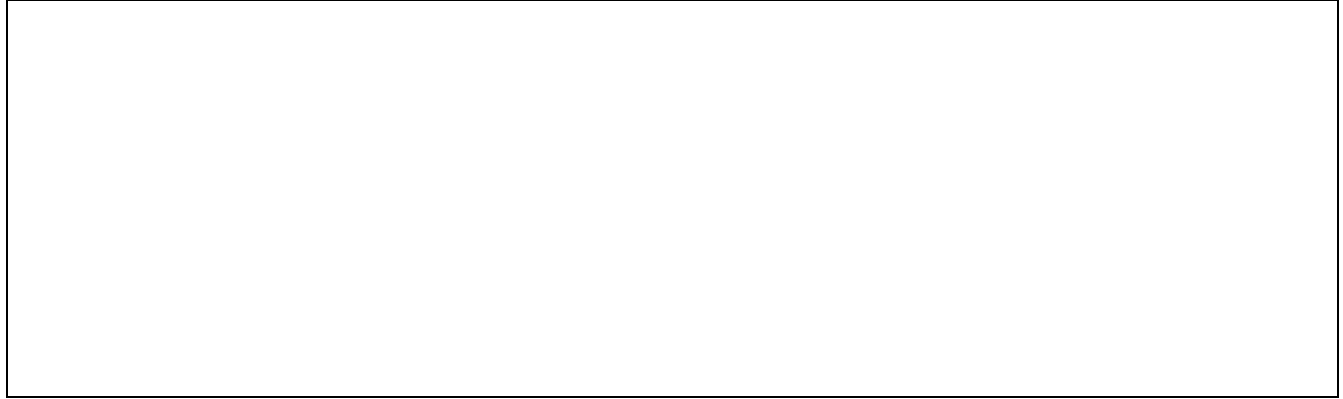
"Are you ready to go on an adventure?" Kaylen asked Lucy. "Yes!" Lucy cried. "On today's adventure, we are going to become nature explorers," explained Kaylen, "our mission is to discover new creatures." Kaylen led Lucy into the backyard and helped her use the magnifying glass to look closely at the plants in the garden.

Lucy found a worm digging in the dirt and a ladybug resting on a leaf. She saw a butterfly land on a flower and a lizard scurry under a rock. She captured a frog. She even discovered a mother bird making a nest in a tree.

Kaylen helped Lucy draw pictures in her notebook of all the creatures she observed. "This was one of our best adventures yet," Lucy beamed.

Chris Joins a Club

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Chris wants to join a club. She wants to learn a new skill and make new friends. The only problem is that Chris has no idea what club to join! Luckily, there is a showcase after school where Chris can learn about all the clubs.

The club showcase is in the gym. There are rows and rows of tables with members of all the different clubs. First, Chris visits the table for Art Club. The Art Club members are sculptors, painters, and cartoonists. Chris thought the art they created was nice, but she does not want to be an artist.

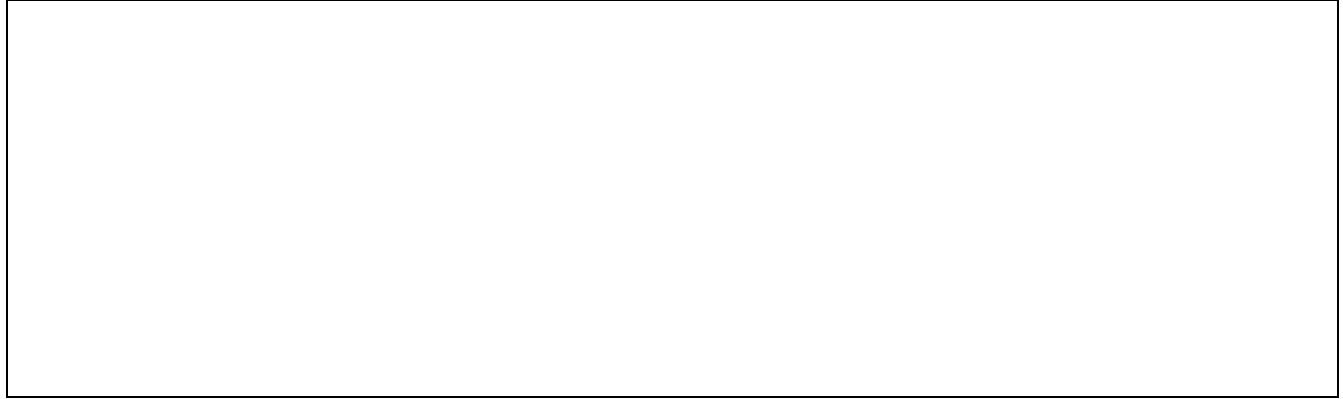
Next, Chris visits the table for Sports Club. In Sports Club, you work with athletic trainers. You can learn to be a basketball player or even a baseball catcher. Chris thought of herself as more of a sports watcher than a sports player. This is not the club for her.

Finally, Chris stops at the table for Garden Club. In Garden Club, you learn how to grow and care for plants from real botanists. A botanist is someone who studies plants. You even work with real farmers to learn how to grow your own food.

Chris has always wanted to learn to garden. This is the perfect club for her. She may even become a botanist or a farmer one day.

Stella the Chemist

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Today at school, Miss Chang's students talked about the jobs they wanted to have when they grow up. Kenya, Wendy, and Gavin wanted to be artists. Hugo and Seema wanted to be farmers. Taylor wanted to be a dentist. Each student seemed excited, except for Stella.

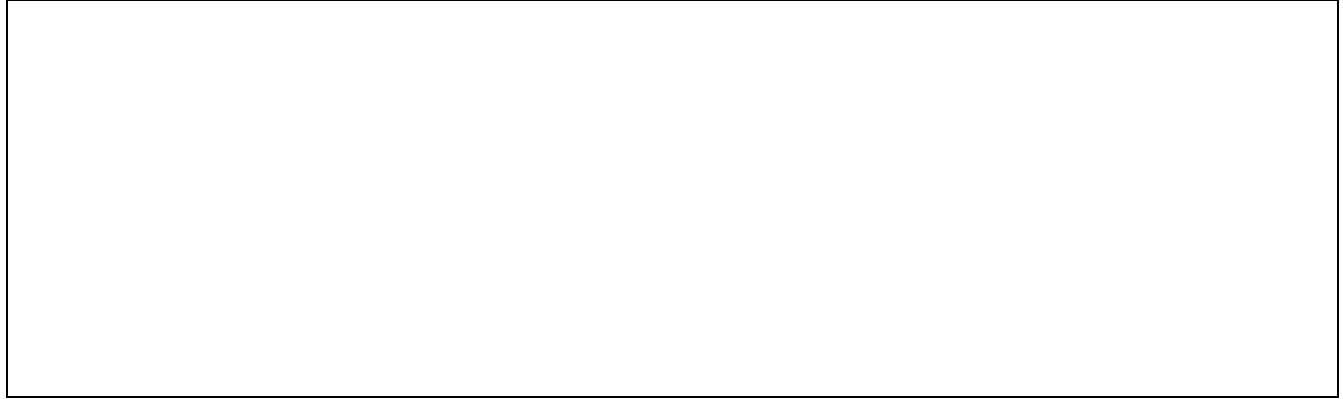
Ever since she could remember, Stella has always wanted to be a doctor so she could help people. However, Stella is quite squeamish. If she sees needles or blood, her face turns a palish color, and she does not feel well.

"Have you ever thought about being a chemist instead?" Miss Chang asked Stella. "What does a chemist do?" Stella asked. Miss Chang explained that chemists conduct experiments, learn, and solve problems.

"Stella, you are bookish, so you love to read and learn. You are a hard worker, who is not foolish. You like to use your imagination and discover new things. All these features will make you a great chemist." Even though this was a newish idea, Stella was already getting excited. "Being a chemist seems like the best decision for me!" exclaimed Stella.

The Haunted House

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There is a spooky two-story house at the end of Eighth Street. Nobody knows who lives there, and nobody ever goes in or comes out. Most of the kids in the neighborhood think this house is haunted.

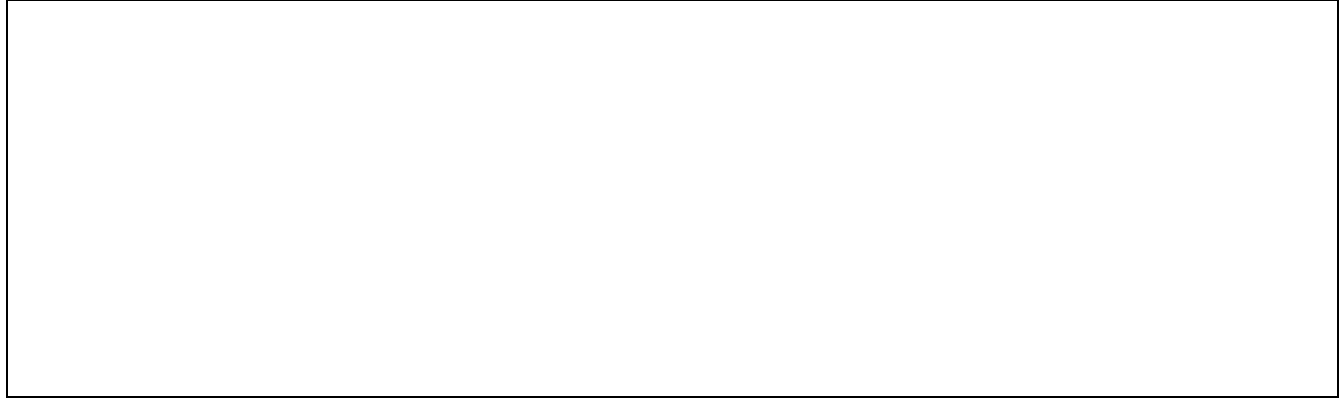
Sammy, a fifth grader with curly brown hair, always wondered what would happen if she knocked on the door of that spooky old house. One stormy night, Sammy and her younger brother walked over to the spooky house and crept up to the front porch. The dusty wood floor creaked under their feet.

Sammy raised her shaky arm and knocked on the door. All of a sudden, the siblings heard a loud noise. They were too scared to wait to find out what it was. They made a speedy exit across the muddy yard and ran all the way home.

By the time they got home, they were messy and sweaty and ready for a bath. Sammy and her brother knew they would never go back to the spooky old house again, particularly on such a dark and stormy night. They may never find out if the house was truly haunted.

Spreading Kindness

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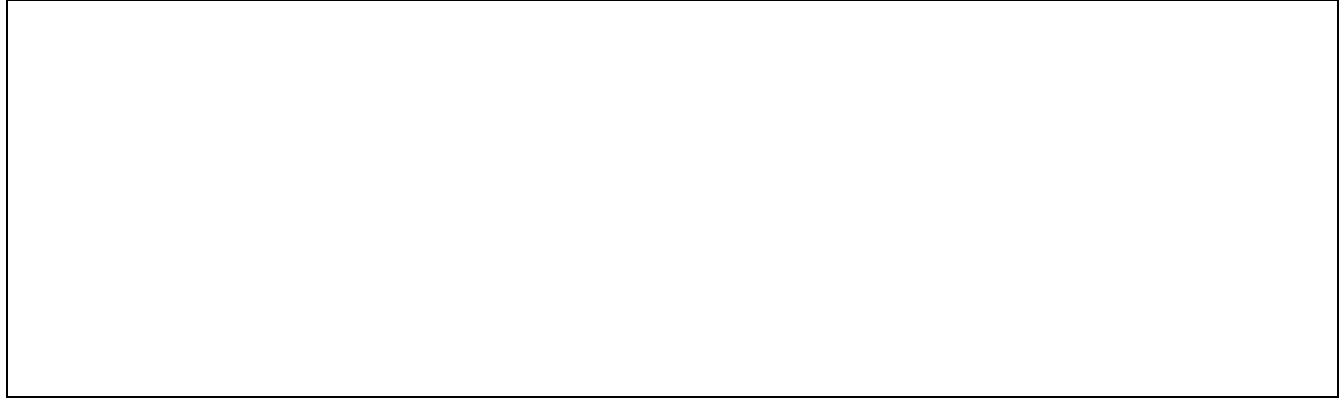
We all have good days and bad days. Good days are filled with brightness and happiness. On good days it is easy to be nice to our friends and everything seems fun. On good days annoying things don't really bother us, and we feel a sense of calmness in our bodies.

Bad days, on the other hand, are not so great. On bad days we may be filled with sadness or loneliness. Bad days can feel dark and scary. On bad days, it can be hard to be nice. On bad days lots of things might bother us, and we might not be in the mood for silliness.

When we are having a good day, we have the energy we need to spread kindness to the people around us. We can lend a smile or a helping hand and share our brightness with others. In return, when we are having a bad day, we can lean on those kindness spreaders for the extra help we need. Because if everyone shares a little extra kindness on their good days, we can all help each other get through our bad days.

Grandma's Retirement Party

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Mom knocked on Trey's bedroom door early one Saturday morning. "Time to get up," she exclaimed, "we have a lot to do to get ready for Grandma's retirement party!" Trey yawned and stretched and made his way downstairs. He could feel the excitement in the air.

All of his aunts and uncles were already here. He watched in amazement as everyone worked together cooking, cleaning, and setting up games and music for entertainment. "What is a retirement party?" Trey asked his older sister.

"It's a celebration that Grandma has finished her employment," she replied, "Grandma is now finished with her job as a doctor." When Grandma got there, Trey ran out the door and across the pavement to give her a hug. "Grandma! Now that you are done being a doctor, what will you do all day?"

Grandma chuckled. "Well, I am going to take lots of exciting trips, read my books, and spend more time with you and your sister." "Wow! That sounds like fun. When does my retirement start?" asked Trey.

The Indestructible Dog Toy

Illustrate the story here:



Cesar's dog, Cooper, loves to play with toys. Chew toys are his favorite. The only problem is that Cooper treats his toys like they are disposable. You see, Cooper has super strong teeth and he likes to chew and tug on his toys until they are destroyed.

Cooper's toys tend to last about a week. Once he pulled a toy apart in less than an hour! One day, Cesar brought home a gift for Cooper. "I think I finally found an indestructible dog toy," he proclaimed. His family examined the toy. It was a set of three rubber rings linked together.

"These rings are extremely flexible and impossible to break," Cesar explained. "They are washable so we can keep them clean. They even glow in the dark so they are visible at night!" Was it possible? Was this finally the perfect toy for Cooper? Cooper loved his new rings and chewed on them every day.

Three months later, the rings had a few visible chew marks, but they were still useable. It was remarkable. This was the longest Cooper had ever kept a toy without tearing it apart. Cesar and his family were all thrilled that they finally found an indestructible toy for their goofy, lovable pup.

The Triplets Go to School

Illustrate the story here:



Macy, Stacy, and Tracy are triplets. They do everything together. Each morning they wake up and put on matching uniforms. Then, they get on their bicycles and ride to school. At school, they take all the same classes.

Their first class is French. The triplets are bilingual because they already speak English and Spanish. Once they learn French, they will be trilingual! Their next class is math. In math class, they learn all about different kinds of triangles. Then, in music class they practice a new song. They always sing in unison at the biweekly show.

After lunch, they go to reading class. This is the triplets' favorite class. Their teacher is reading the last book in a new trilogy to them. They can not wait to learn how this story ends. At the end of the day, the triplets get back on their bicycles and ride home together. They are an unbreakable trio.

The Carnival

Illustrate the story here:



The carnival is in town! Get your tickets, grab a friend, and head on down to the fair grounds. With so many options for excitement and entertainment, everyone is bound to have a great day at the carnival.

If you are seeking adventure, head over to the midway. This is where you will find the rides. Slide down the bumpy super slide, walk through the spooky haunted house, or buckle up for a ride on the speedy roller coaster.

If you get hungry, wander over to the food trucks. Here you will find every treat imaginable. A giant corndog, a funnel cake, and an ice-cold lemonade are the perfect carnival combination.

If you get too hot and sweaty outside, step into the expo hall. Here you will meet farmers who can teach you about animals like chickens, pigs, and goats. You may even get to hold a baby chick! Also, there may be a cartoonist who will draw your caricature and a band playing music.

At the end of the day, everyone gathers to watch the firework display in the night sky. This part is never a disappointment. Spending the day at the carnival is always enjoyable.