

Decoding Practice

Words, Sentences, And Stories

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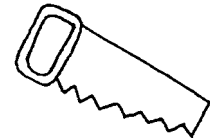
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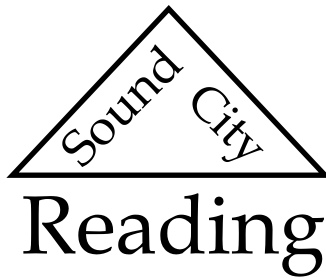


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Instructions

Pacing

Teach one new pattern (sh, th, ck) or one new set of consonant blends (amp, est, st, br) per day. Or, teach two or more patterns per day, if students are able to master the material. Be sure to practice every day so that students can remember the sounds for the patterns.

Materials Needed

Decoding Practice book, phonogram cards, sight word cards, pencils and lined paper. For a whole class, print the enlarged version of the charts (available at www.soundcityreading.com) and post them on the wall.

Daily Lesson Plan: Eight Easy Steps

1. **Teach A New Pattern:** Show the card, model the sound, and have each student repeat individually. When teaching a new set of consonant blends, instead of using flashcards, model the sounds from the truck chart, and have students repeat.
2. **Sound Chart Review:** Use the charts in this book. Do each chart in order. Go from left to right, starting with the top row. Point to each letter or letter pattern and model the sound. Students repeat. Say both the sound and key word for each pattern when you begin each book. After a few days, just say the sounds and skip the key words. As soon as possible, point to the patterns and let the students say the sounds without any modeling from you.

Because they are organized visually into logical groupings on the page, with picture cues to help students remember the sounds, the sound charts provide students with a mental framework for understanding and remembering all of the phonogram patterns. Students start with just a few patterns; in each succeeding book new patterns are added to the charts. Students master the patterns in one book before going on to the next book.

3. **Sound Card Review:** In this step, students must remember the sound for each letter pattern without the benefit of picture cues. Go through all of the cards that have been taught, in order, ending with the newest card. Students say the sound or sounds (if there are more than one) for each pattern. Do not use key words.

This step is important because students are learning to recognize the letter patterns without the benefit of the picture charts. They are responding with the sounds only, without using key words. This is exactly what they will need to do to read words.

4. **Apply The New Pattern:** Students read the words and sentences with the new pattern.

5. **New Sight Word Intro:** Introduce any new sight words that are listed on the page, after students have read the phonetic words for that pattern. Show the card, say the word, and have students repeat in unison. Call on several students to make up a sentence using the word.

Sight words are taught as exceptions to the rule. The new pattern does not represent the expected sound. Remind students that these words cannot be “sounded out” in the usual way. They must be able to read and write the words from memory.

6. **Spelling Dictation:** Display the card for the new pattern. Dictate several letters and phonogram patterns, including the new pattern. Dictate ten of the new words. Students pronounce the word and then say the individual sounds while they write the related letters on lined paper. Show any new sight word cards, say each word, and have students copy them. These words cannot be sounded out and must be learned visually. For sight words, students may say the letter names (instead of sounds) as they write them. You may also want to dictate a few words with suffix patterns. Finally, dictate a sentence containing words that have been studied during the dictation period.

Students should not be able to see the words during the dictation period. It’s important for them to listen and figure out the sounds in the word for themselves. They then translate the sounds into the word by writing the letters. If they forget the new pattern, they can look at the card on display to help them remember it.

7. **Sight Word Review:** Students read all of the sight words that have been taught, in unison. Don’t read words that have not been introduced. Use sight word flashcards or the sight word list at the end of this book.
8. **Read The Story:** If there is a new story, have students read it. If not, have them reread the previous story. If the stories are short, reread several review stories.

Work towards mastery. Keep practicing until students can read each page confidently, without hesitation. Ask questions frequently to make sure students understand and relate to the story.

Troubleshooting

1. If students have difficulty reading the words, do the spelling dictation (step six) before reading the words (step 4). This may seem counterintuitive, but in practice it works very well. In order to write the word, students must analyze the sounds in the word carefully, and use the letters in the new pattern while writing the word. This is a multi-sensory process; students say the sounds, hear the sounds, write the letters, and see the letters. Using this combination of senses all at the same time lays the groundwork for students to understand the process of phonetic coding (spelling) and decoding (reading), making it easier to read the words.

2. If students have difficulty spelling the words, call on individual students to say the sounds one at a time, while arranging moveable letter cards in a pocket chart to build the word. Then cover the word and have all of the students say the sounds again while writing the word on paper. Or, pass out sets of plastic letters, and have students spell each word with plastic letters before writing it.
3. If students have difficulty reading the stories, read them aloud first, discuss them, and then have students read them. If necessary, read one line at a time, and have students echo read each line in unison. Then listen while students reread the whole story aloud, reading together. Finally, have students take turns reading to each other in pairs. Send the story home to read aloud for homework.


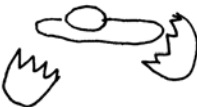







More Trouble Shooting


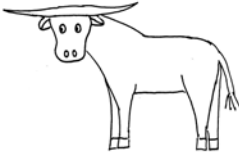














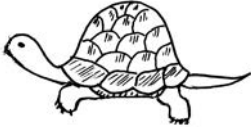
If the above steps don't solve the problem, students will need more help with segmenting (hearing the separate sounds in words) and decoding (seeing the individual patterns in words and translating them into sounds to form a word). On this case, students can study the same letter patterns, words, and stories in a separate set of books, *Phonics Patterns And Stories*, which are designed to make the learning process easier. In these books, students play a listening game (the robot game) using pictures and words in the book to prepare them to read each new set of words. The game develops their ability to hear the separate sounds in words. The words are also color-coded. Each vowel sound is represented in a particular color. For example, all the patterns that represent the long a sound (ai/rain, ay/play, a_e/safe), are printed in dark red. This helps students see the pattern as a distinct unit within the words. Students also relate the sound for each pattern to environmental sound pictures from a sound story, instead of using key words. Although this approach is a little more challenging for adults, it works perfectly for students who are having trouble grasping the relationship between letter patterns and sounds.

After students complete each lesson in the *Phonics Patterns And Stories* books, the teacher can send home pages from this *Decoding Practice* book for extra practice at home.

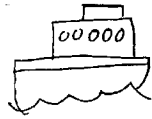
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U u	V v	W w	X x	Y y	Z z

<p>Short Vowels</p>	<p>a</p>  <p>ant</p>	<p>e</p>  <p>egg</p>
<p>Long Vowels</p>	<p>ā</p>  <p>apron</p>	<p>ē</p>  <p>emu</p>
<p>Special Vowels</p>	<p>ä</p>  <p>all</p>	
<p>Special Vowel Pairs</p>	<p>ou</p>  <p>ouch</p>	<p>ow</p>  <p>cow</p>
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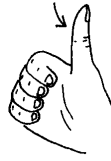
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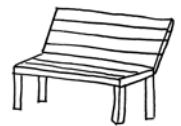
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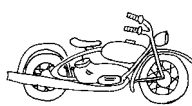
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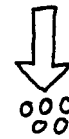
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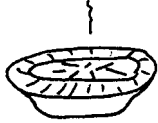
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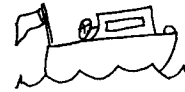
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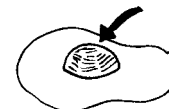
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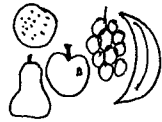
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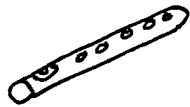
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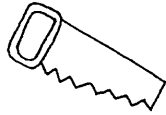
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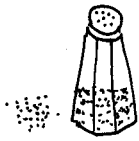
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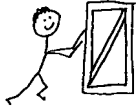
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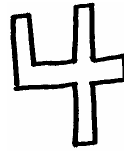
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Umbrella Vowels - These vowels have the short u sound.



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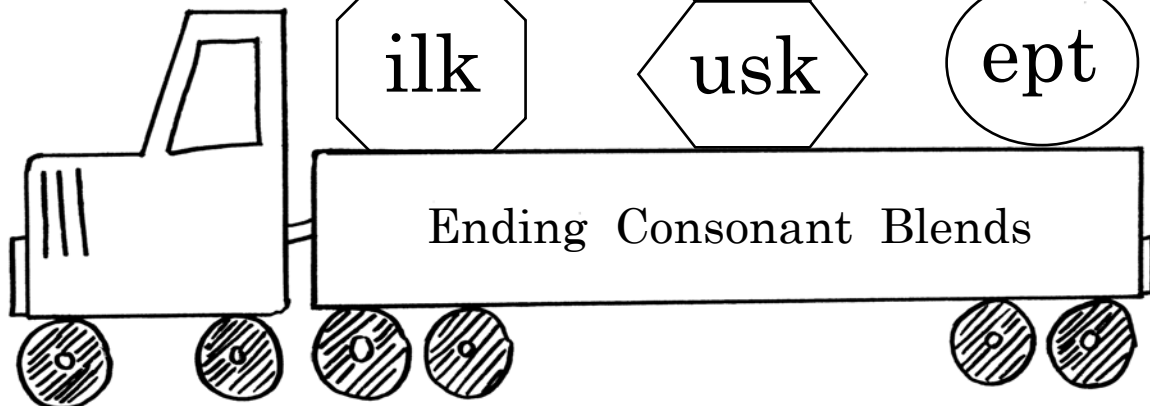
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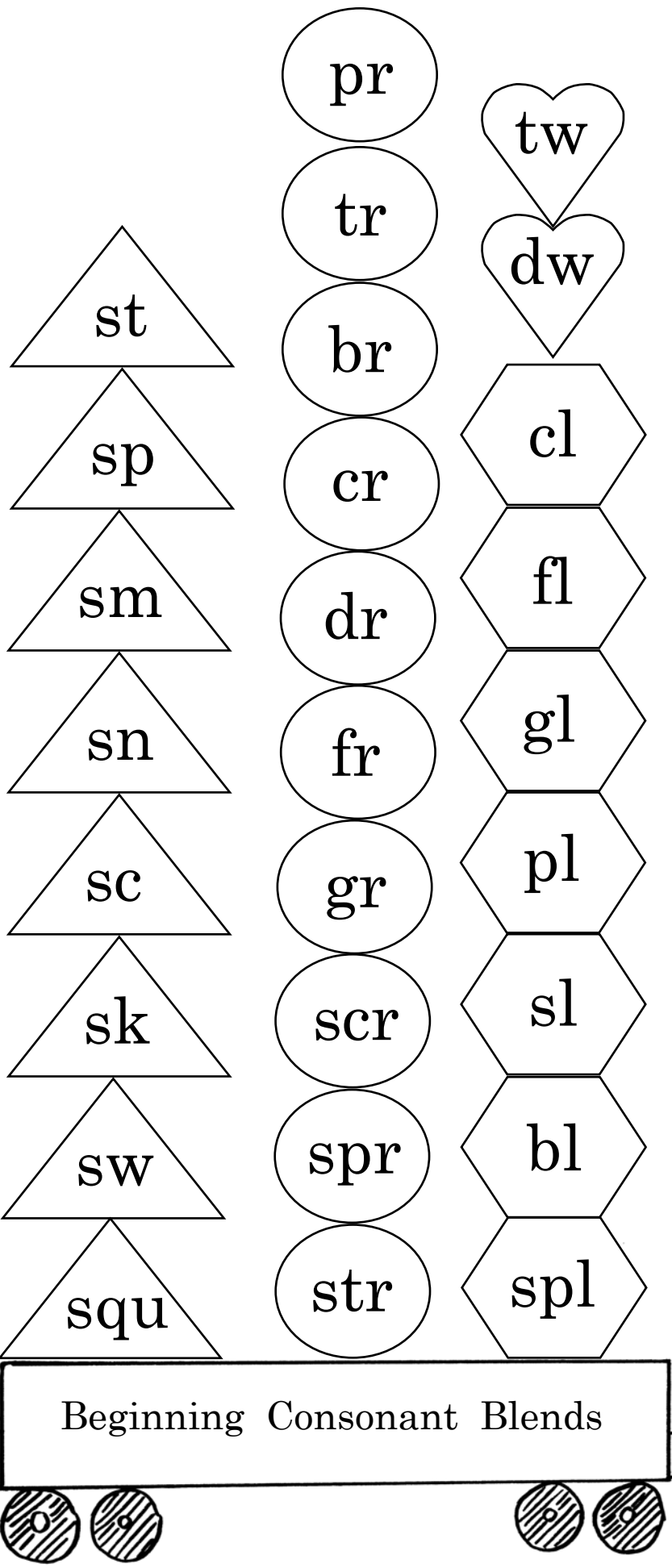
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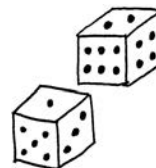
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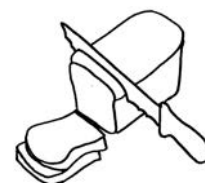
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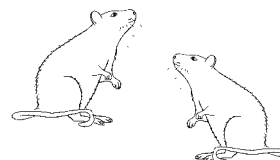
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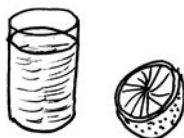
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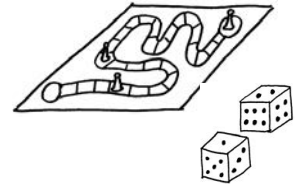
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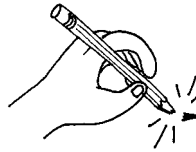
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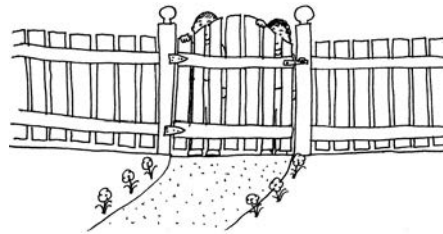
2. Roll the dice to play this game.



3. The pencil broke.



4. The boys stood
behind the fence.



5. Ice melts when it gets hot.



6. A spruce tree stays green
when it gets cold.



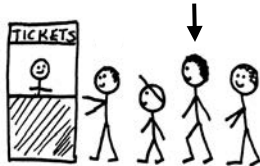
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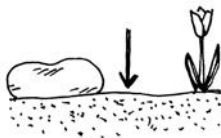
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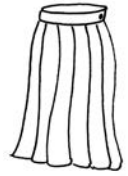
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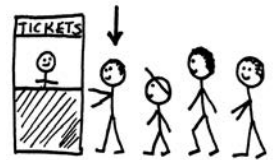
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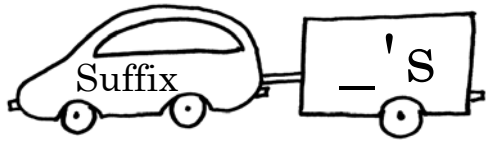


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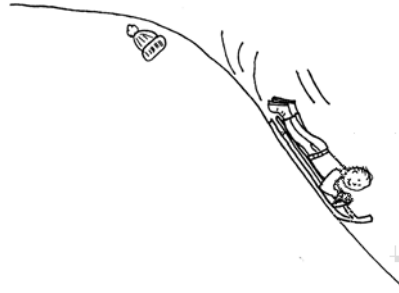
2. Josh stirs the soup.





Put an apostrophe 's at the end of a person's name to show that something belongs to that person.

Ed's sled



Mike's bike



Jeff's pig

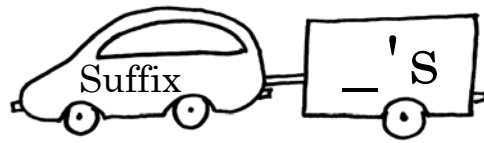


Beth's blocks



Ned's shell





1. Jill's dog runs fast.



2. Mom's bag fell.



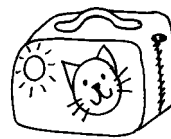
3. Jack's gift is in the box.



4. Tom's sock is lost.



5. Pam's lunch box
has a cat on it.



6. Ned's shells were in the box.



7. Ed's sled is red.



A Bird

This girl has a bird.

It is a white bird.

The bird is not wild.

It is tame.

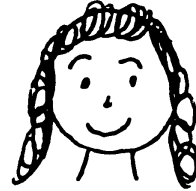
The bird is a pet.

The girl likes the bird.

The bird likes the girl.

The bird can pick up a pencil.

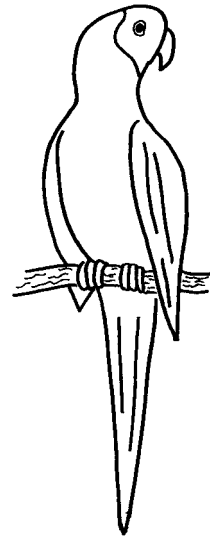
And it can dance.



The bird likes to sit
on the girl's shirt sleeve.

The bird chirps at the girl.

The girl gives it seeds.



The girl is glad to have a bird.

The bird and the girl

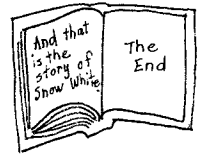
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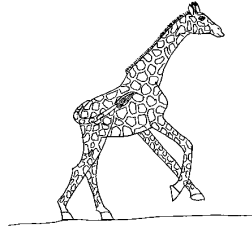
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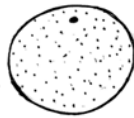
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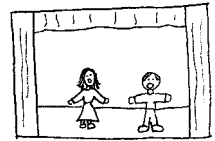
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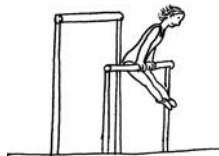
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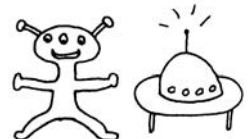
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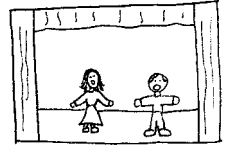
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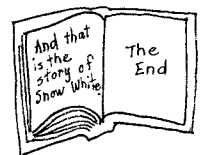
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1. The girl and boy sing on the stage.



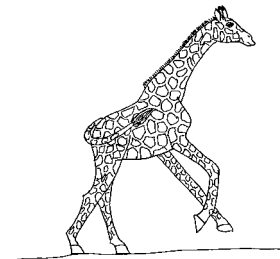
2. This is the last page in the book.



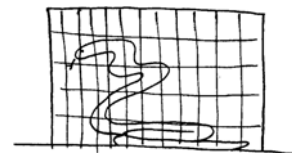
3. Sue is drinking orange juice.



4. The giraffe runs away.



5. A snake is in the cage.



6. A redwood tree is huge.

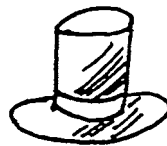


Jake's Magic Show

This is Jake. He can do magic tricks on a stage.



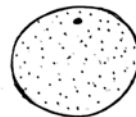
He can pull a rabbit out of a hat.



He can get a bird out of a cage while the cage is still shut.



And he can change an orange into an apple.



Jake likes to do his magic tricks!

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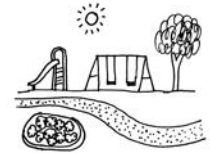
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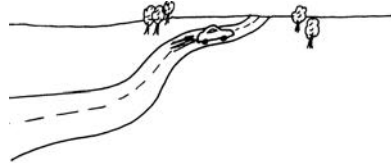
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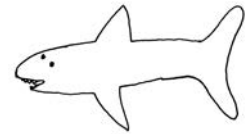
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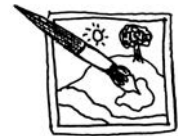
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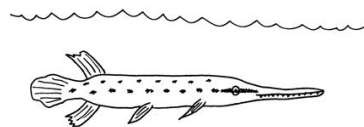
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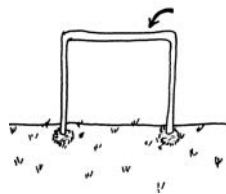
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snarl



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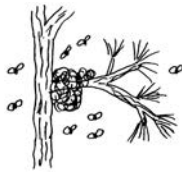
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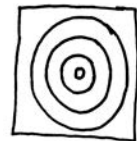
garden



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dwarf



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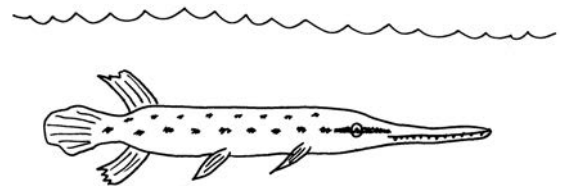
1. A bug is in the jar.



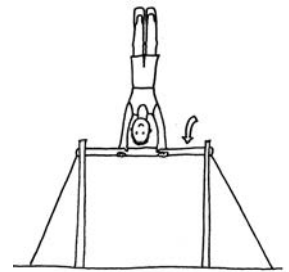
2. We went for a ride in the car.



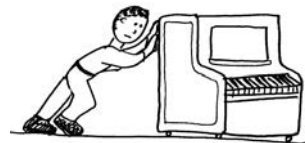
3. A gar has sharp teeth.



4. Chad can do tricks on the bar.



5. This is hard to push.



6. We run from the swarm of bees.

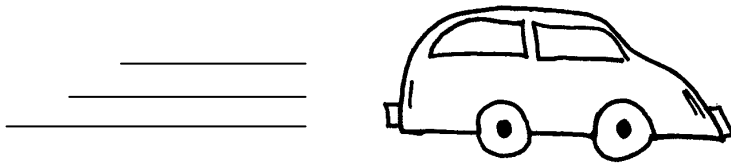


Mark's Car

Mark has a car.

It is a large red car.

The car can go fast.



Mark likes to drive his car.

Mark says, "It is hard to
drive a car, but I am smart.

I am safe when I drive."

First, he starts the car.

Next, he drives to his job.

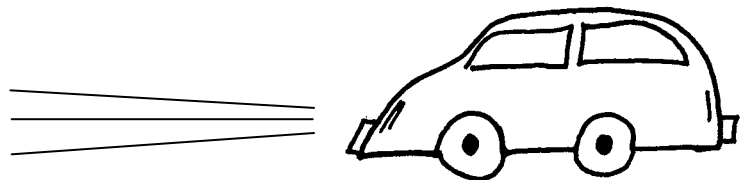
Then, he parks the car.

At the end of the day, it is dark.

It is night time. So Mark drives

home with the lights on.

The End



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hamper



hammer



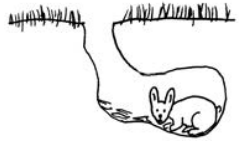
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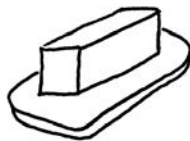
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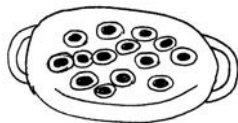
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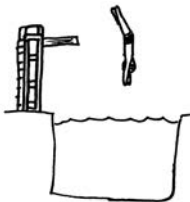
platter



sister



summer



finger



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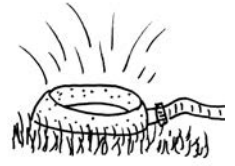
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sprinkler



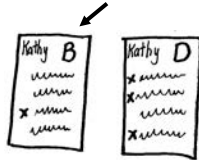
ladder



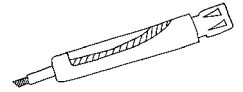
tweezers



better



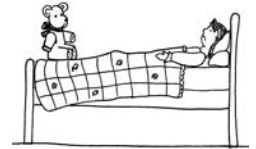
marker



soccer



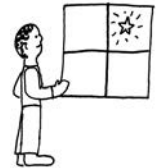
covers



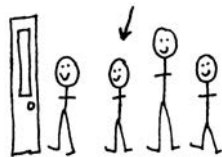
flipper



wonder



after



mother



river



brother



splinter



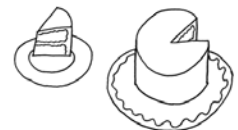
desert



flower



dessert



er



perch



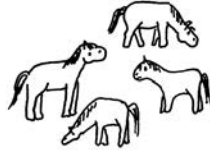
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verse

Roses are red
Violets are blue

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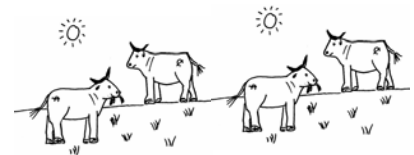
serve



1. The crow is perched on a branch.



2. This herd lives on a ranch.



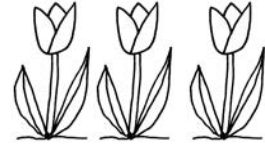
3. I will give the flower to her.



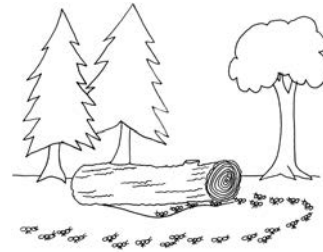
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1. Flowers grow in the spring.



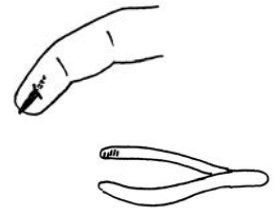
2. Ants live under the log.



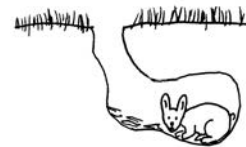
3. This man is standing on a ladder to paint the house.



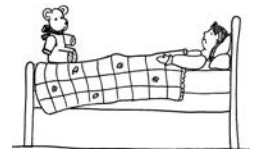
4. Use the tweezers to get the splinter out of your finger.



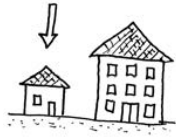
5. This rabbit lives in a hole under the ground.



6. Sue stays warm under the covers.



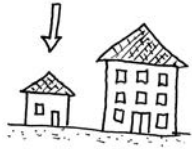
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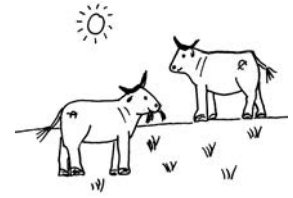
rattle



little



cattle



whittle



shuttle



kettle



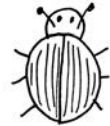
startle



mantle



beetle



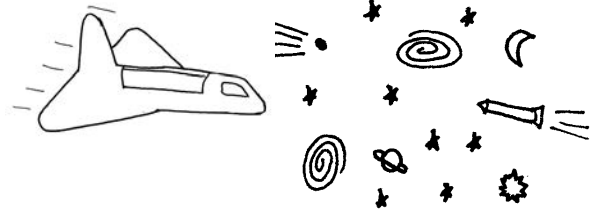
bottle



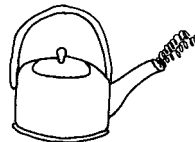
title



1. The space shuttle goes into outer space.



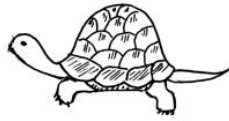
2. This kettle is hot.



3. A beetle has six legs.



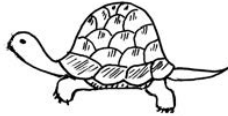
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hurt



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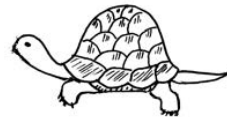
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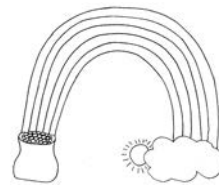
turnip



1. A turtle cannot go fast.



2. A rainbow is a large curve.



3. The woman will churn
the milk to make butter.

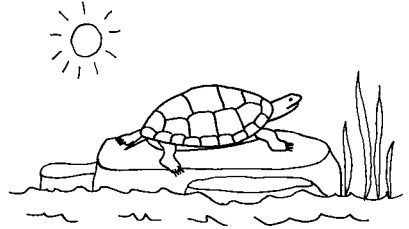


The Life Of A Turtle

This is a turtle. She has a hard shell.

The shell keeps her safe.

Some times she sits on



a rock in the warm sun.

The turtle lives at a lake.

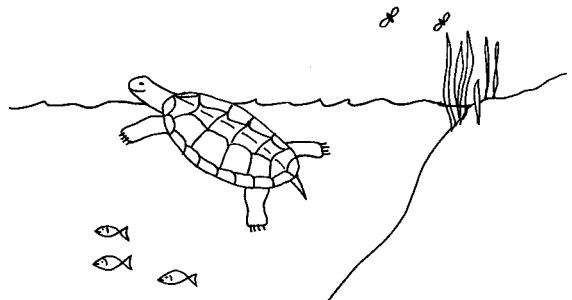
She can not go fast on the land.

But she can swim well.

In the summer, the

turtle catches bugs

and fish in the lake.



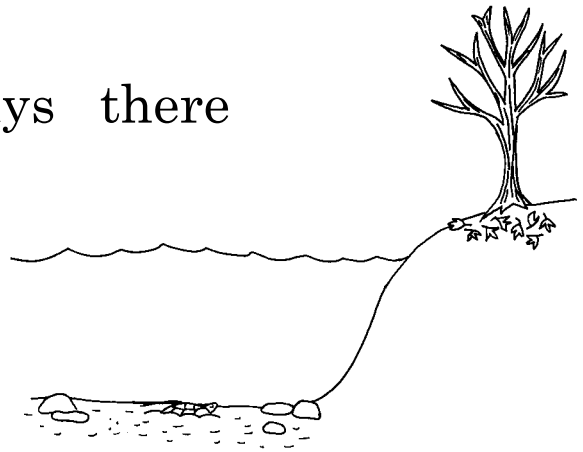
In the winter, when it is cold, the turtle goes to the bottom of the lake. She digs down into the mud. She does not move.

She just sleeps. She stays there

until spring time. Then

she wakes up and

starts to swim in the lake again.



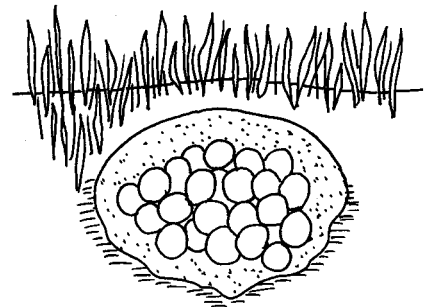
When it gets warm, the turtle goes up on the

land. She digs a hole. She lays her eggs in

the hole. Then she covers

them up. Some day, little

turtles will hatch from the eggs.

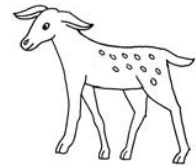


The End

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fawn



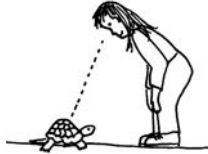
saw



yawn



saw



dawn



law



lawn



claw



shawl



straw



crawl



paw



hawk



draw



jaw



1. Some birds have sharp claws.



aw



1. The shawl will keep her warm.



2. The sun comes up at dawn.



3. Mark is drawing the dog's paw.



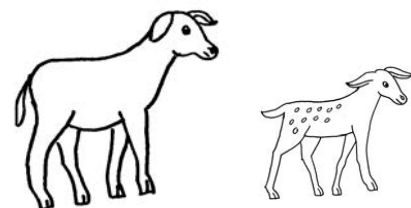
4. Ed is sawing the log.



5. Grace is drinking juice through a straw.



6. A fawn is a little deer.



au



August



Paul



autumn



haul



auto



launch



faucet



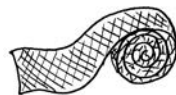
haunt



exhaust



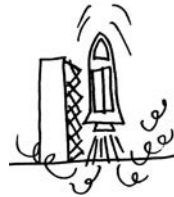
gauze



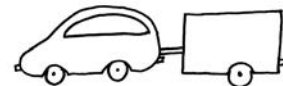
1. Smoke that comes out of a car is called exhaust.



2. The space shuttle will launch at noon.



3. Our van can haul a trailer.



Home

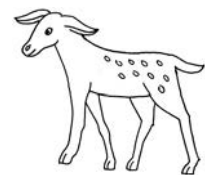
A hawk has a home on a cliff.



A fish has a home in a pond.



A fawn has a home in the trees.



An ant has a home on the lawn.



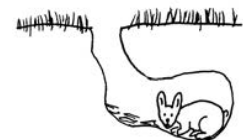
A snail has a home on a stone.



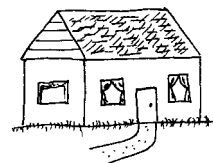
A bird has a home in a nest.



A rabbit has a home in a hole.



But Paul's home is the best.



all



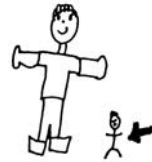
mall



ball



small



call



stall



tall



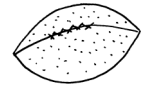
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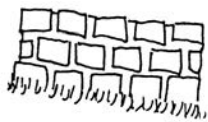
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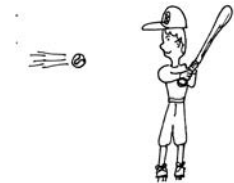
football



wall



baseball



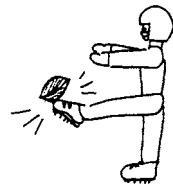
hall



basketball



1. The football player punts the ball.



2. The horse is in its stall.



all



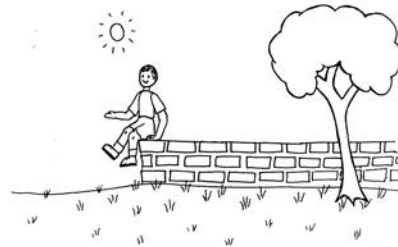
1. Will she catch the ball ?



2. Wow! This tree is so tall!



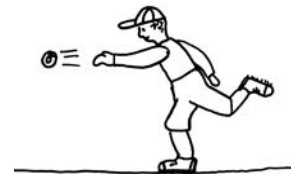
3. Mike sits on the wall.



4. All of us will go on the bus.



5. The pitcher throws the ball.



6. Will he fall off the horse ?



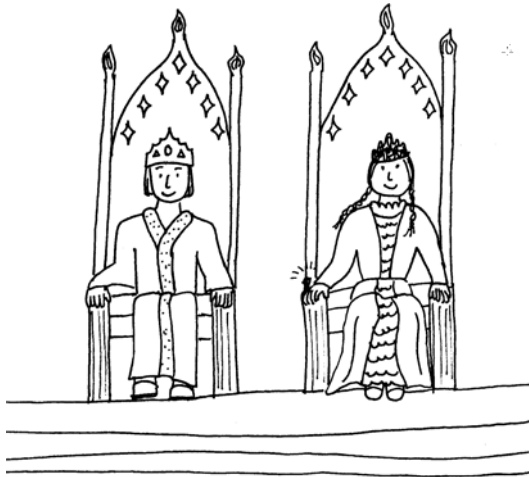
The Dragon And The Ring

This is the queen.

And this is the king.

The king has a crown.

The queen has a ring.



The king is fair.

He sits on a throne.

The queen's gold ring

has a red stone.



The king and the
queen go to sleep.

A dragon takes the ring.

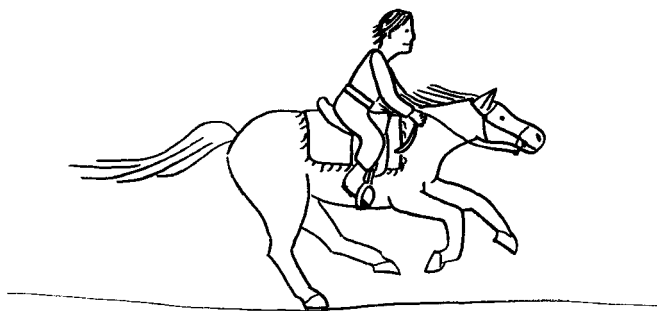
The queen begins to weep.

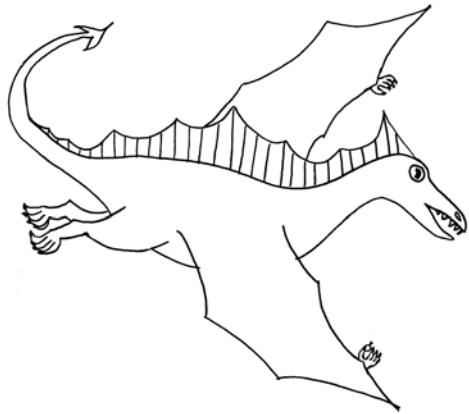
The king jumps up

onto his steed.

He follows the dragon.

He goes at top speed.





The dragon has scales,
a long tail, and wings.

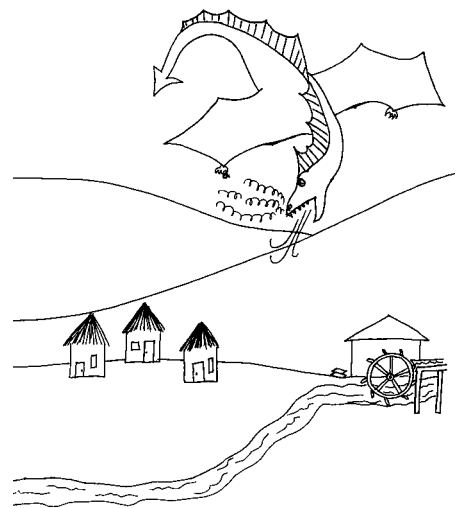
The dragon has fangs,
and he does bad things.

He soars above the town.

He goes past the mill.

He blows smoke and blows fire,

as he sails up the hill.

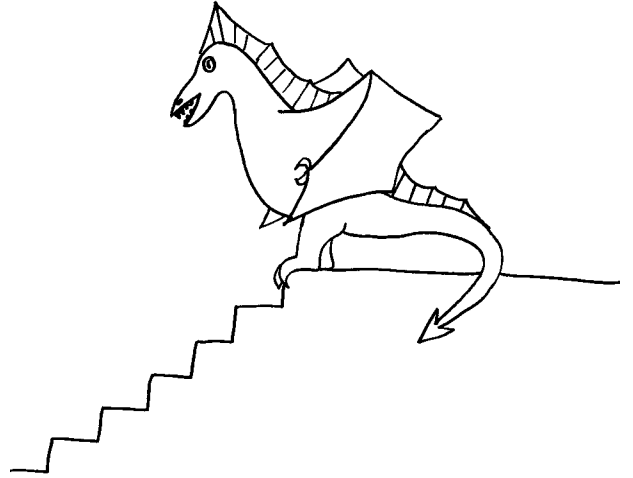


The dragon is back

at his hilltop lair.

He sits and he waits

at the top of the stairs.

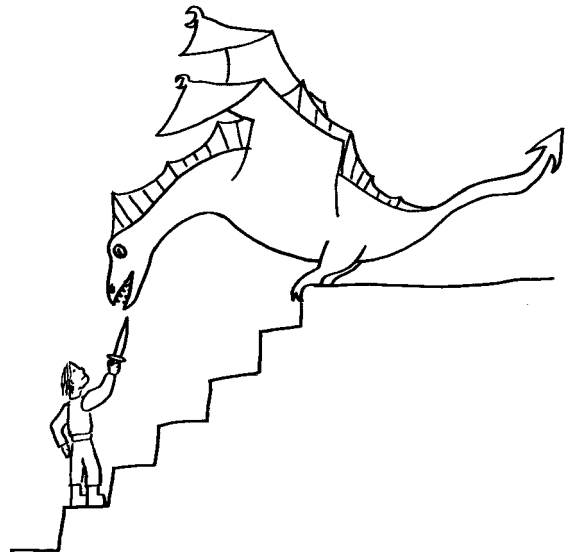


The dragon is strong.

The dragon is tall.

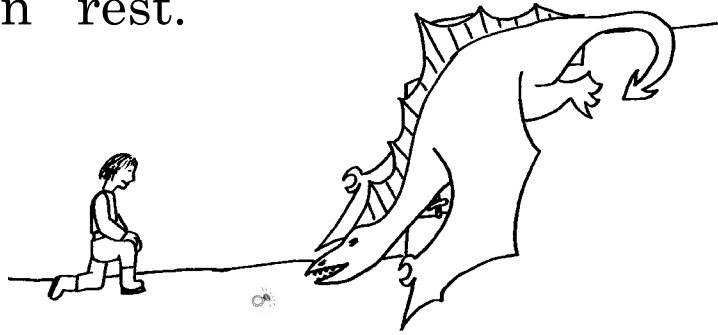
Next to the dragon,

the king is so small.



The king throws his sword at the
dragon's chest. The dragon falls.

Now the king can rest.



The king brings the ring
back to the queen. The
queen is glad and so is
the king.



Now this is how this fair tale ends.

That's all there is. No more.



The End.

al



alk



salt



talk



malt



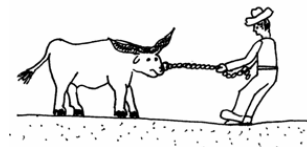
walk



bald



balk



palm



chalk



palm



stalk



false

The sun
is cold.

walnut



wallet



halter



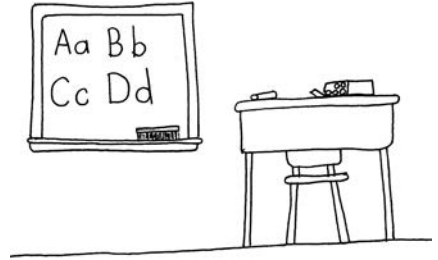
al



alk



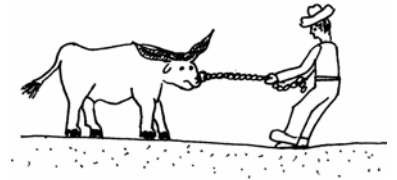
1. The chalk is on the desk.



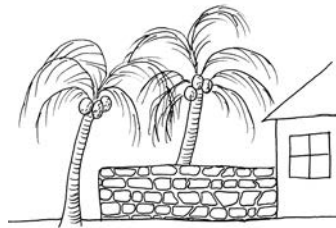
2. A halter is on the horse.



3. The bull balks when the man pulls him. He will not go.



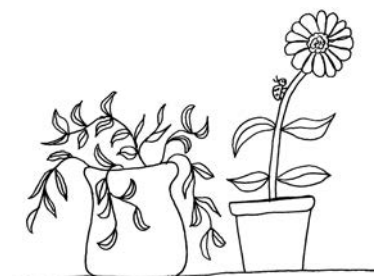
4. Two palm trees grow beside the wall.

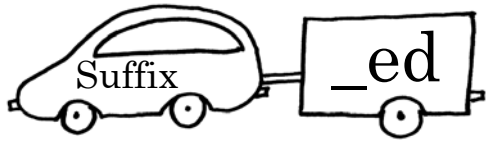


5. He held a ball in the palm of his hand.



6. A bug crawls up the stalk.





The _ed suffix at the end of an action word (a verb) shows that the action happened in the past.

ed

d

t

paint
painted

rain
rained

park
parked

start
started

call
called

walk
walked

salt
salted

play
played

talk
talked

wait
waited

boil
boiled

push
pushed

count
counted

saw
sawed

look
looked

wa



wash



wasp



wand



want



water



wad



walnut



watch



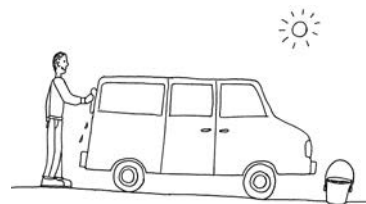
wallet



1. Jake does tricks with his magic wand.



2. Rick washed his van.

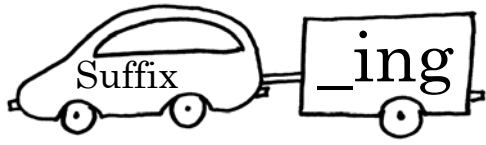


3. Water poured out of the pipe.



4. She wants to get her doll.





Use _ing at the end of an action word to show that the action is ongoing.

find

sail

start

finding

sailing

starting

fall

walk

saw

falling

walking

sawing

haul

wash

pour

hauling

washing

pouring

snow

pull

turn

snowing

pulling

turning

shout

hang

cook

shouting

hanging

cooking

Syllable Study - These are two-syllable words.

Draw a vertical line between the two consonants that are different in the middle of the word. If there are three consonants in the middle, divide so that you keep consonant blends together. Each syllable is closed, with a consonant at the end, so all of the vowels represent the short vowel sound.

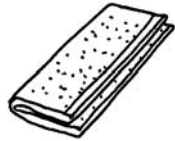
basket



cactus



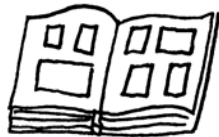
napkin



fabric



album



hotdog



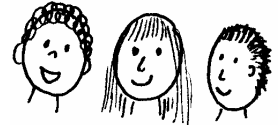
picnic



zigzag



children



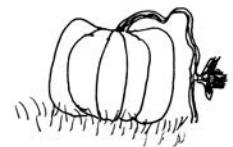
helmet



upset



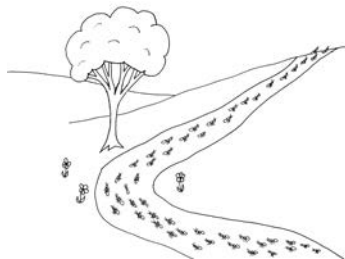
pumpkin



hundred



1. A hundred ants walk on the path.



2. Nine children hide.





Contractions



Sometimes two words are put together to make one word, but one of the letters gets thrown away. A mark called an apostrophe is put in the place of the missing letter. These words are called contractions.

he is

he's

she is

she's

it is

it's

that is

that's

what is

what's

I am

I'm

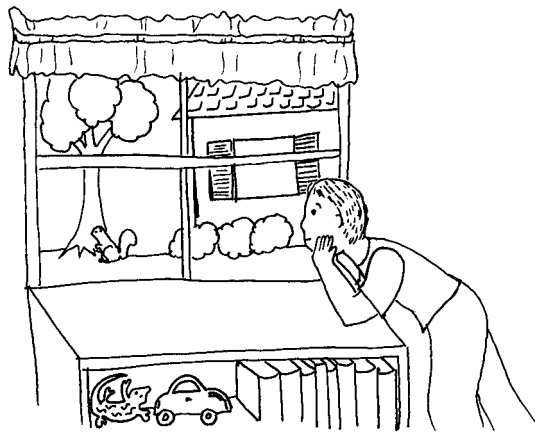
Let us

Let's

A Trip To The Farm

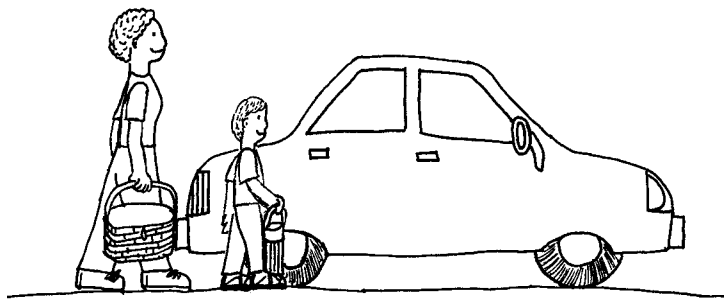
It was hot.

“Walter,” called Mom,
“do you want to go
to a farm?”

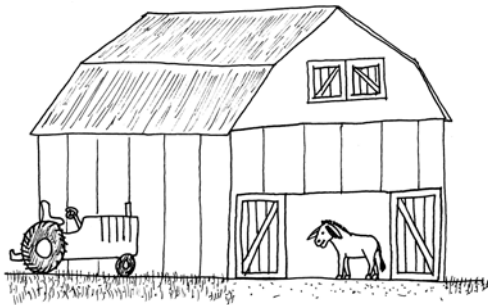
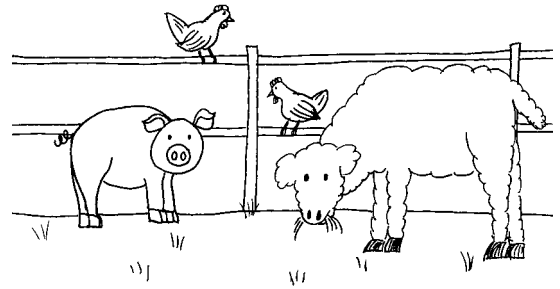


Walter’s Mom packed lunch in a basket.

Then Walter and his mom got in the car
and drove to a farm.

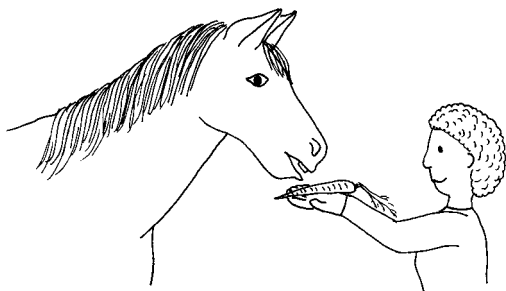


At the farm, Walter saw
pigs, chickens, and sheep.



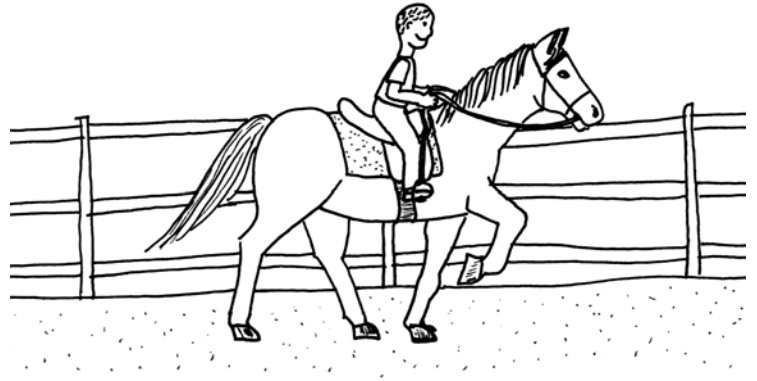
He saw a big, red barn.

He saw pumpkins and tall
stalks of corn in a garden.



Walter's Mom fed
a large, white horse.

Walter got to ride
on the horse. The
horse walked and



walked. The horse did not want to stop.

Walter did not want to stop. But then his
mom called, “Let’s wash our hands for lunch.”



Walter and his mom sat
under a tree and had a
picnic lunch.

Then it was time to go
home. Walter had a lot
of fun at the farm.



Sight Words

Short Vowels A	a	was	as	has
is	his	I	Book 1 son	won
ton	from	front	of	month
both	the	most	post	ghost
wolf	two	give	live	have
rich	much	such	which	what
who	whom	whose	Book 2 been	were
there	where	else	eye	said
plaid	says	wind	woman	women
won't	don't	Book 3 broad	cupboard	does
shoe	canoe	one	gone	move
prove	lose	again	against	among
above	tongue	sure	minute	sew

Sight Words

Book 4

young	though	through	know	could
would	should	door	poor	floor
school	Book 5 once	sponge	are	cover
wonder	answer	other	mother	brother
almost	although	half	calf	

