

Horizons

Phonics and Reading



The Fox in the Box

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Dan's Dog

Dan had a dog. The dog's name was Peppy. Peppy was a small dog. His fur was tan, with some white spots. Peppy was a good dog most of the time. He did not mess up the house, and did what he was told.

One morning, Dan was getting ready for school. He was running a little late, because he hadn't gotten up when his dad told him to. He stayed in bed too long. He quickly ate his breakfast and brushed his teeth. He chose a shirt from his closet and a pair of shorts from



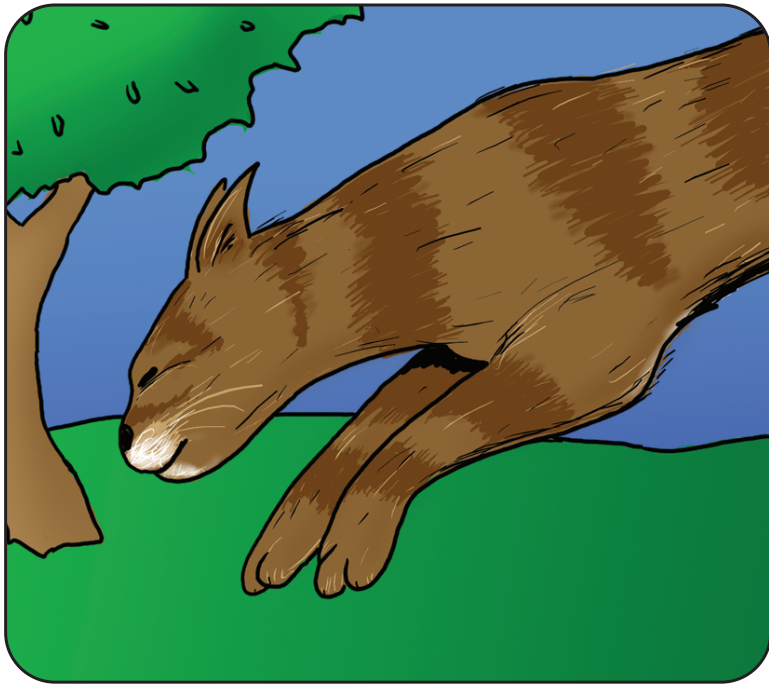
Jim and the Soccer Ball

Jim got a soccer ball for his seventh birthday. He loved the ball and played with it every day after school. His friend Mike often came over and played with it also.



One day, they decided to go to the park and play. They were kicking the ball back and forth to each other. They were having a great time. Jim and Mike did not notice that three older boys were watching them play with the ball. The older boys came over to Jim and Mike.

Mom backed out of the parking space and drove home. When they got there, Jane opened the side door to the van. The cat jumped out right away. He was so happy to be free!



1. Why did the cat go into the van?
2. Was the cat happy that he went in the van? Why, or why not?
3. What would you do if you found an animal in your car or van?

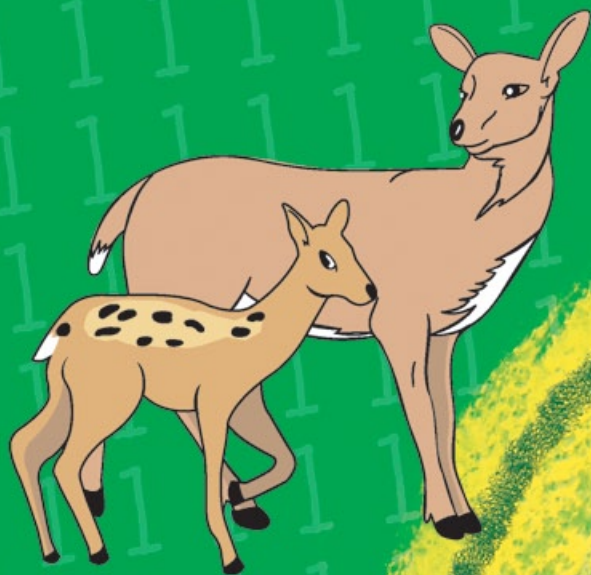
The Lonely Prince



Once, there was a prince who lived in a big house. The house was very pretty. The prince had many people taking care of him. He didn't have to cook, clean, or even wash his clothes. He had a mom and a dad (the king and queen) who loved him very much. Even with all of those things, the prince wasn't happy with his life.

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The Letter to Grandma

Meg wrote a letter to her grandma. Meg told her grandma all about what she had been doing in school and about her soccer team. She also told Grandma about her friends, and what things she had been doing with them.

Meg started the letter on Monday. She wrote some more on Tuesday. She had to redo that part, because she had not used her best spelling. On Wednesday, she wrote some more. On Thursday, she wanted to write some more, but she didn't have time. She finished



The Parade

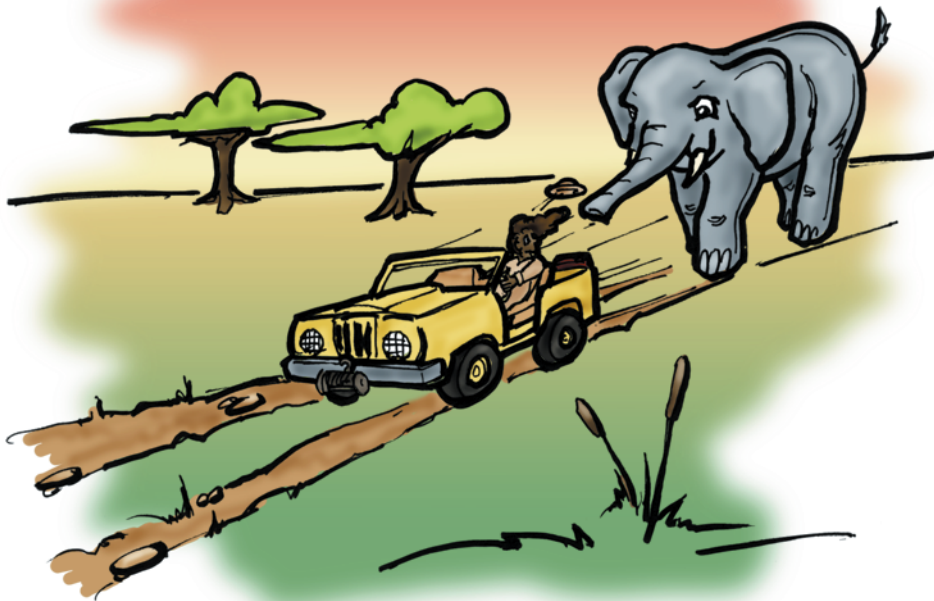
The high school band was marching in a parade. Because it was November, it was cold outside. All of the band members had gloves on to keep their hands warm. Their clothes were warm, so they didn't wear coats.



Cousin Sue

Cousin Sue liked to go on adventures. She had been to many fun places. She liked to tell everyone about where she had been. Everyone always enjoyed hearing about what she had done.

Sue had been to Africa. She had seen lots of different animals. She told about a time when she had



The Children and the Geese

Frank and his friends liked to visit the park by their house. The park had a small lake. Some geese lived at the lake. They were pretty to look at.

Frank and his friend, Mike, went to the park one day to fish in the lake. They brought their fishing poles and some worms for bait. They found a good fishing spot and got their poles ready. They put their fishing lines in the water and sat down to wait for the fish to bite. It was hot, so they took their shoes off and put their feet in the water.

