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Preface

This is the tenth book of *One Story A Day For Beginners*, a series of twelve books designed to develop a love of reading in children ages 5-7.

Written by a team of professional writers, these books comprise high-interest topics and motivational content that make children excited about reading.

The stories are based on everyday life, funny tales of friendship and family, fables from around the world, and stories about nature, science and history.

One Story A Day fosters children's total development through the joy of reading.

Both the content and structure of the books encourage children to read every day. Controlled vocabulary and targeted illustrations make the stories easy to understand. Moreover, each book comes with audio, with all stories narrated in clear, natural voices.

This series can be used in a variety of settings and with many different approaches. The stories will bring the joy of words and reading to the ears and minds of children at a crucial stage in their development.

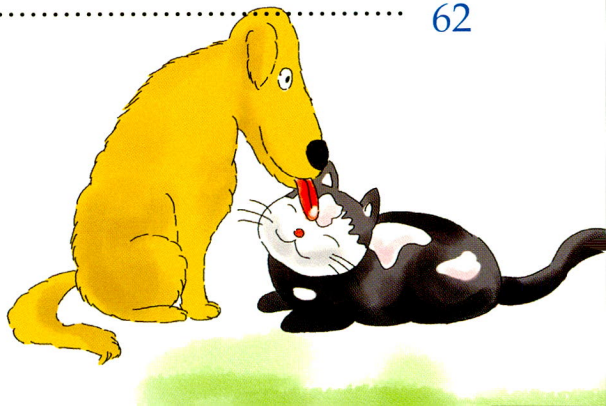
Sit back, relax, and discover the pleasure of reading!



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New Shoes

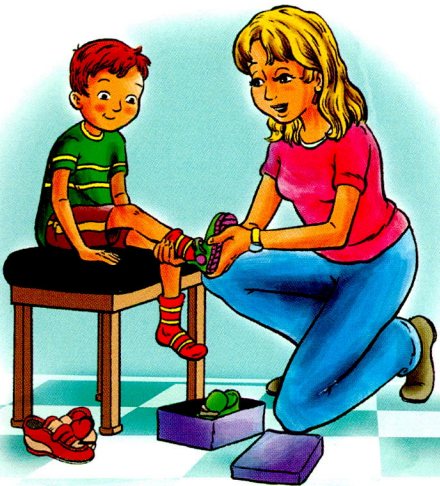
Mom looked down at Ben's feet. "Your shoes have holes. It's time to buy new shoes," she said.

She took Ben to the shoe store. Ben tried on many different shoes. He tried on brown ones and green ones, blue ones and black ones. In the end, they bought the green ones.

"You did a good job buying shoes," said Mom.

"For a treat, let's stop at the beach."

"Yay!" said Ben. "I will go barefoot!"





I love to go barefoot!



One Little Seed, One Big Tree

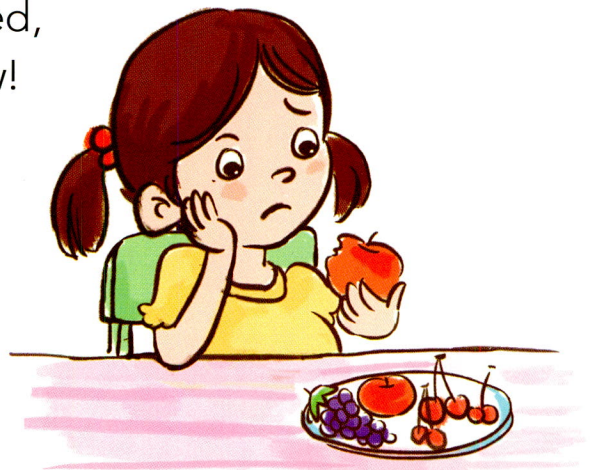
Kate really likes apples. She asks her teacher,
"Where do apples come from?"

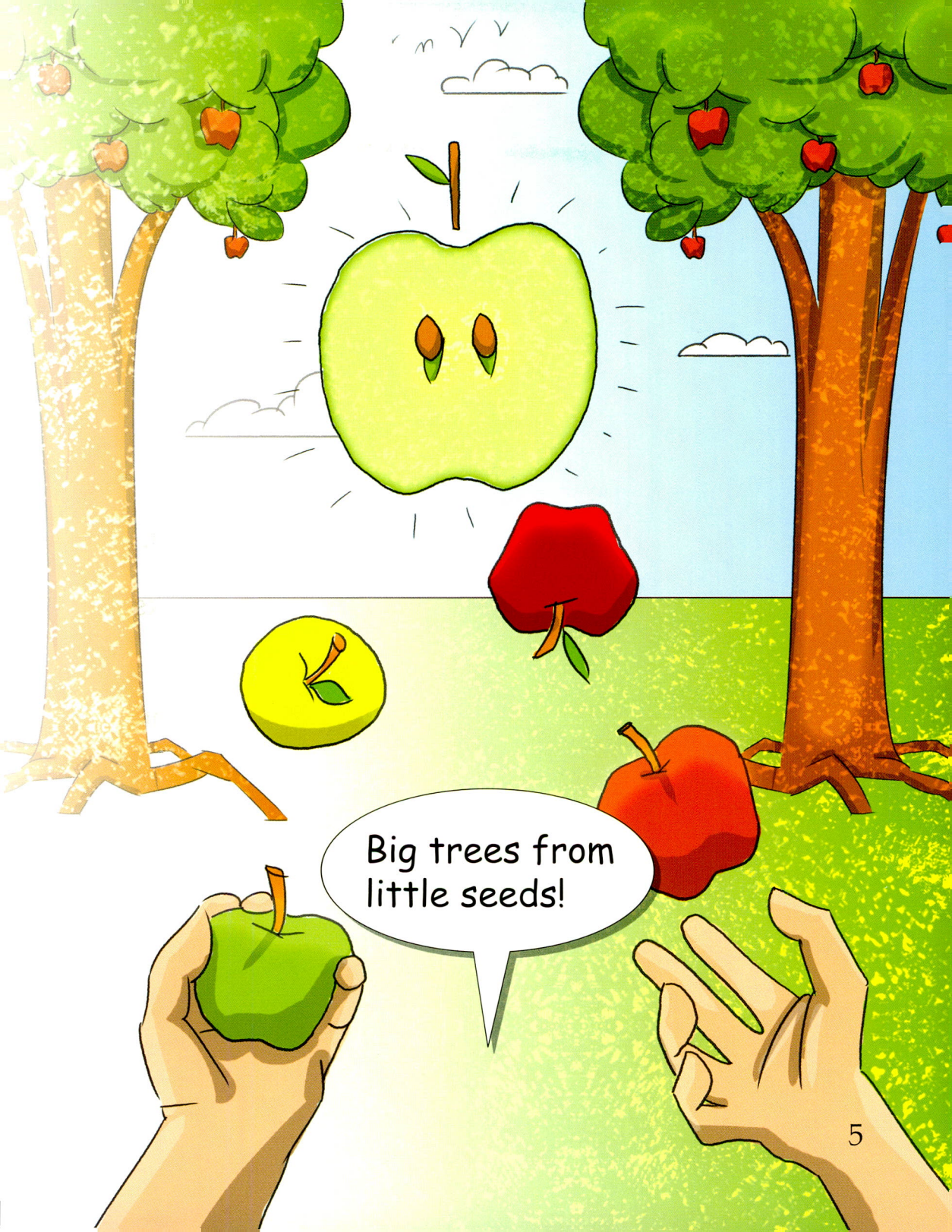
"Apples grow on apple trees," says her teacher.

"Where do apple trees come from?" Kate asks
again.

"Apple trees come from apple seeds. Inside an
apple, there are many little seeds. Each seed
can grow into an apple tree," her teacher says.

Wow! From this little seed,
a big apple tree will grow!





Big trees from
little seeds!



Grandma's Cake

On Saturday, I was helping Grandma bake a cake. While I was mixing, her cat jumped right into the bowl!

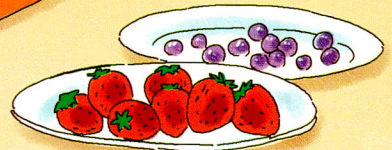
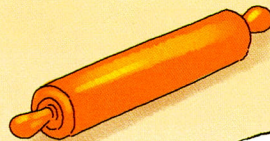
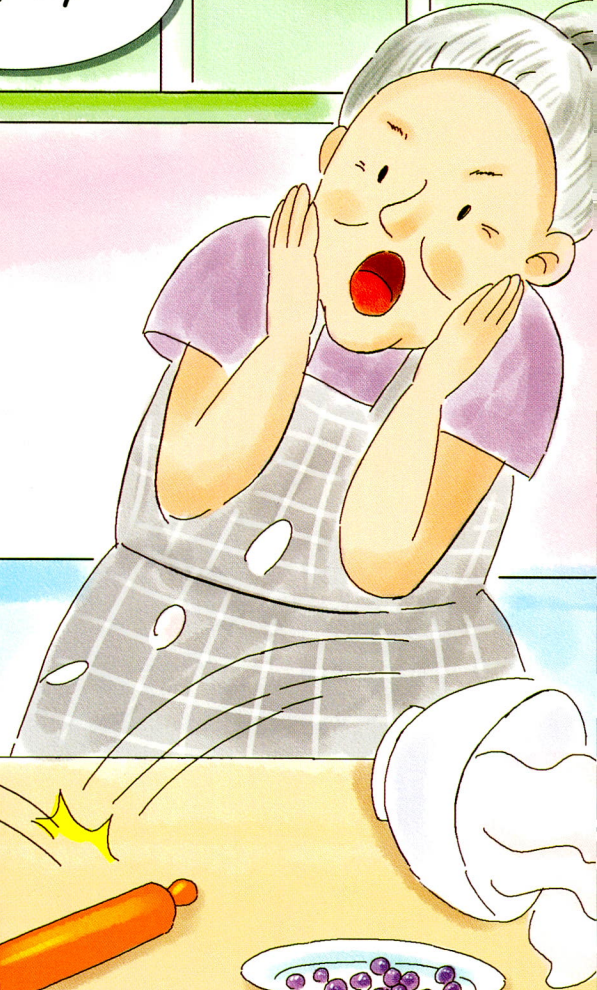
Everything spilled all over us. When we finally cleaned it all up, we couldn't find the cat! Where had she gone?

There she was! She was lying on the floor while Grandma's dog licked her clean.

The dog got more cake than we did!



Oh, my!





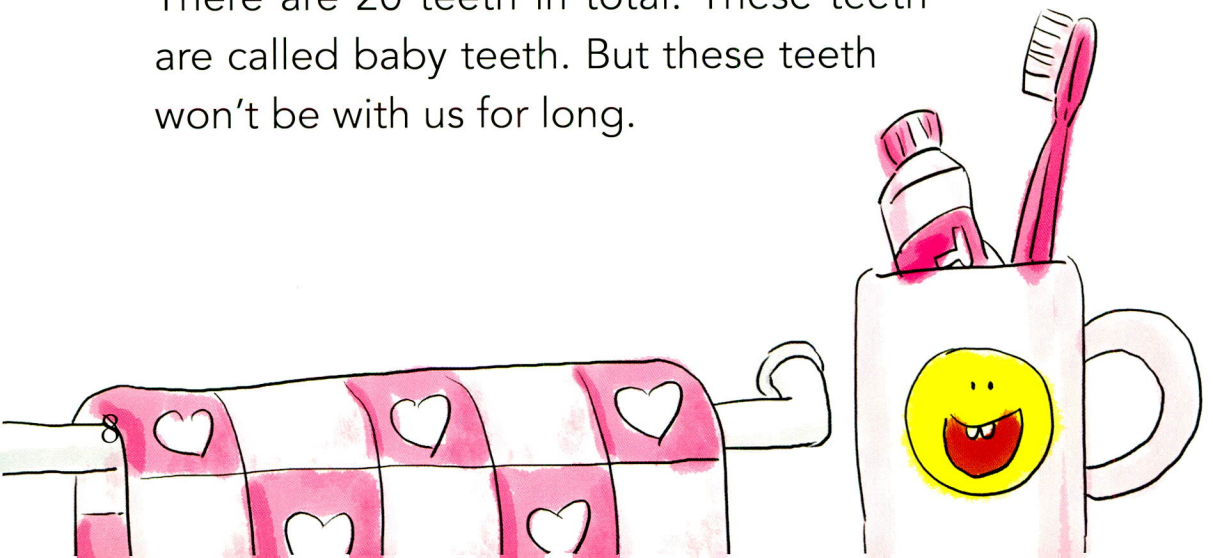
Our Changing Teeth-1

Do you know that our teeth are changing as we grow?

Around the age of eight months, our first teeth begin to grow.

The middle teeth in the front of our mouth come first. Then, the teeth at the sides. And finally, the ones at the very back of the mouth.

There are 20 teeth in total. These teeth are called baby teeth. But these teeth won't be with us for long.



I only have
four teeth.





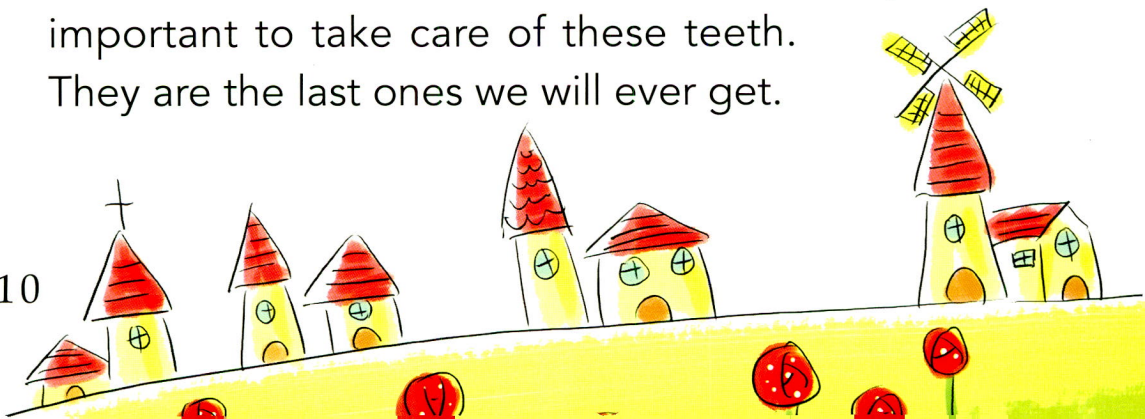
Our Changing Teeth-2

By the time we reach the age of seven, our baby teeth begin to fall out.

First, the front middle teeth fall out. Then the teeth on the side, and finally the teeth at the back of our mouth.

Don't worry though. As our baby teeth fall out, new teeth grow to take their place. By our late teens, we will have all 32 of our adult teeth.

But unlike our baby teeth, the adult teeth will be with us for the rest of our lives. That's why it's important to take care of these teeth. They are the last ones we will ever get.





My front teeth
fell out last week.



Purple Mountains-1

Josh's family lives near the mountains. In the fall, the mountains look beautiful.

"Look, Dad! Those mountains are purple!" says Josh.

His dad laughs. "They're not really purple."

Josh is puzzled. He scratches his head and asks, "Then why do they look purple?"

His dad says, "Because we're far away. Come! I'll show you."





Look! The mountains are purple.



Purple Mountains–2

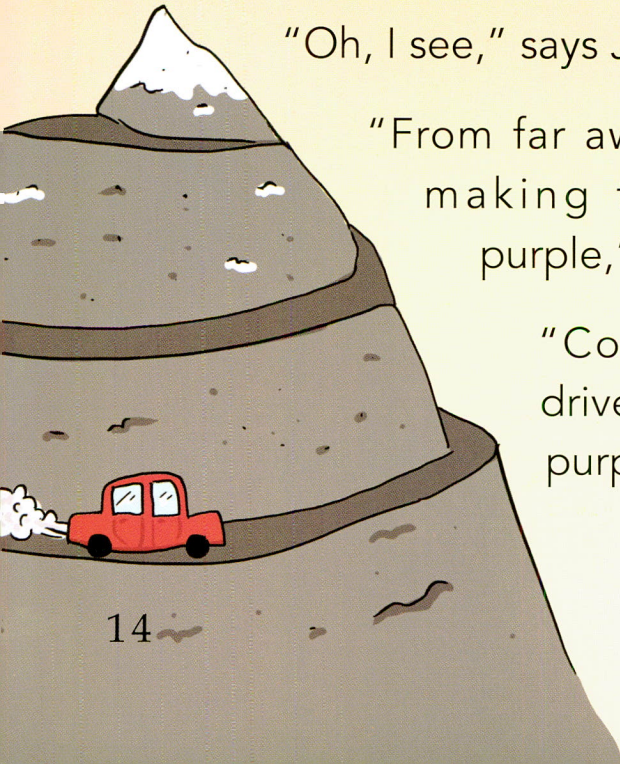
"Get in the car," says Josh's dad. "Let's go to the mountains."

They drive to the mountains. As they get closer, they see that the mountains are not purple anymore.

"Oh, I see," says Josh. "But why?"

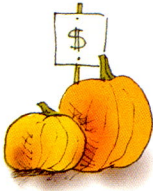
"From far away, the light scatters, making the mountains look purple," says his dad.

"Cool," says Josh. "Let's drive home and make them purple again!"





Why are the
mountains not
purple up close?



Pumpkins for Sale

October 31st was coming soon. While my mom was driving home, she saw many pumpkins on the road side.

No one was there, just a sign. It said: Pumpkins for sale. Large \$10. Small \$5.

My mom stopped the car. She took two large pumpkins. As she put the money in the basket, she saw many twenty-dollar bills inside.

"Isn't it nice that people can still trust each other like this?" Mom said to me.



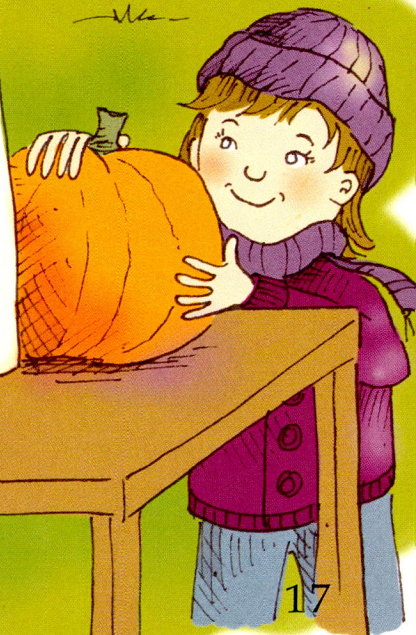
Nice to see people
can trust each other.



PUMPKINS
FOR SALE

LARGE... \$\$

SMALL..... \$





The Red Plant

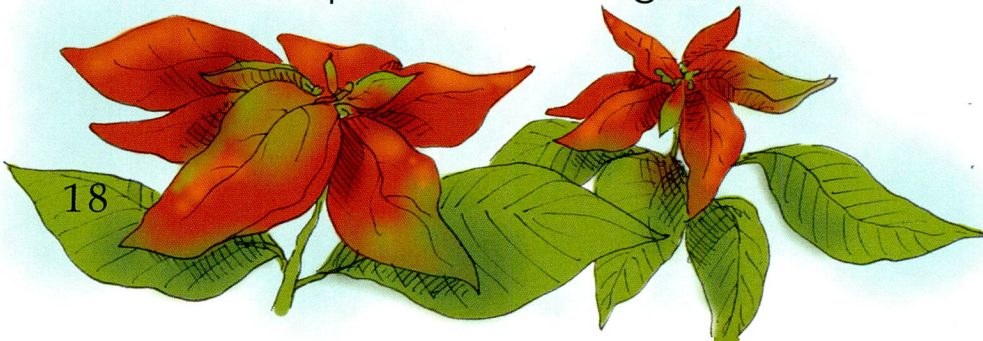
Adam gave his mom a special plant. It had red leaves. But after a few months, the leaves became green.

"How can we make the plant red again?" he asked.

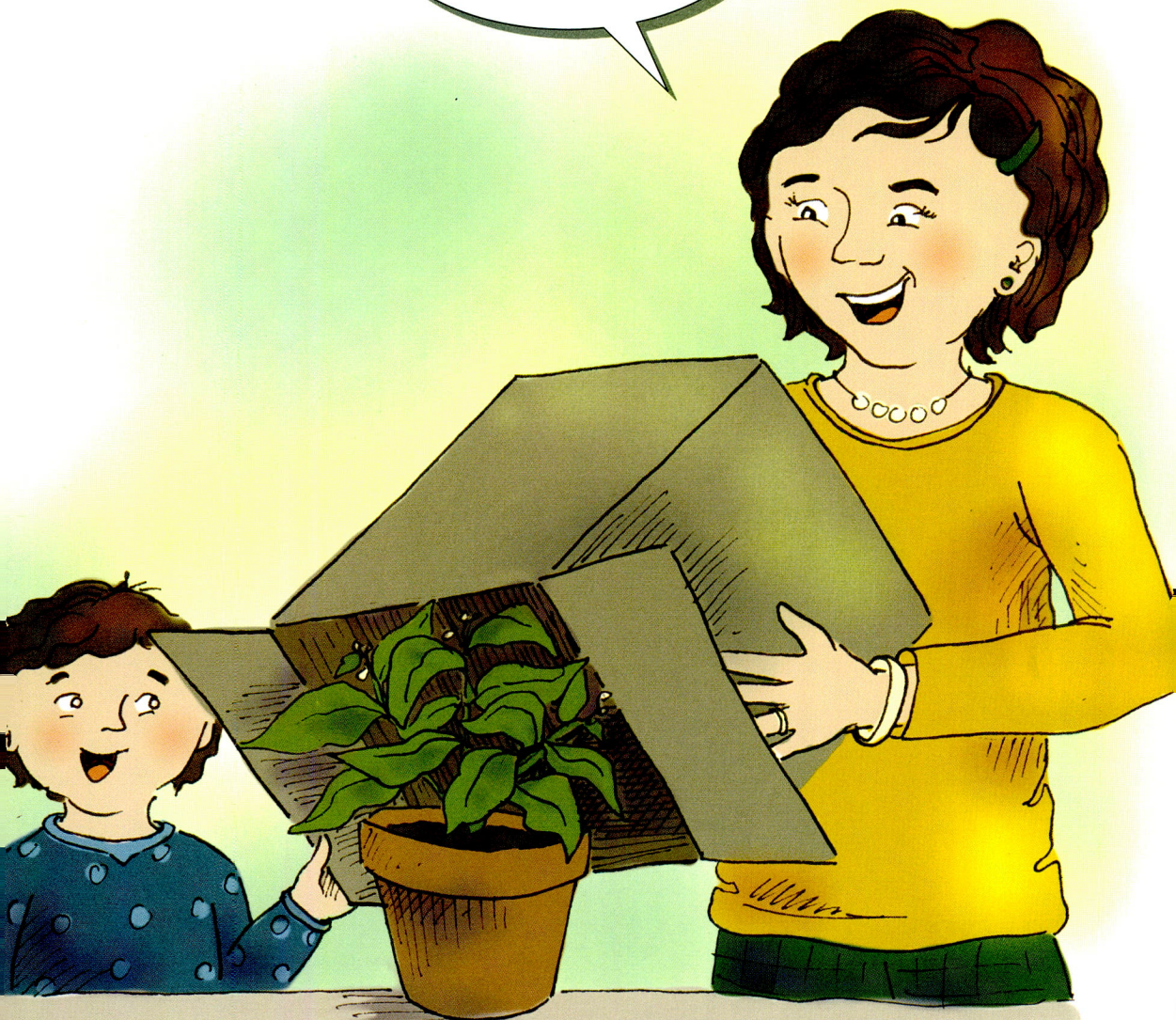
"It takes some time, but it's easy," said his mom.

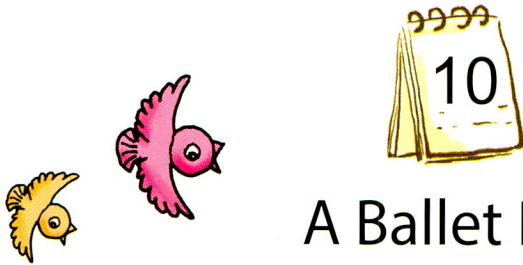
During the day, they put the plant in sunlight. At night, they covered it with a box. They did this for two months.

Soon, the plant was red again.



It takes time
to turn red.





A Ballet Dancer

Cora is a ballet dancer. Every week, she takes lessons with Miss Martha, learning the positions, steps, and movements.

Her grandma's 100th birthday is coming. On that day, Cora will dance for her grandma, and other family and friends.

She is nervous, but she has been practising. She dances nicely. Her friends and family stand and cheer for her after she finishes!

HAPPY 100th





Orange-Fish

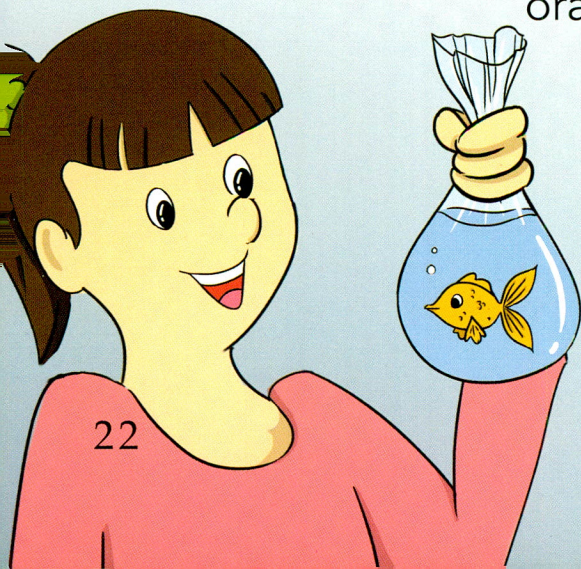
Melissa bought a fish. "You're my favourite orange-fish," she said.

"He is a goldfish," said her brother Jimmy.

"But look, he's orange coloured, not gold," she said.

"That doesn't matter," said Jimmy. "A long time ago, silver carp turned yellowish-orange, and people called them goldfish."

"Well, he is an orange-fish to me," said Melissa.







A Party for Parents

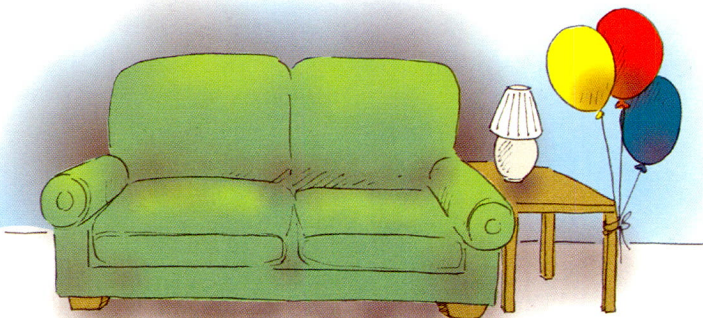
"Today is a special day for Mom and Dad," said Nick. "Let's throw a party for them," said Sara.

They put balloons in the family room. They wanted to make a cake, but their parents were in the kitchen. So they drew a picture of a cake.

They invited their brother, sister, and grandma to the party.

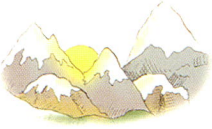
When their parents entered the family room, they yelled, "Happy Anniversary!"

What a surprise!



Happy
Anniversary!



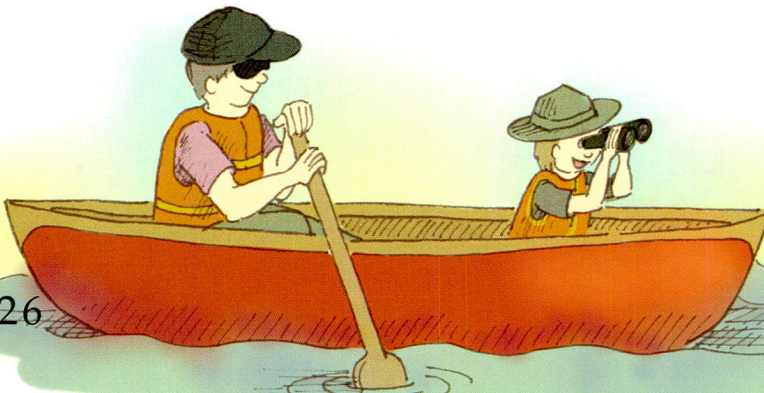


National Park

Henry lives near a National Park. That is a special type of park.

National Parks are usually very large pieces of land. The land is chosen to protect its beauty, plants, and animals. But National Parks are for people to enjoy too.

One day, Henry hopes to work in a National Park. He wants to help protect the land for everyone.



See the plants
and the birds?





Going Too Fast-1

On a cold, snowy winter day, Charlie and his father wanted to have some fun.

They took their snowboard to the hill and set it down at the top.

"Ready?" asked Charlie. "Here we go!" said his father.

The snowboard carrying them began to go down the hill. It was slow at the beginning, then it was going faster and faster.

"Here we come!" Charlie was excited.







Going Too Fast-2

When Charlie's father found the board was going too fast, he tried to slow it down, but it was too late.

In a few seconds, they flew off the board and hit the tree at the bottom of the hill.

"Ouch!" his father cried. "I think I broke my ankle!"

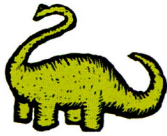
Charlie started to cry. His father said, "I'm okay. Let's go to the hospital."

He smiled and said, "We had fun today, didn't we?"





Ouch!



Clean Room

Abe couldn't find his favourite toy car. "If you clean up your bedroom, you might find it," his mom said.

Abe put away his clothes, books, and toys. He found his toy truck and dirt bike. But he didn't find his toy car.

Feeling sad, he lay on his bed. Then, he felt something underneath. It was his toy car!





It's always in
the last place
you look!



The Happy Pumpkin

For many years, my brothers and I visited a farm and picked pumpkins for Halloween.

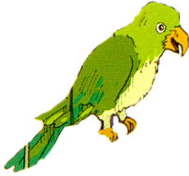
My brothers wanted to carve scary pumpkins with sharp teeth and angry eyes, but not me. I wanted my pumpkin to be different and special.

I carved a laughing pumpkin with a friendly smile and kind eyes. It was my happy pumpkin.



Happy
Halloween!





Coco the Bird-1

Coco the bird lived in a pet store, waiting for someone to buy him.

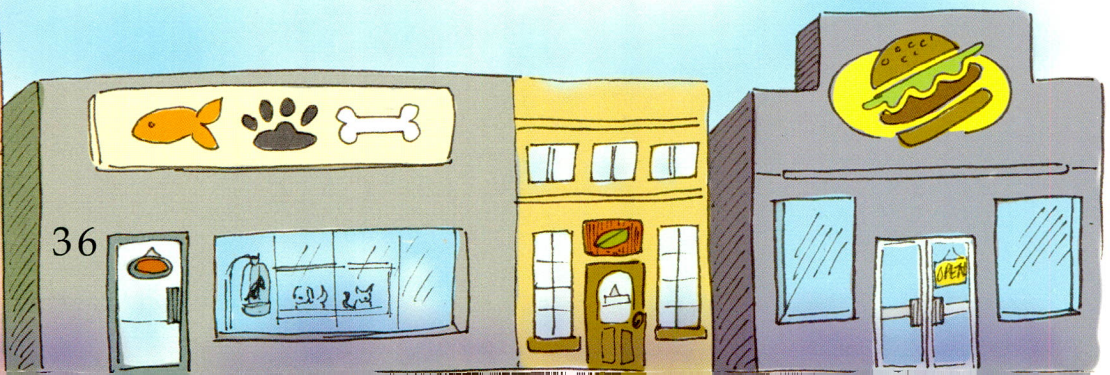
"Someday, I'll sail the seas on a pirate's ship," he said.

"That's awesome," said Max the puppy.

One day, a lady came into the store. "I'd like a special pet," she said.

"This bird likes the water," said the owner.

"I'll buy him," she said and took him home.





A special pet?



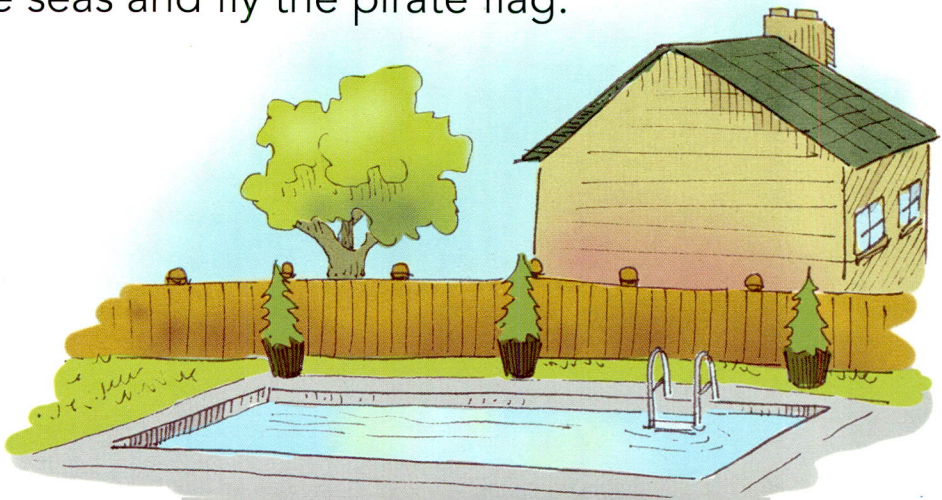
Coco the Bird-2

Coco stared at the lady's pool, wishing he could sail the high seas. "I guess the pirate's life is not for me." *Ding Dong*.

"Welcome, Peter," said his Grandma. "Meet Coco, my new pet bird."

"Cool," said Peter. He put Coco on his shoulder and said, "I'm Pirate Peter!"

All day, they swam in the pool, pretending to sail the seas and fly the pirate flag.





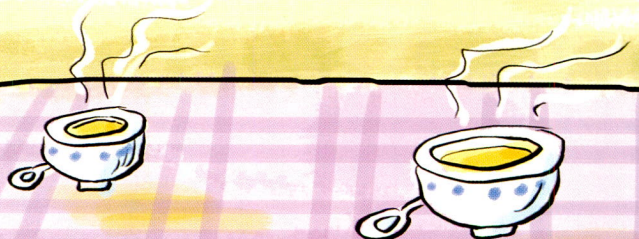


Grandma's Old Pot

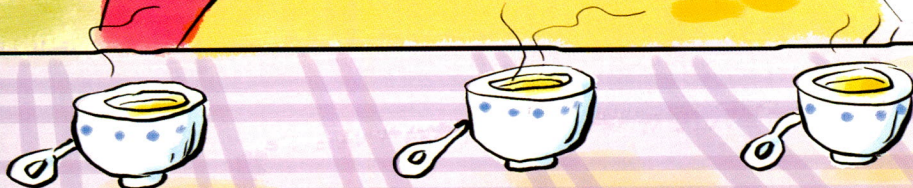
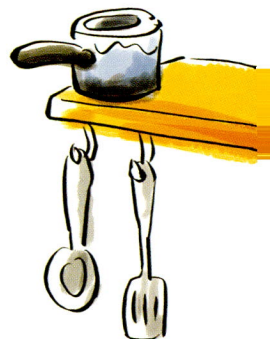
Grandma has an old cooking pot. Over the years, she has made so many wonderful meals for us with that pot.

Now, that pot is too old. We told Grandma to throw it away. But she said, "No. It's still usable. If I throw it away, it will just be trash."

For Christmas, we sent her a new pot as a gift. Grandma said, "Thank you. But I still won't throw my old pot away. Just think about how much work it took to make this pot!"



This old pot can
last for a long time.





Learn to Wait

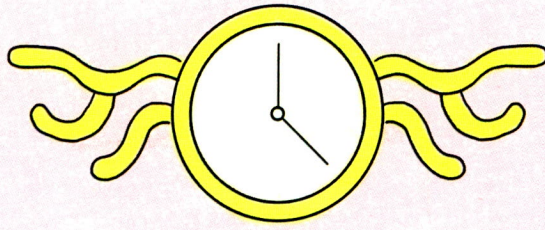
Jimmy and his mother are at a restaurant. They have just ordered their food.

Jimmy begins to cry. "I am hungry! So hungry!" he cries. "Where is my food?"

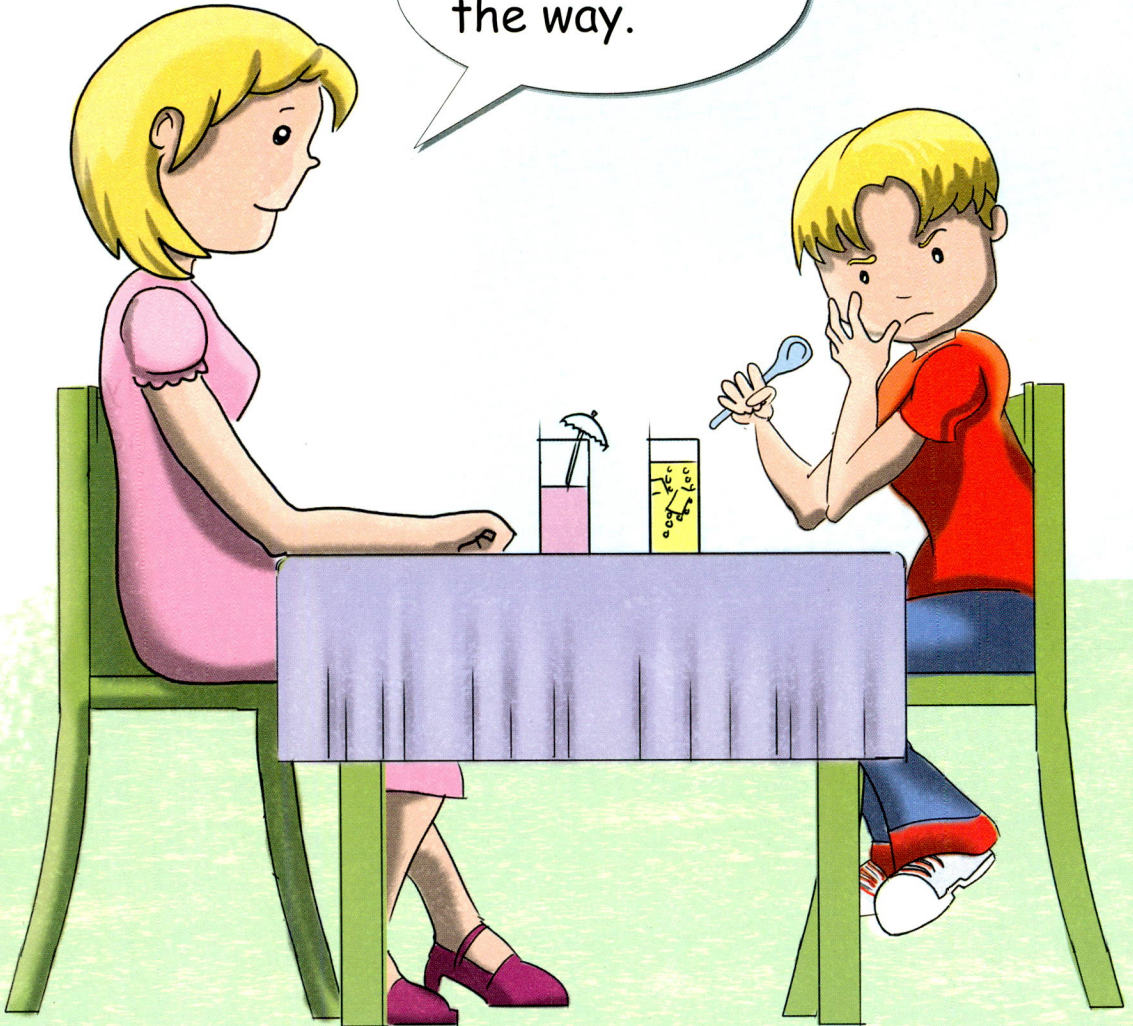
His mom looks at him and says, "We only ordered our food one minute ago. It takes time to prepare and cook the food."

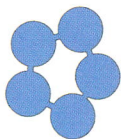
Then his mom says, "Learn to wait. Good things come to those who wait."





Our food is on
the way.





Tap Tap Tap

Tap tap tap is all Kate ever did. Sitting in school. On the bus. At home. Her tapping would drive everyone crazy.

One day her uncle bought her a set of drums. She became really good at it.

Many years passed. Kate grew up and had a son.

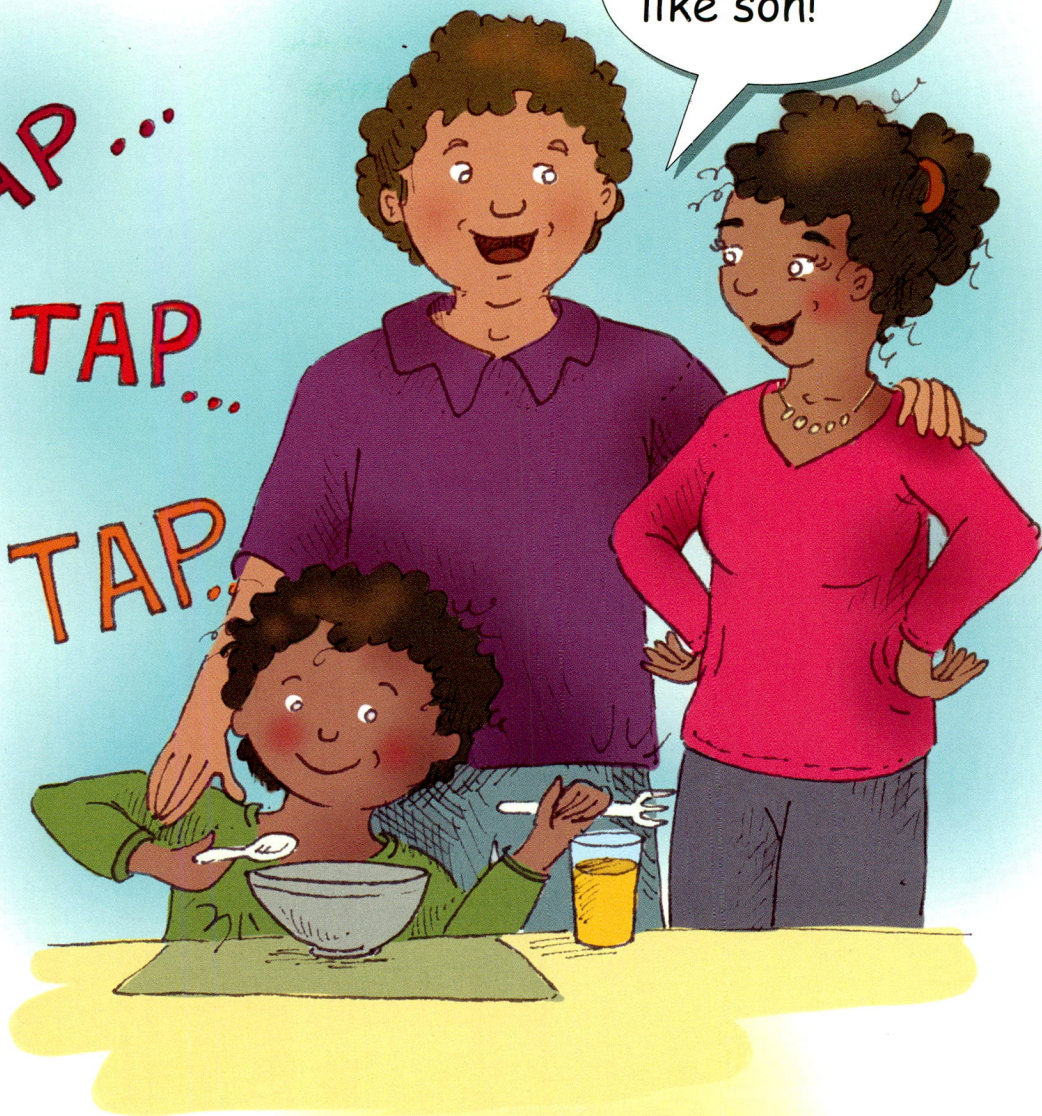
One day, she heard *tap tap tap*. It was her son. Kate smiled.

Her husband said, "Like mother, like son!"

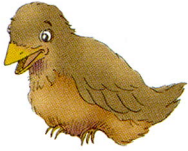


TAP...
TAP...
TAP...

Like mother,
like son!



TAP...
TAP...



A Family of Birds-1

There once was a family of birds who lived in a nest far above the canyon.

Mother and Father Bird loved their baby birds. They fed them, kept them warm, and taught them their bird song.

Tweet, tweet, tweet.

One day, Father Bird left and didn't return. Then, Mother Bird left and didn't return for a long time.

"Where are they?" said one baby bird.

"I'm hungry," said another.

Chirp, chirp!
I'm hungry!





A Family of Birds–2

When Mother Bird returned, she didn't bring enough food.

"We're still hungry," said the baby birds.

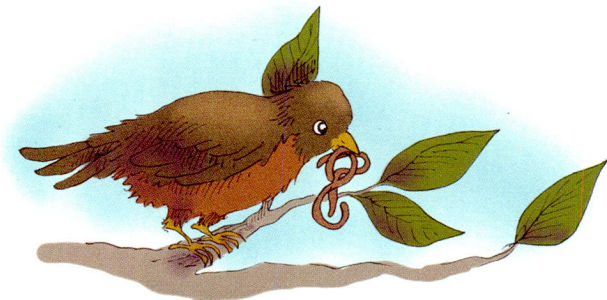
"Everyone, follow me," said the mother. She flew out of the nest to the tree next door.

"Yay," the baby birds spread their wings and flew to her. But one baby bird didn't fly.

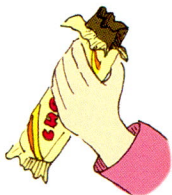
"Tweet, tweet, tweet," the other birds said.

"Follow me," Mother Bird called.

The baby bird spread his wings and finally flew to his family!







English and French

When Nick visited Canada, he bought a candy bar. The label on the bar was, 'Chocolate' and 'Chocolat'.

"What's this?" Nick was puzzled.

His dad explained that Canada has two official languages. They are French and English. So, food products are labelled with both languages.

Nick ate his candy bar and said, "Chocolate is good in any language."







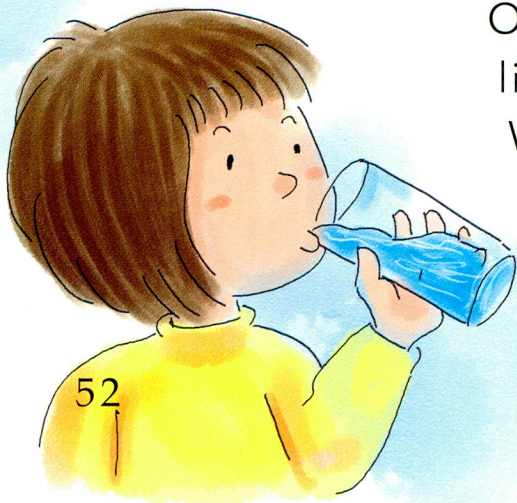
What Is It?

You can see it, but you can't hold it. It can be hot or cold. You can only live two or three days without it. Can you guess what it is?

It's water!

We all need water. We need water to drink. We need water to cook. We need water to take a shower. We need water to grow trees, plants, and vegetables.

One person uses almost 135 litres of water every day. Wow!







What's That Smell?

One day, Sam the dog came running home. What's that smell?

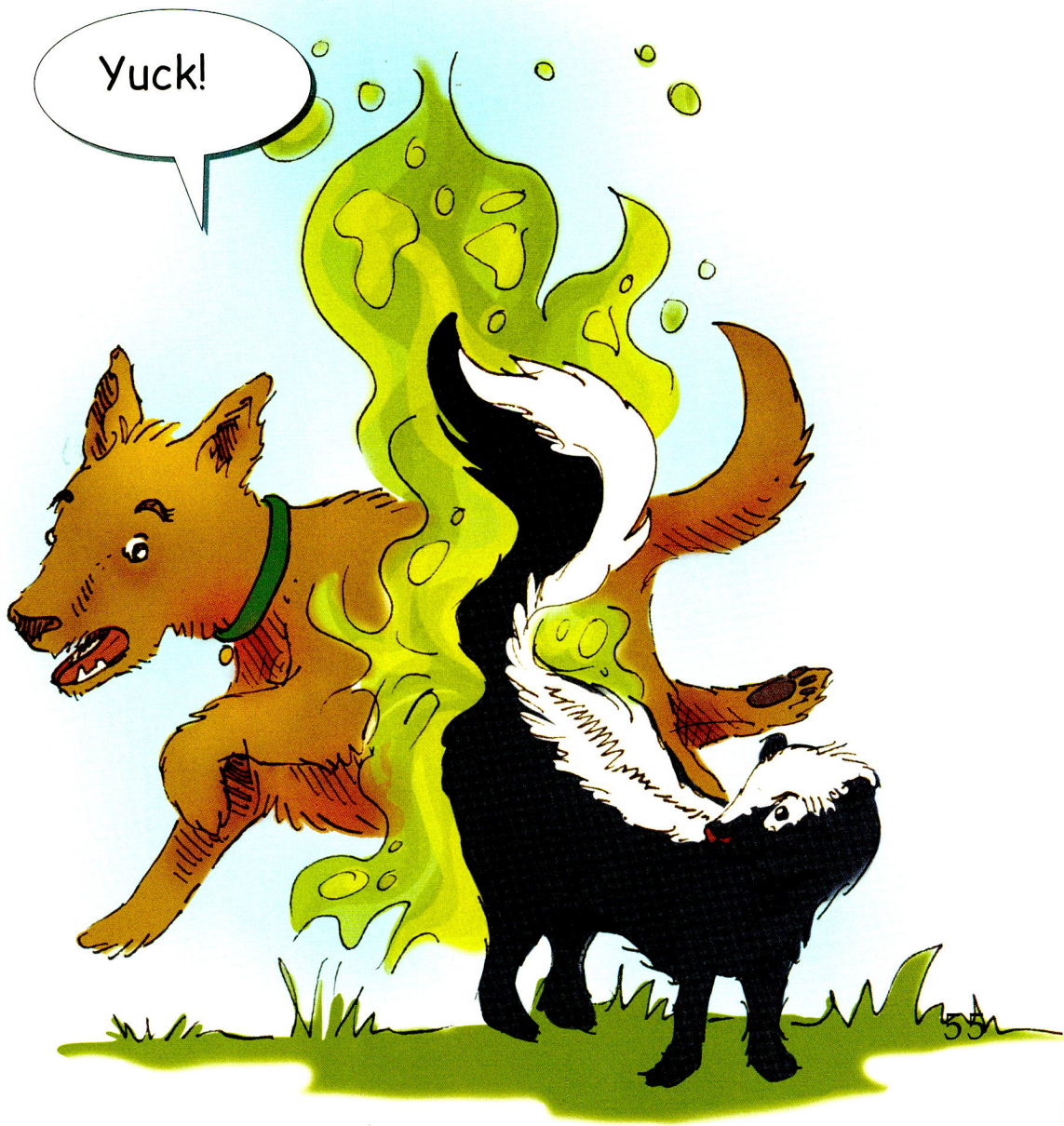
"Oh no," said Mom. "Sam has been sprayed by a skunk."

Skunks are small black and white animals. They do not fight with anyone. They don't need to. But when they are scared, they make a strong-smelling liquid and spray it.

The smell makes everyone run away.



Yuck!





Changing Leaves

In the fall, green leaves change their colour.

The green in the leaves turns sunlight into food for the tree.

As the days get shorter and cooler, the leaves stop making food and the green fades away.

The leaves turn yellow, orange, red, purple, or brown.

Look at the pretty colours. But hurry! Soon the wind will blow the leaves away.



The leaves are
beautiful!



Sleeping Bear

Winter is long and cold in Canada. There is not a lot of food for the animals to eat. Black bears do not worry about that.

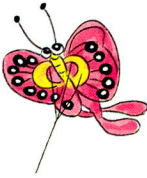
All summer and fall they eat. They get really fat by the time winter comes. Then, the bears go into a cave and go to sleep.

How long do they sleep? All winter long. Almost five months.

When they wake up, it is spring and, of course, they are ready to eat!







Not Me!

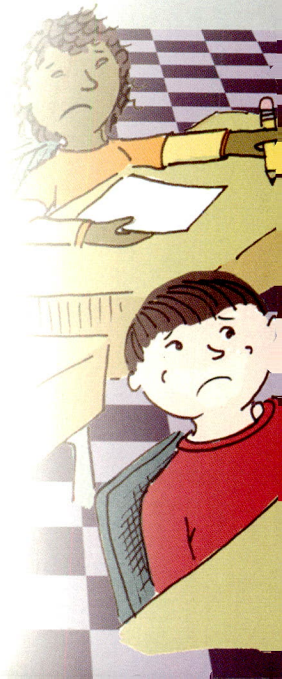
Eric is five years old. He is in kindergarten.

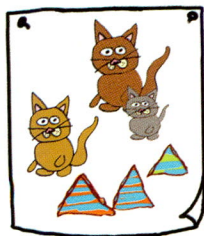
In the middle of December, many children in his class become sick, one after another. They cough. They sneeze and they have a fever.

Their teacher says, "You're all caught by the flu."

But Eric isn't one of them. Why? Eric eats well. He sleeps well. He drinks lots of water, and he washes his hands often.

The teacher says, "If we were all like Eric, the flu would not have spread."





The flu stops
at Eric!



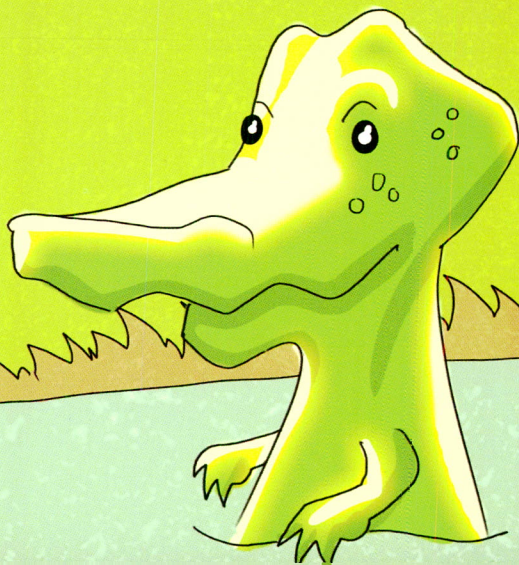


The Nile

Do you know the longest river in Africa? It's called the Nile. The Nile is also the longest river in the world. It is 4,184 miles long.

Crocodiles live in the Nile. They enjoy lying in the sun with other crocodiles.

Do you think a crocodile could swim from one end of the Nile to the other? It would take a very long time.





This is my
sweet home!

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