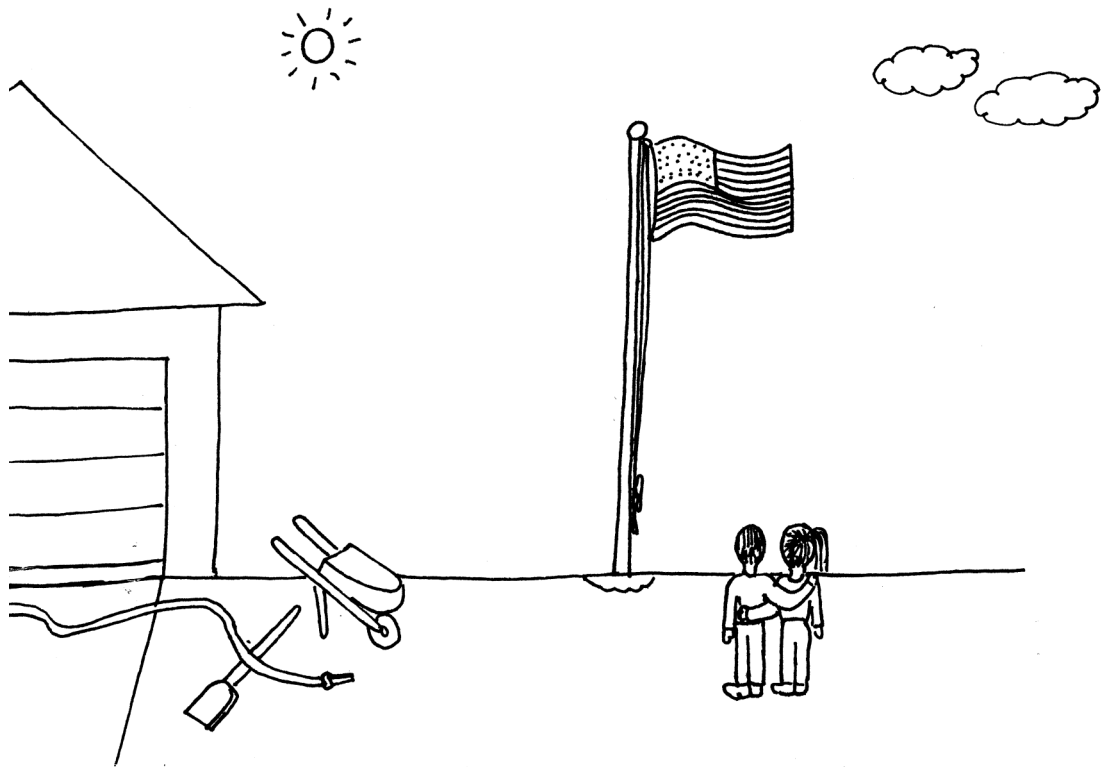
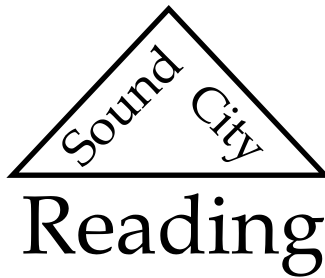


Practice Stories For Beginning Readers

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Introduction

Use these stories in conjunction with *Phonics Patterns For Beginning Readers*. The sequence of stories in this book matches the sequence of patterns taught in the booklets.

The phonogram patterns to study are listed beside the name of each story in the table of contents. Students should practice reading words and sentences with these patterns before attempting to read the story.

Alternately, the teacher can read each story aloud first, then make a list on the board showing the new phonics patterns and words that follow these patterns. The students can then study these words and other words with the same patterns, and then return to the story to read it themselves.

Rereading the stories is beneficial for improving oral expression and fluency.

Luke And The Lizard

Luke went out into the yard.

He had his new

baseball bat and glove.

He sat on a wall to wait for Sue.

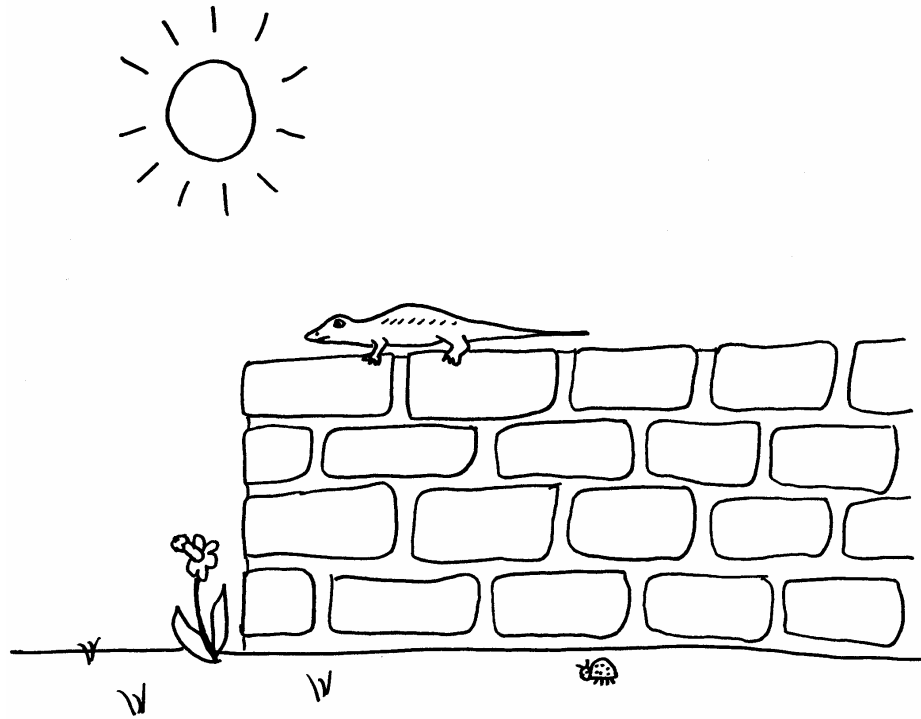
It was a sunny day in June.

Bees buzzed around the fruit trees.

Tulips grew in the garden.

A blue jay flew up into a pine tree.

Small sparrows hopped in the grass.



A lizard sat in the warm sun
on the top of the wall.

It was gray, with a long thin tail.

The lizard's tail was bright blue.

Luke wanted to catch the
lizard and keep it for a pet.

But the lizard saw Luke.

It ran and hid in
a crack in the wall.

Just then, Luke saw Sue.

“Sue, did you see
that lizard?” Luke said.

“Yes,” said Sue.

“Let’s try to catch it.”

But Luke and Sue could not
get the lizard out of the crack.

“It is hard to catch
a lizard,” said Luke.

“Let’s go and play ball.”

Two Sleuths

Spencer and Eugene are sleuths.

They are best friends.

They like to lie in a field.

They can see clues in the grass.

Spencer sees bent twigs.

Eugene sees footprints in the dirt.

Was a person here?

Maybe it was a thief!

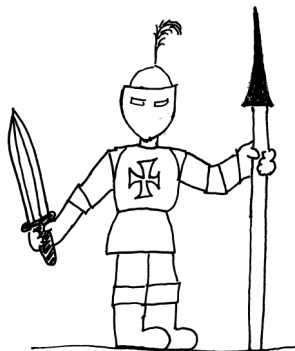
Sometimes Spencer and Eugene
get into a feud.

They argue over the clues.

They don't agree about the footprints.

Eugene believes they are
not from a thief.

He thinks they are
from a fierce bear.



Or maybe they are from
a knight with a
sword and a shield.

After that, Spencer and Eugene
have to make up
and become friends again.

After a while, Spencer's
mom calls the boys.

“Spencer and Eugene, do you
want a piece of pie? I also have
cookies and apple streusel.”

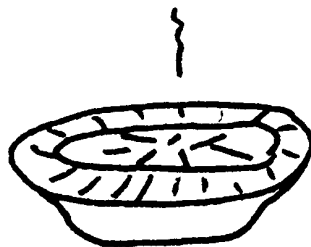
Then Spencer and Eugene forget
all about the clues in the field.

They forget that they are sleuths.

Then Spencer and Eugene race inside.

They like to be sleuths,
but they like to eat, too.

They run home to have
a piece of apple pie.



The Flagpole

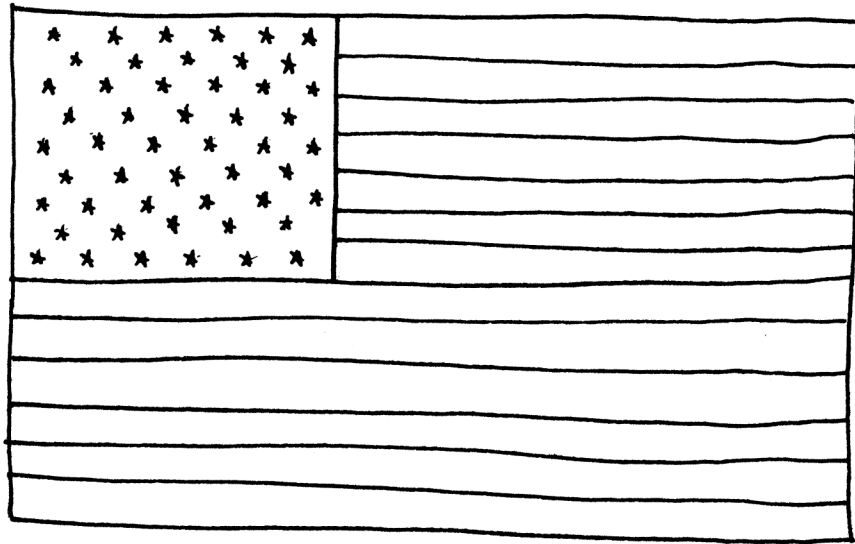


This is
Jack.

This is
Jack's wife,
Rose.



Jack and Rose live on Hope Street.



Jack and Rose have a flag.

They would like to put the flag up.

But they do not have a flagpole.

So Jack and Rose save some money.

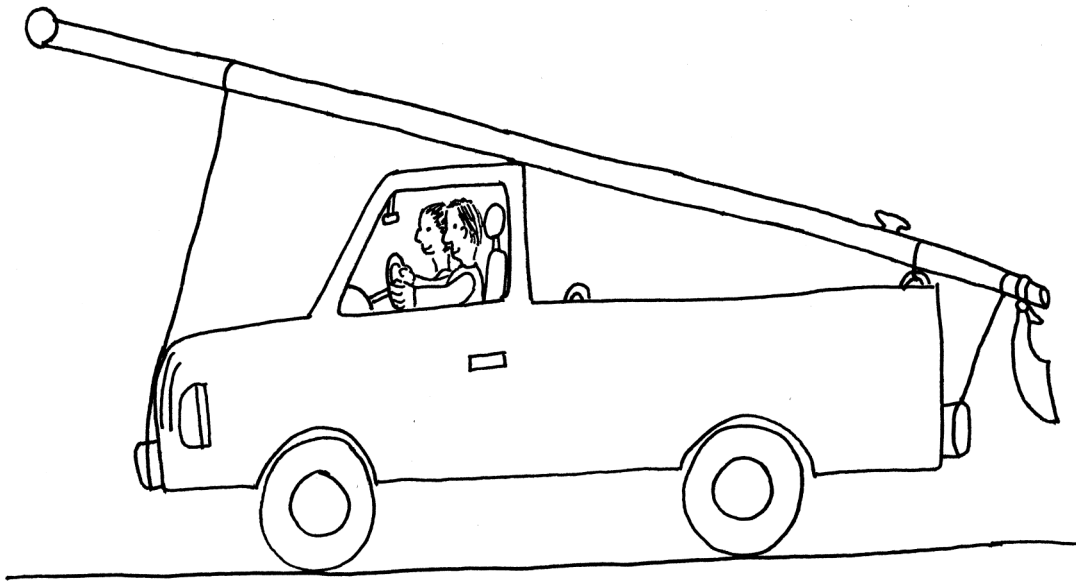
They save a lot of money

for a flagpole.

Then Jack and Rose go to
the store to get a flagpole.

At the store, they find just
the kind of flagpole they need.

They pay for the flagpole
and take it home.



The flagpole comes with a rope.

Jack puts the rope on the pole.

Rose puts the flag on the rope.

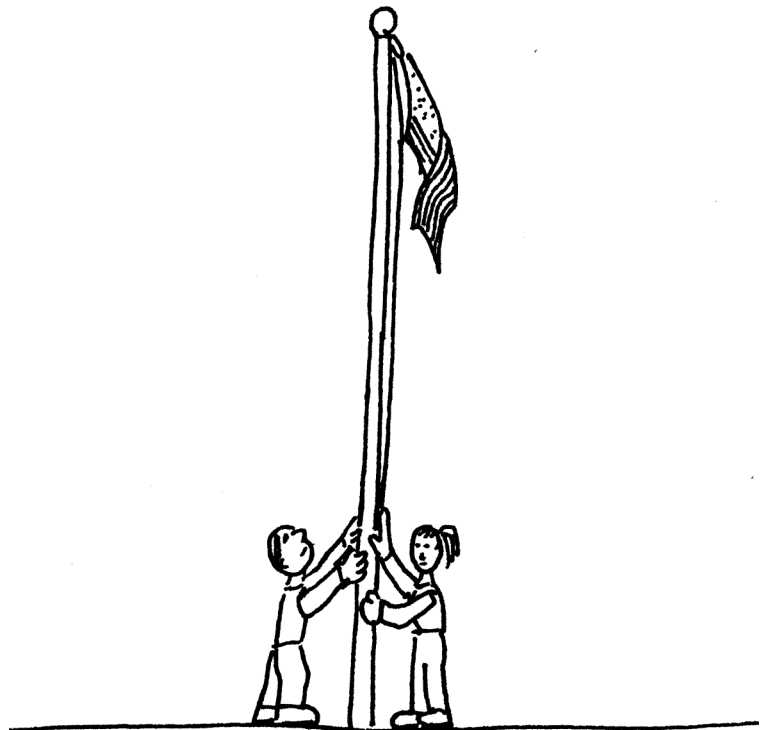
Then Jack and Rose lift up the pole.

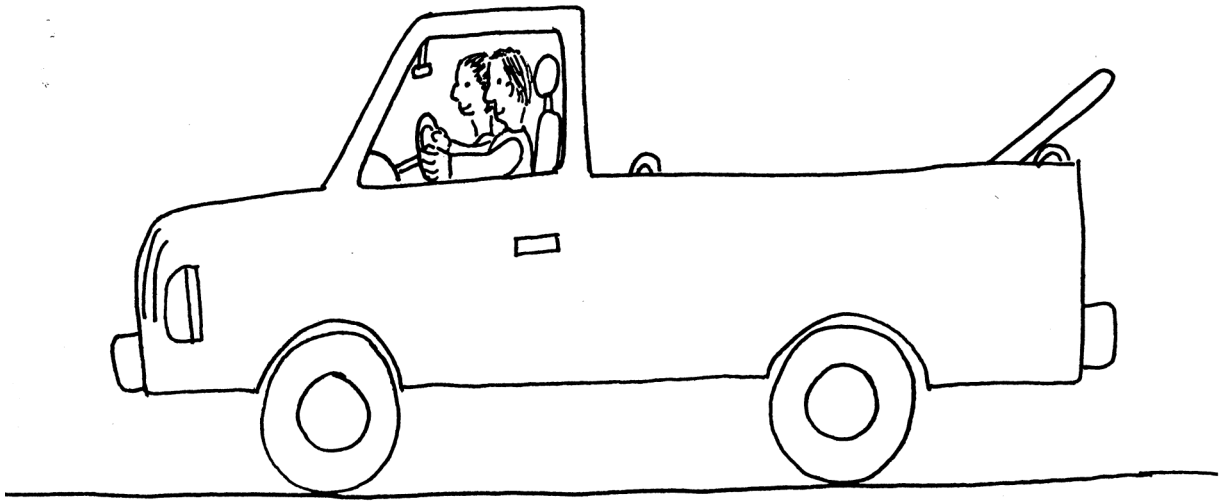
They push and they pull.

But the pole

will not

stay up.





Jack takes the flag off the rope.

Then Jack and Rose go

back to the store.

This time they get a shovel.

They pay for the shovel

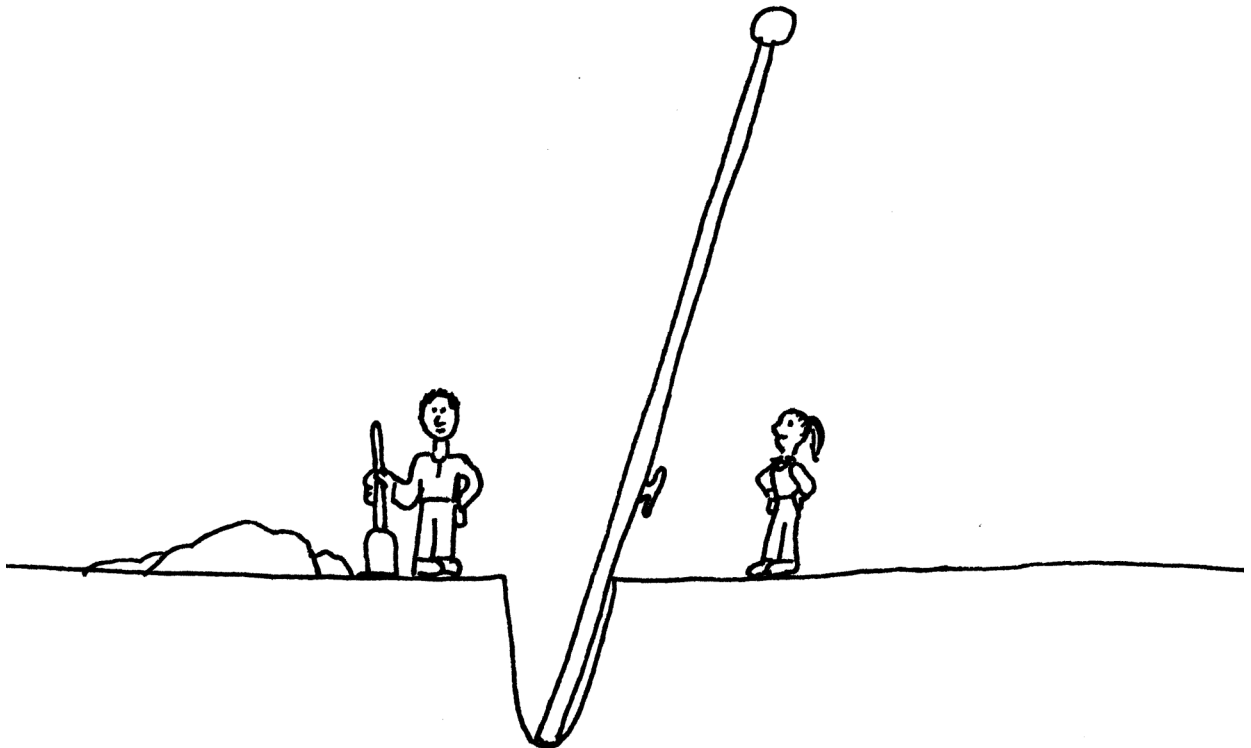
and take it home.

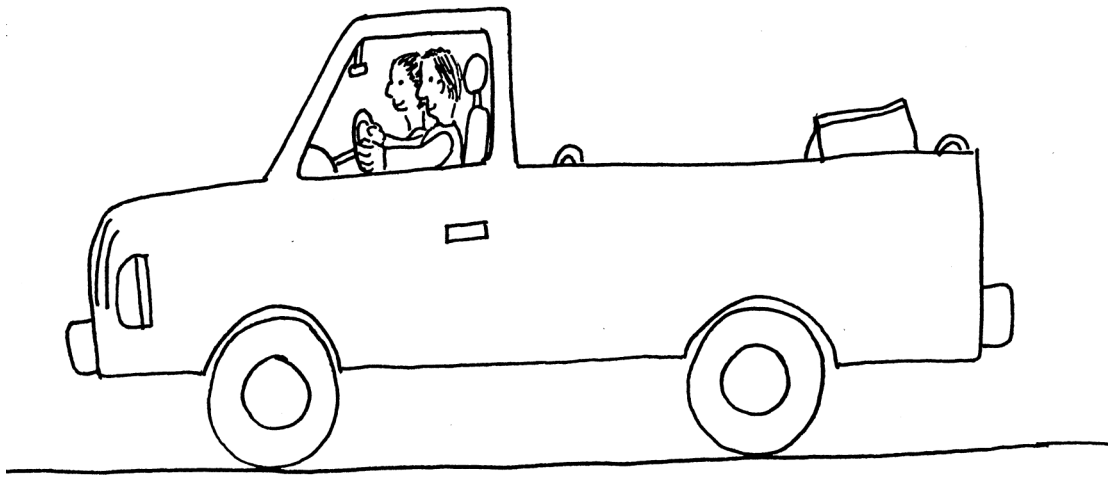
At home, Jack and Rose
dig a deep hole.

They put the flagpole in the hole.

They push and they pull.

The flagpole will stay up,
but it is not quite right.





Jack and Rose go

back to the store.

They find a big bag of concrete.

They pay for the concrete

and take it home.

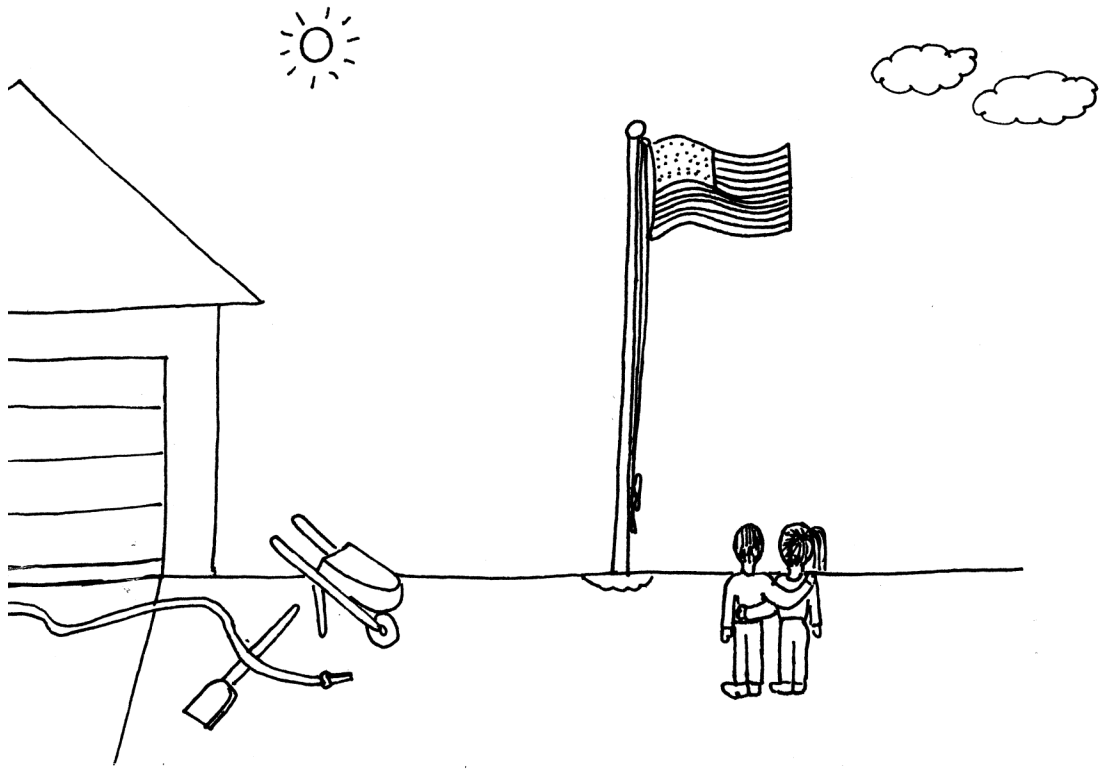
Jack and Rose mix up the concrete.

They put the concrete in
the hole with the flagpole.

They push and they pull.

The flagpole stands up just right.





Jack puts the flag back on the rope.

Rose pulls on the rope.

The flag goes up the pole.

It goes up high in the air.

The flag waves in the wind.

Jack is glad. And Rose is glad.

Rude June

June is a girl who is in the third grade.

She often is rude, but she's never afraid.

June is as stubborn as a mule.

She thinks that she can break the rules.

When she goes to the board,

she breaks the chalk.

When it's quiet time, she likes to talk.

She fusses at all of the girls and boys,

She likes to make a lot of noise.

She leaves her journal
under her desk.

She won't clean up
when she makes a mess.

She doesn't like
to walk in line.

She wants to be first
all of the time.



When she eats, she likes to burp.

When she drinks, she likes to slurp.

When she goes to music,

she won't sing the song.

But when carrying things,

she's very strong.

If June could learn to be polite,

I think that she would be all right.

On The Lawn

Joy liked to play in her yard.

She loved to sit on the sidewalk
in the warm sunshine.

She saw ants walking in a straight
line through the grass.

She saw ladybugs crawling
up a flower stalk.

Sometimes she held a ladybug
in the palm of her hand.

She was careful not to hurt it.

One time Joy saw a wren on its
nest in a hanging basket.

Another time she saw a fat toad in
the shade behind the trash can.

And she often saw a squirrel
sitting on top of the gate.

One day Joy went outside
early in the morning.

First, she searched for acorns
under an oak tree.

Then she searched for small
rocks on the driveway.

She crawled under the bushes on
her hands and knees to find
small twigs and sticks.

She used the twigs and sticks to
make a small house in the dirt.

She worked on the house
for a long time.

Then she used the rocks and acorns
to make walls around the house.

Finally she was finished.

Then she heard her mother call.

“Time for lunch, Joy.”

Joy knew she should
go inside right away.

She knew it was wrong

to ignore her mother.

But she did not want to go inside.

She was having too much fun.

She wanted to stay outside and

play with her house.

Just then a big wasp landed

right on the tiny house.

Another wasp landed and sat

right beside the first wasp.

The wasps scared Joy.

She stood up quickly to go inside.

She did not want to be
stung by a wasp.

Just then a third wasp
landed right on Joy's wrist.

Joy stood aghast while the wasp
walked up and down her arm.

She wanted to run away.

She wanted to scream.

She almost started to cry.

But Joy knew she had to be calm.

Joy stood very still.

She did not move.

She did not make a sound.

She did not want to

upset the wasp.

She did not want it to sting her.

Joy waited for the wasp
to fly away.

She had to wait a long time.

At last, the wasp did fly away.

“Where are you, Joy?”

her mother called.

“I’m coming, Mom,” Joy yelled.

Then she ran inside
as fast as she could.

She was hungry for lunch.

And she was glad to get away

from the wasp!

A Day At The Park

It was a warm spring day.

Andrew and Anna wanted
to play tennis.

So they called Wesley and Courtney.

The children were neighbors.

They were all eight years old.

The four children met
at the tennis court at the park.

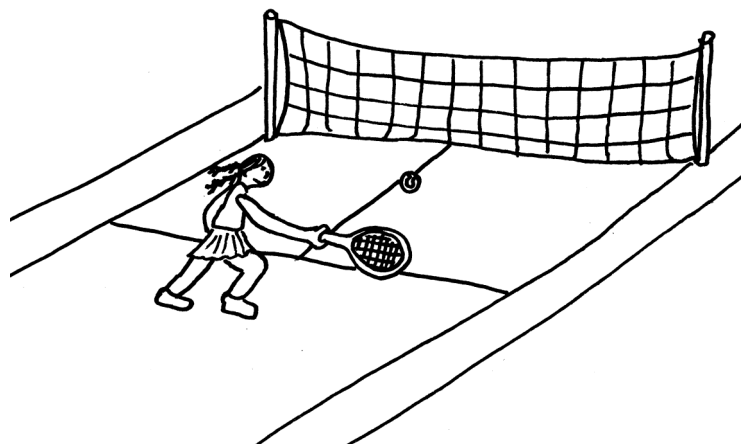
They all brought tennis rackets.

Courtney brought a lot
of tennis balls.

Andrew brought a jug
of water and some cups.

Anna brought a bag of snacks.

The children played tennis
for a long time.



They had a lot of fun.

Andrew and Anna won the match.

Then a bee stung Wesley

on his finger.

He felt so bad,

he was about to cry.

So the children all sat in the shade
under a maple tree to rest
and have a snack.

They poured cups of cool water.

They munched on apples,
crackers, and cheese.

They sat and talked for a long time.

After that, the children played on the
playground beside the tennis courts.

They went down the slide.

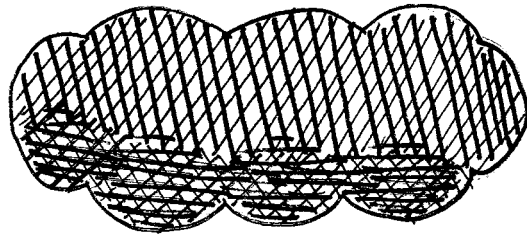
They went back and forth
on the swings.

They went up and down
on the seesaw.

Then Anna and Courtney went up
to the top of the monkey bars.

Wesley and Andrew ran all over the
playground playing chase.

While they were playing, a big storm
cloud appeared in the sky.



The children are too busy having
fun to see the cloud.

All of a sudden, rain started to pour
down on the children.

They did not like to get wet.

So they all ran home
as fast as they could.

The End

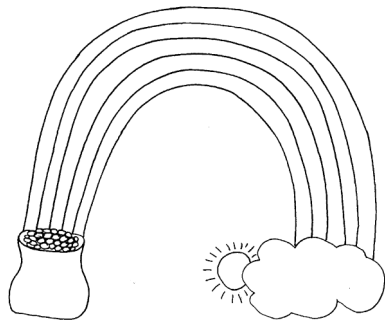
Which One?

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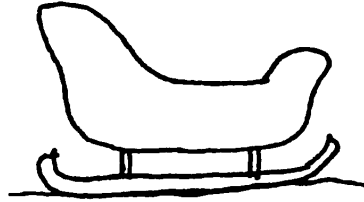
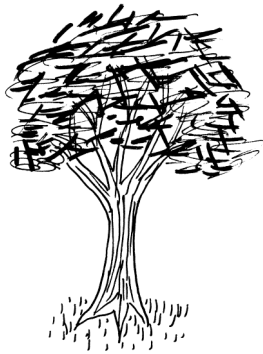
Which one is more ?

Eighty or eight ?



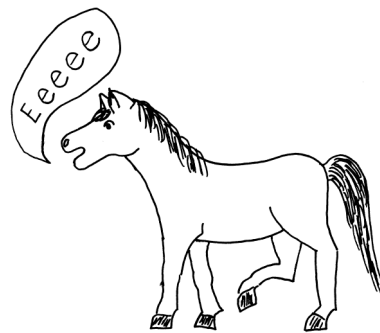
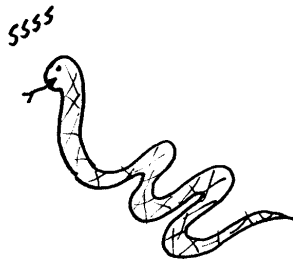
What goes on a train ?

A rainbow or freight ?



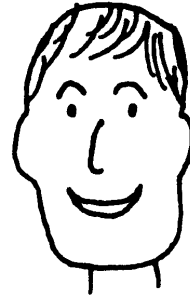
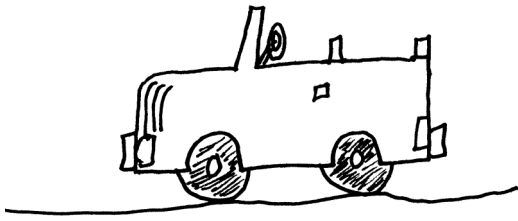
What glides in the snow ?

A tree or a sleigh ?



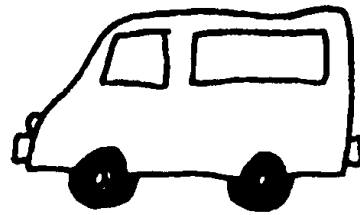
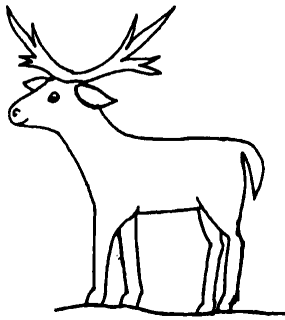
A horse makes which sound ?

A hiss or a neigh ?



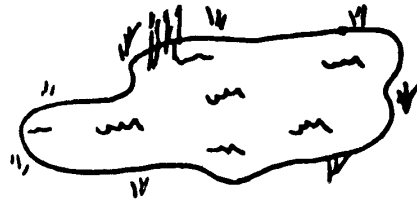
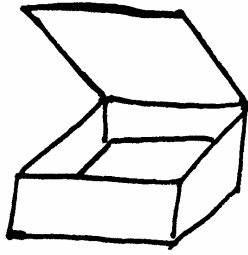
Which one is a neighbor ?

A jeep or a man ?



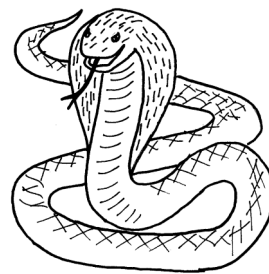
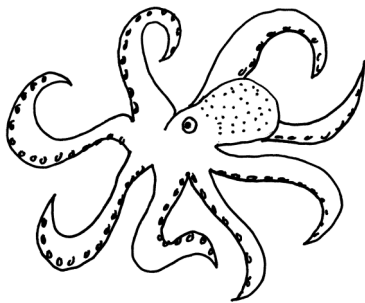
Which needs a key ?

A deer or a van ?



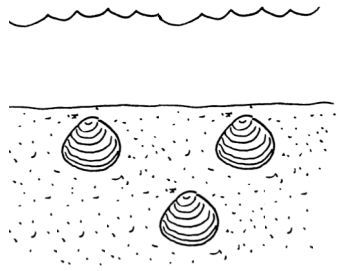
Which can you weigh ?

A box or a lake ?



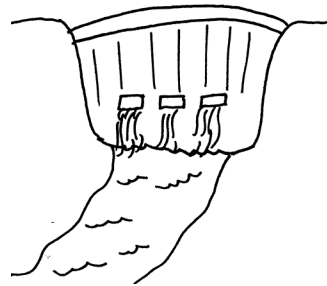
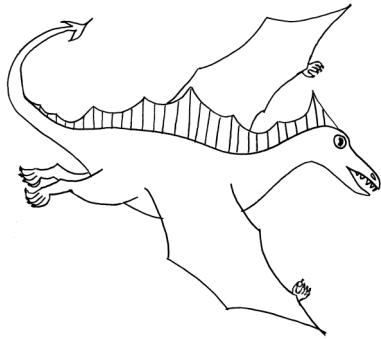
Which has eight legs ?

An octopus or a snake ?



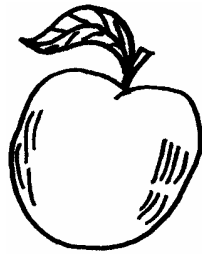
Which ones are people ?

A class or some clams ?



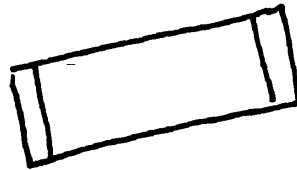
What holds back the water ?

A dragon or a dam ?



Which one is purple ?

A peach or a plum ?

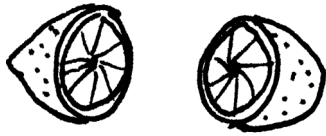


What can you chew ?

Water or gum ?

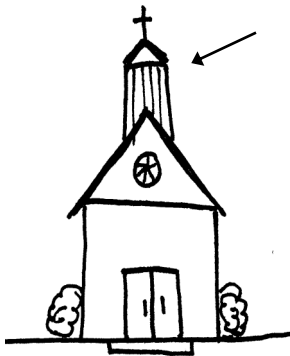
Which has a ripple ?

A lemon or a lake ?



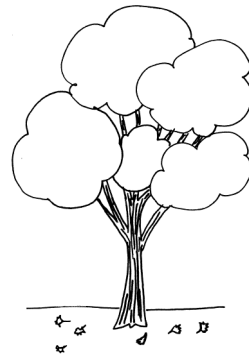
What has a steeple ?

A church or a cake ?



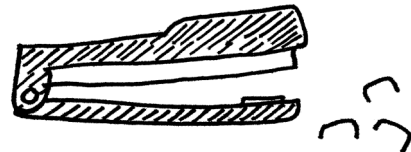
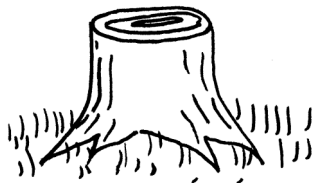
Which one's a tree ?

A mushroom or a maple ?



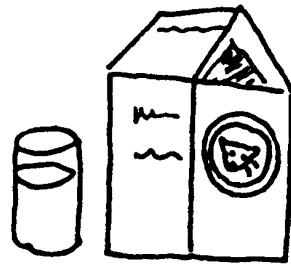
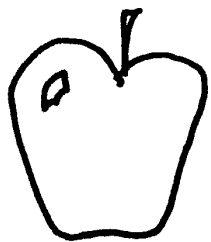
What fastens paper ?

A stump or a staple ?



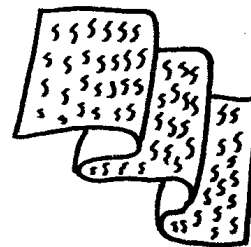
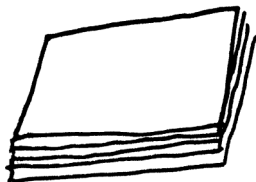
What can you pour ?

An apple or milk ?



What makes a blouse ?

Paper or silk ?



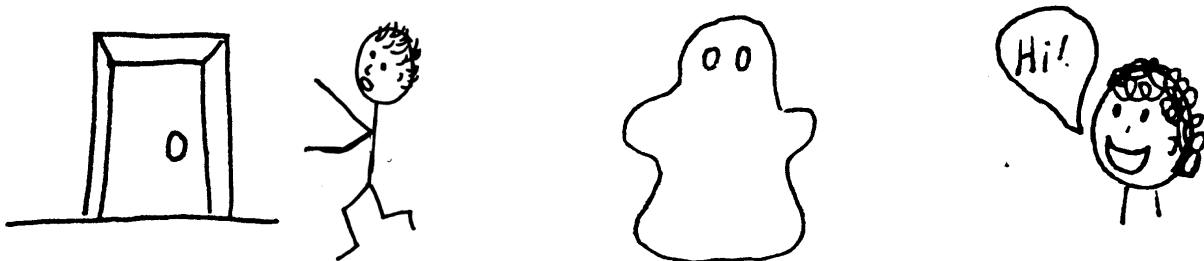
Which is the most ?

Fourteen or four ?



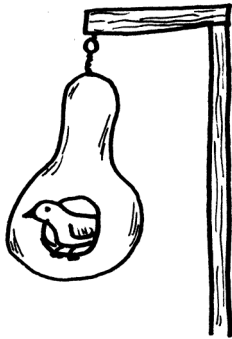
What should you do if you see a ghost ?

Stop and talk, or run for the door ?



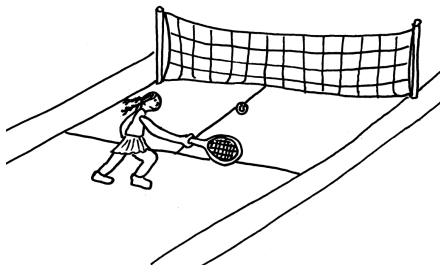
Where can a finch live ?

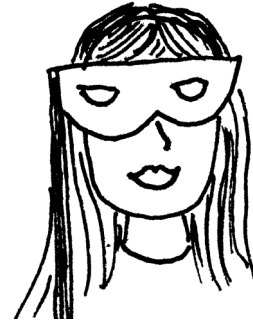
In a gourd or a bag ?



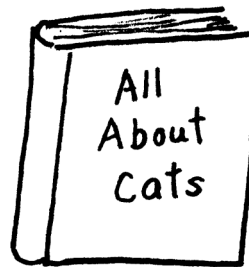
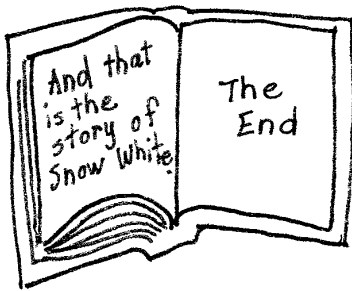
What is played on a court ?

Tennis or tag ?





Do you wonder about
all kinds of things ?



If you can read books,
your mind will have wings !

