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The Bear and the Bees

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The End



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Fill in the periods at the end of each sentence.



The Sun and the Wind

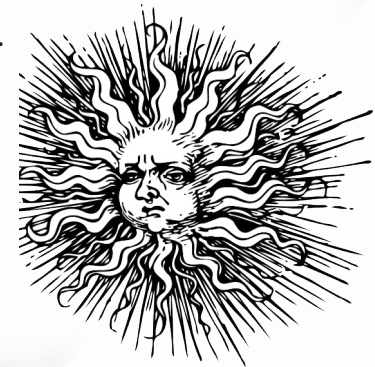
The wind and the sun argued one day over which one was the stronger. Spotting a man traveling on the road, they made a challenge to see which one could take the coat from the man's back the quickest.

The wind began. He blew strong gusts of air, so strong that the man could barely walk against them. But the man clutched his coat tight against him. The wind blew harder and longer, and the harder the wind blew, the

tighter the man held his coat against him. The wind blew until he was exhausted, but he could not remove the coat from the man's back.

It was now the sun's turn. He gently sent his beams upon the traveler. The sun did very little, but quietly shone upon his head and back until the man became so warm that he took off his coat and headed for the nearest shade.

The End





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The Cat and the Rooster

One day a cat happened to grab hold of rooster for its evening meal. She wanted, however, a good excuse for killing the bird.

I need to rid the world of you, she told the rooster, You constantly make your horrible noises throughout the night, interfering with men's much needed sleep. The world will be

better off without you.

No, said the rooster, I crow for the good of men. I wake them up each morning when it is time for them to start work for the day, so that they may earn their living.

Ridiculous! said the cat, and she ate him.

The End





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The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There once was a boy who kept sheep not far from the village He would often become bored and to amuse himself he would call out, "Wolf! Wolf," although there was no wolf around

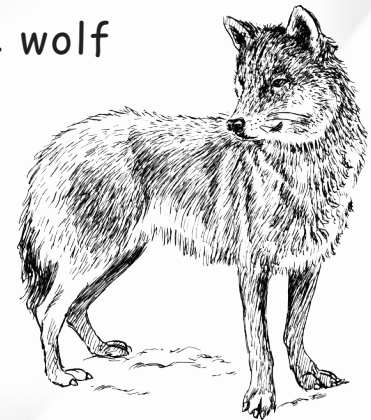
The villagers would stop what they were doing and run to save the sheep from the wolf's jaw Once they arrived at the pasture, the boy just

laughed The naughty boy played this joke over and over until the villagers tired of him

One day while the boy was watching the sheep, a wolf did come into the fold The boy cried and cried, "Wolf! Wolf!"

No one came The wolf had a feast of sheep that day

The End





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The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg

A man and his wife owned a very special goose. Every day the goose would lay a golden egg, which made the couple very rich.

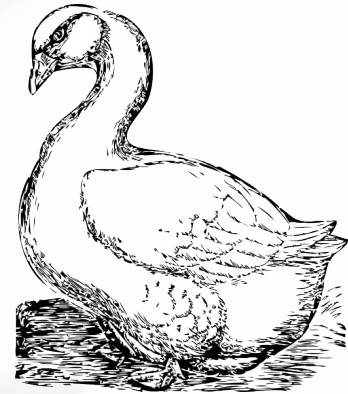
Just think, said the man's wife, If we could have all the golden eggs that are inside the goose, we could be richer much faster.

You're right, said her husband,

We wouldn't have to wait for the goose to lay her egg every day.

So, the couple killed the goose and cut her open, only to find that she was just like every other goose. She had no golden eggs inside of her at all, and they had no more golden eggs.

The End





Fill in the missing quotation marks.



The Peacock's Complaint

A peacock was very unhappy with his ugly voice, and he spent most of his days complaining about it.

It is true that you cannot sing, said the fox, But look how beautiful you are!

Oh, but what good is all this beauty, moaned the disheartened bird, with such an unpleasant voice!

Listen, said the fox, Each

one has it's special gift. You have such beauty, the nightingale has his song, the owl has his eyes, and the eagle his strength. Even if you had a eloquent voice, you would still complain about another thing.



The End



Fill in the missing commas and periods.



The Wolf and the Goat

A wolf who was out searching for a meal saw a goat feeding on grass on top of a high cliff. Wishing to get the goat to climb down from the rock and into his grasp, he called out to her.

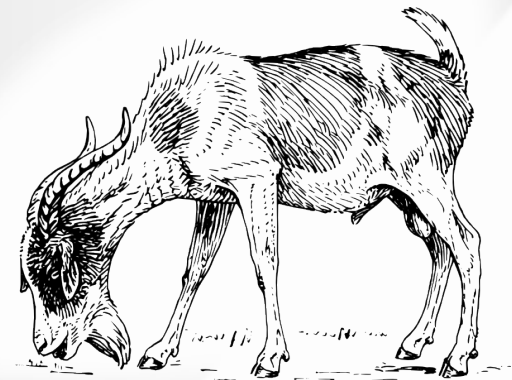
"Excuse me," he said in a friendly voice. "It is very dangerous for you to be at such a height. Do come down before you injure yourself. Besides, the grass is much greener and

thicker down here. Take my advice and please come down from that high cliff."

But the goat knew too well of the wolf's intent.

"You don't care if I injure myself or not. You don't care if I eat good grass or bad. What you care about is eating me."

The End





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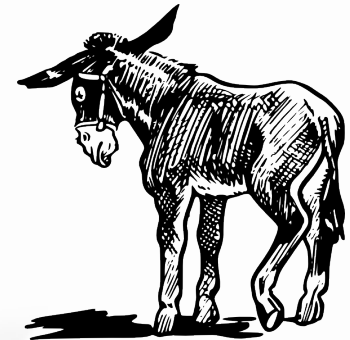
The Donkey and his Master

A man was leading his donkey
down a road when the donkey got
free and ran to the edge of high
cliff The man ran as fast as he could
to the donkey and grabbed his tail to
stop the donkey from going off the
edge of the cliff But the donkey was

stubborn; the more the man tried to
stop him the more the donkey pulled
the other way

"Oh well " said the man "if you
are determined to go your own way I
cannot stop you "

The End





Fill in the missing periods and quotation marks.



The Fox and the Crow

A fox was walking through the forest when he saw a crow sitting on a tree branch with a fine piece of cheese in her beak. The fox wanted the cheese and decided he would be clever enough to outwit the bird.

What a noble and gracious bird I see in the tree! proclaimed the fox, What exquisite beauty! What fair plumage! If her voice is as lovely as

her beauty, she would no doubt be the jewel of all birds.

The crow was so flattered by all this talk that she opened her beak and gave a cry to show the fox her voice.

Caw! Caw! she cried, as the cheese dropped to the ground for the fox to grab.

The End





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The Boys and the Frogs

Some boys were playing around a pond when they spotted a group of frogs hopping and swimming about in the water. The boys began to throw rocks at the frogs and even competed against each other as to who could hit the most frogs.

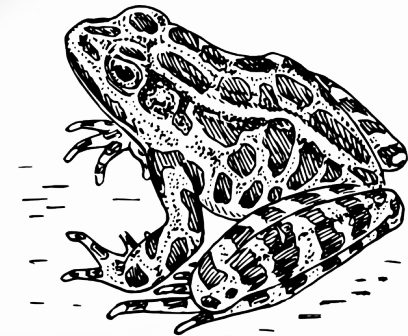
Sometimes the rocks hit the

frogs so hard that they died.

Finally one frog hopped upon a lily pad.

Please stop, he pleaded, What may seem just fun to you is death to us.

The End



Rainy Day

Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.



it is raining hard

i like to play in the rain

should i wear my boots

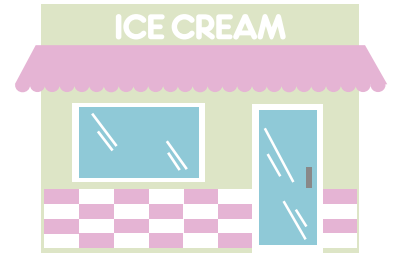
can we jump in the puddles

the snails will come out

i see a pretty rainbow



Ice Cream Shop



Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

do you want to go to the ice cream shop

we can ride our bicycles

what is your favorite flavor

my favorite flavor is chocolate

how many scoops do you want

the ice cream is very tasty



Baking a Cake



Rewrite each statement correctly.

my mom and i are baking a cake

the cake is for my brother's birthday

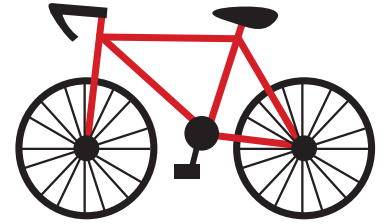
chocolate cake is his favorite

i mixed the cake batter

my mom placed the cake in the oven

i put vanilla frosting on the cake

Bicycle Ride



Write each sentence using correct capitalization and punctuation.

is it sunny outside today

have you seen my new red bicycle

i would like to ride my bicycle

do you want to ride our bicycles together

we can ride around the park

i think it will be a lot of fun

The Lost Kitten

One cold and rainy day Polly
was walking home from school
Suddenly she heard a loud and
mournful cry Meow meow meow

She looked under a bush and
saw a little wet orange kitten

Who do you belong to she
asked She picked up the kitten
and snuggled him under her coat
When she got home Polly

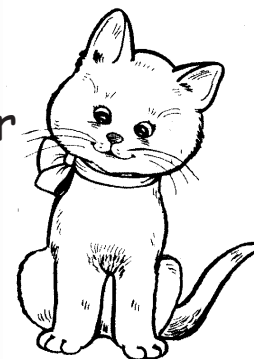
went straight to her mother May
I please keep him she asked

Yes said her mother But you
must promise to take care of him
and feed him every day

Polly poured some warm milk
into a bowl and put a soft pillow
in a basket for his bed

I will name you Fletcher
she said happily

The End



Bigfoot

Matt and his brother David
were going on a camping trip in
the Sierra Mountains

You set up the tent said Matt
and I will gather the firewood

Later that night they woke
to the sound of foot steps What
is that asked David

The sound grew louder Do you
think it is a bear asked Matt

I think it is Bigfoot yelled
David They got their flashlights
and went outside to investigate
Everything was quiet and still

The next morning when they
left the tent they suddenly froze
In the mud surrounding their tent
were the most

gigantic foot prints
they had ever seen

The End





Read the story and fill in the proper punctuation.



Josie's Garden

Josie lived in a small house
surrounded by a beautiful garden
Every day she watered and
tended to her plants and trees

One day she saw a caterpillar
eating her lettuce What kind of
beautiful butterfly will you grow
up to be she asked

In the warm afternoon Josie
watched a deer munching apples

under her apple tree

Help yourself Josie said You
are what makes this place special

Later that evening as she
rested in the shade she spied a
rabbit nibbling on some spinach
She smiled at the rabbit Just
make sure to leave some
for me she said

The End





Read the story and fill in the proper punctuation.



Earth Day

One day Jeffs teacher
announced that it was Earth Day

Today is the day that we
celebrate the world that we live
in his teacher said Lets all do
something to help the earth

The children decided they
would clean up the trash around
the creek that flowed by their
school Ive got the trash bags

said Jeff Lets go

The children picked up cans
bottles and old candy wrappers
and put them in the trash bags

When they were done they
sat on the rocks around the
creek listening to the birds and
the bubbling creek

Isnt it beautiful
asked Jeff proudly

The End



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Baby Sister

Today was a special day

Today Joeys mother was coming
home with his new baby sister

But Joey didnt want a baby
sister He liked it the way it was

His mother came home
carrying a small bundle Would
you like to hold her she asked

Joey was nervous Carefully he
took the warm little baby in his

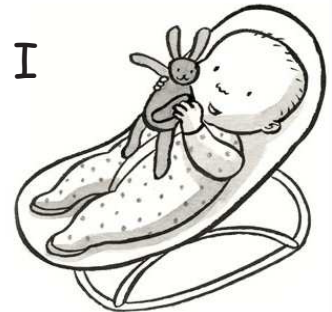
arms and looked down at her

Her fingers are so tiny he
said She is so small and helpless

Annie is going to need a big
brother said his mother She is
going to need someone to be her
friend and protect her

Im a big brother now Joey
thought And I think I
will be a good one

The End



The Pink Rabbit

There was once a family of rabbits that lived in a forest All the baby rabbits were white except for one named Pinky As you might guess she was pink

I wish I was like all the other rabbits said Pinky Why do I have to be different

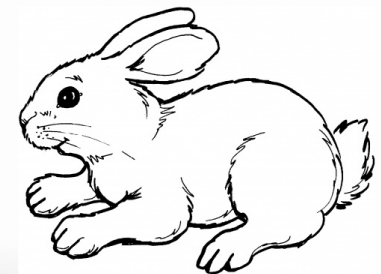
Then one day a few weeks before Easter the Easter Bunny

hopped through the forest searching for a helper

When the Easter Bunny saw Pinky he exclaimed You are perfect You are just the rabbit I have been looking for

Pinky became the Easter Bunnys helper and from then on she was glad that she was different

The End



The New Girl

One day at school Teacher
Jones made an announcement
Today we will have a new
student she said Her name is
Abby I would like you all to
welcome her to Room 20

Abby had straight brown hair
and blue eyes She looked down at
her shoes and didn't smile
I remembered when I was the

new girl and how I felt

Would you like to sit by me
I asked patting my chair Abby
smiled shyly and sat down This is
Elizabeth and Tyler I told her
pointing to the kids at our table

I smiled at her I
knew that very soon
she would no longer
be the new girl

The End



Animal Friends

Once upon a time long ago
there was a princess who lived in
a castle high up on a mountain

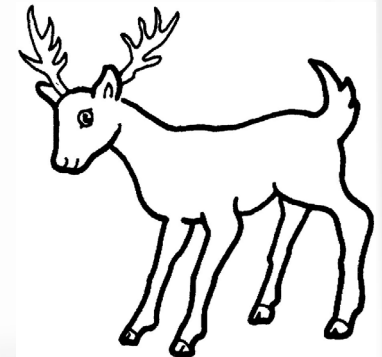
The castle was surrounded by
forests lakes and rivers No one
ever came to the castle

The princess was very lonely
I wish I had a friend she said I
wish I had someone to play with
Every day she looked out her

castle window and watched the
deer and rabbits and birds play
They looked so happy One day
she had an idea She called to
them Will you play with me

Every day after that she
went outside and played with her
new animal friends
and wasnt lonely
any more

The End



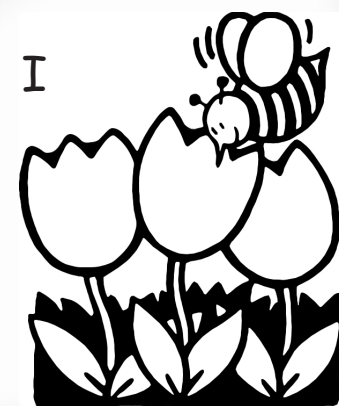
Bumble Bee

Every day after school Emily's mother made her a peanut butter and honey sandwich She ate it in her garden while looking at the beautiful flowers

One day a bumble bee buzzed around her head Aaaah she screamed A bee She ran into the house and yelled Mother a bee is in the garden

Emily's mother went outside with her We are so lucky to have bees in our garden she said Without bees we wouldn't have any flowers or vegetables And no honey for your sandwich either

Emily looked at the flowers and smiled I guess I am not scared of bees after all
The End





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