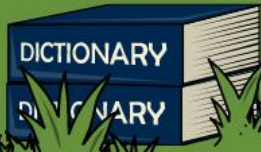


# My First

# Reader

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Dear Teacher,

This reader includes 36 decodable stories for beginning readers. The stories can be used for either intensive or extensive reading during the first year of phonics instruction, or as a review at the beginning of the second year. After the students are taught the necessary phonics knowledge of the **letter-sound** code, as well as the **high frequency (sight) words**, they can successfully read these texts on their own.

Stories 1-11 include CVC/CVCC words (e.g. sit, fast).

Stories 12-24 include two-syllable words with short vowels (e.g. after, rabbit).

Stories 25-36 include a few additional sounds (schwa, long o, y=i, ar, -ve, -le, -ck).

The stories contain 124 words from Band 1. It is important that the students are familiar with the new words in each story, so the reading becomes meaningful rather than mechanical. The illustrations that accompany the stories can be used to present and review the new words.

I hope your students find these stories engaging and enjoyable.

Chedva

# My First Reader

Story	New Letter Sounds	Sight Words	New Words in the Story Words marked with an [*] are not from Band 1.
1. <b>Cat and Bat</b>	Aa Bb Cc Tt Ss		at cat(s) sat* bat(s)* cab*
2. <b>Cats Can, Bats Can't</b>	li Nn		can can't in it it's sit bin*
3. <b>Ants in a Bin</b>			ant
4. <b>The Bell</b>	Ee Ll	<b>the</b>	let's sell tell fell* bell*
5. <b>Fish</b>	Mm		men tent* ten net
6. <b>A Mess</b>		<b>I</b>	am man mess*
7. <b>Tell Me</b>		<b>me I</b>	mat*
8. <b>Ten Fat Cats</b>	Ff	<b>see I</b>	fast fat fit*
9. <b>Len's Hats</b>	Hh	<b>has</b>	hat ha-ha*
10. <b>The Hen and the Cat</b>		has	hen*
11. <b>The Cat Has the Egg</b>	Gg	has	egg get
12. <b>The Hen Has a Chick</b>		<b>is</b>	big sitting
13. <b>Two Hens</b>	s=z	has the	
14. <b>Legs</b>		has	legs

Stories	New Letter Sounds	Sight Words	New Words in the Story Words marked with an [*] are not from Band 1.
15. <b>Ten Eggs</b>		the is	bag fill
16. <b>Big, Big, Big</b>	Pp	has	pen map* pants*
17. <b>Cat after Rat</b>	Rr	the has	after enter ran* rat* help
18. <b>Cat, Rat and Rabbit</b>		are I'm	rabbit
19. <b>Let's Swim</b>	Ww	we I	swim well wet will winter
20. <b>The Winner</b>	Dd	I	and didn't end medal sad win winner
21. <b>Dan</b>		is	bed hand stand clap*
22. <b>Stand! Sit!</b>	Oo	I	on
23. <b>Hot or Not?</b>		is	dog doll hot not stop
24. <b>Hot Popcorn</b>		of is	lot pot* popcorn*
25. <b>Bad Dog</b>	long o	for is me	don't go oh no cola* bad
26. <b>Open the Window</b>		I'm the	cold open window
27. <b>What Is It?</b>	Yy	is	yes yellow banana mango* lemon*



Stories	New Letter Sounds	Sight Words	New Words in the Story Words marked with an [*] are not from Band 1.
28. <b>Who Am I?</b>		<b>you</b> are I	boy toy
29. <b>Summer</b>	Uu	is the	but buy cup fun run summer sun under up umbrella bun* yum*
30. <b>Let's Go to the Party</b>	y=i ar	are the to is you I	happy hungry many only party sorry very
31. <b>The Test</b>	Xx	has	six sixty fifty hundred plus twenty
32. <b>Don't Jump on the Bed</b>	Jj	<b>to</b> we the	enjoy job jump just
33. <b>The Vet</b>	Vv	<b>love</b> see the has lot are is	never vet* pet him clinic* rat* angry*
34. <b>I'm Avi</b>	_ve	<b>have live</b> are the to I	live seven clever twelve van* trip so
35. <b>Let's Go to the Jungle</b>	Zz _le	<b>want</b> to the see I	zebra* jungle* cobra* hippo* panda*
36. <b>Milk</b>	Kk _ck	I	drink duck kids king milk sick kitten* frog*



a cat



a bat



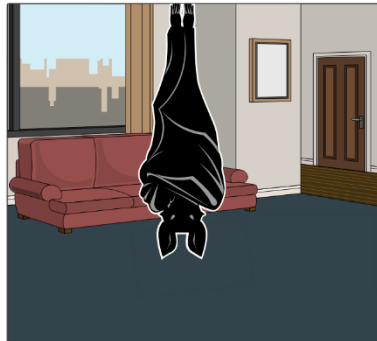
a cab, 2 bats, 3 cats

[1]

# Cat and Bat




A cat at .

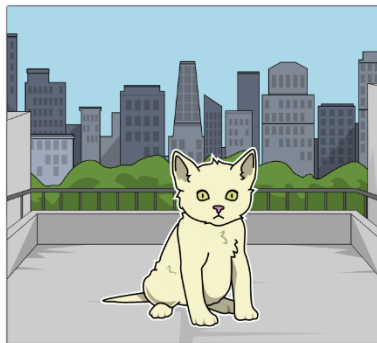


A bat at .

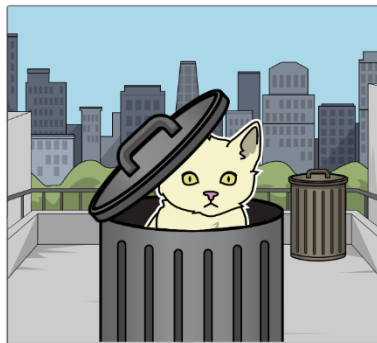


A cat sat at .

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A cat can sit.



It can sit in a bin.



It can sit in a cab.



A bat can't sit.



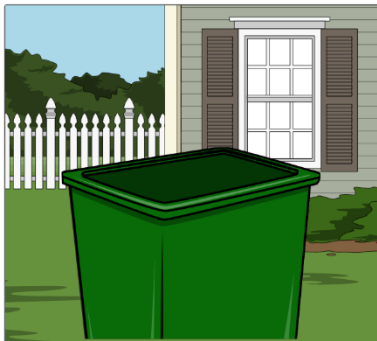
It can't sit in a bin.  
It can't sit in a cab.



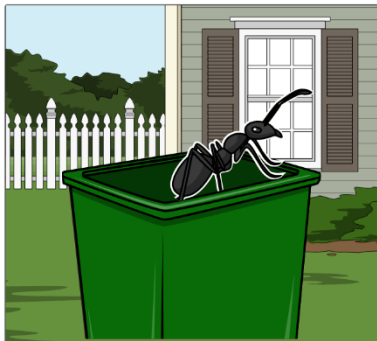
Cats can sit.  
Bats can't.

## [2] Cats Can, Bats Can't

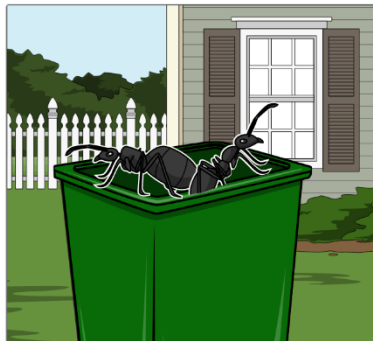
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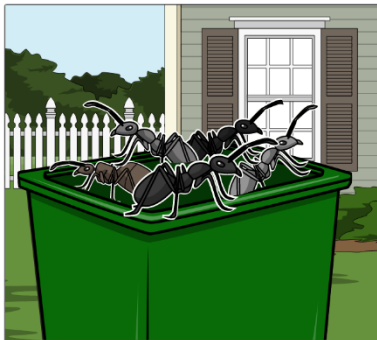
A bin.



An ant in a bin.



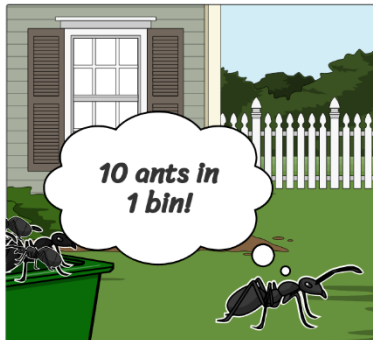
2 ants in a bin.



5 ants in a bin.



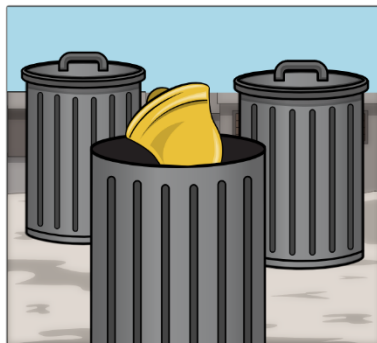
10 ants in a bin.



10 ants!  
10 ants in 1 bin!

### [3] Ants in a Bin

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A bell! A bell in the bin!



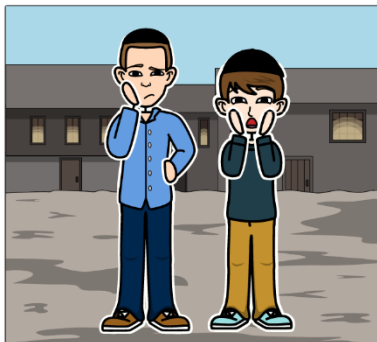
Let's sell it!



Tell Ben. Ben can sell it.



The bell fell!



Ben can't sell it.



Ben can't sell the bell.

## [4] The Bell

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# [5] Fish



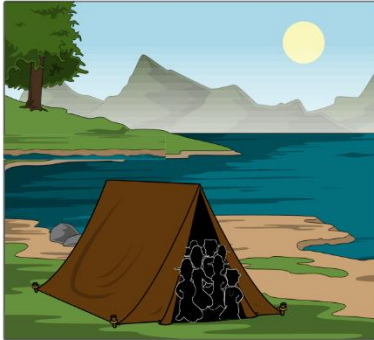
A  in a net.



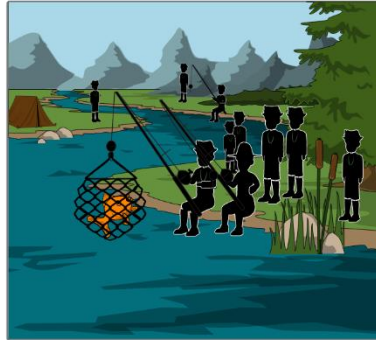
Ten  in a net.



A  in a net.



A tent.  
Ten men sit in a tent.



A  in a net.



A  in a can.



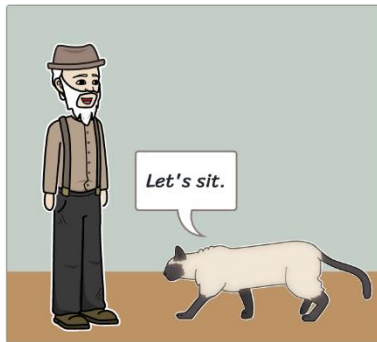
I am Sam. I am a man.



I am Tim. I am a cat.



I am a fat cat.



Sam, let's sit.



Let's sit!



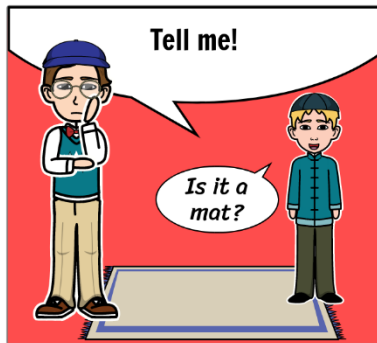
Sit?  
It's a mess!!!

## [6] A Mess

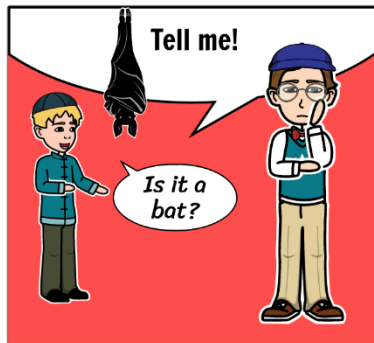




Is it a bell?



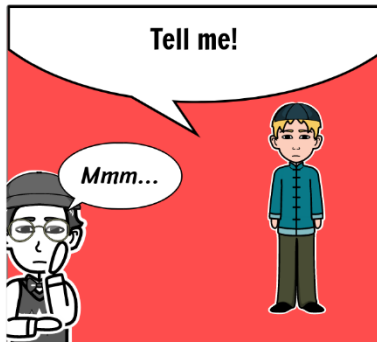
Is it a mat?



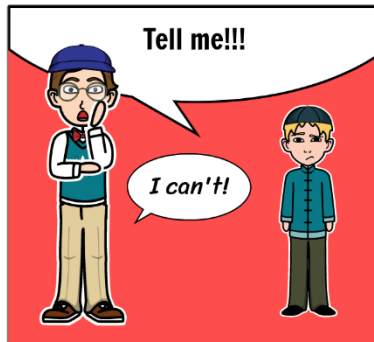
Is it a bat?



Is it an ant?



Mmm...

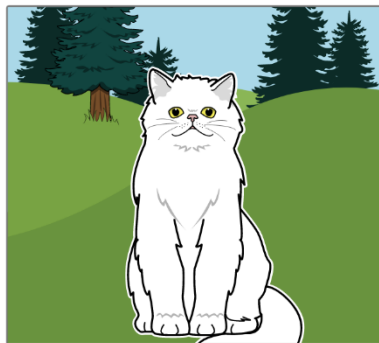


I can't!

[7]  
**Tell Me**

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I can see a cat. I can see  
a fat cat. I can see it.



I can see ten cats. I can  
see ten fat cats.



Ten fat cats.  
Ten fast cats.



A fat cat can fit in.



Can ten cats fit in?



Ten fat cats can't fit in.

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[8]

## Ten Fat Cats



Len has hats.



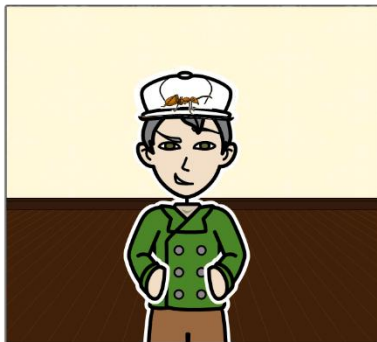
1 hat, 2 hats, 3 hats,  
4 hats...



5 hats, 6 hats, 7 hats,  
8 hats, 9 hats...



Ten hats.  
Len has ten hats.



Len has an ant in the hat.



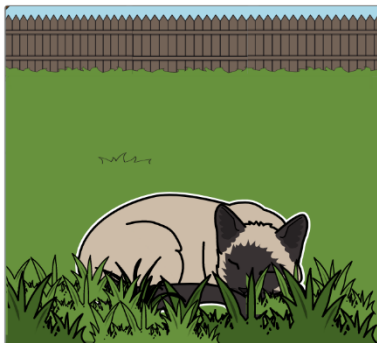
An ant! Aaaa!!!

## [9] Len's Hats

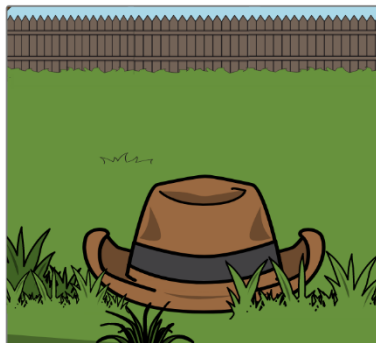
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Nissim has a hen.  
A fat hen.



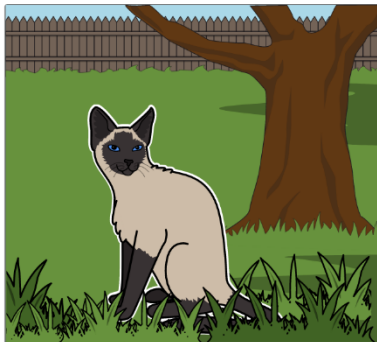
Nissim has a cat.  
A fat cat.



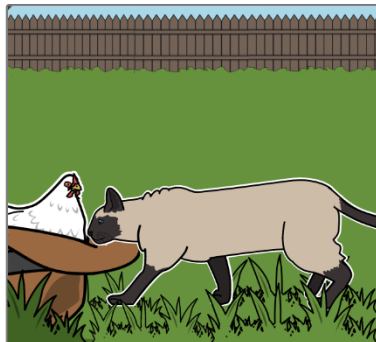
Nissim has a hat.



The fat hen sits in the  
hat.



The cat can't fit in the  
hat.



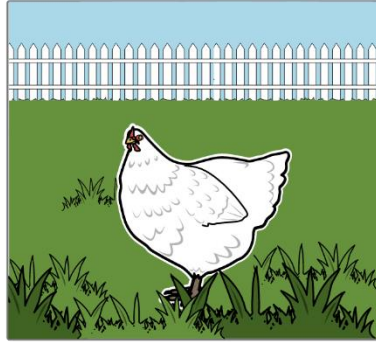
Ha-Ho!

# [10] The Hen and the Cat

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A man



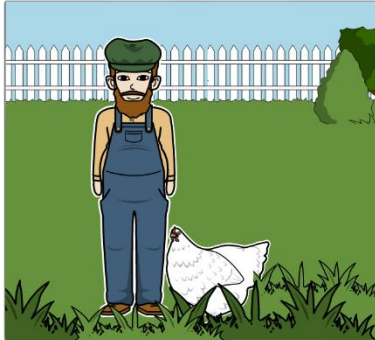
A hen



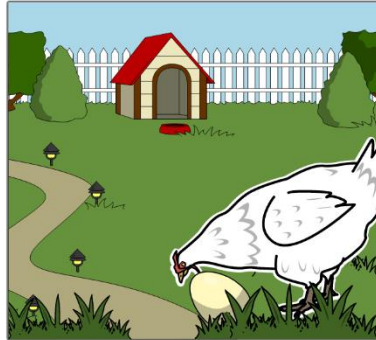
A cat

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## The Cat Has the Egg



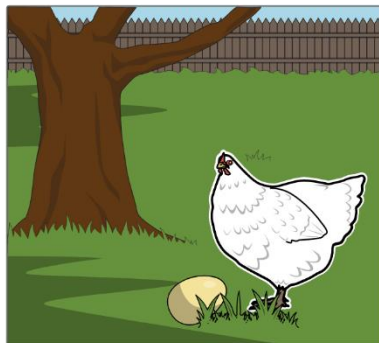
The man has a hen.



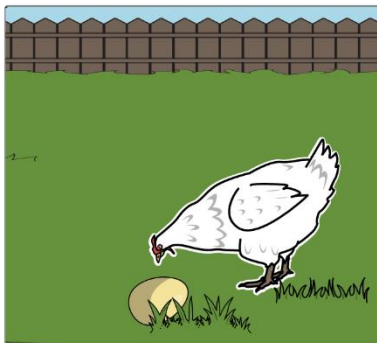
The hen has an egg.



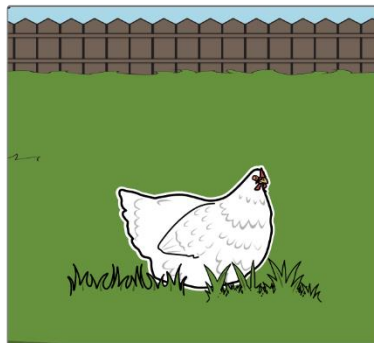
The cat gets the egg!



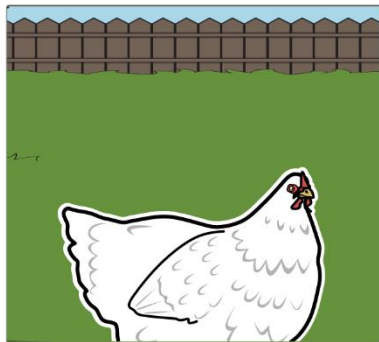
The hen has an egg.



The hen has a big egg.



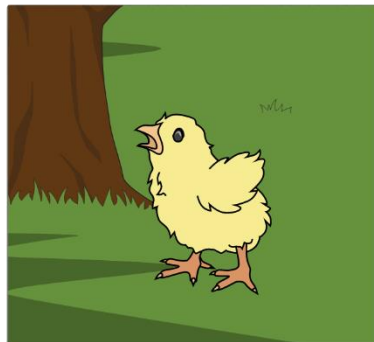
The hen is sitting...



sitting...



sitting...



A  ! Ha!

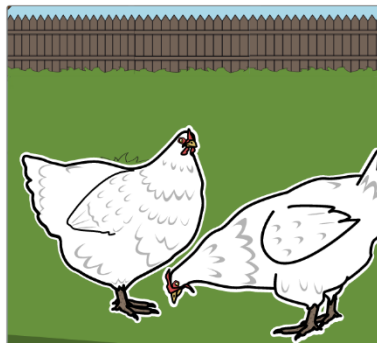
[12]  
**The  
Hen  
Has a  
Chick**

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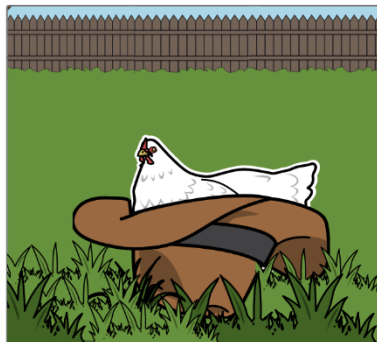
Hillel has hens.



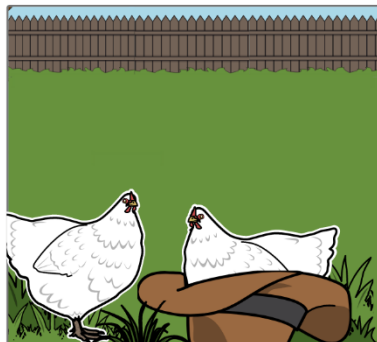
2 fat hens.



Hillel has a hat.



The fat hen sits in the hat. It can fit in.



2 fat hens can't fit in the hat.




Ha-Ho!

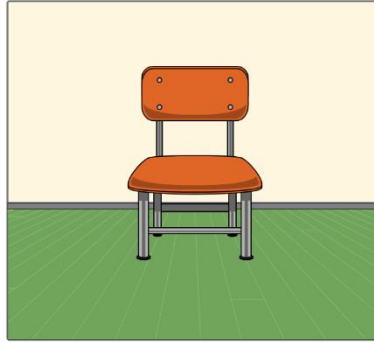
# [13] Two Hens


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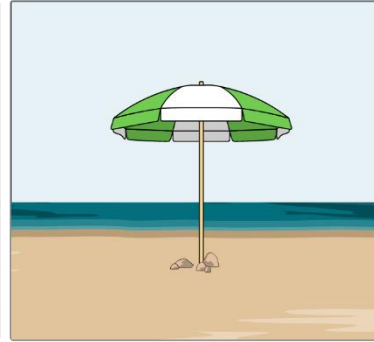
# [14] Legs



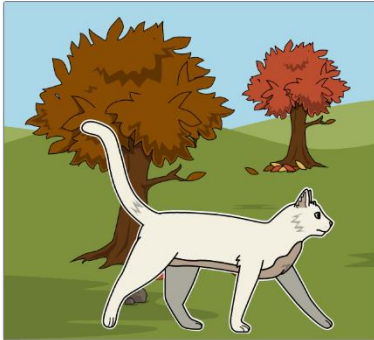
A  has 4 legs.



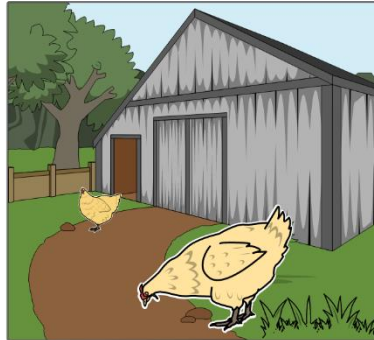
A  has 4 legs.



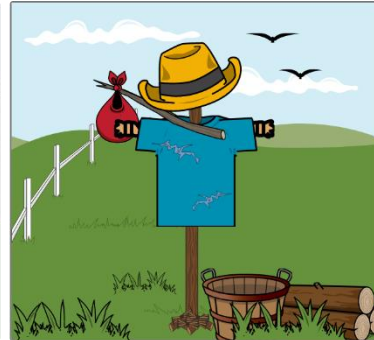
4 legs? 3 legs?  
It has 1 leg!



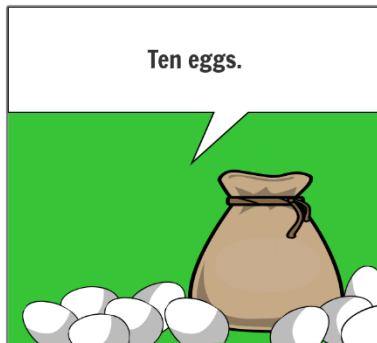
A cat has 4 legs.



A hen has 2 legs.



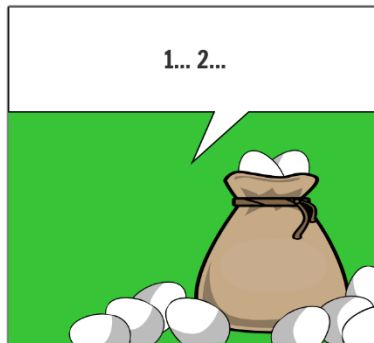
4 legs? 2 legs?  
It has 1 leg!



Let's fill in the bag.



The bag is big.



1 egg in the bag. 2 eggs in the bag.



4 eggs in the bag.



Ten eggs in the bag.



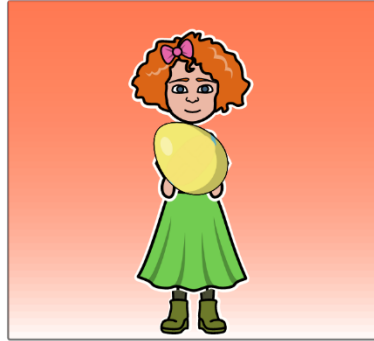
Ha-ha...

# [15] Ten Eggs





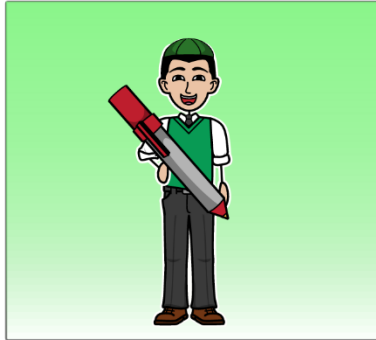
Tami has a big bag.



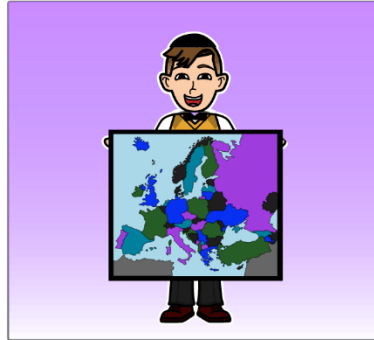
Meg has a big egg.



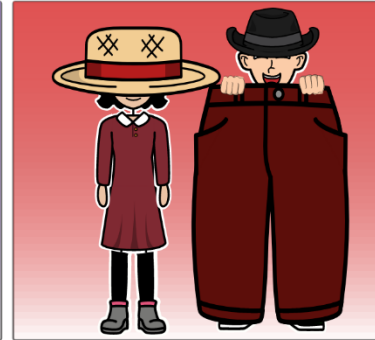
Gabi has a big hen.



Ben has a big pen.



Natan has a big map.



Pat has a big hat.  
Matt has big pants.

[16]

**Big,  
Big, Big**

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The fat rat ran fast.



The man ran after the rat.



The cat ran after the rat.



Rats can enter.  
Cats can enter.



A man can't enter.



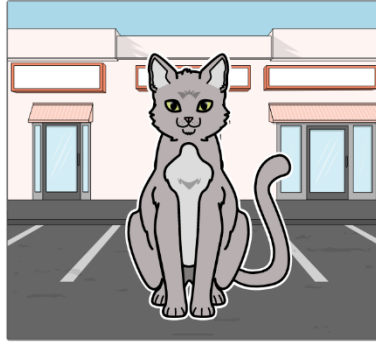
The cat has the rat.  
Help!

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# [17] Cat After Rat



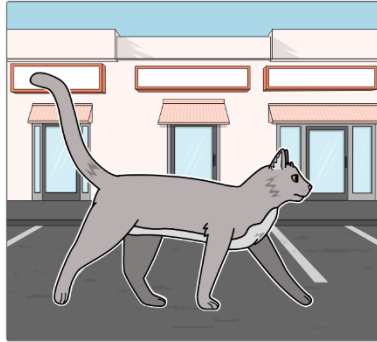
I am Rat.



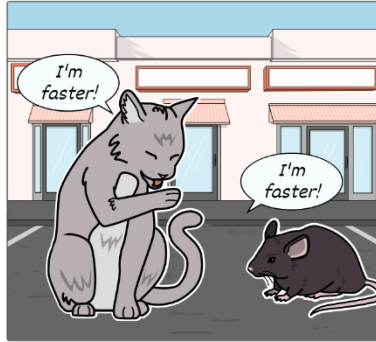
I am Cat.



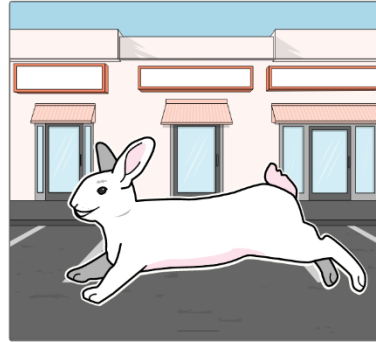
I'm fast. Rats are fast.



I'm fast. Cats are fast.



Rats are faster!  
Ha-ha! Cats are faster!



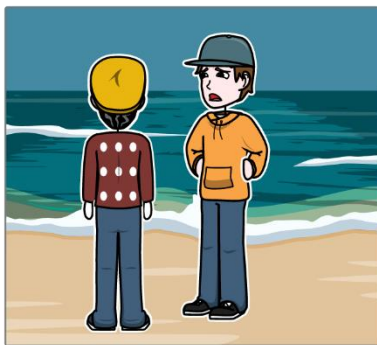
Ha-ha!  
Rabbits are faster.

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# [18] Cat, Rat, and Rabbit



Let's swim.



Swim? It's winter!



We will get wet!!!



Well, I will swim.



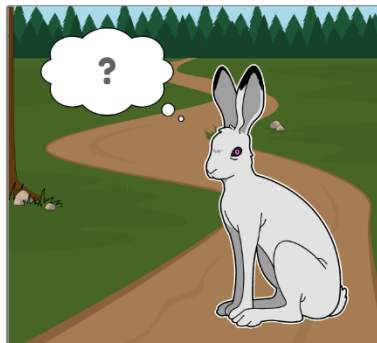
I can swim.



I swim in winter.

## [19] Let's Swim

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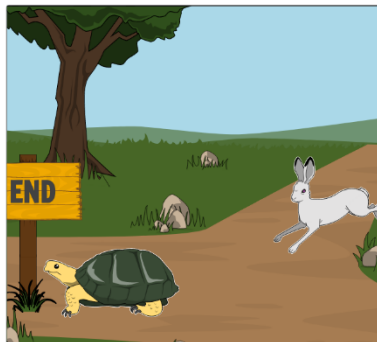
Can I win?



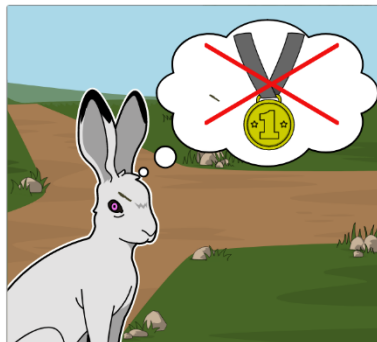
I can win. I am a rabbit.  
I am fast!



I can win. I am the  
winner.



I didn't win!



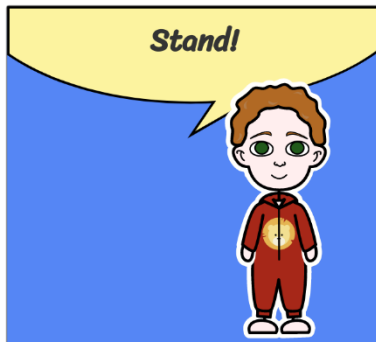
I didn't win and I didn't  
get a medal.



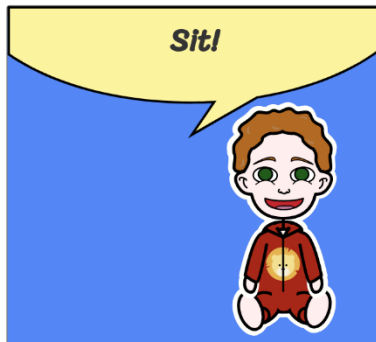
I am sad.

[20]  
**The  
Winner**

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Dan can stand.



Dan can sit.



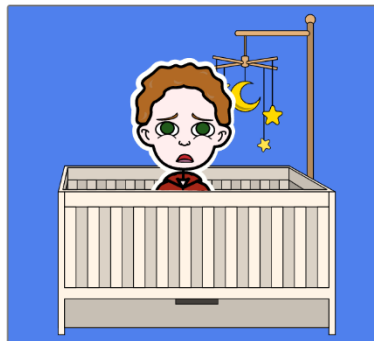
Dan can clap hands.



Dan can stand and clap.



Dan fell.

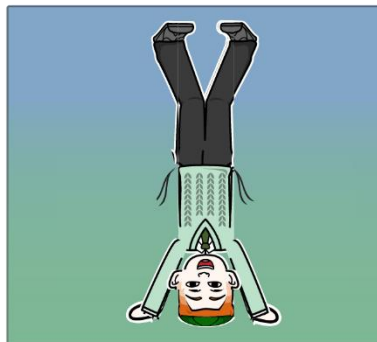


Dan is in bed.

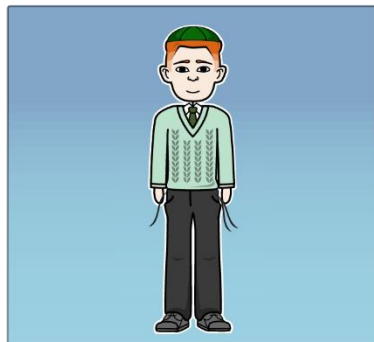
**[21]**  
**Dan**



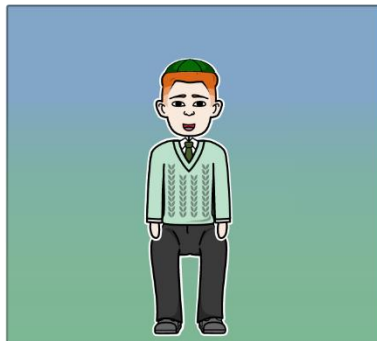
I can stand on 1 leg.



And I can stand on hands.



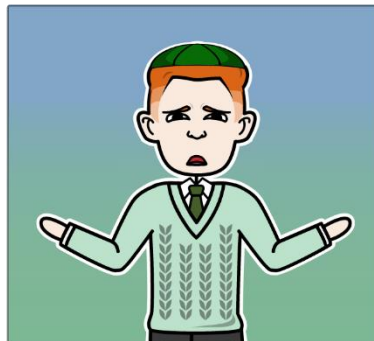
stand! sit! stand!



sit!



stand!



I can't!!!

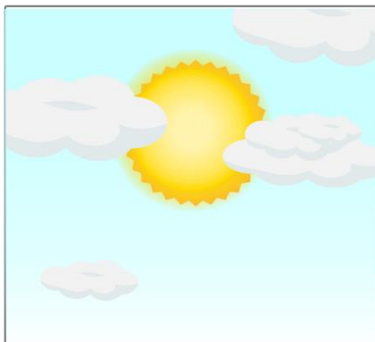
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**Stand!**  
**Sit!**

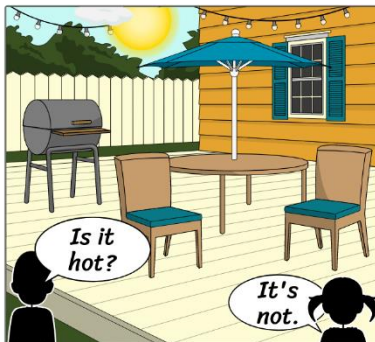
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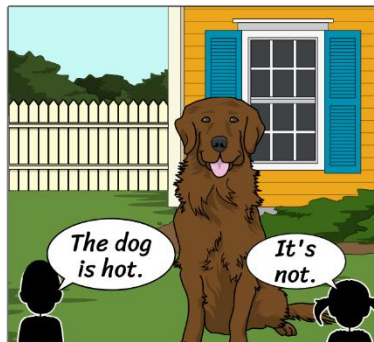
# [23] Hot or Not?



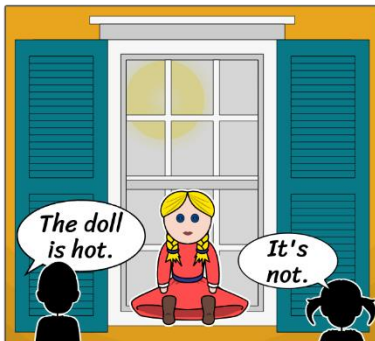
Is it hot?



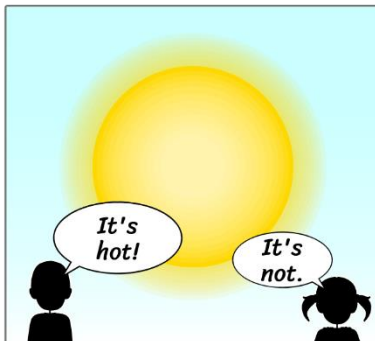
It's not. It's not hot.



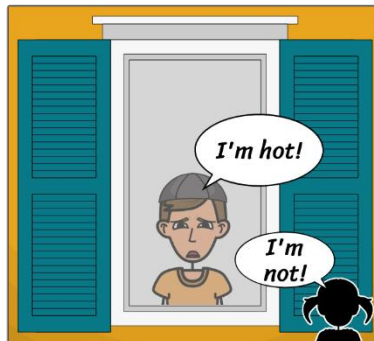
The dog is not hot.



The doll is not hot.



It's not hot.



Stop it!  
I AM NOT HOT!





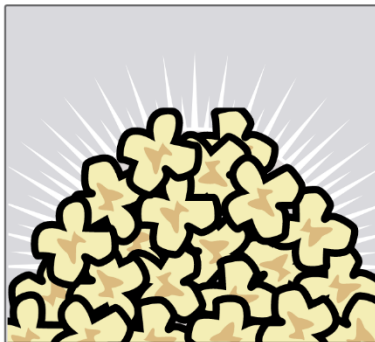
The pot is hot.



Pop! Pop!



Popcorn! Hot popcorn!



A lot of popcorn!



The hot popcorn is in the pot.



I ♥ popcorn. I ♥ it a lot.

# [24] Hot Popcorn



The pot is hot.



Sit! Don't go!



Oh, no! Bad dog!



The cola is for me.



Sit! Don't go!



BAD DOG!!!

[25]  
**Bad  
Dog**

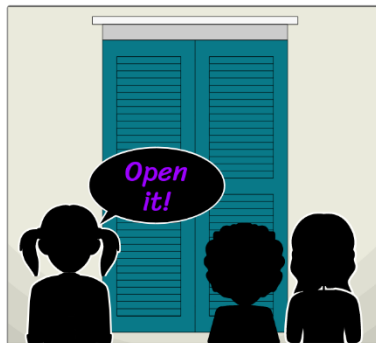
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Open the window.  
It's hot.



No, it's not. It's not hot.



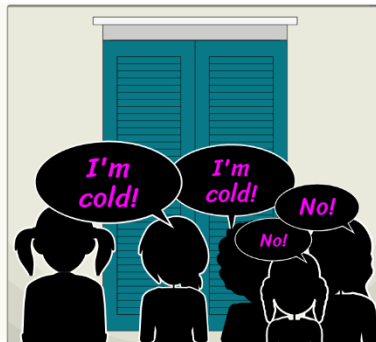
Open the window!



No! Don't!



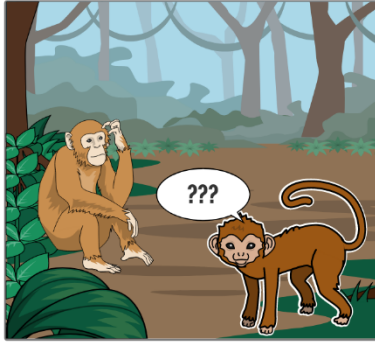
Don't open the window!



Don't open it. I'm cold!

# [26] Open the Window

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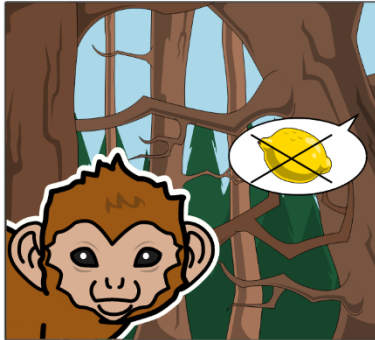
Is it big?  
- No, it's not.



Is it red?  
- No, it's not.



Is it yellow?  
- Yes, it is.



Is it a lemon?  
- No, it's not.



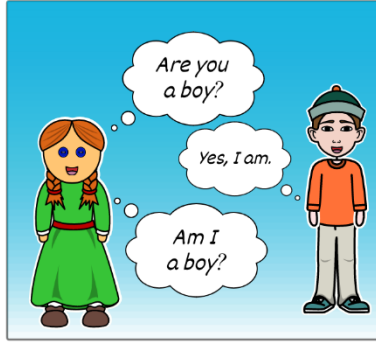
Is it a mango?  
- No, it's not.



Is it a banana?  
- Yes, it is!

**[27]**  
**What Is It?**

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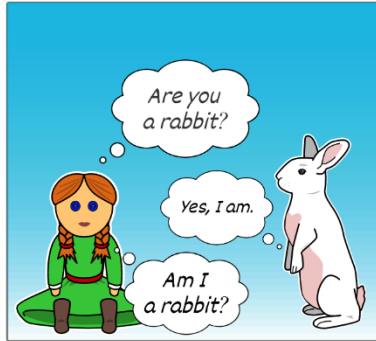
Am I a boy?  
- No, you are not.



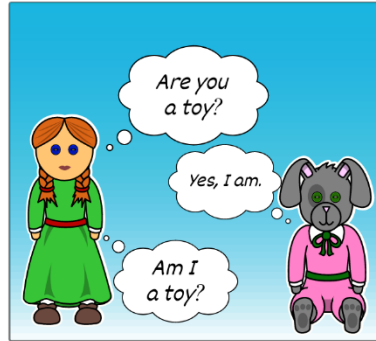
Am I a dog?  
- No, you are not.



Am I a rat?  
- No, you are not.



Am I a rabbit?  
- No, you are not.



Am I a toy?  
- Hmmm...



Am I a doll?  
- Yes, you are!!!

**[28]**  
**Who**  
**Am I?**

# [29] Summer



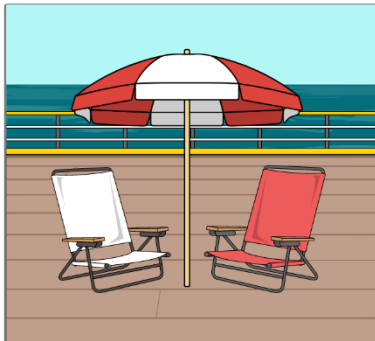
It's summer.  
The sun is up.



Let's run.



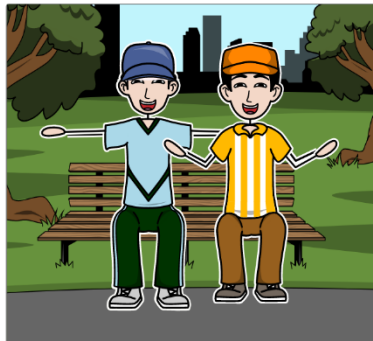
Let's sit in the sun.



Let's sit under the  
umbrella.



Let's buy a cup of cola  
and a bun.



It's hot, but it's fun!



Are you going to the party?



It is a happy party.



Many boys are going.  
Only you are not.



Let's go! It's fun!



Aren't you hungry?

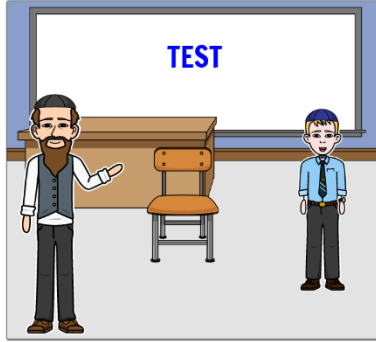


So let's go!  
Let's go to the party!

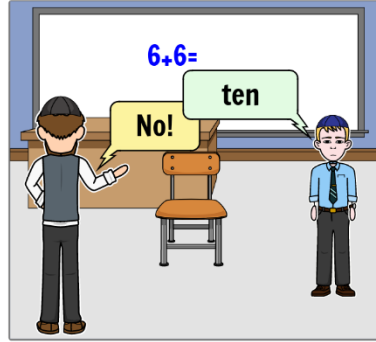
**[30]**  
**Let's  
Go to  
the  
Party**

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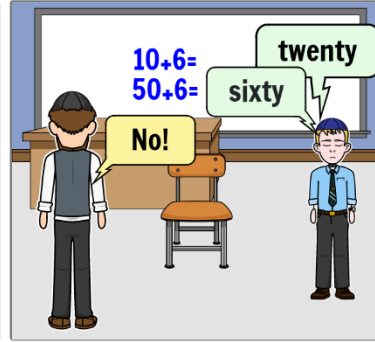




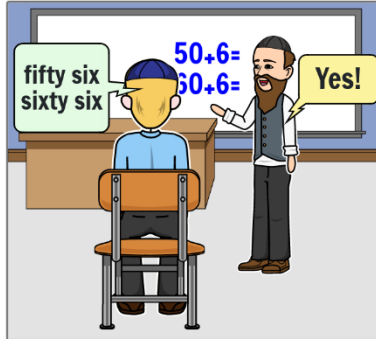
Alex has a test.



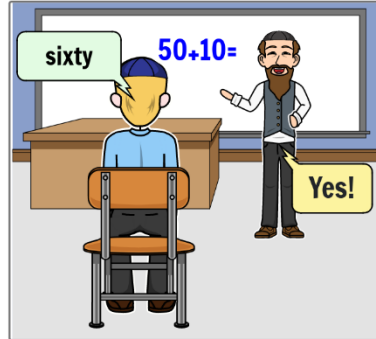
Six plus six? Ten.



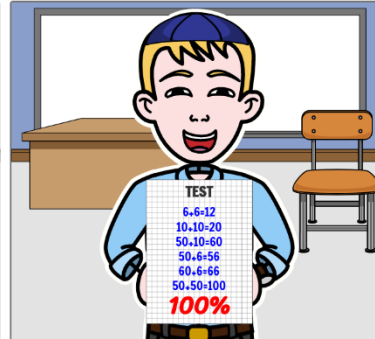
Ten plus six? Twenty.  
Fifty plus six? Sixty.



Fifty plus six? Fifty six.  
Sixty plus six? Sixty six.



Fifty plus ten? Sixty.



Fifty plus fifty?  
- A hundred. Yes!!!

# [31] The Test





We ♥ to jump.  
We enjoy it a lot.



We can jump on and on.



Don't jump on the bed.



stop jumping!



Just go to bed!

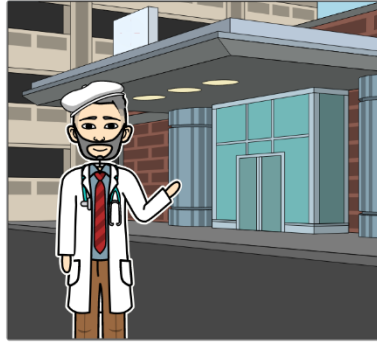


Oh, no. Bad job.

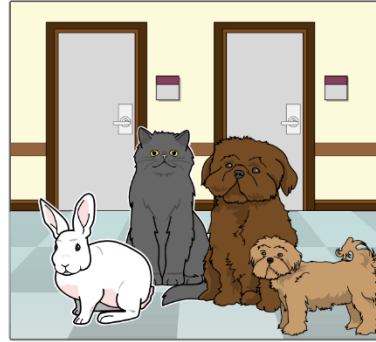
# [32] Don't Jump on the Bed



Doctor Niv is a vet.



Doctor Niv has a clinic in Tel-Aviv.



Lots of pets are at the clinic: rabbits, dogs, cats.



Doctor Niv never gets angry. Pets love him.

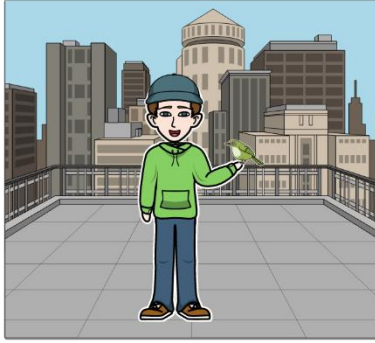


Oh no! I see a rat at the clinic!



The vet is very angry at the rat.

## [33] The Vet



I am Avi Levi. I am twelve. I live in Netivot.



I have seven pets.



I love pets. Pets are so clever.



The pets are in the van.



We are going on a trip.



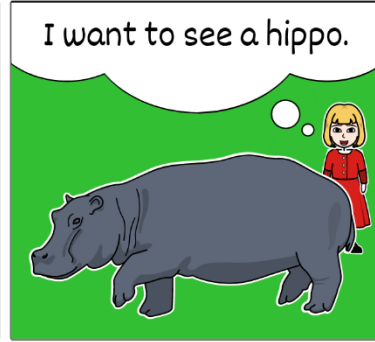
We love to go on trips.



Let's go to go to the jungle.



But zebras don't live in a jungle.



But hippos don't live in a jungle.



But pandas don't live in a jungle.



Cobras live in the jungle.



Cobras live in the jungle!

# [35] Let's Go to the Jungle



Drink milk!



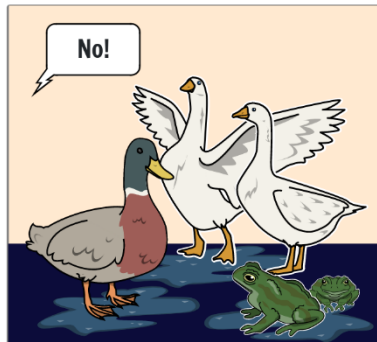
Cats drink milk.  
Kittens drink milk.



Kings drink milk.  
Kids drink milk.



I don't drink milk!



Frogs don't drink milk.  
Ducks don't drink milk.



I don't drink milk.  
Milk gets me sick!

## [36] Milk