

## My Bed

My room is big. It has to be big. My	10
sister lives in my room. A room has to be	20
big for two girls. My sister is named Darla.	29
She is two years older than I am. I am	39
almost six years old. We have a big bed in	49
our room. We sleep in the same bed. I	58
am glad our bed is big. We would not be	68
able to sleep in a small bed. I think my	78
sister would push me out of bed. Our bed	87
is low. I'm glad!	91

## Mud

I love to play in the mud. It feels so	10
good on my fingers and toes. I make mud	19
pies and mud forts and mud roads. I drive	28
my trucks and cars in the mud. I take off	38
my shoes and socks and wiggle my toes in	47
the mud. It feels nice and cool on a hot	57
day.	58
My mom does not like it when I play in	68
the mud. She makes me take off my	76
clothes in the hallway. I have to take a	85
bath. I don't know why she doesn't like it.	94
It's just mud. When I grow up, I will let my	105
kids play in the mud all they want.	113

## The Fox

We have a fox in our yard. The fox is	10
not always in the yard. He lives in the	19
woods near our house. I have to look for	28
the fox. He is very quiet. I think he is	38
looking for eggs.	41
Do you know why we have eggs? We	49
don't live on a farm. We don't have	57
chickens. We have duck eggs. The	63
mother duck makes a nest in our yard.	71
She lays her eggs in the nest. The mother	80
duck sits on the eggs in the nest. She must	90
watch for the fox. The fox likes to eat the	100
duck eggs. We must scare the fox. We	108
don't want it to eat the duck eggs!	116

## My Window

I like to look out my window. We live	9
on the third floor. I can see many things	18
from my window. The first things I see are	27
the cars on the street. The street is always	36
very busy. We have many buses on our	44
street.	45
Cars and buses make a lot of noise.	53
The noise is very loud. I close my window	62
to stop the noise. In the summer it is too	72
hot. I have to keep the window open.	80
A big tree grows outside my window.	87
The tree has many leaves in the summer.	98
The leaves on the tree keep my room cool	104
in the summer.	107

## Playing Hoops

I love to play ball. What kind of ball	9
games do I play? I play all kinds of	18
ball games. I play baseball. I play	25
football. I play "hoops". Do you know	32
how to play hoops? Some people call	39
it basketball. My buddies calls it	45
"hoops". "Hoops" is a good game for	52
us. We don't have much space to	59
play. We live in a big city. We can	68
play hoops in the open space next	75
door. Somebody put a hoop on the	82
wall of our building. The space is not	90
very big, but we have a lot of fun.	99

## Too Much Rain

We have too much rain. Winter is	7
over. Now it is raining. We have very cold	16
winters. We have snow for five months in	24
the winter. Snow is fun when winter	31
comes. Snow is not fun after five months.	39
When spring comes the snow melts. I	46
want to play outside when the snow	53
melts. I can't play outside. It is raining. It	62
rains almost every day. That is why I say	71
we have too much rain. I call my friends	80
when the rain stops. We get ready to	88
meet outside to play. The rain comes	95
again when we get outside. When will the	103
rain stop?	105

## Saved By The Squirrel

My dad was busy making breakfast. He was making	9
French toast. He was also cooking prunes. He had them in a pot	22
of water on the stove. They were simmering. He said that in a	35
few minutes the prunes would be ready.	42
I shuddered. I really like Dad's breakfasts. But I do not like	54
stewed prunes. I hoped he would only give me one.	64
The French toast was done. So were the prunes. My dad	75
carefully set them out on the back steps to cool them off. We sat	89
down and began eating the French toast.	96
A little later Dad looked up and gasped. He ran over to the	109
door. There on the steps sat a squirrel. He was sitting next to	122
Dad's prunes. He was holding one of the prunes with his paw	134
and eating it as fast as he could. Dad couldn't believe that the	147
squirrel would eat hot prunes.	152
Dad said that we couldn't eat the prunes now that the	163
squirrel was at them. We might as well let him have the rest. I	177
couldn't believe my good luck!	182

## New Bike

Today I got a new bike. It is red and blue. It has	13
a big horn on it. I ride my bike on the road. I must	27
look for cars. I can beep my horn.	35
Tim has a bike, too. His bike is green. Tim's bike does	47
not have a horn. "I like your red and blue bike," said Tim.	60
"Can I ride it?"	64
"You can ride it on the road. Look out for cars. I will	77
ride your green bike. We can have a race." I rode my bike	90
fast. Tim rode his bike fast. Beep, beep, went the horn.	101
"Your bike is faster than mine," said Tim. "The red and	112
blue bike is faster."	116
That night, I had a dream. I dreamed that my bike	127
was so fast, it could fly. I flew over Tim on the way to	141
school. I beeped my horn. He looked up and saw my red	153
and blue bike. I smiled. All the boys and girls looked at	165
me as I flew over. I waved to them. I was up in the sky	180
with the birds. I could see cars and houses down below.	191
It was fun flying on my new bike. I'm so glad I have a new	206
bike!	207



## The Farm

Juan had never been to a farm. He lived in the city. His	13
teacher told him he would see lots of animals. When the school	25
bus stopped at the farmhouse Juan jumped out right away. He	36
ran up to the farmer and asked, "Do you have any cows?"	48
The farmer said, "Yes, would you like to see one?"	58
"Yes!" said Juan, "Where are the cows?"	65
The farmer took Juan over to the barn. Inside he could see	77
the big animals. All he could hear was the cows saying "Moo."	89
"I think they are hungry. Can I feed the cows?" asked Juan.	101
"Sure," said the farmer. "Here is some hay to give to them.	113
Be sure you don't get too close."	120
Juan counted all the cows. "Wow, there are ten cows here.	131
That's a lot," said Juan. He then pointed to a smaller animal. He	144
asked, "Is that a baby cow?"	150
"Yes," said the farmer, "we call that a calf. This one is only a	164
week old. In the next pen, we have some baby pigs."	175
Juan fed all the cows. The calf only wanted her mother's	186
milk. Juan really liked the farm. He didn't want to leave. The	198
farmer promised he could come back anytime.	205

## New Clothes

I am going to get some new clothes. That is what my	12
mother says. She is happy that I will get some new clothes.	24
She says the new clothes will make me look very nice. Now I	37
am happy that I am going to get some new clothes. When	49
my parents are happy that makes me happy.	57
I have to ask you something. What are new clothes? The	68
clothes I have look nice. I don't know where they come	79
from. I do know that some of them come from my sister.	91
She is older than I am. When she gets too big for her clothes	105
my mom gives them to me. She says, "Here are some new	117
clothes for you."	120
One time we went to a store to buy a new dress. It was a	135
very pretty dress. Tell me which dress is new. Is my dress	147
from the store new or is my sister's dress new? I guess it just	161
depends on what we mean when we say new. Old to you	173
might be new to me. Maybe we could call my sister's	184
clothes "old, new clothes." And the "new" clothes from the	194
store are "new-new clothes". But any "new" clothes are	204
fine with me!	207

## Long Ago

Long ago and far away there lived a man and	10
woman. They had a small house and a chicken. "I'm tired	21
of eating eggs," said the man. "Why can't we eat	31
something else?"	33
The woman went next door to see if she could trade	44
eggs for beans and corn. "You have a big garden," she	55
said. "I will give you some eggs for some beans and	66
corn."	67
Next, the woman went to the house down the road.	77
"I will give you some eggs for your milk and cheese," she	89
said. She went home with the milk and cheese.	98
"If only we had apples and oranges, we could have	108
the best meal!" said the man. "I will go trade some eggs	120
with Farmer Jones." The man took the eggs to the farmer	131
and traded for a basket of apples and oranges.	140
That night, the man and woman ate well. They did	150
not eat eggs. They ate beans and corn. They ate milk and	162
cheese. They also had apples and oranges.	169
"We must do this more!" said the man. From that	179
day on, the man and woman had many foods to eat.	190

## Kicking Stones

Have you ever had nothing to do? When I have	10
nothing to do, I take a walk. That's when I kick stones. I	23
look for cans to kick. If I can't find a can, I just kick stones.	38
I look for big stones to kick. I walk down the road kicking	51
a stone. This means I have nothing else I can think of	63
doing.	64
Sometimes I walk around the house with nothing to	73
do. My dad sees me do this. Then he says I'm kicking	85
stones again. I'm not kicking real stones. I'm just acting	95
like I have nothing to do. My dad doesn't want me to just	108
do nothing. He wants me to find something to do.	118
I used to tell my dad when I had nothing to do. He	131
would look at me and smile. Then he would tell me to	143
carry all the logs over to the house. Now I always think	155
before I tell him that I have nothing to do. I try to find	169
something I like to do. I like to visit a friend or read a	183
book. I like to play a game with my big brother. But I still	197
like to kick stones.	201

## I Like To Eat

I like to eat. Do you like to eat? I like cookies. I eat big cookies and small cookies.	15 19
My mom makes cookies. Her cookies taste good. Sometimes we buy some cookies at the store. My mom's cookies taste better than store cookies.	27 37 43
I like to eat apples. I like the noise I make when I bite an apple. I also like the taste of an apple. When you chew an apple the juice tastes good. My mom says apples are good for you. We try to eat an apple every day.	57 69 79 91 92
I like to eat hamburgers. I think every kid likes hamburgers. I wish I could eat more than one. I would eat more than one but they are too big.	102 113 122
When I grow up I will be able to eat more. That will make me very happy. Then I will be able to eat all I want. Maybe I shouldn't eat so much. I might get too fat. I don't want to get fat!	135 149 162 166
Mom says that if I eat "good food" I don't have to worry about getting fat. There's one problem. The things she says are good for me are not the things I like to eat!	178 187 201

## Friday Fun

Today is Friday. It is always a fun day. The boys and girls want to play a game. "What should we play?" said the teacher. "I want to play tag," said Bobby. All the boys and girls wanted to play tag.	12 23 35 41
They played all morning and had lots of fun. After the game it was time for a drink. Inside the school the teacher gave them milk and cookies. When the snack was over the children went back to their room.	52 64 75 81
The next thing to do was draw. All of the children took out their crayons. The teacher asked them to draw an animal. Mary drew a deer. Bobby drew a picture of a bear. Jenny had a picture of a tiger. She had seen one at the zoo.	93 103 114 127 129
Soon it was time to go home. Bobby told the teacher that he had fun that day. "What are we going to do next week?"	140 153 154
"I have planned a trip to the zoo," said the teacher. "Who would like to go to the zoo?"	165 173
All the boys and girls raised their hands. They were all happy about the trip and were excited about the next fun Friday.	184 196

## Cookies

"Let's make cookies!" Jan said. "I have some cookie cutters we can use."	10
"Okay," said Chad. "What do we need?"	13
Jan took down her mom's cookbook. She found the page for sugar cookies. It called for flour, eggs, butter, milk and sugar.	20
Chad helped her find things. "We only have one egg left," Chad said. "I'll ride my bike to the store and get some more."	30
Chad went to the store. He bought one dozen eggs. When he got back, Jan was waiting. She had an apron on. The bowls were out on the table. The oven was turned on. The flour and milk and butter were on the table too.	42
"We're ready to start," said Jan. The two of them worked very hard making the cookies. Some were cut in star shapes and others were heart shaped. They made four dozen cookies.	54
When the cookies came out of the oven, Chad said, "Let's color them!" They took out some blue and green food coloring. They mixed the food coloring into the frosting. Jan and Chad brushed the colored frosting on the cookies. They were happy that they had worked together. They sat down to eat their reward for hard work.	66
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## The Bus

I ride a bus to school. The bus is big and yellow.	12
It has the number 9 on it. I walk to the bus with my	26
Mom. She waves to the bus driver. I get on and sit	38
by my friend. We pick up lots of kids. We get to	50
school at 9:00.	53
My class is down the hall. I hang up my coat	64
and sit at my desk. The teacher smiles at us. We do	76
our writing and reading and math. I like lunch and	86
recess the best! Every day my mom packs me a	96
lunch with cheese and bread and fruit. At recess, we	106
all play tag. After lunch the teacher reads to us and	117
we make fun things in art. We go to music and sing	129
songs.	130
Soon it is time to get back on the yellow school	141
bus. I look for the number 9. When I see it I tell my	155
friend and we get on the bus and sit down. The work	167
I did today is in my backpack. I will take it home and	180
show it to my mom and dad. I see my house. It's	192
time to get off and go home. The big bus will take all	205
of the kids home. Now, it's time to play!	214



## Can You Fly?

Can you fly? You say you can't fly? You can fly!	11
I can fly. Yes, I can and today I will fly. I am going to fly with my dad. Can you guess how I fly? Did you guess that I would fly in an airplane? If you did, you are right.	27
My dad flies an airplane. He is a pilot. I can fly with him any time that I want to fly. He has many seats in his airplane. The seats are all in rows. There are more seats in his airplane than there are on a bus.	39
Dad says that he doesn't own the airplane. He says that people pay him to be the pilot. Just think about that! People will pay you to fly an airplane. I thought I would have to pay to fly the airplane.	52
I hope that when I grow up that I can be a pilot like my dad. I think I would like to fly a smaller airplane than the one my dad flies. Then I could fly even higher and faster than he does.	65
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## Ways to Travel

There are many ways to travel. Walking is an easy way. It is free. But it takes time. Walking is good for you. Riding a bike is also good. But you need a bike. It is faster than walking. You also get wet when it rains. It is hard to ride a bike in the snow.	9 20 31 42 55 56
A car is faster yet. But a car can be costly. It costs much more than a bike. You need lots of money to buy a car. You need money to buy gas for the car. You can drive a car if it is raining. You can drive a car in the snow.	68 78 89 102 109
A train is another good way to travel. It can be fast. You will have to pay money for a ticket. Trains do not go to all towns.	120 130 137
The fastest way to travel is by airplane. This also costs the most. You cannot take an airplane to all places. You would not take a plane to the local store. You would take a plane on a long trip.	146 155 166 177

## The Tooth

As I was chewing on some candy, I felt something	10
funny. There was something hard in the soft candy. I	20
reached in my mouth and there was my tooth! It didn't	31
even hurt! Now the tooth fairy should come.	39
That night, I lay very still in my bed. I kept my eyes	52
closed, but I didn't sleep. When the fairy came, I wanted	63
to see it. I waited and waited, but it didn't come. My eyes	76
started to get tired and I couldn't stay awake. Before I	87
knew it, I had fallen asleep.	93
The next morning I woke up with a start. My sister	104
was standing by my bed. "Did the tooth fairy come?" she said.	116
"No," I said. "I slept all night and nothing happened.	126
Are you sure there is such a thing as a tooth fairy?"	138
"Of course there is," she said. "Have you looked	147
under your pillow?"	150
I picked up my pillow and the tooth was gone! In its	162
place was a shiny coin. "Wow! There really is a tooth	173
fairy!" I said. "Next time I'm going to stay awake all night	185
so I can see it!"	190

## The Walk

Tommy and his dad went for a walk. They were in the	12
woods. It was pretty that day. The trees were very green and the	25
sky was blue. The sun shone brightly and Tommy felt warm.	36
Then Tommy heard a noise. He looked up into a tree. In	48
the tree was a blue and white bird. The bird saw Tommy.	60
"Chirp," went the bird and then the bird flew away. "I wish I	73
could fly like that," Tommy told his Dad. "Some day you may,"	85
said his Dad.	88
Later on their walk Tommy heard a splash in a pond.	99
When he looked closer he saw a fish jump out of the water and	113
then swim away. "I wish I could swim like that," he told his dad.	127
"Some day you may," said his dad.	134
Just as they were ending their walk, Tommy saw a deer. It	146
was brown with a white tail. Tommy thought it was very pretty.	158
Soon the deer ran away into the woods. Tommy turned to his	170
dad and said he wished he could run that fast. His dad said that	184
maybe he would some day. Tommy thought about what his dad	195
said and felt happy.	199