



A Cake Mishap

Freddy baked a special cake for her friend Ron.

She mixed eggs, flour, and sugar.

She put the cake into the oven.

The cake was baked.

Freddy put icing on the cake.

She gave the cake to her friend, Ron.

Ron took a bite of the cake.

He made a very funny face.

Freddy took a bite of the cake.

“Oh, no,” said Freddy.

“I must have put in salt, not sugar!”

Not even Freddy’s dog would eat the cake!



A Hike

Joon, Ava, and Ty go on a hike.
They have backpacks.
The backpacks are full of snacks and water.

At first, the hike feels easy.
Then, the path gets steep.
The backpacks feel heavy.

But Joon, Ava, and Ty stay on the path.
The path gets even steeper.
The backpacks feel very heavy.

Ty says, "Let's stop."
Joon says, "Yes, we can rest here."
Ava says, "Let's have a snack and some water."

Joon, Ava, and Ty sit on some logs.
They have snacks and drink water.
They put their backpacks on.
The backpacks feel light now.

They hike the path to the top.
"Look at this view," says Ava.
"I can see far away," says Ty.
"It is so nice up here!" says Joon.

The three hikers gaze at the view some more.
Then, Joon asks, "Who wants to race me back down?"
And she begins to run down the path.
Ty and Ava laugh and run after her.



A Steep Hill

Grace and Reese like to glide down hills on their sleds.

One day, they went to a new hill.

It was the steepest hill they had ever been on.

They had a race down the steep hill.

They got down the hill at the same time.

Then they dragged their sleds up the steep hill.

It took a long time.

They began their next race.

But then Grace heard a scream.

Reese had fallen off her sled.

Grace tried to stop her sled.

But her sled was going at a fast speed.

When Grace got down the hill, she looked up.

Reese gave her a big wave!

She was okay.



A Team That Works

Max, Emma, and Lev are friends.

Max likes to run and jump.

Emma likes to think of big ideas.

Lev likes to care for pets.

Together, they are a team that likes to help others.

One day, Max gets a note from Bill.

“Come right away,” says Bill.

“I need help!”

Max runs to Bill’s house.

He finds Bill’s cat stuck under a fence.

“We can help,” says Max.

“I’ll send for Emma.”

Emma comes to Bill’s house.

She thinks about what to do.

“I have an idea,” she says.

Emma calls Lev.

Lev meets up with Emma, Max, and Bill.

Emma hands him a can of cat food.

Lev bends down to Bill’s cat.

He talks to the cat.

At the same time, Max jumps the fence.

He gives the cat a soft push from behind.

Soon, the cat comes out.

It walks to Lev and the food.

“Thank you,” Bill says.

“Your skills were a big help!”

“Yes,” says Max.

“We’re a team,” says Emma.

“We’re a team that likes to help!” says Lev.



Are You Like a Fish?

You have feet.

Feet help us move on land.

Fish do not have feet.

Fish have fins.

They use fins to move.

You have lungs.

Lungs help you to breathe.

Fish have gills.

Gills help fish to breathe.

Fish move, and we move.

Fish breathe. We breathe too.

But it's not the same.

You are not like a fish.

And a fish is not like you!



Beans And Pie

Dean and Jean like to eat.

Dean likes beans.

Jean likes pie.

Every day, Dean eats beans.

Jean eats some pie.

One day, Jean and Dean come home.

Dean does not find beans on his plate.

Jean's plate does not have pie.

The meal is rice, peas, and meat!

At first, they say, "No, thanks."

But then Jean takes a bite of meat.

Jean says, "Hmmm."

So Dean takes a bite of rice and peas.

"Yum," he says.

Dean looks at Jean.

Jean looks at Dean.

"We like rice, peas, and meat," they say.

After that, they still eat beans and pie.

But they eat rice, peas, and meat too.

They even eat grapes and toast and much more!



First Skates

Ada just got ice skates.
She wants to try them out.
Her dad takes her to an ice rink.

First, she laces up her ice skates.
Then, her dad takes Ada out on the ice.

Ada holds onto the rink's side rails.
Then, she lets go.
Ada slips.

She gets up.
Then she slips once more.

But Ada does not stop.
Soon, she can skate for a bit.
Ada is so happy!
One day she will glide all day on the ice.



Gray Mule

It is time for a race in the woods.
A cheetah and a horse are at the start line.
A gray mule joins them.

The horse boasts about his speed.
The cheetah boasts that she is even faster.
The gray mule does not say anything.
Mules are not known for their speed.

The race begins.
The cheetah and horse run down the trail.
Soon, they could not be seen.
The gray mule plods along.

After some time, the mule crosses the finish line.
He looks for the cheetah and the horse.

But the cheetah and horse are off the trail.
They were too busy boasting to see the way!
Now, they are lost in the woods.

And the gray mule has won the race!



Hens and Drakes

It's summer time.

You see some ducks floating on a lake.

They are mallards, which is one kind of duck.

Little mallard ducks all look alike.

Both females and males have yellow feathers.

But when they grow up, they do not look the same.

So how do we know which is which?

All male ducks are called drakes.

Mallard drakes have green heads.

Their green heads shine in the sun.

They also have a white ring around their necks.

The name for a female duck is hen.

Mallard hens do not have feathers of bright colors.

Their feathers are brown with darker brown and white stripes.

These colors keep them safe as they sit on their nests of eggs.



Jake's Cake

Jake loves to bake.

He makes a cake.

Then, he takes his cake to the lake.

But this is a big mistake!

The cake falls into the lake.

Jake wants to save his cake.

He jumps into the lake too.

But it is too late.

Jake's cake sank.

What a mess!



Jump Rope

Betty, Will, and Amara play jump rope. First, Betty and Will swing the rope. Amara jumps in and out.

Then, it is Betty's turn. Will and Amara swing the rope one time. That's when Will's dog, Finn, tries to grab the rope. They all cry, "No, Finn. That rope is not for you!"

But Finn does not stop. Finn tugs and tugs on the rope. Soon, the rope wraps around Finn.

It takes some time to get Finn free of the rope. Betty, Will, and Amara take a rest. Then, Betty says, "Let's just play baseball. Finn can't grab a bat!"



Late for the Plane

James and his family are late for their plane.
They race through the airport.
They drag their suitcases behind them.
Finally, they reach the gate.

A sign says that the plane is late!
James and his family are glad.
The wait gives them time to eat.

After their meal, it's time to get on the plane.
They find their seats.
They put on their seatbelts.
And, in one minute, James and his family are
fast asleep.



Lost Bike

Jake rode his bike down the street.
He saw his friend Layla.
He stopped to talk with her.

Jake wanted to see Layla's new game.
So, Jake left his bike on the sidewalk.
And they went inside Layla's house.

When Jake came back outside, the bike was gone.
Layla and Jake looked for the bike.
They asked each other, "Did someone steal the bike?"
They did not have any clues.

At five, Jake went home. It was time to eat.
He opened the door of his house.
There was his bike!

His dad had taken the bike home.
His dad said, "Leaving a bike on the sidewalk is not safe.
Someone might trip on it. Or someone might steal it."

Jake was happy to have his bike.
But he had also learned a lesson about safety.



Mike and His Red Jeep

Mike drives his red jeep.
He is on his way to meet Joan at the beach.

Mike gets to the freeway.
He picks up speed.

Suddenly, a loud screech fills the air.
The jeep's brakes squeal.
The jeep comes to a stop.

Mike's jeep has a flat tire.
Drivers in other cars beep their horns.

But one car stops.
It is Joan!
She was on his way to meet Mike!

Joan helps Mike change his tire.
Then, they are on their way to the beach.
They will have a fun time!



Mittens Steals the Show

Mia, Deon, and Jay put on a skit.
It is about a trip to the beach.

Mia, Deon, and Jay make masks.
Mia is a starfish.
Deon is a sand crab.
Jay is a sea turtle.

Everyone comes to see their skit.
Deon and Mia sing a song.
Jay dances to the beat.

Then, Jay's cat, Mittens, jumps on the
stage.
Mittens meows and meows.
It thinks it's part of the skit!
But a cat does not belong on the beach!

The show is over.
But everyone still claps.



Neat Ned

Ned makes lots of messes.
But Ned likes to clean up too.

Ned uses a broom to sweep.
He uses soap to wash.

Ned likes to use a cloth.
He uses the cloth to dust shelves.
He uses it to get out stains on the table.

Ned makes many messes.
But Ned also likes to keep things neat.



Saturday Jobs

Rob and Alma live with their grandpa.
Everyone in their home has jobs to do.

Rob and Alma do some jobs every day.

Rob sets the table for dinner.

Alma feeds the dog.

Rob and Alma make their beds.

On Saturdays, Rob and Alma have a new set of jobs.

They help Grandpa with his garden.

They get out weeds.

They water the seeds and plants.

Alma and Rob love doing their Saturday jobs best.

The sun shines on them.

The dirt is warm in their hands.

And their jobs don't feel like work at all!



Seals in the Sea

Seals live in the sea.

They have a sleek shape.

This shape helps them glide in the water with ease.

Seals can swim with speed.

They can dive below the waves to catch fish.

Seals also spend time on land.

But they don't have speed on the sand of beaches.

They creep along at a slow pace.

You might see a whole group of seals.

They sleep in a heap on some rocks.

Their sleek coats shine in the sun.



Snap!

Vic and Liz take a phone to the park.

They see a tall tree.

Vic takes a photo with the phone.

Snap!

Liz and Vic see some ducks on a lake.

It's Liz's turn.

She takes a photo.

Snap!

Next, they see a small fish.

It swims between rocks in the lake.

This time Vic takes the photo.

Snap!

Now, it's time to go home.

But Liz takes one more photo.

She takes a photo of Vic's big smile.

Snap!



Stan the Seal

Stan is a seal who lives near a beach.
Stan likes to race through the water.
He leaps in and out of the waves.

Stan likes to lie on the beach too.
He likes to warm his coat in the sun.

One day, Stan has an idea.
“I will race in the sand,” thinks Stan.
Stan tries to run on the beach.
Flop! Stan falls into the sand.

“Maybe I can leap?” thinks Stan.
But Stan cannot leap on the beach.
All he can do is drag himself across the
sand.

So Stan goes back into the water.
Splash!



Teamwork

Lin and James are at the lake.
They have a toy sailboat.
They drop the boat into the water.

Lin and James watch.
The boat glides along the side of the lake.
Then, a gust of wind blows.
The wind drives the boat into a pile of weeds.

Lin and James run over to the weeds.
Lin uses a long stick to push the weeds away.
James pulls the boat out.
The boat is saved!

James and Lin pull weeds off the boat.
When it is clean, they put it back in the lake.
They smile at each other.
They make a good team!



The Funny Bird

Grace has a pet parrot.
The pet parrot's name is Rose.

Rose screams for dinner.
Grace gives Rose beans.
Rose makes a face.

Grace gives Rose rice.
Rose shakes her beak.

Then, Grace gives Rose a handful of
pumpkin seeds.
Rose eats the seeds.
She says, "More seeds, please."

Grace says, "Yes, you may have more
pumpkin seeds.
But did you know?
Beans and rice are seeds too."

Rose turns her back to Grace.
She does not want to know.
All she wants are pumpkin seeds.



The Peach Queen

Everyone knew how much Jean loved peaches.
She ate peaches with ice cream.
She made peach pies.
She even made cakes with peaches.

Jean's friends called her the Peach Queen.
So, they gave her a big box of peaches as a gift.
But there was one thing her friends did not know.

Jean baked her pies and cakes with peaches from a can.
That's because Jean hated the fuzzy skin of fresh peaches.

Jean opened the box of fresh peaches from her friends.
When Jean saw the fuzzy skins on the peaches, she screamed.
She ran into another room.
And Jean never ate another peach.



The Winning Goal

Today is the big game!
Sarah is on Team Green.
Her brother, Ethan, is on Team Blue.

The players await the start of the game.
First, the coach reminds them of the rules.

The teams meet on the field.
The ref blows the whistle.
The game starts!

The teams are well matched.
The players run with speed and skill.

The game is almost done.
No team has made a goal.

Then, Sarah kicks the ball.
It goes a long way.

The goalie of Team Blue tries to stop the ball.
Whoosh! The ball hits the back of the net.
Sarah has made a goal!

The game is over.
Team Blue played a good game.
But Team Green has won.

Sarah and Ethan race each other home.