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## BIFFYTOONS 100

100 SIGHT WORD CARTOONS!



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#### INTRODUCTION

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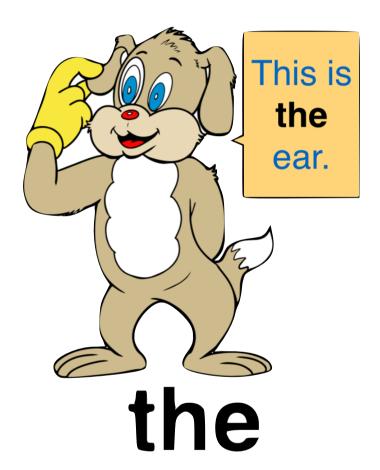
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Human brains learn in five ways, by seeing (visual cortex), hearing (auditory cortex), doing (motor cortex), speaking (Broca's area) and feeling (limbic system). At Whole Brain Teaching we believe the brain learns best when all these regions are simultaneously involved. Tens of thousands of K-12 educators believe we're on the right track.

#### **BIFFYTOONS**

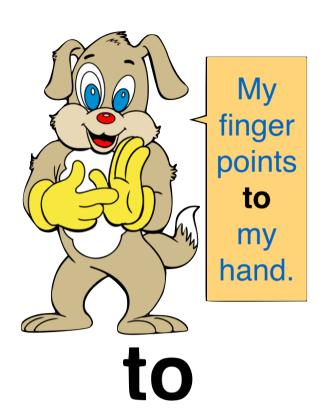
Only 100 sight words, like "the, to, a, and" make up over 50% of all words children read. Mastering these core words by the end of second grade dramatically increases students' academic success ... and boosts their self confidence!

To make learning sight words easier and more entertaining for lower grade kids, *Biffytoons* illustrate 100 of the most common words with cartoons. For example, here is the word "the".



Each Biffytoon presents a gesture that illustrates the sight word. Thus, to learn the word "the," students grasp their ear in the same way as the dog in the picture. Over and over again, the student reads "the" at the bottom of the picture and touches her ear. After many weeks, the pupil reads the caption that has been verbally linked to the sight word and gesture. Knowing "the," the words "this," "is," and "ear" are added!

Here are two more Biffytoons.





and

When students learn the word "to" they point one finger at their palm. The word "and" is represented by raising the fist, as if the student holds a dime and a nickel. Below are a few more samples. The red arrow shows that students move their thumb toward themselves. As you can see, each Biffytoon uses a caption to explain the gesture and to provide additional reading practice. Always follow the same pattern. Teach the word and gesture ... over and over. Eventually, add the caption.





As a teacher guides a class through *Biffytoons* (or as parents help their child), kids learn in four ways:

- -- visually (visual cortex): the word is illustrated by the Biffytoons cartoon
- -- physically (motor cortex): the Biffytoons character presents a memory gesture
- -- aurally (auditory cortex): the student hears the sight word pronounced by the parent/teacher
- -- orally (Broca's area): the student says the sight word

In addition, because kids love cartoons, the process of memorizing sight words using *Biffytoons* generates a great deal of fun (limbic system). We believe that involving students' feelings in education cannot be overemphasized. Educators know from experience that our kids learn the most when they are having the most fun learning.

This ebook contains *Biffytoons* for 100 of the most common words arranged in four sets of 25 words each (with one bonus word in the last batch):

#### Set 1: Words 1-25

the, to, and, he, a, I, you, it, of, in, was, said, his, that, she, for, on, they, but, had, at, him, with, up, see,

#### Set 2: Words 26-50

all, look, is, her, there, some, word, out, as, be, each, have, go, we, am, then, little, down, do, can, could, when, did, what, so,

#### Set 3: Words 51-75

not, were, get, them, like, one, this, my, would, me, well, yes, big, more, went, are, come, if, number, now, long, no, way, came, too

#### Set 4: Words 76-101

ask, very, than, an, over, yours, it's, ride, into, just, blue, red, from, good, any, about, around, want, don't, how, know, part, right, put, sound, got

#### **TEACHING BIFFYTOONS**

Teaching Biffytoons is quite simple. Follow these steps:

- 1. Put a Biffytoons cartoon on the wall.
- 2. Tell your students the word and explain the gesture.
- 3. Rehearse the word and gesture frequently.
- a. Ask your students to repeat after you, as you say the word and make the gesture.
  - c. Make the gesture and ask your students to say the word.
  - d. Say the word and ask your students to make the gesture.
- e. Use the word in several short sentences; ask your students to repeat the sentences, making the gesture when they say the word.
- e. When you have several Biffytoons on the wall, divide your class into pairs of stronger and weaker readers (of course, you won't tell your students how they are divided.) Number the pairs in 1s and 2s. Have the 1s make gestures and the 2s say the associated word; then switch their roles. When you shout "Switch!," your class shouts "Switch!" and the 2s' make the gestures and the 1s say the words.

4. As your students develop fluency with sight words, go on to **SuperSpeed 100**, a sight word reading game for beginning readers available **here**.

We, and many others in education, believe that gestures, the kinesthetic component of learning, are enormously powerful education aids. The motor cortex is the brain's most reliable and long lasting memory area. If someone hasn't been on a bicycle in 30 years, they can still ride flawlessly, because bike riding skills are stored in their motor cortex. Associating a gesture with a sight word will have a magical impact on your students. You will notice that some of your students, when stumped by a word, will, nonetheless, make the gesture ... their motor cortex is cueing the rest of their brain's recall!

#### **BIFFYTOONS MINIS**

At the end of this ebook are four pages of MINIS, an entire, 100 sight word curriculum that fits on the back and front of two pages! Laminate these and hand out to students.



As before, divide your class into pairs of weaker and stronger readers, a 1 and a 2. The 1 reads the first mini Biffytoon word; the 2 reads the second, and so on, naming words as quickly as possible for a minute. Marking on the sheet their team record, they return to the beginning. So that both players attempt every word, 2 reads the first word and 1 the second, and so on. If they break their record, both players win a Super Improver star. This game can be repeated endlessly ... as kids master the words, they set higher and higher records. Eventually, give teams the challenge of reading captions ... setting and breaking team records for ever greater language mastery.

#### **BIFFYTOONS READER**

At the end of each set of words, players can test their skill in reading the words in sentences. Nouns are illustrated by pictures. For example, here is a sentence using words in Set 1.



It is his car.

The first three words, "it, is, his" are part of Set 1. Reading words in context, of course, provides additional opportunities for mastering sight words. All the Biffytoons Reader sentences are collected beginning at page 193 ... a 100 sight word curriculum including some of the world's most common nouns, a fine, final challenge for your readers.

Following is a list of all 100 Biffytoons and descriptions of each gesture. Teach the words in any order you wish, however they are roughly arranged in order of frequency. "The" is the most common word, then "to" and so forth. I roughly combined two well known lists, Dolch and Frye, and created by own order.

#### SET 1

- 1. **the**: two fingers pinching one ear. "This is **the** ear."
- 2. **to**: the forefinger of one hand moving toward the palm of the other: "My finger points **to** my hand."
- 3. **and**: closed fist, shaking it happily back and forth: "I have a dime **and** a nickel."
- 4. he: two fingers pointing toward an imaginary bow tie: "He has a bow tie."
- 5. **a**: forefinger pointing to the nose: "Here is **a** nose."
- 6. I: thumb moves vigorously toward chest: "I am happy!"
- 7. you: forefinger points at viewer: "You are nice!"
- 8. it: hold an imaginary soda bottle over your head: "It tastes sweet!"
- 9. of: hold up an imaginary piece of paper: "Take this piece of paper."
- 10. in: put the thumb inside the fist: "My thumb is in my fist."
- 11. **was**: move one thumb over the shoulder indicating the past: "Yesterday was fun."
- 12. said: open and close the fingers several times, "I said 'Hi!"
- 13. **his**: point one forefinger at an imaginary bow tie (note the difference from "he" that uses both hands): "This is **his** tie."
- 14. **that**: point one finger in the air at an imaginary butterfly: "That is a butterfly"
- 15.she: point two fingers at an imaginary hair bow. "She has a bow."
- 16. **for**: hold a tiny elephant in one hand and point at it with the other: "The hand is **for** holding."

- 17. on: put one hand on your head: "My hand is on my head."
- 18. **they**: point both hands in the air and waggle fingers at the birds: "**They** are birds."
- 19. but: put one hand on your cheek: "I like cake but I like tacos more!"
- 20. **had**: using one forefinger, play with an imaginary yo-yo: "I **had** a yo-yo."
- 21. at: put one hand on your hip: "My hand is at my side."
- 22. him: raise an imaginary hat . "I am him."
- 23. with: interlace your fingers. "My fingers are with each other."
- 24. up: move one hand upward: "I climb up."
- 25. **see**: point two fingers at your eyes (note difference with "look" below): "Do you **see** me?"

#### SET 2

- 26. all: swing both hands past each other: "Here are all my fingers."
- 27. look: shade your eyes with one hand: "Look far away."
- 28. **is**: wiggle the fingers of one hand in the air: explain "The letter 's' in 'is' has a shape like wiggly snakes and so we wiggle our fingers": "This **is** my hand."
- 29. **her**: point one hand at a hair bow (note difference from "she" above): "This is **her** bow."
- 30. there: point one finger on each hand to the side: "Go there!"
- 31. **some**: tap your teeth: "Here are **some** teeth."

- 32. **word**: hold an imaginary pencil in one hand and write a word in the air: "Watch me write a **word**."
- 33. out: thumb's up gesture: "My thumb is out."
- 34. as: throw an imaginary ball: "Throw as fast as you can."
- 35. **be**: the forefinger touches the lips (note difference from "a" where the forefinger touches the nose): "Please, **be** quiet."
- 36. **each**: with the forefinger of one hand, touch the fingers of the other hand: "Here are **each** of my fingers."
- 37. have: wrap your arms around yourself: "I have me."
- 38. **go**: with your arm outstretched, point one hand: "Please, **go** sit down."
- 39. **we**: bump the knuckles of both hands together or, more fun, students bump knuckles with each other: "**We** are friends."
- 40. am: hold up an imaginary mirror: "I am me."
- 41. **then**: extend your hand at arm's length, open and then close your hand: "My hand is open **then** closed."
- 42. **little**: put your thumb and forefinger together, making a "little" gesture: "Here is a **little** space."
- 43. down: move one hand down: "I climb down."
- 44. **do**: repeatedly move the closed fist, holding an imaginary banana, toward the mouth ... moving repeatedly shows present tense, an ongoing action (contrast with "did" below): the tiger says "I **do** eat."
- 45. **can**: hold up both arms like the tiger: "I **can** be strong." ... note difference with "could" below
- 46. could: hold up one arm: "I could be strong."

- 47. when: tap an imaginary watch on your wrist: "When can we play?"
- 48. **did**: holding an imaginary banana, move the closed fist once, toward the mouth, indicating past tense, a completed action: "I **did** eat."
- 49. what: hold both hands out in the air, as if saying "What?"
- 50. **so:** standing on tip toes, put one hand, bent at the wrist, straight up in the air: "Some day I will be **so** tall."

#### SET 3

- 51. **not:** wave one finger back and forth; use arrows to show motion: "That is **not** right."
- 52. were: hold up one hand, fingers open: "My fingers were closed."
- 53. **get:** pluck imaginary flowers; the arrows to show this is an ongoing, present tense action: "I **get** the flowers."
- 54. **them:** hold one arm out with two imaginary birds, the other hand points at the birds: "I see **them.**"
- 55. **like:** one open hand rubs stomach, the other hand is behind the back: "I like cake."
- 56. **one:** one hand behind the back, the other points at the tail: "I have **one** tail."
- 57. this: fold your arms and frown: "This is my unhappy face!"
- 58. my: one hand pointing at foot, foot is lifted: "Here is my foot."
- 59. **would:** two hands extended down toward viewer: "**Would** you walk with me?"
- 60. me: Both forefingers point at chest: "I am me."

- 61. will: move your arms like you're running: "I will win!"
- 62. yes: nod head up and down: "Yes, you can!"
- 63. big: use both hands to pull out your big ears: "I have big ears!"
- 64. **more**: point at buttons up and down an imaginary coat: "I have **more** than one button."
- 65. went: move your hand over your head: "The ball went over my head."
- 66. are: fold two hands over your stomach: "My hands are folded."
- 67. **come**: wave the viewer to you, repeated motion: "Come to me."
- 68. **if**: Looking worried, put two hands on each side of your face: "Tell me **if** I forget."
- 69. **number**: point at 2 on an imaginary baseball cap: "Here is the **number** 2."
- 70. **now**: point forefingers on each hand emphatically down: "Right **now**!"
- 71. long: Spread out your arms like you're surfing: "I love my long board."
- 72. **no**: shake your head: "**No**, **no**, **no**!"
- 73. way: draw a circle over your head: "Go way around."
- 74. **came**: like come, but completed action, no repeated motion: "You **came** to me."
- 75. too: Point your fingers at your shoulder: "I have too many birds."

#### SET FOUR

- 76. **ask**: put your hand beside mouth in a talking gesture: "**Ask** me my name."
- 77. very: Kick an imaginary soccer ball: "We kick very hard."
- 78. **than**: one hand up, the other down. "One hand is higher **than** the other."
- 79. an: point one finger at your eye: "Here is an eye."
- 80. over: put one hand over both eyes: "My hand is over my eyes."
- 81. **yours**: hold an apple toward the viewer: "This apple is **yours**."
- 82. **it's**: Shake an imaginary soda bottle up and down: "**It's** great when you shake it!"
- 83. ride: Pretend like you're riding a motorcycle: "Let's ride fast."
- 84. into: physically jump into the air: "Jump into the air."
- 85. just: point at one eye open. "Just one eye is open."
- 86. **blue**: make swimming motions. "The sea is **blue**."
- 87. red: throw an imaginary ball: "My ball is red."
- 88. **from**: hold out both arms and flap them, as if flying: "I jump **from** an airplane."
- 89. good: pretend like you're playing a trumpet: "Here is a good horn."
- 90. **any**: Pretend like you're turning your pockets inside out: "I don't have **any** money."

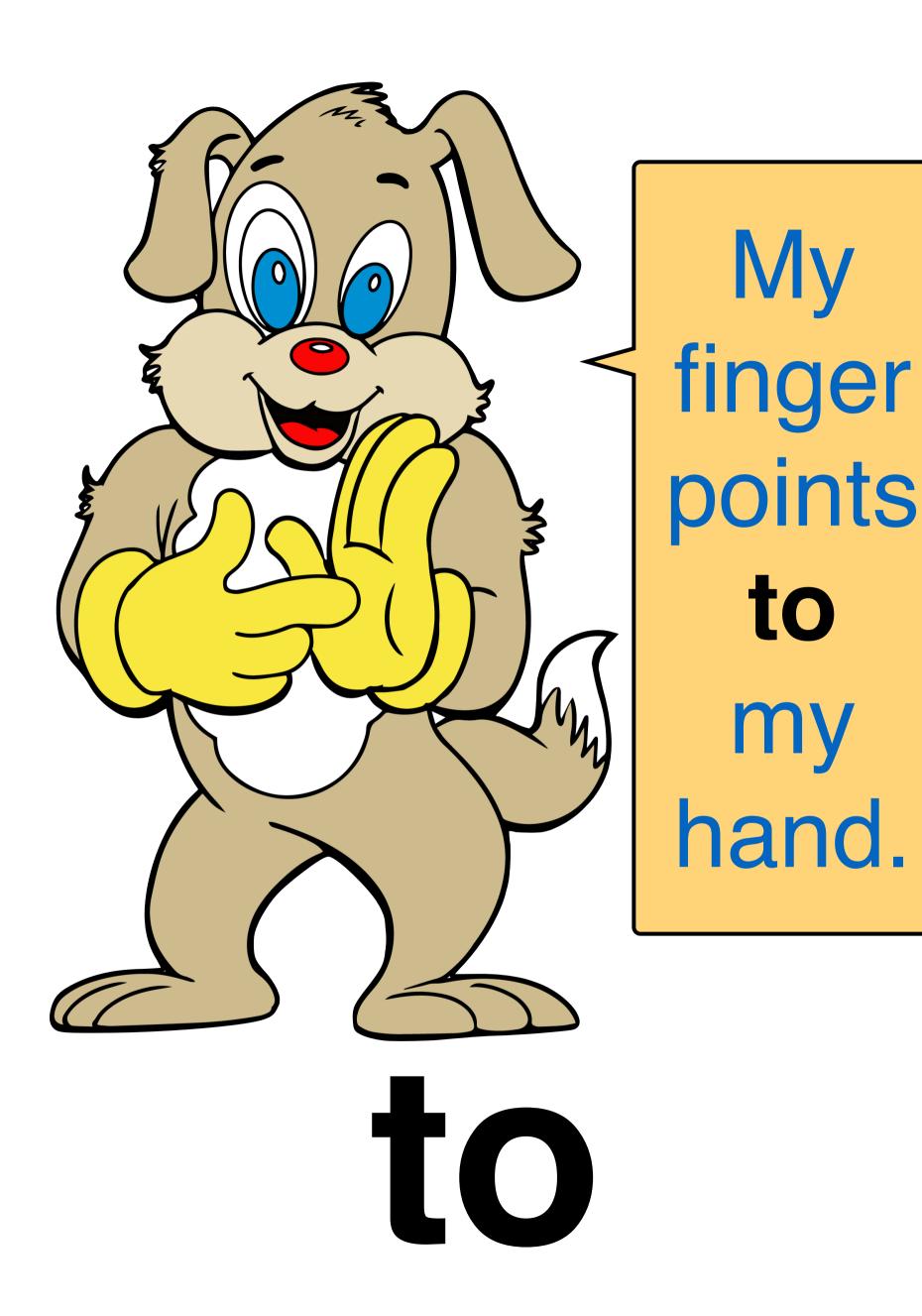
- 91. **about**: point one finger at the title of an imaginary book in the other hand: "This book is **about** cats."
- 92. around: make a circle around your face: "Move around."
- 93. want: look excited, as you're about to eat an imaginary ice cream: "I want ice cream, yum!"
- 94. don't: hold up one hand in a stop motion: "Don't do that!"
- 95. how: bring your two hands together and clap: "This is how I clap."
- 96. know: play an air guitar: "I know how to play guitar."
- 97. part: Grab the wrist of one hand: "Here is part of my arm."
- 98. **right**: Wave your right hand (even though the tiger is waving his left ... kids will mirror the tiger and wave their right hand: "This is my **right** hand."
- 99. **put**: put both hands on top of your head: "I **put** two hands on my head."
- 100. sound: put one hand behind your ear: "I hear a sound."
- 101. got: Hold up two imaginary flowers: "I got the flowers."
- Yes, you get 101 Biffytoons for the same price as the first 100!

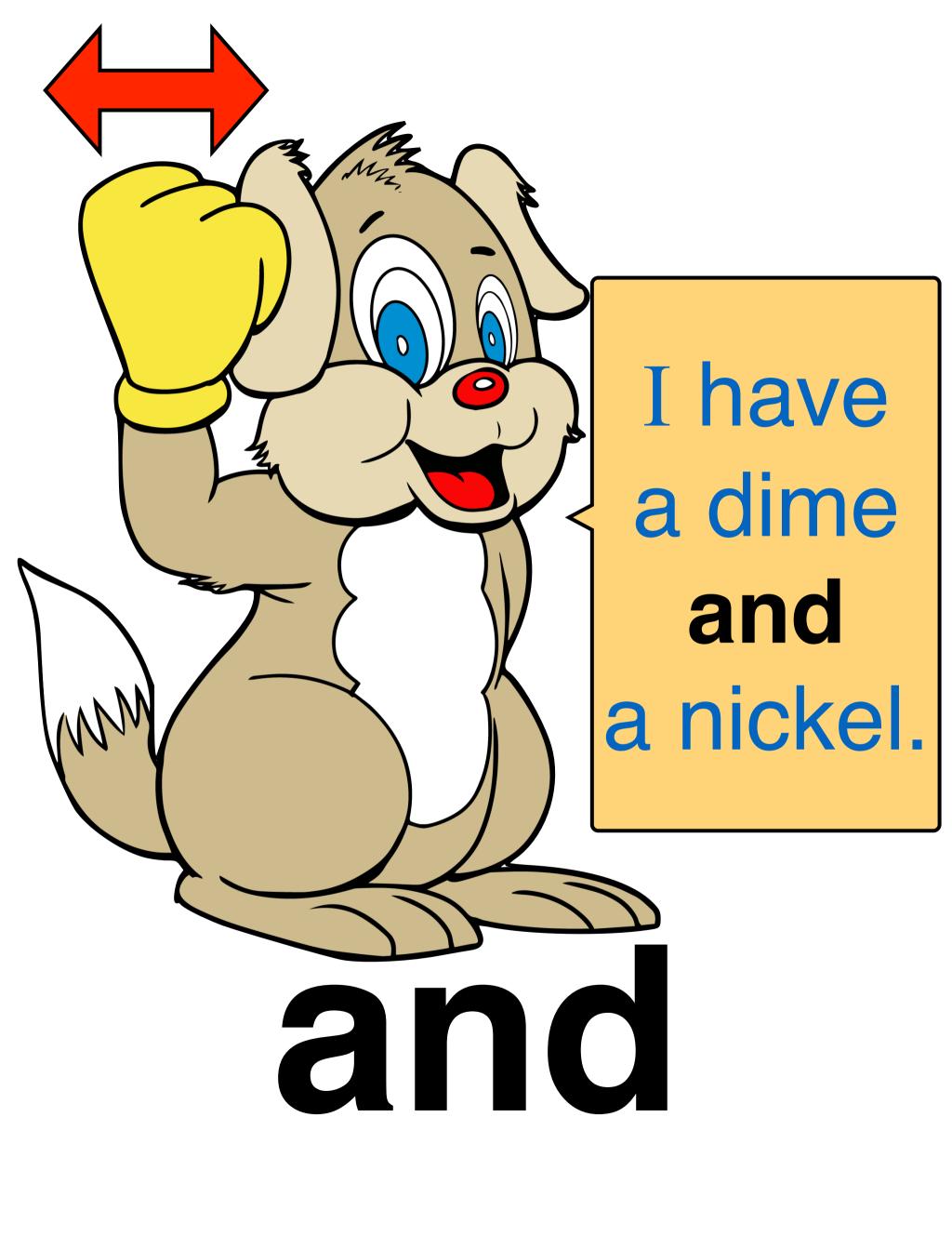
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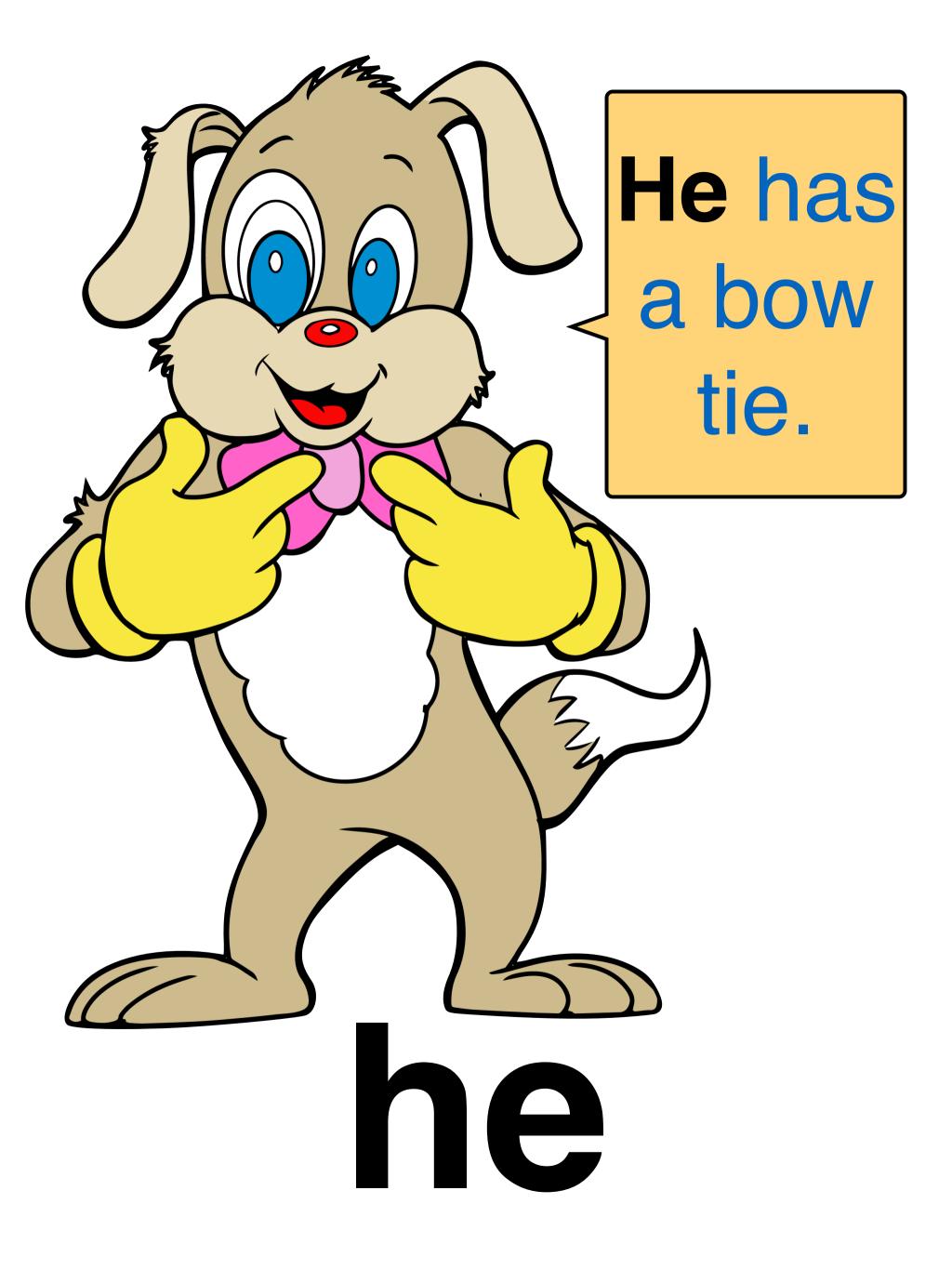
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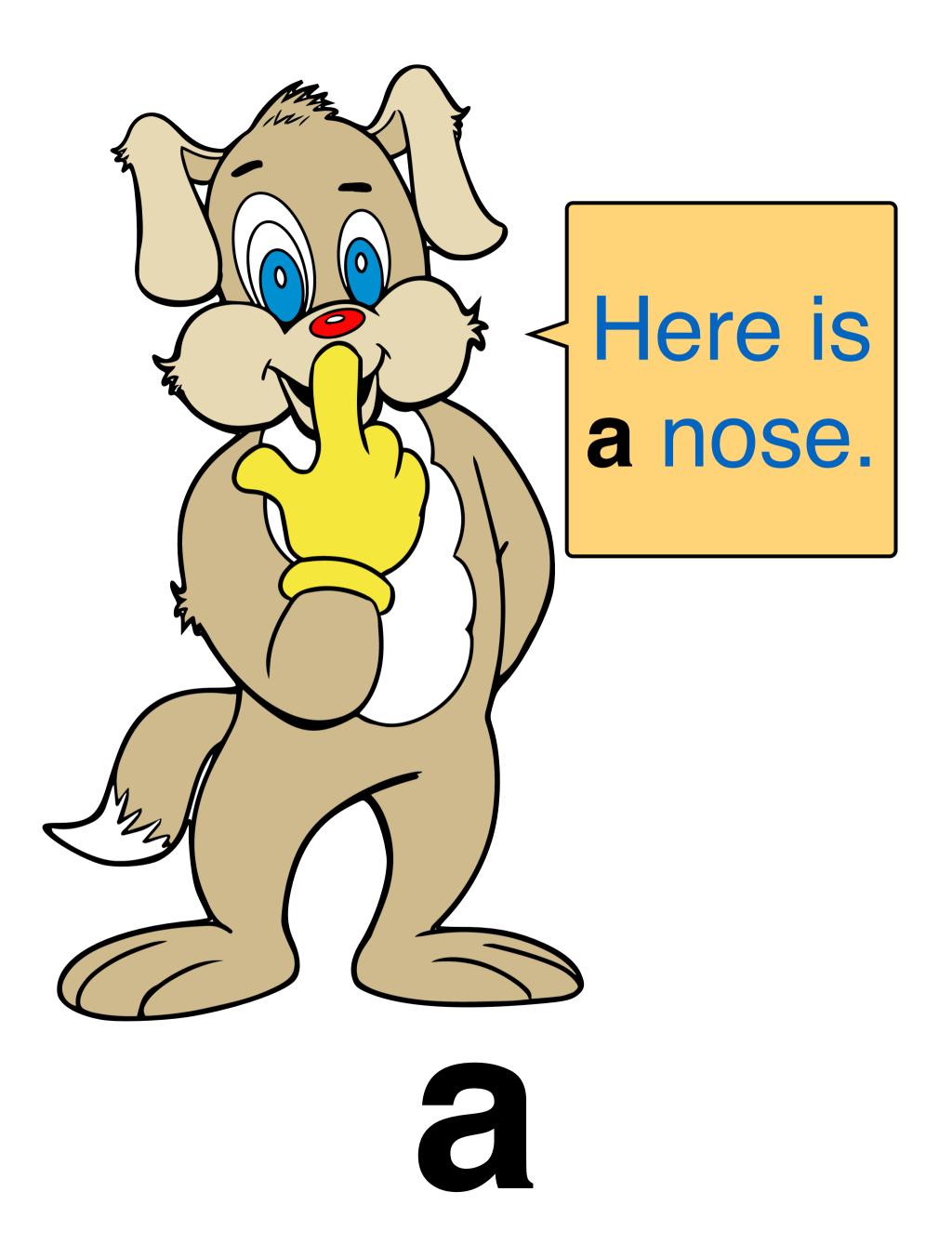
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with, up, see





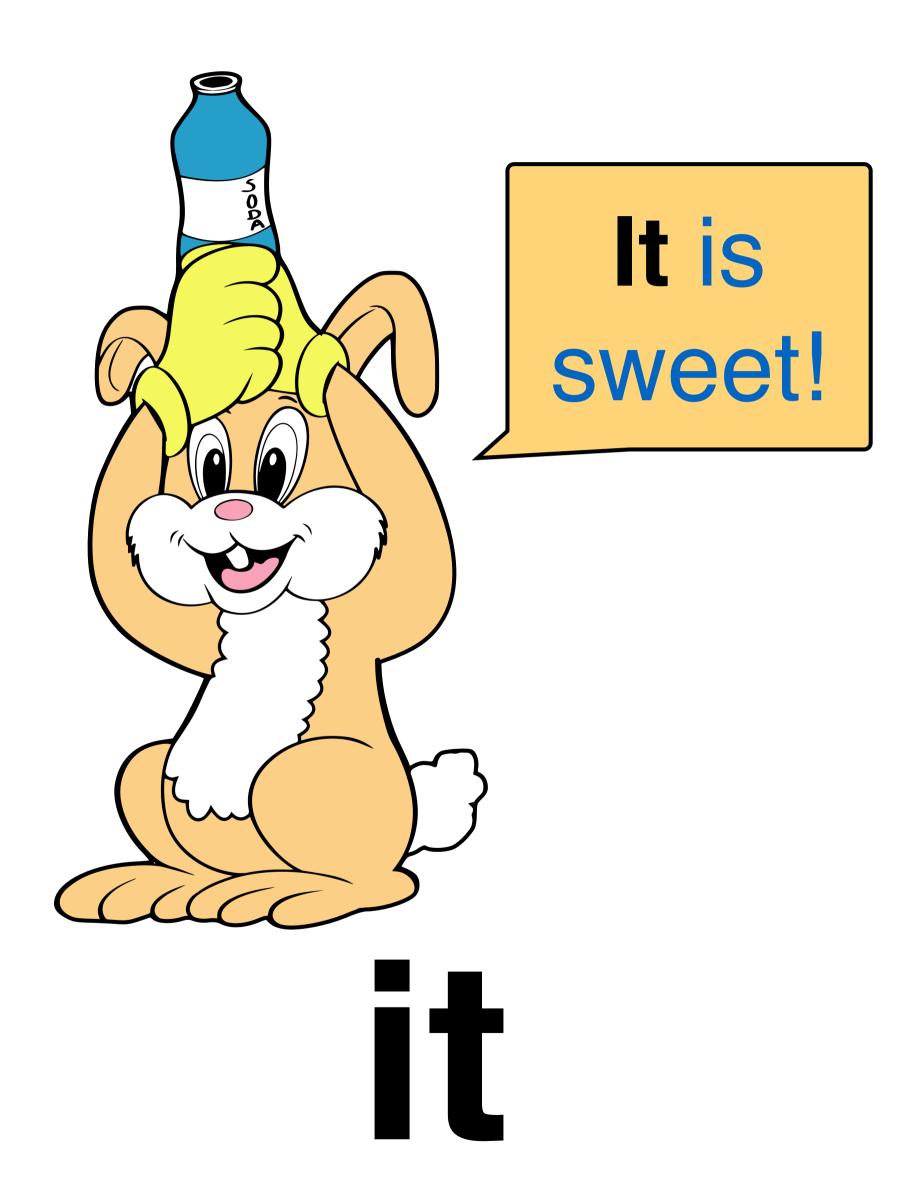


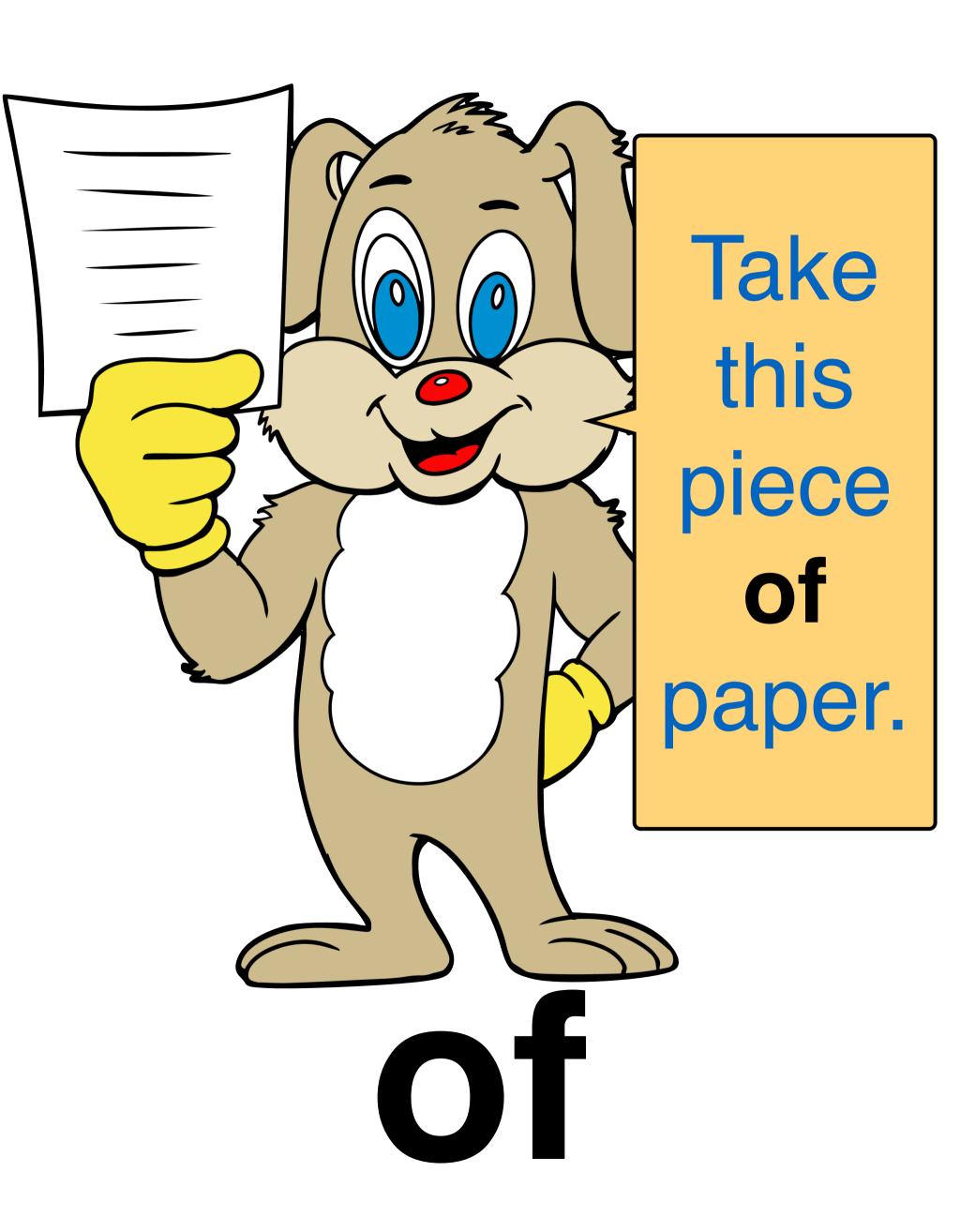
















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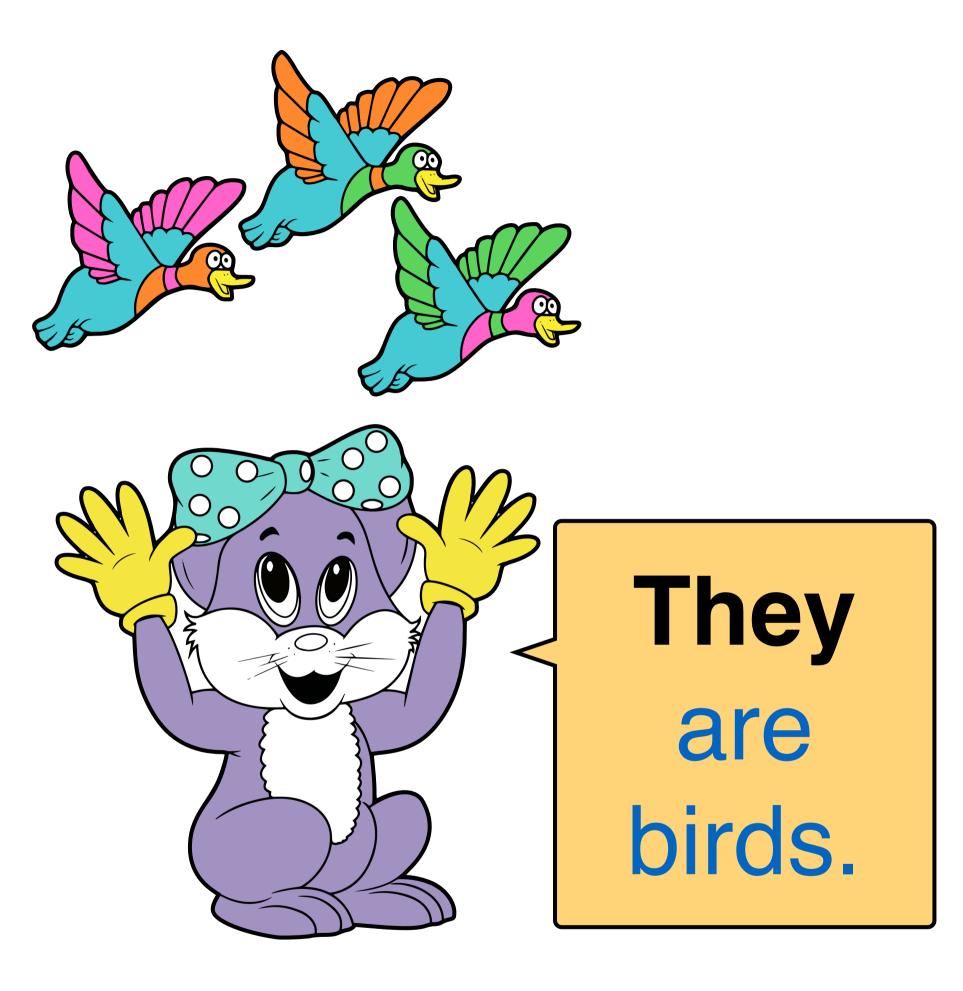








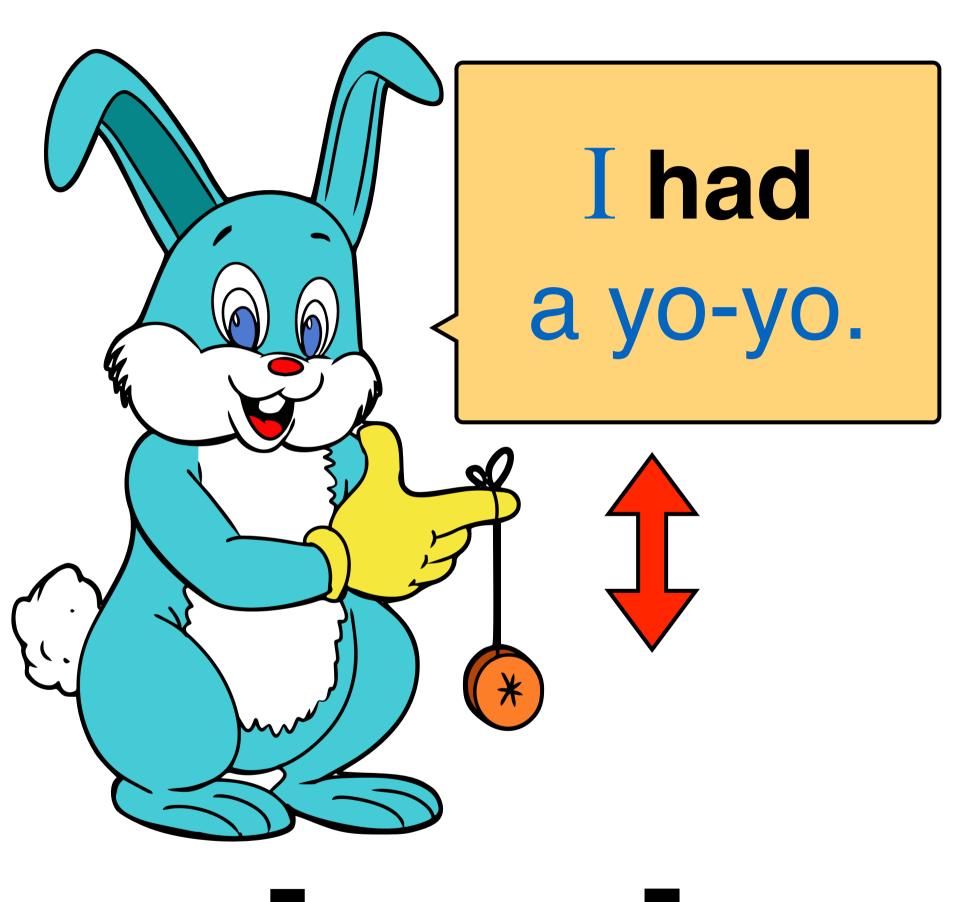




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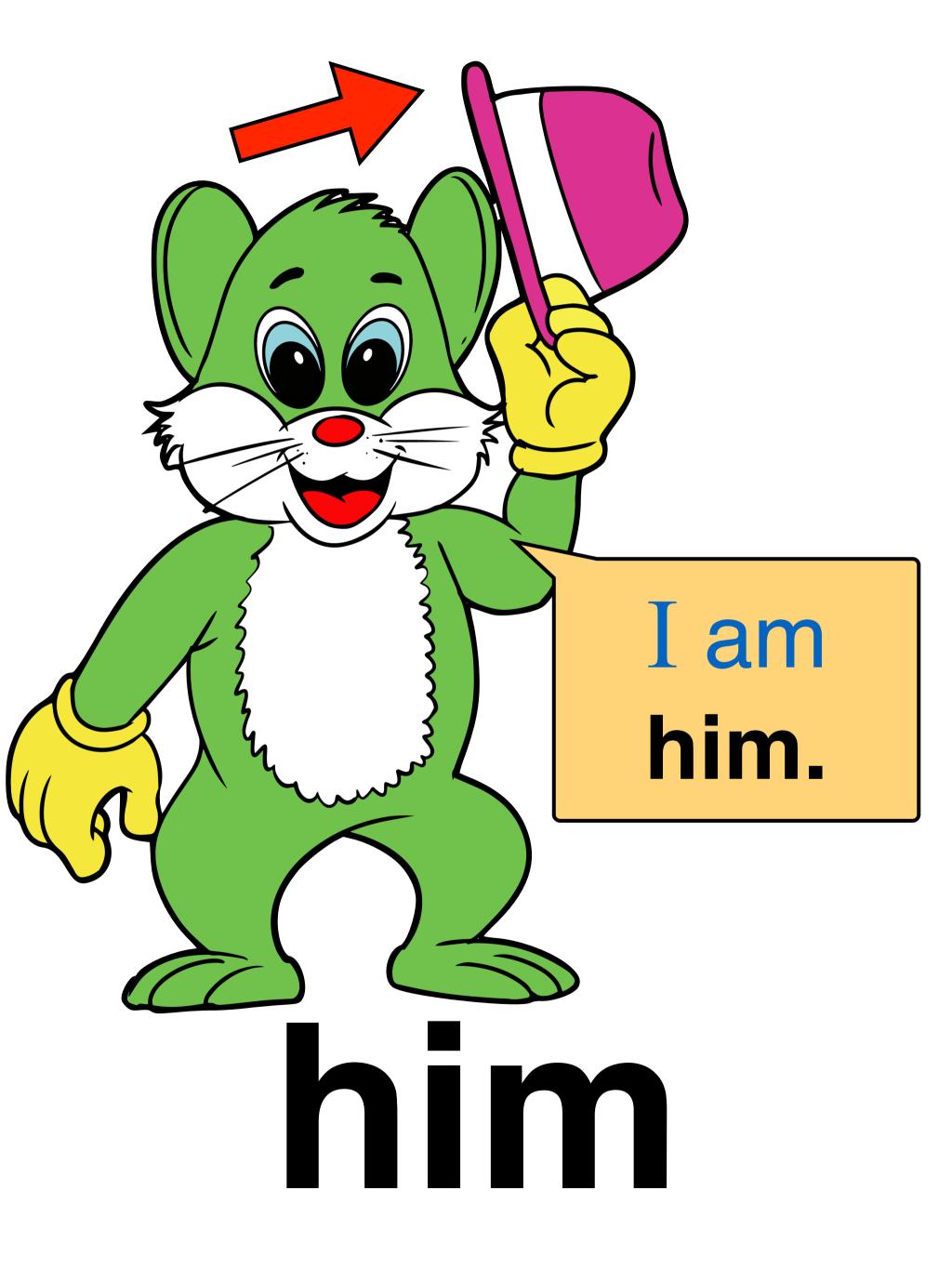
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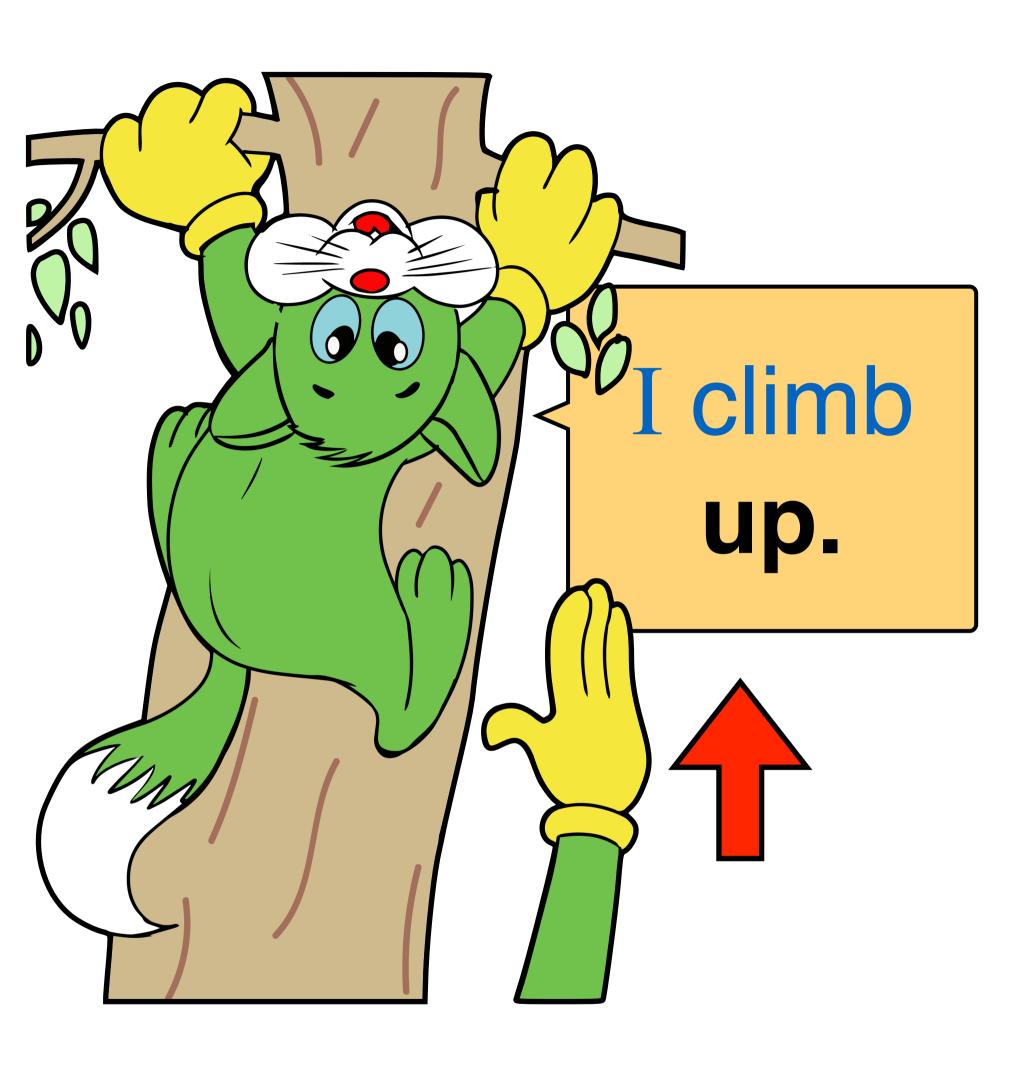


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Words 1-25 in sentences. Boldface words are illustrated in pictures on the following pages.

They said it.

It is his car.

You had a balloon.

"To! To!," said the **mouse**.

She had a dog for him.

We had a cat but they had a fish.

His **bike** was at the **house**.

He had a flower and a butterfly.

The cow said, "See that moon?"

See that **bird** up in the **tree** with a **bug**.

I see a **ball** of **string** on the **TV**.

## They said it.



# It is his car.

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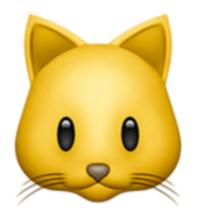
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with the bug?

#### See that bird

up in the tree

with the bug?





on the TV.

## l see a ball of string

on the TV.

# Set 2

#### Words 26-50

all, look, is, her, there, some, word, out, as, be, each, have, go, we, am, then, little, down, do, can, could, when, did, what, so



## Look far away.



# Here is my hand.





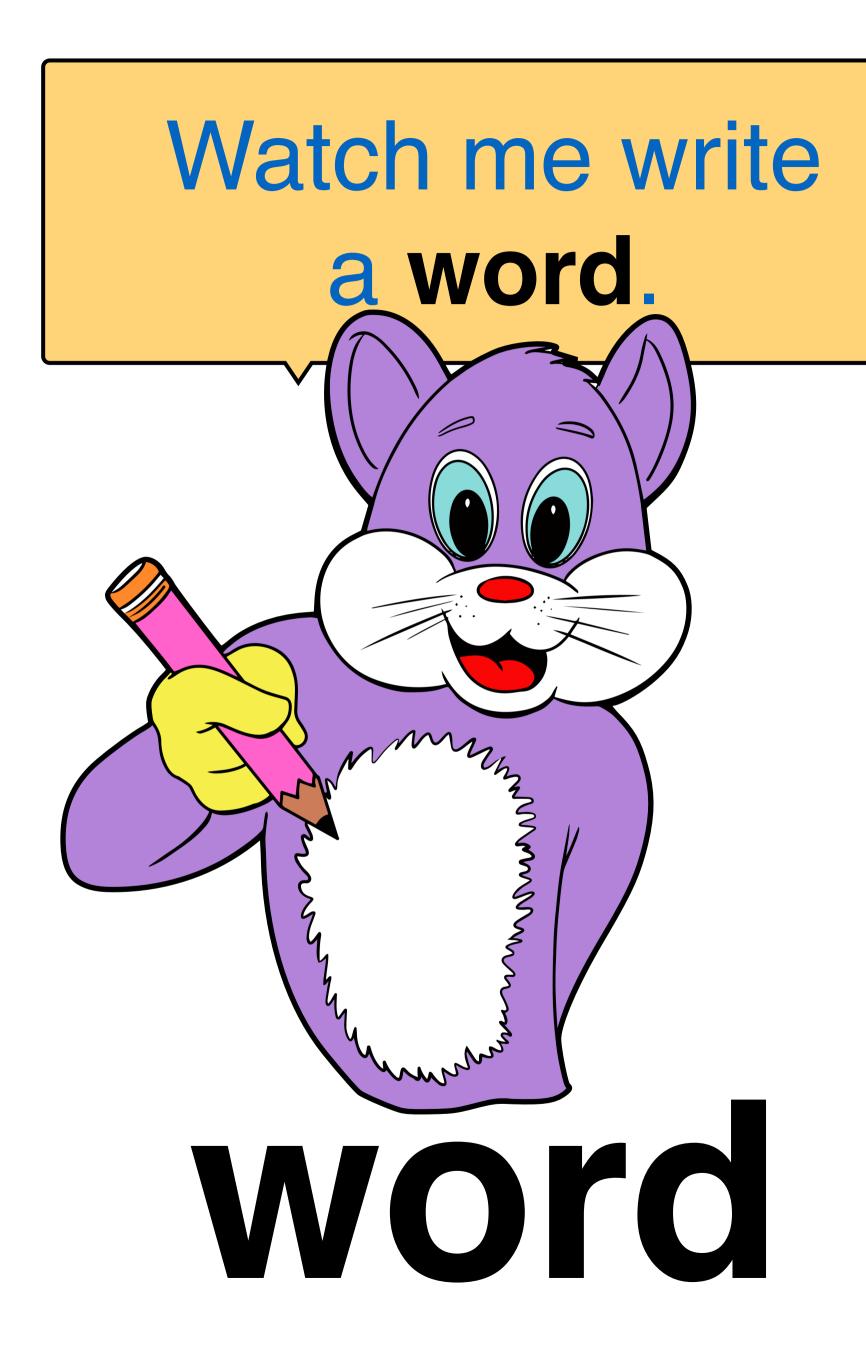
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#### Go there!





# SOME









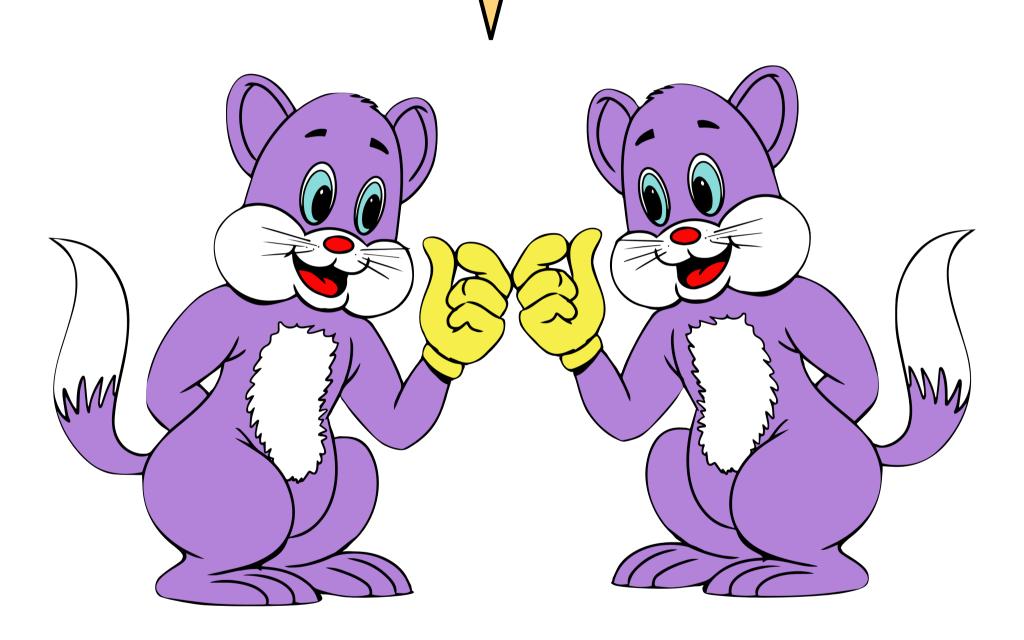




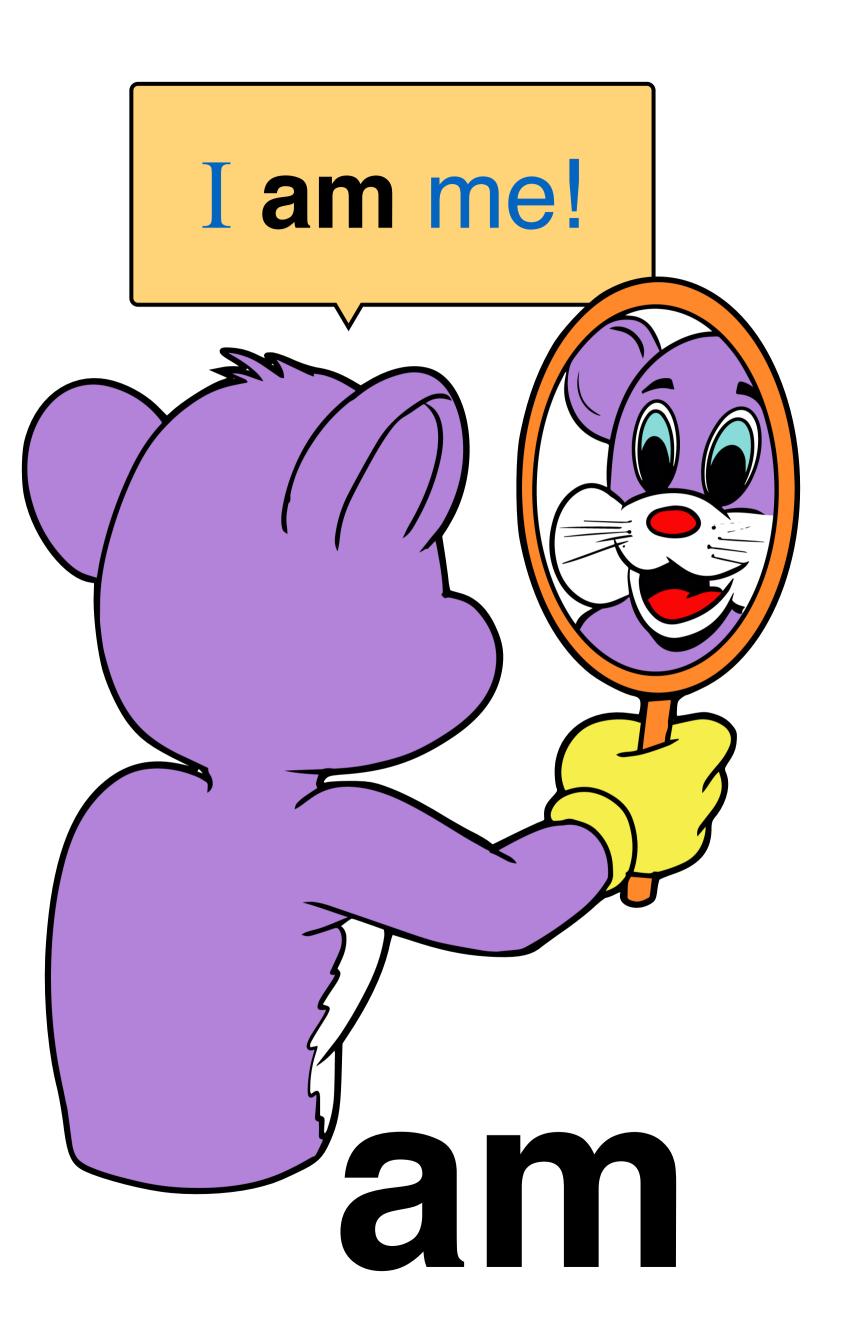




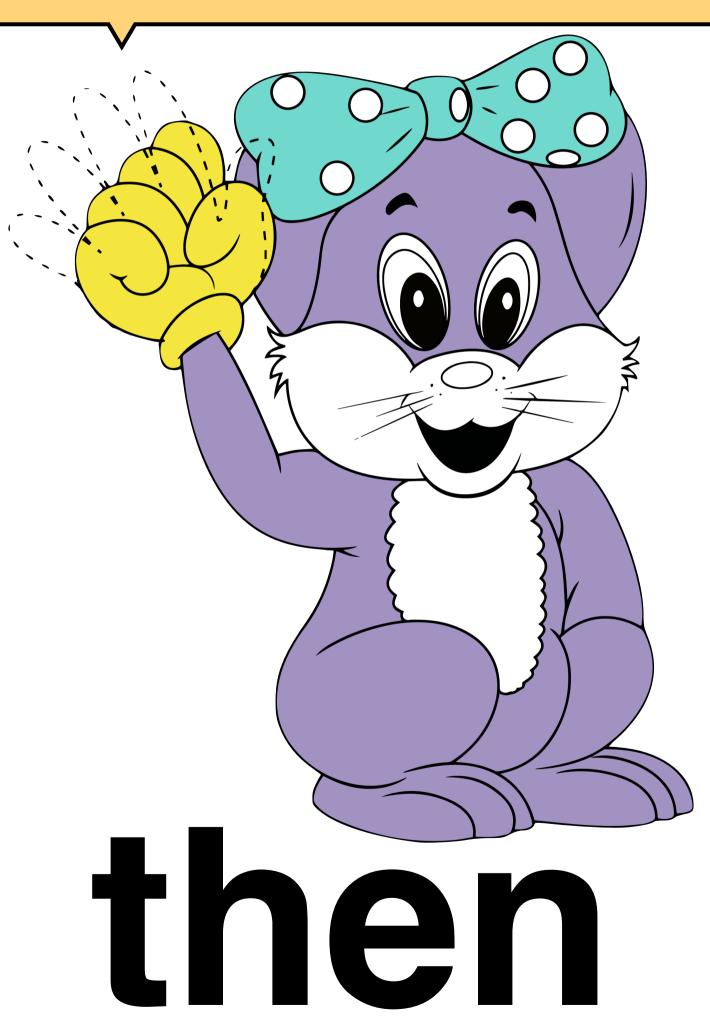
### We are friends.



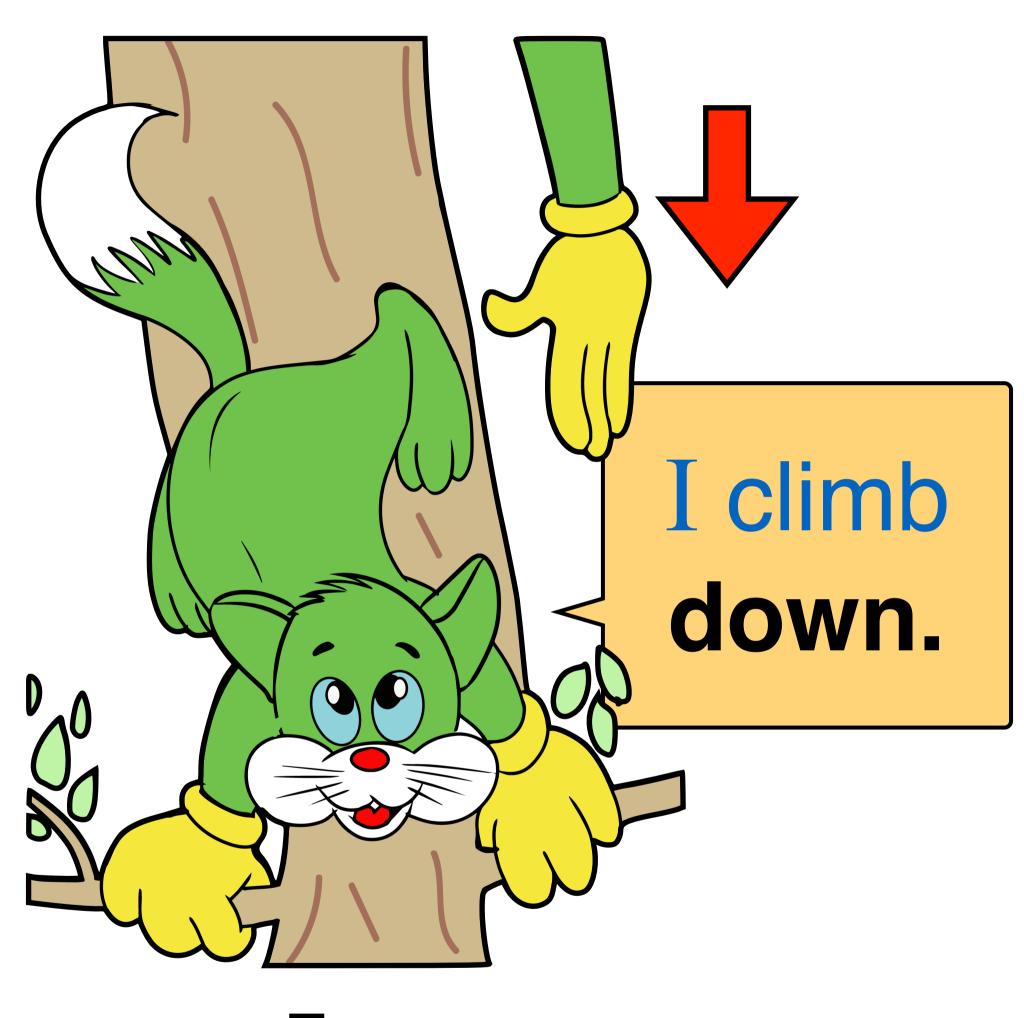
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## My hand is open then closed.







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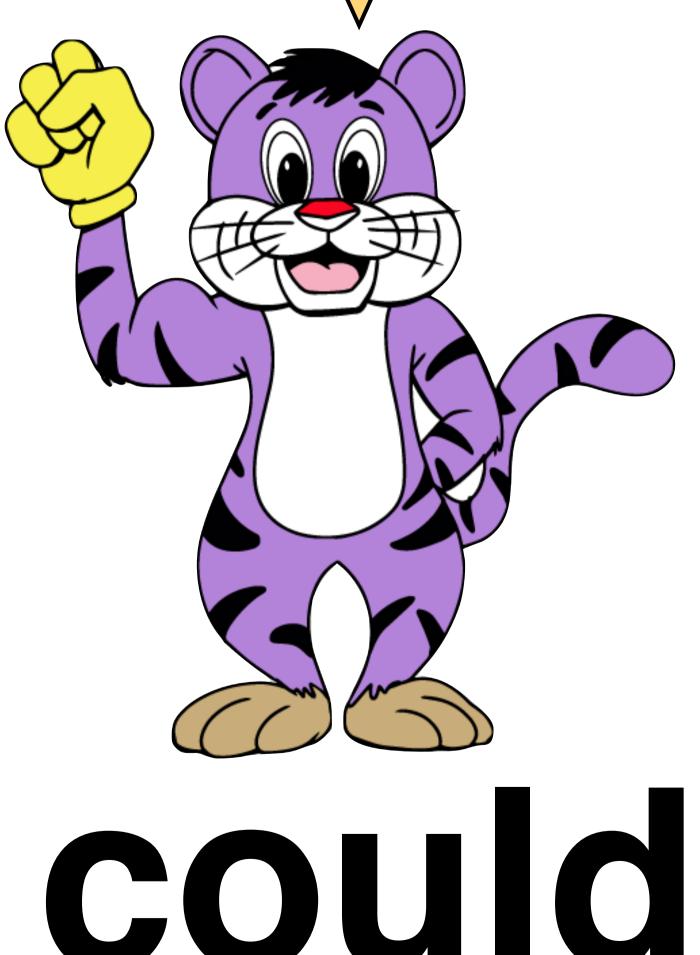


### I can be strong!



Can

### I could be strong!



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# When can we play?





## What did you say?



# Some day I will be so tall.



#### Set 2

Words 51-75 in sentences. Bold face words are illustrated in pictures on the following pages.

Then, be as little as you can.
We said each word to the **bear**.
Her little **dragon** can go to the **mountain**.
I am a **dinosaur** out there in the **sea**.
So, what could you see when you look in the **present**?

We all do have a **bus** down the **road**. Did you see she is in some **boots** and **sunglasses**?

## Then, be as little as you can.

#### We said each word to



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### Set 3

#### Words 51-75

not, were, get, them, like, one, this, my, would, me, well, yes, big, more, went, are, come, if, number, now, long, no, way, came, too









I get the flowers.



I see them.





#### I have one tail!



## This is my unhappy face!







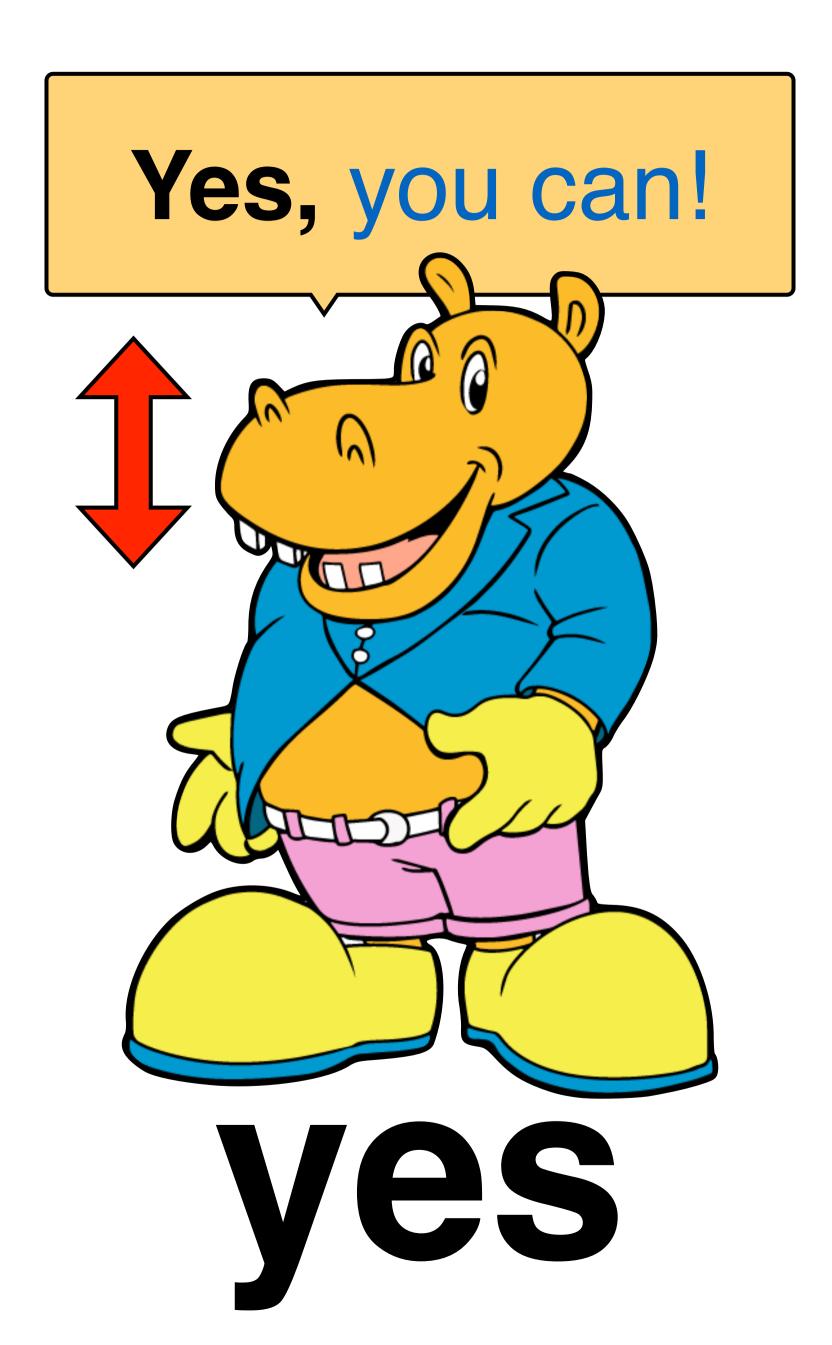
### Would you walk with me?



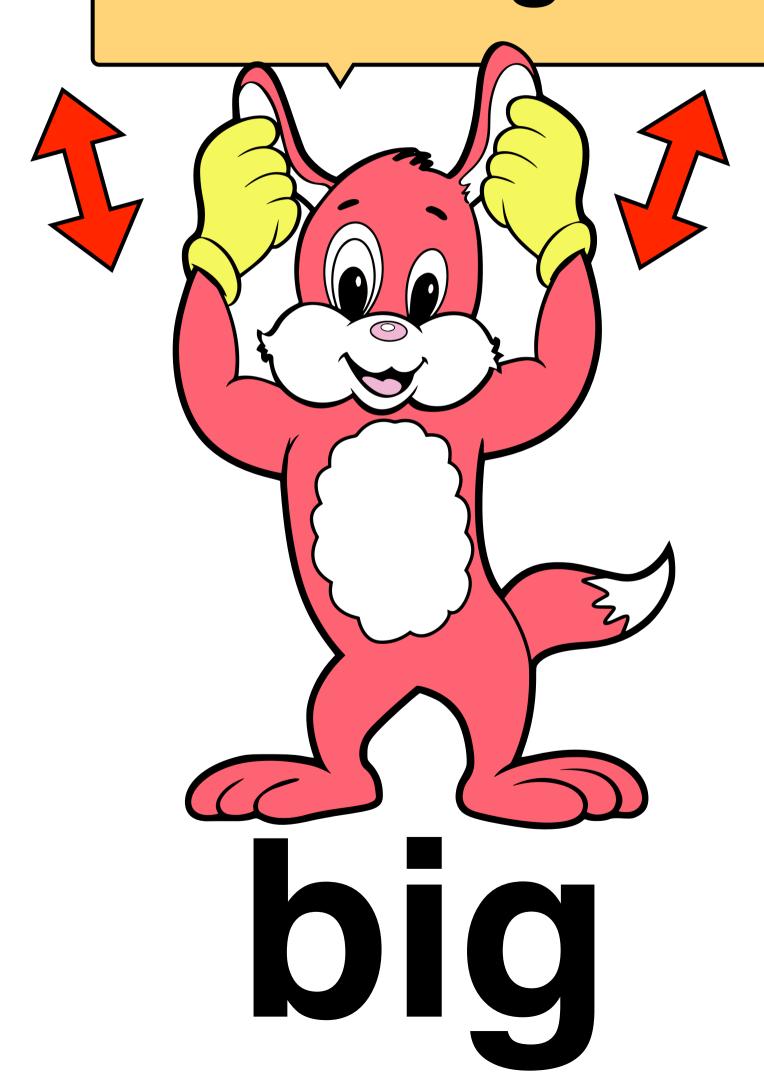


#### I will win!

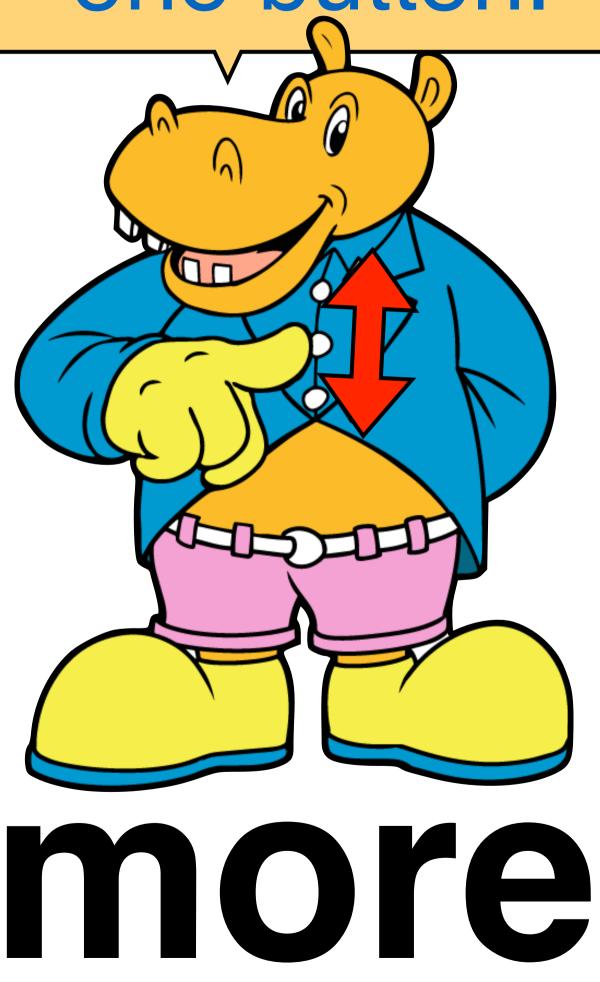




### I have big ears!



### I have more than one button.

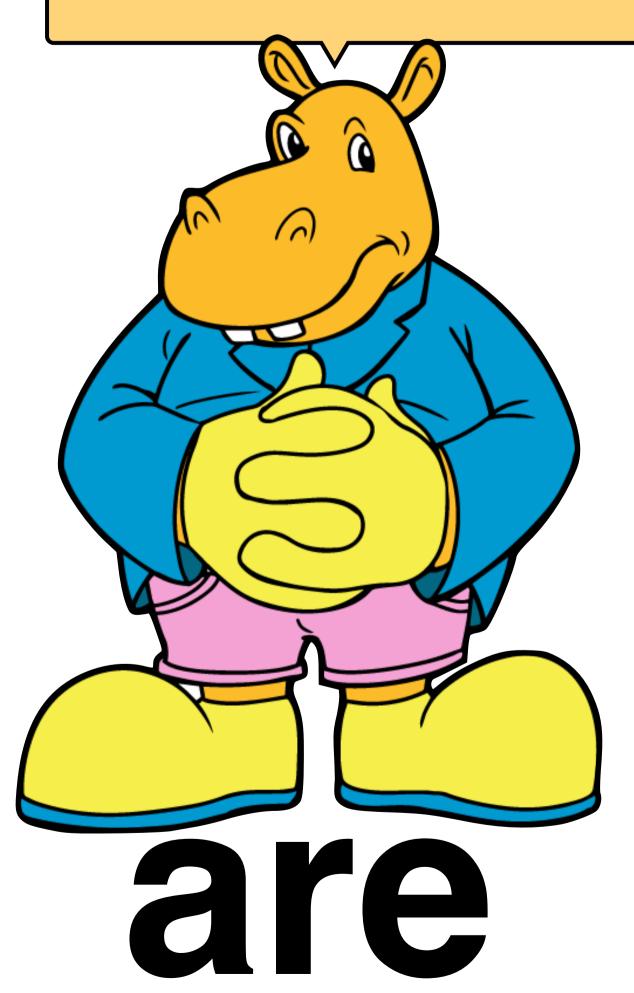


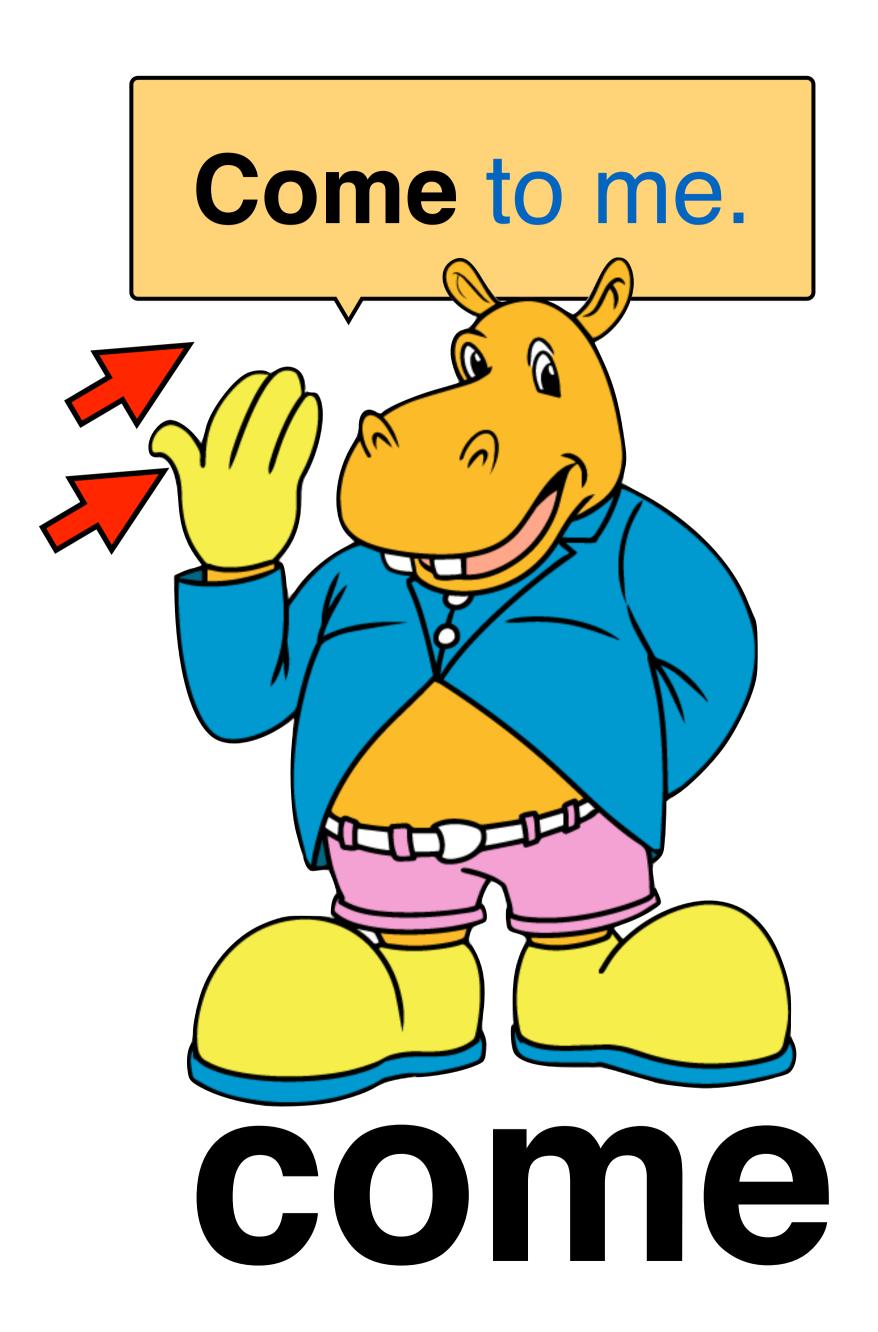
The ball went over my head.



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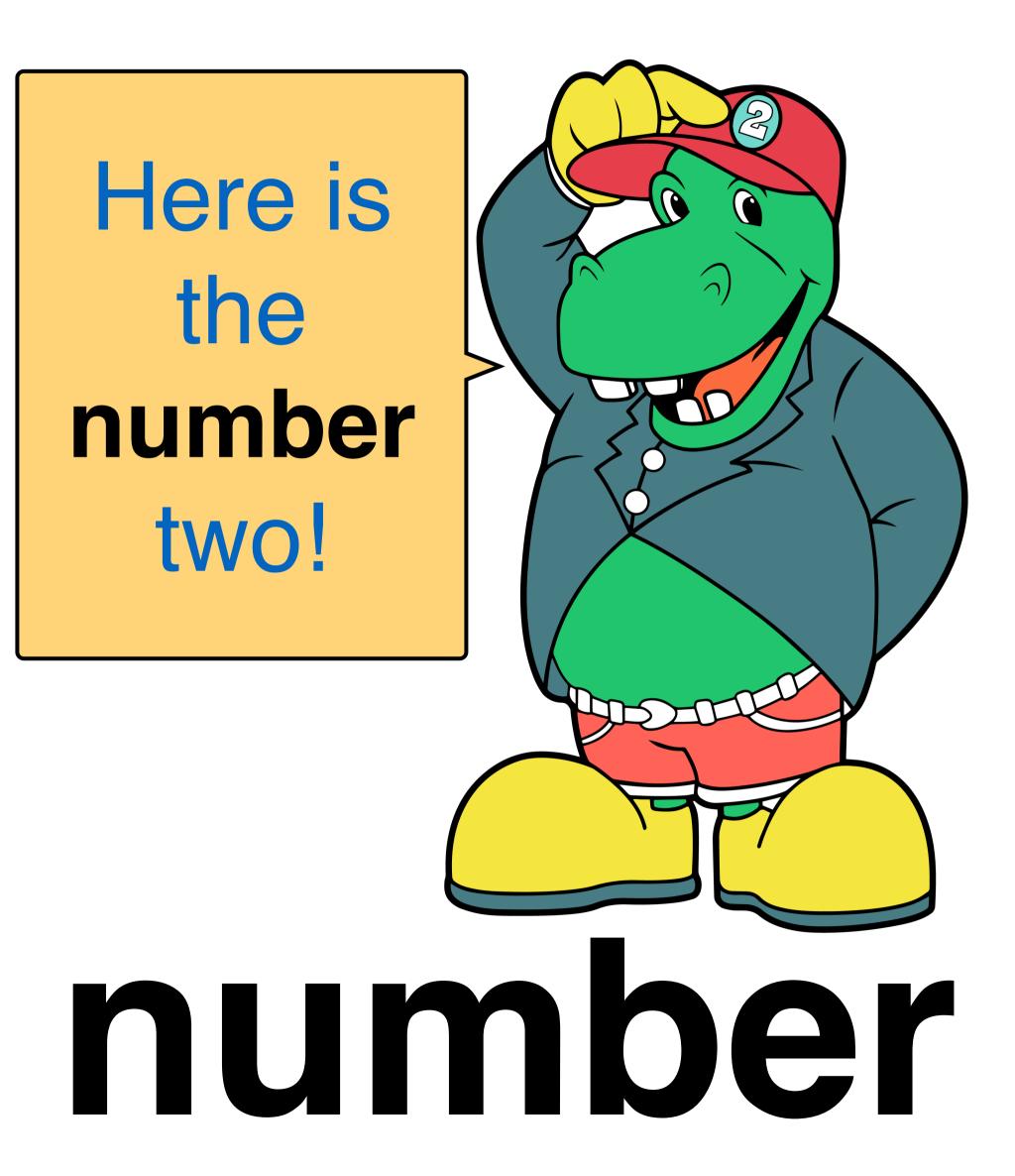
My hands are folded.



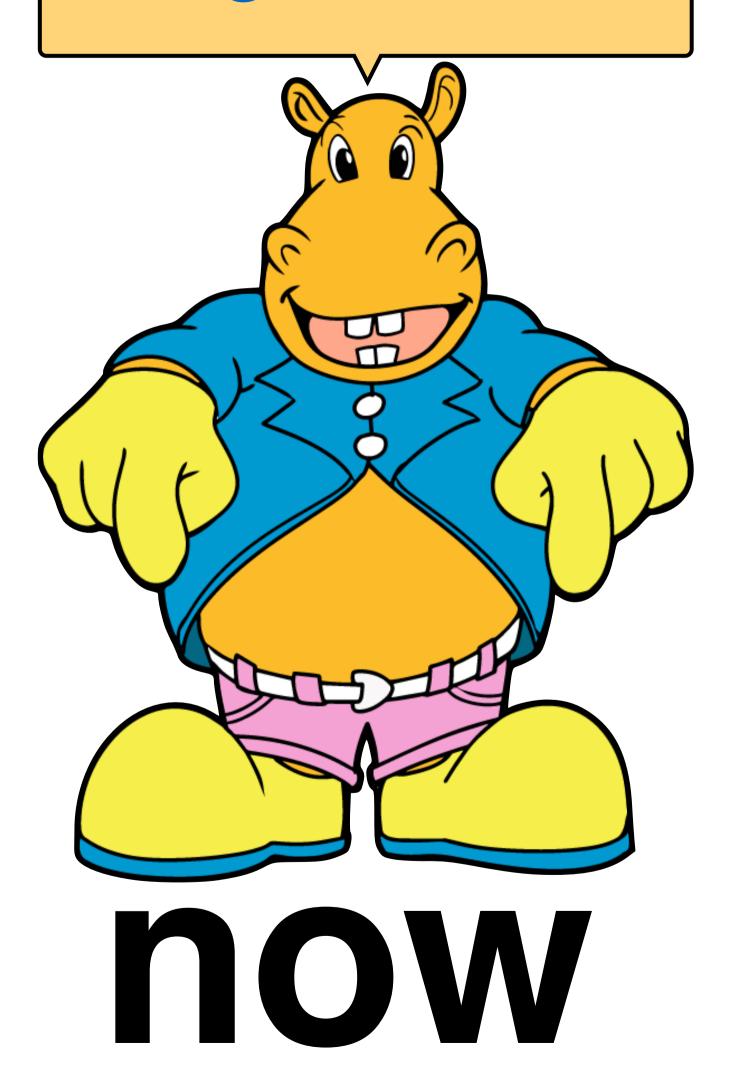


#### Tell me if I forget.





#### Right now!



# I love my long board!



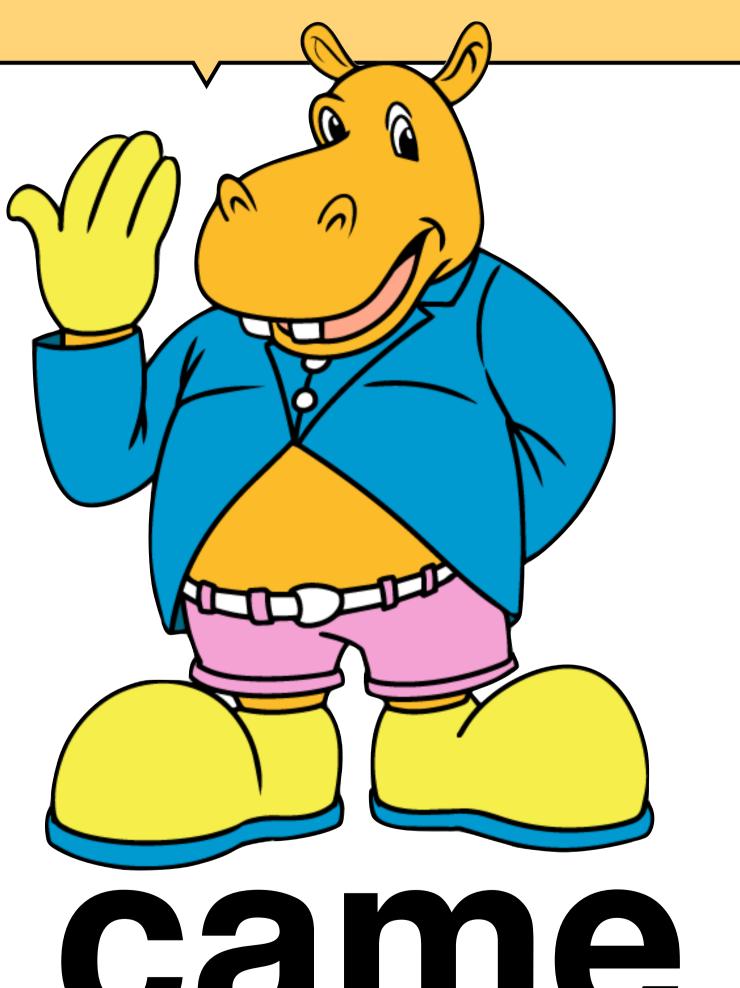
#### No, no, no!



Go way around.



#### You came to me.



Came

## I have too many birds.



#### Set 3

Words 50-75 in sentences. Bold face words are illustrated in pictures on the following pages.

They were in my number one **plane**. Yes, get the long **snake** now. I like this big **cake**, too. They are not in the **rocket**. More **monkeys** went with them the long way.

The **mouse** said, "Me! Me! Me!" Well, if she came on a **unicorn**, I would come on a **motorcycle**.

#### They were in my



#### number one plane.

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#### Yes, get the long



#### Yes, get the long

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#### I like this big



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a motorcycle.

### Set 4

#### Words 76-101

ask, very, than, an, over, yours, it's, ride, into, just, blue, red, from, good, any, about, around, want, don't, how, know, part, right, put, sound, got



### We kick very hard!



### One hand is higher than the other.



Here is an eye.

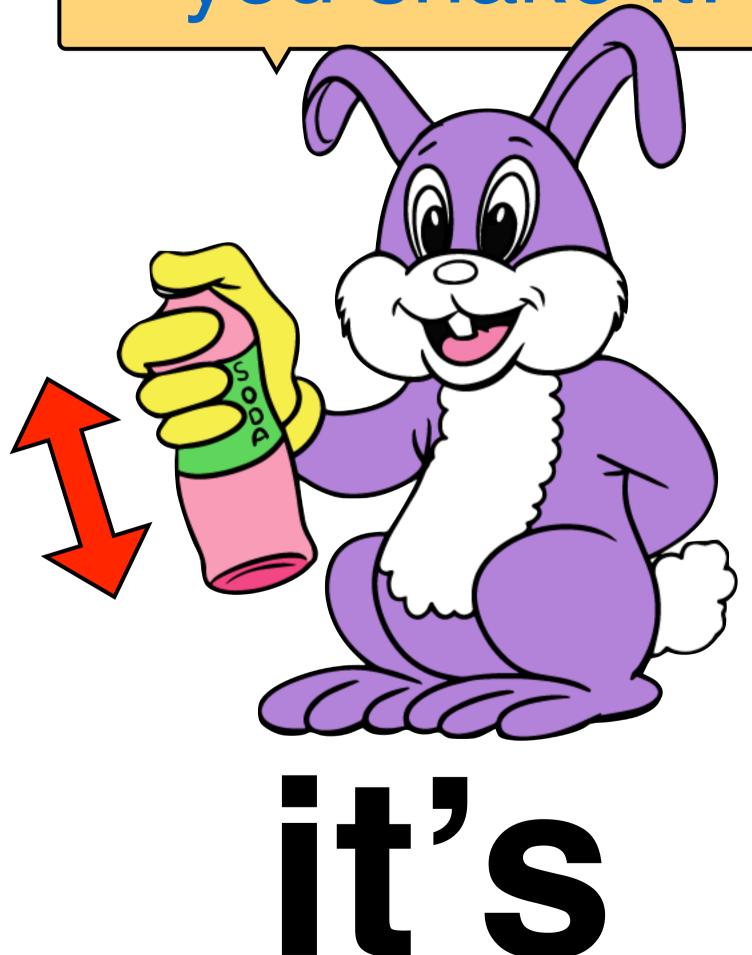


# My hand is over my eyes.

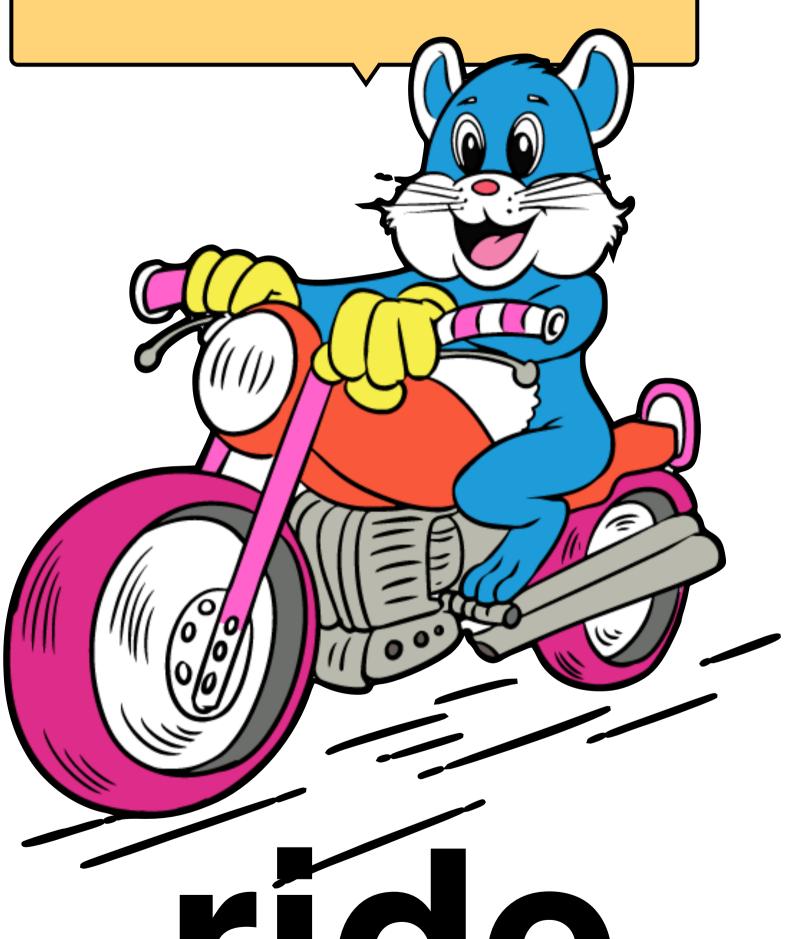




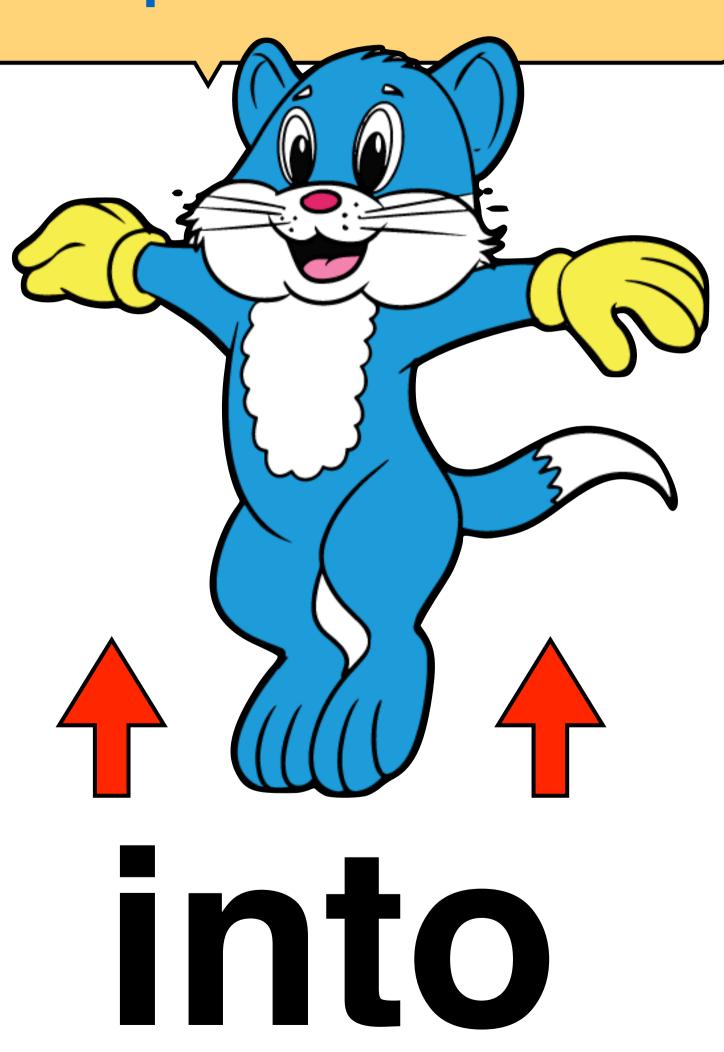




### Let's ride fast!



### Jump into the air!



### Just one eye is open.



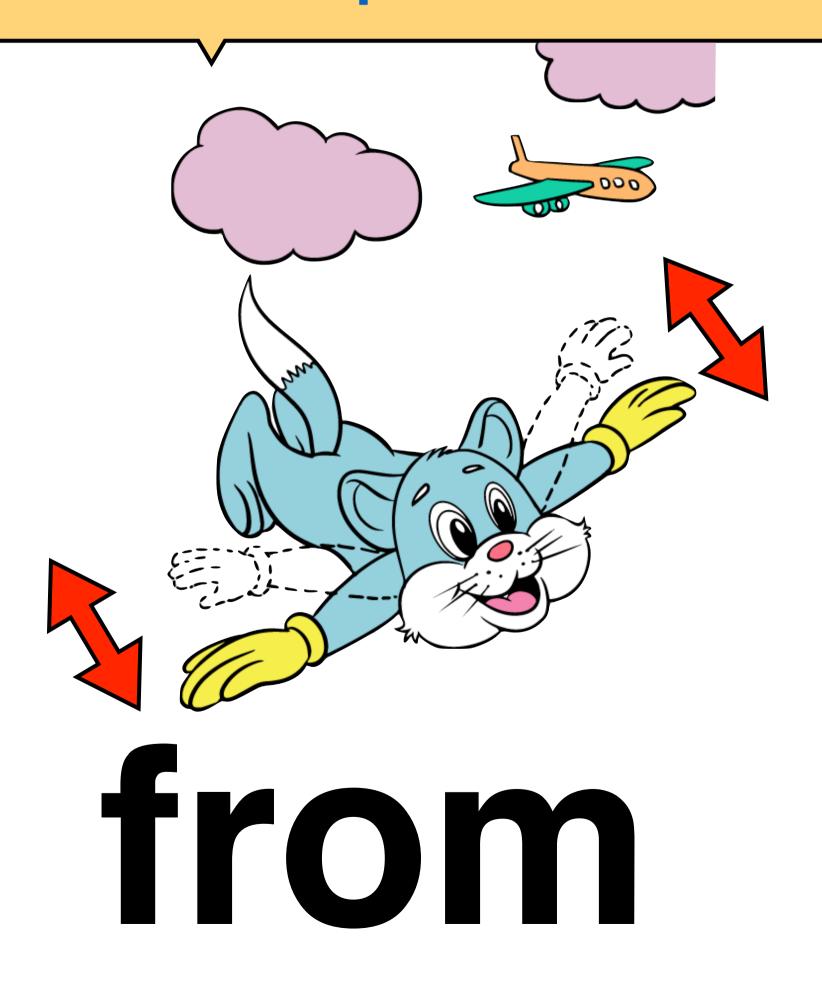


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### My ball is red.



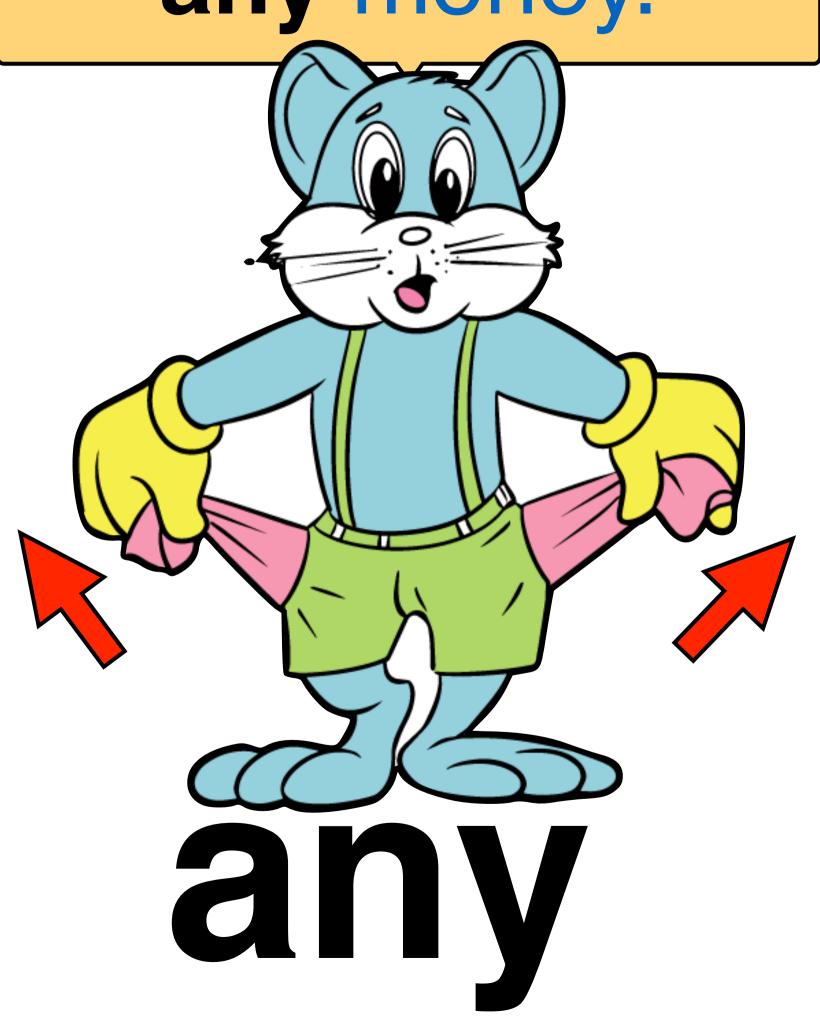
## I jump from an airplane!



## Here is a good horn.







This book is about cats.



#### Move around!

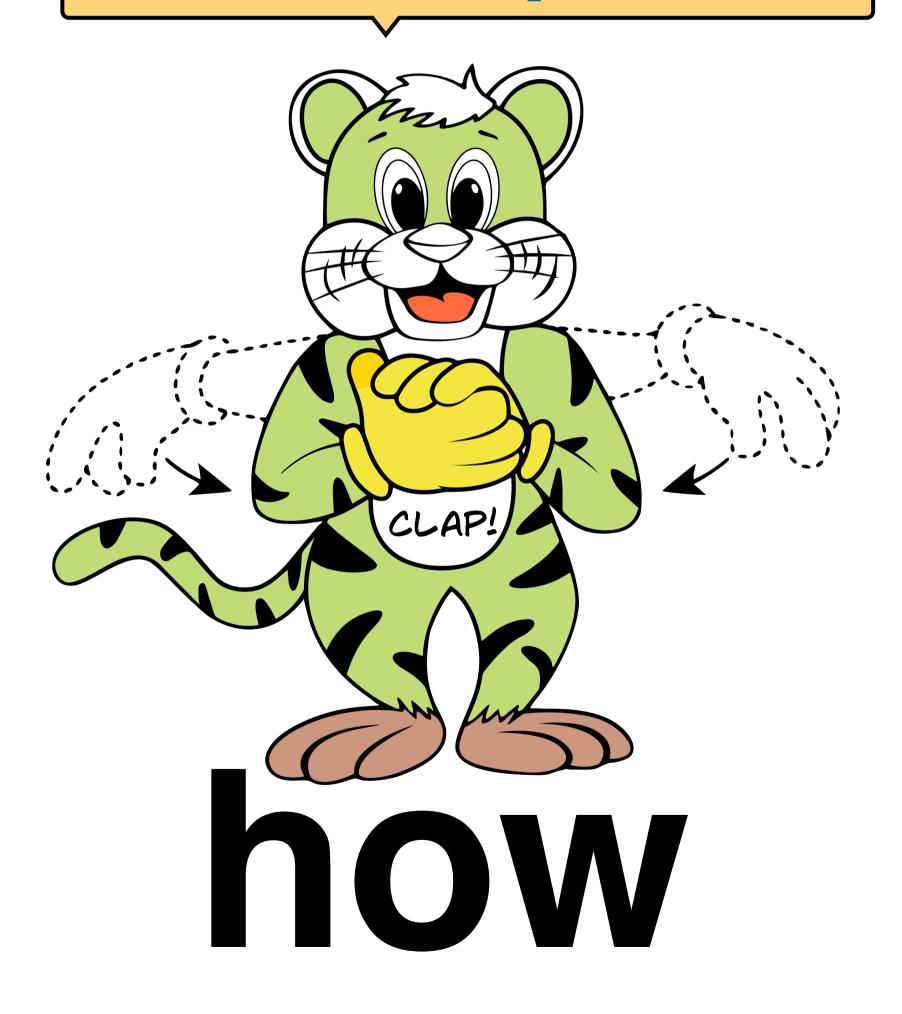




#### Don't do that!



## This is how I clap!



### I know how to play guitar.







# I put two hands on my head.



#### l hear a sound.



### I got the flowers.



#### Set 4

Words 76-100 in sentences. Bold face words are illustrated in pictures on the following pages.

Ask the very blue **alien** how to ride a **rocket** around the **moon**.

We want a good sound from the **trumpet**. I don't know how to ride an **elephant** into a **shoe**.

The little **zombie** over there is yours.

It's good to be part of a city.

He just got a book and a bunny.

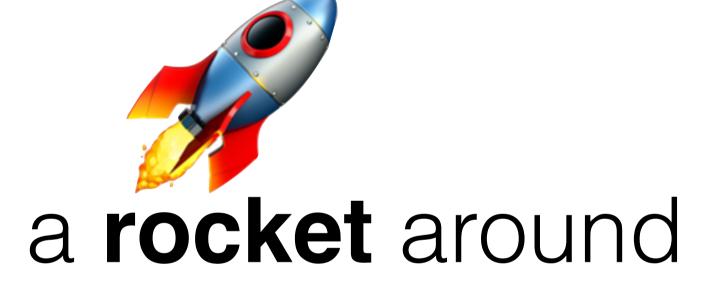
I like blue more than red.

Put any candy right on the chair.

The **book** is about **spaghetti**.

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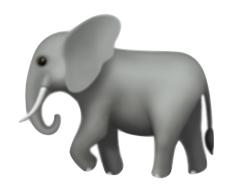


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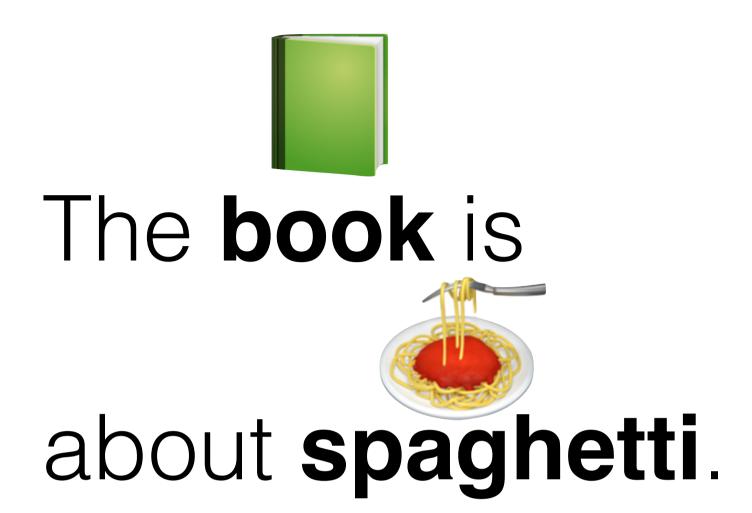
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Words 1-25 in sentences.

They said it.

It is his car.

You had a balloon.

"To! To!," said the **mouse**.

She had a dog for him.

We had a cat but they had a fish.

His **bike** was at the **house**.

He had a flower and a butterfly.

The cow said, "See that moon?"

See that bird up in the tree with a bug.

I see a ball of string on the TV.

Set 2 Words 51-75 in sentences.

Then, be as little as you can.
We said each word to the **bear**.
Her little **dragon** can go to the **mountain**.
I am a **dinosaur** out there in the **sea**.
So, what could you see when you look in the **present**?

We all do have a **bus** down the **road**. Did you see she is in some **boots** and **sunglasses**?

Set 3 Words 50-75 in sentences.

They were in my number one plane. Yes, get the long snake now.
I like this big cake, too.
They are not in the rocket.
More monkeys went with them the long way.

The **mouse** said, "Me! Me! Me!" Well, if she came on a **unicorn**, I would come on a **motorcycle**.

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