

**WR-1 Word Reading Sets 1-2**

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**Set 1**

get

cut

bump

gift

cliff

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**Set 2**

bath

brick

chat

shelf

crash

**WR-1 Word Reading** Sets 3-4

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**Set 3**

sleep

sky

drive

plane

spray

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**Set 4**

about

brown

news

snail

ploy

## Story 1

**Tut**

Meg has a cat. His name is Tut. He is a big, black cat. Tut sits on Meg's lap. He likes it when Meg pets him and rubs his back.

Meg has a box on the bed. Tut jumps in the box.  
"Get out of the box!" Meg says.

Tut shuts his eyes.

Meg thinks. Tut does not have a bed!

"OK, Tut," she says. "The box is your new bed."  
Meg pets him. Tut purrs.



## Story 2

**Baseball Game**

Pam is so happy. Today, she is going to her first baseball game with her dad.

First, Pam and Dad look for seats. Then, they sit down next to a lot of people.

Pam smells popcorn and hotdogs. The man selling snacks is near Pam and Dad. Dad puts up his hand. The man sees Dad. Dad gets Pam a hotdog and a soda.

The game starts. All the people yell and clap. The game begins with the first toss of the baseball. The player misses the ball.

On the next throw, the player hits the ball very hard. The crowd shouts, "Homerun!"

After the game, Pam says, "This was a super day. I saw my first ball game and first homerun on the same day."



## Story 3

**Rex**

Jim came home from school. Dad took Jim into the back yard. Jim saw a black dog by the pool. Dad said, "Jim, this is your new dog." Jim felt so happy.

Jim said to his new dog, "I will name you Rex. Do you want to play ball, Rex?" Rex ran fast after the ball. He gave it to Jim.

Jim and Rex played ball by the pool. Jim tossed the ball. The ball went in the pool. Rex jumped in the pool to get the ball! Rex got all wet. He was soaked with water! He shook and got Jim wet, too.





## Story 4

**Bats**

Bill and his family went camping in the woods last summer. That was the first time Bill saw a bat.

Kate is Bill's sister. Kate and Bill went looking for wood to help Mom and Dad make a fire. As it got dark, something zoomed right by Bill's head.

"Is that a bird or a very big bug?" Bill asked Kate.

"No Bill, that is a bat. I saw bats before under the big bridge at home," Kate said.

"Oh, no, I'm scared. It will bite me!" Bill said.

Kate told Bill all about bats. She said that bats come out at night to eat insects. She told him that most bats are very small. She also said they try to stay away from people. Kate made Bill feel safe.

Now Bill knows a bat will not bite him. So now, he's not scared.



## Story 5

**Bananas**

Did you know that bananas do not grow on trees? Bananas grow on a tall plant that looks like a tree.

Most people do not know that bananas are berries. Berries have skin all around them. Bananas have skin all around them, too. Most people peel off the skin before they eat a banana.

Bananas are a snack that is good for you. You can buy bananas in the store. Over time, these bananas change from green to brown. The green bananas are not ready to eat. They are not ripe. The yellow bananas are ready to eat. The yellow bananas with just a few brown spots are sweet.

You can buy bananas at the store all year long. If you cannot find bananas, it is because people are eating them up!



## Story 6

## The School Fair

Every year, Tom's school has a fair. Each class makes food and crafts for the fair. The food and crafts are for sale on tables.

The food tables sell many good things to eat, but Tom's favorite treat is cheese popcorn. Mr. Smith, the P.E. teacher, makes the popcorn. Tom likes to watch Mr. Smith pop the corn and melt cheese all over it. It is salty and sticky. Tom loves it.

The craft tables sell things the students have made. All year, the students draw, paint or make things out of paper. Then, they sell them to earn money for field trips. Tom always buys gifts for his family at the craft tables. Tom hopes his class can earn money to go to the water park!



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Set 2

spray  
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**Set 3**

called  
center  
circle  
gusty  
giant

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**Set 4**

mountain  
thought  
action  
famous  
weight



## Story 1

**Rosa's New Friend**

In the summer, Rosa's family moved to Texas. Rosa was sad. She left all of her friends behind and she did not know how she would find new ones. Rosa looked out the window to see if there were any children playing outside, but she did not see anyone. It was so hot that all the kids stayed inside.

One day, Rosa's mom said, "Let's go to the park. I hear there is water to play in. You can run through the spray and there are buckets that dump water on your head."

Rosa went with her mom to the park. When they got there, Rosa's mom told her to go play. Rosa saw lots of kids running and splashing in the water. They were smiling and having a great time. Rosa sat on a bench. The sun was beating down on Rosa's head. She felt hot, but she did not go play.

A girl Rosa's age ran past and splashed Rosa.

"I'm sorry!" said the girl. "Hey, you're new here. What's your name?"

"Rosa."

"I'm Cara. Come on, let's go play in the water," said the girl.

Rosa followed Cara out into the water. They ran, splashed and giggled. At the end of the afternoon, Rosa and Cara made a plan. They would meet at the park the next day.



## Story 2

# Skateboard!

If you want to get somewhere, a skateboard is a fun way to go. You can ride a skateboard faster than you can walk. A skateboard can travel on flat ground like a sidewalk, but is not good for traveling on grass.

Skateboards have four wheels made of plastic. They also have a flat board to stand on. It is called the deck. The deck feels like sandpaper, which keeps your feet from slipping. On the bottom, the deck can be painted with colorful artwork.

If you would like to do tricks, first you need to learn how to ride. When you skate, you should wear a helmet, knee pads and wrist guards. Stand on the board with your feet to the side. Most riders put their left foot to the front. They use the right foot to push off the ground. A few skaters put their right foot to the front of the board. This is called riding with a goofy foot.

If you want to do tricks, a skate park is a good place to go. A skate park has ramps that you can skate down. Some skaters at the park practice jumping in the air and flipping their boards. Others ride their boards as they slide across a rail. It takes a lot of practice to be a good skater, but once you learn, it can be a lot of fun.



## Story 3

## Spring Break

For spring break, Adam and his family were going to visit his grandparents. Just two days before the vacation, he fell off his bike. Crack! Adam had never felt such a pain.

Adam's mother took him to the hospital. He had to have X-rays and get a shot. After the X-rays, the doctor told Adam his leg was broken. Adam would have to spend a day in the hospital.

The doctor put a cast on Adam's leg and said Adam would have to wear it for five weeks. Adam would also have to learn to walk with crutches.

The crutches were easy to use, and Adam's friends came to visit him. The shot helped the pain go away, but Adam still felt bad. He thought spring break was ruined. The doctor wanted Adam to stay home and rest for a few days. That meant he would not get to see his grandparents. Adam's parents told him they would go see his grandparents when his cast came off. This made Adam feel better.

The next day, Adam heard a knock at the door. His mom went to open it. Adam looked up and saw his grandparents smiling at him. It would be a great spring break after all.



## Story 4

## Meat-Eating Plants

Most plants get food from the sun and soil, but some plants eat meat. Meat-eating plants live in soil or dirt that does not have the food they need to survive. To get food, they must trap insects and sometimes small animals.

How can a plant trap an insect? Most meat-eating plants are shaped like a trap. One kind looks like a pitcher. Another kind looks like a mouth full of teeth. Meat-eating plants look pretty or smell good, so insects are invited to take a closer look. Once they get closer to the plant, they become trapped by sticky leaves or small hairs. The insects crawl inside and cannot escape.

Each meat-eating plant has a special way to turn the insect into its food. Inside the plant, the insect is turned into gooey liquid. The plant uses this liquid for food.

Most of the time, meat-eating plants just eat insects. Sometimes, they might trap a mouse or a lizard. They do not eat people, so if you see a meat-eating plant, don't worry!





## Story 5

**Firefighter**

Tony's Uncle Franco is a hero. Franco is a firefighter. Franco tells Tony stories about fighting fires. Tony loves to hear the stories.

One day, Franco asked if Tony wanted to visit the firehouse. Tony said, "Yes." The next Saturday, Franco picked up Tony and took him to the firehouse.

Tony was very excited for his visit. He was a bit nervous, too. People rushed around, making sure the trucks were ready to go. No one had time to talk to him. He watched it all.

While Tony was at the firehouse, the firefighters had to respond to a fire. Tony was amazed at how fast they got into their coats and jumped on the truck. The sound of the siren was louder than anything Tony had ever heard before.

After Franco got back from the fire, he told Tony what happened. There were two children inside the burning apartment. Tony's uncle climbed up a ladder to an upstairs window. The window was locked. He broke the window with his ax and jumped in. He scooped up the two children and carried them to safety. The parents were so happy. They gave their children a big hug. Then, they hugged Franco!

Tony hopes that some day he will be brave enough to fight fires. He wants to be a hero just like Uncle Franco.



## Story 6

# Sharks

Before dinosaurs or people, sharks were swimming and hunting in the world's oceans. They are still around today.

There are many kinds of sharks. They are all shapes and sizes. Some sharks are as small as candy bars. Other sharks are as huge as boats.

Sharks are made to be good hunters. Most have rows of sharp teeth for eating meat, like fish, dolphins and seals. Their jaws are strong. When they grab hold of a fish, they shake it back and forth to tear off a bite!

Sharks also have super senses that help them hunt. They have eyes that can see in dark or dirty water. Their sense of smell is very good. They can also feel when a fish is coming near through the water.

Sharks may seem scary, but they are not interested in people most of the time. People do have to be careful, though. If you see a sign on the beach that warns you sharks are nearby, you should **STAY OUT OF THE WATER!**

