

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills 6th Edition

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DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency Progress Monitoring First Grade Scoring Booklet

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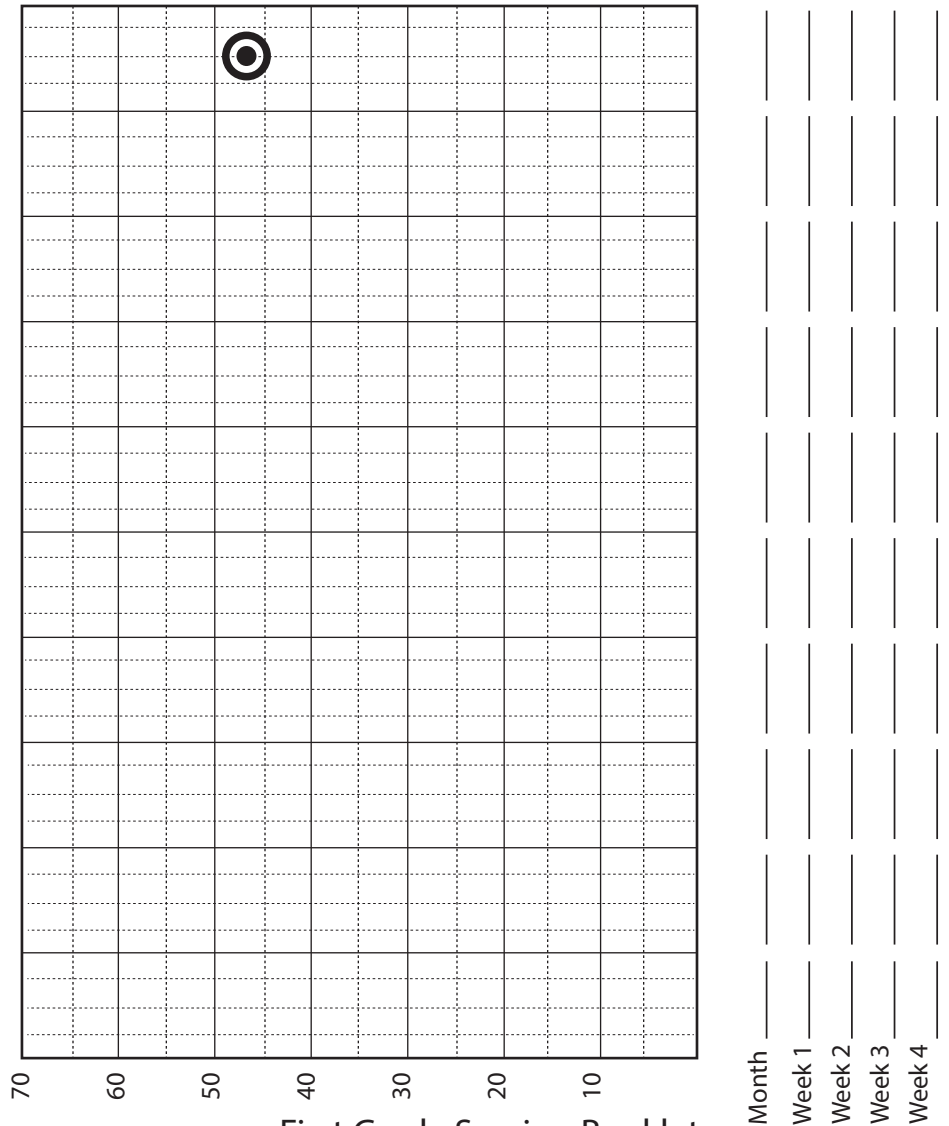
Instructions:

This packet includes 2 parts: the first-grade scoring booklet and first-grade student materials. The scoring booklet is photocopied back to back and saddle stapled. The same booklet is used for each student for each progress monitoring assessment throughout the year. The second part is the reusable student materials. Make one copy for each person who is doing the progress monitoring testing. They can be laminated and comb bound for reuse.

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**First Grade Scoring Booklet
Progress Monitoring
Oral Reading Fluency**

DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency

Short Form Directions

Make sure you have reviewed the long form of the directions in the *DIBELS Administration and Scoring Guide* and have them available. Say these specific directions to the student:

Please read this (point) out loud. If you get stuck, I will tell you the word so you can keep reading. When I say “Stop,” I may ask you to tell me about what you read, so do your best reading. Start here (point to the first word of the passage). Begin.

Start your stopwatch when the student says the first word of the passage.

At the end of **1 minute**, place a bracket (]) after the last word provided by the student, stop and reset the stopwatch, and say, **“Stop.”** (remove the passage)

If the student reads more than 10 words correct, proceed with the retell part. Say,

Please tell me all about what you just read. Try to tell me everything you can. Begin. Start your stopwatch after you say “Begin.”

The first time the student does not say anything for 3 seconds, say, **“Try to tell me everything you can.”** This prompt can be used only once.

If the student does not say anything or gets off track for 5 seconds, circle the total number of words in the student’s retell and say,

“Stop.”

At the end of **1 minute**, circle the total number of words in the student’s retell and say, **“Stop.”**

Reminder

Discontinue rule—No words read correctly in the first row.

Hesitation rule—3 seconds—Tell the student the word. If

necessary, indicate for student to continue with next word.

Do not give passages #2 and #3 and do not administer retell if student reads fewer than 10 words correctly.

Notes:

ORF Progress Monitoring 20

My Soccer Team

I am so happy! I just found out I can be on the soccer team. 15
 We have our first practice on Saturday. We practice at my school 27
 right after lunch. 30
 Our team is called the Blue Bombers. Our colors are blue and 42
 white so I get to wear blue shorts and a blue and white shirt. The 57
 number on my shirt is seven. I'm seven years old, too. I think 70
 seven must be my lucky number. 76
 We play our first game next week on Saturday. I can't wait 88
 to play. My dad said if I practice a lot I will do well at the games. 105
 My dad is going to practice with me tonight. 114
 Right after dinner my dad is going to take me to the store to 128
 buy some soccer shoes and a soccer ball. Then we will play on 141
 the grass by my school. My dad will help me to kick the ball and 156
 to run fast and kick the ball at the same time. 167
 I am so excited I don't think I will get to sleep tonight. I need 182
 to sleep so that I can be rested and strong for my soccer 195
 practice. 196

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ORF Progress Monitoring 1

The Ant Hill

Dad and I took a hike in the woods. We walked for a long 14
 time and stopped to take a rest. We sat down on a log and had a 30
 drink of water. A big hill was nearby. 38
 Dad said, "Look, there's an ant hill." 45
 I walked up to the hill and took a closer peek. At first it 59
 looked just like a dirt hill. Then I noticed a few ants running 72
 around. I looked closer. I saw little ants carrying pieces of 83
 mushroom. The pieces were almost as big as the ants. 93
 "What are they doing, Dad?" I asked. 100
 "They're taking food inside the hill. They probably have 109
 thousands of ants to feed inside." Dad said, "Watch this." He 120
 gently poked a twig into a small hole on the hill. All of a sudden, 135
 many ants came out. 139
 "The ants are on alert, trying to protect their hill," he said. 151
 I bent down to look closer. Some ants climbed on my shoes. 163
 "We should leave now," Dad said. Dad and I walked and 174
 walked until we were home. Now whenever I see one ant, I stop 187
 and think about the city of ants they might be feeding and 199
 protecting. 200

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ORF Progress Monitoring 2

The Rainy Day Picnic

15 I was so sad. This was the day we were going to the park for

29 a picnic. I wanted to go to the playground. I wanted to swing. I

43 wanted to lay on the grass and look up at the fluffy clouds. But

52 that morning it was raining. There were puddles everywhere.

61 And we could hear thunder. I started to cry.

71 My mother said, "Wait! We will still have the picnic!"

82 I cried, "But how? It won't be fun if it's wet!"

96 She told me to sit down and read a book. Then she said she'd

110 make an indoor picnic for us. I could hear her doing things in the

123 kitchen. She told me not to look. Then, when she was ready, she

130 said to come into the living room.

144 I saw a blanket on the rug. I saw the picnic basket full of

156 sandwiches and potato chips and fruit. I saw pillows to lie on.

165 My mother was wearing her straw hat and sunglasses.

172 "Come on," she said. "It's picnic time!"

183 It was the best rainy-day picnic I ever went to.

Total words: _____ – errors: _____ = words correct: _____

Retell:

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ORF Progress Monitoring 19

The Best Birthday Present

9 My favorite birthday present ever was from great-grandma.

23 She gave me a crisp ten dollar bill! It was the most money I've

27 ever had to spend.

40 I thought and thought about how to spend it. I could take a

54 friend to the movies. My friend and I could go to the wave pool.

69 I could buy a new book. I could spend it on candy. I could buy

81 myself a new T-shirt. Or, I could go to the toy store.

94 I decided to go shopping. The toy store is full of neat things.

107 First I looked at games. They all cost more than ten dollars. Then

120 I looked at the magic tricks. I already had most of them. The

131 puzzles cost too much, too. Then I looked at the sports

140 equipment. Everything cost a lot more than ten dollars.

153 Then I saw the books. There were rows and rows of them. I

167 spotted a joke book. It looked just right for me. It was only five

181 dollars. I asked mom if my friend and I could go for ice cream.

193 She said yes. We had chocolate ice cream sodas for five dollars.

206 I think I really got my money's worth with that ten dollars. I

219 have a new book and my friend and I had a special treat.

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ORF Progress Monitoring 18

The Frog

I heard a frog outside. It said, "rivet, rivet." I went to see 13
 where it was. I looked under the porch. I looked under the car. I 27
 looked all around the backyard. I even looked in the garbage can 39
 but I could not see a frog. 46

I kept hearing the frog, so I sat on the porch and listened. 59
 When I heard it again, it sounded like it was so close I could 73
 touch it. I looked all around me, but I still could not see the frog. 88
 I waited until the sun went down and the moon came up. I 101
 couldn't wait any longer because it was my bedtime. My mother 112
 said it was bedtime and I had to go inside. I heard the frog again 127
 when I was in bed. 132

"Mom," I called. "The frog is still outside. Can I keep 143
 searching for it?" 146

"No," she said. "It's too late and you have to go to sleep 159
 now. You can look tomorrow." 164

The next day I sat outside where I thought the frog was. I sat 178
 really quietly to see if I could hear the frog. I thought I saw 192
 something move in the grass. Then the frog just jumped up out 204
 of the grass. It came right up to me. It made the same sound 218
 again, "rivet, rivet." 221

I think that frog was saying hello to me. 230

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ORF Progress Monitoring 3

Visiting Aunt Rose

My Aunt Rose invited me to spend the weekend. Aunt Rose 11
 doesn't have kids. She said I could be her kid for two days. She's 25
 like my big sister. 29

I like to go to visit my Aunt Rose's home. She likes to do the 44
 same things I like. I like to go swimming. So does my Aunt 57
 Rose. The pool where she goes also has a hot tub. I like to sit in 73
 the hot tub. So does my Aunt Rose. I always bring my swimming 86
 suit when I visit. 90

Our weekend was perfect. On Saturday we went out for 100
 breakfast. I had strawberry pancakes with whipped cream. Then 109
 we went shopping. She bought me a pink shirt. Then we went 121
 swimming and sat in the hot tub. 128

On Sunday she helped me make oatmeal cookies. Then we 138
 painted each other's nails. Our fingers and toes match. They are 149
 bright pink. Then we went to the movies. We saw *The Lion* 161
King. 162

Aunt Rose drove me home. I handed my mother a plate of 174
 the oatmeal cookies. I showed my brother my new shirt. Dad 185
 admired my bright pink nails. 190

"Dad," I asked, "Could I live at Aunt Rose's?" 199

"No," he said. "If you went there all the time it wouldn't be a 213
 special treat." 215

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ORF Progress Monitoring 4

The Robin's Nest

10 There was a robin's nest outside our kitchen window. The

25 nest was in a tall bush. The mother robin sat in the nest all day

37 long. One day when I was watching, the mother bird flew away.

50 I saw the eggs she was sitting on. There were four blue eggs.

61 I watched and watched. Pretty soon the eggs started to move.

73 I watched some more until the eggs started to crack. Finally, the

85 eggs hatched. I saw four baby birds. The baby birds opened their

96 beaks wide. I heard them peeping. Soon the mother bird came

106 back. Then the mother robin put worms in their mouths.

117 Every day I watched the baby birds and their mother. Pretty

130 soon the babies were so fat there was no room for the mother.

140 Then one morning the nest was gone from the bush.

149 "Mom!" I cried. "Something has happened to the robins!"

160 We went outside and looked around. The nest lay on the

172 ground. It was still in one piece. But there were no robins

183 anywhere. Just then, we heard chirping. We looked up, just in

190 time to see five robins fly away.

193 Goodbye, little robins!

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ORF Progress Monitoring 17

My Lemonade Stand

14 It was a very hot day and I was bored. My sister was bored,

28 too. I asked my mom what we could do. She said we could have

40 a lemonade stand. But she said we couldn't argue. We said we

43 would get along.

58 I was in charge of the sign and the stand. I found a card table

73 and put it on the sidewalk. I took out two chairs. Then I made a

79 sign. It said, "Lemonade, ten cents."

90 My sister made the lemonade. She took out lemons and sugar

103 and water. She added ice cubes. Mom gave us a plastic jug to

112 use. She said we could use plastic cups, too.

120 Even before we sat down the mailman stopped.

133 "It's a hot day and I could use a cool drink," he said.

144 Then some big kids on bikes stopped. They bought two cups

157 each. By the end of the day we had sold twenty cups of

167 lemonade. My sister had to make the lemonade three different

177 times. We counted our money. We had made three dollars.

190 But my mom said the best part was that my sister and I

192 worked together.

203 "I'm proud of you," she said. "You can have a lemonade

209 stand another day, if you want."

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ORF Progress Monitoring 16

Camping at Home

My brother and I have a pup tent. Our uncle used it when he 14
 went backpacking. It's too small for him now. Dad helped us put 26
 it up in the back yard. It's just big enough for my brother and 40
 me. We put our sleeping bags inside. They fit perfectly. 50
 Dad said, "Now you can camp in the backyard." 59
 He said we could make a camp under the maple tree. My 71
 uncle said we could use his old backpack and dishes in the camp. 84
 We had to pretend to have a campfire. We pretended to prepare 96
 dinner. We pretended to eat hot dogs and roast marshmallows. 106
 It was getting dark. Dad asked us if we wanted to sleep 118
 outside. 119
 "Sure!" we said. 122
 We climbed into our sleeping bags. Dad and Mom zipped 132
 them up. Dad gave us each a flashlight. 140
 "We'll leave the door open," he said. 147
 Mom said, "You can come into the house anytime you 157
 want." 158
 They said good night and went in the house. They turned out 170
 the lights. We were all by ourselves. Then we heard strange 181
 noises outside. We missed our beds. So we came in and went to 194
 sleep in our own beds. But we still camp during the day! 206

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ORF Progress Monitoring 5

My Rock Collection

I started a rock collection. It began when I visited the coast. 12
 There were so many rocks on the beach. They were wet and 24
 shiny from the water. They came in many beautiful colors. They 35
 were pink, green, black, and white. Some rocks had been worn 46
 by the waves. One even had a hole in it. When the rocks dried 60
 they were not so colorful. 65
 I found more rocks when we went to the desert. They are 77
 made of sandstone. They are dark red and tan. They are rough. 89
 Some sparkle like gold and silver. 95
 When we went to the mountains I found more rocks. They 106
 are red and full of little holes. They are called lava. Lava is rock 120
 that became so hot it melted. Then it cooled. There are different 132
 kinds of lava. Some kinds of lava are shiny and black. They feel 145
 like glass. 147
 My favorite rocks came from the river. They are round and 158
 smooth. They got that way when the water ran over and over 170
 them. 171
 I like rock collecting. Wherever I go, I can pick up new 183
 rocks. It doesn't cost a penny. I keep my rocks in a shoebox 196
 under my bed. I'm going to take them to school for sharing day. 209

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Retell Total: _____

ORF Progress Monitoring 6

The Snow Person

12 This morning when I woke up it was freezing cold. I looked
 23 out and the ground was covered with white. It had snowed
 35 during the night. Mom said there would be no school because of
 50 the snow. She said I could go outside and play in the snow. I had
 56 to eat a hot breakfast first.
 68 I dressed in my warm clothes. I wore mittens and a stocking
 81 cap. Mom helped me with my rubber boots. I was so bundled up
 85 I could hardly walk.
 97 The grass was covered with soft snow and it was very quiet.
 110 Then all my friends came out to play. It wasn't quiet for long!
 121 My friends helped me make a snow person. We made snowballs
 133 first. We rolled them up until they were big. Then we stacked
 143 three big balls of snow on top of each other.
 156 Mom let us use one of Dad's old hats. We used rocks for
 169 buttons and eyes. My friend found a carrot to use for the nose.
 179 We made arms from branches and ears from small snowballs.
 185 Our snow person sure looked handsome.
 197 Then we lay down on the snow. We moved our legs and
 208 arms back and forth. That's how you make snow angels. Mom
 217 brought out cups of steaming hot chocolate. They had
 223 marshmallows on top and tasted wonderful.
 235 The next morning all that snow had melted. Only the hat lay
 241 where the snow person had been.

Retell: _____

ORF Total: _____

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Retell Total: _____

ORF Progress Monitoring 15

My Big Sister

15 I have a big sister. She is six years old and I am four. We
 27 play together sometimes. I like to play with her, but there are
 39 times she makes me upset. She can be a bully. Sometimes she
 52 takes my playthings away from me. She can be mean to me. I
 65 don't like it when she's mean. But she says I'm just her little
 66 brother.
 79 So I tell my parents. Then my sister gets into trouble and gets
 92 punished. She has to take a time out and stay in her bedroom.
 103 She can't come into my bedroom. Then she acts nice again.
 115 Mom says she is learning how to be a nice big sister.
 127 We're getting a new baby at our house next month. We don't
 144 know if it's a boy or a girl. I hope it's a brother so I can play
 157 trucks with him. My sister hopes it's a sister so she can play
 160 dolls with her.
 176 No matter what it is, a boy or a girl, soon I will be a big
 189 brother. But I'm not going to upset the baby. I won't make the
 203 baby cry and I'm not going to be a bully. I won't take playthings
 216 away. I'll be nice, not mean, and I won't need any time outs.
 225 I can't wait for our new baby to come.

Retell: _____

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ORF Progress Monitoring 14

The Farmer's Market

I like summer because we go to the farm to buy fresh fruit and vegetables. You can buy big red tomatoes and corn on the cob. They sell peaches, melons and berries. My favorites are corn and peaches.

Sometimes we pick the fruit right off the trees or bushes. Sometimes the farmer has already picked it and puts it in baskets. He puts out samples to taste.

Once we picked black cherries. They were so good. You could eat as many as you wanted to. We could even reach the cherries from the ground.

We can also pick flowers to take home. Sometimes we can pet the sheep and goats. We always ask first. The farm dog is always happy to see us. She likes to be petted, too.

When fall comes we go to the same farm and pick out pumpkins. They sell apples and nuts. You can sample fresh apple cider. We bought an apple pie to take home.

Last year we walked in the farm's corn maze. I could hide in the tall corn. I almost got lost. We went on a wagon ride through the apple trees. We saw a giant pumpkin. It was so big nobody could take it home.

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Retell Total: _____

ORF Progress Monitoring 7

The Cell Phone

My dad has a cell phone. He's a salesman and drives all over the state. He uses the cell phone to let people at his work know what his customers need. He can ask someone at the office to help a customer before he returns. He can call home and tell us he's going to be late.

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 51 are older.
 62 It was pretty quiet at night before baby Robin came. But
 75 Robin cries a lot at night. Her crying wakes me up. My mother
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 131 hears dogs barking or the radio. If the doorbell or phone rings,
 143 she keeps on sleeping. She doesn't wake up when I come home
 156 from school. She never wakes up when we play hide and seek in
 158 her yard.
 169 Then one night Robin slept the entire night. Everyone in our
 181 family had a good night's sleep. Then Robin was wide awake the
 193 next day. When I came home from school Robin was still awake.
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My friend and I opened my dress-up box. She saw all the clothes inside. She wanted to play dress-up with me. So we put on dresses. We wore hats and gloves. We put on high heeled shoes. We pretended we were grown-ups.

Then we went outside. I rang the doorbell. We waited. When my mother opened it she looked surprised.

“Well, hello, ladies,” she said. “What are your names?”

I said, “Our names are Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Baker.”

She asked if we’d like to come in for a tea party. We said yes. She told us to come in and sit in the dining room.

Then she went into the kitchen. She got out china cups and the tea pot. She boiled water and made tea. She poured it in our tea cups. She put fancy cookies on a plate. She sat down beside us. She put on a purple hat. She still acted like we really were ladies.

We drank our tea and tasted the cookies. She said we could come for tea again sometime. After my friend left I asked my mother if she knew who we really were. She just smiled.

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 94 ourselves off. She said yes and gave me some money. I went
 105 outside and waited. The ice cream truck came closer and closer.
 115 But it kept stopping. Other kids were buying cold treats.
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 142 want a treat."
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 174 asked what kind of treats he had.
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 189 Popsicles. Will that be okay?"
 200 I nodded. Root beer Popsicles are my favorite. I took my
 213 Popsicle and went back to our yard. I sat under the maple tree
 229 and ate it. It was so good. It cooled me off. I felt so much better.

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 27 the state. I never had to wear a seat belt. That's because we rode
 30 on the train.
 44 I like to ride the train. I can walk all around the train car
 59 whenever I want. We never have to pull over at a rest stop. I can
 73 make my seat lay down almost like a bed. If we get hungry or
 78 thirsty we can buy snacks.
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 101 showed a movie. I made friends with a boy my age.
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The Ant Hill

Dad and I took a hike in the woods. We walked for a long time and stopped to take a rest. We sat down on a log and had a drink of water. A big hill was nearby.

Dad said, "Look, there's an ant hill."

I walked up to the hill and took a closer peek. At first it looked just like a dirt hill. Then I noticed a few ants running around. I looked closer. I saw little ants carrying pieces of mushroom. The pieces were almost as big as the ants.

"What are they doing, Dad?" I asked.

"They're taking food inside the hill. They probably have thousands of ants to feed inside." Dad said, "Watch this." He gently poked a twig into a small hole on the hill. All of a sudden, many ants came out.

"The ants are on alert, trying to protect their hill," he said.

I bent down to look closer. Some ants climbed on my shoes.

"We should leave now," Dad said. Dad and I walked and walked until we were home. Now whenever I see one ant, I stop and think about the city of ants they might be feeding and protecting.

The Rainy Day Picnic

I was so sad. This was the day we were going to the park for a picnic. I wanted to go to the playground. I wanted to swing. I wanted to lay on the grass and look up at the fluffy clouds. But that morning it was raining. There were puddles everywhere. And we could hear thunder. I started to cry.

My mother said, “Wait! We will still have the picnic!”

I cried, “But how? It won’t be fun if it’s wet!”

She told me to sit down and read a book. Then she said she’d make an indoor picnic for us. I could hear her doing things in the kitchen. She told me not to look. Then, when she was ready, she said to come into the living room.

I saw a blanket on the rug. I saw the picnic basket full of sandwiches and potato chips and fruit. I saw pillows to lie on. My mother was wearing her straw hat and sunglasses.

“Come on,” she said. “It’s picnic time!”

It was the best rainy-day picnic I ever went to.

Visiting Aunt Rose

My Aunt Rose invited me to spend the weekend. Aunt Rose doesn't have kids. She said I could be her kid for two days. She's like my big sister.

I like to go to visit my Aunt Rose's home. She likes to do the same things I like. I like to go swimming. So does my Aunt Rose. The pool where she goes also has a hot tub. I like to sit in the hot tub. So does my Aunt Rose. I always bring my swimming suit when I visit.

Our weekend was perfect. On Saturday we went out for breakfast. I had strawberry pancakes with whipped cream. Then we went shopping. She bought me a pink shirt. Then we went swimming and sat in the hot tub.

On Sunday she helped me make oatmeal cookies. Then we painted each other's nails. Our fingers and toes match. They are bright pink. Then we went to the movies. We saw *The Lion King*.

Aunt Rose drove me home. I handed my mother a plate of the oatmeal cookies. I showed my brother my new shirt. Dad admired my bright pink nails.

"Dad," I asked, "Could I live at Aunt Rose's?"

"No," he said. "If you went there all the time it wouldn't be a special treat."

The Robin's Nest

There was a robin's nest outside our kitchen window. The nest was in a tall bush. The mother robin sat in the nest all day long. One day when I was watching, the mother bird flew away. I saw the eggs she was sitting on. There were four blue eggs.

I watched and watched. Pretty soon the eggs started to move. I watched some more until the eggs started to crack. Finally, the eggs hatched. I saw four baby birds. The baby birds opened their beaks wide. I heard them peeping. Soon the mother bird came back. Then the mother robin put worms in their mouths.

Every day I watched the baby birds and their mother. Pretty soon the babies were so fat there was no room for the mother. Then one morning the nest was gone from the bush.

"Mom!" I cried. "Something has happened to the robins!"

We went outside and looked around. The nest lay on the ground. It was still in one piece. But there were no robins anywhere. Just then, we heard chirping. We looked up, just in time to see five robins fly away.

Goodbye, little robins!

My Rock Collection

I started a rock collection. It began when I visited the coast. There were so many rocks on the beach. They were wet and shiny from the water. They came in many beautiful colors. They were pink, green, black, and white. Some rocks had been worn by the waves. One even had a hole in it. When the rocks dried they were not so colorful.

I found more rocks when we went to the desert. They are made of sandstone. They are dark red and tan. They are rough. Some sparkle like gold and silver.

When we went to the mountains I found more rocks. They are red and full of little holes. They are called lava. Lava is rock that became so hot it melted. Then it cooled. There are different kinds of lava. Some kinds of lava are shiny and black. They feel like glass.

My favorite rocks came from the river. They are round and smooth. They got that way when the water ran over and over them.

I like rock collecting. Wherever I go, I can pick up new rocks. It doesn't cost a penny. I keep my rocks in a shoebox under my bed. I'm going to take them to school for sharing day.

The Snow Person

This morning when I woke up it was freezing cold. I looked out and the ground was covered with white. It had snowed during the night. Mom said there would be no school because of the snow. She said I could go outside and play in the snow. I had to eat a hot breakfast first.

I dressed in my warm clothes. I wore mittens and a stocking cap. Mom helped me with my rubber boots. I was so bundled up I could hardly walk.

The grass was covered with soft snow and it was very quiet. Then all my friends came out to play. It wasn't quiet for long! My friends helped me make a snow person. We made snowballs first. We rolled them up until they were big. Then we stacked three big balls of snow on top of each other.

Mom let us use one of Dad's old hats. We used rocks for buttons and eyes. My friend found a carrot to use for the nose. We made arms from branches and ears from small snowballs. Our snow person sure looked handsome.

Then we lay down on the snow. We moved our legs and arms back and forth. That's how you make snow angels. Mom brought out cups of steaming hot chocolate. They had marshmallows on top and tasted wonderful.

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One of my favorite things to do at the beach is to watch the animals. The seagulls wait for the tide to come in. Their feet make trails on the sand. The crabs hurry to get back in their holes under water. The sea lions pop their heads up in the waves. The sea lions have big brown eyes and bark like dogs.

Sometimes the water is too cold to go swimming. Then I search for things in the sand. I find pieces of driftwood and seaweed. I look for shells and sand dollars. Sometimes I find pretty shells. I like to take them home. I keep the shells on a shelf in my bedroom. Whenever I want to, I look at the shells in my room. I think about the fun I have at the beach.

The Farmer's Market

I like summer because we go to the farm to buy fresh fruit and vegetables. You can buy big red tomatoes and corn on the cob. They sell peaches, melons and berries. My favorites are corn and peaches.

Sometimes we pick the fruit right off the trees or bushes. Sometimes the farmer has already picked it and puts it in baskets. He puts out samples to taste.

Once we picked black cherries. They were so good. You could eat as many as you wanted to. We could even reach the cherries from the ground.

We can also pick flowers to take home. Sometimes we can pet the sheep and goats. We always ask first. The farm dog is always happy to see us. She likes to be petted, too.

When fall comes we go to the same farm and pick out pumpkins. They sell apples and nuts. You can sample fresh apple cider. We bought an apple pie to take home.

Last year we walked in the farm's corn maze. I could hide in the tall corn. I almost got lost. We went on a wagon ride through the apple trees. We saw a giant pumpkin. It was so big nobody could take it home.

My Big Sister

I have a big sister. She is six years old and I am four. We play together sometimes. I like to play with her, but there are times she makes me upset. She can be a bully. Sometimes she takes my playthings away from me. She can be mean to me. I don't like it when she's mean. But she says I'm just her little brother.

So I tell my parents. Then my sister gets into trouble and gets punished. She has to take a time out and stay in her bedroom. She can't come into my bedroom. Then she acts nice again. Mom says she is learning how to be a nice big sister.

We're getting a new baby at our house next month. We don't know if it's a boy or a girl. I hope it's a brother so I can play trucks with him. My sister hopes it's a sister so she can play dolls with her.

No matter what it is, a boy or a girl, soon I will be a big brother. But I'm not going to upset the baby. I won't make the baby cry and I'm not going to be a bully. I won't take playthings away. I'll be nice, not mean, and I won't need any time outs.

I can't wait for our new baby to come.

Camping at Home

My brother and I have a pup tent. Our uncle used it when he went backpacking. It's too small for him now. Dad helped us put it up in the back yard. It's just big enough for my brother and me. We put our sleeping bags inside. They fit perfectly.

Dad said, "Now you can camp in the backyard."

He said we could make a camp under the maple tree. My uncle said we could use his old backpack and dishes in the camp. We had to pretend to have a campfire. We pretended to prepare dinner. We pretended to eat hot dogs and roast marshmallows.

It was getting dark. Dad asked us if we wanted to sleep outside.

"Sure!" we said.

We climbed into our sleeping bags. Dad and Mom zipped them up. Dad gave us each a flashlight.

"We'll leave the door open," he said.

Mom said, "You can come into the house anytime you want."

They said good night and went in the house. They turned out the lights. We were all by ourselves. Then we heard strange noises outside. We missed our beds. So we came in and went to sleep in our own beds. But we still camp during the day!

My Lemonade Stand

It was a very hot day and I was bored. My sister was bored, too. I asked my mom what we could do. She said we could have a lemonade stand. But she said we couldn't argue. We said we would get along.

I was in charge of the sign and the stand. I found a card table and put it on the sidewalk. I took out two chairs. Then I made a sign. It said, "Lemonade, ten cents."

My sister made the lemonade. She took out lemons and sugar and water. She added ice cubes. Mom gave us a plastic jug to use. She said we could use plastic cups, too.

Even before we sat down the mailman stopped.

"It's a hot day and I could use a cool drink," he said.

Then some big kids on bikes stopped. They bought two cups each. By the end of the day we had sold twenty cups of lemonade. My sister had to make the lemonade three different times. We counted our money. We had made three dollars.

But my mom said the best part was that my sister and I worked together.

"I'm proud of you," she said. "You can have a lemonade stand another day, if you want."

The Frog

I heard a frog outside. It said, “rivet, rivet.” I went to see where it was. I looked under the porch. I looked under the car. I looked all around the backyard. I even looked in the garbage can but I could not see a frog.

I kept hearing the frog, so I sat on the porch and listened. When I heard it again, it sounded like it was so close I could touch it. I looked all around me, but I still could not see the frog. I waited until the sun went down and the moon came up. I couldn’t wait any longer because it was my bedtime. My mother said it was bedtime and I had to go inside. I heard the frog again when I was in bed.

“Mom,” I called. “The frog is still outside. Can I keep searching for it?”

“No,” she said. “It’s too late and you have to go to sleep now. You can look tomorrow.”

The next day I sat outside where I thought the frog was. I sat really quietly to see if I could hear the frog. I thought I saw something move in the grass. Then the frog just jumped up out of the grass. It came right up to me. It made the same sound again, “rivet, rivet.”

I think that frog was saying hello to me.

The Best Birthday Present

My favorite birthday present ever was from great-grandma. She gave me a crisp ten dollar bill! It was the most money I've ever had to spend.

I thought and thought about how to spend it. I could take a friend to the movies. My friend and I could go to the wave pool. I could buy a new book. I could spend it on candy. I could buy myself a new T-shirt. Or, I could go to the toy store.

I decided to go shopping. The toy store is full of neat things. First I looked at games. They all cost more than ten dollars. Then I looked at the magic tricks. I already had most of them. The puzzles cost too much, too. Then I looked at the sports equipment. Everything cost a lot more than ten dollars.

Then I saw the books. There were rows and rows of them. I spotted a joke book. It looked just right for me. It was only five dollars. I asked mom if my friend and I could go for ice cream. She said yes. We had chocolate ice cream sodas for five dollars.

I think I really got my money's worth with that ten dollars. I have a new book and my friend and I had a special treat.

My Soccer Team

I am so happy! I just found out I can be on the soccer team. We have our first practice on Saturday. We practice at my school right after lunch.

Our team is called the Blue Bombers. Our colors are blue and white so I get to wear blue shorts and a blue and white shirt. The number on my shirt is seven. I'm seven years old, too. I think seven must be my lucky number.

We play our first game next week on Saturday. I can't wait to play. My dad said if I practice a lot I will do well at the games. My dad is going to practice with me tonight.

Right after dinner my dad is going to take me to the store to buy some soccer shoes and a soccer ball. Then we will play on the grass by my school. My dad will help me to kick the ball and to run fast and kick the ball at the same time.

I am so excited I don't think I will get to sleep tonight. I need to sleep so that I can be rested and strong for my soccer practice.