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salt



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saltwater

2a

Animals, fish, and plants in the ocean live in saltwater.



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3a

seashell



3b

beach

ball

sea

shell

star

fish

4a

A boy uses a shovel, bucket, and sand to play in a .



4b

sandpaper

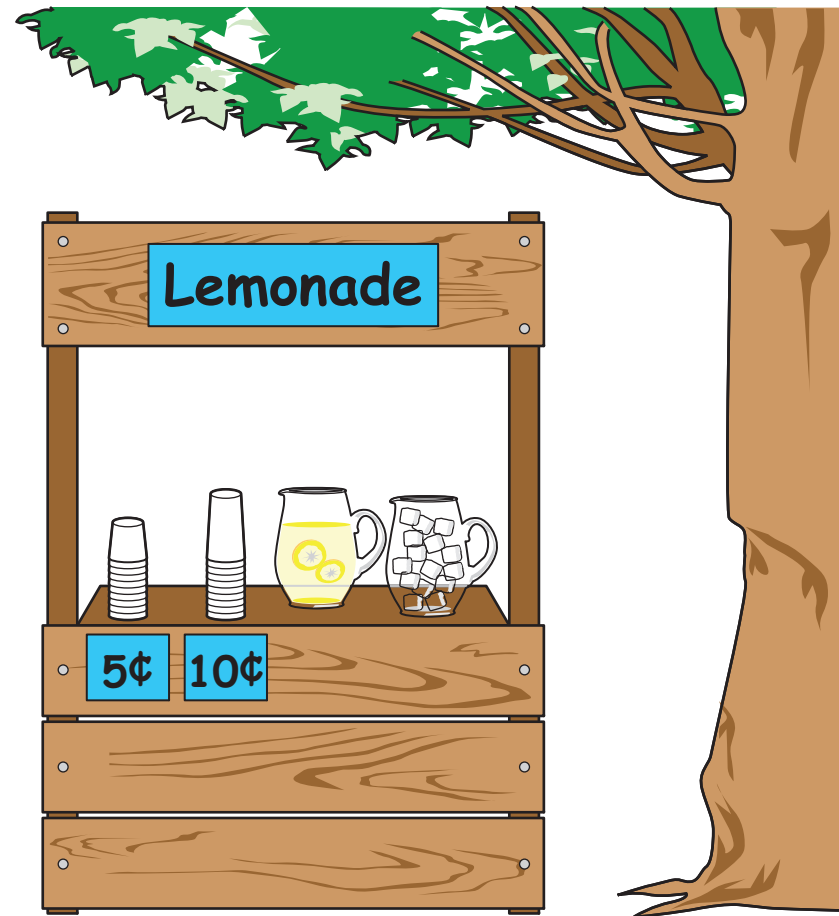
wallpaper

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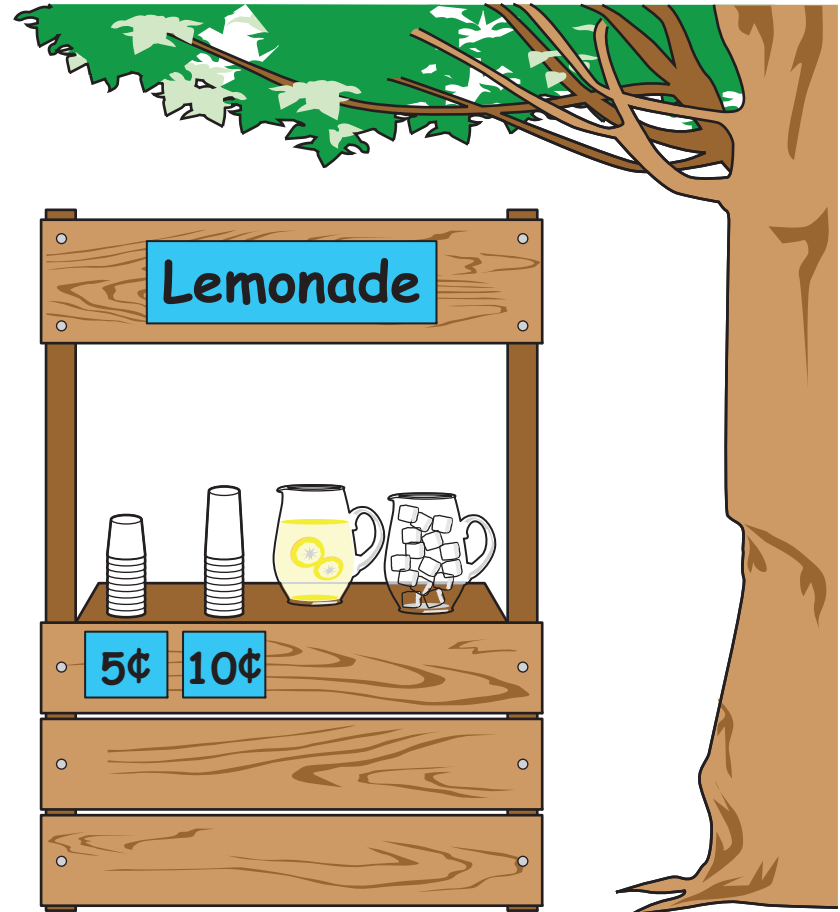
Lemonade Stand

by Myra Cohn Livingston

Every summer
under the shade
we fix up a stand
to sell lemonade.



A stack of cups,
a pitcher of ice,
a shirtboard sign
to tell the .

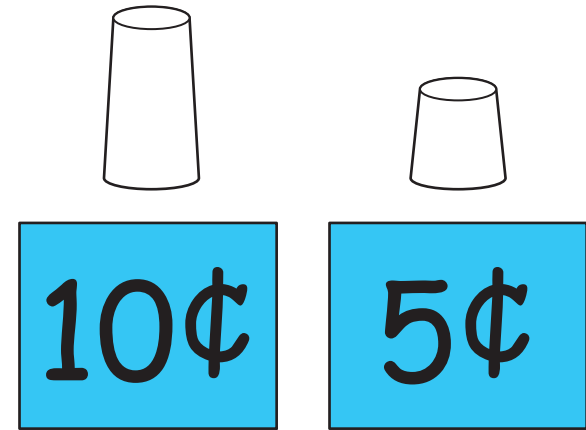


6b

price

pine

A dime for the big,
A nickel for small.
The nickel cup's short.
The dime cup's tall.



Plenty of sugar
to make it sweet,
and sometimes cookies
for us to .



7b

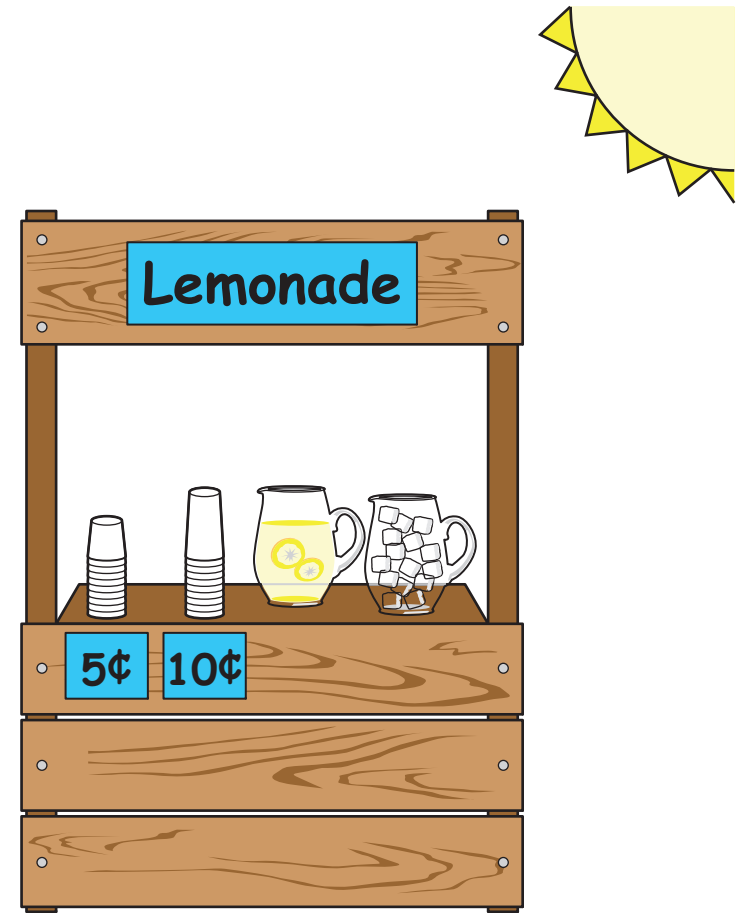
meat

eat

bake

But when the sun
moves into the shade
it gets too hot
to sell lemonade.

Nobody stops
so we put things away
and drink what's left
and start to play.



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Meet Mr. President and The First Lady



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Mr. President and The First Lady are a pair of American bald eagles that built their nest in a large tree in Washington, D.C., the city where the real president and First Lady live.



A television camera was placed near the tree where Mr. President and The First Lady were building their nest. Every day people went to a special website on their computers to watch what the American bald eagles were doing.

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Mr. President and The First Lady picked a good spot for their home. They chose a large, strong tree for their nest. The tree needed to be strong because their nest was very large. There was a river nearby where they caught plenty of fish to eat.

Soon after the nest was finished, The First Lady laid two eggs. About a month later, two little eaglets hatched. Mr. President and The First Lady kept them warm and brought them food.

People from around the world were watching the eaglets on their computers. Many thought of names for these two new American bald eagles. After people voted on their favorite names, the eaglets were called Freedom and Liberty.

A mother eagle feeds her eaglets tiny pieces of food.

An eagle catches fish in a river to feed its eaglets.

People from around the world voted to name the eaglets Freedom and Liberty.

When Freedom and Liberty were first born, they were covered with fuzz. As they grew, the eaglets' fuzz became feathers, and they were ready to learn to fly.



Once Freedom and Liberty were able to fly, Mr. President and The First Lady came only from time to time to bring food to their eaglets. Then one day in the summer, Freedom and Liberty flew away from the nest for the last time. Three days later Mr. President and The First Lady stopped coming to the nest. The cameras were turned off.



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Someday Mr. President and The First Lady may raise more eaglets in their nest in Washington, D.C. When they return, the cameras will start filming again, and people will be able to watch the eagles in hopes of seeing future sisters and brothers of Freedom and Liberty.

to show how parent eagles teach their eaglets to fly

to show how eagles change as they grow

to show different food that parent eagles feed their eaglets

Microchips for Pets



This dog was lost, but a microchip under her skin helped get her back to her owner.



Some lost animals go to an animal shelter, where workers scan them for a microchip. If the animal has a microchip, the workers use the information on the microchip to contact the dog's owner and get the dog back home.

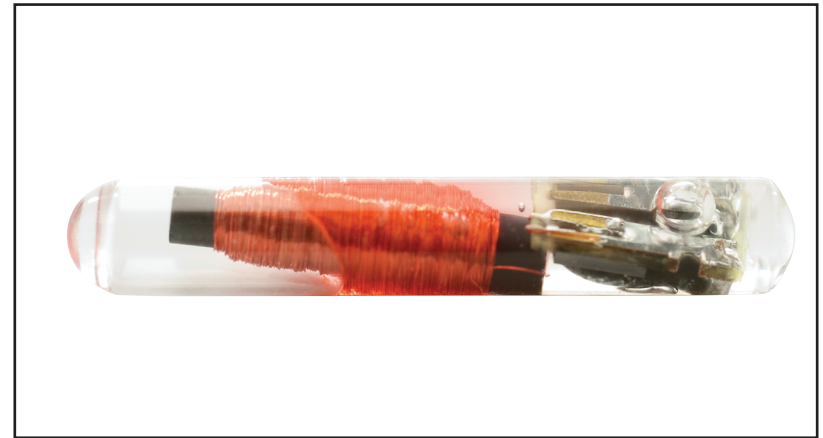


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Microchips help dogs and cats get back to their owners if they get lost. The microchip is a tiny glass tube. It is about the size of a grain of rice.



The vet gives the pet a shot to put the microchip under the animal's skin between the shoulders. It is always put in the same place so that any animal shelter worker or vet will know where to look for it on a lost pet.



After the pet is microchipped, the pet's owner gives the worker his or her name, address, and phone number. This information is stored on a computer.

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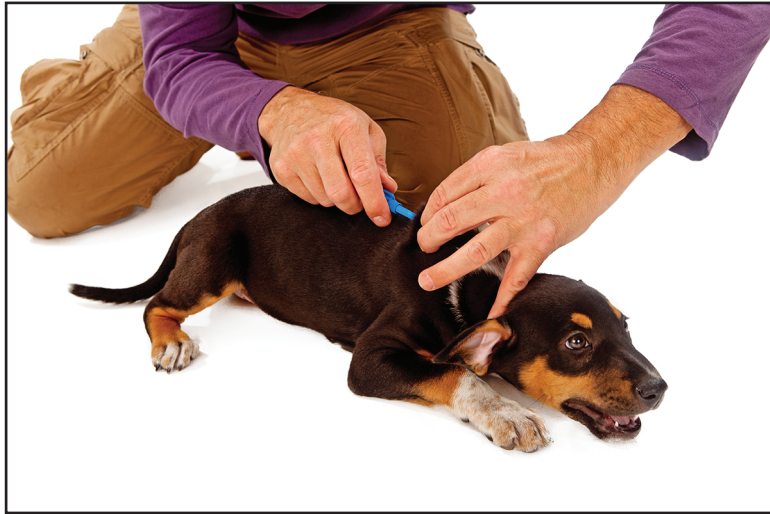


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Some pet owners think that putting tags on pet collars is enough to identify their pets if they are lost. Tags do help if a neighbor finds a lost

pet. But collars might get removed or slip off, and then the tags are lost.

Since microchips are placed under the pet's skin, they cannot be taken off like a collar can.



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Animal shelter manager Valerie Robinson encourages all pet owners to microchip their pets.

The animal shelter workers feel happy when a pet is returned to its owner because of a microchip. "Microchips can save an animal's life," Robinson says, "and get them back home where they belong."

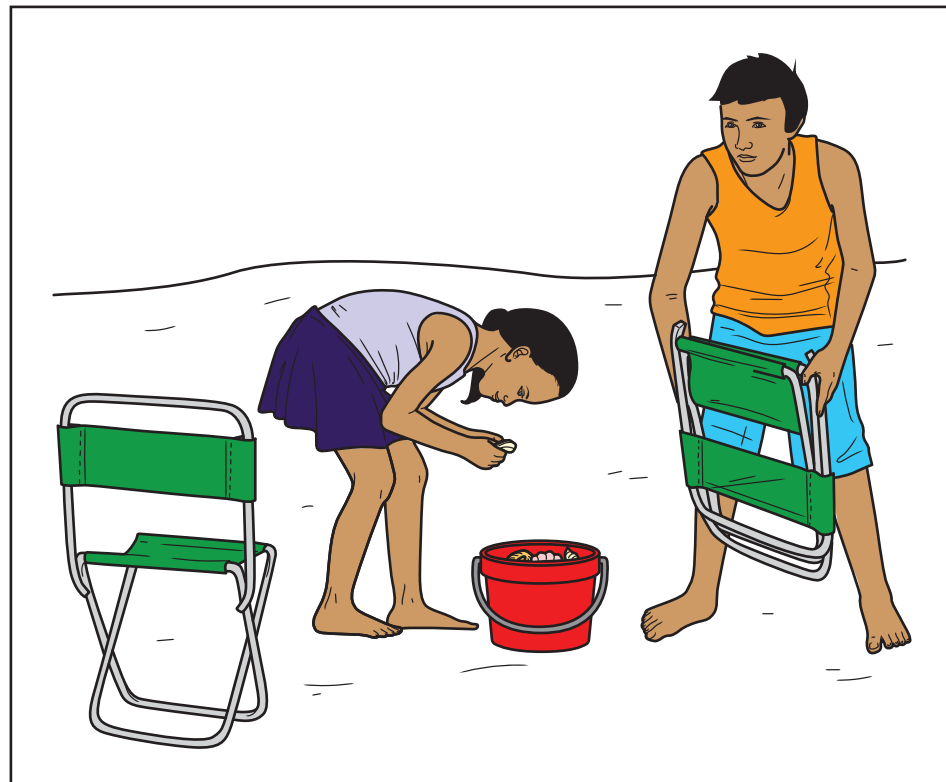
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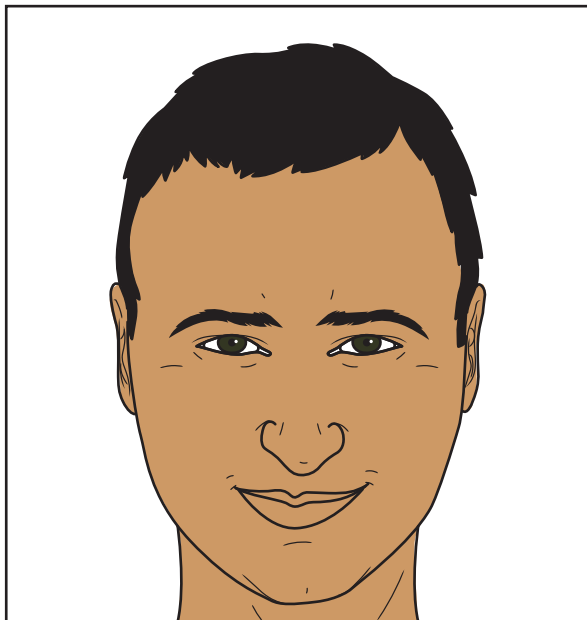
Cracked Seashells

Megan was excited to show her brother Eric the bucket full of seashells she found on the beach.

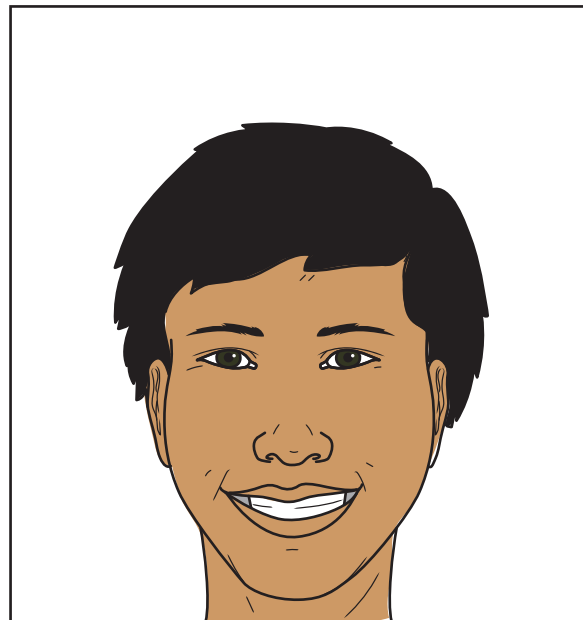


Megan was excited to show her brother Eric the bucket filled with seashells. Eric was not interested in seeing or hearing about the seashells. He was trying to help Dad get everything in the car so that they could go home after a long day at the beach.





Dad



Eric

Eric saw Megan's bucket of seashells on the ground next to the other things going into the car. Annoyed with his sister, he said, "You spent all day at the beach, and all you did was collect a bunch of old shells? What are you going to do with those silly things? Go dump out those shells. You can't take them home."



Megan began to feel tears in her eyes. "But I want them. Each one is a different shape and size. They are special," she said.



Suddenly Eric saw the water rising along the shore. "Oh no! The waves are about to take your beach chair and towel!"

As Megan ran to get her things, she called to Eric, "Please pack my shells!"

Eric was putting one of the beach chairs into the trunk when his foot accidentally knocked over Megan's bucket of seashells. The shells spilled onto the sand that covered the parking lot. As Eric lifted the heavy ice chest, his foot slipped, and he dropped the chest right on top of the seashells. Crunch!



Eric sat on the seashells.

Eric dropped the beach chair on top of the seashells.

Eric dropped the ice chest on top of the seashells.

20a



Megan got back to the car with her towel dragging behind her. She saw the ice chest Eric had dropped on top of her seashells. She began to cry. Eric got down on the ground and started picking up the broken shell pieces and placing them carefully into the bucket.

Dad tried to explain to Megan that it was an accident. But Megan was very upset and cried softly until she fell asleep on the drive home.

Eric felt sad also. He stared out the window and thought about what he could do to make things better. He remembered a craft book he had in his room. When he got home, he looked for the book and smiled when he found the perfect idea.



The next morning Eric was waiting for Megan with the bucket of shell pieces, a set of paints, a paintbrush, and some strong glue. He also had a framed picture of the two of them at the beach.

Eric helped Megan look through the bucket. They found several shells that were not broken and could still be used. Together they painted and glued shells to the frame.



"I'm really sorry," Eric said. "I was very careless with something special to you, and that was not very nice of me."

It was easy for Megan to forgive Eric. "You're the best big brother ever!" Megan said. They finished painting and gluing seashells, making a very special memory!



Megan is worried about going back to the beach next summer.

Megan is excited to work on the art project with Eric.

Megan is upset about the breakfast Eric made.

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