

Big and Small

Teal Square
Book 1

141 Words



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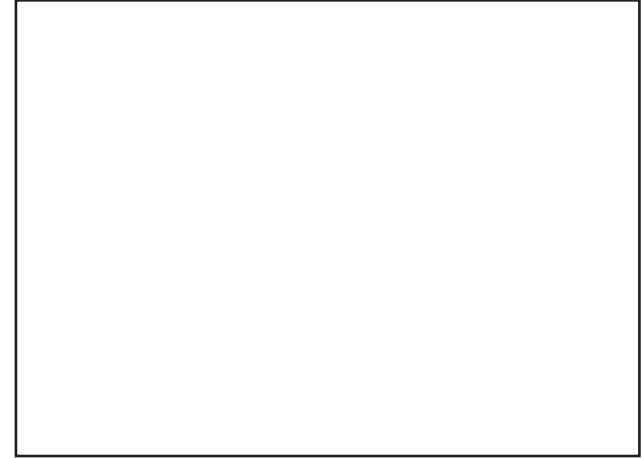
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Big and Small	
Teal Square: Book 1	
Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <e>/ē/ (<i>me</i>) and <o>/ō/ (<i>go</i>)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - long vowel phonemes in open syllables	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - <i>you</i>
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 141 words

Can you mix big things with
small things?

Big and Small



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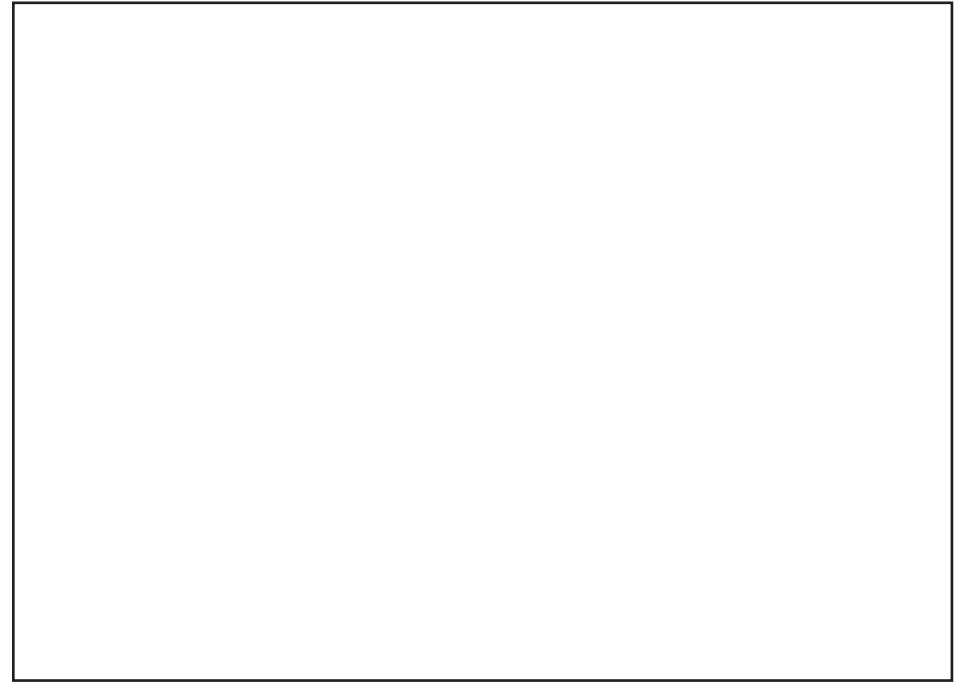
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Jo is small. She is standing next
to a trunk that is so tall! Jo
thinks the trunk will stretch up
until it gets to the sun.



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Things can be big.



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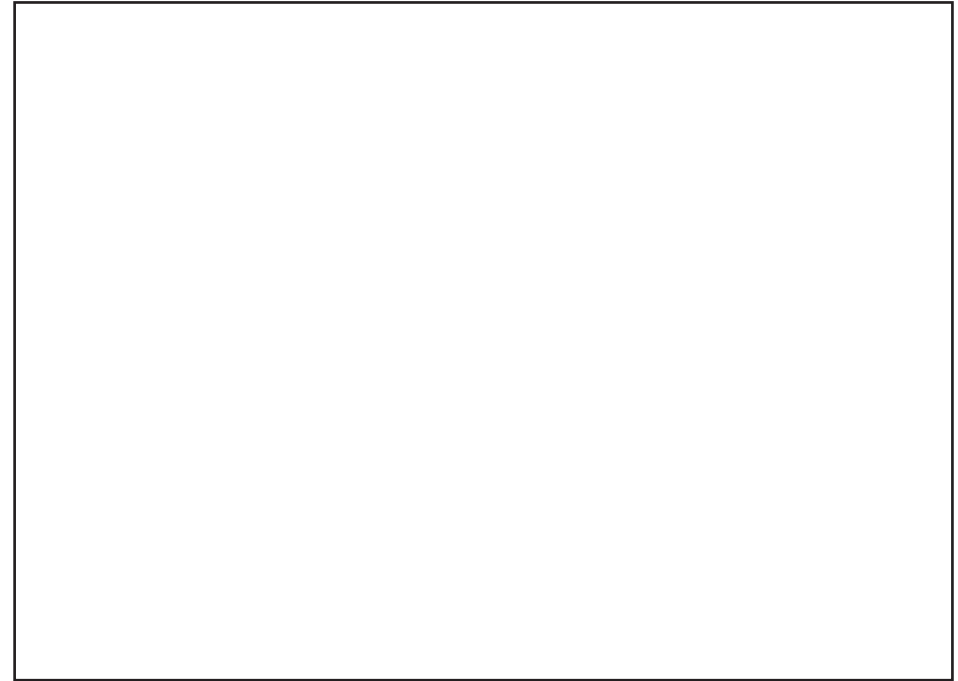
You can spot big things next to
small things. Mixing big and small
can be fun.



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This ship is long and tall.

The tug is small, but it is also strong! It can pull a jumbo ship to its dock.



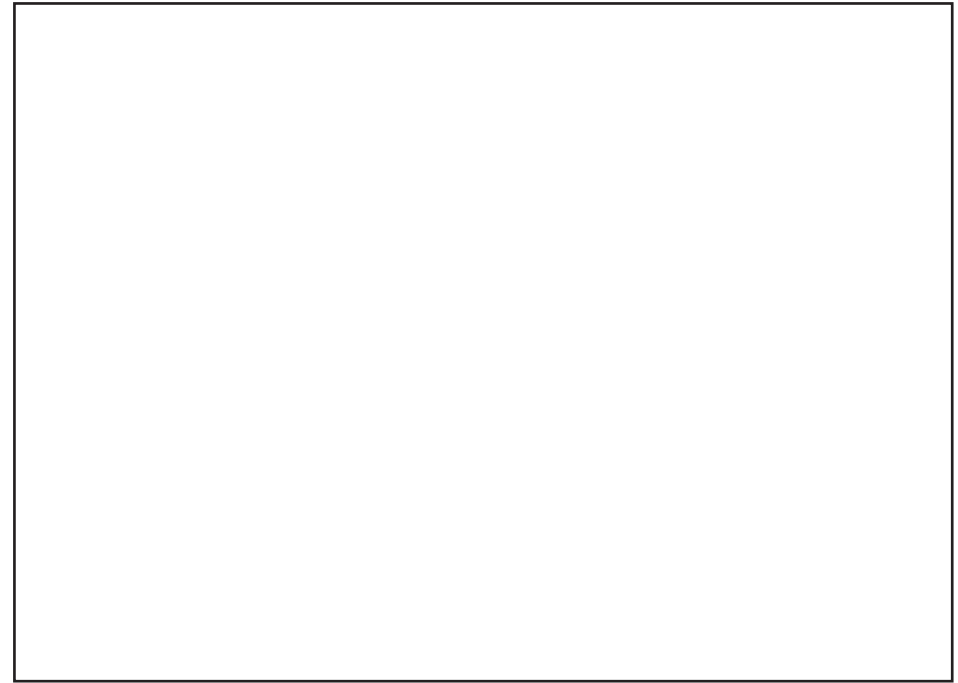
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We think this frog is small, but the bug thinks the frog is big! Can you spot the bug? The bug will sit still so the frog will not catch it.



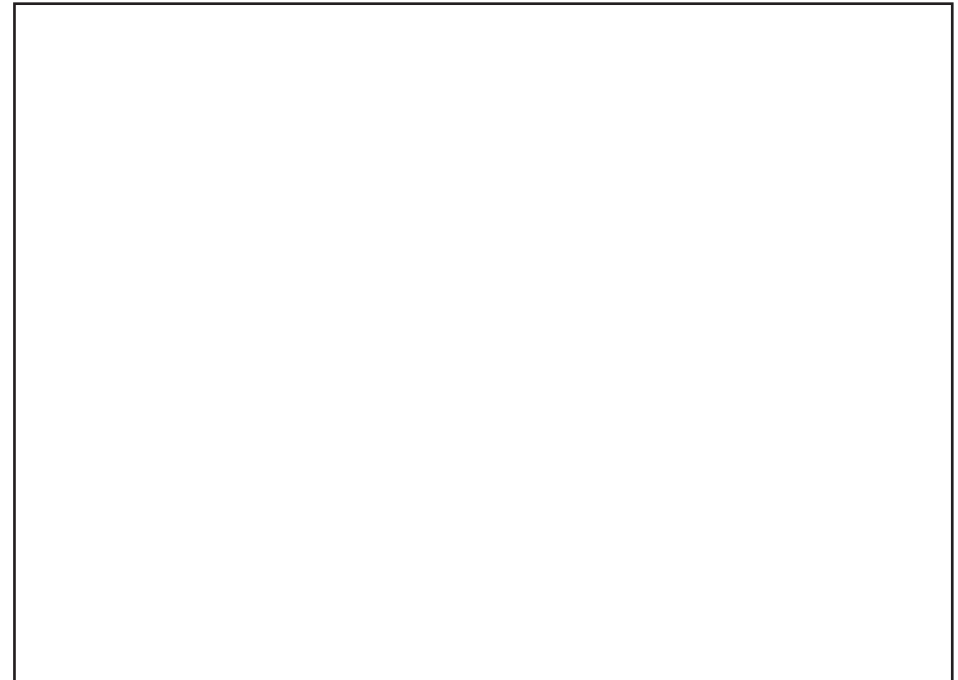
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Things can be small as well.



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Seth is SO big! Enzo is not big at all. Enzo has to run if he wants to go as fast as Dad and Seth.



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My Kitten, Coco

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Book 2

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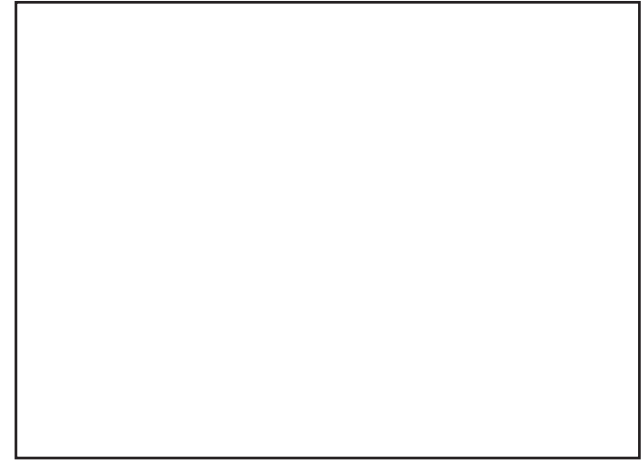
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My Kitten, Coco Teal Square: Book 2	
Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <y>/i/ (by)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - <y> is pronounced /i/ in stressed open syllables	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - suffix <-es> as plural and as third person, singular, present tense verb	Word Count - 141 words

My Coco is the best kitten!

My Kitten, Coco



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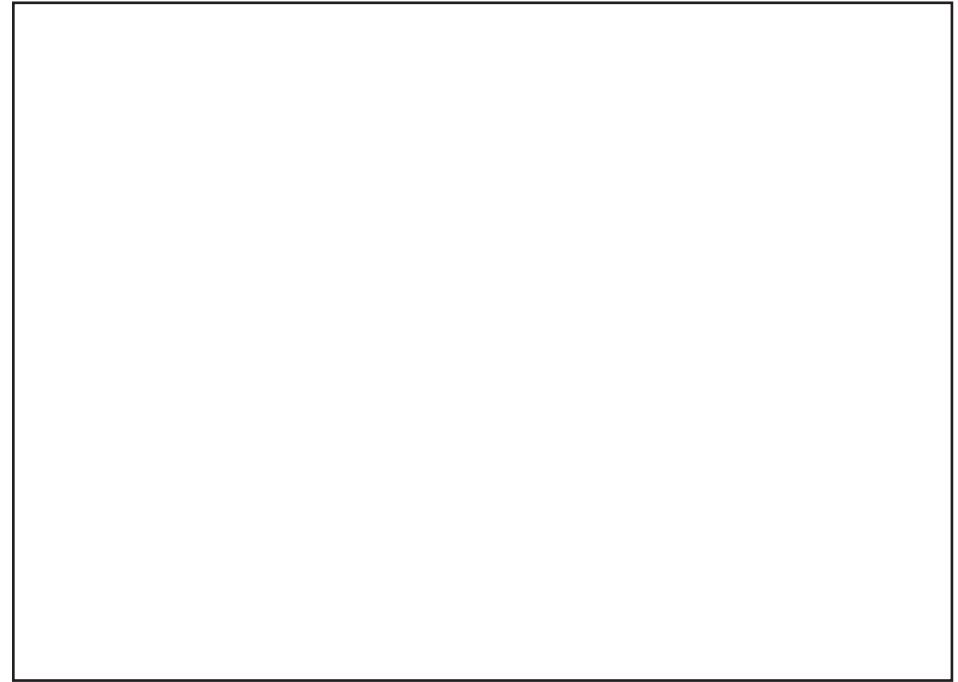
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Coco's mom washes him by
licking him. He thinks a dry bath
is best. Getting wet is no fun!



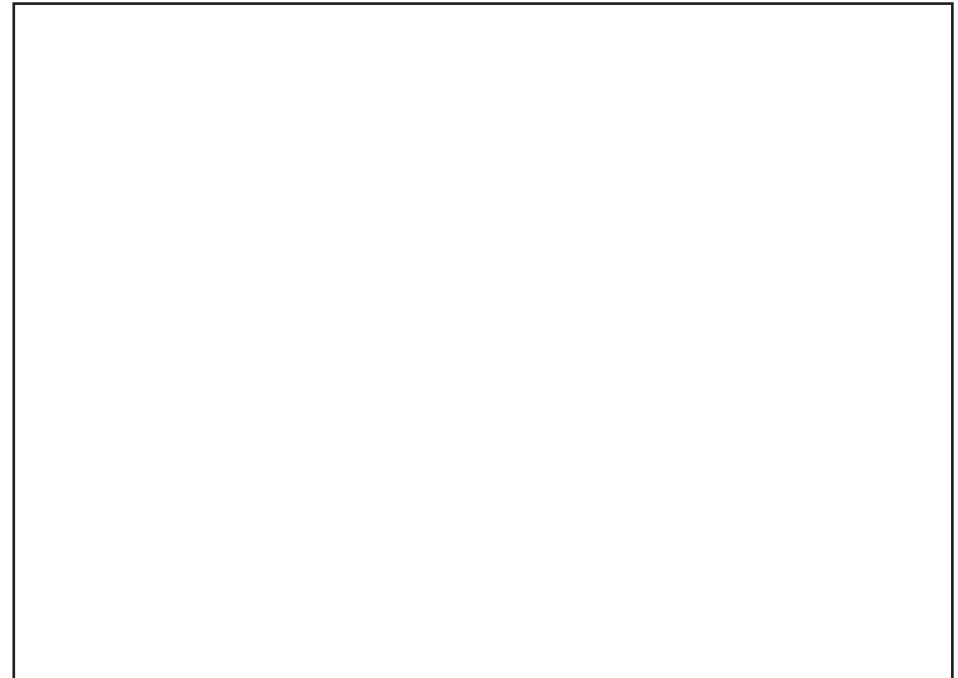
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This is my kitten. We call him Coco.



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Coco can be shy. He tends to run off if we try to pick him up. He thinks he is hidden in the blanket, but you can still spot him.



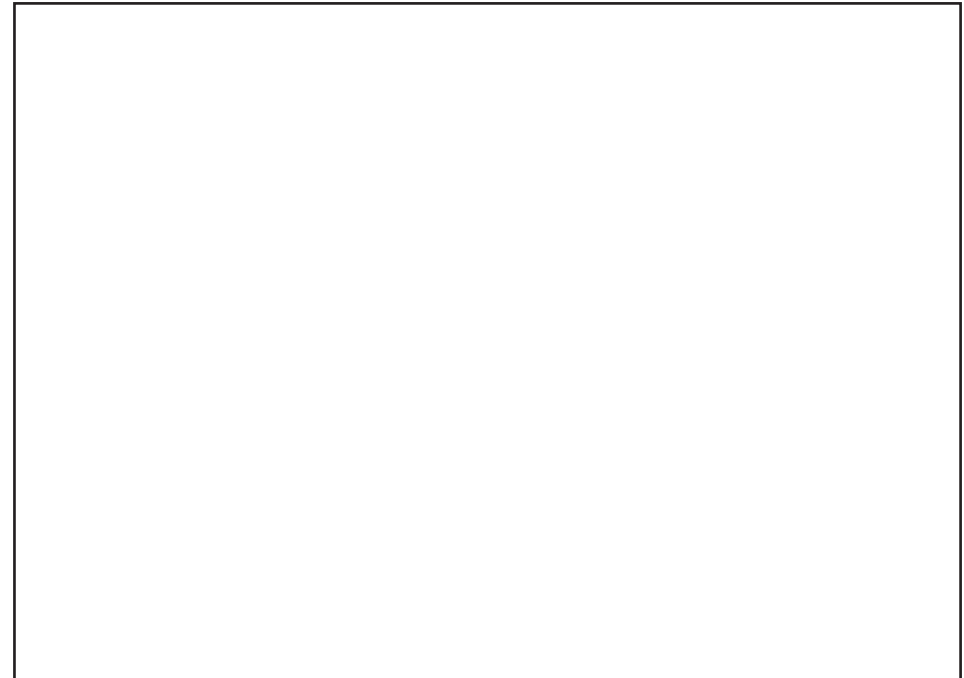
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Kittens nap a lot. Coco stretches,
then has a nap in his bed.
His blanket is soft and snug.



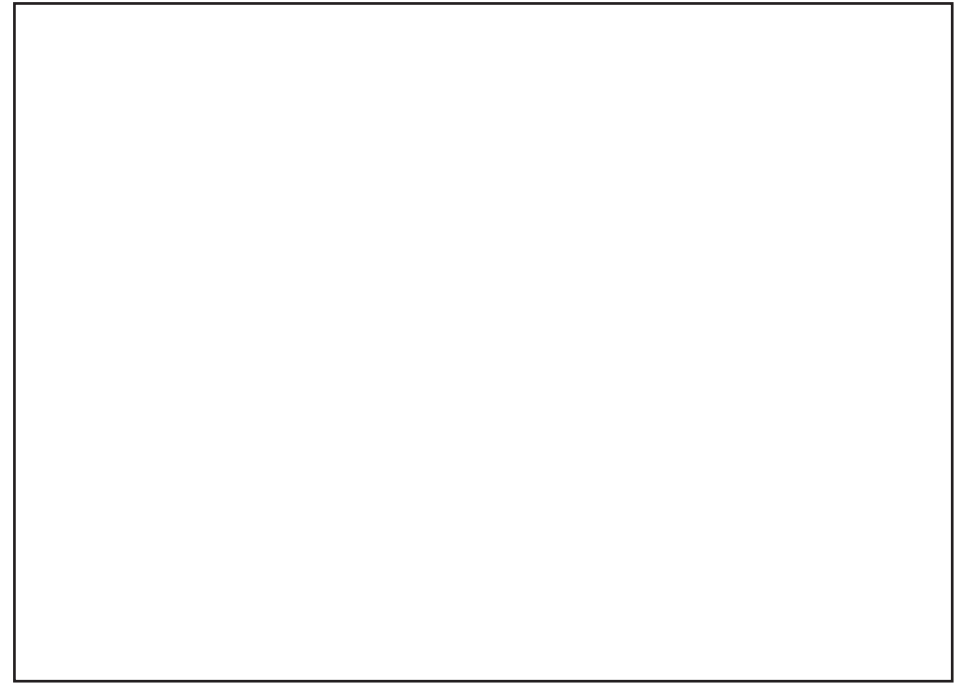
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Coco has fun in boxes and
baskets. If he spots my basket,
he will try to hop in. He thinks
sitting in a basket is fun!



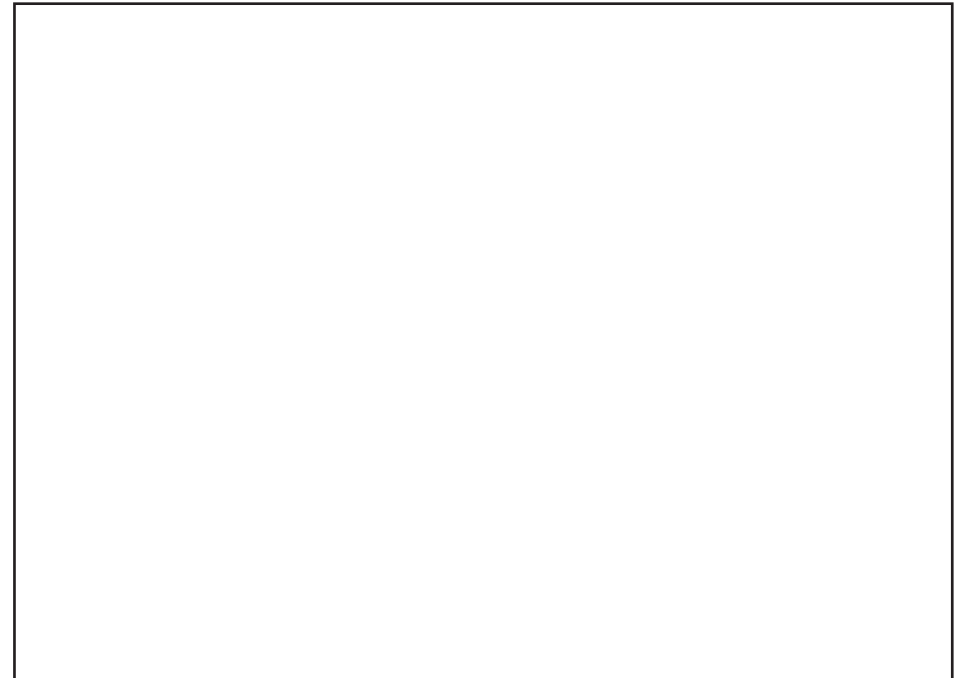
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Coco is so small that he can fit
in my hands!



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If Coco wants a snack, he will
tell me by crying and tapping
my leg. He is as small as
his dishes.



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Cake
Teal Square
Book 3
149 Words
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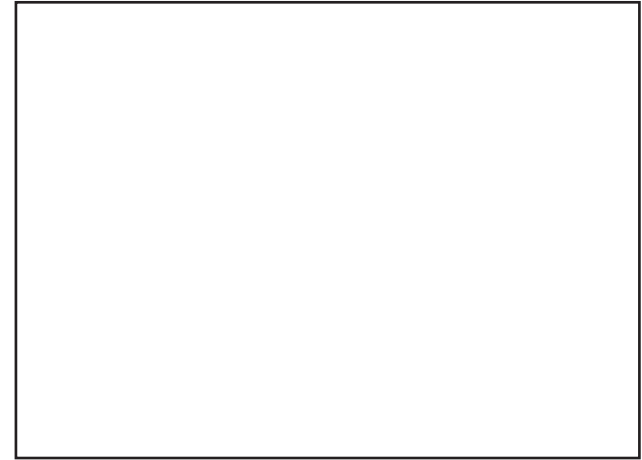
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Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <a_e>/ă/ (<i>cake</i>)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - concept of <i>marker</i> <e> - in VCe pattern, marker <e> marks the preceding vowel as long	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - concept of <i>compound words</i>	Word Count - 149 words

Think of all the cakes you
can make!

Cake



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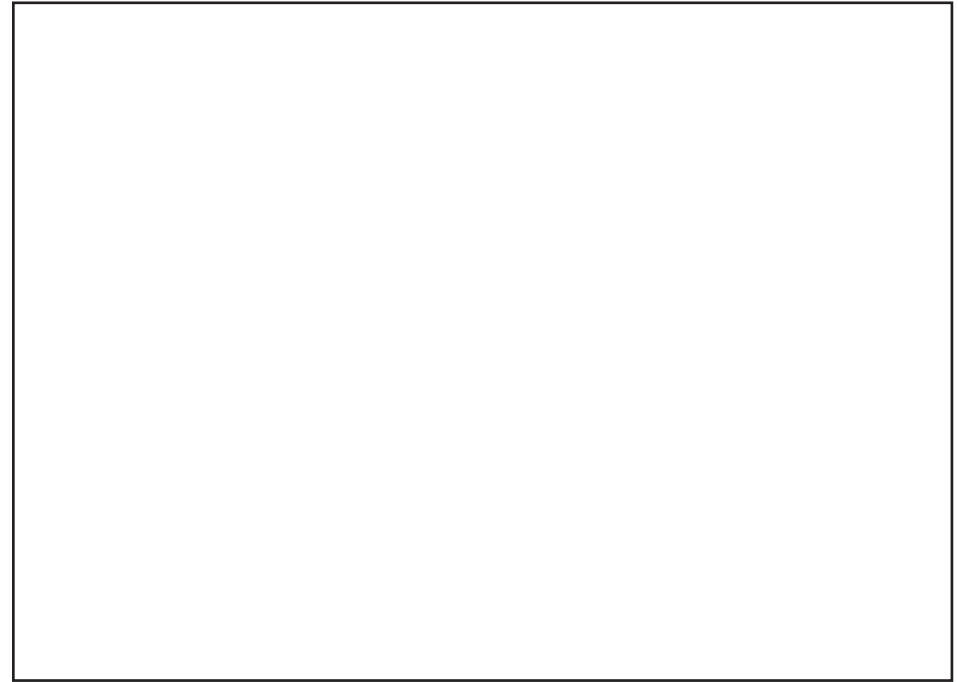
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This jumbo cake will be
a big hit! It stands so tall!
The base of this cake must
be strong.



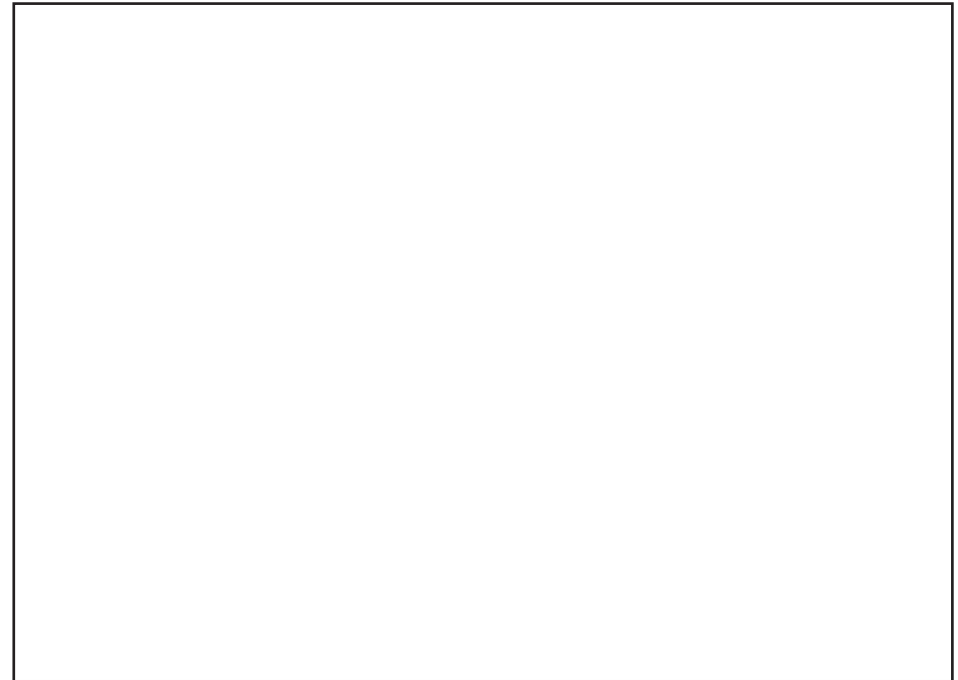
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Cake is a tempting snack!



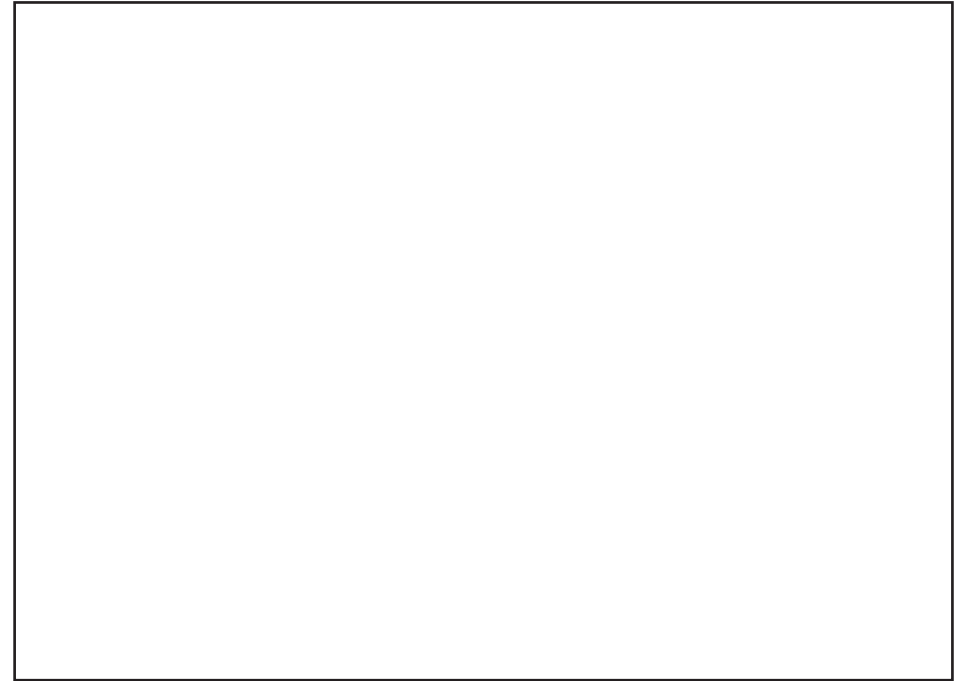
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The next step is to bake the cake. Get help with this step.
The cake will be hot!



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Cakes can be made in lots of shapes. Planes, baseballs, and games can all be made with cake.

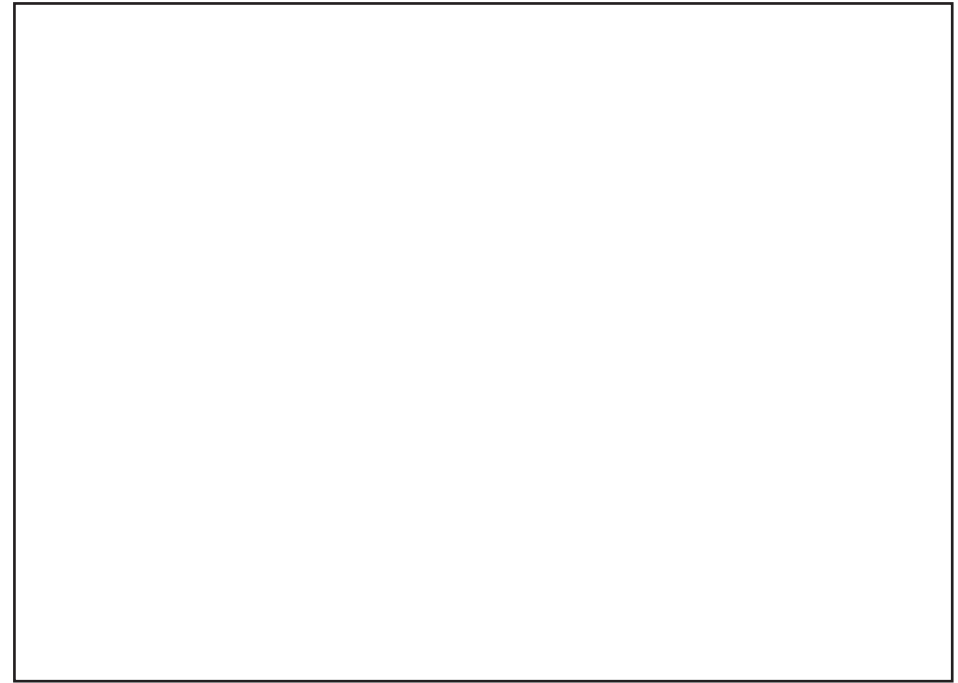


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A cake pop is a small ball of cake on a stick. Cake pops make a fun snack. You will want to try them all!

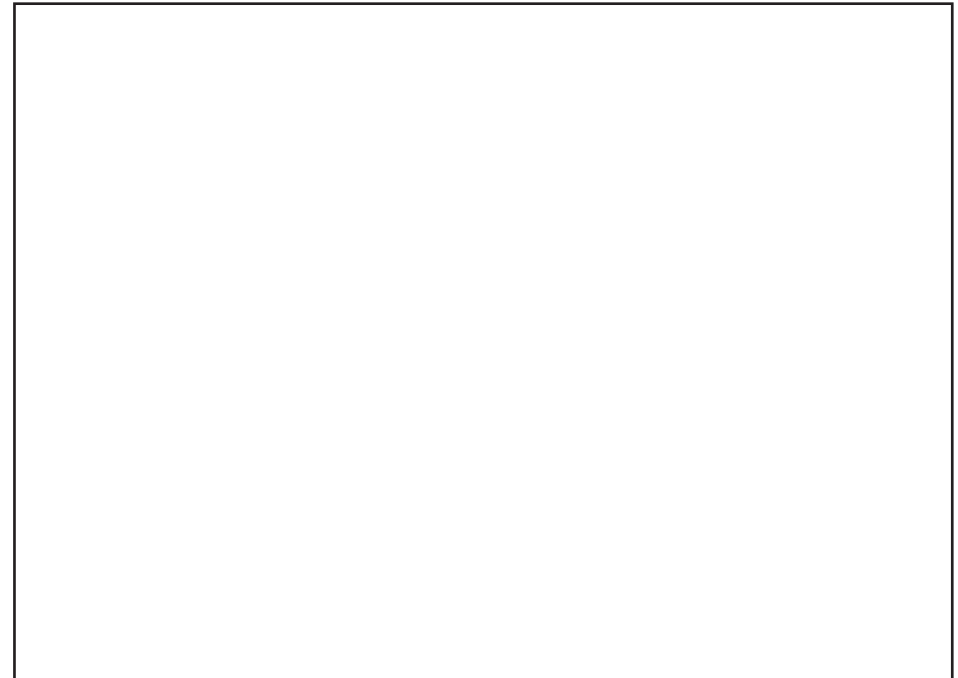


To make a cake, get milk, eggs, and a cake mix. Blend it all, and put it into a pan. The cake will take the shape of the pan that you put it in.



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Cake can be made in cups as well. Put the small cups in the cupcake pan, and then add the mix.



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Kites

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Book 4
165 Words



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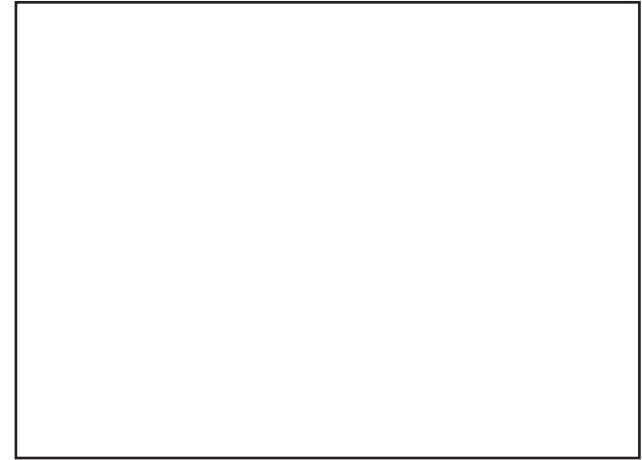
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Kites	
Teal Square: Book 4	
Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <i_e>/i/ (<i>hide</i>) - consonant digraph <wh>/w/ (<i>when</i>)	Punctuation/Text Features - contraction - hyphen
Orthographic Conventions - n/a	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 165 words

When the wind is strong,
it's kite-flying time!

Kites



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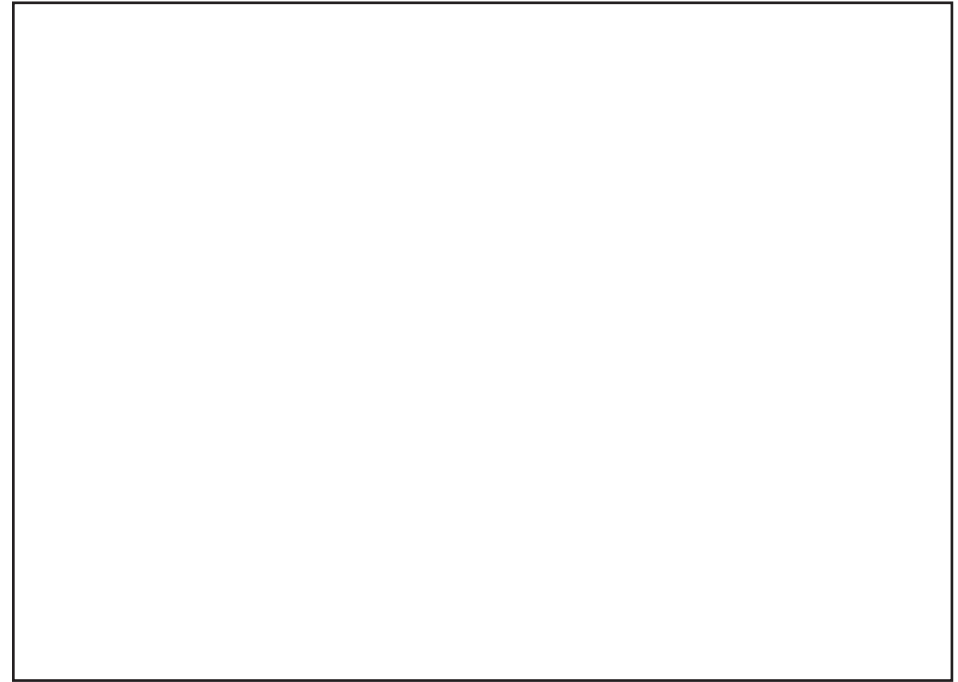
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Ribbons add drag to a kite.
This drag helps the kite to fly.
A kite with no ribbons can flip,
spin, and fall.



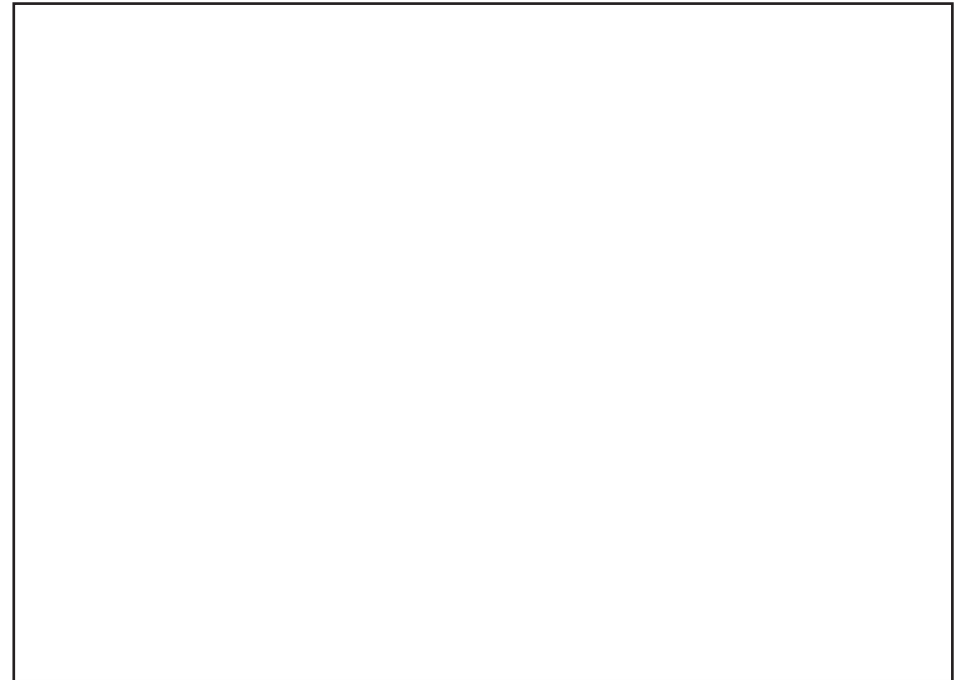
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A kite is an object made to fly in the wind. It's fun to fly kites!



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Fine plastic can be stretched across a frame to make a kite. Kites can be made in lots of shapes.

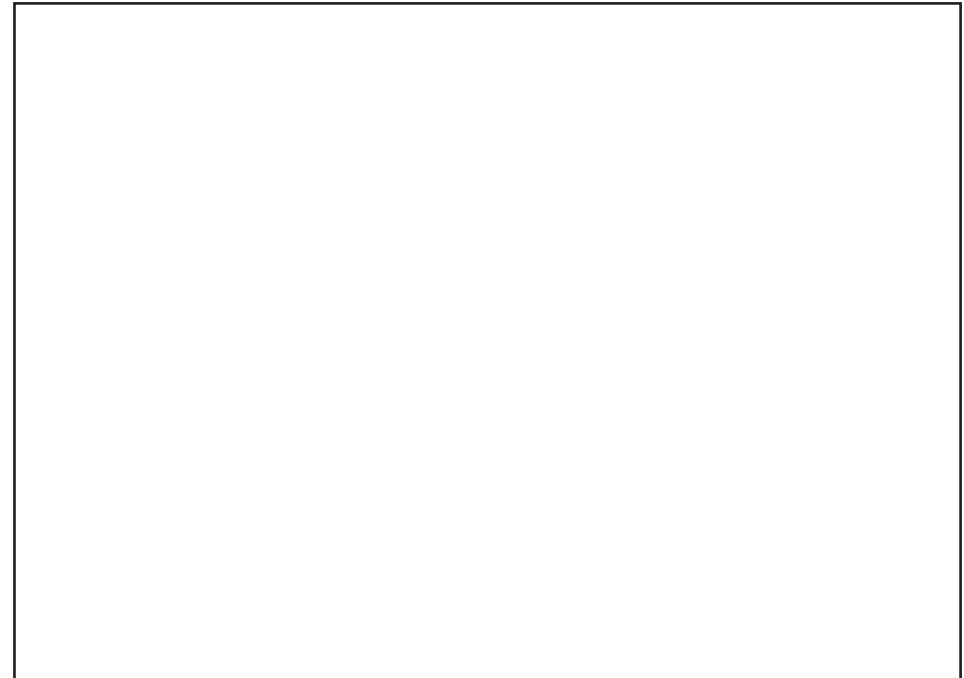


Kites can be big. The kite pulling this man is wide and strong. He is flying across the waves. He'll make it back to the dock in no time at all!



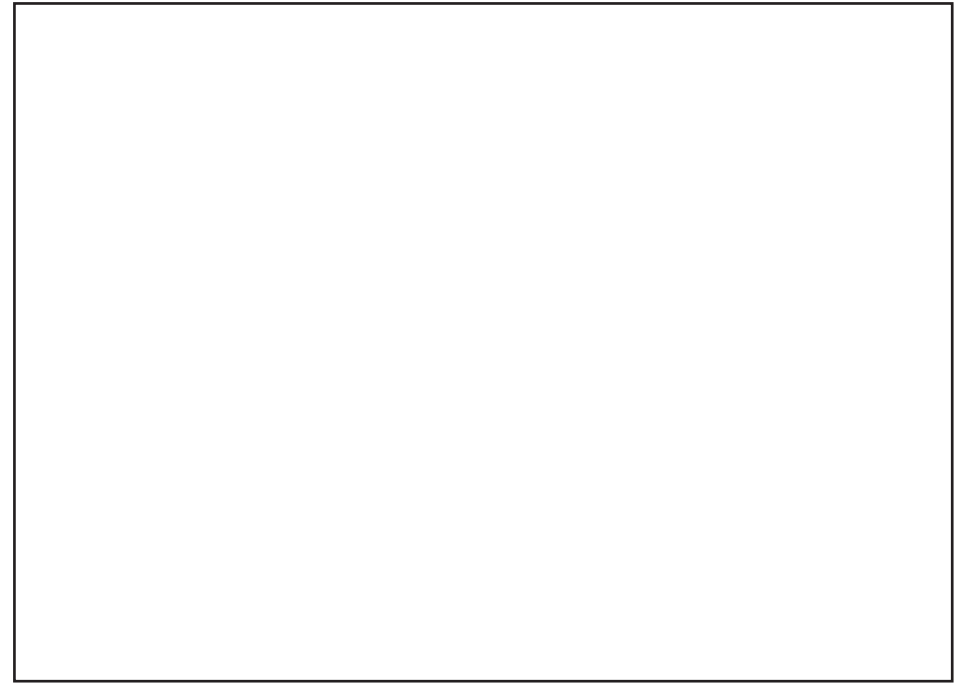
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You can't drop the line while flying a kite. If you let go, the kite will fly off in the wind. Which path will it take?



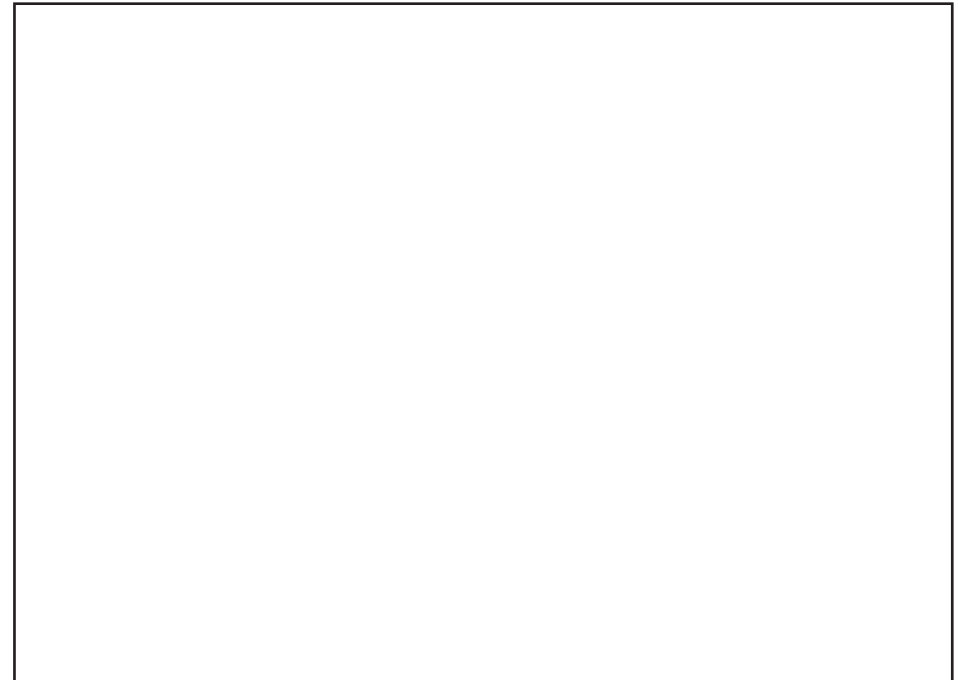
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The frame of a kite is called a spine. The spine is often made with thin, strong rods.



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The wind will lift a kite and push it up into the sky. Gusts of wind can make a kite dip and dive.



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Ropes

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Book 5

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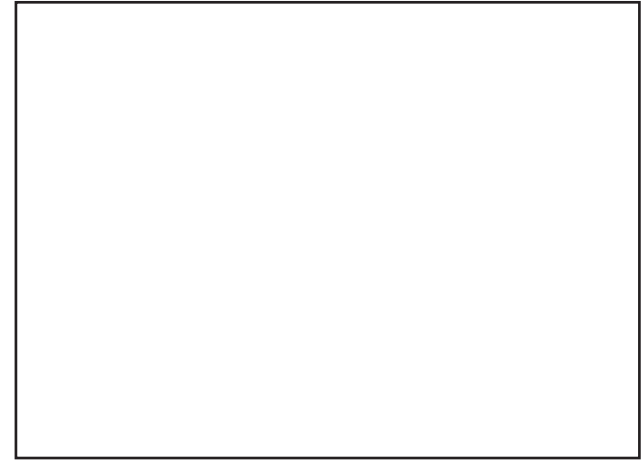
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Ropes	
Teal Square: Book 5	
Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <o_e>/ō/ (<i>close</i>)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - n/a	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - <i>do</i>
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 172 words

Ropes can help us do a lot of jobs.

Ropes



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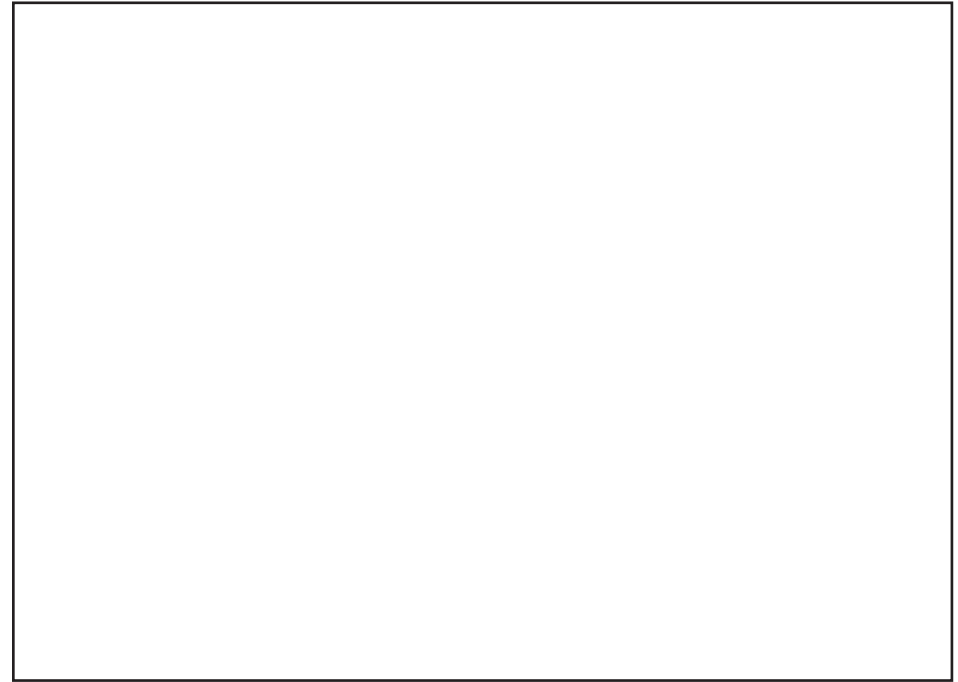
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Strong nets can be made by tying ropes in a close grid. The net on top of the glass helps make the game safe to watch.



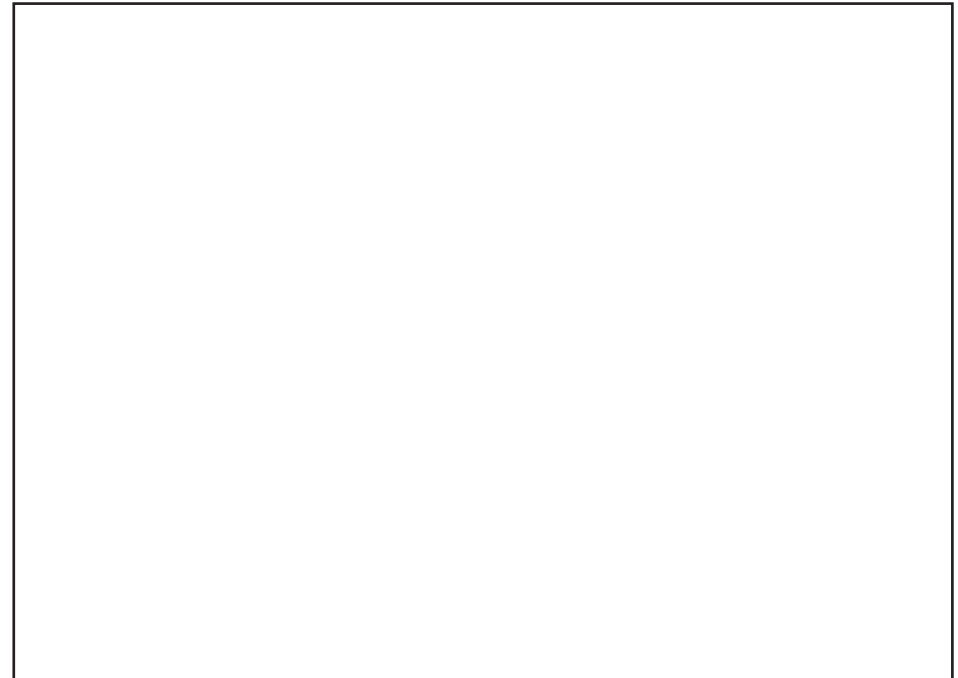
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A rope is made to pull. If it is not being pulled, it will just flop. You can't push with a rope.



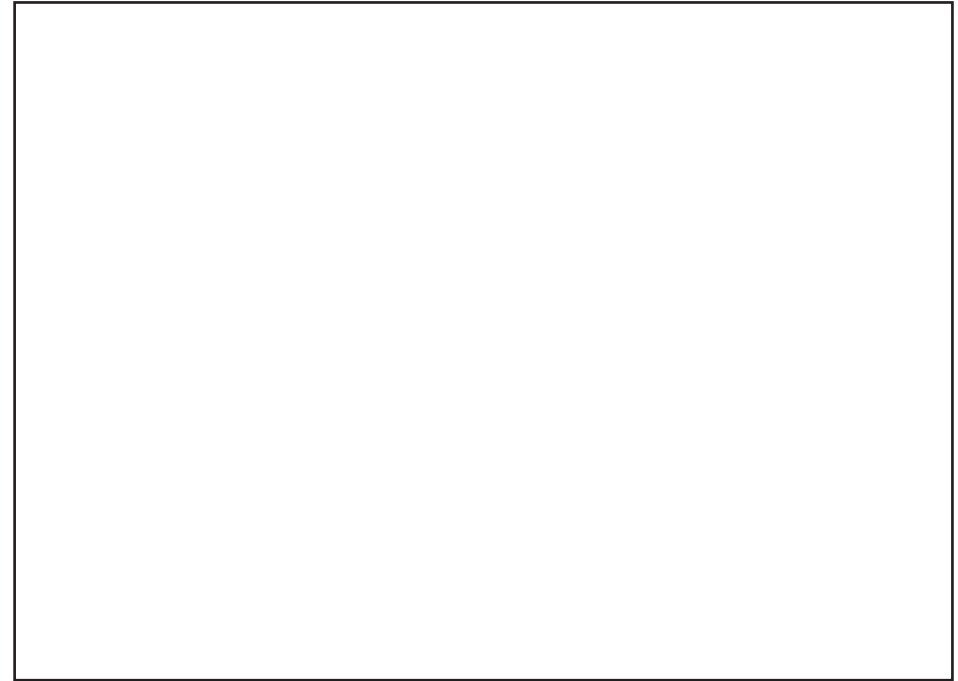
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A bridge can be made with ropes. To cross this bridge, you must step on the hanging logs. If you clip onto the ropes, you will be safe.



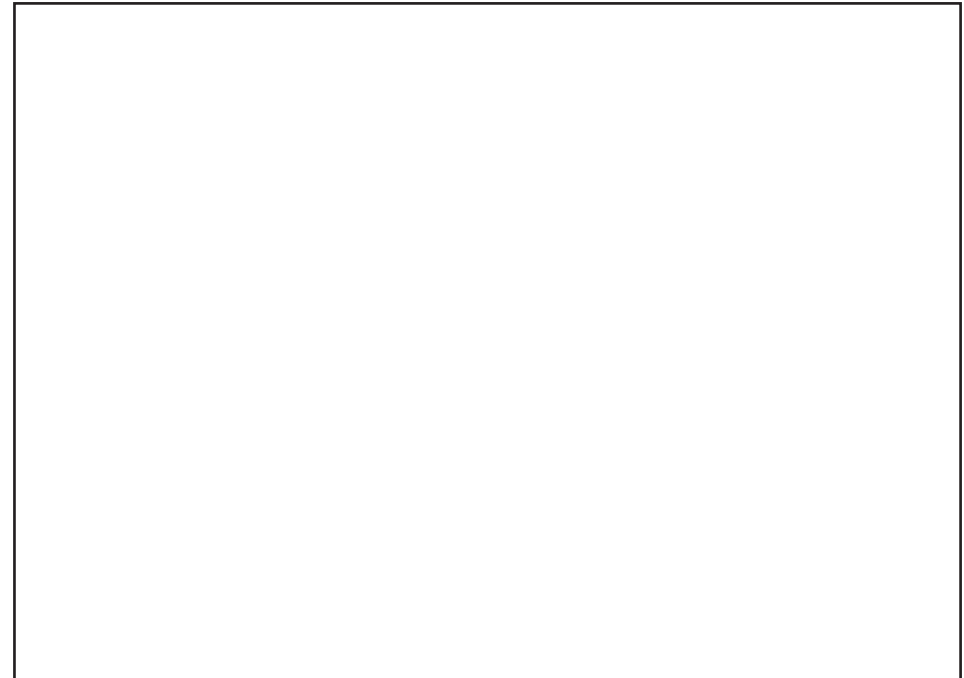
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This wire rope runs on a track
on top of the tall poles. Grab
on, and it will take you uphill.
Do not let go!

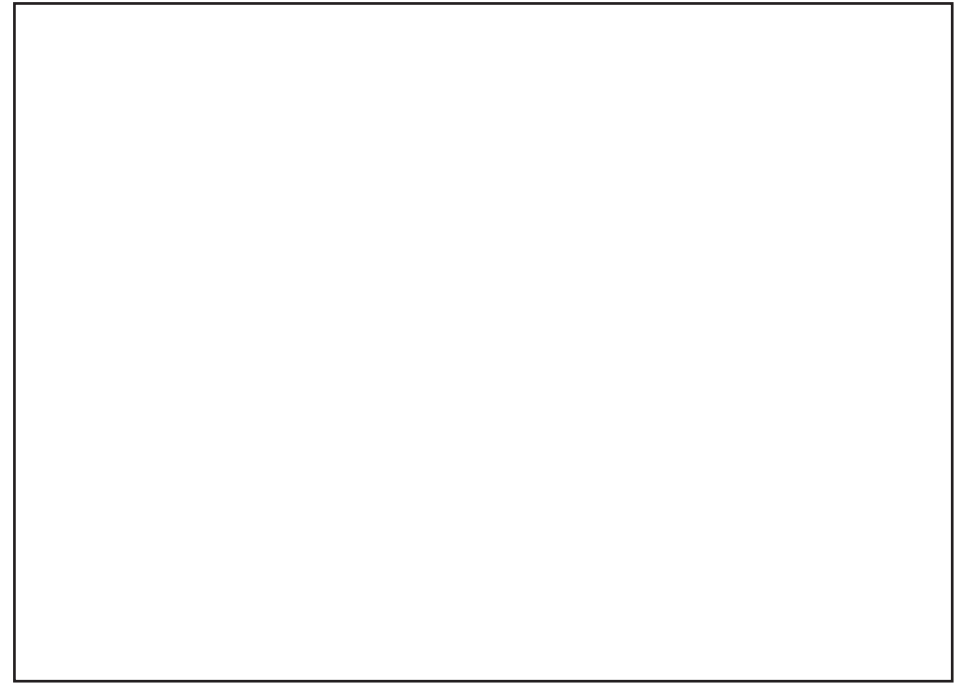


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Ropes can be attached to a
slope to make it safe. Hanging
onto this rope can help you
get to the top.

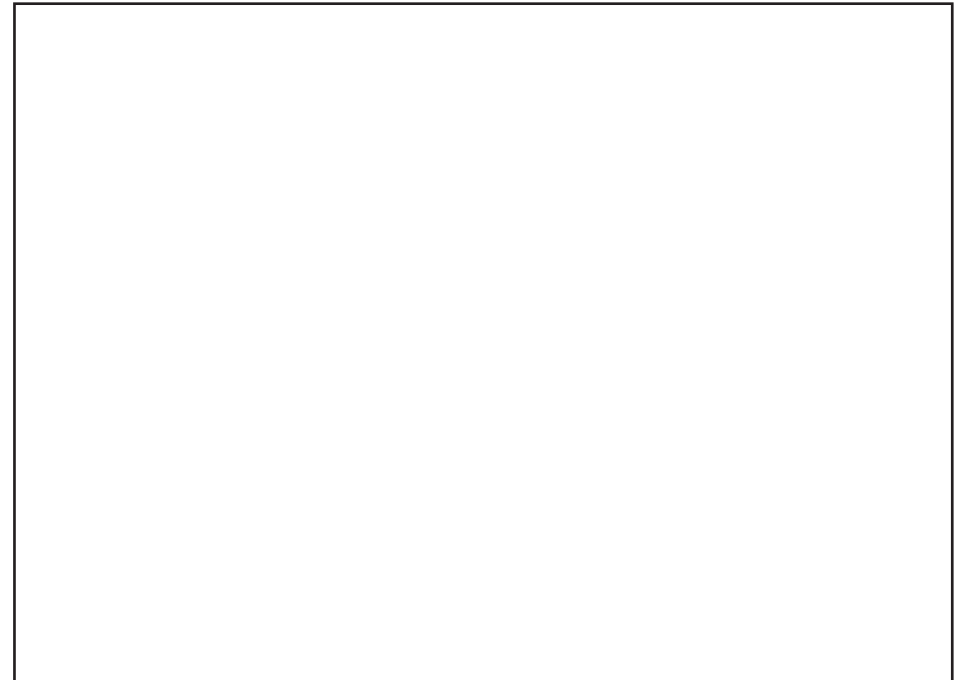


When pulled, a rope is quite strong! Small tugs pull this ship home with thick ropes.



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A wire rope can lift a lot.
This crane is lifting a stone slab.
The wire ropes do not flex
when the crane lifts.



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At the Lodge

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Orthographic Conventions - <c> is pronounced /s/ when followed by <e>, <i>, or <y>	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 174 words

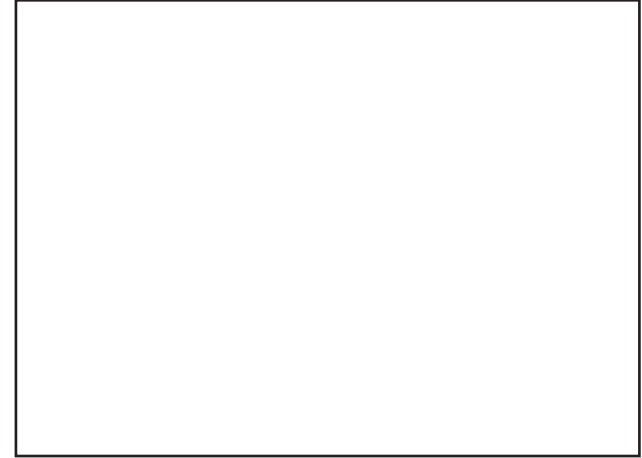
As the sun set, Steve and Jade
ran back to get the sleds.
It was the best trip!

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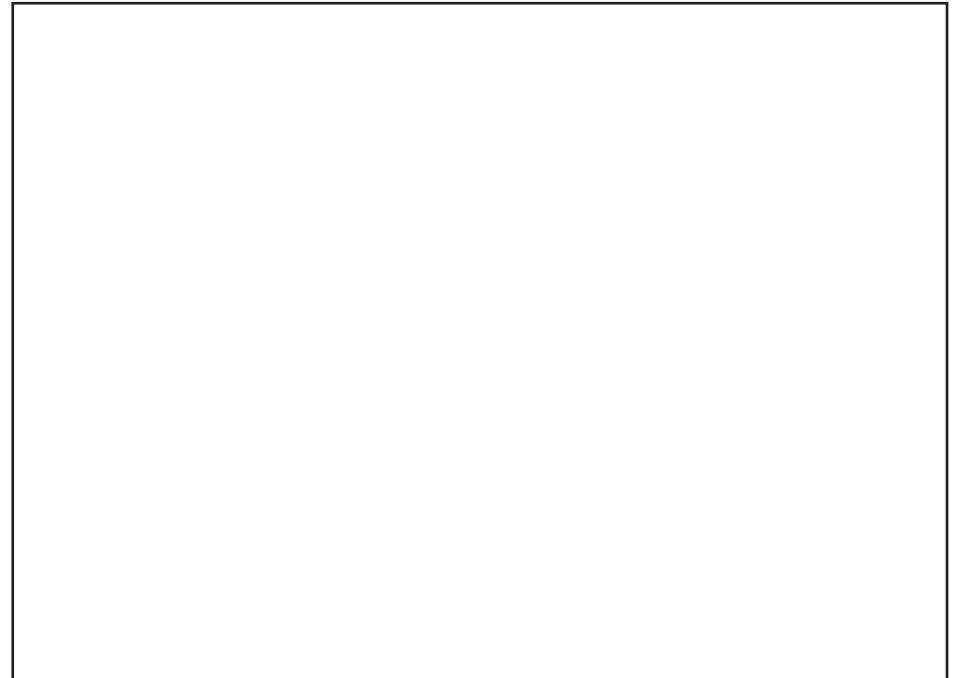
Steve also wanted a chance to
go sledding. The hill was slick,
so it was fast. Steve had a
thrilling ride!

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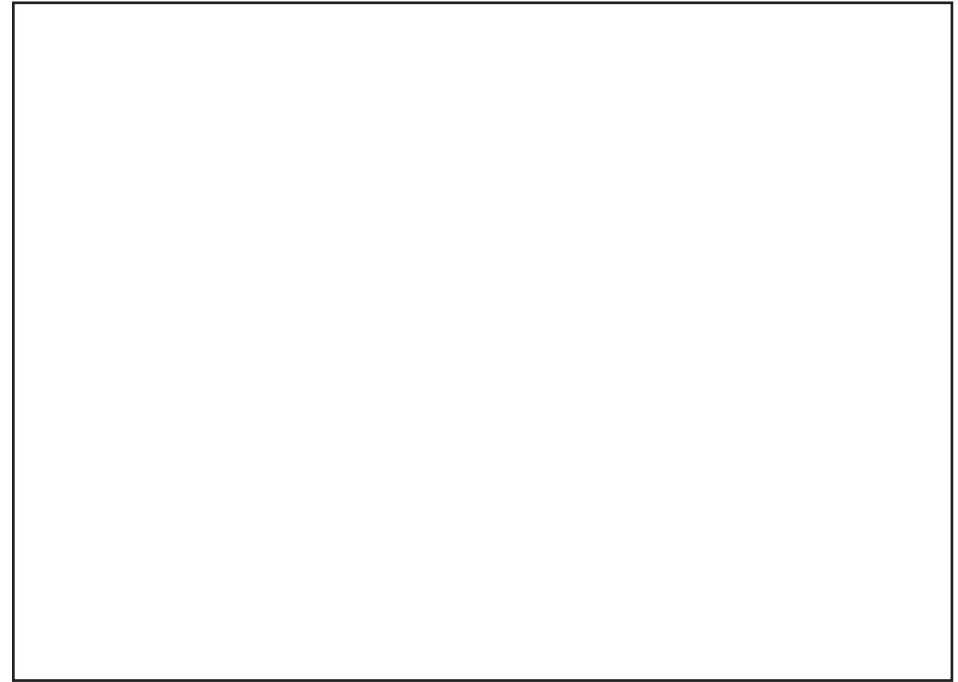
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Steve and Jade went on a trip to a lodge with Mom and Dad.

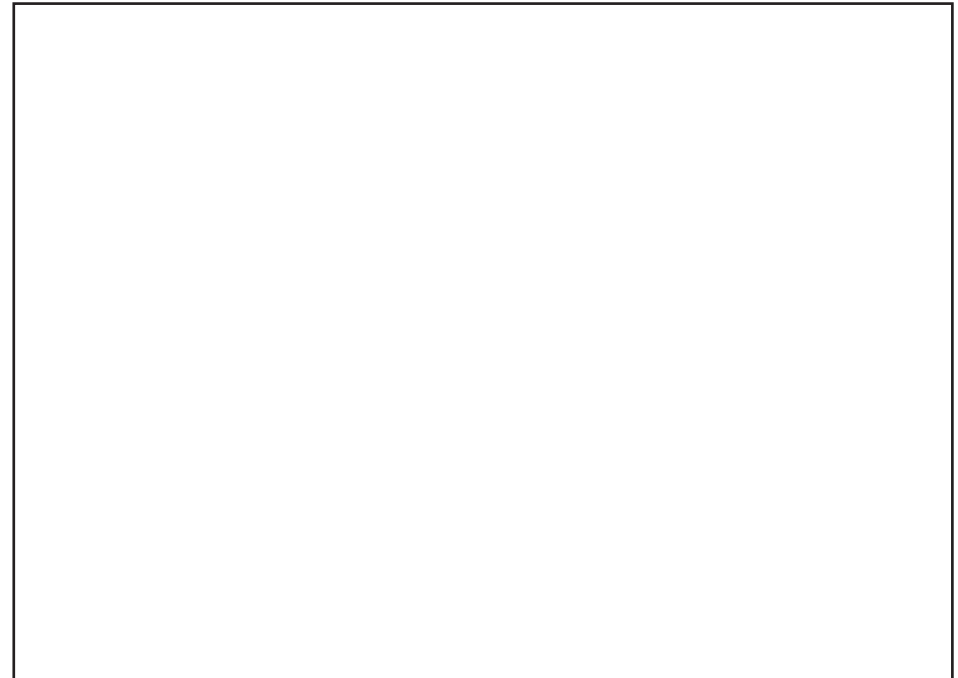


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It was fun to race across the lake!

"Watch me fly across the ice with these skates!" yelled Steve with a big grin on his face.

"Do you want to skate as well?"



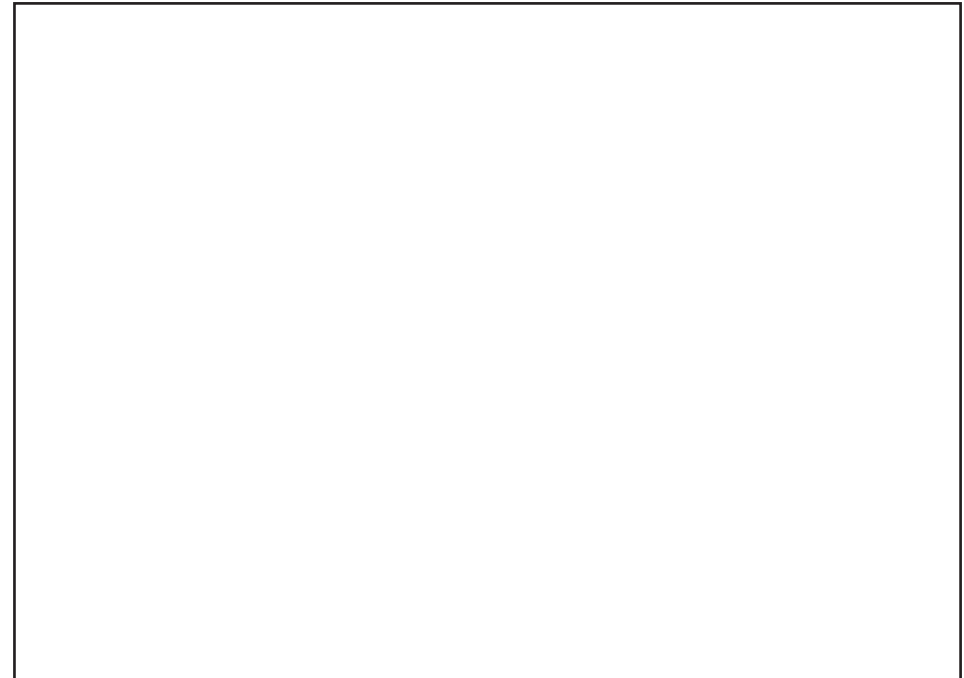
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Jade and Steve snuck back to the lodge. "Let's hide here," said Steve. "When Mom and Dad pass by, we'll have so much fun!"



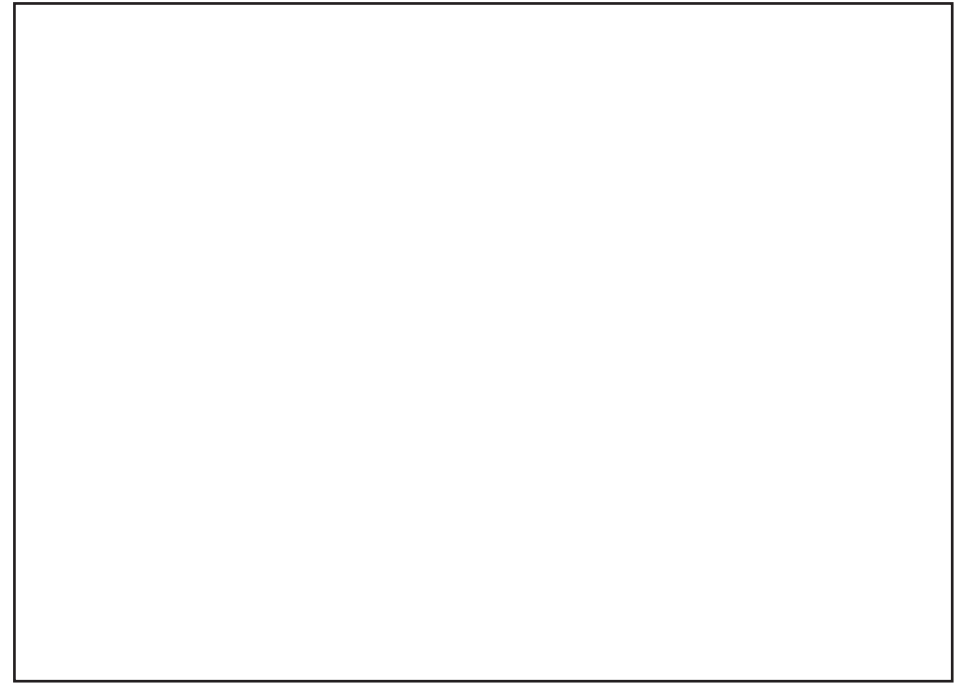
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It was nice to skate, but Jade wanted to explore. She spotted a sled next to the lodge and ran to get it.



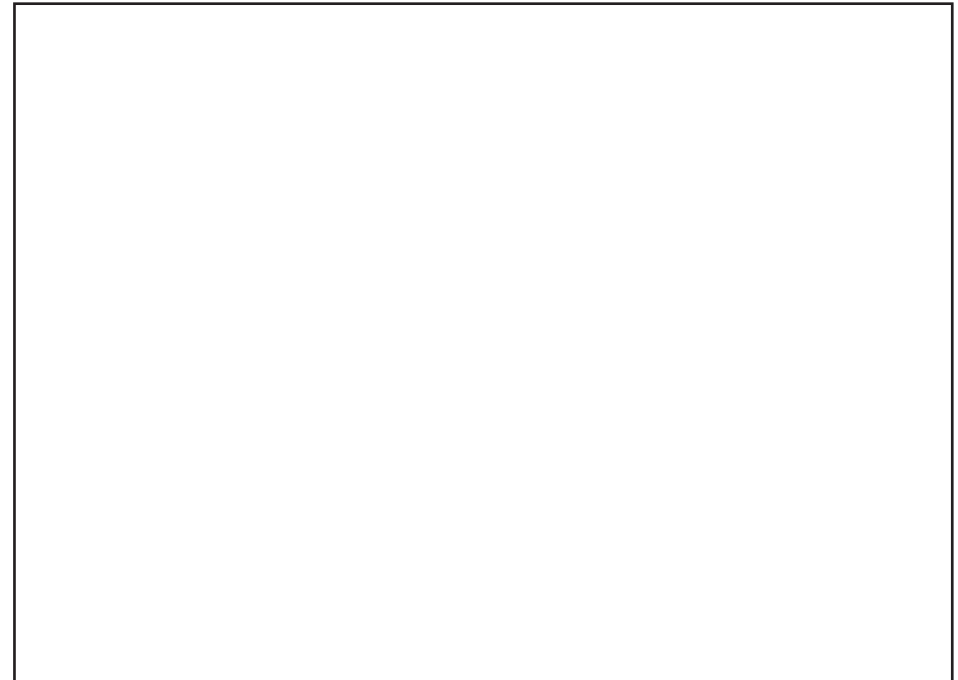
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Thick, strong ice made the lake a safe place to skate. Mom helped Steve lace up his skates.



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Mom and Jade put on skates, but they did not set such a fast pace. They held hands and crept across the ice.



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Music

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Book 7

173 Words



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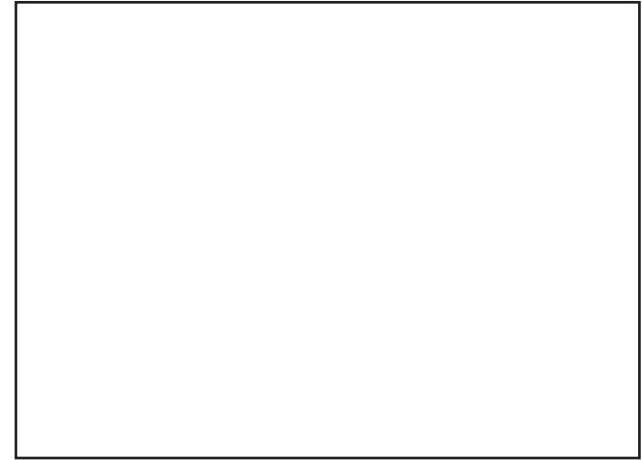
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Orthographic Conventions - flexibility with vowel sounds in v/cv words (<i>human</i>) and vc/v words (<i>vanish</i>)	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 173 words

Do you like to make music?

Music



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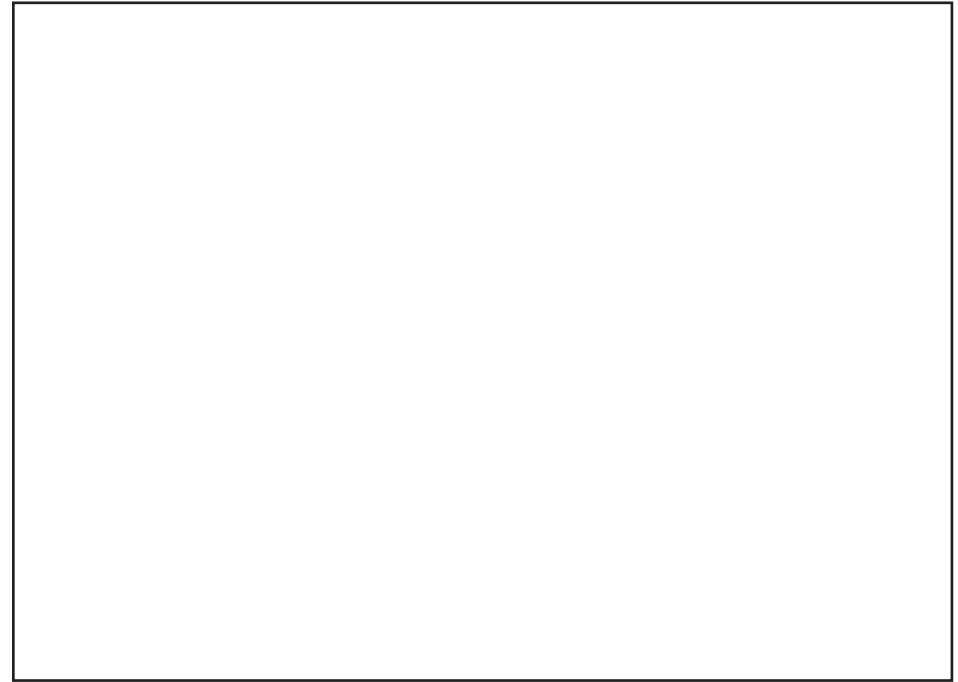
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Music can be made with chimes as well. Ruben strikes the metal tubes to make them ring. He can use a mallet to get a soft note, and a stick to make more of a clang!



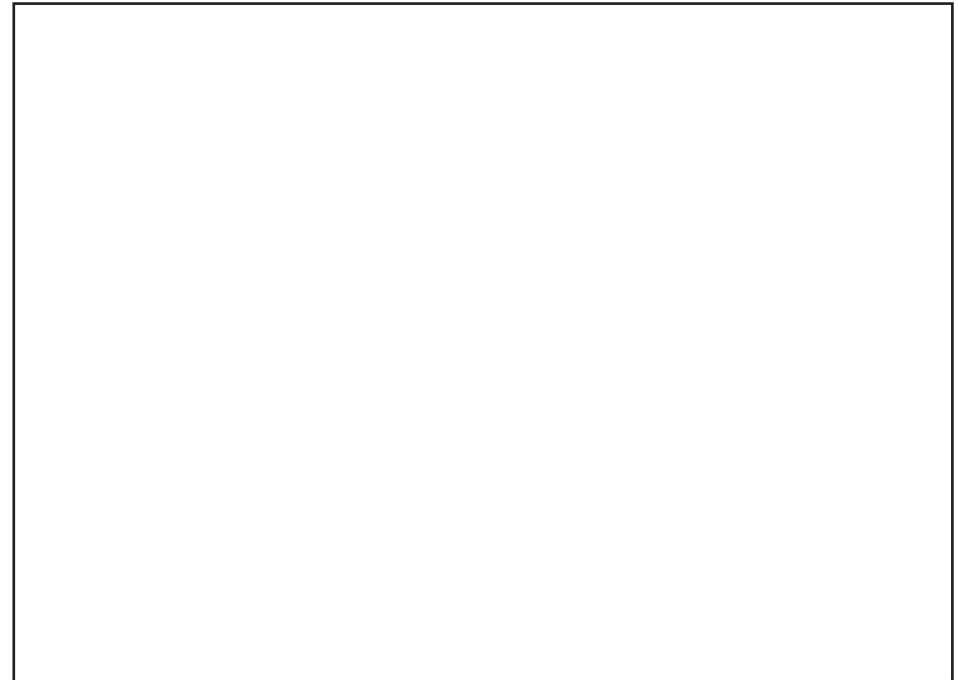
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It's fun to make music!



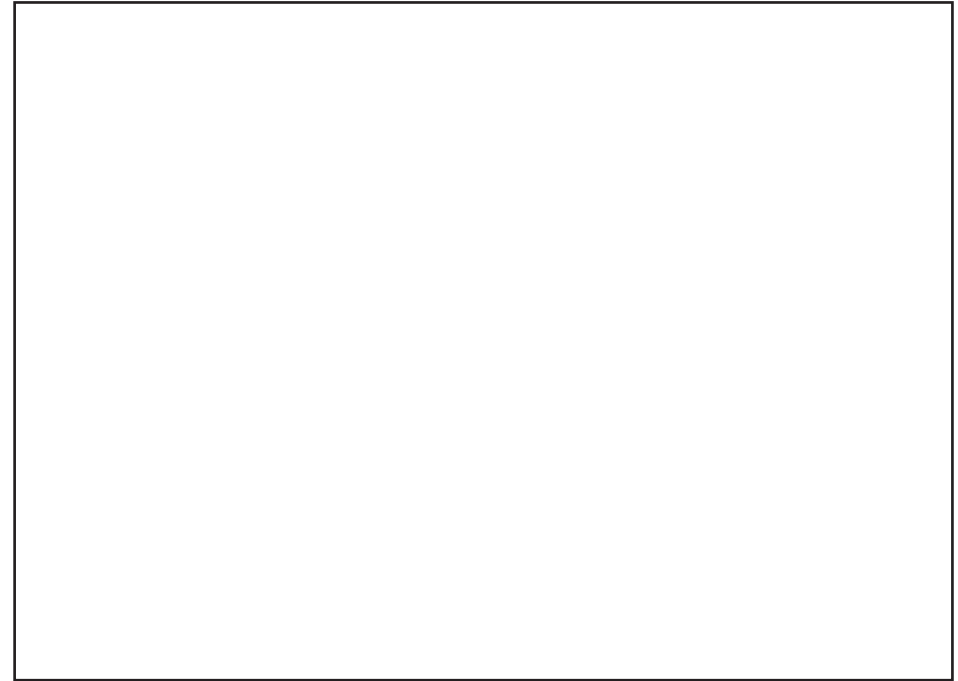
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Bruce has a set of drums.
He has so much fun with his
drums, but he makes quite a
racket! Mom has a rule: no
drumming before the sun is up!



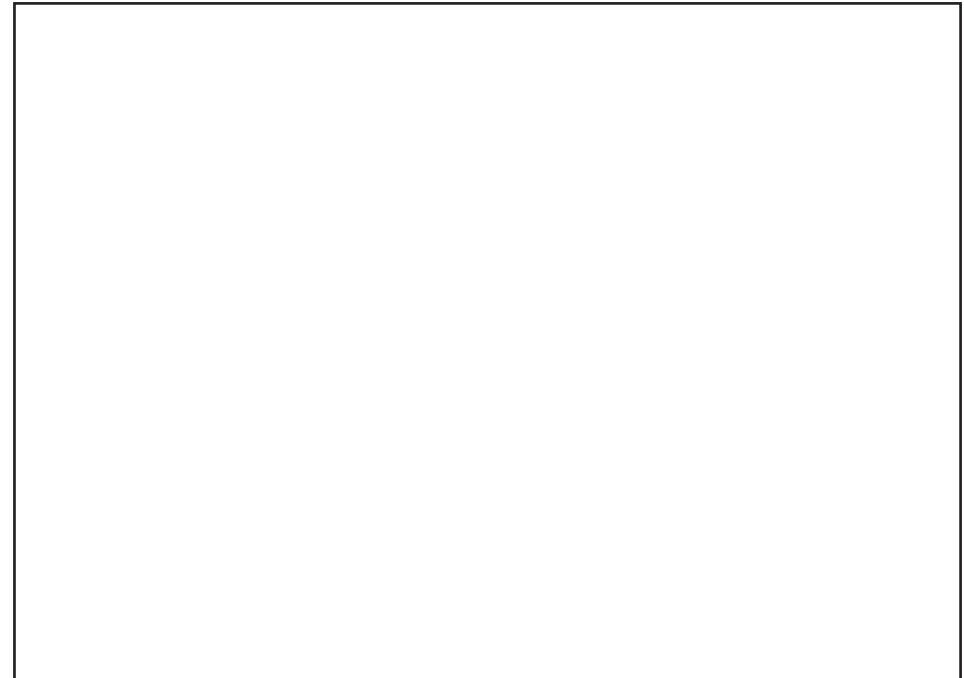
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Lucas thinks singing is the best!
He sings at top volume while
Mike strums along.



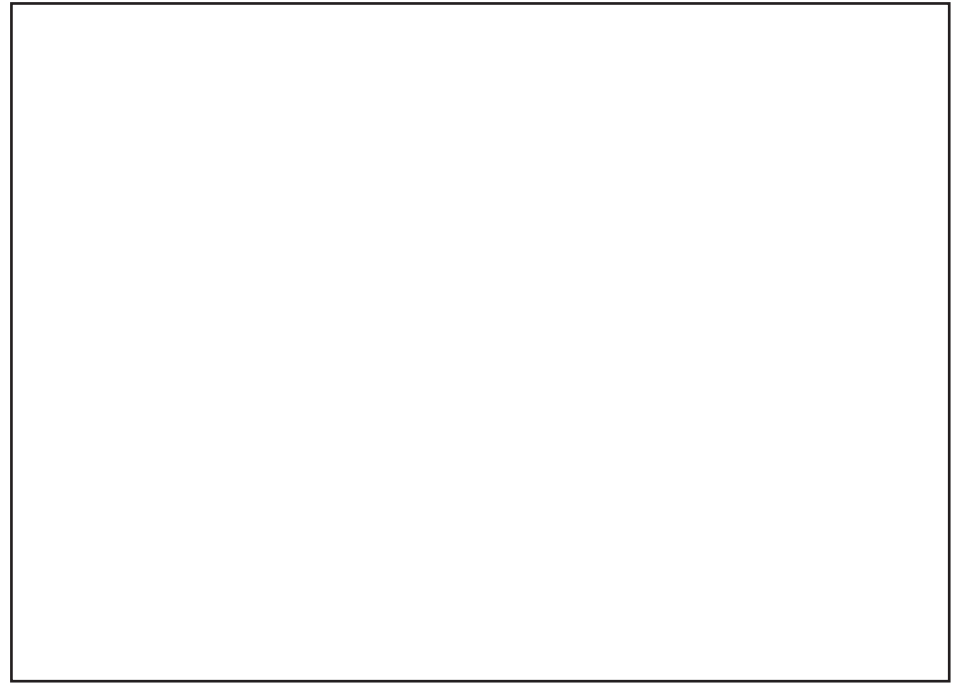
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A trumpet is not as big as a
trombone, but it can still blast
a tune! You do not want to
stand close to Susan when
she hits the top note!



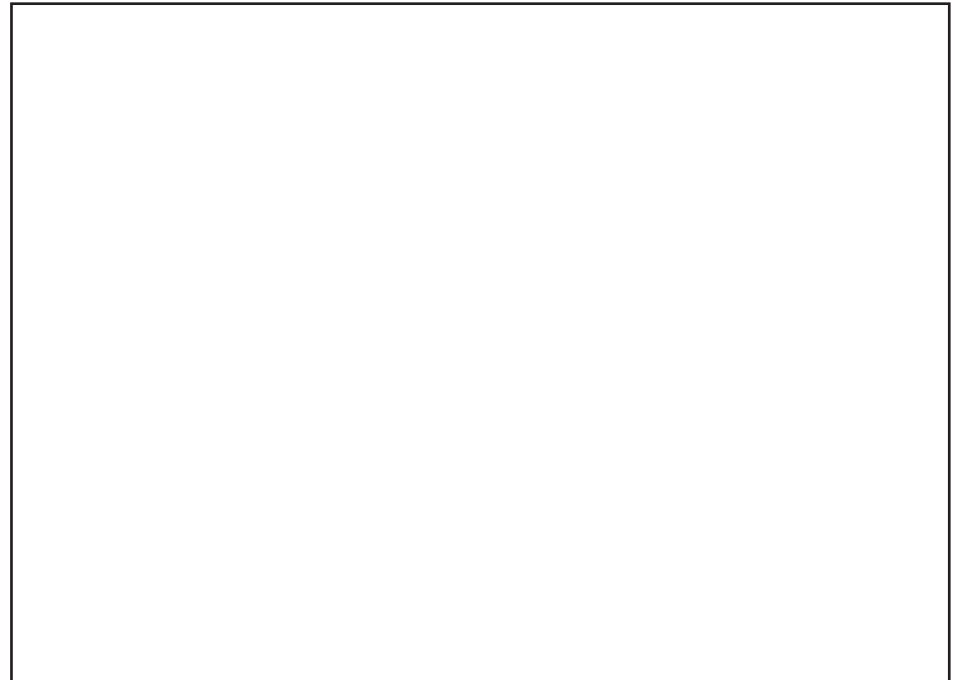
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June is a student in a flute class. She likes the flute's soft tone, so she will take more lessons.



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Hugo thinks his trombone is the best! It has a long tube that he slides with his hand. The pitch will shift as he pushes and pulls the tube.



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In the Dark

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Book 8

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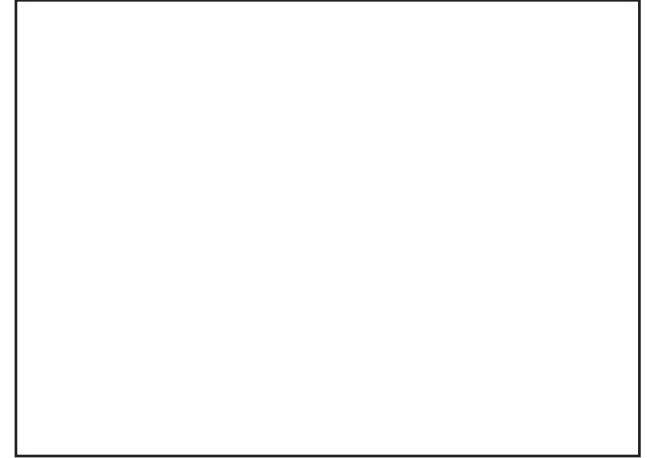
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Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <ar>/ar/ (car)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - concept of <i>r-controlled vowel</i> - complete English words do not end in <v>, so a marker <e> is added	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
Morphology - n/a	Word Count - 175 words

Think of all the things you
can spot in the dark!

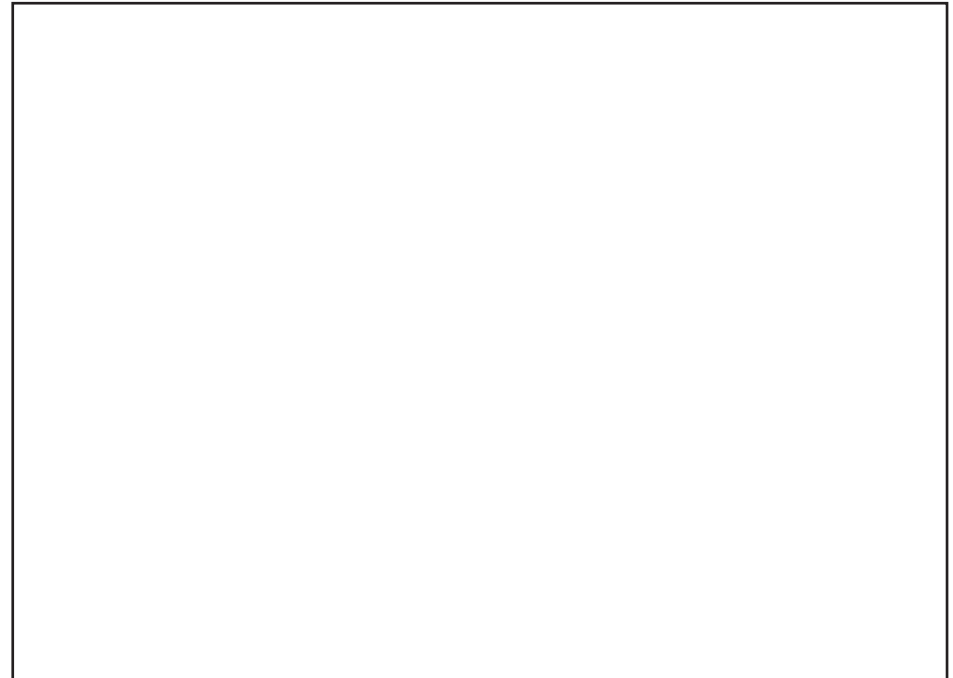
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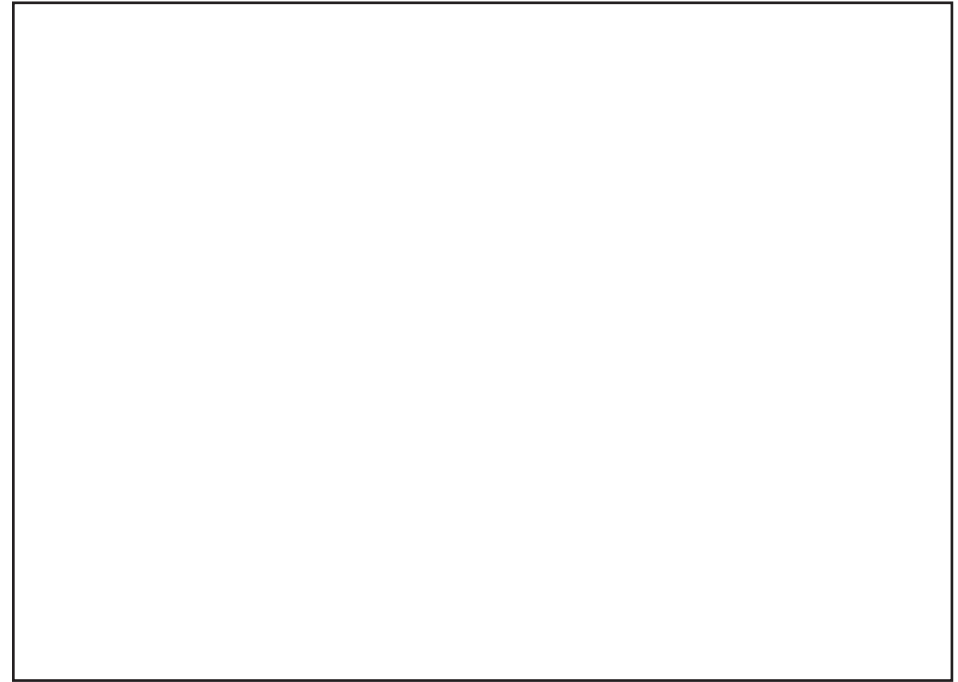
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Going on a hike in the dark
can give you a thrill. It is dark,
but you can still spot the path
in a place like this.



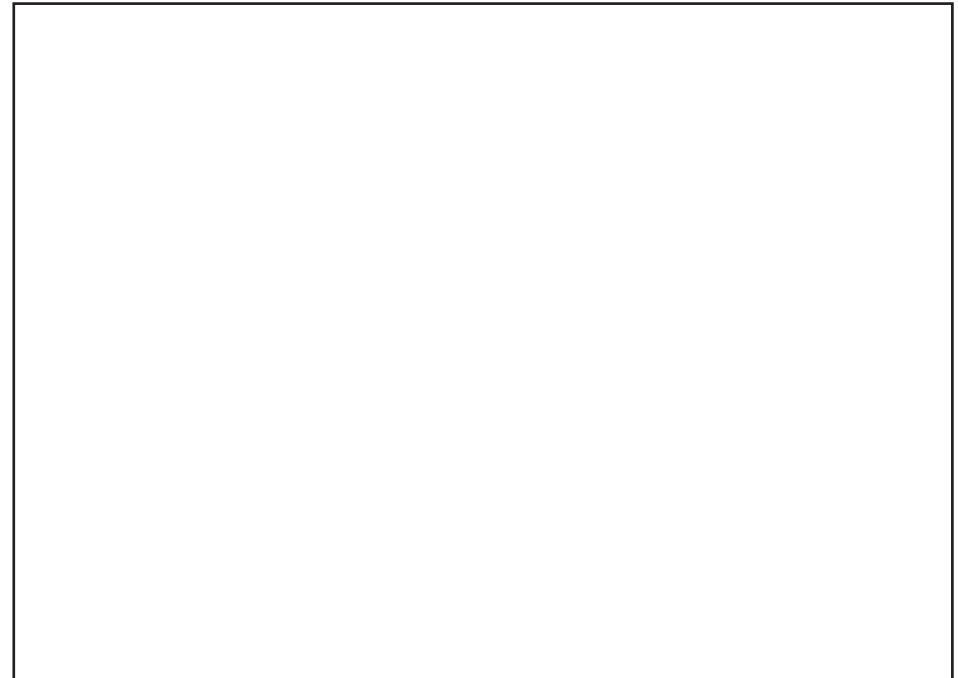
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When the sun sets and the sky is dark, you can spot things that will amaze you!



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A bonfire in the dark can also be fun. It's nice to watch the fire dance and the sparks fly. You can chat and sing as you watch.



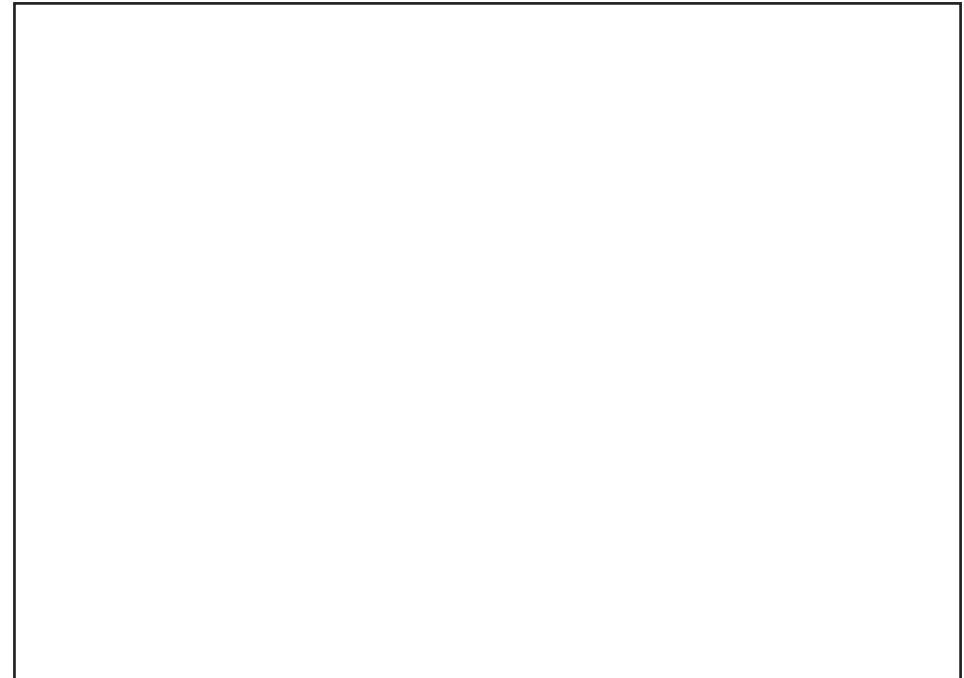
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At times, a dark sky can be just like art. This sky is a stunning canvas!



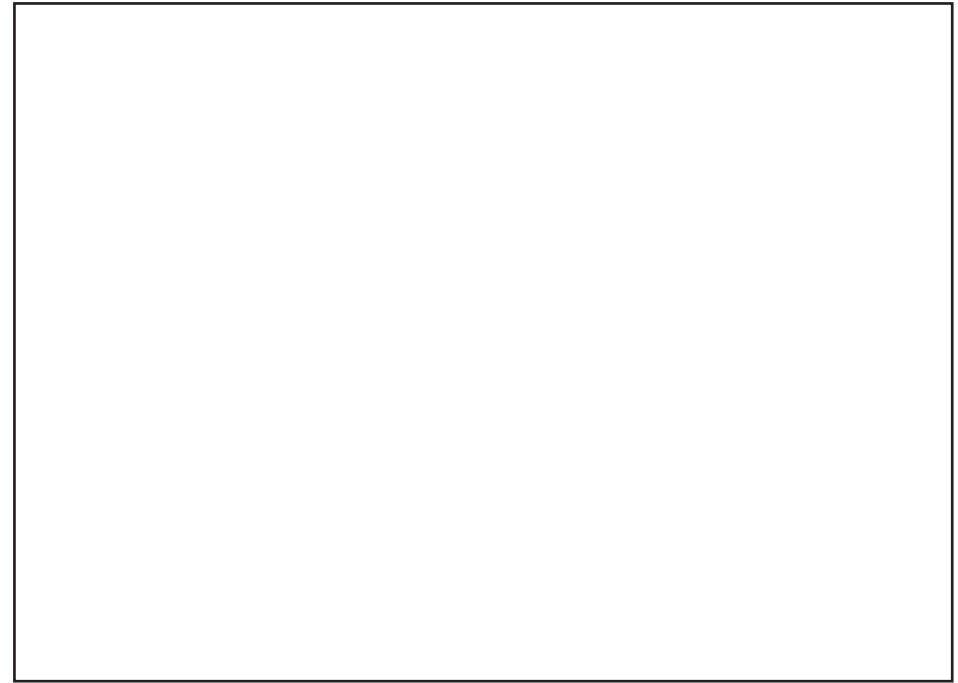
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A firefly is an insect that can be spotted in the dark. It blinks on and off as it travels. Have you watched a firefly?



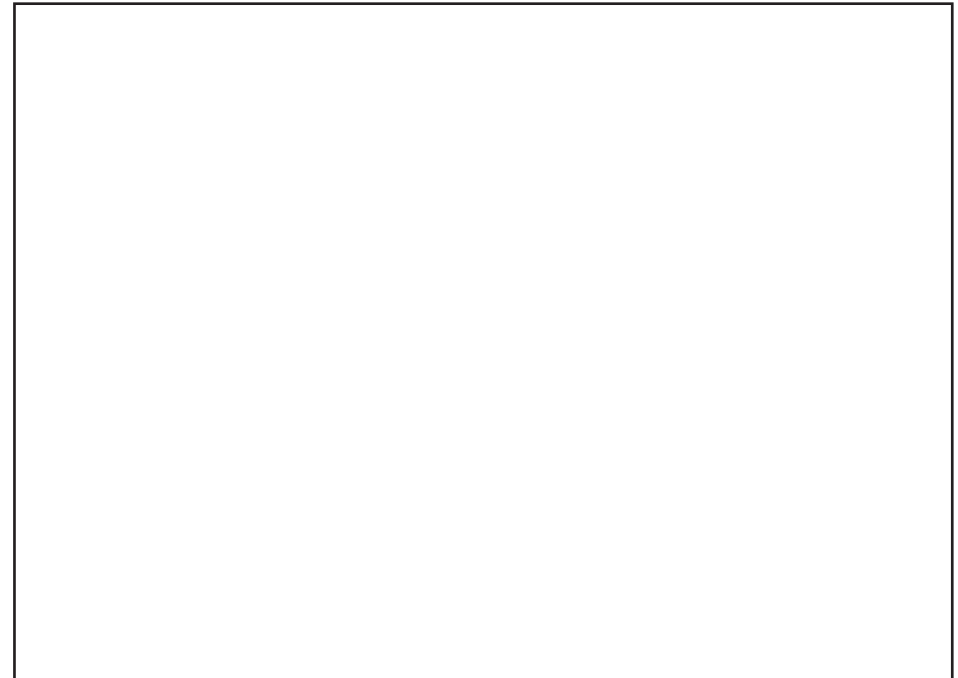
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Sitting in the yard and watching
the far-off stars is the best!
You can have fun spotting
shapes in the stars.



4

We tend to go to bed when
the sun has set. This is when
foxes start to hunt. A fox can
smell rodents and rabbits that
live in the grass.



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Going to a Canyon

Teal Square
Book 9

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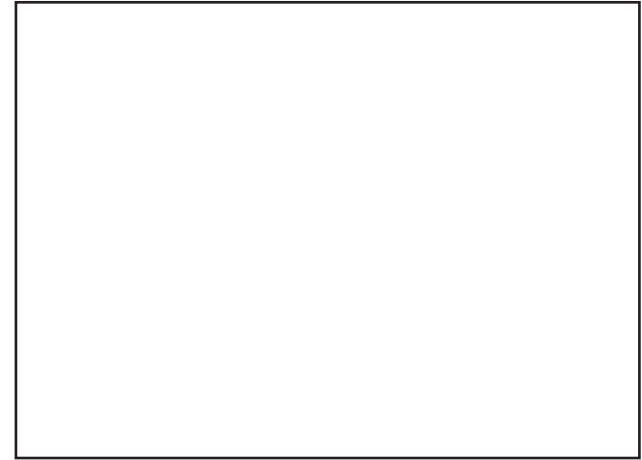
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Going to a Canyon Teal Square: Book 9	
Grapheme/Phoneme Correspondence - <ir>/er/ (<i>bird</i>) and <ur>/er/ (<i>hurt</i>)	Punctuation/Text Features - n/a
Orthographic Conventions - n/a	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - <i>are</i> - <i>your</i>
Morphology - suffix <-ed> as an adjective (<i>webbed</i>)	Word Count - 177 words

Have you visited a canyon?

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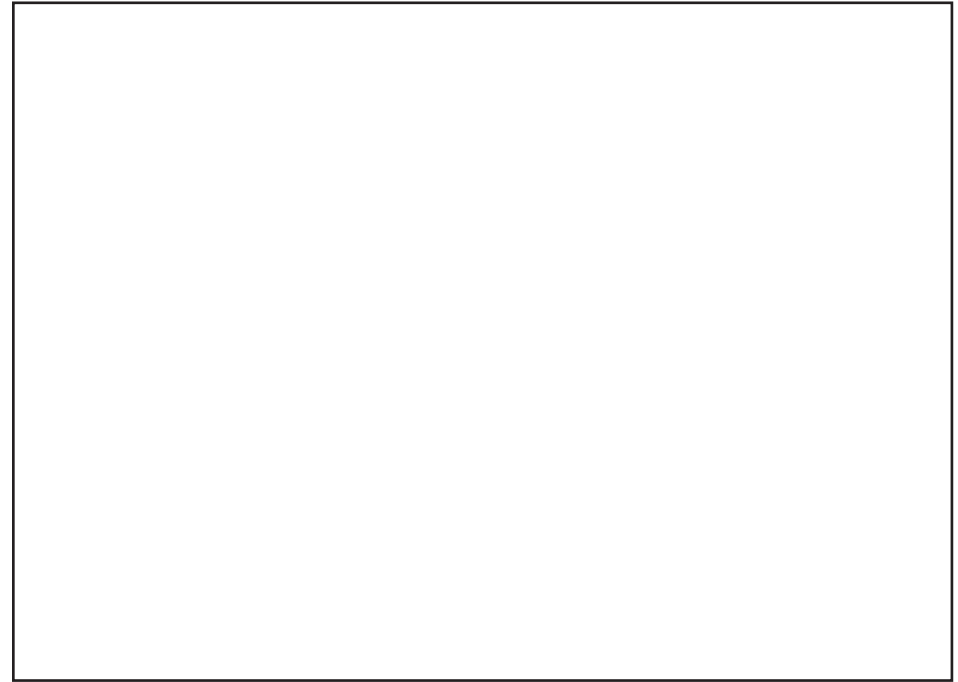
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The rocks in this canyon are red sandstone. You can spot lines and swirls etched into the rock. These marks occur when the rock erodes. The dirt on the path is crushed red sandstone, so it is red as well.



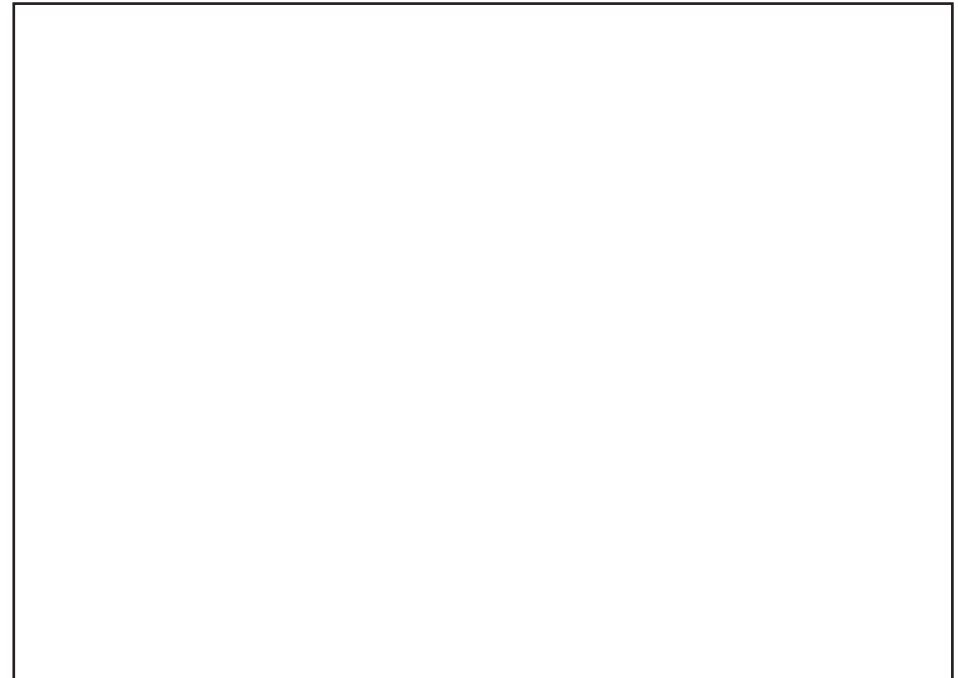
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Going on a canyon hike
can be thrilling!



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Canyons can twist and turn.
The path can split, and you
must decide which branch
to take.



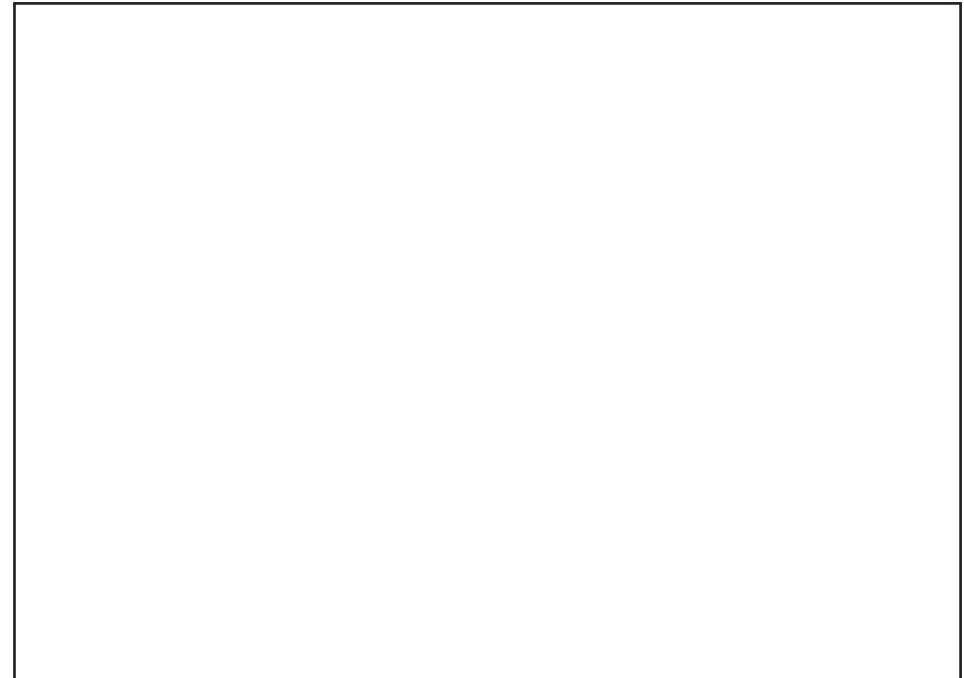
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You can also spot rock arches in this park. These grand arches are massive and stunning!



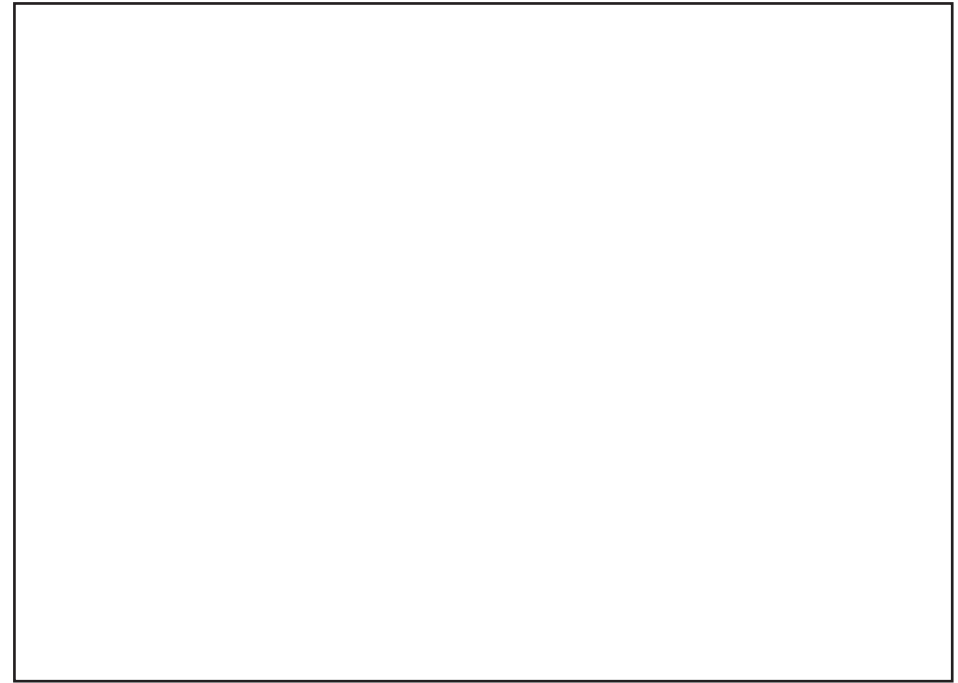
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At times, the walls are so close that the path is blocked. You must be brave to go in here! A firm grip on the walls can help prevent a fall.



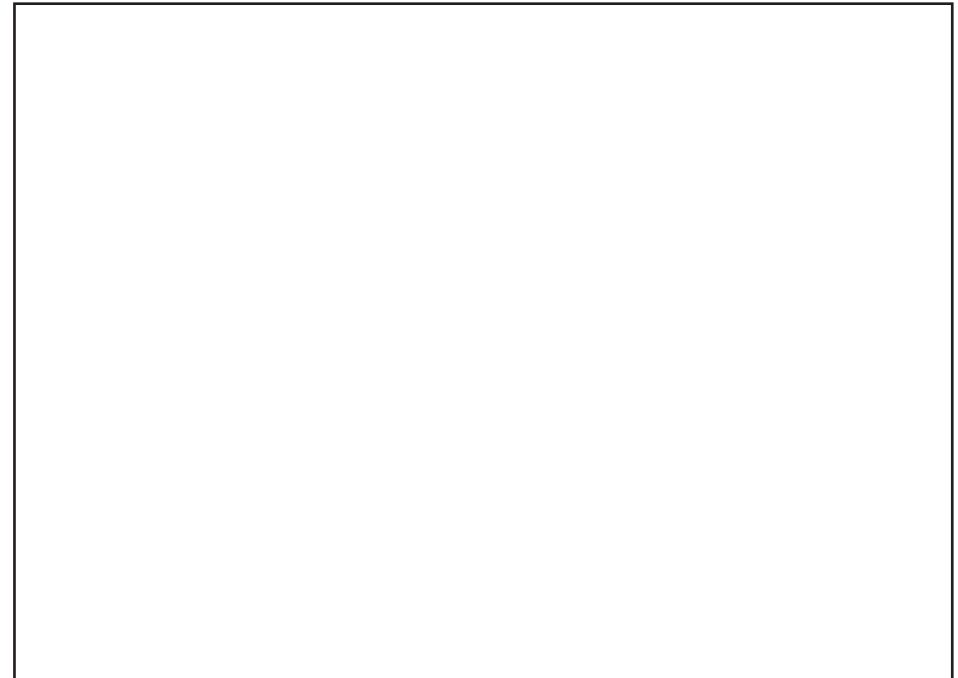
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The first step is to plan your trip. This park has rules, which can help reduce your risk of getting hurt. These rules also protect the park's landscape.



4

Canyons have solid rock walls. The rock walls can curve in and get quite close. Canyons are like tunnels, but the top is open. Put your hat on to prevent a sunburn.



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Sandhill Cranes

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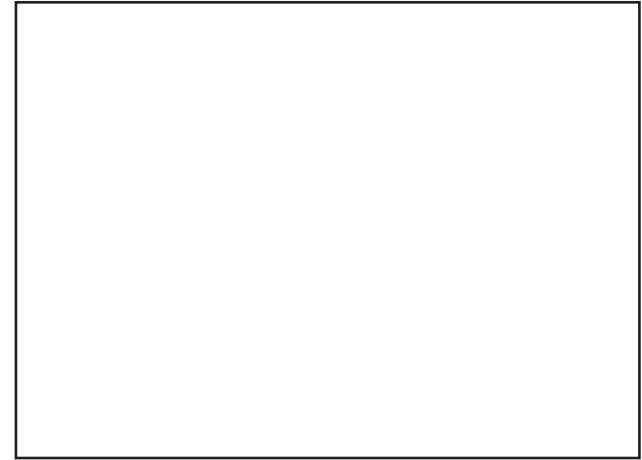
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Sandhill Cranes	
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Orthographic Conventions - <ild>/īld/ (<i>mild</i>) - <ind>/īnd/ (<i>find</i>) - <old>/öld/ (<i>bold</i>) - <ost>/öst/ (<i>most</i>)	High-Frequency Words and Content Words - n/a
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Have you spotted
a sandhill crane?

Sandhill Cranes



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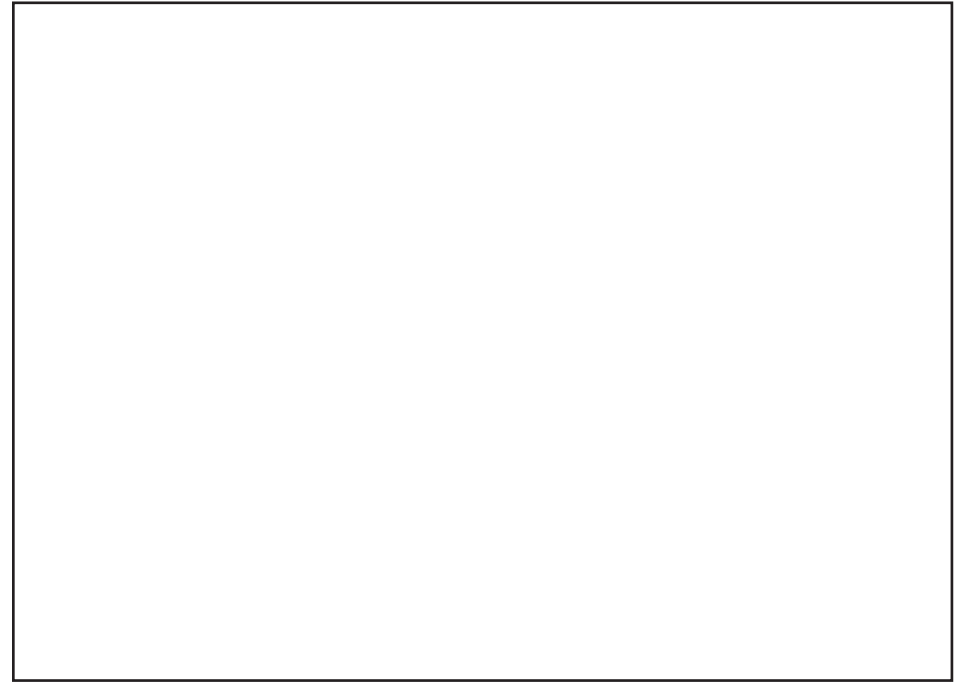
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A sandhill crane has a bold,
trumpet-like call. This call travels
a long distance, helping a crane
locate its flock and its mate.



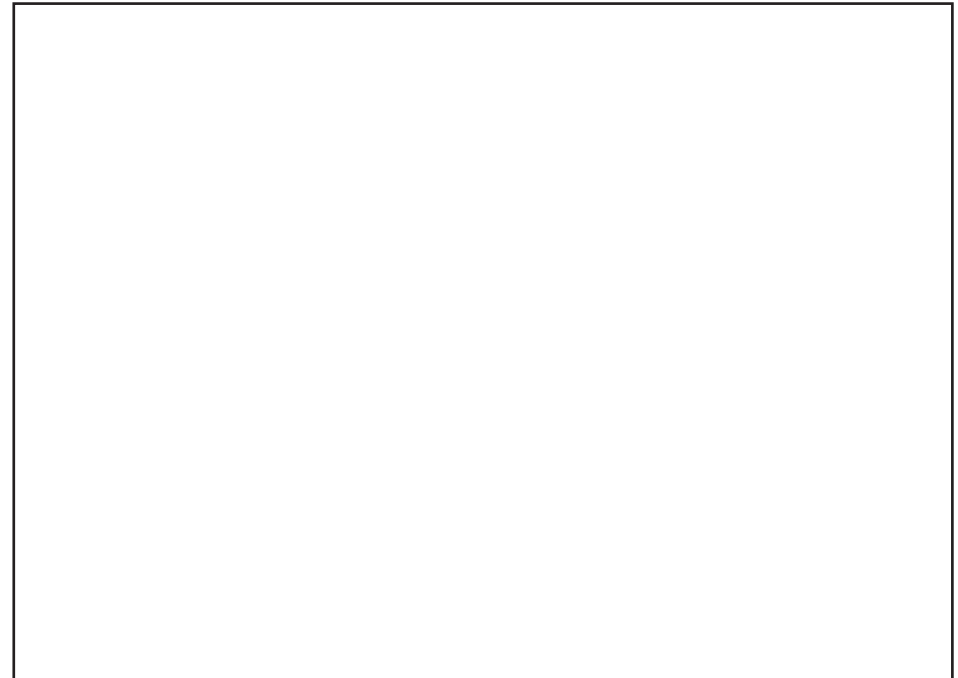
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Sandhill cranes are a kind of wild bird. You can find them in wetlands, tidal flats, and grasslands.

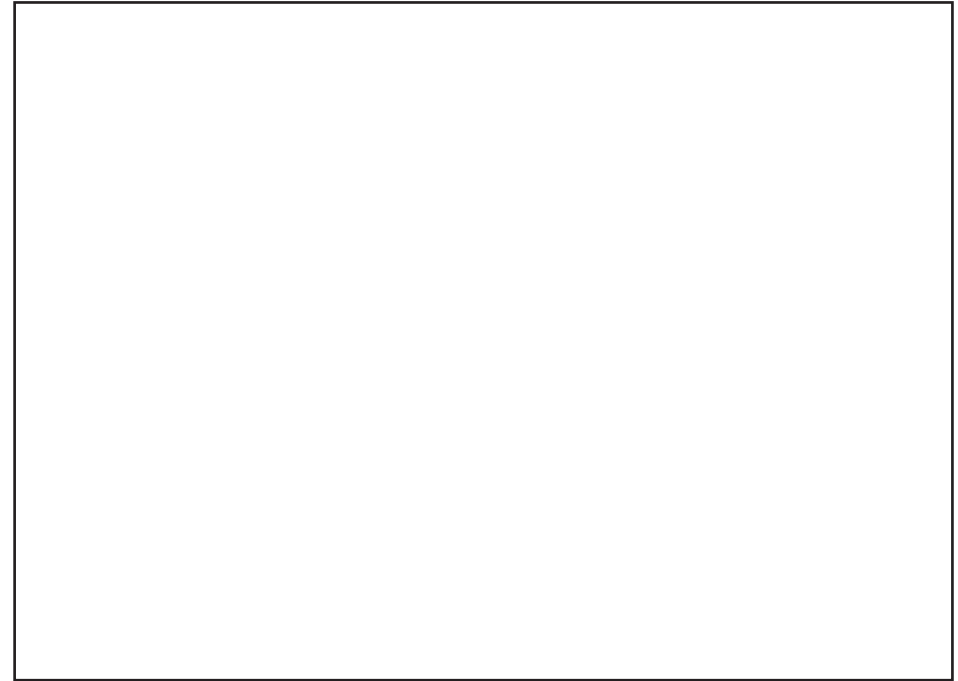


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Sandhill cranes live on mixed plants and a host of insects, frogs, and small rodents.

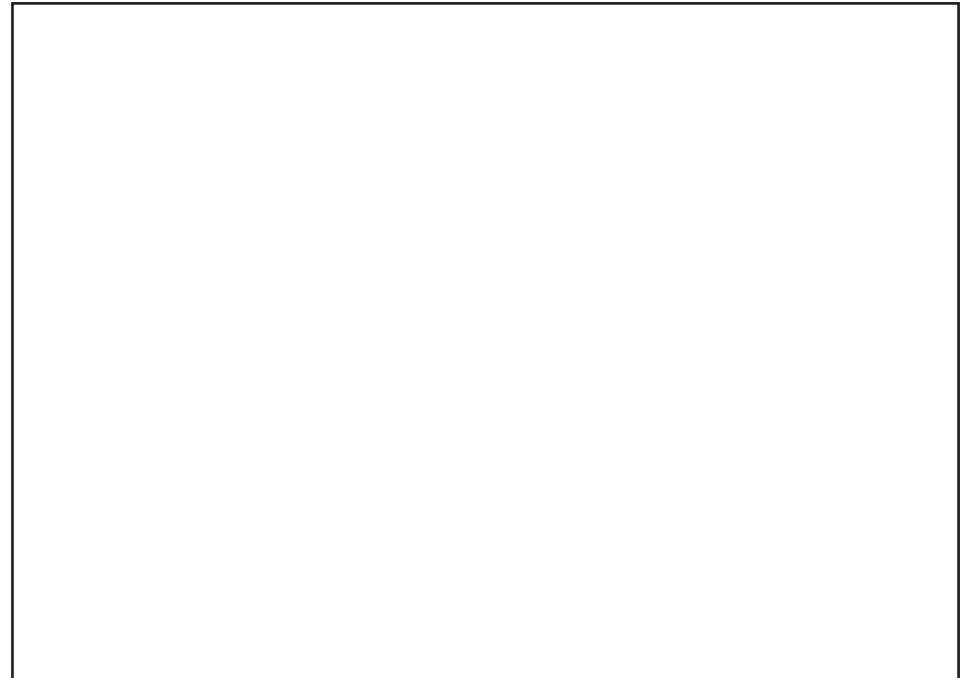


In the spring, sandhill crane chicks hatch. Before long, the chicks can swim, but they still can't survive by themselves. Adults take care of the chicks by finding them insects and grubs.

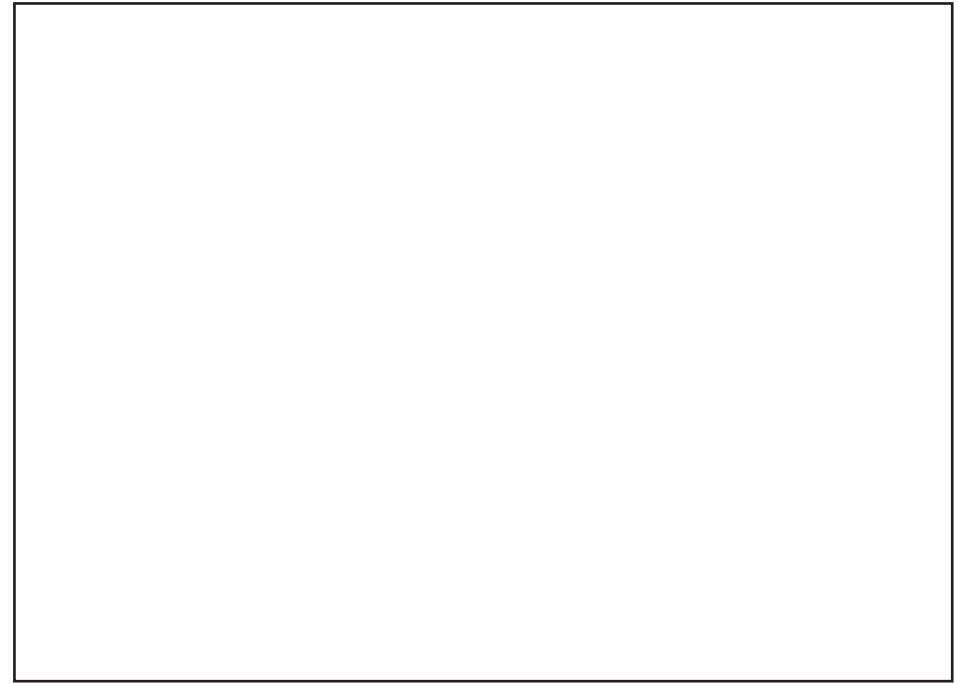


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Sandhill cranes dance to attract a mate. They jump up, flap, and twirl as part of the dance. This dance helps mates to bond. It also helps fend off rivals.

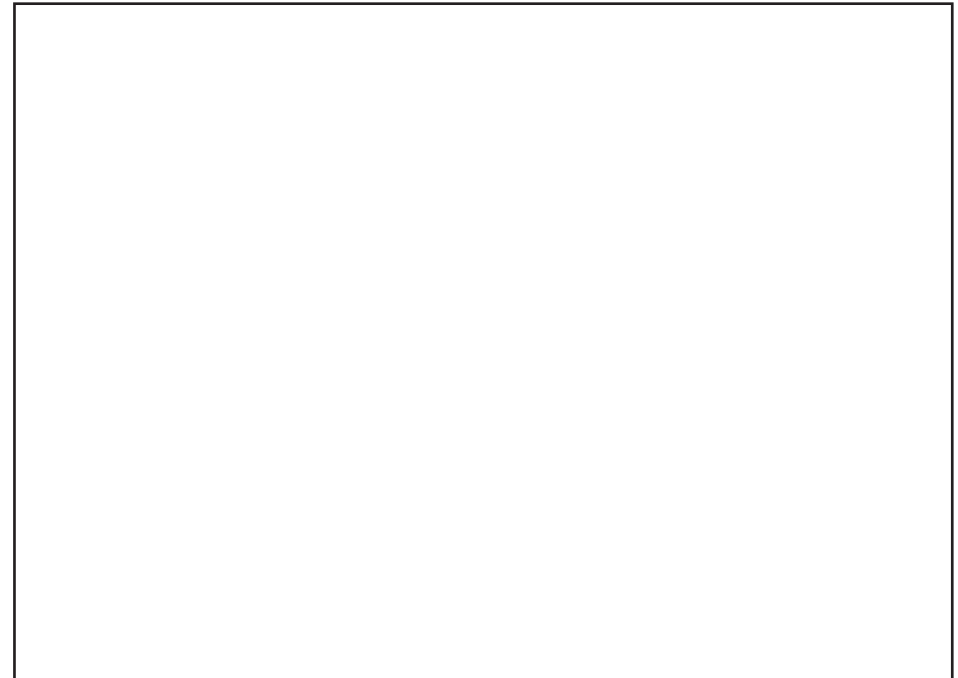


Adult sandhill cranes have a vibrant red patch, a long neck, and a dark bill. They have long, thin legs and stand quite tall.



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Most sandhill cranes do not like the cold. They migrate in flocks when it turns cold in the fall. When it gets mild in the spring, they fly back.



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