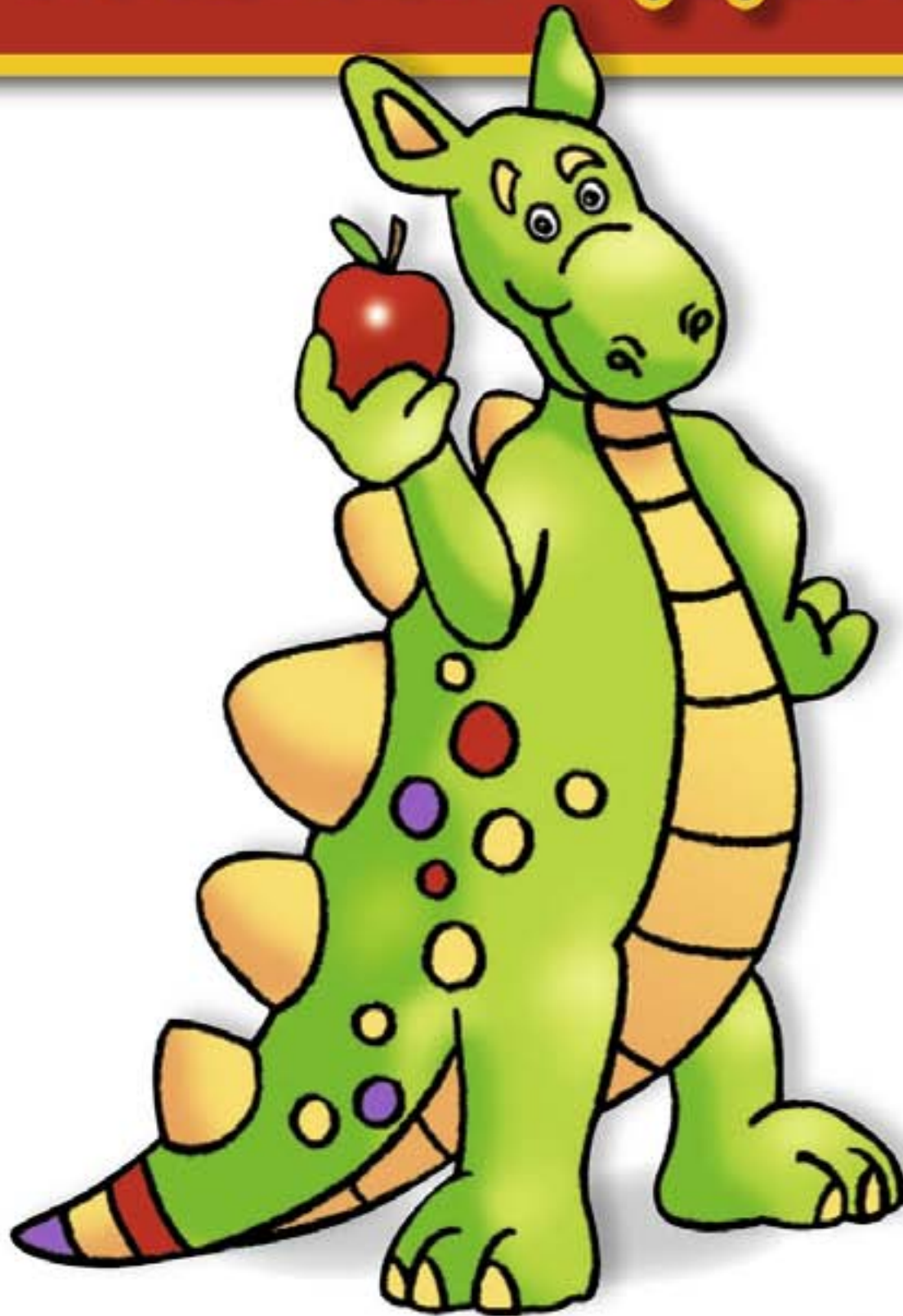


A Beginning-to-Read Book

Dear Dragon's A is for Apple



by Margaret Hillert

Illustrated by David Schimmell

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The *Beginning-to-Read* series is a carefully written collection of readers, many of which you may remember from your own childhood. This book, *Dear Dragon's A is for Apple*, was written over 30 years after the first *Dear Dragon* books were published. The *New Dear Dragon* series features the same elements of the earlier books, such as text comprised of common sight words. These sight words provide your child with ample practice reading the words that appear most frequently in written text. The many additional details in the pictures enhance the story and offer the opportunity for you to help your child expand oral language skills and develop comprehension.

Begin by reading the story to your child, followed by letting him or her read familiar words and soon your child will be able to read the story independently. At each step of the way, be sure to praise your reader's efforts to build his or her confidence as an independent reader. Discuss the pictures and encourage your child to make connections between the story and his or her own life. At the end of the story, you will find reading activities and a word list that will help your child practice and strengthen beginning reading skills.

Above all, the most important part of the reading experience is to have fun and enjoy it!

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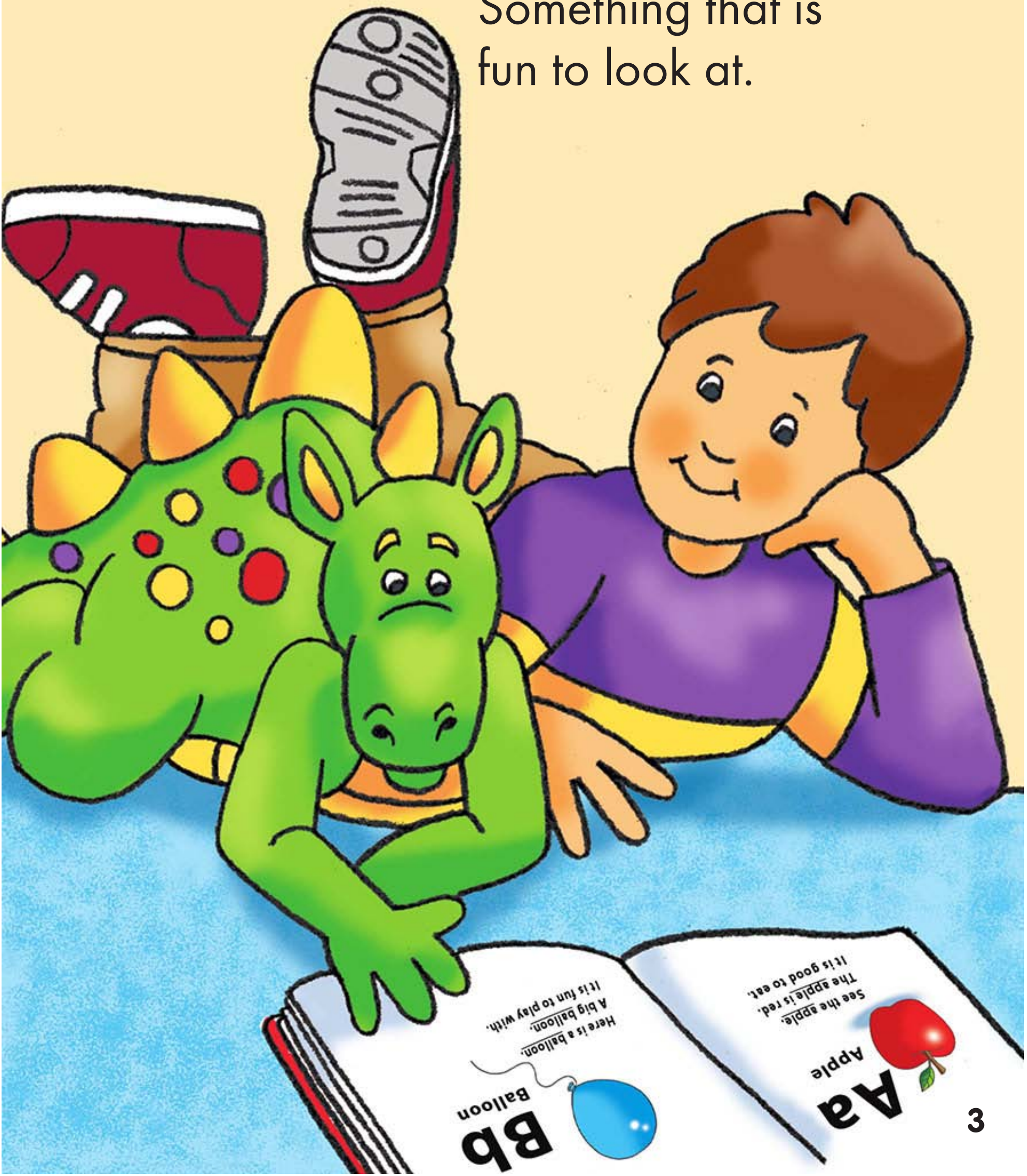
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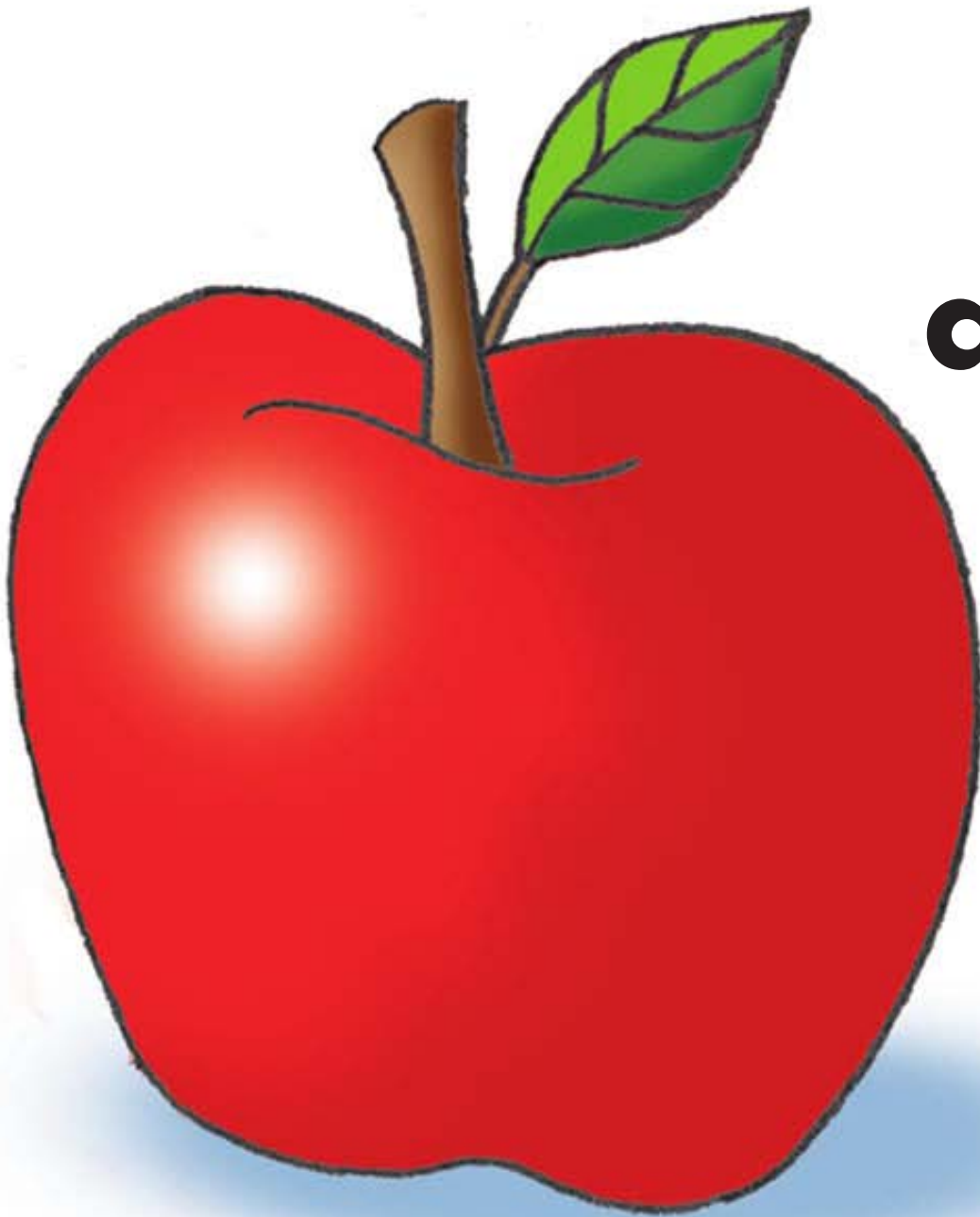
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Something that is
fun to look at.



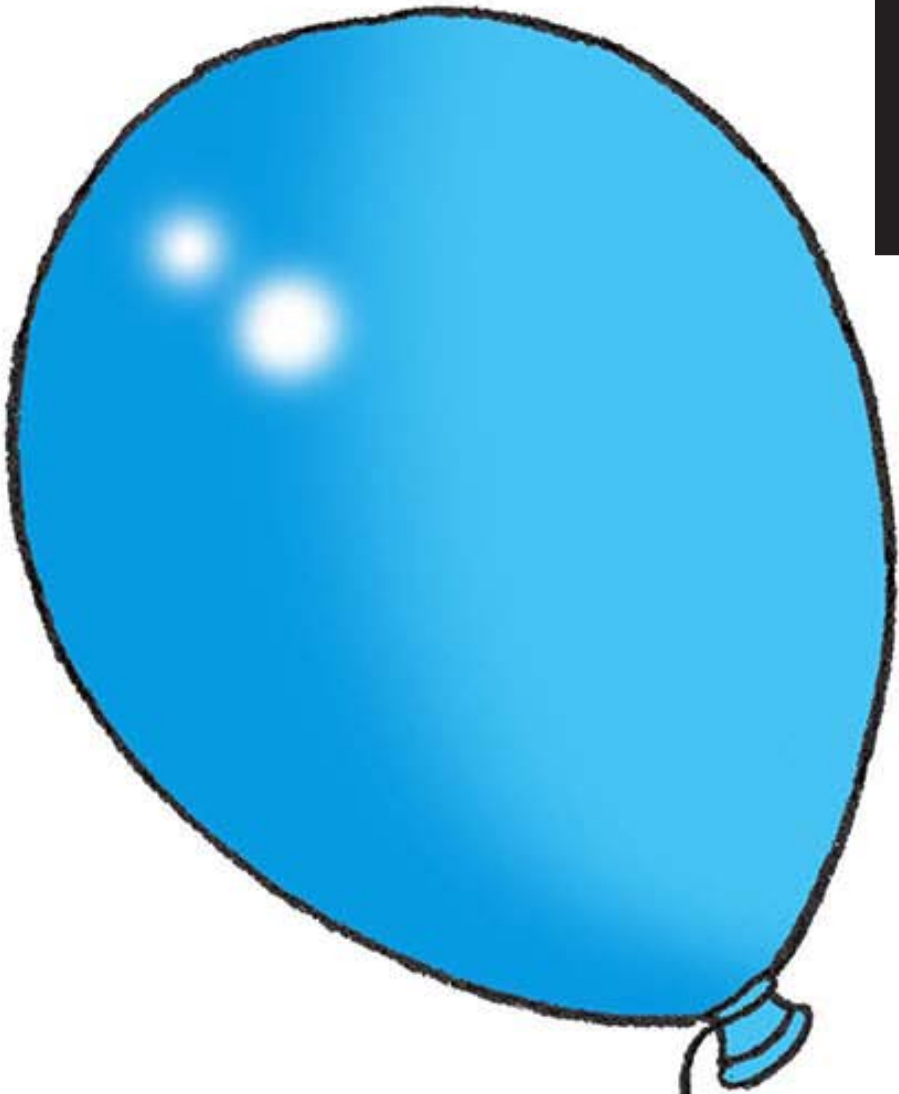
Aa



apple

See the apple.
The apple is red.
It is good to eat.

Bb



balloon

Here is a balloon.
A big balloon.
It is fun to play with.

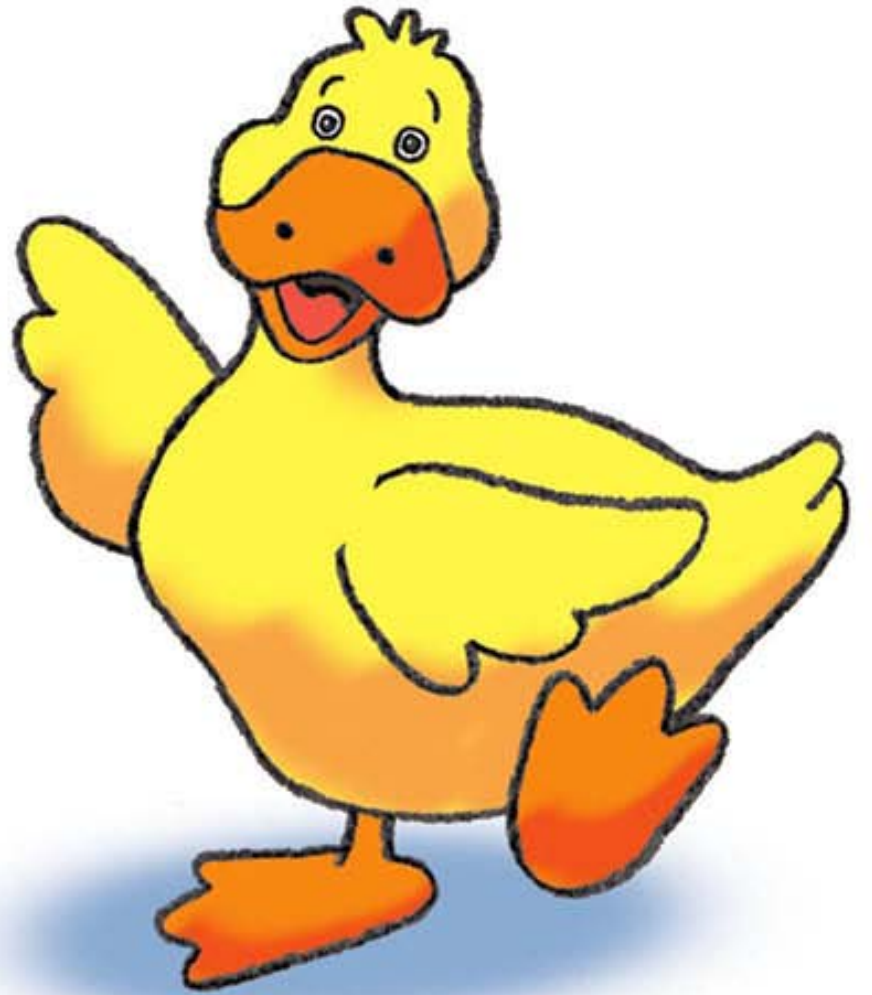


See the clown.

The clown is funny.

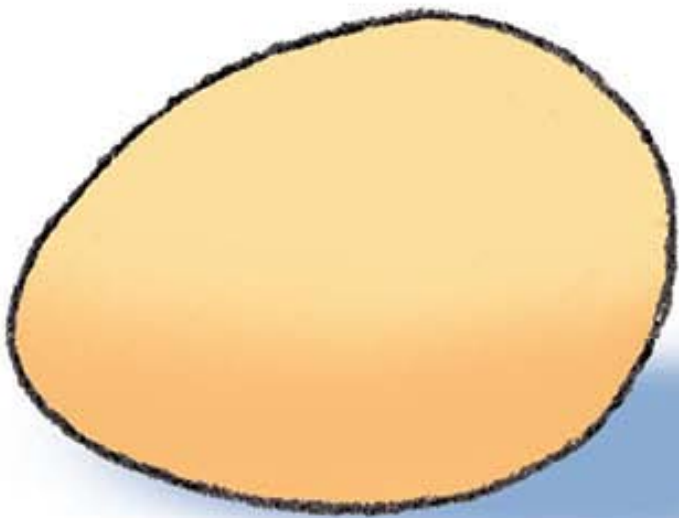
He can do funny things.

Dd



This is a duck.
A little baby duck.
The duck is yellow.

duck



Ee

egg

Look at the egg.
The egg is little.
It is white.

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