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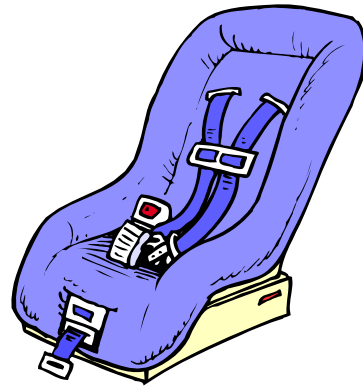
sit



knit



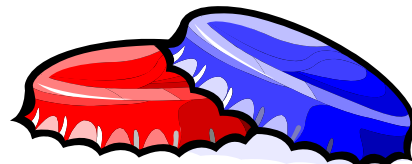
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seat

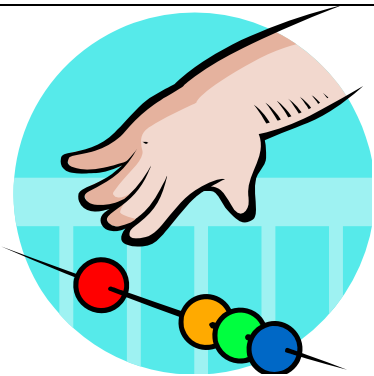


kid



lid

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bead



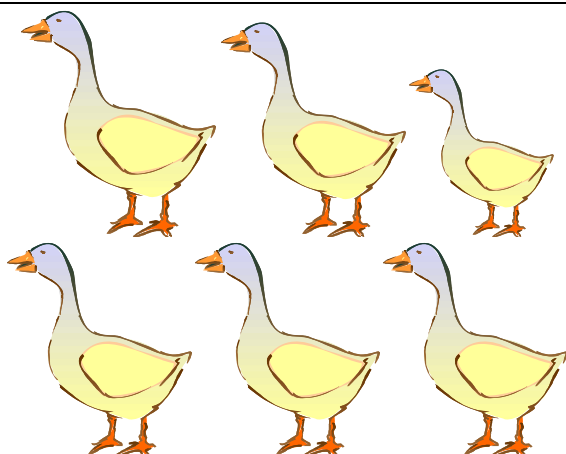
read



kiss



hiss



geese

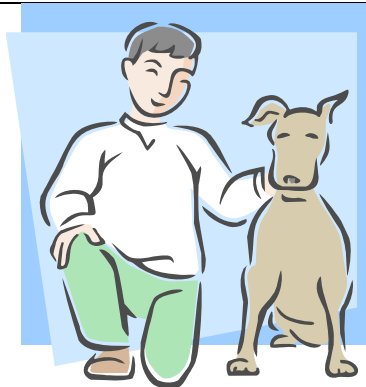


piece

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fizz



his



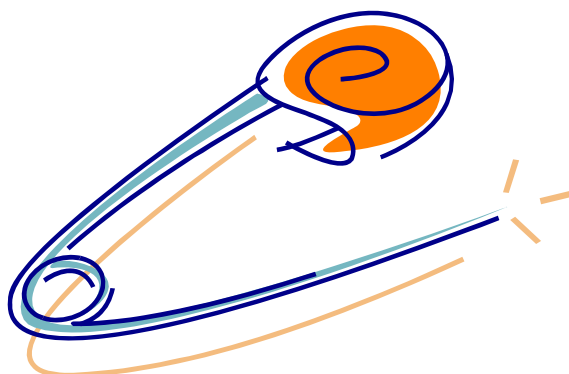
bees



cheese



bin



pin

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bean



Nefertiti

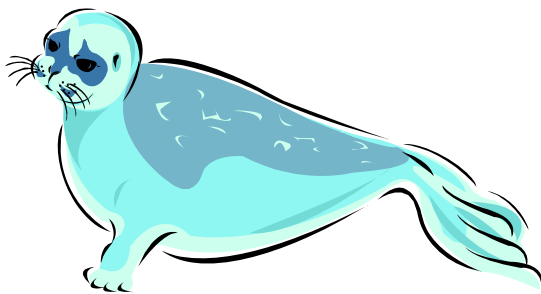
queen



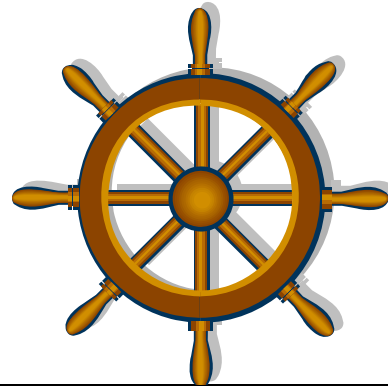
drill



hill



seal

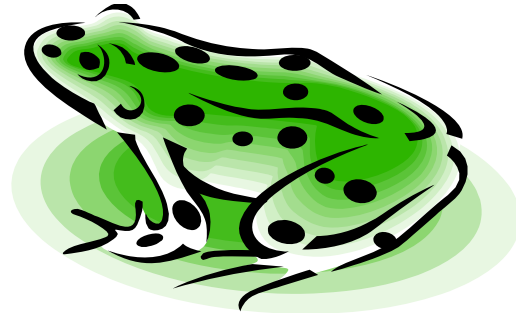


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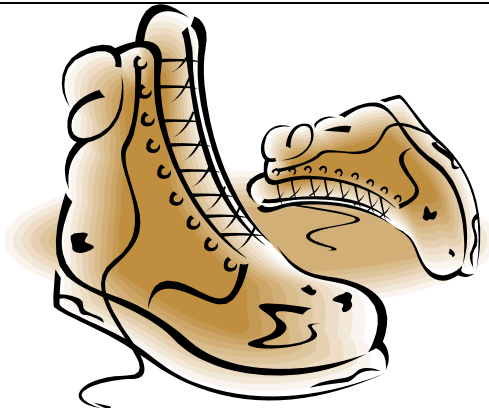
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pretty



spotty



muddy



teddy



messy



pussy

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busy



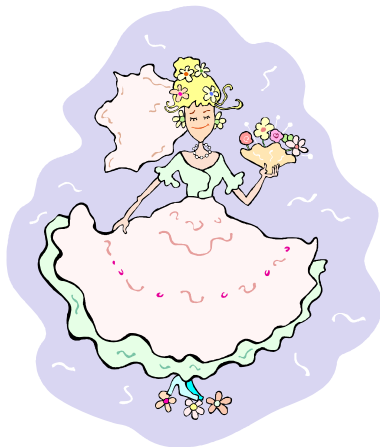
dizzy



funny



sunny



frilly



silly

Toddlers have a tendency to produce /i/ as the second vowel of a CVCV word, or babble, Capitalise on this tendency: start by teaching them to use two different syllables in a CVCV sequence, with /i/ in the second CV e.g., /dædi/, /tedi/. Note that /i/ is a high front vowel and that the alveolars, like /d/ tend to co-occur in English with high front vowels /i:/, /ɪ/.

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One syllable

/t/				/d/				/s/			
wit	fit	wheat	greet	sheet	grid	bead	reed	bliss		fleece	
sit	bit	beat	heat	street	hid	bleed	seed	kiss		grease	
pit	zit	beet	meat	sweet	kid	knead	speed	miss		lease	
nit	spit	cheat	meet	treat	lid	lead	steed	Swiss		niece	
kit	mitt	feet	neat	tweet	skid	read	swede	this		peace	
hit	knit	fleet	seat		squid			hiss		piece	
										geese	
/z/				/n/				//			
fizz		bees		bin		bean		bill		wheel	
quiz		breeze		chin		clean		chill		trill	
his		cheese		din		gene		krill		twill	
Liz		fees		fin		green		dill		will	
Whiz		fleas		gin		keen		drill		deal	
tizz		freeze		grin		lean		fill		eel	
		frieze		in		mean		frill		feel	
		keys		inn		preen		grill		heal	
		knees		kin		queen		hill		heel	
		peas		pin		scene		ill		keel	
		please		shin		screen		kill		kneel	
		seize		skin		spleen		mill		meal	
		sneeze		spin		teen		nil		peal	
		squeeze		thin				pill		peel	
		tease		tin				quill		real	
		tees		twin				sill		reel	
		these		win				skill		seal	
		trees						spill		squeal	
		wheeze						still		steal	
								thrill		steel	
								till		veal	

Two syllables

/t/				/d/				/s/			
auntie		pity		buddy				bossy			
chitty		potty		caddy				fussy			
city		pretty		daddy				messy			
gritty		spotty		muddy				pussy			
grotty		witty		Noddy				sassy			
kitty		Scottie		teddy				wussy			
pastie		sheltie		birdie				pixie			
knotty											
/z/				/n/				//			
busy				bonny		nanny		billy		frilly	
dizzy				bunny		penny		chili		hilly	
fizzy				funny		skinny		chilly		lily	
frizzy				granny		sunny		filly		silly	
tizzy				honey		whinny					
						beanie					
						brownie					