

The Rainbow

9 "I see it! I see it!" everyone was shouting.

21 Carlos shaded his eyes with his hand. He looked up in the

32 sky. He could not find the rainbow that everyone else could

42 see. Carlos knew about rainbows. He'd learned about them at

53 school. He knew that they appeared when the sky cleared after

67 a rain. He knew that when the sun's light hit water drops in the

72 air, it made a rainbow.

84 Carlos went inside. A few minutes later, he rushed back out. He

95 was holding a spray bottle filled with water. He squirted water

108 in the air and smiled. He had made a rainbow of his own!

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Light-Years

How tall are you? How far is it from your state to another? Each of these questions asks about length. We use feet and inches to tell how tall you are. We use miles to tell how far it is from state to state. How far is it from Earth to a star? You probably think you should use miles for that. But it would be millions and millions of miles!

There's a better way. We use light-years. One light-year is how far light goes in one year. Light moves faster than anything else. It is 4 light-years to some stars. It is 60 million light-years to others. Light-years make it easy to measure things that are very far away.

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Dangers in Dogsledding

13 Living in the far northern part of Canada is not easy. The winters
 27 are very cold, and the rest of the year doesn't get very warm either.
 39 During the middle of the winter, the sun doesn't even rise. There
 51 are very few roads. During the winter they are covered with snow.
 65 Using a snowmobile or dogsled is one of the best ways to get from
 69 one place to another.
 82 I love dogsledding. I have this amazing dog by the name of
 95 Troika. He is the lead dog of my dogsled team. And while Troika
 105 has only three legs, he is extremely strong and fast.
 116 There are many dangers facing people who go dogsledding in the
 128 far north. Wild animals like moose and bears can be very dangerous.
 138 Bears can be especially dangerous during the spring thaw when
 150 they are coming out of hibernation. I think they must be very
 159 hungry since they haven't eaten in a long while.

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First Plane Trip

13 The big day finally had come! We were taking a vacation to visit
 27 my family in New York. I was all smiles—until we got to the
 41 airport. I looked up and saw a lot of planes landing and taking off.
 55 They were so loud and so big. I wondered how they could stay up
 63 in the air. My stomach started to hurt.

76 In the airport, we sat in chairs and waited. Then we heard, "Flight
 89 175 to New York is ready to board." We walked down a long
 104 tunnel to get on the plane. We found our seats and put on our seat
 116 belts. When everyone was on, the plane began to move. Then my
 128 stomach really started to hurt! "Why can't we drive to New York?"
 130 I wondered.

143 After we took off, my stomach calmed down. The view of the land
 157 below was awesome! I felt as though I were looking at a giant map!
 169 Finally we landed. My stomach wasn't as upset as it was during
 180 takeoff. Somehow I knew going back home would be even better.

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Galaxy

14 What is outer space? Do you think it's the Sun, Earth, stars, and the planets? You are correct. Yet they make up just one part of space.

39 You may know about these things because they are part of our galaxy. Galaxies are large systems of stars and interstellar matter.

61 Each galaxy has billions of stars. Each galaxy has a different shape. They may be spiral, elliptical, or irregular. Our galaxy is called the Milky Way. It is in the shape of a spiral.

96 There are other galaxies in space, too. In fact, our galaxy is part of a group of galaxies. This group has thirty galaxies. Many of these galaxies have only just been discovered. We don't know much about them yet. There is a whole lot for astronomers to study!

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Green Spaces in City Places

Cars honk. A motorcycle zips by. People scurry around town like busy ants. City life can get very hectic. Sometimes you need a place to relax. Luckily, there are plenty of green spaces in the city. Just head to your nearest city park with your family or friends. You can find lots to do.

A city park has many spots to rest, play, and learn. You can sit on a bench and read a book or feed the pigeons. Maybe a friend will meet you at the playground for some afternoon fun. Perhaps you can hike to a nature center or fly a kite.

All kinds of people visit city parks each day of the week. After all, everyone needs a bit of green space now and then. Don't you?

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A Roar in the Woods

John stepped out of his cousin's car and looked around. He'd never been out of the city. The woods around him were huge. He and his cousin put on their backpacks and headed up the trail.

At first, everything seemed quiet. Then John listened more closely. He heard sticks and leaves crunching under his hiking boots.

He heard birds high in the trees.

The trail turned and got steeper. John heard a new sound. Slowly, the sound became a loud roar. John looked and listened even

more carefully.

At the top of the hill, John and his cousin stopped. The roar was so loud that they had to shout over the sound. All the noise came from water. The water flowed down over some rocks above them and dropped into a white, foamy pool below them. The cause of the roar was a beautiful waterfall.

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Lori Wants to Recycle

12 It was a cool spring day. The temperature in the garage was

23 warm. Lori was sorting old sneakers. Her class at school was

32 collecting sneakers. They were going to recycle them. Whoever

39 gave the most would win a prize.

51 Lori had over twenty pairs. She would have had more, but her

61 brothers were too stubborn to donate their shoes! Her chances

71 of winning were now reduced. She had counted on her

80 brothers' old shoes! Her brothers had saved their allowances

91 to buy new sneakers. Lori thought they would give her their

93 old ones.

105 The old shoes would be turned into a new blacktop for school.

116 They could all play ball there. Lori wanted her brothers' old

127 shoes! She didn't want them to end up in some landfill!

131 What could she do?

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