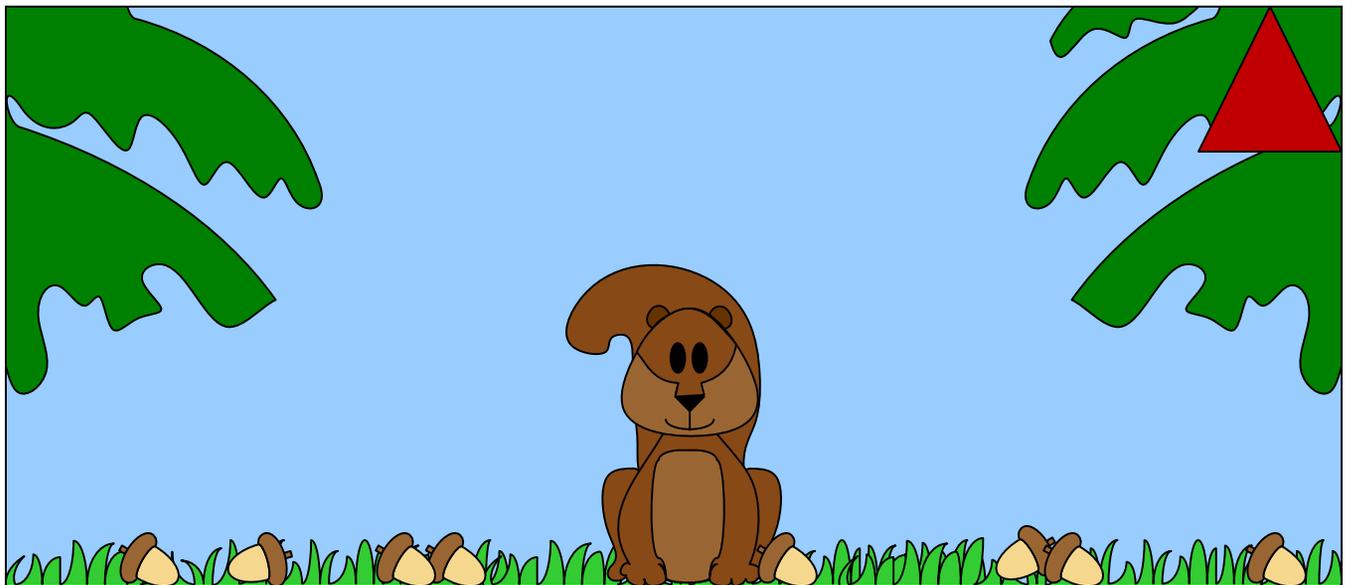




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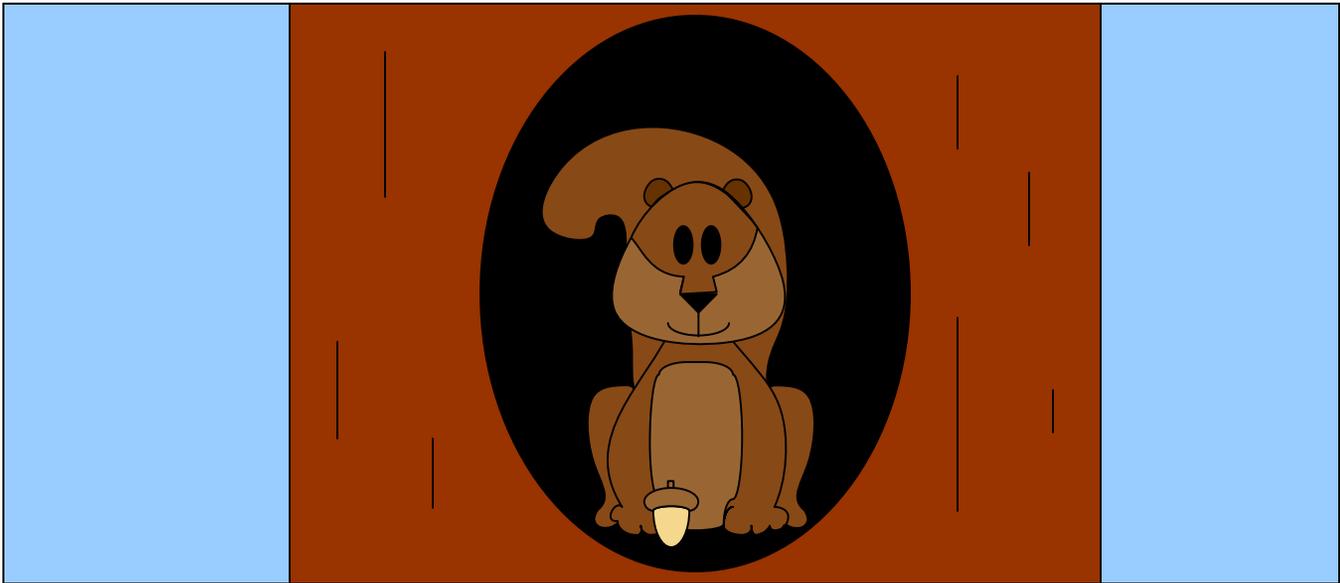
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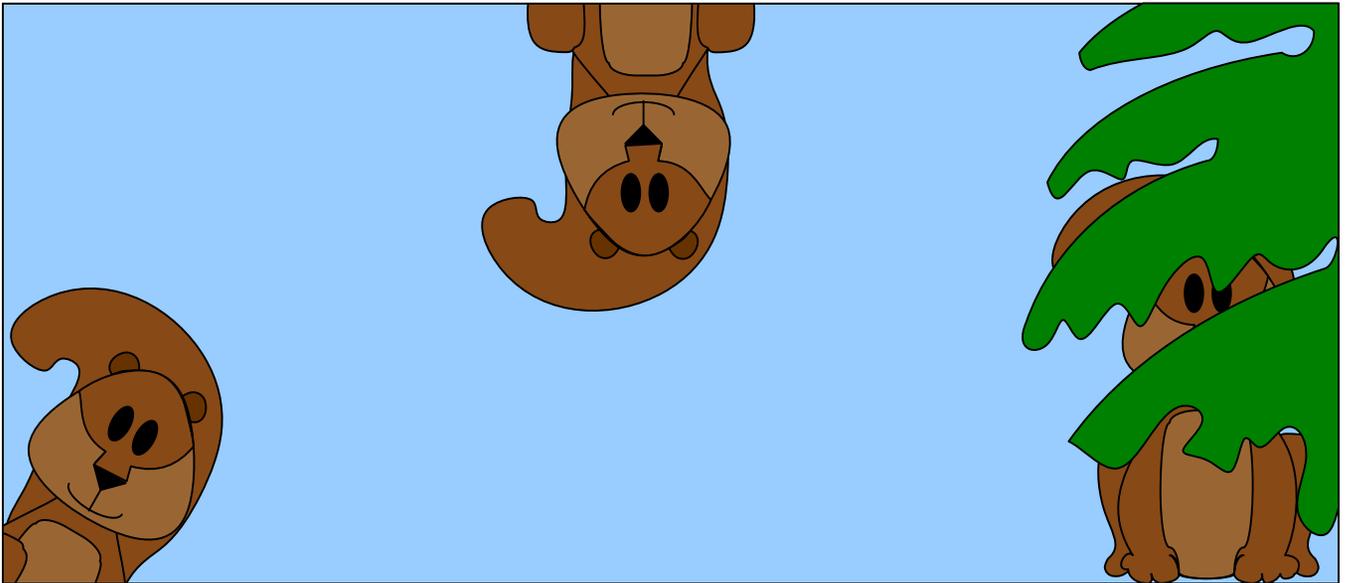
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Chuck is a small brown chipmunk. He lives in a hole in a tree. The tree is in a park that has a lot of green grass and big trees. Chuck is a happy chipmunk. He spends
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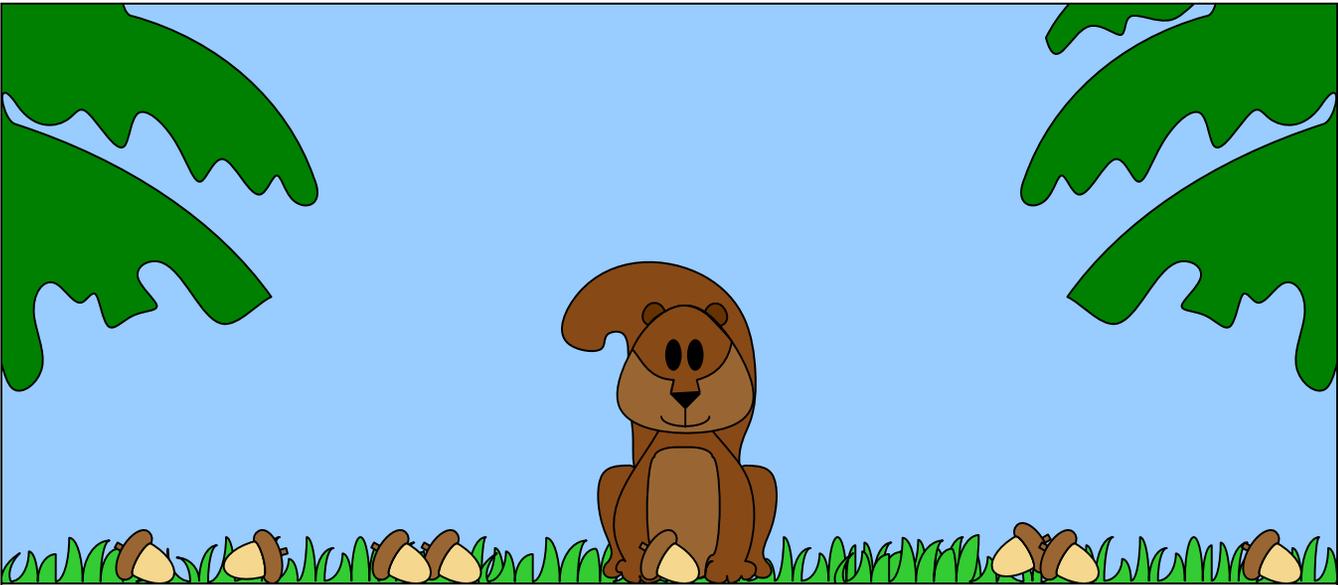


Chuck has a lot of friends who live in the park near him. His friends like to spend their days playing. They run around the park. They play hide and seek. They race up and down the trees.

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Every morning Chuck wakes up and thinks of nuts. He goes outside and looks on the ground for nuts. Nuts fall from some of the trees and Chuck finds them. He gets as many nuts as he can and takes them back to his house. He eats some of the nuts and saves the rest for later. After he has his snack he goes back outside to find more nuts.

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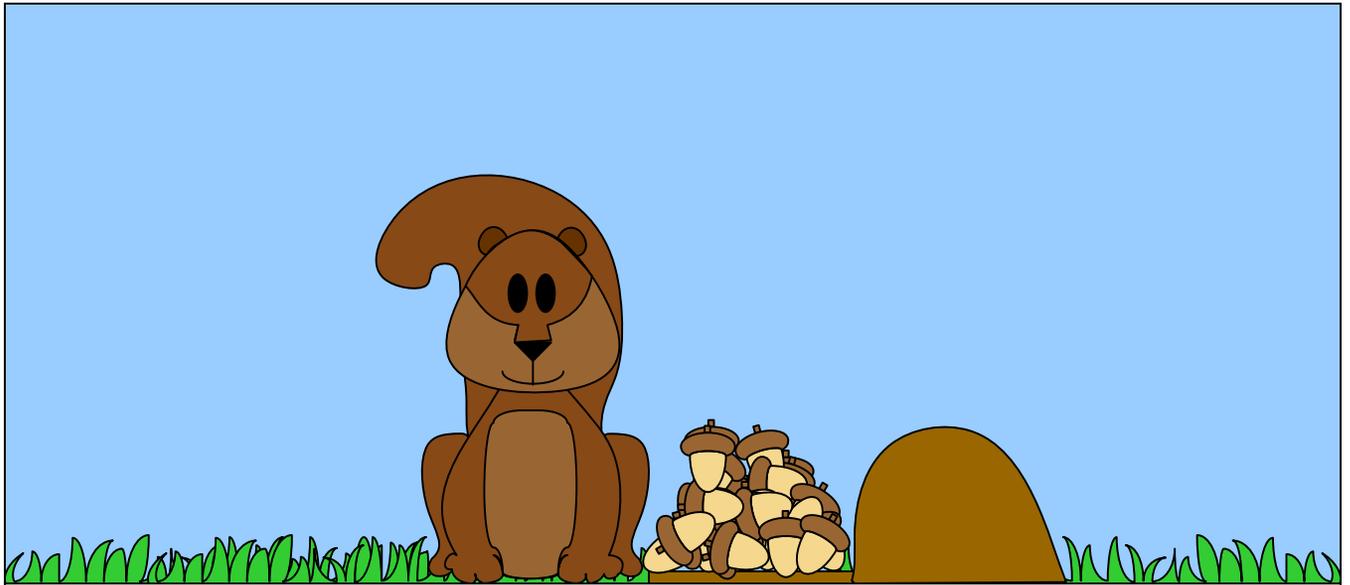


Chuck likes to play with his friends, but he likes to eat nuts even more. He does not have much time to play with his friends because he is always looking for nuts to eat.

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One day, Chuck looked at all the nuts in his house. "I think I have more nuts than I need," Chuck said to himself. "I think I will hide these nuts in the ground and then I can eat them later when I do not have any nuts."

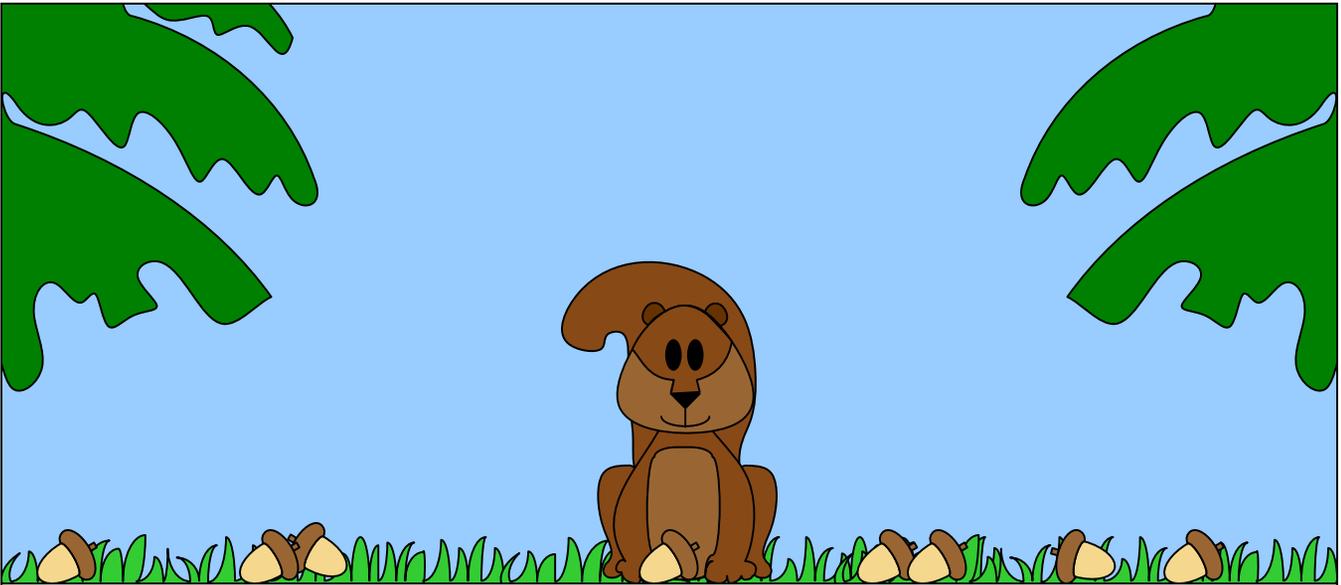


Chuck left his tree to find a good spot to hide his nuts. He dug a deep hole. He placed his extra nuts in the hole and then put the dirt back over the top of the nuts to hide them.

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Many days passed. Chuck still spent his days looking on the ground for nuts that fell from trees. Some days the sun was out and it was very hot. Some days there were rain clouds and it rained. Some days there was even snow. Every day Chuck went out and found nuts to eat.

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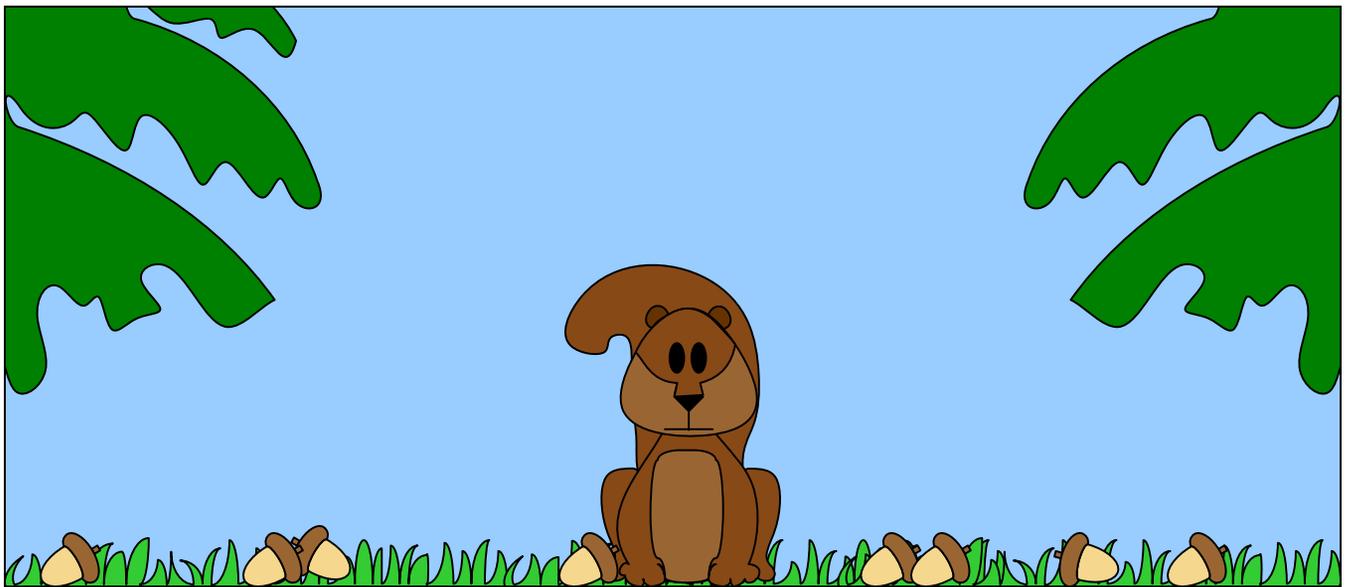
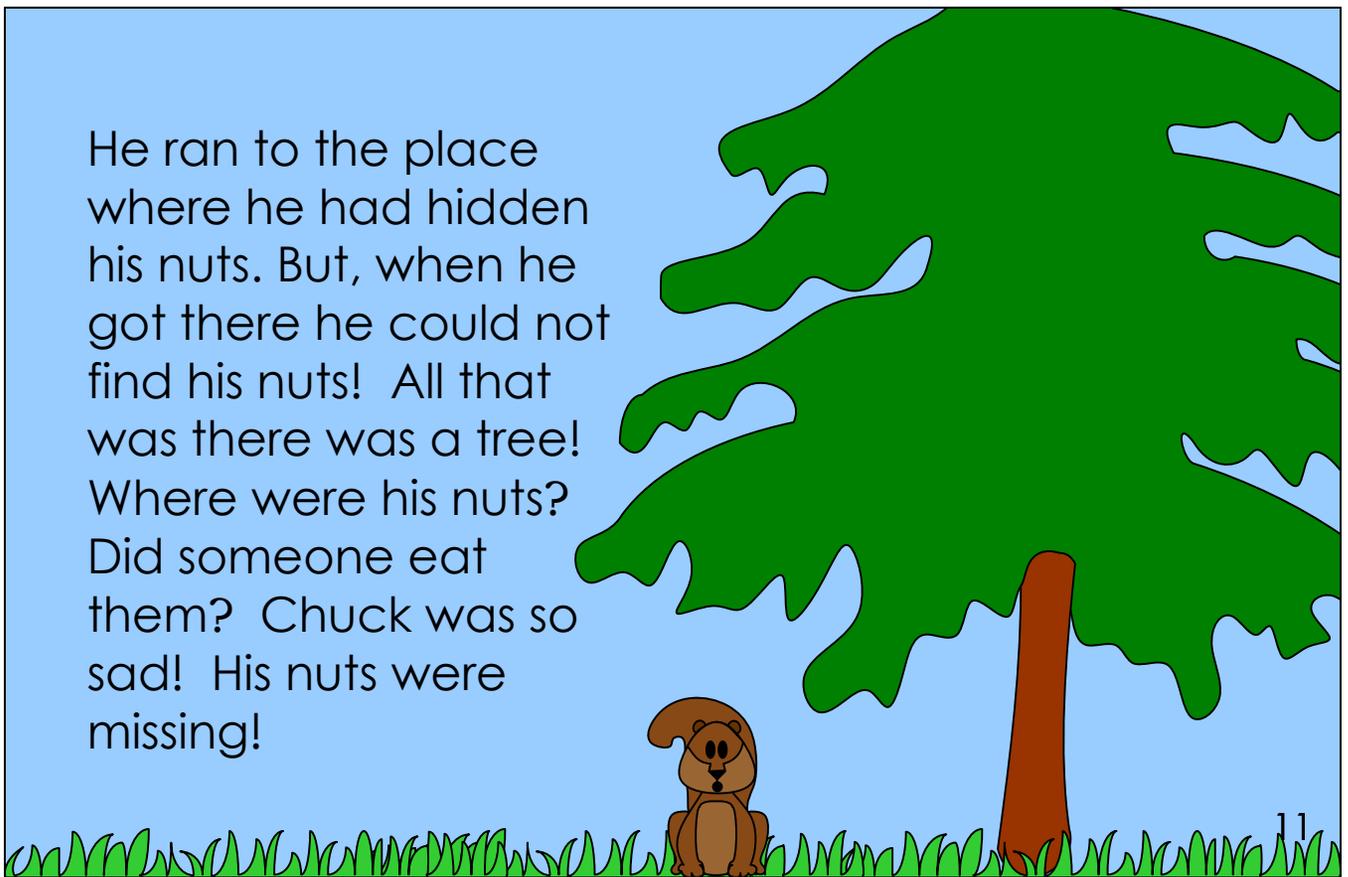
Chuck went to find some new nuts that he could eat. He was very happy to know that he had lots of nuts that he could eat later.

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One day, when it was cold, Chuck thought about the nuts that were hidden in the ground. "I do not have to go look for new nuts today," he said to himself. "I can go get the old nuts that I hid in the ground. Then I do not have to spend much time out in the cold!"

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He ran to the place where he had hidden his nuts. But, when he got there he could not find his nuts! All that was there was a tree! Where were his nuts? Did someone eat them? Chuck was so sad! His nuts were missing!

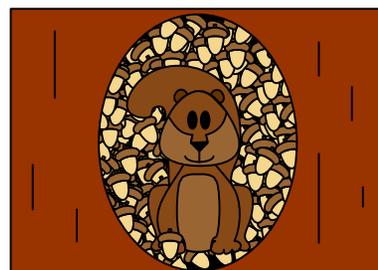


Chuck kept on looking for nuts every day. He wanted to play with his friends, but he wanted to eat nuts even more. Every morning Chuck would wake up and look for nuts. He would eat some of the nuts he found and he would save some of the nuts for later.

Chuck was very sad that his nuts were missing. He looked on the ground for new nuts to eat on the way back to his house. He did not like looking for nuts in the cold, but he had to if he wanted some nuts to eat. He saw some of his friends running up and down a tree. They were playing and running so they would not get cold. Chuck could not play with them. He wanted to eat. He had to find new nuts.

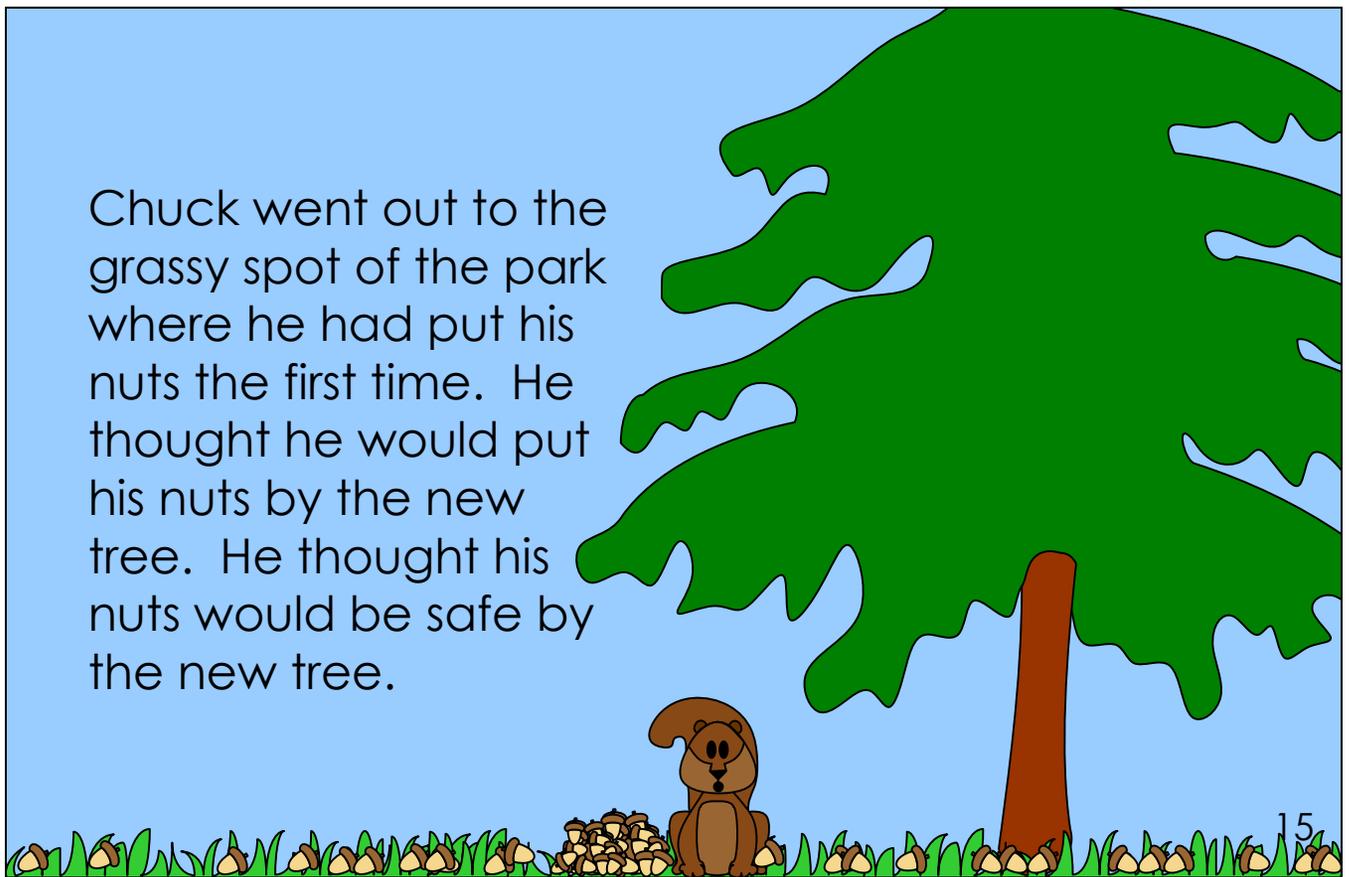
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One hot spring day, Chuck looked at all the nuts he had in his house. "I think I have more nuts than I need again," Chuck said to himself. "I will hide these nuts. I will put them in a place where I know they will be safe. I do not want someone to get these nuts like they got my other nuts."



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Chuck went out to the grassy spot of the park where he had put his nuts the first time. He thought he would put his nuts by the new tree. He thought his nuts would be safe by the new tree.



When Chuck got to the grassy spot with the new tree, he was surprised! There were nuts on the ground everywhere! The new tree that grew where Chuck had put his nuts was a nut tree. The nuts were falling from the tree! Chuck was so happy! He ran off to play with his friends. The new tree had more nuts than Chuck could eat. He would always have nuts to eat. He could play with his friends and eat nuts, too!

