

The Tiger Story

In the jungle a very large, striped cat sneaks up on a deer. Then it leaps. The deer gets away. The tiger does not chase its prey. It just looks for something else to eat.

Tigers are the world's biggest cats. One tiger can eat 9 to 15 pounds of meat a day. Tigers like living in thick forests or places with tall grass. They usually live alone.

Tigers do not live in groups like lions do. The only time you would see a group of tigers is when a mother tiger has cubs. Cubs stay with their mothers for about two years.

But getting a peek at a tiger with cubs in the wild is now a rare event. There are not too many tigers left. Today, twice as many tigers live in zoos as in the wild. Not enough wild places remain for them to live.

The Marching Band

Mike played the flute at school, and Max played the drums. One day they decided to form the school's first marching band.

They put up a sign asking anyone who played a musical instrument to join. They got several responses that day.

Chris really wanted to join the band, but he had one huge problem. He could not play any musical instrument. Beth also wanted to join the band, but she played the harp.

"How can you be in our band?" Mike asked Beth. "You play the harp sitting down. How can you march?"

Then Max had an idea. He invited Beth and Chris to join the band.

Max said, "Chris will lead the band and pull a wagon with Beth and her harp on it."

The band members loved Max's idea and their music was great!

Sand Castle Friends

Liz was spending the summer vacation at the beach. She didn't know any other kids, and she was starting to feel lonely.

Liz walked down to the edge of the water and began to build a sand castle. Soon another girl came along.

"Hi, I'm Lucy. Can I add some flags to your castle?" she asked.

"Flags sound great!" said Liz. Lucy made flags with twigs and some tissue.

"To make this castle really great, let's cover the walls with shells," said Lucy.

Lucy and Liz gathered the shells and pressed them into the castle walls. The castle looked beautiful. Soon the water moved closer to the castle. The waves started to melt away their castle.

"Let's make a bigger castle tomorrow," said Lucy.

"Wonderful!" said Liz. "See you then."

How to Play Running Bases

Have you ever played a game called “running bases”? It is a lot of fun! You need two people to catch the ball and a group of people to run between the bases. You also need two bases and one ball. You can use many things as your bases. An old shirt or a paper plate will work fine.

To start the game, the catchers throw the ball to each other three times. Then the runners start running back and forth between the bases. The catchers try to tag them.

The runners have to be quick and smart, so they do not get tagged. After three tags, a runner can change places with a catcher. Then the game begins again.

Soccer Camp

Kate and her big brother Ted like to play soccer. They are always bouncing or kicking a soccer ball. They play in the driveway and kick the ball into a net. Sometimes Kate and Ted play on the grass in their yard. On rainy days, they play in the basement. They go to soccer camp in the summer.

This summer, Ted goes to a different camp. Kate doesn't want to go to camp by herself. She frowns on her way to the field. But then she stops and smiles. She sees boys and girls running and kicking soccer balls. She will play soccer with many new friends!