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# LESSON 1

## EVENING AT HOME

*newspaper cold order seem through*  
*stockings chat story light Harry*  
*branches kiss burns Mrs. events*  
*another Mr. stool lamp mends*



1. It is winter. The cold wind whistles through the branches of the trees.

2. Mr. Brown has done his day's work, and his children, Harry and Kate, have come home from school. They learned their lessons well today, and both feel happy.

3. Tea is over. Mrs. Brown has put the little sitting room in order. The fire burns brightly. One lamp gives light enough for all. On the stool is a basket of fine apples. They seem to say, "Won't you have one?"

4. Harry and Kate read a story in a new book. The father reads his newspaper, and the mother mends Harry's stockings.

5. By and by, they will tell one another what they have been reading about, and will have a chat over the events of the day.

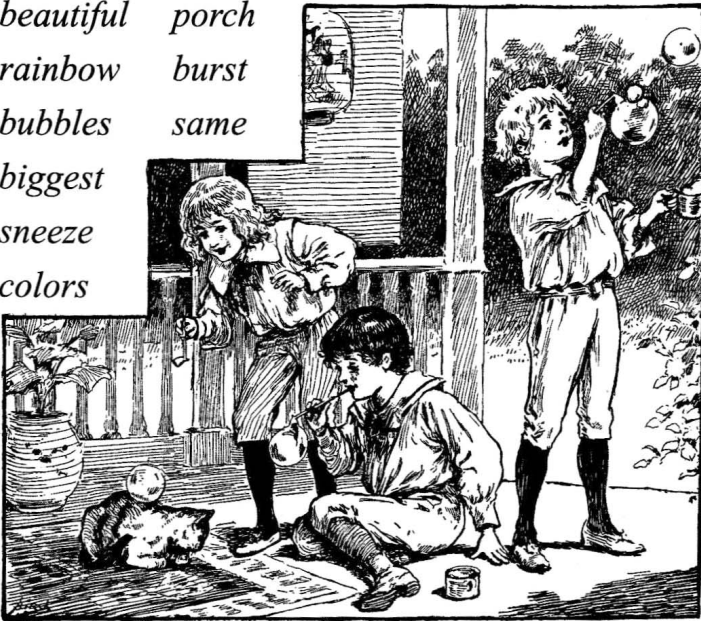
6. Harry and Kate's bedtime will come first. I think I see them kiss their dear father and mother a sweet good night.

7. Do you not wish that every boy and girl could have a home like this?

## LESSON 2

### BUBBLES

*beautiful porch*  
*rainbow burst*  
*bubbles same*  
*biggest*  
*sneeze*  
*colors*



*mine soap wash red many*

1. The boys have come out on the porch to blow bubbles. The old cat is asleep on the mat by the door.

2. “Ha! ha!” laughs Robert, as a bubble comes down softly on the old cat’s back, and does not burst.

3. Willie tries to make his bubble do the same. This time it comes down on the cat’s face, and makes her sneeze.

4. “She would rather wash her face without soap,” says Harry. “Now let us see who can make the biggest bubble.”

5. “Mine is the biggest, ” says Robert. “See how high it floats in the air! I can see—ah! it has burst.”

6. “I can see the house and the trees and the sky in mine, ” says Willie; “and such beautiful colors.”

7. “How many, Willie?”

8. “Red, one; blue, two; there—they are all out. Let us try again.”

9. “I know how many colors there are, ” says Harry. “Just as many as there are in the rainbow.”

10. “Do you know how many that is?”

## LESSON 3

### WILLIE'S LETTER

<i>rubber</i>	<i>gun</i>	<i>parlor</i>	<i>street</i>
<i>number</i>	<i>ten</i>	<i>o'clock</i>	<i>shoot</i>

New York, Dec. 10, 1878.

Dear Santa Claus:

Papa is going to give me a Christmas tree, and he says that you will put nice things on it if I ask you. I would like a gun that will shoot, and a rubber ball that I can throw hard, and that will not break Mamma's windows or the big glass in the parlor.

Now, please don't forget to come. I live on Fourth St., number ten.

I will go to bed at eight o'clock, and shut my eyes tight.

I will not look indeed I won't.

Your little boy  
Willie.

LESSON 4  
THE LITTLE STAR

<i>above</i>	<i>world</i>	<i>dark</i>	<i>oft</i>
<i>never</i>	<i>spark</i>	<i>dew</i>	<i>till</i>
<i>diamond</i>	<i>twinkle</i>	<i>blazing</i>	

1. Twinkle, twinkle, little star;  
How I wonder what you are,  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky!

2. When the blazing sun is set,  
And the grass with dew is wet,  
Then you show your little light;  
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

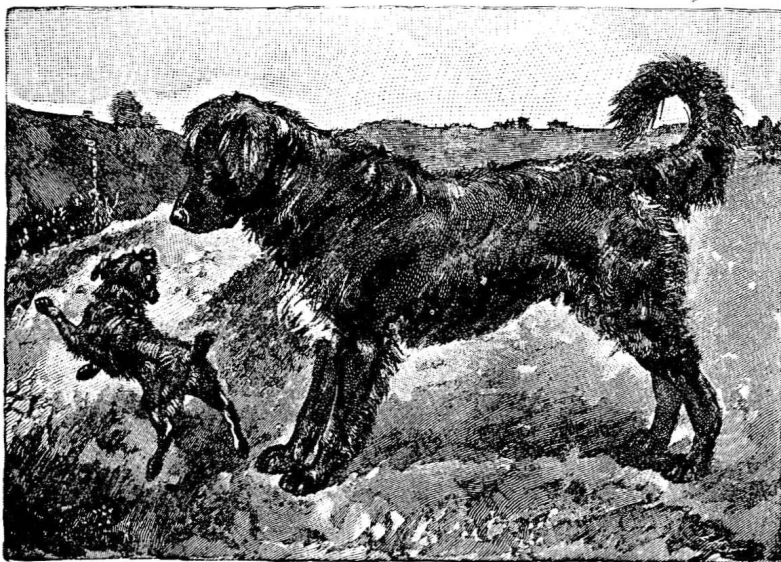
3. Then, if I were in the dark,  
I would thank you for your spark.  
I could not see which way to go,  
If you did not twinkle so.

4. And when I am sound asleep,  
Oft you through my window peep;  
For you never shut your eye,  
Till the sun is in the sky.

## LESSON 5

### TWO DOGS

<i>behind</i>	<i>together</i>	<i>noble</i>	<i>Scotch</i>
<i>Dodger</i>	<i>minutes</i>	<i>crib</i>	<i>wagon</i>
<i>terrier</i>	<i>country</i>	<i>scold</i>	<i>fellow</i>
<i>shaggy</i>	<i>friskily</i>	<i>fits</i>	<i>cellar</i>
<i>guards</i>	<i>Newfoundland</i>	<i>yard</i>	<i>harness</i>





1. James White has two dogs. One is a Newfoundland dog, and the other is a Scotch terrier.

2. The Newfoundland is a large, noble fellow. He is black, with a white spot, and with long, shaggy hair. His name is Sport.

3. Sport is a good watchdog, and a kind playfellow. Every night he guards the house while James and his father are asleep.

4. In the daytime, James often uses Sport for his horse. He has a little wagon, and a set of small harness which just fits the dog.

5. He hitches Sport to this wagon, and drives over the country. In this way, he can go almost as fast as his father with the old family horse.

6. The name of James's Scotch terrier is Dodger. He is called Dodger because he jumps about so friskily. He is up on a chair, under the table, behind the door, down cellar, and out in the yard, —all in a minute.

7. Dodger has very bright eyes, and he does many funny things. He likes to put his paws up on