

Read.



Lesson 44

start



Read this silently and then out loud.



THE EASTER RABBIT

Little Rabbit sat by the road.

Ray and May came along.

They did not see Little Rabbit.

“Easter is coming soon,” said May.

“Let us make a nest in the yard.

The Easter Rabbit will see it.

He will leave pretty eggs in it for us.”

Ray said, “Yes, let us make a nest!”

Away they ran to make the nest.

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

Little Rabbit ran to his mother.

“I want to be the Easter Rabbit,”
he said.

“What is the Easter Rabbit?”
said his mother.

“The Easter Rabbit puts eggs
into nests,” he said.

“Ray and May are going to make
a nest in the yard.

I want to put eggs into it.”

His mother said, “Do not go away!
Ray and May will catch you.”



Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

Mother Rabbit went to the garden,
then Little Rabbit ran away.

He wanted to find Easter eggs.

Ray and May saw Little Rabbit.

They ran after him.

“Stop, Little Rabbit!” said Ray.

“Stop! Let us catch you.

Oh, now we have you!

We will keep you in the barn.”

They took Little Rabbit to the barn.

They patted him and patted him.

They gave him leaves for dinner.



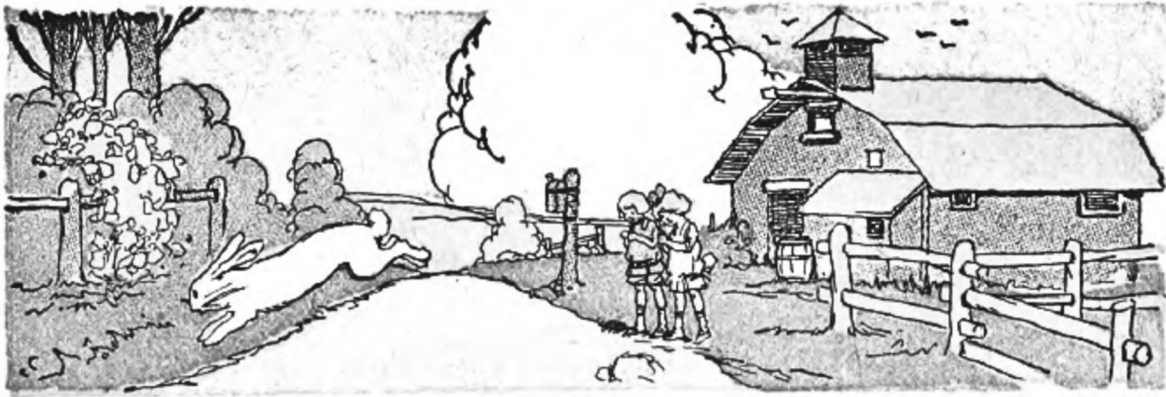
Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



Little Rabbit wanted his mother.
Ray said, “The rabbit is not happy.
Let us take him to the yard.
He will put Easter eggs into the nest!”
They took Little Rabbit to the yard.
Away he ran down the road!
By and by Little Rabbit stopped.
He said, “I will go back to the yard.
I want to make Ray and May happy.
I want to be the Easter Rabbit.
I will look for eggs in the yard.”

Read.



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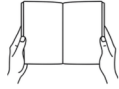


Read this silently and then out loud.



Little Rabbit ran back to the yard.
He could not find any eggs there.
Then he looked in the nest.
Can you guess what he saw?
He saw two little kittens!
One kitten was white.
The other kitten what black.
Then he saw the mother cat.
She had a gray kitten in her mouth.
She put it into the nest, too.

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

Soon May came to the nest.

She was looking for Easter eggs.

“Oh, see the kittens!” she said.

“Come, Ray! See what is in the nest!”

Ray ran to look in the nest.

“What pretty kittens!” he said.

How happy Ray and May were!

Little Rabbit was happy, too.

“The cat is the Easter Rabbit!” he said.

Then he ran home to his mother.

ANNE SCHUTZE



Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What did the rabbit want to do?

What did the children do with the rabbit?

What animal put her babies in the nest?

Write.



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Copy the passage.

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Little Rabbit was happy, too.

“The cat is the Easter Rabbit!” he said.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line.

Write.



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end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.