

Engagement Text

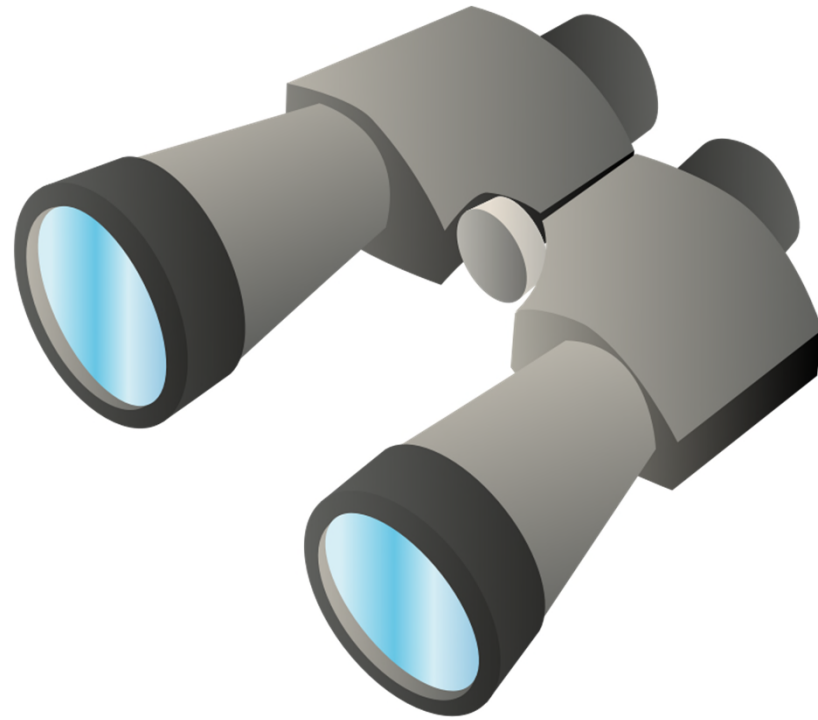
Dad's Plan

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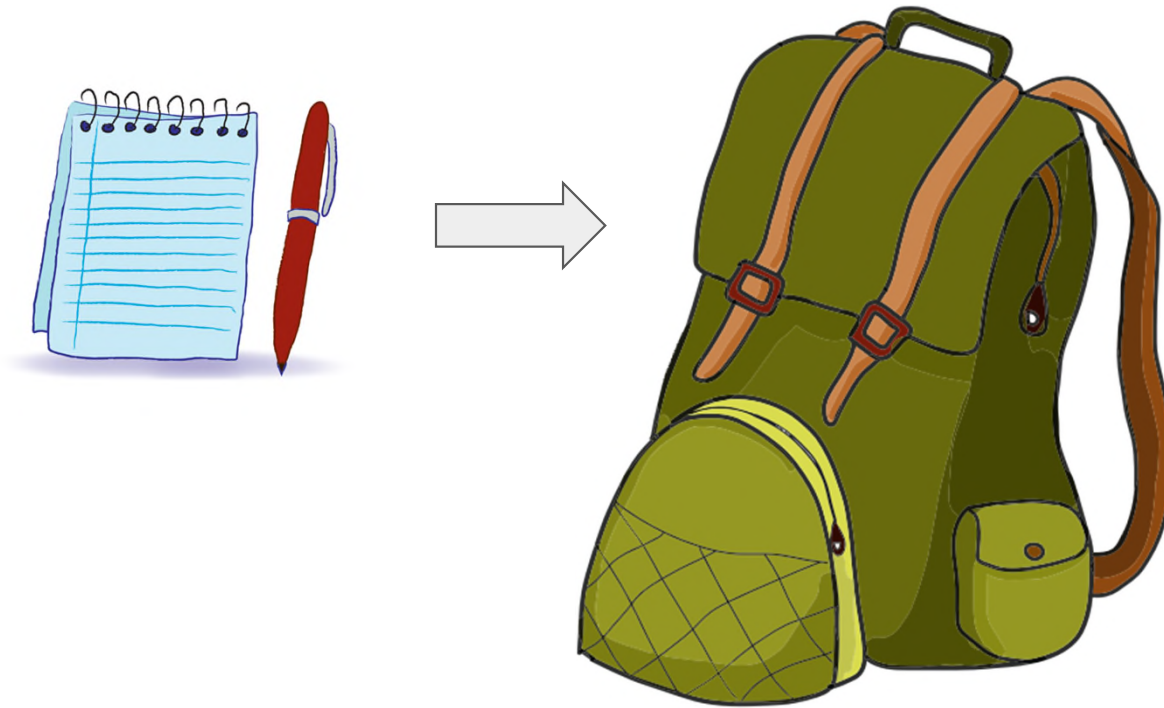




"Grab your pad and pen, Sam," said Dad.



"And your binoculars."



Sam grabbed the binoculars and put the pen and pad in his backpack.

"Where are we going?" asked Sam.



"I know you wish that we had a pet," said
Sam's dad.

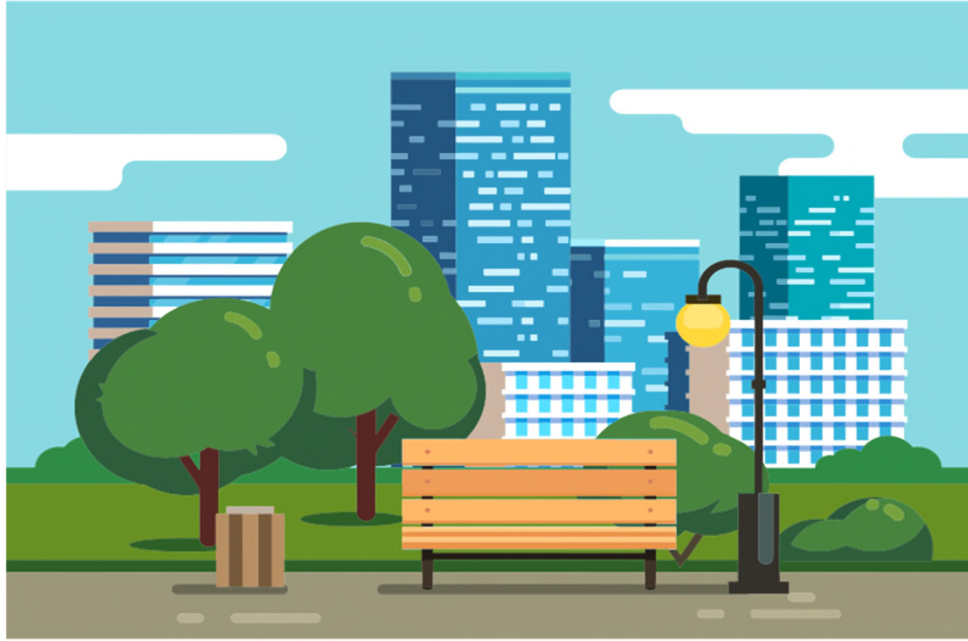




"So I want you to see all the wonderful animals that live in our city."



Sam nodded. "I will try to draw them in my pad," Sam said. "That way I can keep them all in our home."



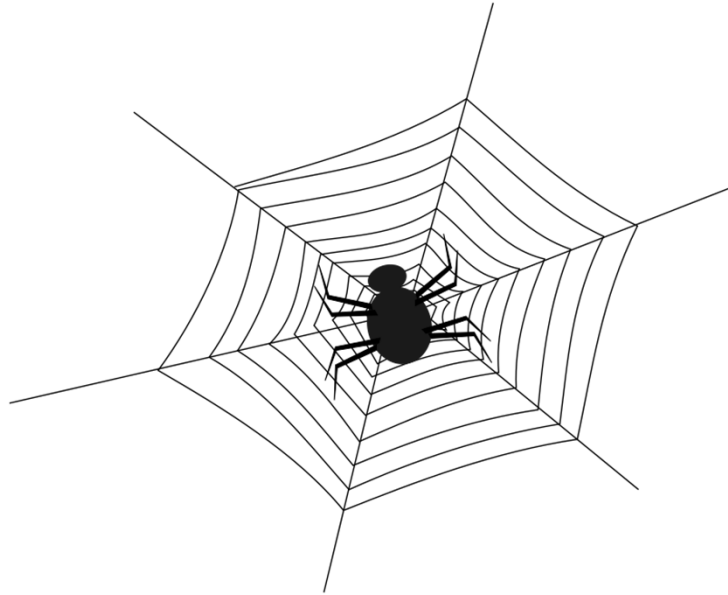
"Yes," said Dad. "We all live in the city together, and we all share a home with each other."

"Let's go, let's go, let's go!" Sam said.

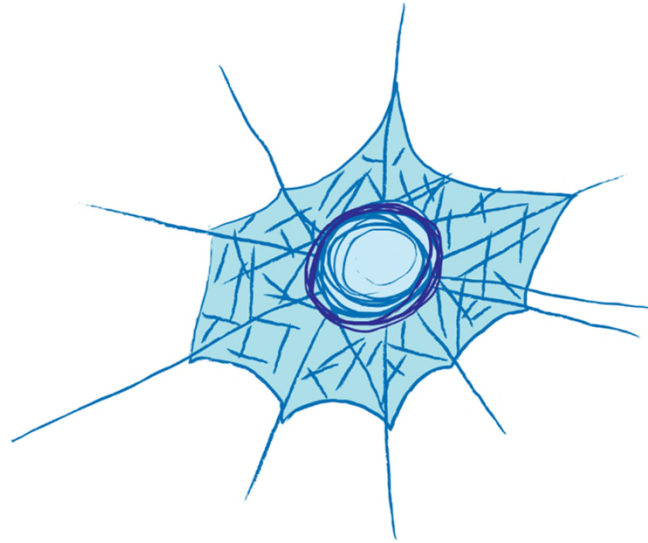


"We'll start with the shed near our home," said Sam's dad.

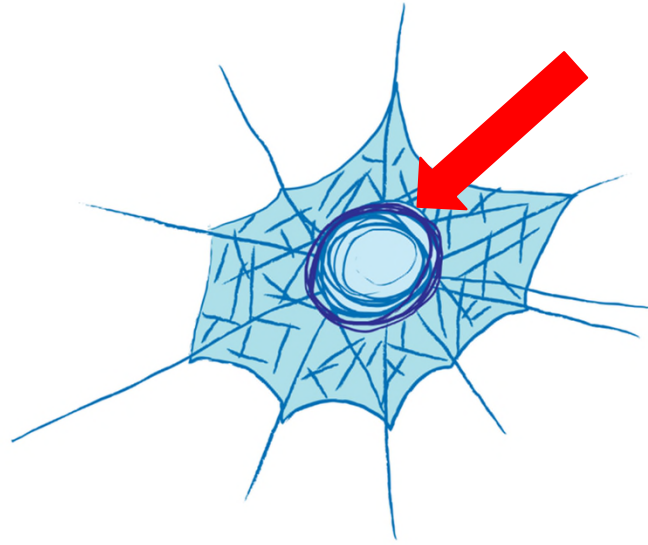
Sam's dad opened the shed door.



There, on the ceiling, was a spider making her web.

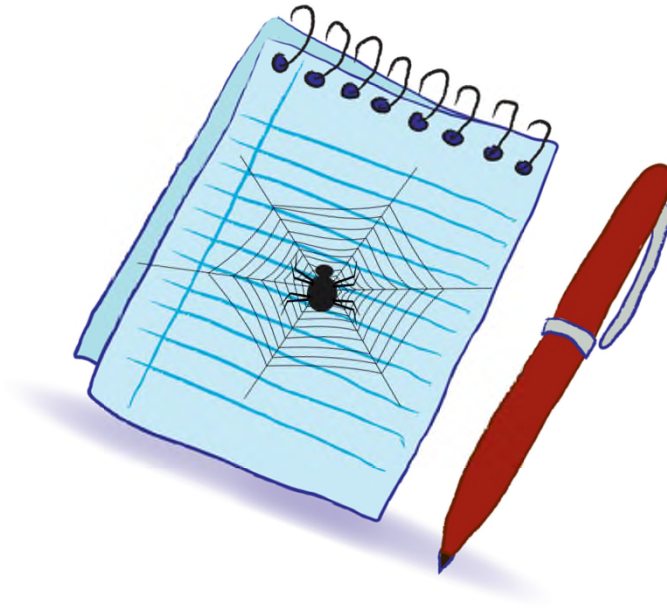


Sam asked, "What is that in the center of the web?"



"That's an egg sac," said Sam's dad.
"Soon, it will open, and the spider's babies will come out."

"I thought only chickens had eggs,"
Sam said.

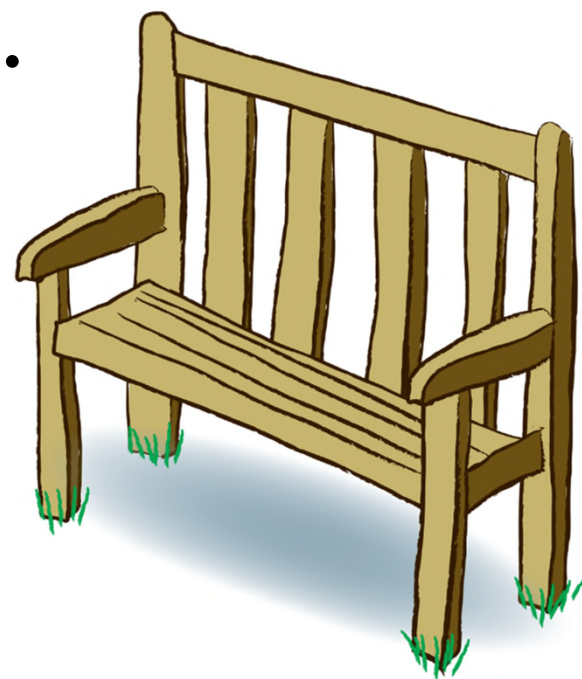
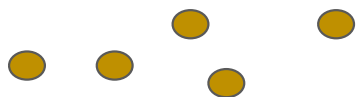


Sam drew the spider, her web, and
the egg sac.

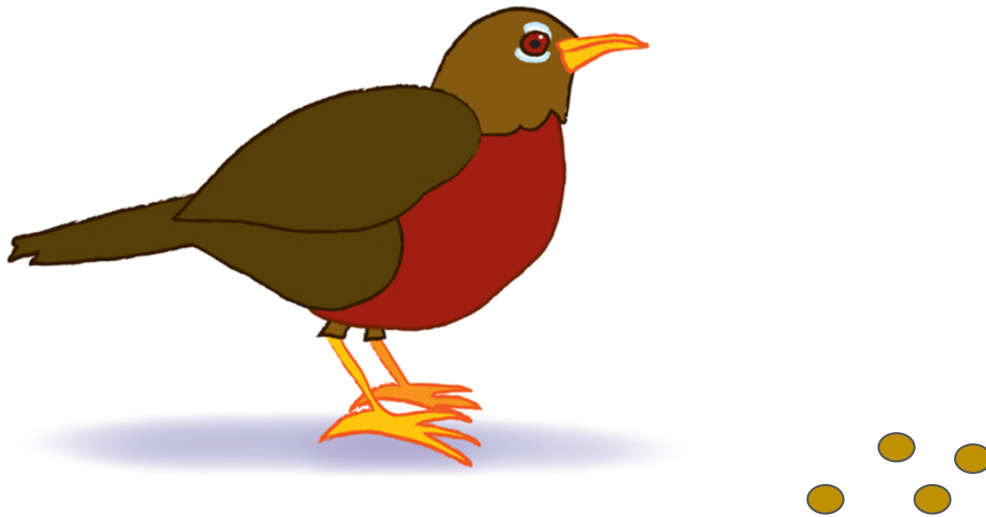
Then, Sam walked with Dad to the park.



Sitting on a bench, Sam's dad
dropped some bits of bread on the
ground. Sam helped him.



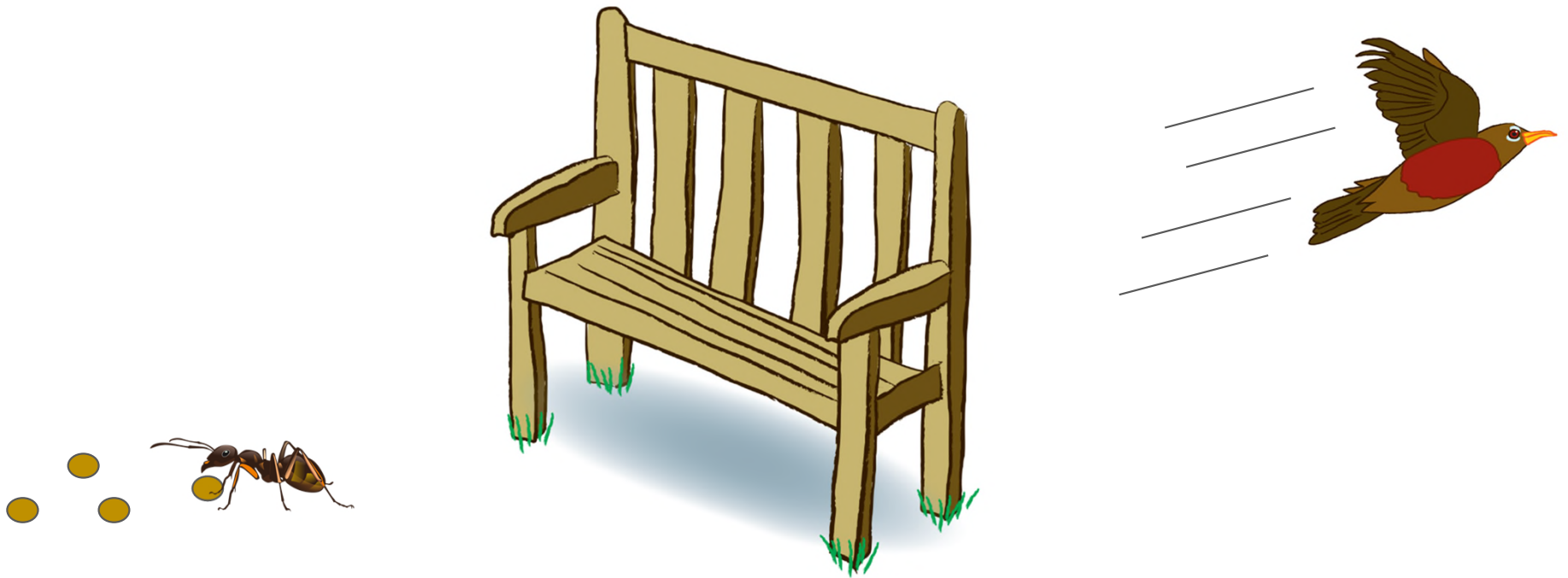
A robin with a red chest flew down to eat. The robin chirped at Sam.



"Birds usually fly away when I get close," said Sam. "But this bird is not shy!" he said as he drew the bird.



Then the robin flew away. But there on the ground, he saw a big ant holding one of the bits of bread.



"The ant is bringing food back to its family," said Sam's dad. And Sam drew the ant.



As they walked home, Dad asked,
"Did you enjoy our walk today? Do
you still wish you had a pet?"

But Sam wasn't
listening. He was
watching the sidewalk
for more ants.



"Hey, maybe we could go on a picnic tomorrow and look for more animals," said Sam.

"OK," Dad said, smiling.

