

# Betty Backwards

Betty Backwards reads her mom a story.  
She reads from the end to the beginning.  
She goes to sleep after her mom does.  
  
(Betty does everything backwards.  
She isn't like you and me.  
Betty does things differently!)

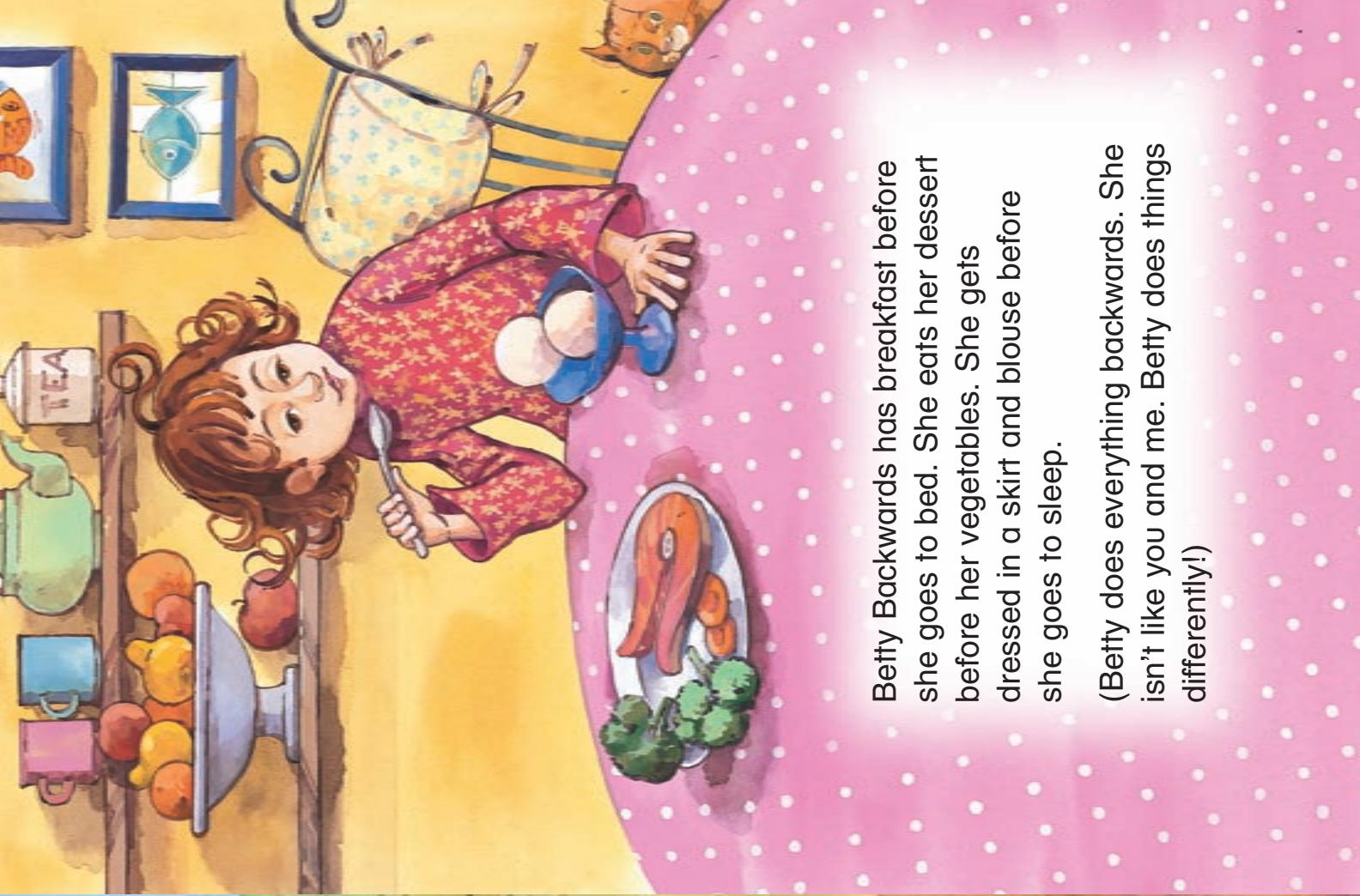
by Diane Pinkley



Betty Backwards gets up at ten o'clock at night. She eats dinner after she brushes her teeth. She gets dressed in her pajamas before she goes out to play.  
  
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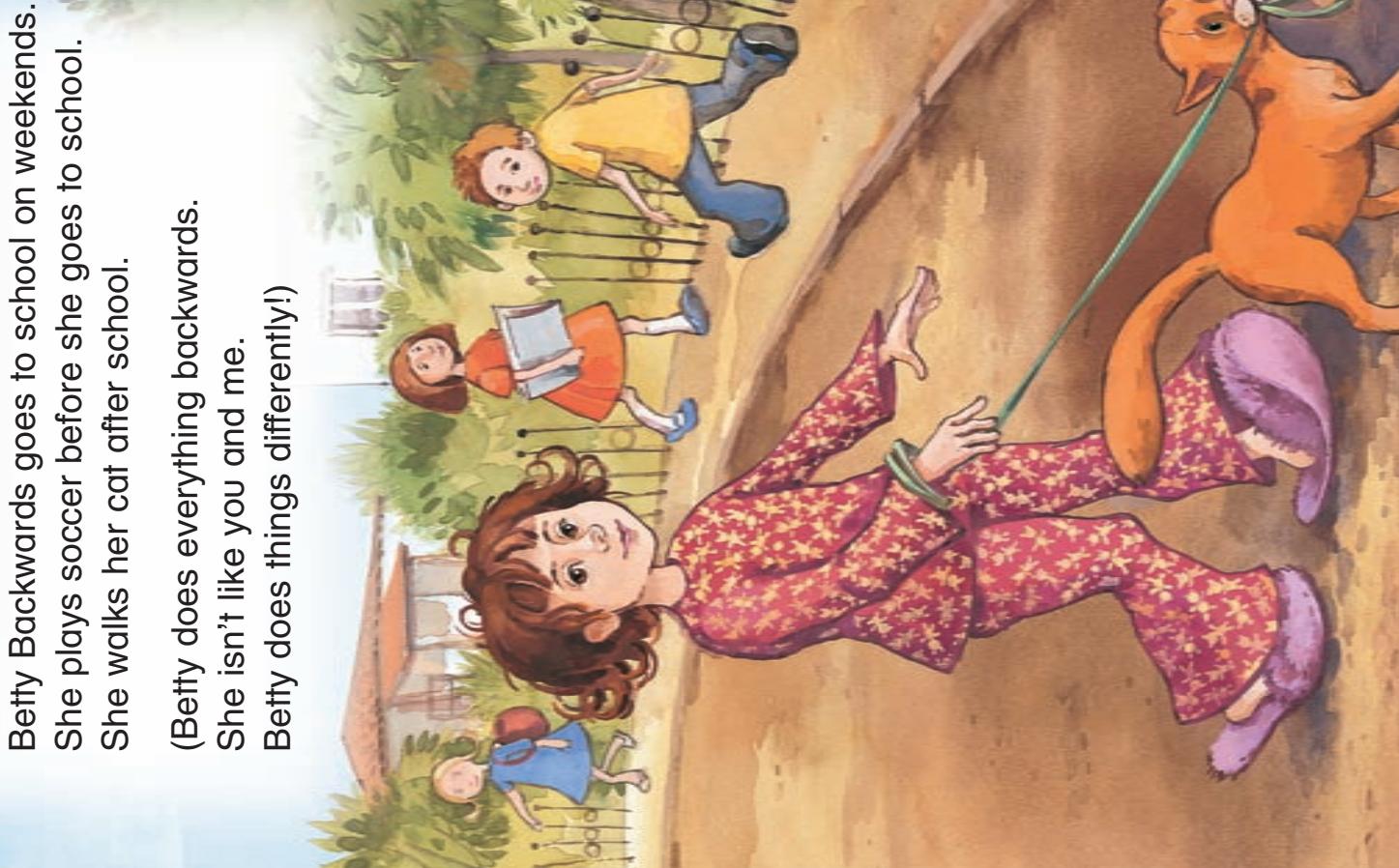
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Betty Backwards goes to school on weekends.  
She plays soccer before she goes to school.  
She walks her cat after school.

(Betty does everything backwards.  
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Betty does things differently!)



Betty Backwards has breakfast before she goes to bed. She eats her dessert before her vegetables. She gets dressed in a skirt and blouse before she goes to sleep.

(Betty does everything backwards. She isn't like you and me. Betty does things differently!)

My uncle is a clown. He makes people laugh.

My aunt is a juggler.  
She can keep many things  
in the air at the same time.

Being a circus family is hard  
work—and fun.

# A Circus Family

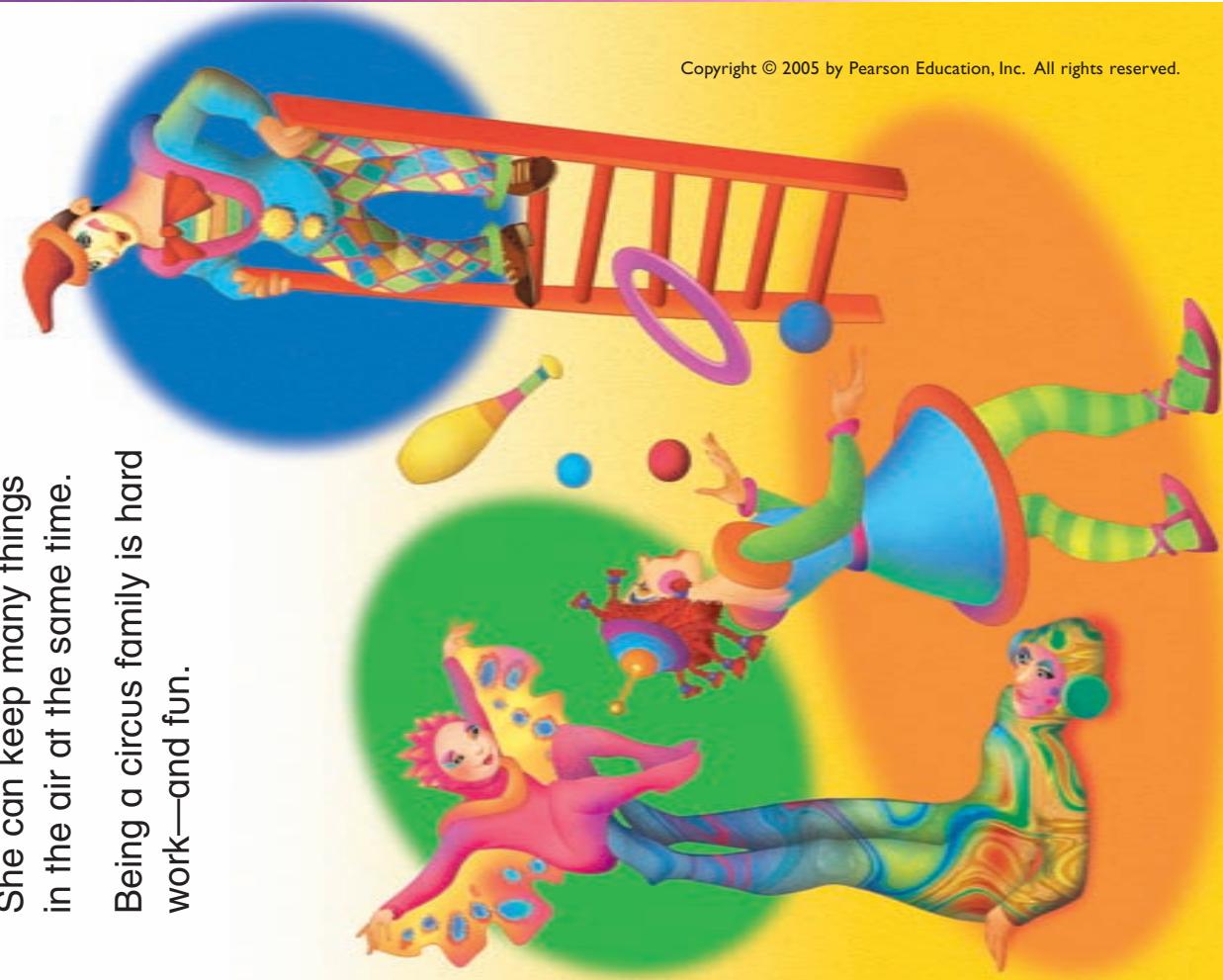
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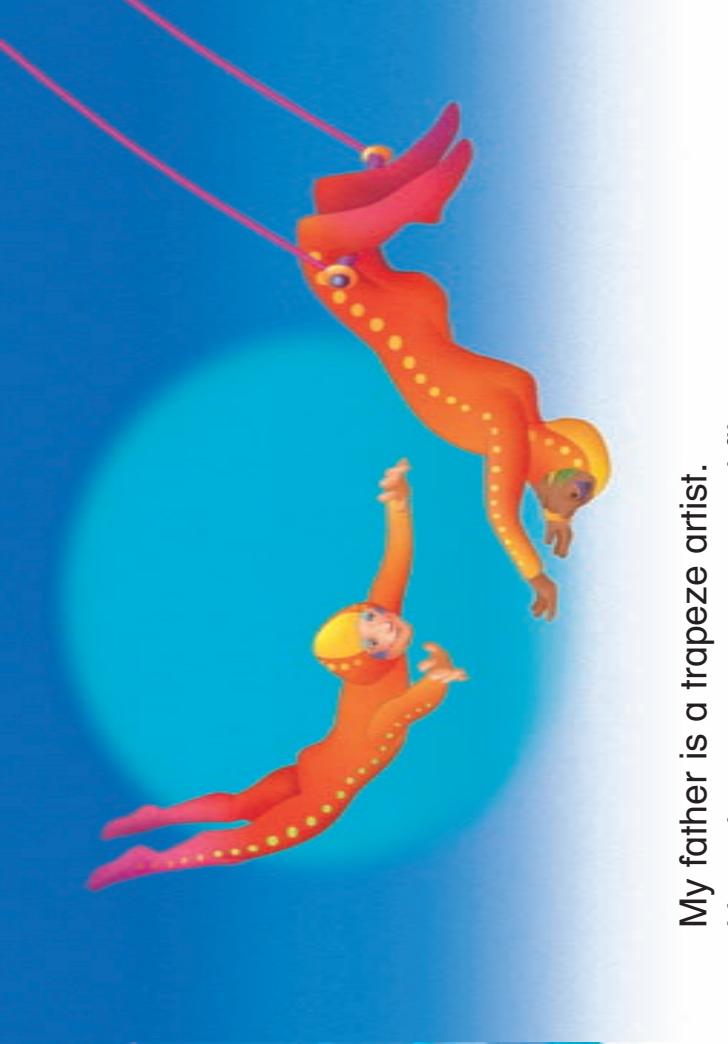


Hi. I'm Natasha, and I work with my  
family in the circus.

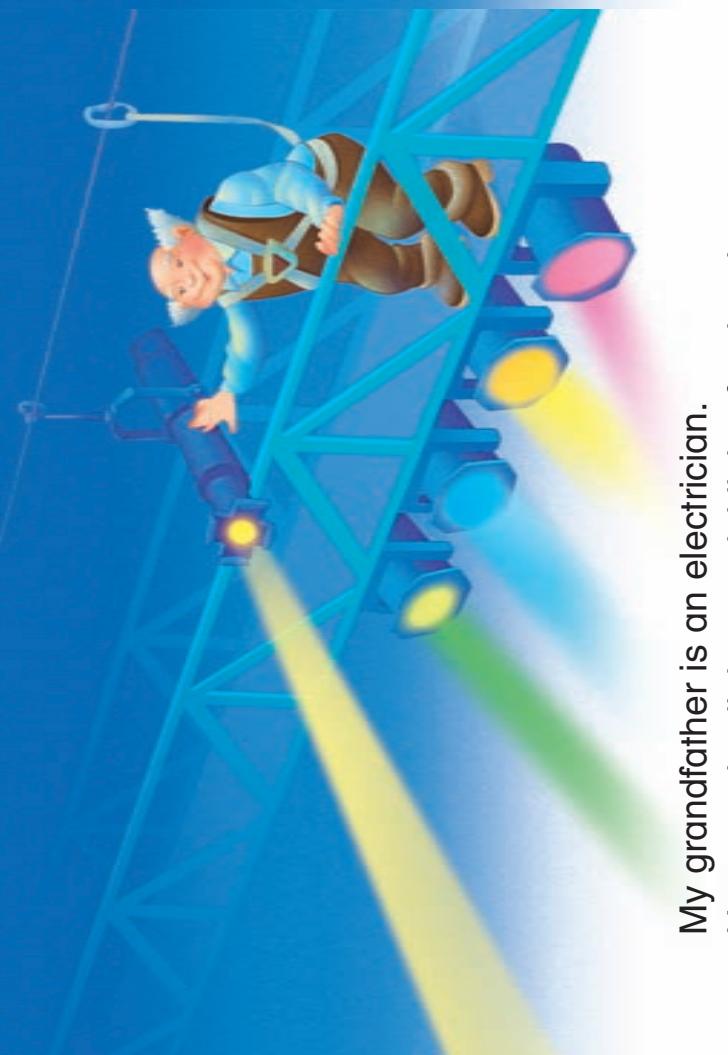
We all work very hard, but every day  
in the circus world is exciting!

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He controls all the special lights for the circus.



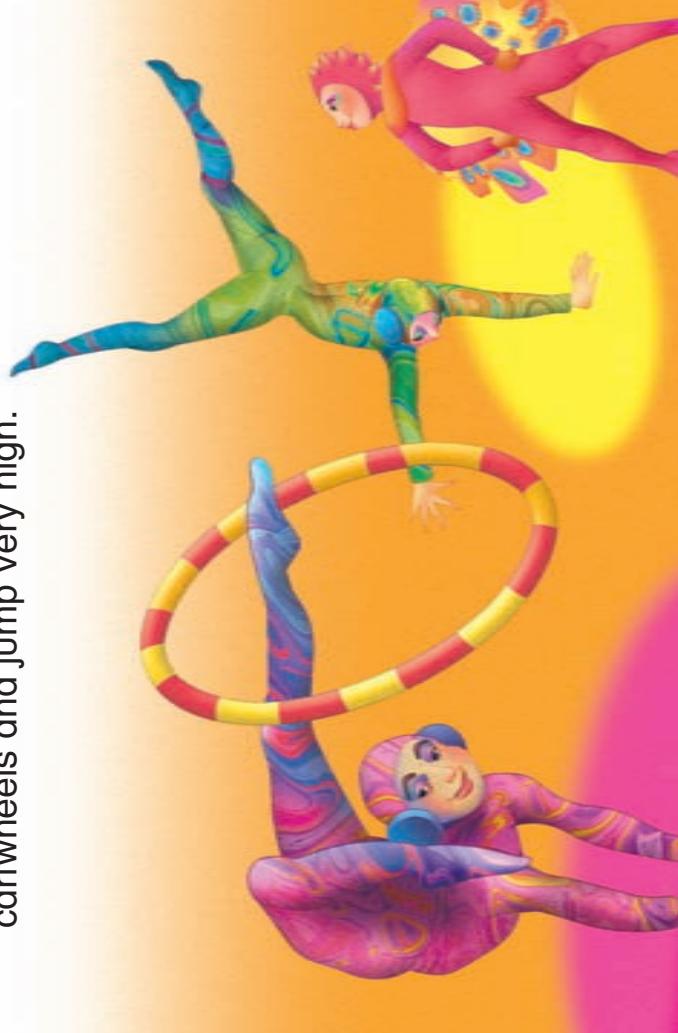
My grandfather is an electrician.  
He controls all the special lights for the circus.

My father is a trapeze artist.  
He swings on a trapeze and flies  
through the air.

My grandmother is a tailor.  
She sews beautiful costumes for people to wear.

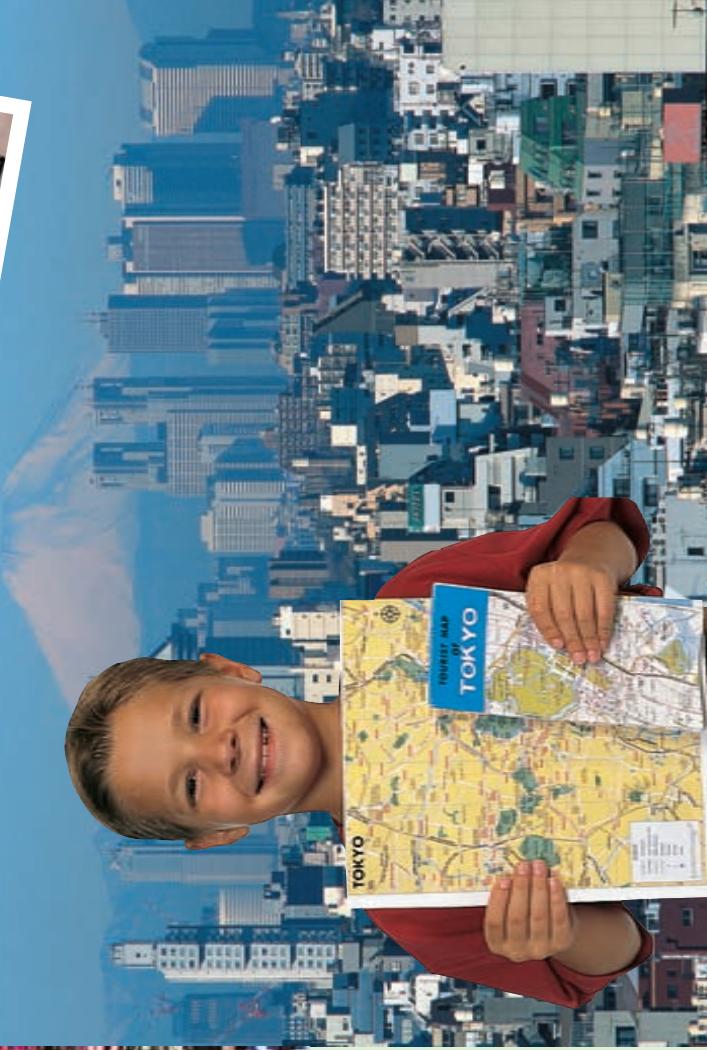


My mother is an acrobat. She can turn  
cartwheels and jump very high.



# A City Visit

Hi! I'm Terry from Australia.  
I live on a farm in the country.  
Today I'm flying to Tokyo, Japan.  
My pen pal Masahiro is waiting  
at the airport!



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One of my favorite places in Tokyo is Ueno Park.  
There are lots of trees and gardens.  
There is a wonderful zoo in the park, too.  
Tokyo is a great city to visit!

There are lots of interesting buildings, stores, and restaurants in Tokyo.

There are many people and cars on the streets.

Tokyo is an exciting and busy city.

There is always something fun to do.



I am staying with Masahiro and his family.

They live in the Ikebukuro district of Tokyo.

They have an apartment on the third floor of a tall building.

Sometimes we run up and down all the stairs.

# Snake's Flying Lesson

Based on a Mexican Folktale  
Retold by Diane Pinkley



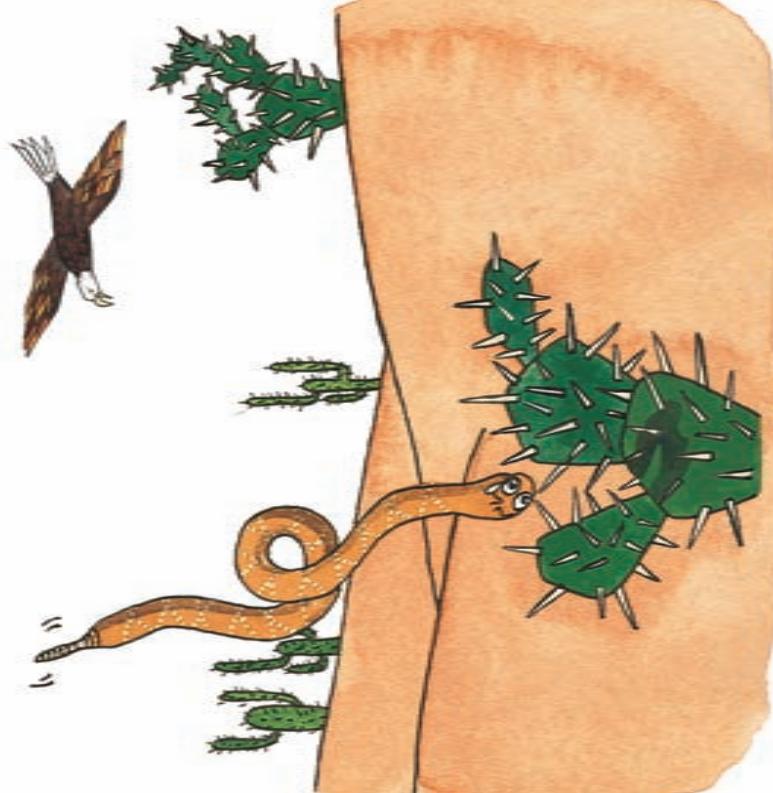
One day Snake is talking to two birds.

"I live in the desert on the hot ground. I can't fly," says Snake.

"Everybody knows snakes can't fly," say the birds.

"I want to fly like you! Help me!" says Snake.

"We can try," say the birds.



Snake opens his mouth to bite Eagle.

He falls through the air down to the ground.

He lands on a cactus. Ouch!



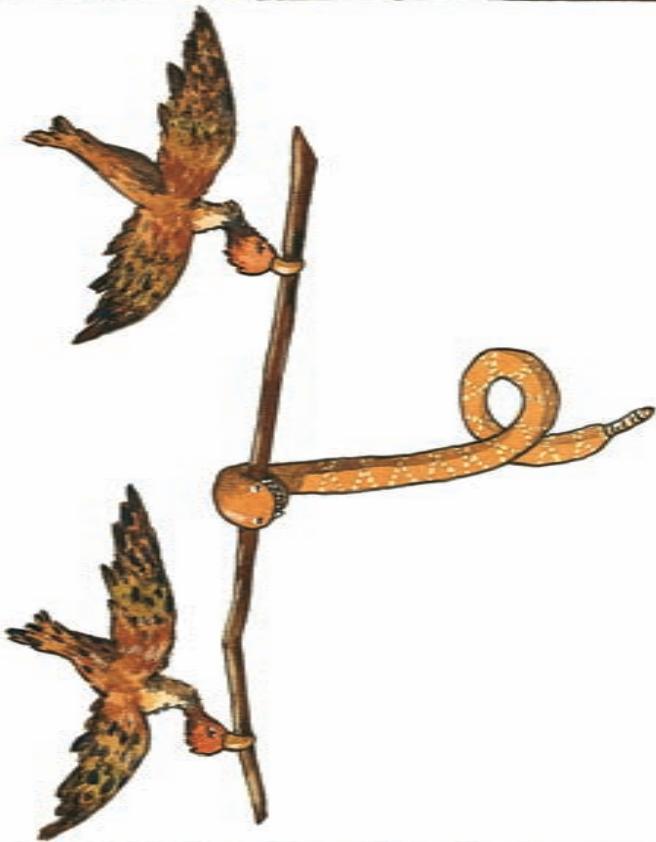
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Now I know snakes  
can't fly. I'll stay on the  
ground from now on!



"Well, well. A silly snake who thinks it can fly!" says Eagle. "Are those feathers down there on your tail? Can you fly without that stick in your mouth?"

Snake gets very angry.



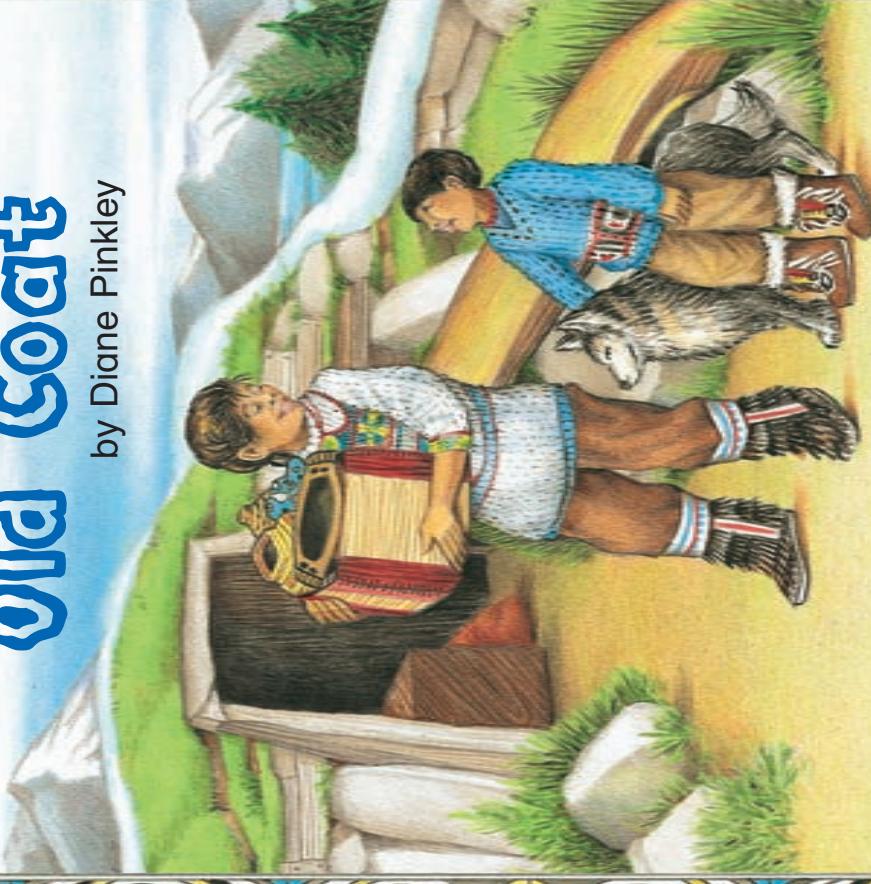
"Hold on tight, friend. Don't open your mouth or you'll fall!" say the birds.

The birds carry Snake high in the air.  
The air is cool. The sun shines through the white clouds.

*Flying is wonderful!* thinks Snake.

# A New Old Coat

by Diane Pinkley

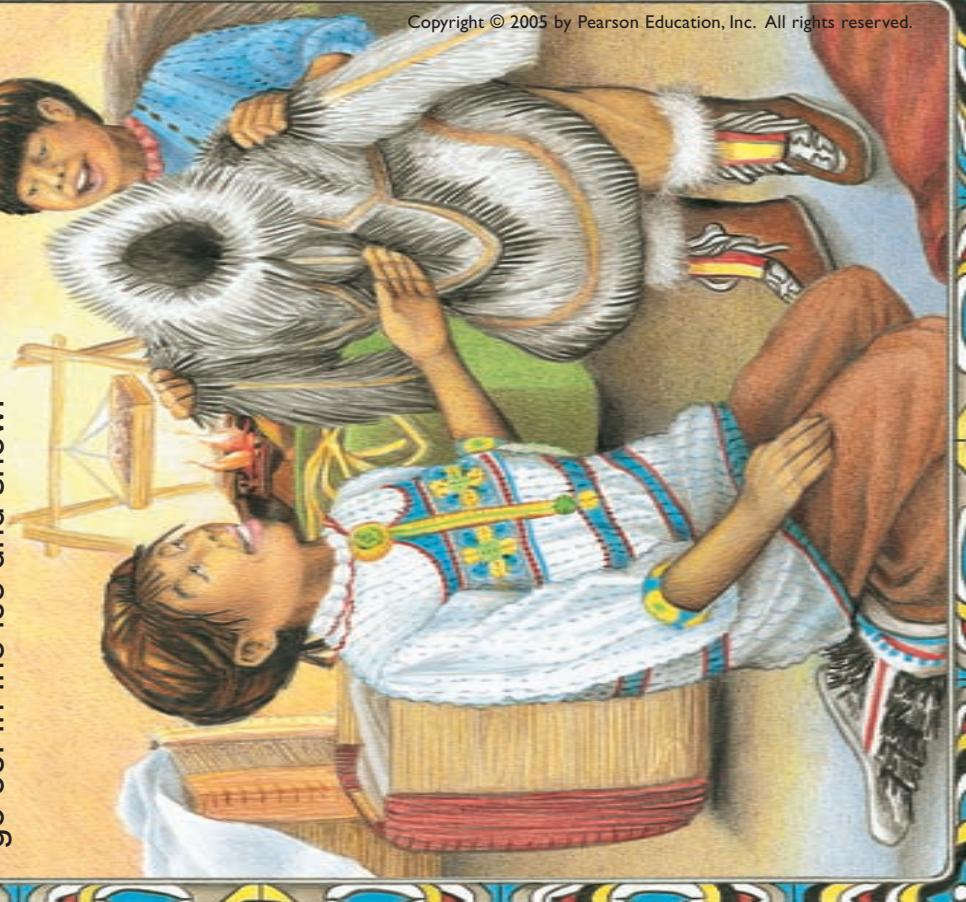


"Oh! A coat!"

"That was your grandfather's coat when he was a boy," says Palluq. "Now you are big. Now you can wear it."

Meekitjuk is very happy.

"With this warm coat," he says, "I can go out in the ice and snow!"



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Meekitjuk, an Inuit boy, lives with his mother, Palluq.

"Winter is coming," says Meekitjuk.

"Yes. The weather is changing," says Palluq, "and here we are at our winter house."

"It is cold and snowy for many months. You need a new coat. I can sew a coat from this bag," says Palluq. "Empty the bag."

Meekitjuk isn't happy.

*I don't want a coat made from an ugly old bag!* he thinks.



"Mother!" says Meekitjuk. "Look!"

"What is it?" asks Palluq.

"My winter coat is too small," says Meekitjuk.

"How can I go out in the ice and snow?"

# Dora the Detective

by Mario Herrera



Dora likes to play detective.

*What are these tracks? They look new,*  
thinks Dora.

Dora follows the tracks.

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Dora goes into the other room.

She sees a beautiful parrot.

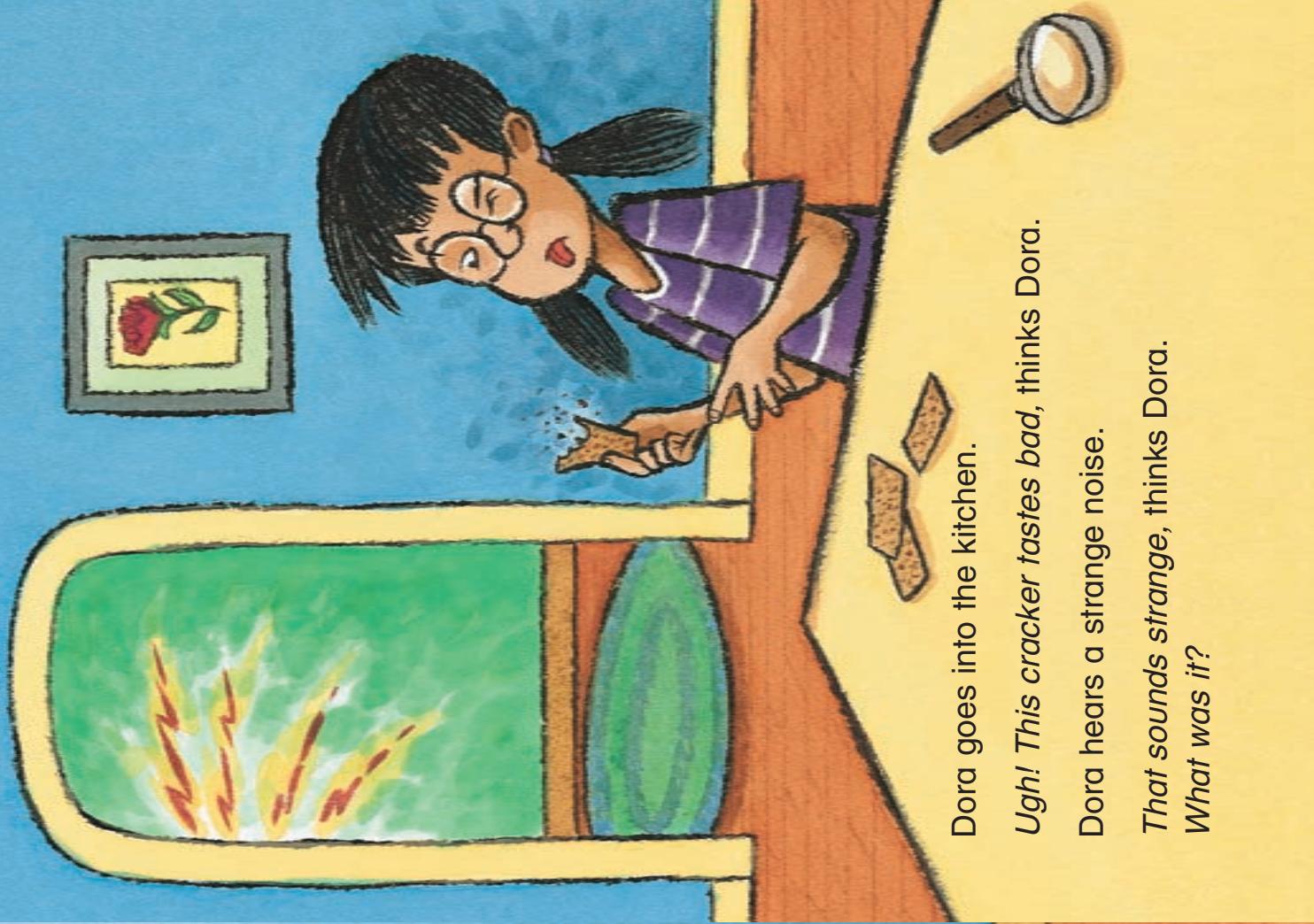
"The feathers feel so soft!" she says.

"Her name is Polly," says Dora's mom.

Polly wants  
a cracker!



The tracks go to Dora's house.  
Dora goes inside. She sees a big, open box.  
*Hmm. An empty box, thinks Dora.*  
*What was in it?*



Dora goes into the kitchen.  
*Ugh! This cracker tastes bad, thinks Dora.*  
Dora hears a strange noise.  
*That sounds strange, thinks Dora.*  
*What was it?*

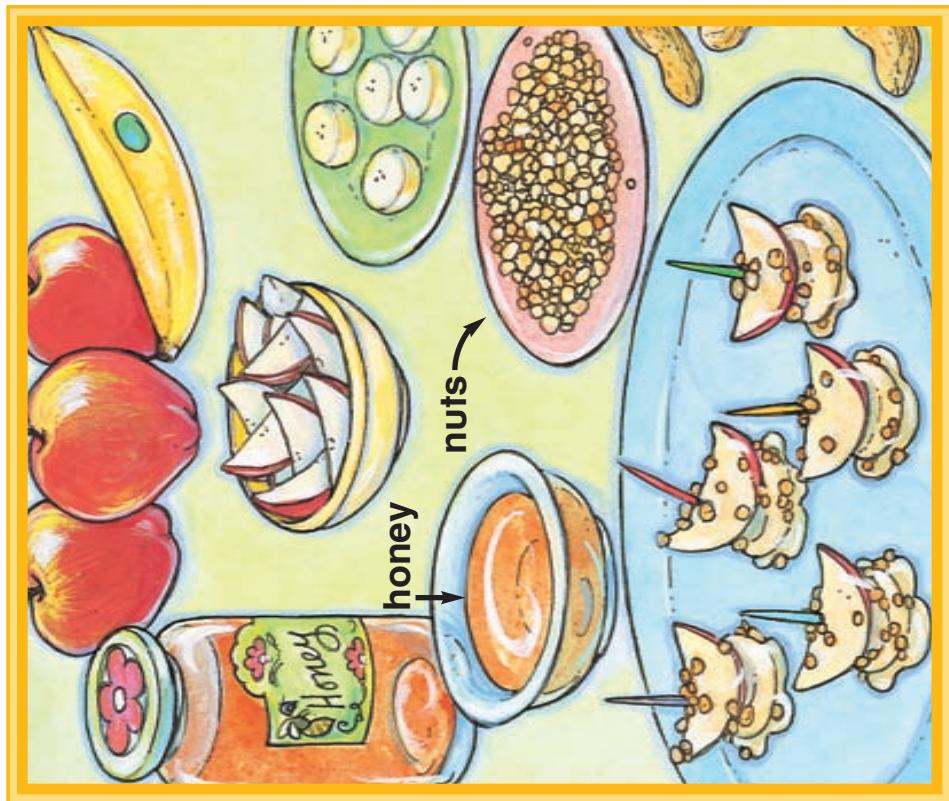


# Delicious Snacks

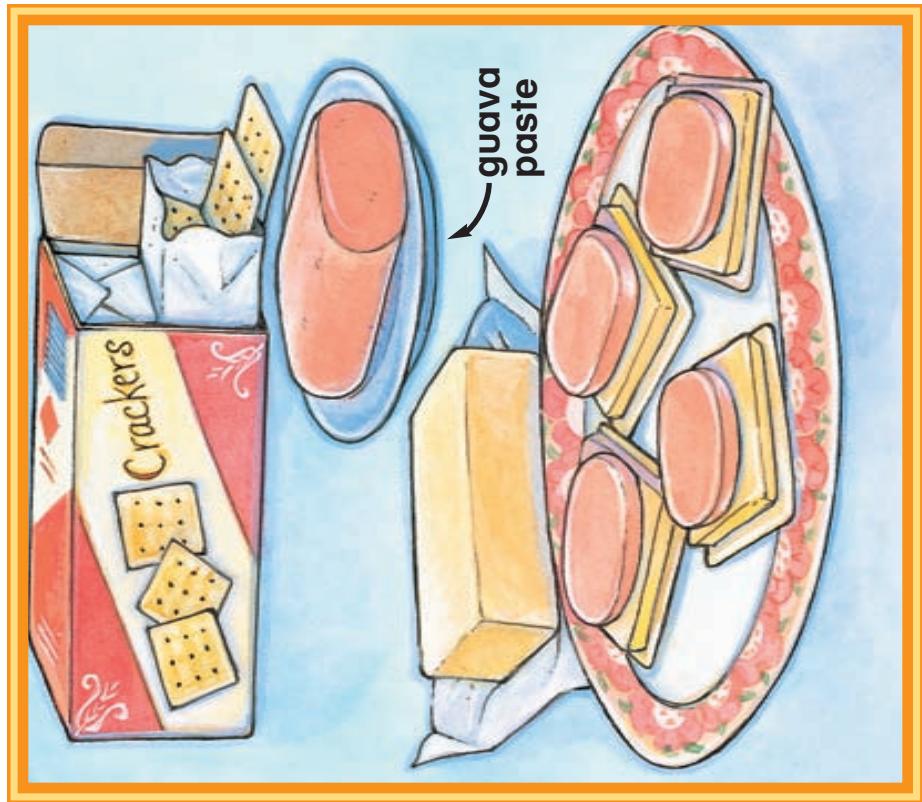


1. Put some pieces of fruit in a bowl.
2. Put in some orange juice and sugar.
3. Stir the fruit, orange juice, and sugar.
4. Put some coconut on top.
5. Eat and enjoy!

1. Put pieces of banana and apple on a plate.
2. Dip each piece in honey.
3. Roll each piece in the crushed nuts.
4. Put in a toothpick.
5. Eat and enjoy!



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1. Put crackers on a plate.
2. Cut the guava paste and cheese into slices.
3. Put the pieces of cheese on the crackers.
4. Put a slice of guava paste on top.
5. Eat and enjoy!

1. Wash celery stalks and take off the leaves.
2. Cut each celery stalk into three pieces.
3. Put on some cream cheese.
4. Put raisins on top.
5. Eat and enjoy!



# Puppets Around the World



## Mariionettes

Mariionettes are puppets with strings.  
Puppeteers use the strings to make the  
puppets move their heads, arms, and legs.

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## Water Puppets

Water puppets look like they are walking or standing on water. The puppeteers stand in the water behind a screen and use long sticks to move the puppets.

## Rod Puppets

Rod puppets don't have strings. The puppeteers use sticks of wood or metal to move the puppets' heads, arms, and legs.



## Shadow Puppets

Shadow puppets have light behind them and a screen in front of them. They make shadows on the screen for people to see.

