

Wishing on a Star



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Level 6 Book 10: Wishing on a Star

Words: 743

New Sounds: oi - soil, oy - boy, oo - book, oo - moon, ou - loud, ow - cow, er - term,
ir - stir, ur - turn, ar - star, or - for

Get Ready to Read

Teacher: Have you ever spent time looking at the sky at night? What sorts of things did you see?

Teacher: On a clear night, it is wonderful to look at the stars and the shapes in the sky that they make. Sometimes you can even be lucky enough to see a shooting star, which is a meteorite shooting across the sky.

Teacher: Have you noticed that the moon doesn't always look the same? Describe how you have seen the moon look.

Teacher: In this story called Wishing on a Star, Dan and Eric spend time looking at the night sky. They get very excited when they think they might get the chance to make a special wish!

Learn a New Word

Teacher: When you read this story, you will read the word **streak**.

Teacher: A streak is a long, thin line or mark of a different material or colour.

Teacher: At the end of the story, we will go back and look at this word carefully in the sentence where it is used.

Sight Word Practice

Teacher: Let's point to and practise saying the words that are made up of the sounds that we haven't learnt yet.

Sight words:

is	the	to	there	are	no	be	of	they
were	going	have	so	his	go	he	we	do



“It is the perfect night to see the stars,” Dan told Eric. “There are no clouds and the moon will be bright.” Dan loaded a mattress up on the back of the truck for them to lay on. They were going to have to travel a long way from the suburbs so that the light was just from the moon and stars, and not from the street lights and shops. Dan had been waiting for the perfect night to show Eric the stars from the back of his truck. Eric was keen to go and kept thinking of the things he might get to see when it got dark.

The sun was just setting when Dan and Eric got to the spot to look at the stars. The spot was on top of a hill and there were no trees. Eric and Dan got set up on the back of the truck. Soon the sun had set, and it was starting to get dark. The moon was starting to get bright. Just then Dan shouted, "There it is, there it is, the first star!" Eric stood up on the mattress to get a good look at it. The first star was twinkling up high. Soon there were lots and lots of stars. Dan had to keep telling Eric to lay back down on the mattress so he did not have an accident.

Dan told Eric that if they look hard they might see the man in the moon. Eric had a good look, but he did not see a man. But he did see stars in a cross pattern. Dan had told him to look for the pattern of stars that they had seen on the flag. They were so glad to see them twinkling in the south.

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Eric and Dan lay back down on the mattress to look at the bright stars. There were stars to the north, the south, the east and the west. Dan had found out from reading a book that the sun is a star. A big, yellow star that can be seen in the day. His dad had told him that it is not good to look at the sun as it is way too bright. Dan told Eric that if they look hard they might see a shooting star. He told him that seeing a shooting star was good luck if you say this:

Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight.
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have this wish, I wish tonight.

Dan and Eric had to think of a wish and then they lay still to look for a shooting star.

I wish I may, I wish I might,



Dan and Eric kept looking and looking up high for a shooting star. It was starting to get a bit cold, and Eric and Dan had to be back to get to bed soon. “I will be so, so sad if we do not see a shooting star to have a wish on,” Eric told Dan. “Let’s keep looking to the north, the south, the east and the west. It is such a perfect night with no clouds and lots of stars. There will be a shooting star, I bet”, Dan told him. Dan had seen lots of shooting stars when he had been out at night, but Eric had not. It was such an excellent thing to see.

Just then a bright streak of light shot across right in the spot that they were looking. Dan and Eric shouted out loud:

Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight.
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have this wish, I wish tonight.





The streak of light had been quick. Dan was so glad that they were looking at the right spot to see it. Eric kept jumping up and down on the mattress in the back of the truck. It was the first shooting star he had seen, and he got to say his wish. Eric had such a big grin, and it was difficult for Dan to get him to stop jumping up and down. They had to get back to get to bed. To end the night, they lay back on the mattress just for a bit. It was such fun to look at the twinkling stars and the bright moon. The best part of the night had been the shooting star, and Eric and Dan were so glad to have had a wish.

Did you understand what you read?

1. Why did Dan think it was the perfect night to see the stars?
2. Did Dan and Eric see the moon or a star first?
3. What did Dan say to do if they saw a shooting star?
4. How did Eric say he would feel if he didn't see a shooting star?
5. If you saw a shooting star, what would you wish for?
6. How do we know that Eric was excited to see the shooting star?

Word Hunt

streak

Teacher: We talked about the word streak before we read the story. Let's find the word streak.

Teacher: Eric and Dan saw a streak of something. What was it?

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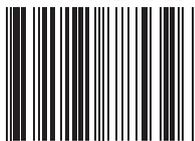
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