



READER 4

The Pet Show



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My teacher's name is



The Pet Show

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One day, there was a **pet show** at Nick's school. There was a turtle, a rabbit, a fish, a bird, and a dog. Nick's cat Fluffy was in the pet show, too. Nick wanted to win a **blue ribbon**. "Fluffy, let's win," said Nick. "Meow," said Fluffy.





Missy was the **judge**. "Which pet is the best dancer?" she asked.

"Fluffy is a good dancer. She can dance with a string," said Nick.

"Fluffy can't dance," said Dan. "She's too fat. My dog Max is the best dancer."

"Let's see," said Missy. She turned on the radio.

The music played.



The turtle and the rabbit didn't dance.



The fish swam **in circles**.



The bird sang a song.



Max the dog danced.



Fluffy played with a string.

Missy turned off the radio.

PET SHOW



"Mara's bird is a bad dancer, but it's the best singer," said Missy.

She gave the bird a blue ribbon.

"Tina's fish is a bad dancer, too, but it's the best swimmer," said Missy.

She gave the fish a blue ribbon.

"Fluffy is a good dancer, but Max is a better dancer," she said. She gave Max a blue ribbon.

"Good job, Max!" said Dan.

"Woof!" said Max.



"Next, we're going to have a race. Line up!" said Missy.

"My fish can't run," said Tina.

"My turtle is slow," said Henry.

"My bird Chirpy can fly fast," said Mara.

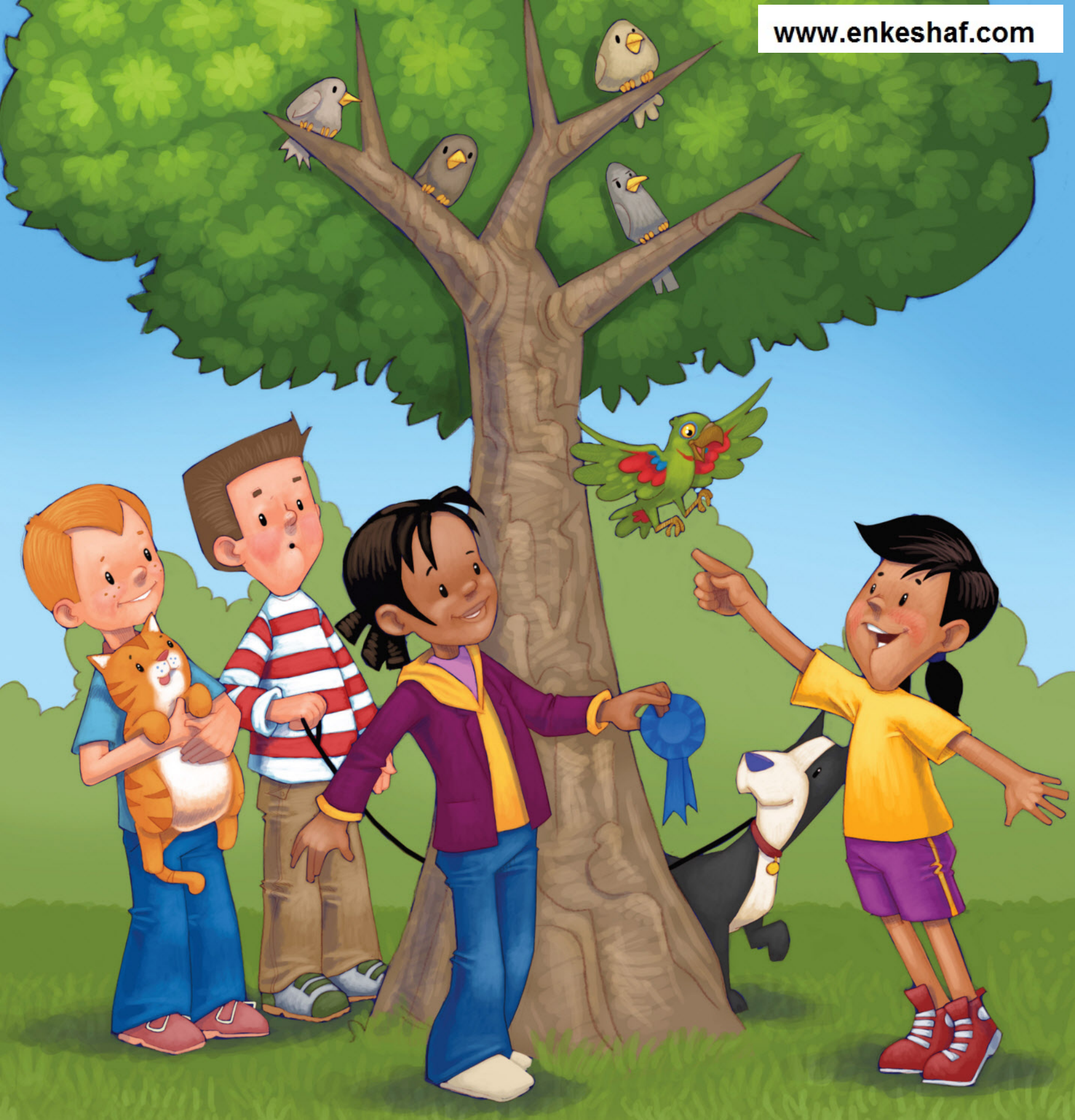
"I think my rabbit Bunny is fast," said Jill.

"I think Fluffy is faster," said Nick.

"I don't think so," said Dan. "Fluffy is fat. My dog Max is faster than Fluffy."

"Ready, go!" said Missy.
Fluffy didn't run. She jumped at the bird.
"Fluffy! Don't do that!" said Nick.
"Meow!" said Fluffy.
But Fluffy was slower than the bird.
"Oh, no!" said Mara.
"Chirpy flew out the window!"





There were a lot of birds in the tree.
Mara's bird was in the tree, too.
"Chirpy, come here," said Mara.
Chirpy flew to Mara.
"Chirpy is the prettiest," said Missy.
She gave Chirpy a blue ribbon.
"Good job, Chirpy," said Mara.

They had the race a second time.
"Line up!" said Missy.
"Good luck, Max!" said Dan.
"Good luck, Bunny," said Jill.
"Good luck, Fluffy!" said Nick.
"Win a ribbon!"
"Meow!" said Fluffy.
"Ready, go!" said Missy.
The pets ran.



Fluffy didn't run. She took a **nap**! The turtle was slow. Bunny was faster than Max. "Bunny was the fastest," said Missy. She gave Bunny a blue ribbon.



"Fluffy is usually fast," said Nick. "Fluffy is fat and slow," said Dan. "That's not nice!" said Nick.





"Look! My turtle ran the race!" said Henry.
"Wow! Your turtle is slow," said Dan.
"The turtle was the slowest, but it ran the race," said Missy.
She gave the turtle a blue ribbon.
Every pet won a ribbon but Fluffy.
"Oh, no! Where's Fluffy?" asked Nick.
"Maybe she's eating," said Dan.
"That's not nice!" said Nick. "Fluffy! Come here!"

"Look! I found Fluffy," said Nick. "She had **kittens**!"
"They're really **cute**!" said Jill.
"The kittens are the cutest," said Missy.
"They win ribbons! And Fluffy is the best mother.
She wins a blue ribbon, too!" said Missy.



"Good job, Fluffy," said Nick.
"Meow!" said Fluffy.
"Meow!" said the kittens.





Exercise 1. True or false?



Track 13

1. Fluffy was in a pet show.

☐ True ☐ False

4. Mara is a bird.

☐ True ☐ False

2. Max is a rabbit.

☐ True ☐ False

5. The turtle was the slowest.

☐ True ☐ False

3. Chirpy is the best swimmer.

☐ True ☐ False

6. Fluffy has kittens.

☐ True ☐ False

Exercise 2. Complete the sentences. Use the words.



Track 14

best	fastest	dancer	cutest	singer	swimmer
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1. The fish is the best _____.

2. Chirpy is the best _____.

3. Max is the best _____.

4. Bunny is the _____.

5. The kittens are the _____.

6. Fluffy is the _____ mother.

Exercise 3. Match.

1. blue ribbon •



2. sang •



3. fastest •



4. judge •



5. kittens •



Exercise 4. What about you?

1. Which pet do you like best?

I like _____ best.

2. Why?

I think _____.

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