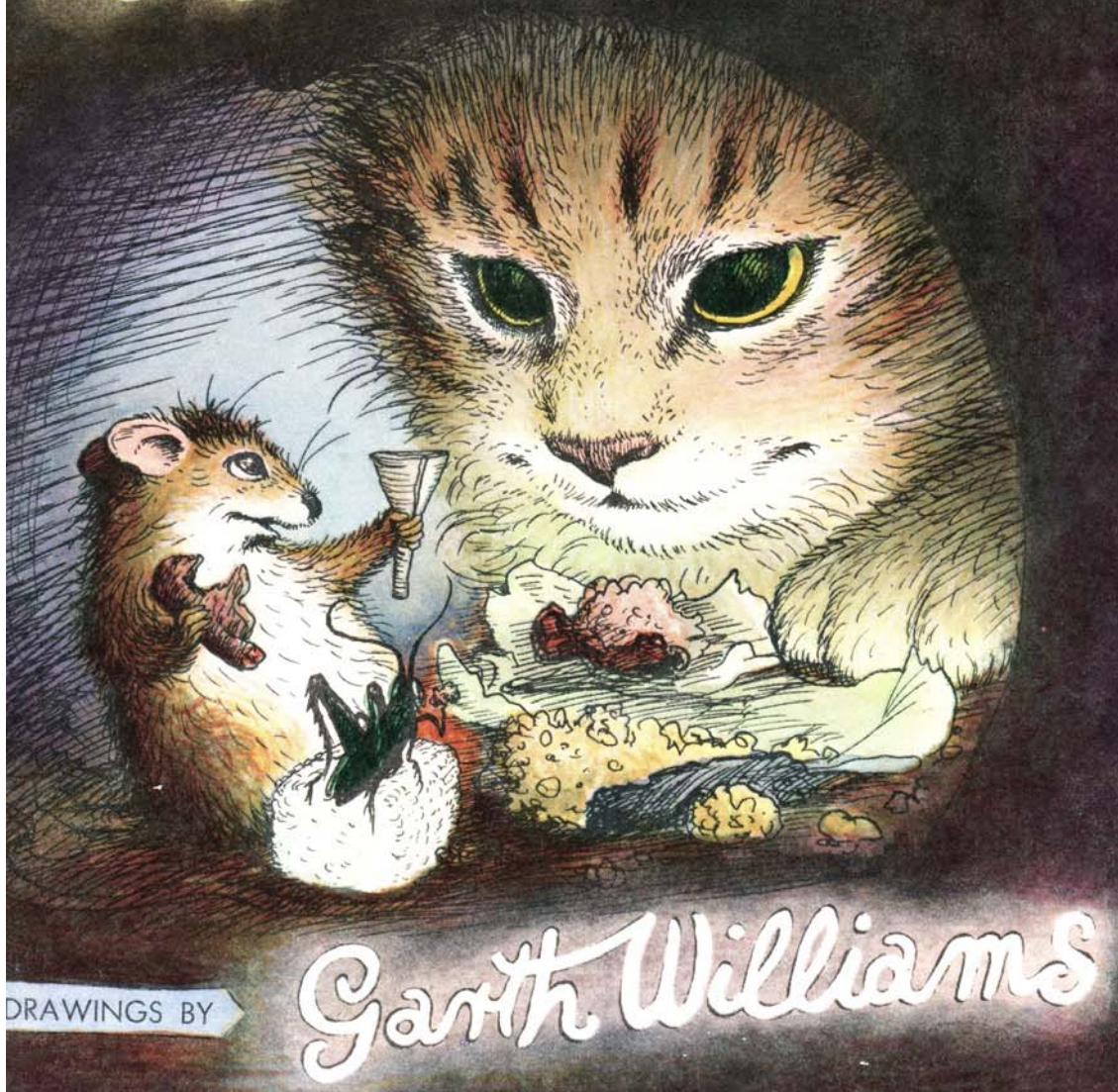


THE **CRICKET**

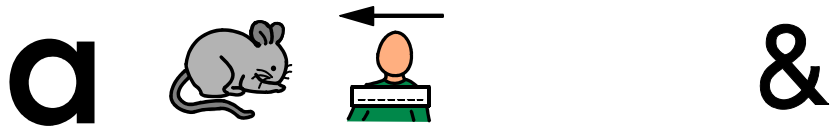
IN TIMES SQUARE

By *George Selden*



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Garth Williams



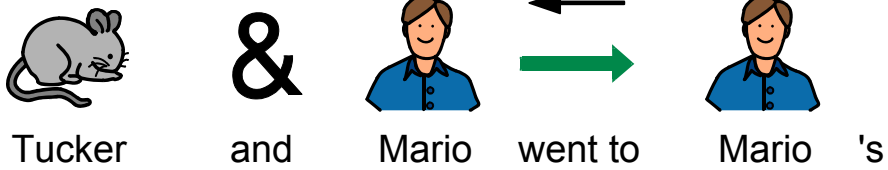
A mouse named **Tucker** and



a boy named **Mario** lived in



New York City.



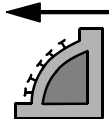
Tucker and Mario went to Mario 's



news stand.



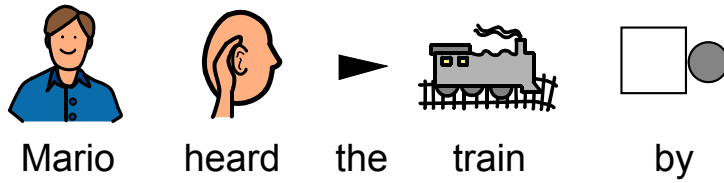
Mario



sold



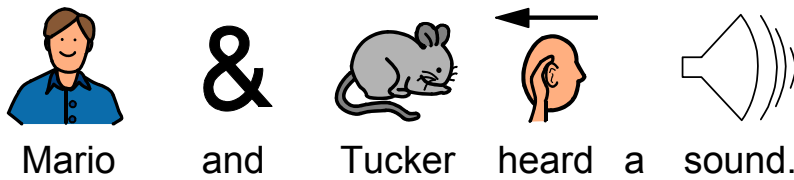
newspapers.



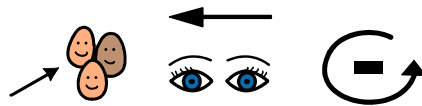
Mario heard the train by



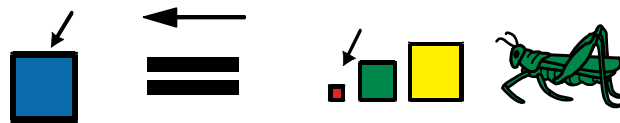
the news stand.



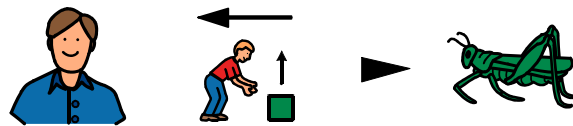
Mario and Tucker heard a sound.



They looked around.



It was a small cricket .





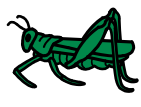
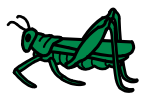

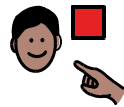



Mario picked up the cricket.


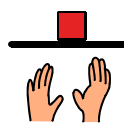










Mario put the cricket in a small box.


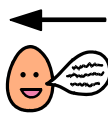
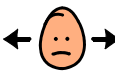



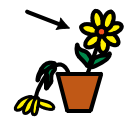
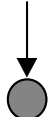



He fed the cricket chocolate.







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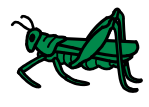
    .


 the news stand .

     
Tucker said hello to the cricket .

   
The grasshopper's name was **Chester**.



Chester



ate

some



meat.



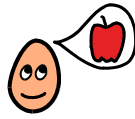
Chester



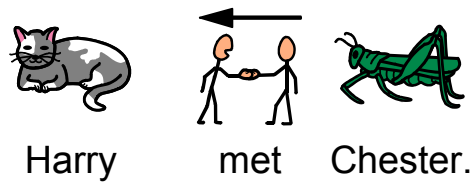
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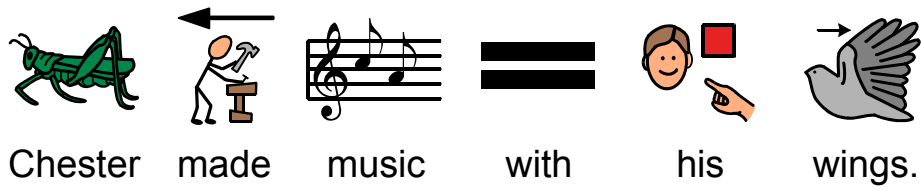
very



hungry.



Harry met Chester.



Chester made music with his wings.



Harry,



Chester,



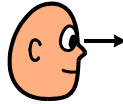
and



Tucker



went outside to



see

the



city



at



night.



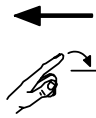
Mario



and



Chester



went to the



restaurant.



Chester



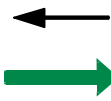
drank



soda.



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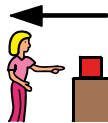
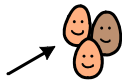
Mario

and

Chester

went to

CHINATOWN.



They

found

a

special

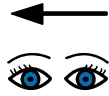
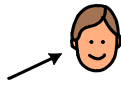
house

for

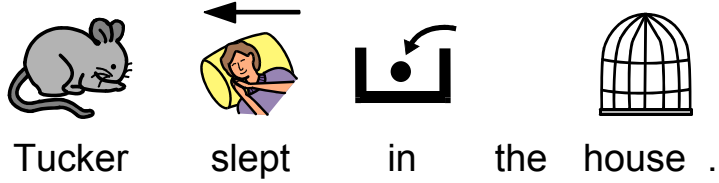
Chester.



Tucker went in the house



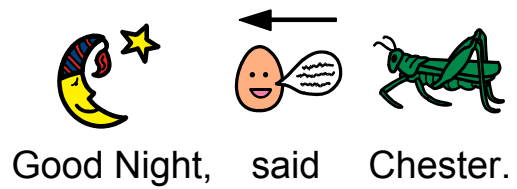
He looked like a king.



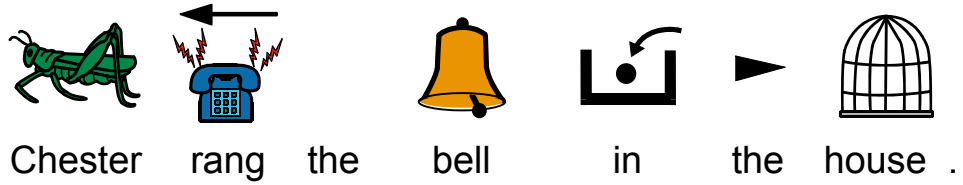
Tucker slept in the house .



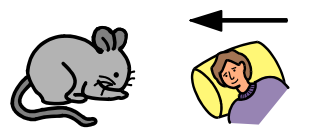
He used a dollar for a blanket.



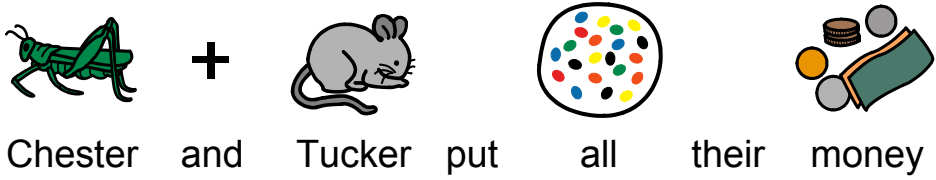
Good Night, said Chester.



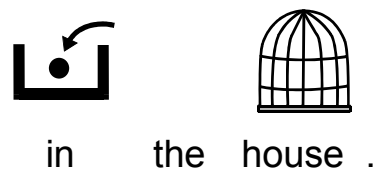
Chester rang the bell in the house .



Tucker woke up.



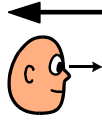
Chester and Tucker put all their money



in the house .



Mama

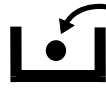


saw

the



money

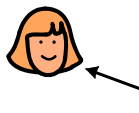


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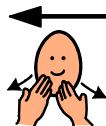
the



house.



She



thanked



Chester


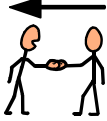


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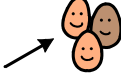


money.

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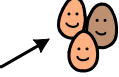
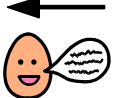

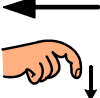
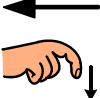


Mario and Chester met

   **China.**




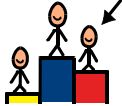
men from China.

   **dinner.**

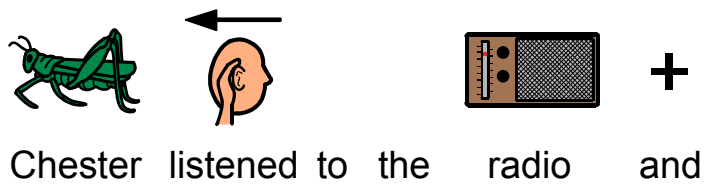
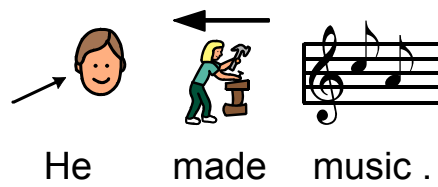
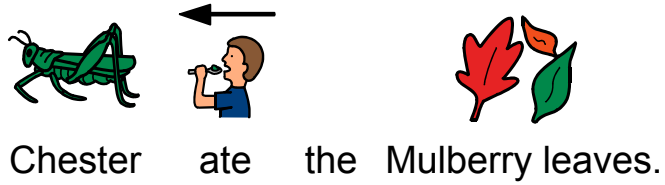
They ate dinner.

       **Mulberry leaves**

They said Chester needed to eat Mulberry leaves

    **better.**

so Chester could play music better.





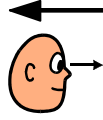
Harry,



and



Tucker



saw

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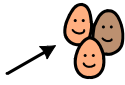
fire



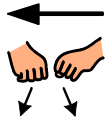
in



the news stand .



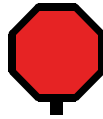
They



tried



to



stop

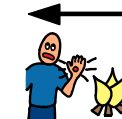
the



fire.

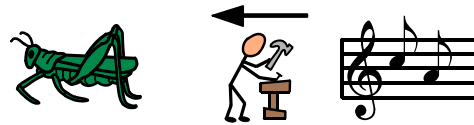


The newspapers burned.





Mama cleaned the news stand .



Chester made music.



Mama sang and felt happy.



Tucker ,



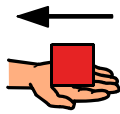
Harry



and



Chester



had

an



idea!



Chester



will



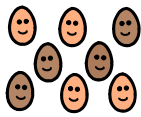
make



music,



and



people

will



stop



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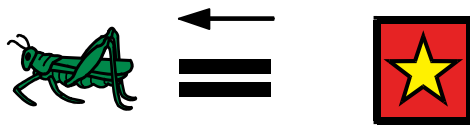


listen.

A man listened to Chester make music.

The man wrote a story about

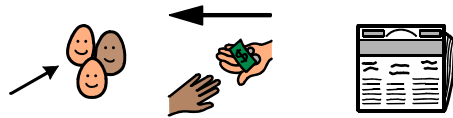
Chester's music in the newspaper.



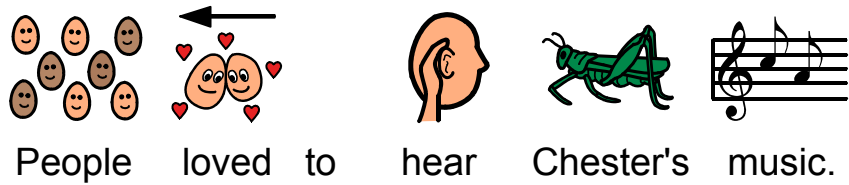
Chester was **FAMOUS !**



Many people came to hear Chester's music.



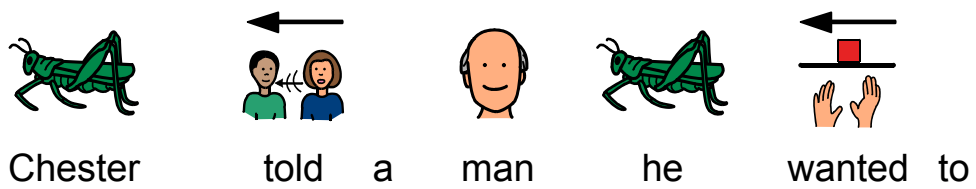
They bought newspapers.



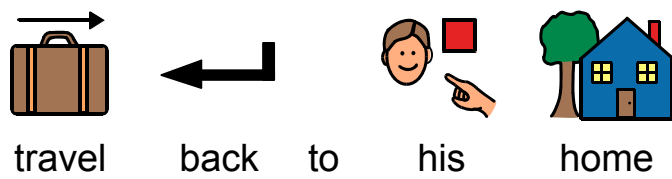
People loved to hear Chester's music.



But Chester was sad.



Chester told a man he wanted to



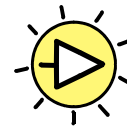
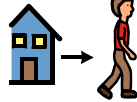
travel back to his home



in the country.



Tucker , Chester, and Harry ate dinner together.



Chester will leave to the country tomorrow.



Tucker gave Chester a bell.



The bell will remind Chester of the city.



Chester rode a train home to the country.



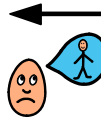
Tucker



and



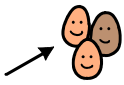
Harry



missed

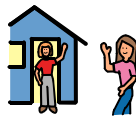


Chester.



They

will



visit



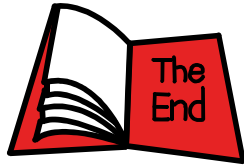
Chester



in



the country.



The end

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