

## The Walrus

A walrus waddled toward the ocean to search for a good meal. As he plopped in the water, the fish and seals fled to escape his tusks.

## Head Lice

My teacher is really nice! But I think she has lice. She itches her head all day. I wondered, "How did she get the lice?" And then I knew. I was the one who gave her the lice. We will have a head check next week. I hope we both have no lice!

## Dogtooth Calcite

Dogtooth calcite is, to me, the most remarkable crystal of them all! It gets its unique name from its shape. Dogtooth calcite is spiky, just like a dog's tooth—but it's much bigger! This crystal comes in a variety of dazzling colors, and they all have amazing jagged shapes.

## The Fair

Excitement filled the air! It was time for the fair— and there was something for everyone. I savor the yummy goodness of cotton candy. My brother loves the bull riders because they aren't scared to ride on the bulls. My dad's imagination soars at the model train exhibit. My mom thinks the horses are very pretty. Every year, we have memories to treasure!

## Moving Day!

The moving crew pulled up and the crisis began. Peoples from the neighborhood trampled our flowers. Running childs tripped over the moving boxes. My mom lost her best glasses. The ladder tipped over and landed on Dad's prize cacti. And, my little brother discovered his best crayons behind the living room chairs—smashed to bits. What a disaster!

## My Gecko

My leopard gecko has an amazing tail that he flicks when she wants to distract an insect. Did you know that predators can pull the tail off—but it grows right back again!

## Me and My Cousins

Me and my cousins are very close. We even live on the same block and see each other every day. My favorite cousin is Jordan. She and me like to do a lot of the same things. We both like to make cookies. The house smells so good! Her favorite cookie is chocolate chip. Luckily, so is mine.

## A Cricket's Eyes

The cricket has five senses, but they are different from yours and mine. While we have only two eyes, a cricket has five. Some of the crickets eyes let it see dark and light, and some of its eyes let in the light in a lot of places at once. If you think that crickets eyes are cool, wait until you hear about their ears!



## What Birds Eat

Seeds. Fruit. Insects. Birds eat all of these foods. Parrots use powerful beaks to crack open nuts and seeds. A toucan's giant, colorful bill pick fruit and berries from tree branches. Almost all birds eat insects, but woodpeckers really know how to catch bugs. They use long tongues to pull bugs from underneath tree bark. Gross, but cool!