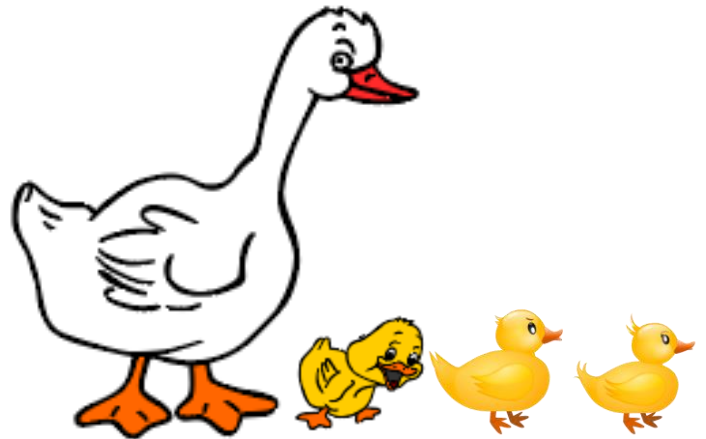


# Reading passages for Kids

# Story of Ducks

It is a reading about ducks. A duck made her nest under some leaves.



She sat on the eggs to keep them warm. At last, the eggs broke, one after the other. Sweet little ducks came out. Only one egg was left. It was a very large one. At last it broke, and out came a big, ugly duckling.

# A Little Pine Tree

A little pine tree

was in the woods.

It had no leaves. It  
had needles.

The little tree said,

"I do not like needles. All the other  
trees in the woods have pretty leaves. I  
want leaves, too. But I will have better  
leaves. I want gold leaves." Night  
came and the little tree went to sleep.

A fairy came by and gave it gold  
leaves.



# A Little Girl

It was very cold.

The snow fell and  
it was almost dark.

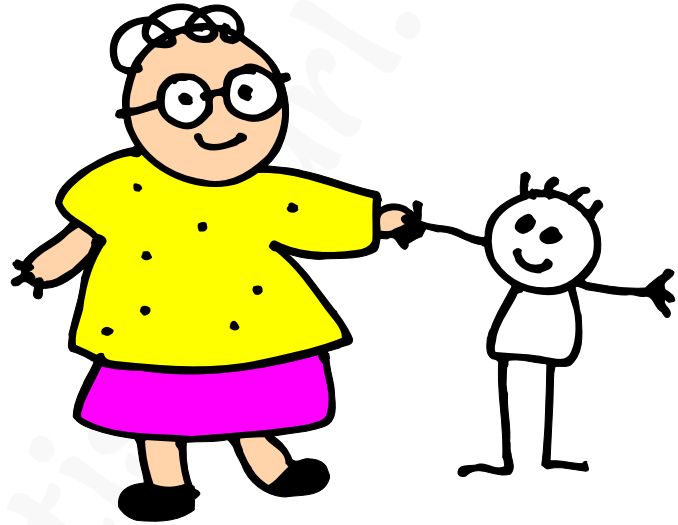
It was the last day  
of the year. A



little match girl was running in the  
street. Her name was Gretchen. She had  
no hat on. Her feet were bare. When she  
left home, she had on some big slippers  
of her mama's. But they were so large  
that she lost them when she ran.

# May and her Grandma

When May was six years old, her grandma made her a red coat with a hood. She looked



so pretty in it that the children all called her "Red Riding-Hood." One day her mama said, "I want you to take this cake and some butter to grandma." Red Riding-Hood was very glad to go. She always had a good time at grandma's.

# The Nettles

A Boy was gathering berries from a hedge when his hand was stung by a Nettle. Bearing



with the pain, he ran to tell his mother, and said to her, "I only touched it ever so lightly, mother." "That's just why you got stung, my son," she said; "if you had grasped it firmly, it wouldn't have hurt you in the least."