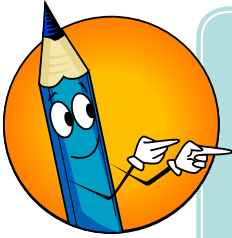


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6. penny \_\_\_\_\_

7. play \_\_\_\_\_

8. boy \_\_\_\_\_

9. fly \_\_\_\_\_

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11. lady \_\_\_\_\_

12. sky \_\_\_\_\_

13. day \_\_\_\_\_

14. turkey \_\_\_\_\_

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16. monkey \_\_\_\_\_

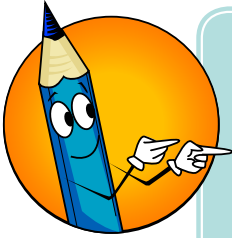
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