

The Star of the Storm



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Burt has a dog. Her name is Fern.
She is a girl with lots of fur.



Burt and Fern live on Gold Star★ Farm. They have a herd of sheep.



One day a storm was on track to hit Gold Star★Farm.



Burt and Fern were in the barn
when the wind started to whirl.



The sky turned dark. Rain came fast and hard.



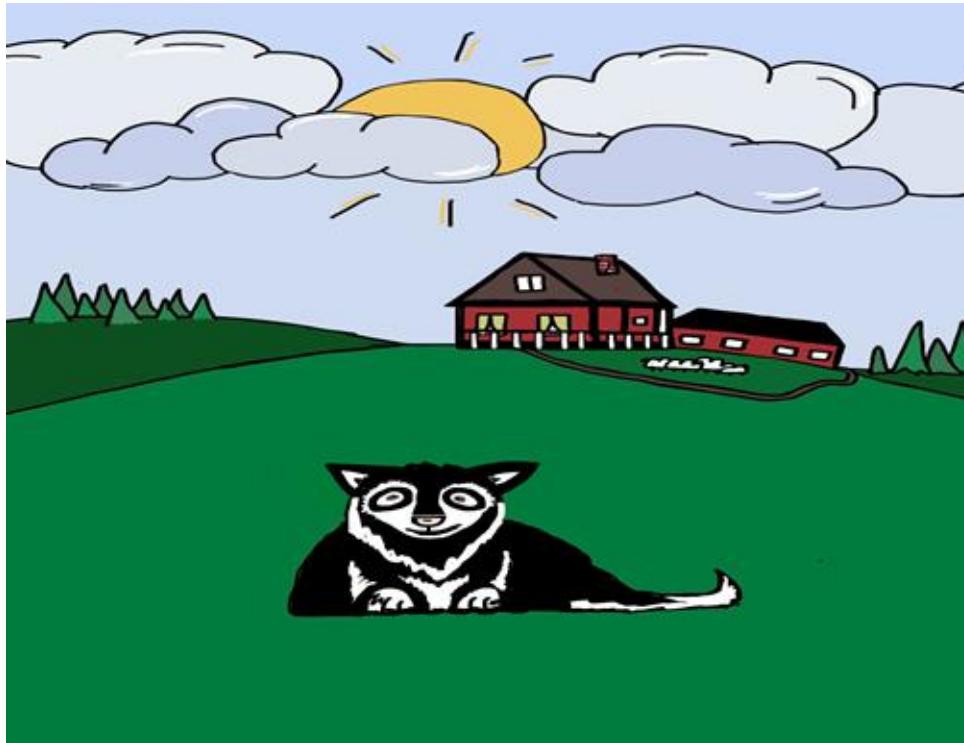
Burt got the cord from his shorts and put it on Fern's neck. He held on tight to Fern.



Fern let out a sharp bark, did a twirl, and started on the path home.



Fern pulled Burt through the blur of the storm. At last they were safe on the porch.



Fern was the star of the storm.
She was Burt's lucky charm.

Facts about Storms

- *Thunderstorms happen when hot and cool air come together.
- *A thunderstorm can produce rain, lightning, hail, tornadoes, and even floods.
- *Storms usually move about 12 miles per hour. Some storms can be as fast as a car, moving 40-50 miles per hour.
- *Animals (such as dogs) can often sense when a storm is getting close by the change in the air temperature and pressure. They often bark, hide, or cuddle during storms.
- *You can calculate how far away a storm is by counting the seconds between lightning flashes and the sound of thunder. Divide that number by 5 and you'll know where the storm is.

15 seconds apart = 3 miles away.

Green R-controlled words

Burt sharp
Fern bark
her twirl
fur cord
star shorts
farm blur
herd porch
storm charm
barn dark
start turn
whirl hard
girl

High frequency words

the
of
have
once
was
were
through

Green level
Introducing r-controlled vowels

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