

Here, four wonderful second graders worked hard on their **idea development** and their **organization** as they wrote the following stories about animals on moving vehicles. Read each story, then work with a partner to decide where each writer showed his/her best skill with idea development and organization. Be prepared to share your answer with the whole class!

Chihuahua on a Nissan Titan

by Jessica, second grader

One day, in Area 51, a Chihuahua found a Nissan Titan and said, "Let's ride!" Chihuahua rode past Dog.

Dog growled and said, "I want a Nissan Titan!"

Chihuahua rode past Cat and said, "Hello!"

Cat said, "I wouldn't waste my time riding a Nissan Titan. You can get so dirty."

Chihuahua rode past Chicken. Chicken pecked his feathers and said, "Don't ride over me!"

Finally, all the animals went to find Chihuahua. They asked if they could take turns driving the Nissan Titan. Chihuahua said yes! So Chicken, Cat, Dog, and Chihuahua all drove happily ever after.



Go, Go, Leo

by Lugene, second grader

One day, an insane leopard named Leo wanted to leave the center of the Earth. He went to get his hovercraft. When Leo started the hovercraft, a tiger named Jack saw it.

Jack shouted, "You? Leaving the center of the Earth? You're crazy!"

"Who cares?" said Leo. Then Leo hovered to a hamster named Sam.

Sam asked, "Where are you going? Can I come?"

Finally, Leo answered, "Leaving the center of the Earth."

"I don't want to go," said Sam.

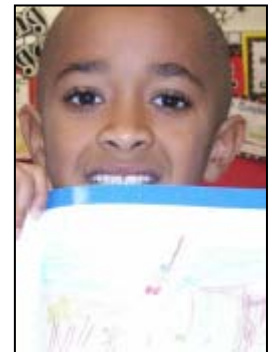
Leo ended up in Egypt. Leo thought it was a rich place. He met King Tut. Tut asked Leo, "What is this complicated device?"

"A hovercraft," Leo answered.

King Tut said, "Look at the sign." The sign said *No Hovercrafts*. So Leo left.

Twelve hours later, everyone thought about Leo. They all purchased their own hovercrafts. When Leo caught sight of Jack, Sam, and King Tut, they all left the center of the Earth. When they left, everyone felt extraordinary!

They all lived in San Diego from then on!



Elephant on a Surfboard

by Madeline, second grader

There once was a brave elephant. He loved the ocean. He really wanted to ride a surfboard one day. Elephant was brave enough to get on, and so he did. Elephant saw Fish and said, "Hi, Fish!"

Fish said, "Gulp, gulp." But Fish was thinking, "How does he ride that thing if he is so heavy?"

Elephant saw Shark and said, "Hi, Shark."

Shark said, "Harghhhh!" But Shark was thinking, "How does he ride that thing? I can't even ride it."

Next Elephant saw Seagull and yelled "Hi!" while the gull was flying high in the sky.

Seagull was thinking, "He is going to drown!"

Now there were people riding on their surfboards. All the animals stared and then got right on. Elephant, Fish, Shark, and Seagull had the most awesome time in the world.



Hamster's Wild Idea

by Emily, second grader

One day there was a family that went to Disney World with their goofy hamster. He got loose. He found a motorcycle in the hotel parking lot. The key was in the slot, so Hamster started the motorcycle engine. Hamster drove past a big teenage girl. "Hi, Teenage Girl, how are you?"

"Ahhh! A talking animal!" shouted the girl. She got out her phone and dialed nine-one-one.

"I better get out of here," said Hamster. Hamster zoomed past Zebra. "Hi, Zebra, how are you?"

Zebra thought, "How ridiculous is that?"

Hamster looked suspiciously at her. Next, Hamster stood on the motorcycle and did a cartwheel. He zoomed by Tarantula. "Hi, Tarantula, how are you?"

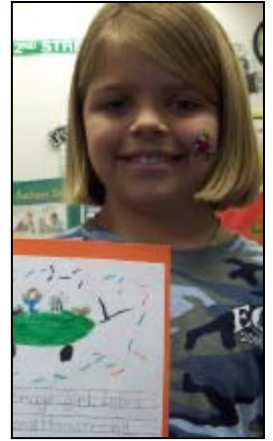
Tarantula yelled, "Get away, Dumb Bunny."

"Hey, I'm not dumb, and I'm not a bunny!" yelled Hamster.

The Teenage Girl, Zebra, Tarantula, and Hamster all looked at each other. Then they looked at the motorcycle. "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?"

"YEP!"

Then everybody hopped on the motorcycle. The Teenage Girl, Zebra, Tarantula, and Hamster all loved that motorcycle! They felt as if they were going 100 miles per hour!



The lesson that inspired this writing can be found online at the WritingFix website:

http://writingfix.com/Picture_Book_Prompts/DuckBike1.htm