

Grammar Garden

MAMA NOUN AND HER CHILDREN



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Mama Noun holds the world in her hands:
bread and **bag**, **flower** and **stem**, **milk** and **cat**, and
apple with **leafs**. She sings the names of her
favorite things and tells the world all about them.



But sometimes, Mama Noun has trouble finding all the right words to describe her treasures.

“Sunrise!” Mama Noun breathes as the sun pokes her early morning head above the garden trees. As the sparkly world wakes up, Mama Noun’s eyes grow wide and she names all the new things she sees.

“Caterpillar! Flower! Caterpillar! Flower!” Mama Noun turns and points. But her children frown; they don’t know which caterpillars and which flowers Mama Noun means. There are so many, after all. Mama Noun needs help, and her children must find a way to help her!





Blossom!

Fluffy!

Soft!

Little Miss Adjective is Mama's oldest daughter. She always knows just the right words to tell how something looks, how it feels, how **sparkly**, how **big**, how **ginormous**!

Mama points to a caterpillar, and Little Miss Adjective knows just the right words: **Ginormous! Crimson! Fluffy! Beautiful!**

Together they say things like:

funny kitty



Hairy caterpillar



desert grasses



little sister



Cute caterpillar



friendly bug



strong stem



Green chrysalis!



Little Baby Article is Mama's youngest daughter. She is very young, and she only knows three little words. But they are important words and very helpful. Little Baby Article says **a**, **an**, and **the**.

a bug
an antenna
the legs!!



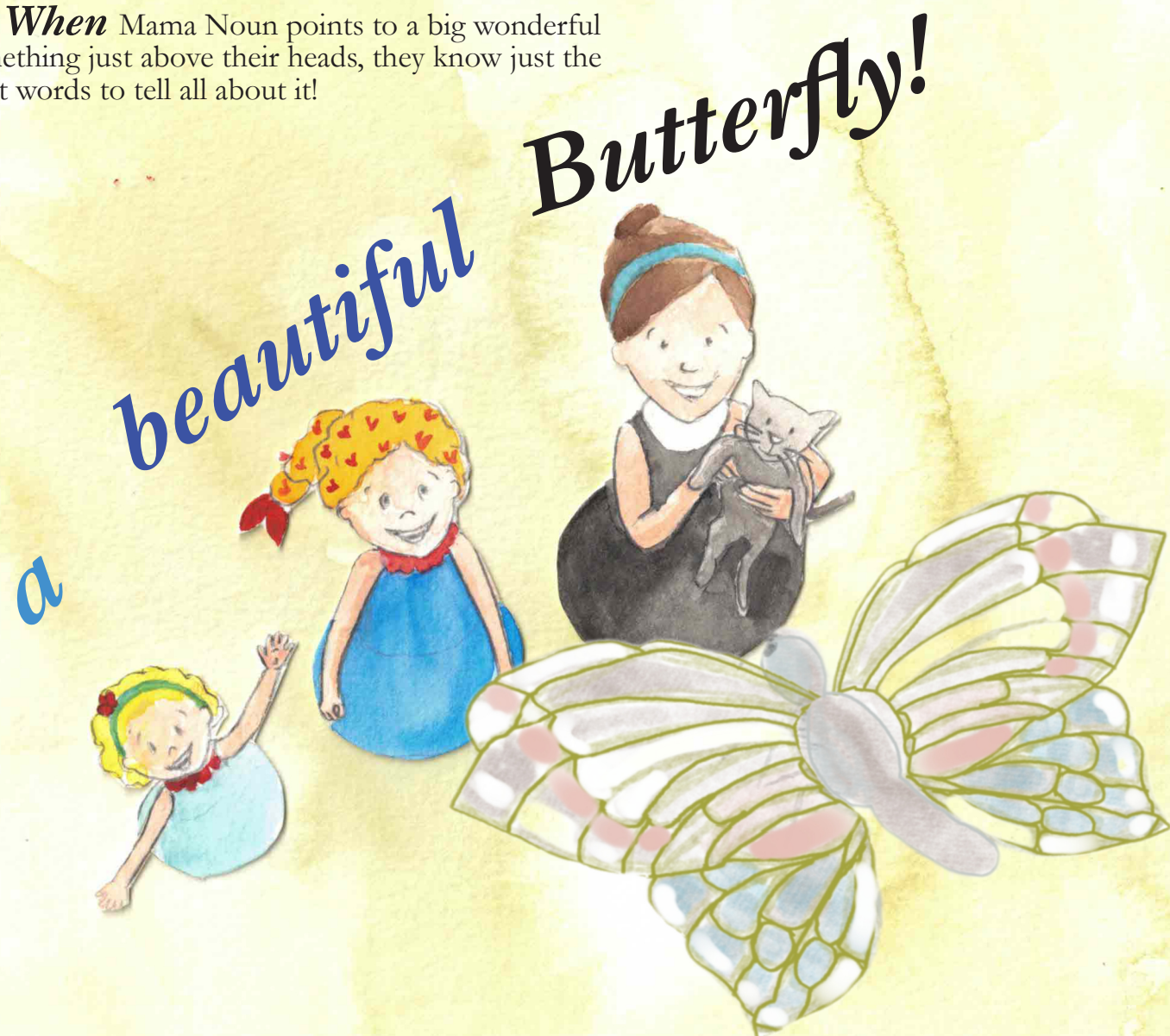
the hen

a cat

the apples



So When Mama Noun points to a big wonderful something just above their heads, they know just the right words to tell all about it!



Can you name any of the things on the next page?

A shady Tree

A tiny butterfly



A peaceful picnic



A quiet bouquet



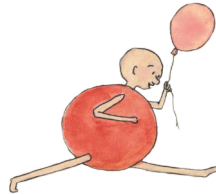
The curious ants



MEET THE GRAMMAR GARDEN FRIENDS!



Mama Noun knows the names for everything! She can name people, places, things and ideas.



Little Mister Verb is an active boy – always doing, and running, and jumping, and flying. Or some days, he just wants to be.



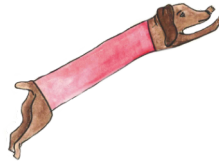
Little Miss Adjective knows just the right words to describe Mama's nouns.



Cousin Adverb knows just the right words to describe all of Little Mister Verbs actions.



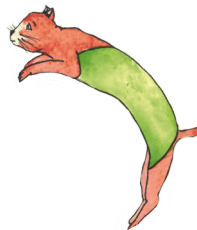
Baby Article is still very young. She knows only three words, but they are very important words!



Conection Pup is long and skinny for a reason – she can hold many things together with stretchy paws!



Coach Pronoun always knows exactly who she is talking about. She has words for people that replace a noun.



Slinky Preposition is always slipping behind, beneath, between, or beside. She has all the words for telling where something is!



Interjection Fairy just pops in and surprises everyone!