Collections of fiction and nonfiction stories from Highlights and Highlights High Five magazines. These engaging stories and articles are beautifully illustrated by award-winning artists and contain content that encourages learning and reading, making them perfect for English-language learning.

Title: April Showers
Word Count: 156
Highlights Library Level: 6
Lexile Level: 380
GRL: K

“I see the sheep,” said Lex. “But how do you know they’re having a birthday party?”

“The cake’s right there,” said Indi. “Look! It even has a candle on top!”

“Yip!” said Lex. “And those sheep must be drinking water with their cake and spelling it everywhere. I just felt a drop on my nose.”

“Hooray!” shouted Indi. “The April showers are finally here!”

“So where are the flowers?” asked Lex.

“Be patient,” said Indi. “We have to wait until May!”
The Read with Highlights Science Collection is made up of 100 nonfiction titles that focus on the most popular science topics that kids love. Developed using Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), this collection ranges in subjects from animals to technology to space.
Voices Leveled Library is a research-based series of leveled readers focused on the importance of social-emotional learning (SEL). Children not only deepen their reading skills, but also learn how to manage emotions, overcome challenges, feel and show empathy for others, and build positive relationships with those in the world around them.
Readers+ is a collection of 500 stories with accompanying Speaking, Listening and Thinking activities. This essential reading set represents both fiction and nonfiction across 10 content areas and all reading levels. The Readers+ titles were carefully selected for their high interest subjects, vocabulary range and readability for ELL students.
200 stories in Highlights Library have accompanying storybook animations for students to watch after reading the book. The videos allow children to connect deeper with the characters when they see them come to life, like Dona Rosa, who appears in many stories in Highlights Library.
Simple non-fiction text or familiar fiction stories with repeating language patterns. Most texts have a dominant image with one to two lines of print per page.
Informational texts, realistic fiction and folktales with more complex patterns and letter-sound relationships in words. Most texts have a dominant image with three to seven lines of print per page.
Informational texts and nonfiction, with a variety of realistic fiction. Varied sentence structures and some unfamiliar context to some children. Most texts have an image with many lines of print on a page.
Informational texts and nonfiction, with a variety of realistic fiction. New vocabulary in texts with descriptive language key to understanding plot. Most texts have many lines of print on a page with several images per book.
More variety within informational nonfiction and realistic fiction. Texts focus on concerns of pre-adolescents. Most texts with minimal images in the book.
Maggie's school also taught her racial pride. Although black children did not attend the better-equipped schools with white children, Maggie was fortunate to have an exceptional teacher. Miss Linnie Knowles was one of thousands of Northern professional educators who came south after the Civil War to give newly freed blacks the schooling that slavery had denied them. "Miss Linnie" taught her students that they could make history just like the famous people they studied. Intelligent and hard-working, Maggie graduated from normal school, a two-year program after high school.

**Learning to Help Others**
After graduation, Maggie put her energies into a fraternal organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), which she had joined when she was fourteen. Members of the I.O.O.F. helped one another in times of sickness and were present at each member's burial. The organization also worked to lift blacks out of poverty by teaching members to work hard, to save money to improve themselves, and to stick together against prejudice. At this time, blacks in the South did not have the same rights as whites.

**Finding Her Life's Work**
In 1896, Maggie was the first woman to be elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the I.O.O.F. The organization was on the verge of bankruptcy, so Maggie held rallies after rallies and was such an inspirational speaker that thousands of people would often attend. Sometimes a thousand people would sit at one time. "It's in me to build this Order and teach my people the power of unity," Maggie said. Because of her work, the order's treasury increased from $31,480.40 to $31,480.40, largely because of initiation fees and monthly dues. Membership rose from 5,000 to 14,000.

**Title: A Rough and Rugged Road**
Word Count: 931  
Lexile Level: 1030  
GRL: Y

**Highlights Library Level:** 25-30  |  **Lexile Level:** 820-1550

More variety within informational nonfiction and realistic fiction. Many texts present mature social issues and require some critical thinking. Texts contain longer sentences with minimal images in the book.
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