

The Spinning Tops

There was once a little hamster named Sandy that had become obsessed with spinning tops. He loved making them and would make them the whole day.

He would plan them, cut them, and then paint them until he had more than a dozen wonderful spinning tops. He began to wonder if everything could be turned into a spinning top.

His friends gathered around him and they began spinning everything that they could see. One of his friends was spinning a leaf. Another friend was spinning a stone. They were all having a lot of fun.

A small bowl spun around as if it was dancing. A plate was spinning and making a small soothing sound. Someone was even spinning an apple on the table.

Sandy told his friends how everything was always spinning around. The butterflies danced around the flowers. The fish danced around in the water and the earth spun around the sun. Everything is a top!

“Even we can spin like tops!” Sandy said and held the hands of his friend and began spinning him around and around.

They all held hands and began dancing around in a circle.

They were now spinning round and round like little tops. (204 words)

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