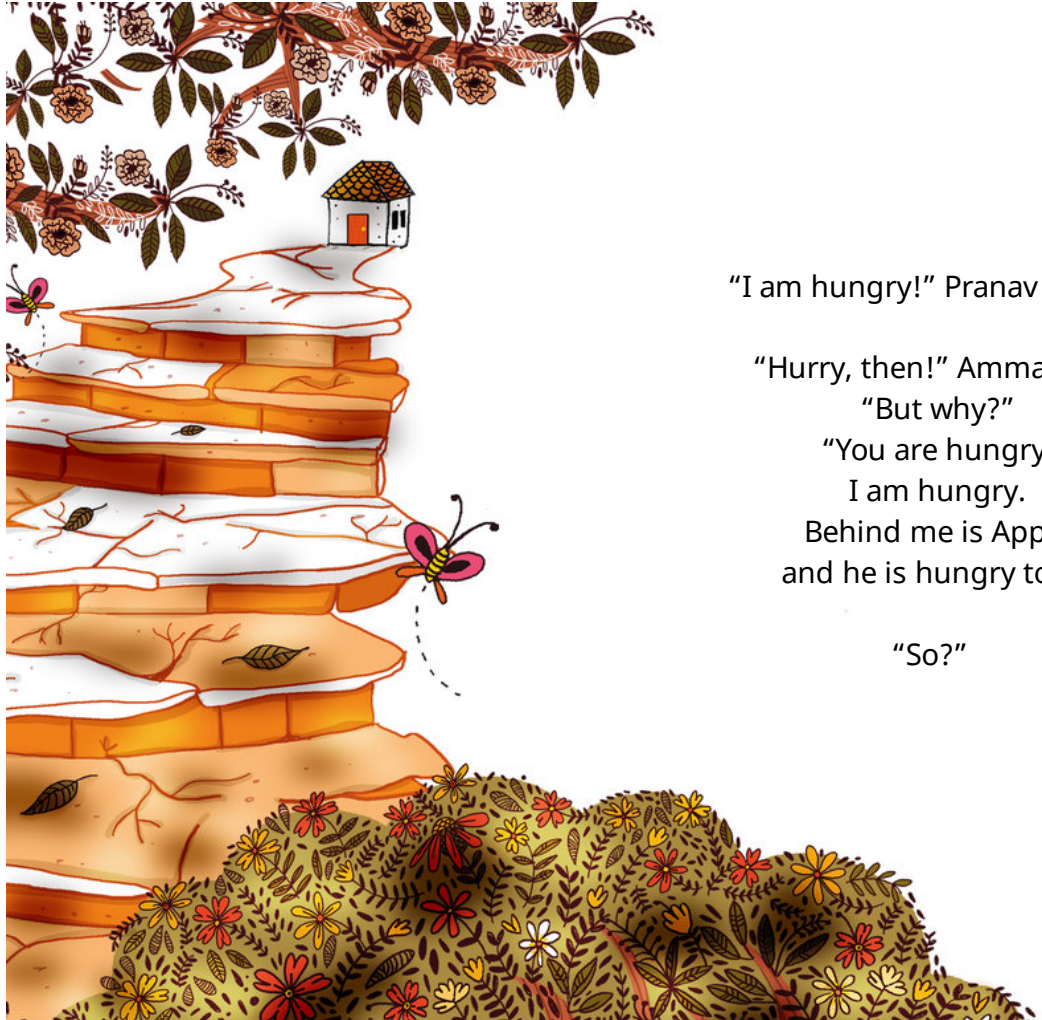




Hungry on the Steps

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Level 2



"I am hungry!" Pranav shouts.

"Hurry, then!" Amma says.

"But why?"

"You are hungry.

I am hungry.

Behind me is Appa
and he is hungry too!"

"So?"

*How many hungry people
are walking up the steps?*





"So hurry, Pranav, hurry," Amma says.

"Why?"

"You are hungry.

I am hungry.

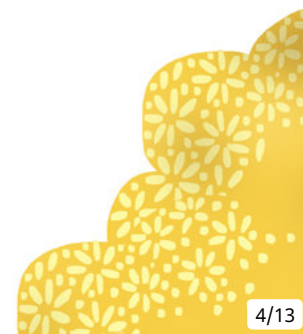
Appa is hungry.

And so is the cat!"

"Cat?" Pranav asks.

"Meow meow meow!

May I have some milk in a big, red jug
so I can drink it all up, glug glug glug?"
meows the cat.



*How many people are between
Pranav and the cat?*





"Hurry, Pranav, hurry," Amma says.

"Why?"

"You are hungry.

I am hungry.

Appa is hungry.

The cat is hungry.

And so is the dog!"

"Dog?" Pranav asks.

"Bhow wow bhow wow!

I am hungry and just can't wait!

May I have my bread in a nice blue plate?"

barks the dog.



*Who is at the bottom of the steps?
Who is at the top of the steps?*

"Hurry, Pranav, hurry!" Amma says.

"Why?"

"You are hungry.

I am hungry.

Appa is hungry.

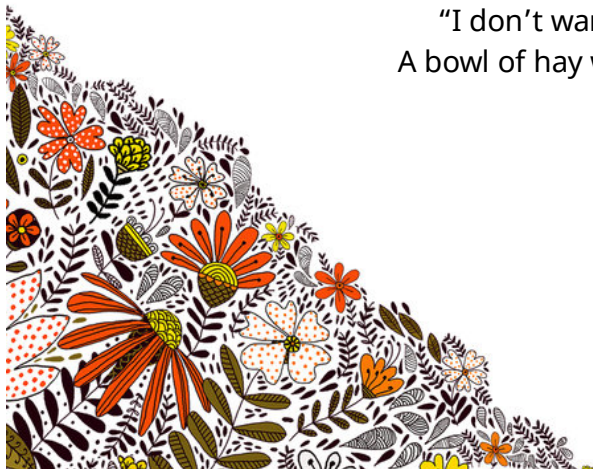
The cat is hungry.

The dog is hungry.

And so is the cow!"

"Cow?"

"I don't want a kite, or a yellow balloon.
A bowl of hay will do, with a nice big spoon,"
moos the cow.



*How many domestic animals
are walking behind Appa?*







"Hurry, Pranav, hurry!" Amma says.

"Why?"

"You are hungry.

I am hungry.

Appa is hungry.

The cat is hungry.

The dog is hungry.

The cow is hungry.

And who do you think
is behind us all?"

*Who do YOU think
is behind them all?*



"A TIGER!"

Stripes and all.

Growling and roaring.

And hungry as hungry can be!"

"A tiger?" Pranav squeals.

Up the stairs,
through the door,
into the house they all run—
hungry Pranav,
Amma and Appa,
the cat and the dog,
the cow and the—





*How many are inside the house?
How many are outside?*

sLAM!

"I am hungry!" Pranav says,
in a very small voice.





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Hungry on the Steps (English)

Pranav is hungry. As he climbs up the steps to his house slowly, many others join the line behind him. Who can make him run up the steps?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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