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Tina anapenda nyota. Alimwomba baba yake kumnunulia nyota ili awe na nyota zake mwenyewe. Baba yake aliahidi kumpatia. Je unafikiri baba yake Tina aliweza kumpatia nyota?

Tina loves stars. She asks her father to buy her some that she can have for her very own. He promises he will. Do you think he will be able to?



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