

Bunches むね (Mure)

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About: *There are all sorts of bunches in the world...* A bunch of sheep, a bunch of ghosts, a bunch of flowers—but there is always one who is different from the others. Can you spot them? And what does an ant find upon walking away from the bunch? Comedian Akira Hirota debuts as a children's author with a funny, interactive picture book that delivers its heartfelt message in simple text and adorable illustrations. (Video <https://youtu.be/iRcWSQd1H3c>)

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TRANSLATION SAMPLE

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PAGE 1

There are all sorts of bunches in the world.

PAGE 2

Here are a bunch of sheep.

One of them has no wool.

PAGE 3

NO TEXT

PAGE 4

Here are a bunch of giraffes.
One of them has a short neck.

PAGE 5

NO TEXT

PAGE 6

Here are a bunch of fish.
One of them is a skeleton.

PAGE 7

NO TEXT

PAGE 8

Here are a bunch of birds.
One of them is running.

PAGE 9

NO TEXT

PAGE 10

Here are a bunch of poops.

One of them is rainbow-colored.

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