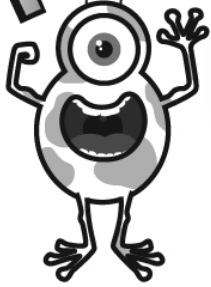
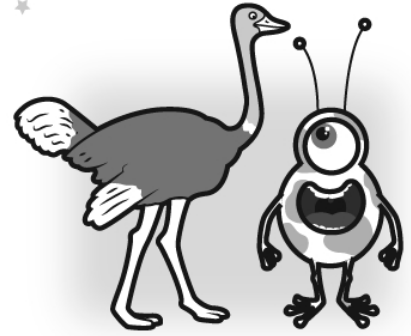


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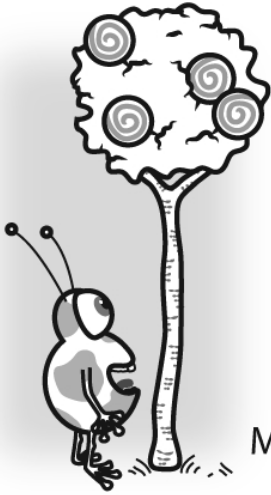
Prepositions



Write a preposition in the sentence about Martin the mighty Martian:



Martin the Martian is _____ the ostrich.



Martin the Martian is _____ the lollipop tree.



Martin the Martian jumps _____ the mud puddle.



Martin the Martian likes to have tea _____ Veronica the Venutian.

In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it is easy to overlook those who do so much for us. On this day, take time to think of those to whom you might want to show some gratitude. Write an essay in which you explain how important these people are to your life. Plan your essay below.

1. Brainstorm a list of five people for whom you are grateful for (try to think of someone who does things for you on a daily basis that you may take for granted).
2. How are these people important to your daily life?
3. What are some of the things they do for you?
4. How would your life be different if you had to do all of this for yourself?
5. Write a general statement about how some people are important to you but you often take them for granted. This general statement will be your topic sentence.

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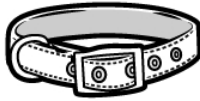


You find a small blue dragon in your backyard. Your parents don't really want to keep it, but you finally convince them that a blue dragon would be a wonderful pet. You had to do lots of research to find out about blue dragons because they are very rare. Answer the following questions about your new pet.



Where did the dragon come from?

Does the dragon want to be your pet? Why or why not?





What kind of exercise does a dragon need?

What is your new pet's name?

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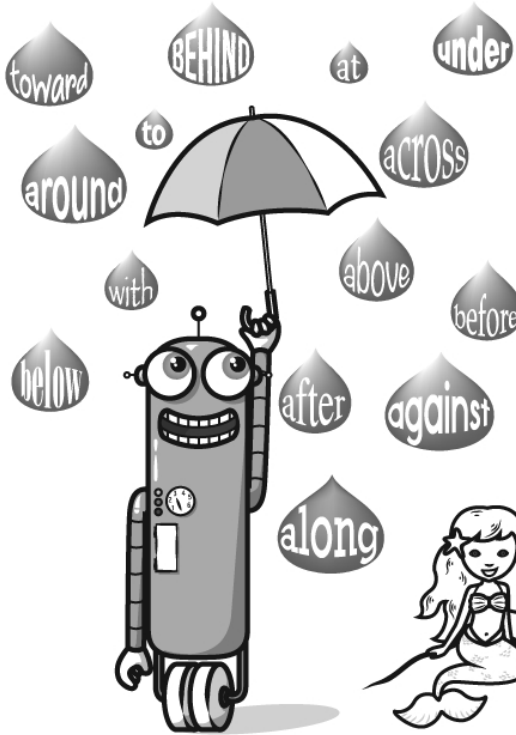


Why did the dragon end up in your yard?



What does a blue dragon eat, and where can you get its food?

Name: _____



Prepositions

Roger Robot is in a preposition rain storm and needs help so he doesn't rust! Can you circle the prepositions in the following sentences? The first one is done for you.

Harold the frightened hamster is under the basket.

The robot was exercising and held his arm above his head.

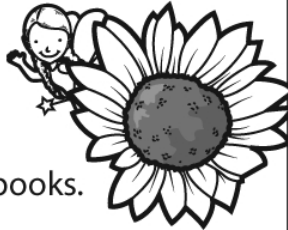
The strong mermaid swam across the English Channel.

The warlock leaned his magic broom against the wall.

Draw a picture of a warlock with his magic broom, if you like:

The scarecrow had lots of crows buzzing around him.

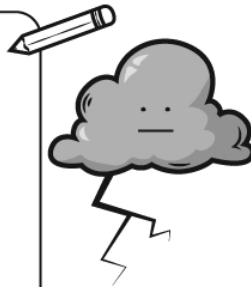
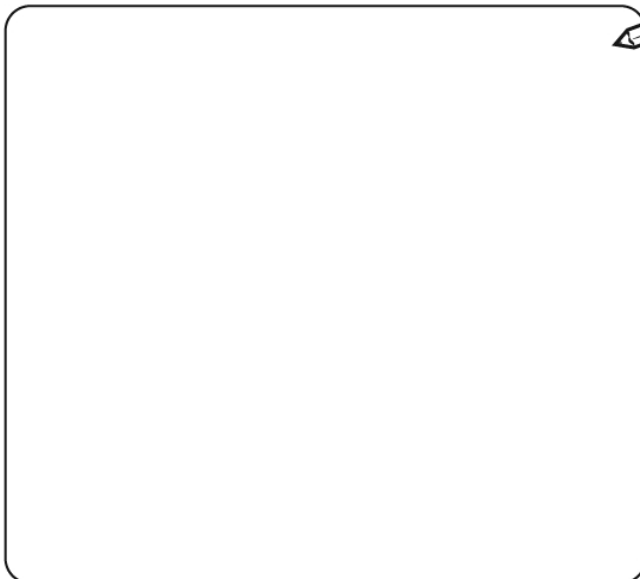
The tiny fairy hid behind the sunflower.



The cell phone was stuck between two books.

Alexis alien was from Neptune and had gorgeous blue hair.

Draw a picture of an alien from Neptune, if you like:



During the graduation ceremony, thunder made it impossible to hear the valedictorian's speech.

The speedy chicken ran toward the goal posts to score a goal!

Name: _____

describing words:	cranky purple	ignorant emerald	aged lonesome
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who or what?	mountain reptile	ice cream cabbage	life guard necklace
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did what?	switched sides searched for treasure	read the roster loomed turned to liquid
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where?	on basketball court in the rearview mirror	in his hands at the auction
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when?	she stopped for the night after the owner died	last night last fall
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Try to write 2 different sentences. Use some of the ideas from above.

1. _____

Which ideas did you use in your first sentence? Circle them.

2. _____

Which ideas did you use in your second sentence? Put a square around the ones you used.

Fill in the missing letters. Write ei or ua.

g_____rding	prot_____n	eq_____l	eq_____lity
w_____ghs	n_____ghbor	semiann _____l	q_____ndary

How many grams are in 2 kilograms?

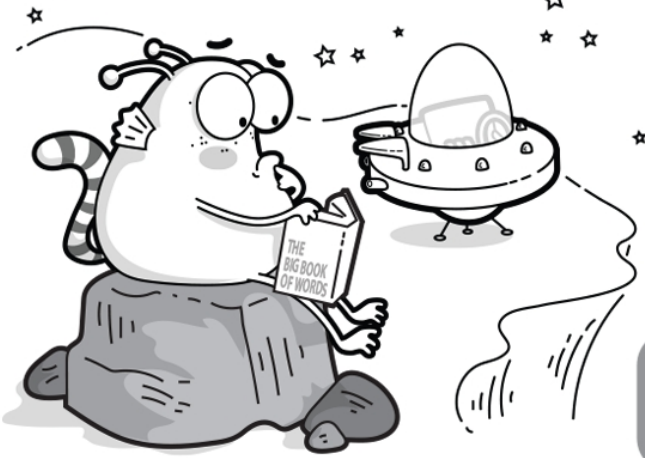
_____ grams

8 x 6 = _____

3 x 4 = _____

Name: _____

This alien is finding out that many words don't mean what he thought they did! He is trying to write a poem and is searching for just the right words.



English has a lot of funny words that you can use to write a **mystery poem**. Here is a list of strange words you may have never heard before:

abatjour **bibble** hent caffoy erf
 argle-bargle **BABOONERY** ELCHEE hallux
 ICKLE kennebecker **KERFUFFLE** **MABBLE**
 ucalegon **saccadic** pauciloquent **quire**
quackle sabbulonarium rabble umbel *paean*

As a matter of fact, the famous poet Lewis Carroll wrote the poem Jabberwocky using not just strange words, but nonsense words! It was included in his 1871 novel Through the Looking-Glass, the sequel to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Take a look to get ideas!

Using these words, write a 6-line, free verse (doesn't need to rhyme) poem. Use at least one of these words in each line. Write the poem by guessing what the words mean, and then when you are finished, use a dictionary to see what the words really mean.



Title _____

Select one of the mystery words and write it here:

What do you think the word means? _____

Now look it up in the dictionary and write the real definition here:

"Necessity, who is the mother of invention." --Plato (427 BC-347 BC)

1. Rewrite this quotation in your own words.
2. List five reasons why someone would have needed to have a safety pin.
3. How has the safety pin changed things?

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[illegible]

Name: _____

Did you know that you don't always have to use the word **chance** in your writing? Try to use different words for an overused word like **chance**. It will make your work more fun for others to read.

Circle words to the RIGHT or DOWN. Every letter is used exactly ONCE.

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                P L U C K
                R       V
                O   G C E
                S   A A N
                P   M S T
          D E S T I N Y E   B U U
    A C C I D E N T A L C   L A R
    L I K E L I H O O D T   E L E
          P R O B A B I L I T Y
                F O R T U N E
  
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Write the words found.

<u>FORTUNE</u>	<u>PROBABILITY</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Now rewrite this without using the word **chance**. Add one or two of your own sentences using some of the words you found in the word search.

You may not have your study hall tomorrow, and then you won't have a chance to finish your homework.

My favorite two words to use instead of **chance** are:

_____ and _____

How many words do you think it takes to improve your writing?

Fifty. That's 50! There are about 50 overused words we often use in writing and conversations.

When you find yourself repeating, try something different. It doesn't take much work to sound amazing!

The month of September is designated as a time to help spread the word about childhood cancer. Many people are unaware that childhood cancer is the leading, disease-related cause of death in children. Write an essay explaining how awareness of childhood cancer can impact children diagnosed with cancer. To help you think about the topic, answer the following questions.

- Now you are ready to write your essay. Start your essay with your topic sentence. Support your topic sentence with facts, details, and examples.

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Whether you are campaigning for better **LUNCHES AT SCHOOL** or convincing your parents that you should be able to **stay up later**, it's important to know how to present your opinion on something. There are several things that can help you make a good argument for your case. These are **FACTS**, *examples*, quotations, and **reasons**. Pick an argument you would like to win. Fill in the blanks with material to make your case!



Argument Topic: _____

FACTS (true statements) about the situation: _____

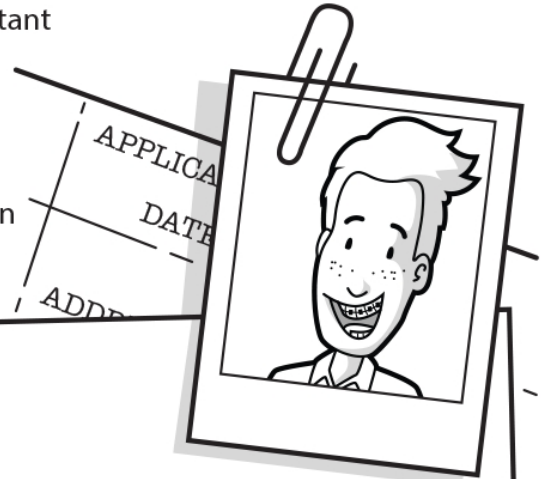
Example related to the situation illustrating your point: _____

Quotation from an expert to help you make your case: (You can make this up!) _____

Reasons why your view is the best: _____

Name: _____

Even though most of us use email and texting, it is still important to know how to write a good letter. Imagine that your friend has asked you to write him a letter of recommendation for a job. Would you feel up to the task? Write the letter here, and include specific traits your friend has that would make him perfect for the job. You can explain how long you have known your friend and perhaps include an example of his good qualities for this job.



To Whom It May Concern,

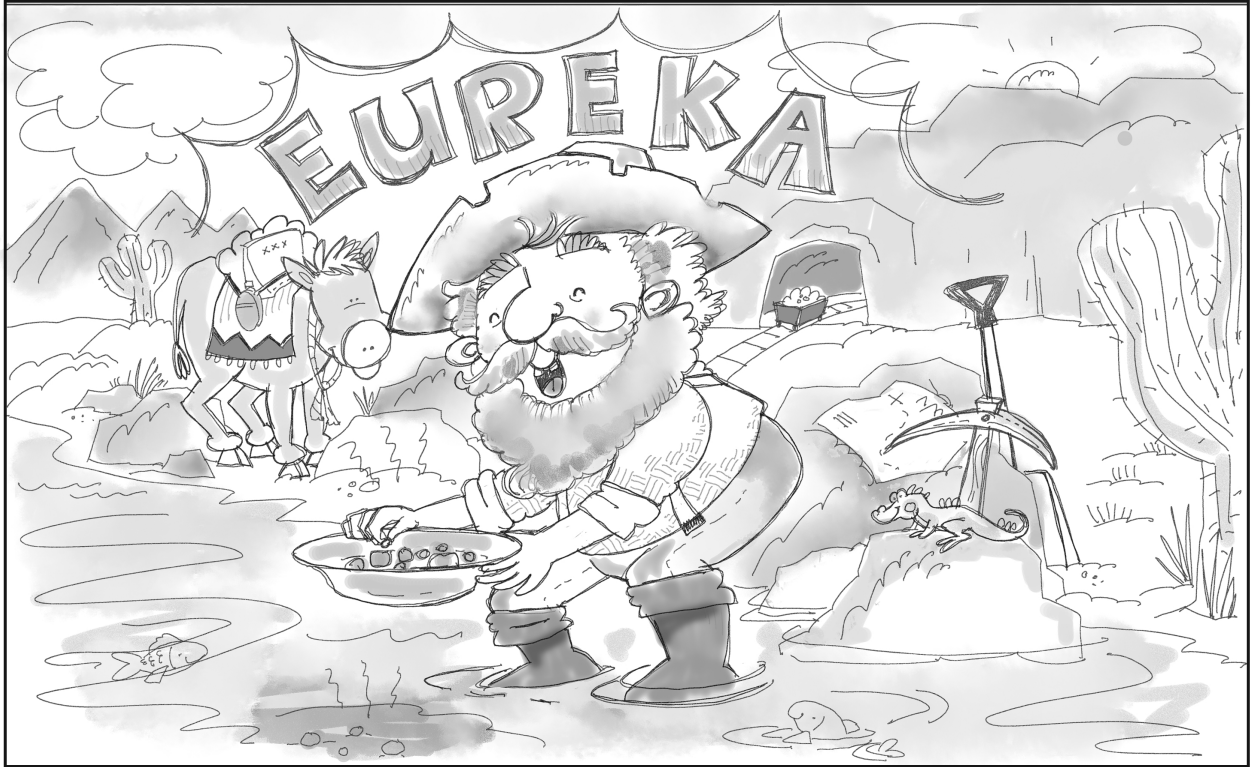
Respectfully,

(your full name)

Name: _____

Uncover the Story Number 1

(Pick just one story to uncover!)



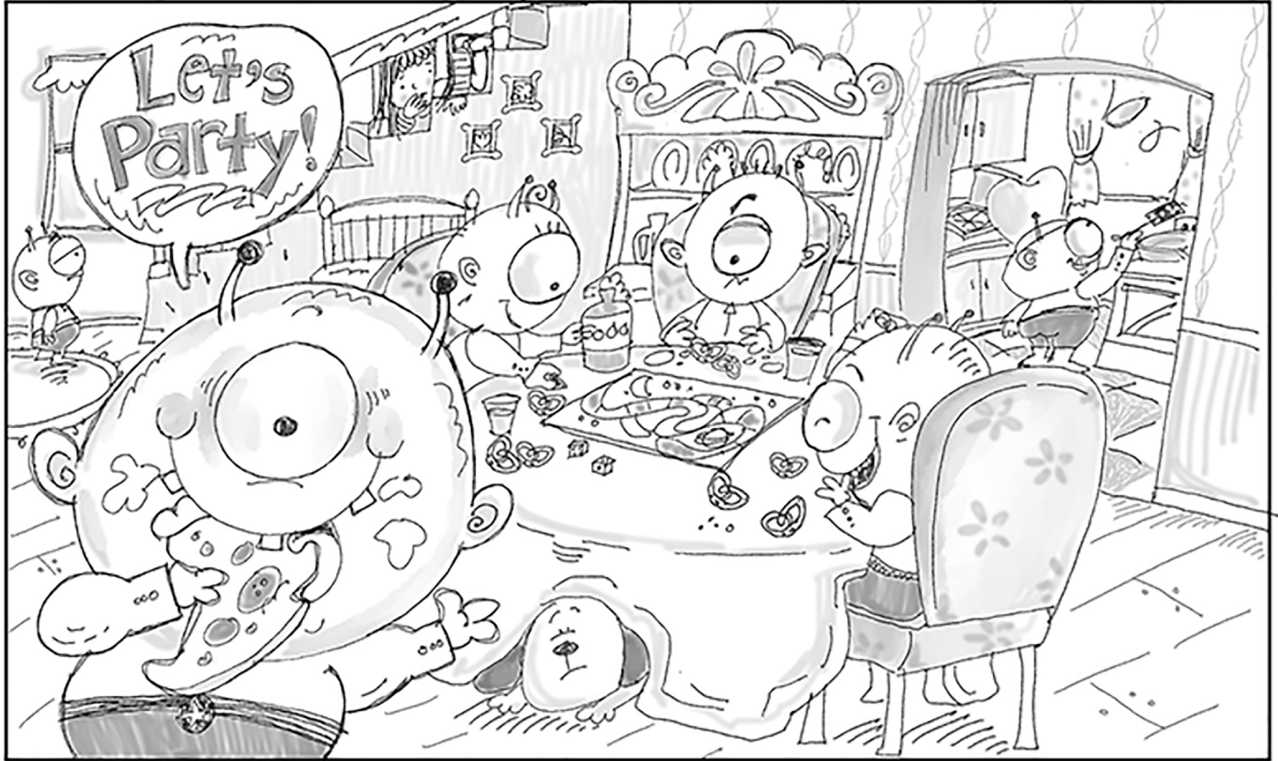
What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

My ideas...

Name: _____

Uncover the Story Number 2

(Pick just one story to uncover!)



What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

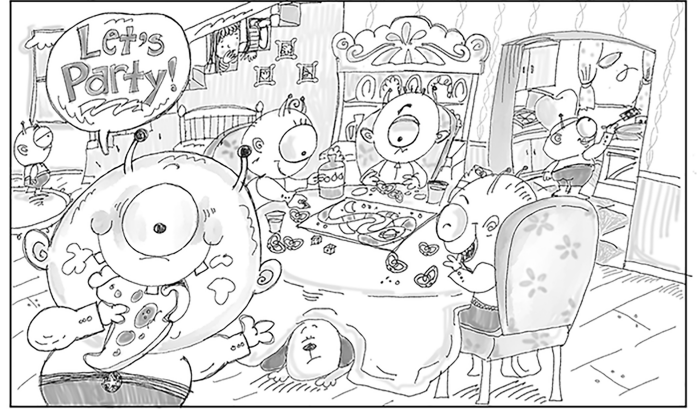
My ideas...

Name: _____

Which story did you decide to uncover? Check one.



☐ Uncover the Story Number 1



☐ Uncover the Story Number 2

Best idea I had to describe this picture: _____

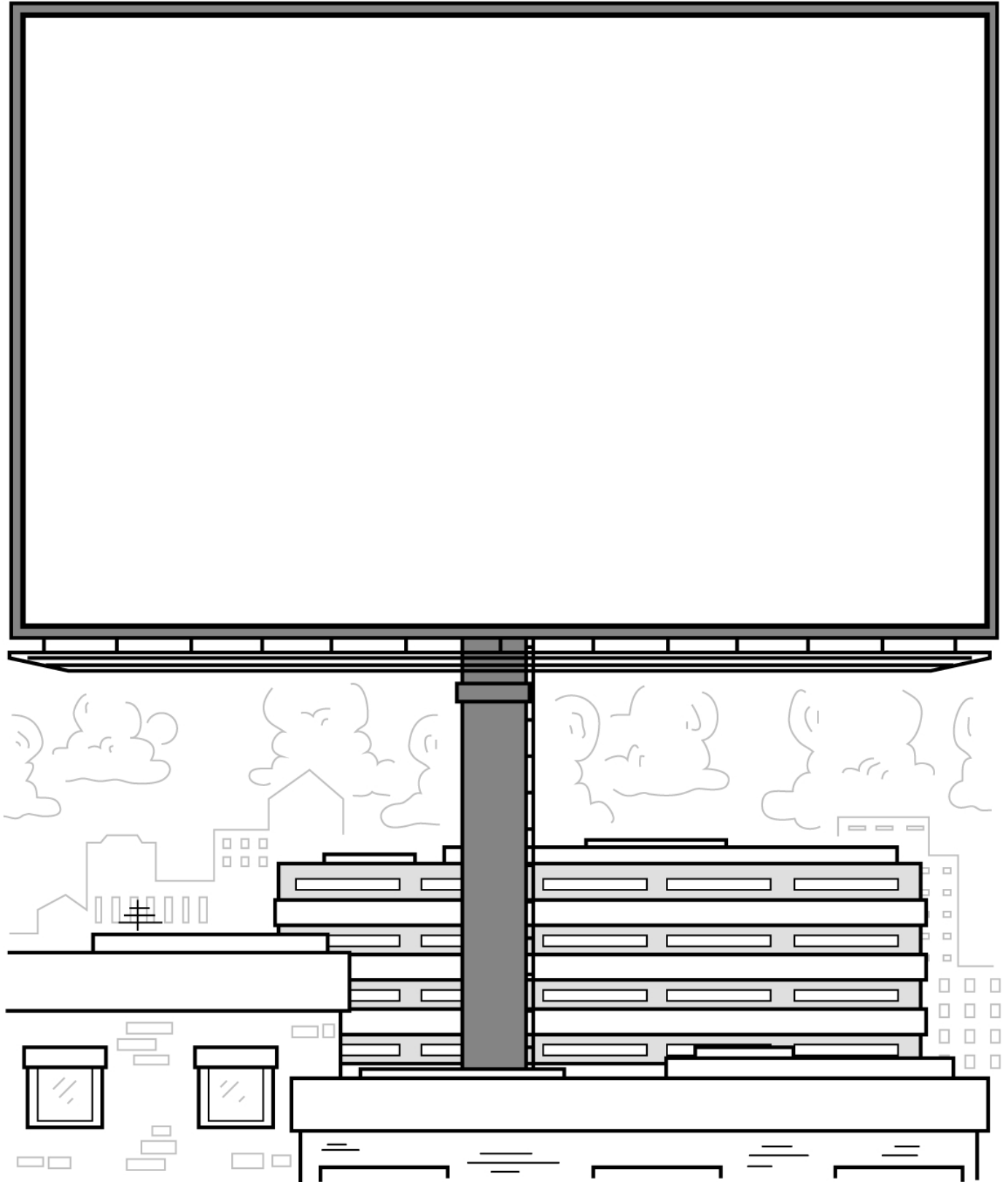
Add a detail to this idea: _____

SECOND best idea I had to describe this picture: _____

Add a detail to this idea: _____

Uncover the main character. Give the main character a name. Is the main character in the picture? _____

Name: _____



Imagine that you are a business owner, and you have purchased a large billboard on the busiest highway in your city. Design your billboard so everyone will want to stop in and visit your business. Draw it in color and include all the important information about what your business does, where it is, and why people should visit you.

Name: _____



Have you ever wished you could have been a fly on the wall and heard a conversation between two surprising characters? Pick two different kinds of monsters and write a dialogue between them. Be sure you have the correct punctuation for your sentences.



Now write your dialogue.

FIRST, PICK YOUR MONSTERS:

MONSTER #1

MONSTER #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

MONSTER #1:

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_____”

MONSTER #2:

“

_____”

MONSTER #1:

“

_____”

MONSTER #2:

“

_____”

MONSTER #2:

“

_____”

MONSTER #1:

“

_____”

Name: _____



You can see many things by looking out your window for a while. Imagine that you could pick any kind of window. It could be a window in a **MEDIEVAL CASTLE** or a window from a **SKYSCRAPER** in a foreign city. Pick your favorite window and write a **My View** poem about the view. It doesn't have to rhyme. It is ten lines long. The beginning line, "**From my window,**" is repeated in line nine. Here is an example:

My View from a Prehistoric Cave

From my window in a prehistoric cave, I see
 Many large-leafed, strange plants.
 Hungry dinosaurs zipping by,
 Tiptoeing on gigantic toes.
 My hairy neighbors build a fire,
 And when it's safe,
 I go out to help them cook a dinosaur steak,
 Sizzling over a crackling fire.
 From my window in a prehistoric cave,
 I can plan my prehistoric day.

Now you
can try it!

My View from a _____

By _____

From my window in _____, I see

From my window in _____, Illustrate the view
 from your window
 on the next page!

Name: _____

Circle the best synonym for each word. Hint: A dictionary might come in handy.

1. encircled	encompass	whiz	enclosed	abstain
2. figure	willing	amount	children	courageous
3. repress	impersonate	overpower	praise	frost
4. zero	analysis	rummage	excel	nothing
5. assumption	canal	humid	indulge	hypothesis
6. irons	chains	burst	bewilder	doubtless
7. folklore	important	gifted	onward	tradition
8. nice	trivial	universal	aching	elevation
9. fixed	coveted	flat	allege	prepared
10. produce	create	desperate	union	rounded
11. venom	cancel	shout	juicy	poison
12. permit	meditate	loathing	let	curve
13. shiver	sunburned	announce	tremble	budget
14. endorse	devastate	lag	support	prejudiced

Rewrite these in increasing order of length:

948 m, 818 km, 95 cm, 703 dm, 803 mm

What should replace the S in this equation?

$$S \times 48 + 36 = 2724$$

What time is 16 hours after
3:00 p.m.?

11 km = _____ m

$$\begin{array}{r} 603 \\ - 582 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$9,246 - 8,211 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Rose rolls a die. What is the
chance of her rolling a 4?

$$\begin{array}{r} 67 \\ - 33 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



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