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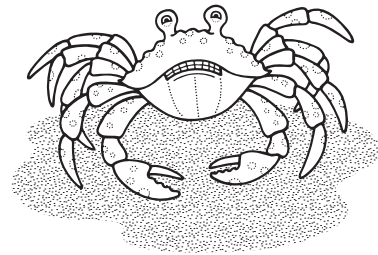
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The *c* in each word sounds like a *k* or an *s*. Write each word from the box under the right sound.

cat	cent	city	can
place	ice	face	fancy
space	cross	peace	dance
count	crab	cold	call
cot	clip	pencil	coat

c sounds like /s/ as in *pencil* *c* sounds like /k/ as in *crab*





Write a word that rhymes.

nice

pounce

face

Nancy

prance

cent

place

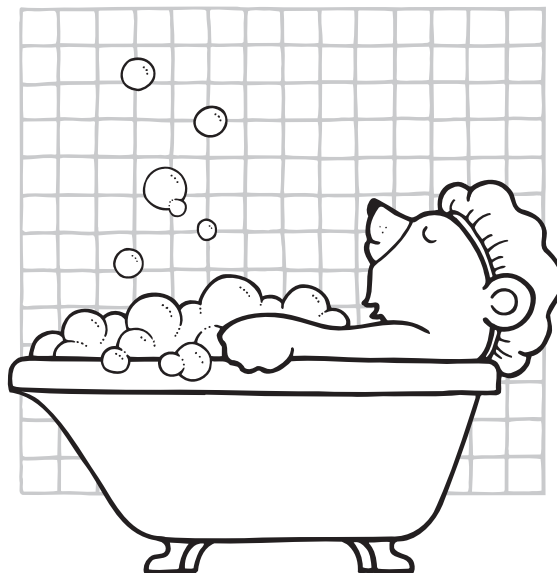
slice

chick

niece

crab

cub



Nancy Is My Cat



1. Is Nancy grand or fancy?

2. What can Nancy do well?

3. List 5 lively things Nancy does.

4. What tells you that the person talking is glad to have a cat like Nancy?

5. If you had a cat, what traits would you want it to have?

Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

peace	nice	twice	center
price	cent	slices	face
prince	pencil	city	space

1. What is the _____ of the milk on sale?
2. If you do something and then do it again, you did it _____.
3. A penny is one _____.
4. Mom cut the apple pie into big _____.
5. I could tell Pete was happy because he had a big smile on his _____.
6. The middle is also called the _____.
7. A king's son is a _____.
8. A _____ has lead in the center.
9. To be kind is to be _____.
10. When there is no fighting, there is _____.



Heat: Molecules on the Move



1. What is heat?

2. What are molecules?

3. Do the molecules move much in something cold?

4. What makes a molecule move faster?

5. What do you think will happen with the two cups of water?

cold water

hot water

In each box, underline the coldest one and circle the hottest one.

spring
winter
summer

tea
juice
iced tea

well water
water from a tea kettle
a block of ice

a rainy day in the fall
a cloudy day in summer
a sunny day in summer

ice cream
coffee
milk

an oven that's on
a microwave that's off
a toaster that has just finished toasting

a steam bath
an outdoor pool
an ice floe



a mountain top in the winter
a dirt road with trees in the fall
a black road in the summer

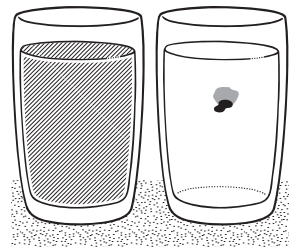
sitting by a heater on a warm day
sitting by a fan on a warm day
sitting in the shade on a warm day

Heat: From Hot to Cold

1. Which move faster, cold molecules or hot molecules?

2. Why didn't the red coloring spread out as much in the cold water?

3. What happens when you put ice cubes in a cup of something hot?



4. Where does the heat from the hot liquid go?

5. What makes ice melt?

6. What do you think you will feel when one hand is in hot water and one hand is in cold water?

Finish the words with a c. Then match with something that means the same.

ni__e

not sunny

i__y

waltz

__loudy

jump

dan__e

middle

poun__e

kind

__enter

cold

Use a c word to finish the sentence.

1. A waltz is one kind of _____.
2. It is all _____ outside. Maybe it will rain!
3. I saw my cat _____ on a mouse.
4. Your nose is in the _____ of your face.

Heat: Expanding and Contracting

1. Why did one hand get colder and the other get hotter?

2. What happened to the hot water? Why?

3. What makes things expand and contract?

4. What happens to a balloon when you take it outside in the winter?

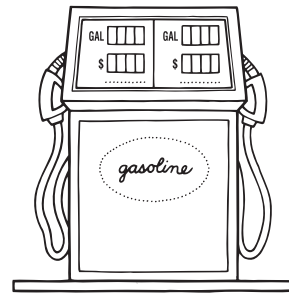
5. What do you think might happen to a beach ball completely filled with air that is left on the beach in the hot sun?

6. Which is lighter, hot air or cold air?

Write each word from the box under the right sound.

again	gymnast	ground	huge
gerbil	germ	game	great
stage	gas	age	eagle
gush	rage	ginger	good

g sounds like /j/ as in *gerbil* *g* sounds like /g/ as in *gas*



Finish each sentence with a word from the box.

gypsy moth	gingerbread	gymnastics	gerbil
rage	gym	stage	huge
age	gyp	pages	gentle

If something is very big, it is _____.

This is a kind of cookie or cake: _____.

A long book has many _____.

You stand on the _____ when you act in a play.

A _____ is a cute little pet.

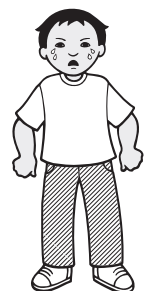
This kind of moth eats tree leaves: _____.

To be careful and kind is to be _____.

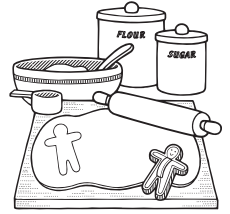
_____ is also sometimes called *tumbling*.

When you tell someone you are ten, you tell them your _____.

If you are so mad you can't think of anything else, you are in a _____.



Make a Gingerbread Gent



1. What does this reading passage tell you to do?

2. Have you ever baked something like this? What did you bake?

3. When you make the gingerbread gents, do you mix everything together at once, or little by little? Explain.

4. Make a gingerbread gent. Give it clothes.



Choose a word to fill in the blank.

1. She will sing and dance on the _____.
stag stung stage

2. We will have our lunch at _____.
mean noon soon

3. I hope my _____ wins the race.
tame tune team

4. The baby has _____ hands and feet.
wiggle little puzzle

5. Hold the pail by its _____.
simple angel handle

6. I kept turning the _____ of the book.
pages pegs punches

7. What is your _____?
at age ate



The Rooster and the Gemstone

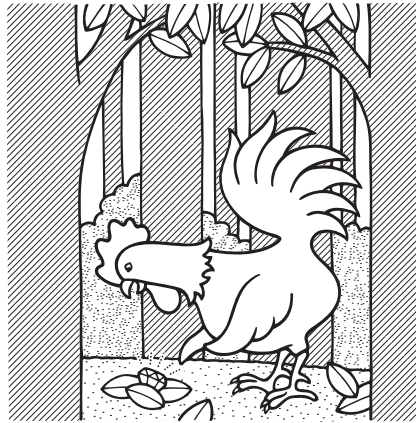
1. What was the Rooster's problem?

2. What strange thing did the Rooster come to?

3. Why was the Rooster unhappy to find the gemstone?

4. If you were hungry and you found a gemstone, what would you do? Explain, and then tell why the Rooster couldn't do the same.

5. Imagine that you were lost in the woods, but you had lots of money with you. Explain how *“Riches mean nothing to those who cannot use them”* would be true here.





Check all the things you could do in gym class.

cook

head stand

dream

run

tag

stand

tumble

fear

go

send

walk

leaf

fly

skip

slide

juggle

teach

toss

pant

land

hop

roll

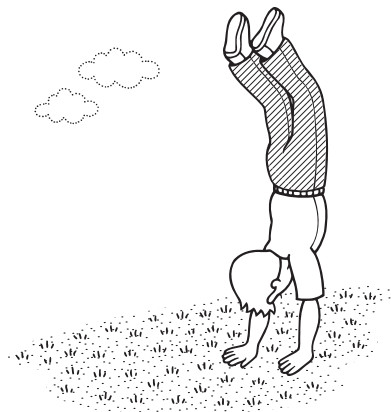
brush

ask

age

meet

yell



stoop

hoop

try

clap

eat

lead

spill

stunt

leap

jump

smell

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stop

sniff

stamp

cry

press

dance

sleep

smile

spin

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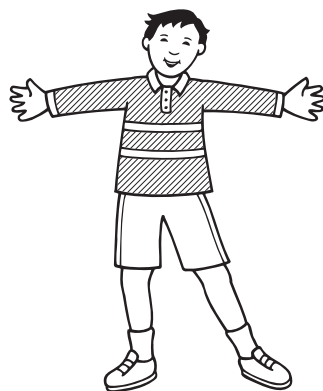
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clean

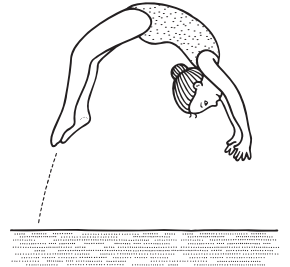
handstand

fail

cheer



A Plan for Ginger



1. What was Ginger's problem?

2. Do you think Mrs. Gentry did a good job helping Ginger? Explain.

3. Did Ginger go along with Mrs. Gentry's plan? Why or why not?

4. Tell of a time when someone wanted to help you with a problem. Did you go along with the plan?

Complete the sentences below with a word from the box.

fern	monsters	stern	lantern
swerve	camera	catcher	perch
shepherd	under	pattern	term

1. Jenny had to bend over to find her socks _____ the bed.
2. Dad had a _____ look on his face when he told me I was grounded.
3. A _____ looks after sheep.
4. In baseball, the _____ stands behind the batter.
5. A _____ is a type of fish.
6. My little sister is scared of _____ in the dark.

Write a sentence about each picture, using a word from the box.





Answer each question with a sentence. Use the underlined word in the answer.

1. What does a cherry look like?

2. A blackberry is a kind of berry. What other kinds of berries are there?

3. A whale is a very large animal. Can you think of a very small animal?

4. What does a ferry carry, and where might you find one?

5. A French person is from France, and a Japanese person is from Japan. Where is an American person from?

Complete the sentences below with a word from the box.

curvy

during

hurry

surf

hurt

turtle

furnish

turn

urge

disturb

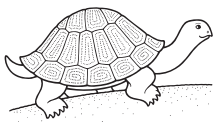
murmur

nocturnal

1. Animals that are awake only at night are _____ animals.
2. This is a very _____ road going up the hill.
3. If you don't _____, we'll be late!
4. I like to _____ on big waves.
5. You shouldn't _____ the sleeping baby.
6. You go, then it's my _____.

Write a sentence about each picture, using a word from the box.





Complete the sentences below with a word from the box.

birds	first	squirrel	squirt
third	whirl	circus	thirsty
girl	dirt	skirt	stir

1. I can make the top spin and _____.
2. I like to whirl so my _____ twirls around my legs.
3. Curt was so _____ that he drank three glasses of water.
4. Octopuses and squid can _____ ink as a defense.
5. I'll add the cinnamon and you can _____ it into the mix.
6. After the second batter struck out, the _____ batter did much better.

Write a sentence about each picture, using a word from the box.





Match.

earn	to gain understanding or a skill
heard	a kind of British nobleman
search	to get in return for an effort
yearn	at the beginning
early	to have listened to a sound
pearl	to look for something
earl	a shiny, white, round gem
learn	to wish very strongly



Choose a word to fill in the blank.

1. If I give my _____, it means I promise.
wild word whisk

2. It takes a lot of traveling to go around the
_____.
room world mold

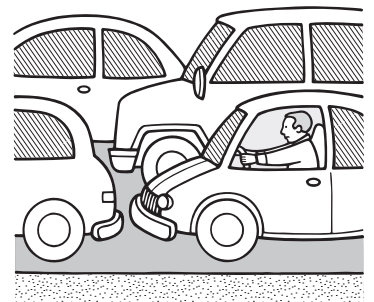
3. Does the price tag match what you think this skirt
is _____?
first worst worth

4. When I get big, I want to _____ as a
journalist.
work wish warp

5. When it rains, the _____s come up to the
surface.
bark worm dirt

6. "Don't _____ about your test. You will do
just fine." hairy worry sorry

7. I thought the traffic was bad
yesterday, but today it is even
_____.
less worse bad



These words have different spellings of the /er/ sound.
Write each word from the box under the right spelling.

earn	turtle	her	third	skirt
fern	burn	perhaps	worth	nerve
burst	shirt	church	first	every
heard	bird	early	search	purse
worm	pearl	work	worse	world



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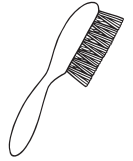
er

ear

wor

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

A Big Goof



1. What kind of shop did Ester's mother have?

2. Why did Ester want to go into her mother's shop?

3. What did Ester do in the shop?

4. Do you think Nancy did a good job looking after Ester? Why do you think so?

5. What do you think Ester would have looked like if she had poured the cup of Hair Tonic and Perm on her hair?

Can you see it, hear it, smell it, touch it, or taste it?

loudly	salty	cold	sweet
prickly	fragrant	murmuring	talking
perfumed	musically	spiced	smelly
stinky	red	icy	bitter
purple	skunky	silence	firm
cute	sour	blurry	bright
smooth			

see

hear

smell

touch

taste

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



From Rain to Shine

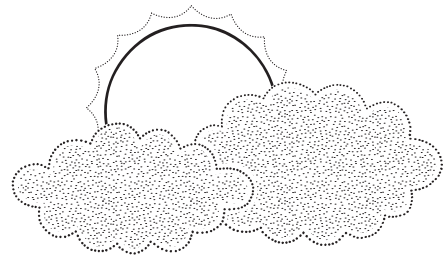
Circle the one that explains the underlined word.

1. "Please let Steffie sit next to you this once,"
pleaded Ellen.

a. talked loudly

b. begged

c. giggled



2. Ellen felt distracted by the cheerleading tryouts.

a. She could not think clearly about other things.

b. Her socks were falling off under the table.

c. She was being careful as she made breakfast.

3. Ellen spoke sternly to Kurt.

a. Ellen talked like a mouse.

b. Ellen talked happily.

c. Ellen had a strict tone.

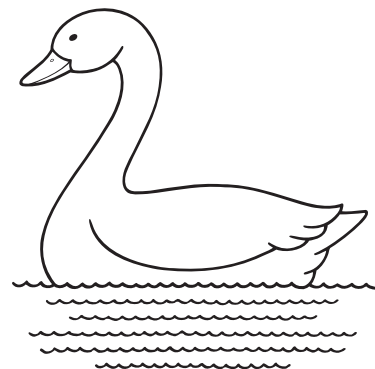
4. Kurt bolted from the kitchen.
 - a. Kurt locked the kitchen door.
 - b. Kurt ran out of the kitchen.
 - c. Kurt pounded a nail into the kitchen floor.

5. Explain the way that the saying "Behind every cloud, the sun may be trying to shine" tells about Ellen's day.

Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

Earth	world	surfer	church
pearl	worm	hamburger	hermit
lantern	fern	birds	first

1. The _____ is the planet we live on.
2. A _____ is a kind of leafy plant.
3. You can sometimes find a _____ inside an oyster.
4. A _____ crab lives in a shell home.
5. A _____ rides the waves on a board.
6. A _____ gives off light.
7. If you dig in your garden, you might find a _____.
8. _____ are the only animals that have feathers.



A Great American

1. A *privilege* is something given that is very special. School in America is free—a privilege given to all children. Can you think of another example of a privilege?

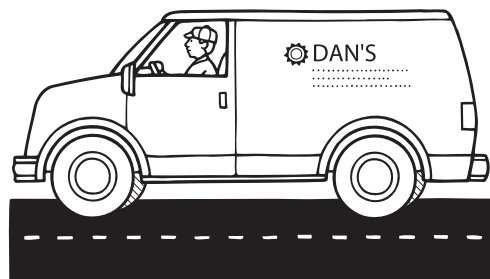
2. Why did Pearl’s father think doing well in school was the right thing to do?

3. Tell why it helped Pearl’s father to do his homework and work after school.

4. Do you think Pearl’s father has helped Pearl to be a better student? Explain.

What word or words tell who or what the sentence is about? This is called the *subject*. Underline the *subject* in these sentences.

1. The delivery van went back for another load.
2. The film was a real thriller.
3. The nurse got the flu shot ready.
4. Gunner is the strongest kid in the class.
5. My furry dog sheds a lot of hair in the summer.
6. I got thirsty during the race.
7. The fog on the road was thick and swirling.
8. Squirrels store nuts for the winter.



Sayings Explained



1. Gert does not like being at the country club. She feels like a “fish out of water.” What does that mean?

2. The Fresh Perk Diner isn’t pretty, but “You can’t judge a book by its cover.” What does that mean?

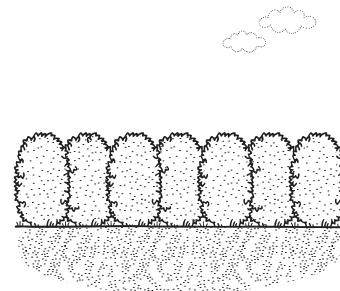
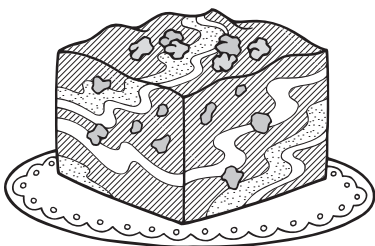
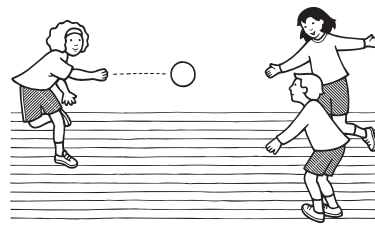
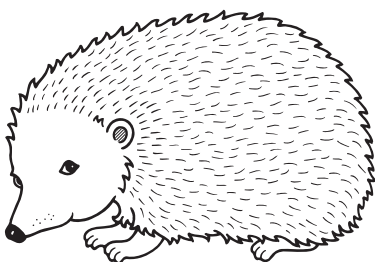
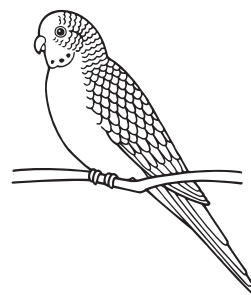
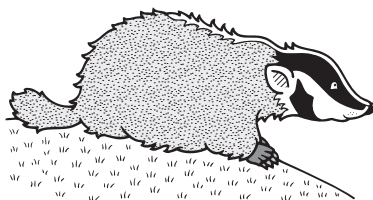
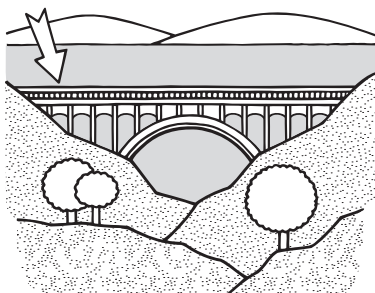
Tell about a time when

3. You “kept your fingers crossed.”

4. You earned “a feather in your cap.”

Match.

dredge	smudge	hedgehog	bridge
budgie	dodge	lodge	fudge
judge	pledge	badger	hedges

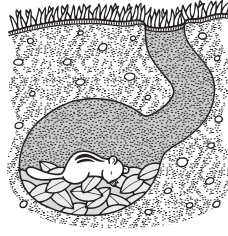


Match.

trudge	someone who decides the result in a contest
hedge	a line of bushes or shrubs
smudge	a smeared spot
judge	an emblem you can wear
dodge	to walk heavily or not quickly
grudge	a shelf or ridge
wedge	a slice
ledge	to give a gentle push
badge	a bad feeling kept against someone
nudge	to move out of the way



A Long Winter Sleep



1. What are the three different ways that animals deal with the cold of winter?

- _____
- _____
- _____


2. What does *hibernate* mean?

3. List some animals that hibernate.

4. Explain what makes a badger's hibernation different from a hedgehog's hibernation.

Match.

trodden	something you do again and again
habit	awake at night
vast	well walked on
wedge	something thin or slight
dwelling	a place to live
wisp	back legs
nocturnal	a slice
hind legs	big and endless



Find the word that means the same from above.

1. A _____ path is easy to see.
well walked on
2. A badger's _____ is underground.
home
3. A _____ of hair got stuck in the fence.
thin strand
4. A _____ animal spilled the trash.
awake at night
5. A _____ network of caves calls explorers.
endless

The Badger



1. Why don't you see many badgers around?

2. List three ways you can tell that a hole in the ground belongs to a badger.

- ---
- ---
- ---

3. Describe what a badger looks like.

4. When a badger is scared, what does it do?

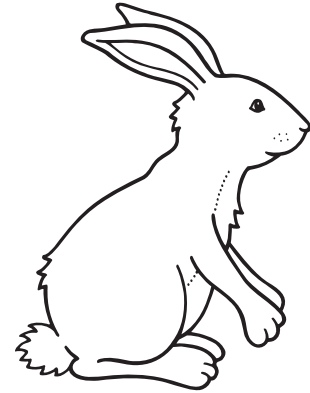
5. What kinds of things do badgers eat?

6. Sometimes people say, "Don't badger me." What do you think this means?

A *noun* is a word that names. A noun can name people or animals, places, things, ideas, and feelings. A *verb* is an action word that tells what is happening or what happened.

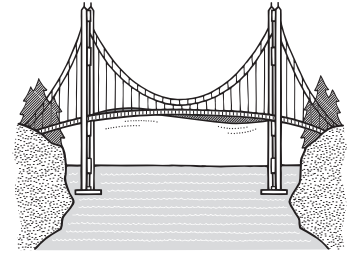
Put a box around the nouns.

Put a circle around the verbs.



1. The badger ran fast.
2. Jenny dodged the ball.
3. This budgie talks constantly.
4. The crickets chirped loudly.
5. A bird landed on the top ledge of the door.
6. The desk broke.
7. The rabbit hid in the hedges.
8. The hot water melted the fudge.
9. There was a big black smudge on the mat.
10. The doorbell rang.

Galloping Gertie



1. Are bridges normally safe? Explain.

2. What was different about Galloping Gertie?

3. What did people do when the bridge moved?

4. What finally happened to Galloping Gertie?

5. What would have prevented the bridge from moving too much?

Add *dge* to finish the word. Then put the word in a sentence.

we_____s

lo_____r

ri_____

fu_____

he_____s

gru_____s

bu_____



1. Midge and I let go of our _____ and became friends again.
2. The cat was stuck in the tree and would not _____ from her branch.
3. We hiked along the _____ of the mountain.
4. These lemon _____ are really sour.
5. Mr. Tage rents a room in his house to a _____.
6. _____ is a kind of soft chocolate candy.
7. There is a line of _____ planted along our driveway.

Judge the Judge

1. When do you first suspect that the judge is the culprit?

2. When does the clerk find out that the judge is the culprit?

3. What is the evidence?

4. List three words in the poem that rhyme with *nudge*.

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5. What do you think the clerk will say to the judge? On the lines, write what should go in the speech balloon.



Match.

hose

rose

nose

present

easel

pansy

raisins

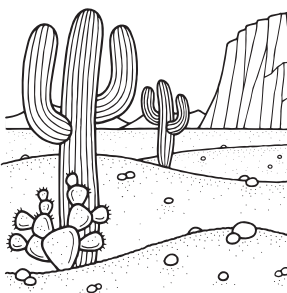
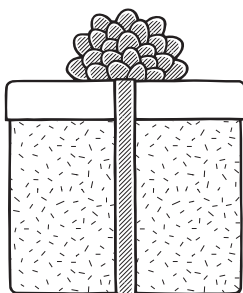
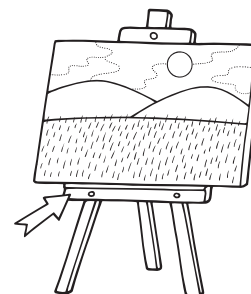
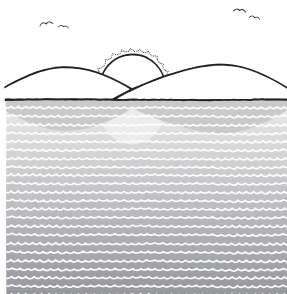
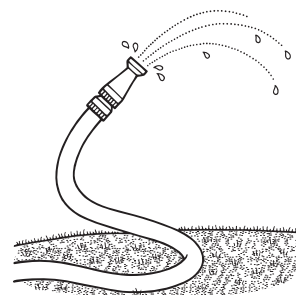
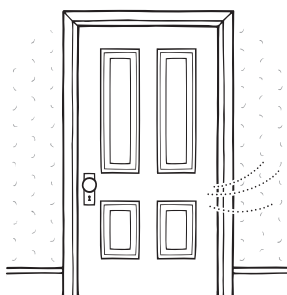
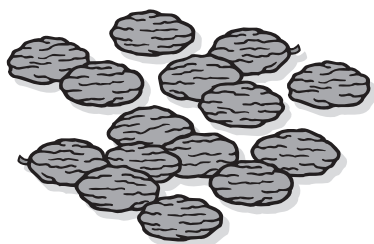
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desert

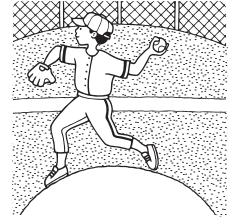
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surprise

sunrise



Choose a word to fill in the blank.



1. I played well at the tryouts, so I was _____
for the baseball team! chosen chased cheesy

2. The garden _____ supplied the sprinkler
with water. hose house his

3. In my garden there are lilies, pansies, and
_____.
ropes roses rises

4. A _____ person is full of wisdom.
size wild wise

5. You can use _____ for the eyes of
gingerbread men. raises seasons raisins

6. The light going into the camera _____
the film. supposes exposes exists

7. I gave Rose a _____ for her birthday.
present pleasant peasant

Pearl in a Rush



1. What was the first thing Pearl rushed to do?
What else did Pearl rush to do?

2. Why wouldn't Pearl's father let her use the camera right away?

3. Tell about something you rushed to do because you could not wait.

4. What happens when light falls onto camera film?

5. What do you think Pearl learned from what happened?

Circle the words in each box that have the same /s/ or /z/ sound as the top word.

rise /z/

soft

pleasant

street

mash

raisin

safe /s/

shout

expose

place

desert

sink

clumsy /z/

easel

impose

sad

gaze

chose

those /z/

cost

nose

Steve

switch

wise



survive /s/

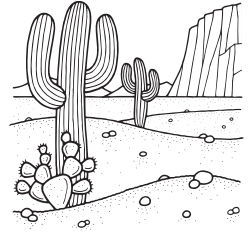
maze

season

must

glass

Deserts of the World



1. What is a desert?

2. Tell about the two kinds of deserts.

3. What plants and animals might you find in each kind of desert?

4. Describe one desert plant, and tell what helps it survive.

5. Describe a big animal that can survive in the desert, and tell what it has to help it survive.

Choose a word to fill in the blank.

1. My friend Rose is at the park. Can I go

_____ to play?
there their they're

2. Rose and her sister have a dog. _____ dog
can do tricks. They're Their There

3. I hope Rose's sister is at the park too.

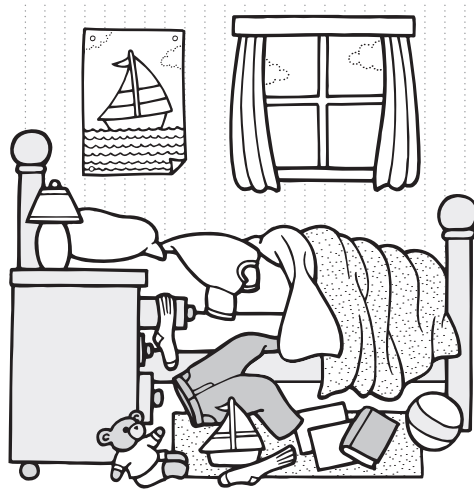
_____ both fun to play with.
Their There They're

4. That plant is doing better than

_____ one.
this these those

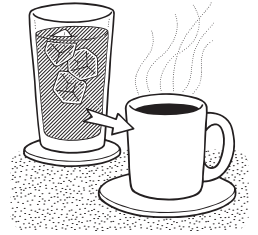
5. Your socks are like gloves! _____ must be
the silliest socks I've seen. This These Those

6. I tossed out the rotten eggs. _____ eggs
are fresh. This These Those



7. I _____ going to clean up, but I forgot.
were was wasn't weren't
8. There _____ even one clean dish on the shelf.
weren't was wasn't were
9. Yes, all my toys _____ on the floor.
was wasn't were weren't
10. But you were going to help me, _____
you? wasn't weren't were was

Matter: Changes of State



1. List the three states of matter.

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. List three examples of a solid.

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. List three examples of a liquid.

- _____
- _____
- _____

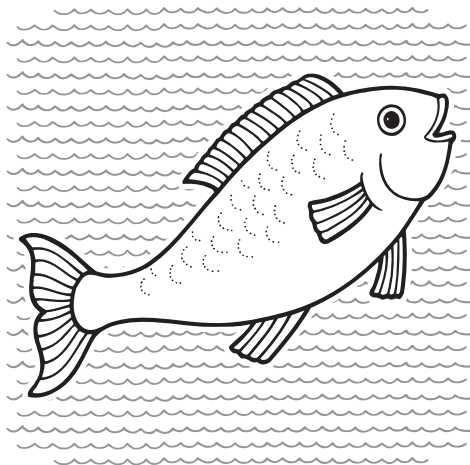
4. What two states take on the shape of their container?

- _____
- _____

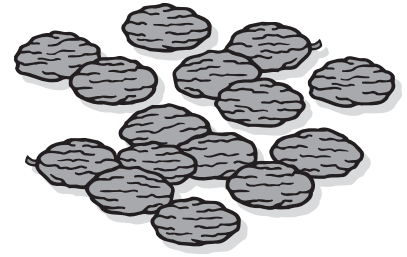
5. Describe what happens to the atoms of an ice cube when you heat it up in a frying pan until it steams.

Fill in the word.

1. The brake pedal makes the car stop, and the gas pedal makes the car _____.
2. A cucumber is green, and a tomato is _____.
3. A zipper closes a jacket, like a button _____ a shirt.
4. A wing helps a bird move, like a fin helps a _____ move.
5. Birds have feathers like _____ have fur.
6. Bees live in a beehive as _____ live in a doghouse.
7. A puppy is to a dog as a kitten is to a _____.
8. Black is to white as wet is to _____.



Raisins



1. What is a raisin?

2. Does it take long for a grape to become a raisin?

3. What does the word *raisin* mean in French?

4. Who first used raisins?

5. What state makes the most grapes in the world?

6. After a grapevine is planted, when will it bear grapes?

7. A grapevine can live for _____ years.

8. Do you think raisins are good to eat? Why or why not?

Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

window

bow

slow

snow

yellow

pillow

blowing

throws

hollow

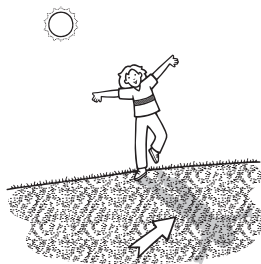
shadow

elbow

follow



_____ is falling.



I see my _____.



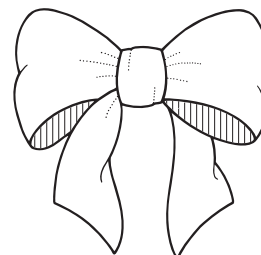
Mel is _____ out the candles.

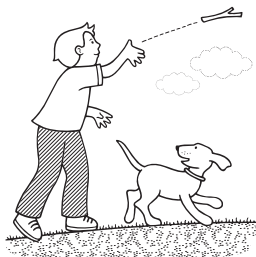


Look through the _____.



Ann is too _____ to catch Min.





Ike _____ the stick for his dog.



Jay's cat likes to _____ him.

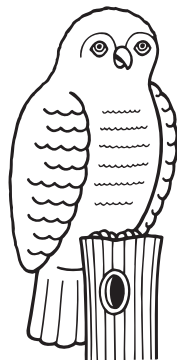


The fox is in a _____ log.

Solve each riddle with a word from the box.

town	towel	frown	chowder	clown
vowels	owl	cow	gown	brown

1. I am a bird that flies only at night. _____
2. I am an animal that you can milk. _____
3. I am a fancy dress. _____
4. I am a creamy clam soup. _____
5. I do funny things. _____
6. I am a place with lots of houses. _____
7. I am the color of dirt. _____
8. I help you get dry. _____
9. I am a downturned mouth. _____
10. I am another name for the letters *a, e, i, o, and u*. _____



The words in the box all have an *ow*. Write each word from the box under the right sound.

allow	plow	yellow	crowd
follow	tower	bowl	low
growl	show	now	swallow
prow	flower	window	glow

ow sounds like *snow*



ow sounds like *crown*



Clowning Around



1. What kind of makeup is Kirsten going to put on?
Why?

2. Why does Kirsten let Howie choose what kind of clown he wants to be?

3. Describe all the things they do to look like clowns.

4. Describe the last thing you dressed up as.

5. Show Kirsten or Howie dressed up as a clown.

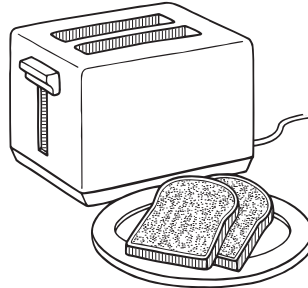
Different spellings can make the /ō/ sound. Write each word from the box under the right spelling.

pillow	tone	hope
float	shallow	quote
sown	below	loaf
throw	coal	pole
boat	oar	joke

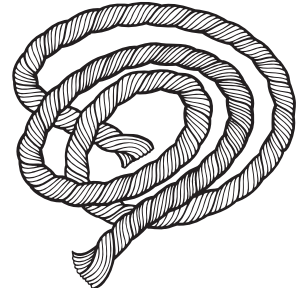
ow



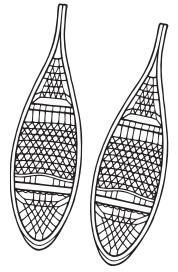
oa



o-e



Feeling on Top of the World



1. What season is it in this story?

2. There are parts of the world that don't get any snow in the winter. Tell about where you live and if there is snow.

3. Can you guess where Franny might live, with so much snow?

4. What do snowshoes do that other shoes don't?

5. How did Franny and her dad get on TV?

6. Franny had fun with snow after she tried snowshoes. Have you ever found a way to have fun with something that you didn't like at first? Explain.

Different spellings can make the ow sound. Write each word from the box under the right spelling.

flour
downy
south
shout

shower
around
rowdy
now

plow
sour
out
brow

power
couch
proud
town

ow



ou



High Seas, Calm Seas



1. What is the first thing in the story that reminds you of the sea?

2. How much older do you think Tim is than Rafe? How can you tell?

3. Explain what Tim did to do a good job looking after his little brother and his friends.

4. Describe another thing in the story that reminds you of the sea.

5. Do you think it is possible to have a sleepover without a pillow fight? Explain.

Add *ow* to the word. Then fill in each blank with a different word from the box.

sh_____	elb_____	v_____el
t_____el	bl_____ing	foll_____
wind_____	dr_____sy	t_____ truck

1. The wind is _____ the leaves off of the trees.
2. If you look out of the _____, you can see the sky.
3. If you _____ me how, I can do it too.
4. Your _____ lets your arm bend.
5. Gerry stayed up late and felt _____ the next day.
6. My dog likes to _____ me around.
7. Curt mopped up the spilled water with a hand _____.
8. If your car breaks down, you can call a _____.
9. The letter *a* is a _____, not a consonant.



The Butterfly and the Moth



1. What is the dust on a butterfly's wings?

2. Describe the stages of a butterfly's life.

3. What are four differences between a butterfly and a moth?

- ---
- ---
- ---
- ---

4. Have you ever seen a caterpillar? Show what it might have looked like after it became a butterfly or a moth.

In each box, circle the things you can do. Then choose four of the things you circled and write a sentence about each one.

willow
swallow
growl
shallow

follow
window
slow down
shadow

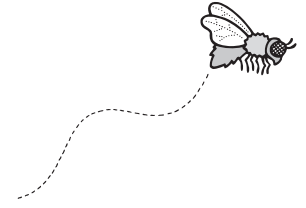


powder
brow
elbow
frown

yellow
crown
howl
rainbow

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The Housefly



1. What do houseflies eat?

2. How does a housefly eat, since it can't chew?

3. Why are houseflies dangerous pests to humans?

4. Why do houseflies like rotten food? What do they do with it?

5. What can flies do that makes them so hard to catch?

Add *kn* to each word in the box. Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

_____ob	_____ot	_____ow
_____ees	_____ight	_____eel
_____uckles	_____ife	_____it

1. Marty used a _____ to spread the peanut butter on his bread.
2. Wendy tied a _____ in the fishing line.
3. My sister _____ me a sweater from scratch.
4. I turned the _____ and the door slowly opened.
5. How did you _____ the ending to my joke?

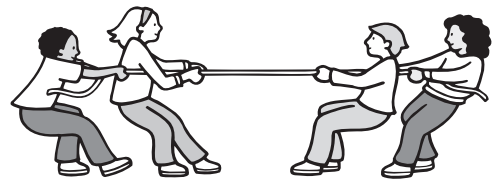


Write a sentence using the word *knight*.

Add *oe* to each word in the box. Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

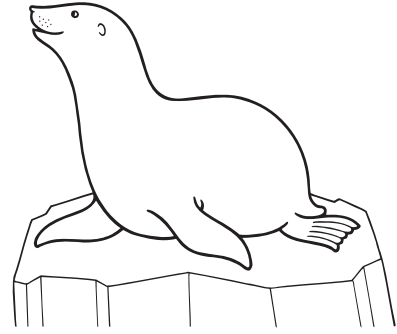
t_____s	J_____	f_____
d_____	h_____	tipt_____
w_____	t_____nail	r_____

1. Jane dug ditches in the garden with a _____.
2. In an old fairy tale, someone unhappy might say "_____ is me!"
3. A _____ is a female deer.
4. Your _____ is your opponent or enemy.
5. If you want to walk quietly, you can _____.



Write a sentence about the picture. Use a word from the box in your sentence.

Choose a word to fill in the blank.



1. Seals like to sit on floating ice _____.
fools floes flaws

2. You wash dirt away with _____ and
water.
slow soap shoe

3. If you don't clip your _____, they'll hit
the ends of your shoes!
tiptoes toenails trundles

4. Some fish swim upstream to lay their _____,
or eggs.
flow roe soap

5. A _____ is a baby horse.
foe file foal

6. Ben stood far back so Mike could _____
him the ball.
throw toe slow

If You Can't Say Something Nice

1. Explain why Mr. Meany's habit of speaking his mind did not help him win friends.

2. For each thing that Mr. Meany said, write a way to say it in a nicer way.

- "You're an expert at growing weeds!"

- "I'm glad to see you're washing that pile of dirt at last."

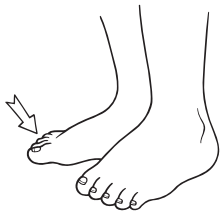
- "Well, it's beyond me how anyone could love something made from a sweet little animal."

3. Does Mr. Meany understand why people don't like him? Explain.

Different spellings can make the /ō/ sound. Write each word from the box under the right spelling.

sole	doe	throw	flow
foe	soak	loan	slow
grow	toad	show	hoe
coal	roe	toe	moat
bode	vote	poke	drove

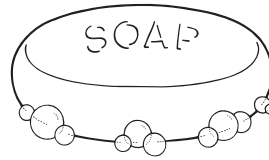
oe



o-e



oa



ow



Winter Wonderland

What do each of these things do in the poem?

- gusty, frosty winds _____
- skaters _____
- ponds _____
- breath _____
- snowflakes _____



Winter Walk

Find three describing words in this poem.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Snowman, Snowman

Where do you think the snowman went?

Hi, Joe!

Find two sets of rhyming words.



Match.

horse

worn

horn

cork

corn

morning

orbit

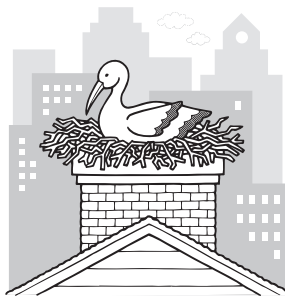
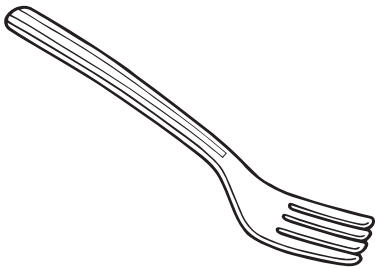
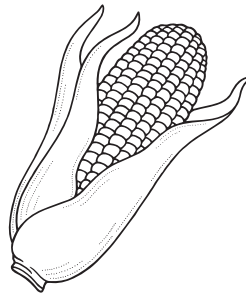
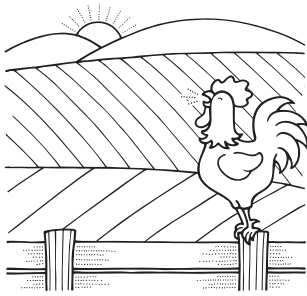
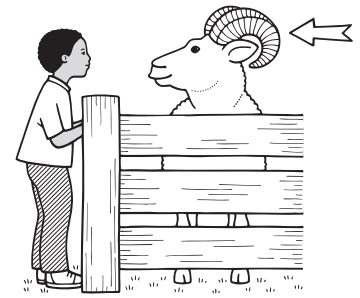
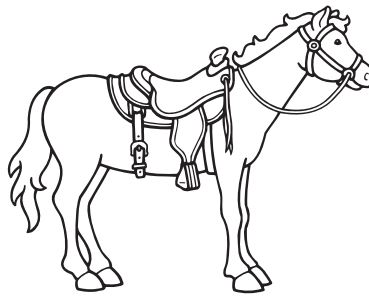
florist

torn

fork

doctor

stork



Match.

thorny

boring

florist

order

burn

cord

porch

forget

scorch

demand

rope

flower seller

not remember

prickly

deck

not interesting

Write a word that means the opposite.

whole

strange

tall

messy

night

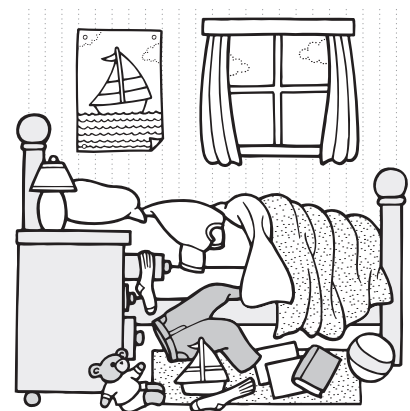
1. morning _____

2. normal _____

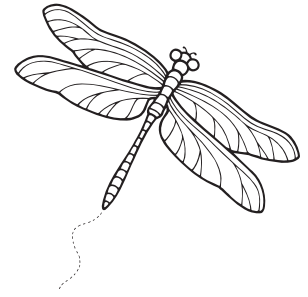
3. torn _____

4. short _____

5. organized _____



The Dragonfly



1. Describe the dragonfly's eyes.
How are they different from ours?

2. How fast can a dragonfly fly?

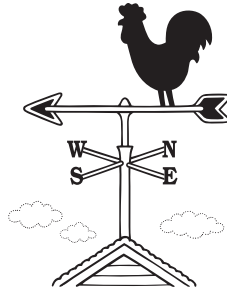
3. How does a dragonfly nymph catch food?

4. Why does the dragonfly nymph have to shed its skin so many times?

5. How does the nymph turn into an adult dragonfly?

Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

fork	cord	north	born
popcorn	torches	short	organ
thorns	forty	Florida	cork



1. _____ is the opposite direction from south.
2. Your birthday is the day of the year you were _____ on.
3. _____ is a very light, soft, porous wood.
4. A rose has _____, as does a raspberry bush.
5. Ten times four equals _____.
6. The state of _____ is the most southeastern state in the USA.
7. Before there were candles, people lit _____ to use the fire for light.
8. When you set the table, place the _____ to the left of the plate.

More Sayings Explained



1. After a lot of driving, Kento had to “catch forty winks.” What does that mean?

2. Jordan was afraid to sled down the hill, but his sister said he should “take the bull by the horns.” What does that mean?

3. When Norm said that Jody should make curtains, she told him, “that’s easier said than done.” What does that mean?

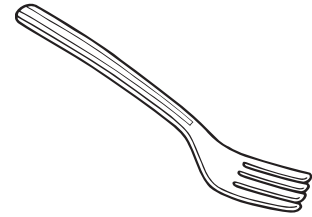
Tell of a time when

4. You thought, “The more the merrier!”

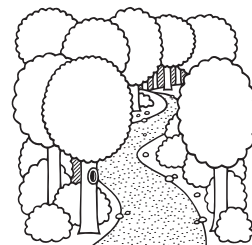
5. You had to “read between the lines.”



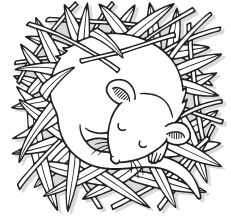
Check all the words with *or*.



or	fork	hurry	pork
her	burn	boring	accord
for	trail	person	doctor
curtain	core	worn	darling
lord	border	dormouse	tire
learn	bottle	clout	forceps
fort	brown	story	curse
terrible	hornet	your	forever
loris	doctor	organize	rain
thirty	light	borrow	forest



The Dormouse



1. What does a dormouse look like?

2. What do dormice do during the day? What do they do at night?

3. What does "sleeping" have to do with the dormouse's name?

4. Do you remember what it is called when an animal sleeps through the winter?

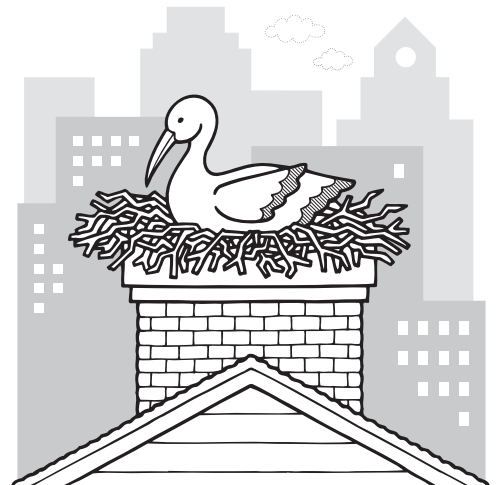
The Dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland*

Can you tell from the poem what happened?

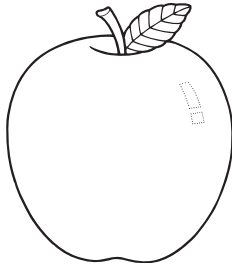
- a. The dormouse was rude during tea.
- b. The dormouse forgot to come for tea.
- c. The dormouse fell asleep at tea.

Choose a word to fill in the blank.

1. A _____ is an animal that eats
pretender predator presenting
other animals.
2. Telegrams used to be sent using _____
code. Morse moon moose
3. The movie was so _____ that I fell asleep
during it. brother boring snoring
4. _____ is the recording and study of what
story history high-rise
happened in the past.
5. A _____ has a long neck, beak, and legs,
stork storm sorry
and likes to nest in high places.



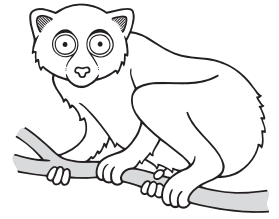
6. "This is not just a small matter," said Pam. "It is very _____."
support important organic



7. Remember the saying, "An apple a day keeps the _____ away" ?
corner doctor collector

8. We say that an inactive volcano is a _____, or sleeping, volcano.
doorknob cork dormant

The Loris



1. What other animals are related to the loris?

2. What shape is a loris's face?

3. What does it mean to be *nocturnal*?

4. How does the slender loris catch animals?

5. Why did people think lorises were ghosts or saw ghosts?

6. Why did people take lorises on boat trips with them?

Solve the riddles with words from the box.

horse

born

stork

fork

corn

morning

forest

storm

port

loris

store

story



1. I am someplace you can get what you need in exchange for money. _____
2. I am a tale you tell. _____
3. I am an animal who races, pulls carts, or carries you on my back. _____
4. I am what you are right after you come into this world. _____
5. I come with a lot of rain, snow, or wind.

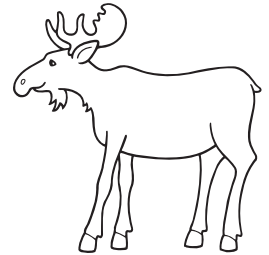
6. I am the very beginning of the day. _____
7. I am a place where lots of trees grow.

8. I am a small, nocturnal monkey-like animal with big eyes. _____

The Ugly Buckling

Have you ever heard of the story “The Ugly Duckling”? Why do you think this story is called “The Ugly *Buckling*”?

Write numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story.



- _____ Morris finds out he is a moose.
- _____ Morris fights a bull moose for Lorraine, the girl moose.
- _____ Morris sees himself in a pond and feels ugly and lonely.
- _____ Morris starts out on a fresh life with Lorraine.
- _____ Molly gives birth to two little ones, but then there are three.
- _____ Morris grows antlers.
- _____ Morris begins to look very different from his twin sisters.

Match.

car

yard

scar

snarl

jam jar

march

carpet

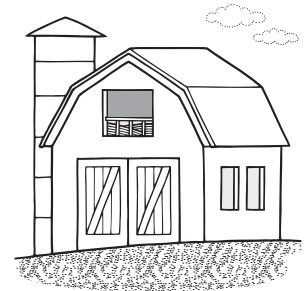
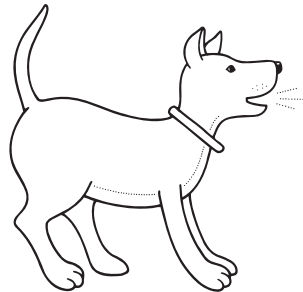
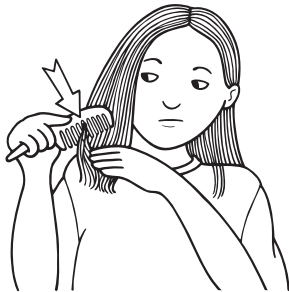
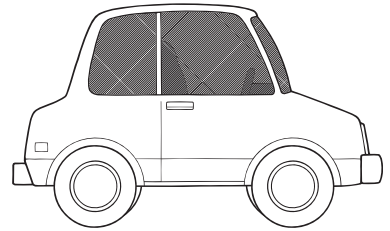
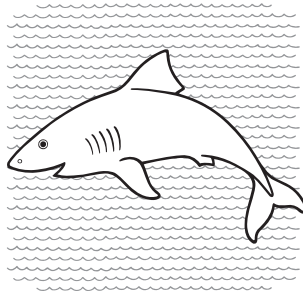
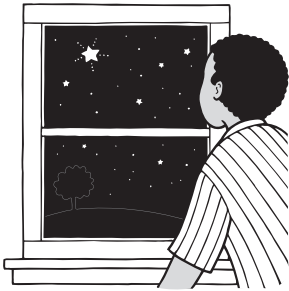
barn

star

bark

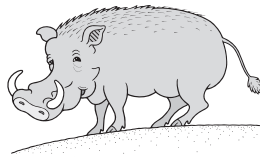
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arm



Add *ar* to finish the words in the box. Then finish each sentence with a word from the box.

w_____thog	w_____ning	sw_____m
qu_____t	qu_____ters	w_____ble
w_____m	w_____ts	aw_____d



1. The midges flew in a _____ around my head.
2. When a storm is coming, the weather report gives a storm _____.
3. Legend has it that handling a toad can make you grow _____.
4. If you want to divide something between four people, cut it into _____.
5. I sat by the fireplace to get _____.

Write a sentence using the word *award*.

Circle the word that solves the riddle.

1. I am someone who
cuts your hair.



carton barter barber

2. I carry things you will
get when you are in a
store.

yarn cart scarf

3. I am the black stuff
that keeps roads
together.

ark tar par

4. I am someone who
works with wood.

carpenter pardon carbon

5. I am a white bulb with
a very strong flavor.

garlic starch harken

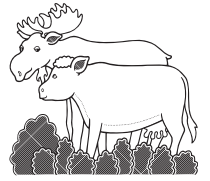
6. I am a type of stone or
a round glass ball.

marble starve charm

7. I am a place where you
plant flowers or other
plants outdoors.

pardon garden market

Moose in Love: A Real Story



1. Do you think Bullwinkle could have thought Jessica looked like a female moose? Explain.

2. Make up one reason why Bullwinkle could have been in love with Jessica.

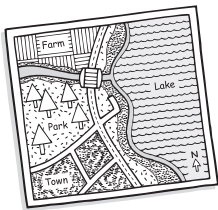
3. Describe what people thought of the story of the moose that loved a cow.

4. What did Bullwinkle eat while he was courting Jessica?

5. Have you ever seen or heard of two different kinds of animals that got along very well? Give an example.

Use at least two words from the box to write a sentence about each picture.

parcel	hard	cartoons	cards
farm	apart	cart	yard
snarl	jar	arm	dark
star	large	park	farther

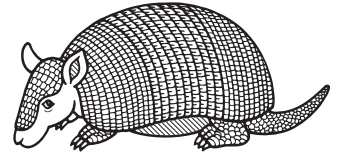








The Armadillo



1. Where did the armadillo get its name?

2. What kind of habitat do armadillos like to live in?

3. How do armadillos get across a stream or river?

4. What do armadillos eat?

5. What does an armadillo do when it is frightened?

6. When a female armadillo gives birth, what is special about the little armadillos?

Add *ar* to each word. Then finish each sentence with a word from the box.

forw_____d

disc_____d

sm_____t

l_____k

sw_____m

st_____t

c_____ve

w_____drobe



1. If you throw something away, you _____ it.
2. A big _____ of bees was flying around the field of flowers.
3. We decided to _____ a polar bear out of ice for the carnival.
4. A _____ is a big cabinet where you keep your clothes.
5. I need to _____ this project soon or I'll never be done!
6. To find the light switch in the dark, walk _____ ten steps and then turn right.
7. A _____ is a bird that lives in fields, or a good time.
8. I think Carl is _____; he got all of his test problems right.

Marmots

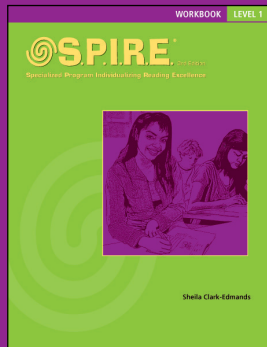
1. Describe a day in the life of a marmot.

2. Describe what a marmot does during the winter.

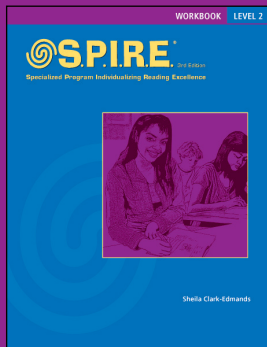
3. Describe the kinds of burrows that a woodchuck digs.

4. What's one tale about how marmots gather grass for their burrows?

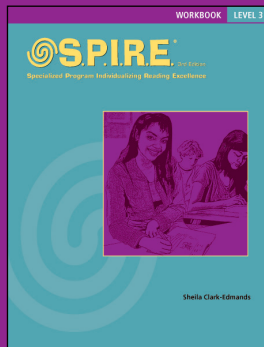
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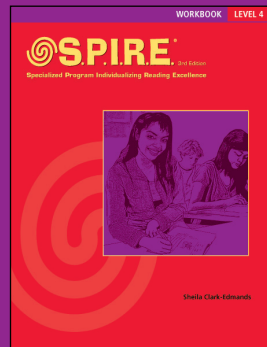
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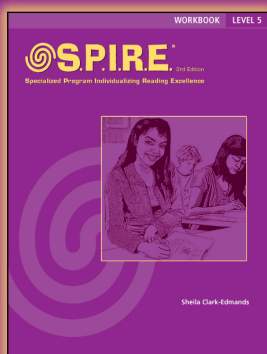
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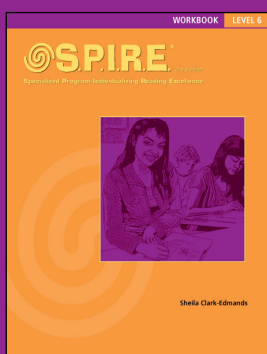
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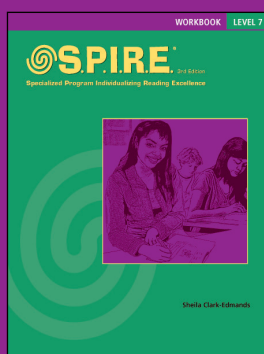
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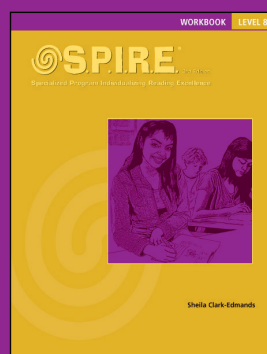
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