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Musical Picnic

by Guy Bellerantii

Lily and Mom had a picnic under a tree.

Lily bit into her apple once, then again.
CRUNCH, CRUNCH!

"I hear the music of your apple," Mom said.

Mom bit into her carrot once, then again.
MUNCH, MUNCH!

"I hear the music of your carrot," Lily said. "It sounds like my apple."

Birds landed in the tree. RUSTLE, RUSTLE, RUSTLE.

"I hear the music of birds on branches," Mom said.

Wind blew the leaves in the tree. SWISH, SWISH, SWISH.

"I hear the music of wind on leaves," said Lily.

Leaves fell on Lily and Mom. "Ha, ha, ha, ha!" they laughed.

"I hear the music of us laughing," Mom said.

"I hear the music of us laughing, too," said Lily.

Suddenly, Lily and Mom heard new music.

"TWEET! TWEET!" sang the birds.



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1. What did Mom eat in the story? _____

2. Where does this story take place?

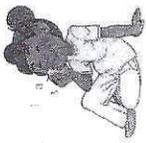
- a. by the river
- b. under a tree
- c. in the back yard
- d. at the beach

3. What sound did the birds make when they landed in the tree? _____

4. What kind of music do Lily and Mom hear?

- a. people playing drums
- b. people singing songs
- c. outdoor sounds
- d. songs on the radio

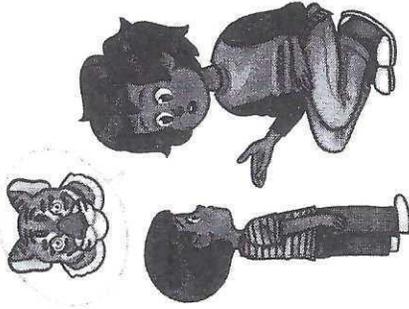
5. If you were outside, what sounds might you hear? _____



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Where's Tiger?

By Guy Bellerañti



Nick visited his little cousin Brandon. Brandon hugged Nick's arm. "Come see my kitty. I named him Tiger."

"Great name," Nick said.

Brandon opened his bedroom door and looked around. "Hmm. Where is Tiger?"

"Maybe he crawled under your bed," Nick said.

"No," Brandon said. "Tiger doesn't crawl."

"Maybe he ran into your closet," Nick said.

"No," Brandon said. "Tiger doesn't run."

"Then we'll call him," Nick said. "Come, Tiger. Meow. Meeeeeowwww."

Brandon laughed. "Those are good calls, but Tiger doesn't come."

Nick sighed. "If Tiger doesn't crawl, run, or come what does he do?"

"He reads," Brandon said.

"Reads?"

"Yes! Now I remember where he is!" Brandon pulled back the blanket on his bed. "See. He has my book."

Nick stared. "Now I know why Tiger doesn't crawl, run, or come. He is a stuffed toy kitty."

Brandon hugged Tiger close. "Yes! He's the best one ever. He can't wait for you to read to both of us."

About the Author

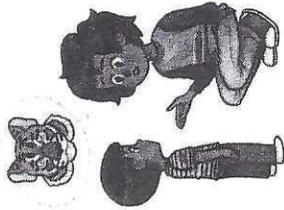


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Where's Tiger?

By Guy Belleranti



1. When Brandon tells Nick about his kitty, Tiger, what does Nick think Tiger is?

- a. a real cat
- b. a real tiger
- c. a toy cat
- d. a toy dog

2. Brandon can't find Tiger. What **three things** does Nick suggest to help Brandon find Tiger?

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2. _____
3. _____

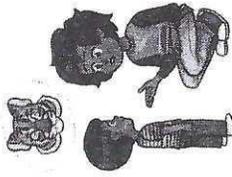
3. Tiger doesn't crawl, run, or come. What does he do?

4. What does Brandon ask for at the end of the story?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. blanket

a. move around on your hands and knees

2. cousin

b. a cupboard where clothing is stored

3. crawl

c. a large piece of cloth you use to keep warm or to sleep with

4. bedroom

d. sound a cat makes

5. closet

e. a room where you sleep

6. meow

f. your aunt or uncle's child

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The Rhyme Game

by Guy Belleranti

Bella and James sat on the grass.

"Let's play the rhyme game," Bella said. "First, you say a word. Then, I'll say a word that rhymes."

James nodded. "Truck," he said.

"Duck," Bella rhymed.

"House," James said.

"Mouse," Bella rhymed.

"Dog," James said.

"Frog," Bella rhymed.

"Can I do the rhyming now?" James asked.

"Yes," Bella said.

"Dress," James rhymed.

Bella laughed. "Wait. Yes wasn't my word. Here it is now."

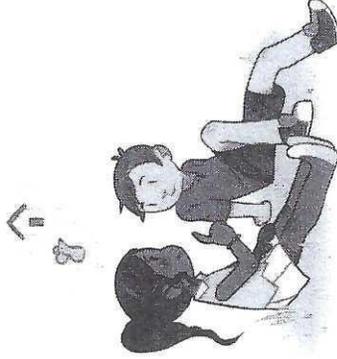
"Cow," James rhymed.

"No," Bella said, laughing harder. "No, no, no."

"Go," James rhymed. "Go, go, go."

Bella laughed so hard she rolled on the grass.

James rolled next to her. Rhyming was fun!



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1. Where does this story take place?

- a. on a sunny day
- b. outside
- c. at the beach
- d. in the morning

2. Whose idea was it to play the rhyme game? _____

3. What word did Bella rhyme with dog?

- a. hog
- b. fog
- c. go
- d. frog

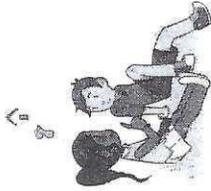
4. Why did Bella keep laughing at James' rhymes?

Now try this: Play the rhyming game with a friend.

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The Rhyme Game

by Guy Belleramit



Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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|-----------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. grass | ● | ● | small furry animal |
| 2. nodded | ● | ● | large animal that makes milk |
| 3. mouse | ● | ● | moved head up and down |
| 4. cow | ● | ● | green plants that make up a lawn |
| 5. laugh | ● | ● | opposite of stop |
| 6. go | ● | ● | Ha, ha, ha! |

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Playing Catch

By Guy Belleranti

Bella and James went outside to play catch.

"Throw the ball, Bella," called James.

"I can't," Bella said. "The ball isn't where I left it."

Bella's dog, Penny, ran up. She wagged her tail.

Bella hugged her. "Do you know where my ball is, Penny?"

Penny barked and ran under a tree.

James and Bella ran after her. They didn't see the ball.

"Look," cried James. "Now Penny's running behind those bushes.

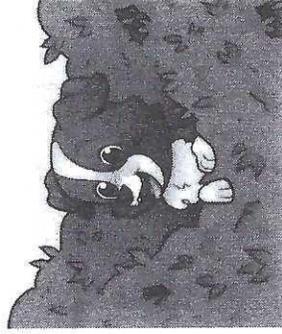
James and Bella ran behind the bushes.

"Now she's running back on the grass," Bella said. "She has the ball in her mouth!"

"Bring the ball, Penny," James called.

Penny danced away and ran around the yard.

Bella laughed. "I think Penny wants to play catch, too, but not with my ball. She wants us to try to catch her!"



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1. Who wants to play catch at the beginning of the story?

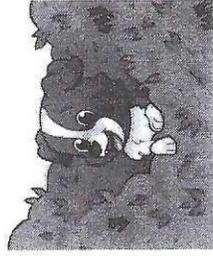
- a. Bella and Penny
- b. James and Bella
- c. James and Penny
- d. Penny and Mom

2. Why can't Bella throw the ball?

- a. She doesn't know how to throw the ball.
- b. Mom told her not to throw the ball.
- c. She can't find the ball.
- d. It's James' turn to throw the ball.

3. What happened to James and Bella's ball?

4. What does Penny want at the end of the story?



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Lily and the Missing Keys

By Guy Belleranti



Lily's mom couldn't find her keys. They weren't in her pockets or purse.

"Let's look where we put the groceries," Lily said.

"Good idea," Mom said.

They looked in the refrigerator. They looked in the freezer. They looked in the pantry.

They did not find Mom's keys.

"They must be somewhere in the kitchen," Lily said. "We didn't go anywhere else."

They looked on the counters, the table, the chairs, and the floor.

They did not find Mom's keys.

"Maybe my keys are in the car," Mom said.

"No," Lily said. "You used them to get in the house."

"You're right, but then where are they?"

"Hmm." Lily thought hard. Suddenly, she smiled. "I have an idea."

She opened the house door to the garage. "Yippee!" she cried.

There, in the doorknob were Mom's keys!

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Lily and the Missing Keys

By Guy Belleranti



1. What were Mom and Lily doing when Mom lost her keys?

- a. playing a board game
- b. making cookies
- c. putting away groceries
- d. watering the plants

2. Where is the first place Mom looks for her keys?

- a. her pockets and purse
- b. in the refrigerator and freezer
- c. in the pantry
- d. on the counters

3. Why does Lily think Mom's keys must be in the kitchen?

4. Where does Lily find Mom's keys at the end of the story?

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Hippo and Frog

by Katie Clark

Hippo squishes mud between her toes. She gulps down lily pads. She blows bubbles in the water. *Blub blub blub.*

Hippo loves her home in the pond. Frog watches her. He lives in the pond too.

Frog said, "I like you Hippo, but I don't like mud. It is messy."

Hippo said, "I am sorry. I will tiptoe through the mud. I will not be messy."

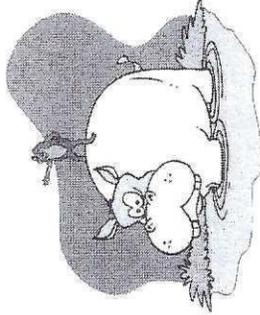
Frog said, "I like you Hippo, but I do not like it when you eat the lily pads. I like to hop on them."

Hippo said, "I am sorry. I will not eat the lily pads. You can hop on them. I will eat the grass instead."

Frog said, "I like you Hippo, but I do not like bubbles in the water. It is loud when I swim."

Hippo said, "I am sorry. I will not blow bubbles in the water."

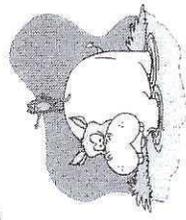
Frog said, "You are very kind Hippo. Thank you for being my friend."



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Hippo and Frog

by Katie Clark



1. Where do Hippo and Frog live?
a. in a river **b.** in a lake
c. in a pond **d.** in the woods
2. Why doesn't Frog like it when Hippo squishes her toes in the mud?
a. The mud gets on Frog. **b.** It makes a mess.
c. It makes the pond smell bad. **d.** Frog wants the mud.
3. Frog tells Hippo that he does not like it when she eats the lily pads. What does Hippo eat instead?

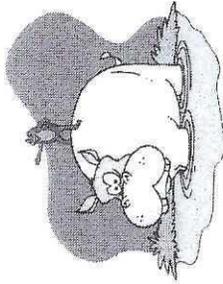
4. Why doesn't Frog like it when Hippo blows bubbles in the water?

5. Why does Frog say, "You are very kind," to Hippo?

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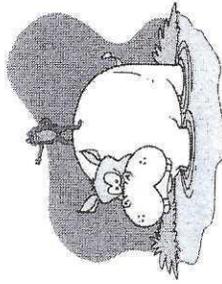
Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. grass | a. pool of water |
| 2. pond | b. thin green plants |
| 3. bubbles | c. walk softly on your toes |
| 4. loud | d. air in the water |
| 5. tiptoe | e. noisy |

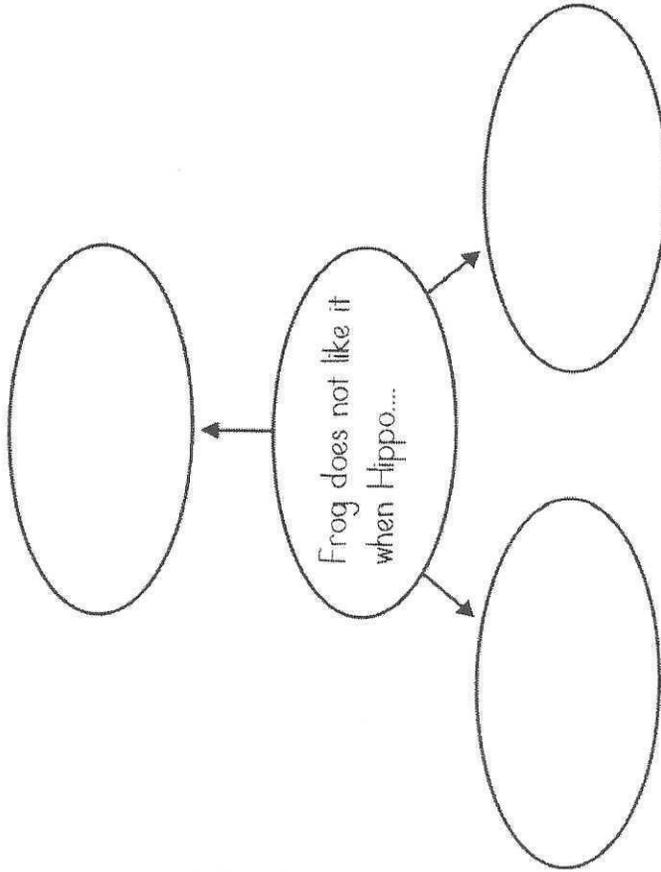
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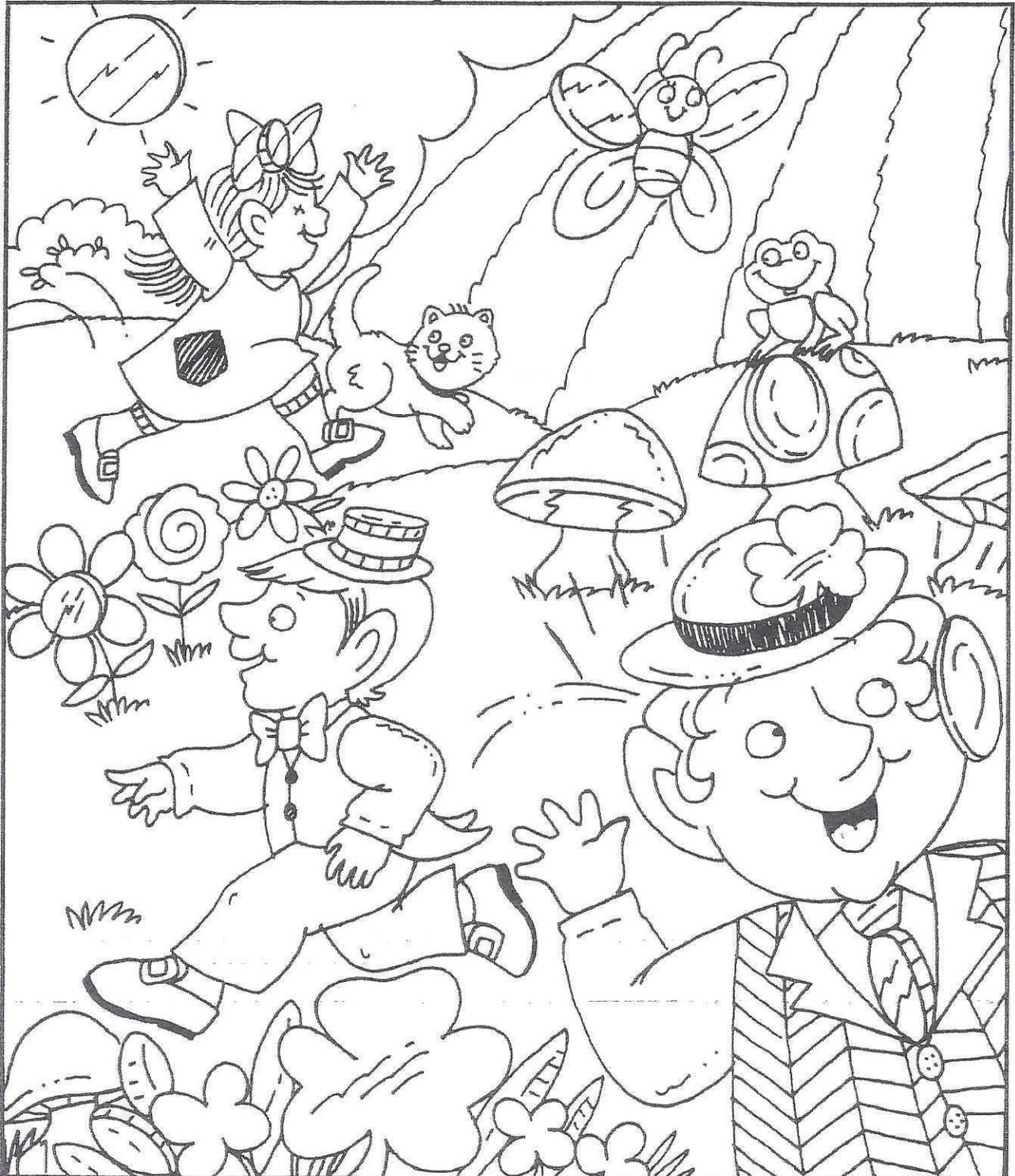
In the web, list the 3 things that Frog does not like Hippo to do.



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Leaping Leprechauns

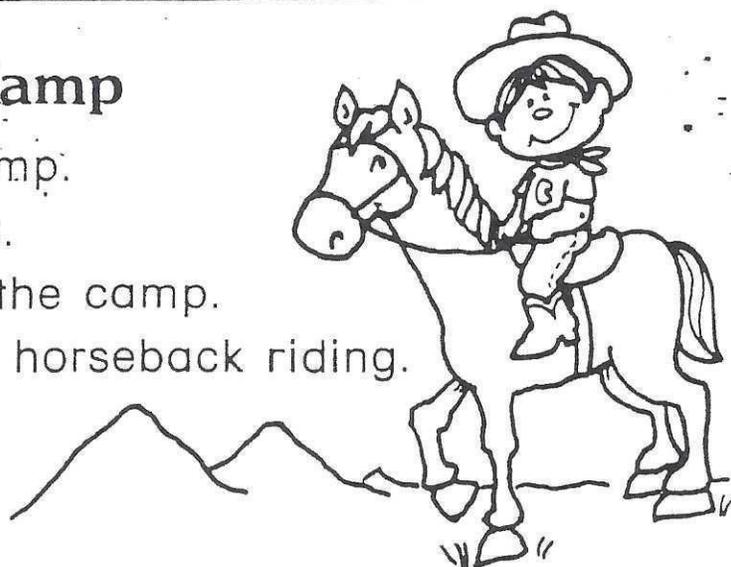
These little leprechauns are leaping for joy! They know there's gold to be found! Look carefully to find and circle 10 shiny coins for them.



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Summer Camp

This summer José went to camp.
The camp is in the mountains.
There is a swimming pool at the camp.
Once a week the campers go horseback riding.
José liked camp very much.



1. Who is the story about?

2. Where did José go?

3. When did he go?

4. Where is the camp?

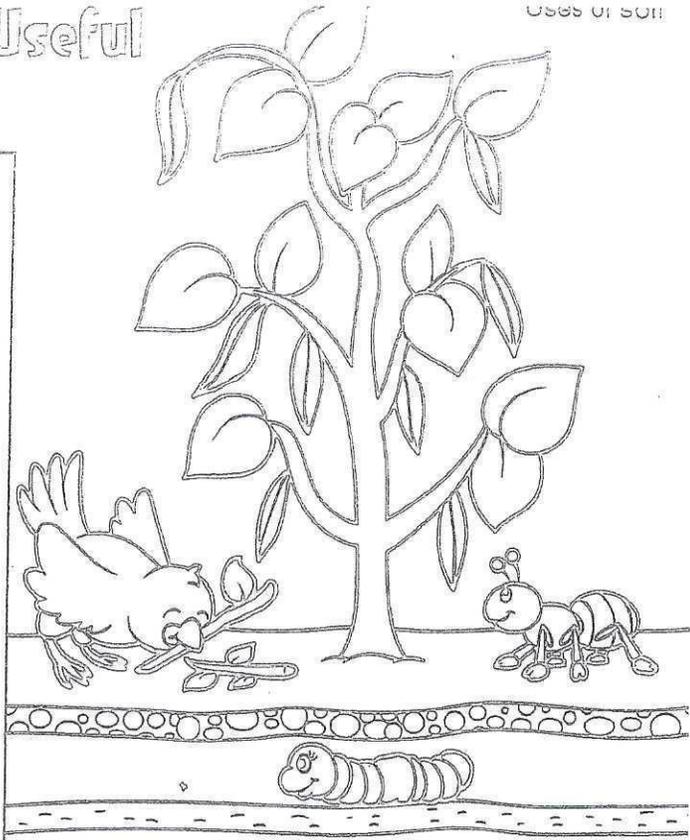
5. What do the children swim in?

6. Where do they go once a week?

7. How did José feel about camp?

Read.

Plants get food and water from soil. Farmers plant seeds in soil. Then the seeds grow into fruits and vegetables. Builders use soil when they make bricks. Animals, such as some worms and moles, make their homes in soil. Soil is useful in many ways.



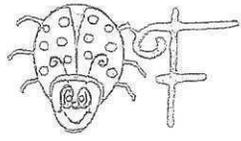
Write true or false.

1. Farmers can grow food in soil.
2. Bricks are never made with soil.
3. Soil helps plants grow.
4. Some worms live in soil.
5. People do not use soil.
6. Animals may live in soil.

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Bonus Box: On the back of this page, write to tell one way soil is useful. Draw a picture to go with your writing.

SIGNS OF SPRING!



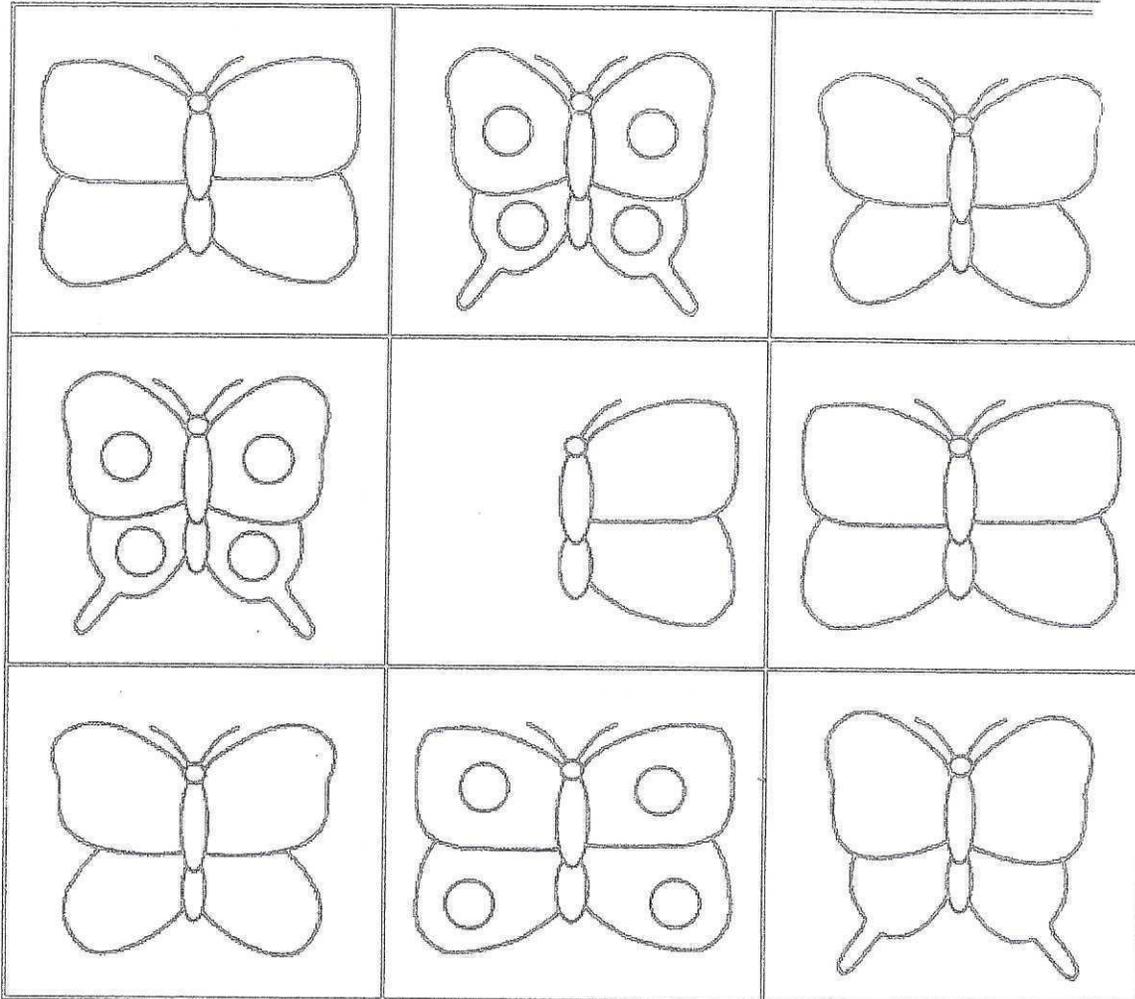
Directions: Use adjectives to describe springtime. Write your adjectives in the spaces below.

A central box contains the word "SPRING" in a decorative font above a simple line drawing of a flower with five petals. Seven dashed-line shapes are connected to the central box by lines, providing spaces for writing adjectives. The shapes are: a circle (top-left), a square (top), a cloud (top-right), a square with a scalloped border (left), a square with a dashed border (right), a cloud (bottom-left), a circle (bottom), and a square with a zigzag border (bottom-right).

Butterflies

Follow the instructions below.

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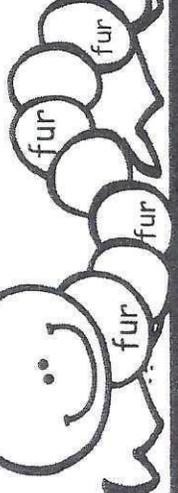
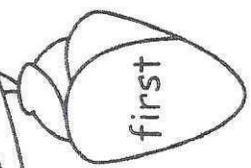
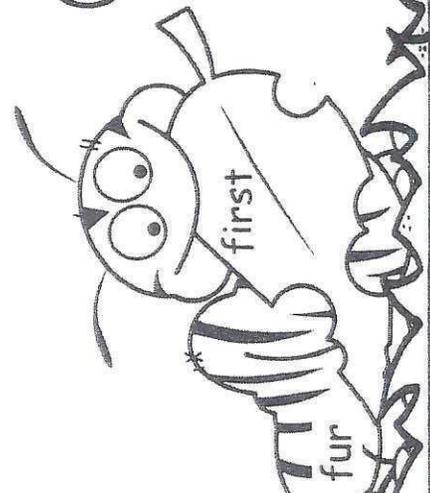
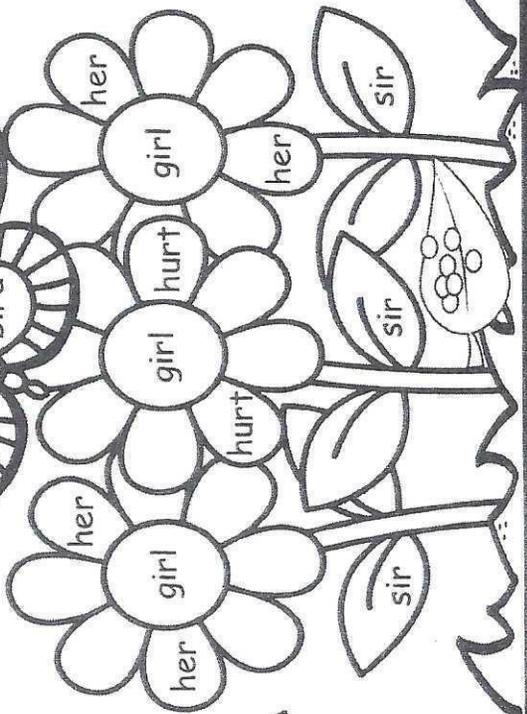
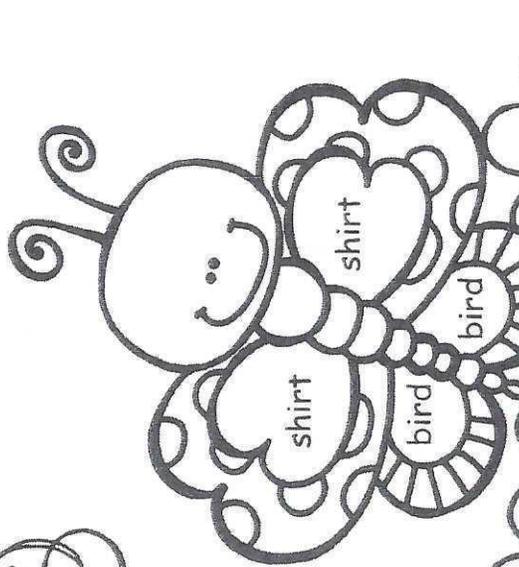
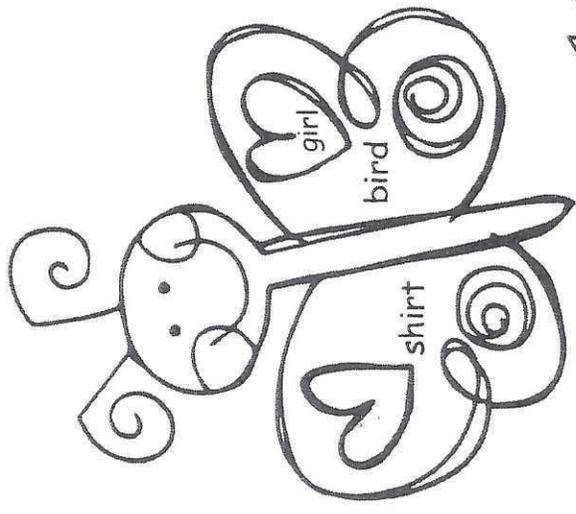
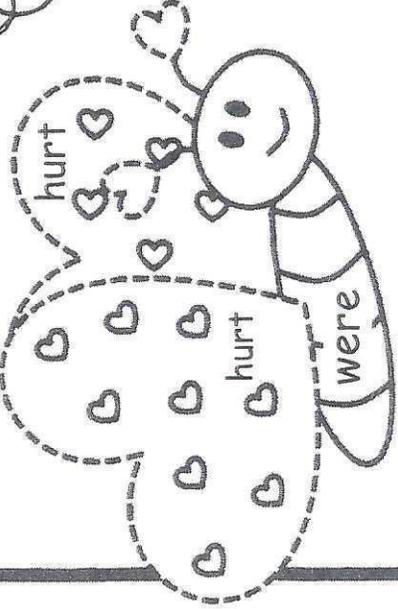
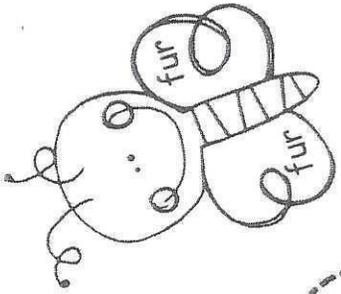
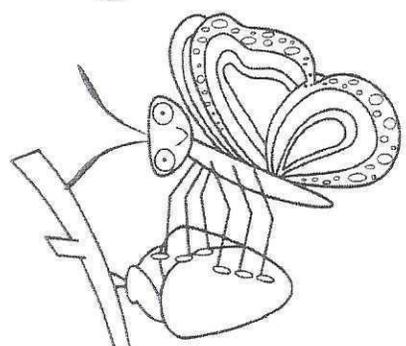
1. Finish drawing the butterfly in the center square; color it green.
2. Color the butterfly in the top right square pink.
3. Color the butterfly in the top left square yellow.
4. Color the butterfly in the bottom right square gray.
5. Color the butterfly in the bottom left square orange.
6. Color the butterfly in the top middle square blue with gray spots.
7. Color the butterfly in the center left square brown with red spots.
8. Color the butterfly in the center right square purple.
9. Color the butterfly in the center bottom red with blue spots.
10. Draw a red circle around the gray butterfly.

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Unit 3.5 I'm a Caterpillar

Use the color-code to color the picture. Finish coloring the picture with colors of your choice.

- her = pink
- girl = yellow
- shirt = orange
- bird = orange
- burn = light brown
- fur = yellow
- bird = orange
- shirt = orange
- girl = yellow
- hurt = red
- were = black
- first = light green

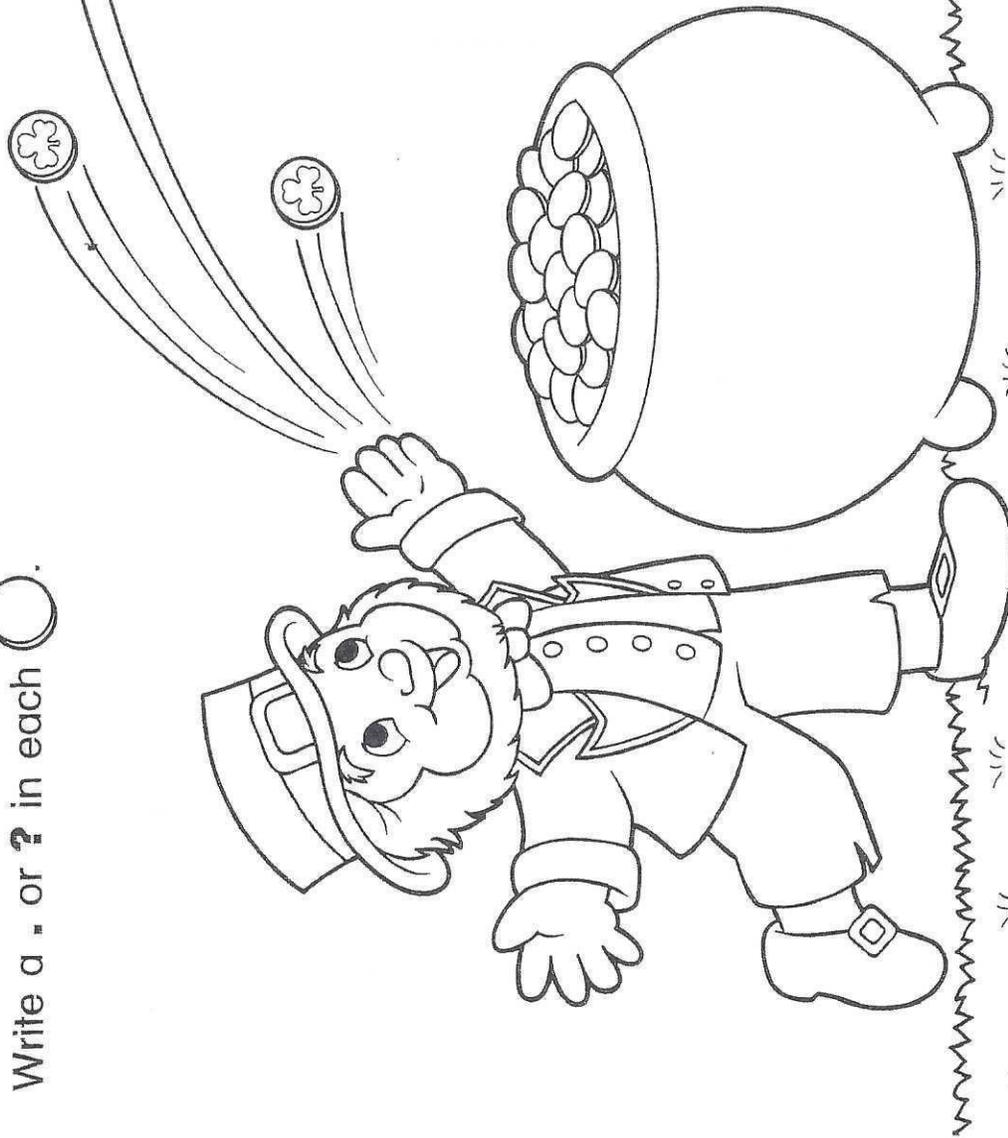


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Lucky Toss

Circle each word that needs a capital letter.

Write a . or ? in each ○.



1. did you see that rainbow ○

2. it is beautiful ○

3. how many colors are in the rainbow ○

4. there is a pot of gold at the end ○

5. the leprechaun wants the gold ○

6. will he dance a jig ○

7. leprechauns like to hide ○

8. do you want to look for one ○

9. are they hard to find ○

10. we will try to find one ○

Bonus Box: On the back of this page, write two sentences about rainbows. Remember to use capital letters and endmarks.

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Date:

Today is:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

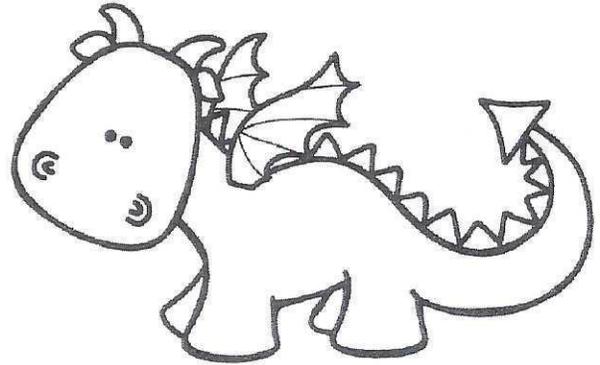
OPINION WRITING

Would you rather see a troll or a dragon?



troll

or



dragon

I would rather see



I used capital letters.



I used spaces.



I used punctuation.

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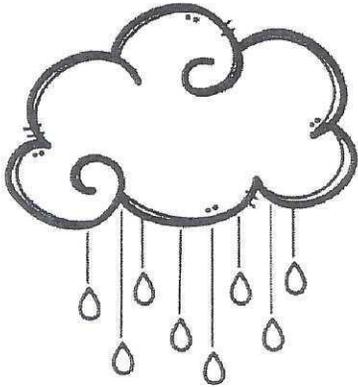
Friday

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Sunday

OPINION WRITING

Which do you like better?



rain

or



snow

Handwriting practice area with four sets of lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



I used capital letters.



I used spaces.



I used punctuation.