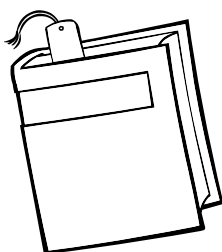


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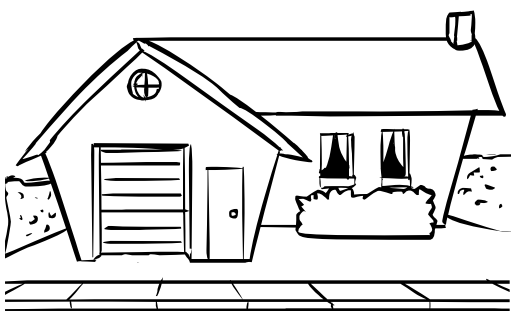
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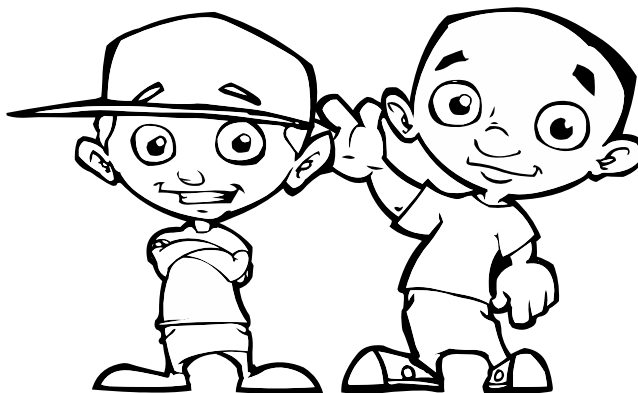
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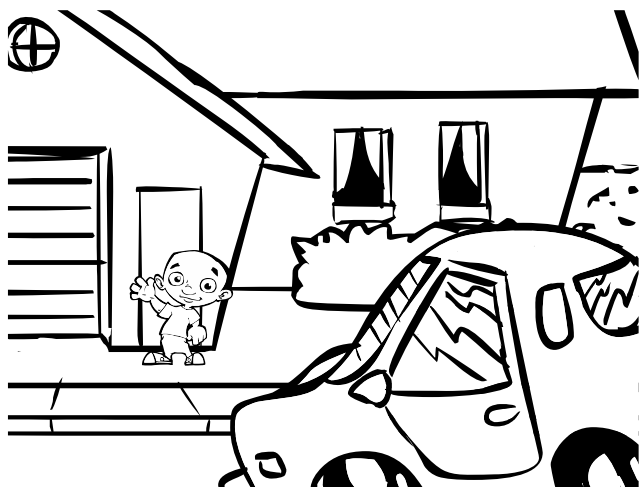
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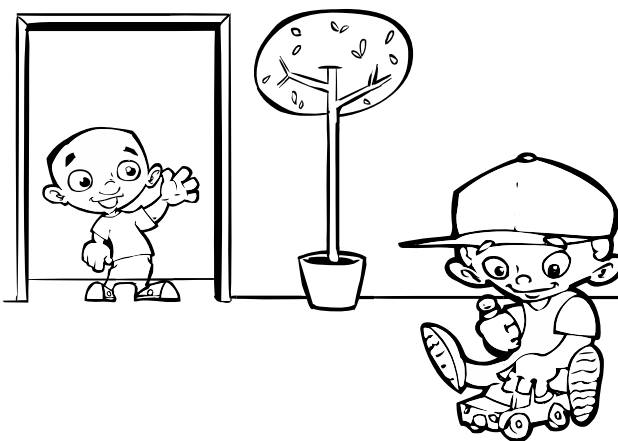
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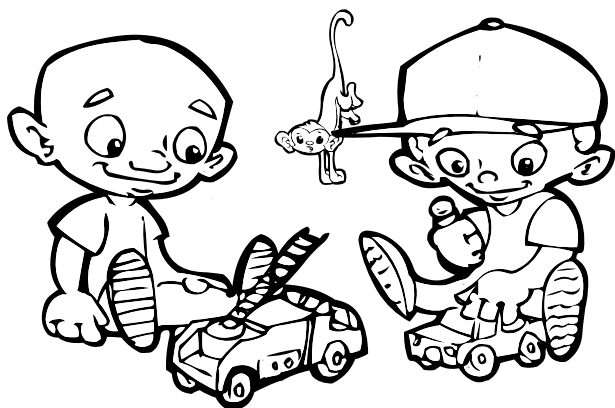
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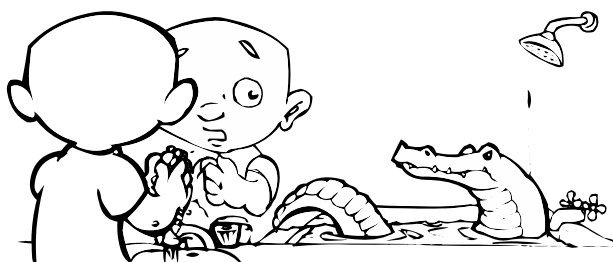
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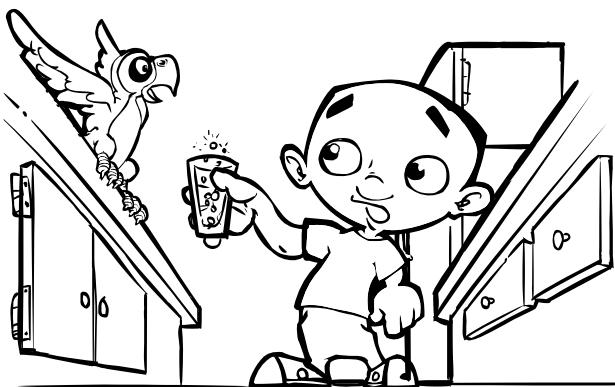
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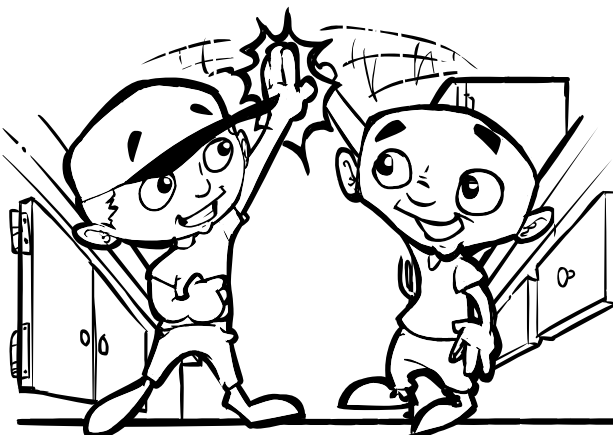
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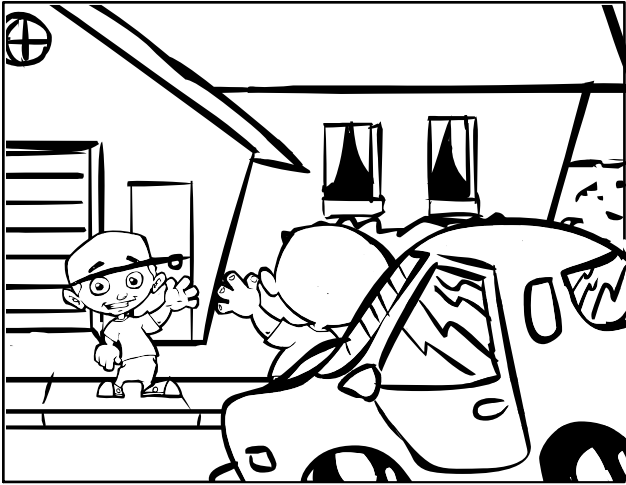
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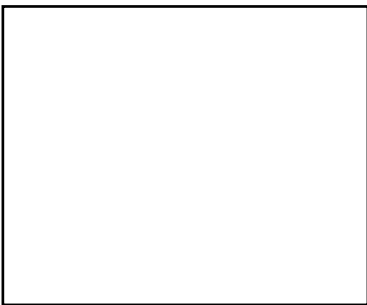


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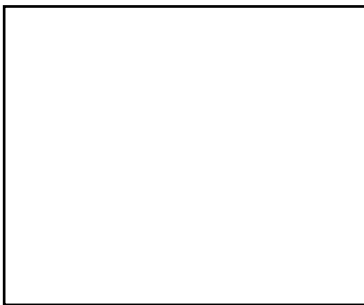
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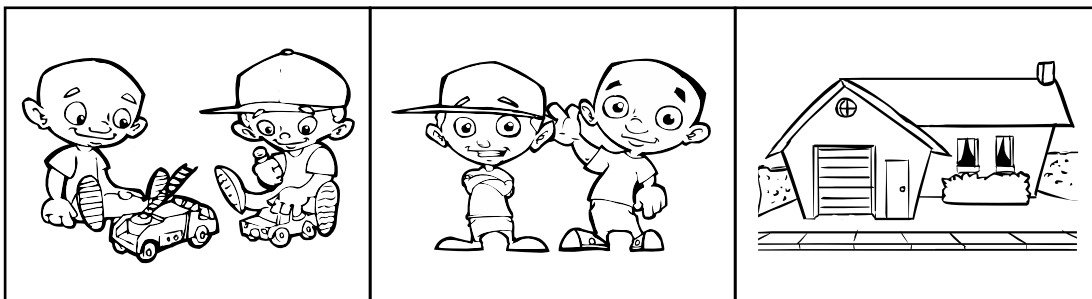
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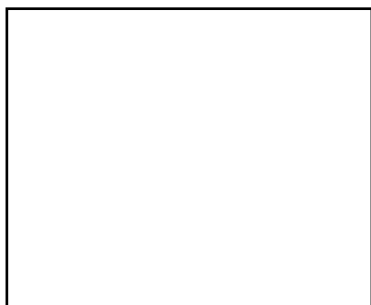


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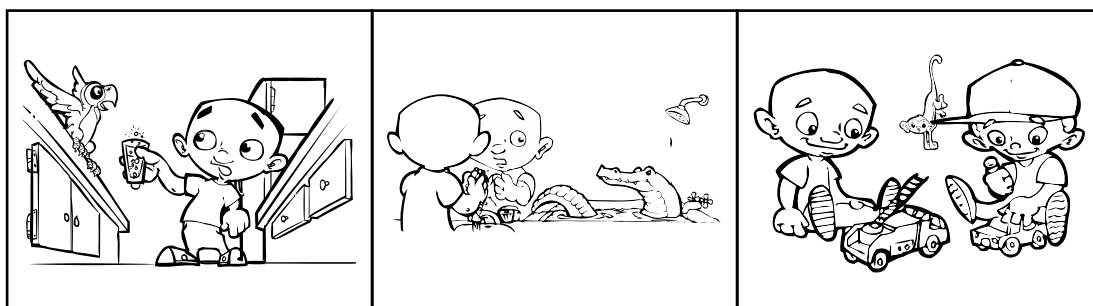
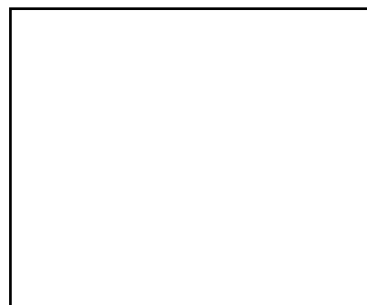
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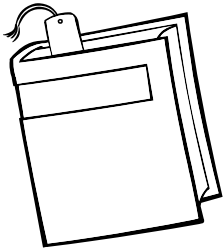


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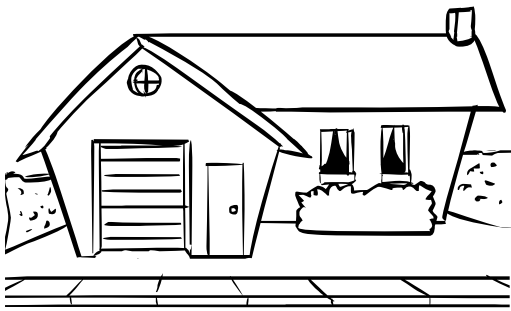




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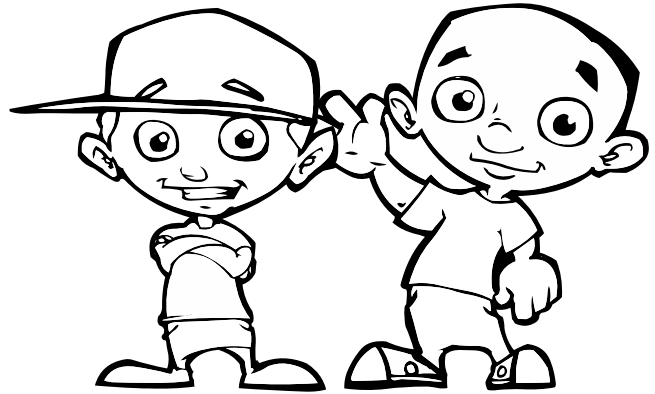
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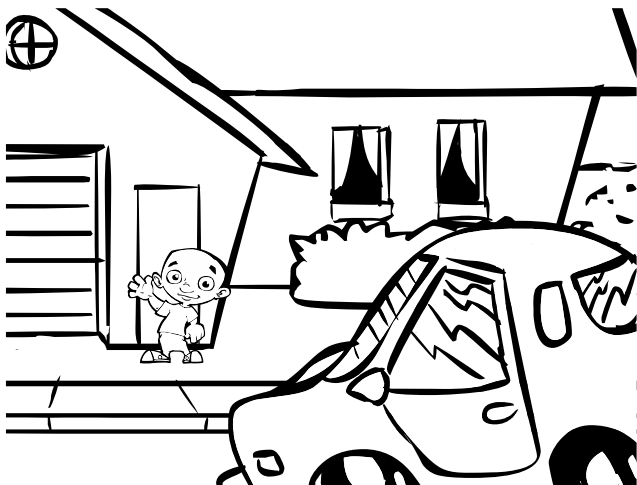
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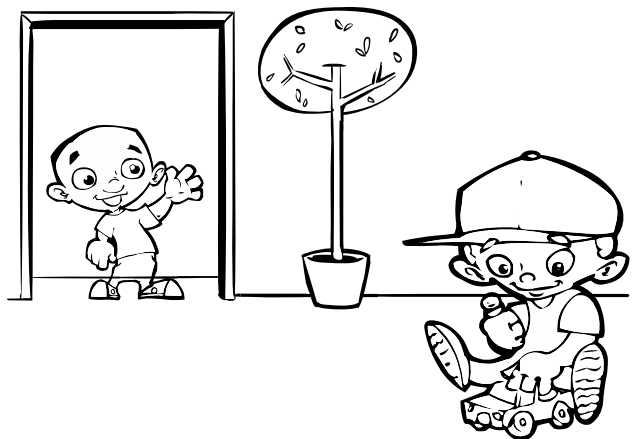
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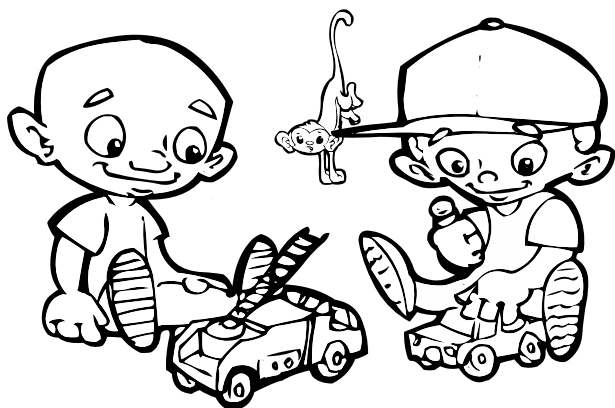
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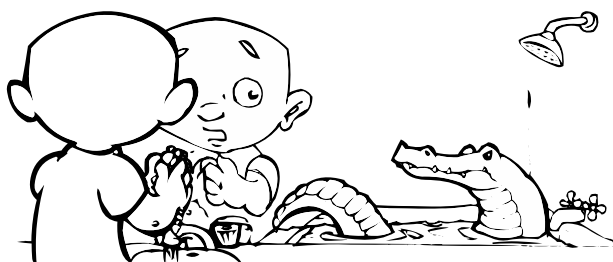
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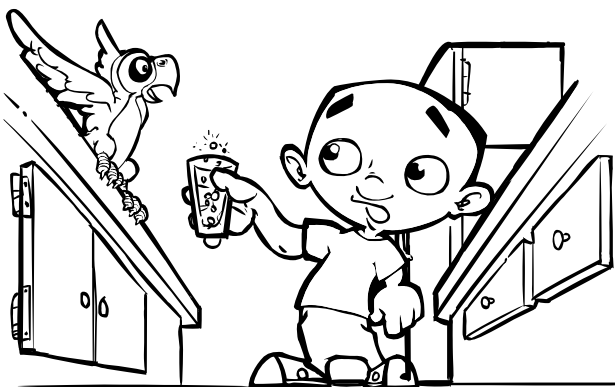
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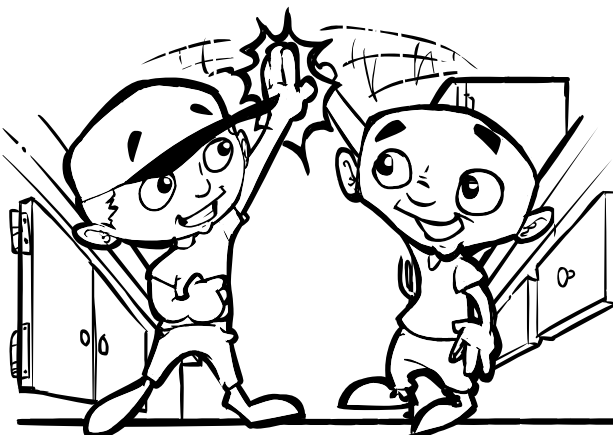
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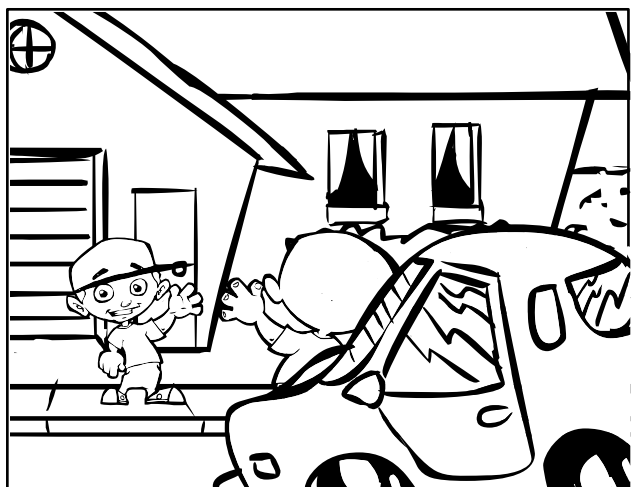
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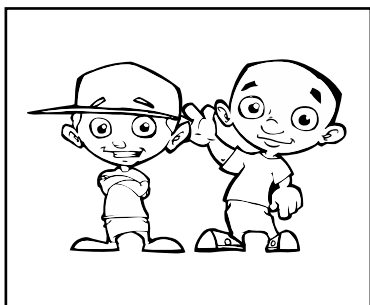


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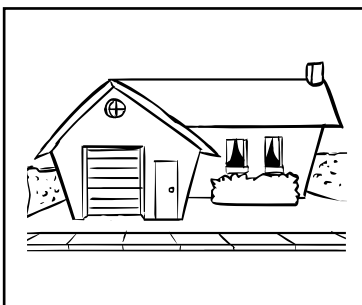
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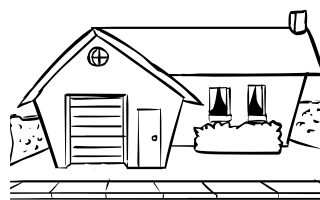
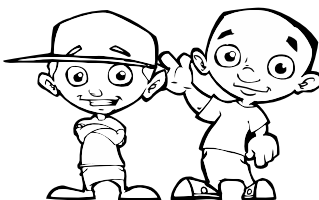
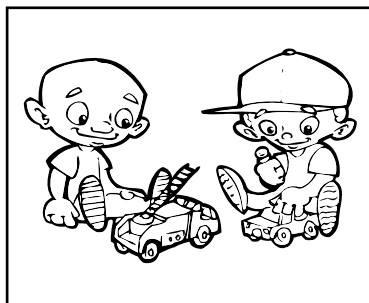
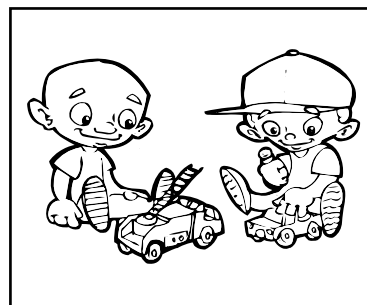
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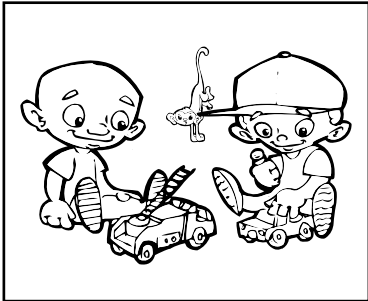


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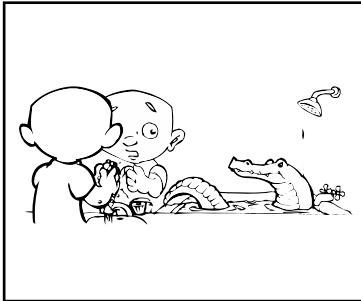


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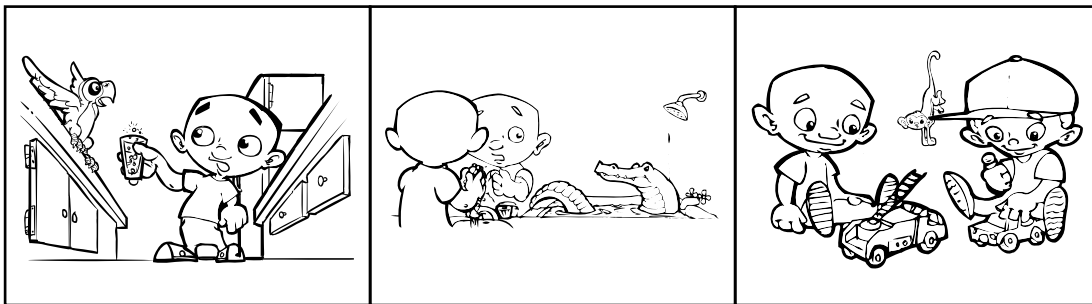
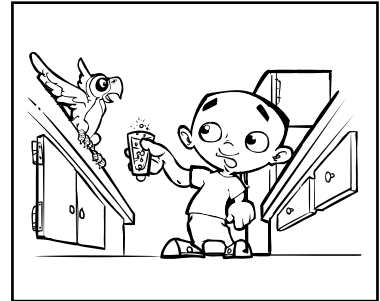
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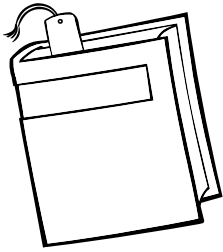


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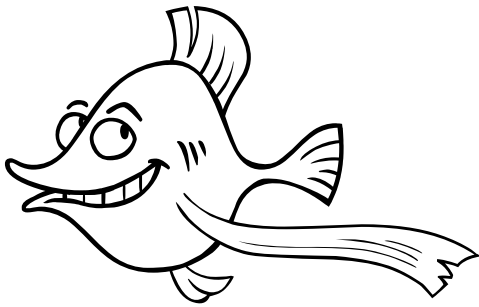




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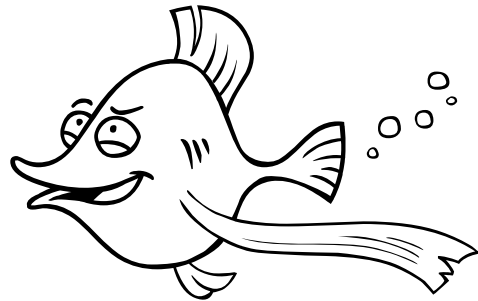
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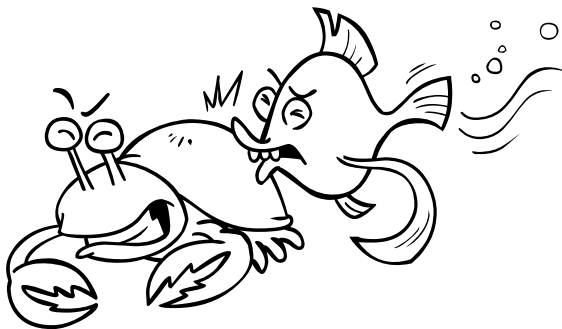
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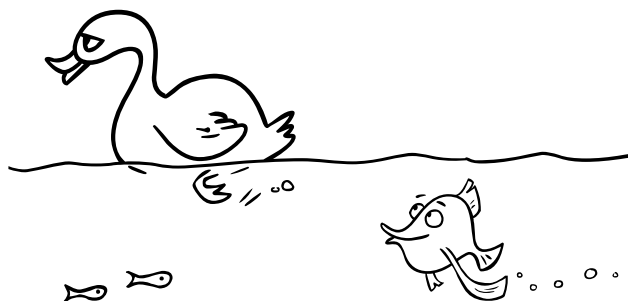


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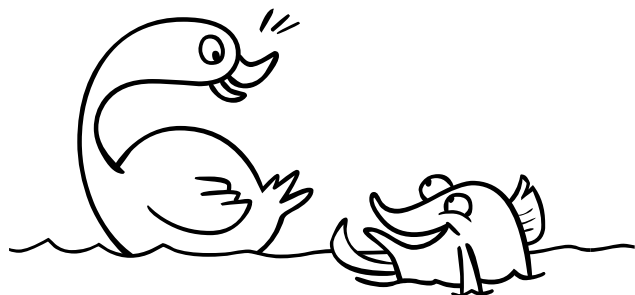
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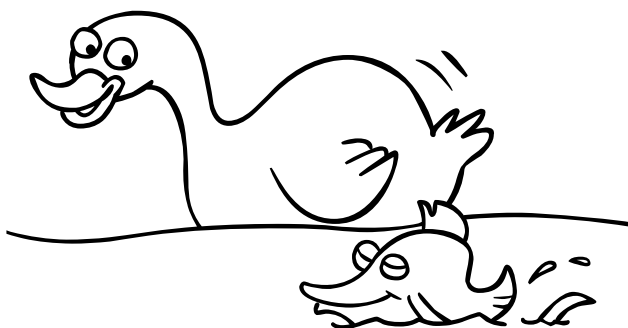
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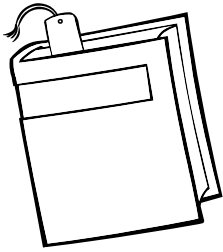


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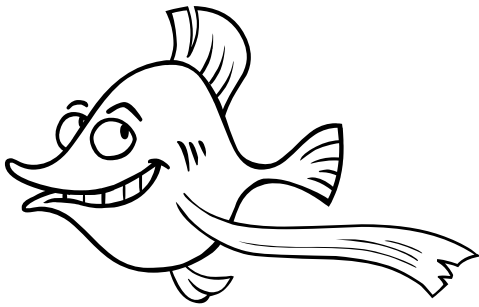
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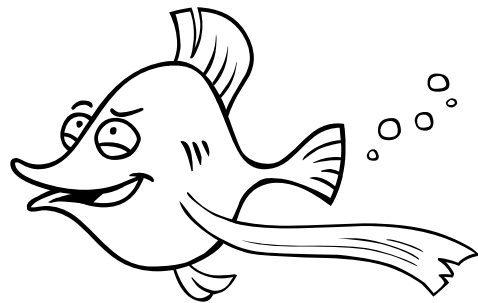
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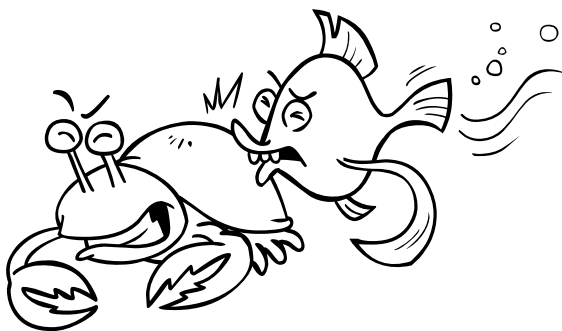
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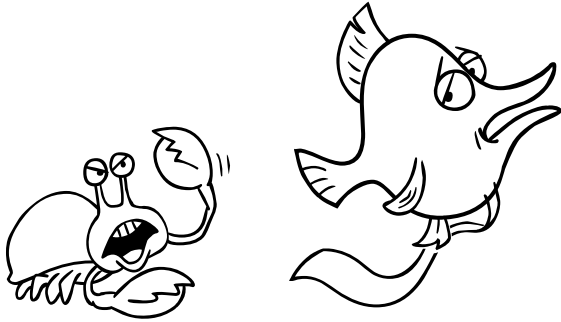
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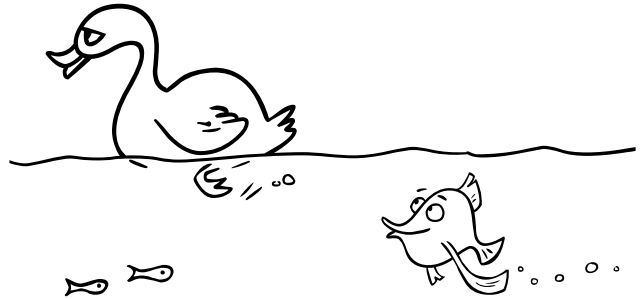


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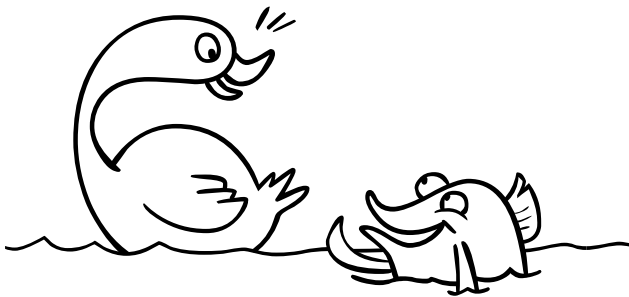
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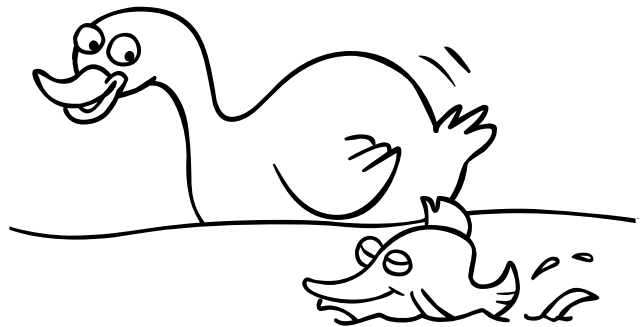
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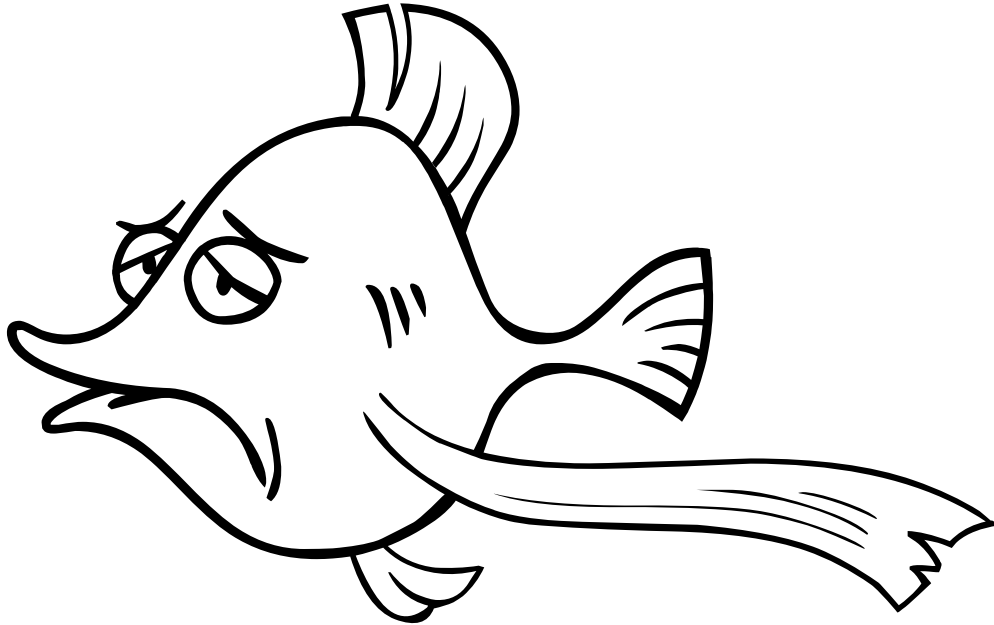
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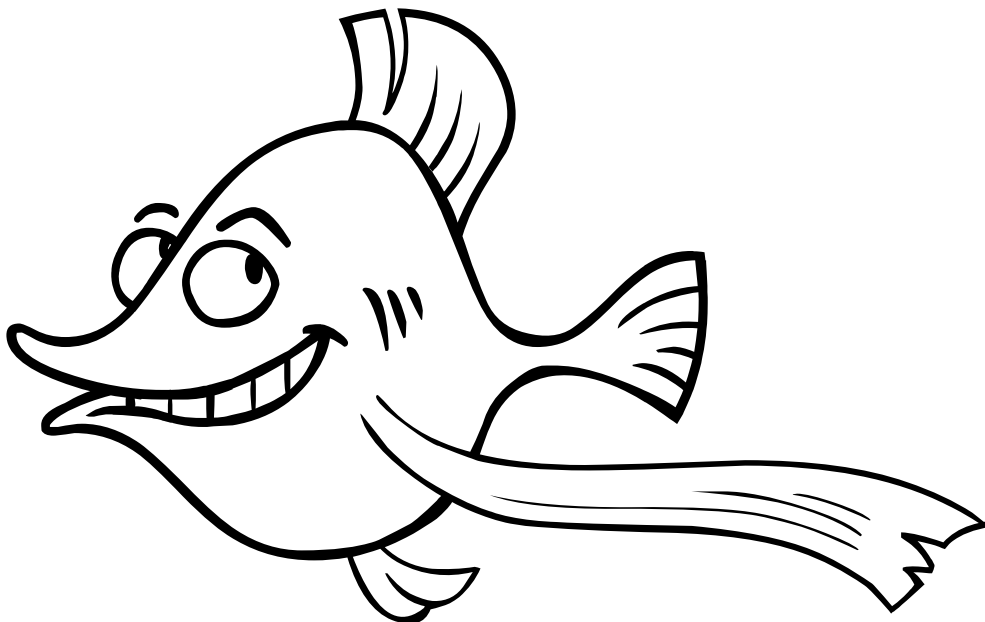
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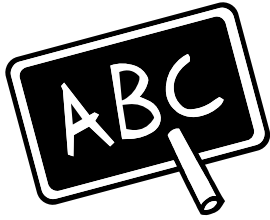
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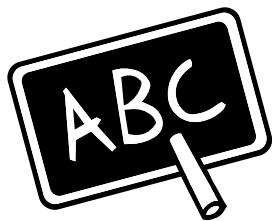
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Who is the main character?

Nate

Who are the supporting characters?

a puppy, Joey, Nate's mom,
a girl, two boys

Describe the setting in the story.

The story takes place during
the summer, out in the country
at Nate's new house. There are
not many people around. It is
quiet, and the street is lined
with shade trees.

What is the problem in the story?

There are two problems.

1. Nate is lonely because he
is new to town.

2. A puppy falls into an old
well.

How is the main problem in the story solved?

A girl and two boys help Nate rescue the puppy, and then Nate
becomes friends with the other children.

What is the theme, or message, in this story?

Possible response: Friends in need are good friends indeed.



Describing Characters' Feelings and Comparing Themes

Directions: Read the journal entries. Then read each question and circle the correct answer.

A diary or journal is a book with blank pages for writing. George has started writing a journal about things that are happening in his life. He pretends he is writing to Rusty, a dog he once loved. Here are three entries in George's journal.

Dear Rusty,

My best friend is moving to another world! Well, not really, but he might as well be. Douglas is moving to Italy, and that is very far away from Phoenix, Arizona. Douglas is already talking about his new home, even though he hasn't been there. He says that there are mountains, big cities, and beaches close by. He also told me that there is a city that has canals with boats instead of roads with cars. I can't really remember all that he told me because I wasn't listening closely. I was upset, and I was trying not to show my feelings.

I didn't eat much dinner tonight because I couldn't stop thinking about Doug's family leaving next week. We have been close friends since kindergarten. Together we lost teeth, learned to read, played baseball, and had our first sleepover. Sometimes we are together so much my mom says, "Hey Doug, why don't you just move in with us?"

It's really going to be different around here without Douglas. Baseball season is coming, and no one can catch my fastball like Doug.

George

Dear Rusty,

The sooner Doug leaves the better because all he does anymore is talk about his new home in Italy. He says that they are getting a boat there, and they will eat pizza every day. He says he will have lots of friends because Italians like to play baseball too. He is even learning Italian. He didn't even notice how much his bragging was bothering me. So I told him to go home because all his talk about Italy was boring. He looked at me funny and then left. Then I went to my room, stared at the walls, and tried to calm down a little.

I don't care if I ever see him again.

George

Dear Rusty,

Can you believe that I am going to Italy next summer to visit Doug? Until then we are going to e-mail each other as much as we can. That will be really fun to have an e-mail pen pal to write to all the time. Doug's mom and dad came over and asked my parents if I could go there next summer. They're thinking about it, but I am sure they will say yes because my mom might even go with me!

Now I need to learn as much as I can about Italy, so I am reading books. Doug said people in Italy eat many of the same foods as we do, but in different ways. Of course their favorite meals include pasta, which I love too.

I also found out that Doug's family is only going to be in Italy for two

years. Then they're moving back to Arizona. I can't write anymore because I have to help Doug pack his clothes and stuff. He also needs my help with carrying his boxes.

George

1. In which order do George's feelings appear in the story?
 - A. excited, angry, sad, worried
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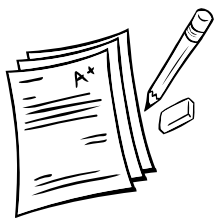
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Describing Characters' Feelings and Comparing Themes

Directions: Read the journal entries. Then read each question and circle the correct answer.

A diary or journal is a book with blank pages for writing. George has started writing a journal about things that are happening in his life. He pretends he is writing to Rusty, a dog he once loved. Here are three entries in George's journal.

Dear Rusty,

My best friend is moving to another world! Well, not really, but he might as well be. Douglas is moving to Italy, and that is very far away from Phoenix, Arizona. Douglas is already talking about his new home, even though he hasn't been there. He says that there are mountains, big cities, and beaches close by. He also told me that there is a city that has canals with boats instead of roads with cars. I can't really remember all that he told me because I wasn't listening closely. I was upset, and I was trying not to show my feelings.

I didn't eat much dinner tonight because I couldn't stop thinking about Doug's family leaving next week. We have been close friends since kindergarten. Together we lost teeth, learned to read, played baseball, and had our first sleepover. Sometimes we are together so much my mom says, "Hey Doug, why don't you just move in with us?"

It's really going to be different around here without Douglas. Baseball season is coming, and no one can catch my fastball like Doug.

George

Dear Rusty,

The sooner Doug leaves the better because all he does anymore is talk about his new home in Italy. He says that they are getting a boat there, and they will eat pizza every day. He says he will have lots of friends because Italians like to play baseball too. He is even learning Italian. He didn't even notice how much his bragging was bothering me. So I told him to go home because all his talk about Italy was boring. He looked at me funny and then left. Then I went to my room, stared at the walls, and tried to calm down a little.

I don't care if I ever see him again.

George

Dear Rusty,

Can you believe that I am going to Italy next summer to visit Doug? Until then we are going to e-mail each other as much as we can. That will be really fun to have an e-mail pen pal to write to all the time. Doug's mom and dad came over and asked my parents if I could go there next summer. They're thinking about it, but I am sure they will say yes because my mom might even go with me!

Now I need to learn as much as I can about Italy, so I am reading books. Doug said people in Italy eat many of the same foods as we do, but in different ways. Of course their favorite meals include pasta, which I love too.

I also found out that Doug's family is only going to be in Italy for two

years. Then they're moving back to Arizona. I can't write anymore because I have to help Doug pack his clothes and stuff. He also needs my help with carrying his boxes.

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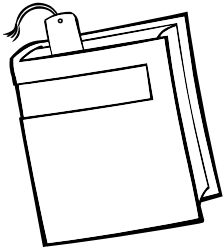
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Determining Meaning of Multiple-Meaning Words

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I let out a sigh of relief because I knew in my heart there must have been a good reason why Pablo was not at the recital. He and his father continued to apologize, and then they asked if I would play for them right there.

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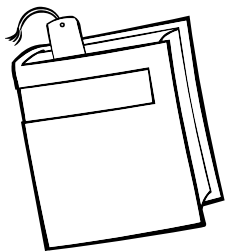
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