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2. What does Tom want for his birthday?

3. What did Tom get for his birthday?

4. What did Tom learn?





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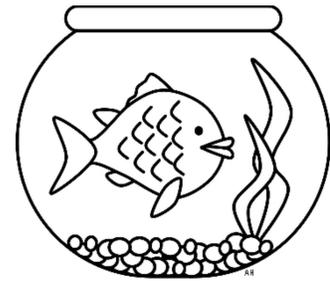
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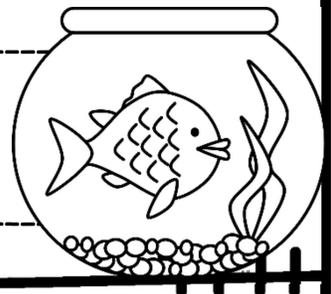
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2. What do dogs play with?

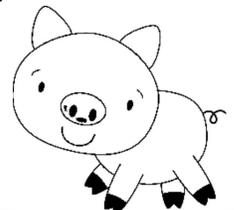
3. What does a bunny eat?

4. Where does a hamster live?



All About Pigs

Pigs have snouts. Their snouts help them smell. Pigs have hooves. Hooves	12
are on their feet. Pigs have 44 teeth. Males have tusks. Tusks are teeth. Tusks	27
help them dig. Tusks help them fight. Pigs have short hairs. The hairs are called	42
bristles.	43
Male pigs are called hogs. Female pigs are called sows. Baby pigs are called	57
piglets.	58
Pigs can be wild. Pigs can be pets. Some pet pigs live on farms. People farm	74
pigs. Pork comes from pigs. Bacon comes from pigs. Ham comes from pigs. Pigs	88
eat plants and animals. In the wild, pigs eat leaves, fruit, and flowers. They also	103
eat fish and bugs. On farms, pigs eat cornmeal. Pigs drink a lot of water.	118



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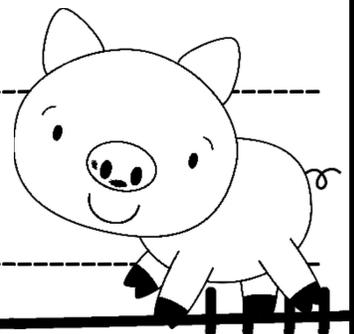
Questions

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2. How do pigs use tusks?

3. What are baby pigs called?

4. What food comes from pigs?



The Big Hit

Pat likes to play ball. He likes to hit the ball with his bat. Pat is on the red 19
 team. Pat has a hat he likes to wear when he plays ball. It is a red hat. At the 39
 game, Pat gets to hit. He picks up the bat. It is a big bat. Pat swings the bat and 59
 misses the ball. He tries again. This time he gets a big hit. The ball goes up in the 78
 air. He runs as fast as he can. No one can catch the ball. Pat gets a home run! His 98
 mom and dad clap. Pat's team is happy too. Pat loves to play ball and is glad he 116
 got his big hit. 120



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2. What does Pat wear?

3. What happened the first time Pat tried to hit?

4. How did Pat feel at the end? Why?



At the Farm

What lives on a farm? Animals are on a farm. There are big cows. The 15

cows are black and white. They eat grass. Hens live in the coop. Hens cluck. They 31

lay eggs. Hens peck at corn. There are goats on the farm. They live in sheds. 47

The farm has a baby goat. A baby goat is called a kid. Goats eat oats and grass. 65

Pigs are in the pen. The pen has mud in it. Pigs like to sleep in the shade. They 84

eat scraps of food. Some farms have horses. Horses live in stalls. They have hay 99

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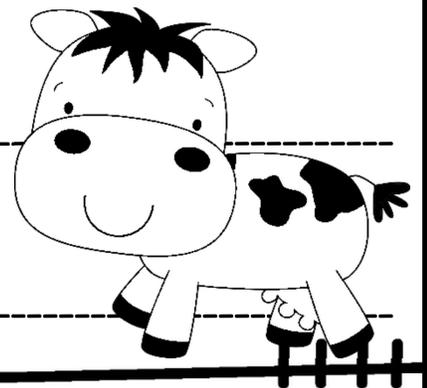
Questions

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2. What is a baby goat called?

3. Where do the pigs stay?

4. What do horses eat?



Jake Goes to Camp

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had his backpack. He had his drink. The bus picked Jake up. It took him to 34
camp. 35

When he got there, he went fishing in the lake. He got a big fish. Then, 51
they did arts and crafts. He made a bird feeder for his mom. Next, they 66
went swimming in the pool. Jake went into the deep end. He splashed with his 81
friends. At lunch, Jake got a hot dog. Jake was having fun. He played baseball 96
after lunch. Jake played catch with the coach. 104

It was time to go home. Jake wanted to stay. He was sad, but he knew 120
he could come back tomorrow. 125



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2. What did Jake do at camp first?

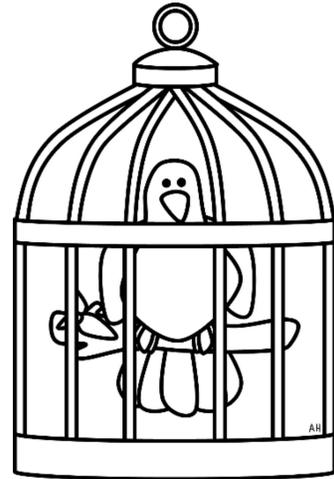
3. What did Jake have for lunch?

4. How did Jake feel at the end of the day? Why?



The Vet

Oh no! My pet is sick! It needs to go to the vet. A vet takes care of 18
 animals. Small pets can go to the vet. You can put your pet on a leash or in a 37
 cage. The vet will check your pet. The vet can give your pet a shot. A vet can 55
 look in your pet's ears and eyes. The vet will give your pet a treat. Some 71
 animals are too big to go to the vet. If you have a horse for a pet, the vet 90
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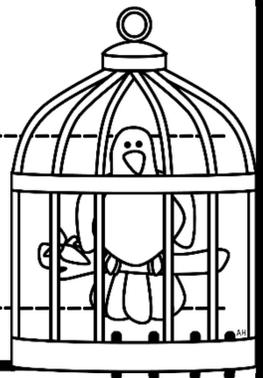
Questions

1. What does a vet do?

2. How do small pets go to the vet?

3. What happens if a large pet is sick?

4. What does a vet do to take care of a pet?





Tim's Cat

Tim has a pet cat. Her name is Fluffy. Fluffy is a white cat with 15

long fur. Tim loves to rub Fluffy on her belly. When Tim pets her, she 30

purrs! Tim has to feed Fluffy every day. He gives her cat food and 44

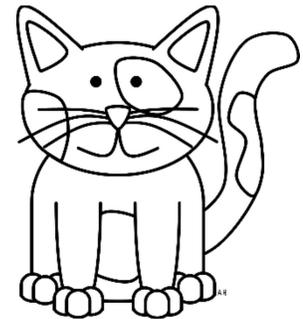
water. Her cat food smells like fish and Tim does not like it. Tim likes 59

to play with Fluffy. Sometimes he throws a ball of yarn and she 72

chases it. She loves her toy mouse! She likes to jump on it and it 87

squeaks. At night, Fluffy sleeps in bed with Tim. She lays on his pillow. 101

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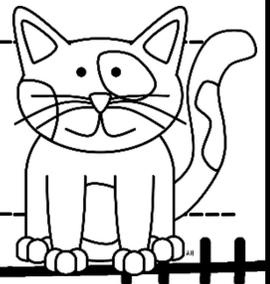
Questions

1. What is Tim's cat's name?

2. What does Tim's cat look like?

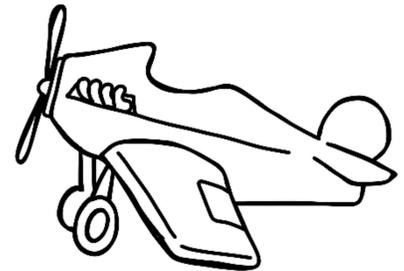
2. What toy does the cat like to play with?

3. Where does the cat sleep at night?



Planes

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 airport to get on a plane. A plane can take you on a trip. People take a plane 35
 when they are going far away. A plane has two wings. It has wheels too. When 51
 the plane takes off, the wheels go up. You need to wear a seat belt on a plane. 69
 The ride can be bumpy. A plane flies up through the clouds. It is fun to look out 87
 the window. You can see the land and the water. Small planes can do tricks. Small 103
 planes can flip and spin. Have you ever been on an airplane? 115



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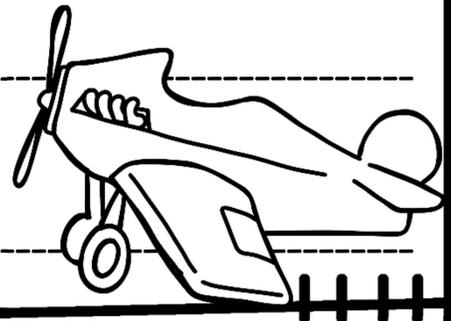
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2. Why do you need to wear a seatbelt on a plane?

3. What does a plane look like?

4. What can you see if you look out the window of a plane?

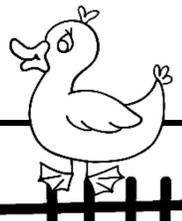


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to play and splash with his friends in the barn. He went to find Cat. Duck said, "Cat, do	37
you want to play in the rain?"	44
Cat said, "I do not like to get wet. Go ask Pig."	56
Duck went to find Pig under the big tree. He said, "Pig, do you want to play in the	75
rain?"	76
Pig said, "I'm trying to stay dry under the tree. Go ask Sheep."	89
Duck went to the pen to look for Sheep. He said, "Sheep, do you want to play in	107
the rain?"	109
Sheep said, "I do not like my hair to get wet."	120
Duck was feeling sad that no one wanted to play. Then he had a good idea. He	137
could find Frog. Frog loves to be wet! Frog was jumping on rocks at the stream. Duck	154
said, "Frog, can I play with you on this rainy day?"	165
Frog said, "Yes, I'd love to have a friend to play with me." Duck and Frog were	182
happy together.	184

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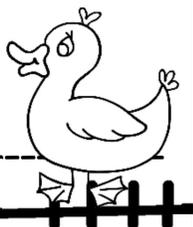
Questions

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2. Who was under the big tree?

3. Why didn't Sheep want to play in the rain?

4. What did Duck do when he was feeling sad?



Pam's Little Pup

Pam got a new little pup. The dog's name is Fred. She loves to play with 16

him. She gives him yummy treats. Pam needs to train her dog. Pam trains her 31

pup to sit. Pam trains her pup to lay down. When Fred listens, he gets a treat. 48

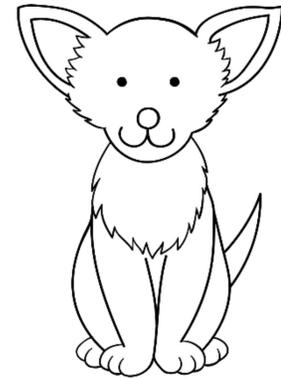
Pam trains Fred not to jump up on people. If Fred has muddy paws and he 64

jumps on people, he will get them dirty. Pam also teaches her dog not to bark 80

at people. Fred is a good pup. He can even do tricks. Pam taught Fred to walk 97

and dance on his back legs. Pam and Fred love to show friends all the things 113

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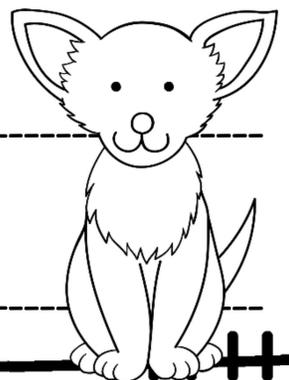
Questions

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2. What does Pam train her pup to do?

3. Why doesn't Pam want her pup to jump on people?

4. What trick can Pam's pup do?



At the Store

It is fun to go shopping at the food store. There are many fruits and 15
 vegetables you can buy. There are oranges and apples. Make sure they are 28
 fresh. The bananas are yellow. If they are brown, they may be old. The 42
 vegetables are crisp. Take a tomato in your hand. It should feel firm and not 57
 mushy. You can buy rice and beans too. These are healthy foods for you. Stay 72
 away from sweets and sugar. For breakfast, you can buy eggs and bread. You 86
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Questions

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2. What are healthy snacks you can buy at the store?

3. How do you know if a tomato is fresh?

4. What can you buy at the store for breakfast?

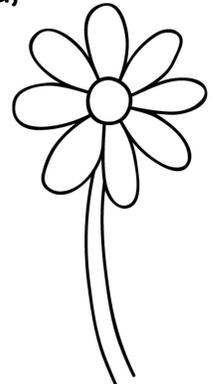


Rose's Garden

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gave them water every day. Rose picked the weeds, too. The sun 24
helped the flowers grow and soon she had green sprouts. Rose called 36
out to her mom, "Mom, look! My flowers are starting to bloom." 48

Soon, Rose's flowers were big and tall. They were red, yellow 59
and pink. Rose cut some of her flowers and gave them to her mom. 73
She put them in a vase with water. She said, "Here, mom. Pretty 86
roses from your little Rose!" 91

Rose's mom smiled and gave Rose a big hug and kiss. Mom said, 104
"I do love my flowers, but I love you more!" 114



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Rose's mom smiled and gave Rose a big hug and kiss. Mom said, "I do love my flowers, but I love you more!"

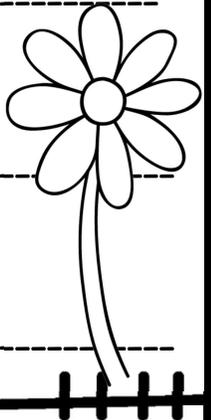
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2. What colors were Rose's flowers?

3. What did Rose do after she cut her flowers?

4. What kind of flowers did Rose plant?



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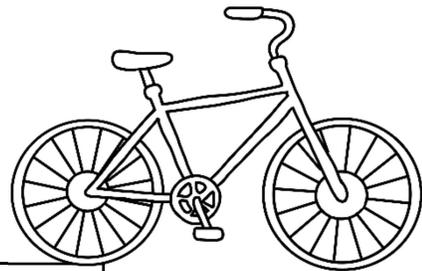
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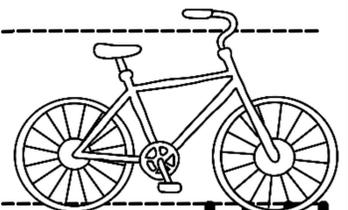
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2. How many wheels does Matt's bike have?

3. What do the boys do at the pond?

4. Why do the boys have to go home?





Seasons

There are four seasons in a year. In the winter, there is snow and ice. You need to wear a coat and boots. It is cold outside. You can sled and build a snowman in the winter. In the spring, the flowers start to bloom. It starts to get warm outside. You can play outside without a coat. You can pick flowers and ride your bike in the spring. It rains a lot in the spring. It is fun to jump in puddles. Summer is a hot season. You can wear shorts and flip flops. It is fun to swim in the summer. There is no school in summer, so there is lots of time to play outside. When school starts again, it is fall. The weather gets cool and you need to wear a coat again. Leaves fall off the trees and you can pick apples. It is fun to jump in a big pile of leaves. What season do you like best?

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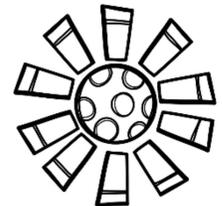
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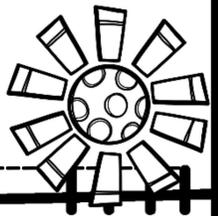
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2. What season has a lot of rain?

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4. What can you do in the fall?





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 There is a way you can help. Some kinds of trash can be recycled. That means it 50
 can be turned into new things. Paper can be recycled. Plastic can be recycled, and 65
 glass can be recycled. When you recycle, you need to put it in a different bin. 81
 Then it is taken to the recycling station. First, they sort the trash. All the paper 97
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2. Where do you put items to be recycled?

3. What does a recycling station do first?

4. Why is recycling good for the Earth?





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school, they swing on the playground. They like to sing songs and jump rope. 29

They both like art. Tess makes a pot with clay and paints it pink. Jan makes a 46

bracelet with beads for her mom. They both paint a picture of flowers. 59

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She picks books that are silly. Jan likes to build with blocks. She builds a tall 89

tower and likes to knock it down. They always sit together at lunch. They share 104

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1. What does Tess make in art?

2. What do both girls do in art?

3. What does Jan like to do at free time?

4. What does Tess have for lunch?





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bushy tail. A fox has paws and claws. A fox eats small animals like mice and 34

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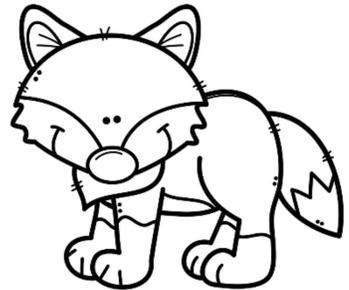
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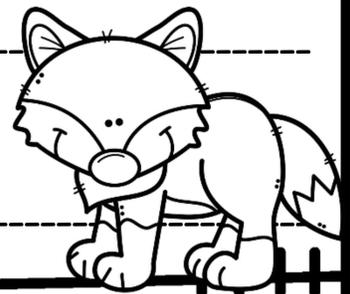
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4. How does a fox hunt?



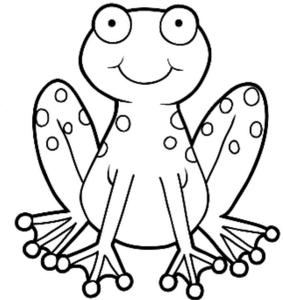
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The stones were flying thick and fast. The boys were having fun. But 52
the poor frogs in the pond were scared. 60

At last, one of the frogs, the oldest and bravest, put his head out of 75
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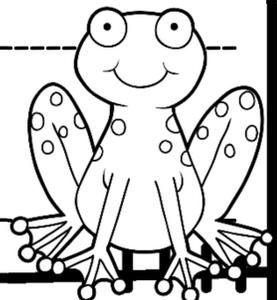
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2. How did the frogs feel?

3. What did the oldest frog do?

4. What is the lesson of this story?





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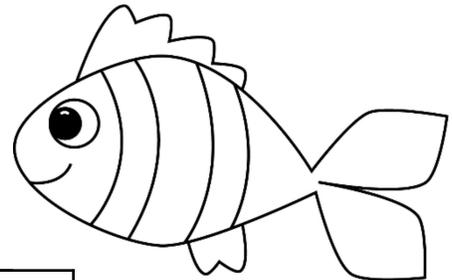
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his shell until it is safe to come out. A starfish lives on the sand at the bottom 96

of the sea. They eat clams that live in the sand too. A jellyfish is a clear fish 114

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Questions

1. What is an example of a small fish?

2. What do blue whales eat?

3. How does a hermit crab protect itself from danger?

4. Where do starfish live?

