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Learning from Home

Week 4

2/3B Group 1

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Learn all 11 spelling words this week.

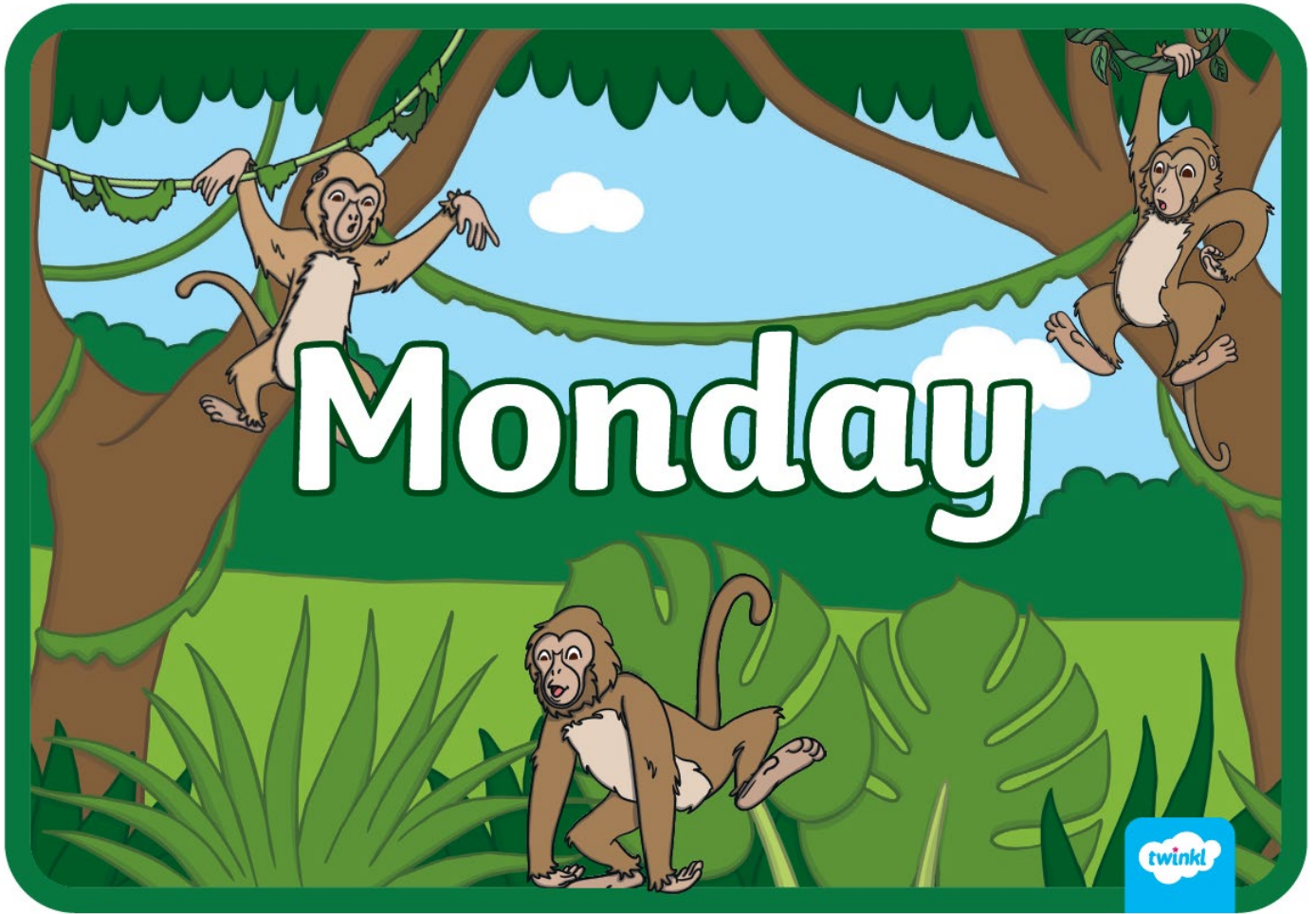
### Weekly Spelling Sheet Term 3 week 8

✚ Focus: The ey sound as in key, money, honey, chimney

Say the word, write the word	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Red Spelling Words</b>				
key				
money				
prey				
obey				
donkey				
hockey				
<b>Orange Spelling Words</b>				
honey				
valley				
survey				
grey				
convey				

Monday Activity - Choose 5 words and write each one in a sentence.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



# What Is Minecraft?

Minecraft is a super popular video game. In this game, players build and create with a variety of different blocks in digital, three-dimensional worlds. The purpose of the game is to build and explore. There are no points or levels to work through.

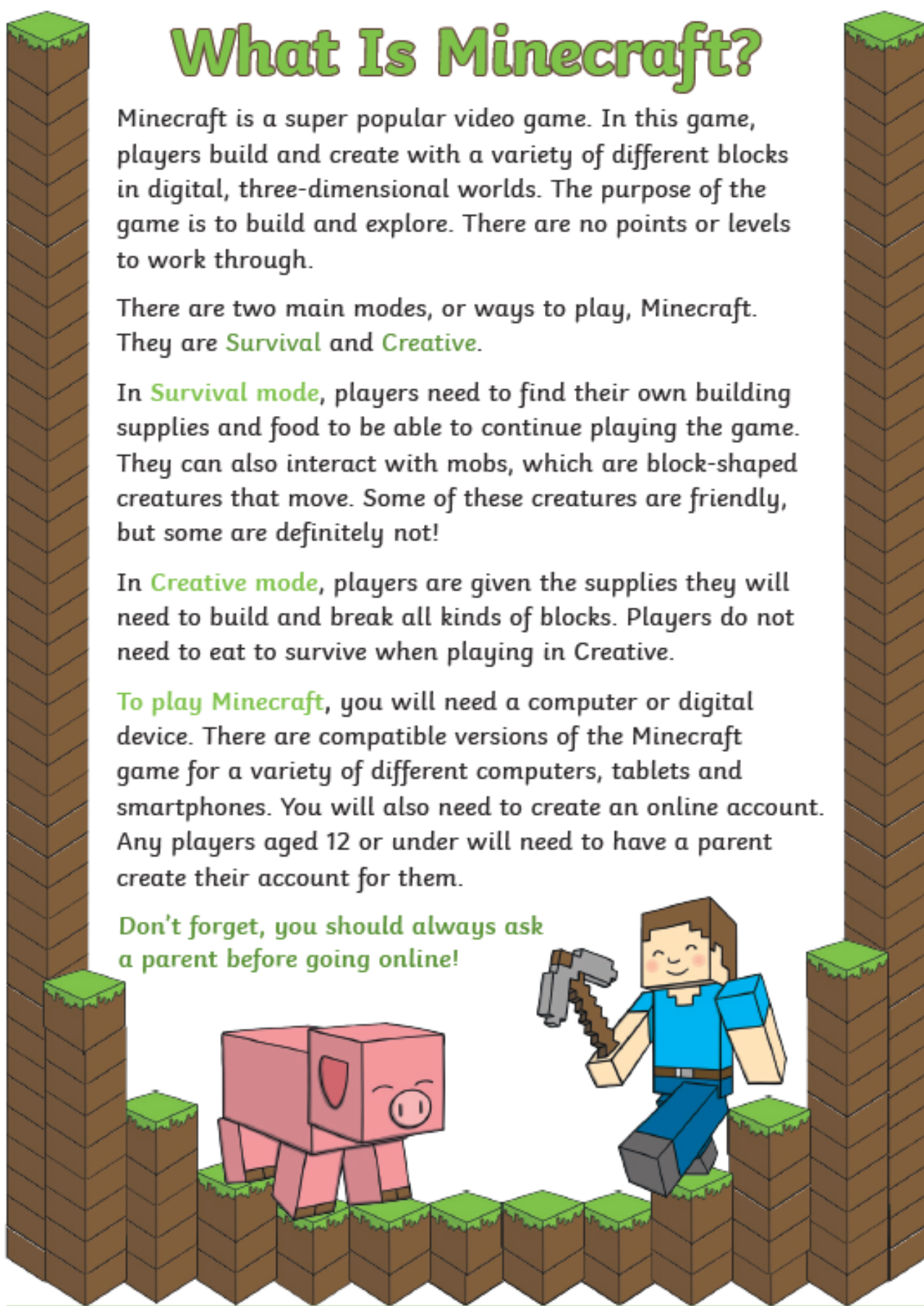
There are two main modes, or ways to play, Minecraft. They are **Survival** and **Creative**.

In **Survival mode**, players need to find their own building supplies and food to be able to continue playing the game. They can also interact with mobs, which are block-shaped creatures that move. Some of these creatures are friendly, but some are definitely not!

In **Creative mode**, players are given the supplies they will need to build and break all kinds of blocks. Players do not need to eat to survive when playing in Creative.

**To play Minecraft**, you will need a computer or digital device. There are compatible versions of the Minecraft game for a variety of different computers, tablets and smartphones. You will also need to create an online account. Any players aged 12 or under will need to have a parent create their account for them.

**Don't forget, you should always ask a parent before going online!**



# Questions

1. Select the **best** definition for Minecraft.

- Minecraft is an online game.
- Minecraft is a popular video game in which players use blocks to build and create digital, three-dimensional worlds.
- Minecraft is a fun game that can be played on a computer.

2. What are the two main modes, or ways to play, Minecraft?

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3. Which Minecraft mode do you think you would prefer to play?  
Explain your answer.

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4. What are mobs?

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5. What do I **need** to be able to play Minecraft?

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# Grammar and Punctuation

Which word completes the sentence?

We \_\_\_\_\_ our bikes.

Choose one:

- ridden
- rides
- riding
- rode



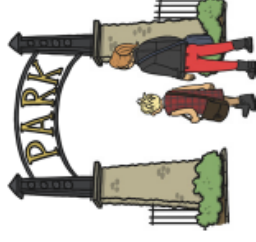
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# Grammar and Punctuation

Think of a word to complete the sentence below, using the **past tense**.

I \_\_\_\_\_ at the park during the holidays.



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# Grammar and Punctuation

Which kind of punctuation mark would complete the sentence below?

Can we go to the cinema please



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# Grammar and Punctuation

Which word would complete the sentence below?

I hope \_\_\_\_\_ we will make cakes today.

Choose one:

- when
- if
- that
- because



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# Minute 24

Adjectives



Name: ..... Date: .....

**Circle the adjective (describing word) in each sentence.**

(Hint: Each sentence has one adjective to circle.)

1. The grey puppy licked his paws.
2. The strawberries are sweet.
3. There are five birds in the sky.
4. Kim drew a pretty picture of a rainbow.
5. I tasted the sour lemon.
6. The tiny mouse ran into the hole.
7. My father likes green apples.
8. The loud music hurts my ears.
9. The cat was chased by a mean dog.
10. The little girl's hamster died.



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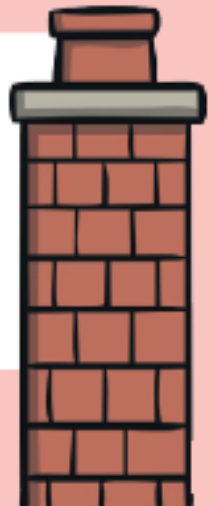
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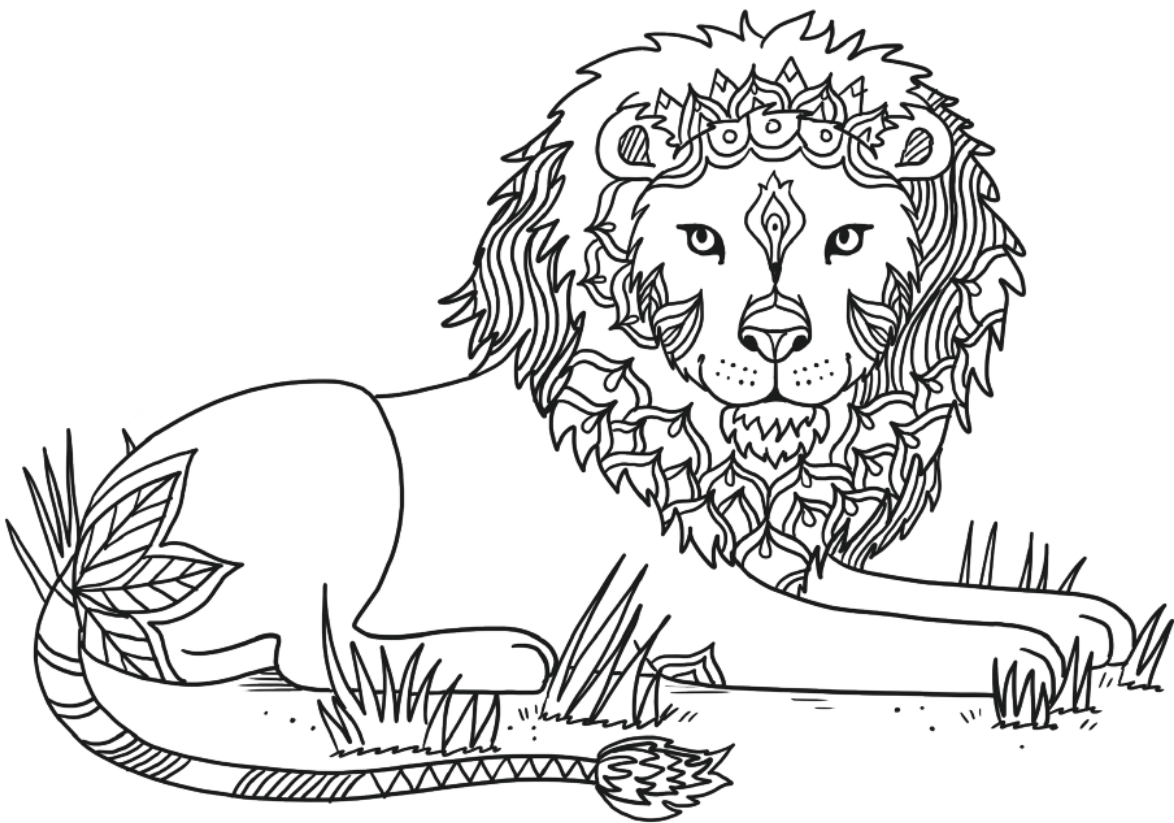
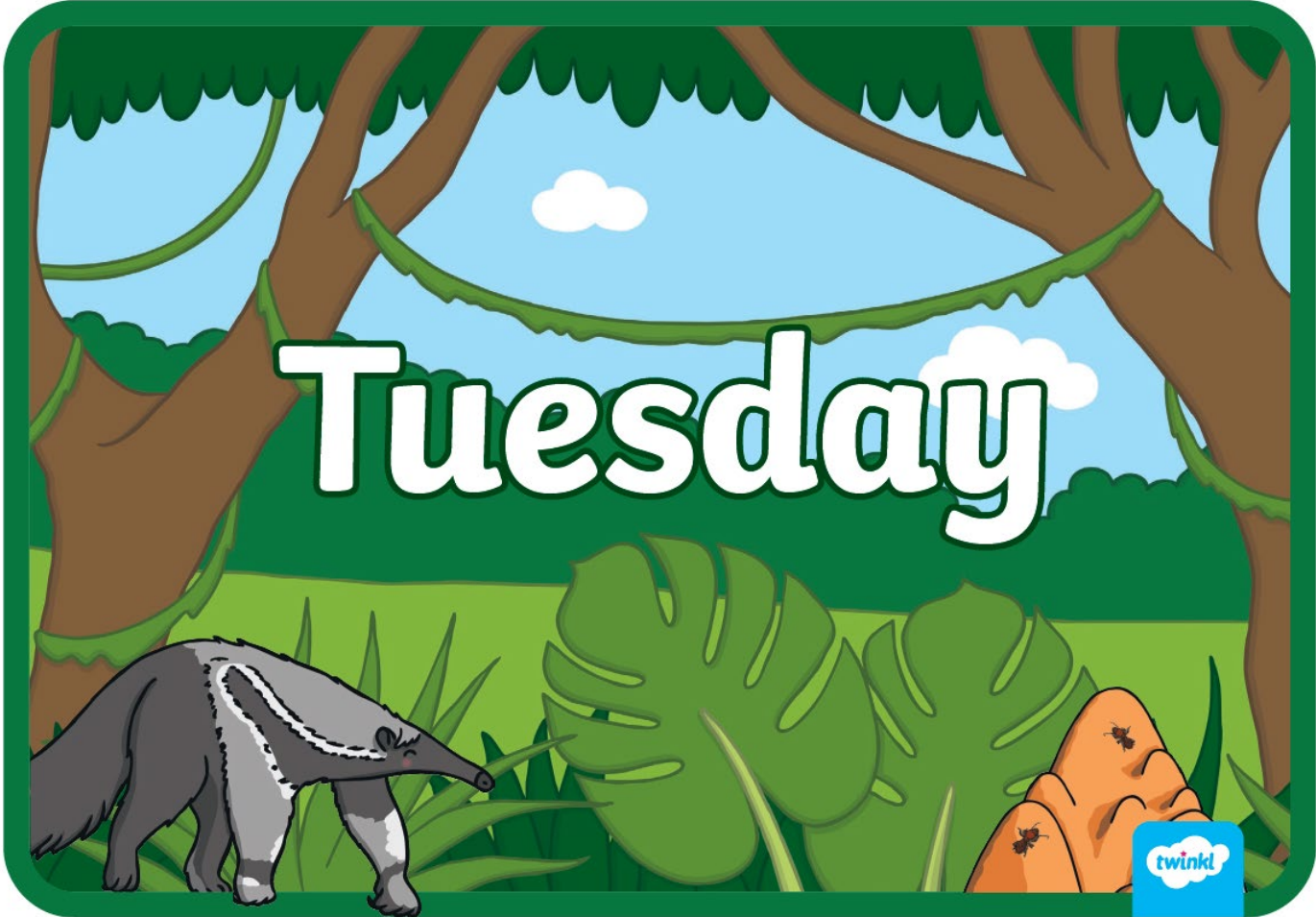
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monkey  
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turkey  
parsley

honey  
journey  
jockey  
money







# What Is Pokémon?

Pokémon is a Japanese media franchise centred around fictional creatures or pocket monsters known as 'Pokémon'. Pokémon create products such as video games, trading cards, animated TV series, movies, toys and more.



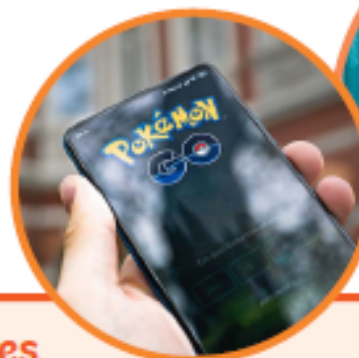
## Pokémon Animation

The animated TV show 'Pokémon the Series' features the adventures of Ash and his Pokémon best friend Pikachu, along with many other friends and Pokémon. Their story has also extended to include a series of full-length animated films.



## Pokémon Trading Card Game

The Pokémon Trading Card Game lets players collect and build decks of cards to use in games to 'battle'. Each card depicts a Pokémon along with information or 'stats' about that Pokémon.



## Pokémon Video Games

There are many different Pokémon-themed video games. Some are very detailed role play and quest games, while others are quick and simple puzzle games.

# Questions

1. List three products that are included in the Pokémon franchise.

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2. Who are the main characters of the animated TV show 'Pokémon the Series'?

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3. Which word in the text means 'to show or represent with a picture'?

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4. What kinds of Pokémon video games are available to play?

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## Grammar and Punctuation

Where should a comma go in the sentence below?

Tick one.

My favourite colours are yellow red and blue.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Can you match the groups of words that have the same meaning?  
One has been done for you.

I will	it's
you are	I'll
it is	doesn't
does not	you're

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## Grammar and Punctuation

Look at where the arrow is pointing.

Lilly went swimming She swam under water.

Which punctuation mark is missing?



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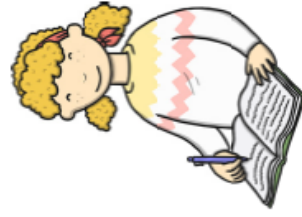
## Grammar and Punctuation

Which type of word is underlined in the sentence below?

Jessica wrote her name carefully.

Choose one:

- an adjective
- an adverb
- a noun
- a verb



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Hint – An adjective is a describing word.

# Minute 25

Adjectives that compare (-er, -est)

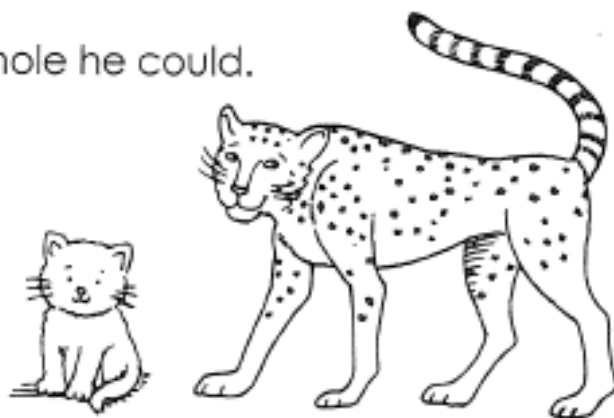


Name: ..... Date: .....

## Circle the correct adjective in each sentence.

(Hint: Adjectives that end in -er compare two things, and adjectives that end in -est compare more than two things.)

1. Mike is (taller, tallest) than Chris.
2. Elaine is the (faster, fastest) painter in art class.
3. Holly is the (slower, slowest) person of all.
4. Flowers are (shorter, shortest) than trees.
5. The sun is (brighter, brightest) than the moon.
6. John is the (smarter, smartest) boy in school.
7. Laura is the (nicer, nicest) girl I know.
8. Cheetahs are (bigger, biggest) than house cats.
9. The plate is (cleaner, cleanest) than the bowl.
10. He dug the (deeper, deepest) hole he could.



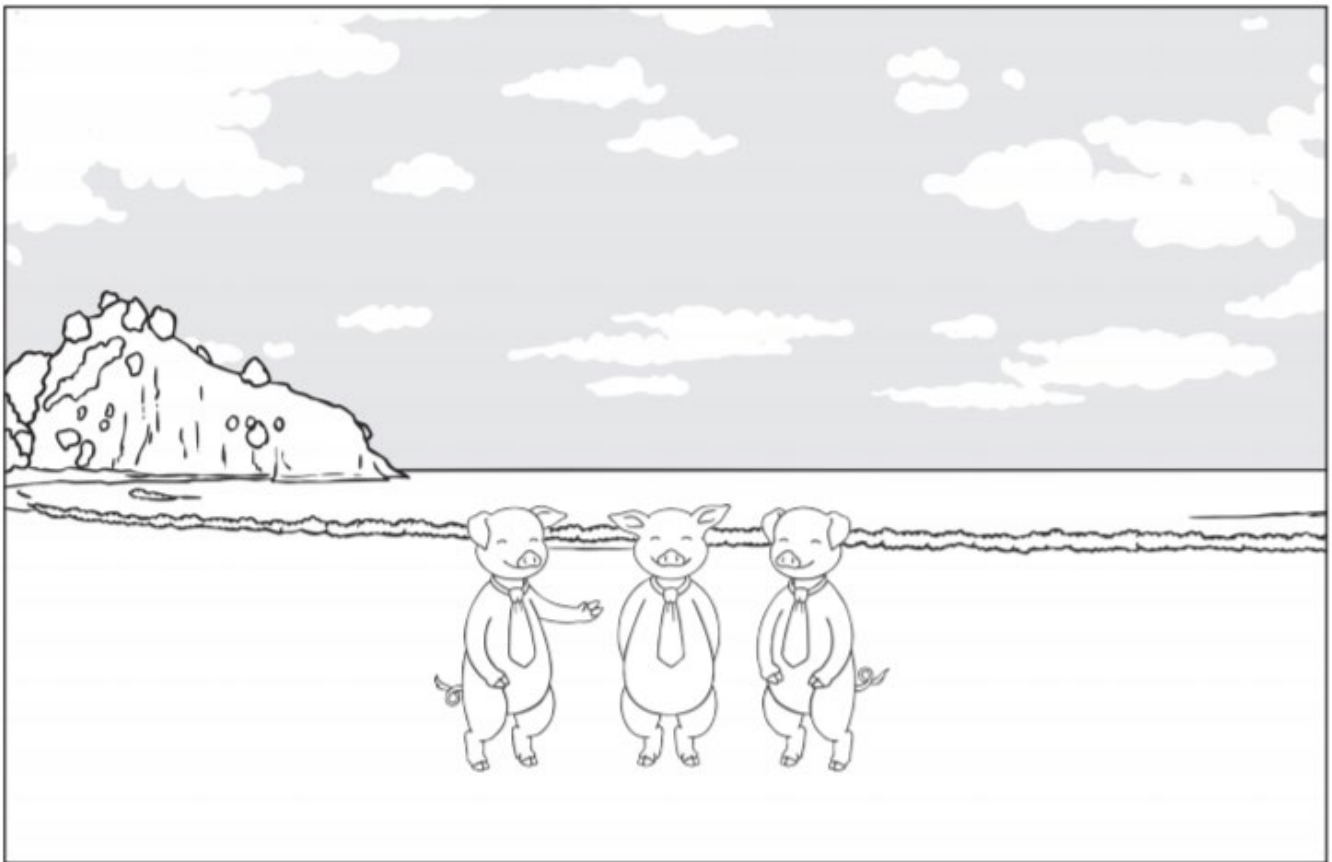
# Pigs on Holiday

## Amazing Fact

Pig Beach in the Bahamas is home to a herd of wild, swimming pigs.

## Challenge

Here is your chance to write a story about pigs on holiday! Use your imagination and all of your super writing skills to write a story about a family of pigs enjoying their holiday in the Bahamas!



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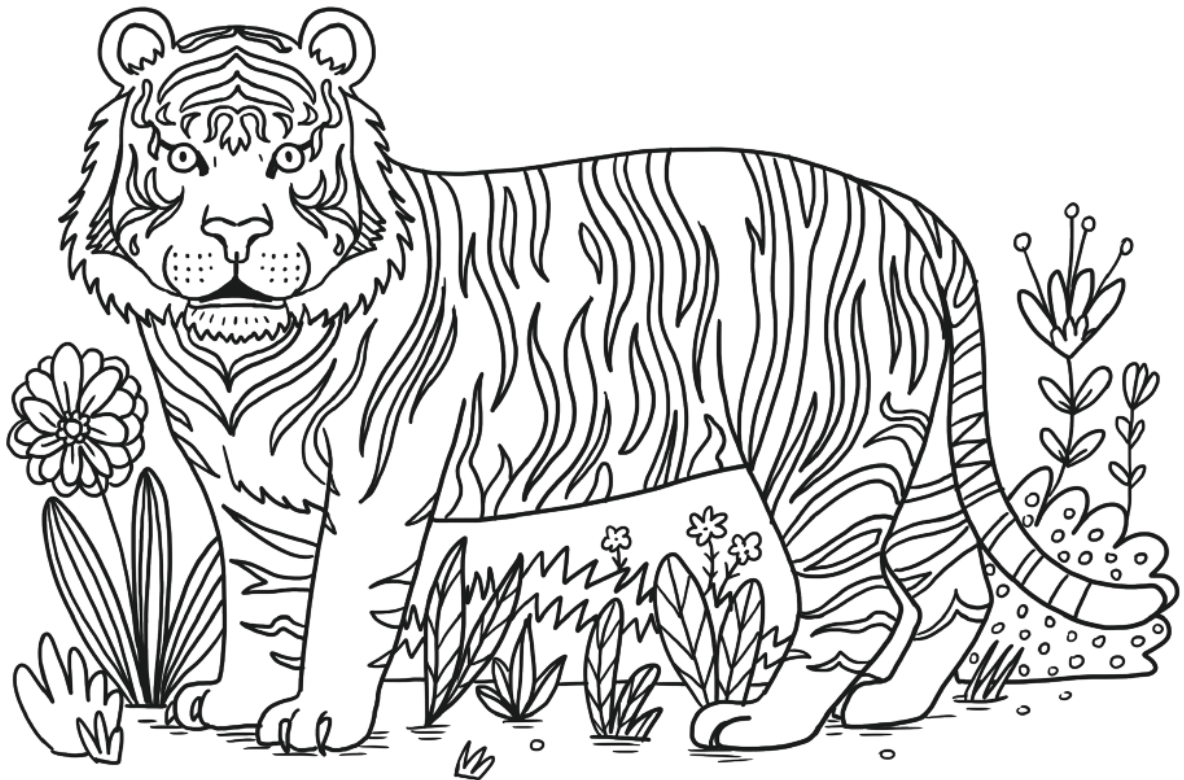
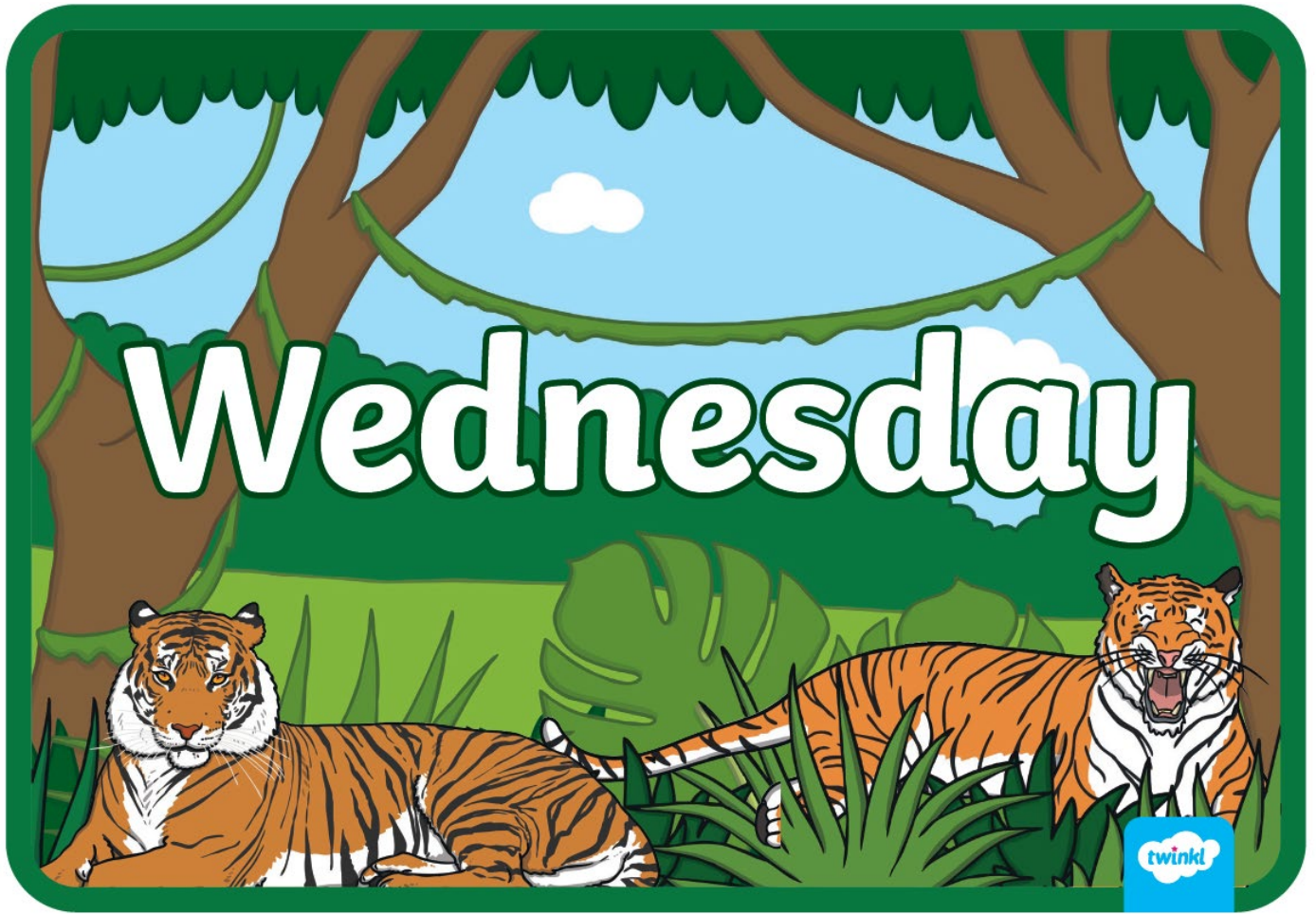
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## Taking Care of a Dog



Dogs are a very popular pet to have. It is estimated that there are over 8 million in the United Kingdom. Dogs can be great pets if they are cared for correctly. They love attention and to play and be stroked. Also, they like to be with people and look forward to seeing you.

### What Does a Dog Look Like?

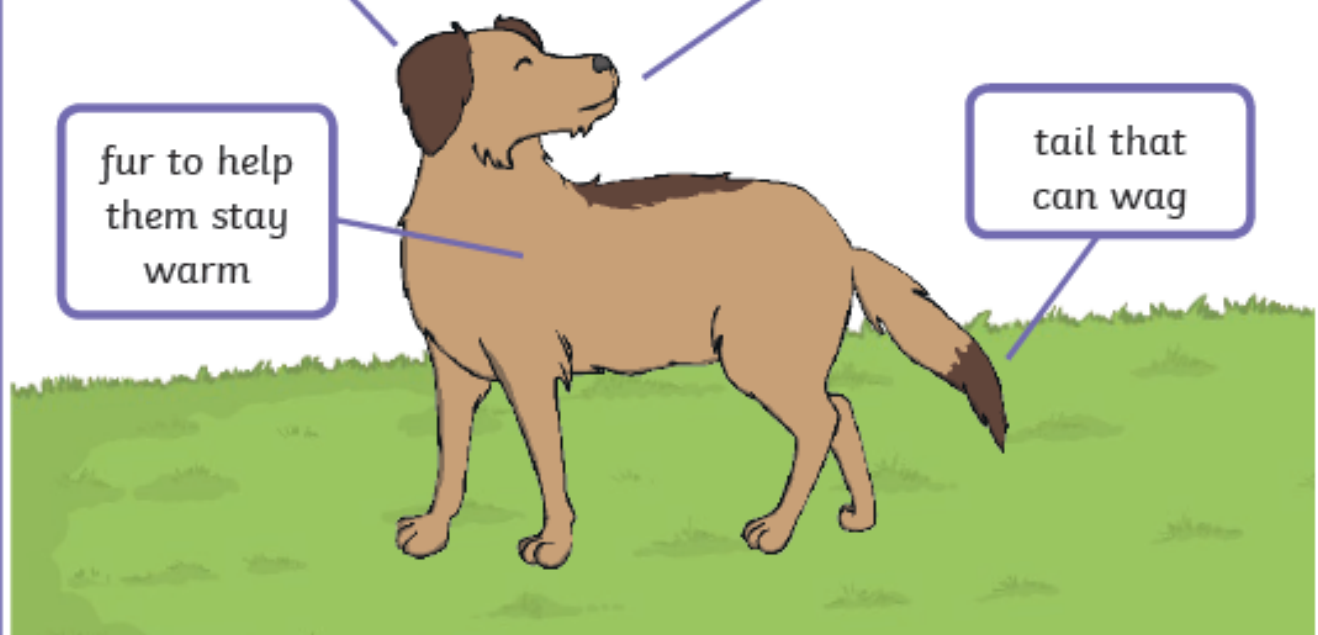
Dogs vary in size. Some are big like a Great Dane and some can be very small like a Yorkshire terrier. When dogs are happy, they can be seen wagging their tails. When they are hot, they often pant and stick out their tongue to cool down.

ears to help  
them hear well

tongue that  
they stick out  
to cool down

fur to help  
them stay  
warm

tail that  
can wag



### **What Does a Dog Need?**

Owning a dog is extremely rewarding and can be fun but it is also a big responsibility. Dogs need to be fed the right kinds of food and must avoid others such as chocolate, which would make them ill. Owners must also ensure their dog has a comfortable place to sleep. Exercise is vital to help dogs stay healthy and daily walks are essential. Always ensure your dog stays safe by keeping them on a lead in public places.

### **What Are Baby Dogs Called?**

Baby dogs are called puppies and they are born in a litter. This means that three, four or more puppies are born at one time. From birth, they drink milk from their mum. They have to be about four weeks old before they start to eat solid food.



Puppies  
cannot see or  
hear very well when  
they are first  
born.

# Questions

1. Roughly how many dogs are there in the United Kingdom?

under 8 million

8 million

over 8 million

2. How do dogs cool themselves down?

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3. Why is having a dog a big responsibility?

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4. Find and copy one word which means 'stay away from'.

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5. How can a dog be kept safe in public places?

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6. Why do you think dogs are such a popular pet in the UK?

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## Grammar and Punctuation

Which type of word is underlined in the sentence below?

The brown bear roared loudly.

- an adjective
- an adverb
- a noun
- a verb



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Which sentence is a command?

1. What times does the pool open?
2. Bring your swimming trunks to the pool.
3. I love swimming!
4. I am learning how to swim.



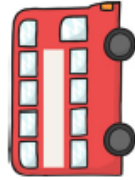
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## Grammar and Punctuation

Which sentence is a statement?

1. What time is the bus due to arrive?
2. Look at the size of that aeroplane!
3. I rode my bike at the weekend.
4. Bring your scooter when you come to play.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Look at each of these words. Which need **s** and which need **es** to make them into a plural?

- pencil
- glass
- church

# es/s

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# Minute 27

Commas (lists)



Name: ..... Date: .....

**For Questions 1–4, insert the missing comma in each sentence.**

1. I like to read skate and dance.
2. My brother plays hockey, football soccer and baseball.
3. Sasha ate a hot dog, crisps popcorn and an ice-cream.
4. Kevin saw lions tigers, monkeys and snakes at the zoo.

**For Questions 5–10, circle the sentences that use the commas correctly.**

5. (a) Carolyn likes, apples oranges and pears.  
(b) Carolyn likes apples, oranges and pears.
6. (a) I went to the beach, the park, and the zoo.  
(b) I went to the beach, the park and the zoo.
7. (a) The teacher gave us scissors glue and crayons.  
(b) The teacher gave us scissors, glue and crayons.
8. (a) We have two birds, a turtle and, a hamster.  
(b) We have two birds, a turtle and a hamster.
9. (a) The flowers are red, yellow and white.  
(b) Our school colours, are red, yellow and white.
10. (a) The farm has, chickens, cows ducks and pigs.  
(b) Thomas has chickens, cows, ducks and pigs.

# Koala

Koalas are native to Australia. People still incorrectly refer to koalas as 'koala bears'. They are actually marsupials and are closely related to the wombat and kangaroo.



Koalas have sharp claws which they use to help them climb trees. They have five digits on each front paw, with two of them acting like thumbs.

This helps them to hold firmly onto the branches and to grip their food. Their back paws are used as grooming paws.



A baby koala is called a 'joey'. Joeys live in their mother's pouch for around six months and will remain with them for another six months or so afterwards. An adult koala can eat about half a kilogram to one kilogram of leaves each night. Koalas are mostly nocturnal, which means they are awake at night and asleep during the day. Koalas sleep a lot during the day because they require a lot of energy to digest the toxic, low-nutrient diet that they eat. Sleeping is the best way to conserve their energy.

However, sleeping in the tops of tall eucalyptus trees all day isn't always safe. Koala population numbers, right across Australia, have been devastated due to the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires. Tens of thousands are estimated to have been lost in this tragedy, causing many wildlife conservation groups to call for koalas to be officially listed as an endangered species.



## Did you know...?

Koalas sleep for around 18-20 hours a day.

# Australian Animals Koala



What They Look Like

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Where They Live

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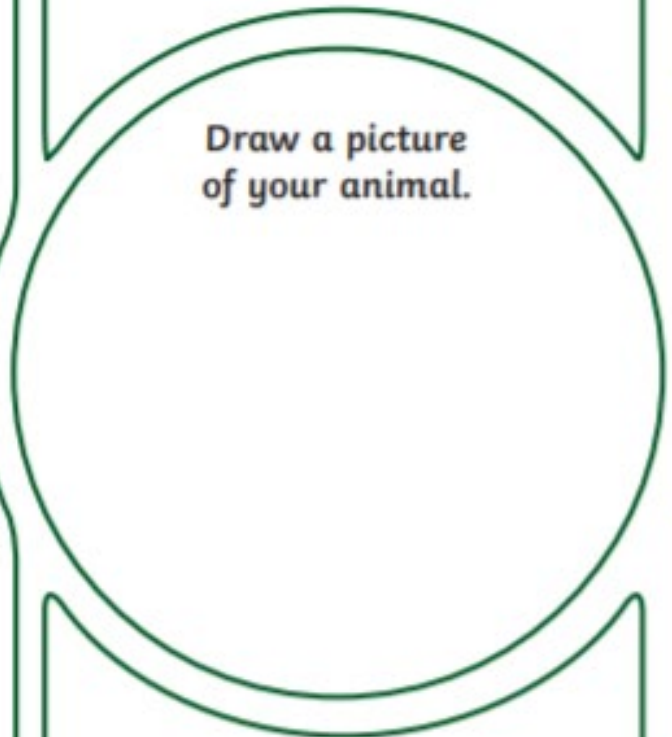
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Draw a picture  
of your animal.



What They Eat

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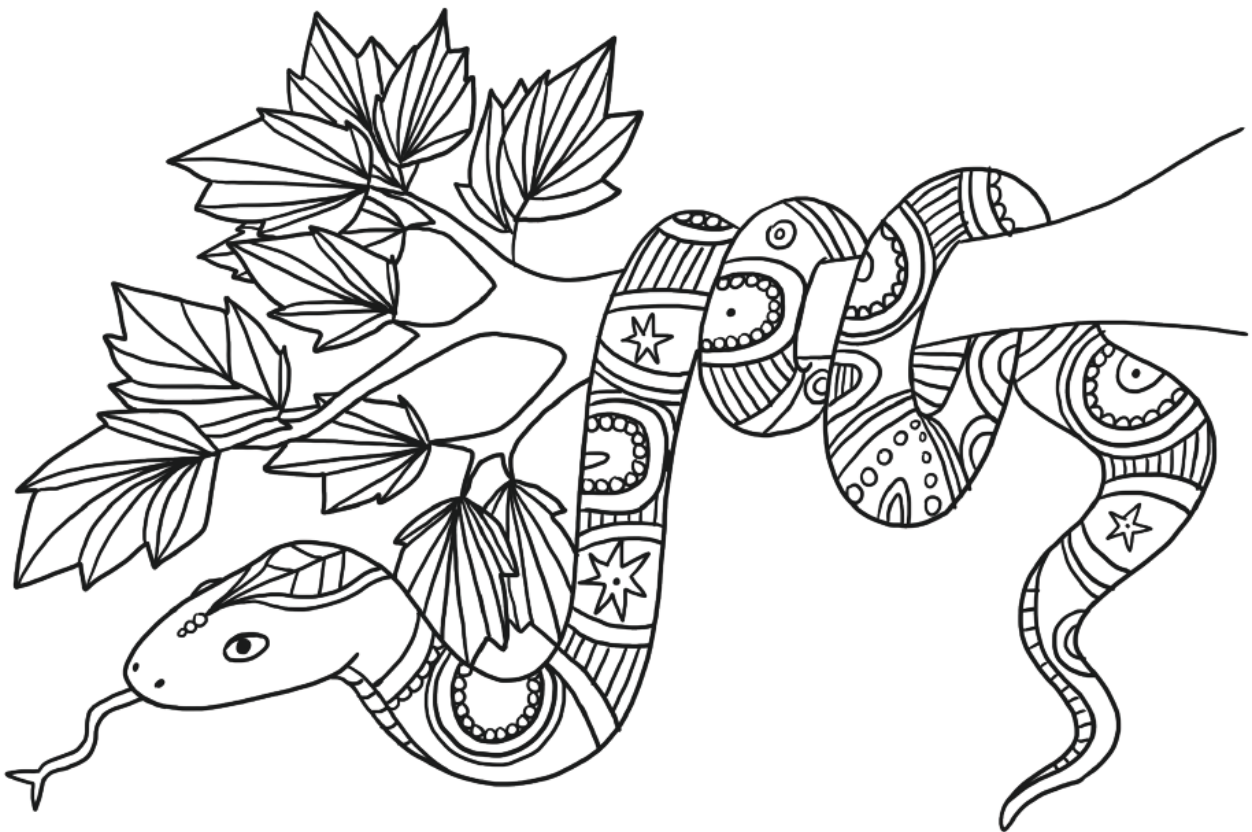
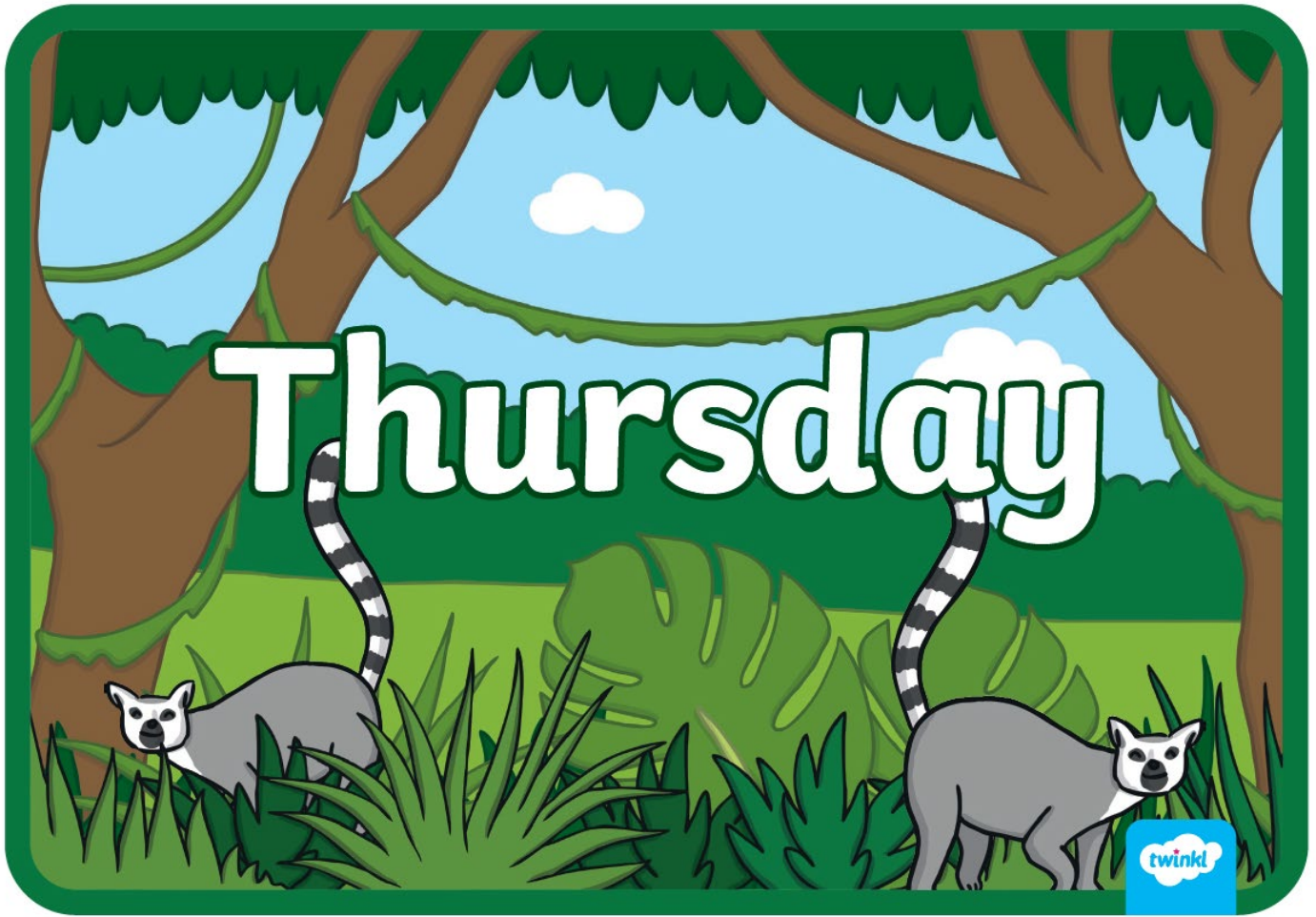
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Did You Know...?

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# Sharks

There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark, tiger shark, blue shark, bull shark and mako shark. Sharks have five to seven gill slits on the sides of their head.

## Where do they live?

Sharks can be found in every ocean in the world. Most sharks don't live in freshwater but some, like the river shark and the bull shark, can live in both freshwater and seawater. Most shark attacks happen in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.



Grey Reef Shark



School of Hammerhead Sharks

## Big Facts

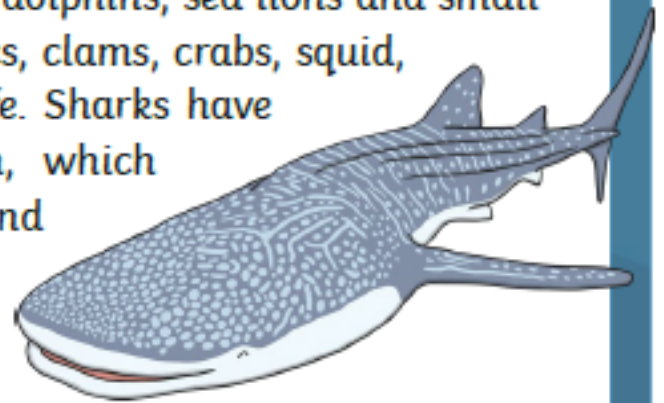
1. A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.
2. Sharks do not have any bones in their bodies! They have a skeleton of cartilage instead.
3. One of the smallest sharks is the dwarf lantern shark, which is usually only around 17cm in length.
4. The largest fish in the world is the whale shark, which can measure up to a massive 14 metres long!

## What do they eat?

Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever been involved in human attacks. Humans are actually very harmful to sharks as they illegally hunt them for their meat,

organs and skin. This has led to the great white shark becoming an endangered species.

A shark's feeding depends on its species and where it lives. Most sharks are meat eaters so they often like to eat fish and other sharks, and some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales. Smaller sharks eat molluscs, clams, crabs, squid, lobster and other small aquatic life. Sharks have many rows of replacement teeth, which grow on the inside of their jaws and move forward when needed - a bit like a conveyor belt!



### **What are they good at?**

A shark's sense of smell is so good that they can smell a single drop of blood in the water from 400 metres away. Their hearing is also amazing because they can hear fish moving from around 500 metres away! A baby shark is called a pup. Pups are born already able to take care of themselves. They have to swim away fast as some mothers try to eat their own pups and their own siblings can even attack them! Great white sharks can swim as fast as 18mph!

### **Amazing Fact!**

Most shark species would die if they stopped moving. As long as they keep swimming, water keeps moving over their gills, which keeps them alive.



# Questions about Sharks

1. How many different types of shark are there?

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2. Name six species of shark.

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3. How small is the smallest shark?

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4. Which countries have had the most shark attacks?

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5. Do all species of shark attack humans?

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6. Why have some humans hunted sharks and what has this led to?

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## Grammar and Punctuation

Find the three nouns in the sentence below.

Shabana carried her heavy bag full of books.



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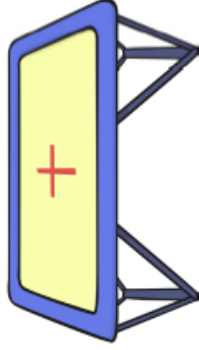
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## Grammar and Punctuation

Find the verbs in the sentences below.

Lottie jumped as high as she could on the trampoline.

Later she sat and drank a cool drink of water.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Which sentence is correct?

1. Ruby sat and read her book.
2. Ruby sits and read her book.
3. Ruby sat and reads her book.
4. Ruby sats and reads her book.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Which of these sentences are in the past tense and which are in the present tense?

1. Tom rode his bike.
2. Nazeem was swimming.
3. Daniel is running.



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Hint – A verb is a doing or action word.

# Minute 28

Verbs review



Name: ..... Date: .....

**Read the story and circle the 10 verbs.**

Mike's class went on a class excursion to the history museum last Friday. He saw a large display of dinosaurs and he drew one of the dinosaurs in his notebook. The teacher told the class to not run or play in the museum. After the museum tour, the class ate lunch at the park. After lunch, the class rode back to school on the bus. The next day, the students had to write a story about their trip and read it to the class.



# A Day in the Life of a Cat

## Amazing Fact

In 2013, a couple from Florida in the USA, lost their house-cat Holly while on holiday at Daytona Beach, 200 miles away. Two months after they returned home, Holly turned up at their house, thin and with sore paws but with her microchip still intact.

## Challenge

What do you think cats do during the day?

Maybe they do normal things like wash themselves and sit in the garden. Or maybe they do much more exciting things, when humans aren't looking...

Write about a day in the life of a cat.



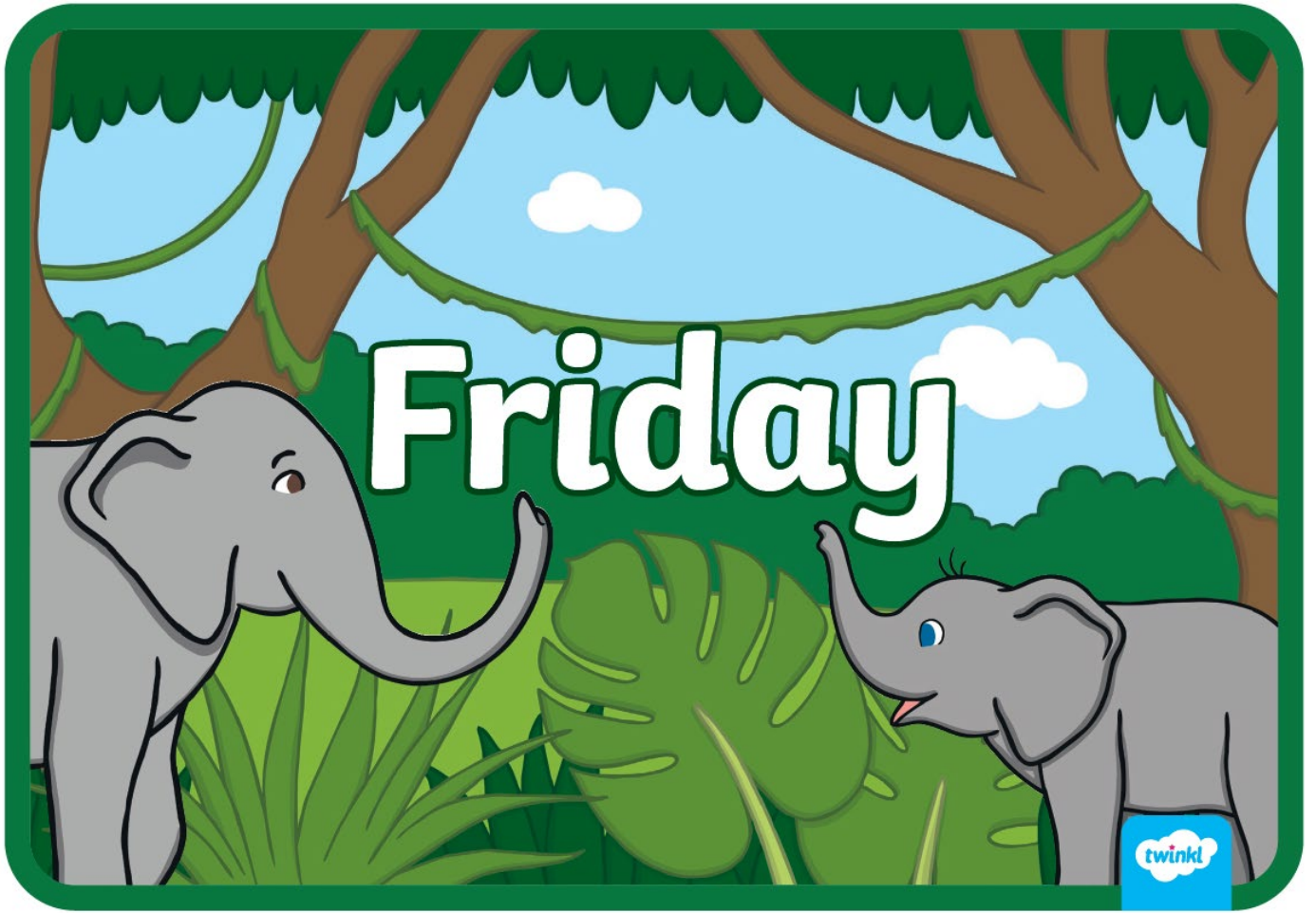
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# Tigers

## What Do Tigers Look Like?

Tigers are mammals. They are the biggest of the big cat family. Most tigers have orange fur with black stripes on their body. Some tigers have black or white fur with light brown stripes. The stripes help to camouflage the tigers when they are hunting for their prey. The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like human fingerprints.

They have long legs to help them run fast and sharp claws to catch and kill their food. They also have a very long tail.



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## Did You Know...?

Unlike other cats, tigers love water and are fantastic swimmers.

## Where Do Tigers Live?

Tigers that live in the wild live in Asia. Some live in the cold parts of the north, others live in the south where it is hotter. Tigers live in different types of forests. They like to live and hunt on their own and mark their territory by scratching marks on trees with their powerful claws.

Sadly, tiger habitats are being destroyed and people hunt them for their fur. This means tigers are now endangered. Most are living in captivity, in places like a zoo or wildlife sanctuaries, to protect them.



## What Do Tigers Eat?

Tigers are carnivorous (they only eat meat). They like to hunt for food at night. They silently stalk their prey and then pounce, biting it with their strong, sharp teeth. Tigers eat pigs, rhinos, deer, cows and horses, as well as other smaller animals.



# Questions

1. What do tigers have on their fur?

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2. Complete the sentence:

The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like human \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Where do tigers that live in the wild live? Tick one.

- Africa
- America
- Asia

4. What do tigers like to do that other big cats do not? Tick one.

- sun bathe
- swim
- sleep

5. What do tigers eat? Write down two examples.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

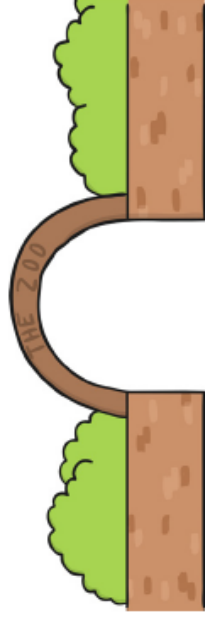
6. Why are most tigers living in captivity?

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## Grammar and Punctuation

Why do the underlined words start with a capital letter?

Mr Burton and his family visited Albert's Zoo on Sunday afternoon.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

In this sentence, how would you use the words I am as one word with an apostrophe?

\_\_\_\_\_ going to paint my model soon.



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Tarique wanted to buy a bike for his sister Abir. He asked his dad if she would like a pink one.

Reorder the words below to form a question. Where would you add punctuation?

we pink Dad can bike buy a for Abir



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## Grammar and Punctuation

Say these verbs in the past tense.

One has been done for you.

1. My family visited the water park. visits
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for a walk. take
3. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ the rugby match. watches

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Hint— An adjective is a describing word.

# Minute 30

Adjectives review



Name: ..... Date: .....

**For Questions 1–4, use an adjective from the box to complete each sentence.**

red

fresh

fastest

smart

1. Sherry and Mandy are ..... students.
2. Angela is the ..... runner on her team.
3. The shiny ..... car had a flat tyre.
4. The mouse found a ..... piece of cheese.

**For Questions 5–7, circle the adjective in each sentence.**

5. The yellow roses grow in the spring.
6. Tonya put roses in her prettiest vase.
7. The roses made a beautiful gift for her mother.

**For Questions 8–10, circle the correct adjective in each sentence.**

8. Apples are (healthy, healthier, healthiest) than sweets.
9. Regina's poem was the (good, better, best) one of all.
10. A watermelon is much (long, longer, longest) than a banana.