

Plattsburg Public School

Learning from Home

Week 5

2/3B - Group 1

LITERACY



Choose 10 spelling words for this week.

Weekly Spelling Sheet Year 2 Term 3 week 9



Focus: Silent h (rhyme, honest, hour)

Say the word, write the word	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Red Spelling Words				
chaos				
anchor				
chorus				
chemical				
white				
while				
Orange Spelling Words				
character				
christmas				
ghost				
exhaust				
mechanic				
scheme				

Choose 5 spelling words and write each one in a sentence.

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

Monday

B O O K S

aren't just made of words...



...they're
also filled
with places
to visit and
people to meet.

Harold's Worst Nightmare

Harold was the luckiest cat in the world. His life was perfect.

Harold loved play time.



Harold loved nap time.



Harold loved dinner time.



Harold loved snuggle time.



One day, the humans brought home a box. Harold loved boxes. But as Harold got closer, something strange happened. The box made a noise.

The humans opened the box and inside was the most awful thing Harold had ever seen. Another cat. A tiny kitten. Harold's worst nightmare!



Muffin ruined play time.



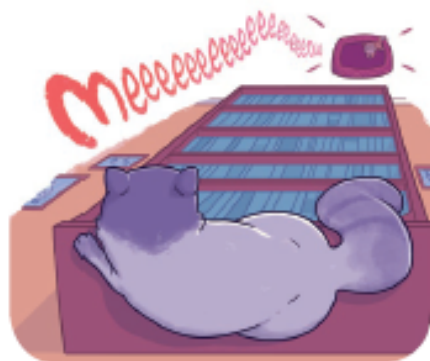
Muffin ruined nap time.



Muffin ruined dinner time.



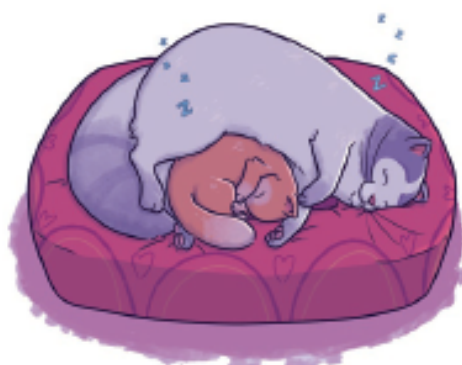
Muffin ruined snuggle time.



When night came, the humans put Muffin to bed. Finally, Harold could be by himself. He found a spot that Muffin couldn't reach. But Harold couldn't sleep. He could hear a very sad, very small noise.

Harold looked down at Muffin. She looked so tiny and lonely. Suddenly, Harold remembered being that little and feeling scared. He crept down from his hiding place.

Harold snuggled up next to Muffin. Soon, they both fell asleep.





The next day, Harold taught Muffin how to play nicely, how to nap properly and how to eat politely. In the afternoon, Harold and Muffin both found the perfect spot for snuggle time.

Maybe having Muffin around wouldn't be so bad after all.



Questions

1. How is Harold described at the beginning of the story? **Tick one.**

- the silliest cat in the world
- the luckiest cat in the world
- the naughtiest cat in the world

2. Why do you think Harold's life is described as 'perfect'?

3. Find and copy a **verb** that means the same as 'liked very much'.

4. Draw **three** lines to match each word to its meaning.

ruined •	• a feeling of sadness because you are on your own
politely •	• damaged or harmed
lonely •	• do something in a respectful way

5. Do you think Harold's feelings towards Muffin have changed by the end of the story?

6. How do you think Harold should have behaved when he first met Muffin?

Proofreading Practice

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A Windy Walk

it was cold and windy as teh twins walked to school. julie had forgotten to put on her beanie before she and her brother lsft home. "Why are your ears red Julie " asked her brother ben Julie replied "because they're super cold Ben!" then shhe shivered as the wind howled, blowing leaves all around them.



Choose two sentences that have mistakes and write them correctly.

1. _____

2. _____

Extra Challenge

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Commonly Confused Words

Where, Wear, Were, We're

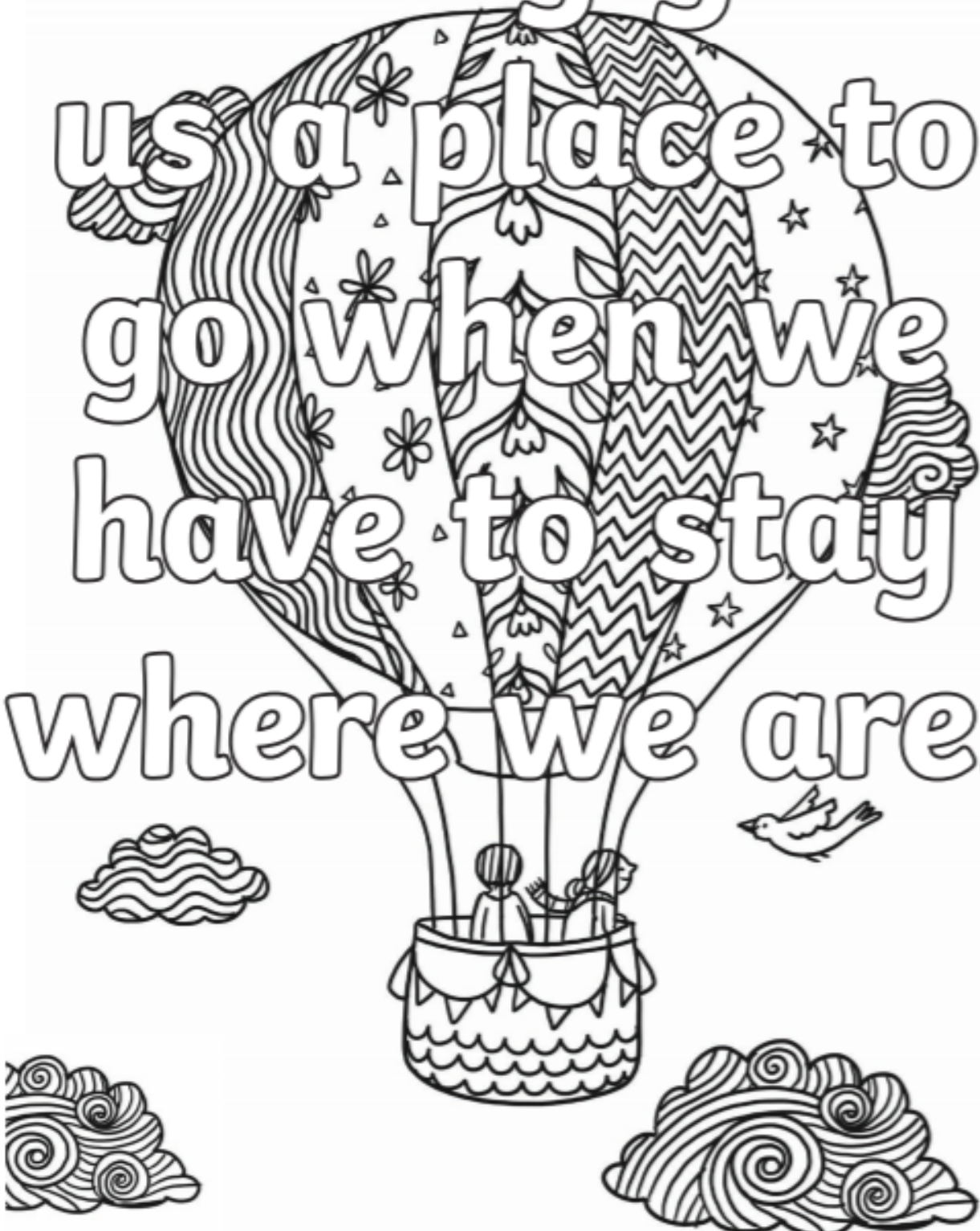
Complete these sentences using the correct words. The first **four** have been done for you.

1. **Where** are you going?
2. Do you know what **we're** doing today?
3. Please can I **wear** your coat?
4. We **were** going to go swimming but it was closed.
5. That is _____ I used to live.
6. The children _____ very tired after their day out.
7. I like to _____ red.
8. Hurry up, _____ going to be late.
9. We _____ freezing cold.
10. She will always _____ her hair in pigtails.
11. _____ very excited.
12. Do you know _____ I can find the dinner hall?
13. I am going to _____ my new shoes.
14. The children _____ very well behaved on the school trip.
15. I wonder _____ this path will take us.
16. _____ leaving in ten minutes.



Tuesday

Reading gives
us a place to
go when we
have to stay
where we are.



Earthquakes

The Earth's Crust

The Earth has four layers. The three inner layers are called the mantle, inner core, and outer core. The outer layer is called the crust. It is very thin compared to the inner layers of the Earth. All land is part of the crust. The crust is not one solid piece. It is many pieces called plates that fit together like a puzzle. The edges of these plates are called faults. The plates are always moving, but they move very slowly so we can't feel the movement. Most of the time, they move together smoothly. Sometimes, the edges of the plates get stuck against each other. When they finally break free, the shift quickly releases a lot of energy. The energy spreads out through the plates resulting in an earthquake.

When the Earth Moves

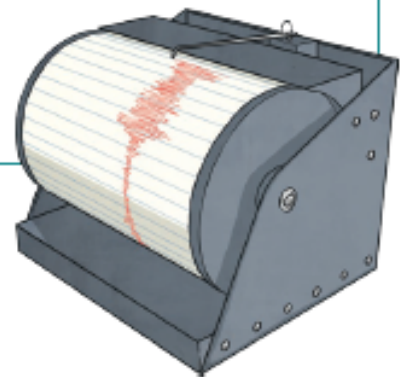
Earthquakes happen all the time! Millions of earthquakes happen each year. Most of them are so small or so far below the surface of the Earth that we don't even notice them. Once in a while, they are so strong they can be felt for miles. Strong earthquakes can cause a lot of different problems like floods or landslides. No one can predict when an earthquake will occur, but scientists are always testing new ideas and learning more about them.

Earthquake Safety

You can work with your family to create an earthquake plan. You can secure your home by bolting heavy items to the walls or floor. If you experience an earthquake, you should drop to the ground, take cover, and hold on when the Earth moves. Finally, build a safety kit with your family. Your safety kit should include plenty of water, flashlights, and emergency whistles.

Interesting Facts

- Scientists measure earthquakes in "magnitude." Magnitude means the amount of energy released by the quake.
- A seismograph is a piece of equipment that records the size of earthquakes.
- Florida and North Dakota have the fewest number of earthquakes in the United States.
- Some people believe animals can sense when an earthquake is coming. Many reports show animals leave their homes and flee just before an earthquake.



Questions

1. Which states have the least number of earthquakes?

- California and Oregon
- Florida and California
- Florida and North Dakota
- North Dakota and Texas

2. How many layers does the Earth have?

- one
- two
- three
- four

3. In which layer do earthquakes occur?

- crust
- mantle
- inner core
- outer core

4. About how many earthquakes occur each year?

- hundreds
- thousands
- millions
- billions

5. What tool do scientists use to measure earthquakes?

6. How could animals sensing an earthquake help people?

Add so or but to complete the sentence.

'But' and 'So' Conjunctions

1. My favourite TV show is on_____I'm too tired to watch it.
2. I am tired_____I will go to bed.
3. We were going to go to the park today_____it rained.
4. It rained_____we stayed inside.
5. The vase smashed_____now we have to buy a new one.
6. I dropped the vase_____it didn't smash.
7. I ordered a burger_____it was burnt.
8. My burger was burnt_____I sent it back.
9. My friend was upset_____I gave her a hug.
10. I gave my friend a hug_____she was still upset.
11. I love playing football_____I don't like playing hockey.
12. I love playing football_____I decided to join a team.
13. My favourite food is cake_____I know it isn't very good for me.
14. I want to be healthy_____I eat lots of fruit and vegetables.
15. Goldilocks was hungry_____she decided to eat some porridge.
16. Goldilocks tried the porridge_____it was too salty.

Write a sentence to go with each picture.

juicy, pink, fast, delicious, Ferrari, white, dogs, wood, snowflake, poodle











Text Two

All around Gerry there was chatting and laughing. There was music adding to the noise and beautiful smells kept wafting past him. Staff in white shirts and black trousers or skirts were zooming around, looking very busy and important. He looked at his menu and tried to make a decision. Across the table from him, Joyce had a puzzled look on her face. It was clear she was having the same problem he was.

1. Where are Gerry and Joyce?

- a) a restaurant
- b) a cinema
- c) a shopping centre



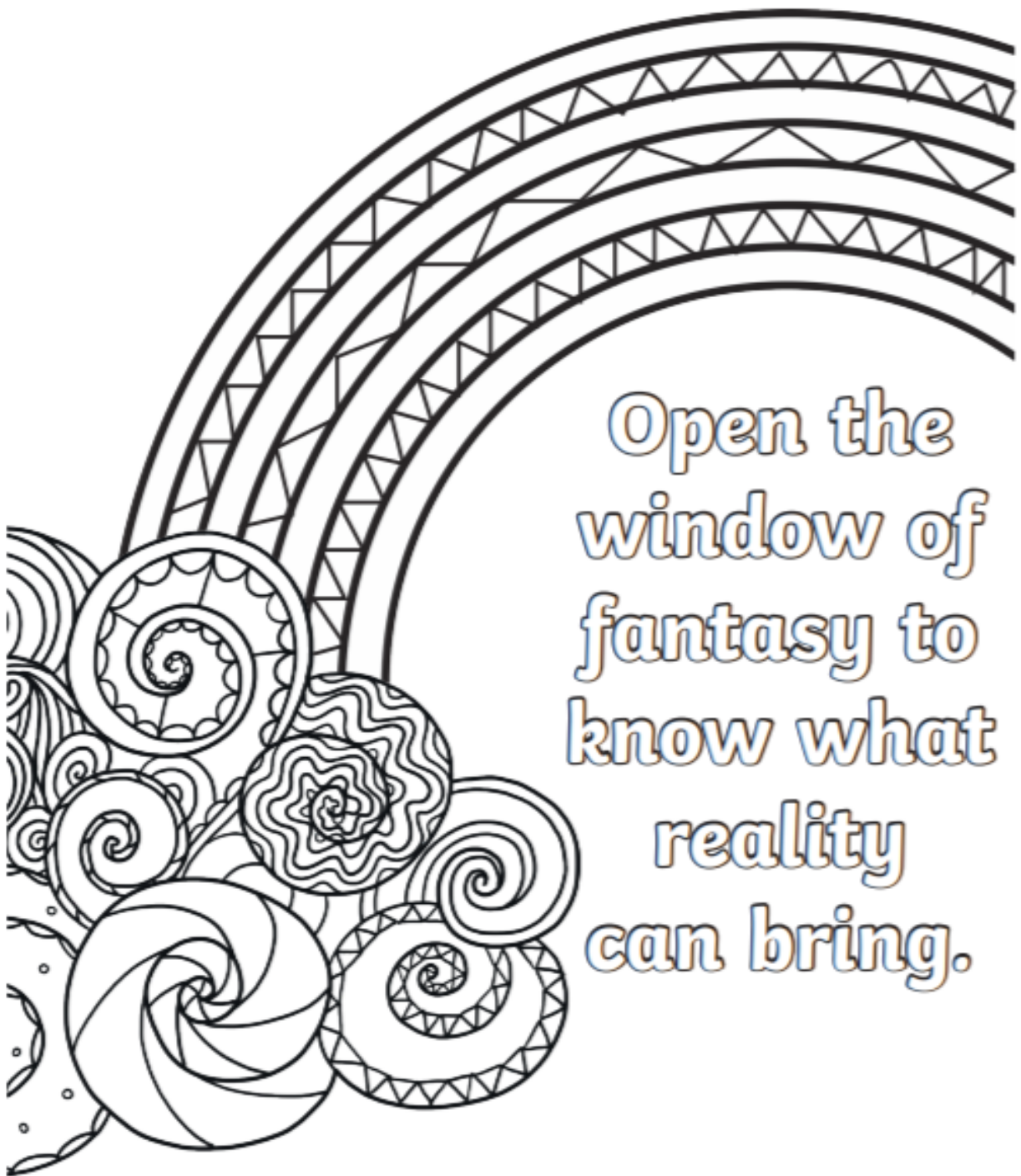
What were the clues in the text?

2. Do you think this was a popular place?

- a) no
- b) yes
- c) can't tell

What were the clues in the text?

Wednesday



Open the
window of
fantasy to
know what
reality
can bring.

- Raul D. Arellano

Pocahontas

Pocahontas was a famous Native American. She was the daughter of the powerful Chief Powhatan. Many books, movies, and television shows have been made about her, but her life story often is not told accurately. Many things people think about her are actually untrue.

Pocahontas had several names. Pocahontas was a nickname meaning, 'mischievous one.' She was probably born around 1595. People say she was her father's favorite daughter. She would have grown up learning traditional women's jobs. Pocahontas would have learned to build houses, farm, cook, and gather firewood. She also would have made pots, mats, and baskets. She was trained to find edible plants for spices, food, and medicine. Girls were expected to do these jobs by the time they turned thirteen. Not much is known about Pocahontas's life because she could not write, so there are no primary sources.

Pocahontas is famous for saving John Smith's life. Smith was an English explorer who came to America in 1607 with the first English colonists to settle in Jamestown, Virginia. He was captured by Chief Powhatan's people while on an expedition.

It is claimed that Pocahontas hurried to protect him as he was about to be killed by her father's men. Saving John Smith's life began a short friendship between the two groups. Pocahontas is also well-known for helping the Jamestown Colony. She shared food and information

with the settlers to keep them healthy and safe. The tribe also traded corn and beads with the English.



Pocahontas and her father were very close. The chief loved Pocahontas so much that the English decided to kidnap Pocahontas. They wanted to make deals with the Powhatan's people and thought she could help. Chief Powhatan could not trade everything the English wanted so they did not let Pocahontas return home. The friendship between the chief and the settlers soon ended.

Pocahontas

While living with the English, Pocahontas was taught Christian teachings. She was baptized and renamed 'Rebecca.' Pocahontas married a tobacco farmer named John Rolfe. When Pocahontas was about twenty-one, she became ill and died. No one knows what kind of sickness she had. Pocahontas had hoped for peace and goodwill between her people and the settlers. Unfortunately, after her death, this did not happen.



Questions

1. Which of the following is not true?

- Pocahontas means "mischievous one."
- Pocahontas and her father had a bad relationship.
- Pocahontas married John Rolfe.
- Pocahontas was kidnapped.

2. Which of the following is true?

- Pocahontas is a nickname.
- Pocahontas changed her name to Mary.
- Pocahontas did not want to help or support the settlers.
- Pocahontas married John Smith.

3. Which of the following is not true?

- Pocahontas was the daughter of a great chief.
- Pocahontas probably knew how to build houses and chop firewood.
- Pocahontas helped build positive relationships between her people and settlers.
- Pocahontas had a famous pet raccoon.

4. Pocahontas is famous for what action?

- Pocahontas helped the English settlers.
- Pocahontas helped her tribe capture settlers.
- Pocahontas was helpful at the first Thanksgiving.
- Pocahontas brought peace between her tribe and the settlers.

5. What kind of chores did Pocahontas have to do? How do they compare to the chores you have to do?

6. Explain why the English thought it would be a good idea to kidnap Pocahontas.

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Going to the Circus

Today we are goin to the circus. I am so excited to see the tightrope walkers and trapeze artists! i bet it would be scary being uup so high Mi brother just wants to see teh elephants. they're his favourite animal Have you ever been to the circus What would yuo most like to see?



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Dingo

A dingo is a wild dog. It is native to Australia. It is believed to have been introduced to Australia over 4,000 years ago and it is related to the Grey Wolf of Asia.

Because it is more like a wolf than a dog, dingoes don't bark, they howl.



Dingoes live in groups called packs. They prefer to live in woodland and grassland areas, but can live in a wide range of habitats as long as long as they can find water.

Dingoes are carnivores, meaning they only eat meat. They will eat rabbits, wombats, wallabies and kangaroos. They hunt mainly at night.

Dingoes can be seen as pests, mainly by farmers, as they can attack and eat domestic animals, like cats, dogs and farm livestock.

The dingo is listed as 'vulnerable', meaning that it is under threat. This is due to its habitat being destroyed and also interbreeding with domestic dogs.

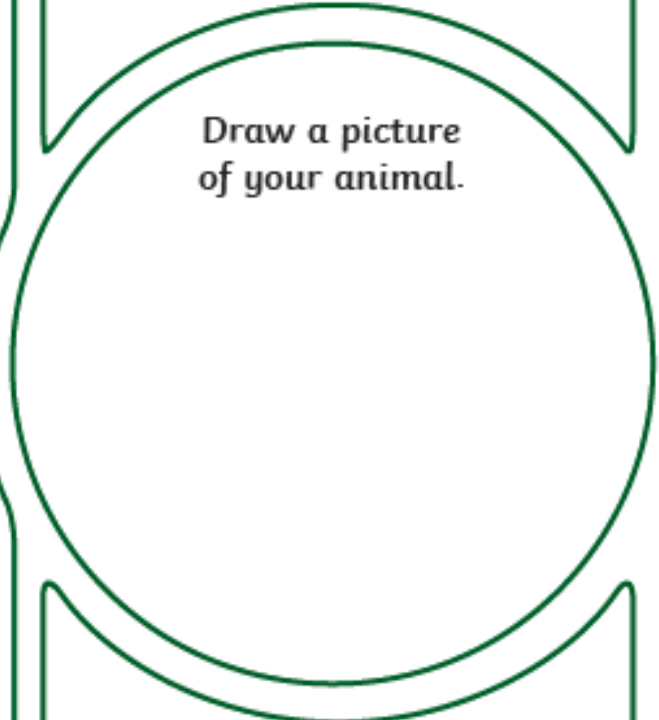
Australian Animals Dingo



What They Look Like

Where They Live

Draw a picture
of your animal.



What They Eat

Did You Know...?

Thursday

"How do you spell
'love'?" - Piglet



"You don't spell it,
you feel it." - Pooh

Octopuses

There are about 300 species of octopuses and they can be found in every ocean of the world. All species are venomous but the blue-ringed octopus is the only one that is deadly to humans.

Quick Facts

- Their name comes from the Greek word 'októpous' meaning 'eight foot.'
- Their 8 'legs' are actually arms.
- The wolfe octopus weighs less than a single paperclip!



The blue-ringed octopus

Appearance

Most octopuses are **invertebrates**. The only hard part of them is a sharp, parrot-like beak, which is found underneath them where their arms join. Being boneless allows them to squeeze into the tiny gaps in coral reefs where many octopuses make their home. Others live in caves on the ocean floor, while some build themselves dens from rocks.

Did You Know...?

Octopuses have nine brains. One central brain in their head and eight smaller brains in each arm.

Tricks up Their (Eight) Sleeves

Octopus predators include sharks, eels and dolphins and they use a range of tricks to protect themselves against them:

- Octopuses can change colour in an instant. They use this to camouflage themselves and hide.
- They can also change the texture of their skin to blend in even more.
- They shoot a dark liquid called 'ink' that creates a black 'cloud' giving the octopus time to escape.
- They can swim at speeds of up to 25mph using a **siphon**.
- Their arms grow back so if they're caught, they can lose one of their arms.

Diet

Octopuses eat clams, shrimp, lobsters and some eat birds or sharks. They usually sneak up on their prey and drop down on them, quickly grabbing them with their arms and pulling them to their venomous mouth. Their sharp beak can pierce hard shells on crabs and shrimp so they can suck out the creature inside.



An octopus camouflaging itself in corals.

Fun Facts

- Octopuses have three hearts. One pumps blood through its organs while the other two pump blood through its gills.
- Some octopuses use shells to hide or hunt.
- They have blue blood and their central brain is shaped like a doughnut.

Glossary

Invertebrates – A creature without a backbone.

Siphon – A muscular tube in their body which they push water out from. This propels them through the water.



Questions

1. Where can octopuses be found? Tick one.

- Pacific Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- All of the oceans
- Atlantic Ocean

2. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'a creature without a backbone'.

3. Draw **three** lines to complete each sentence.

Being boneless allows them
to squeeze...

while some build themselves
dens from rocks.

Other octopuses live in caves
on the ocean floor...

into tiny gaps in coral reefs.

The only hard part of them
is a sharp parrot-like beak,...

which is found underneath
them where their arms join.

4. Number the events from **1-4** to show the order they happen in when an octopus hunts a crab.

- They suck out the creature inside.
- They pierce the shell with their sharp, venomous beak.
- They sneak up on their prey and drop down on them from above.
- They grab the crab with their arms.

5. What is not a tool octopuses use to protect themselves against predators? Tick one.

- squirting ink
- changing the colour of their skin
- losing an arm
- screeching at a predator

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Aussie Animals

There are so meny amazing and unique Australian animals. Have you ever seen a platypus They look liike a strange mix of a beaver nd a duck! another funny looking Aussie animal is teh echidna They're covered in spikes and hav a long pointy nose for sticking into ant nests. what is your favourite Australian animal



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2. _____

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A Sentence a Day Writing Sheets

Write a sentence to go with each picture.

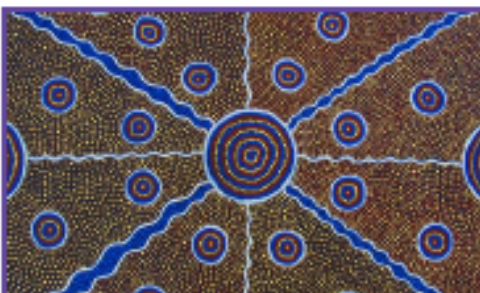
beautiful, bubbles, twinkling, night, alone, rainbow, Aboriginal, swimming











Text Three

"Yeeeeesssss! Gooooaalll!" screamed Alfie as he jumped up and down celebrating. All around him supporters were doing the same thing and the noise was deafening. Alfie whirled his scarf around his head. The players kicked the ball back and forth between them.

Minutes later, Alfie was sitting with his head in his hands and the ball was back on its way to the centre spot to restart. The disappointment on Alfie's side of the ground was very clear. The supporters were silent.

1. What is Alfie watching?

- a) a basketball game
- b) a hockey game
- c) a football match



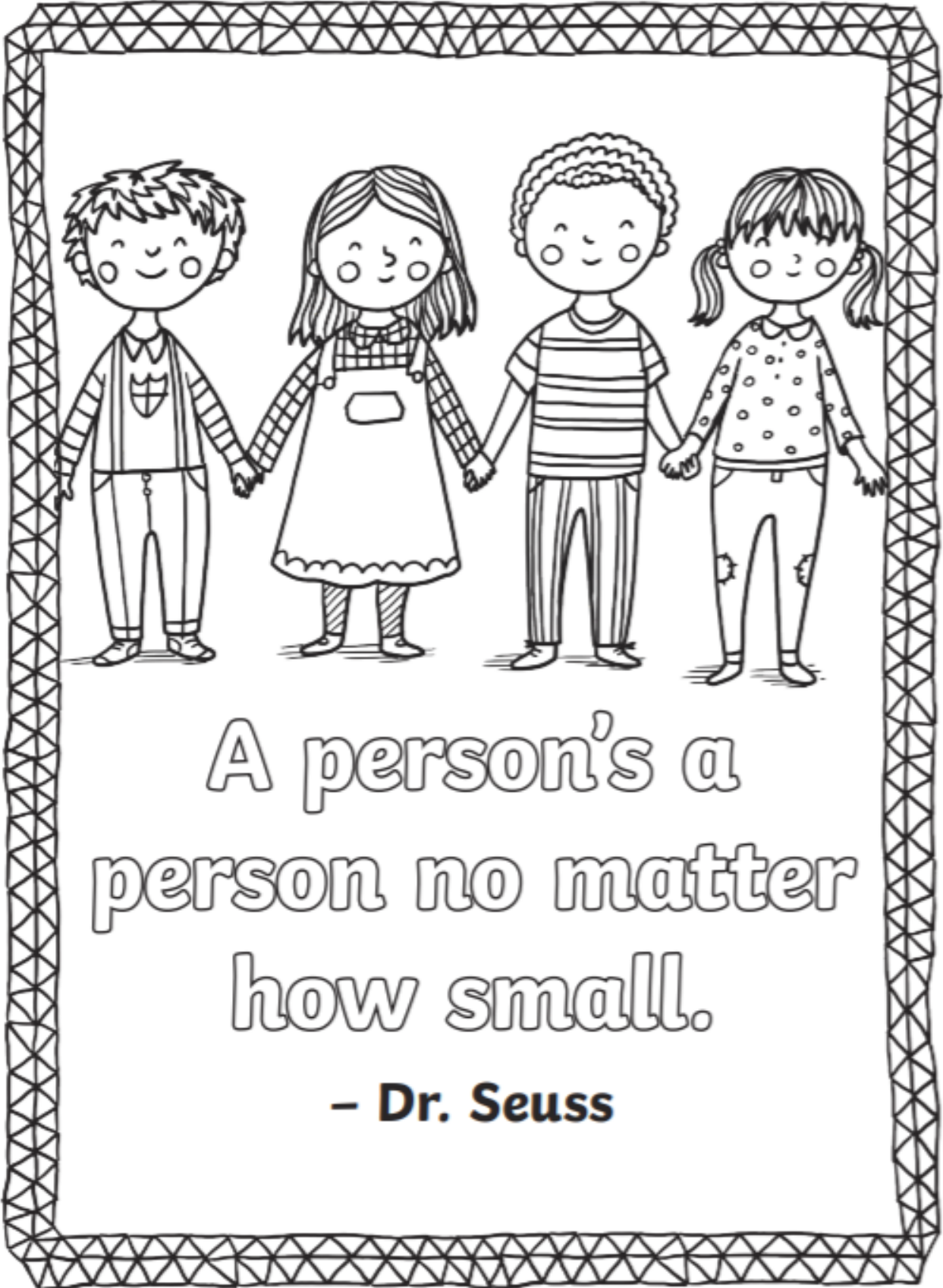
What were the clues in the text?

2. What do you think happens that makes Alfie feel disappointed?

- a) his team scored again
- b) someone was sent off
- c) the other team scored

What were the clues in the text?

Friday



A person's a
person no matter
how small.

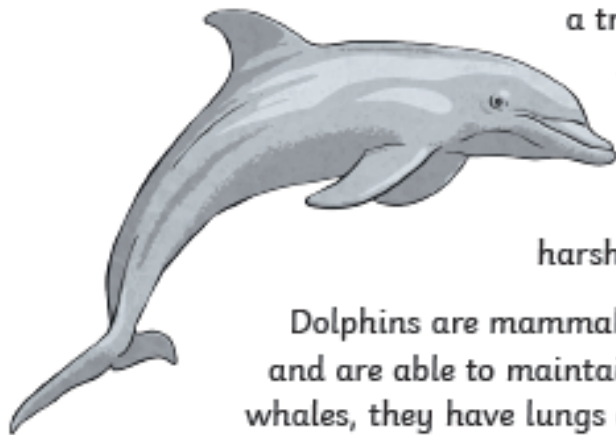
– Dr. Seuss

Dolphins

What Do Dolphins Look Like?

A dolphin is a marine animal that is part of the whale family.

Dolphins have smooth, rubbery skin and are usually a mixture of black, white and grey in colour. They have two fins on their sides, a triangular fin on their back and a tail.

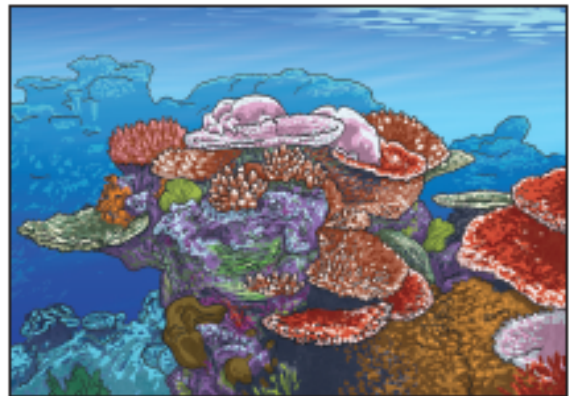


A dolphin's tail is horizontal unlike fish. Like other whales, they have an insulating layer of fat under the skin called blubber to protect them in the harsh cold of the freezing seas.

Dolphins are mammals, not fish, so they are warm-blooded and are able to maintain their body temperature. Like other whales, they have lungs and breathe through a single nostril called the blowhole which is located on the top of their head.

Where Do Dolphins Live?

Dolphins live in the world's seas, oceans and rivers. They like to be with other dolphins, living together in groups called pods. In the wild, bottlenose dolphin pods are formed based on age, sex and family relationships. This could be mothers and their newborns or most recent offspring, a mix of male and female young dolphins and adult males either alone or in pairs.



Dusky dolphins, commonly found off the coast of New Zealand, have been known to create superpods of over a thousand dolphins, due to being so well fed.

Some dolphin pods like to live in coastal areas while others choose to live in shallow waters away from the coast or further out to sea.

Hunting Behaviour

Bottlenose dolphins are unique hunters - they hunt their prey by swimming around fish in large circles while beating their tails down hard to stir up the shallow silt (sea floor), making the water murky. The lead dolphin continues to do this, making the circle smaller and smaller, eventually trapping the fish like in a net. As the fish leap out of the circle to escape, the other dolphins catch them in their mouths.



A bottlenose dolphin can jump out of the water as high as 4.9 metres from the surface and can flip over onto their back, belly or side. This is known as breaching. They breach for many reasons, including to let other dolphins know there is food nearby.



Dolphins Questions

1. What family does the dolphin belong to? Tick one.

- seal
- otter
- whale
- shark

2. Find and copy one word that means keeping warm.

3. Draw **four** lines to complete each sentence.

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4. Number the events from **1-5** to show the order in which they occur in the **Hunting Behaviour** section. The first one has been done for you.

	They beat their tail down hard to stir up the shallow silt.
	Other dolphins catch the fish in their mouth.
1	Bottlenose dolphins hunt their prey by swimming around fish in large circles.
	The water changes to become murky.
	The bottlenose dolphin makes the circle smaller and smaller to trap the fish like in a net.

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Beach Day

sam packed hiis towel, hat, a bucket and spade into a yellow backpack He is already wearing his bathers, they ar blue with little red crabs all over them. Mum is helping to rub the sunscreen in on Sam's back. sunscreen is verry important because today iz beach day. Sam can hardly wait to play in the sand and go swimming. do yu like going to the beach



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Wombat

Wombats are native only to Australia. They are mammals and marsupials. Wombats are small and look like a cross between a bear, a pig and a gopher.



Their bodies are built for digging, with short legs, a compact head, short broad feet and strong claws. There are three kinds of wombats, the bare-nosed wombat and two kinds of hairy-nosed wombat. Hairy-nosed wombats are nocturnal grazers, which means they hunt for their food at night.



Wombats mainly eat grass and roots. They live in burrows up to 30 metres long. The burrows are made mainly from roots of fallen trees, soil, leaves and rocks.

They are extremely strong and excellent diggers. Wombats can be many different colours, from light brown to black or grey. The average wombat is about 1 metre long and weighs about 25kg. Wombats are generally solitary, which means they are unsociable and like to be alone.

Did you know...?

A wombat's pouch is backwards and their poo is cube-shaped.



Australian Animals Wombat



What They Look Like

Where They Live

Draw a picture
of your animal.

What They Eat

Did You Know...?
