

# Rudyard Kipling's

Famous Folk Tales

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
Grade



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# HOW THE WHALE GOT HIS THROAT

by Rudyard Kipling

Once upon a time there was a giant Whale who lived deep in the sea. He was always hungry, and more than anything he loved to eat fish of all different kinds: mackerel, salmon, tuna, crab, octopus, squid, eel and more. He ate and ate, until there was only one fish left in the whole sea!

Luckily, the Last Fish in the sea was a clever one. Before the hungry Whale could chase him, the Last Fish took a bow and asked, "Oh, mighty Whale, have you ever tasted man?"

"No," said the Whale, who was a bit confused, "What is it like?"

"Oh, it's delicious," said the clever Last Fish, "And it will really fill you up. I saw one just the other day sitting on a raft in the middle of the sea. He is a shipwrecked sailor. Go and find him!"

So the Whale swam and swam, until he came upon a raggedy sailor, alone on a wooden raft. The hungry Whale crept up, opened his mouth wide and swallowed the sailor, raft and all. But it was not as the clever Last Fish had said—this man was not delicious at all! He kicked and danced, pranced and punched at the inside of the Whale's belly.

Annoyed, the Whale swam around trying to find that clever Last Fish, but he'd already made his escape. "This man is making me hiccup," the Whale said to himself, "What should I do?" Suddenly, from inside his belly the Whale heard a man's yell: "Take me home, to Albion, or I'll kick as hard as ever!"

The poor, hiccupping Whale had no choice but to swim the man home. After he escaped, the man lived happily ever after. And so did the Whale, but he had forgotten about the raft that was lodged in his throat. It was like a permanent sift! From then on, it prevented the Whale from eating anything except tiny fish.

And that was how the Whale got his throat.

## Activities

Draw a line from the word to its meaning.

- |              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. clever    | Without understanding; mixed up |
| 2. confused  | Having a good taste or smell    |
| 3. delicious | Torn or worn-out                |
| 4. raggedy   | Smart or bright                 |

Write the best word in the blank to complete the sentence.

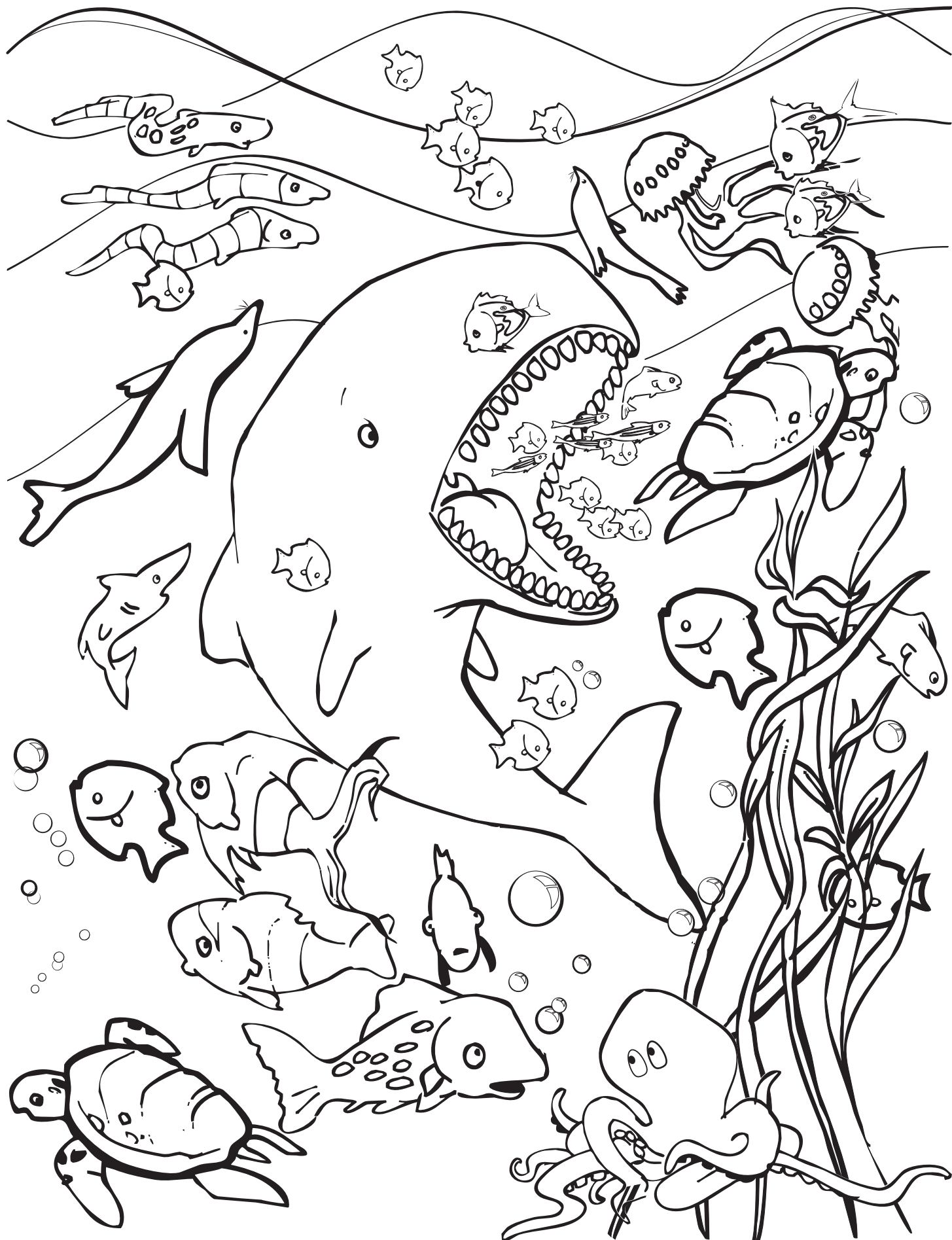
clever, confused, delicious, raggedy

1. My mother cooked my favorite dinner and it was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The scarecrow had \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ policeman solved the crime.
4. John was \_\_\_\_\_ and got lost on the way home.

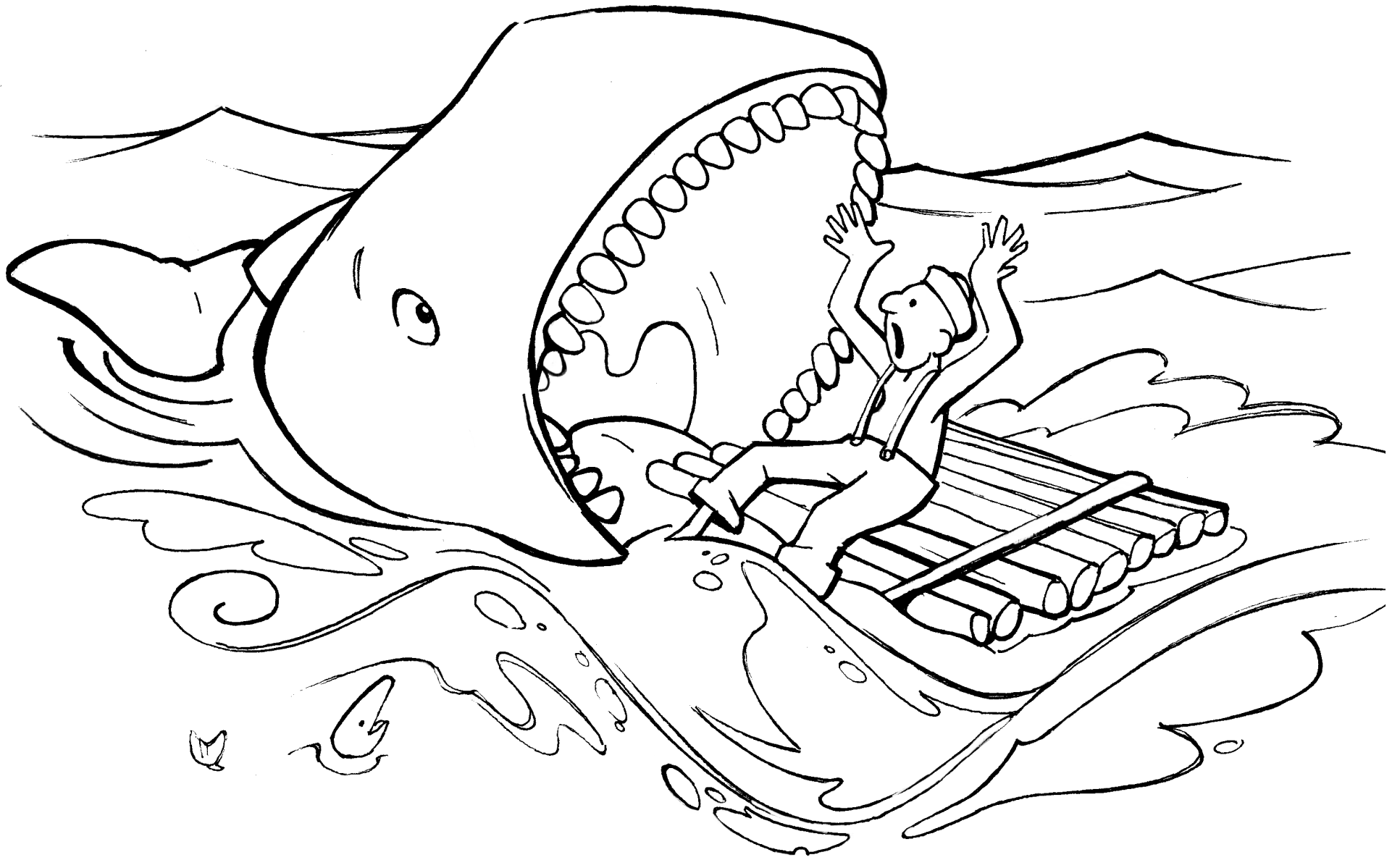
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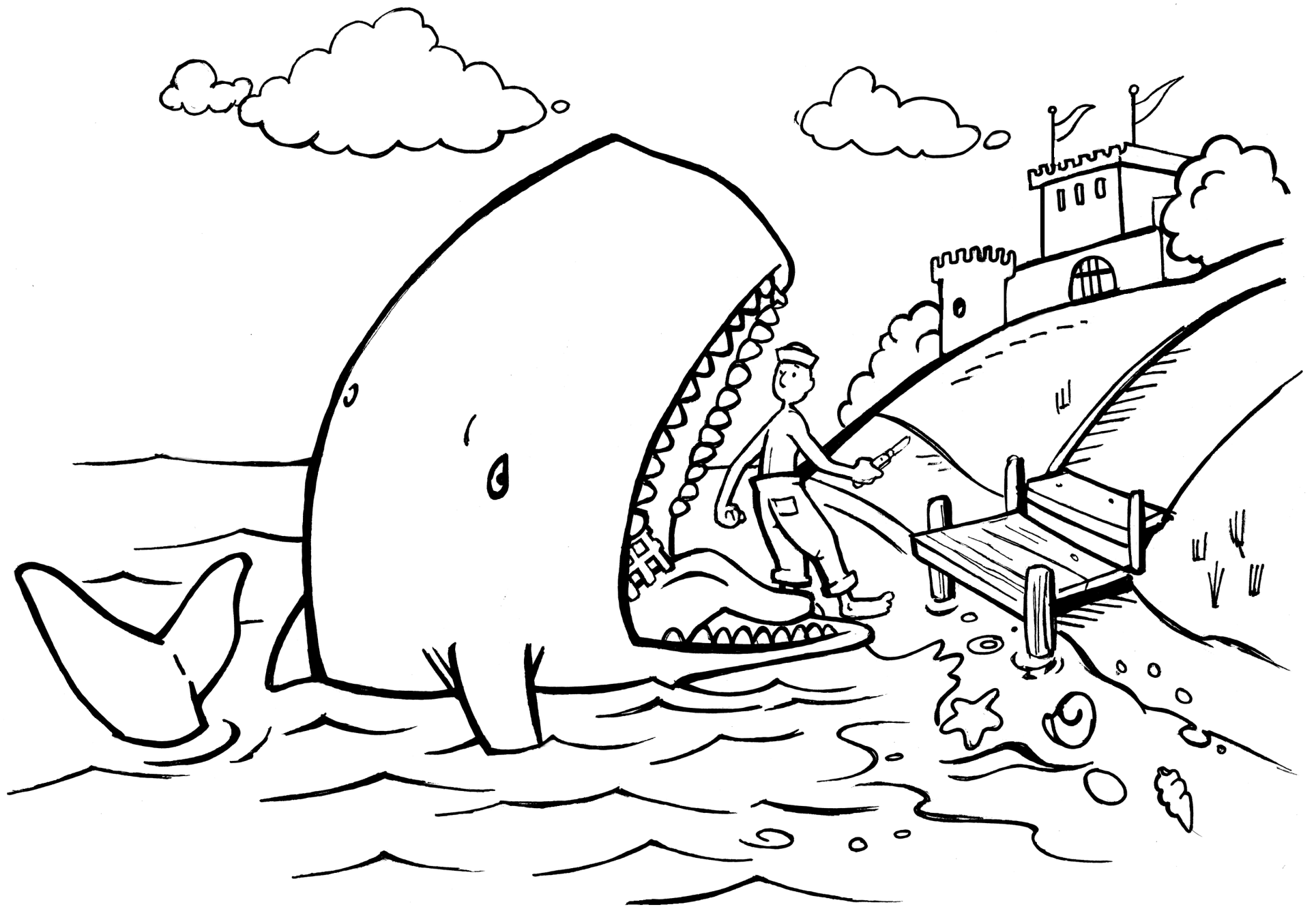
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T I I S D L K C E R Y K U H D  
Y G D G A X N H U N Y D J W M  
B G O Q F F O A Z P D D N E U

WORD LIST  
Albion  
Annoyed  
Clever  
Confused  
Delicious  
Escaped  
Hiccup  
Prevented  
Raggedy  
Whale









# How The Camel Got His Hump

By Rudyard Kipling

Once upon a time there was a stubborn Camel, who lived alone in the desert, eating sticks and twigs and prickly cactus. Many other animals were working for Man, and one day they tried to get the Camel to follow them. But all he ever said was “Humph.”

“Stubborn Camel,” said the Dog with a stick in his mouth, “Come and fetch like the rest of us.”

“Humph,” said the Camel. And another day went by.

“Stubborn Camel,” said the Horse with a saddle on his back, “Come and trot like the rest of us.”

“Humph,” said the Camel. And another day went by.

“Stubborn Camel,” said the Ox with a yoke on his neck, “Come and plough like the rest of us.”

But all the Camel had to say to that was... “Humph!”

And another day went by. The next day, the Man gathered his Horse, Dog and Ox together and said, “I’m sorry, but the Humph-thing in the desert clearly will not come work for me. I have given up, and you’ll have to work double time to make up for it.”

The animals were very angry. They decided to travel down to the oasis to find the magical spirit who was in charge of All Deserts. They called him the Jinn, or genie. The three animals asked for his help—the Jinn would never tolerate laziness in his deserts, especially from the Humph-thing.

The Jinn found the Camel sleeping in some shade. “Stubborn Camel,” said the Jinn, “What is this I hear of your laziness? You must go work for Man with the other animals.”

“Humph,” said the Camel.

“I would not say that again if I were you,” warned the Jinn, “You have given them three days of extra work.”

“Humph!” said the Camel. And no sooner had he said it, than a great humph sprang out of his back like a big balloon. “What is this?” cried the Camel, “Now I certainly cannot work with a great humph on my back!”

The Jinn chuckled, “You’ve brought that humph upon yourself by not working. Think of it as a gift. You missed three days of work, so now you will be able to work for three days without eating, because you can live on your humph.”

So the stubborn Camel humphed himself in to town to work for Man at last. To this day he has never learned how to behave himself. And that was how the Camel got his hump.







# How The Camel Got His Hump

By Rudyard Kipling

## ACTIVITIES

Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. stubborn | Green area with water in the desert.     |
| 2. oasis    | To accept or allow                       |
| 3. genie    | Not willing to work, idleness            |
| 4. tolerate | Not willing to change; hard to deal with |
| 5. laziness | A magical creature who grants wishes     |

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from "How the Camel Got His Hump."

### Stubborn

"Once upon a time there was a stubborn Camel, who lived alone in the desert, eating sticks and twigs and prickly cactus."

- A. hungry B. pretty C. magic D. difficult

### Oasis

"They decided to travel down to the oasis to find the magical spirit who was in charge of All Deserts."

- A. watering hole B. town C. mountain D. cave

### Genie

"They called him the Jinn, or genie."

- A. farmer B. sheriff C. magical creature D. mailman

### Tolerate

"The three animals asked for his help—the Jinn would never tolerate laziness in his deserts, especially from the Humph-thing."

- A. accept B. punish C. laugh at D. eat

### Laziness

"Stubborn Camel," said the Jinn, "What is this I hear of your laziness? You must go work for Man with the other animals."

- A. hunger B. unwillingness to work C. cheerfulness  
D. fishing

### Circle the correct answer

- Why were the Dog, Horse and Ox angry at the Camel?  
A. Because he was prettier than they were.  
B. Because he stole their food.  
C. Because he wouldn't work for Man  
D. Because he had a hump.
- When did the genie give the Camel a hump?  
A. Before the Ox, Dog and Horse go to the genie.  
B. After the Camel said "Humph!"  
C. After the Camel hadn't eaten for three days.  
D. After the Camel worked for Man.
- What did the genie say the hump would do for the Camel?  
A. It would make the Camel stop saying "Humph!"  
B. It would help the Camel carry heavy loads.  
C. It would help the Camel trot.  
D. It would allow the Camel to work for three days without food.

### Put the events in order:

# Order

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| A. Camel says "Humph!" to the genie.  | _____ |
| B. The Dog asks the Camel to fetch.   | _____ |
| C. The genie gives Camel a hump so he can work without eating.                            | _____ |
| D. Man tells the Dog, Horse and Ox that they must work harder since the Camel won't work. | _____ |
| E. The genie tells the Camel to work.   | _____ |
| F. The Dog, Horse and Ox visit the oasis.   | _____ |



# HOW THE RHINOCEROS GOT HIS SKIN

by Rudyard Kipling

**L**ong ago, near the shores of the Red Sea, there lived a great Rhinoceros who was as rude as could be. He had no manners then and no manners now, and in fact, he will never have any manners! And in those days, his skin fit him quite nicely—smooth and tight, with no wrinkles anywhere.

One day, the Rhinoceros spotted a traveler, who was baking up something delicious on his little portable stove. He sniffed and sniffed... mmm and he caught the smell of sweet-cake in the air! The hungry Rhinoceros, being quite rude and all, decided to charge the poor traveler, and using his horn as a spear he stole the sweet-cake right off the stove. Little did he know, this traveler was a crafty one. He would not let this go just yet...

A few weeks later, there was a heat wave in the Red Sea. Everyone came down to the

beach to swim and sunbathe, including the great, rude Rhinoceros. Back then, he could unbutton his skin with three buttons along his belly. He left his skin on the beach and waddled into the water. Just then, the crafty traveler passed by carrying a bundle. His bundle contained weeks' worth of stale sweet-cake crumbs he'd been collecting

at his campsite. He dumped the whole bag of scratchy crumbs into the Rhinoceros's heap of skin, and then he snuck away.

When the Rhinoceros returned, he buttoned up his skin as usual, but it tickled like cake crumbs! Every time he scratched it made the tickling worse. The Rhinoceros rolled and ran, and rubbed his skin against trees and rocks until it rubbed into great folds over his shoulders and legs.

He even rubbed off the buttons on his belly. The sweet-cake crumbs were inside there for good, and even today the Rhinoceros is grumpy and itchy, with great folds all over his dry skin.

And that was how the Rhinoceros got his skin.





# ACTIVITIES

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Circle the best answer.

### Why did traveler put crumbs in Rhinoceros' skin?

- A. Because he thought Rhinoceros was funny
- B. Because he wanted it to rain
- C. Because he thought Rhinoceros' skin was an oven
- D. Because Rhinoceros stole the traveler's cake

### Why did Rhinoceros take off his skin?

- A. Because he was going into the water
- B. Because his skin had cake crumbs in it
- C. Because the traveler stole his cake
- D. Because it was snowing

### How did the Rhinoceros remove his skin?

- A. He asked the traveler to cut it off.
- B. He speared his skin with his horn.
- C. He unbuttoned three buttons on his belly.
- D. He ate so much cake that his skin split open.

## WORD MEANINGS

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin."

### Rude

"Long ago, near the shores of the Red Sea, there lived a great Rhinoceros who was as rude as could be. He had no manners then and no manners now, and in fact, he will never have any manners!"

- A. old; ancient
- B. silly, not serious
- C. happy; care-free
- D. rough; not polite

### Crafty

"Little did he know, this traveler was a crafty one. He would not let this go just yet..."

- A. strong and brave
- B. smart and tricky
- C. magical and wise
- D. wet and cold

### Waddled

"He left his skin on the beach and waddled into the water."

- A. ran very fast
- B. jumped
- C. walked by moving side to side
- D. rolled like a ball

## ORDER OF EVENTS

Put the events from the story "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin" in the correct order.

Event	Order #
The traveler put cake crumbs in Rhinoceros' skin.	_____
Rhinoceros stole the traveler's cake.	_____
Rhinoceros had dry wrinkly skin.	_____
Rhinoceros went to the beach.	_____
Rhinoceros had smooth skin.	_____
Rhinoceros rubbed his skin against the trees and rocks.	_____
The traveler cooked a sweet-cake.	_____

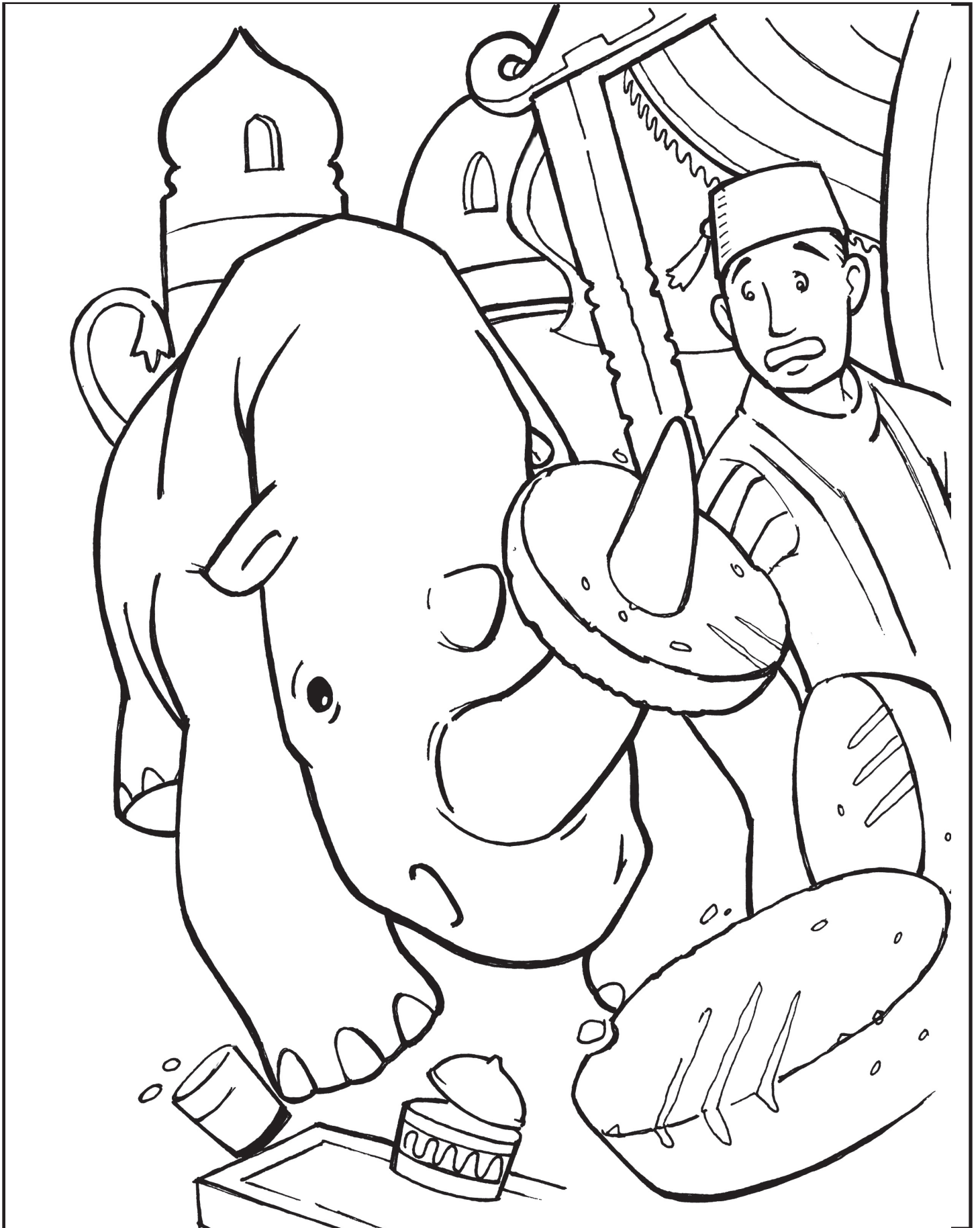
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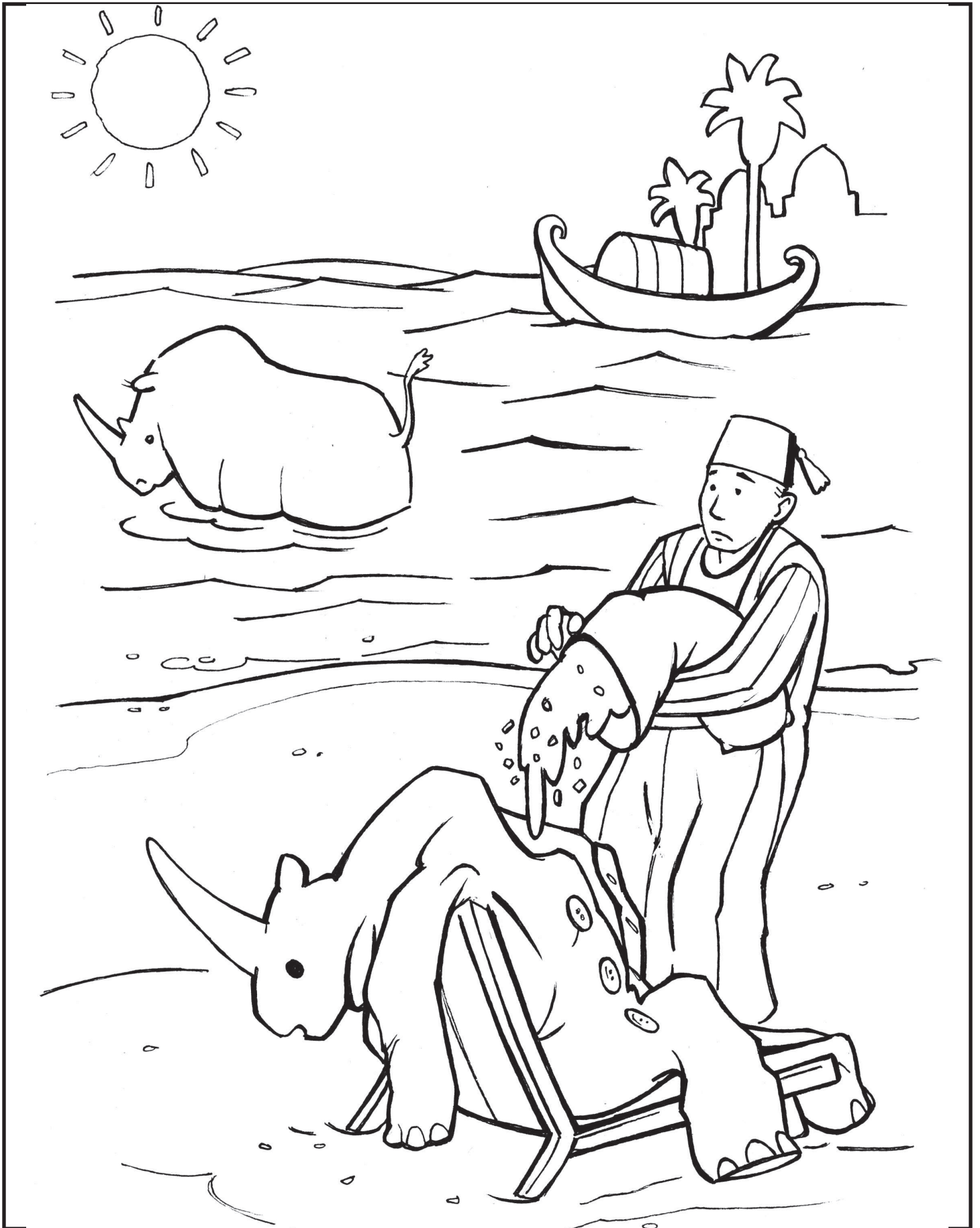
Word List

BUTTONS	RUDE
CAKE	SKIN
CRAFTY	TRAVELER
CRUMBS	WADDLED
HORN	WRINKLES
RHINOCEROS	

D R X M H I Y T W S X U  
D G H O B T V R V K I V  
U E R I F L I A G I X M  
V N L A N N T V U N Z G  
Y Z R D K O F E E O D S  
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# THE ELEPHANT'S CHILD

By Rudyard Kipling



Long, long ago, the mighty Elephant had no trunk. His nose was short, and only as big as a boot! But the Elephant's child, just a baby Elephant, was very curious and always asked silly questions: "Aunt Ostrich, why do your tail feathers grow so tall? ... Uncle Giraffe, what makes your skin so spotty? ... Miss Hippo, how does your mouth open so wide?"

One fine morning the curious baby Elephant asked, "What does the Crocodile have for dinner?" All together everybody yelled, "HUSH!" in a dreadful tone, and they shushed and shooed him away angrily. But the baby Elephant did not understand why. He was still curious!

Then the baby Elephant came upon the magnificent Kolokolo bird and he sighed, "My family has shushed and shooed me away, but I still want to know what the Crocodile eats for dinner!" The Kolokolo Bird answered, sadly, "Go to the banks of the great green river if you want to find out." After a long and tiresome search, the baby Elephant found the Crocodile by the river bank. "I have been looking for you, Mr. Crocodile!" he said with excitement, "Will you please tell me what you have for dinner?" The Crocodile grinned wide, and he said, "Come closer, baby Elephant, I'll whisper it to you." The baby Elephant bent his head down to the Crocodile's large, toothy mouth. "I think," growled the Crocodile, "Today I will begin with a baby Elephant!" And suddenly the Crocodile caught him by his little nose. The baby Elephant cried out through his pinched nose, "Led go! You're hurdig be!" Stubbornly, he sat back and began to pull as hard as he could. As he pulled, and leaned back, his nose began to stretch! They both pulled and pulled until the baby Elephant's nose was almost five feet long. Finally the Crocodile let go of his nose with a plop. The poor baby Elephant was left with a very sore and very long nose! At first, all the animals made fun of his great, ugly nose. But then he found many uses for it. He could pick fruit from high treetops, brush away flies, and even breathe when he was underwater!

And that is how the Elephant got his trunk.

## READING COMPREHENSION

Circle the word that has a similar meaning to a word from "The Elephant's Child."

### Mighty

"Long, long ago, the mighty Elephant had no trunk."

- A. baby
- B. tall
- C. gentle
- D. powerful

### Fine:

"One fine morning the curious baby Elephant asked, "What does the Crocodile have for dinner?"

- A. nice
- B. snowy
- C. early
- D. ugly

### Tiresome

"After a long and tiresome search, the baby Elephant found the Crocodile by the river bank."

- A. lazy
- B. hard
- C. funny
- D. easy

### Stubbornly

"Stubbornly, he sat back and began to pull as hard as he could."

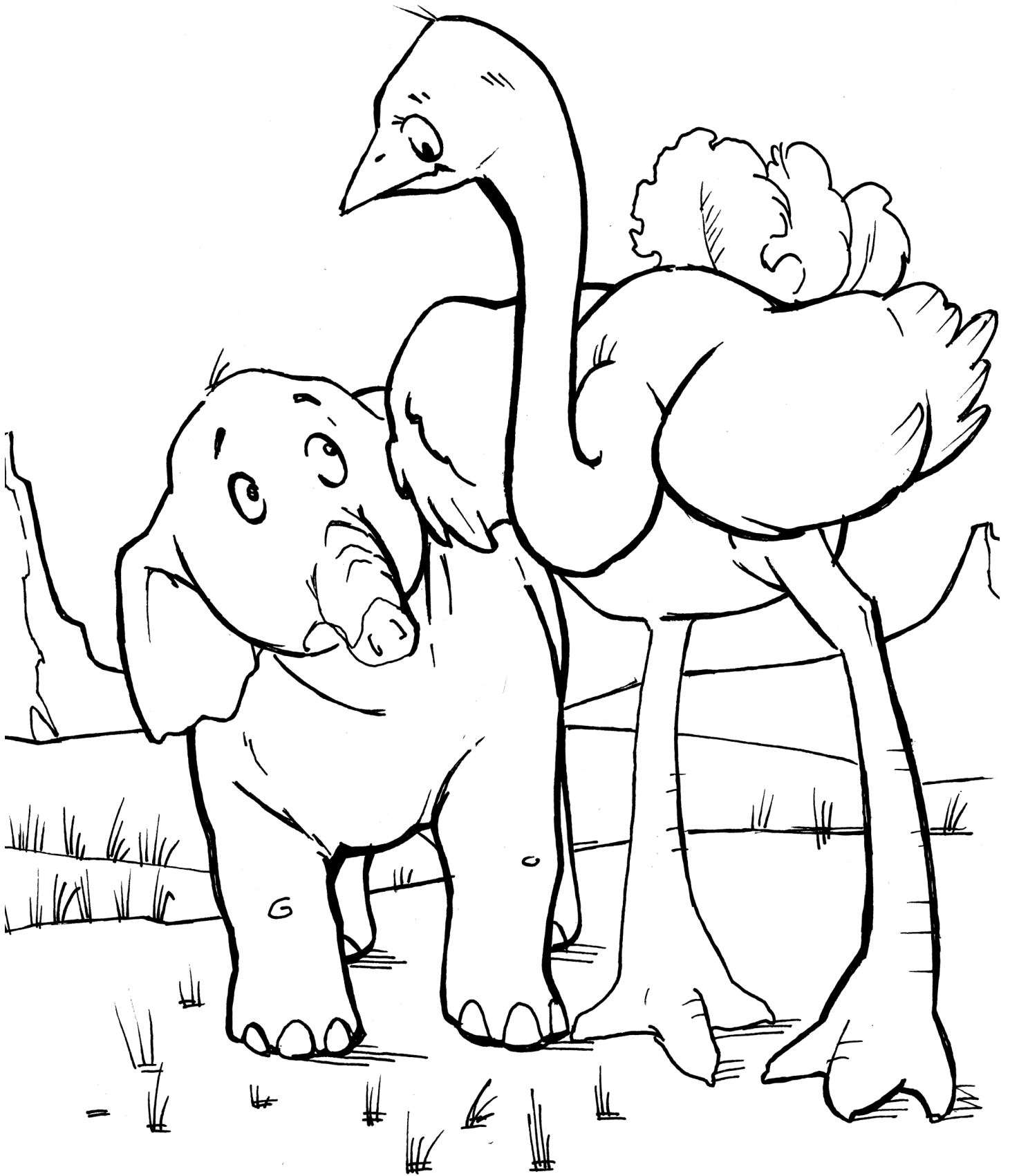
- A. Angrily
- B. Firmly
- C. Suddenly
- D. Happily

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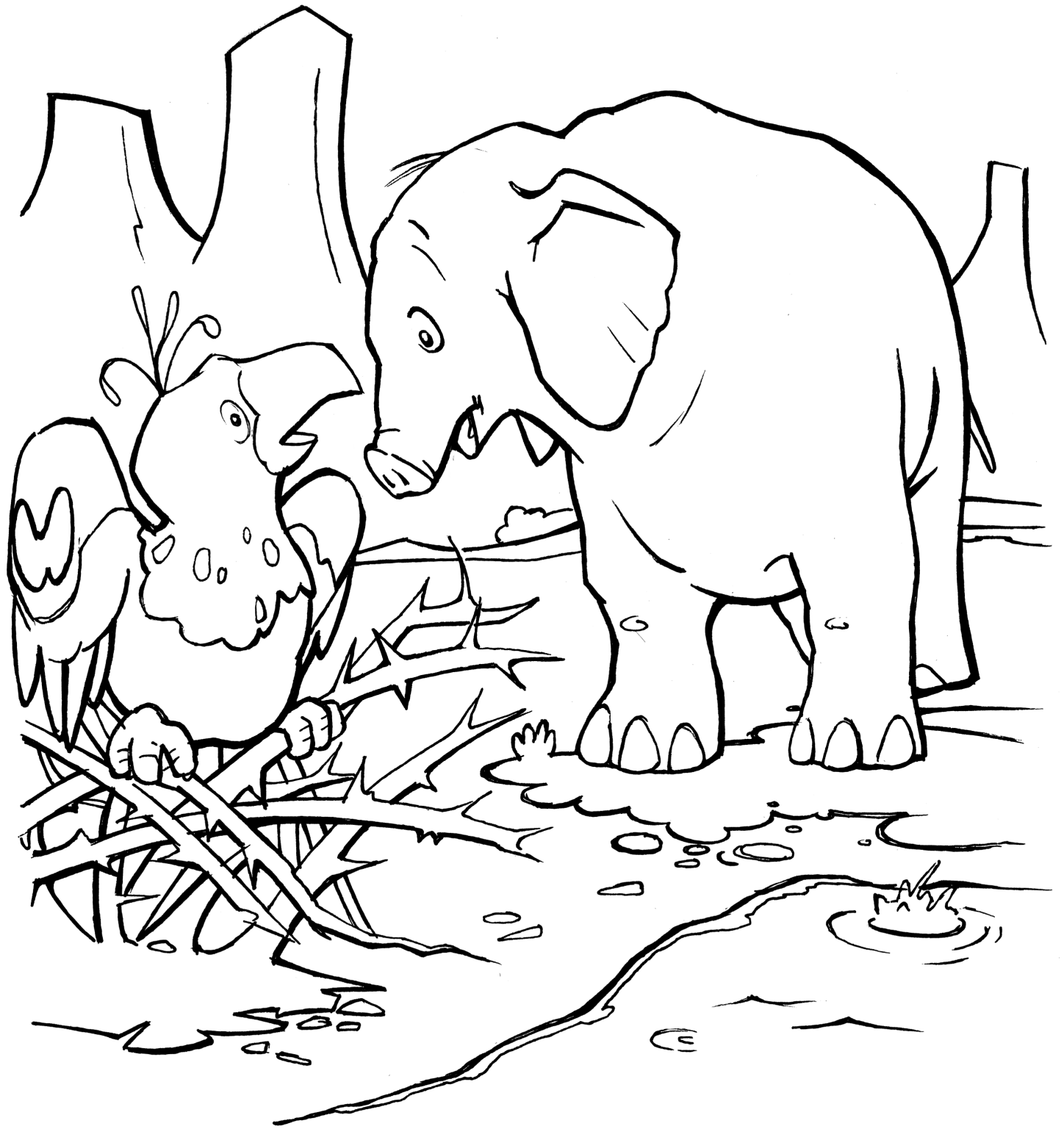
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A K V R W W Y L V I P J S D B  
T M G I U N O D B E N W D E W  
U T T E R B T Q G X B F Y T A  
A T U Q H C S J V M T C H D W

### Word List

Crocodile  
Curious  
Dreadful  
Excitement  
Fine  
Kolokolo  
Magnificent  
Mighty  
River  
Shushed  
Stubbornly  
Tiresome









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And that is how the Elephant got his trunk.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why did everyone tell the baby Elephant to be quiet?

- A. They wanted to sleep.
- B. They were afraid the Crocodile would hear him.
- C. They were tired of him asking so many questions.
- D. They wanted to talk to each other.

2. Why was the Kolokolo bird sad when he told the baby Elephant to go to the river?

- A. He was having a bad day.
- B. All Kolokolo birds are sad.
- C. He was tired of answering questions.
- D. He knew that the Crocodile might try to eat the baby Elephant.

3. According to the story, after the baby Elephant's nose was stretched, what could he do?

- A. Pick fruit, brush away flies and breathe underwater
- B. Catch the Kolokolo bird
- C. Blow water on Aunt Ostrich
- D. Cover his eyes with his nose.

## WORD SEARCH

K T Z C K T E R K A M J L Q E	<b>Word List</b>
Z E I U J F N U H A S U S S L	Crocodile
A P Y R T X I E G H F C H Q I	Curious
M A A I E C F N M D U U J E D	Dreadful
Z E H O P S I Q A E S U Z A O	Excitement
B N R U J F O E V H T A H O C	Fine
Q A L S I E R M E S W I S C O	Kolokolo
D N F C M D L D E K I W C M R	Magnificent
Z R E K O L O K O L O W S X C	Mighty
R N Y L N R O B B U T S C L E	River
T E M I Y W N Y T H G I M G C	Shushed
A K V R W W Y L V I P J S D B	Stubbornly
T M G I U N O D B E N W D E W	Tiresome
U T T E R B T Q G X B F Y T A	
A T U Q H C S J V M T C H D W	



## *Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo*

by Rudyard Kipling

**A** long time ago, the Kangaroo looked very different than he does now. He was grey and woolly, with four short legs. He was very boastful, and wanted nothing more than to be the most important and well-loved animal in Australia.

One day, his pride really got the better of him. The old Kangaroo went to the Little God Nia, who was known for granting wishes.

“Make me different from all the other animals,” demanded the old Kangaroo, “it must be done by 5 o’clock this afternoon.” Up jumped Nia from his seat on the rocks and he shouted, “Go away!”

So the old Kangaroo went to the Middle God Nialu, and commanded, “Make me different from all the other animals, and make me very popular too! It must be done by 5 o’clock this afternoon.” Up jumped Nialu from his seat in the bushes and he shouted, “Go away!”

So the old Kangaroo went to the Big God Nialuwa and stated, “You must make me different from all the other animals, and very popular, and very wonderfully run-after. It must be done by 5 o’clock this afternoon.”

Nialuwa was tired of the old Kangaroo’s shenanigans, and so he proceeded to grant his wishes. Nialuwa called the yellow dog Dingo and said, “See that Kangaroo?” The Dingo nodded. “Well, he wishes to be different from all the other animals, and very wonderfully run-after. Make him so! You have until 5 o’clock this afternoon.”

And with that, the Dingo began to chase the grey and woolly Kangaroo for miles and miles. The old Kangaroo ran and ran on his four legs, through the desert, through the mountains, through the salt-pans, the reed-beds and the blue gums... he had to! Soon



they came to a river, and the Kangaroo didn’t know how to cross. He began to hop through the river. Then he hopped through the forest, and soon his back legs began to get stronger. He tucked up his front legs, hopped on his hind legs and stuck out his tail for balance as he hopped away from the Dingo.

Eventually the sun began to set. The tired old Kangaroo hopped and hopped, and suddenly realized that the Dingo was no longer chasing him. It was 5 o’clock in the afternoon! And low and behold, the old Kangaroo was now different from all the other animals, not to mention, he’d been run-after all day.



# Activities

## Word Meanings

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from “Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

### woolly

“He was grey and woolly, with four short legs.”

- A. smooth and shiny, like silk
- B. long and sharp, like wire
- C. thick and curly, like wool
- D. light and airy, like a cloud

### boastful

“He was very boastful...”

- A. full of pride
- B. full of sadness
- C. full of anger
- D. full of water

### shenanigans

“Nialuwa was tired of the old Kangaroo’s shenanigans...”

- A. demands
- B. questions
- C. talking
- D. silly behavior

### gums

“The old Kangaroo ran and ran on his four legs, through the desert, through the mountains, through the salt-pans, the reed-beds and the blue gums...”

- A. rivers
- B. flowers
- C. trees
- D. weeds

### hind

“He tucked up his front legs, hopped on his hind legs and stuck out his tail for balance...”

- A. front
- B. back
- C. tired
- D. big

## Fill in the missing words

Write the correct word in the blank.

1. Nialuwa sent \_\_\_\_\_ to run after Kangaroo.
2. Kangaroo wanted everything done by \_\_\_\_\_ o’clock.
3. Kangaroo \_\_\_\_\_ through the river.
4. Kangaroo wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the other animals.

## Who was it?

Circle the correct answer.

Who wanted to be well-loved?

- A. Dingo    B. Nialuwa    C. Nia    D. Kanagroo

Who got tired of the kangaroo’s shenanigans?

- A. Dingo    B. Nialuwa    C. Nia    D. Kanagroo

Who said “Go away!” to Kangaroo

- A. Dingo    B. Nialuwa    C. Nia    D. Kanagroo

## Secret Code of Nialuwa

Use the secret code numbers to spell out a sentence about “The Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

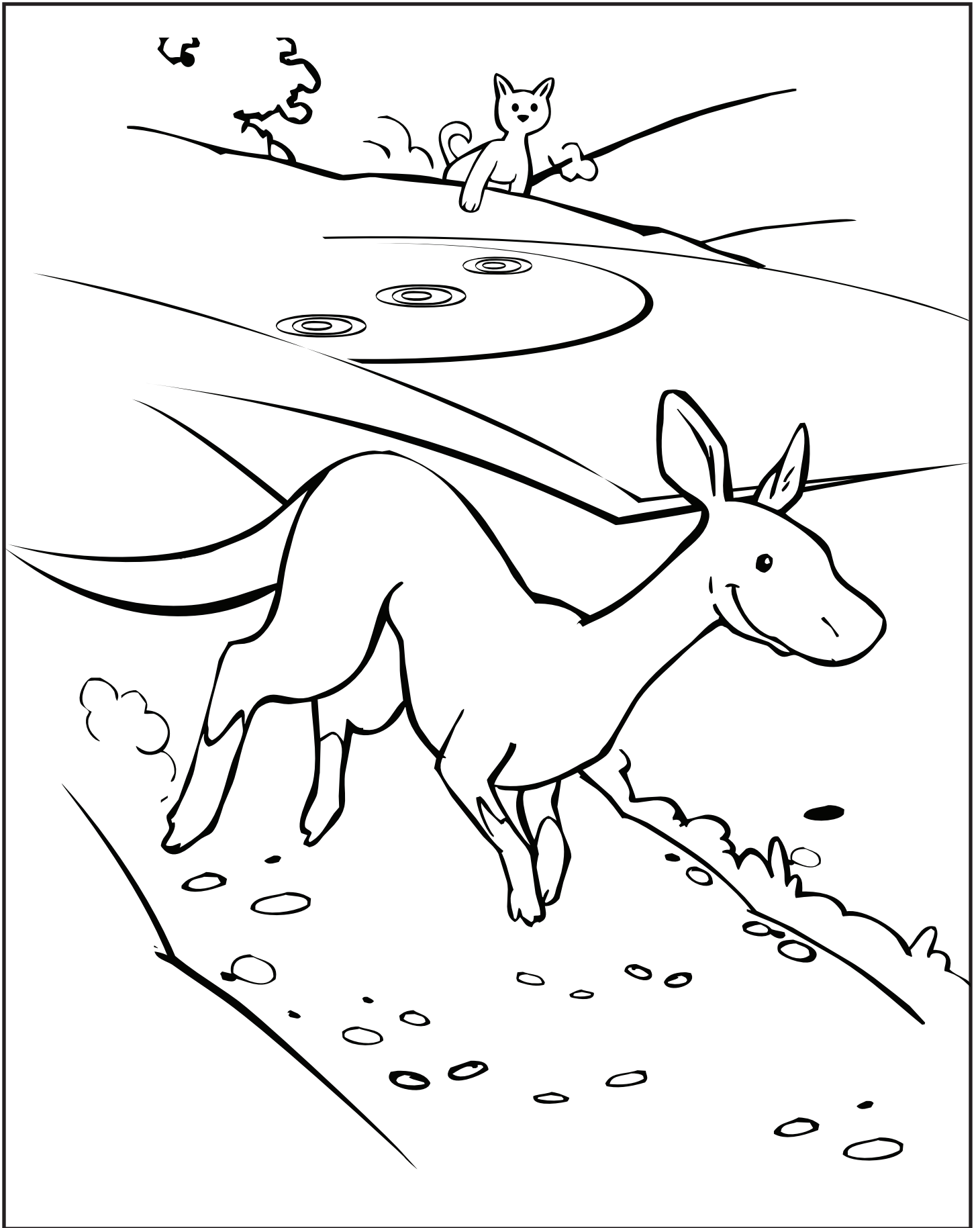
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11   1   14   7   1   18   15   15

### Code Key

1 = A	5 = E	9 = I	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25 = Y
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# The Beginning of the Armadillos

by Rudyard Kipling

Once upon a time there was a Sticky-Prickly Hedgehog who lived on a riverbank, eating shelly snails. And he had a friend, a Slow-Solid Tortoise, who also lived on the riverbank, eating leafy lettuce.

But also, there was a young Jaguar, who ate anything he could catch. One day he asked his Mother Jaguar to teach him how to catch clever animals like hedgehogs and tortoises. She said to him, "My son, when you find a Hedgehog you must drop him in the water and he will uncoil. When you find a Tortoise you must scoop him out of his shell with your paw."

Full of confidence, the Jaguar went down to the riverbank to hunt. But by the time he got there, the Sticky-Prickly Hedgehog had coiled up and the Slow-Solid Tortoise had hidden in his shell. The Jaguar couldn't tell them apart!

"Excuse me," said the Jaguar, "My mother said that when I meet a Hedgehog I should drop in into the water so he uncoils, and when I meet a Tortoise I should scoop him out of his shell with my paw. Which of you is a Hedgehog and which of you is a Tortoise?"

"Are you sure of what your mother told you?" asked Sticky-Prickly, "Perhaps she said that when you uncoil a Tortoise you must shell him out of the water with a scoop, and when you paw a Hedgehog you must drop him on the shell."

"I don't think it was like that," said the Jaguar, now confused.

"Are you sure?" asked Slow-Solid, "Perhaps she said that when you water a Hedgehog you must drop him into your paw, and when you meet a Tortoise you must shell him till he uncoils."

"Please stop, you're making my spots ache," said the poor Jaguar. "Just tell me which of you is a Hedgehog, and which is a Tortoise!"

"I will never tell," said Sticky-Prickly, "but you can scoop me out of my shell if you like."

"Aha!" said the Jaguar, "Now I know you're a Tortoise!" And as he scooped at Sticky-Prickly, his paw was filled with painful prickles. He whimpered and cried, and the Hedgehog quickly rolled away.

"No, no," said Slow-Solid, "You've got it all wrong, I'm the Tortoise!" But the Jaguar did not trust him. Angrily, he pushed the Tortoise into the river in hopes that he'd uncoil. But the Tortoise swam and swam until he got to the other side, where he met his friend Sticky-Prickly. They laughed as they heard the Jaguar roar in anger, calling for his mother's help.

"Mother, mother," cried the Jaguar, "I tried to scoop the Tortoise out of his shell, but now my paw is full of per-ickles." Mother Jaguar gently reminded him, "A Hedgehog coils up in a ball, and a Tortoise hides in his shell. You scoop the Tortoise



and push the Hedgehog into water.” This time, the Jaguar would not forget. Sticky-Prickly and Slow-Solid knew they would have to think of something really clever.

“Alright hold my head up,” said Sticky-Prickly, “I am going to learn how to swim!” Slowly but surely the Hedgehog became a great swimmer, and his prickly spines even began to melt away.

“Okay, now help me unlace my back-plates,” said the Tortoise, that way I’ll be able to curl up in a ball too!” Slowly but surely the Tortoise’s shell became bendy, and he could curl up into a full ball of armor. Soon the Tortoise and the Hedgehog began to look a lot alike!

The next week they met the young Jaguar again, and when he saw them he fell three times backward over his own painted tail.

“Good morning, Jaguar!” They both called out to him. Both the Hedgehog and the Tortoise curled up and rolled to the river, where they jumped in and swam away.

“Mother, mother!” cried the Jaguar, now really confused, “I’ve just seen two new animals by the river. The one that you said couldn’t swim, swims, and the one that you said couldn’t curl up, curls up, and both of them are scaly all over instead of one being smooth and the other very prickly! It isn’t a Hedgehog and it isn’t a Tortoise, and I don’t know its proper name.”

“Nonsense!” said Mother Jaguar, “Everything has its proper name. I shall call it ‘Armadillo’ until we find out the real one.”

And that was how the beginning of the Armadillos came about.

## Activities

### Order of Events

Number these events in the order which they happened.

- \_\_\_ Sticky-Prickly learns to swim.
- \_\_\_ Mother Jaguar gives the Armadillo its name.
- \_\_\_ Slow-Solid learns to curl into a ball
- \_\_\_ Young Jaguar asks how to catch clever animals.

### Who Was It?

Circle the correct answer.

1. Which animal was suppose to be scooped with a paw?
  - A. Hedgehog      B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar        D. Mother Jaguar
2. Who tells young Jaguar how to catch clever animals?
  - A. Hedgehog      B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar        D. Mother Jaguar
3. Which animal was suppose to be thrown in the water?
  - A. Hedgehog      B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar        D. Mother Jaguar
4. Who was confused about Hedgehog and Tortoise?
  - A. Hedgehog      B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar        D. Mother Jaguar

**Secret Code:** Answer the question by using the secret code. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

**What could Sticky-Prickly and Slow-Solid do?**

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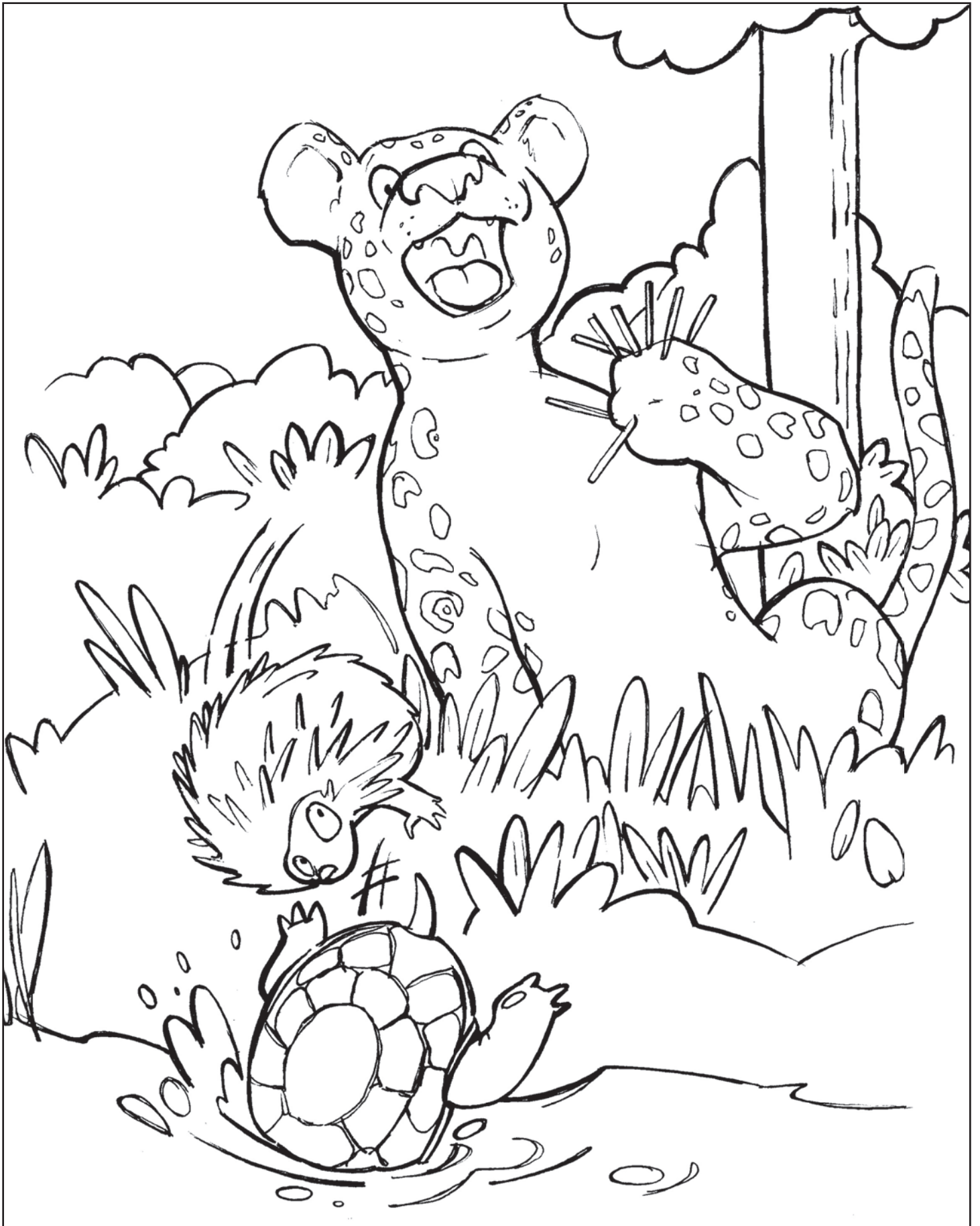
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# How the First Letter Was Written

by Rudyard Kipling



Once upon a very early time there was a man who lived in a cave. His name was Tegumai and he was a happy man. His wife was named Teshumai. Their little daughter was named Taffy and she followed her father everywhere.

One day Tegumai and Taffy went fishing in the river beyond the beaver swamp, far away from the cave. Tegumai had brought his special wooden fishing spear. Before he had caught any fish at all, he threw his spear too hard and broke it in two. This was a problem, since Tegumai had forgotten to bring any extra spears.

"I'll go to the cave and get your extra spear," Taffy said.

"No," said her father. "It is too far for your little legs and you might fall into the beaver swamp." With that, Tegumai began to mend his spear.

Taffy sat down on the bank of the river. She thought about how convenient it would be if she could write. She could write a letter to her mother, who could send the extra spear to them. But writing had not been invented yet.

Just then a Stranger-man appeared on the shore of the river. He smiled at little Taffy, because he had a small daughter himself.

Taffy saw the Stranger-man and had an idea. "You should go to my mother and get the extra spear," she said. "You'll want my mother's address. I can't read but I can draw pictures."

The Stranger-man smiled politely. He did not speak her language and had not understood a word Taffy had said. He saw that Tegumai ignored him. This made him believe Tegumai must be a great chief, who was too proud and powerful to notice a simple visitor.

Taffy promptly began drawing pictures on tree bark with a shark's tooth to tell her mother what had happened. She drew Tegumai trying to fish with a broken spear. She drew the Stranger-man holding the extra spear. Just then, the shark's tooth slipped and it looked like the spear was in Tegumai's back.

"Now I'll show you how to find my mother's address," Taffy told the Stranger-man. She drew trees and the beaver swamp. Taffy did not know how to draw beavers, but she could draw heads, so she drew little heads in the swamp.

When she finished her picture, Taffy thought it was beautiful. She handed it to the Stranger-man.

"This must be a message to the proud chief's tribe," Stranger-man thought. "It must mean that his enemies are hiding in the bushes ready to attack him. He wants his tribe to come and help him!" With that the Stranger-man raced off with the pictures on the tree bark.

The Stranger-man ran and ran, and quite by accident found Teshumai at the door of her cave, where she was talking with the other cave ladies. He walked up, smiled politely and handed her the tree bark full of pictures.

Teshumai looked at the pictures and screamed. She ran and knocked the poor Stranger-man down! The cave ladies sat on him, while Teshumai told them what the pictures meant.

"It's quite clear," she said. "This Stranger-man has attacked Tegumai! See, there is a spear in Tegumai's back and Tegumai's spear is broken." Then Teshumai pointed to the many little beaver heads Taffy had drawn and said "Look, there's the other tribe coming after them!" Teshumai and the cave ladies began to beat the drums to call the tribe.

The tribe gathered, ready to rescue Tegumai and Taffy. The Stranger-man led them to where Tegumai and Taffy were peacefully fishing.

"Where are the people that attacked you?" cried the Tribe of Tegumai.

"No one attacked us," said Tegumai. "We've seen nobody but that Stranger-man you have there."

"Why did you send us these horrible pictures" they asked.

Taffy stepped forward. She told the tribe about the broken spear and her plan to help her father. She explained her drawings and that she couldn't draw beavers at all, just heads.

When she finished, everyone was very quiet. Then the head chief began to laugh. Soon, the whole tribe laughed.

"This is a great invention," said Head Chief. "Someday we will be able to read and write and we shall always understand what is written. Until then, Taffy, when you send a letter with pictures, be sure and send it with someone who can explain what it means!"







### Who Did It?

Circle the correct answer.

Who ignored Stranger-man?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

Who drew pictures on the tree bark?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

Who took the tree bark to Taffy's mother?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

### Order of Events

Put the events of the story in the correct order by putting a 1 in the blank before the first event, a 2 before the second and so on.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Taffy's mother called the tribe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Stranger-man gave the letter to Teshumai.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Taffy sent a letter to her mother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Taffy explained her letter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tegumai broke his spear.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Stranger-man came to the river.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tegumai and Taffy went fishing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe went to rescue Tegumai and Taffy.

### Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

P R E V A E B F R B N Q H V P  
 T I I P C N I S W Z O L E B N  
 H N C P Z S H V R P I I H U H  
 X G E T H J I O I B T C M J M  
 H D S I U Y V E T B N A T Y G  
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 I G H B E E E N N R V E T M I  
 A M O M W T V S G A N X A X Y  
 S R R O Y O T N D Q I W B L K  
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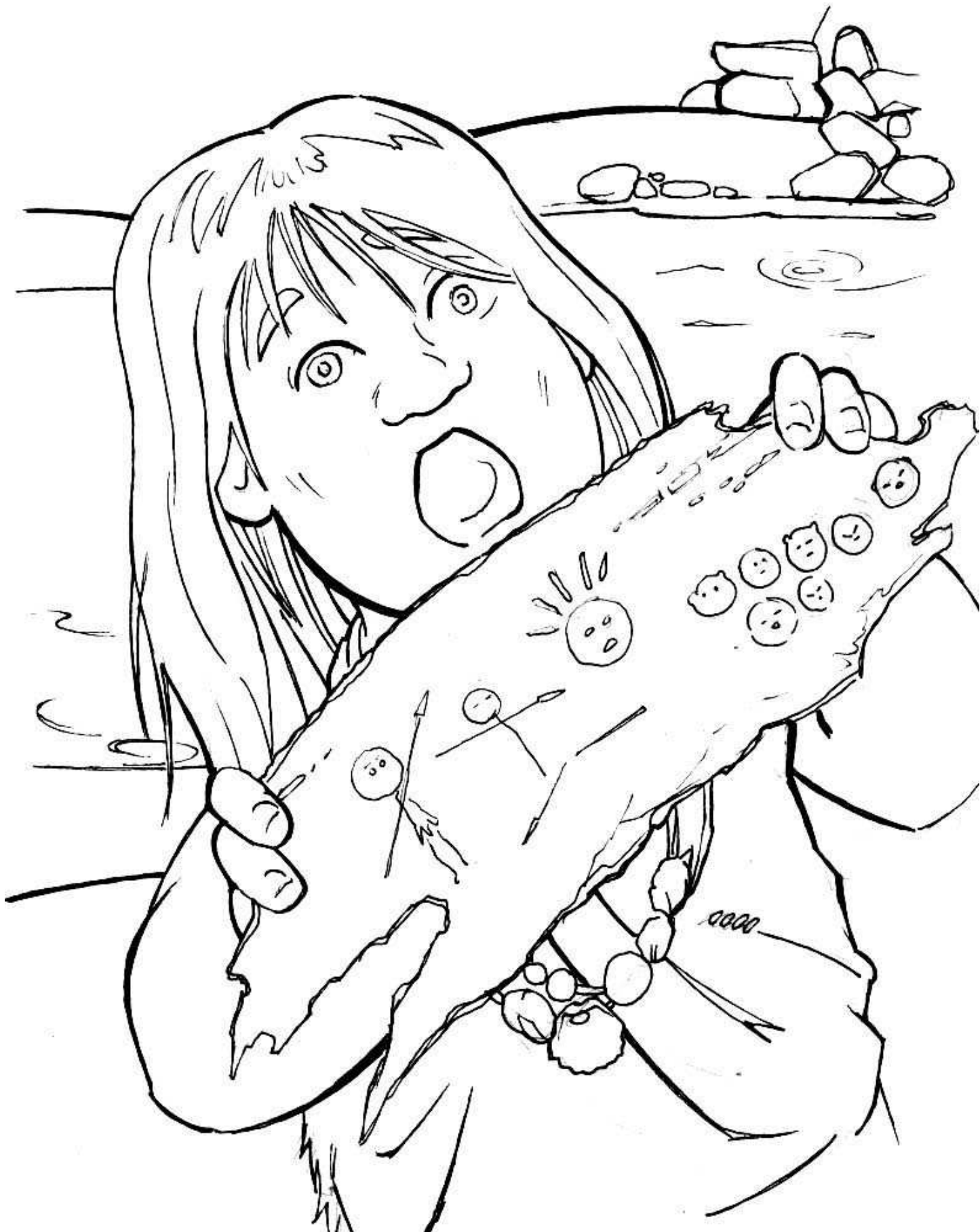
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| BEAVER | FISHING   | PROMPTLY |
| CAVE   | HORRIBLE  | SPEAR    |
| CONVE- | INVENTION | SWAMP    |
| NIENT  | LETTER    | TRIBE    |
| DRUMS  | PICTURES  | WRITING  |

### Vocabulary

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

- convenient
  - A. magical
  - B. helpful or handy
  - C. strange
  - D. lucky
- promptly
  - A. slowly
  - B. gracefully
  - C. happily
  - D. quickly
- horrible
  - A. unpleasant
  - B. beautiful
  - C. interesting
  - D. silly
- invention
  - A. new method or item
  - B. letter
  - C. lie or falsehood
  - D. weapon







# HOW THE ALPHABET WAS MADE

by Rudyard Kipling

In the Early Times, there was a little girl named Taffimai Metallumai, but we'll call her Taffy. She lived in a cave with her mother, Teshumai, and her father, Tegumai. She was well loved by her parents, which was good because Taffy was very smart and could often get into trouble. Once she sent a letter to her mother. This would normally be fine, but Taffy did not know how to write, since writing had not been discovered yet. Instead, she drew pictures in her letter, pictures that Taffy thought were very beautiful. Her mother, however, did not understand Taffy's pictures, and thought they meant something else entirely. The letter made many problems, but that is another story.



One day, Taffy and her father were fishing. Taffy should have been helping her mother hang the hides to dry on the drying poles, but she would rather fish with her father. While they were eating lunch, Taffy had an idea for a secret surprise for her father. She asked Tegumai to make a sound, any sound at all.

"Ah," he said. "Is that what you wanted?"

"Yes!" said Taffy. "That's a great sound. You look like a fish with its mouth open!"

"Don't be rude," said Tegumai.

"I don't mean to be rude. This is part of my secret surprise for you." With that, Taffy took a shark's tooth and began drawing on some tree bark. "I'm going to draw a fish with its mouth all open."

"Why?" asked Tegumai.

"Don't you see?" replied Taffy. "I can draw this picture and it will remind you of the noise I made when I jumped out of the beaver swamp and scared you!"

"Go on" said Tegumai, who was now very interested.

Taffy finished her drawing and showed it to Tegumai. "That's very good, but you forgot the fish's feeler. Let me try," he said. Tegumai got a piece of bark and drew the fish with its mouth open. Then he added the feeler across the mouth. It looked like this:



"Will you be surprised when you see this?" asked Taffy.

"Oh yes," smiled Tegumai. "I will remember when you said 'Ah!' and scared me."

"Make another noise" said Taffy.

"Yah," said Tegumai.

Taffy began to draw. "It's the 'Ah' sound but with something more. I'll draw the fish and its tail, with its mouth open."


"The something more is the Yer sound," said Tegumai. "Try drawing just the tail for that sound."



"That's beautiful" said Taffy. "Now make another sound."

The rest of the afternoon, Tegumai would make a sound, then he and Taffy would draw the sound. When Tegumai said "Ooh!" it became a round egg.



The "Ssh" sound was a snake,  and so on and so forth until they had drawn all the sound pictures they wanted. There were 26 sound pictures and that was the alphabet, all complete.



# HOW THE ALPHABET WAS MADE

## Quick Quiz

Answer the following questions.

Who wanted to make a special surprise for her father?

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What did Taffy draw on?

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Where did Taffy and Tegumai live?

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What animal did Taffy draw when Tegumai said "Ah"?

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## Matching

Draw a line from the letter to the sound picture Taffy and Tegumai drew.

A



Y



O



S



## Vocabulary

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

normally

- A. in the usual way
- B. in olden days
- C. slowly
- D. happily

entirely

- A. quickly
- B. amazingly
- C. as a part of
- D. completely

feeler

- A. flat hat
- B. long antenna on some animals
- C. sharp and pointed teeth
- D. eyeglasses

## Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

K N H W U E Q G F H S R X U N  
 W A R D J F N I G G H E W N C  
 S X P O K X S T X E S V W C L  
 R E K S I H W E I U R A Y D R  
 A W Q J P H E D R R V E J X S  
 F N A T R G N P U U E B B L X  
 A A L Y P U R U H L T L L Q A  
 V V P C O I A Y H J G C Y F Q  
 B N H S S Q A E K S Y I I M A  
 R K A E N O R M A L L Y T P V  
 N F B L X G M S U T J C F J Y  
 I D E S N A K E W N T A G O B  
 C M T F F Q D R U A E V V V S  
 I W R R I M F C H M M E X G M  
 B Y X B V J X X F Q A P U Z I

NORMALLY  
 ENTIRELY  
 WHISKER  
 ALPHABET  
 CAVE

FISH  
 PICTURE  
 SOUND  
 EGG  
 SNAKE

BEAVER  
 SWAMP  
 SURPRISE  
 DRAW







# The Crab That Played with the Sea

by Rudyard Kipling

In the Time of the Very Beginning, the Eldest Magician was getting everything ready. He made the Earth ready and the Sea ready. When all was as it should be, he called all the Animals to come out and play.

“What shall we play?” asked each Animal. “Play at being an Elephant,” the Eldest Magician told the Elephant. “Play at being a Turtle,” he told the Turtle.

The Eldest Magician continued telling each Animal how he should play. As evening came, the Man arrived with his small Daughter.

“What is this play?” the Man asked.

“It is the play of the Very Beginning,” said the Eldest Magician. “But you are too wise for this play.”

“Yes, I am,” said the Man. “But make sure all the Animals are obedient to me.”

Next in line was the Crab, who had grown tired and restless with all the waiting. He scuttled off sideways into the Sea, saying to himself “I will play as I like, and I will not have to be obedient to the Man.”

No one saw the Crab go into the Sea except the Daughter, who said nothing.

After some time, the Eldest Magician came to check on how the world was doing. He went to the Man and asked “How goes it with you? Are all obedient to you?”

“All are obedient except the Sea,” answered the Man. “Once a day the Sea comes flooding in and covers my house. And once a day the Sea runs back out. All I have left is mud.”

Something was wrong. The Eldest Magician, the Man and the Daughter got into the canoe to visit each Animal. The Eldest Magician asked each one if they were playing as he told them and each one said yes.

The Daughter said “Eldest Magician, at the Very Beginning while you talked to my father, I saw the Crab go into the Sea before you could tell him how to play.”

“How wise you are, little child!” cried the Eldest Magician. “I know where to find him!”

The Eldest Magician went directly to a large island. He reached under the Wonderful Tree, with its two coconuts, and touched the Crab.

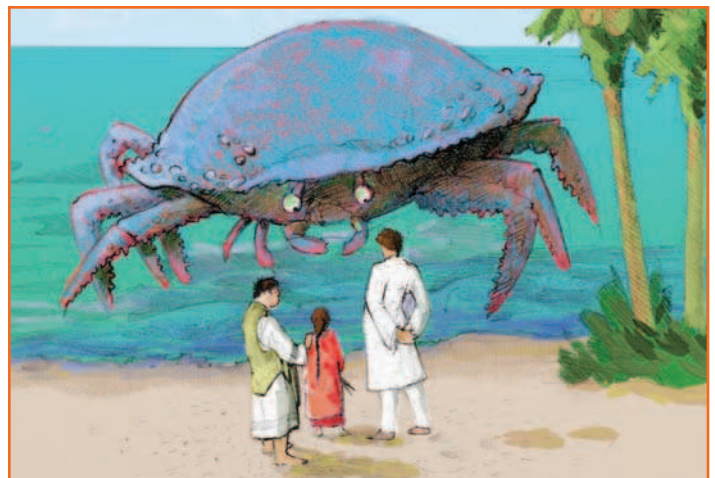
“You have been playing with the Sea” said the Eldest Magician. “Each day, the waters dry up when you leave your home and flood again when you return. You are making trouble for all the Animals and the Earth.”

“I did not know I was so important!” said the Crab. “From now on, I will do it seven times a day.”

“I cannot make you play as you should, since you escaped me on that first day.” said the Eldest Magician. “If you are not afraid, then come out and we will talk.”

The Crab came out from his home and he was huge; as big as the Wonderful Tree!

“You are not as important as you think. To prove this, I will remove your hard shell and you will have no protection from the Elephant or the Crocodile.”



“Please give me back my shell!” cried the Crab when his shell vanished. “I promise I will play as I should.”

“You may have your shell eleven months of the year,” said the Eldest Magician. “The other month will remind you of your promise. I will also make the weeds and rocks a safe home for you and your children.”

“I will make it so you can live in deep water or dry land,” said the Man.

“I will give you my scissors, so you can eat the coconuts from the Wonderful Tree,” said the Daughter.

“I will take all the gifts and play as I should,” said the Crab. With that, the Crab grew smaller and smaller, until he was just a tiny Crab. After that, he always played as he should in the Sea.



## Order of Events

Put the events from the story "The Crab That Played with the Sea" in the correct order by placing a 1 in front of the first thing that happened, a 2 in front of the second, and so on.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Crab promised to play as he should.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Man told The Eldest Magician the Sea is flooding and drying up.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Daughter gave the Crab her scissors.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Eldest Magician told the Animals how to play.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Eldest Magician took the Crab's shell away.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Man talked to the Eldest Magician.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Eldest Magician, the Man and the Daughter found the Crab.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Crab slipped into the Sea while the Man and the Eldest Magician talked.

## Letter Maze

Find your way from the Green C to the Orange C, by connecting ONLY the letters C.

B F G A **C** C C C S T U F S S T D Z Y X W Q E A R A Z  
 A G G A C A D P C C R A C C C C C C C C C C C A L B A  
 R A G L C R A Z F G T V C R I A C A B C Z A C E H O A  
 A C C C C K Q G A C C C C T A C A R C U H C A S O K  
 A C T I C R P A A C A A C Q A L C P M C C C C C C Z A  
 A V B M C A J A I C H U C P Y A W G A C A Y A R C A L  
 C C C C C C C C C D A Q G J K T R S C A N Y A C J A  
 C D F A C A V A C Y A T A J C C C C C C X A T A C A X  
 C A G A C A X A C Z A R T L C A J K A R T F A C C R R  
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 C E A W C C A X C A Q R A J C A O G C A M A V C A R L  
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 C L L A F O C C C C C C C C C K I A C A T C C C C C C  
 C C C A C C C C W A W O C C P A G R G A Z C A I H A C  
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 C C C C C U A C A W A C I A C C C C C C C C O A P Y **C**

## Who Was It?

Circle the correct answer.

Who saw the Crab go into the Sea?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who told the Animals how to play?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who made the water go higher and lower?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who was too wise to play?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

## Word Meanings

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

scuttled

- A. walked slowly
- B. rolled
- C. ran quickly
- D. jumped

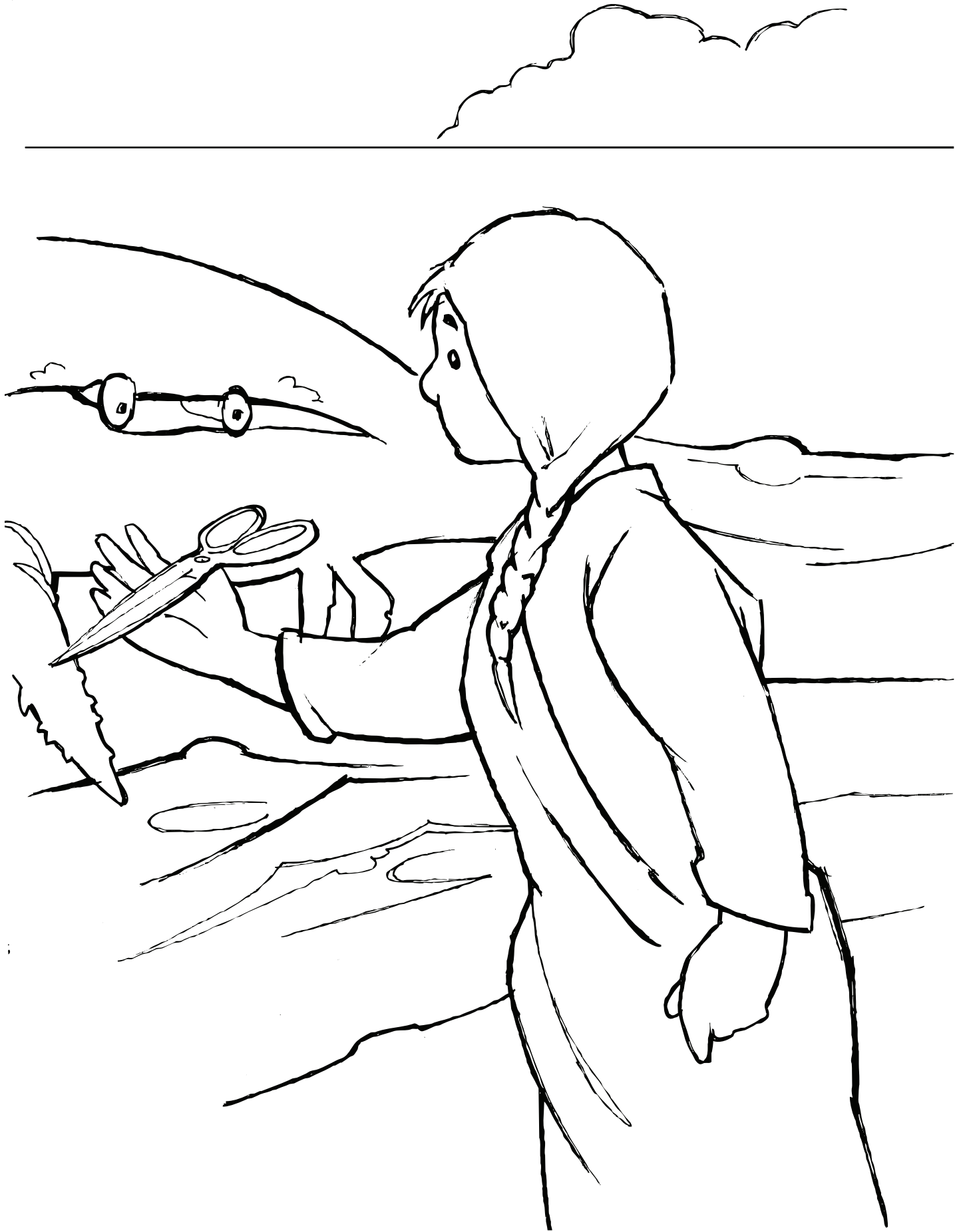
obedient

- A. polite and friendly
- B. generous
- C. funny
- D. willing to follow orders

vanished

- A. turned blue
- B. disappeared
- C. exploded
- D. became soft





# The Cat that Walked by Himself

by Rudyard Kipling

Once there was a time when all creatures were wild. Cows, horses, sheep and dogs were wild. They walked through the Wild Wood as wild as could be. Of all the wild creatures, the wildest of these was the Cat, for he liked to walk alone through the Wild Wood.

Man was also wild at this time, as wild as the animals. Then he met the Woman, and she told him she didn't like his wild ways. She found a nice, dry cave and made it comfortable with a warm fire and a clean floor. Man and Woman settled into their new home.

On their first night in their new home, Man slept and Woman sat by the fire. She placed a roast bone in the fire and made her first magic.

In the Wild Wood, the animals saw the strange light and wondered what it meant. The Dog smelled the wonderful roast bone. He decided he would find out what was happening. He asked the Cat to come with him. The Cat refused, because the Cat always walked alone. After the Dog left, the Cat followed him, because the Cat also wanted to know what was happening.

When the Dog reached the cave, he asked the Woman what smelled so wonderful. She tossed him the bone and he gnawed and gnawed. It was the best thing he ever eaten. "Give me another!" he begged.

The Woman promised she would feed the Dog a bone every night if he would help the Man hunt and guard the cave. The Dog agreed, and he settled into the cave.

And so it went, night after night. The Woman made magic to draw the Wild Ones to the cave. She made dried grass for the Horse and the Cow. The Horse promised to help the Man hunt. The Cow promised to give fresh milk every day. Each time, the Cat followed them to the cave alone and heard what happened.

One night the Cat saw the light in the cave and smelled the wonderful aroma of warm milk. He walked to the cave by himself, as was his nature. When he arrived, he asked the Woman what was happening.

The Woman told the Cat to go back to the Wild Wood. "You are the Cat who likes to walk alone," said the Woman. "Go back to the Wood and walk by yourself."

The Cat wanted to taste the warm milk, so he pretended to be sorry. "Oh, wise and beautiful Woman," he pleaded. "Does this mean I can never come into the cave, lay by the warm fire and drink the warm milk?"

"For that compliment," replied the Woman, "I will make a bargain with you. If I ever say a kind word to you, you may come into the cave. If I say kind words twice, you may lay by the fire. If I say kind words three times, I will give you warm milk three times a day forever and ever."

With that the Cat returned to the Wild Wood by himself, waving his wild tail as he went.

After a time, a Baby arrived in the cave. The Cat went to the cave one morning while the Man was hunting and the Woman was cooking. The Baby began to cry and the Woman placed the Baby outside the cave to play. She gave him some pebbles to play with and returned to the cave. Still the Baby cried.

The Cat sat next to the Baby and stroked his cheek with his paw. The Baby laughed at the tickle of the soft fur.

Inside, Woman heard the Baby laugh, she smiled. "The one who has made the Baby laugh has done me a service and I thank him kindly."

With that, the Cat walked into the cave. When the Woman gasped, the Cat said "I made the Baby laugh. You gave me your kind thanks, and by our agreement, I may sit inside the cave."





The Baby was sad that the Cat had left him and began to cry again. "I will sing the Baby to sleep," said the Cat. He lay next to the Baby and purred, long and low, until the Baby was fast asleep.

The Woman smiled at the two little creatures. "You did that well, clever Cat."

Suddenly the Cat was sitting by the warm fire. "That's the second kind thing you have said to me. Now I may sit by the fire forever and ever."

The whole cave became quiet, so quiet that a little Mouse ran silently across the floor.

"Eeee!" cried the Woman, for she was afraid of the Mouse. The Cat pounced on the Mouse and ate it up.

"You are clever, Wild One," said the Woman. "None of the others are fast enough to catch the Mouse."

"That's the third time you have said kind words to me," the Cat said. "You will give me warm milk three times a day. But I am still the Cat that walks by himself!"

With that, the Woman smiled and gave the Cat warm milk forever and ever.



### Sequence of Events

Put the events in order by placing a 1 in the blank before the first thing that happened, a 2 after the second and so on.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Woman made a bargain with the Cat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Dog gnawed the bone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Woman found a cave.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Cat ate the Mouse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Woman gave the Cat warm milk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Cat tickled the Baby.

### Vocabulary

Circle the answer that means the same as the word.

- |               |              |                    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>gnawed</b> | <b>aroma</b> | <b>compliment</b>  |
| A. licked     | A. taste     | A. rude words      |
| B. laughed    | B. sight     | B. words of praise |
| C. chewed     | C. smell     | C. idea            |
| D. barked     | D. feel      | D. excuse          |
- 
- |                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>bargain</b> | <b>pounced</b>     |
| A. agreement   | A. danced          |
| B. dinner      | B. saw             |
| C. arguement   | C. jumped quickly  |
| D. fire        | D. screamed loudly |

### WORD SEARCH

Circle each word from the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards, and diagonally.

W C A K I E D N S C E N G F D  
 R A O R S K I E O P A K N S E  
 Y V L R O A R M W T S N A S S  
 E E O K G M P G U O N W W A I  
 F H G R E L A R L Q L Q E R M  
 Z L A W I D E M V K T L D G O  
 H B I M P O U N C E D S O S R  
 H S E E A P C I G A M L A F P  
 E N L U F R E D N O W W I O S  
 T M O U S E L Z S K X W O C R

AROMA	MAGIC
BARGAIN	MOUSE
CAVE	NATURE
COMPLIMENT	POUNCED
COW	PROMISED
FOLLOWED	ROAST
GNAWED	WALKED
GRASS	WISE
HORSE	WONDERFUL

# The Butterfly That Stamped

by Rudyard Kipling

There once was a wise king named Suleiman-bin-Daoud. He could understand what the birds said and what the fish said and what the animals said. Suleiman was also very powerful. He wore a magic ring and when he turned the ring, Jinns, or genies, would appear and do whatever Suleiman asked.

Suleiman lived in a beautiful palace surrounded by beautiful gardens. But all was not peaceful in Suleiman's home. You see, he had 1,000 wives. It's not that he wanted so many wives. No, Suleiman truly loved his wise and beautiful queen, Balkis. But in those days, wise and powerful kings were suppose to have many wives.

Suleiman's problem was that his wives, except for Balkis, argued all the time. They argued with him and they argued with each other.

Suleiman could have turned his powerful ring and asked the Jinns to make his arguing wives disappear, but he thought that would be showing off. Besides being wise and powerful, Suleiman was also very humble. When his wives argued too much, Suleiman would leave his beautiful palace and walk in the garden.

One day, when his wives were arguing very loudly, Suleiman went for his walk in the garden. As he walked by a large tree, Suleiman was surprised to hear two butterflies quarreling.

"Don't talk like that to me," said one butterfly to the other. "Don't you know that if I stamped with my foot the palace and garden would vanish in a clap of thunder?"

Suleiman thought this was the funniest thing he had ever heard! A butterfly could not make his beautiful palace and garden disappear. He called out to the butterfly. "Come here, little friend," he said. The butterfly was scared, for he had not known that Suleiman had been listening. The butterfly flew over, shaking his little wings, and landed on Suleiman's finger.

"Tell me why you are telling such lies to your wife," Suleiman asked.

"She has been arguing with me all day. I want some peace and quiet!" replied Butterfly Husband.

Suleiman understood, for he wanted the same thing. He laughed again and told Butterfly Husband to return to his wife. He could hardly wait to see what would happen to the couple next.

All this time Queen Balkis had been hiding on the other side of the large tree. She had followed Suleiman to the garden to comfort him. She had heard what had been said and smiled. Balkis had a plan for helping Suleiman with his arguing wives. While he talked to Butterfly Husband, she called to Butterfly Wife.

"Do you believe what your husband told you?" Balkis asked, when Butterfly Wife landed on Balkis' finger.

"You know husbands, dear Queen," Butterfly Wife replied. "They get angry and say things that they don't mean. He'll forget this by tomorrow."

Wise Balkis nodded, for she also knew how husbands were. "You are right, but the next time he brags, ask him to stamp. We'll see what happens. He may be ashamed."

With that, Butterfly Wife returned

to her husband.

When the butterfly couple were back together, they quickly started arguing again. Butterfly Husband angrily reminded his wife what would happen if he stamped his foot.

"I don't believe you!" cried Butterfly Wife. "I would like to see you do it. I dare you. Stamp! Stamp, I say!"

This was not what Butterfly Husband expected. Quickly, he flew back to Suleiman, who was laughing until tears rolled down his face.

"What shall I do?" asked Butterfly Husband. "You know I can't do it! She'll laugh at me forever."



Suleiman wiped away his tears of laughter. "No she won't," he said.

With that, he turned his powerful ring. In an instant, four Jinns came out of the ground. "When this butterfly stamps his foot you will make my palace and gardens disappear in a clap of thunder," Suleiman told the Jinns. "When the butterfly stamps again you will bring them back gently."

Suleiman turned to Butterfly Husband. "Go back and stamp your foot all you want."

Balkis saw the Jinns arrive and knew her plan was working. She smiled to herself.

Butterfly Husband returned to his wife, who was still screaming "Stamp!" As he landed on a leaf, he stamped his tiny foot.

In a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder, the beautiful palace and garden vanished! Everything was black and quiet.

"Oh! Oh!" screamed Butterfly Wife. "I'm sorry! I won't

argue with you anymore. Please, bring back the gardens."

Butterfly Husband was almost as frightened as his wife. He quickly stamped his foot again. The beautiful palace and gardens came down from the sky and landed without a bump. All was back the way it was.

Suddenly, there was the sound of screams, as Suleiman's many wives ran from the palace. Balkis met them at the steps to the garden.

"What has happened?" they cried.

"Nothing has happened," said Balkis. "A butterfly complained to Suleiman about his wife who argues with him. Suleiman taught her a lesson about speaking quietly and kindly."

The wives looked at each other in dismay. They turned and walked as quiet as mice back to the beautiful palace.

Suleiman and Balkis walked together to the palace where they all lived happily and peacefully ever after.

### Vocabulary Matching

Place the letter in the blank for the correct meaning of the word.

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| _____ genie      | A. arguing                              |
| _____ humble     | B. disappear                            |
| _____ quarreling | C. boast; speak highly of yourself      |
| _____ stamped    | D. a magical creature who grants wishes |
| _____ vanish     | E. short period of time, a moment       |
| _____ brags      | F. modest, not vain                     |
| _____ instant    | G. strongly strike to the ground        |

### Who Did It?

Circle the correct answer.

- |                                  |                      |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Who said "Stamp!" over and over? | Who turned the ring? | Who told the many wives what happened? |
| A. Suleiman                      | A. Suleiman          | A. Suleiman                            |
| B. Balkis                        | B. Balkis            | B. Balkis                              |
| C. Butterfly Husband             | C. Butterfly Husband | C. Butterfly Husband                   |
| D. Butterfly Wife                | D. Butterfly Wife    | D. Butterfly Wife                      |

### Secret code

Answer the question by using the secret code. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

Who made Suleiman laugh?

2 21 20 20 5 18 6 12 25

8 21 19 2 1 14 4

- |       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 = A | 10 = J | 19 = S |
| 2 = B | 11 = K | 20 = T |
| 3 = C | 12 = L | 21 = U |
| 4 = D | 13 = M | 22 = V |
| 5 = E | 14 = N | 23 = W |
| 6 = F | 15 = O | 24 = X |
| 7 = G | 16 = P | 25 = Y |
| 8 = H | 17 = Q | 26 = Z |
| 9 = I | 18 = R |        |





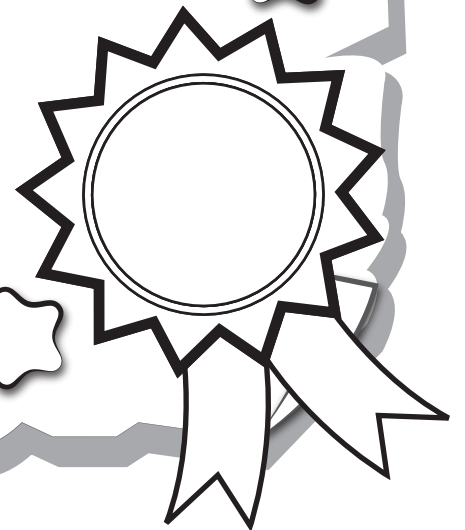




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# Answer Sheet

## HOW THE WHALE GOT HIS THROAT

by Rudyard Kipling

Once upon a time there was a giant Whale who lived deep in the sea. He was always hungry, and more than anything he loved to eat fish of all different kinds: mackerel, salmon, tuna, crab, octopus, squid, eel and more. He ate and ate, until there was only one fish left in the whole sea!

Luckily, the Last Fish in the sea was a clever one. Before the hungry Whale could chase him, the Last Fish took a bow and asked, "Oh, mighty Whale, have you ever tasted man?"

"No," said the Whale, who was a bit confused, "What is it like?"

"Oh, it's delicious," said the clever Last Fish, "And it will really fill you up. I saw one just the other day sitting on a raft in the middle of the sea. He is a shipwrecked sailor. Go and find him!"

So the Whale swam and swam, until he came upon a raggedy sailor, alone on a wooden raft. The hungry Whale crept up, opened his mouth wide and swallowed the sailor, raft and all. But it was not as the clever Last Fish had said—this man was not delicious at all! He kicked and danced, pranced and punched at the inside of the Whale's belly.

Annoyed, the Whale swam around trying to find that clever Last Fish, but he'd already made his escape. "This man is making me hiccup," the Whale said to himself, "What should I do?" Suddenly, from inside his belly the Whale heard a man's yell: "Take me home, to Albion, or I'll kick as hard as ever!"

The poor, hiccupping Whale had no choice but to swim the man home. After he escaped, the man lived happily ever after. And so did the Whale, but he had forgotten about the raft that was lodged in his throat. It was like a permanent silt! From then on, it prevented the Whale from eating anything except tiny fish.

And that was how the Whale got his throat.

### Activities

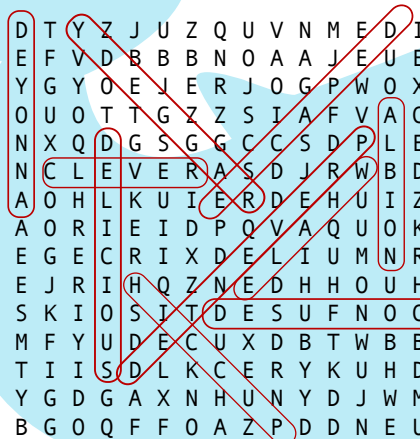
Draw a line from the word to its meaning.

- |              |                  |                                 |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. clever    | <del>_____</del> | Without understanding; mixed up |
| 2. confused  | <del>_____</del> | Having a good taste or smell    |
| 3. delicious | <del>_____</del> | Torn or worn-out                |
| 4. raggedy   | <del>_____</del> | Smart or bright                 |

Write the best word in the blank to complete the sentence.  
clever, confused, delicious, raggedy

1. My mother cooked my favorite dinner and it was delicious.
2. The scarecrow had raggedy clothes.
3. The clever policeman solved the crime.
4. John was confused and got lost on the way home.

### WORD SEARCH



WORD LIST  
Albion  
Annoyed  
Clever  
Confused  
Delicious  
Escaped  
Hiccup  
Prevented  
Raggedy  
Whale



# Answer Sheet

## How The Camel Got His Hump

By Rudyard Kipling

### ACTIVITIES

Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. stubborn | Green area with water in the desert.     |
| 2. oasis    | To accept or allow                       |
| 3. genie    | Not willing to work, idleness            |
| 4. tolerate | Not willing to change; hard to deal with |
| 5. laziness | A magical creature who grants wishes     |

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from "How the Camel Got His Hump."

#### Stubborn

"Once upon a time there was a stubborn Camel, who lived alone in the desert, eating sticks and twigs and prickly cactus."

- A. hungry B. pretty C. magic D. difficult

#### Oasis

"They decided to travel down to the oasis to find the magical spirit who was in charge of All Deserts."

- A. watering hole B. town C. mountain D. cave

#### Genie

"They called him the Jinn, or genie."

- A. farmer B. sheriff C. magical creature D. mailman

#### Tolerate

"The three animals asked for his help—the Jinn would never tolerate laziness in his deserts, especially from the Hump-thing."

- A. accept B. punish C. laugh at D. eat

#### Laziness

"Stubborn Camel," said the Jinn, "What is this I hear of your laziness? You must go work for Man with the other animals."

- A. hunger B. unwillingness to work C. cheerfulness D. fishing

Circle the correct answer

1. Why were the Dog, Horse and Ox angry at the Camel?

- A. Because he was prettier than they were.  
B. Because he stole their food.  
C. Because he wouldn't work for Man.  
D. Because he had a hump.

2. When did the genie give the Camel a hump?

- A. Before the Ox, Dog and Horse go to the genie.  
B. After the Camel said "Humph!"  
C. After the Camel hadn't eaten for three days.  
D. After the Camel worked for Man.

3. What did the genie say the hump would do for the Camel?

- A. It would make the Camel stop saying "Humph!"  
B. It would help the Camel carry heavy loads.  
C. It would help the Camel trot.  
D. It would allow the Camel to work for three days without food.

Put the events in order:

# Order

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| A. Camel says "Humph!" to the genie.  | <u>5</u> |
| B. The Dog asks the Camel to fetch.   | <u>1</u> |
| C. The genie gives Camel a hump so he can work without eating.                            | <u>6</u> |
| D. Man tells the Dog, Horse and Ox that they must work harder since the Camel won't work. | <u>2</u> |
| E. The genie tells the Camel to work.   | <u>4</u> |
| F. The Dog, Horse and Ox visit the oasis.   | <u>3</u> |

# Answer Sheet

## ACTIVITIES

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Circle the best answer.

#### Why did traveler put crumbs in Rhinoceros' skin?

- A. Because he thought Rhinoceros was funny
- B. Because he wanted it to rain
- C. Because he thought Rhinoceros' skin was an oven
- D. Because Rhinoceros stole the traveler's cake

#### Why did Rhinoceros take off his skin?

- A. Because he was going into the water
- B. Because his skin had cake crumbs in it
- C. Because the traveler stole his cake
- D. Because it was snowing

#### How did the Rhinoceros remove his skin?

- A. He asked the traveler to cut it off.
- B. He speared his skin with his horn.
- C. He unbuttoned three buttons on his belly.
- D. He ate so much cake that his skin split open.

### WORD MEANINGS

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin."

#### Rude

"Long ago, near the shores of the Red Sea, there lived a great Rhinoceros who was as rude as could be. He had no manners then and no manners now, and in fact, he will never have any manners!"

- A. old; ancient
- B. silly, not serious
- C. happy; care-free
- D. rough; not polite

#### Crafty

"Little did he know, this traveler was a crafty one. He would not let this go just yet..."

- A. strong and brave
- B. smart and tricky
- C. magical and wise
- D. wet and cold

#### Waddled

"He left his skin on the beach and waddled into the water."

- A. ran very fast
- B. jumped
- C. walked by moving side to side
- D. rolled like a ball

### ORDER OF EVENTS

Put the events from the story "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin" in the correct order.

Event	Order #
The traveler put cake crumbs in Rhinoceros' skin.	5
Rhinoceros stole the traveler's cake.	3
Rhinoceros had dry wrinkly skin.	7
Rhinoceros went to the beach.	4
Rhinoceros had smooth skin.	1
Rhinoceros rubbed his skin against the trees and rocks.	6
The traveler cooked a sweet-cake.	2

### RHINO WORD SEARCH

Word List

BUTTONS      RUDE  
CAKE          SKIN  
CRAFTY       TRAVELER  
CRUMBS       WADDLED  
HORN          WRINKLES

RHINOCEROS

D R X M H I Y T W S X U  
D G H O B T V R V K I V  
U E R I F L I A G I X M  
V N L A N N T V U N Z G  
Y Z R D K O F E E O D S  
B C H L D P C L A M Y B  
D I E B C A K E T I I M  
R S M V V I W R R H J U  
O N Z N M R R U V O X R  
S N O T T U B U S B S C  
C D D P A Y G Z D Z A M  
E B U D M O K L P E I X

# Answer Sheet

## THE ELEPHANT'S CHILD

By Rudyard Kipling



Long, long ago, the mighty Elephant had no trunk. His nose was short, and only as big as a boot! But the Elephant's child, just a baby Elephant, was very curious and always asked silly questions: "Aunt Ostrich, why do your tail feathers grow so tall? ... Uncle Giraffe, what makes your skin so spotty? ... Miss Hippo, how does your mouth open so wide?"

One fine morning the curious baby Elephant asked, "What does the Crocodile have for dinner?" All together everybody yelled, "HUSH!" in a dreadful tone, and they shushed and shooed him away angrily. But the baby Elephant did not understand why. He was still curious!

Then the baby Elephant came upon the magnificent Kolokolo bird and he sighed, "My family has shushed and shooed me away, but I still want to know what the Crocodile eats for dinner!" The Kolokolo Bird answered, sadly, "Go to the banks of the great green river if you want to find out." After a long and tiresome search, the baby Elephant found the Crocodile by the river bank. "I have been looking for you, Mr. Crocodile!" he said with excitement, "Will you please tell me what you have for dinner?" The Crocodile grinned wide, and he said, "Come closer, baby Elephant, I'll whisper it to you." The baby Elephant bent his head down to the Crocodile's large, toothy mouth. "I think," growled the Crocodile, "Today I will begin with a baby Elephant!" And suddenly the Crocodile caught him by his little nose. The baby Elephant cried out through his pinched nose, "Led go! You're hurdig be!" Stubbornly, he sat back and began to pull as hard as he could. As he pulled, and leaned back, his nose began to stretch! They both pulled and pulled until the baby Elephant's nose was almost five feet long. Finally the Crocodile let go of his nose with a plop. The poor baby Elephant was left with a very sore and very long nose! At first, all the animals made fun of his great, ugly nose. But then he found many uses for it. He could pick fruit from high treetops, brush away flies, and even breathe when he was underwater!

And that is how the Elephant got his trunk.

### READING COMPREHENSION

Circle the word that has a similar meaning to a word from "The Elephant's Child."

#### Mighty

"Long, long ago, the mighty Elephant had no trunk."

- A. baby
- B. tall
- C. gentle
- D. powerful

#### Fine:

"One fine morning the curious baby Elephant asked, "What does the Crocodile have for dinner?"

- A. nice
- B. snowy
- C. early
- D. ugly

#### Tiresome

"After a long and tiresome search, the baby Elephant found the Crocodile by the river bank."

- A. lazy
- B. hard
- C. funny
- D. easy

#### Stubbornly

"Stubbornly, he sat back and began to pull as hard as he could."

- A. Angrily
- B. Firmly
- C. Suddenly
- D. Happily

### WORD SEARCH

K T Z C K T E R K A M J L Q E  
Z E I U J F N U H A S U S S L  
A P Y R T X I E G H F C H Q I  
M A A I E C F N M D U U J E D  
Z E H O P S I Q A E S U Z A O  
B N R U J F O E V H T A H O C  
Q A L S I E R M E S W I S C O  
D N F C M D L D E K I W C M R  
Z R E K O L O K O L O W S X C  
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T E M I Y W N Y T H G I M G C  
A K V R W W Y L V I P J S D B  
T M G I U N O D B E N W D E W  
U T T E R B T Q G X B F Y T A  
A T U Q H C S J V M T C H D W

#### Word List

Crocodile  
Curious  
Dreadful  
Excitement  
Fine  
Kolokolo  
Magnificent  
Mighty  
River  
Shushed  
Stubbornly  
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And that is how the Elephant got his trunk.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why did everyone tell the baby Elephant to be quiet?

- A. They wanted to sleep.
- B. They were afraid the Crocodile would hear him.
- C. They were tired of him asking so many questions.
- D. They wanted to talk to each other.

2. Why was the Kolokolo bird sad when he told the baby Elephant to go to the river?

- A. He was having a bad day.
- B. All Kolokolo birds are sad.
- C. He was tired of answering questions.
- D. He knew that the Crocodile might try to eat the baby Elephant.

3. According to the story, after the baby Elephant's nose was stretched, what could he do?

- A. Pick fruit, brush away flies and breathe underwater
- B. Catch the Kolokolo bird
- C. Blow water on Aunt Ostrich
- D. Cover his eyes with his nose.

### WORD SEARCH

K T Z C K T E R K A M J L Q E  
Z E T U J F N U H A S U S S L  
A P Y R T X I E G H F C H Q I  
M A A I E C F N M D U U J E D  
Z E H O P S I Q A E S U Z A O  
B N R U J F O E V H T A H O C  
Q A L S I E R M E S W I S C O  
D N F C M D L D E K I W C M R  
Z R E K O L O K O L O W S X C  
R N Y L N R O B B U T S C L E  
T E M I Y W N Y T H G I M G C  
A K V R W W Y L V I P J S D B  
T M G I U N O D B E N W D E W  
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# Answer Sheet

## Activities

### Word Meanings

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from “Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

#### woolly

“He was grey and woolly, with four short legs.”

- A. smooth and shiny, like silk
- B. long and sharp, like wire
- C. thick and curly, like wool**
- D. light and airy, like a cloud

#### boastful

“He was very boastful...”

- A. full of pride**
- B. full of sadness
- C. full of anger
- D. full of water

#### shenanigans

“Nialuwa was tired of the old Kangaroo’s shenanigans...”

- A. demands
- B. questions
- C. talking
- D. silly behavior**

#### gums

“The old Kangaroo ran and ran on his four legs, through the desert, through the mountains, through the salt-pans, the reed-beds and the blue gums...”

- A. rivers
- B. flowers
- C. trees**
- D. weeds

#### hind

“He tucked up his front legs, hopped on his hind legs and stuck out his tail for balance...”

- A. front
- B. back**
- C. tired
- D. big

### Fill in the missing words

Write the correct word in the blank.

1. Nialuwa sent Dingo or the dog to run after Kangaroo.
2. Kangaroo wanted everything done by 5 o’clock.
3. Kangaroo hopped through the river.
4. Kangaroo wanted to be different from the other animals.

### Who was it?

Circle the correct answer.

Who wanted to be well-loved?

- A. Dingo
- B. Nialuwa
- C. Nia
- D. Kanagroo**

Who got tired of the kangaroo’s shenanigans?

- A. Dingo
- B. Nialuwa**
- C. Nia
- D. Kanagroo

Who said “Go away!” to Kangaroo

- A. Dingo
- B. Nialuwa
- C. Nia**
- D. Kanagroo

### Secret Code of Nialuwa

Use the secret code numbers to spell out a sentence about “The Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

**D I N G O C H A S E D**  
4 9 14 7 15 3 8 19 8 5 4

**K A N G A R O O .**  
11 1 14 7 1 18 15 15

#### Code Key

1 = A	5 = E	9 = I	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25 = Y
2 = B	6 = F	10 = J	14 = N	18 = R	22 = V	26 = Z
3 = C	7 = G	11 = K	15 = O	19 = S	23 = W	
4 = D	8 = H	12 = L	16 = P	20 = T	24 = X	

# Answer Sheet

and push the Hedgehog into water.” This time, the Jaguar would not forget. Stickly-Prickly and Slow-Solid knew they would have to think of something really clever.

“Alright hold my head up,” said Stickly-Prickly, “I am going to learn how to swim!” Slowly but surely the Hedgehog became a great swimmer, and his prickly spines even began to melt away.

“Okay, now help me unlace my back-plates,” said the Tortoise, that way I’ll be able to curl up in a ball too!” Slowly but surely the Tortoise’s shell became bendy, and he could curl up into a full ball of armor. Soon the Tortoise and the Hedgehog began to look a lot alike!

The next week they met the young Jaguar again, and when he saw them he fell three times backward over his own painted tail.

“Good morning, Jaguar!” They both called out to him. Both the Hedgehog and the Tortoise curled up and rolled to the river, where they jumped in and swam away.

“Mother, mother!” cried the Jaguar, now really confused, “I’ve just seen two new animals by the river. The one that you said couldn’t swim, swims, and the one that you said couldn’t curl up, curls up, and both of them are scaly all over instead of one being smooth and the other very prickly! It isn’t a Hedgehog and it isn’t a Tortoise, and I don’t know its proper name.”

“Nonsense!” said Mother Jaguar, “Everything has its proper name. I shall call it ‘Armadillo’ until we find out the real one.”

And that was how the beginning of the Armadillos came about.

## Activites

### Order of Events

Number these events in the order which they happened.

- 2 Stickly-Prickly learns to swim.
- 4 Mother Jaguar gives the Armadillo its name.
- 3 Slow-Solid learns to curl into a ball
- 1 Young Jaguar asks how to catch clever animals.

### Who Was It?

Circle the correct answer.

1. Which animal was suppose to be scooped with a paw?
  - A. Hedgehog
  - B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar
  - D. Mother Jaguar
2. Who tells young Jaguar how to catch clever animals?
  - A. Hedgehog
  - B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar
  - D. Mother Jaguar
3. Which animal was suppose to be thrown in the water?
  - A. Hedgehog
  - B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar
  - D. Mother Jaguar
4. Who was confused about Hedgehog and Tortoise?
  - A. Hedgehog
  - B. Tortoise
  - C. Jaguar
  - D. Mother Jaguar

**Secret Code:** Answer the question by using the secret code. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

What could Stickly-Prickly and Slow-Solid do?

<u>C</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>D</u>
3	21	18	12	1	14	4
<b>S W I M</b>						
19		23		9		13

**Code Key**

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# Answer Sheet



## Who Did It?

Circle the correct answer.

Who ignored Stranger-man?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

Who drew pictures on the tree bark?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

Who took the tree bark to Taffy's mother?

- A. Tegumai
- B. Taffy
- C. Stranger-man

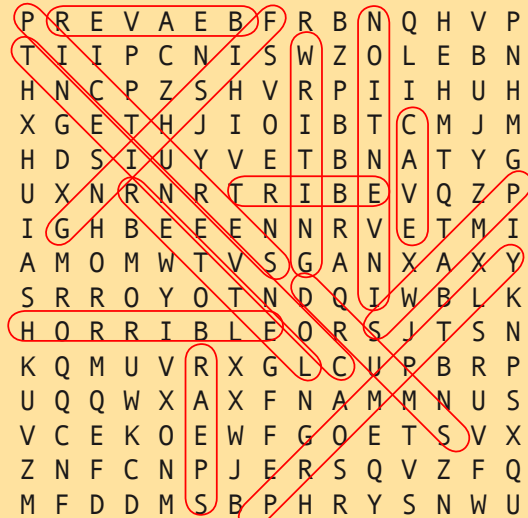
## Order of Events

Put the events of the story in the correct order by putting a 1 in the blank before the first event, a 2 before the second and so on.

- 6 Taffy's mother called the tribe.
- 5 The Stranger-man gave the letter to Teshumai.
- 4 Taffy sent a letter to her mother.
- 8 Taffy explained her letter.
- 2 Tegumai broke his spear.
- 3 The Stranger-man came to the river.
- 1 Tegumai and Taffy went fishing.
- 7 Tribe went to rescue Tegumai and Taffy.

## Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.



- |        |           |          |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| BEAVER | FISHING   | PROMPTLY |
| CAVE   | HORRIBLE  | SPEAR    |
| CONVE- | INVENTION | SWAMP    |
| NIENT  | LETTER    | TRIBE    |
| DRUMS  | PICTURES  | WRITING  |

## Vocabulary

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

convenient

- A. magical
- B. helpful or handy
- C. strange
- D. lucky

promptly

- A. slowly
- B. gracefully
- C. happily
- D. quickly

horrible

- A. unpleasant
- B. beautiful
- C. interesting
- D. silly

invention

- A. new method or item
- B. letter
- C. lie or falsehood
- D. weapon

# Answer Sheet

## HOW THE ALPHABET WAS MADE

### Quick Quiz

Answer the following questions.

Who wanted to make a special surprise for her father?

**Taffy**

What did Taffy draw on?

**tree bark**

Where did Taffy and Tegumai live?

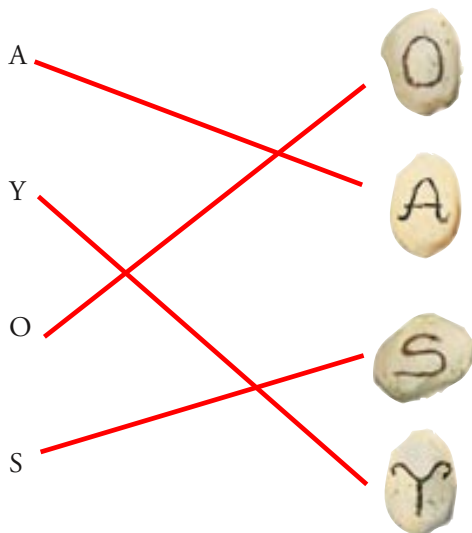
**in a cave**

What animal did Taffy draw when Tegumai said "Ah"?

**a fish**

### Matching

Draw a line from the letter to the sound picture Taffy and Tegumai drew.



### Vocabulary

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

normally

- A. in the usual way
- B. in olden days
- C. slowly
- D. happily

entirely

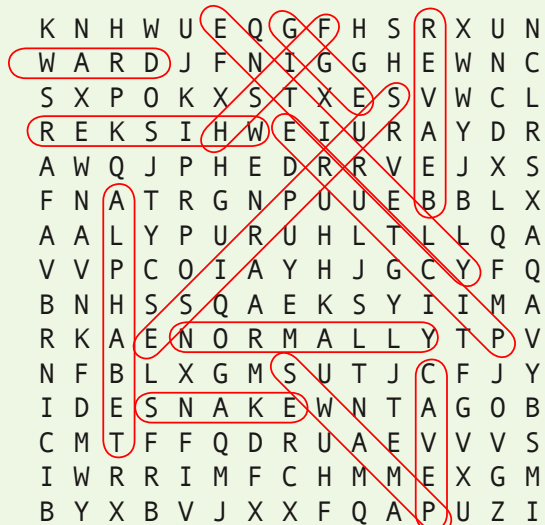
- A. quickly
- B. amazingly
- C. as a part of
- D. completely

feeler

- A. flat hat
- B. long antenna on some animals
- C. sharp and pointed teeth
- D. eyeglasses

### Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.



- |          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| NORMALLY | FISH    | BEAVER   |
| ENTIRELY | PICTURE | SWAMP    |
| WHISKER  | SOUND   | SURPRISE |
| ALPHABET | EGG     | DRAW     |
| CAVE     | SNAKE   |          |



# Answer Sheet

## Order of Events

Put the events from the story "The Crab That Played with the Sea" in the correct order by placing a 1 in front of the first thing that happened, a 2 in front of the second, and so on.

- 8 The Crab promised to play as he should.
- 4 The Man told The Eldest Magician the Sea is flooding and drying up.
- 7 The Daughter gave the Crab her scissors.
- 1 The Eldest Magician told the Animals how to play.
- 6 The Eldest Magician took the Crab's shell away.
- 2 The Man talked to the Eldest Magician.
- 5 The Eldest Magician, the Man and the Daughter found the Crab.
- 3 The Crab slipped into the Sea while the Man and the Eldest Magician talked.

## Who Was It?

Circle the correct answer.

Who saw the Crab go into the Sea?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who told the Animals how to play?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who made the water go higher and lower?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

Who was too wise to play?

- A. The Eldest Magician
- B. The Man
- C. The Daughter
- D. The Crab

## Letter Maze

Find your way from the Green C to the Orange C, by connecting ONLY the letters C.

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B F G A C C C C S T U F S S T D Z Y X W Q E A R A Z
A G G A C A D P C C R A C C C C C C C C C C A L B A
R A G L C R A Z F G T V C R I A C A B C Z A C E H O A
A C C C C K Q G A C C C C T A C A R C U H C A S O K
A C T I C R P A A C A A C Q A L C P M C C C C C Z A
A V B M C A J A I C H U C P Y A W G A C A Y A R C A L
C C C C C C C C C D A Q G J K T R S C A N Y A C J A
C D F A C A V A C Y A T A J C C C C C X A T A C A X
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C L L A F O C C C C C C C C K I A C A T C C C C C C
C C C A C C C C W A W O C C P A G R G A Z C A I H A C
O N M X A W A C A A C C C P W A C A K A C O M P U C
A A C C C C C A Q P A A X C C A C C C C A N C A C
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C C C C C U A C A W A C I A C C C C C C C O A P Y C
    
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## Word Meanings

Circle the correct meaning of the word.

scuttled

- A. walked slowly
- B. rolled
- C. ran quickly
- D. jumped

obedient

- A. polite and friendly
- B. generous
- C. funny
- D. willing to follow orders

vanished

- A. turned blue
- B. disappeared
- C. exploded
- D. became soft

# Answer Sheet

The Baby was sad that the Cat had left him and began to cry again. "I will sing the Baby to sleep," said the Cat. He lay next to the Baby and purred, long and low, until the Baby was fast asleep.

The Woman smiled at the two little creatures. "You did that well, clever Cat."

Suddenly the Cat was sitting by the warm fire. "That's the second kind thing you have said to me. Now I may sit by the fire forever and ever."

The whole cave became quiet, so quiet that a little Mouse ran silently across the floor.

"Eeee!" cried the Woman, for she was afraid of the Mouse. The Cat pounced on the Mouse and ate it up.

"You are clever, Wild One," said the Woman. "None of the others are fast enough to catch the Mouse."

"That's the third time you have said kind words to me," the Cat said. "You will give me warm milk three times a day. But I am still the Cat that walks by himself!"

With that, the Woman smiled and gave the Cat warm milk forever and ever.



## Sequence of Events

Put the events in order by placing a 1 in the blank before the first thing that happened, a 2 after the second and so on.

- 3 The Woman made a bargain with the Cat.
- 2 The Dog gnawed the bone.
- 1 The Woman found a cave.
- 5 The Cat ate the Mouse.
- 6 The Woman gave the Cat warm milk.
- 4 The Cat tickled the Baby.

## Vocabulary

Circle the answer that means the same as the word.

### gnawed

- A. licked
- B. laughed
- C. chewed**
- D. barked

### aroma

- A. taste
- B. sight
- C. smell**
- D. feel

### compliment

- A. rude words
- B. words of praise**
- C. idea
- D. excuse

### bargain

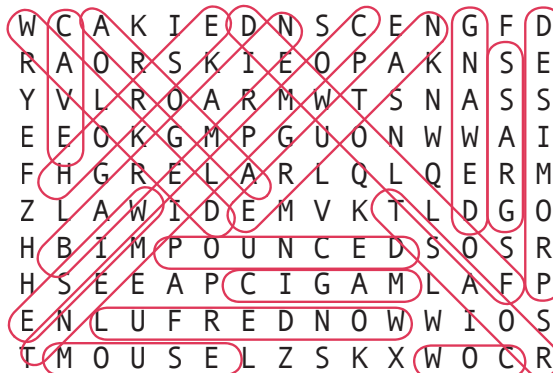
- A. agreement**
- B. dinner
- C. argument
- D. fire

### pounced

- A. danced
- B. saw
- C. jumped quickly**
- D. screamed loudly

## WORD SEARCH

Circle each word from the list in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards, and diagonally.



AROMA  
BARGAIN  
CAVE  
COMPLIMENT  
COW  
FOLLOWED  
GNAWED  
GRASS  
HORSE  
MAGIC  
MOUSE  
NATURE  
POUNCED  
PROMISED  
ROAST  
WALKED  
WISE  
WONDERFUL

# Answer Sheet

Suleiman wiped away his tears of laughter. “No she won’t,” he said.

With that, he turned his powerful ring. In an instant, four Jinns came out of the ground. “When this butterfly stamps his foot you will make my palace and gardens disappear in a clap of thunder,” Suleiman told the Jinns. “When the butterfly stamps again you will bring them back gently.”

Suleiman turned to Butterfly Husband. “Go back and stamp your foot all you want.”

Balkis saw the Jinns arrive and knew her plan was working. She smiled to herself.

Butterfly Husband returned to his wife, who was still screaming “Stamp!” As he landed on a leaf, he stamped his tiny foot.

In a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder, the beautiful palace and garden vanished! Everything was black and quiet.

“Oh! Oh!” screamed Butterfly Wife. “I’m sorry! I won’t

argue with you anymore. Please, bring back the gardens.”

Butterfly Husband was almost as frightened as his wife. He quickly stamped his foot again. The beautiful palace and gardens came down from the sky and landed without a bump. All was back the way it was.

Suddenly, there was the sound of screams, as Suleiman’s many wives ran from the palace. Balkis met them at the steps to the garden.

“What has happened?” they cried.

“Nothing has happened,” said Balkis. “A butterfly complained to Suleiman about his wife who argues with him. Suleiman taught her a lesson about speaking quietly and kindly.

The wives looked at each other in dismay. They turned and walked as quiet as mice back to the beautiful palace.

Suleiman and Balkis walked together to the palace where they all lived happily and peacefully ever after.

## Vocabulary Matching

Place the letter in the blank for the correct meaning of the word.

<u>D</u> genie	A. arguing
<u>F</u> humble	B. disappear
<u>A</u> quarreling	C. boast; speak highly of yourself
<u>G</u> stamped	D. a magical creature who grants wishes
<u>B</u> vanish	E. short period of time, a moment
<u>C</u> brags	F. modest, not vain
<u>E</u> instant	G. strongly strike to the ground

## Who Did It?

Circle the correct answer.

Who said “Stamp!” over and over?

- A. Suleiman
- B. Balkis
- C. Butterfly Husband
- D. Butterfly Wife

Who turned the ring?

- A. Suleiman
- B. Balkis
- C. Butterfly Husband
- D. Butterfly Wife

Who told the many wives what happened?

- A. Suleiman
- B. Balkis
- C. Butterfly Husband
- D. Butterfly Wife

## Secret code

Answer the question by using the secret code. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

Who made Suleiman laugh?

<u>B</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Y</u>
2	21	20	20	5	18	6	12	25
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