

Memorize A Poem



One of the best ways to get to know a poem is by memorizing it.

Read the lines, then cover them. Try to visualize what the words are describing.
Write as many of the words as you can from memory.

Canis Major by Robert Frost

Lines 1-4

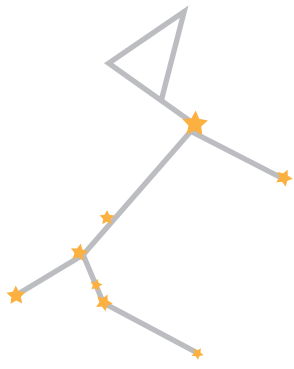
**The great Overdog
That heavenly beast
With a star in one eye
Gives a leap in the east.**

Lines 5-8

**He dances upright
All the way to the west
And never once drops
On his forefeet to rest.**

Lines 9-12

**I'm a poor underdog,
But to-night I will bark
With the great Overdog
That romps through the dark.**



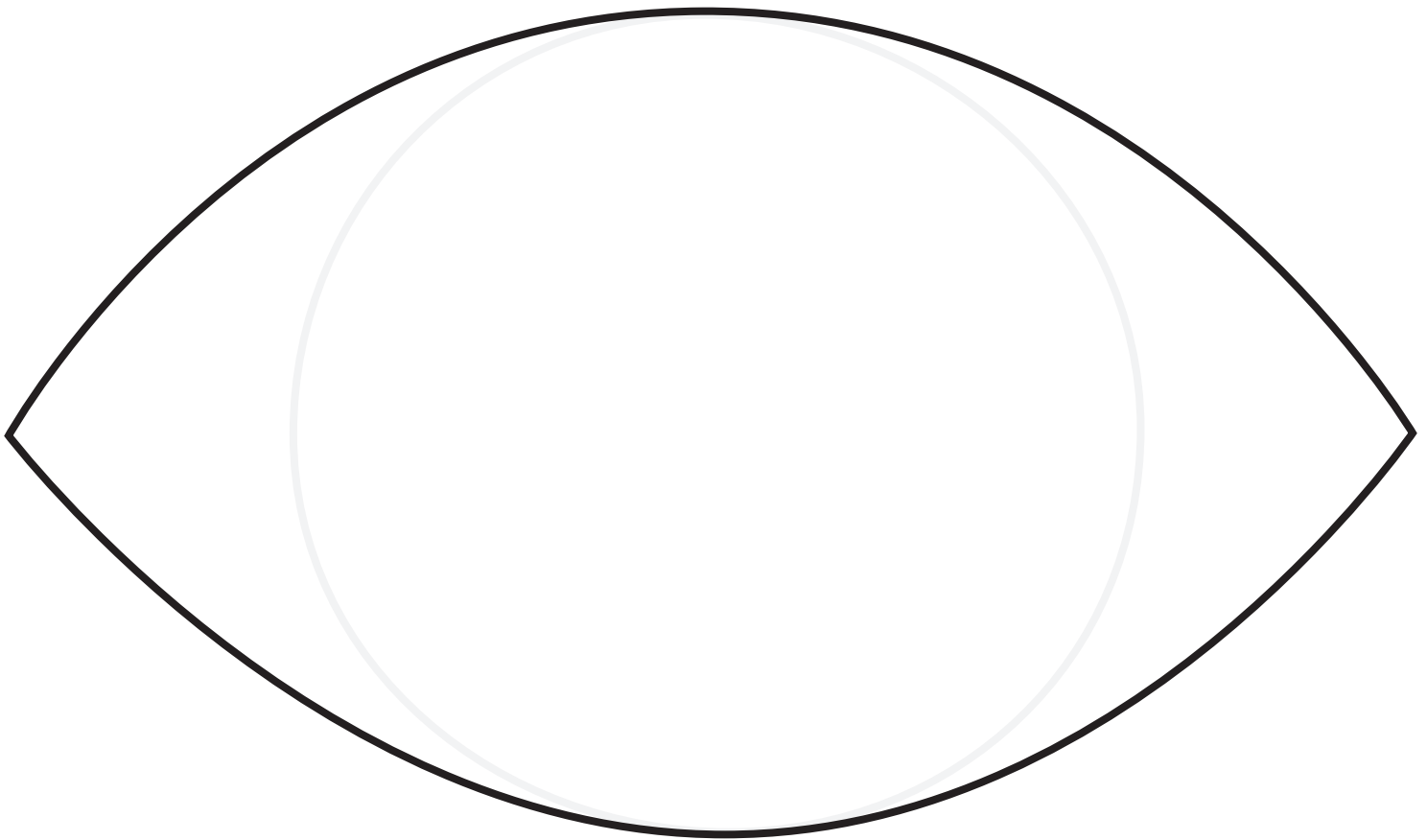
Visualize to Memorize



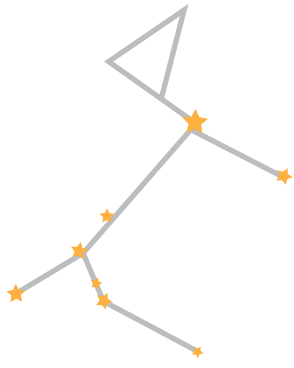
Are you ready for the next step?

Did you visualize the poem as you re-wrote each word?
Beginning with lines 1-4, draw a picture below that will help you remember
this section of the poem. Do not use words.

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Practice memorizing lines 1-4 using your picture to help you remember.
When you feel confident with this section, move on to the next page.



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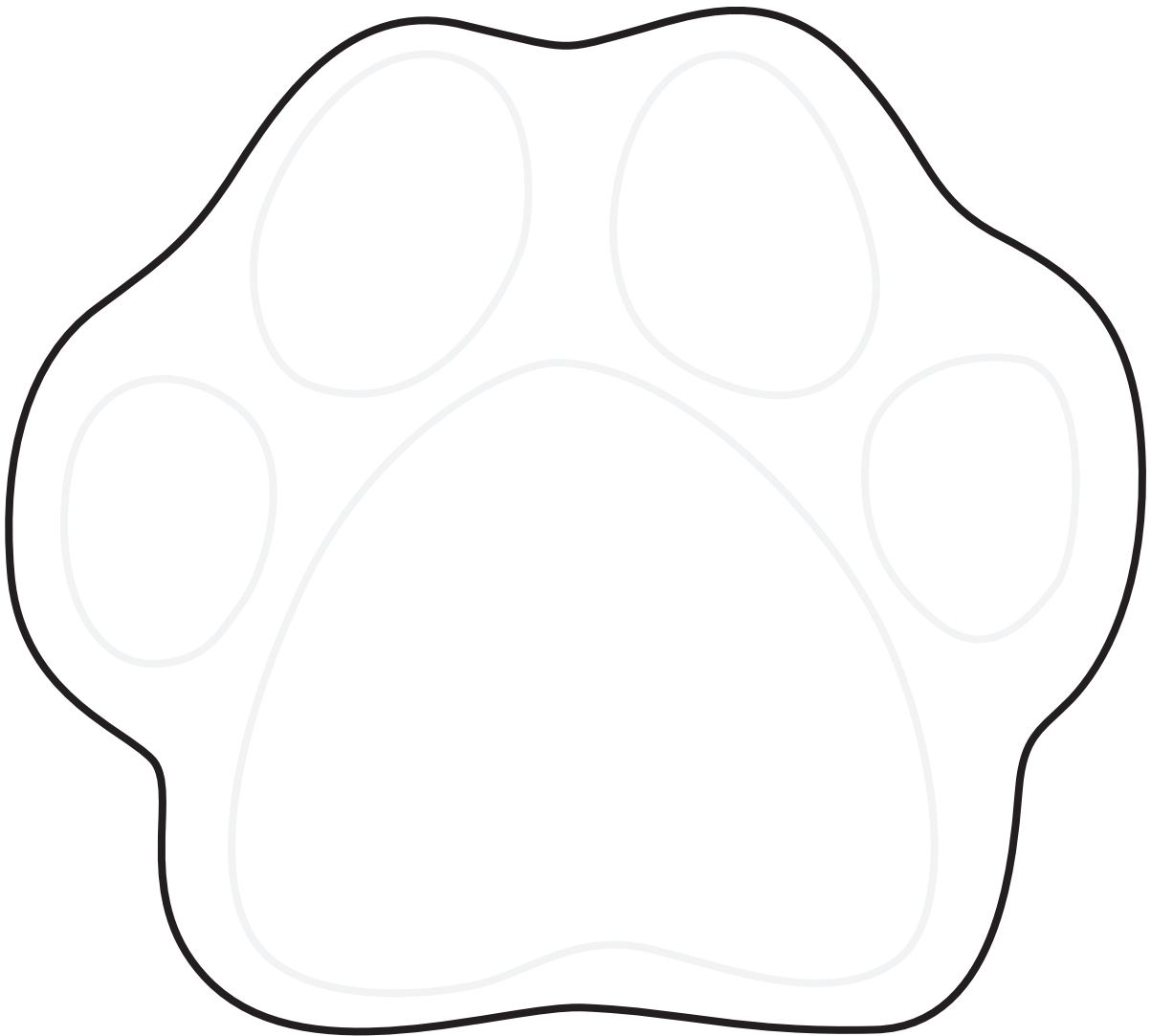
You're doing great! Let's keep going.

Refer back to the poem if you need.

Then draw a picture that will help you remember lines 5-8 of the poem.

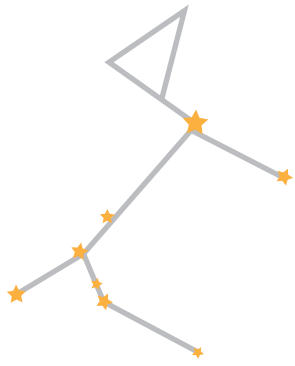
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Practice memorizing lines 5-8 using your picture to help you remember.

When you feel confident with this section, move on to the next page.



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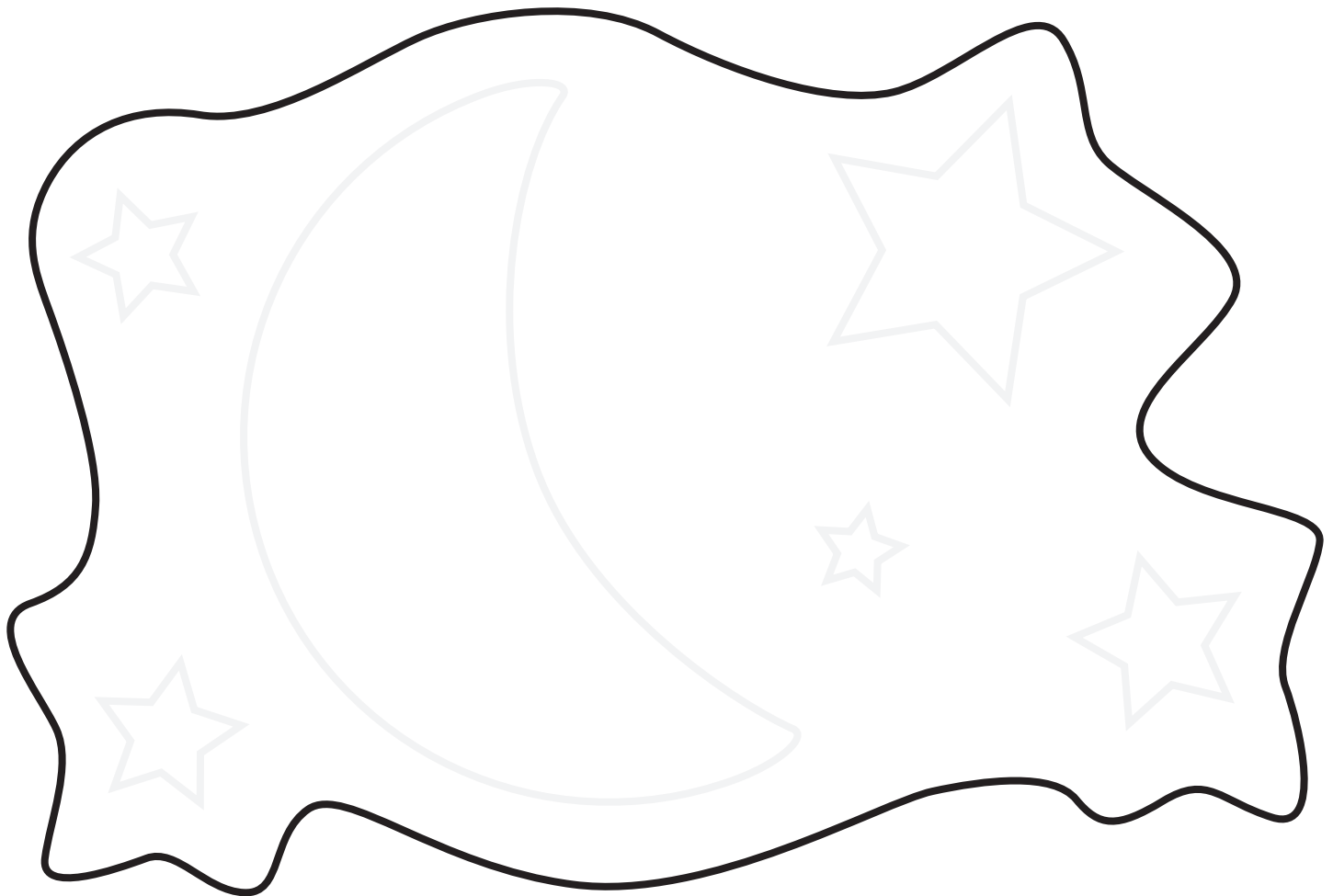


Part Three

Wonderful! One more section to go.

Refer back to the poem if you need.
Then draw a picture that will help you remember lines 9-12 of the poem.
Again, do not use words.

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Practice memorizing lines 9-12 using your picture to help you remember.
When you feel confident with this last section use all of the pictures to help
you recite the entire poem by memory. Practice in front of a mirror or a trustworthy pet!

