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# Metaphors

Maxine the marsupial is hopping around looking for metaphors. For example, here is a metaphor: The snow was a white blanket. Circle the metaphors in the following sentences so Maxine can pop them into her pouch.



The elf's flowing hair was a green lawn on his head.

Draw a picture of an elf if you like: ➡

The vampire's teeth were sharp, white knives in a dazzling smile.

The toddler's room was a train wreck.

The ballerina was a brilliant star in the galaxy of the ballet.

The restaurant kitchen was a fiery oven.

The dragon's breath was a blowtorch.

Draw a picture of a fire-breathing dragon if you like: ➡

Her joyful personality was fluffy cotton candy to her friends.

Compliments are chocolate kisses in life.

The sheriff was a chicken when he faced the outlaws.

The hungry troll was a bottomless pit.

Draw a picture of a hungry troll if you like: ➡

Describe a neighbor who does not appear to be someone you would want to wave hello to in salutation. Go further with your description than just the physical attributes. Develop the personality traits, likes and dislikes, age, family, friends, accomplishments, hopes, dreams, and wishes. Write a description of this character, describing many of their attributes. To help you get ready to write, answer the questions below.

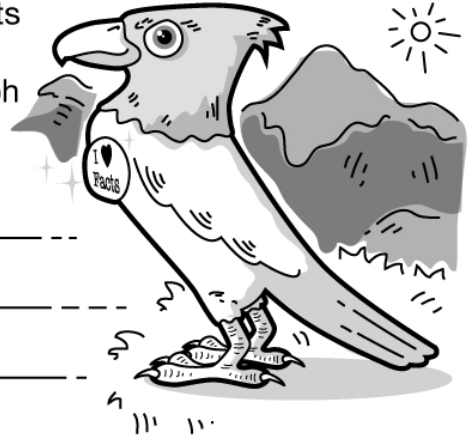
- Now you are ready to write. Describe this person in such detail that the reader feels like he/she knows him.

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Do you know the difference between facts and opinions? Facts can be proven. Opinions are how you feel about something. Frank the fact falcon would like you to write a factual paragraph first about something you know well.



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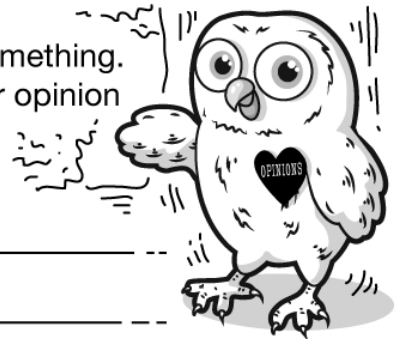
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Ollie the opinion owl now would like to know your opinion about something. Pick an issue that you care about and write a paragraph about your opinion on that subject.



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Which kind of paragraph was easier for you to write? Why?



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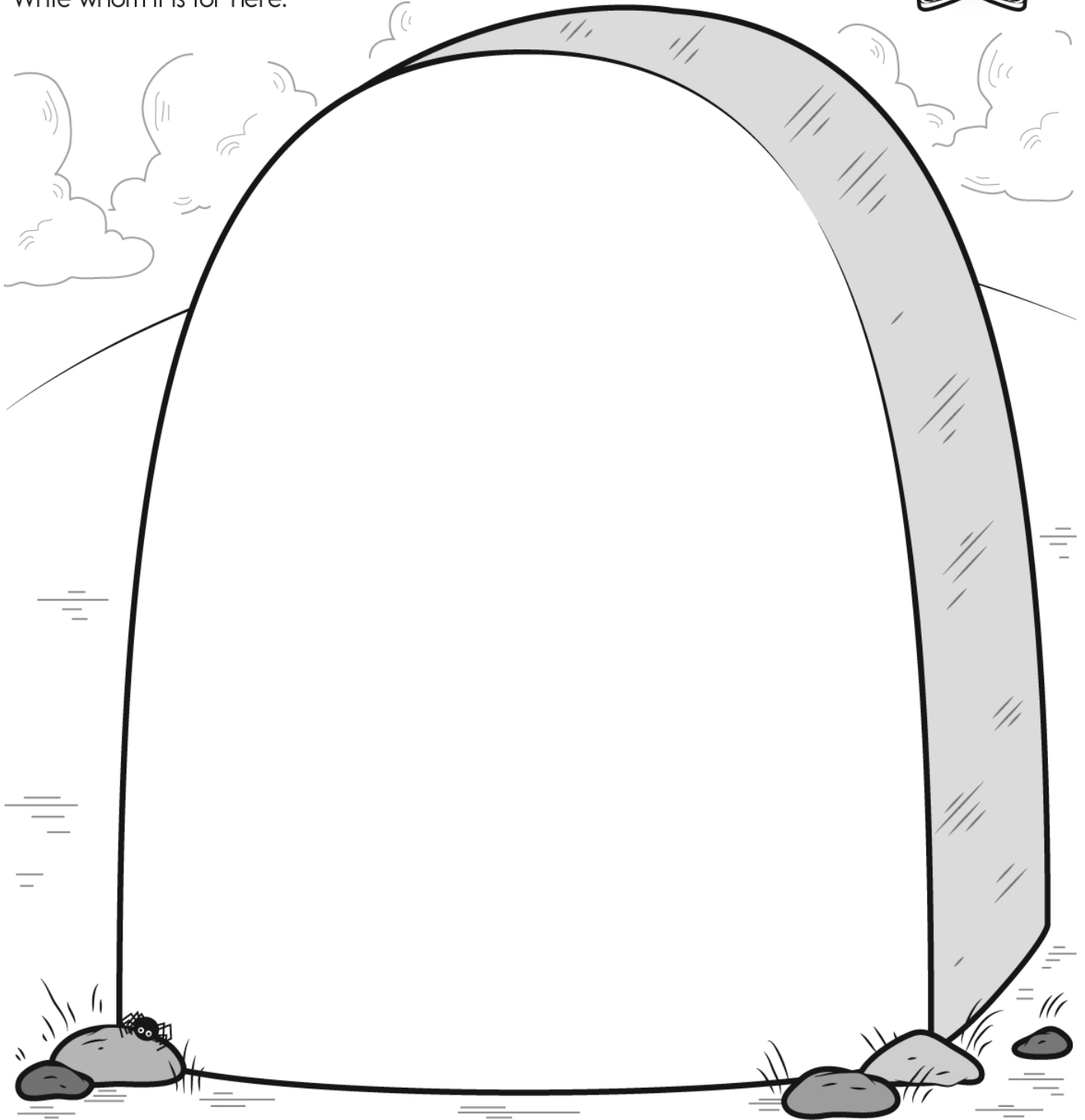
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The word "epitaph" comes from Greek and means "at a tomb." Sometimes epitaphs rhyme. Sometimes they are funny. Other times they are serious. Use your creativity, and write a nice epitaph for either someone real or someone from your vivid imagination on the handy dandy tombstone that happens to be below.



Write whom it is for here:



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<b>describing words:</b>	exhausted	dirty	white
	team	beautiful	shy

<b>who or what?</b>	socks	designer	friend
	cheerleader	lanyards	shirt

<b>did what?</b>	ate all of the dip	fell
	were thrown into	were walking

<b>where?</b>	in the jungle	on the tarmac
	across the room	into a cave

<b>when?</b>	while she was extremely bored	on time
	late last night	yesterday

Write one sentence. Use some of the ideas from above.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the ideas you used from above. Use at least two of these ideas:









where?                      when?                      did what?                      who or what?

Count by 4.9s.

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Draw ONE continuous line that touches every box ONCE.

Count by 4.9s. Find the box with the number 5. Move up, down, right, or left. Keep counting until you reach 107.9. Do not move into a spot with a ghost.

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There are many differences between tortilla chips and traditional potato chips. Write a paragraph (or you might write an essay if you choose) comparing and contrasting these snacks.

1. Brainstorm a list of five ways tortilla chips are different from potato chips.
2. Think for a moment. How are these snacks similar? To begin, write a general statement about tortilla chips and potato chips. This general statement will be your topic sentence.
3. Now, support your topic sentence with at least three sentences that provide facts, details, and examples.

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You are an astronaut on a spaceship in the year 2322. Your goal is to reach a planet in a nearby galaxy, but you encounter an unexpected event. A spaceship with aliens from a world you have never heard of starts to communicate with you, and they suddenly beam onto your ship! They are delivering an unexpected gift to the people of Earth, which is...

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Did you know that you don't always have to use the word **experience** in your writing? Try to use different words for an overused word like **experience**. It will make your work more fun for others to read.

Circle words to the RIGHT or DOWN. Every letter is used exactly ONCE.

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Write the words found.

PRACTICE	ADVENTURE
EXPOSURE	UNDERSTANDING
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_____	_____
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Now rewrite this without using the word **experience**. Add one or two of your own sentences using some of the words you found in the word search.

The doctor had lots of experience, so we trusted her advice. Based on the doctor's experience, surgery was the best option.

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\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite two words to use instead of **experience** are:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

How many words do you think it takes to improve your writing?

Fifty. That's 50! There are about 50 overused words we often use in writing and conversations.

When you find yourself repeating, try something different. It doesn't take much work to sound amazing!

Think about something that your mailman has done recently that deserves recognition. Write a descriptive paragraph about this deed. Use words and phrases that make the reader feel he/she is right there with you. To help you get ready to write, complete the following descriptions regarding your mailman's exemplary service:

- Now you are ready to write. Make your example seem real in the mind of your reader.

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progress • thankfully • cures • illnesses • to • healthier  
 researchers • bacteria • ~~heat~~

Scientists are looking for new \_\_\_\_\_ for cancer and other  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers study \_\_\_\_\_ and virus strains  
 in hopes of finding something that will help to \_\_\_\_\_ heal \_\_\_\_\_ sick people. This  
 can be a tedious job. It can take years before any \_\_\_\_\_ is made,  
 but, \_\_\_\_\_, these \_\_\_\_\_ don't give up easily. They  
 long \_\_\_\_\_ make the world a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

What part of speech is the underlined word? Write it on the line. Explain how you  
 arrived at your answer.

Heidi is from Germany.

Write three words using the given Latin  
 root word.

struct - meaning "build"

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Choose the pronoun which correctly  
 completes the sentence.

Edward and (I/me) will go to  
 school tomorrow when we feel  
 better.

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Rewrite these in increasing order of length:

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$$9 \times 9 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Write 78,889 in words.

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$$60 \div 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$38,993 + 47,891 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**Oops. This story contains lots of errors.**

**Find them and fix the errors in this story before answering the questions.**

## Cretaceous Copycats - Bird Mimics

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Mimics copy others. Some dinosaurs were called ornithomimids. Scientists call them bird mimics because some things about them seem similar to modern birds. These bird copycats walked or ran on two strong legs. They had long necks. They had small heads. Inside their tiny heads, they had immense brain and large eyes. They also had two arms and long fingers. These arms looked a little like wings. Many of them had no teeth, like today's birds.



Bird mimics eating a mix of foods. Eating both meat and plants made them omnivores. Ostriches and other large birds today are also omnivores.

These bird mimics walked on two legs. Some of them could run up to 50 mph! Modern road runners may go up to 15 mph, and ostriches can running up to 45 mph. Bird mimics' slender bodies and long legs made them fast and agile. Their bones were light and hollow. They could easily outrun their predators. They could also swerve to dodge them, like a car swerves to avoid bumps in the road. They used their tails for balance.

Some mimics names sound likely They belonged in the barnyard. One was the *Gallimimus*, or "chicken mimic". It standing about twice as tall as a man. That's a big chicken! It may have used its hands like rakes to dig for food. Another bird mimic was the *Anserimimus* ("goose mimic"). It had long, mostly-straight claws.

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Scientists found the only goose mimic fossil in Mongolia.

*Struthiomimus* means "ostrich mimics". This dinosaur had a long, skinny neck. It had large eyes. Its shape was similar to an ostrich. It also had long, slender fingers with sharp claws.

Bird mimics were unusual Creatures. They had long neck, long tails, and long legs and arms. Some were huge, with bodies that were twenty feet long. And some of them may have had bird-like feathers. They lived on Earth during the Cretaceous Period that ended more than 65 million years ago, but we are still learning more about them today.

**Did you make at least 20 corrections? If not, take another look.**

**I took a few looks and was able to make \_\_\_\_\_ corrections.**

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## Questions

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is a synonym for the word "mimic" in paragraph 1?
- A. fatten up
  - B. miniscule
  - C. copycat
  - D. minimize
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What do omnivores eat?
- A. meat
  - B. meat and plants
  - C. fruit and plants
  - D. dead animals
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How fast could bird mimics run?
- A. 50 mph
  - B. 10 mph
  - C. 30 mph
  - D. 20 mph
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A chicken mimic was the size of a chicken.
- A. false
  - B. true

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which modern bird might resemble a bird mimic?
- A. an ostrich
  - B. an eagle
  - C. a bluebird
  - D. a chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Most bird mimics lived during the \_\_\_\_\_ Period.
- A. Triassic
  - B. Cretaceous
  - C. Mesozoic
  - D. Silurian
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Where was the fossil of the goose mimic found?
- A. Russia
  - B. Mongolia
  - C. Canada
  - D. Siberia

Use each of the blocks to spell four words.  
Hint: Use the words property and fowl.

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Try to spell some words.

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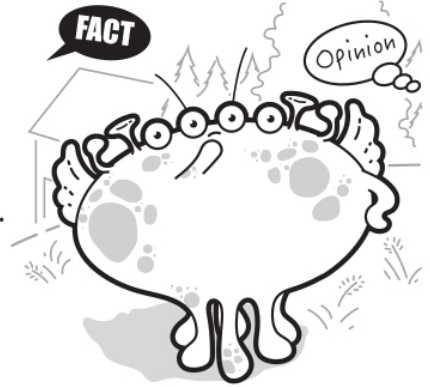
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Draw a picture of your memory here:

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A friendly alien has decided to stay at your house for a while, but he is very confused about one part of Earth life. He doesn't understand the difference between facts and opinions. On his planet, everyone has the same ideas, so an opinion is a new concept for him. Pick a subject that you know well and that an alien who has never visited Earth might like to learn about. Write one factual paragraph about it. Then write another paragraph about your opinion. Finally, write about how the alien feels about the subject.



Your factual paragraph:

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Your opinion paragraph:

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Draw the alien's spaceship here  
if you need a break from writing!



What did the alien think about the subject  
after reading your facts and opinion?

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Uncover the Story Number 1

(Pick just one story to uncover!)



What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

My ideas...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Uncover the Story Number 2

(Pick just one story to uncover!)



What is going on? Write as many ideas as you can fit in the box.

My ideas...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which story did you decide to uncover? Check one.



☐ Uncover the Story Number 1



☐ Uncover the Story Number 2

Best idea I had to describe this picture: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Add a detail to this idea: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND best idea I had to describe this picture: \_\_\_\_\_

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Add a detail to this idea: \_\_\_\_\_

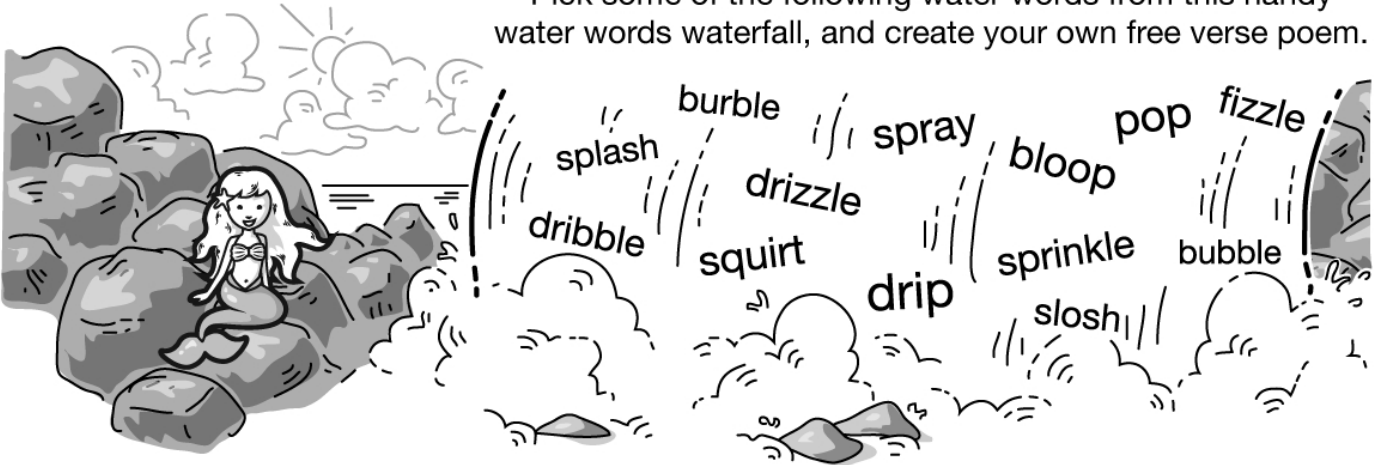
Uncover the main character. Give the main character a name. Is the main character in the picture? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Onomatopoeia** is an **enormous** word that means something **simple**. It is when a word describes a sound and actually sounds like it. Water sounds are good examples of this, such as **DRIZZLE** or **splash**. These words lend themselves to free verse poetry, which is poetry that doesn't rhyme or follow any special rules.

Pick some of the following water words from this handy water words waterfall, and create your own free verse poem.




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Illustrate your poem here:

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# Write an Acrostic Poem



From the pictures on this page, come up with a topic word.

Write your topic word: \_\_\_\_\_

Write some words that begin with the letters in the topic word.



Write your acrostic poem.



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Hurry, hurry, hurry! This paragraph is actually a giant run-on sentence. Rewrite it so that it has regular sentences that are easier to understand.

Valentine's Day might make some people nervous because they are desperate to find the perfect gift for the one they love so they rush out to the store and often buy flowers, chocolates, and cards so their loved one will be happy and feel loved on that special day and they also hope they will get a special gift, too.



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Draw a picture of a gift you like to give on Valentine's Day:

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Why do you like to give this kind of gift?

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Some vowels are missing in the word search.  
Fill in the missing vowels and circle the words.

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MOLD • CRUDE • DEDICATE  
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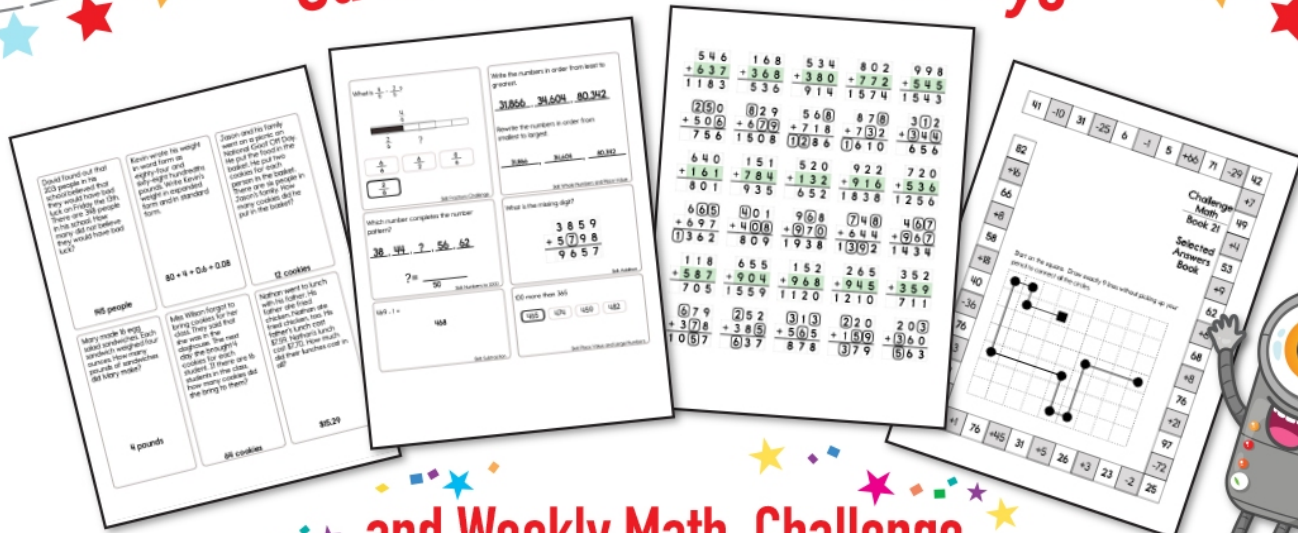
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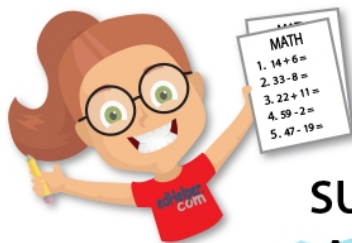
Split each word into syllables.

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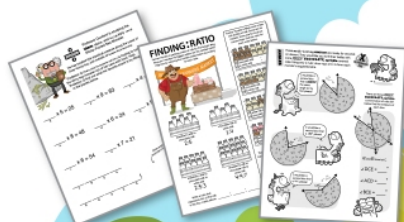
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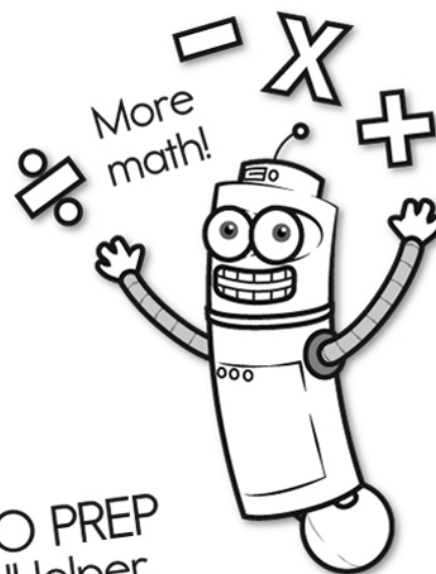
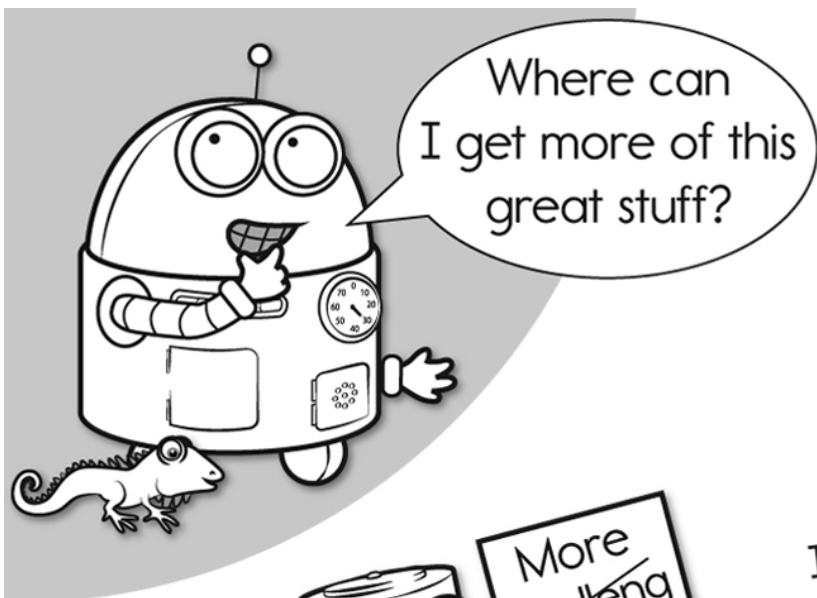


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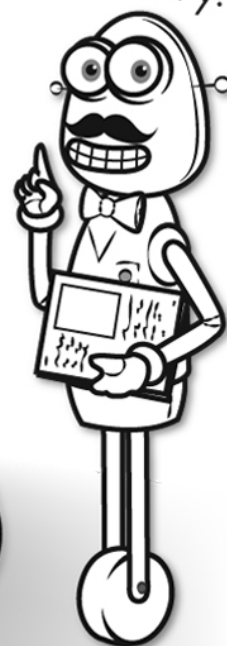


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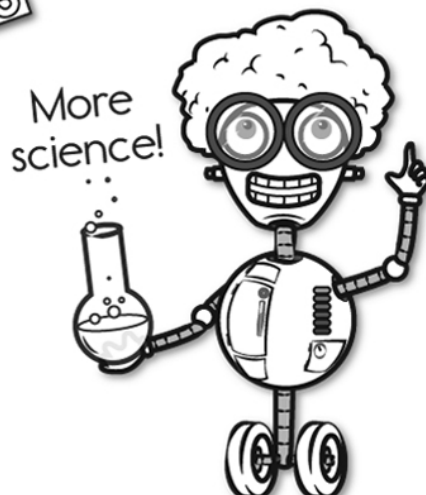
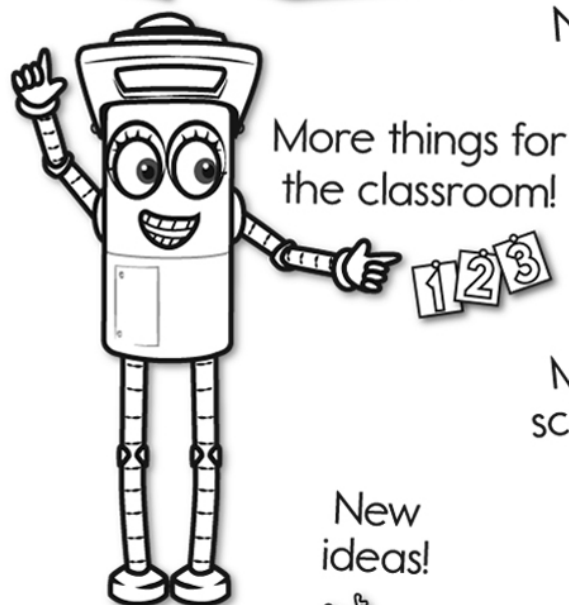
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