

Dear incoming 4th graders and parents,

Happy summer! I hope you will enjoy making new memories together as a family during this time. Amidst the relaxation and vacations, please carve out some time to practice your IXL skills in Math and Language Arts. I am attaching a recommended schedule to help you along the way!

You will also be reading "My Father's Dragon" by Ruth Stiles and answering chapter questions while you read. You can find this book on Amazon, or you can borrow it from the library. Your responses and illustrations will all be written/drawn in the provided packet. I think you will really enjoy this story!

Log into google Classroom "Summer Work for Incoming 4th graders 2023-2024" and the class code is **ojlaezt** for instructions on your assignments.

Recommended Reading schedule (My Father's Dragon)

Week 1:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 1 (including Predict My Father's Dragon)

Week 2:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 2 (including Knapsack Predictions)

Week 3:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 3 (including Math: Count the Tangerines)

Week 4:

Read and answer questions for Chapters 4 and 5

Week 5:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 6

Week 6:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 7

Week 7:

Read and answer questions for Chapter 8

Week 8:

Read and answer questions for Chapters 9 and 10

Summer IXL in Language Arts for incoming 4th graders

You will be using **Grade 3** IXL skills to review this summer. (Make sure to do each skill to the FIRST BADGE even if you completed this skill during the 3rd grade year)

Week 1: Determine the main idea of the passage

Week 2: Identify the author's purpose
Match causes with effects

Week 3: Distinguish character's point of view
Use text features

Week 4: Read passages about famous people
Choose topic sentence for expository paragraphs

Week 5: Use context to identify the meaning of a word
Identify common and proper nouns

Week 6: Compound subjects and objects with "I" and "me"
Commas review

Week 7: Capitalization review
Greetings and closings of letters

Week 8: Punctuating dialogue

Summer IXL in Math for incoming 4th graders

You will be using **Grade 3** skills to review for summer. (Make sure to do each skill to the FIRST BADGE even if you completed this skill during the 3rd grade year)

Week 1: Place value word problems
Add three numbers up to 3 digits each: word problems

Week 2: Subtract numbers up to three digits: word problems
Multiplication facts up to 10: Select the missing factors

Week 3: Multiplication facts up to 12: Select the missing factors

Division facts up to 12: Find the missing numbers

Week 4: Division input/output tables

Multiplication and division word problems

Week 5: Estimate sums and differences: word problems

Put money amounts in order

Week 6: Read clocks and write times

Interpret bar graphs

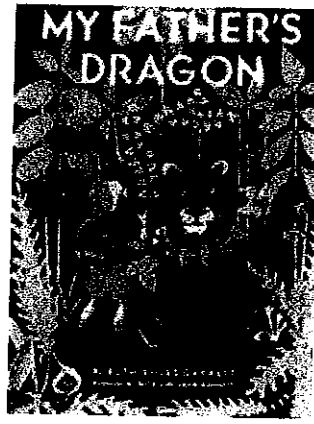
Week 7: Match mixed numbers to models

Identify equivalent fractions

Week 8: Compare fractions

Identify polygons up to 12 sides

Predict **MY FATHER'S DRAGON**



Before you read, take a look at the cover of this book, skim the text, and do a picture walk. What are your first impressions? What do you think this book is about?

Chapter 1

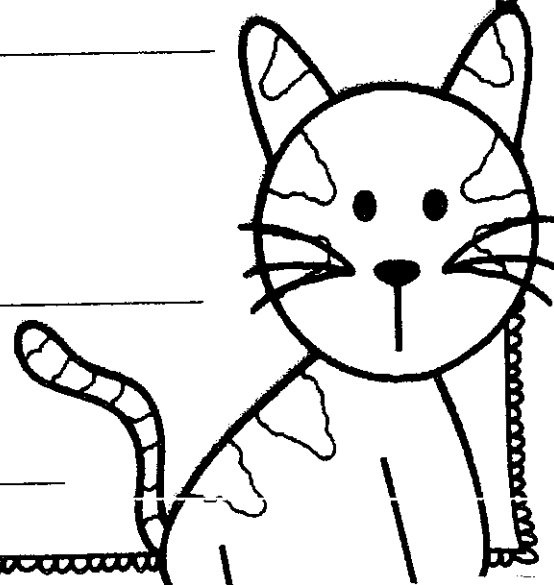
MY FATHER MEETS THE CAT

1. Why did Elmer Elevator bring the old alley cat home?

2. Why didn't Elmer's mother want to feed the stray cat?

3. How did Elmer feel about how his mother reacted to finding the cat in the house?

4. How would you describe Elmer Elevator?



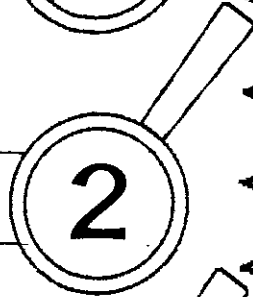
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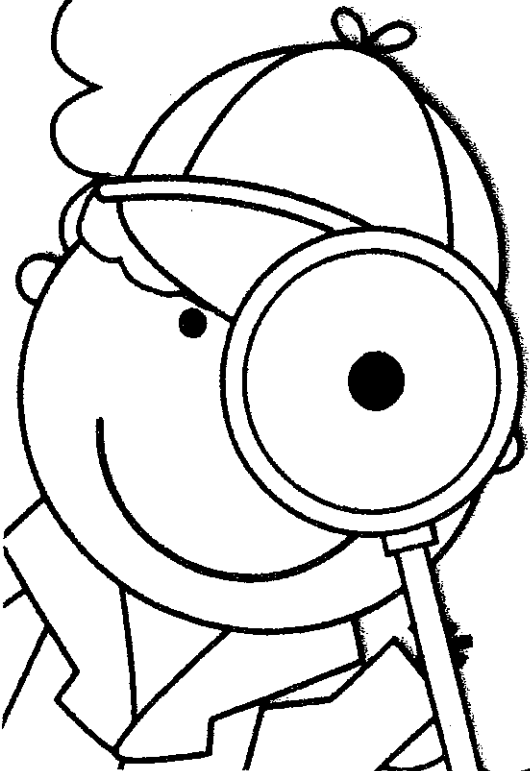
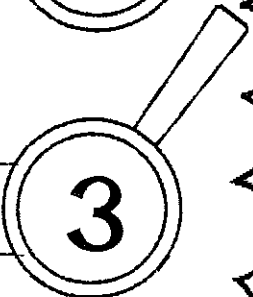
MAKING INFERENCES

What does the cat think of Elmer Elevator?

What's your evidence?





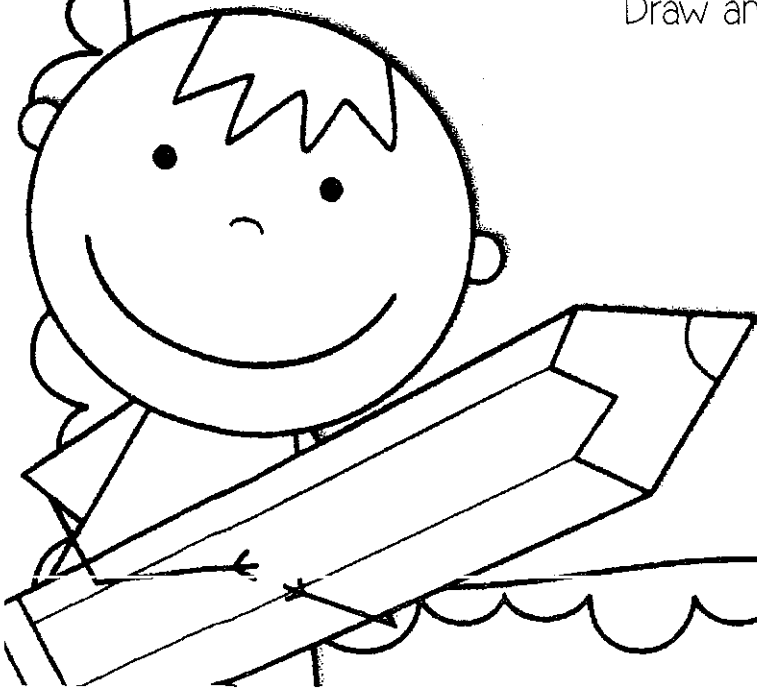


Chapter 1

WRITE ABOUT IT!

Elmer Elevator wants an airplane when he grows up because he really wants to fly. What is one thing you wish for when you grow up? Why?

Draw an illustration.



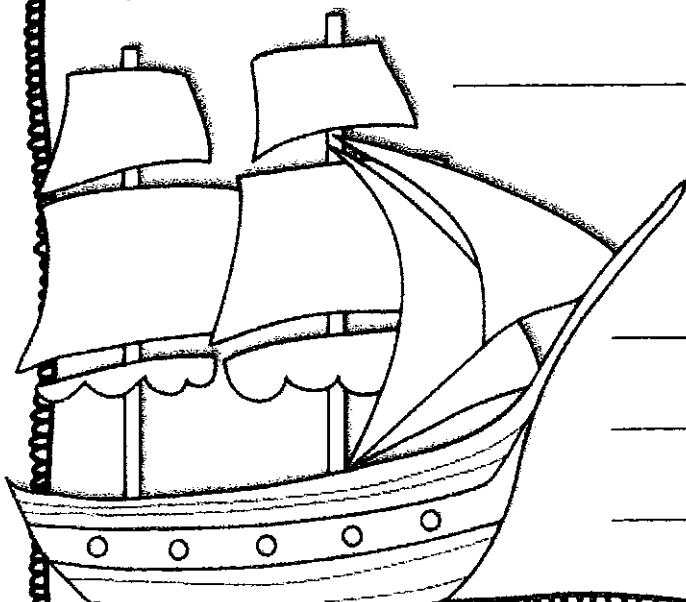
Chapter 2

MY FATHER RUNS AWAY

1. How does the cat describe the dragon?

2. Why do the animals of Wild Island keep the dragon from running away?

3. What did Elmer pack for his trip?



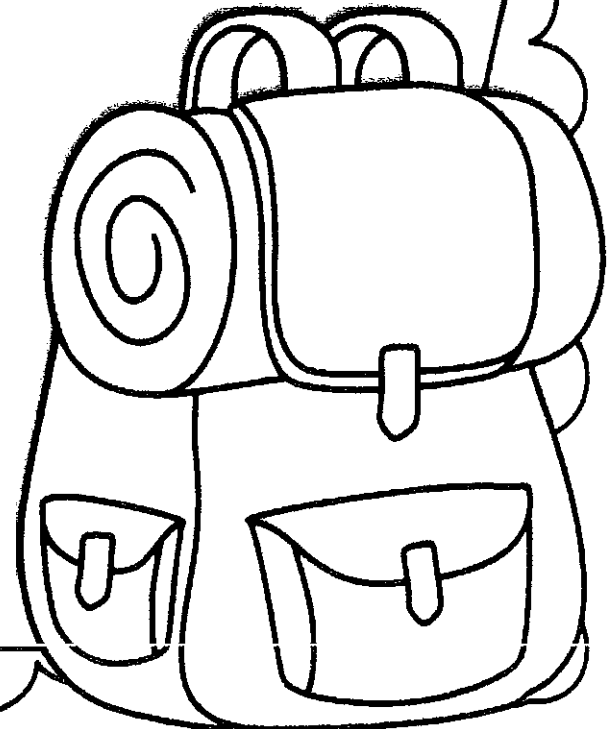
4. What did the cat promise the dragon?

Chapter 2

WRITE ABOUT IT!

With help from the cat Elmer packed a bag full of unusual items for his journey. What things would you pack for your own adventure?

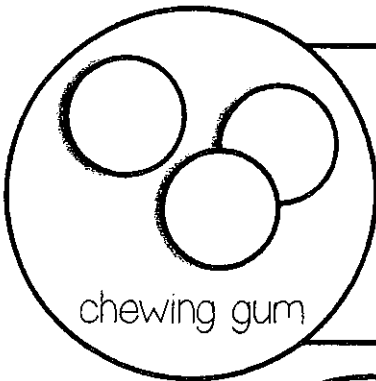
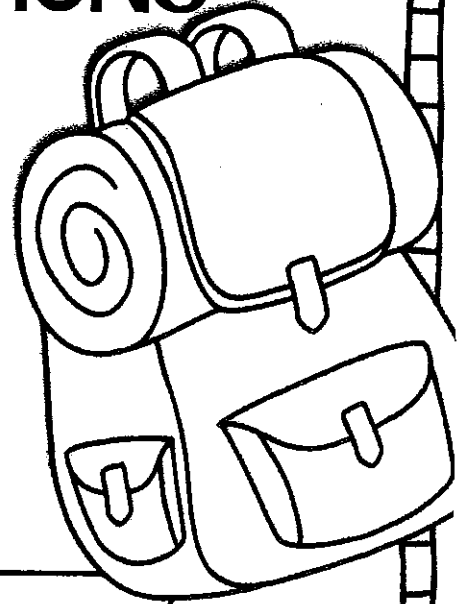
Draw an illustration.



Predict

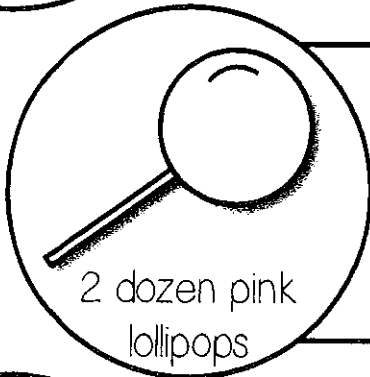
KNAPSACK PREDICTIONS

The cat helped Elmer select some strange items to pack for his journey to Wild Island to save the dragon. Predict how Elmer will use each item. Then, as you read the story, go back and write to tell how Elmer actually used each item he packed in his knapsack.



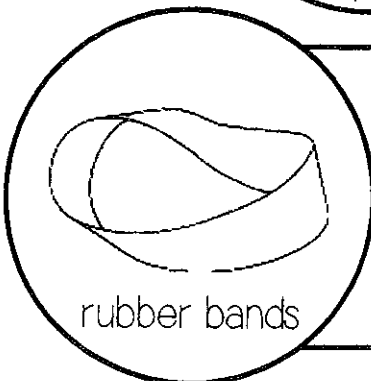
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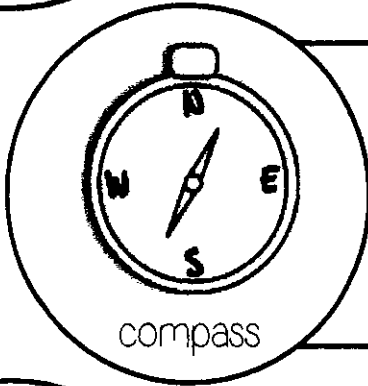
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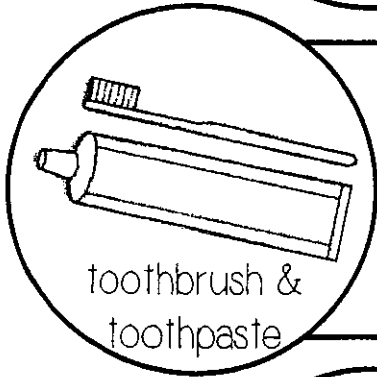
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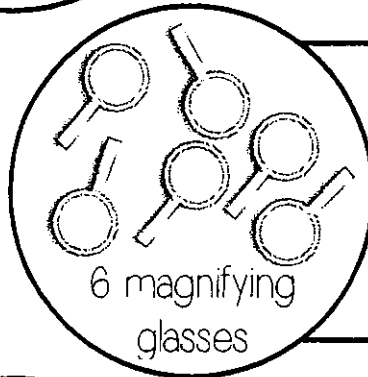
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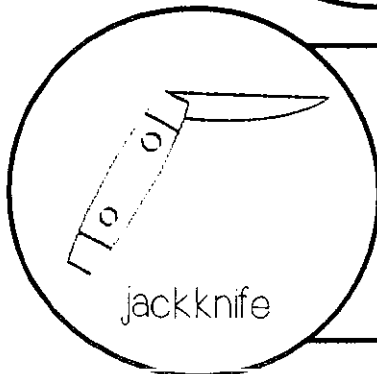
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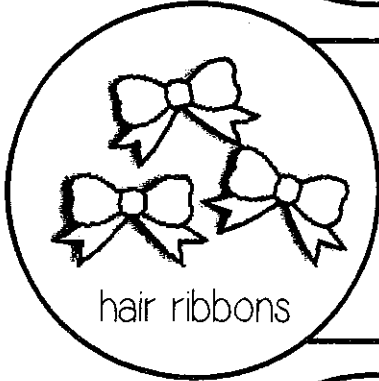
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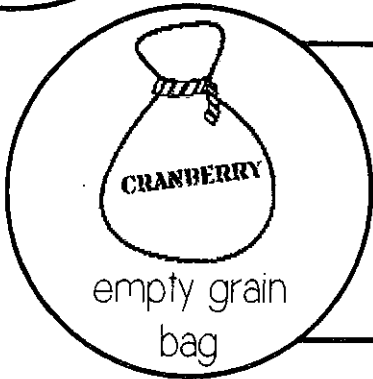
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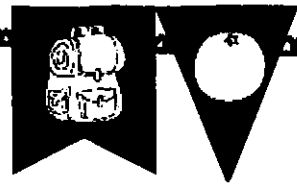


MY PREDICTION:

ACUTAL USE:

After reading the book, do cat's unusual choices in things to pack still seem so odd?

Chapter 3



MY FATHER FINDS THE ISLAND

1. Describe how Elmer got off the boat without being found

2. Elmer woke up on the island of Tangerina very hungry. He was lucky to find something to eat, what did he find to eat?

3. It was not easy for Elmer to get from Tangerina to the Wild Island. Describe how Elmer got to the Wild Island.

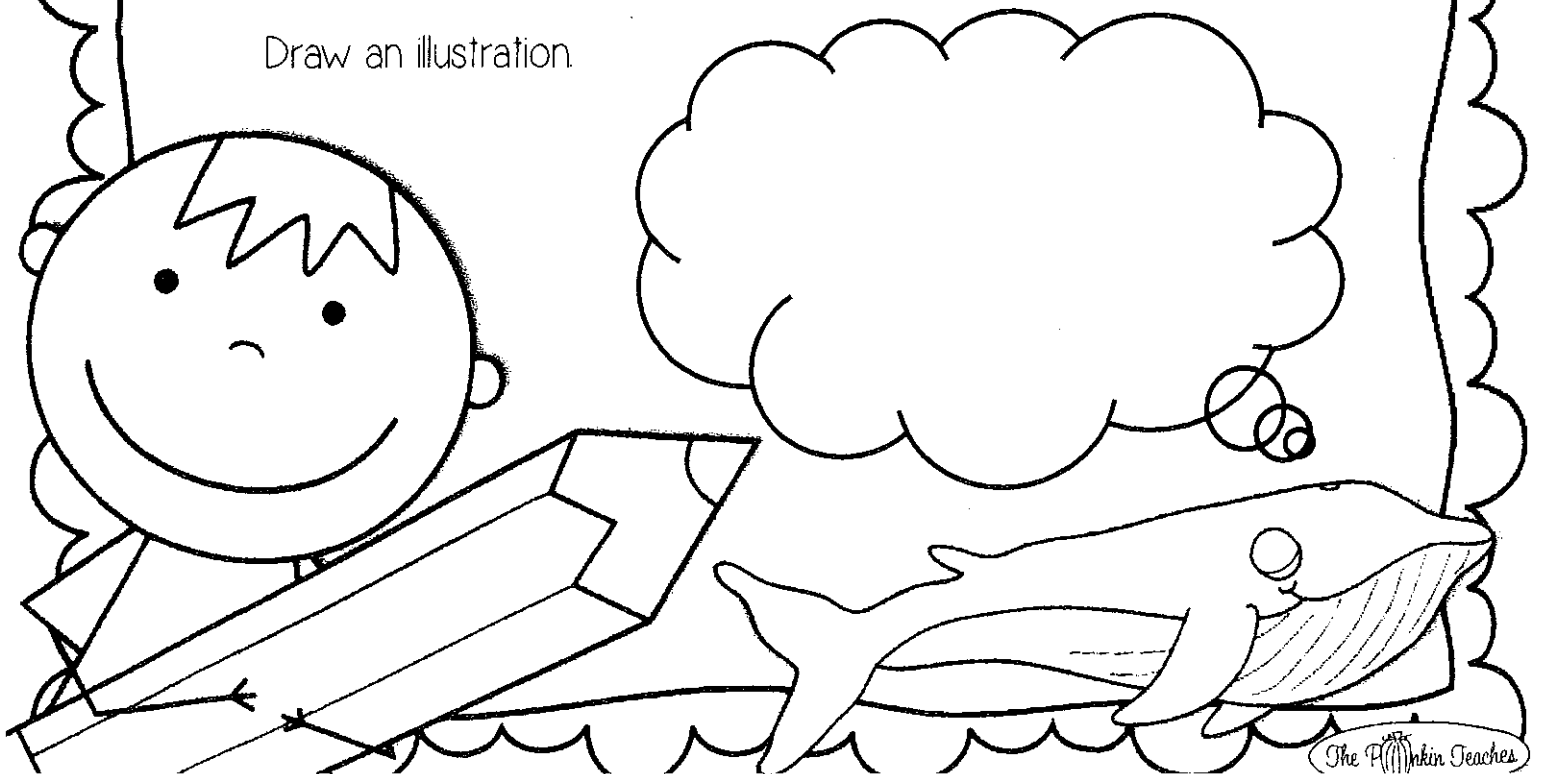


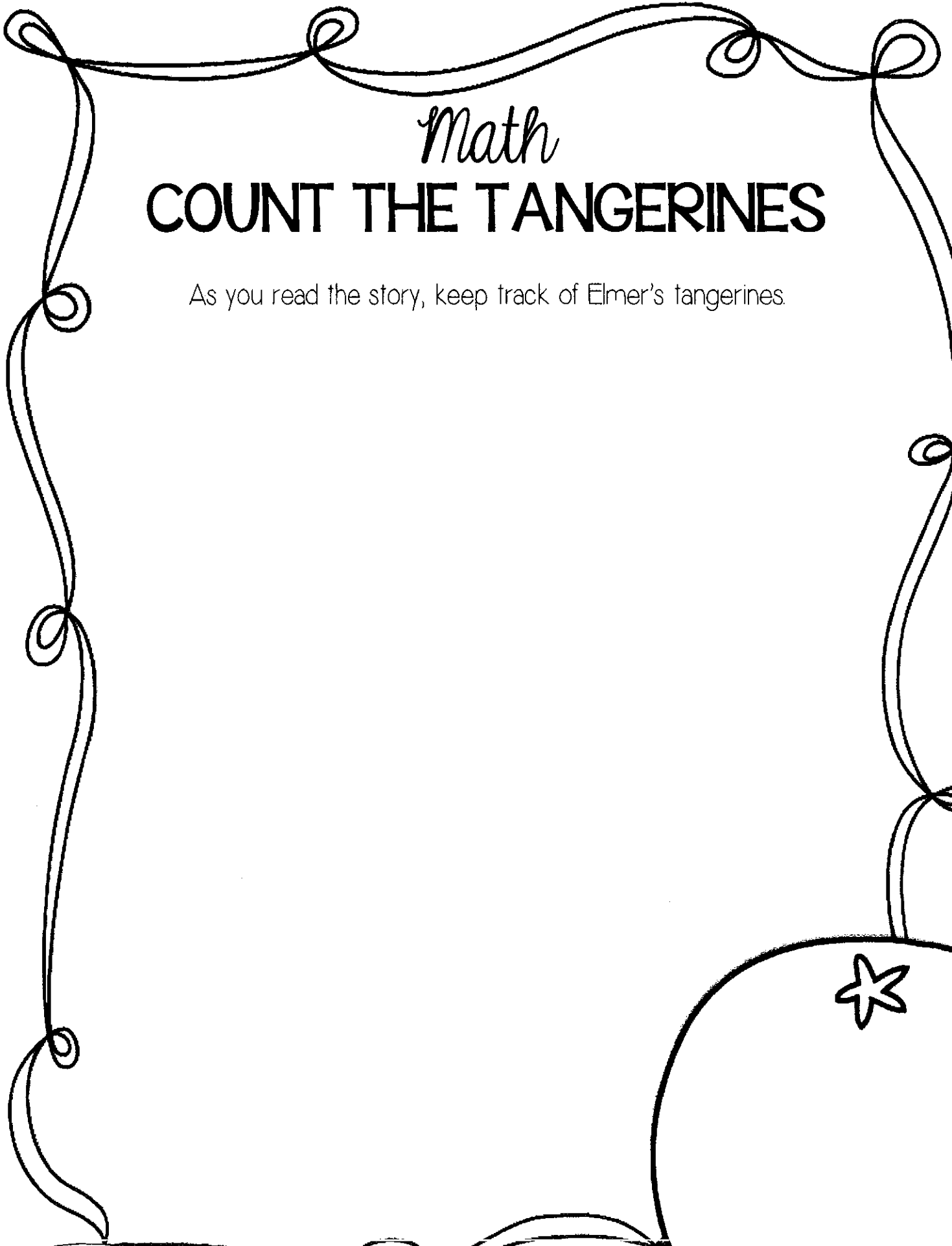
Chapter 3

WRITE ABOUT IT!

What do you think whales dream about when they're snoring like a steam shovel in the ocean?

Draw an illustration.





Math
COUNT THE TANGERINES

As you read the story, keep track of Elmer's tangerines.



Chapter 4

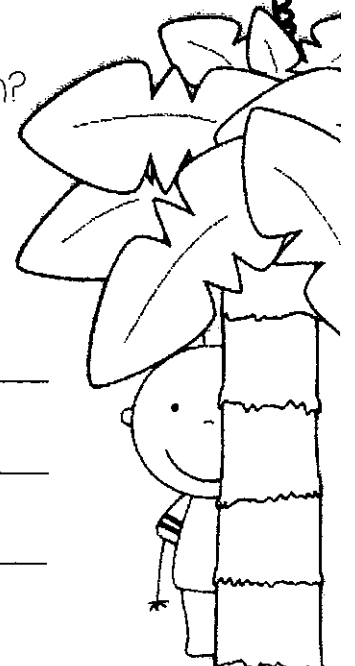


MY FATHER FINDS THE RIVER

1. What animals did Elmer come across in this chapter?

2. What did the boar say were the three signs of invasion?

3. What lesson did Elmer learn after hearing the boars' conversation?



Chapter 5

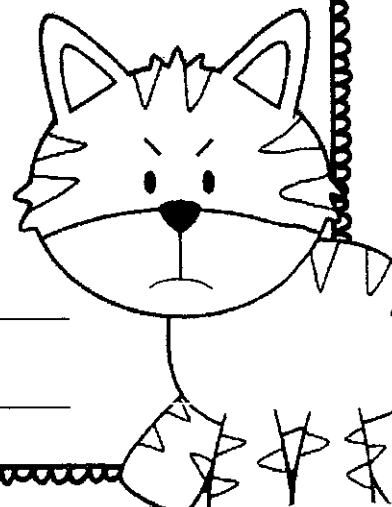


MY FATHER MEETS SOME TIGERS

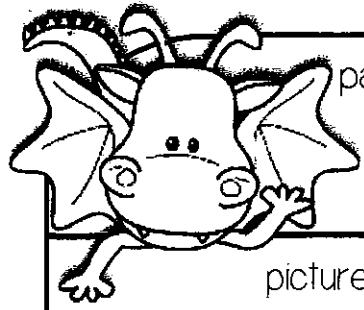
1. Once he found the river how did Elmer decide which way to go?

2. What did the fourteen green eyes coming out of the jungle turn out to be?

3. What do you think the tigers really meant when they said, "Did you know that not one explorer has ever left this island alive?"



Chapter 5



part of speech

suspicious

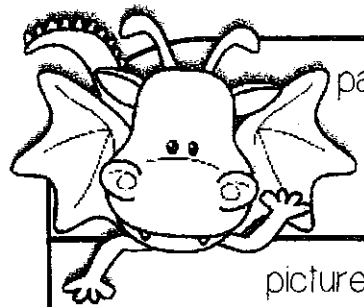
picture

from the book...

My father waited for the other boar to get a head start on him, but he didn't wait very long because he knew that when the first boar saw the tigers chewing gum in the clearing, he'd be even more **suspicious**. (page 50)

definition...

original sentence... *(your own sentence)*



part of speech

weep

picture

from the book...

"Don't you know that's my private **weeping** pool?" said a deep angry voice. (page 50)

definition...

original sentence... *(your own sentence)*

Chapter 6



MY FATHER MEETS A RHINOCEROS

1. Who suspects an invasion of Wild Island?

2. What did the rhinoceros call the little brook?

3. Why was the rhinoceros so sad?

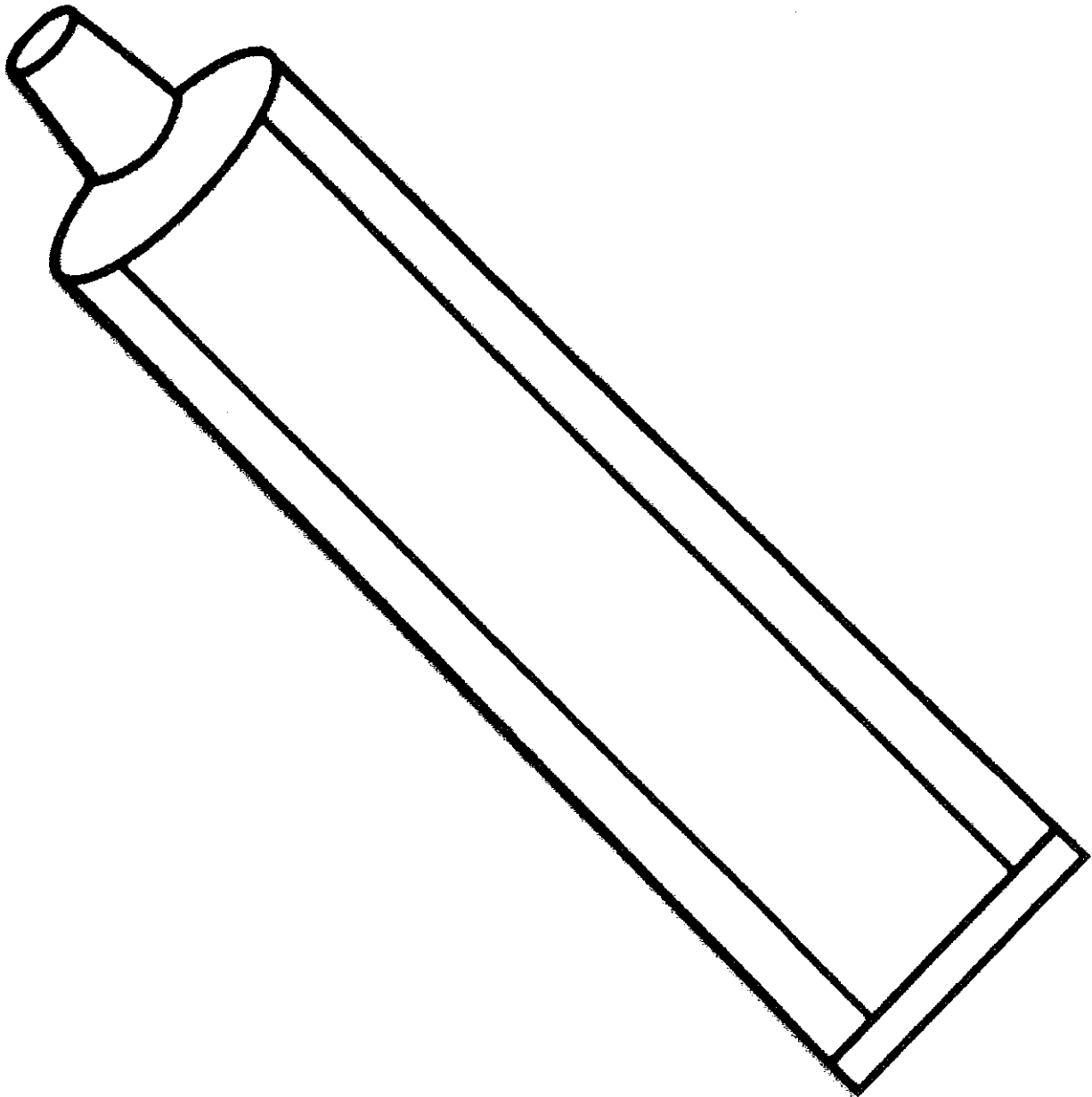
4. How does Elmer solve the rhinoceros's problem?



Chapter 6

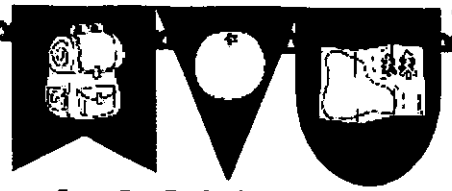
CREATE A LABEL

In this chapter Elmer cleverly uses toothpaste as a polish for the sad rhinoceros's tusk. Create a label for Elmer's toothpaste. Include a catchy name and clever slogan.



Chapter 7

MY FATHER MEETS A LION

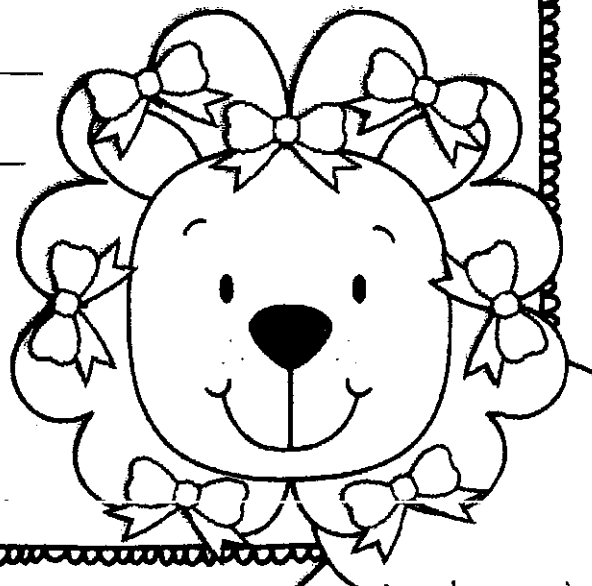


1. How did Elmer react to hear an angry animal roaring in the jungle?

2. What was the lion's problem?

3. How did Elmer solve the lion's problem?

4. Write a simile to describe Elmer in this situation.

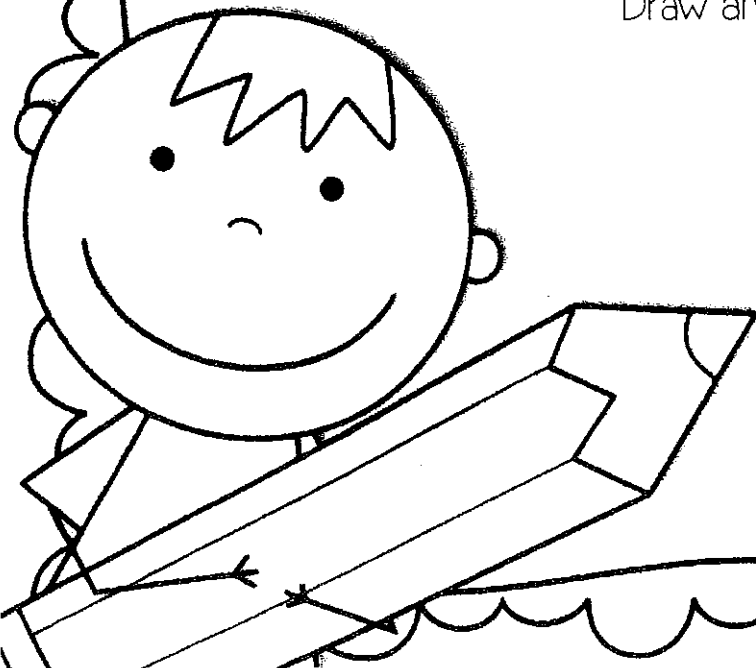


Chapter 1

WRITE ABOUT IT!

Elmer was pretty calm when he heard scary animal noises in the jungle. If you were walking through the jungle alone, how would you react to hearing an angry animal roar?

Draw an illustration.



Chapter 8



MY FATHER MEETS A GORILLA

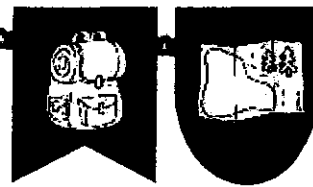
1. Where do you think the lioness Elmer saw was going?

2. What was the gorilla's problem?

3. Who did the gorilla call to help him with his problem?



Chapter 9

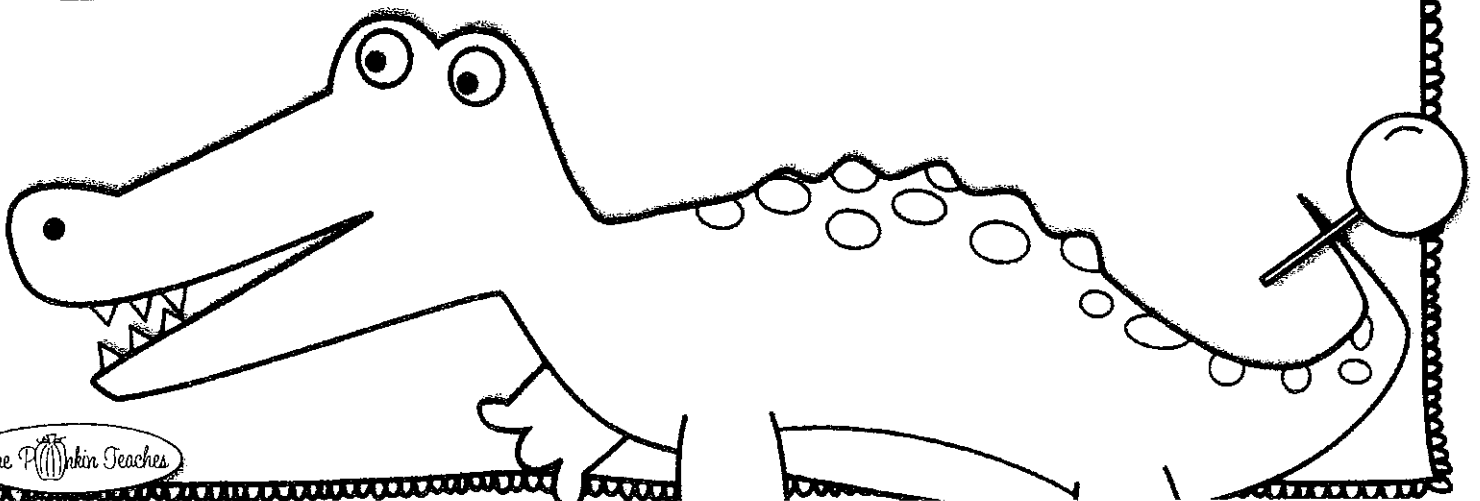


MY FATHER MAKES A BRIDGE

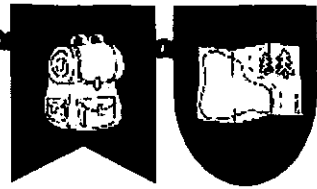
1. Why couldn't Elmer just call the dragon to fly across the river?

2. Why do you think the crocodile wanted Elmer to come in for a swim?

3. How did Elmer get across the river?



Chapter 10

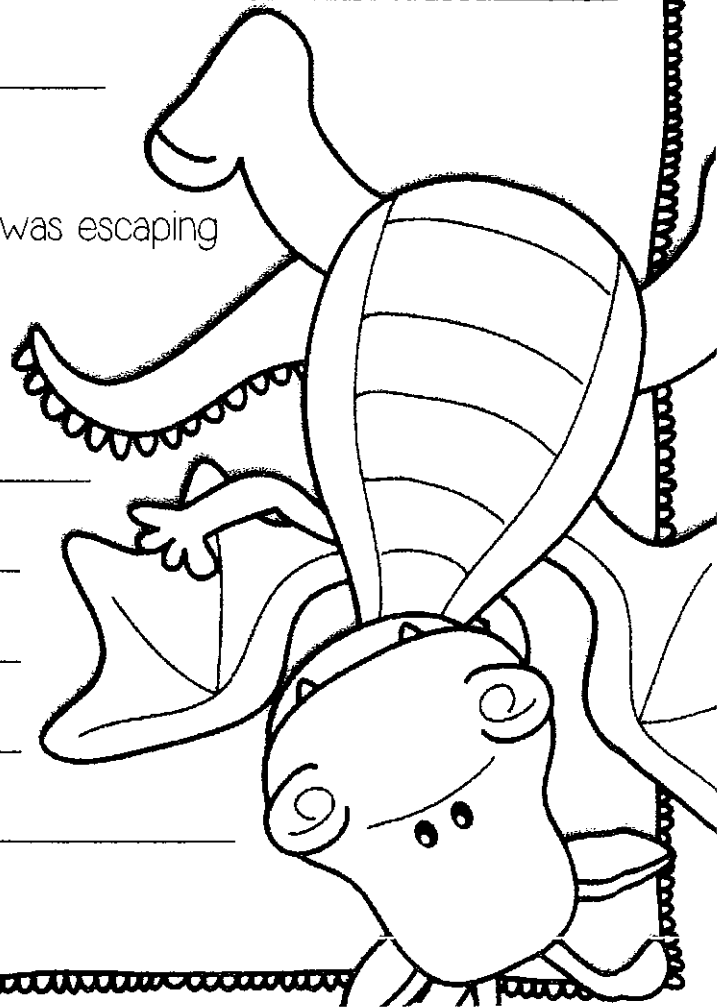


MY FATHER FINDS THE DRAGON

1. Elmer didn't think he'd be able to cut the rope in time and the animals would get to them. What stopped the animals from getting to Elmer and the dragon?

2. As Elmer and the dragon flew away, who said, "Bum Cack! Bum Cack! We dread our nagon!?" How do you know?

3. Why didn't the crocodiles care that Elmer was escaping with the dragon?



Chapter 10

WRITE ABOUT IT!

Where do you think Elmer and the dragon flew off to after they escaped Wild Island?

Draw an illustration.

