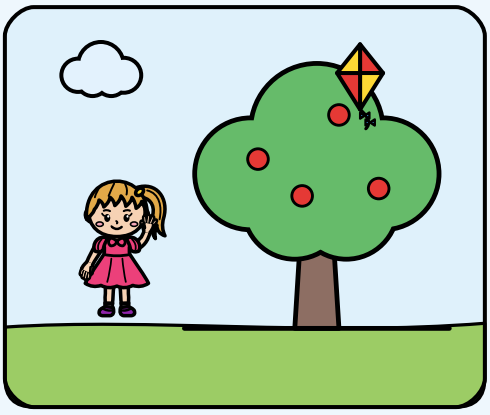
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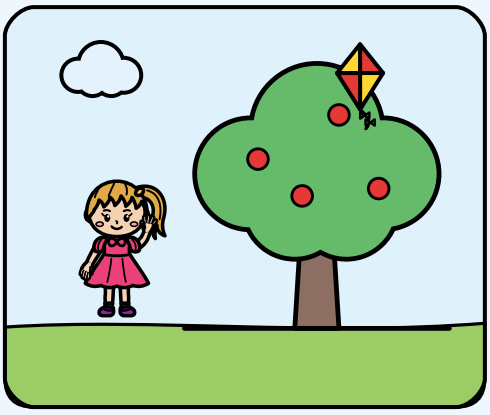
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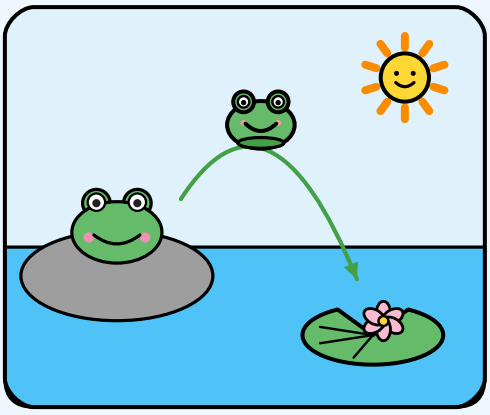
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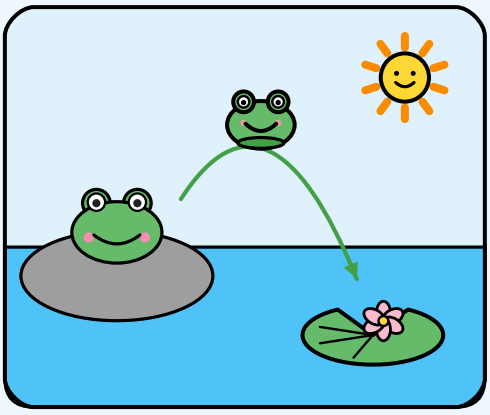
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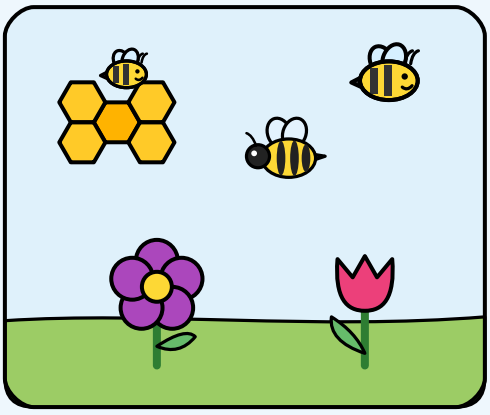
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Bees are insects. They have six legs and four wings. Honeybees live together in a home called a hive.



Bees fly from flower to flower to drink a sweet juice called nectar. Honeybees use nectar to make honey. When a bee visits a flower, yellow dust called pollen sticks to its fuzzy body. The bee carries the pollen to the next flower. This helps plants make seeds and fruit. Thank you, bees!

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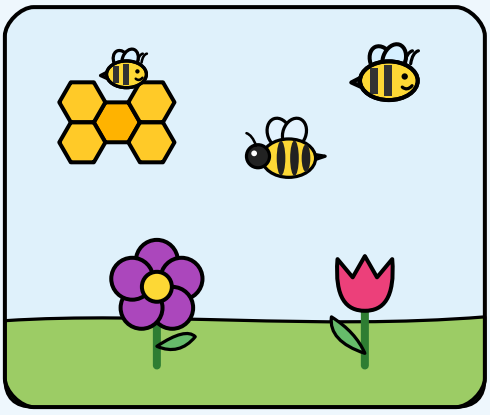
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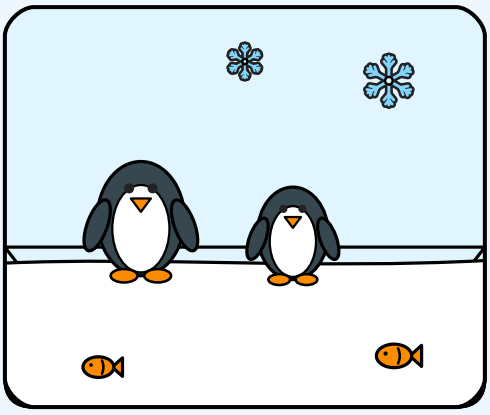
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# Penguins Are Birds

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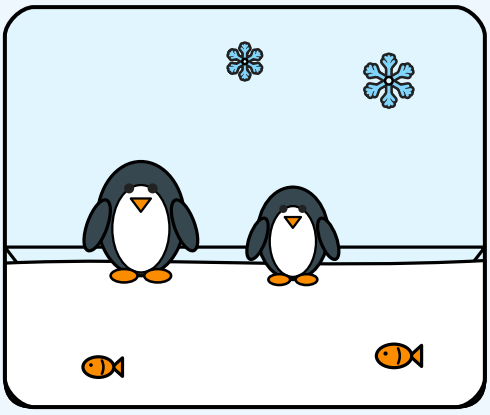
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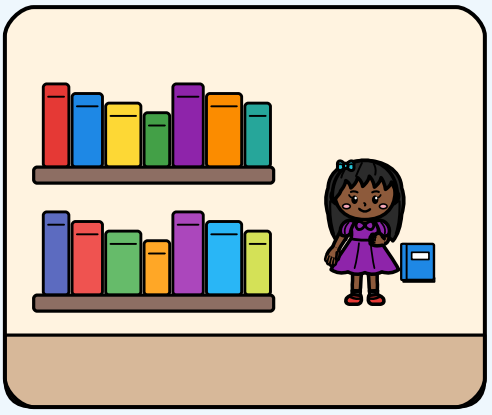
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**2** WHAT? **What did Ava want to read about?**

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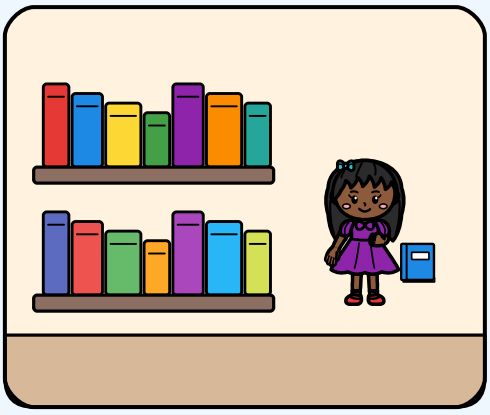
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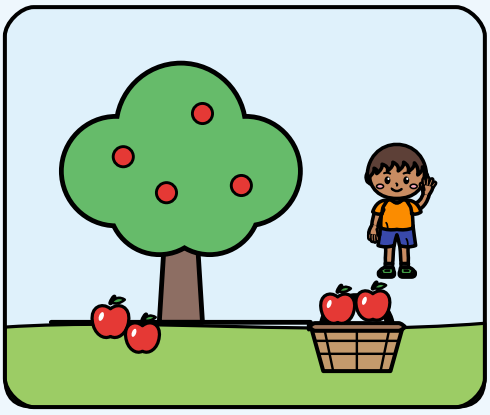
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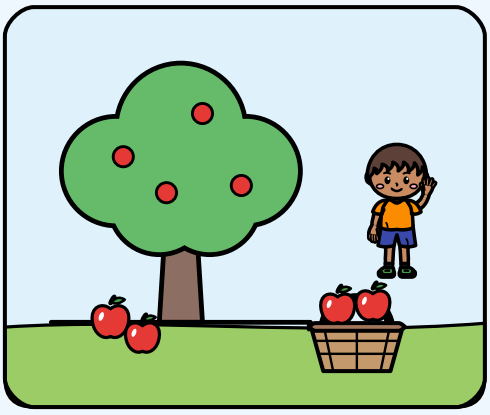
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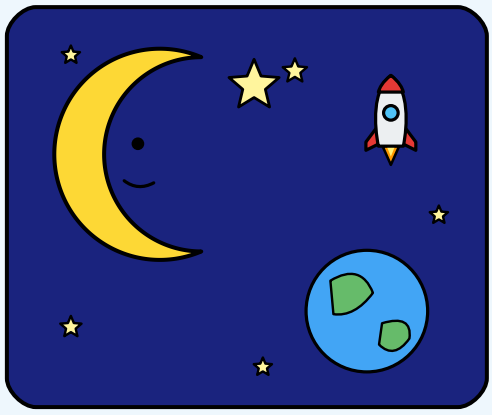
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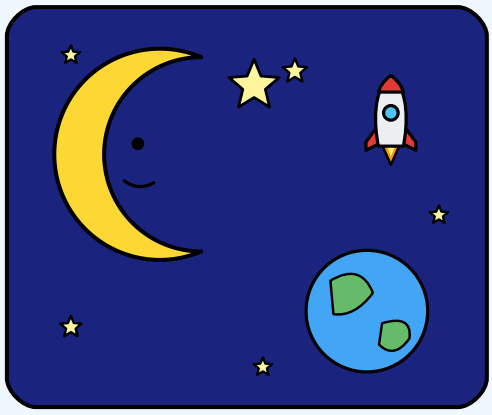
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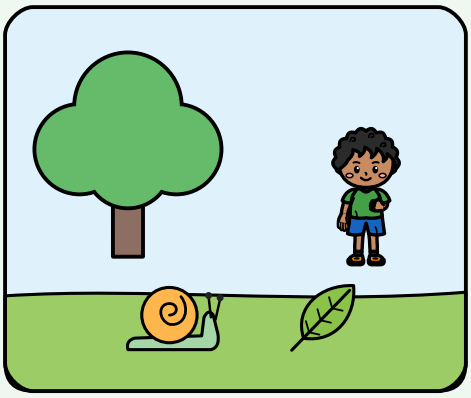
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"Snails love wet weather," Grandma said. "Their bodies make slime. It helps them glide along without getting hurt."

Max wanted to keep the snail as a pet. He put it in a jar with some lettuce. The snail nibbled the lettuce, but it hid in its shell most of the day.

"I think it misses the garden," Max said that evening. He carried the jar outside and set the snail under a leafy bush. The next morning, he saw a shiny trail on the garden path. The snail was home again.

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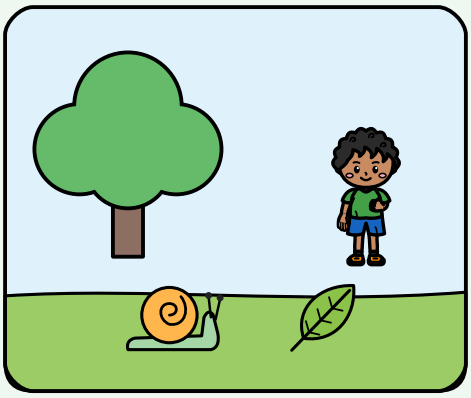
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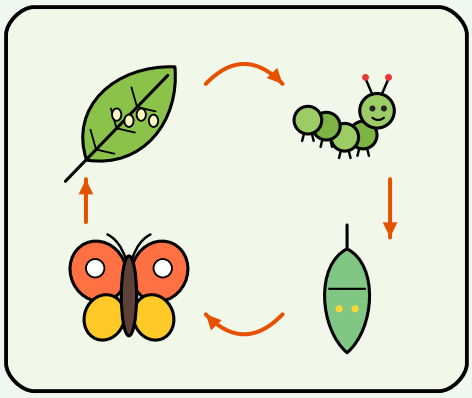
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Next, a caterpillar hatches from each egg. The hungry caterpillar eats and eats. It grows so fast that it sheds its skin several times.

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**2** WHAT? **What plant do monarch butterflies lay their eggs on?**

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**3** WHY? **Why does a new butterfly wait before it flies?**

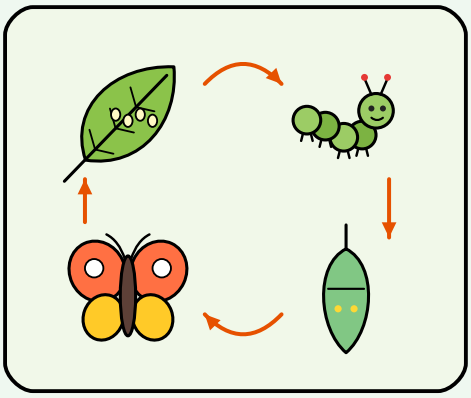
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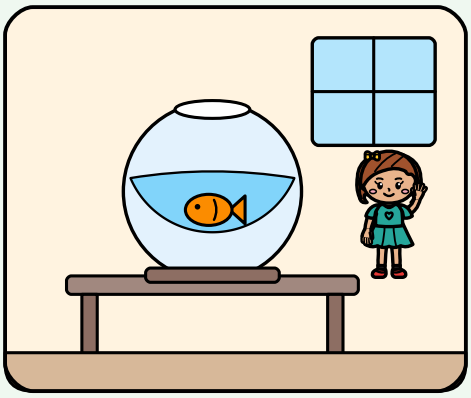
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# Bubbles the Class Fish

Name: _____ Date: _____



Room 12 has a goldfish named Bubbles. Every Friday, one student takes Bubbles home for the weekend. This week it was Priya's turn.

Mr. Ortiz gave Priya a note with three rules: Feed Bubbles one small pinch of food each morning. Keep the bowl away from the sunny window. Never tap on the glass.

On Saturday, Priya's little brother wanted to give Bubbles a whole spoonful of food. "No," said Priya. "Too much food makes the water dirty, and that can make Bubbles sick."

On Monday, Priya carried the bowl back to school very carefully. "Great job, Priya!" said Mr. Ortiz.

**1** WHO? **Who took Bubbles home this week?**

Mr. Ortiz  Priya  Priya's brother

**2** **Read each sentence. Circle True or False.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bubbles is a goldfish. | True | False |
| Priya fed Bubbles a spoonful of food. | True | False |
| The bowl should sit by a sunny window. | True | False |

**3** WHEN? **When does a student take Bubbles home?**

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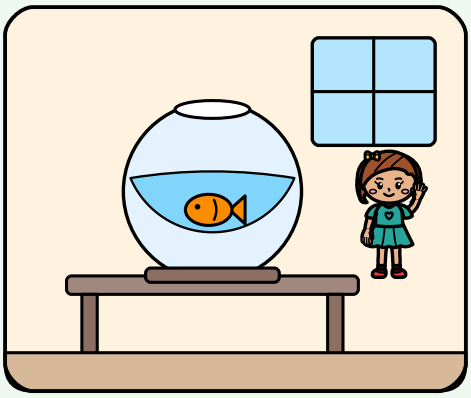
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# Bubbles the Class Fish

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Room 12 has a goldfish named Bubbles. Every Friday, one student takes Bubbles home for the weekend. This week it was Priya's turn.



Mr. Ortiz gave Priya a note with three rules: Feed Bubbles one small pinch of food each morning. Keep the bowl away from the sunny window. Never tap on the glass.

On Saturday, Priya's little brother wanted to give Bubbles a whole spoonful of food. "No," said Priya. "Too much food makes the water dirty, and that can make Bubbles sick."

On Monday, Priya carried the bowl back to school very carefully. "Great job, Priya!" said Mr. Ortiz.

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Mr. Ortiz  (Priya)  Priya's brother

**2** **Read each sentence. Circle True or False.**

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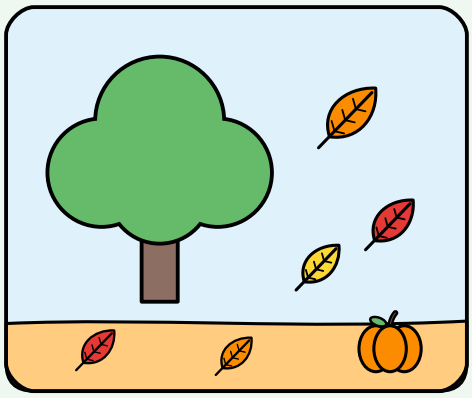
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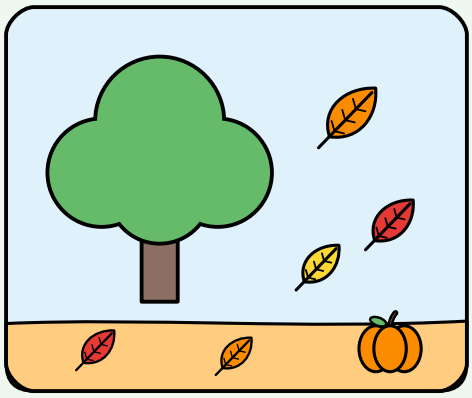
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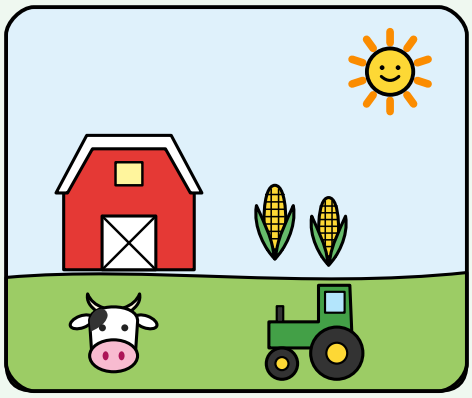
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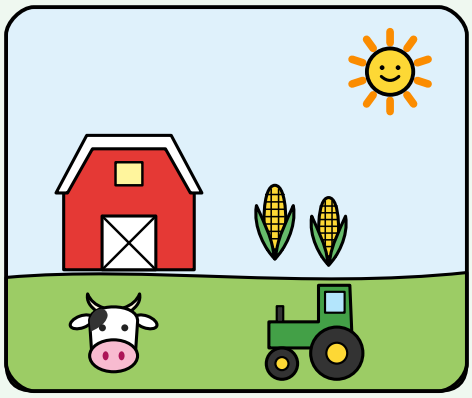
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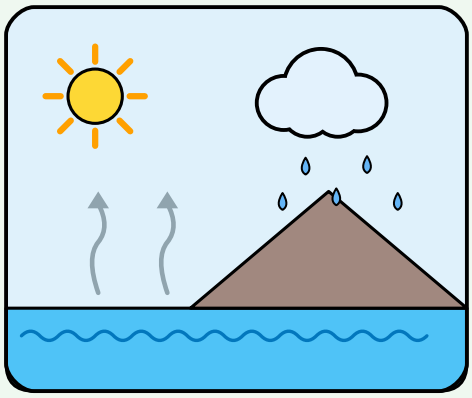
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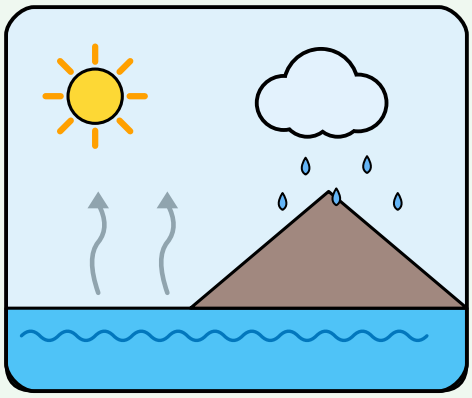
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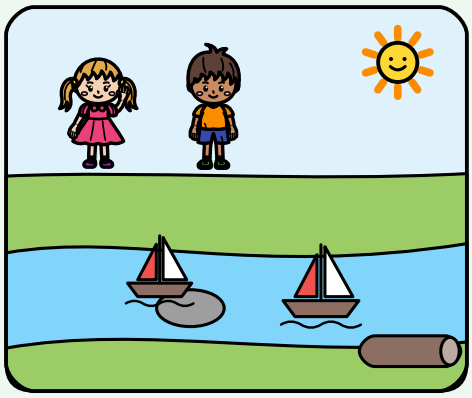
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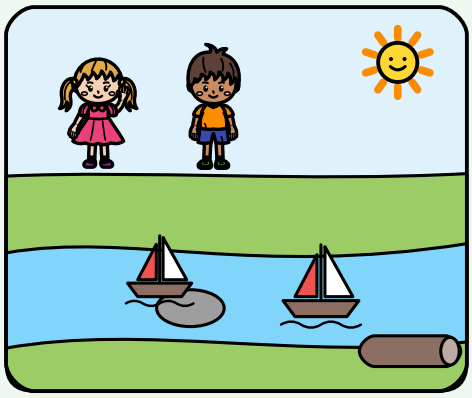
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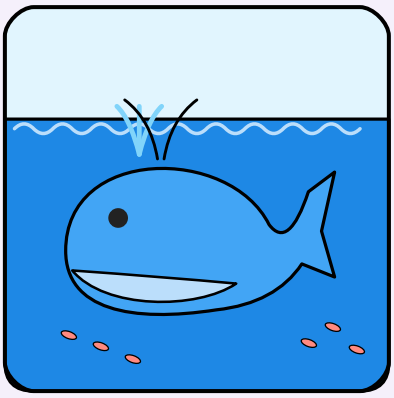
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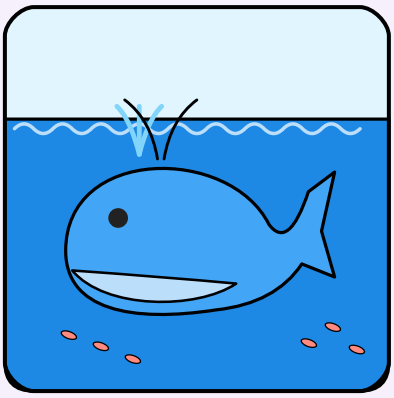
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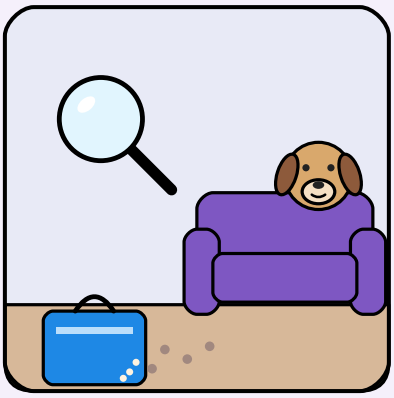
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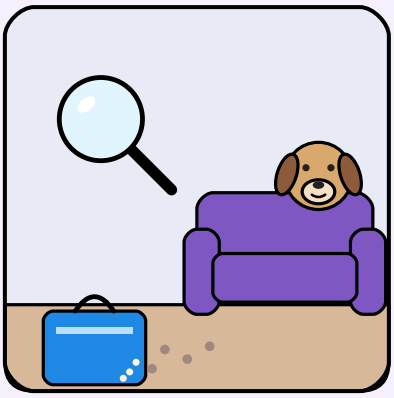
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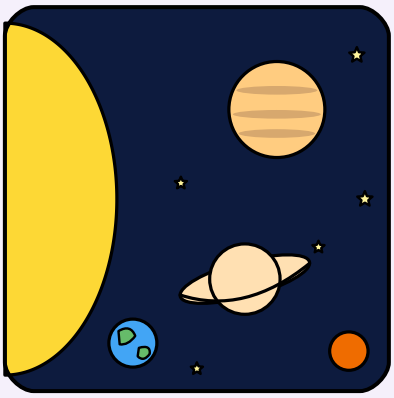
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After school, Mom asked how her day went. Aria grinned. "It was scary at first," she said, "but I think I'm going to like it here."

**1** HOW? **How did Aria feel at the start of the day?**

nervous angry sleepy

**2** WHO? **Who asked Aria to play?**

Rosa her teacher Eli

**3** WORD: **Aria "hesitated." That means she...**

waited before deciding ran away fast

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After school, Mom asked how her day went. Aria grinned. "It was scary at first," she said, "but I think I'm going to like it here."

**1** HOW? **How did Aria feel at the start of the day?**

(nervous) angry sleepy

**2** WHO? **Who asked Aria to play?**

Rosa her teacher (Eli)

**3** WORD: **Aria "hesitated." That means she...**

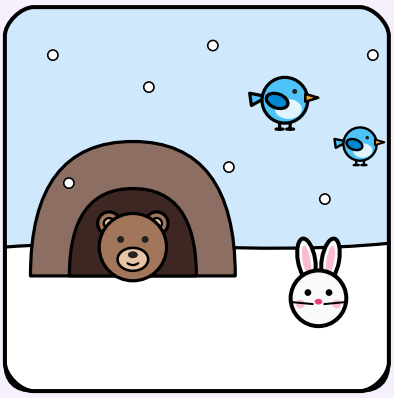
(waited before deciding) ran away fast

**4** HOW? **How did Aria's feelings change from the start to the end of the story?**

She was nervous and lonely at first, but happy after she made friends.

# How Animals Survive Winter

Name: _____ Date: _____



Winter is a hard time for animals. Food is hard to find, and the weather is cold. Animals have different ways to survive until spring.

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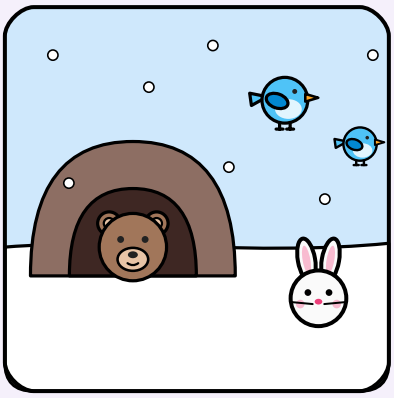
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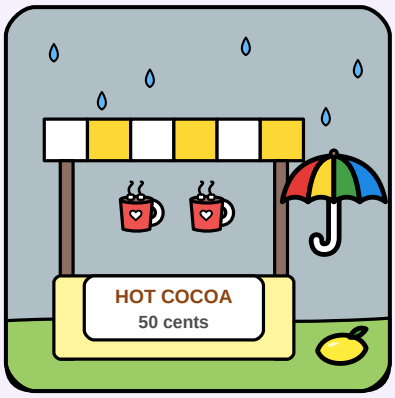
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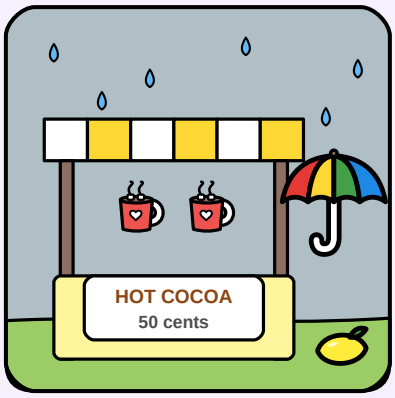
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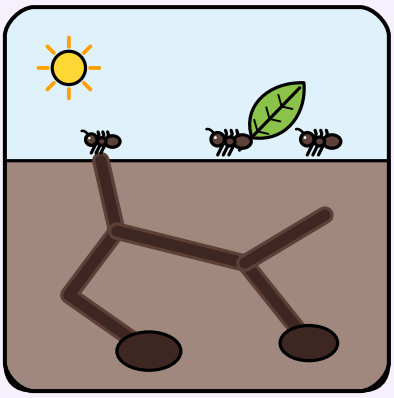
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**2** HOW? **How do ants find their way to food?**

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**3** **Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.**

**Word Bank:** colonies  queens  female  antennae

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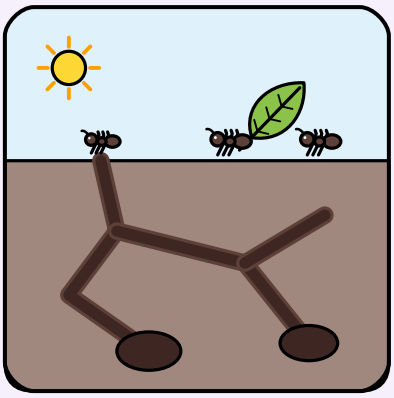
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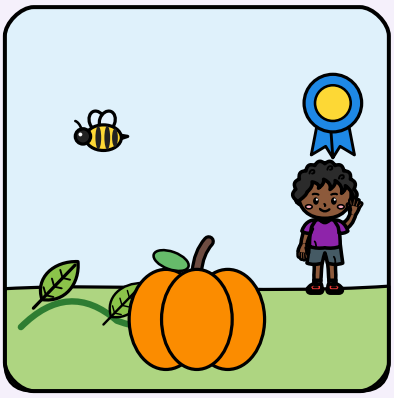
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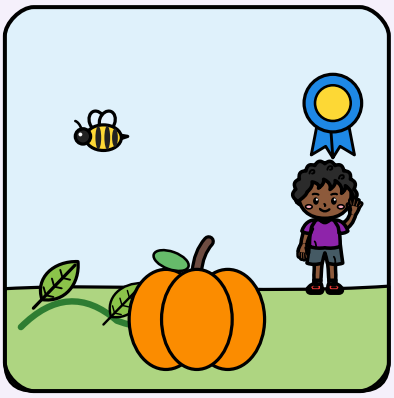
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