

Pirates Don't Change Diapers

by Melinda Long illustrated by David Shannon

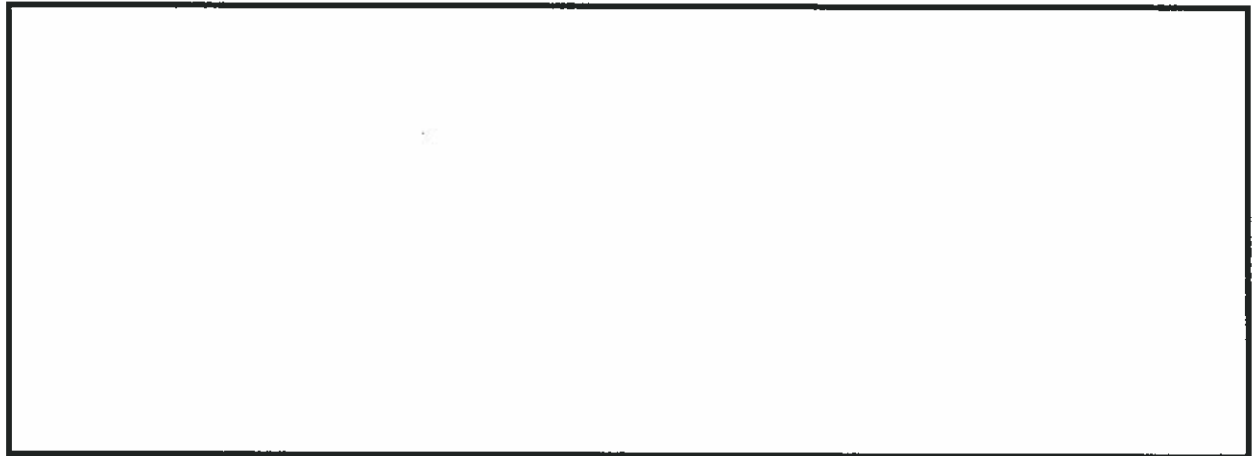
The pirates in this story have to help Jeremy Jacob babysit his little sister. They do the best they can, but pirates don't always make great babysitters! Describe three things that went wrong for the pirates. Then draw a picture of the funniest thing.

Problem 1: _____

Problem 2: _____

Problem 3: _____

My Picture:



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The pirates in this story are not very good at babysitting. Choose a better job for them (beside being pirates). First, list what they are good at. Then, list what they are not good at. Finally, write about your job idea.

The pirates are good at _____

The pirates are NOT good at _____

A good job for the pirates is _____ because

Molly, by Golly!

written by Dianne Ochiltree • illustrated by Kathleen Kernly

Molly Williams's story takes place in the 1800s. The *splatterdashes* she puts on are waterproof leggings to protect her shins and stockings. Match vocabulary from the story to words we use today.

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| 1. wondrous fine | A. flu |
| 2. ablaze | B. firefighter |
| 3. spied | C. stove |
| 4. pumper engine | D. terrific |
| 5. influenza | E. hurry |
| 6. hearth oven | F. exhausted |
| 7. fire lad | G. saw |
| 8. bootstraps | H. shoelaces |
| 9. step lively | I. on fire |
| 10. bone tired | J. fire truck |

In Molly's day, firefighters were volunteers. The whole community worked together to help put out a fire. What kind of volunteer work do people do in your neighborhood? How do you help in your neighborhood?

In my neighborhood, volunteers _____ .

I help _____

because _____ .

When I am older, I will _____ .

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Think about what Molly thinks, feels, and does in the story. Think about what others in the story say about her. What do you learn about Molly's character? What do you know about the person she is?

"Our Molly is as fine a cook as any in New York City."

1. I know that Molly could _____ .

Did her worry about fire come true?

2. I know that Molly _____ .

"You're always ready to lend a hand."

3. I know that Molly tries to _____ .

Molly and the men rolled the pumper engine into the street.

4. I know that Molly is _____ .

Molly pulled down chunks of burning roof with a hooked iron rod.

5. I know that when there is danger Molly will _____ .

"Hooray for our new company volunteer!"

6. I know that Molly feels _____ .

Dragons Love Tacos

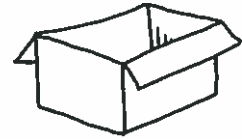
written by Adam Rubin • pictures by Daniel Salmieri

Where did the boy put the tacos he made?
Put a check ✓ next to each of those places.

___ cup



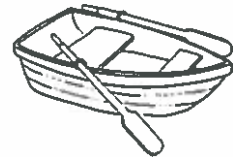
___ box



___ pants



___ boat



___ bag



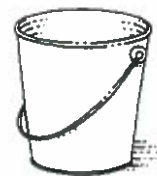
___ vase



___ lunchbox



___ bucket



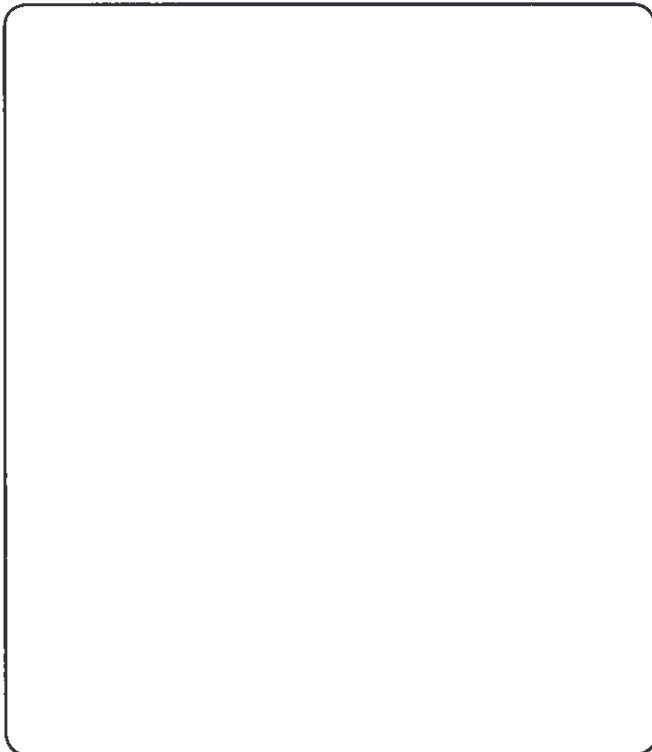
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Circle the kind of salsa dragons like.



What happened when the dragons ate tacos with spicy salsa? Draw a picture. Ask someone at home to help you write about it on the lines.



Diary of a Worm

written by Doreen Cronin • pictures by Harry Bliss

Some things in the story are real and some are make-believe. The fill-in-the-blank sentences below tell facts from the story. Read each sentence and write the missing word. Use the words in the Word Bank.

Word Bank
breathe
underground
ends
teeth
trash

1. Worms do not have _____.
2. Both _____ of a worm look the same.
3. Worms eat paper and other kinds of _____.
4. Worms live _____.
5. Worm tunnels help the earth _____.

Now, think about the little worm in the story. What things could he do that a real worm would not be able to do? Write three different things on the mushroom.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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The little worm and Spider are good friends. Write about how the two are alike and different. Think about how they look, what they can and can't do, and how they behave. Use information from the book.

Alike	Different

Describe the friendship between the little worm and Spider. Write about things that make their friendship special.

Wonder Horse

by Emily Arnold McCully

Many things in Doc's life, both good and bad, caused other things to happen. A *cause* is the reason something happens. The *effect* is the consequence, or what happens as a result. Fill in each missing cause or effect below. Then write two more cause-and-effect events in the blank boxes. Use information from the book.

Cause (Why it happened)	Effect (What happened)
	Doc's reputation as a good veterinarian spread.
Doc sold his Keystone Liniment at medicine shows.	
	Jim Key learned to spell and do math.
The Harvard professors found that Jim Key really was educated.	

Write About It!

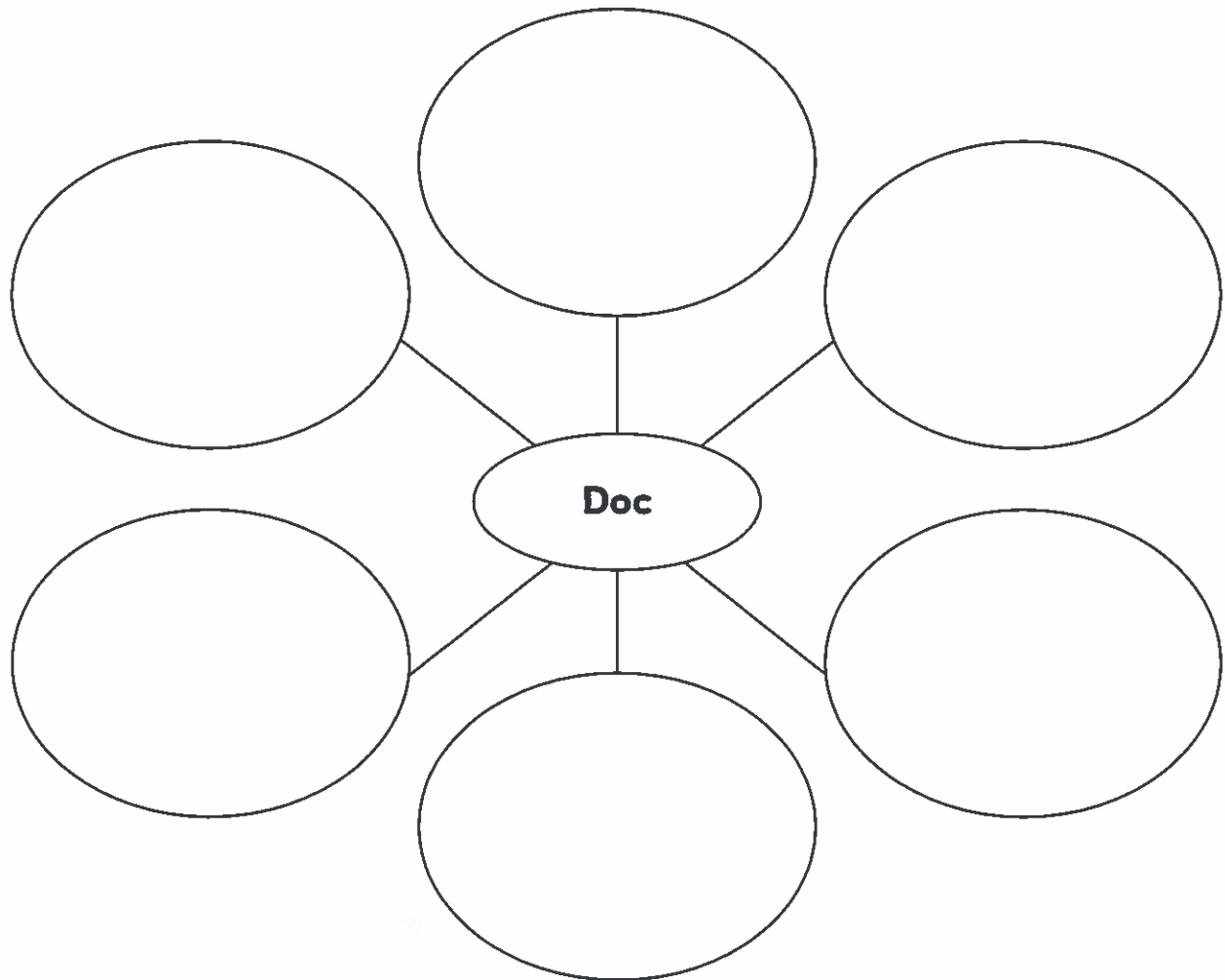
Doc believed animals had feelings. Write about some ways that Jim Key expressed his feelings. Use another sheet of paper if you need more space.

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Character Web

Bill "Doc" Key had many challenges and many successes in his lifetime. Fill in the web with words that you think best describe Doc. Use information from the book.



Write a description of Doc. Use words from the character web. Continue on another sheet of paper if you need more space.
