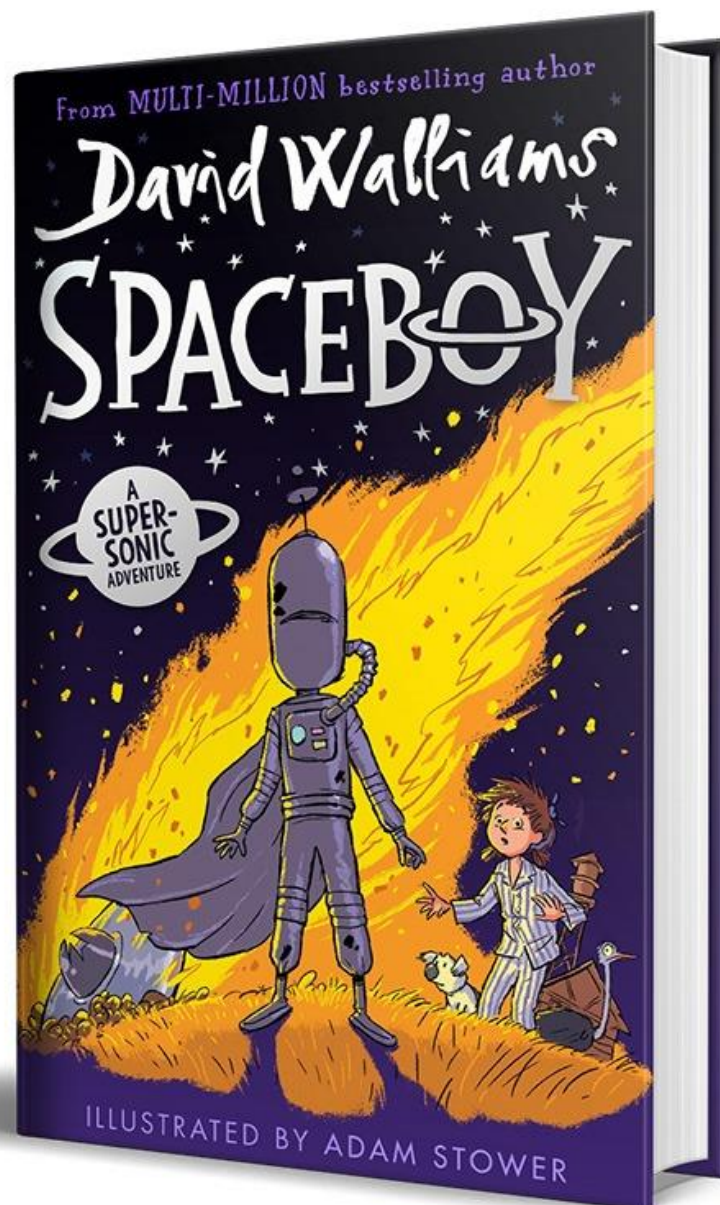


SPACEBOY

By David Walliams



Teaching Ideas

About the Book

Spaceboy is an official children's novel written by David Walliams and illustrated by Adam Stower, first published by HarperCollins on September 29, 2022. Set in 1960s America during the height of the Space Race, the story follows a 12-year-old orphan named Ruth living on a remote farm who discovers a crashed flying saucer and a mysterious alien visitor

About the book (AI generated)

- Author: David Walliams
- Illustrator: Adam Stower
- Publisher: HarperCollins (Collins)
- Release Date: September 29, 2022
- Main Character: Ruth, a 12-year-old space-obsessed orphan
- Setting: 1960s America (Midwest farm and the Space Race era)

Key Plot and Elements

- The Incident: Ruth spots a burning flying saucer crash-landing in a field near her aunt's farm.
- The Secret: The spaceship reveals an alien in a silver suit, launching Ruth into an action-packed adventure with a massive hidden secret.
- Key Characters: Includes Ruth, her 3-legged dog Yuri (named after Yuri Gagarin), her harsh Aunt Dorothy, and the enigmatic Spaceboy

About the Author



<https://shop.worldofdavidwalliams.com/password>

David Walliams is a literary phenomenon whose books have sold more than 50 million copies worldwide and have been translated into fifty-five languages.

About the unit

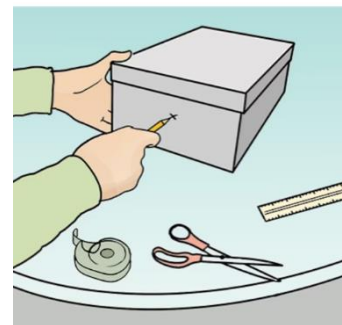
This book was read as a serial (Not always easy to do given how Walliam's books have a lot of sound effect word, diagrams and comics inserted in the text) along with reading *The Beast of Buckingham Palace*. The serial takes a week to read, and the tasks (reading, writing, craft, research and graphic organisers) can be completed over 2 weeks.

Teaching Ideas

- Create a Timeline for space exploration (refer to the back of the book)
- How does a telescope work? *Early telescopes focused light using pieces of curved, clear glass, called lenses. However, most telescopes today use curved mirrors to gather light from the night sky. The shape of the mirror or lens in a telescope concentrates light. That light is what we see when we look into a telescope. From:*

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/telescopes/en/>

<https://craftprojectideas.com/cardboard-tube-telescope/>



- What is a box camera? (Do you have an old one somewhere at home?)

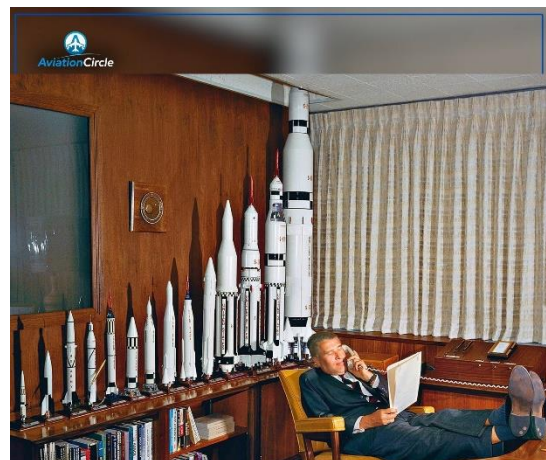
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/books/article/pinhole-camera>

- Create your own 'to do' list of terrible jobs
- Find out about Yuri Gagarin. Create your own Yuri Gagarin stamp.



- There are similarities between Williams' evil characters and those of Roald Dahl.
- Create a T Chart comparing Aunt Spiker from James and the Giant Peach with Aunt Dorothy.
- Complete a 'Crash Report'.
- Create a Diorama of the crash scene (Refer page 66-67)
- Think of 3 questions you would ask an alien (Refer page 72-73) and one you might think of asking but not necessarily feel comfortable asking.
- Write some funny local newspaper headlines. (Chapter 16)
- List some of your favourite 'sound words' from the book. Make up some of your own.

- Create a maze or a board game for the chase through the desert (include the helicopters, bubbles, highway, moon buggys and ending in the man made crater.)
- Draw a plan of the secret secret base.
- Create a new medal for Major Majors. Whgat did he 'win' it for?
- Create some name plates for doors within the secret base.
- Create a logo for the Top Secret Secret Base
- Add some extra 'doo doos' to the list.
- Draw a sketch of the Megachopper.
- Create an advertisement for an unusual piece of Spaceboy merchandise (refer page 277)
- The reporters bombard Spaceboy with questions. Come up with 3 questions of your own and roll play a group of you asking Spaceboy your questions one after another. (refer chapter 37)
- Design your own 'superplane' Page 299
- Walliams uses a tired old stereotype for the 'Boffins' (refer page 304-305) A term used to describe a scientific eccentric (mad scientist - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQLHOr2EvrE>) Investigate a scientist who is not like that. Dr Schock is based on Werner Von Braun who did not look anything like a boffin , however his use of slave labour to make V1 and V2 rockets in WW2 should disqualify him as a scientist to study in depth. (Boffins is also a British word which will have to be explained to the students.)
- Create a comic of the hectic scene on the launch pad when the children (and Yuri) try to escape.
- List some other 'weapons'the boffins could have used.
- Complete the crossword and wordsearch.
- Write a sequel...What happens next?

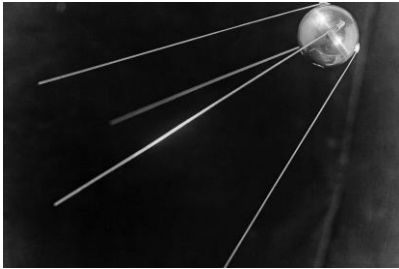


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Timeline BLM1

OCTOBER 1957

**The artificial satellite, Sputnik 1
is launched into orbit**



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Yuri Gagarin stamp BLM2



Aunt Spiker

James and the Giant Peach

By Roald Dahl



Aunt Dorothy

Spaceboy

David Walliams

USAAF UFO CRASH REPORT



Crash site:

Date: Time (24 hr time)

First responder/s:

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Eyewitness account:

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Collateral damage from the crash (people, livestock, buildings)

Signs of alien life forms

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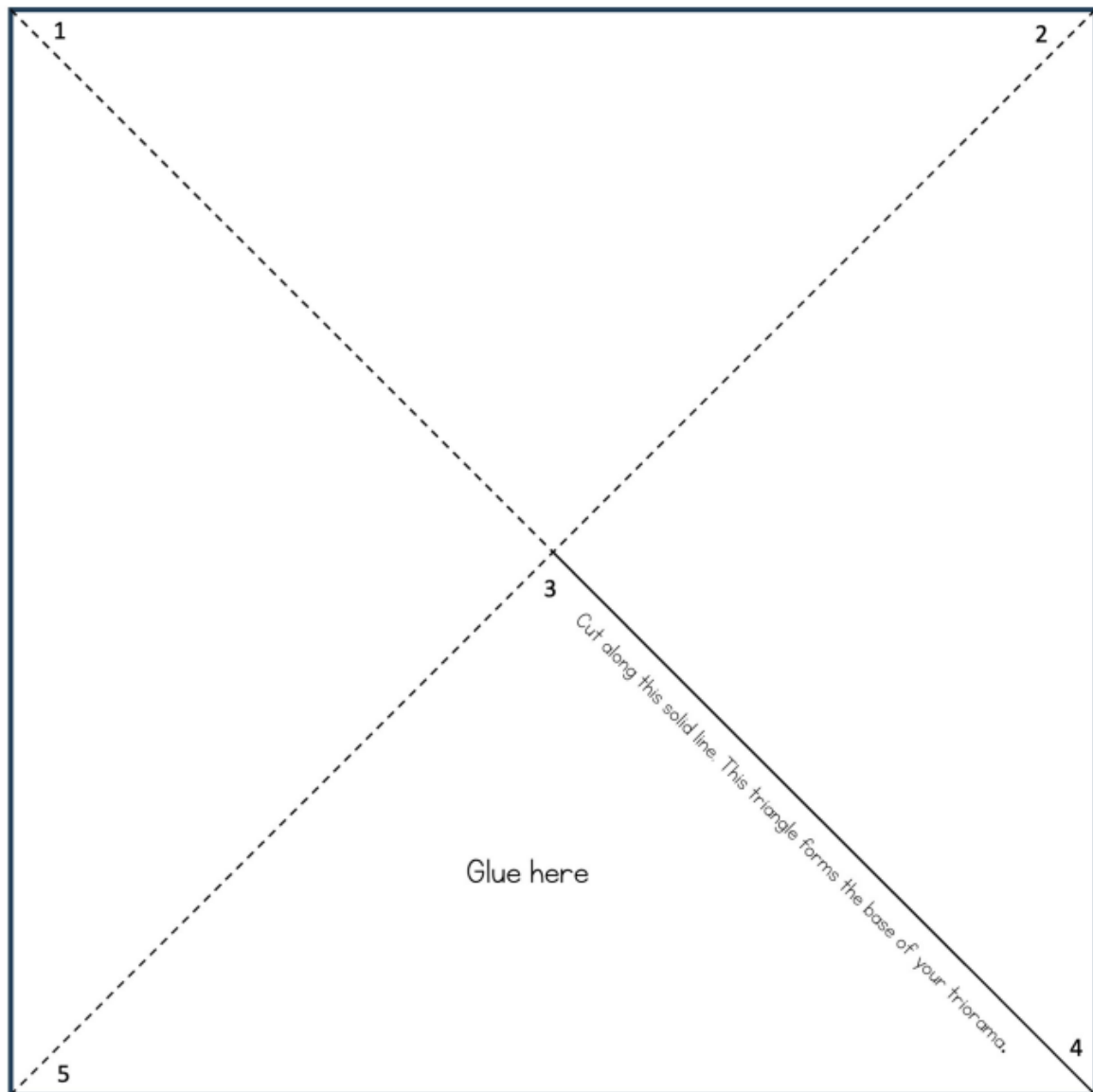
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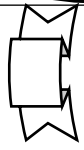
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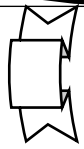
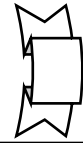
Instructions to make a triorama

1. Fold corner 1 to corner 4 using the dotted lines and then unfold.
2. Fold corner 2 to corner 5 and unfold.
3. Cut along the sold line from 4 to 3.
4. Bring corner 4 to corner 5 and glue it in place.
5. This is the base of your triorama, and it will now stand on its own.

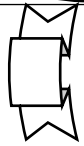
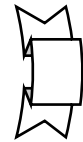




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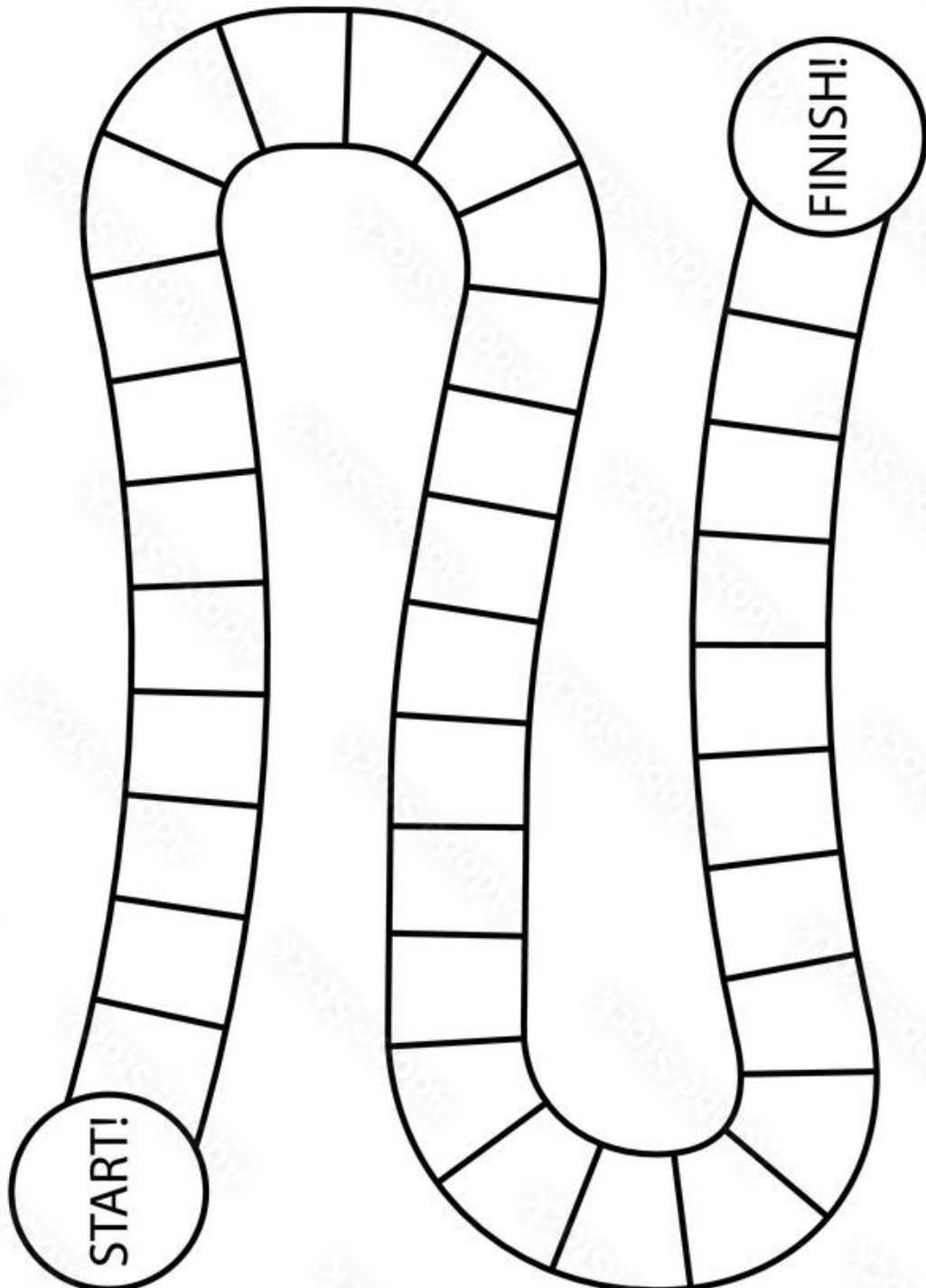


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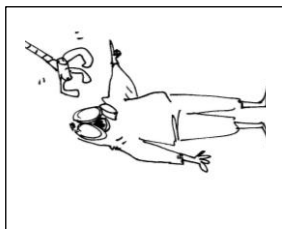


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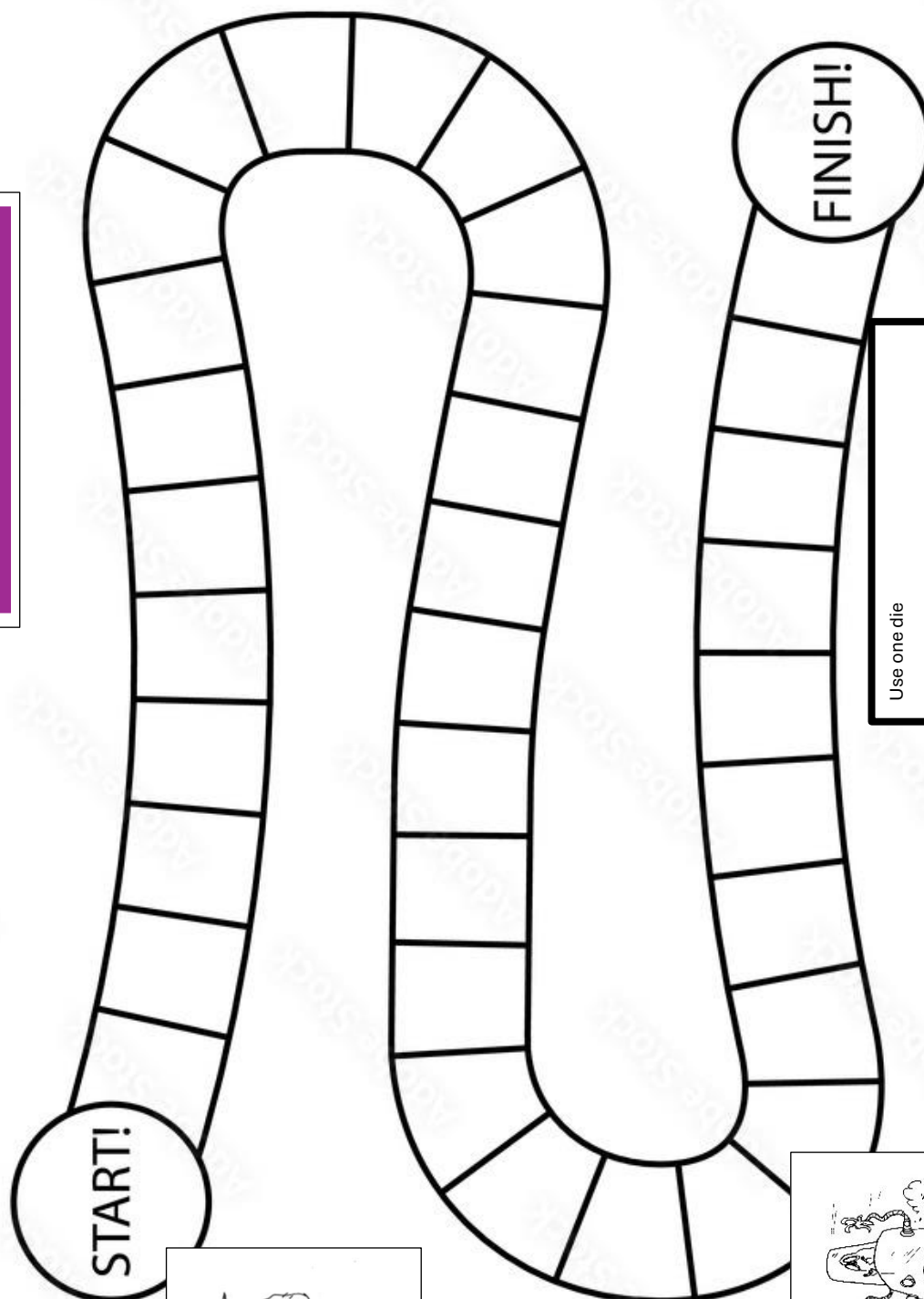




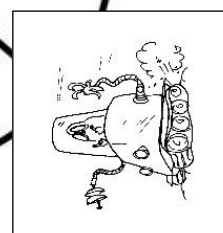
Sample



SPACEBOY The Chase



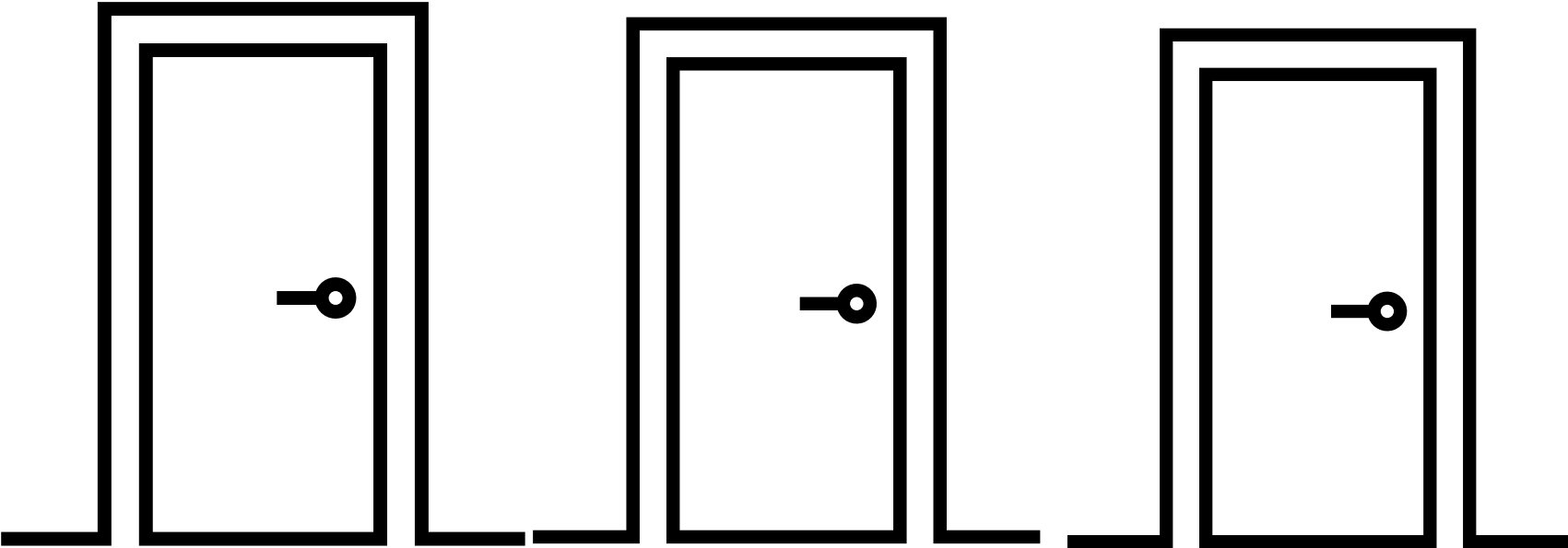
Use one die
For 2 players
First one to reach the crater first wins.



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Door labels

BLM 9



Enlarge to A3

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Medals

BLM 10

Children can make their own medals. You will need cardboard (including metallic cardboard) and an assortment of ribbon. See below some medals students at Glen Park made. (Don't forget to add a card or scroll to each medal with its name, eligible recipients, how it can be won and any special instructions about how it should be worn.)

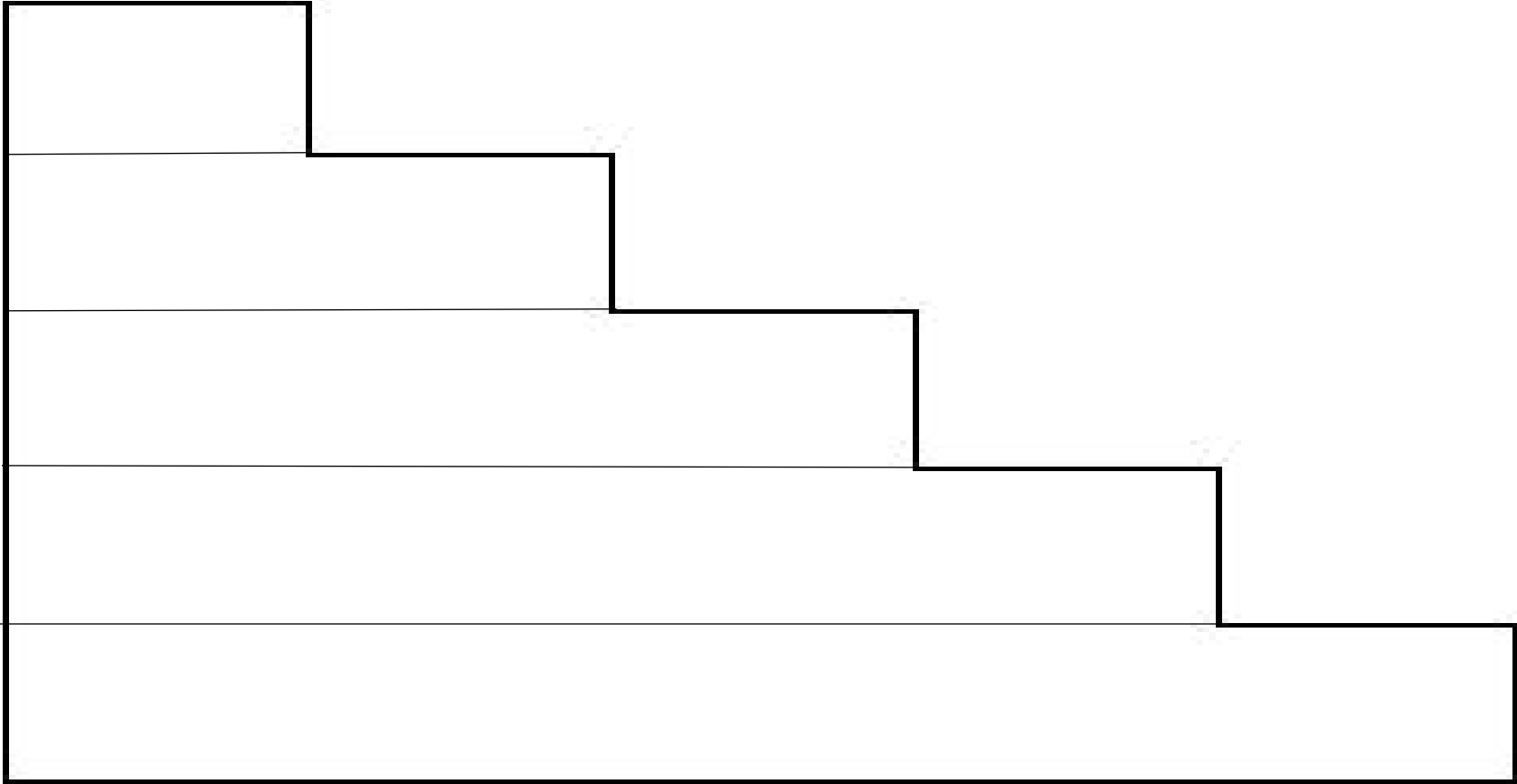


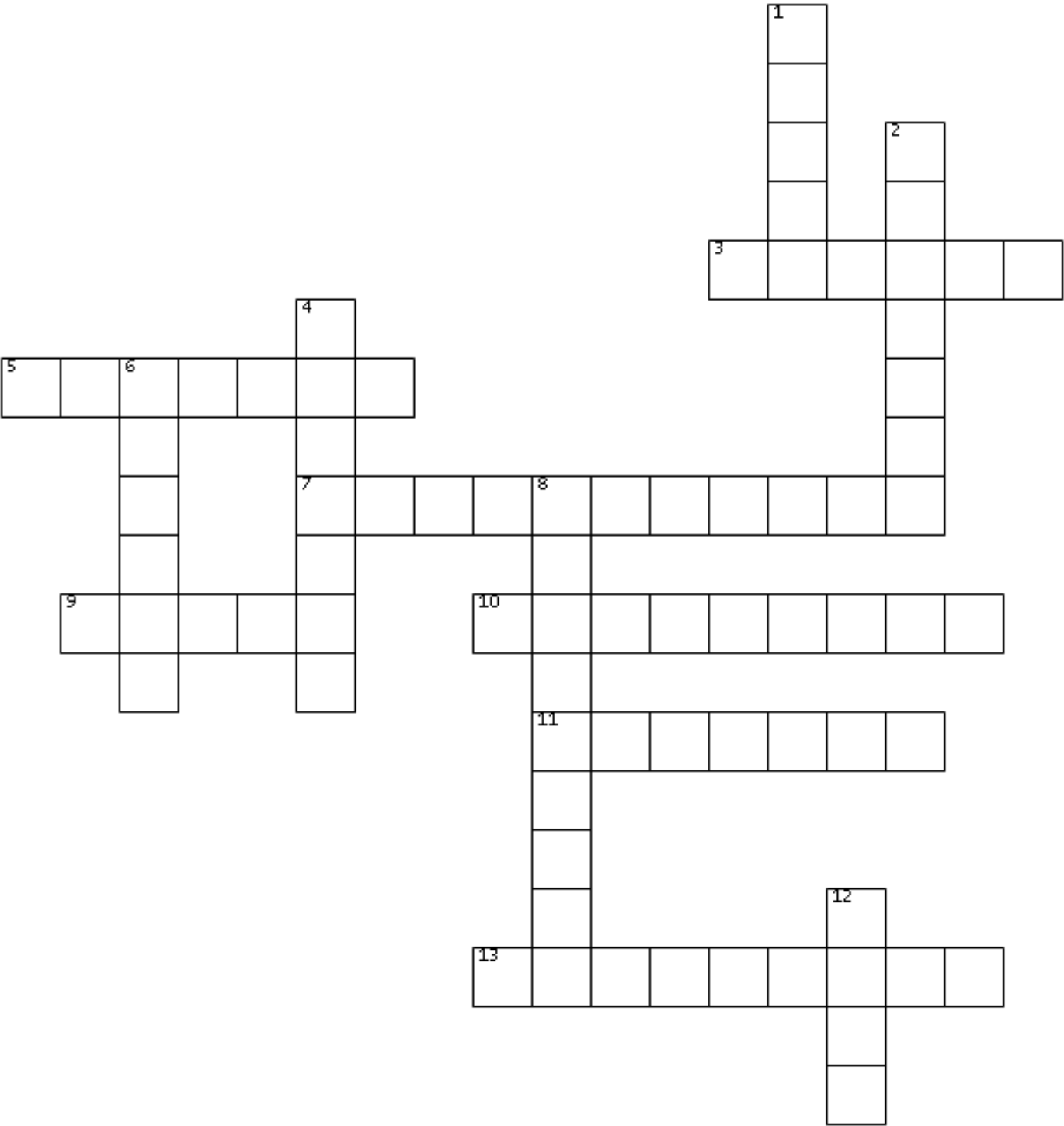


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Doo Doos

BLM 11



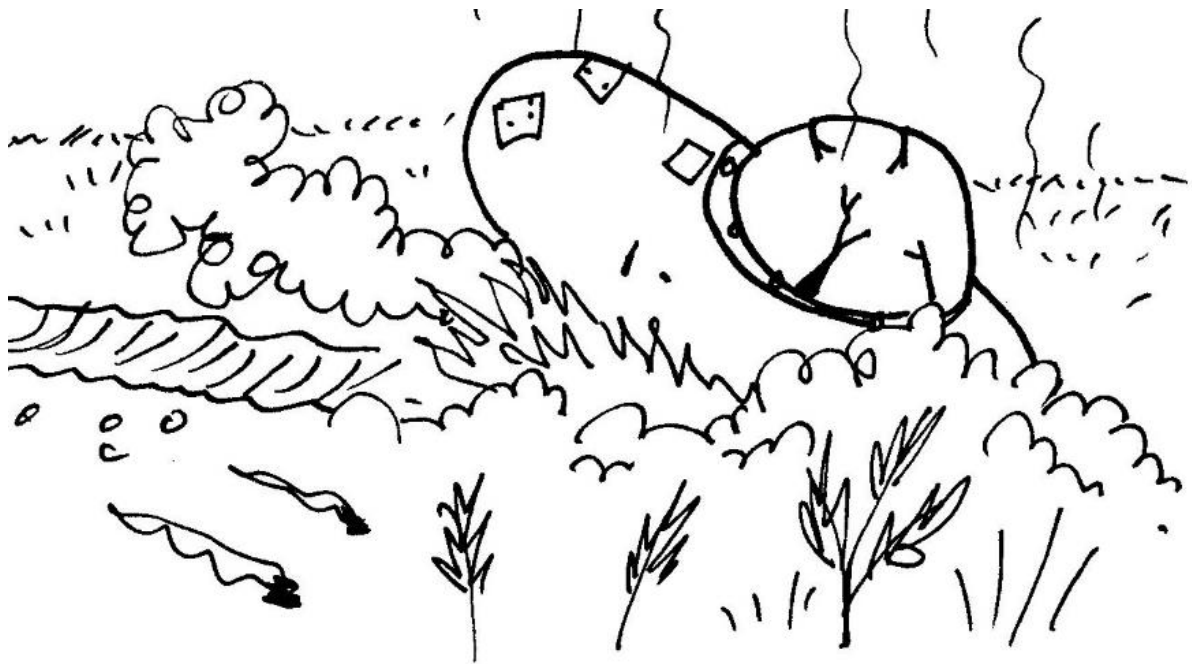


ACROSS

3. The Major had lots of on his uniform
5. The children were chased by Moon
7. The children were flown to the White House in a
.....
9. He was the spaceboy!
10. The Sheriff liked eating
11. Aunt Dorothy had an farm
13. Ruth had an old she could look at the Moon
with.

DOWN

1. Ruth had a legged dog called Yuri
2. Spaceboy repaired the
4. Dr Schock developed rockets for the
during the War.
6. The President wore a toupee
8. The animal Ruth thought Aunt Dorothy resembled
12. Aunt Dorothy couldn't say Ruth. She said



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C	D	E	U	R	M	O	N	T	O	E	E	A	A	N
Q	E	K	C	A	I	R	O	B	I	H	C	N	I	C
N	N	E	J	A	G	R	E	L	U	Z	C	V	Q	Z
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alien

ball

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kevin

major

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president

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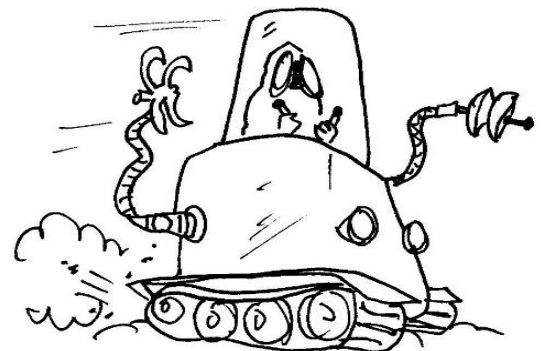
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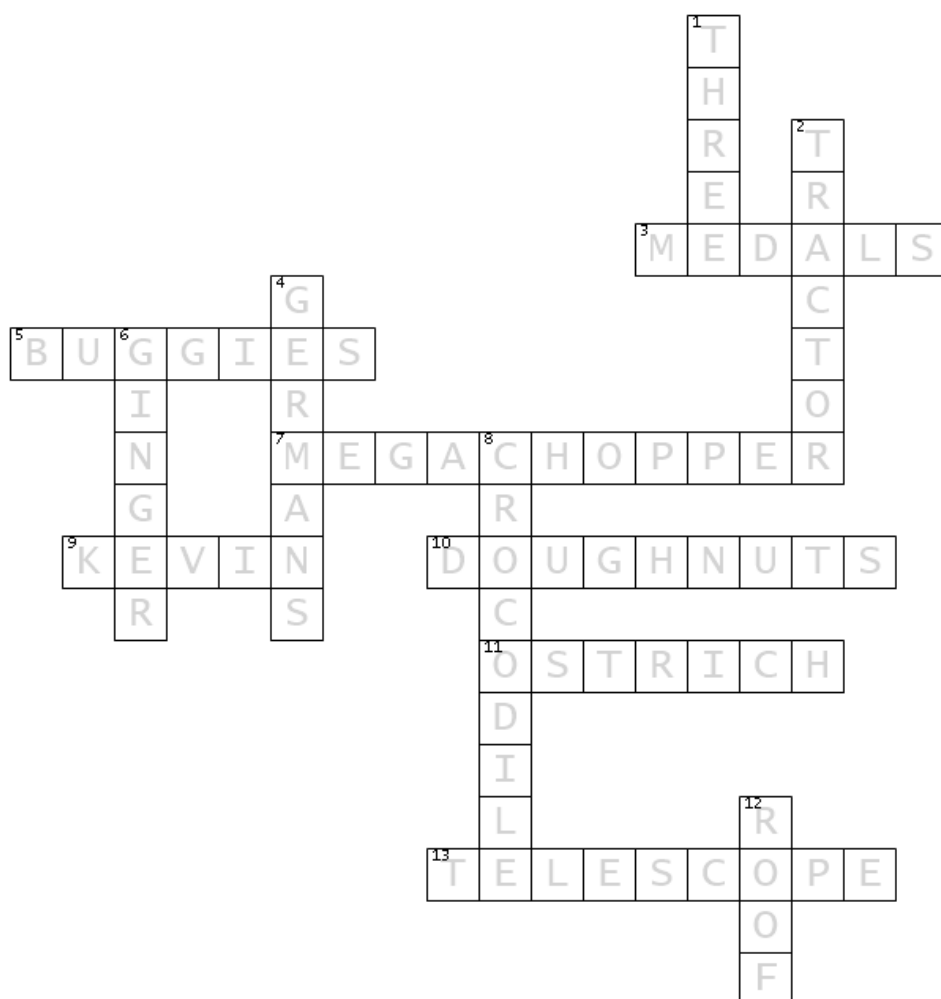
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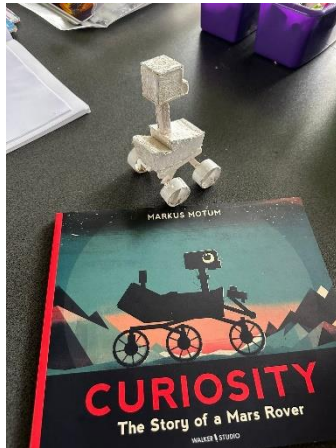


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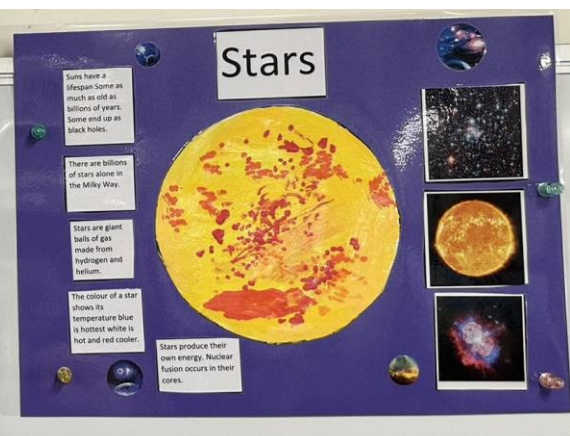
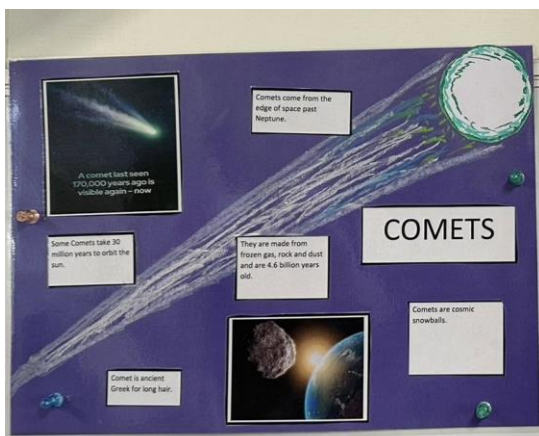
Create your own moonbuggy

(Maybe based on the Mars Curiosity rover?)



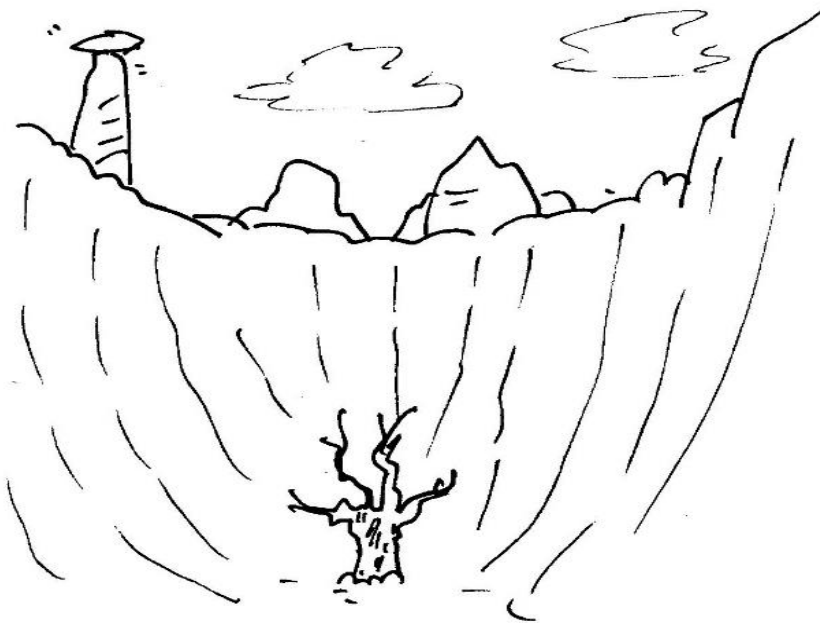
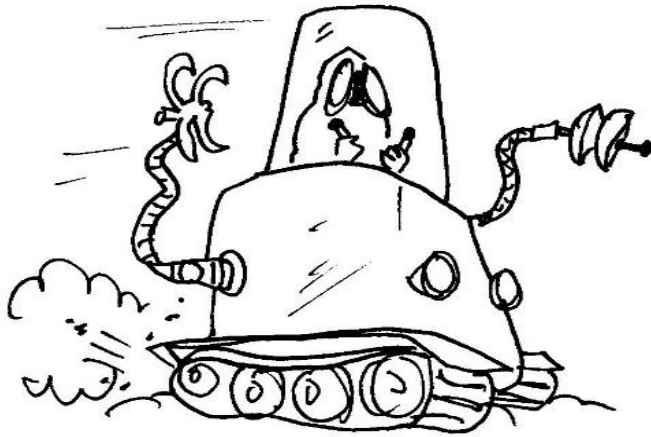
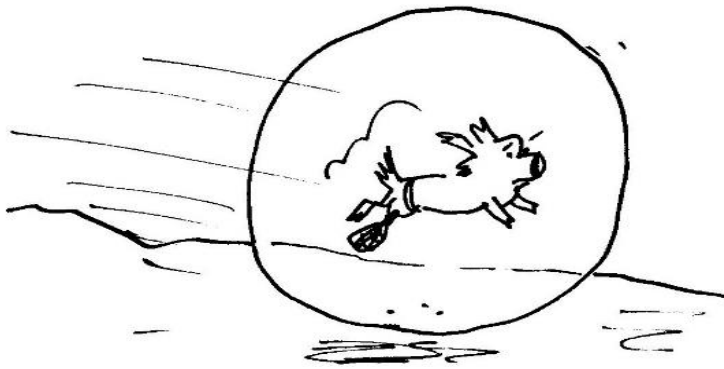
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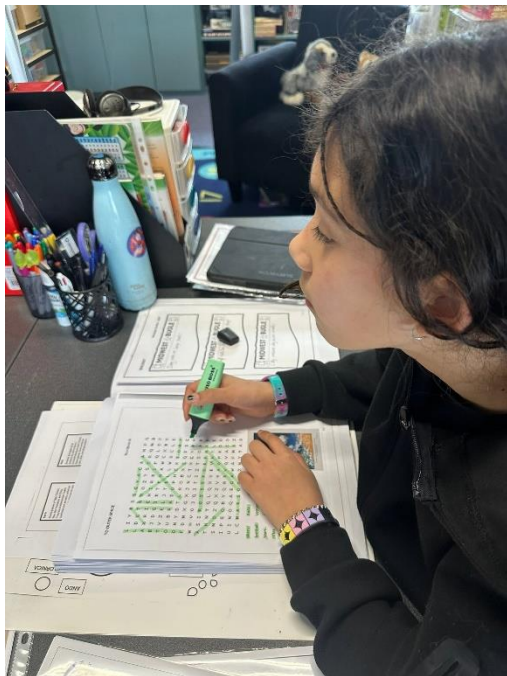
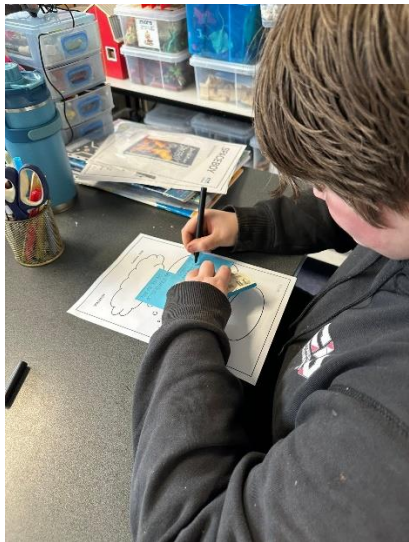
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