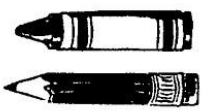
A Snake Story



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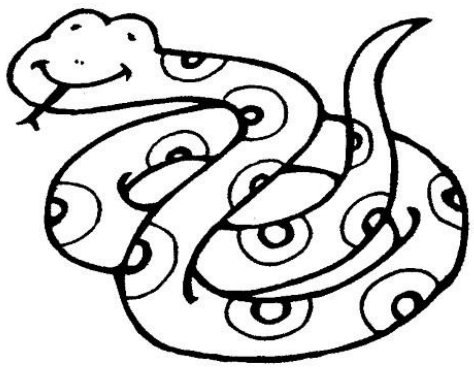
Comprehension

Read the story, then draw the pictures following the directions. After you read the story, answer the questions on page 31.



Tim did not want to go to the zoo. His big sister Kate was teasing him. "Tim is a scaredy-cat. Tim is a scaredy-cat!"

"I am not!" said Tim. But Tim really was afraid. He was afraid of one kind of animal at the zoo—the snakes.

Tim's dad told him that the snakes were in glass cages and couldn't get out. But that didn't matter to Tim. He didn't even like to look at them.

At the zoo, Tim, Kate, and their dad saw elephants, zebras, alligators, and monkeys. They ate candy and popcorn. Then, Tim saw the scary sign! It said, "SNAKES"!

(Draw the snake sign.)

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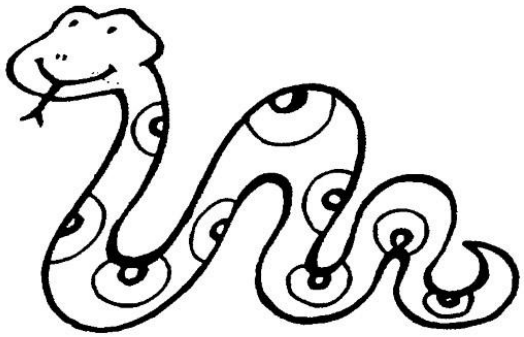
A Snake Story (cont.)



Kate walked to the cages. Tim's dad held his hand. "You decide, son," his dad said. Tim took a deep breath and said, "Let's go."

A zookeeper was cleaning the snake cages. Kate got as close to the glass as she could. Tim stood back by the wall.

"Are those snakes slimy?" Kate asked the zookeeper.

"No, they're not," the zookeeper replied. "They feel like your skin. But they have scales, so they feel a bit bumpier."

"What do they eat?" asked Kate as Tim stepped closer.

"They eat live mice," the zookeeper answered.

"Will they hurt me?" asked Tim as he took one last step and placed his face next to the glass cage.

(Draw a picture of Tim looking at the snakes.)

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A Snake Story (cont.)

The zookeeper said, "Well, these snakes are safely locked behind the glass. Snakes don't want to hurt anybody. They're just trying to survive. But sometimes people scare them, so they try to defend themselves. That's when people can get hurt."

The zookeeper left, and Tim, Kate, and their dad stared into the cage. The snakes stared back.

"I guess you're not scared anymore, Tim," said Kate.

"Well, once you learn about something, it's not as scary. Besides, they are behind glass!" replied Tim. They all laughed together.

Answer "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Snakes eat popcorn. _____
2. Snakes are slimy. _____
3. Snakes might hurt you when trying to defend themselves. _____
4. Tim ran away from the snakes. _____
5. After Tim learned about the snakes, he wasn't afraid anymore. _____

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Phonics Fun!

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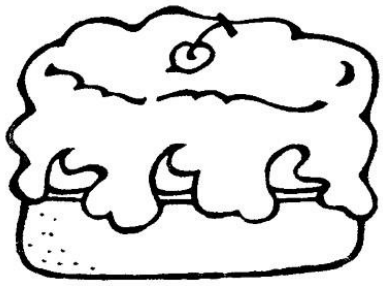
Vowel sounds

Short "a" sounds like the "a" in *candy*.

Long "a" sounds like the "a" in *snake*.

Circle the pictures of the words that have the short "a" sound. Draw an "X" on the pictures of the words that have the long "a" sound.



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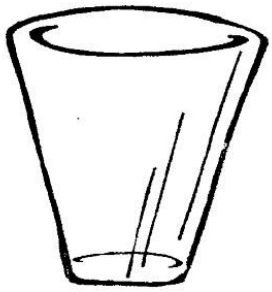

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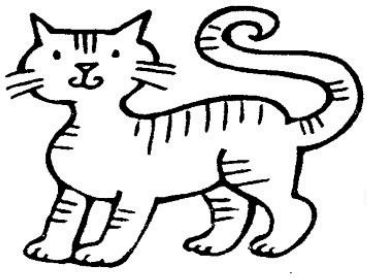

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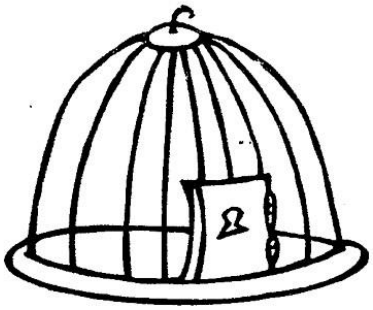

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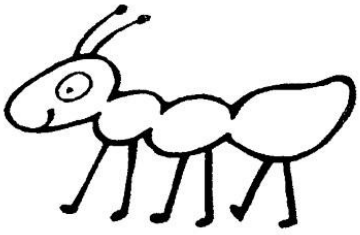

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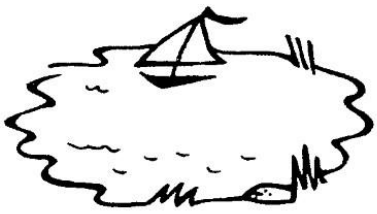

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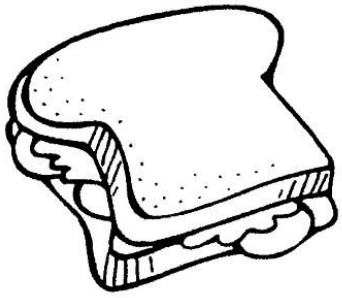

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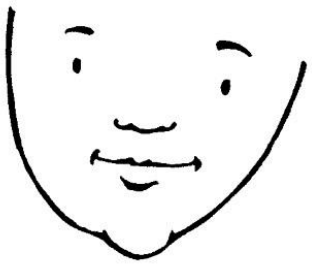

face

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Missing Numbers

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Numerical order

Fill in the chart with the missing numbers from 1 to 100. When you're done, read the numbers aloud.

1	2		4	5	6		8	9	10
11		13	14		16	17		19	
	22	23		25		27	28		30
31	32		34	35	36		38	39	
41		43			46	47			50
	52	53	54	55		57	58	59	
61			64		66		68		70
				75				79	
81		83		85			88	89	
	92	93	94			97		99	

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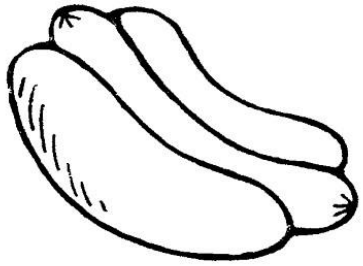
Spending Spree!

Tim wants to buy a snack. He has a quarter, which is 25 cents. Which snacks can he buy?

Count the coins needed to buy each snack. Circle "Yes" if Tim has enough money, or "No" if he does not.

1.
Yes No

2. 

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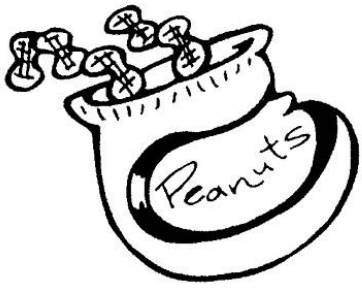
4. 

Yes No

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