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Snow Day Work

Day # 3

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Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names a general person, place or thing.

examples: I went to the <u>city</u>.

            The <u>man</u> was kind.

A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, or thing. Always capitalize the first letter of a proper noun.

examples: I went to <u>San Francisco</u>.

           <u>Mr. Brown</u> was kind.

Part 1: Underline the common nouns with a blue crayon.
**   Underline the proper nouns with a red crayon.**

1. The house is on Main Street. (1 common, 1 proper)

2. Karen played with her sister. (1 common, 1 proper)

3. Fran went to Furry Friends Pet Shop. (2 proper)

4. The car stopped quickly. (1 common)

5. Morgan Boulevard is a busy street. (1 proper, 1 common)

6. Michael and his friend chased the kitten. (1 proper, 2 common)

7. Did you see Kevin at the party? (1 proper, 1 common)

8. Laura looked at the stars through her telescope. (1 proper, 2 common)

9. There were no yellow markers in the box. (2 common)

10. Have you ever eaten a cheeseburger at Burger Planet? (1 common, 1 proper)

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Part 2: Write the word *common* next to each common noun.
Re-write each proper noun correctly.

11. alice smith _____

12. carpenter _____

13. dog _____

14. max _____

15. book _____

16. mayberry library _____

17. jupiter _____

18. planet _____

19. restaurant _____

20. doug's diner _____

Part 3: Write the proper noun for each common noun.

| *examples:* | author - E. B. White |
| | singer - Carrie Underwood |

21. book _____

22. country _____

23. school _____

24. holiday _____

25. athlete _____

The Fortune Teller
by Kelly Hashway

Maureen stood on the boardwalk and stared at the fortune teller's booth. She'd always thought fortune telling was a little spooky.

"Come on. I want to get my fortune told," Becca said, pulling Maureen toward the booth.

They walked through the strings of beads hanging in the doorway. It was completely dark inside. The only light came from a single candle in the middle of a round table. A woman wearing a bandanna sat at the table and motioned them over.

"Please, sit. I'm Madam Ursula." She locked her eyes on Maureen. "No need to be frightened. Sit and we will find out what it is that's scaring you so much."

Maureen's eyes widened. "Um, no. I'm not getting my fortune told."

"I am," Becca said, plopping down in the seat.

Madam Ursula rose. "Ah, but there's something you need to hear. I can see it already." She led Maureen to a chair.

Maureen's hands shook as she reached up and touched the lucky seashell she wore on a string around her neck.

Madam Ursula sat down and closed her eyes. "You are very superstitious, are you not?"

"She is!" Becca said.

Maureen's foot shook. How could this woman know anything about her? Her shoe grazed the leg of the table.
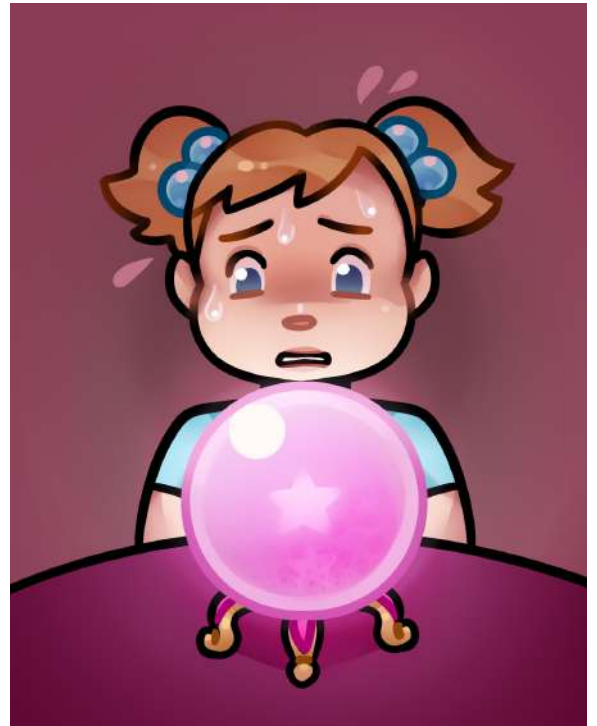
"You're nervous. You think people shouldn't have their fortunes told."

"Wow!" Becca said. "You're amazing! What else can you see?"

Madam Ursula smiled. "Hmm. I have good news. You will receive a gift from a friend today."

"Ooh! I wonder what it will be," Becca said.

Maureen relaxed in her chair. She didn't listen as Madam Ursula told Becca her fortune. She thought about her own fortune. She touched her seashell necklace, feeling the smooth paint of the four-leaf clover on the front of it. Four-leaf clover! That's how Madam Ursula knew she was superstitious. In her excitement Maureen wagged her foot harder. Madam Ursula jumped. Maureen peered under the table. She hadn't been nervously kicking the table leg. She'd been kicking Madam Ursula. But what about the gift she was supposed to get from a friend?

"That will be ten dollars for the both of you," Madam Ursula said.

"I got it." Becca put the money on the table.

Madam Ursula winked at Maureen, and Maureen laughed.
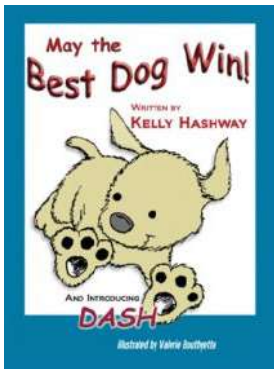
"What's so funny?" Becca asked as they left.

"She knew you dragged me in there, so she figured you'd pay for both of us."

Becca shrugged. "It was still fun."

"Yeah, it kind of was."

About the the Author
Kelly Hashway

Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win,* is now available!
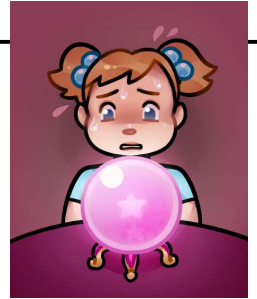
Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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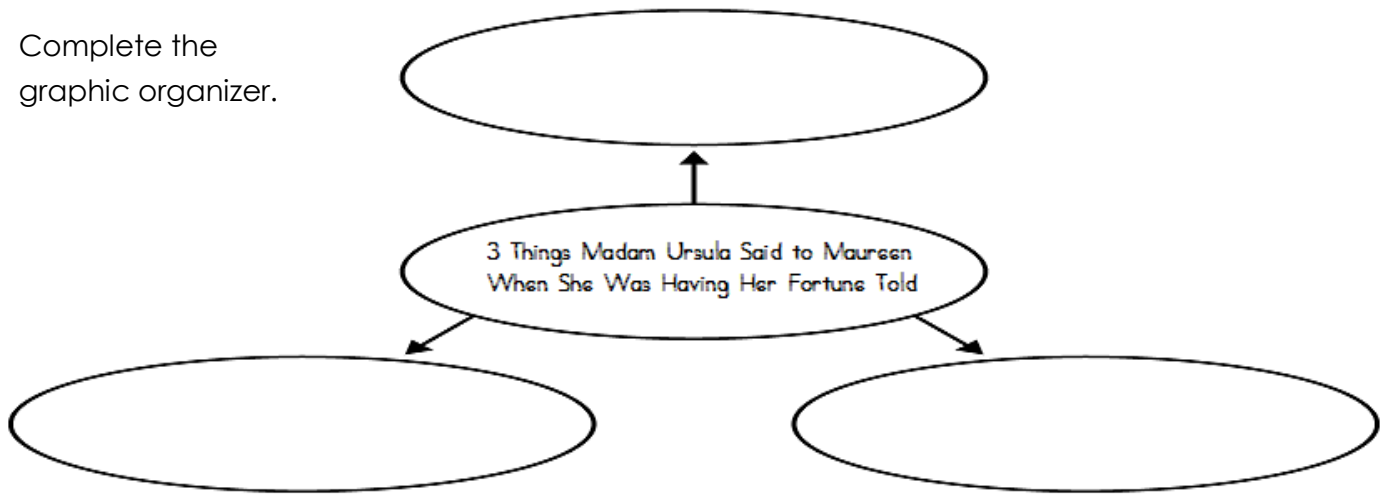
1. When they first walked in the fortune teller's booth, how were Maureen and Becca's attitudes towards Madam Ursula different?

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   _____

2. Complete the graphic organizer.

   ( )

   (3 Things Madam Ursula Said to Maureen When She Was Having Her Fortune Told)

   ( )   ( )

3. Which word best describes Becca? (circle one)

   | timid | outgoing | intelligent | greedy |

   Explain why you chose this word.

   _____

   _____

4. Which word best describes Madam Ursula? (circle one)

   | overwhelmed | graceful | confused | insightful |

   Explain why you chose this word.

   _____
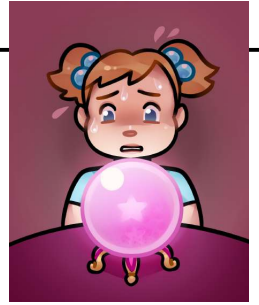
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. __ __ n __ a n __ __

1. _____

hint: colorful cloth used to cover the neck or head

2. __ __ a __ __ w __ __ __

2. _____

hint: sidewalk made of wood

3. __ u __ e __ __ t i __ __ o u __

3. _____

hint: believing in magic or luck

4. __ __ __ z __ d

4. _____

hint: scraped or touched lightly

5. __ __ o __ p __ n g

5. _____

hint: allowing your body to drop heavily into a chair

6. __ __ g g __ d

6. _____

hint: moved from side to side

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Pirate Ship Adventure

Write a story titled, "My Journey on a Pirate Ship."
You and your friends can star in the story.

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Pirate Ship Adventure

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Pirate Ship Adventure

Draw a picture to go along with your writing.

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Reading a Map

Our Neighborhood

First Street

Eddies's House

Davis Park

PIZZA

Second Street

Oak Avenue

Elm Avenue

S-MART

Park Lane

Third Street

Corey's House

Fourth Street

Lisa's House

KEY

Playground

Police Station

House

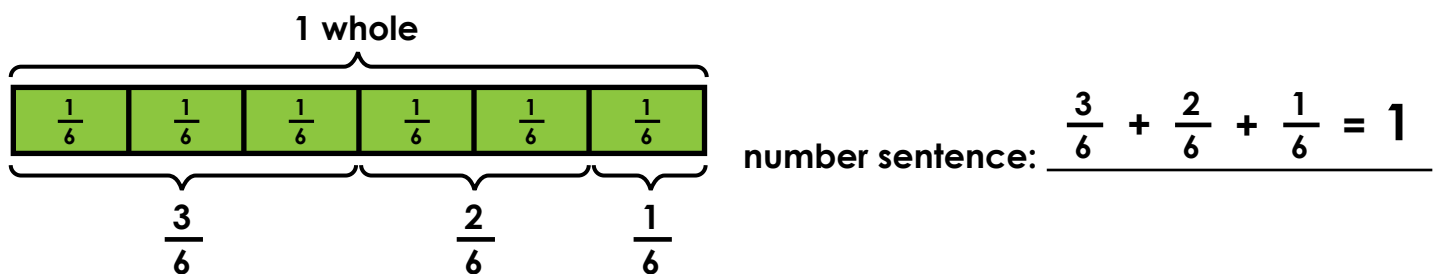Supermarket

Restaurant
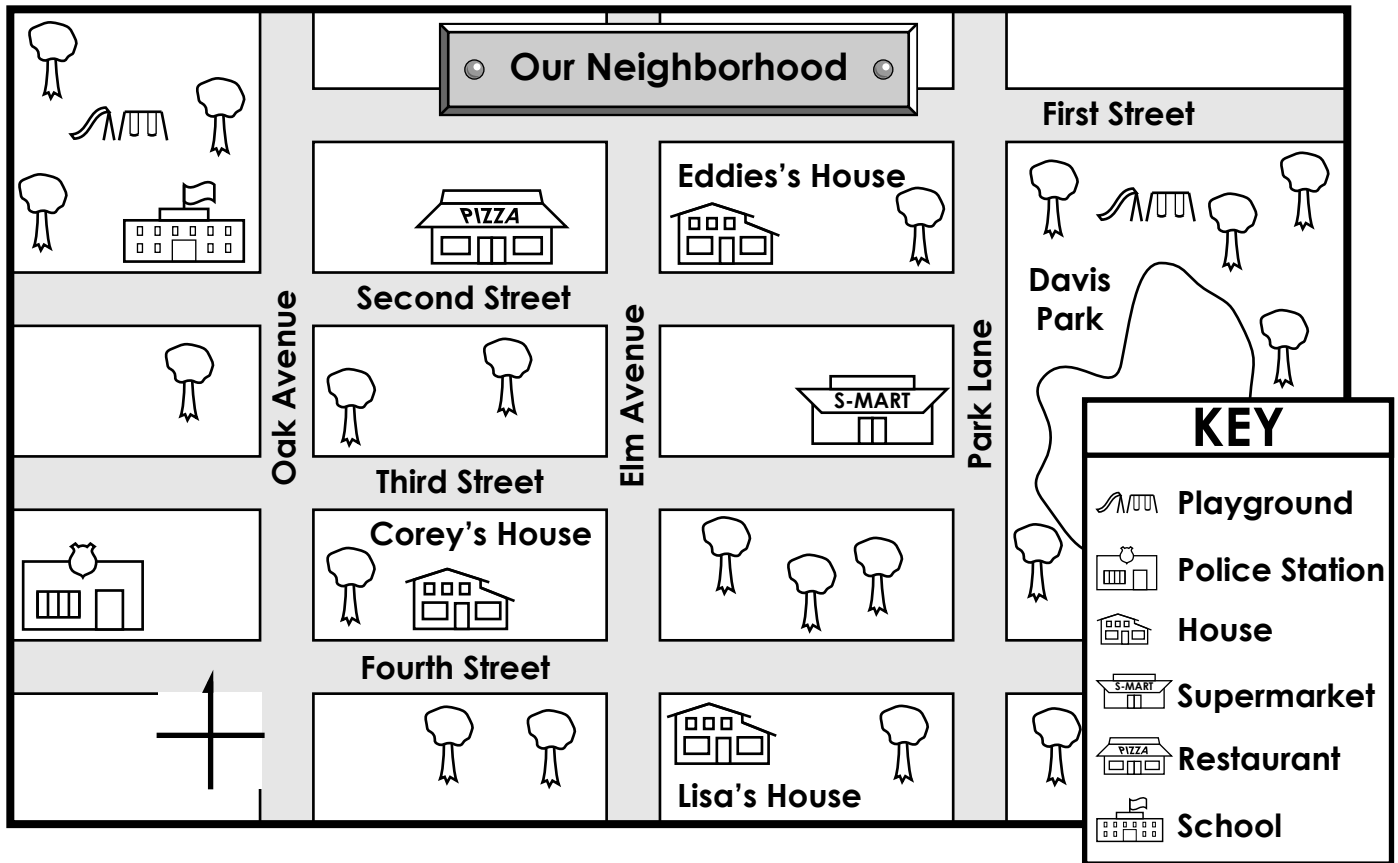
School

1. Label **N**, **S**, **E**, and **W** on the compass rose.

Write **north**, **south**, **east**, or **west** to complete each sentence.

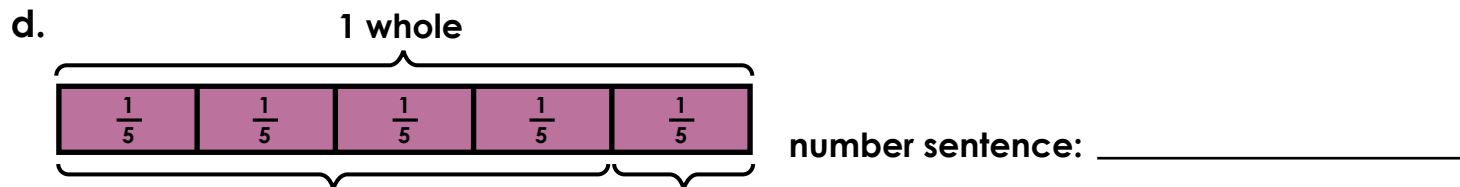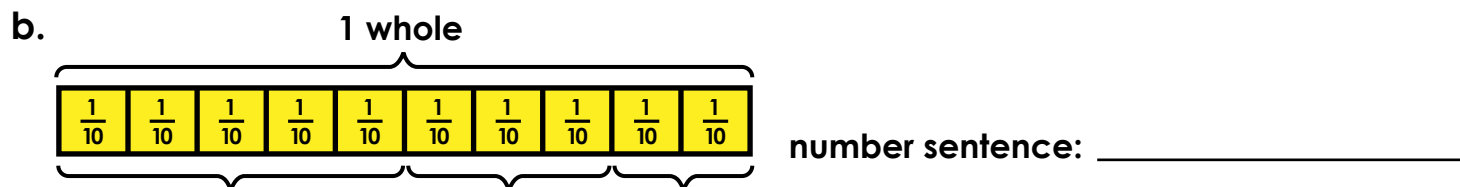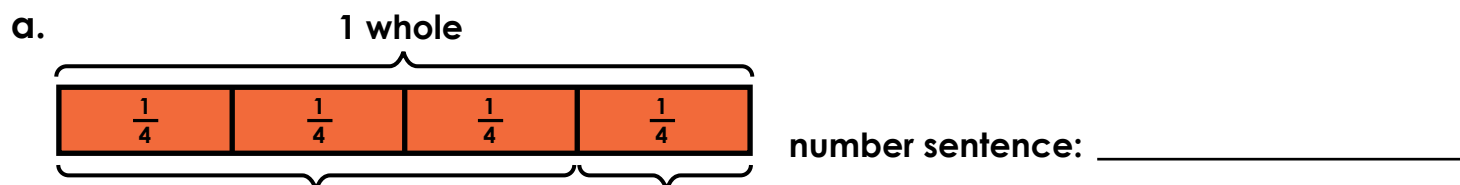2. To go from Eddie's house to the school, you travel _____ .

3. The supermarket is _____ of Lisa's house.

4. A police officer would go _____ to Davis Park.

5. Students walk _____ to the school after using the school playground.

6. Corey goes _____ to eat at the restaurant.

7. Eddie would walk _____ to use the Davis Park playground.

8. Eddie would walk _____ to visit Lisa.
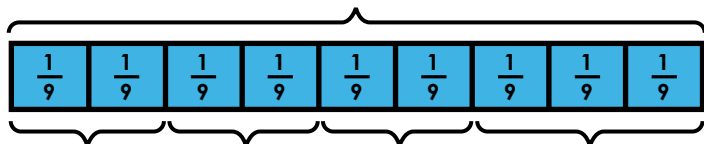
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Adding Fractions With Sums of 1

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\frac{1}{6}$ |

$\frac{3}{6}$ $\frac{2}{6}$ $\frac{1}{6}$

number sentence: $\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$

Write the correct fractions for each tape diagram. Then write a number sentence for each.

a.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ |

number sentence: _____

b.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ |

number sentence: _____

c.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ |

number sentence: _____

d.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ |

number sentence: _____

Name: _____

e.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ |

number sentence: _____

f.

1 whole

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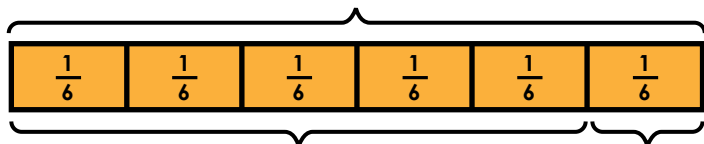
number sentence: _____

g.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ |
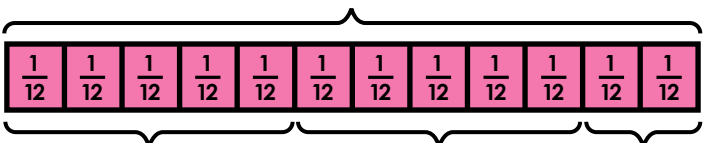
number sentence: _____

h.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ | $\frac{1}{7}$ |
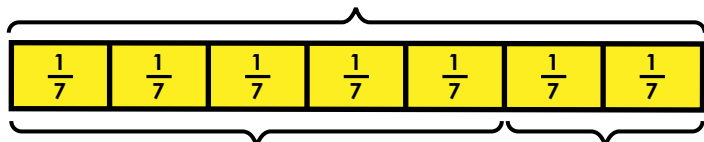
number sentence: _____

i.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ |
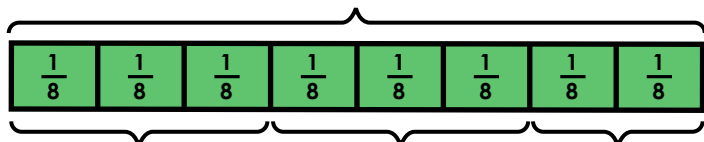
number sentence: _____

j.

1 whole

| $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ |
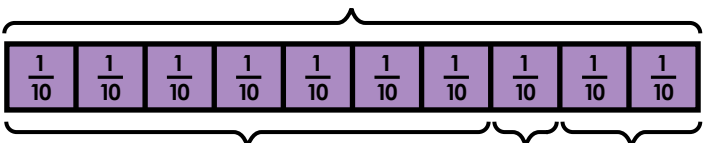
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Pictures in the Stars
by Kelly Hashway

Have you ever stared at the clouds and tried to see pictures in them? Well, this is very similar to how ancient astronomers named the constellations.

Constellations are groups of stars, and today there are 88 officially recognized constellations. Each is named for a figure or object that astronomers saw when they viewed the star group. Most of the constellations are named after characters in mythology. Hercules, Draco, Orion, and The Great Bear are just a few. Others are named after the signs of the zodiac, like Sagittarius, Capricorn, and Scorpius. But the way they were named is very similar. Just like we look at clouds today and see figures and other objects, the astronomers looked at the stars and saw things.

But if you've ever played this cloud gazing game with your friends, you've probably noticed that different people see different things in the clouds. You may see a bear, while your best friend sees a lion in the very same cloud. This was also the case with naming the constellations. And as a result, the same constellation can be known by different names across the globe.

One of the best-known constellations is the Big Dipper. If you've ever seen it in the sky, then you know it looks like a scooper or a dipper. But the ancient Greeks called the Big Dipper "Ursa Major" or "Big Bear". The ancient Irish and French called the Big Dipper the "Chariot," and the British referred to it as the "Plough". So you can see how star gazing and studying the constellations to find shapes in the patterns can cause a single constellation to have multiple names.

Another thing that contributes to these differing names is the expansion of the universe. The stars are moving and changing positions in the sky, which can make them look less like what they were originally named and more like something completely different. The constellation Cassiopeia originally looked like a W, but today it appears to be a squiggly line. Astronomers believe that the Big Dipper will look like a number five in 50,000 years.

Imagine what you will see the next time you look at the stars.

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1. What is a constellation?

      a. a group of stars that are close to Earth

      b. a group of stars that is named after a zodiac symbol

      c. a group of stars that was named for a figure or object that ancient astronomers saw

      d. a group of stars shaped like an unusual animal

2. How many officially recognized constellations are there? _____

3. Long ago, the constellation Cassiopeia was shaped like a W. Today it is shaped like a squiggly line. Why does it look different today than it did many years ago?

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4. Complete each sentence below.

The ancient Greeks thought the Big Dipper looked like a _____.

Long ago, people of Britain thought the Big Dipper looked like a _____.

Ancient Irish and French people thought the big dipper looked like a _____.

5. In the box, draw a picture of what the Big Dipper Will probably look like in 50,000 years.

(note: The Big Dipper has seven stars. Be sure there are 7 stars in your picture.)
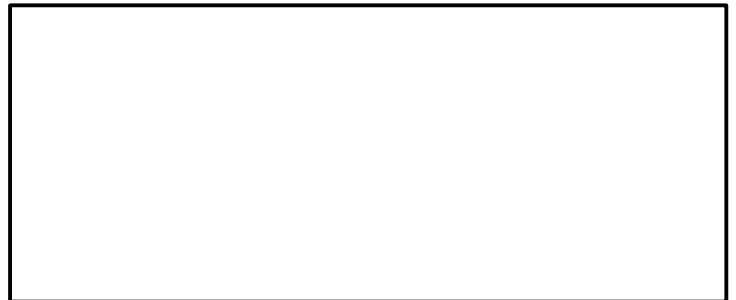
Pictures in the Stars
Vocabulary Activity

The words below are scrambled words from the article.
Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Look
back in the article to be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. | c | a | n | n |
    |---|---|---|---|
    | t | e | i | |

    _____

    Clue: from long ago

2. | n | m | i | i |
    |---|---|---|---|
    | a | g | e | |

    _____

    Clue: to form a picture in the mind

3. | a | c | r | h |
    |---|---|---|---|
    | t | o | i | |

    _____

    Clue: two-wheeled vehicle pulled by a horse

4. | n | m | t | e | s | s |
    |---|---|---|---|---|---|
    | r | r | o | o | a | |

    _____

    Clue: people who study stars and outer space

5. | a | o | s | x | i |
    |---|---|---|---|---|
    | n | n | e | p | |

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    Clue: growth; getting bigger

6. | l | l | o | o | i | a | c |
    |---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
    | e | t | t | s | n | n | s |

    _____

    Clue: the 88 group of stars that makes an officially recognized shape

Fix the Misspelled Words

Circle the spelling word in each sentence.
If the word is spelled correctly, write CORRECT on the line.
If the word is spelled incorrectly, write the correct spelling on the line.

1. The traffic in Chicago causes many delays during the week.   1. _____

2. Calvin forgot his keys on the kitchen counter again.   2. _____

3. The human body has two kidnies.   3. _____

4. How many varieties of apples are there?   4. _____

5. The author wrote about her travels and journies.   5. _____

6. Elizabeth knows the capitals of most European countries.   6. _____

7. Dr. Rosenburg has many interesting hobbies.   7. _____

8. The skys above grew dark as a storm rolled in from the north.   8. _____

9. In my college course we learned how to conduct survays.   9. _____

10. The school secretary keeps a dish of candies at her desk.   10. _____

11. Homeless familys can stay together at the shelter.   11. _____

12. The vallies to the south had rich soil for growing crops.   12. _____

13. The government funded a project to rebuild the raillways.   **13.** _____

14. How many essays do you think you had to write this term?   **14.** _____

15. The lawyers helped both parties come to an agreement.   **15.** _____

16. My aunt's dog just had a litter of pupies.   **16.** _____

17. Paulette can recall even her earliest memmories.   **17.** _____

18. Our store manager said the truck will deliver supplies today.   **18.** _____

19. Keep the plums covered so the fruit flies don't land on them.   **19.** _____

20. How many trays can that waitress carry at once?   **20.** _____

Review Words

21. Bailey's teacher reminded her not to slowch in her seat.   **21.** _____

22. Anthony allways asks his dad to play chess after dinner.   **22.** _____

23. The snow-covered mountain looked very beautiful.   **23.** _____

Challenge Words

24. You will have many opportunities with a college degree!   **24.** _____

25. The employee was fired when he avoided his responsabilities.   **25.** _____