

# Free Classroom Lesson Plan

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## About the story

*Little Tree in a Big Forest* follows the life cycle of trees as they grow from seedlings to mighty trees to new creations that can last for generations. Through fun illustrations and a delightful story about a small oak tree and a family of bears, this book explores the important concepts of sustainable resources and caring for the environment through responsible forest management.



## How To Access The Book




- Watch the FREE book reading on YouTube with author Paige Hulsey
- Use the promo code “forest” for a 15% discount when you order at [www.PaigeHulsey.com](http://www.PaigeHulsey.com)
- Buy at your favorite local bookstore or Amazon

## Learning Opportunities

- Identifying various tree species
- Noticing what wildlife use the forest for their habitat
- Recognizing numerous everyday products that are made from wood
- Learning about the benefits of proper forest management

## About the Author



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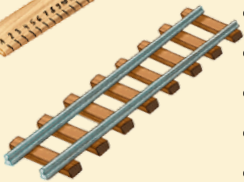
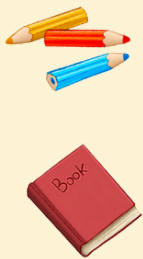
# Activities While You Read



Identify various tree species on each page



Recognize products made from wood throughout the story



- Railroad ties
- Fence
- Log cabin
- House frame
- Windowsill
- Basketball court
- Bedframe
- Bookshelf
- Pencil
- Books
- Paper
- Desk
- Wood floors
- Bench



Look for the squirrel as you turn the pages and notice when it plants a tree in its own way



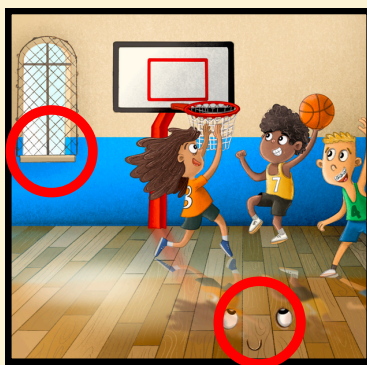
# Activities While You Read (Answer Key)



## Identify Trees



## Find Wood Products



## Follow the Squirrel



# Vocabulary Words



## What is forest management?

It's the way we care for natural areas. It can include responsible tourism, harvesting trees to manage age and density, and replanting trees.

**Tourism** is when people visit new places and experience new things.



## What is a sustainable resource?

This is something that can be replenished at the same rate or faster than it is consumed, without damaging the environment. Trees are an example of a sustainable resource.



## What are crossties?

A crosstie is the wooden beam that lays under a railroad track to support it. On average, there are 3,250 wooden crossties throughout each mile of train track.



## What does biodegradable mean?

An item that is biodegradable will **decompose** or break down naturally, returning to the earth without hurting the environment.

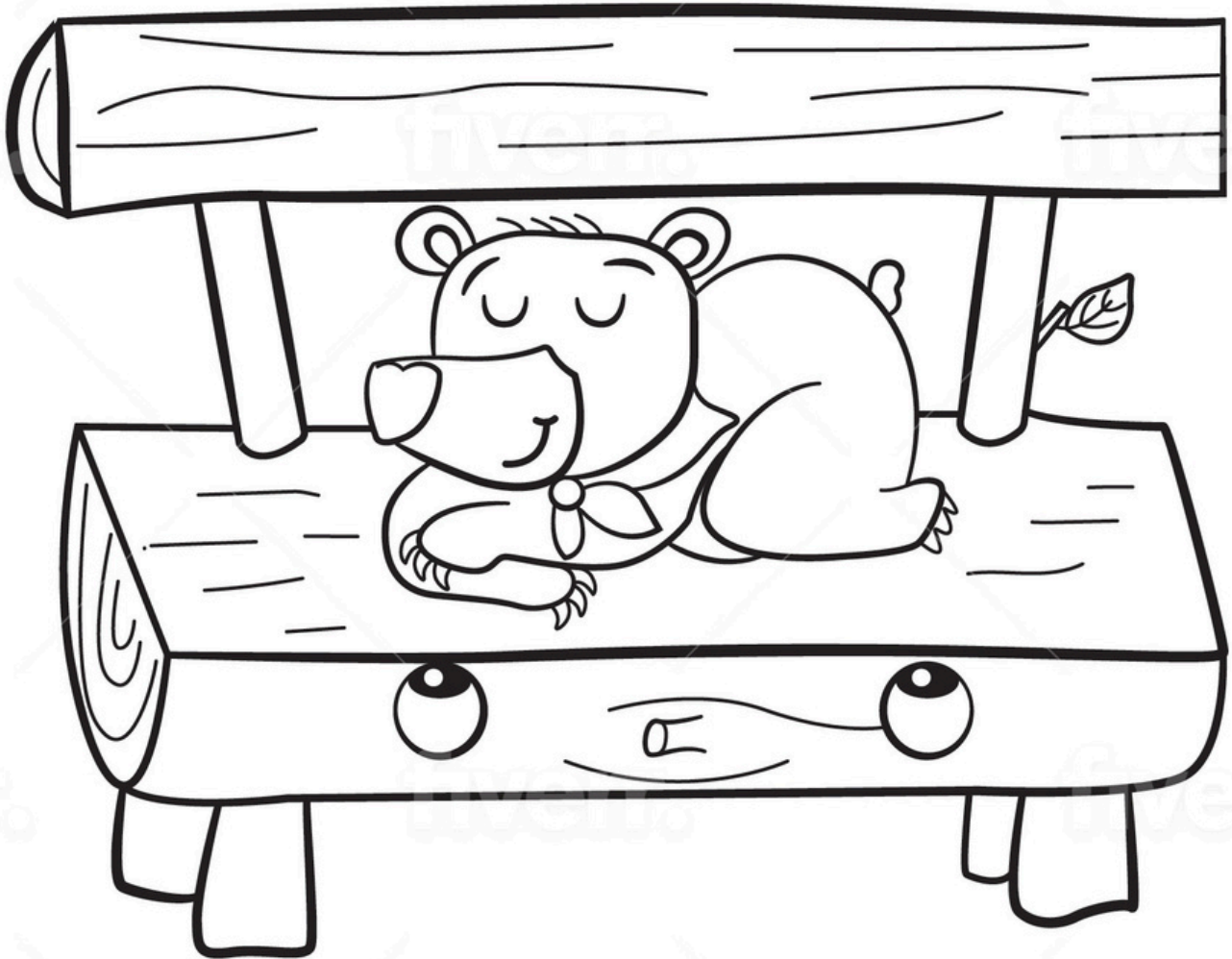


## What is an innovator?

An innovator is someone who develops new ideas, products, or services that will have a positive impact. They may also find a new way to use an existing invention.



# Little Tree in a Big Forest



# Match the leaf to its species of tree

1.



**Red Oak**

**Maple**

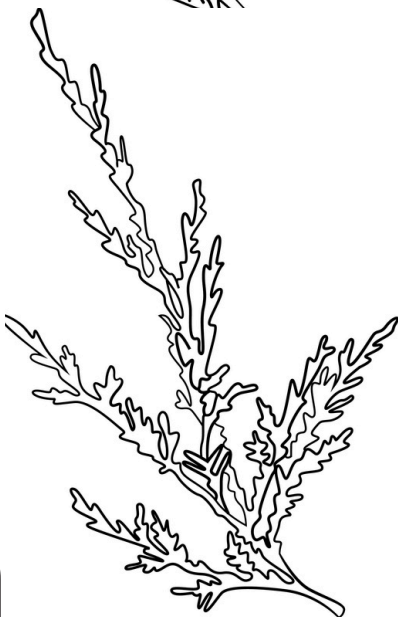
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**Hickory**

**Cedar**

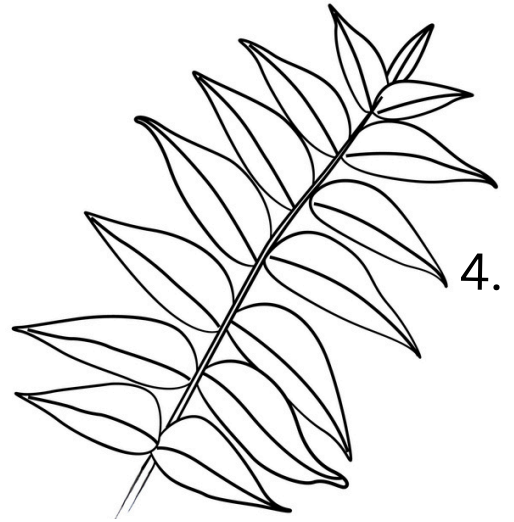
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**White Oak**

**Walnut**

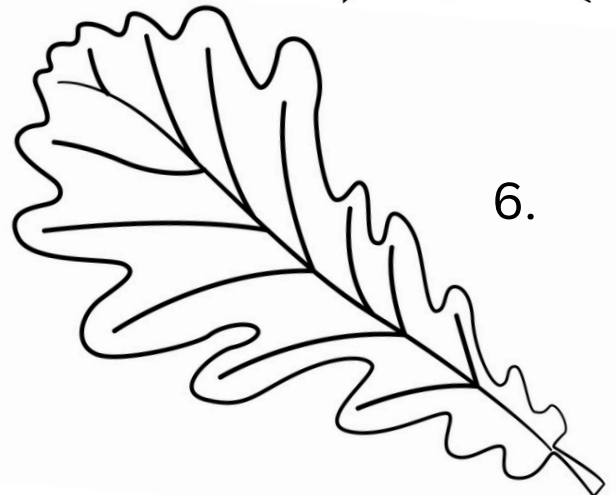
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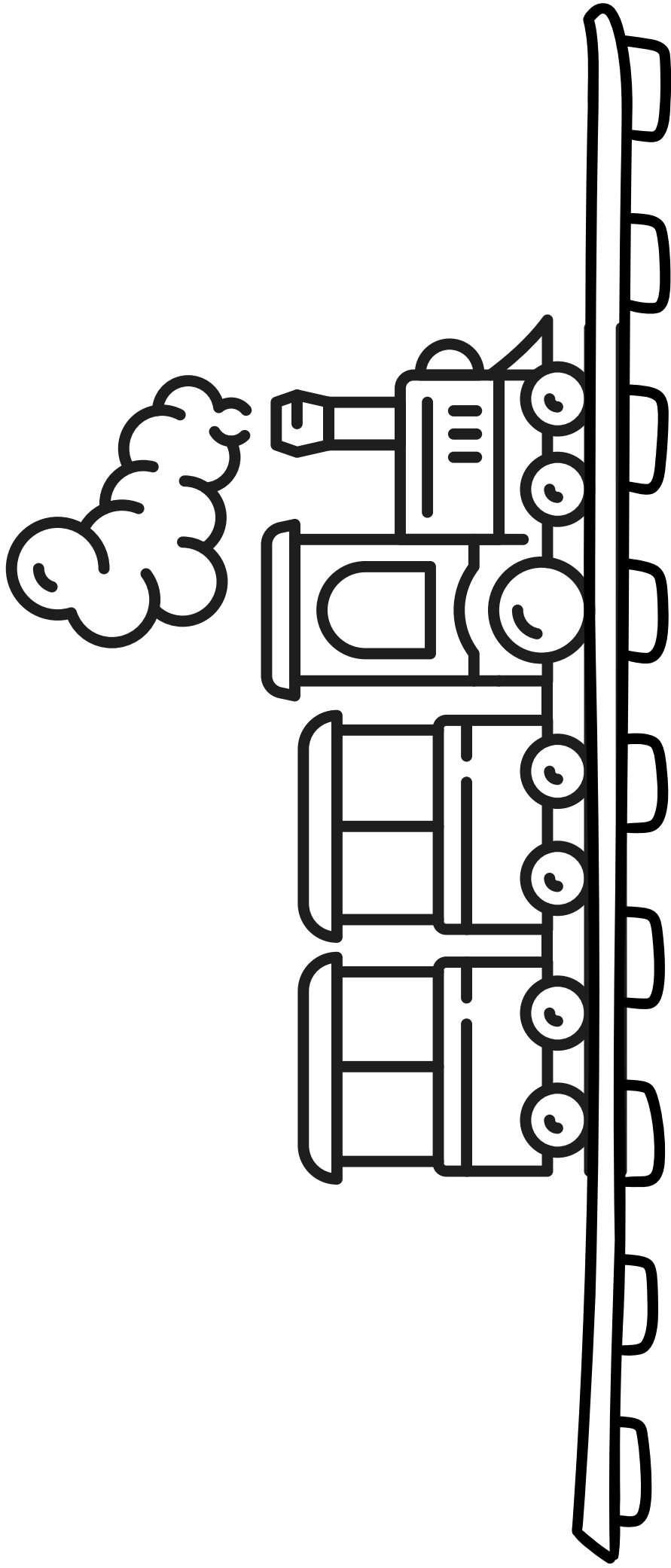
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Answer Key:  
1 Maple, 2 Hickory, 3 Cedar, 4 Walnut, 5 Red Oak, 6 White Oak



# Did You Know?

**There are more than 3,200 wooden ties in each mile of railroad tracks.**



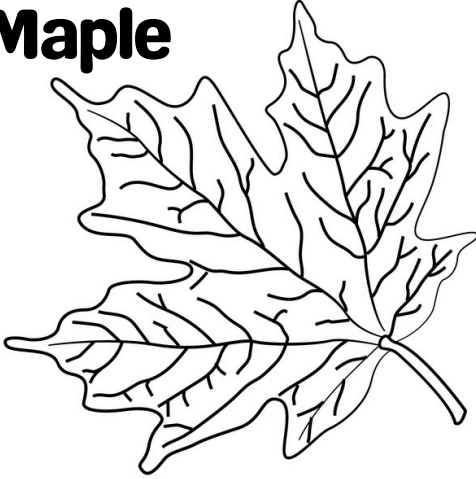
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# Match

Connect the product to the type of wood used to make it

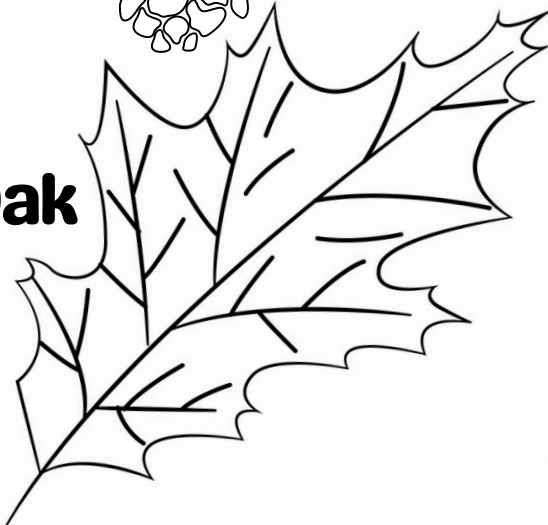
## 1. Maple



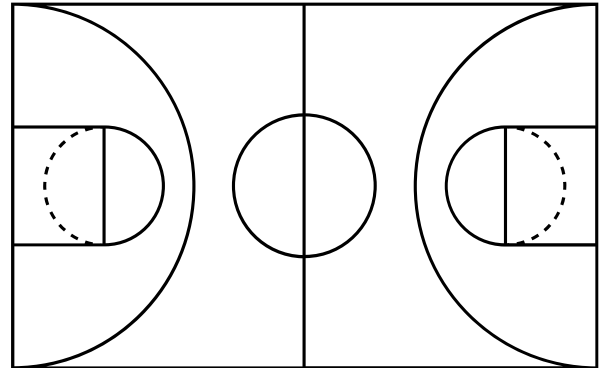
## 2. Pine



## 3. Red Oak



basketball court



house  
frame



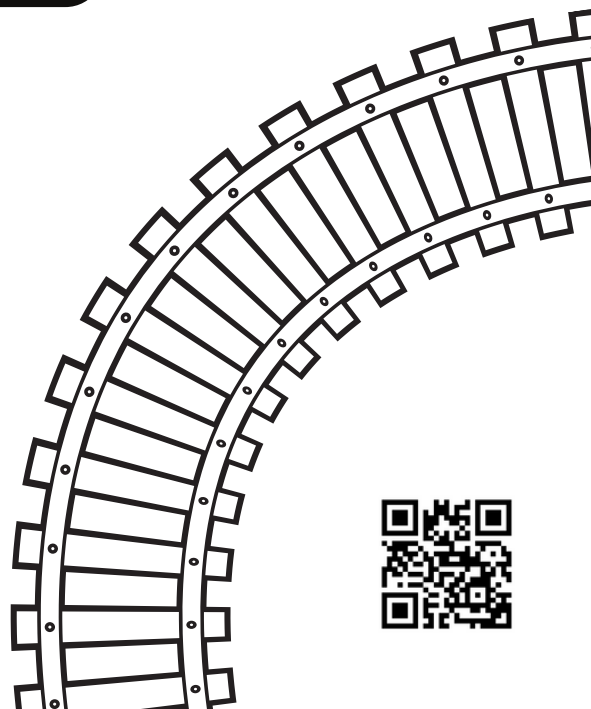
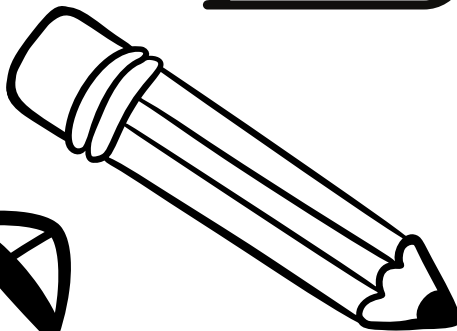
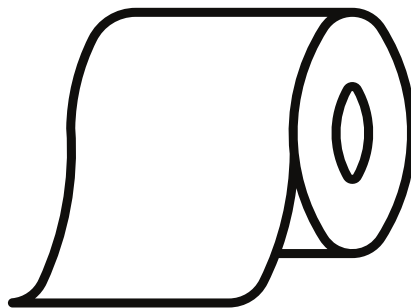
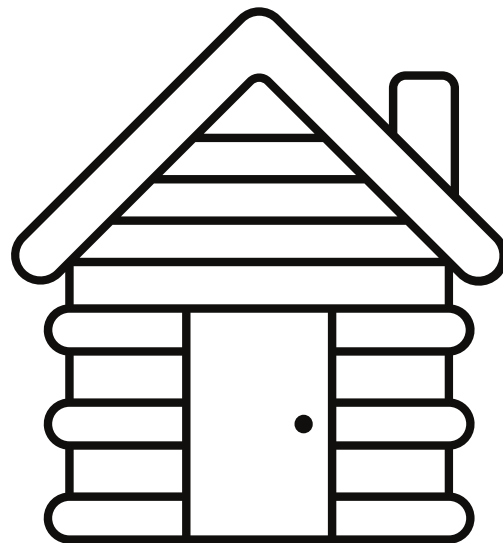
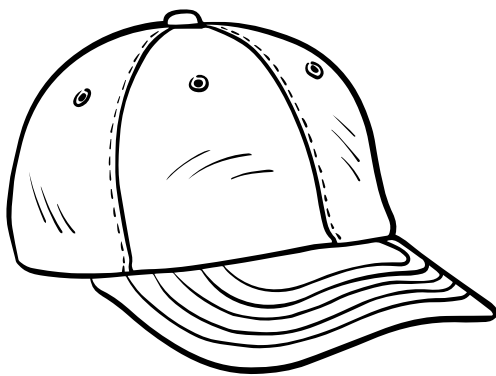
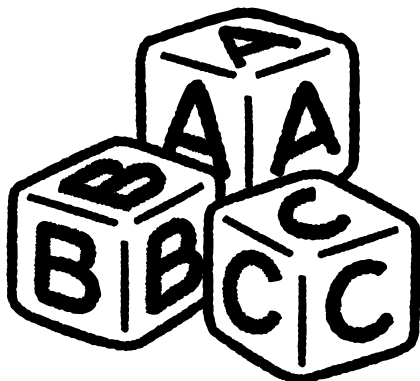
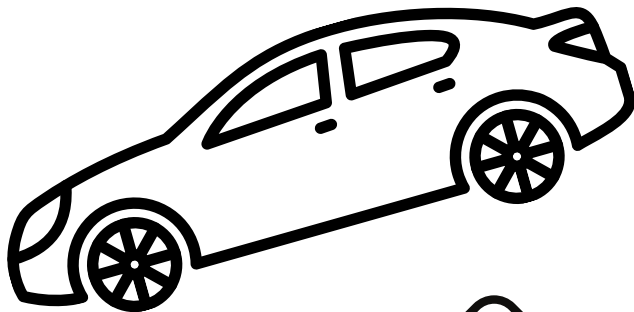
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Answer Key:  
1 Maple = basketball court  
2 Pine = house frame  
3 Red Oak = crossties



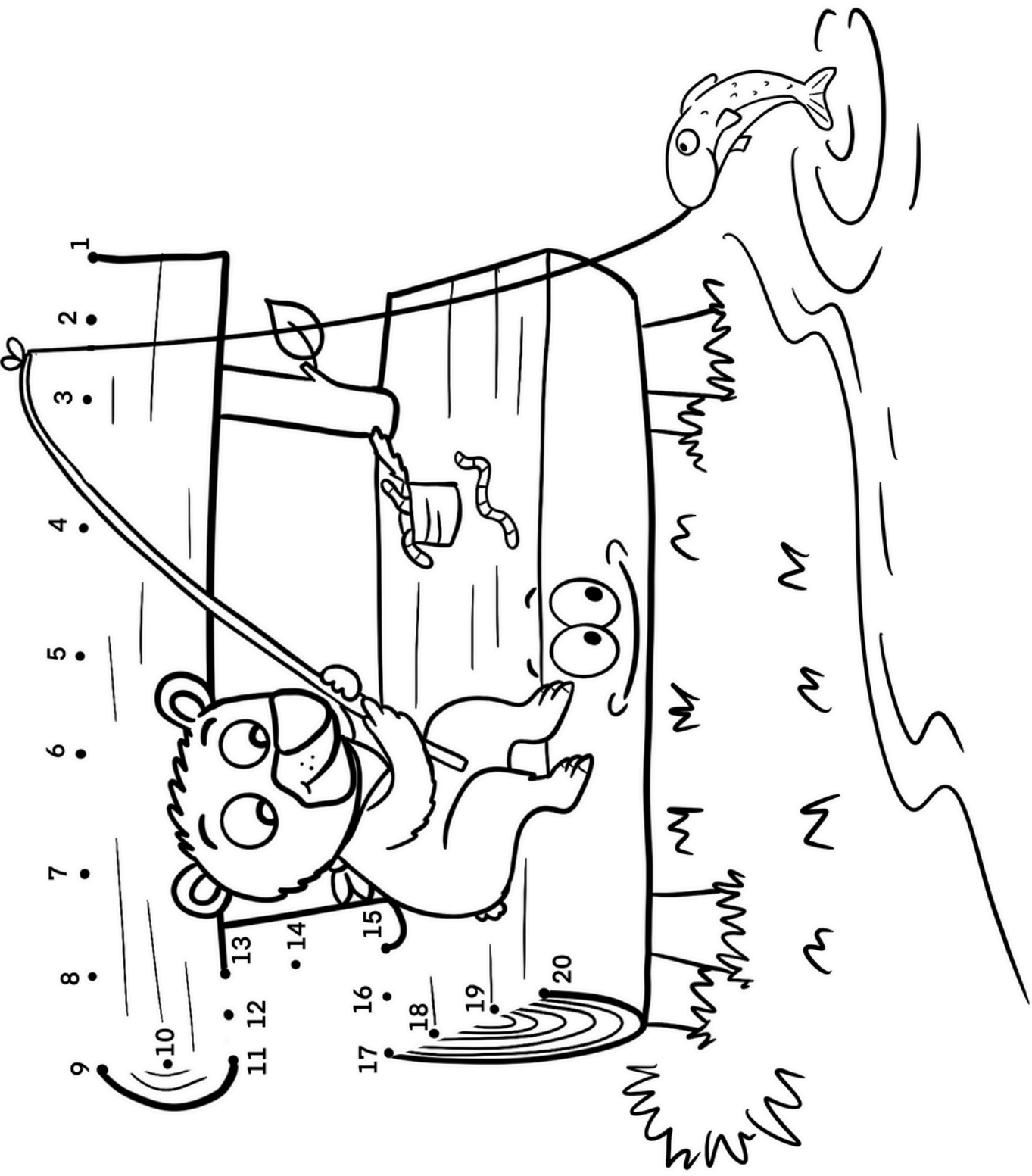
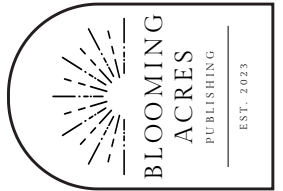


# Color the items made from wood.



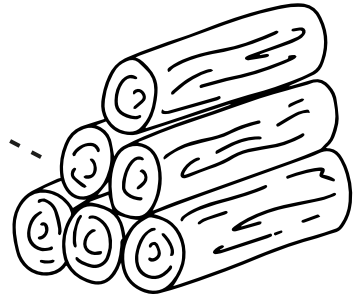
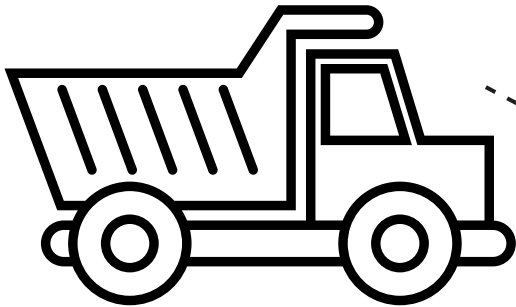
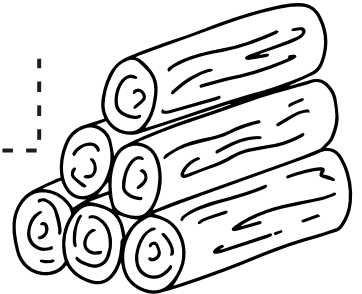
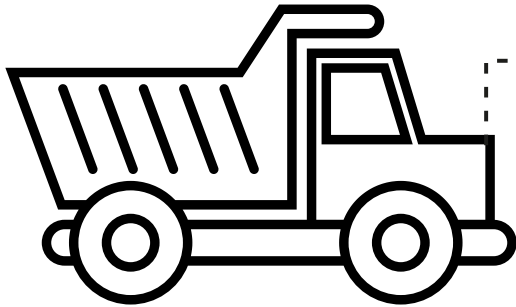
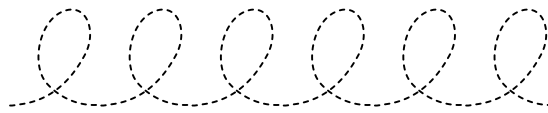
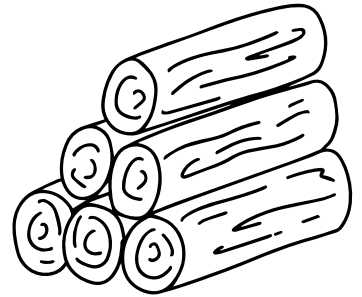
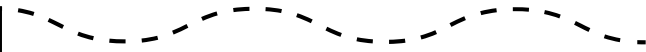
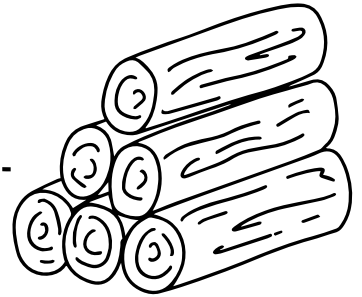


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# Drive

Connect the truck to the woodpile



# Have you ever seen a squirrel plant a tree?

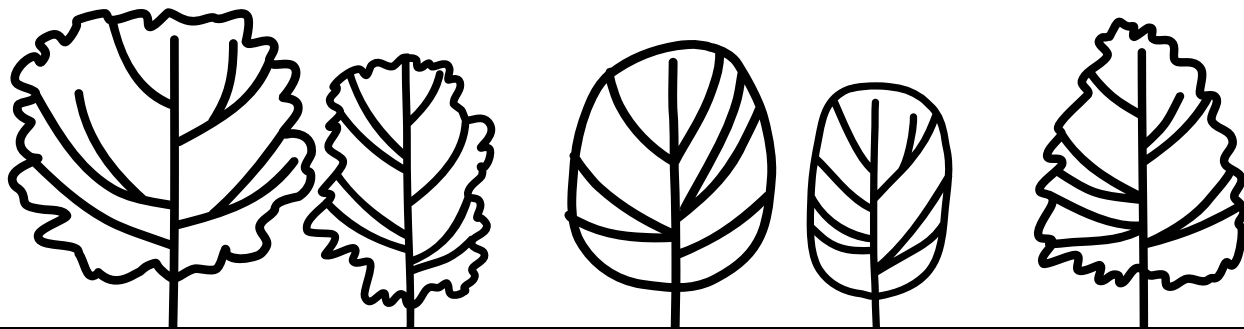
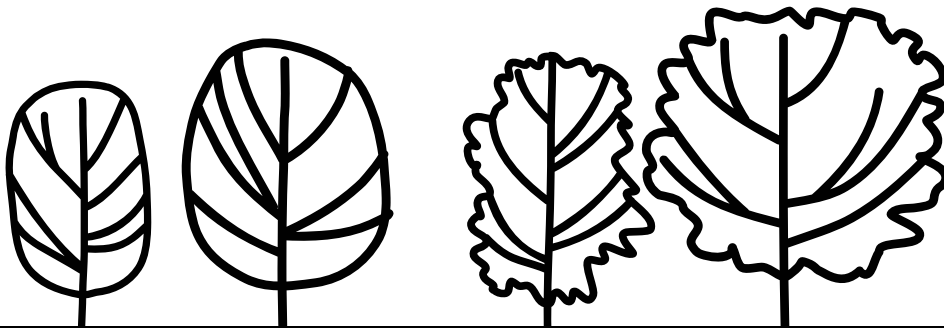
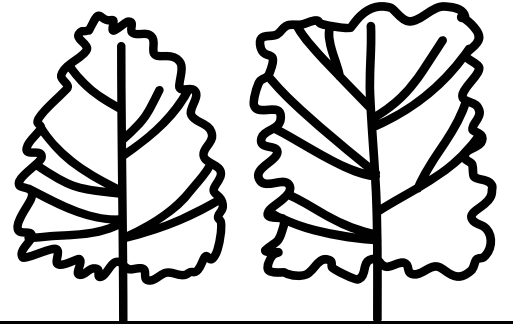
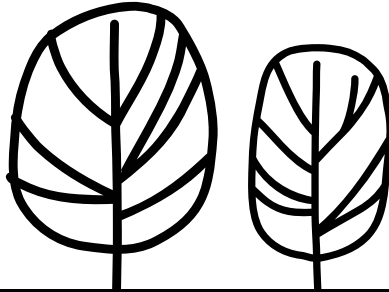
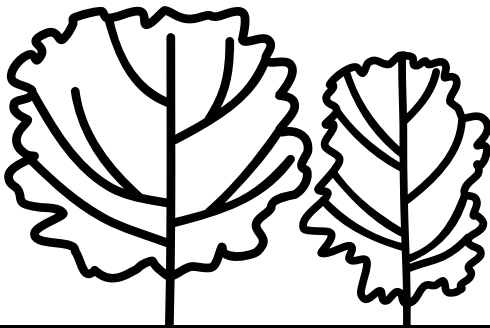
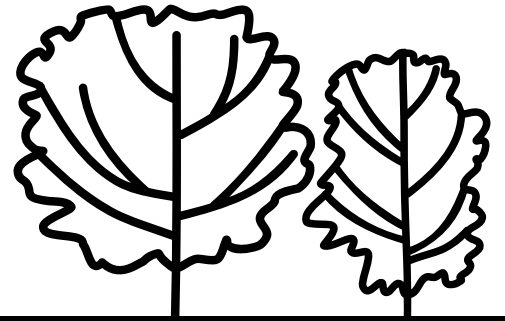


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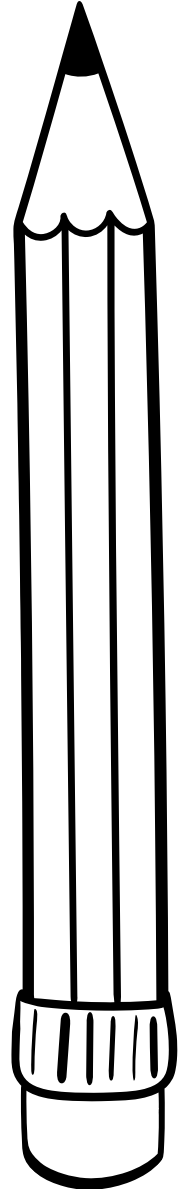
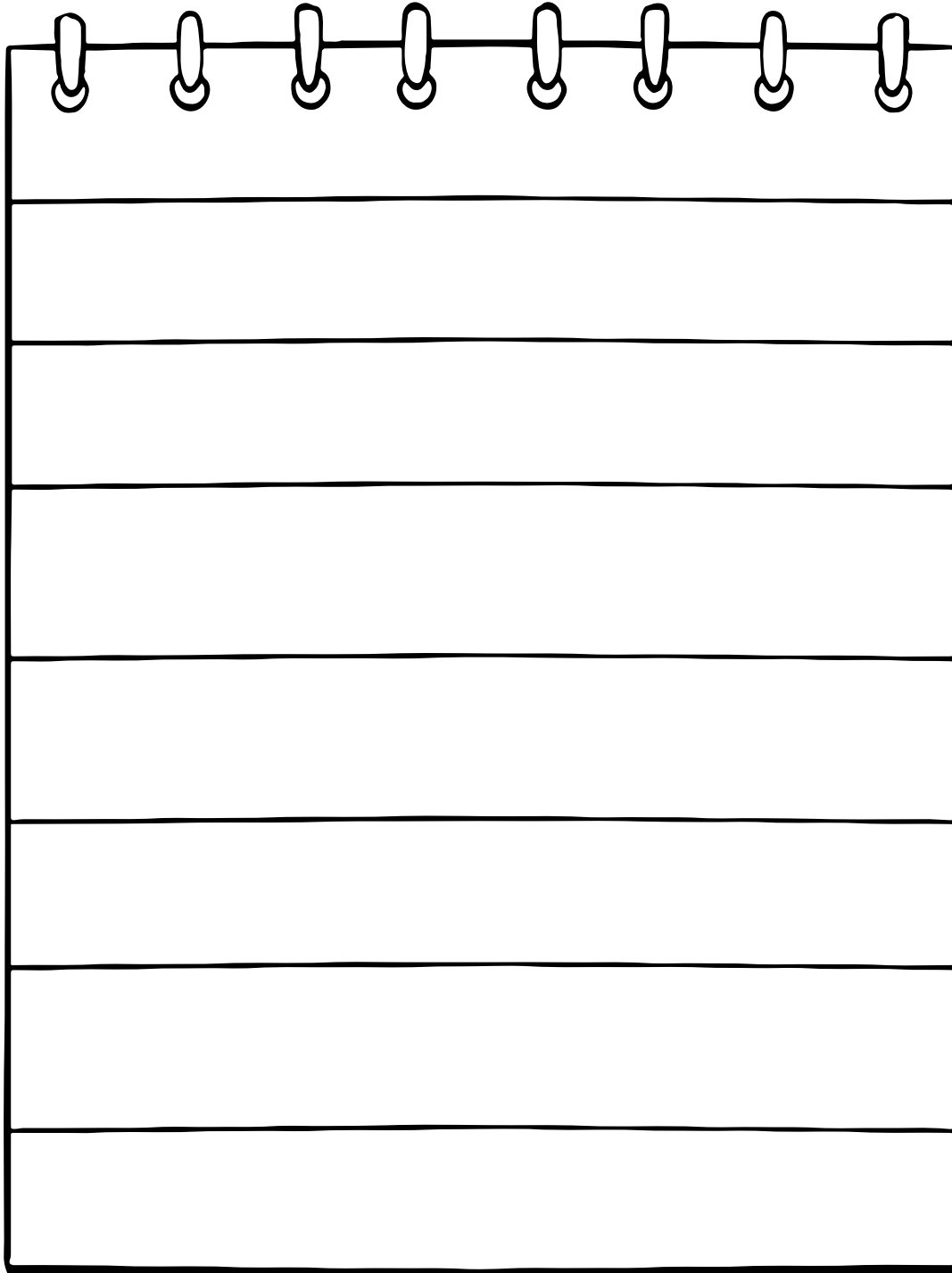
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How many trees do you see?



# LOOK AROUND YOU

**Write a list of items made from wood**



# MISSING LETTERS

Fill in the missing letters



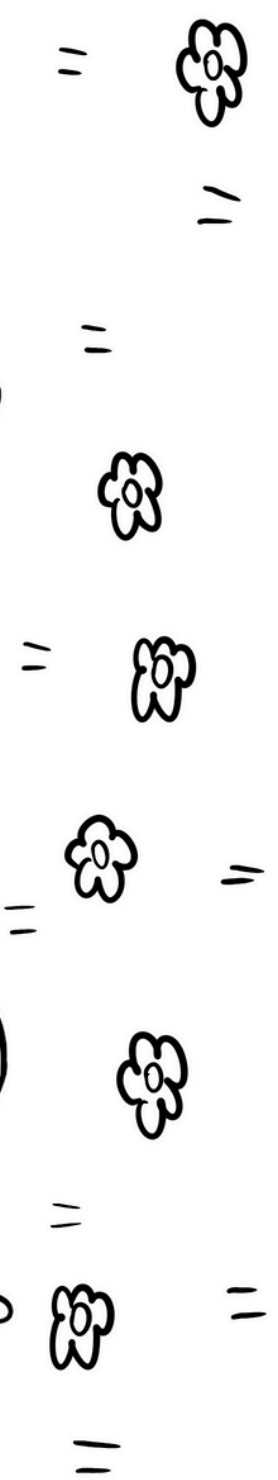
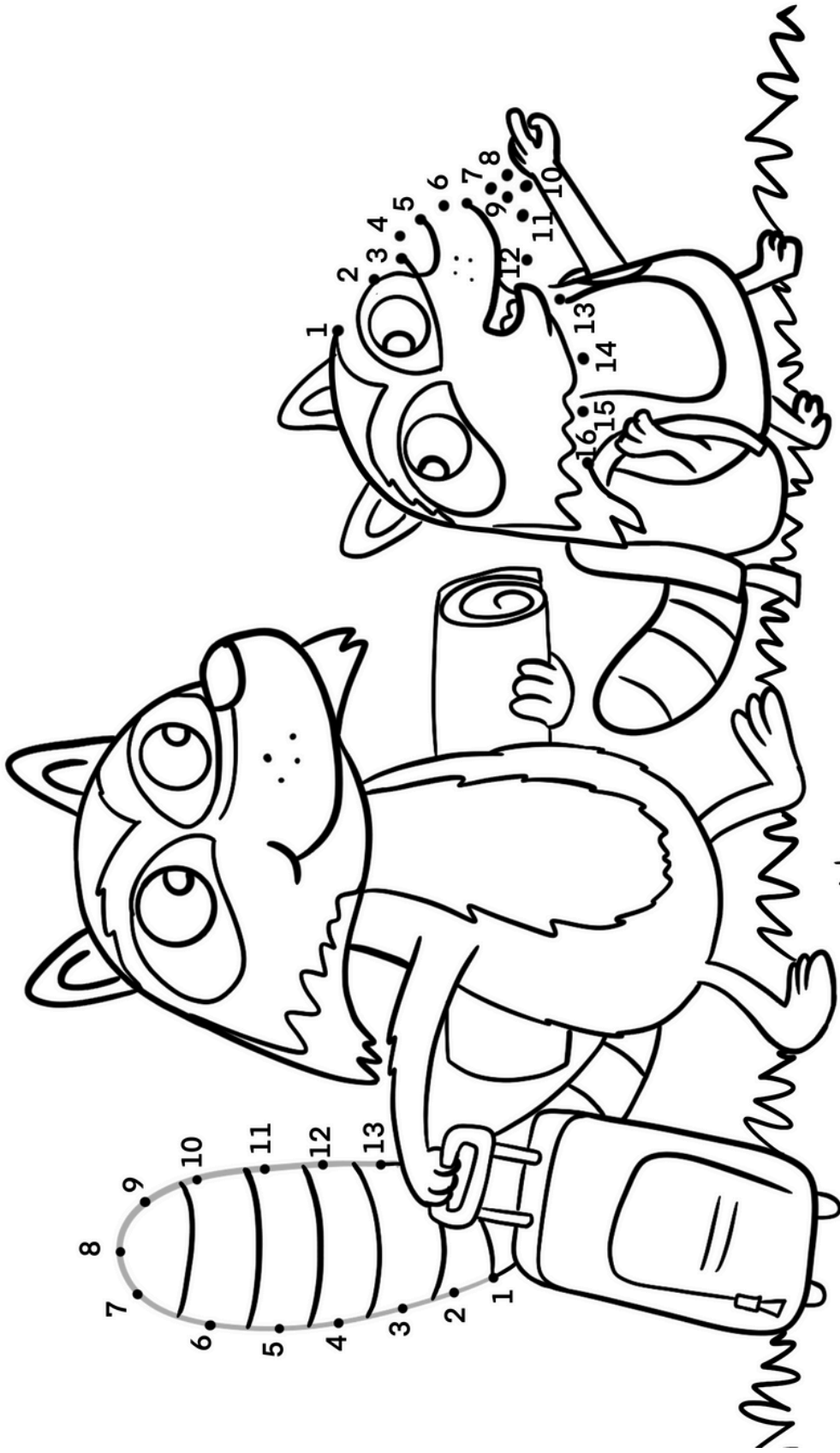
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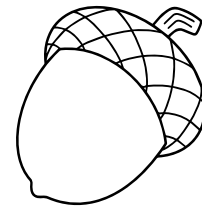
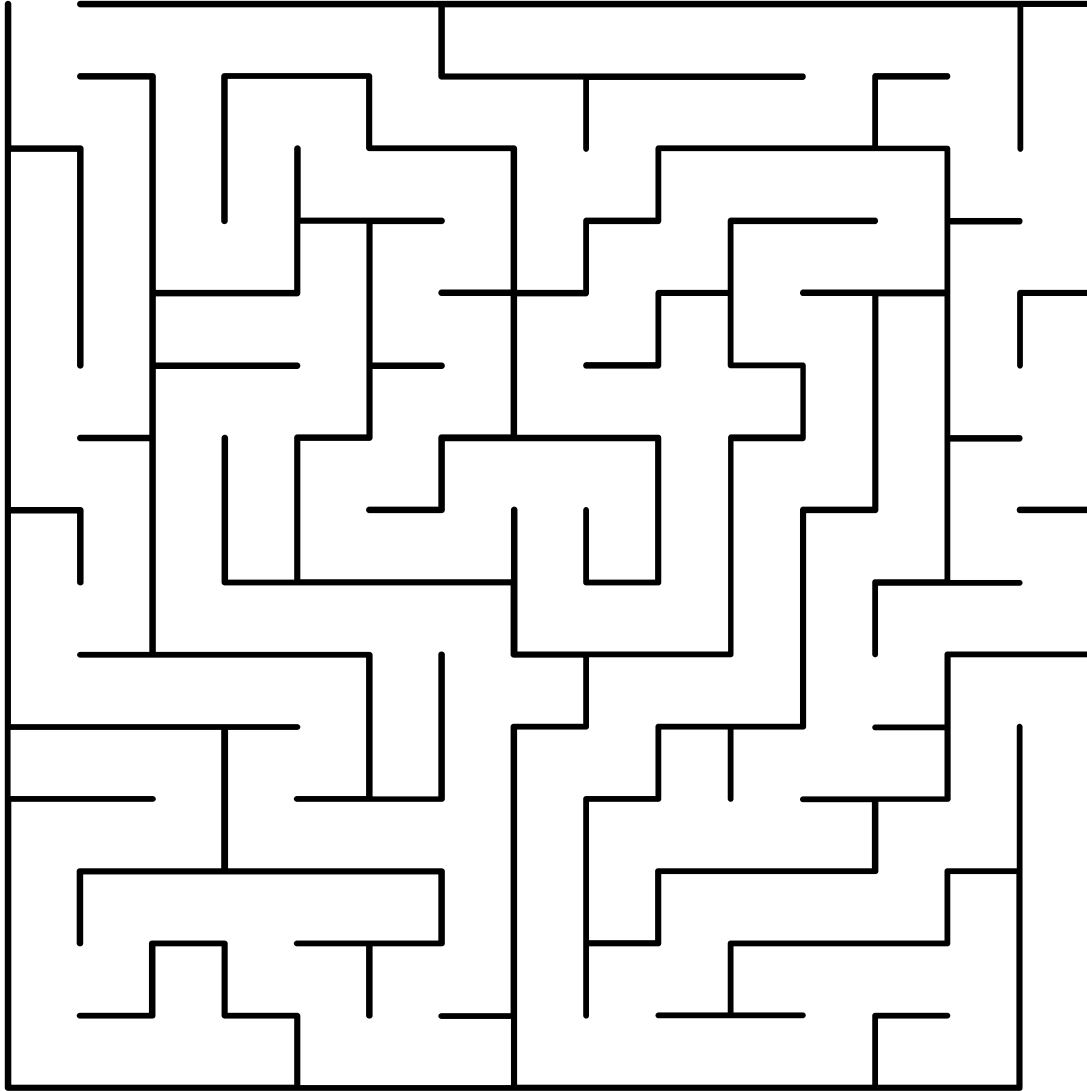




# Maze



**Help the squirrel  
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# Create

**Draw a picture to match the word**

**Tree**

**Train**

**Bench**

**House**



# TIME TO RHYME

**What words rhyme with tree?**

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