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How to Use this Guide

What is *First Favorites*? It is a collection of literature guides to assist beginning readers to enjoy and comprehend a book. Once children learn how to decode words they need to learn how to engage the materials. They need to learn how to comprehend what they are reading. So how do we do this?

The books may be read in any order, but we have placed them in order based on difficulty. Generally, we spend three to four days per book. With chapter books such as *Frog and Toad are Friends* you may need five to seven days. Children generally will read the book twice during this time. They should be reading the books aloud with you. You should help them to decode unfamiliar words. Be sure to let children sound out the words, rather than just giving them the pronunciation. Teach them to read with expression, which includes following the punctuation.

The comprehension questions and activities are there to help children focus on particular portions of the text and to help you assess their understanding of it. The children should be allowed to refer back to the text if needed. Although the answers in the guide are provided in incomplete sentences, you should expect the student to answer in complete sentences.

Example:

Question: Who was Floss?

Answer: Floss was a Border Collie.

The art activities are meant to bring the text alive. Children always retain more when they work with the material. Handwriting exercises will provide students practice sentences to rehearse manuscript writing.

Below you will see four icons. Each will help you identify how to use each worksheet.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS,
WRITING EXERCISES



COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES,
WRITING EXERCISES



ART ACTIVITIES



HANDWRITING EXERCISES

Enjoy! Curl up with a good book and read the day away. It is our desire that your students will become life long readers and look back on these years with great delight.

Sincerely,

Marlin Peterson
Laurie Detweiler

**CURIOUS
GEORGE**

BY H.A. REY

Name: _____



After reading the book *Curious George*,
circle the answer that best fills in the blank.

Curious George was a _____.
man *dog* *monkey*

Curious George lived in _____.
Africa *Florida* *England*

Curious George was always very _____.
unhappy *curious* *hungry*

Curious George saw a man with a _____ hat.
pink *orange* *yellow*

Name: _____



(Circle) the answer that best fills in the blank.

The man put Curious George in a _____.

box bag cage

Curious George fell overboard trying to _____.

run fly swim

The man told Curious George he was taking him to a big _____.

zoo house jungle

Curious George called the _____ when he played with the phone.

fire department little old man library

Name: _____



Circle the answer that best fills in the blank.

The fireman took Curious George to _____.

church *prison* *school*

Curious George saw big red, yellow and green _____.

birds *balls* *balloons*

The zoo was a _____ place for Curious George to live.

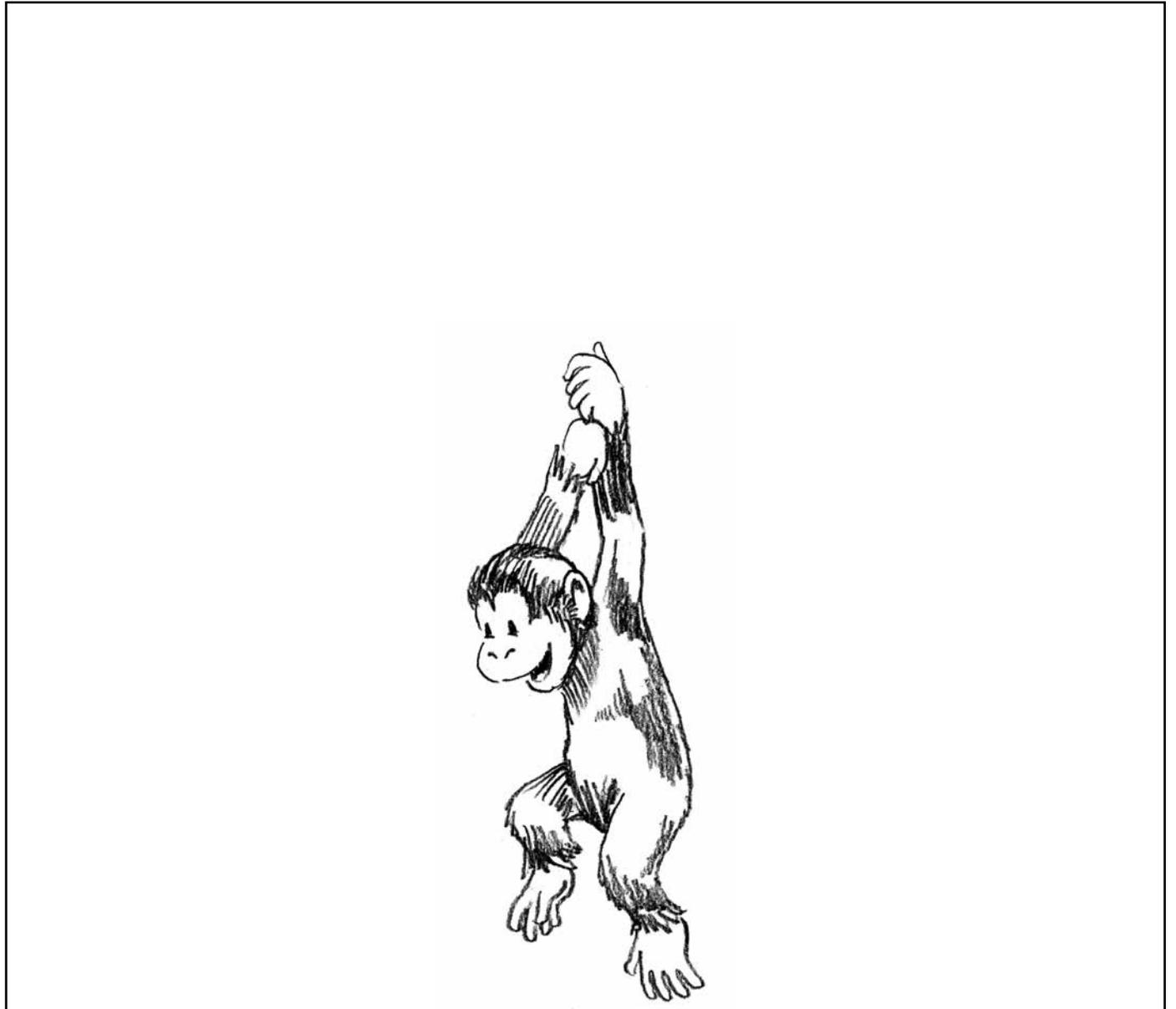
nice *bad* *awful*



Name: _____



Finish the picture to show how Curious George flew through the air.



Name: _____

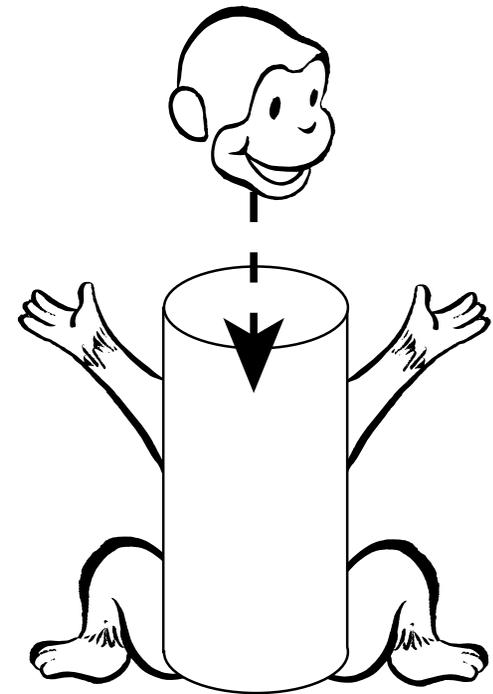
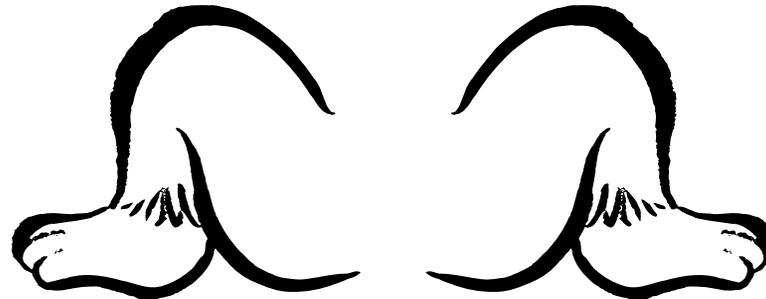
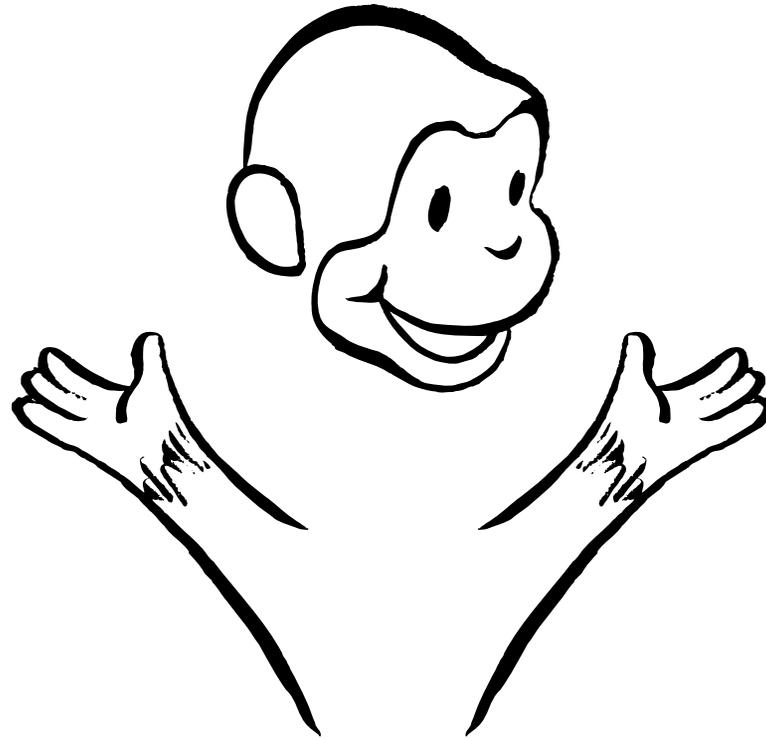


Supplies

White construction paper
Toilet roll tube
or 6 ounce juice can
Crayons
Brown tempera paint

Instructions

Copy the patterns below onto white construction paper. Paint the tube or juice can brown. While that is drying, color and cut out the monkey patterns. Glue to tube. If you choose to use a juice can, it can be used as a pencil holder.



Name: _____



In your best handwriting, copy the sentence below.

*Curious George was a good little monkey
who lived in Africa.*



CAPS FOR SALE

by Esphyr Slobodkina

Name:



Circle the correct answer.

Where did the peddler carry his wares?
Back Top of his head Cart

What color cap did the peddler
put on the top of his stack?
Red Blue Brown

For how much did the peddler sell his caps?
75¢ 25¢ 50¢

Who took the peddler's caps?
Monkeys Little boys A man

What did the hat thieves say when the peddler asked for his hats back?
Pst, pst, pst Dum de dum dum Tsz, tsz, tsz

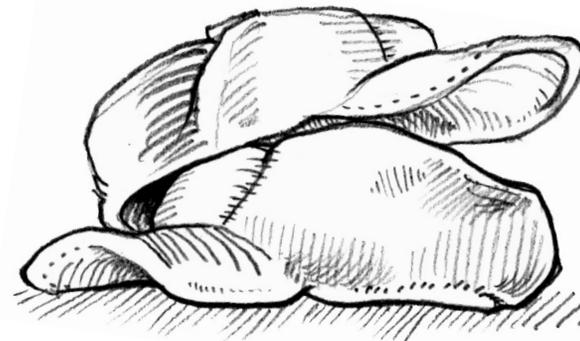
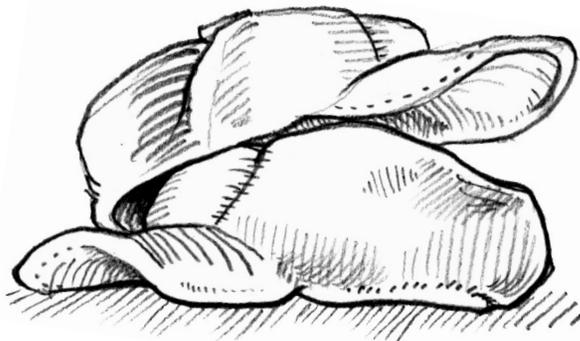
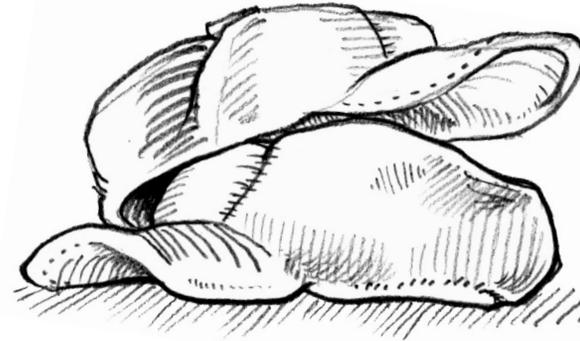
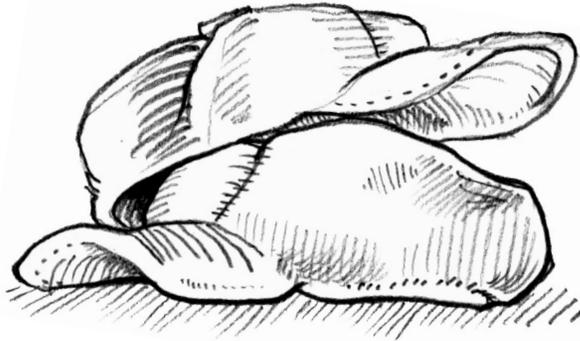
What happened when the peddler threw his hat on the ground?
The monkeys laughed The monkeys threw their hats on the ground The monkeys sang



Name: _____



Color the caps below to match all the variety of hats the peddler sold.



Name: _____



Follow the maze to get the monkey up into the middle of the tree.



Name:



In your best handwriting, copy the sentence below.

Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty cents a cap!



Corduroy

by Don Freeman

Name: _____



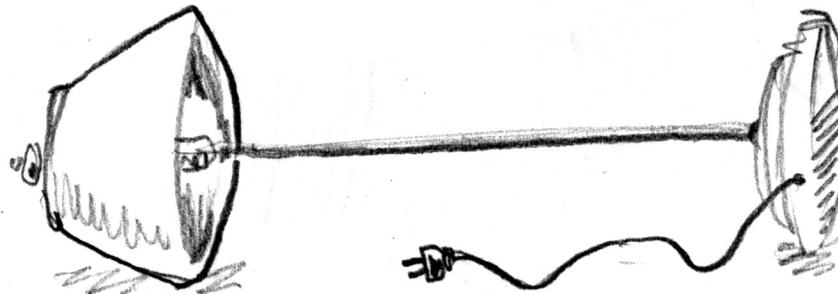
Circle the correct answers.

Corduroy was a toy _____.
bear cat dog turtle

Corduroy wore _____ overalls.
red yellow green purple

Corduroy had lost a _____ on his overalls.
snap button pocket patch

Corduroy thought that the _____ was a mountain.
escalator table refrigerator chair



Name: _____

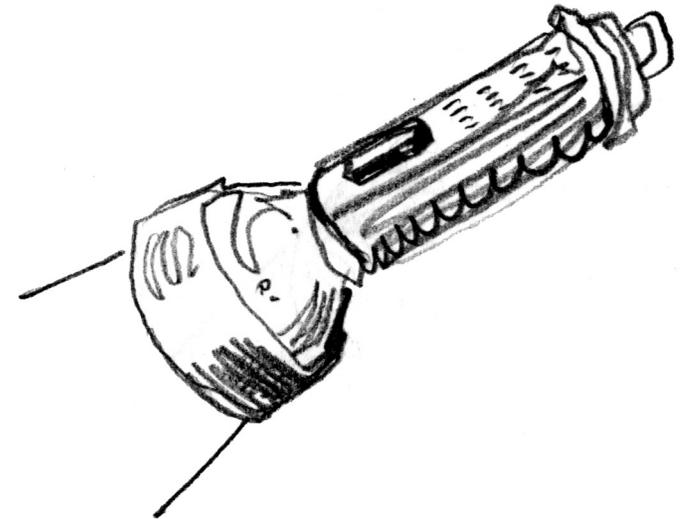


Circle the correct answers.

Corduroy went looking for a button. He thought he had found one on a _____ .
chair mattress lamp flashlight

A _____ came to take Corduroy home to be her very own.
little girl little boy Mommy Grandmother

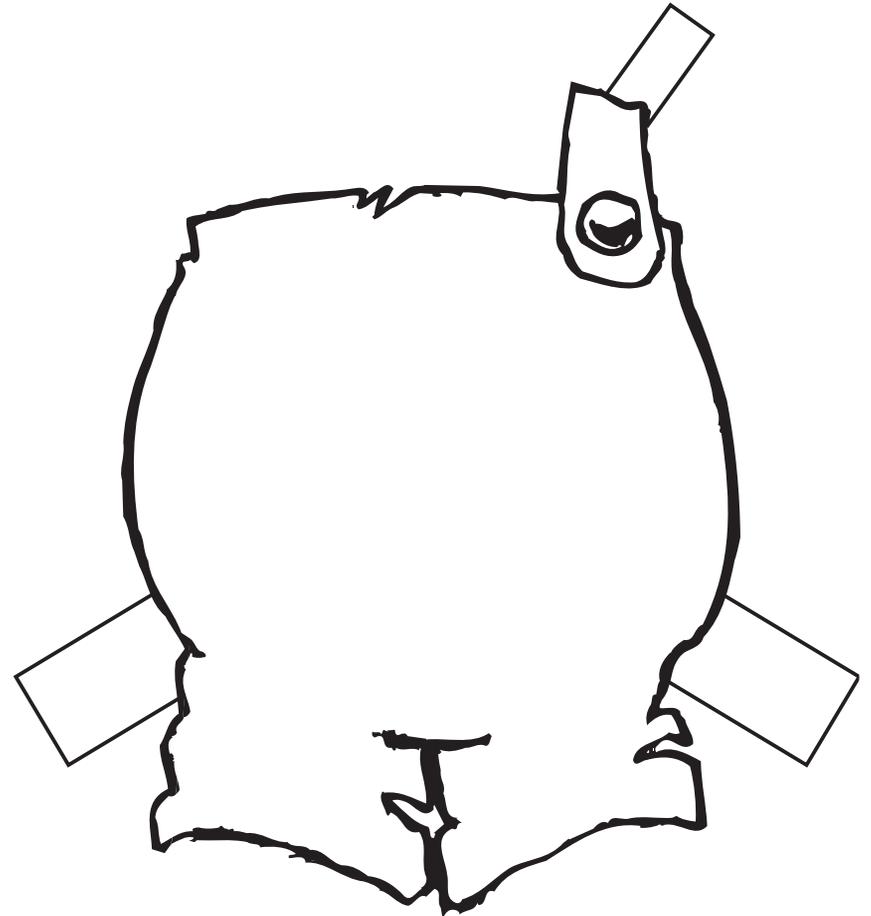
Corduroy told Lisa he had always wanted a _____ .
fish friend hat bed



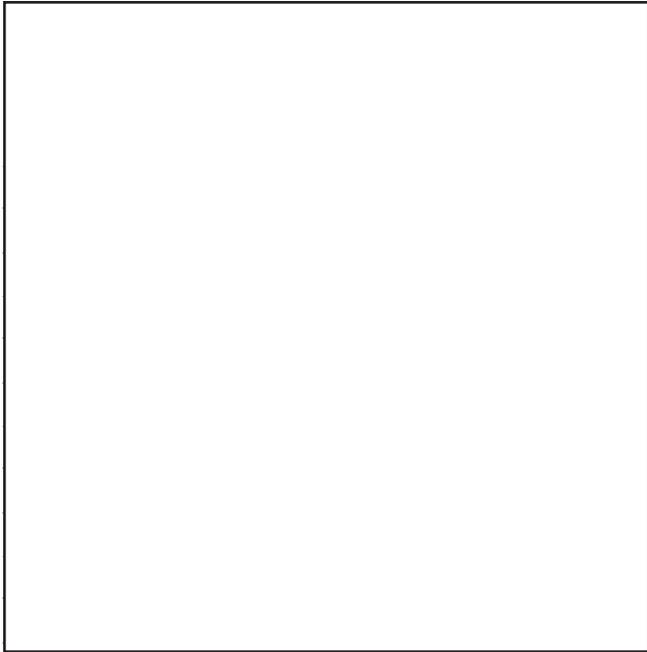
Name: _____



Correctly color in Corduroy and his overalls. Then cut them out and dress him.



Name:



*Draw a picture of your favorite stuffed animal.
Write three sentences describing it.*

*My favorite stuffed
animal is*

Name: _____



In your best handwriting, copy the sentence below.

Corduroy is a bear who lived in the toy department of a big store.



If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Name: _____



Answer the questions below using complete sentences.

*Name some things asked
for by the mouse.*



Why did the mouse want a mirror?

Name: _____



Why did the mouse want
a pair of nail scissors?



What will the mouse need if he wants
to take a nap?

Name: _____



Fill in the blanks with the missing words.

If you give a mouse a _____, he's going to ask for a glass of _____.

When you give him the _____, he'll probably ask for a _____.

When he's finished, he'll ask for a _____.

Then he'll want to look in a _____, to make sure he doesn't have a milk _____.

When he looks into the _____, he might notice his _____ needs a trim. So he'll probably ask for a pair of nail _____.

When he is finished giving himself a _____, he'll want a _____ to sweep up. He'll start _____.

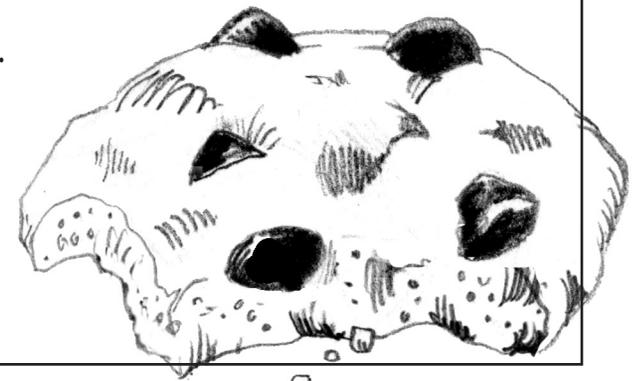
He might get carried away and sweep every _____ in the house. He may even end up washing the _____ as well! When he is done, he'll probably want to take a _____.

Name: _____



Fill in the blanks, continued.

_____. You'll have to fix up a little _____ for him with
a _____ and a _____. He'll crawl in, make himself com-
fortable and fluff the _____ a few times. He'll probably ask you to read him a
_____. So you'll read to him from one of your _____ and he'll ask
to see the _____. When he looks at the _____,
he'll get so excited he'll want to draw one of his own. He'll ask for _____ and
_____. He'll draw a _____.
When the _____ is finished, he'll want to sign his
_____ with a _____.



Name: _____



Fill in the blanks, continued.

Then he'll want to hang his picture on your _____ . Which means he'll need

_____. He'll hang up his _____

and stand back and look at it. Looking at the _____ will remind him that he's

_____. So . . . he'll ask for a glass of _____ .

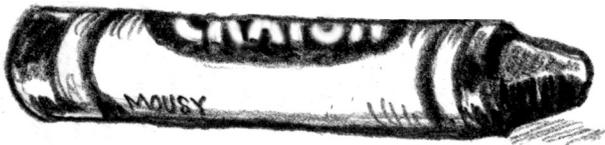
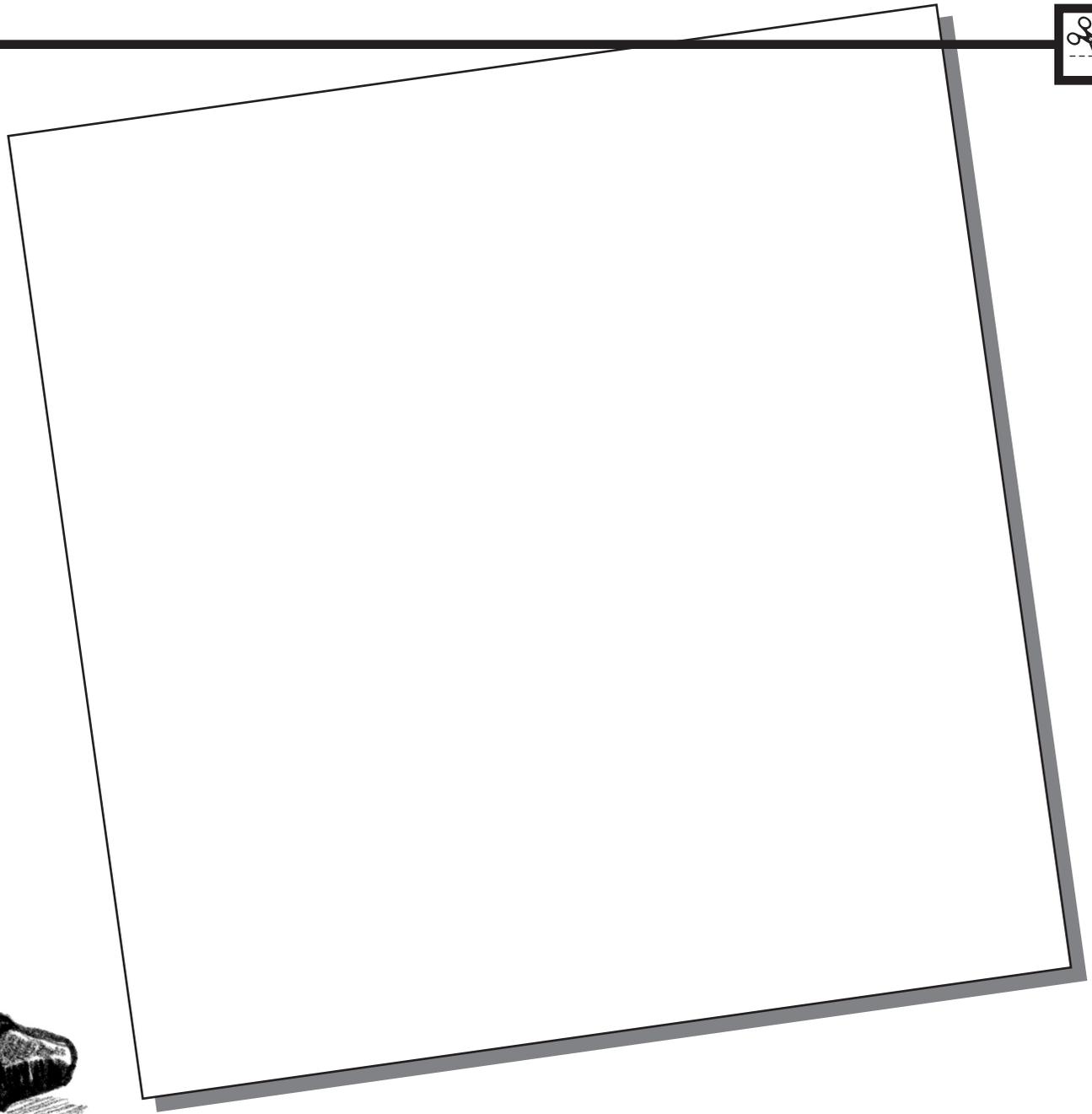
And chances are if he asks for a glass of _____ he's going to want a

_____ to go with it.

Name: _____



Draw the picture that the mouse might have drawn.

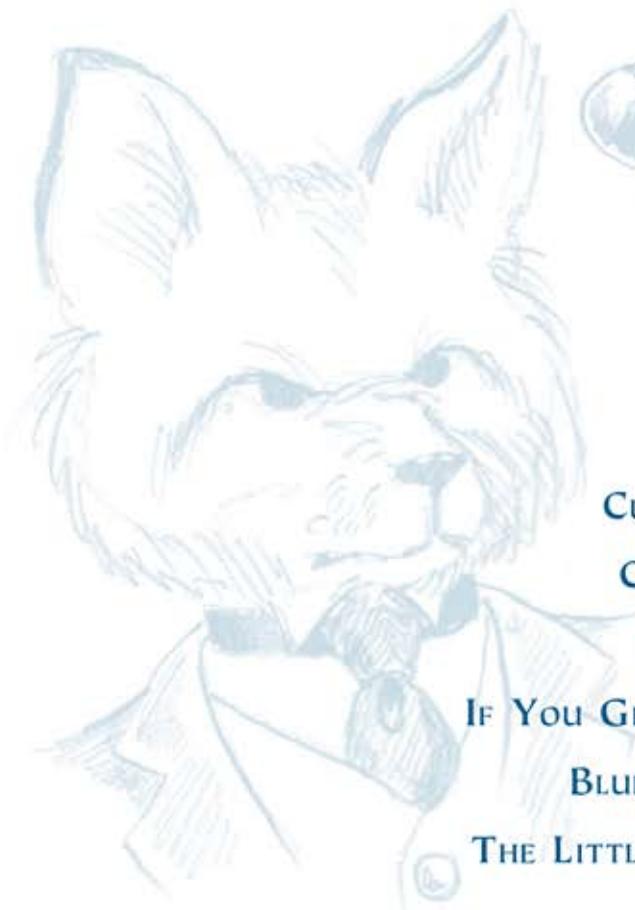


Name: _____



My favorite
kind of cookies are

Write at
least three
sentences
describing your
favorite kind of
cookies. Include why
you like them best.



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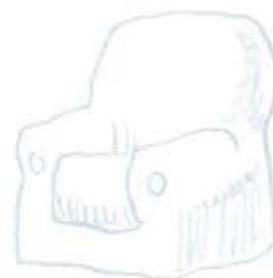
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