

Cartoon Story Starters

Grades 1-6

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Name: _____ Story Title: _____

Writing Checklist

Read your story. Then read each sentence below. Circle **Yes** or **No**.



- | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|
| 1. My story has a beginning, middle, and an end. | Yes | No |
| 2. I read my story to be sure that it makes sense. | Yes | No |
| 3. I used lots of interesting details. | Yes | No |
| 4. Each sentence begins with a capital letter. | Yes | No |
| 5. Each sentence ends with a punctuation mark (. ? !). | Yes | No |
| 6. My sentences are complete. | Yes | No |
| 7. My handwriting is neat. | Yes | No |
| 8. There are spaces between the words. | Yes | No |
| 9. I underlined spellings that I am not sure about. | Yes | No |
| 10. I tried to correct the spellings on my own. | Yes | No |

Name: _____

Story Title: _____

Editing Checklist

Put a checkmark next to the item once you have checked your writing and are satisfied that it is true.

- ☐ All verbs are in the same tense, either past or present.
- ☐ Each sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with the proper punctuation (period, question mark, or exclamation mark).
- ☐ Direct speech of characters begins and ends with quotations marks. (Example: "Hello," she said.)
- ☐ Apostrophes are used in the correct position in words to indicate possession. (Examples: the boy's bike, the boys' bikes)
- ☐ All words are spelled correctly.
- ☐ All sentences are complete.
- ☐ There are no run-on sentences.
- ☐ The first sentence of each new paragraph is indented.

Proofreader's Marks

Mark	Meaning	Mark	Meaning
⊙	Add a period	#	Put in a space
↗	Add a comma	≡	Change to a capital letter
^	Add a word or letter	/	Change to a lower case letter
↓	Add an apostrophe	¶	Begin a new paragraph
↔	Add quotation marks]	Indent the line (to begin a new paragraph)
e	Remove	sp	Spelling error
↺	Take out the space		

Name: _____



Grade 1

Word List

Grandpa
rod
canoe
fish
tug
caught

Title: _____

1

2

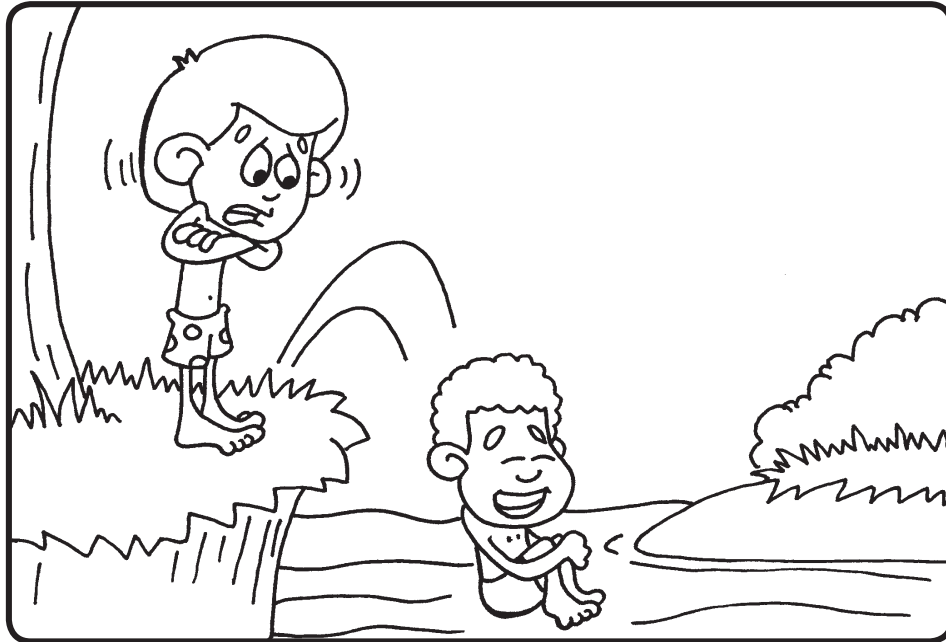
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4

5

6

Name: _____



Grade 1

Word List

friends
water
fun
jump
cold
brave

Title: _____

1

2

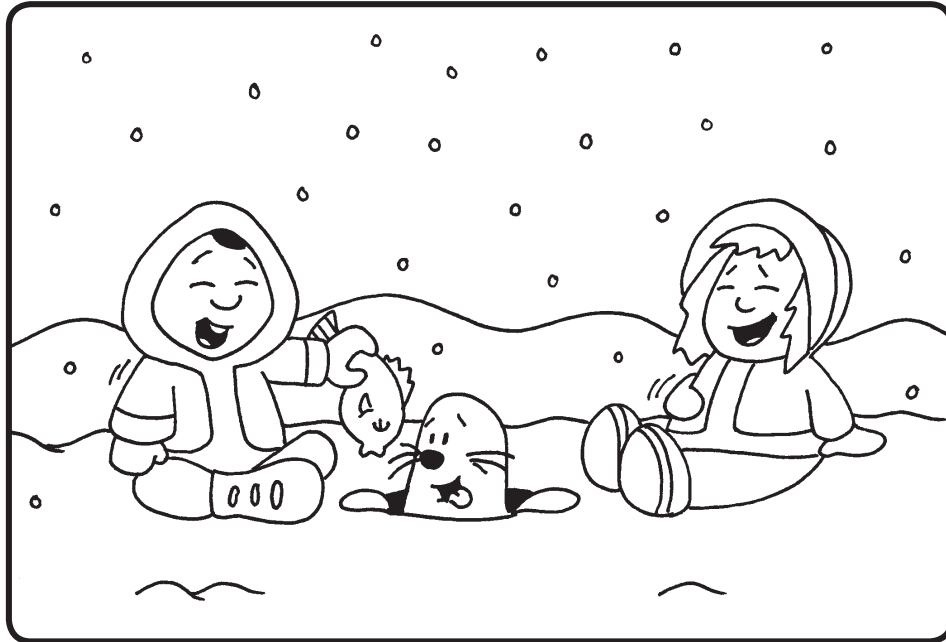
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4

5

6

Name: _____



Grade 1

Word List

snow
seal
fish
Inuit
give
hungry

Title: _____

1

2

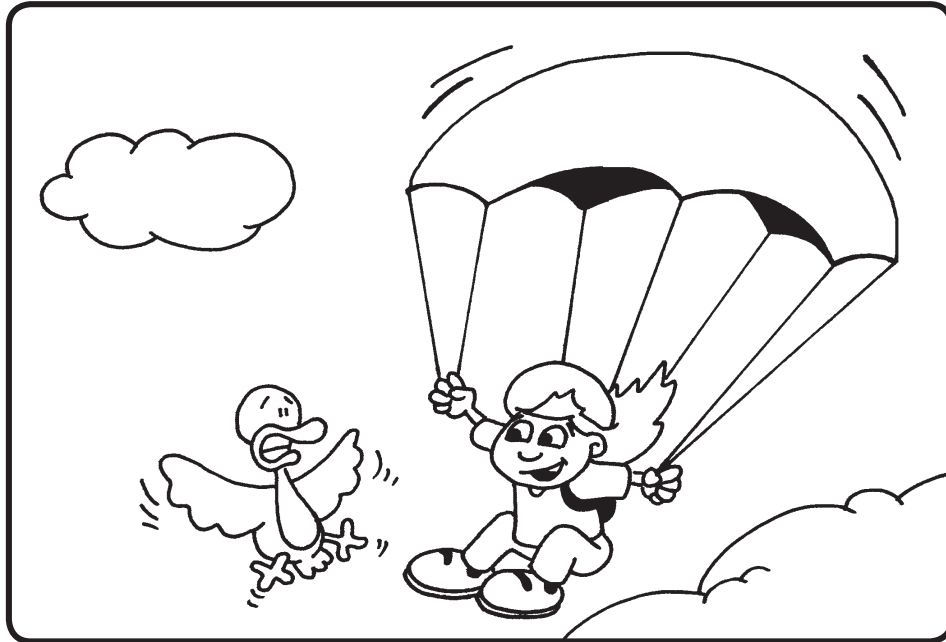
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4

5

6

Name: _____



Grade 1

Word List

parachute

bird

sky

surprise

fly

fall

Title: _____

1

2

3

4

5

6