

Imagination

A Backwards Day!

Want to be whimsical, reverse your normal routine and be a little silly? Then have a Backwards Day!

How can you celebrate Backwards Day?

- Find a short picture book. Read it backwards, starting on the last page.
- Wear your clothes backwards.
- Walk backwards.
- Sit backwards in a chair.
- Eat your dinner for breakfast and your breakfast for dinner.
- Say goodbye when you greet people and hello when you part.

Now, come up with some ways of your own. Then, compare them with your classmates' ideas:

On the back, draw a picture of yourself doing something backwards.

Message in a Bottle



Imagine you were walking along the beach one day and found a glass bottle with a paper inside it. You open up the bottle and pull out the paper. There is a mysterious message written on it. If this sounds like a scene from a movie, that's because it's a common trope in many adventure stories. A trope is a common or overused theme that makes for an interesting plot.

Can you think of some themes that happen in books or movies very often?

But believe it or not, there have been people who have found a message in a bottle that washed up on shore. Imagine would happen to make someone write a message in a bottle? _____

What might it say? _____

If you found that message, what would you want to write back? _____

On the back, draw a picture of the person who wrote the message in a bottle that you found.

Time Capsule

You have been chosen to send a time capsule into the future. Perhaps it won't be opened up for a hundred years. What do you put in it to show the best things from your time? Choose one for each category.

The music that best represents my time:

The book that best represents my time:

The movie that best represents my time:

This is what clothing looks like in my time:

This is what buildings look like in my time:

A Magic Door to Another Place



Imagine one morning you woke up and discovered your bedroom door was a magical portal that would lead you to another place.

Where would it lead you? _____

What would you do there? _____

Who or what would you see there? _____

How long would you be capable of staying before you have to go back? _____

How often would you visit? _____

Would you tell other people about it, or would you keep it a secret? _____

Why? _____

On the back, draw a picture of where the door takes you.

You have been stranded on a desert island!



You must quickly decide which three fictional characters from books you have read you would want to have as your companions.

_____ from _____

Because: _____

_____ from _____

Because: _____

_____ from _____

Because: _____

Who would be in charge of building a fire? _____

Why? _____

Who would be in charge of building shelter? _____

Why? _____

Who would be in charge of finding food? _____

Why? _____

Who would be in charge of signaling for help? _____

Why? _____

Who would be in charge of protecting everyone from wild animals? _____

Why? _____

On the back, draw a map of your island and what you have built on it.

Backwards Day

Imagine if you lived an entire day backwards. Everything would happen in reverse. The last thing you do each day should be what you begin with. Tell about your day:

6am: _____

7am: _____

8am: _____

9am: _____

10am: _____

11am: _____

12am: _____

1pm: _____

2pm: _____

3pm: _____

4pm: _____

5pm: _____

6pm: _____

7pm: _____

8pm: _____

9pm: _____

On the back, draw a picture of yourself doing something backwards.

Alien Tour Guide

Imagine aliens came to visit your school. You have been assigned by the principal to give them a guided tour. These aliens have never seen an earth school before, so they will need everything explained to them in very fine detail.

Drop-off: _____

Morning work: _____

Social studies: _____

Science: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

On the back, draw a picture of yourself giving the aliens a tour.

Imagine If You Controlled the Weather

Think about the different types of weather.

Temperatures in much of the USA generally range from 0-100° Fahrenheit.

Precipitation	Rain	Snow	Hail	Sleet	
Cloud Cover	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Overcast	Fog

Imagine you controlled the weather. What would it be like each month of the year?

Month	Temperature	Precipitation	Cloud Cover
January	___ ° to ___ °		
February	___ ° to ___ °		
March	___ ° to ___ °		
April	___ ° to ___ °		
May	___ ° to ___ °		
June	___ ° to ___ °		
July	___ ° to ___ °		
August	___ ° to ___ °		
September	___ ° to ___ °		
October	___ ° to ___ °		
November	___ ° to ___ °		
December	___ ° to ___ °		

On the back draw a picture of your favorite weather.

Design Your Dream Playground

Imagine your school was about to get a new playground and you were chosen to design it.

What type of flooring would it have?

- Sand
- Mulch
- Rubber
- Cement

On the back draw a picture of your playground.

Which and how many of these playground favorites would you include? Imagine the playground only has space for 15 total items.

_____ # of swings

_____ # of slides

_____ # Tunnel slides

_____ # Spiral slides

_____ # Lookout stations

_____ # Hideout stations

_____ # Hanging bridges

_____ # Monkey bars

_____ # Curved tunnels

_____ # Talking tubes

_____ # Rope climbing spiderwebs

_____ # _____

_____ # Tire swings

_____ # Climbing poles

_____ # Climbing walls

_____ # Spinning chairs

_____ # Arched bridges

_____ # Seesaws

_____ # Merry-Go-Rounds

_____ # Drums

_____ # Xylophones

_____ # Turning bars

Create Your Own Shop

Have you ever thought of opening your own shop? What things might be interesting to sell?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Give your shop a name: _____

From the category you chose give specific examples of items for sale in your shop. Describe what they are and how much they cost.

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

On the back draw a picture of the front window of your store.

King or Queen for a Day

Imagine you could be a king or a queen. Would you want to be royalty? _____ Why or why not?

What would your crown look like:

Monarchs also have a royal crest. This includes a few pictures that symbolize things about them. Design your royal crest and tell what each item represents:

_____ represents _____
_____ represents _____
_____ represents _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself at a royal function.

If You Were a Superhero

Imagine that you were a superhero. Do you know what type of superhero you would be? What if you could only pick two powers:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flying | <input type="checkbox"/> Super speed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-ray vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading people's minds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super strength | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorizing everything |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving things with your mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Super stretchy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

What would your superhero name be:

What would be the titles of the books about you?

What would your alter ego be? _____

What would you do to disguise yourself? _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself wearing your superhero costume.

Your Own Holiday

Imagine if you had your own holiday. It could be about you, or it could just be created by you. What would the name of the holiday be?

It could be celebrated on the same day each year (like Christmas is always December 25th) or it could always be celebrated on the same day of the week (like Thanksgiving is always the fourth Thursday in November).

It would be on _____

What colors would be associated with this holiday?

What kind of decorations would people use?

Would it have songs? _____ A parade? _____

What food would people eat? _____

What would be the story behind this holiday?

On the back make a poster for your holiday.

Tour Guide

What is your favorite place you have ever traveled to visit?

Imagine you are a tour guide at that place. How do you give your tours?

- Bus
- Helicopter
- Trolley
- Walking
- Boat
- Bicycle

What information would you share with the tourists?

What are people most interested in doing there?

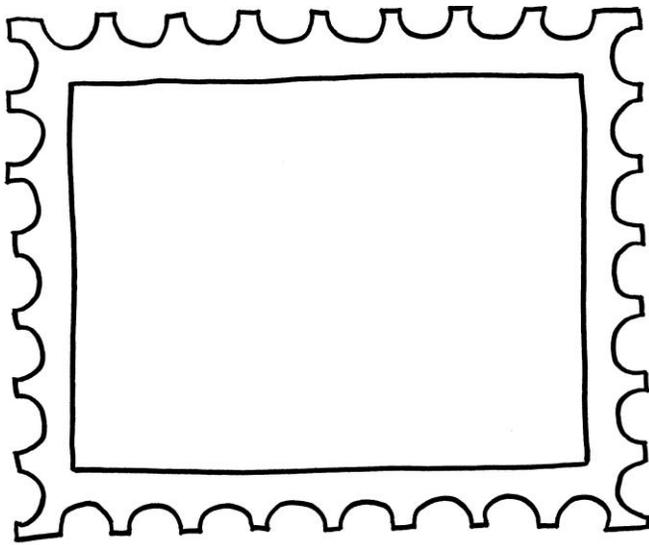
What are people most interested in eating there?

What is the most popular thing to take a picture of there?

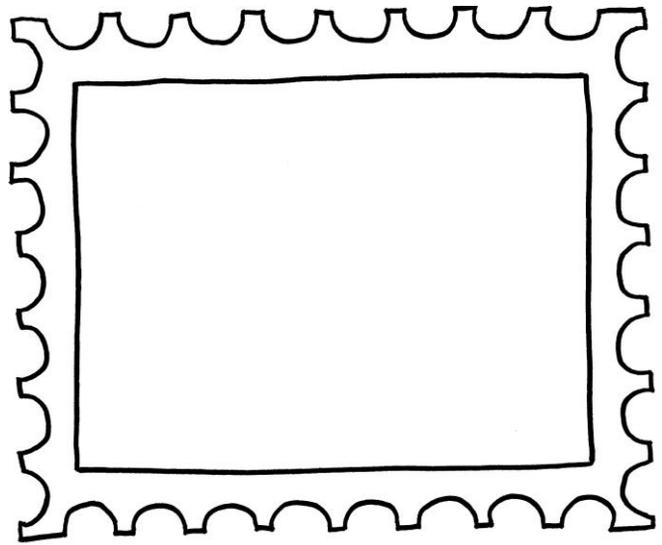
On the back draw a picture of yourself as a tour guide there.

Design New Postage Stamps

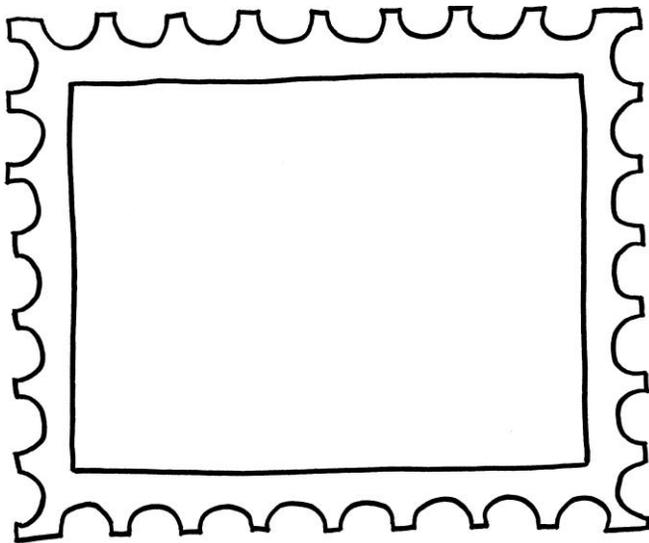
The post office is constantly coming up with new stamps. Sometimes these commemorate (which means to remember and show respect for) a special person, place, historical event, or holiday. Create a new stamp for each one.



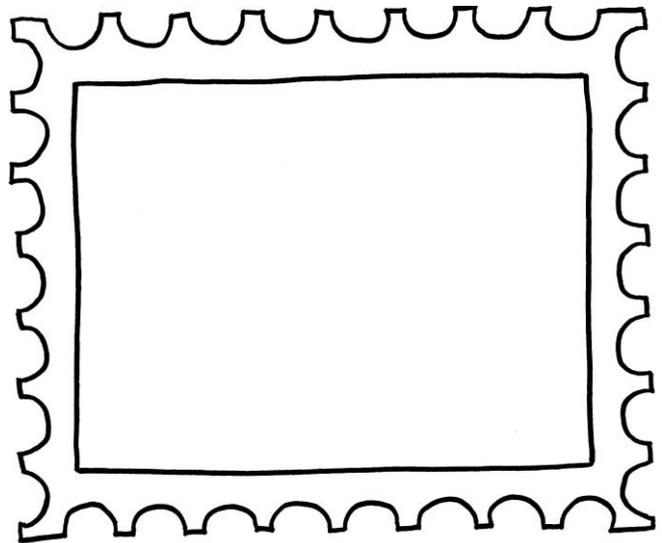
Historical Event: _____



Person: _____



Place: _____



Holiday: _____

Robot Recipes

Imagine you are a robot. You can only eat things that are inorganic. That means you cannot eat any plants, dairy, or animals. You can only eat things made out of metal, rock, or chemicals.

Create some recipe cards for your fellow robots:

Soup:

Salad:

Sandwich:

Pie:

On the back draw a picture of one of your dishes.

A Dessert Island

You would not want to get stuck on a desert island. A desert is a place that gets almost no precipitation (any kind of water from the sky, whether rain or snow or sleet, is called precipitation). Technically, Antarctica is a desert island, because it gets so little precipitation. But what about all that snow? Because it is so cold in Antarctica, the small amounts of snow that do fall each year never melt, so over a long period of time, they have piled up.

You also would not want to get stuck on a deserted island. If a place is deserted, it means there is no one there. If a person gets deserted, it means others have left them alone.

But perhaps you *would* want to get stuck on a dessert island, even if it were a desert that is deserted. You always spell dessert with an extra S because you want more of it. Imagine finding yourself on an island made entirely of desserts. What would make the:

Trees:

Sand:

Bushes: _____

Seashells: _____

On the back draw a picture of your dessert island and label what desserts are used for each part of the island.

Wanted: The Perfect Pet

Do you have a pet? _____ If not, do you want one? _____ Why? _____

Imagine you have to write a wanted ad for the perfect pet. If you think you already have the perfect pet, write it as if you don't have it yet, but are looking for it.

WANTED

I am looking for a pet that is a _____. It is very _____, _____, and _____. This pet should absolutely never _____.

I should not have to spend too much time training this pet to _____.

Ideally, I would like this pet's colors to be _____.

This pet should be able to _____.

This pet would sleep in a _____ in my home.

On the back draw a picture of your perfect pet.

A Biography All About You

Have you ready any biographies of famous people? _____
Who?

What are some things people do that would cause someone to write a book about them? _____

Imagine someone was going to write a biography about you. What might you do one day in the future that would make people want to read about your life? (You can get creative...or even exaggerate to make it really interesting.)

What would the title of your biography be?

Do you think the book will be interesting? _____

How many copies do you think it will sell? _____

If it gets made into a movie, who do you think will play you? _____

On the back draw the cover of your biography.

Take Me to Your Leader!

Do you think there might be aliens on other planets? Some people do. Others think it's highly unlikely. Pretend you are an alien from another planet. Introduce yourself!

Hello,

My name is _____.

I am from the planet _____ in the _____ galaxy.

The name of our sun is _____.

I have _____ arms, _____ legs, _____ eyes, and _____ antennae.

I travelled _____ light years to come to earth.

My planet is _____ in color and has _____ rings.

A light year is
9,460,730,472,580.8
kilometers.

The most popular thing to do on my planet is to _____.

Each day is _____ hours long, and it takes our planet _____ days to orbit

around our sun. The weirdest thing about my planet is

On the back draw a picture of you and your space ship.

Time Travel!

Do you ever wish you could time travel? _____

If you could do both, would you rather time travel to the past or to the future? _____

What event from the past would you most like to witness?

What person from the past would you most like to meet?

What new inventions would you like to see in the future?

What event from your life would you like to witness in the future? _____

Perhaps you will be the scientist to invent the first time-travel machine. What would you call it?

How much money would you charge people for a ride in it?
_____ How long would each trip last?

_____ Do you think there would be any dangers to time travel? _____

If someone time-travelled from the past, what would you most like to show them about our own time? _____

On the back draw a picture of your time travel machine.

Travel Notes

What is the furthest you have ever travelled from home?

What is the longest car ride you have ever been on?

What is the longest plane ride you have ever been on?

Have you ever travelled to another city in a train?

_____ Where? _____

Have you ever travelled to another city on a boat?

_____ Where? _____

Which was your favorite way to travel? _____

Thanksgiving is coming up. This is the busiest travel season for Americans. Will you travel anywhere this November or December? _____ Where? _____

Will anyone come to visit you? _____ Where will they come from? _____

What do you like more:

- traveling to visit other people
- having people stay in your home
- going somewhere new together

On the back draw a picture of your plans for the season.

Antarctic School

Imagine you went to school in Antarctica. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your Antarctic school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school in Antarctica instead of here?

Jungle School

Imagine you went to school in a jungle. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your jungle school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school in a jungle instead of here?

Island School

Imagine you went to school on an island. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your island school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school on an island instead of here?

Ship School

Imagine you went to school on a ship. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your ship school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school on a ship instead of here?

Mountain School



Imagine you went to school on the top of a mountain. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your mountain school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

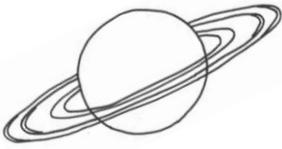
Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school on a mountaintop instead of here?



Space School

Imagine you went to school in outer space. How would your daily routine be different? Draw a picture of your space school on the back of this paper.

Arrival: _____

Morning Meeting: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Social Studies: _____

Lunch: _____

Recess: _____

Dismissal: _____

Homework: _____

Would you like to go to school in outer space instead of here?

You've Just Been Named Person of the Year!



Have you heard the term, “Person of the Year?” It comes from Time Magazine, which has been giving this title to the person they consider to be the most influential on our society each year since 1927 (whether good or bad). It used to be called “Man of the Year,” and “Woman of the Year,” and first featured Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone.

So....what did you do to earn this title? Hopefully something good! (Being Person of the Year doesn't always go to those who have improved society.) Did you:

- Write a book
- End a conflict
- Invent something
- Fight for rights
- Run a company
- Run a country
- Cure a disease
- Lead an organization

What would the article about you say?

On the back draw your cover picture.

Pretend to Be a Time-Traveler!

Since the 1990s people have been dressing up on December 8th as if they were from another time in the past or future. They pretend to be time-travelers on this silly and quirky holiday.

If you were going to pretend to be from another time, when would it be? _____

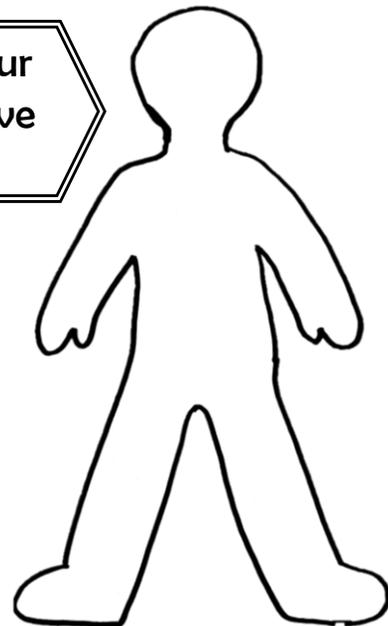
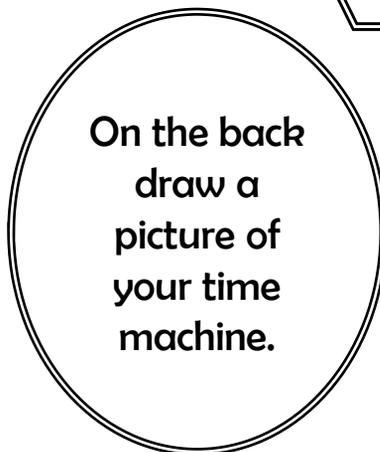
How would you dress to make people believe you are from this time? _____

What things would you tell them to try to make them believe you had really time-traveled? _____

Have you ever tried to make a time machine from a big cardboard box? _____

What other items from home could you add to your box to make it look like a time machine?

- Milk/juice carton caps
- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper towel rolls
- Egg cartons
- Shoe boxes
- Aluminum foil
- Yarn
- Tissue boxes



What Kind of Dog Would You Be?

If you were a dog, what type of dog would you be?

What traits do you and this type of dog have in common?

What would your dog name be? _____

What would you do when you are left alone at home?

What would be the best part about being a dog?

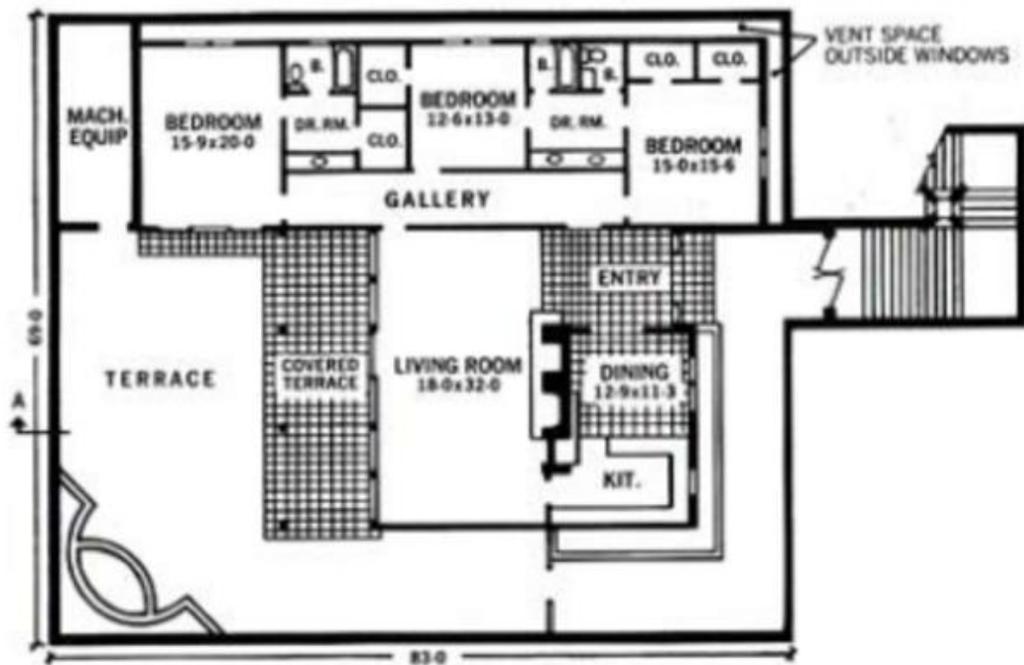
What would be the worst (grossest) part about being a dog?

When you bark at other dogs on a walk, what are you really saying? _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself as a dog.

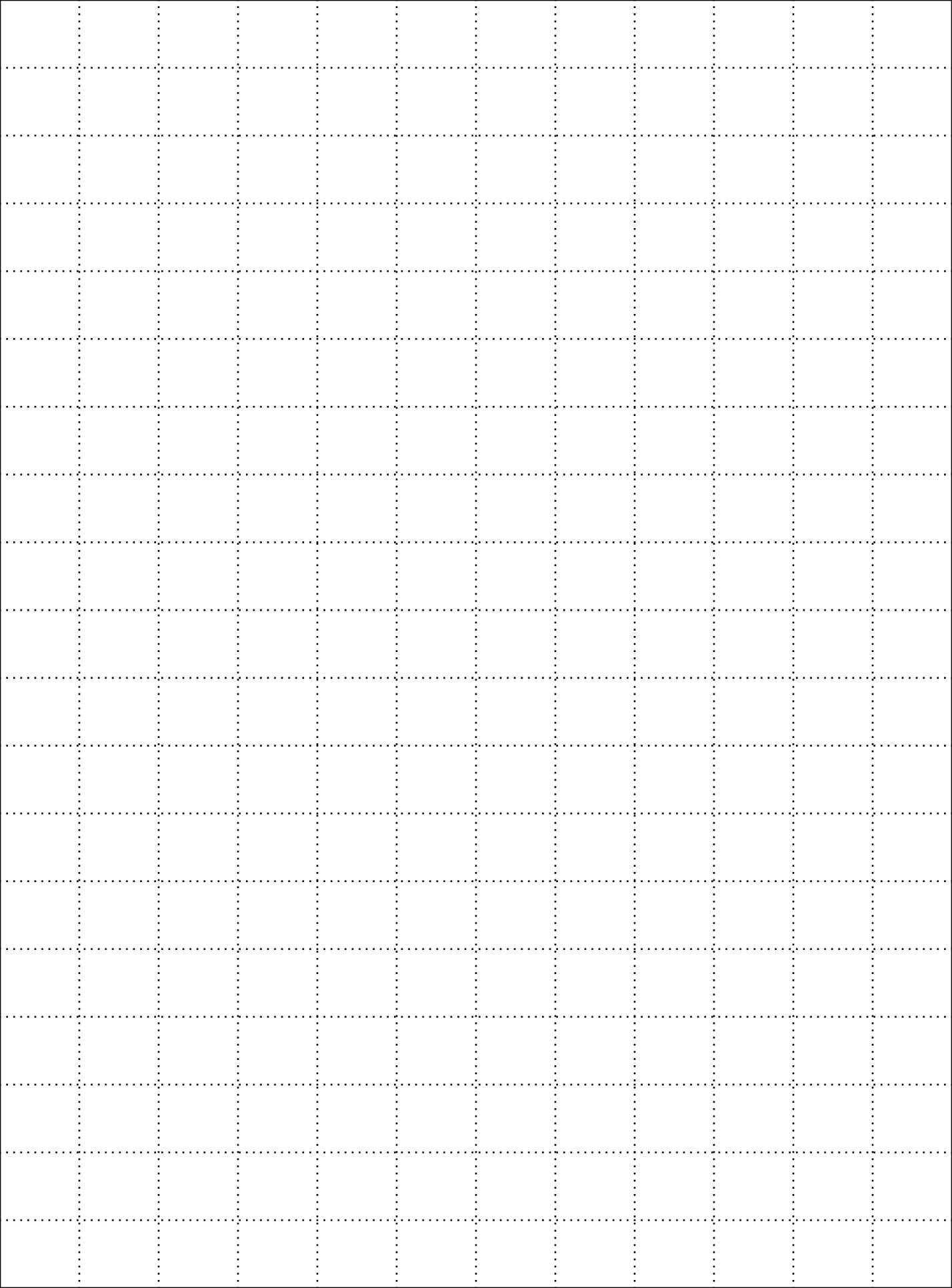
Design Your Dream House

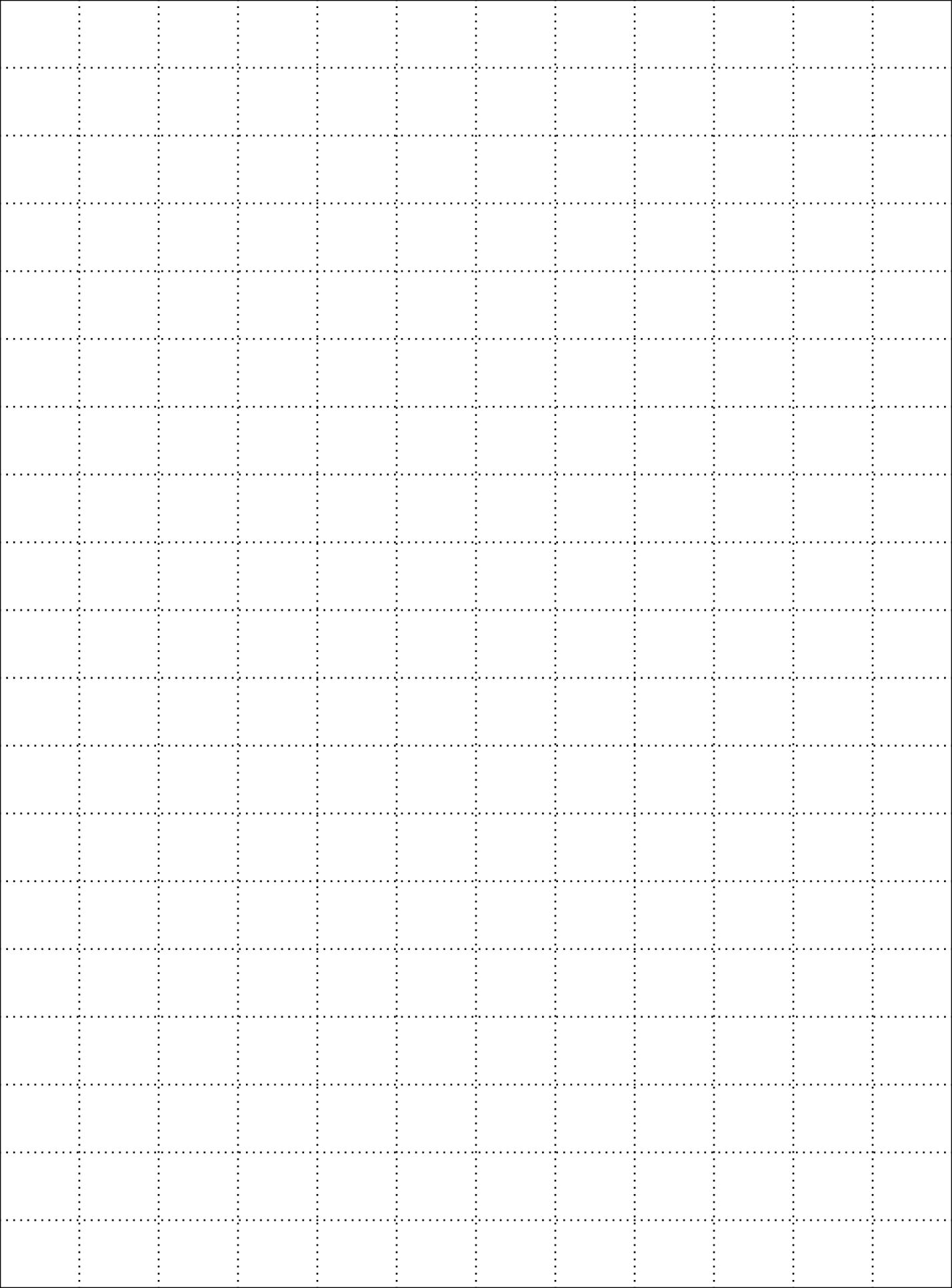
If you had all the money and time in the world and could design your dream home to look any way you wanted, what would it be like? Use these blueprint lines to help you design it. Use the other side to draw it from above. You may ask for another sheet if you want to draw another floor. Here is a sample of what blueprints look like.

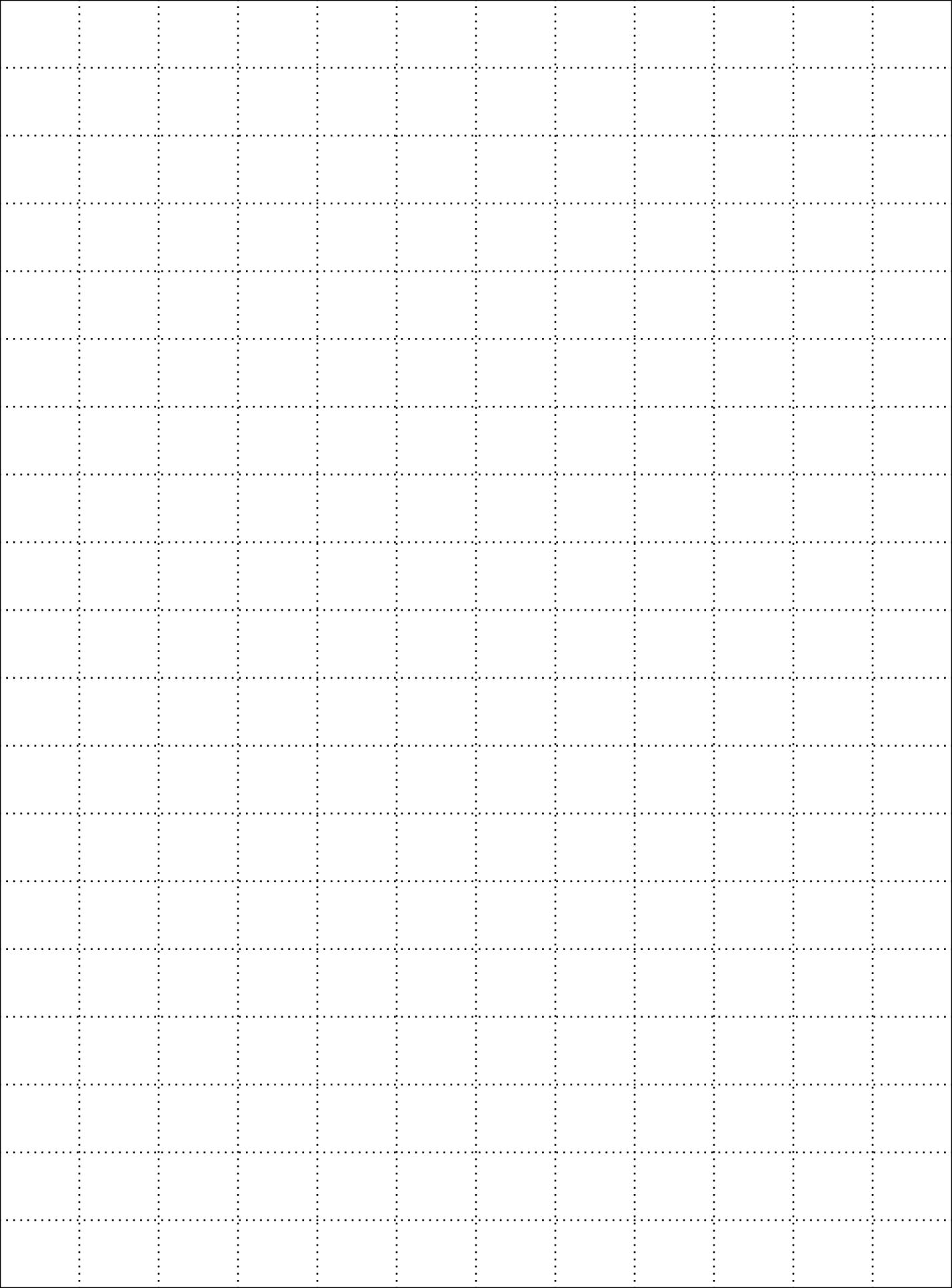


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Dropped Ice Cream



Have you ever dropped an ice cream cone on the sidewalk?
_____ How did you feel when it happened?

Imagine if the ice cream could talk. What would it say
when it first lands on the ground?

Would the ice cream feel sad for you? Or would it feel glad
that it wouldn't get eaten?

After you walk away, what would the ice cream be
thinking?

What little creatures might come by for the ice cream?
What would it think of them?

On the back, draw a picture of your spilled ice cream.

Portals



Have you ever read a story about a closet that leads to another world? Or a phone booth that time-travels? People often imagine something with a door, or any kind of opening, as being a possible way to travel beyond our world. Here are some options of portals in your home:

_____ Front door	_____ Window	_____ Closet door
_____ Refrigerator door	_____ Attic trap door	_____ Shower door
_____ Cabinet door	_____ Fire escape	_____ Washer/dryer door

Choose four of them and write numbers next to each one. Imagine one day you noticed a strange sound coming from #1 _____.

Curious, you opened it and were shocked to see _____ on the other side. Despite knowing it was a bad idea, you

walked crawled dove head-first through it. When you came out on the other side, you discovered that you had actually exited through the

#2 _____ of

a parallel universe the year _____

Before you could explore any further, the door of

#3 _____ burst open and

your mom your dad _____

dragged you back to your own home, exiting through the

#4 _____ door. Sadly,

your great adventure was over before it even began.

On the back, draw a picture of your story.

Your Substitute Teacher Is a Polar Bear!



Imagine if when you walked into your classroom this morning, you discovered that your teacher was out sick and you would have a substitute instead. But instead of a human substitute teacher, you have a polar bear!

How does your substitute teacher take attendance?

How does your substitute teacher sit at the rug?

How does your substitute teacher move between desks?

How does your substitute teacher take you outside to recess? _____

How does your substitute teacher pass out papers?

How does your substitute teacher explain math problems?

How does your substitute teacher read aloud to you?

How does your substitute teacher dismiss you at the end of the day? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your polar bear substitute.

Your Substitute Teacher Is an Ostrich!



Imagine if when you walked into your classroom this morning, you discovered that your teacher was out sick and you would have a substitute instead. But instead of a human substitute teacher, you have an ostrich!

How does your substitute teacher take attendance?

How does your substitute teacher sit at the rug?

How does your substitute teacher move between desks?

How does your substitute teacher take you outside to recess? _____

How does your substitute teacher pass out papers?

How does your substitute teacher explain math problems?

How does your substitute teacher read aloud to you?

How does your substitute teacher dismiss you at the end of the day? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your ostrich substitute.

Your Substitute Teacher Is a Penguin!



Imagine if when you walked into your classroom this morning, you discovered that your teacher was out sick and you would have a substitute instead. But instead of a human substitute teacher, you have a penguin!

How does your substitute teacher take attendance?

How does your substitute teacher sit at the rug?

How does your substitute teacher move between desks?

How does your substitute teacher take you outside to recess? _____

How does your substitute teacher pass out papers?

How does your substitute teacher explain math problems?

How does your substitute teacher read aloud to you?

How does your substitute teacher dismiss you at the end of the day? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your penguin substitute.

Your Substitute Teacher Is a Giraffe!

Imagine if when you walked into your classroom this morning, you discovered that your teacher was out sick and you would have a substitute instead. But instead of a human substitute teacher, you have a giraffe!

How does your substitute teacher take attendance?

How does your substitute teacher sit at the rug?

How does your substitute teacher move between desks?

How does your substitute teacher take you outside to recess? _____

How does your substitute teacher pass out papers?

How does your substitute teacher explain math problems?

How does your substitute teacher read aloud to you?

How does your substitute teacher dismiss you at the end of the day? _____

On the back, draw a picture of your giraffe substitute.

Skyscraper School

Have you ever read any of the *Wayside School* books? The school is accidentally built as a skyscraper, instead of all the classrooms spread out. Would you like to go to a school in a skyscraper? _____

What if there is no elevator? _____

Imagine your school was built like this. How many floors would it be?

My school has

- # _____ Pre-Ks
- # _____ Kindergartens
- # _____ 1st Grades
- # _____ 2nd Grades
- # _____ 3rd Grades
- # _____ 4th Grades
- # _____ 5th Grades
- # _____ 6th Grades
- # _____ Other Grades
- # _____ Library
- # _____ Auditorium
- # _____ Cafeteria
- # _____ Gym
- # _____ Other

Use the grid paper on the other side to draw a map of your school. The page is 11" tall (28 cm). Use a ruler to make your floors. Depending on how many floors you will need, you could make each floor a centimeter, inch, half inch, half centimeter, etc. Be sure to calculate carefully and draw with pencil until you know you have measured it correctly.

_____ of floors altogether

No Sleep



Teach Grow Sow

Imagine if you didn't need sleep. Would you like this? _____

What time do you normally go to sleep? _____

What time do you normally wake up? _____

How many hours of sleep is that? _____

If you didn't need sleep, what would you do with all that extra time?

8pm _____

9pm _____

10pm _____

11pm _____

12am _____

1am _____

2am _____

3am _____

4am _____

5am _____

6am _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself doing one of these activities.

Your New Invention

Congratulations! You have just invented the world's very first _____!

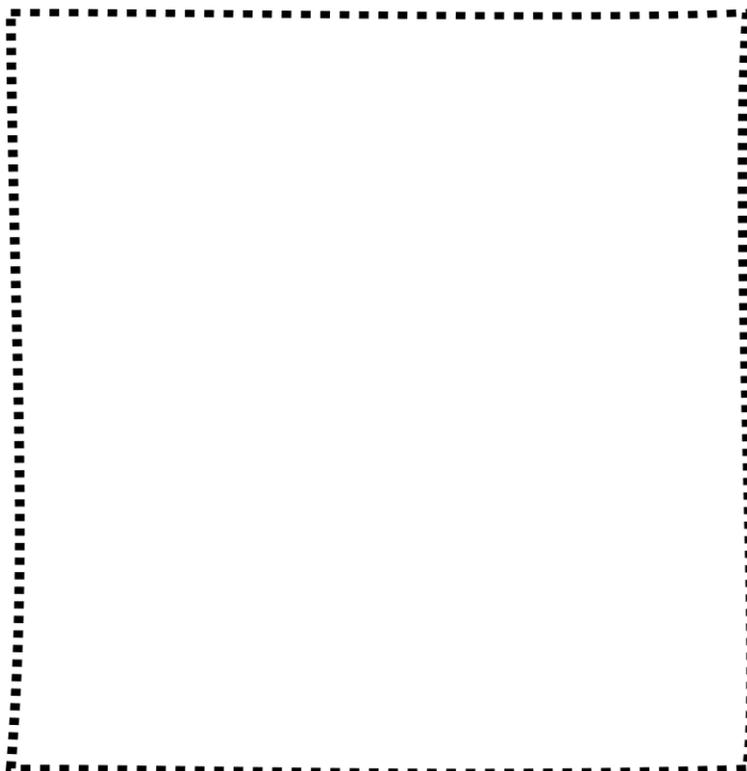
This new invention solved the old problem of _____

Now, instead people can just _____

How does it work? Simple:

It is made of:

It Looks Like:



Its power source is:

- Electricity
- Solar Power
- Gasoline
- Nuclear Power
- Wind Power
- Water Power

On the back draw an ad for your new invention.

What Kind of Dinosaur Would You Be?

If you were a new kind of dinosaur, what would you be called? _____

I would be:

- small
- medium
- large

I would be a:

- herbivore
- carnivore
- omnivore

I would have:

- horns
- spikes
- plates
- frill
- sail
- club tail

I would walk on:

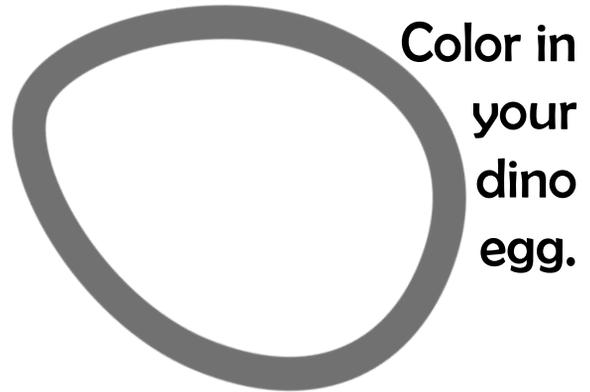
- 2 legs
- 4 legs

I could:

- walk
- swim
- fly

My proportions would be:

- | | | |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tail | <input type="checkbox"/> short | <input type="checkbox"/> long |
| Neck | <input type="checkbox"/> short | <input type="checkbox"/> long |
| Legs | <input type="checkbox"/> short | <input type="checkbox"/> long |



What would be the best part about being a dinosaur?

What would be the worst part about being a dinosaur?

On the back draw a picture of yourself as a dinosaur.

Write a Wanted Ad for an Adventure!

Imagine you are an explorer from the past, present, or future. You are heading out for an adventure and you need a faithful crew. What qualities should these people have? What should they expect on their journey?

WANTED!

Crew members for an adventure!

In this, the year _____ I need
_____ of people for my crew. We will travel
by _____ to go to
_____.

When we get there, we are hoping to find
_____.

Crew members need to be _____,
_____, and _____.

Do not apply for this job unless you can handle
_____, _____,

and _____ without having to
_____.

You will be paid _____ every
_____. Your contract is
for _____.

Please reply to Captain _____

When I Grow Up



When I grow up, I would like to be _____.
I plan to get this job by studying _____.
I would like to drive a _____ that
is _____ (color).

I would like to live in:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A big city | <input type="checkbox"/> A Highrise apartment building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A small city | <input type="checkbox"/> A townhouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The suburbs | <input type="checkbox"/> A cute cottage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A small town | <input type="checkbox"/> A house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The country | <input type="checkbox"/> A farm |

I think I will have _____ kids
and # _____ pet _____.

When I grow up my new hobby will be _____
_____.

The accomplishment I'll be most proud of is that I
_____.

The 3 words my friends will use to describe me are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The best part of being an adult will be: _____
_____.

The worst part of being an adult will be: _____
_____.

On the back draw a picture of yourself as an adult.

Crazy Weather



Sometimes weather can be pretty extreme. Other extreme events can also happen in nature that aren't weather-related. Which of these events have you experienced?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane | <input type="checkbox"/> Hail storm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzard | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volcano | <input type="checkbox"/> Avalanche |

How did you feel when it happened? _____

Imagine if one day all of these things happened at once. Tell a story about a kid just like you who experiences all these crazy events in a single day. How were they survived?

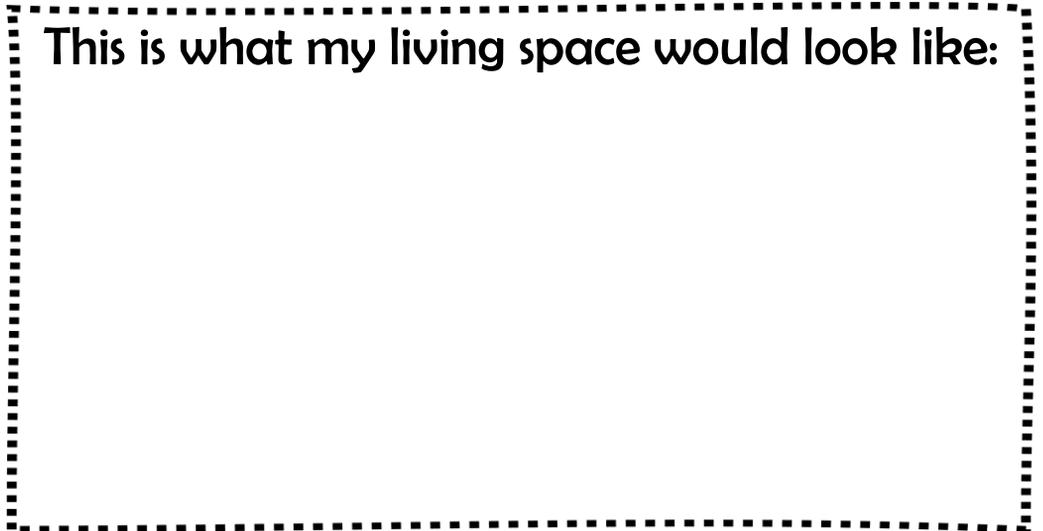
On the back, draw a picture of your main character braving the crazy natural events.

If You Were a Farm Animal

Imagine you were an animal living on a farm. What type of animal would you want to be:

- Pig
- Horse
- Cow
- Chicken
- Goat
- Sheep
- Duck

This is what my living space would look like:



What would you spend most of your day doing?

What would you eat? _____

What would your job be? _____

What would be the best part of being a farm animal?

What would be the worst part of being a farm animal?

On the back draw a picture of yourself as a farm animal.

Bones in Your Backyard!



Imagine if you were digging in your backyard and found dinosaur bones. How would you feel about this discovery?

Who would you tell about it first? _____

What tools would you use to dig them out?

_____, _____, _____

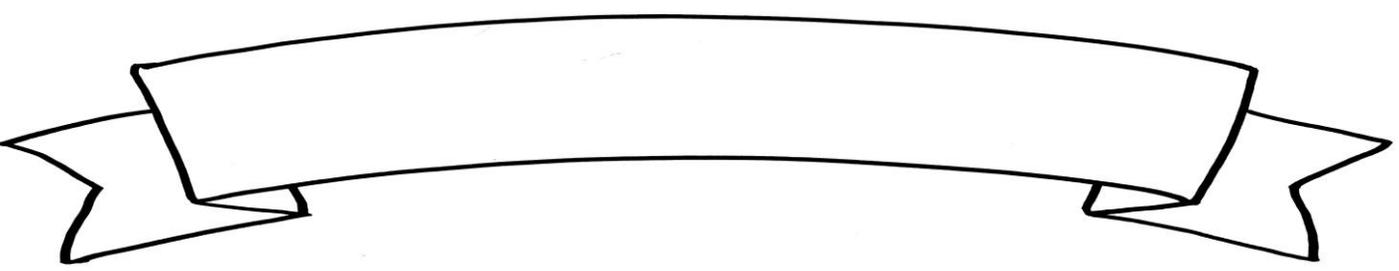
How long would it take to dig them out? _____

How many people would be needed? _____

What type of museum would they be displayed in?

- Art
- Science
- Natural History
- Historic Location

What would the banner say at their exhibit?



On the back draw a picture of the bones halfway covered.

If You Lived in the Jungle

Imagine you were an animal living in a jungle. What type of animal would you want to be:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile | I would be: | I would be a: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild cat | <input type="checkbox"/> small | <input type="checkbox"/> herbivore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exotic bird | <input type="checkbox"/> medium | <input type="checkbox"/> carnivore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snake | <input type="checkbox"/> large | <input type="checkbox"/> omnivore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primate | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spider | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild hog | | |

What would you spend most of your day doing?

Which animals might hunt you? _____

_____, _____, _____

What would be the best part of being a jungle animal?

What would be the worst part of being a jungle animal?

On the back draw a picture of yourself as a jungle animal.

A World Without...



Imagine if shoes had never been invented. How would life be different if everyone went around barefoot?

Imagine if lightbulbs had never been invented. How would life be different if everyone still used candles?

Imagine if telling time had never been invented. How would life be different if there were no clocks or watches?

Imagine if _____
had never been invented. How would life be different?

On the back draw a picture of one of these situations.

Message in a Bottle



Imagine you were walking along the beach one day and found a glass bottle with a paper inside it. You open up the bottle and pull out the paper. There is a mysterious message written on it. If this sounds like a scene from a movie, that's because it's a common trope in many adventure stories. A trope is a common or overused theme that makes for an interesting plot.

Can you think of some themes that happen in books or movies very often?

But believe it or not, there have been people who have found a message in a bottle that washed up on shore. Imagine what would happen to make someone write a message in a bottle? _____

What might it say? _____

If you found that message, what would you want to write back? _____

On the back, draw a picture of the person who wrote the message in a bottle that you found.

Time Capsule

You have been chosen to send a time capsule into the future. Perhaps it won't be opened up for a hundred years. What do you put in it to show the best things from your time? Choose one for each category.

The music that best represents my time:

The book that best represents my time:

The movie that best represents my time:

This is what clothing looks like in my time:

This is what buildings look like in my time:

A Story of Random Things



What did you eat for breakfast this morning?

A. _____

What color are your socks?

B. _____

What city would you like to visit?

C. _____

How old are you?

D. _____

Now, write a story about A. _____

that suddenly comes to life, grows D. _____ legs,

attacks C. _____ and covers it in a strange,

B. _____ colored goo.

On the back, draw a picture of the devastation.

Story Starters



Have you ever felt like you would like to tell a story, but just don't know where to begin? Try writing an opening paragraph for each of these story starters.

It was a dark and stormy night... _____

Once upon a time in a magical kingdom... _____

In a galaxy far, far away... _____

On a small raft in the middle of the ocean... _____

During a terrible snowstorm in the middle of winter...

If you like one a lot, continue writing about it on the back.

Night Zoo Guard



Imagine you had a night job as a night guard at a zoo. All the humans have left the zoo except for you. What strange things are each of the animals up to?

Lions: _____

Zebras: _____

Tigers: _____

Monkeys: _____

Penguins: _____

Giraffes: _____

Pandas: _____

Snakes: _____

Bears: _____

On the back draw a picture of yourself dealing with the animals' weird behavior.

Mythological Creature

Have you read stories about imaginary creatures that are partly one animal and partly another? _____

Which ones can you think of?

Imagine one morning you woke up and discovered that you had turned into a mythological creature. What would you write in your diary that evening?

Dear Diary,

Today when I woke up, I found that I had the head of _____, the body of _____, and the _____ of a _____.

I was so surprised! I immediately tried to _____.

It was difficult because _____.

I actually liked being able to _____.

But I didn't really like that I couldn't _____.

Tomorrow, I hope that I look _____.

On the back draw a picture of yourself.

A Magic Door to Another Place

Imagine one morning you woke up and discovered your bedroom door was a magical portal that would lead you to another place.

Where would it lead you? _____

What would you do there? _____

Who or what would you see there? _____

How long would you be capable of staying before you have to go back? _____

How often would you visit? _____

Would you tell other people about it, or would you keep it a secret? _____

Why? _____

On the back, draw a picture of where the door takes you.

Your Weekend as a Penguin



Tell all about your real activities this weekend...but imagine you had turned into a penguin for the weekend.

Friday Night: _____

Saturday Morning: _____

Saturday Afternoon: _____

Saturday Evening: _____

Sunday Morning: _____

Sunday Afternoon: _____

Sunday Evening: _____

On the back, draw a picture of penguin-you's favorite part of this weekend.

Your Weekend as a Frog



Teach Grow Sow

Tell all about your real activities this weekend...but imagine you had turned into a frog for the weekend.

Friday Night: _____

Saturday Morning: _____

Saturday Afternoon: _____

Saturday Evening: _____

Sunday Morning: _____

Sunday Afternoon: _____

Sunday Evening: _____

On the back, draw a picture of frog-you's favorite part of this weekend.

Growing and Shrinking



Teach Grow Sow

In the book *Alice in Wonderland*, Alice eats and drinks things that make her extremely large and extremely small.

What is the last thing you ate? _____

What is the last thing you drank, other than water?

Think about five things you did this week. For each one, tell if you would want to be bigger or smaller.

It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

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It would have been easier if I had been bigger smaller

On the back, draw a picture of yourself doing one of these things while big or small.

Design Your Dream Pool



My pool will have:

- _____ lap lanes
- Diving board
- Lazy river
- Slide
- Deep end
- Shallow end
- Splash pad
- Stair-free entrance
- Seating around pool
- Seating within pool
- _____

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border occupies the bottom half of the page. This box is intended for the student to draw their dream pool design, incorporating the features they have selected from the list above.

A Balloon's Journey



Have you ever lost a balloon? _____

How did you feel? _____

Imagine if the balloon could think. What thoughts would it have as it floats away?

When you start to lose your grip, but you haven't noticed yet, and the balloon notices:

When you see that you will not be able to get it back:

When you are so far away, you and the balloon can no longer see each other:

What things does the balloon see on its journey?

Where does the balloon land?

Does anyone find the balloon?

On the back, draw a picture of your balloon's adventure.

What's in a Name?



What is your full name?

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

How many letters does your name have? _____

How many consonants does your name have? _____

How many vowels does your name have? _____

How many syllables does your name have? _____

Have you ever met anyone with the same first name? _____

The same middle name? _____ The same last name? _____

Does your name ever make you think of a particular color?

_____ An object? _____ A sound? _____

If you could choose any other name to have, what would it be? _____

What do you like about that name? _____

On the back, write your name (or alternate name) in
bubble letters and color them in.

Disappearing Items



Imagine if one day random things started disappearing into thin air? Write a short story about a day when these items disappeared.

What happened at breakfast?

What happened on your way to school?

What happened at snack time?

What happened during math?

What happened at lunch?

What happened when you got home?

What happened at dinner?

On the back, draw a picture of the weirdest thing to disappear.

Pet Peeves

Do you know what a pet peeve is? A pet peeve is a small behavior that someone does that you find particularly annoying (chewing loudly, cracking knuckles, saying 'um').

What is your pet peeve? _____

Imagine if your pet peeve actually became your pet. What animal would best represent your pet peeve?

Why? _____

Imagine if your pet pet peeve followed you around all day. On a scale of 1-10, how annoyed would you get with your pet pet peeve? _____ Write a paragraph describing your day with your pet pet peeve and what happens.

On the back, draw a picture of your pet pet peeve.