

# CLOSET OF DREAMS

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## 50 Printable Worksheets

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Each chapter is supported by at least one worksheet that engages students in practice with:

Writing  
Responses

Reading

SEL/  
Reflections

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Closet of Dreams Chapter 20 The Closet of Dreams</p> <p>What is something new that we learned about the Closet of Dreams at the end of chapter 20?</p> <p>Explain your answer.</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Closet of Dreams Chapter 6 Keeping it Secret</p> <p>Miss makes Child promise to keep her ability to talk to secret from Sammie. Do you think it's okay for Miss to ask Child to keep her secret? Explain your answer.</p>
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 1 Author's Purpose

On page 4, Eddie yells, "NOT WHAT WE HEARD!"

Why does the author use all capital letters in this sentence?

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Why do you think the author begins the book with this scene?

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How did it make you feel as a reader?

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What questions do you have after reading chapter 1?

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter I

Think about the events in chapter I, then answer the questions.

Why do you think these three boys have been bullying Child since first grade?

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Would you have helped Child? How?

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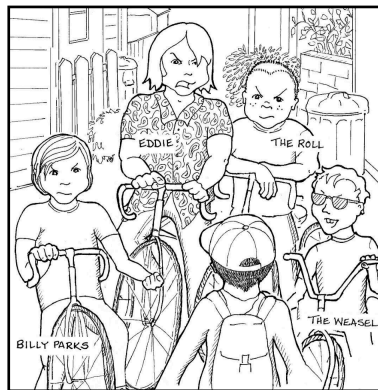
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Draw a picture to help the reader visualize how someone could have helped Child.

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# Closet of Dreams

## Chapter I Figurative Language



When Child sees Eddie and his crew at the end of chapter I, he says, "I'm toast." (P.4)

Circle which kind of figurative language Child is using.

simile

idiom

metaphor

What does it mean when someone says "I'm toast"?

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Why do you think people started using toast to describe certain situations?

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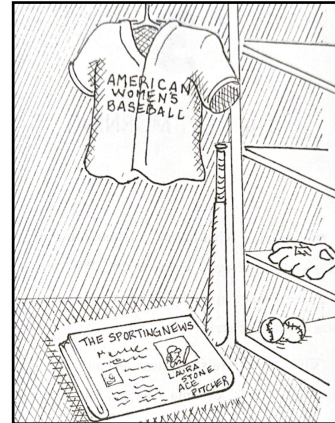
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 2 Writing Response

Child describes the Closet of Dreams as a place he can go to feel better and feel safe when he is afraid or sad.



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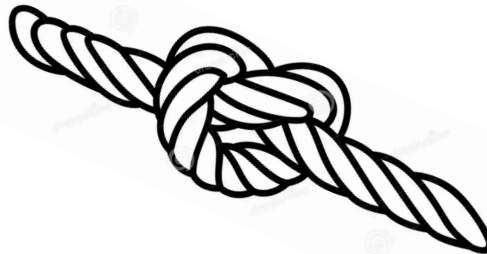
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A large, empty rectangular box with a solid black border, intended for the student to draw a picture of their special place.

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# Closet of Dreams

## Chapter 2

### Idioms

The first sentence of chapter 3 reads:

“Well, the next morning, I wake up with a knot in my stomach the size of a catcher’s mitt.”

What do you think it means to feel like you have “a knot in your stomach”?

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What has caused Child to feel this way?

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Why do you think people started to describe their feeling of nervousness or worry as “a knot in their stomach”?

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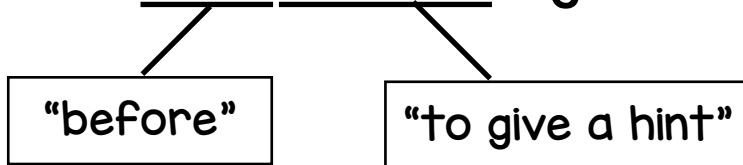
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 2 Foreshadowing

When the author gives a hint about something that might happen later in the story, it's called foreshadowing.



“Who knows, maybe one day I’ll discover even more powers this big-little closet might have in store!”

Based on the last sentence of chapter 2, what do you think might be a big part of the story later on?

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 2 Writing Response

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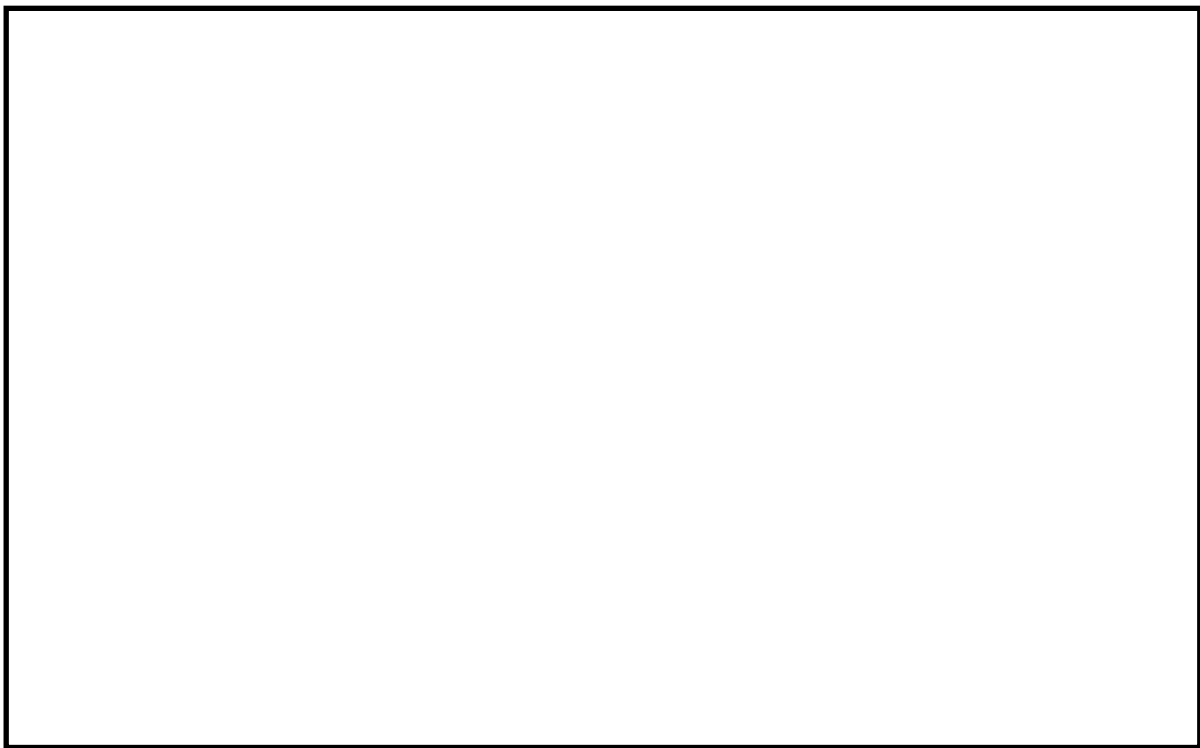
Would you have told on Eddie and the gang? Explain your thinking and draw a picture to create a visual for the reader.

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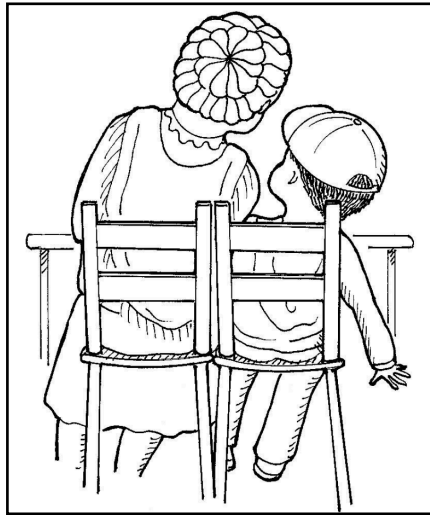




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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 3 Inferences

What can you infer about Gamma's character? Use evidence from the story to support your answer. Don't forget to explain your thinking.



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# Closet of Dreams Chapter 3

## Writing Response



Gamma believes that her brown purse is "lucky". Do you have something that you believe brings you luck? Draw a picture of your lucky item and describe the things that make it special.

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# Closet of Dreams Vocabulary Practice Aspiration



An aspiration is a goal that you have for yourself.

What has been Child's aspiration since kindergarten?

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What is your aspiration?

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Draw a picture of you achieving your goal.

Create a speech bubble for yourself.

What are you saying?



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## Closet of Dreams Ch 1-3 Vocabulary

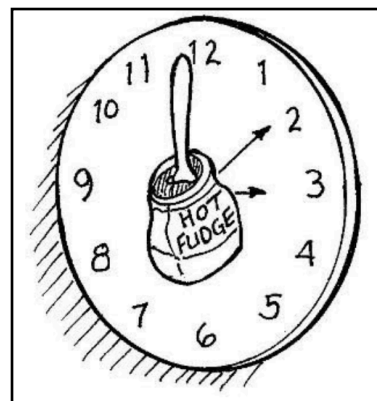
Use the vocabulary words from chapters 1-3 to complete each sentence.

bicep	run-in	reassure	groan
sideburns	miracle	gaze	registration
plead	doubt	restless	rehearse

1. I was nervous about my recital, but my dad came over to \_\_\_\_\_ me.
2. The students let out a \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard recess was canceled.
3. I couldn't believe I'd won! It was a \_\_\_\_\_ !
4. The muscle that moves my arm is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. José tried to \_\_\_\_\_ with his mom to get a dog.
6. If we want to perform well, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. I love to stand outside of the chocolate shop and \_\_\_\_\_ at all of the sweets.
8. The class got \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the day.
9. Sam said she would give me her extra candy bar, but I \_\_\_\_\_ she really will.
10. He shaved off his beard and moustache, but he kept his \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. I filled out a \_\_\_\_\_ form to enter the contest.
12. Miguel took the long way to school to avoid a \_\_\_\_\_ with his enemy.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 4 Figurative Language



Read this sentence from p. 21 of chapter 4:

“As always, that last second hangs there like a spoon stuck in a jar of hot fudge.”

This kind of figurative language is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

In this simile, what two things are being compared?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

What is the author trying to tell us about the last second?

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## Closet of Dreams Animal Research Page

Child reveals some facts about the animals that live in Kids Park. For example: Hippos can hold their breath for up to 5 minutes, and elephants eat over 200 pounds of food a day.

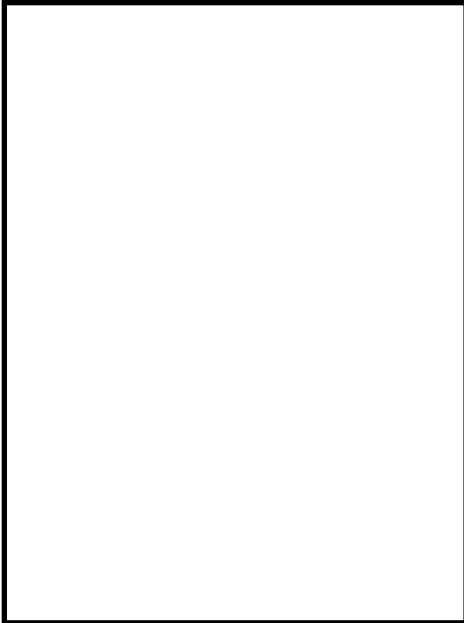
Research an animal that interests you and complete the worksheet.

Animal Name

Animal Habitat

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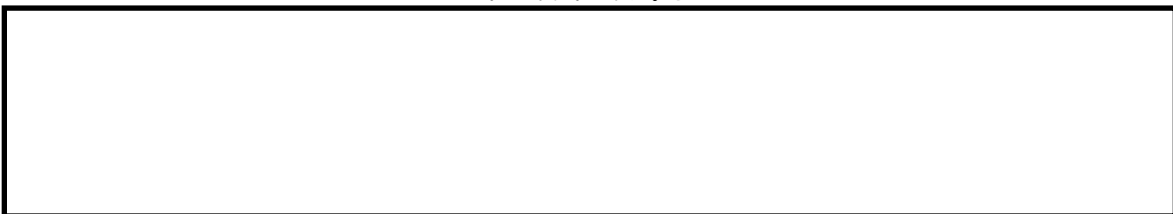
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Food



Fun Facts



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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 5 Writing Response

In chapter 5, Gamma talks to Child about Eddie:

“Did you ever think something terrible might be going on in Eddie’s life and he’s taking it out on you?”

Think about Gamma’s question. What do you think may be causing Eddie to act this way?

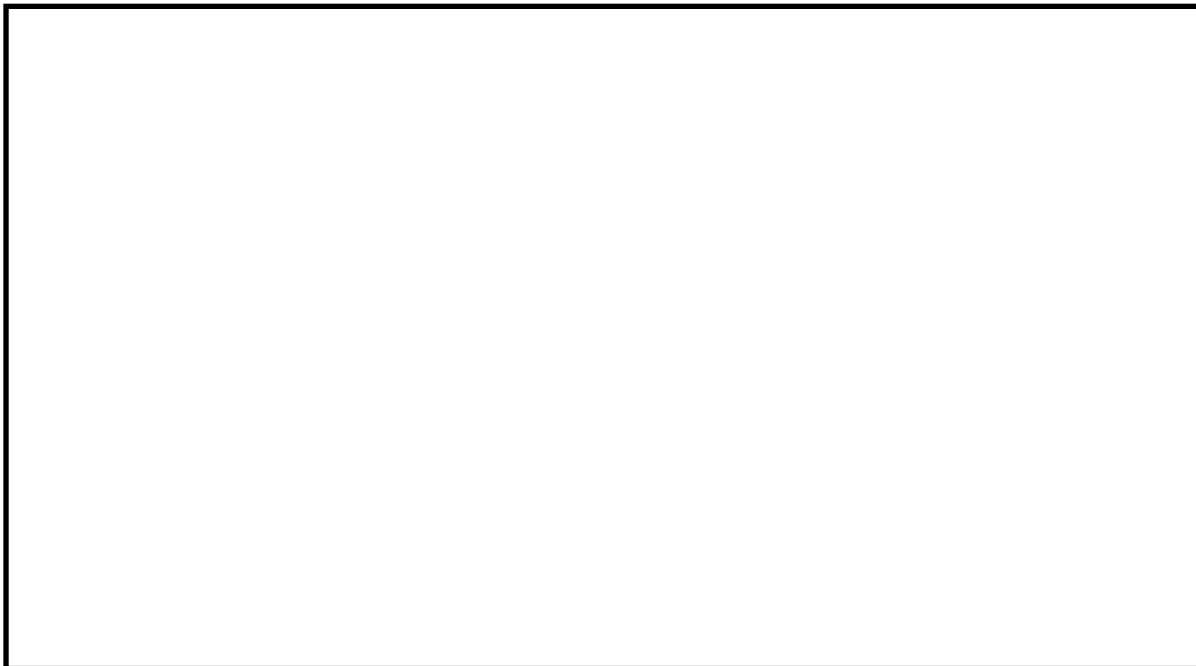
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Draw a picture that represents your answer.



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Closet of Dreams Chapter 6  
Keeping a Secret



Hilda makes Child promise to keep her ability to talk a secret from Gamma. Do you think it's okay for Hilda to ask Child to keep her secret? Explain your answer.

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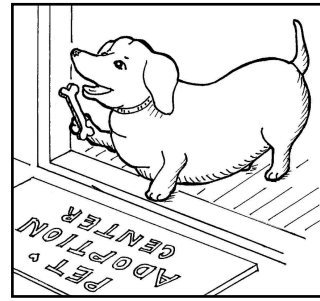
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 6 Pet Adoption Costs



In chapter 6, Child wants to adopt Hilda, but Gamma says that they don't have enough money. Draw a picture of a dog you would like to adopt. Think about some items you would need for your new pet. Use the boxes to draw a picture of each item, name it, then write its cost.

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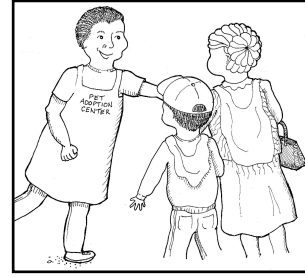
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# Closet of Dreams Chapter 6

## Writing to Persuade



Write a letter to the decision-maker in your family persuading them to get a dog. What promises would you include? How would a dog benefit your family?

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## Closet of Dreams Ch 4-6 Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words from chapters 4-6 to complete each sentence.

mumble

groves

rummages

professional

anxious

focus

1. The passenger \_\_\_\_\_ through their bag to find their ticket.
2. Charlie was \_\_\_\_\_ to find out if he had made the cast list for the play.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning when I'm not quite awake yet.
4. When I was in Florida, I saw \_\_\_\_\_ of orange trees.
5. My mom tried to fix the leak in our bathroom, but she said we would need to call a \_\_\_\_\_ plumber.
6. I turned the TV off so I could \_\_\_\_\_ on my homework.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 7

### Writing Response

On page 47, Child runs through his “pitching mechanics”. Think of a task you have completed. Explain it, step by step, in order, so that someone could complete it by reading your directions. Don’t forget to use your time order transition words!

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 7 The Dream

Gamma and Child talk about remembering a dream on page 49. Think about a dream you have had. Describe it in detail so someone could visualize it. How did the dream make you feel? Draw a picture of it.

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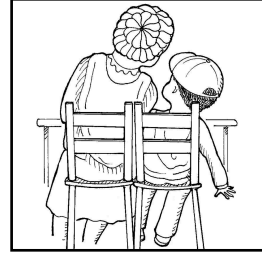
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 8 Twin Dreams

On page 53, Gamma tells Child that she had the same dream that Child had about adopting Hilda. How do you think this happened? Explain your answer.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 9 Writing Response

In chapter 9, Child describes time as going slowly because he has to wait to pick up Hilda. Describe a time when you had to wait for something you wanted. How did the waiting make you feel?



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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 10 Adages

An adage is a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.

In chapter 10, Hilda says, "Two chicken legs and a danger bone." She explains that it is like the saying, "Two steps forward, one step back", which describes slow progress towards a goal.

What do you think these adages mean?

1. Two wrongs don't make a right.

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2. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

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3. The pen is mightier than the sword.

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## Closet of Dreams Ch 7-10 Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words from chapters 7-10 to complete each sentence.

insists

imitate

commotion

plead

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alert

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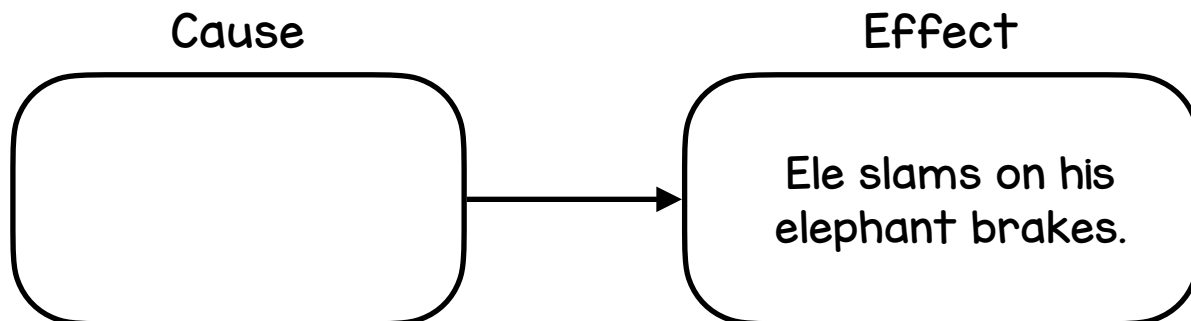
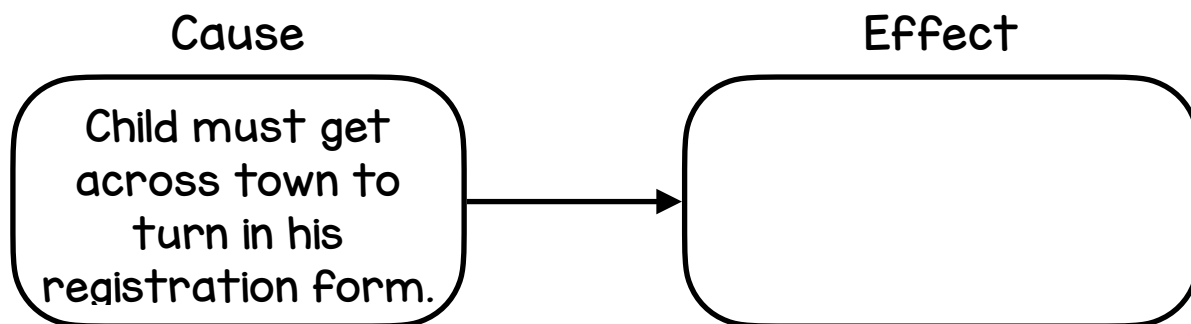
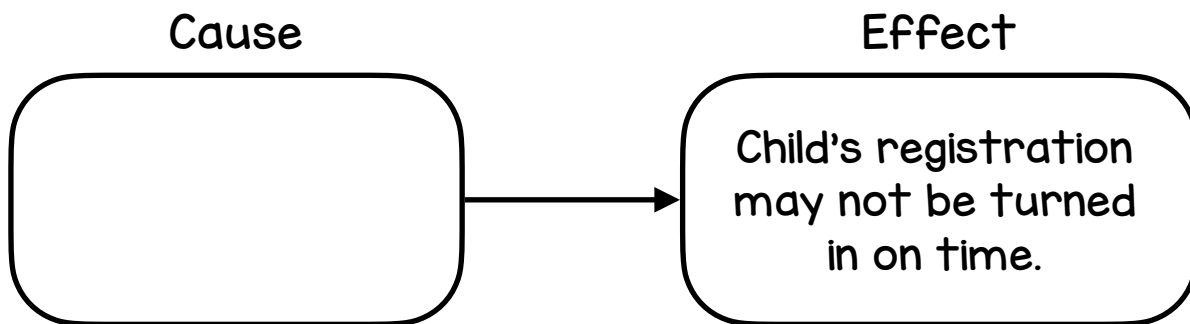
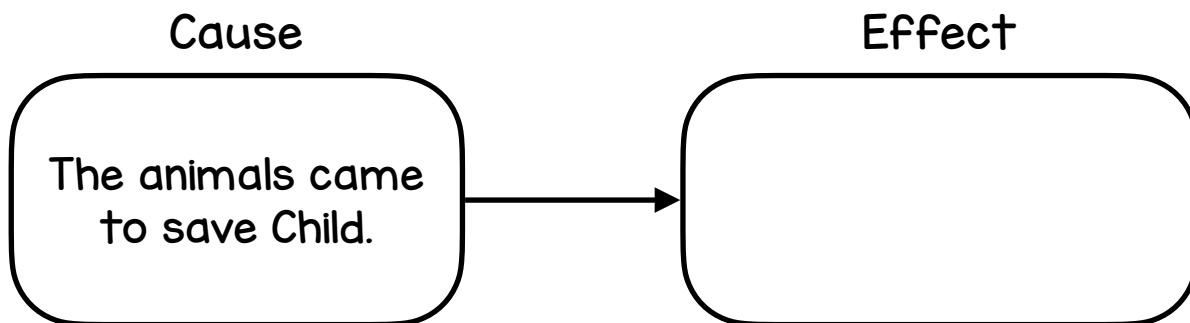
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1. We heard the weather \_\_\_\_\_ about the storm coming our way.
2. Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_ that we walk quietly in line.
3. My sister likes to repeat everything I say and \_\_\_\_\_ my facial expressions.
4. My class caused a \_\_\_\_\_ in the cafeteria and had to sit quietly for five minutes.
5. My brother likes to \_\_\_\_\_ that he is the best writer in his class.
6. My mom had to give me a \_\_\_\_\_ into the big truck.
7. There is a bully in my class that likes to \_\_\_\_\_ us for no reason.
8. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ that her basketball team is the best team in the league.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter II Cause and Effect

Complete the cause and effect chart for the events in chapter II.



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**Closet of Dreams Chapter 12**  
**Writing Response**

In chapter 12, the author draws out some words and  
uses all capital letters.

Example: "That's great NEWWWWWWS, my BOYYYYYYYY!"

What is the author's purpose for this?  
Explain your answer.

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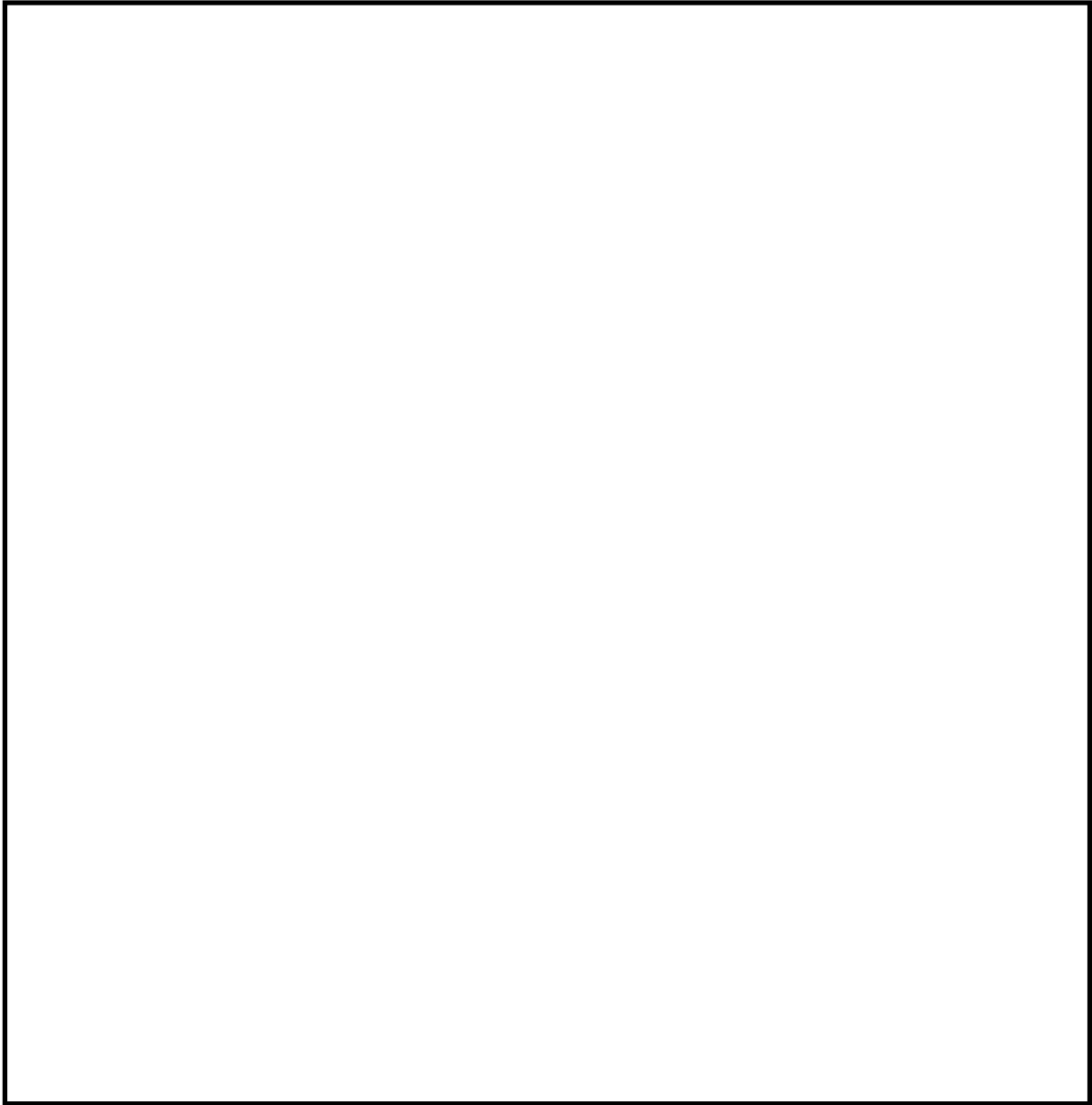
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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 13 Kids Park

In chapter 13, Kids Park is vandalized. Draw a picture of what you imagine the park might look like. Use details from the text to support the details in your picture.



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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 14

### Randi

Do you think Randi is a good friend to Child? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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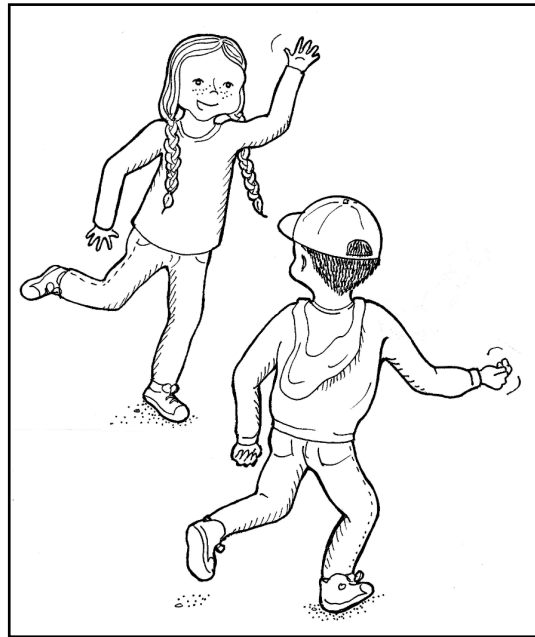
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What characteristics are important to be a good friend?

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## Closet of Dreams Ch 11-14 Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words from chapters 11-14 to complete each sentence.

vandalize	enthusiastic	encourage
graffiti	deadline	

1. We were \_\_\_\_\_ about planning the class party.
2. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ others to do their best.
3. We were sad to see that someone had spray painted \_\_\_\_\_ on the playground.
4. Make sure to turn in your reading log to your teacher before the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It is against the law to \_\_\_\_\_ the property of others.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 15 Onomatopoeia

**onomatopoeia:** The use of real words, made up words, or a combination of letters that imitate a sound.

Can you spot onomatopoeia in chapter 15? What are some onomatopoeia examples you know? Write the onomatopoeia and draw a picture of what it means.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 16 What Do You Think?

On page 109 of chapter 16, Hilda tells Child that Child should have told the boys, his teammates, that they would be playing on a team with the animals. Do you agree with Hilda? Explain your answer.

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Write about a time when you kept information from someone. How did it make you feel?

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### Closet of Dreams Chapter 17

### Dear Child

Imagine that you are writing a letter to Child. What advice would you give Child that would help persuade his teammates to stay on the team? Try to think of things that Child didn't say in chapter 17.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 18 Visualization

It's important to **visualize** each setting in a story. Try to visualize the baseball field in chapter 18. Use your experience or research to draw a picture of a baseball field. Clearly label home plate, first base, second base, third base, pitcher's mound, and outfield. Use color to make your picture more appealing to your reader.



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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 19 Idioms

On page 136, the text says, "Gamma's eyes light up."  
What does this idiom mean?

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Draw a picture of what the idiom means, then a picture of the literal meaning.

**"Gamma's eyes light up."**

Idiom	Literal

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Closet of Dreams Chapter 20  
The Closet of Dreams

What is something new that we learned about the Closet of Dreams at the end of chapter 20?

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Explain your evidence.

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## Closet of Dreams Ch 15-20 Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words from chapters 15-20 to complete each sentence.

urge

sponsor

stall

nudge

swift

scuff

1. We need a \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for our team uniforms.
2. Be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ your new shoes!
3. I try to \_\_\_\_\_ as long as possible before doing my chores.
4. I gave my friend a \_\_\_\_\_ when she didn't hear her name called.
5. A cheetah is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ running.
6. A good friend will \_\_\_\_\_ you to make good decisions.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 21

### Be Confident!

On the day of the big game, Child gets nervous again. Write a letter to Child helping him get his confidence back!

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 22 Sportsmanship

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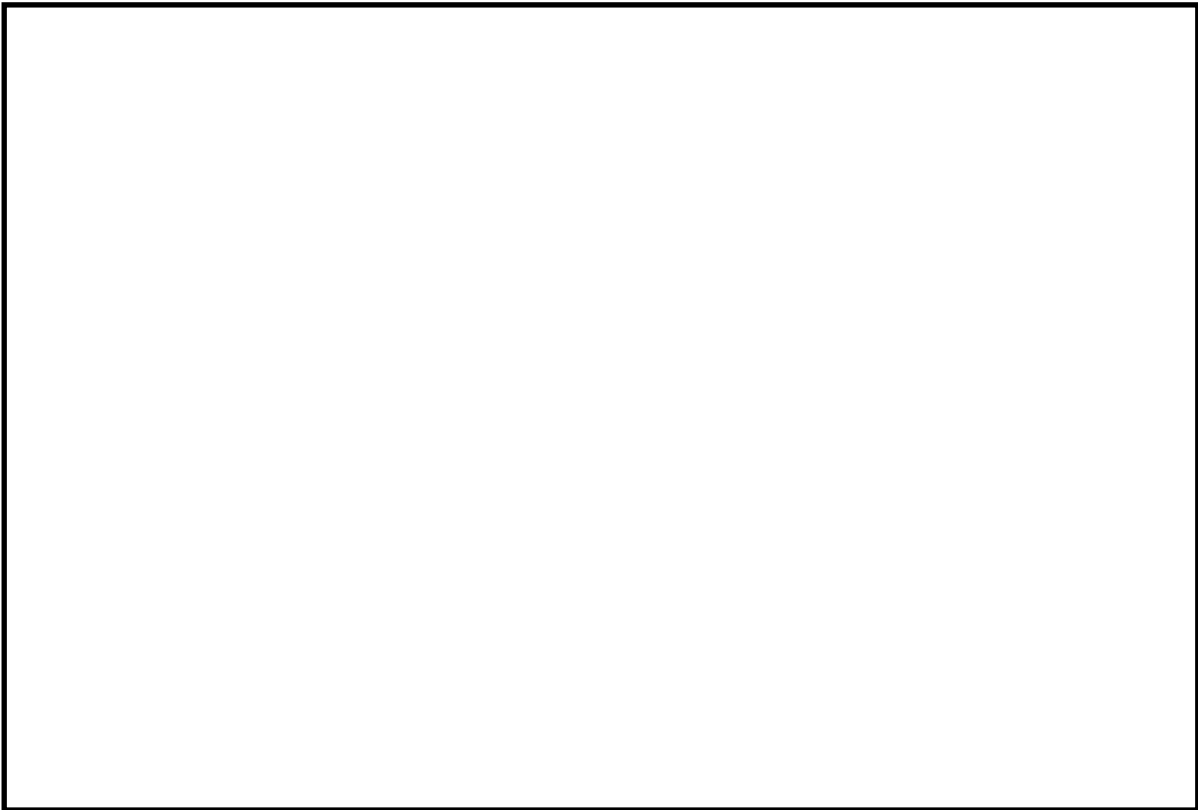
What do you think sportsmanship means?

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Draw an example of people showing sportsmanship.



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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 23 Writing Response

In chapter 23, a lady shouts at Eddie from the stands.  
Who do you think the lady might be?

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Why do you think Eddie decided to hit Child with the pitch?

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Do you think Eddie's warning is an appropriate punishment  
for hitting Child? Explain your answer.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 24 "In-Timmy-Date"

In chapter 24, Gamma explains that to intimidate someone means to scare them into doing things they don't want to do, or to scare them into not doing what they want to do. Write about a time when you felt intimidated. How did you react?

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 25 Writing Response

In chapter 25, the “same old lady” shouts from the stands:

“How could you let an elephant get a hit off you like THAT, Eddie? Can’t you do anything right?”

Imagine you are sitting in the bleachers. What would you say to the lady shouting at Eddie?

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Describe a situation where you had to stand up for someone or someone stood up for you.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 26 Writing Response

In chapter 26, Gamma says, "Okay, Child, trust yourself," when he's under pressure. Think about a time when you were, or might be, under pressure. What would you say to encourage yourself? Write a short letter to yourself.

Dear Self,

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 27 Shake It Off

In chapter 27, Child envies Eddie's ability to "shake off" the rude comments from the lady in the stands. Do you think it is important to be able to shake off things in your life that could be upsetting to you? Explain your answer.

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Describe a situation where "shaking it off" could benefit someone.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 28 Empathy

In chapter 28, Child says that Eddie looks like he's about to cry as the lady in the stands continues to yell at him.

Should the reader feel empathy for Eddie?  
Explain your answer.

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## Closet of Dreams Chapter 29 Would You Recommend?

You've finished reading Closet of Dreams! Would you recommend the book to your friends? Write a review of the book and share it with a friend.

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Was your opinion similar to your friend's viewpoint?  
Explain your answer.

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## Closet of Dreams Ch 21-29 Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words from chapters 21-29 to complete each sentence.

blur

review

reserved

smirk

spectacular

debut

1. The singer was nervous as she made her \_\_\_\_\_ on the stage.
2. Our family \_\_\_\_\_ three picnic tables for my birthday party.
3. Our eyes grew wide as we watched the \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display.
4. I knew my sister had fooled me when I saw the \_\_\_\_\_ on her face.
5. As we drove down the highway, the trees seemed to be a green \_\_\_\_\_ through the window.
6. Before we read the next chapter, our teacher asked us to \_\_\_\_\_ what we had learned so far.

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## Closet of Dreams Summarization

Write a summary of Closet of Dreams.

Beginning

Middle

End

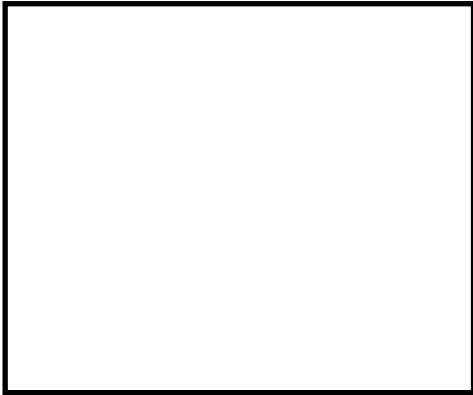


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## Closet of Dreams Animal Friends

Child has Ele, Sister Sue, and Clarence as animal friends. They help him get through some tough situations. What animal do you think would make the best friend? Explain your answer and draw a picture.

Picture



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## Closet of Dreams Compare and Contrast

Sometimes it's good to remember that we may have things in common with people, even if we don't always see eye-to-eye. Fill in the diagram for Eddie and Child.

