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excited
bored

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baseball bat
baseball glove
catcher
umpire
baseball field
builder
veterinarian
plumber

THEME 6

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reindeer
squirrel
duck
owl
fish
crab
whale
shark

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Master ELL 6–6
hose
ax
shovel
flashlight
bucket
fire truck
flower
insects
nest

Skylark
Master ELL 6–9
swamp
prairie
skunk
mouse
lightning
umbrella
window
door
roof
Ready, Set, Go!

Ready.
I’m going to run in a race today.
Set.
I’m in my place. I know the way.
Go!
I’m running fast. I’m in first place.
I think I’m going to win this race!
Ready, Set, Go!

Label the start and the finish line.
Who is first?
Who is second? Who is third?
This is a story about a dog named Akiak. Akiak pulled a sled with a team of dogs. Akiak was the lead dog, the first dog in the team. The driver of the sled was a young woman named Mick. Mick and her team raced in the Iditarod, a race in Alaska. This was Akiak’s last chance to win the race, because she was getting old.

On Day 1, the race began. It lasted ten days. On Day 4, Mick’s team was in first place. Then the hard snow hurt Akiak’s paw. Akiak could not help pull the sled. Akiak had to go home.

But Akiak knew that the team needed her help. Akiak did not go home. She ran after Mick and the team. Akiak ran for many days. She slept at night in the snow. Some men tried to catch Akiak. She ran away. Some people gave Akiak food. She kept running to find her team.

On Day 10, Mick’s team was in second place. Then they got lost in the snow. At that moment Akiak appeared. She showed the other dogs where the trail was. Then she sat in the sled with Mick.

Mick’s team was the first team to cross the finish line. They won the race. Everyone was very happy for Akiak. She had finally won the Iditarod.
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Let’s Go!

Pack your bags and check the map.
Let’s go on a trip!
We could take a plane or train,
Or we could take a ship.
We’ll see many places.
We’ll make a lot of friends.
We’ll be glad to come back home,
When our journey ends.

Find the words *trip, journey, map, car, plane, train,* and *ship.*
Circle each word.
Grandfather’s Journey

Grandfather is from Japan. When he was young, he went to North America. Everything there was new and different. Grandfather traveled a lot. He saw many places and met many people. His favorite place in North America was California.

One day, Grandfather went back to Japan. He got married. Later, he and his wife went back to California. They lived in San Francisco. They had a daughter. They spent many years in California.

But Grandfather missed Japan. He missed the mountains and rivers from Japan. Finally, he took his family back to Japan.

When Grandfather was in Japan, he missed California. He told stories about California to his friends and family. Grandfather hoped to go back to California. But a war started, and he never could go back.

His grandson went to live in California many years later. When he visited California, he missed Japan. And when he visited Japan, he missed California. He loved both places, just like his grandfather!
Sailing Ship

The sailors pull
The anchor up,
And set the big ship free.
The captain calls,
“Full speed ahead!”
And the ship sails out to sea.

On the ship, draw a captain, sailors, and an anchor.
Finding the Titanic

The ship named the Titanic was very big. It was the biggest ship ever built. The first time the Titanic sailed was in 1912.

Ruth Becker was one of the passengers on the Titanic. She was twelve years old. She was travelling from England to the United States. She was excited to be on the Titanic. She and her family cheered when the ship left England.

The voyage took many days. Four days after the Titanic left England, it hit an iceberg! Ruth and her family got into lifeboats and were saved. But the Titanic sank. Many other people died.

After the Titanic sank, many people looked for the big ship in the ocean. No one found it for many years. Finally, in 1985, Robert Ballard and his team found the remains of the Titanic. They had special equipment that could go very deep into the water.

Robert Ballard had dreamed of finding the Titanic for many years. He found many things from the Titanic on the ocean floor: pots and pans, bathtubs, and suitcases. Using a robot camera, he took pictures of everything he saw.
Watching a Train

The engine is loud,
And the smoke is black.
The whistle says,
“Get off the track!”
The big metal wheels
Make the train go fast.
The cars zoom by.
The caboose comes last!

Help the train get to the station. Color the drawing.
By the Shores of Silver Lake

This story is about the Ingalls family. It takes place in the 1870s. The Ingalls family had a mother, a father, and four daughters, named Mary, Laura, Carrie, and Grace. In the story, the Ingalls took a train to move to a new town.

Trains were new in the 1870s. They went very fast. All the girls were excited to go on a train. They had never been on one before. They put on their nicest clothes, and went to the station. They waited for the train on the platform.

After a while, the train got to the station. The Ingalls family saw that it was very big. The train was loud. It blew black smoke into the air.

When they were on the train, Laura explained what she saw to her sister Mary. Mary was blind; she couldn’t see. Laura described what she saw inside the train and outside. The train ride was special. It wasn’t something that happens every day.

Ma bought a package of candy for the girls to share. They each got two pieces. By they time they finished eating the candy, the train stopped. They reached Tracy, the town where Pa would be waiting for them.
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- Train wheel
- Train tracks
- Woman
- Dress
- Shirt
- Bag
- Scarf
- Hat
- Shoes
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Library Search

I’m searching all the shelves
For a very special book.
Here it is! I found it!
Come and take a look.
It tells about the dinosaurs.
It has great pictures, too.
After I check out my book,
Let’s find one for you!

Write the titles of your favorite books on the lines.
Tomás and the Library Lady

Every summer, Tomás and his family went to Iowa. His parents worked on a farm there during the summer. They worked in Texas during the rest of the year.

Papá Grande, Tomás’s grandfather, told many stories to Tomás. Tomás loved his stories. Papá Grande told Tomás that he was old enough to go to the library himself. At the library, Tomás could find many new stories.

Tomás was nervous when he first got to the library. The Library Lady made him feel better. She gave Tomás a glass of water. She helped Tomás find books that he would like.

Tomás spent the whole day at the library. His imagination took him away to many fantastic places. The Library Lady helped Tomás check out some books, so he could take them home. At night, Tomás read the books to his family.

All summer long, he went to the library. Sometimes he read to the Library Lady, and sometimes he read by himself. He taught the Library Lady some words in Spanish. At the end of the summer, it was time to say adiós, or good-bye, to the kind Library Lady.
table  shelf  book

doctor  teacher  bench

custodian  bus driver  painter
I Wish

My grandma’s in the kitchen.
My grandpa’s in there, too.
My aunts and uncles are helping
My mom and dad cook barbecue.
My cousins are playing
A game of “Keep Away.”
I wish that all my other days
Could be just like today.

Label grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, and cousin.
You will have to use one word twice.
Tanya’s Reunion

Tanya was excited. She and Grandma were taking a trip to a farm. Her grandmother grew up there. The whole family would be coming to the farm. They were having a family reunion. Tanya and Grandma went to the farm a few days early to help get everything ready.

When Tanya got to the farm, it wasn’t what she expected. The farmhouse was old. There weren’t any animals. It rained all the time. Grandma was too busy to spend time with her. Tanya was unhappy and wanted to go home.

Grandma finally realized that Tanya wasn’t happy. Grandma told Tanya about when she was young. She talked about the farm, and all the fun she had growing up there. She told Tanya about other family members who lived on the farm. After talking with Grandma, the farm started to seem interesting and exciting.

Tanya helped get ready for the reunion. She fed the chickens and picked apples. Tanya found an old piece of wood with her grandparents’ initials in it. This made her feel proud. She felt closer to her family and their history. Tanya saw that she could enjoy being on the farm.
Tanya's Reunion

Name ____________________________

barn butter egg

rooster field orchard

pig sheep cow
Go West!

Pack up the wagon.
Hitch up the team.
Go on out West
To follow your dream!

They say there’s gold,
And the land is free.
Come see for yourself.
Go west with me!

Draw some things the cowboy would see in the West.
Boss of the Plains

In the 1840s, John Stetson was a hat maker. His family had been making hats for years. John lived in New Jersey. He dreamed of going west. The life in the West seemed exciting to him.

One day, he did go west. He went across the country with a group of people. They went to Colorado and looked for gold. Life was not easy. John decided to make a new hat. He needed a new hat because he wanted protection from the weather.

The new hat he made was very big and had a large brim. This hat protected him from the sun and the rain. Some people laughed at John’s hat. But one day, a man came up to John and said he wanted to buy John’s hat. He paid a lot of money for it.

John didn’t have any luck looking for gold. So he went back East. He started to make hats again. He decided to make a lot of big hats like the one he had made out West. He would send them west and see if people would buy them. He called his hat the “Boss of the Plains.”

People didn’t buy his hat at first. But then, everyone bought the hats and John had to make many more. Soon, everyone in the West was wearing John’s hat. It was the perfect hat for them.
Name ________________________________

- cowboy
- trail
- wagon
- campfire
- sleeping bag
- tent
- boots
- backpack
- canteen
The Weather

They’re wearing their snow boots in China.
They’re swimming in El Salvador.
It’s quite foggy today in Scotland.
Here the rain is starting to pour.
The weather is different all over.
It changes from day to day, too.
If you don’t like the weather you’re having,
Tomorrow will bring something new!

How’s the weather? Draw symbols to represent the weather in China, El Salvador, and Scotland. Make sure you use the poem for clues.
A Very Important Day

Many people in New York City woke up early one day. It was a very important day for them. When they woke up and looked out the window, they saw that it was snowing.

Some people had never seen snow before. They were from other countries, such as India or Ghana, where it never snows. Other people had seen snow before. They were reminded of the countries they came from, such as Russia and Scotland, where it snows a lot.

Even with all the snow, everyone had something important to do that day. So they all went downtown. Some people took the subway. Other people walked and took the bus. One family took a ferry to go downtown.

All of the families went to the courthouse. It was an important day for all of them. They were all going to a ceremony. It was an important ceremony because they were all becoming citizens of the United States of America.
A Very Important Day

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A Mystery?

Who touched the green leaves
And turned them red and gold?
Who touched the morning air
And made it crisp and cold?

Who touched the green grass
And left it frosty white?
Who changed the whole world
While I slept last night?

Label each season spring, summer, autumn, or winter.
The Stranger

It was late summer. Farmer Bailey was driving. Suddenly, he hit a stranger with his truck. Farmer Bailey brought the man to his house to make sure he wasn’t hurt.

The stranger didn’t speak at all. He had strange clothes. He didn’t know how to use buttons. He had never seen steam. The stranger worked hard, but he never sweat. After three weeks, the stranger still had not said a word.

Farmer Bailey noticed something odd about the weather. The seasons were not changing. The leaves on the trees had not changed from green to red and orange. The temperature had not gotten colder. Instead of changing to autumn, it was still summer around the farm.

The stranger knew that something was wrong. One day, he put on his old clothes and left the Bailey’s house. As soon as the stranger left, the air got cold and the leaves changed colors.

Every autumn at the Bailey’s house after the stranger’s visit, a strange thing happens. The leaves change color overnight. In the morning, the Baileys find the words “See you next fall” written on their window.
Name

world
grass
leaf

deer
goose
thermometer

compass
bear
rabbit

ELL 3–3A Picture-Word Cards

Grade 4  Theme 3: That's Amazing!
Island Home

My island home is small.
There is water all around.
The wind and waves together
Make a lovely ocean sound.

We eat the island fruits.
We swim almost every day.
My island makes me smile.
I could never move away!

Draw and label things that you would want to have
in your island home.
Cendrillon

Cendrillon was a young woman. She lived on a beautiful island. She lived with her father, her stepmother, and her stepsister. Cendrillon’s stepmother always made her work hard.

One day, Cendrillon wasn’t allowed to go to a fancy ball. Her stepmother said she was too lazy. Cendrillon wanted to go to the ball, because Paul would be there. Paul was handsome and kind, just like a prince.

Cendrillon’s godmother made a promise. She said that she would find a way for Cendrillon to go to the ball. Her godmother used her magic wand to give Cendrillon everything she needed for the ball: a carriage, horses, a beautiful dress, and elegant shoes.

At the ball, Paul danced with Cendrillon all night. At midnight, Cendrillon had to leave the ball quickly. But she forgot one of her shoes. Paul picked up the shoe and hoped to find the woman who owned the other shoe.

When Paul got to Cendrillon’s house, he put the shoe on her foot. Cendrillon was not wearing beautiful, expensive clothes. Paul said she looked just as beautiful as the night before. There was true love in his eyes. Cendrillon and Paul were married soon after that.
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Beat the Heat

The weather will be hot today,
Too hot to work, too hot to play.
Fan yourself and look for shade.
Drink a glass of lemonade.
Wear clothes that are light and cool.
Swim all morning at the pool.
Rest indoors all afternoon,
And wish for cooler weather soon!

Draw your favorite drink in the glass. Label the picture and color it.
Heat Wave!

One summer day on a farm in Kansas, the weather got very hot. There was a Heat Wave! It was so hot that birds flying across the sky got cooked outside. It was so hot that the flowers went under the porch, looking for shade.

The corn planted in the fields was so hot that it popped. There was popcorn all over the fields. The family who lived on the farm needed to get rid of the popcorn. They packed it in their truck and sold it at the movie theater.

The family needed to fight the Heat Wave. They mixed flour, yeast, and water together. This made dough, and the dough started baking. Some crows smelled the baking bread and flew over. They created some shade, so it was cooler for a while. But then the birds landed on the bread, so there wasn’t any more shade. It was hot again.

Then the family had another idea. They planted lettuce seeds. The lettuce grew right away. As the lettuce grew, the temperature got cooler. Finally, the Heat Wave disappeared. The lettuce cooled off the air so much because it was iceberg lettuce!
Perfect Day!

I walked into my classroom
And I heard my teacher say,
"Your science test is on the wall
Because you got an A!"
The drama teacher chose me
As the lead in our school play.
So if we get a long recess,
Today will be the PERFECT day!

Write about your perfect day at school.
My Name Is María Isabel

María Isabel had just started at a new school. In her new class, the teacher called her “Mary López” instead of María Isabel Salazar López.

María Isabel was not used to being called Mary. When the class was picking roles for the Winter Pageant, María Isabel didn’t hear the teacher call her. Since she didn’t answer when she heard the teacher call “Mary,” she didn’t get a role in the play.

María Isabel was unhappy that she wasn’t in the pageant. She felt left out of all the fun and excitement. María Isabel sat by herself when everyone else was rehearsing. She wished she could tell her teacher that she wanted to be in the pageant, but she was too shy.

One day the teacher had the class write an essay called “My Greatest Wish.” María Isabel wrote that her greatest wish was to be called by her real name: María Isabel Salazar López. She also wrote that she wished she had a part in the Winter Pageant.

After the teacher read her essay, she started to call María Isabel by her real name. The teacher understood how she felt, and María Isabel got to sing in the Winter Pageant.
My Name Is María Isabel

Name ________________________

Grade 4    Theme 4: Problem Solvers

Picture-Word Cards ELL 4–3
Name ____________________________

office  library  classroom

guitar  curtain  stage

drums  saxophone  violin

ELL 4–3A Picture-Word Cards  Grade 4  Theme 4: Problem Solvers
Skiing Lesson

I put my feet together
So my skis are side by side.
I push off with my poles
And my skis begin to slide.

I bend my knees to balance.
I lean right or left to turn.
Put on your skis and try it.
Anyone can learn!

Label the picture with these words:
feet, knees, poles, and skis.
Marven of the Great North Woods

In 1918, Marven had to leave the city. There was a dangerous illness in the city. Marven’s family didn’t want him to get sick. So Marven’s parents sent him to a logging camp. Marven could work as a bookkeeper there. Marven was only ten years old, and he went by himself.

When Marven got to the logging camp, it seemed like a new world. It was full of tall trees and huge men. It was very cold and snowy. Marven faced many problems: what to eat, how to wake up the lumberjacks, and how to do his job as a bookkeeper.

After a few weeks, he did his job very well. He finished early each day, and had free time. Marven made a friend, a huge lumberjack named Jean Louis. Together, they sang songs, played games, danced, and hiked.

Marven stayed in the Great North Woods for four months. He was always worried about his family. He wondered if they were sick. Finally, it was time for Marven to go back home. He took the train back to the city. He was happy to see his whole family at the station. The illness was over, and Marven was home.
Marven of the Great North Woods

sled  snowshoes  skis

branch  ice skates  snowmobile

trunk  leaf  roots
The Secret of the Dragon

Your dragon face is colorful.
Your eyes are open wide.
Your body twists and moves around.
Your tail swings side to side.

I almost would believe you’re real,
Except I’ve found some clues.
Underneath your long, bright tail
I spy some tennis shoes!

Connect the dots. Color the picture.
The Last Dragon

Peter Chang was not happy. He had to spend the summer with his great aunt in Chinatown. Her apartment was small. Everything in Chinatown was strange to Peter.

Peter’s feelings about Chinatown changed when he saw the dragon costume. He thought the dragon was special. The dragon needed a lot of repairs. He was old and dusty and had a lot of holes. He didn’t even have any teeth or eyes. Peter decided that he would fix the dragon.

But Peter couldn’t fix the dragon alone. He went to the tailor, who could fix the holes in the dragon’s body. Pretty soon, Great Aunt and her friends decided to help. Peter got many people from the community to help fix the dragon. Peter made many friends in Chinatown.

Finally, on Peter’s last night in Chinatown, the dragon was finished. Everyone in town had worked together. Peter was happy when he saw people wearing the dragon costume. The dragon looked new. The dragon went around the streets of Chinatown. Peter liked his beautiful dragon. He liked Chinatown, too!
Name ____________________________

Grade 4  Theme 4: Problem Solvers

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Picture-Word Cards ELL 4–9
Name

igg   cape   mask

screwdriver   paintbrush   needle

drill   pliers   hammer
Jazz Band

The drummer starts the rhythm.
The crowd picks up the beat.
When the saxophone joins in,
The people move their feet.

The big bass plays the low notes.
Folks are dancing in the aisles.
When the trumpet plays a solo,
The audience goes wild!

What's your favorite song?
Write the title of the song and why you like it.
Sing to the Stars

Ephram was walking home from his violin lesson. He stopped to talk to Mr. Washington. Mr. Washington was blind, but he always knew when Ephram was walking down the street. Mr. Washington had heard Ephram play his violin. He knew that Ephram played well.

Mr. Washington told Ephram that there would be a concert the next night. It was an open mike concert, so anyone could perform. Mr. Washington told Ephram that he should play. Ephram was nervous. He didn’t know if he would play his violin at the concert.

Later that night, Ephram found out that Mr. Washington used to be a professional piano player. But Mr. Washington never played anymore. Years ago, Mr. Washington had a car accident. He lost his sight, and his daughter died in the accident. Mr. Washington didn’t have enough joy in him to play music anymore.

Ephram had an idea. He would play at the concert. And Mr. Washington would play with him. Even though they were both nervous, Ephram and Mr. Washington played a duet at the concert. They played beautiful music.
Name ________________________________

radio speakers microphone

record cassette compact disk

planet star moon
How to Be a Hero

Return someone’s lost wallet.
Help fix a flat tire.
Spend time with a friend who’s sad.
Help put out a fire.
Stand up for what’s right.
Always be fair.
Every day do something
To show that you care.

Who is your hero? Draw your hero.
Write your hero’s name and why he or she is your hero.
Happy Birthday, Dr. King!

Jamal and another boy got into a fight on the school bus. They both wanted to sit in the back of the bus. Jamal got in trouble at school because he was fighting. The principal sent a note home to his parents.

Jamal’s grandfather was upset about the fight. Grandpa Jo explained how things were when he was growing up. He wasn’t allowed to sit in the front of the bus, just because he was African American. He always had to sit in the back.

Martin Luther King, Jr. didn’t think it was fair that people were separated by their color. He helped African Americans organize a boycott of the buses. It lasted for more than a year. Dr. King organized many other peaceful protests. He wanted to change the unfair laws. A few years later, the laws were changed.

Jamal learned from his grandfather. He had an idea for a play. His class could perform the play at the school assembly, which celebrated of Dr. King’s birthday. Jamal’s play was about two boys who don’t understand Dr. King’s teachings. They fight over who gets to sit at the back of the bus. They learn that fighting is not the way to change things.
Happy Birthday, Dr. King!
Happy Birthday, Dr. King!

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A Sing-Along

Come join us for a sing-along.
We will sing your favorite song.
Choose a tune that’s soft and slow.
Or pick a fast song that you know.
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
Or snap your fingers to the beat.
Let your body rock and sway.
Singing is more fun that way!

What song would you like to sing with your friends?
Write the title of the song.
Gloria Estefan

Gloria Estefan was born in Cuba in 1957. In 1959, she moved to Miami, Florida. When Gloria was ten years old, her father got sick. Gloria took care of her father and her younger sister. She helped her family as much as she could.

Music was very important to Gloria. When she was in college, Gloria became the lead singer in Emilio Estefan’s band, the Miami Sound Machine. When Gloria finished college, she got married to Emilio. They worked together in the band and recorded many songs. Gloria sang in Spanish and in English. The band became popular all over North and South America. They had many hits.

In 1990, Gloria was in an accident. Her back was broken. The doctors didn’t know if she could ever work again. They thought she might be paralyzed. But she had surgery, and she got better. The next year, she was performing again.

Gloria Estefan has done a lot of work to help people. She helped promote drug prevention among young people. She raised money for people who were hurt by a hurricane and for the American Cancer Society. In 1990, President Bush gave Gloria an honor for her volunteer work.
Ball Game

The pitcher throws a fast ball.
The batter swings too high.
The baseball hits the catcher's mitt.
"Strike!" the umpire cries.
The batter steps back to the plate.
The pitcher has good aim.
The batter hits it high and long.
His home run wins the game!

Draw people and things you find in a baseball field.
Label each person or thing.
Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man

Lou Gehrig was a great baseball player. He was born in New York City in 1903. Lou always studied hard. He didn’t miss a day of school for eight years. He was the star of the baseball team in high school.

In 1923, Lou joined a professional baseball team. The team was the New York Yankees. From 1925 to 1939, Lou never missed a baseball game. He played in 2,130 games in a row. He was named the Most Valuable Player in the league twice.

In 1938, something happened to Lou. He couldn’t hit the ball as well as he could before. He couldn’t throw the ball. He couldn’t catch. Sometimes he fell down. The next year, he was even worse. So he decided to stop playing for his team. When Lou went to the doctor, he found out that he had a deadly disease.

The mayor of New York City made July 4, 1939 Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day. That day, Lou talked to the fans. Instead of complaining that he had a terrible disease, he told them how lucky he was. He said he had been lucky in baseball. He spoke of all the people who had been good to him.

Lou Gehrig died two years later. He will always be remembered for being an example of good sportsmanship.
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Fishing

We fish in the ocean
With a pole or a net.
Then we check for crabs
In the traps we set.
We hang the fish to dry.
Yum! What a treat!
Our families and our friends
Have plenty to eat!

Draw something you would like to catch if you went fishing.
Salmon Summer

Alex lives in Alaska. He is nine years old, and he loves to fish. Alex and his father catch fish to feed their family. Every summer, salmon lay their eggs in the bay.

Now, Alex will fish for salmon with his father. They use a special net to catch the salmon. Alex picks the salmon out of the net. He can name all of the kinds of salmon.

After that, Alex cleans the fish. His family will share most of the fish with other people in their town. They will give the rest to birds, foxes, bears, or other animals.

When he finishes his work, Alex gets to fish for fun. His favorite way to fish is with a fishing rod. Alex catches many salmon. But he doesn’t keep the salmon. Instead, he uses the salmon to catch a bigger fish.

He catches a halibut. The halibut is almost as big as Alex is! His father has to help him pull the huge fish onto the boat. Alex is happy. Alex’s grandmother will dry the fish to make his favorite snack.
Name ____________________________

Grade 4    Theme 6: Nature: Friend and Foe

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squirrel  reindeer  rabbit

fish  owl  duck

shark  whale  crab
Forest Fire

There’s a fire in the forest!
Black smoke fills the sky.
The firefighters spray water
Until the fire dies.
All the green is gone now.
The trees are black and burned.
But tiny seeds will grow,
And the forest will return.

Draw what will happen to the forest after the fire. Color your picture.
Wildfires

Wildfires can be scary and dangerous. But did you know that some wildfires are helpful? After a forest fire, new trees and plants begin to grow. Some trees cannot grow without heat. They get the heat from the fire.

There are many things that start a forest fire. Lightning, a spark from a campfire, or a match can start a small fire. The fire then spreads through the forest.

Firefighters used to put out every forest fire. Now, they sometimes let a forest fire burn. Sometimes firefighters even start small fires on purpose. This might prevent bigger fires from happening later.

The biggest forest fire in history happened in 1988. It was in Yellowstone National Park. It started in June and lasted until November. Thousands of firefighters tried to put out the fire. But the fire didn’t stop until it rained.

Even this huge fire couldn’t destroy Yellowstone. After the fire, new trees began to grow. The animals came back to the forest. Wildfires are neither good nor bad. They are a part of a natural cycle of change.
Name ________________________________

shovel  ax  hose

fire truck  bucket  flashlight

nest  insects  flower
Prairie Day

The prairie is wide and flat
Beneath the bright blue sky.
The grass moves like ocean waves
Each time the breeze blows by.
When evening comes, coyotes howl.
Owls hunt and field mice run.
The prairie dogs go underground.
Their prairie day is done.

Label the animals.
The drought lasted for many days. There weren’t any flowers in the garden. Even the animals were thirsty. A coyote tried to drink the family’s water. Papa chased it away. Anna’s stepmother, Sarah, cried. She felt sorry for the coyote.

Anna and her brother, Caleb, wanted Sarah to be happy. She wasn’t used to the prairie. The drought made it difficult for her. Anna and Caleb helped organize a surprise birthday party for Sarah. They hoped that it would make her happy. And it did; for a while, everyone was happy.

But the drought went on. Some of the neighbor’s wells were dry. They left the prairie, because they didn’t have water.

Anna woke up one night and saw that the barn was on fire. The family couldn’t put the fire out, because the only water they had was their drinking water. So they watched the barn burn.

The next day, Sarah, Caleb, and Anna left the prairie. The drought was too bad for them to stay. Papa stayed on the farm to take care of the animals. They hoped that soon they would be together again.