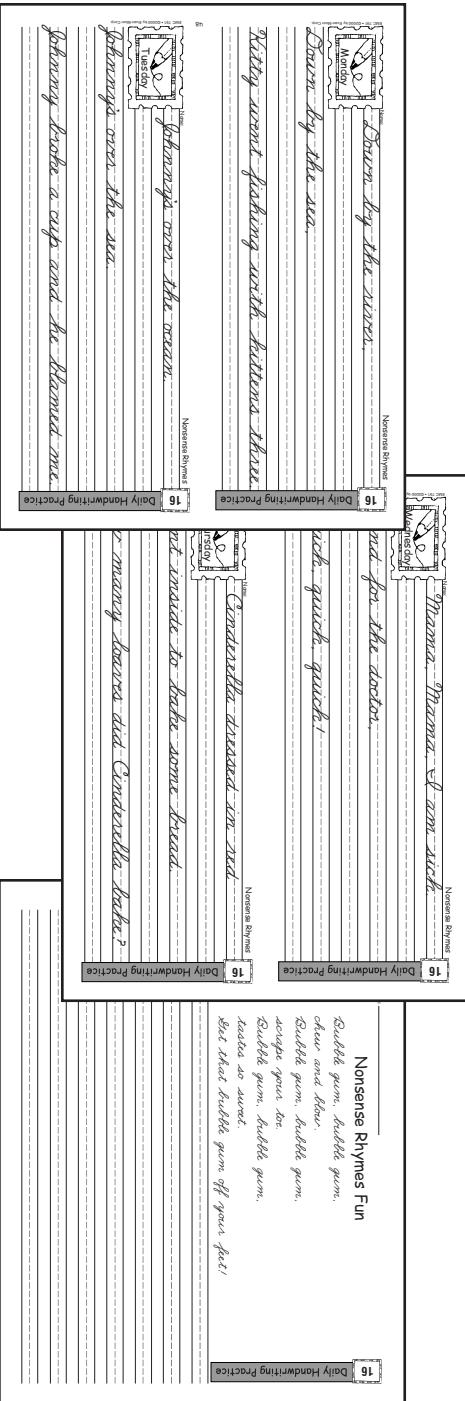


Why Daily Handwriting Practice?

The premise behind *Daily Handwriting Practice* is simple and straightforward—frequent, focused practice of a skill leads to mastery and retention of that skill.

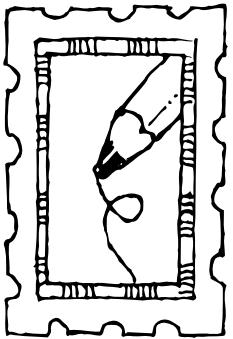
What's in *Daily Handwriting Practice*?

- The book is divided into 36 weekly sections. On Monday through Thursday students complete half pages to practice writing letters, words, and sentences. Friday's practice is a full page.



- A full-page chart showing proper letter formation is included.
- *Daily Handwriting Practice* is more than handwriting. While completing the handwriting exercises, students learn about a variety of curriculum topics:

The Alphabet	Unusual Animals
Capital Letters	Owls Are Amazing Hunters
Months of the Year	Whales
Days of the Week	The Water Cycle
Geography Facts	Using Good Verbs
Inventors	Figures of Speech
The Seven Continents	Colors and Alliteration
The Weather	Learning About Beavers
Our Presidents	Simple Machines
Games Around the World	Famous Quotations
Native American Tribes	Sports Around the World
Unusual Plants	Candy Around the World
Prefixes and Suffixes	Learning About Kenya
Rhyming Words	Writing About Math
Rivers of the World	Alphabets Around the World
Nonsense Rhymes	



Letter Formation Chart Traditional Cursive

a a b b c c d d

e e f f g g h h

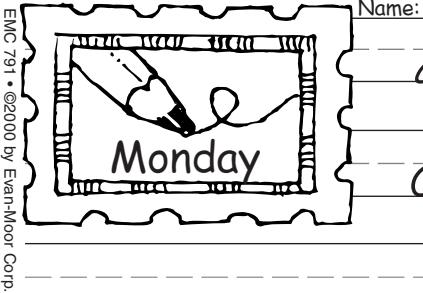
i i j j k k l l

m m n n o o p p

q q r r s s t t

u u v v w w x x

y y z z



Name:

a a a

b b b

c c c

d d d

e e e

f f f

cab

dab

bad

face

ace

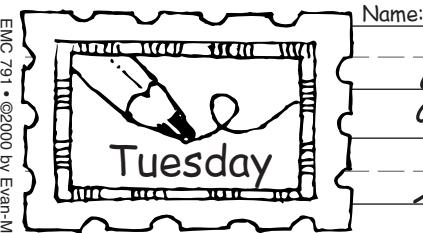
bead

fee

baa

deed

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Name:

g g g

h h h

i i i

j j j

k k k

l l l

kid

lid

bib

leg

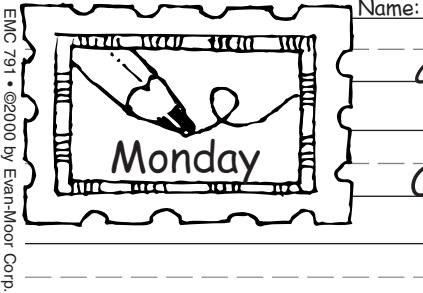
hill

jab

dig

big

cake



Name:

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e e e

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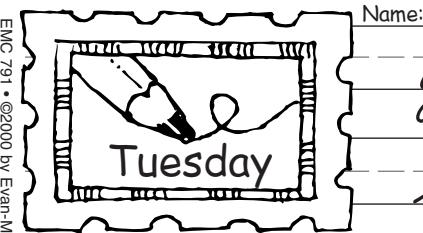
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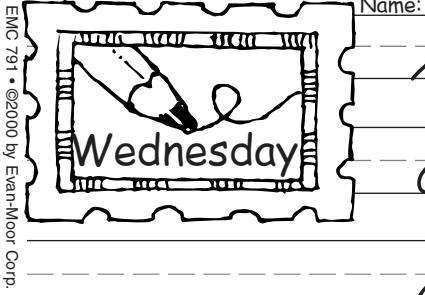
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dig

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cake



Name:

The Alphabet

1

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m m m

n n n

o o o

p p p

q q q

r r r

poem

moon

race

mane

roam

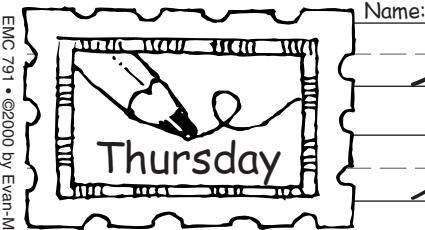
drop

drape

bean

pail

4



Name:

The Alphabet

1

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s s s

t t t

u u u

v v v

w w w

x x x

y y y

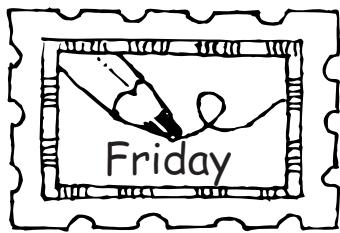
z z z

years

amazing

quiet

windows



Name: _____

In Just

when the world is puddle-wonderful
the queer old balloonman whistles
far and wee
and betty and disbel come dancing
from hop-scotch and jump-rope and
it's spring

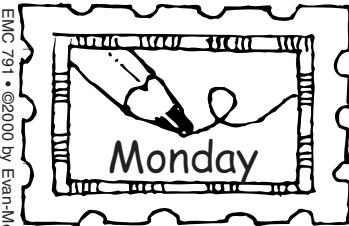
e.e. cummings

e.e. cummings is a poet who uses very few capital letters.

Practice your lowercase letters by copying this stanza from his poem.

5

Sign your name like e.e. cummings. Use your first two initials and your last name with no capitals.



Name:

a b c d e
g h i

Amber

Bob

Carlos

Dastri

Eddie

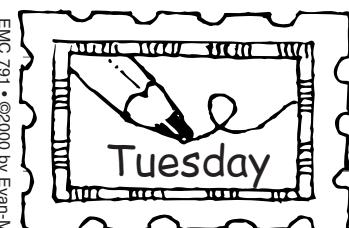
Fran

Gunter

Hoa

Ira

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Name:

J K L M N
O P Q R

Jamal

Kanika

Lana

Maria

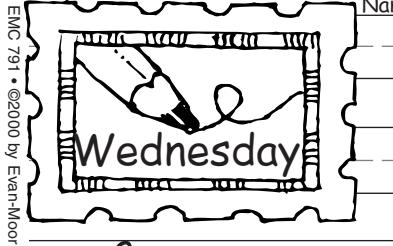
Namid

Olga

Paul

Quon

Raul



Name:

S

T

U

V

W

X

Y

Z

Scott

Tina

Usef

Victor

Walker

Xavier

Yasmin

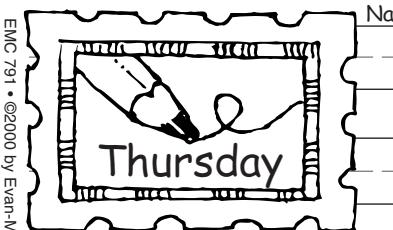
Zeke

Capital Letters

2

Daily Handwriting Practice

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Name:

Aa

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

Ii

Jj

Kk

Ll

Mm

Nn

Oo

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

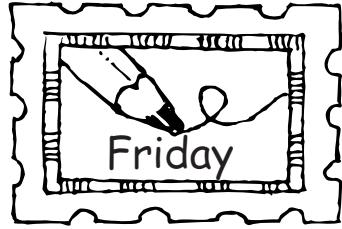
Ww

X Y Z

Capital Letters

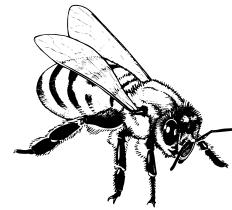
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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name:

A Dialogue



Student: A, B, C, D, Eeee! A bee!

Teacher: No. A, B, C, D, E, F

Student: A, B, C, D, E, F, Gee, a bee!

Teacher: No. No. No.

Student: A bee!

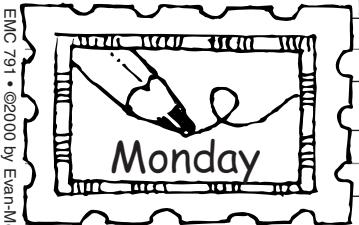
Teacher: That's better. A, B, C...

Copy the letters and the words written in cursive.

Months of the Year

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name:

January

February

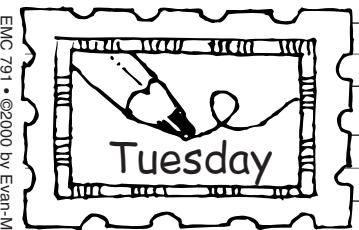
March

Jumpin' January

Flag-waving February

Mixed-up March

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Name:

April

May

June

Alarming April

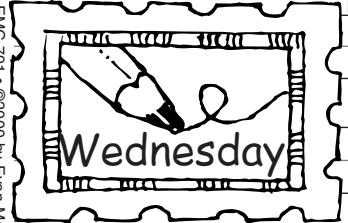
Marvelous May

Jazzy June

Months of the Year

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name:

July

August

September

Jolly July

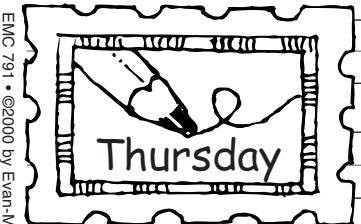
Ambitious August

Spirited September

Months of the Year

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name:

October

November

December

Orderly October

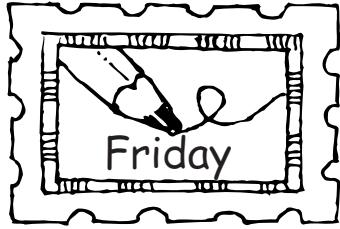
Next-to-last November

Dazzling December

Months of the Year

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name: _____

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Daily Handwriting Practice

Months of the Year

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

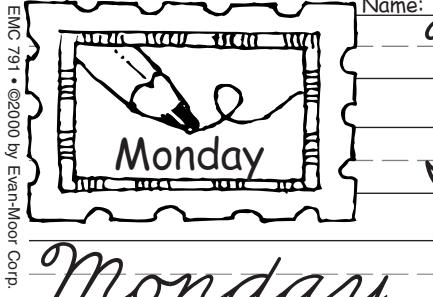
September

October

November

December

Write the months in alphabetical order.



Name:

Days of the Week

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Daily Handwriting Practice

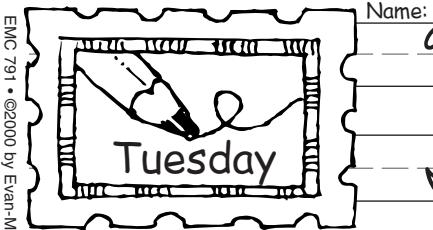
Monday

Tuesday

Monday mornings make me merry.

Tuesday twilight turns into tomorrow.

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Name:

Days of the Week

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Daily Handwriting Practice

Wednesday

Thursday

Wild Wednesday winds whistle.

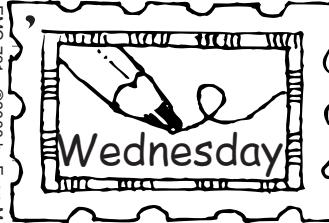
Thursday tornadoes turn treacherous.

Name:

Days of the Week

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Daily Handwriting Practice



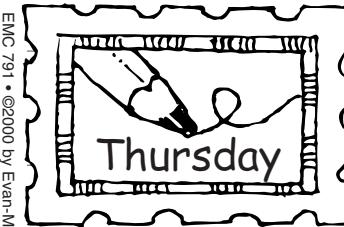
Friday

Saturday

Fun-filled Friday flies by fast.

Some summer Saturdays start slowly.

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Name:

Days of the Week

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Daily Handwriting Practice

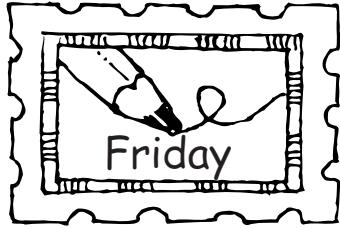
Sunday

swim

shower

Sunday's sun swims into showers.

Soon the showers slip back to sun.



Name: _____

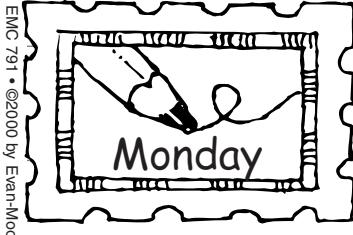
Days of the Week

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Daily Handwriting Practice

Mondays child is fair of face,
Tuesdays child is full of grace,
Wednesdays child is full of woe,
Thursdays child has far to go,
Fridays child is loving and giving,
Saturdays child works for a living;
But the child that's born on Sunday
Is blithe and bonny, good and gay.

Copy this Mother Goose rhyme.



Name:

North

East

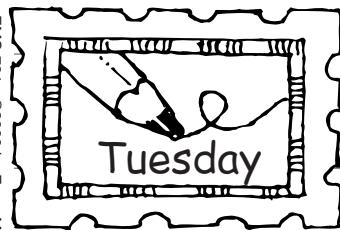
East is east and West is west.

Geography Facts

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Daily Handwriting Practice

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Name:

compass rose

legend

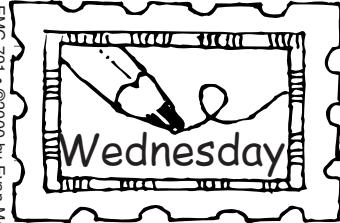
The compass rose shows directions.

Geography Facts

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Daily Handwriting Practice

The legend of a map is a key.



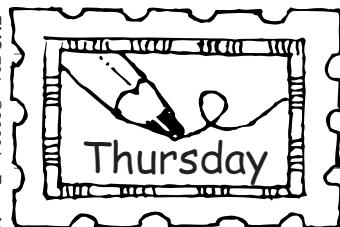
Name:

equator

prime meridian

These are imaginary lines on a map.

They help people describe locations.



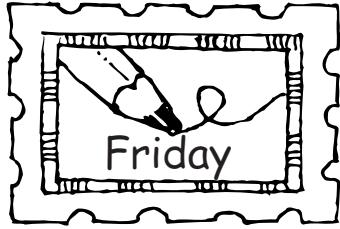
Name:

North Pole

South Pole

The North Pole is at the top of a globe.

The South Pole is at the bottom.



Name: _____

Geography Facts

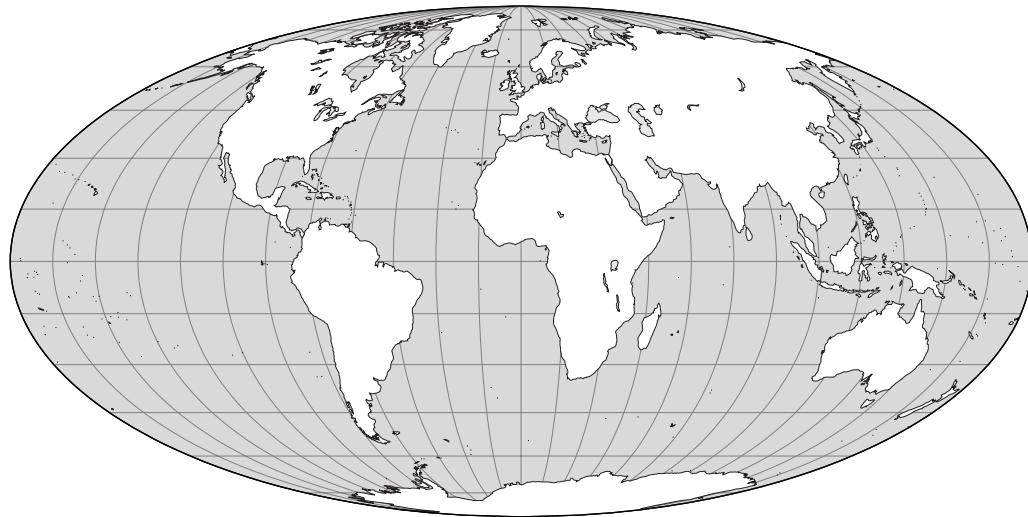
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Daily Handwriting Practice

What is the latitude and longitude
of your hometown?

_____ latitude,

_____ longitude



Copy this.

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latitude

longitude

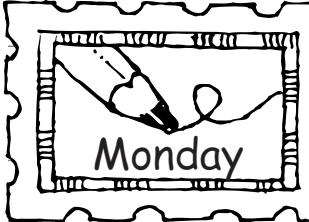
Lines of latitude parallel the equator.

Lines of longitude run north and south.

The lines help find a place on the globe.

Name:

Inventors



telephones

A. G. Bell

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Daily Handwriting Practice

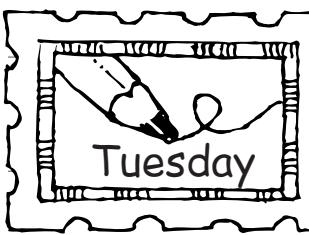
Mr. Bell patented the telephone in 1876.

Today there are more than 425 million.

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(R. J. Anderson patented the idea of a washing machine with wooden tubs.)

Inventors



Name:

washing machines

R. J. Anderson

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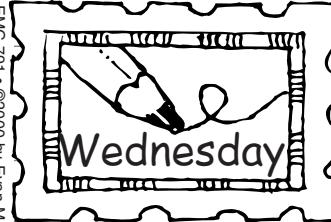
Daily Handwriting Practice

People used to wash clothes by hand.

Then washing machines were invented.

Name:

Inventors



airplanes

Wright Brothers

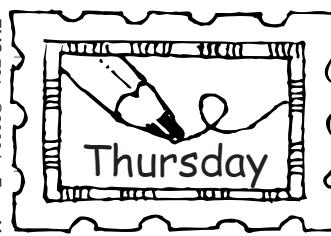
In 1903 Orville flew for 12 seconds.

Today jumbo jets fly for many hours.

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Name:

Inventors



automobiles

Henry Ford

Mr. Ford made Model Ts in 1908.

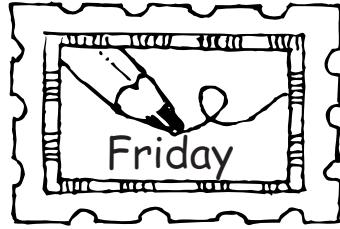
Today computers help cars run well.

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Name: _____

Famous Inventors

- Jacques Cousteau SCUBA
Thomas Edison light bulb
Benjamin Franklin bifocals
Galileo Galilei telescope
Louis Pasteur pasteurization
George Westinghouse air brakes
Steve Wozniak personal computer

Copy the names of these famous inventors.

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Jacques Cousteau

Thomas Edison

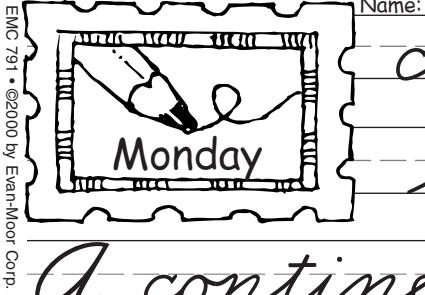
Benjamin Franklin

Galileo Galilei

Louis Pasteur

George Westinghouse

Steve Wozniak



Name:

The Seven Continents

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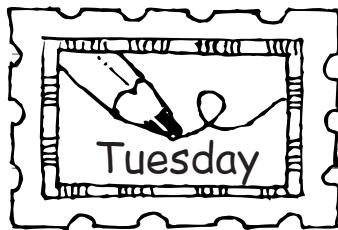
continent

landmass

A continent is a large landmass.

The Earth has seven major continents.

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Name:

The Seven Continents

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North America

South America

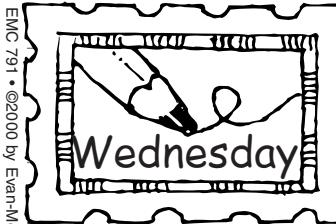
is north of the equator.

is south of the equator.

The Seven Continents

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Name:

Australia

Antarctica

These two continents are islands.

The South Pole is on Antarctica.

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Name:

Europe

Asia

Africa

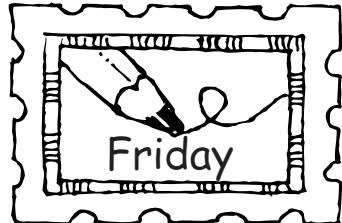
The Seven Continents

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Africa is the second-largest continent.

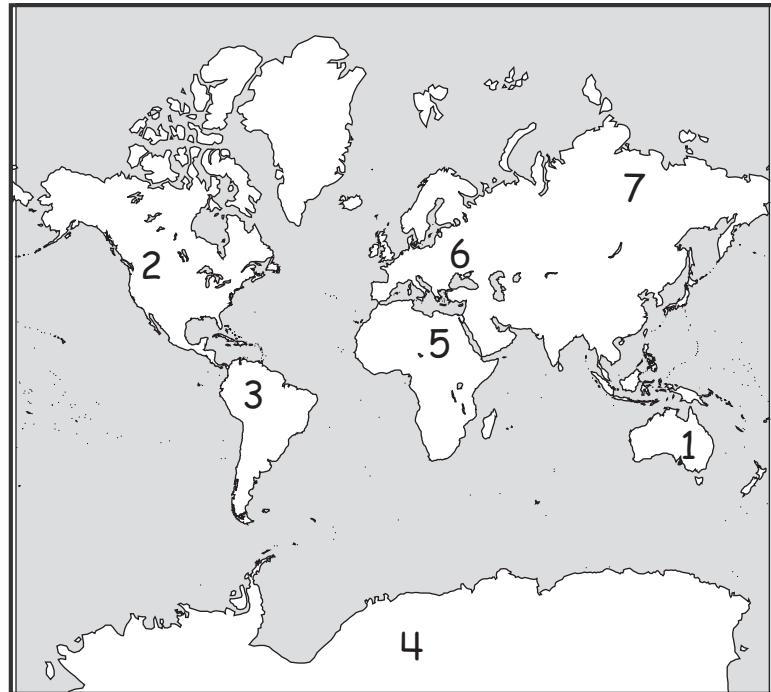
Asia is the largest and most populated.



Name: _____

The Continents

Write the name of each continent on the correct line.
Then answer the questions below.



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Word Box

Australia Antarctica
Asia Africa
Europe North America
South America

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

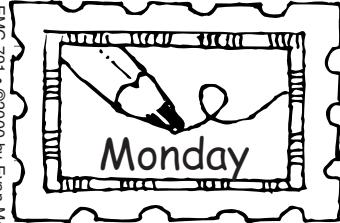
Which continents have you visited?

On which continent do you live?

What continents are your nearest neighbors?

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Name:

The Weather

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Daily Handwriting Practice

windy

rainy

sunny

snowy

cloudy

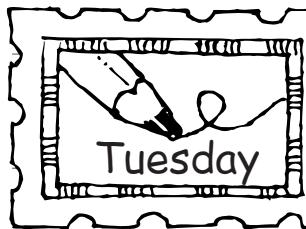
foggy

breezy

drippy

A weatherman gives a weather report.

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Name:

The Weather

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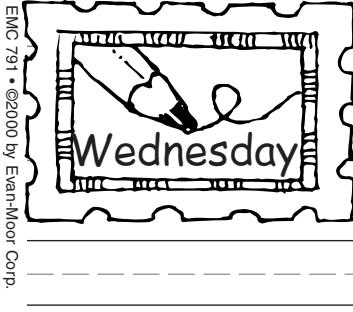
Daily Handwriting Practice

weatherman

meteorologist

A weatherman is a meteorologist.

When you give a forecast, you predict.



Name:

The Weather

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Humidity

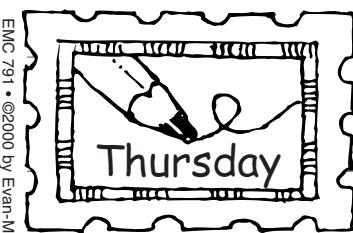
Temperature

is moisture in the air.

tells how hot or cold it is.

When both are low, it's cool and dry.

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Name:

The Weather

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barometer

thermometer

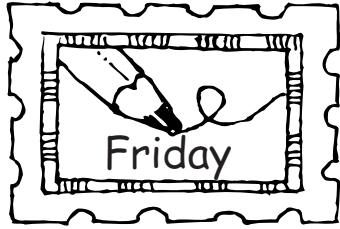
A barometer measures air pressure.

A thermometer measures temperature.

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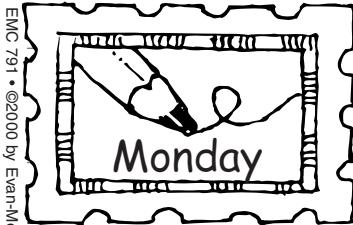
Name: _____

Extreme Weather

Sometimes weather can be extreme. A blizzard is a bad snowstorm. Hurricanes, tornadoes, and cyclones are violent windstorms.

A tsunami is a great sea wave. When water overflows and covers the land, it is called a flood.

Copy the paragraph.

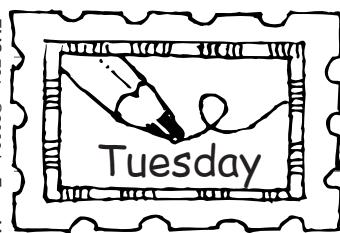


Name:

George Washington

Washington was the first president.

He was a general in the army.



Name:

Jefferson could speak five languages. He

wrote the Declaration of Independence.



Name:

Our Presidents

Abraham Lincoln

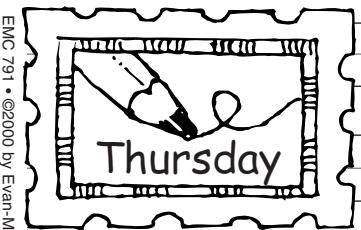
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Lincoln was a Civil War president.

He signed a paper that freed slaves.

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Name:

Our Presidents

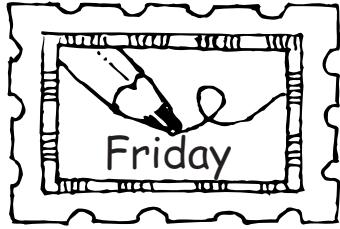
John F. Kennedy

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Kennedy founded the Peace Corps.

He was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

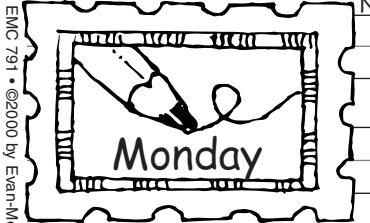


Name: _____

Presidential Oath of Office

*I do solemnly swear that I will
faithfully execute the office of President of
the United States, and will, to the best of
my ability, preserve, protect, and defend
the Constitution of the United States.*

Copy the oath.



Name:

Games Around the World

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Daily Handwriting Practice

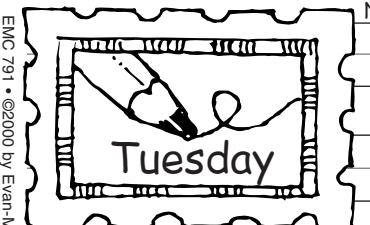
Tic-Tac-Toe

three-in-a-row

Tic-Tac-Toe has many versions.

Three-in-a-row wins around the world.

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Name:

Games Around the World

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Daily Handwriting Practice

Three Men's Morris

Three Men's Morris is an old game.

It was played in China in 1400 B.C.



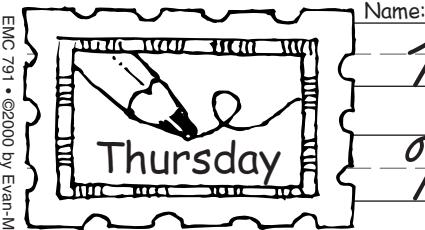
Name:

Seega

Egypt

Ancient Egyptians played Seega.

Players moved markers on a board.



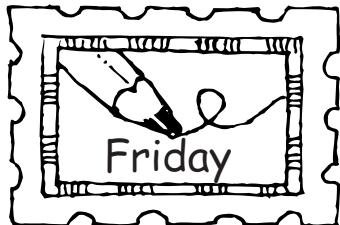
Name:

Picaria

Native American

Players take turns placing markers.

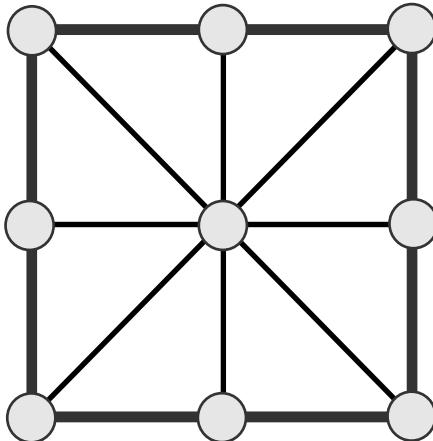
They line up three markers to win.



Name: _____

Achi

Central African children draw the Achi game board in the dirt and gather small stones to use as markers. Copy the directions for play. Then try the game.



How to Play:

1. Take turns putting one marker at a time on any circle.
2. Try to get three markers in a row.
3. If no one gets three in a row, take turns moving the markers.

You Need:

- 2 players
- 8 markers:
 - 4 light-colored
 - 4 dark-colored
- game board

Name:

Onondaga

Seneca

Woodland tribes made homes of wood.

These natives lived by the water.

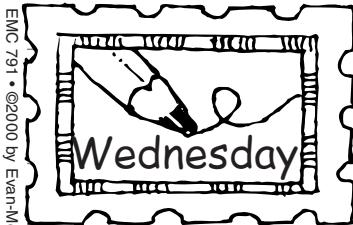
Name:

Pawnee

Sioux

Great Plains tribes tracked buffalo.

Their portable tents were easy to move.



Name:

Navaho

Pima

Juni

These tribes were farmers and artists.

They made rugs, pottery, and jewelry.

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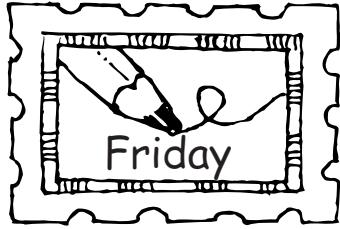
Name:

Kwakiutl

Nootka

These tribes built plank homes.

They held parties called potlatches.

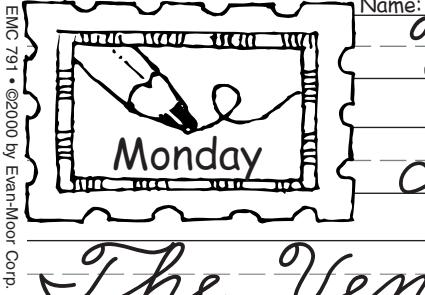


Name: _____

Native Americans Yesterday and Today

Several million people lived in North America before Europeans arrived. Today reservations are located in thirty-four states. Many Native Americans live on these reservations. Other Native Americans live in cities and towns.

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Name:

Unusual Plants

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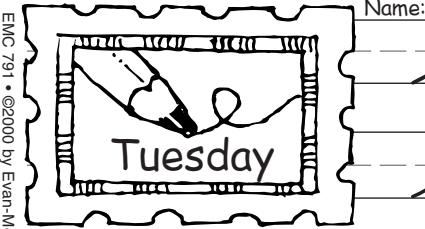
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Venus's-flytrap
carnivorous

The Venus's-flytrap eats insects.

Its leaves work like a trap.

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Name:

Unusual Plants

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Daily Handwriting Practice

kapok tree
rainforest

The kapok tree can be 200 feet tall.

Many plants and animals live in it.



Name:

Unusual Plants

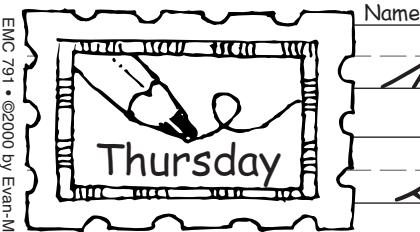
saguaro cactus

Sonoran Desert

The saguaro can be 200 years old.

Its skin stores rainwater.

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Name:

Unusual Plants

help

seaweed

The giant help is like a tree.

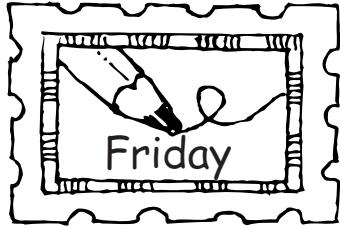
Its holdfast ties the plant to a rock.

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Unusual Plants

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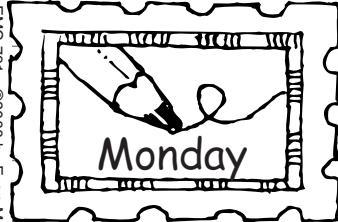
Daily Handwriting Practice

There are many different kinds of plants. Each plant is adapted to the environment where it grows.

The Venus's-flytrap grows in an environment of limited nutrients so it has become carnivorous.

The kapok tree has large palmlike leaves. The saguaro cactus has spiny needles. The kelp plant has a holdfast instead of a root.

Copy the paragraph.



Name:

un

re

tri

pre

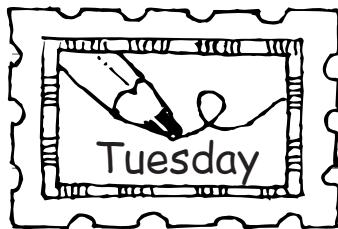
unhappy

repeat

tricycle

prevent

A prefix is at the beginning of a word.



Name:

in

im

dis

mis

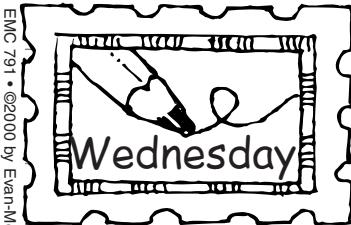
imperfect

disrespect

ineffective

misprint

Add in or im to make an antonym.



Name:

ful

en

hopeful

wooden

ly

ology

quickly

biology

Put a suffix at the end of a word.

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Name:

less

ment

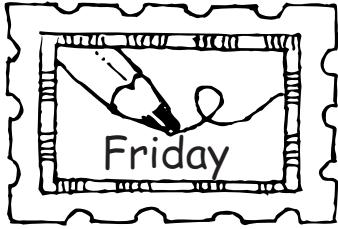
hopeless

careless

movement

agreement

The suffix less means "without."



Name: _____

disconnected
hopeful
preview
quickly
reorganize
director
misprint

Copy each word. Write its meaning.

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Prefixes

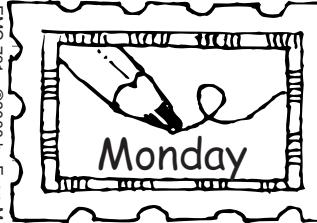
re means "again"
dis means "not"
pre means "before"
mis means "wrong"

Suffixes

ful means "full of"
ly means "in a _____ manner"
or and er means "a person who"

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name:

spoon

noon

balloon

moon

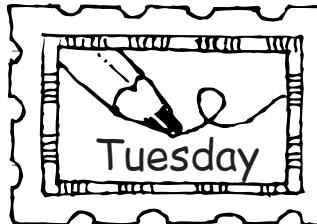
Rhyming Words

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You seldom see the moon at noon.

Try to pop a balloon with a spoon.



Name:

bug

rug

slug

hug

Rhyming Words

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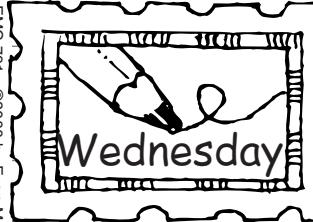
Daily Handwriting Practice

He is as snug as a bug in a rug.

It would be hard to hug a slug.

Name:

Rhyming Words



drink

wink

think

shrink

Can you drink while you wink?

Will you shrink? Do you think?

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Name:

Rhyming Words



breeze

sneeze

trapeze

freeze

When you're on a trapeze,

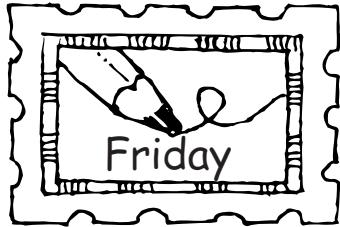
it's a bad time to sneeze.

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Daily Handwriting Practice



Name: _____

Rhyming Riddles

Answer each riddle
with a rhyming pair.

dinosaur carnivore
redhead
marriage carriage
big pig

lucky ducky
green bean
flat hat

Someone whose hair is the color of a rose

44 redhead

A large hog

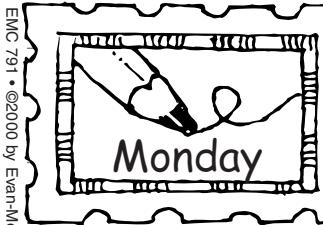
A cap after the elephant sat on it

A vegetable that grows on a vine

A web-footed winner

The wagon used by the bride and groom

A prehistoric creature that eats meat



Name:

Amazon

Madeira

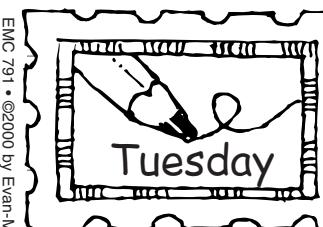
Japura

Purus

Many rivers flow into the Amazon.

They are called tributaries.

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Name:

Mississippi

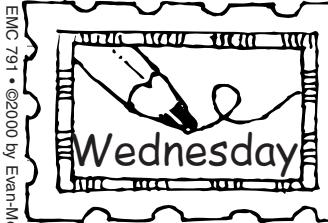
Rio Grande

Mackenzie

Colorado

St. Lawrence

The Mississippi is Old Man River.



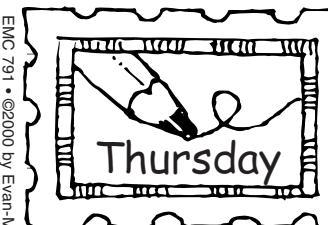
Name:

Thames

Seine

The Thames flows through London.

The Rhine was important in history.



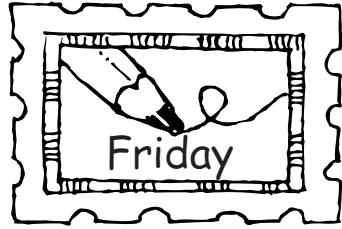
Name:

Yangtze

Tigris

The Yangtze is a very long river.

Chinese civilization began along it.



Name

Rivers of the World

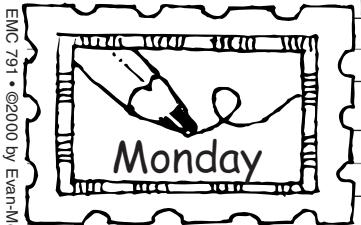
Africa



The Nile is the longest river in the world. The name Nile came from the Greek word “neilos,” which means “valley.” Water from the river and fertile soil along its banks made this river valley a good place for ancient peoples to live and farm.

Copy the paragraph.

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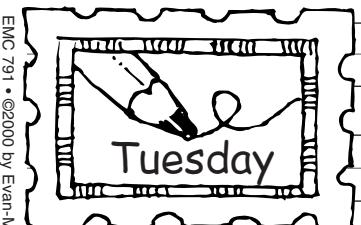


Name:

Down by the river,

Down by the sea,

Kitty went fishing with kittens three.

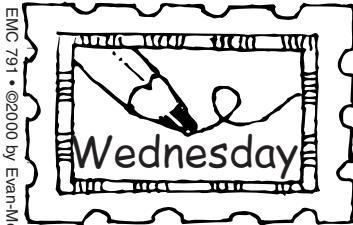


Name:

Johnny's over the ocean.

Johnny's over the sea.

Johnny broke a cup and he blamed me.



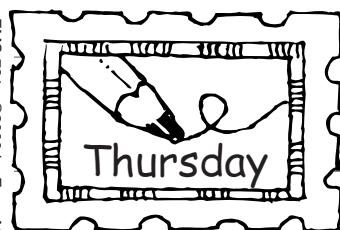
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Mama, Mama, I am sick.

Send for the doctor,

Quick, quick, quick!

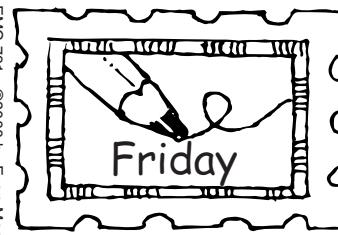
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Name:

Cinderella dressed in red
Went inside to bake some bread.

How many loaves did Cinderella bake?



Name: _____

Nonsense Rhymes Fun

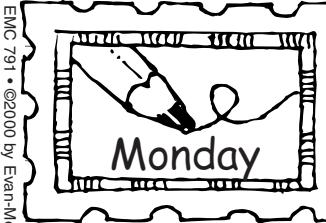
Bubble gum, bubble gum,
chew and blow.

Bubble gum, bubble gum,
scrape your toe.

Bubble gum, bubble gum,
tastes so sweet.

Get that bubble gum off your feet!

Copy the rhyme.



Name:

silky anteater

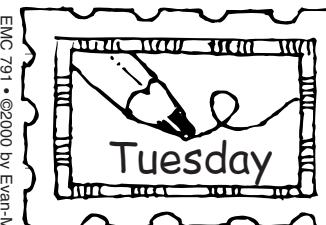
howler monkey

The

eats ants.

The

's roar is loud.



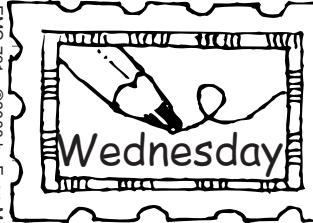
Name:

atelopus

gecko

The atelopus is a poisonous frog.

The gecko has suction cups on its feet.



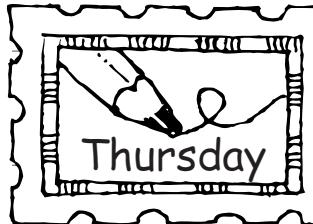
Name:

black agouti

crab spider

The agouti cracks nuts with its jaws.

The crab spider looks like a flower.



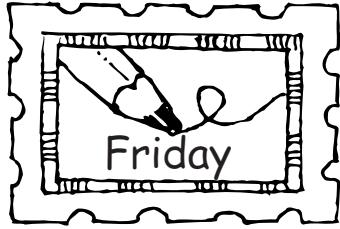
Name:

Hercules beetle

toucan

The Hercules beetle is 6 inches long.

The toucan's large beak is not heavy.



Name: _____

In a Tropical Rainforest

Imagine walking through a rainforest...

Rain drips from the tips of leaves.

Frogs croak and monkeys cry

As giant butterflies quietly pass by.

Imagine standing on the forest floor...

Look up through the understory.

Look past the thick canopy

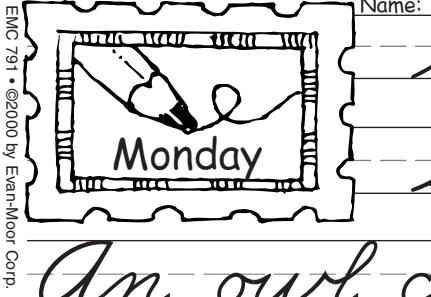
To the emergent layer and the sky.

Imagine walking through a rainforest...

Copy the poem.

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Handwriting practice lines for copying the poem.



Name:

Owls Are Amazing Hunters

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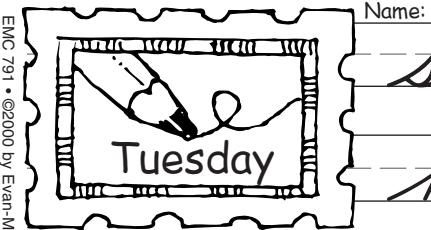
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keen ears
sharp eyes

An owl can see even when it is dark.

An owl can hear animals moving.

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Name:

Owls Are Amazing Hunters

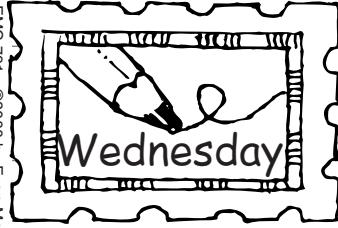
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Daily Handwriting Practice

sharp talons
hunters

An owl has four talons on each foot.

An owl uses its talons to grab a meal.

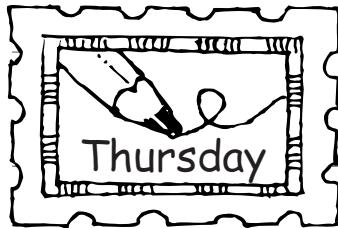


Name:

fringed
feathers

The owl has fringed feathers.

The feathers help the owl fly quietly.

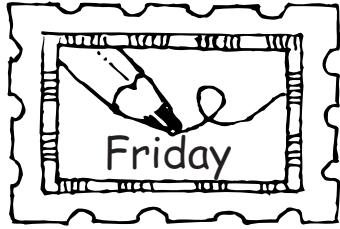


Name:

no teeth
swallows

An owl tears its food apart.

It even swallows the bones.



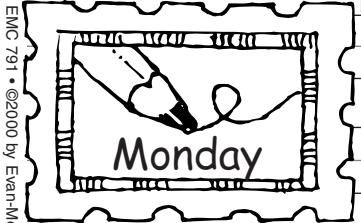
Name: _____

Amazing Hunters

Owls are nocturnal hunters. They catch and eat small rodents. In fact, a single barn owl can eat over one thousand mice in just one year.



Center the title on the first line.
Then copy the paragraph.

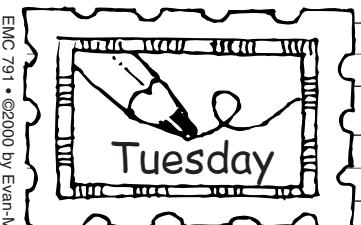


Name:

Whales have blowholes.

The holes are on top of their heads.

Whales use their blowholes to breathe.

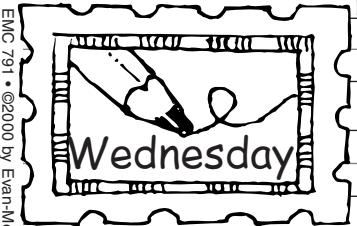


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A whale swims to the surface.

It makes a spout called a blow.

The blow is droplets of water and air.

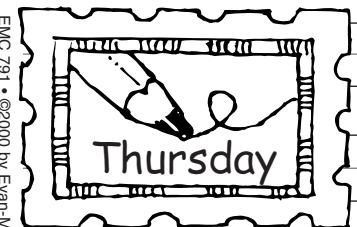


Name:

It closes its blowhole and dives.

It can hold its breath underwater.

A whale surfaces, blows, and dives.

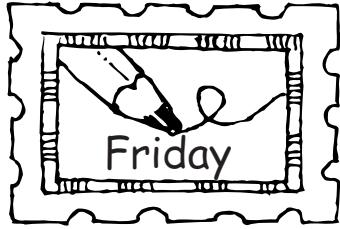


Name:

Whales blow differently.

Some whales have one blowhole.

Some whales have two blowholes.



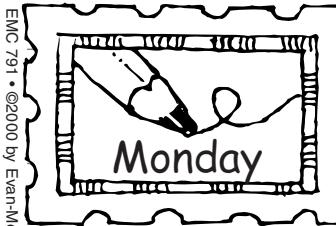
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Know Your Blows

The blue whale's blow is narrow and high. Right whales make two low blows with their twin blowholes. The humpback whale has a low blow.

The sperm whale makes a blow that is angled forward and to the left.

Copy the facts.



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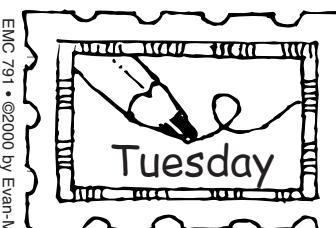
water vapor

invisible gas

Air around us is filled with water.

Hot water changes into water vapor.

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Name:

droplet

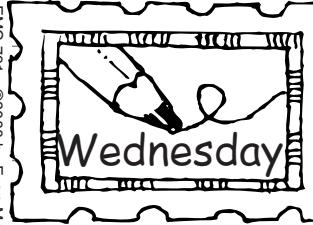
cool

breath

warm

When water vapor cools, it forms drops.

Cold air changes the vapor into droplets.



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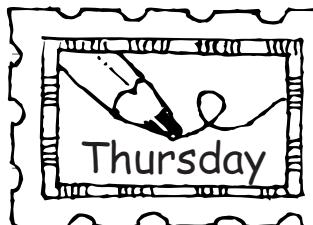
liquid
droplets

gas

vapor

Droplets are liquid. Vapor is gas.

Water changes its form over and over.

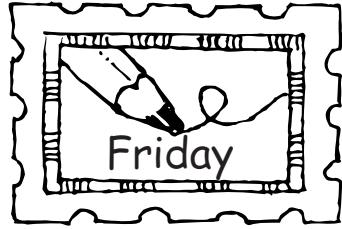


Name:

condensation
evaporation

Condensation = water vapor to droplets.

Evaporation = water droplets to vapor.



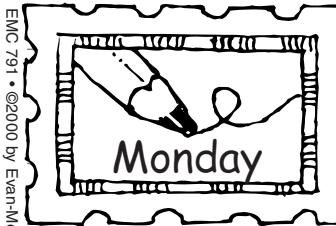
Name: _____

The Water Cycle

Hot sun warms the Earth. The heat causes water to evaporate. The water vapor rises into the sky and meets cold air. It condenses into droplets. Millions of drops come together to make clouds. When a cloud gets full of water, water drops fall back to Earth.

Copy the paragraph.

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Name:

January

March

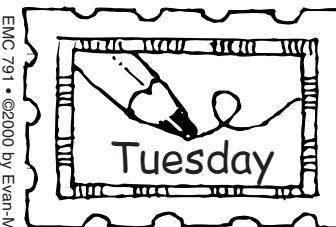
February

April

January is named after a Roman god.

Janus was the god of all beginnings.

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Name:

May

July

June

August

In Canada, Dominion Day is July 1.

U.S. Independence Day is July 4.



Name:

The Months of the Year

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September

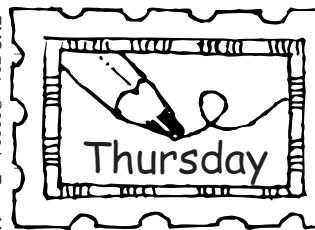
October

November

December

These names come from Latin words.

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Name:

The Months of the Year

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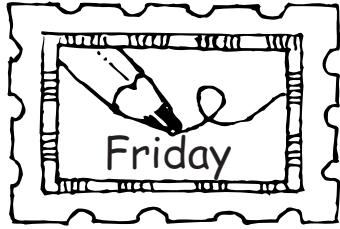
Winter

Spring

Summer

Autumn

The year is divided into four seasons.



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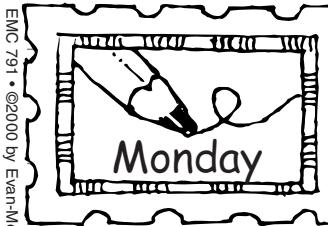
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Months of the Year

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November;
All the rest have thirty-one,
Excepting February alone,
And that has twenty-eight days clear
And twenty-nine in each leap year.

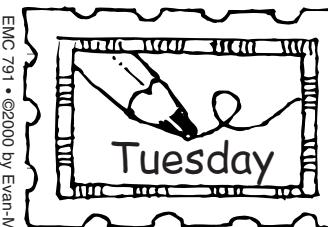
Copy this traditional verse.



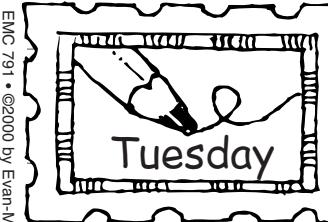
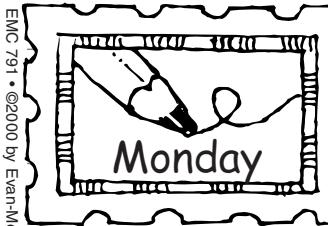
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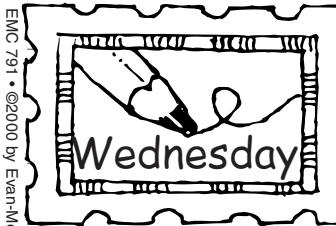
*whispered**shouted**The cheerleader**, “Yea!”**The librarian**, “Quiet!”*

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Name:

*plodded**crept**The mouse**home.**The elephant**home.*



Name:

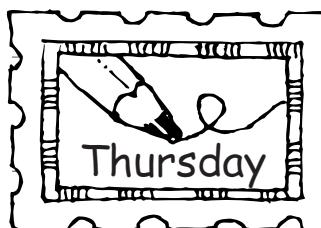
dozed

napped

The cuddly kitten

The tired puppy

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Name:

scribbled

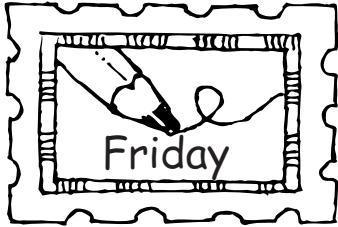
jotted

The man

the message.

The child

the message.

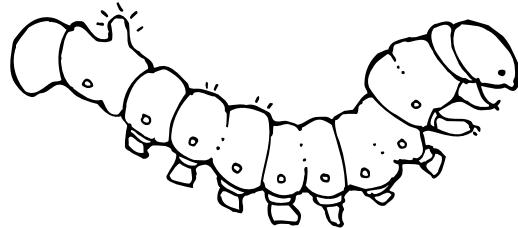


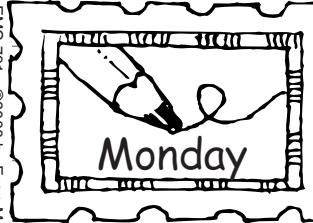
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Poets Use Good Verbs

Copy this portion of the poem *Jump or Jiggle* by Evelyn Beyer.

Worms wiggle
Bugs jiggle
Puppies bounce
Kittens pounce
Lions stalk
But I walk!





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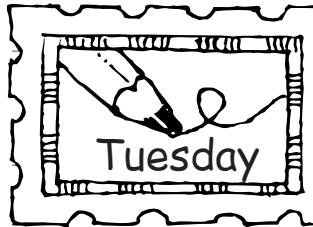
simile

like

as

A simile uses the words like or as.

The boy ate like a starved animal.



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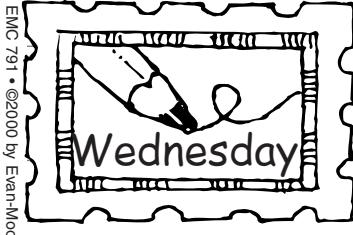
Figures of Speech

metaphor

comparison

A metaphor doesn't use like or as.

Her voice was a symphony of sounds.



Name:

Figures of Speech

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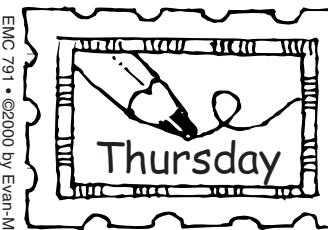
personification

human traits

Personification makes things human.

My bike cried as I skidded to a stop.

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Name:

Figures of Speech

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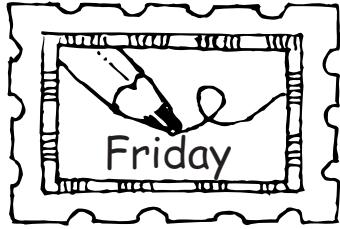
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alliteration

repetition

Alliteration is the repetition of sounds.

Suddenly soapy suds swallowed a sock.



Name: _____

His voice is as round and strong as a canyon echo.

from *Song and Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman

*I could almost see the moon, with a can of paint,
spraying the black water.*

from *Whale Brother* by Barbara Steiner

*Fire is a dragon alive in the night;
Fiery dragon, glittering bright.*

from *Fire* by Shirley Hughes

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

from *Mother Goose*

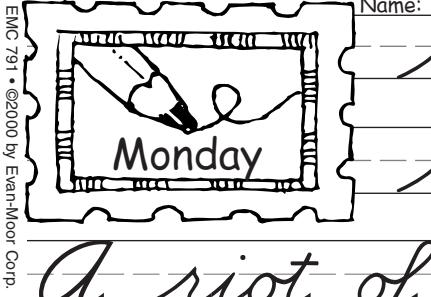
simile

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metaphor

alliteration

personification



Name:

red

rose

Colors and Alliteration

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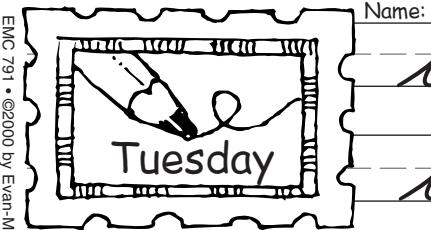
blue

blossom

a riot of red roses rings the rock.

blue blossoms, a blooming blanket

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Name:

white

whiskers

Colors and Alliteration

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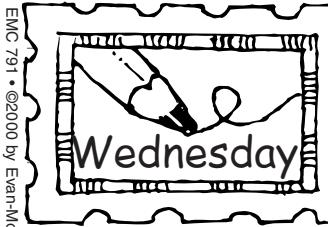
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gray

grout

Which whisker is the white whisker?

Grandpa ground a groove in the grout.



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purple

pink

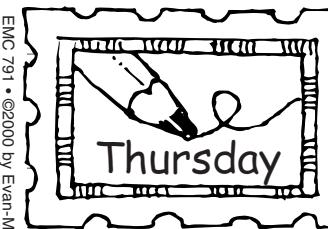
peacocks

peony

Peacocks paraded in purple plumes.

Pink peony posed for a portrait.

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Name:

yellow

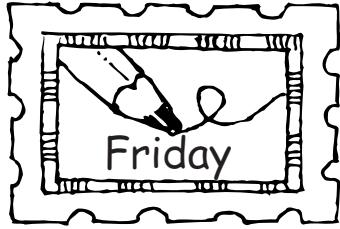
green

yolks

grass

Yesterday's yolks were yucky yellow.

Greedy groundhogs grab green grass.



Name: _____

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A Cold, Cold Day

On my cold, cold toes are yellow socks.

On my cold, cold hands are blue gloves.

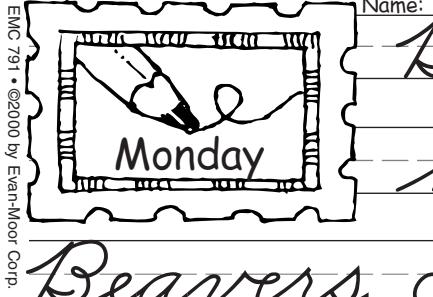
On my cold, cold head is a tall red cap.

On my cold, cold back is a soft tan coat.

On my cold, cold legs are purple sweats.

On my cold, cold nose is an icicle!

Copy the sentences. Then draw and color a picture on the back of the paper.



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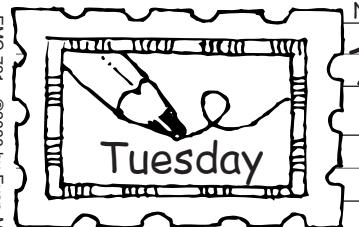
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Beavers
habitat

Beavers change their habitats.

They block up streams to make ponds.

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Learning About Beavers

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Beavers are good swimmers.

Muscles keep water out of their noses.

See-through eyelids act like goggles.



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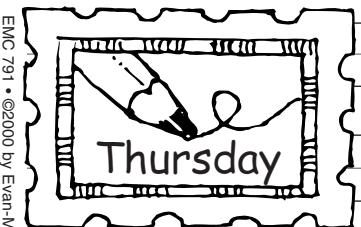
lodges

hollow

Beavers build a hollow lodge.

It has an underwater entrance.

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Learning About Beavers

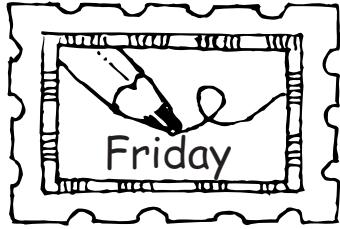
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Beavers build dams.

They put stones on top of branches.

They scoop mud to fill in the spaces.



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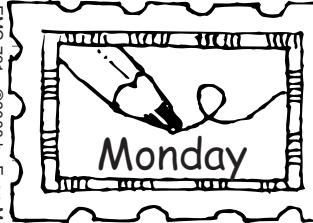
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A Beaver's Tale

The beaver's broad tail acts like a rudder to steer when it swims. Its webbed back feet help it swim. Strong front paws help it dig and carry. Two very large orange front teeth gnaw down trees. All in all, the beaver is perfectly equipped to be a pond engineer.

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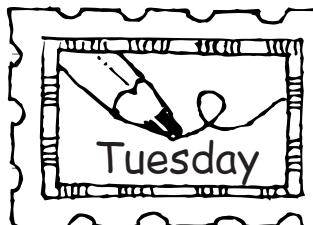
Name:

Machines

Simple machines

Machines make our work easier.

Simple machines are in all machines.



Name:

lever

pulley

A lever is a bar used for lifting.

A pulley makes it easier to move stuff.



Name:

Simple Machines

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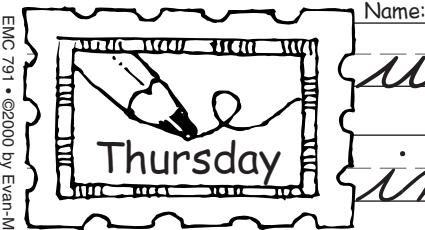
screw

wedge

A screw can move things up and down.

A wedge is used to cut or split things.

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Name:

Simple Machines

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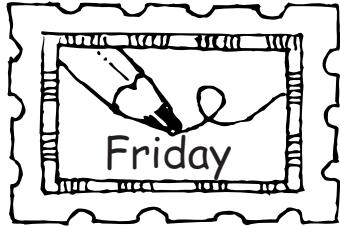
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wheel and axle

inclined plane

When a wheel turns, the axle turns.

An inclined plane is a tilted surface.



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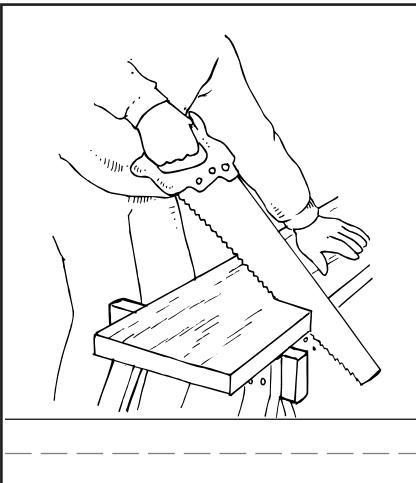
What Is Work?

Write work or not work below each task.
Remember there must be a force and movement.

work
not work

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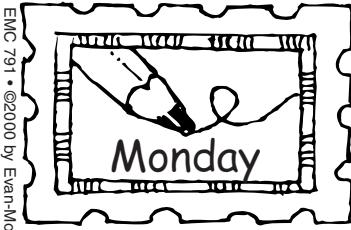
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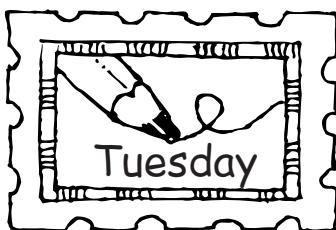
Scientists say that work is done if a push or force is used to move something over a distance. If the thing doesn't move, it is not considered work.

Copy the paragraph.



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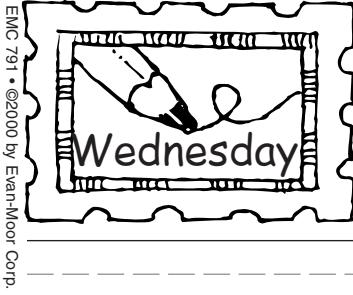
“Listen, my children, and you shall hear
of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,... One
if by land, and two, if by sea....”

H. W. Longfellow from *Paul Revere's Ride*

Name: _____

“I must go down to the seas again, to the
lonely sea and the sky. And all I ask is a
tall ship and a star to steer her by.”

John Masefield from *Sea Fever*



Name: _____

"They have yarns of a skyscraper so tall
that they had to put hinges on the top two
stories so to let the moon go by."

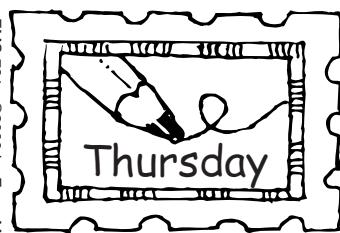
Famous Quotations

Carl Sandberg from *They Have Yarns*

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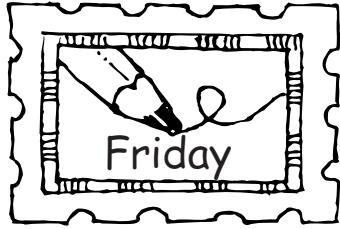
"Where we walk to school each day Indian
children used to play...All about our Native land,
where the shops and houses stand."

Famous Quotations

Annette Wynne from *Indian Children*

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Name: _____

Famous Quotations

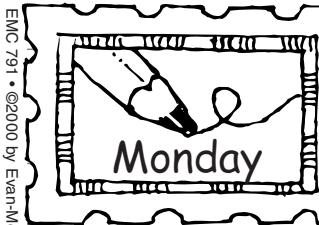
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"Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow....
The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep...."

Robert Frost from *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*

Copy the poem.



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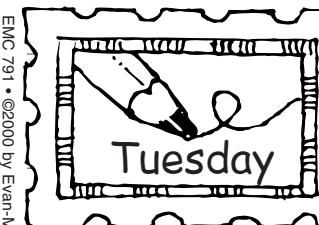
sports

games

physical activity

Kids around the world play sports.

Sports are organized games.



Name:

soccer

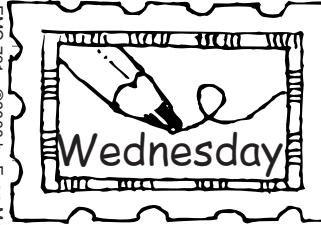
football

kick

goal

The most popular sport is soccer.

In most places, soccer is called football.



Name:

Malaysia
footbag

Sepak raga is played in Malaysia.

Players pass a footbag to each other.

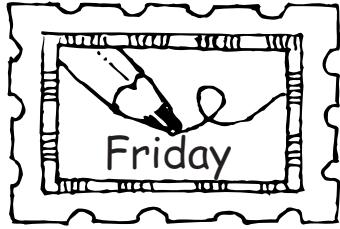


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Tennis
France

Tennis probably originated in France.

It was played with a gloved hand.

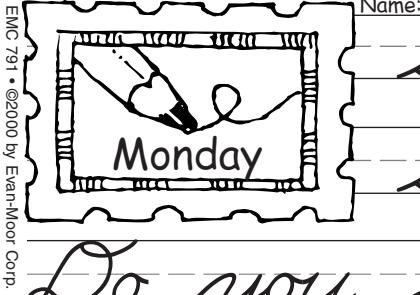


Name: _____

The Olympics

The first Olympic Games were held in Olympus, Greece, in 776 B.C. Today's Olympic competitions include many different sports. Approximately 10,200 athletes participated in the 2000 Summer Games in Australia.

Copy the paragraph.



Name:

Candy Around the World

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sugar candy

sweet tooth

Do you have a sweet tooth?

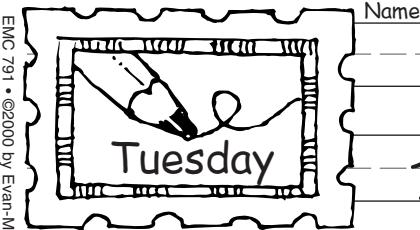
yes or no

Do you like all kinds of candy?

yes or no

The word *candy* comes from the Arabic word for sugar.

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Candy Around the World

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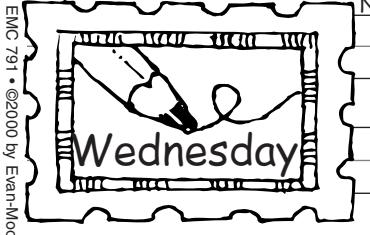
Switzerland

Belgium

Many candies are made out of chocolate.

Switzerland and Belgium are famous for their chocolates.

Carob is a substitute for chocolate.



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Italy

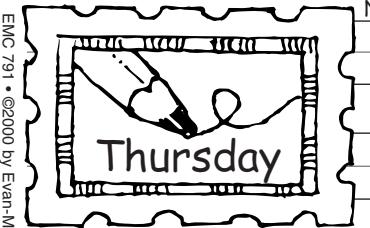
Middle East

Italian children like chewy nougats.

Middle Eastern children like halvah.

Halvah is a sesame honey candy.

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Candy Around the World

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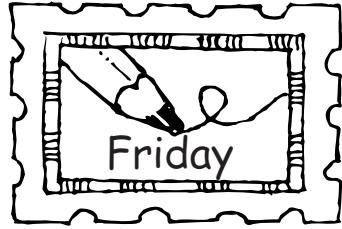
Seker Bayrami

Turkish Delight

Seker Bayrami is a candy holiday.

It is celebrated in Turkey.

Turkish children like a jellied candy with pistachios called Turkish Delight.



Name:

MMmm Candy Marbles!!

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Daily Handwriting Practice

What You Do:

1. Stir the peanut butter, evaporated milk, brown sugar, and cinnamon together. Cook for five minutes.
 2. Stir in noodles, pretzels, and nuts.
 3. Drop spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet.
 4. Chill for one hour.
 5. Pop one in your mouth!

What You Need:

1/2 cup chunky peanut butter

1/4 cup evaporated milk

1/4 cup brown sugar

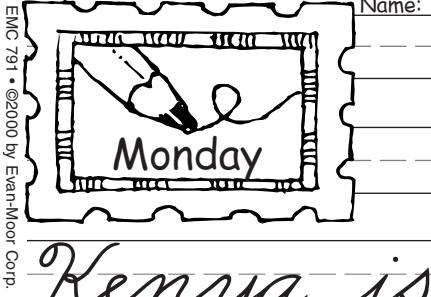
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup crispy chow mein noodles, slightly crushed

1 cup stick pretzels, slightly crushed

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Copy the steps for making Candy Marbles.



Name:

*Kenya**equator*

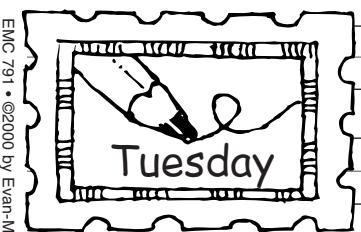
Learning About Kenya

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*Kenya is on the east coast of Africa.**Kenya lies across the equator.*

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Name:

*Nairobi**Swahili*

Learning About Kenya

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*Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya.**The people speak Swahili or English.*



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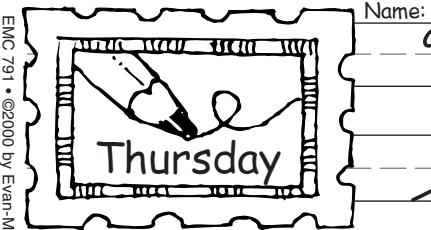
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Masai Mara
game park

Wild animals are safe in Masai Mara.

Many animals live in the game park.

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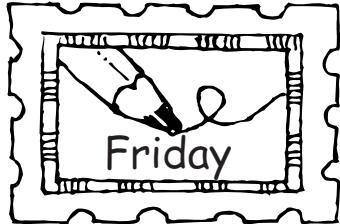
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Mombasa
harbor

Kenya's second-largest city is Mombasa.

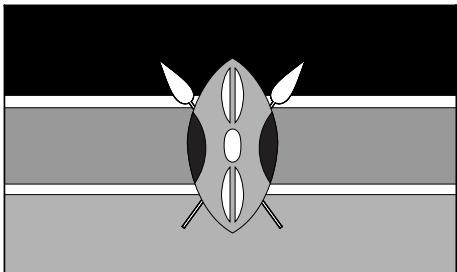
Mombasa has a very busy harbor.

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The black on the flag represents the people of Kenya. The red represents the blood shed in Kenya's fight for independence. The green represents the fertility of the land. The white represents peace. The shield of the warrior represents Kenya's pride and tradition.



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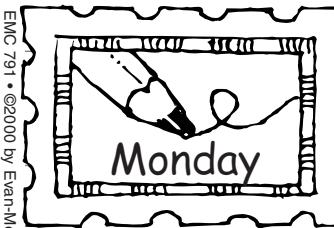
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Kenya's Flag

The flag of Kenya has three stripes on it. The top stripe is black. The center stripe is red and the bottom stripe is green. The red stripe in the center is edged in white. In the middle of the flag there is a Masai warrior's shield with two crossed spears.

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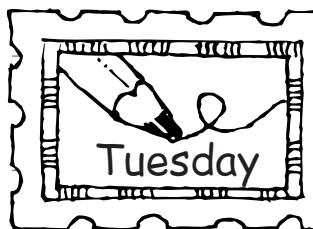
addition

subtraction

Add two numbers to get a sum.

Subtract to get the difference.

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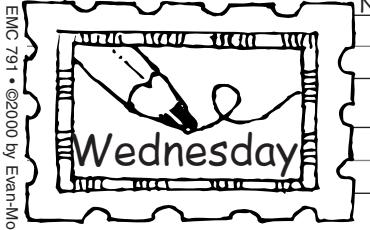
Name:

multiplication

division

Multiply to get the product.

Divide to find the quotient.



Name:

Writing About Math

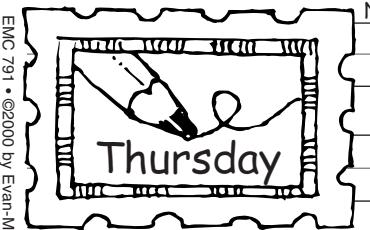
Mathematics

Arithmetic

Mathematics is the science of numbers.

Arithmetic is part of mathematics.

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Name:

Writing About Math

geometry

algebra

There are different kinds of math.

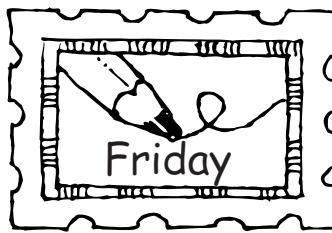
What kind is your favorite?

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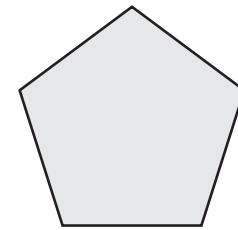
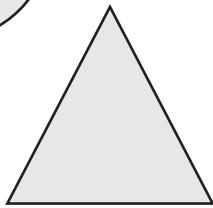
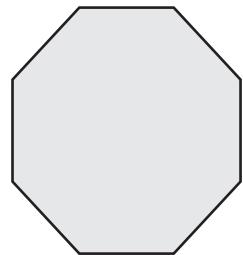
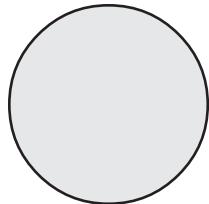
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Study of Shapes



Geometry is the study of shapes. Copy the names of these shapes. Can you draw the shapes?



circle

rectangle

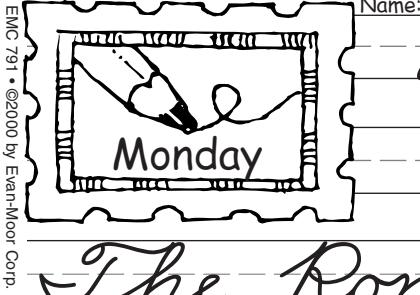
triangle

square

parallelogram

octagon

pentagon



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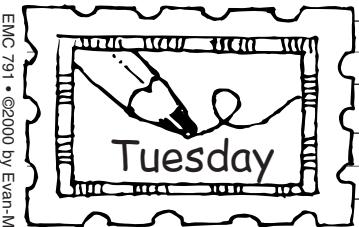
alphabet

Roman

The Roman alphabet has 26 letters.

Alphabet letters represent sounds.

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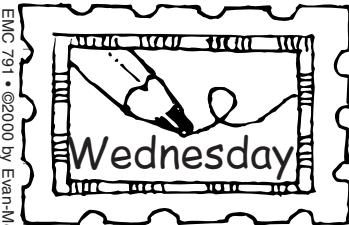
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Chinese writing uses characters.

Characters stand for words and ideas.

Today Chinese students learn pin-yin.

In pin-yin Roman letters represent Chinese sounds.



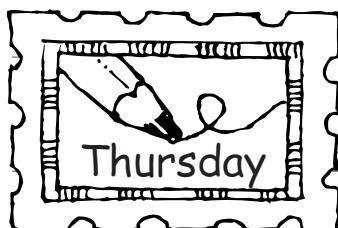
Name:

There are different alphabets.

The Arabic alphabet is used in Egypt.

It's used to write Arabic and Kurdish.

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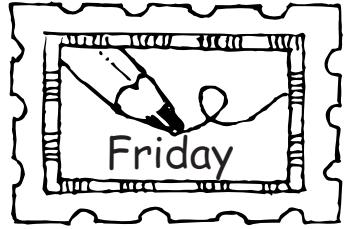
Name:

Thai alphabet

Asia

It has symbols for different vowels.

It is used throughout Asia.



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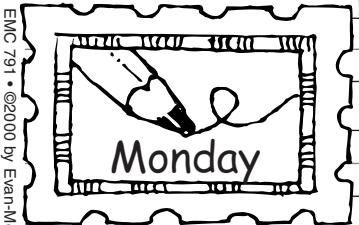
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Hooray for Cyril and Methodius!

In the late ninth century, two Greek brothers named Cyril and Methodius revised and refined the Greek alphabet. The alphabet was a great success. Today it is called the Cyrillic alphabet. It is used to write Bulgarian, Russian, and a number of other Slavic languages.

Copy the paragraph.

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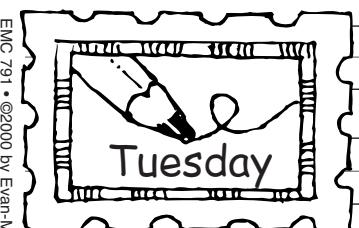
a a

a is for ants

amazing, ambitious, architect ants

An adventurous ant ambles annoyingly.

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Name:

B b

B is for bumblebee

beautiful, busy, buzzing bumblebee

The bumblebee is by the berry bush.



Name:

Cc

C is for crickets

Buggy Alphabet

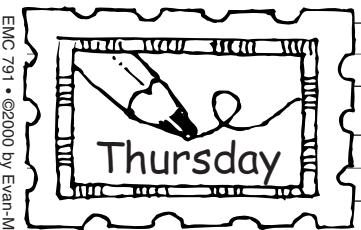
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cheerful, chirping cricket chorus

Crickets, creep up. Commence chirping.

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Name:

Dd

D is for damselfly

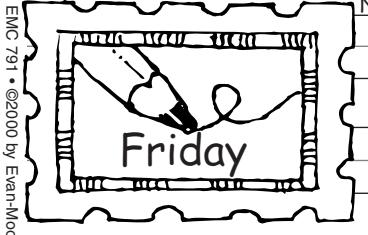
Buggy Alphabet

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dainty, demure, darting damselfly

Don't disturb the delicate damselfly.



Name:

Buggy Alphabet

E e E is for earwig

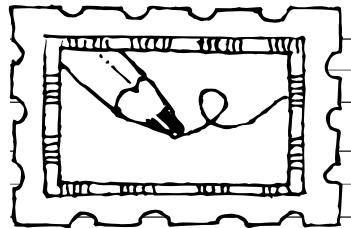
enormous, exotic, excitable earwig

The earwig excavates an earthen nest.

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Buggy Alphabet

F f F is for fleas

formidable, flourishing fleas

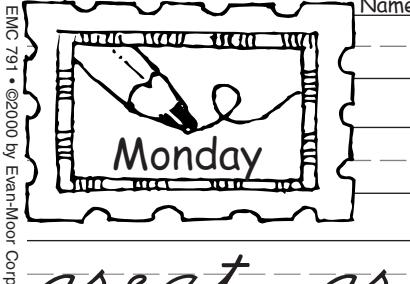
Fumigate a fast-growing family of fleas.

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Name:

Buggy Alphabet

Gg G is for grasshoppers

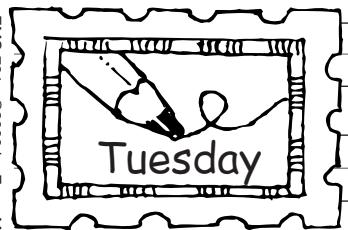
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great, gravity-defying grasshoppers

Green grasshoppers gracefully glide.

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Buggy Alphabet

Hh H is for housefly

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hovering, hungry, harassing housefly

Hurry, help me hit that housefly!



Name:

Buggy Alphabet

i i i is for inchworm

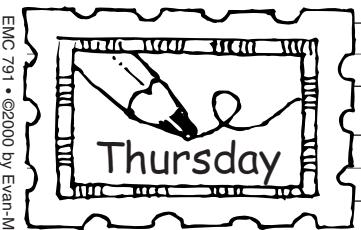
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itty-bitty, industrious inchworm

Imagine inching innocently forward.

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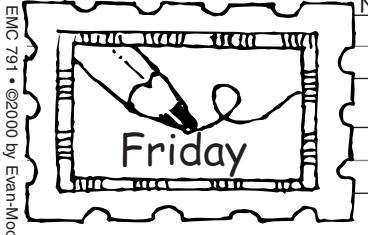
j j j is for June beetle

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just a jet-setting June beetle

June beetle journeys on jaunty wings.



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Kk

K is for katydid

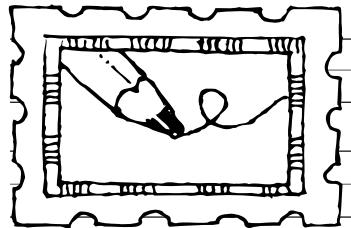
kind, kinetic katydid

Katydid keeps on key as it sings.

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Ll

L is for ladybug

lovely, little ladybug

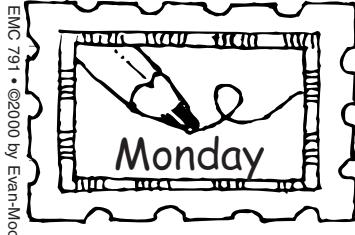
Ladybug lifts its wings and launches.

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M m M is for mosquitoes

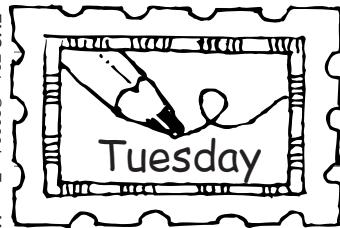
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maddening, marauding mosquitoes

Mash the menacing mob of mosquitoes.

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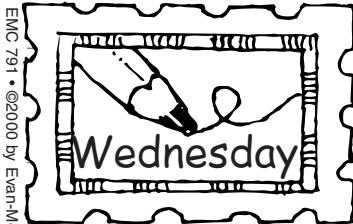
N n N is for nightcrawlers

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ninety nocturnal nightcrawlers

Nightcrawlers never nap as they nibble.



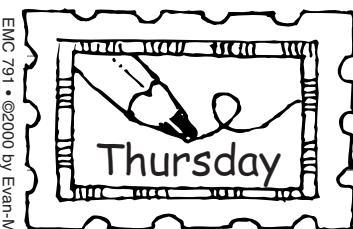
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Oo O is for oriental cockroach

overbold, objectionable cockroach

Oriental cockroach outruns homeowners.

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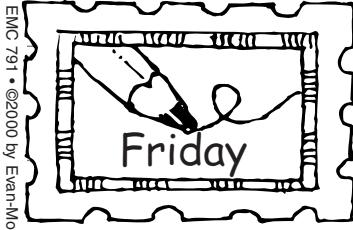


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Pp P is for praying mantis

peculiar, patient praying mantis

Praying mantis poses on its perch.



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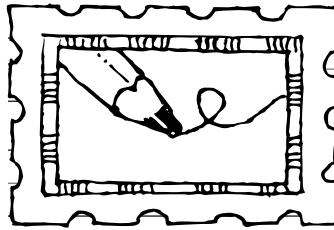
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Qq Q is for queen termite

quiet, quivering queen termite

Quickly the queen lays eggs.

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Rr R is for rhinoceros beetle

really robust rhinoceros beetle

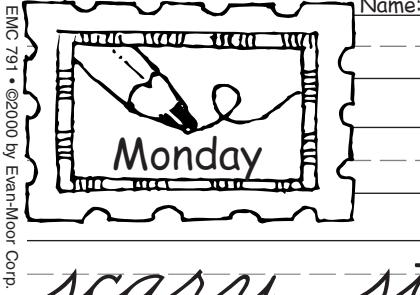
Regardless of rain, it rambles.

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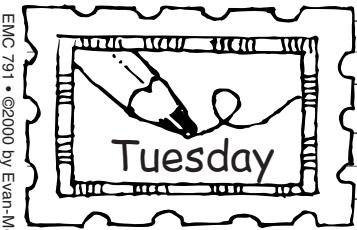
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Ss S is for scorpion

scary, stinging, scurrying scorpion

Some scorpions sting striding strangers.

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Tt T is for ticks

tailless, troublesome ticks

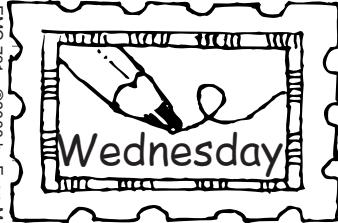
Ticks target tempting, tasty tourists.

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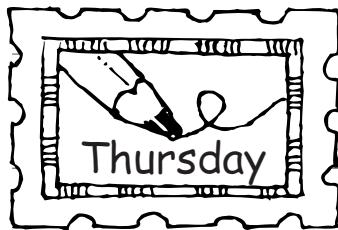
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U u U is for underwing moth

unique, unusual underwing moth

Usually the underwing uses its wings.

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V v V is for velvet ants

very vulnerable velvet ants

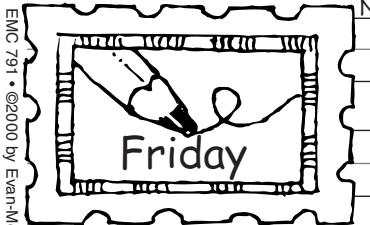
Velvet ants rely on their velveteen coats.

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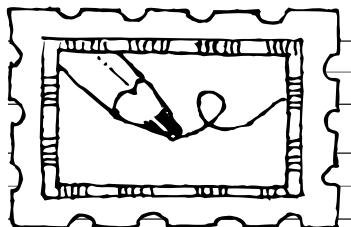
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Ww W is for water strider

water-skiing water strider

Its widespread legs walk on water.

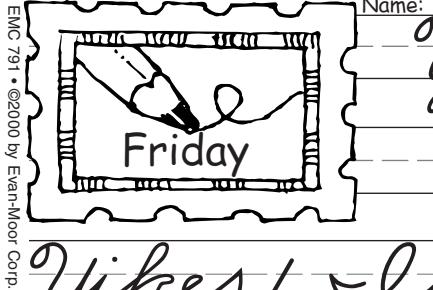
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Xx X is for xylophanes tersa

excellent sphinx moth

Xylophanes tersa is a sphinx moth.



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Y y Y is for yellow jacket

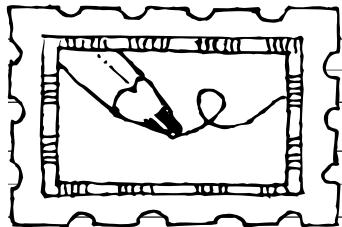
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Yikes! It's a yellow jacket.

Yellow jackets think you are yummy.

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Z z Z is for zebra swallowtail

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zipping, zooming zebra swallowtail

zebra swallowtails zigzag with zeal.

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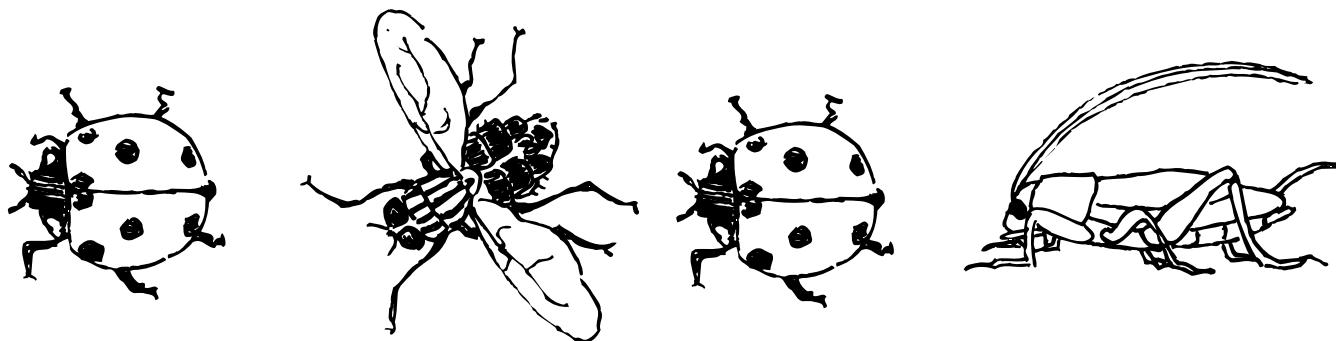
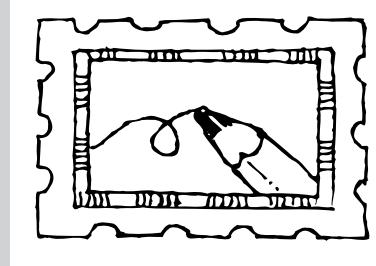
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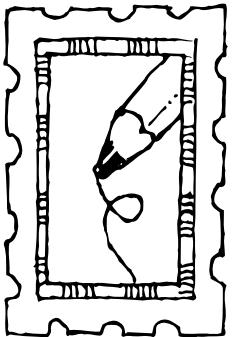
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