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## **The Dove and the Ant**

*attributed to Mother Goose*

An ant went to the river to drink and fell in. He was carried along in the current. A dove pitied the ant and threw a branch into the river. The ant climbed onto the branch and soon reached the shore. Soon after that the ant spied a hunter with a gun aimed at the dove. The ant quickly stung him on the foot. This caused the man to lose his aim, and he missed this dove. Thus, the ant saved the dove's life. One good deed deserves another.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ants are small insects.

They are very strong.

Ants cannot swim.



## **The Boy Who Cried Wolf**

*attributed to Aesop*

Long ago a boy watched over the village's sheep on a nearby hillside. One day he became lonely. He remembered that if saw a wolf, he could call out, and help would come. The boy had not seen a wolf, but still he cried out. The villagers heard him and rushed up to the pasture. There was no wolf! They warned the boy never to call out falsely again.

For a long time he did not, but one day, feeling lonely again, he cried out loudly. Again the villagers rushed to help him. Again they found only the sheep and the boy. Again they were upset at having been fooled. After they warned him not to call out unless he really saw a wolf, they returned to their work.

A few days later the boy spotted a big gray wolf creeping out of the forest. The boy called with all his might. The villagers below heard his cries but went on with their work. They would not be fooled again. They heard the boy's cry suddenly stop, and it was silent. Startled, the villagers rushed to the pasture. The wolf was gone and so was the boy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep are not very smart. Someone needs to show them where to find food. They need to be watched.

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Name:

## For the Want of a Nail

For the want of a nail  
    the shoe was lost,  
For the want of a shoe  
    the horse was lost,  
For the want of a horse  
    the rider was lost,  
For the want of a rider  
    the battle was lost,  
For the want of a battle  
    the kingdom was lost,  
And all for the want  
    of a horseshoe-nail.



**This is me riding a horse that has all four of his shoes on.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Ants and the Grasshoppers**

*attributed to Aesop*

It was fall, and the ants were busy storing food for the winter. The grasshoppers, however, did not want to bother with such work. They played every day and would not listen when the ants warned them that winter was coming.

“We have plenty of time,” they said. But before they knew it, winter came with cold winds, snow, and ice. There was no food to be found anywhere.

The grasshoppers went to the door of the ants and said, “Please, dear friends, won’t you share your food with us?” The ants did not hear them. They had gone deep into the earth to keep warm for the winter.



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Grasshoppers have huge back legs.  
They can jump. They can fly. They  
die when it freezes outside.

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Name:

## **The Crow and the Peacocks**

*attributed to Aesop*

One day a crow was flying over the king's palace. She looked down into the garden and saw a flock of peacocks with their pretty feathers spread out behind them.

“My plain black feathers are so ugly,” she said.

Swiftly she swooped down and picked up as many stray feathers as she could find. She attached them to her tail. Dressed in her borrowed feathers, the crow went into the garden with the peacocks. They saw right away that she was an imposter and not at all like them.

“How funny you look,” they laughed. Then they pecked at her borrowed feathers until she flew away.

Name:

## **Peacocks**

Peacocks are known for their brightly colored blue and green feathers. They can spread their tail into a fan. The male peacock is one of the most beautiful birds in the world. The female peacock, called a peahen, has dark brown and snowy white feathers. This coloring helps her to hide as she guards the nest. Peacocks live on the ground or in treetops.

Name:

Peacocks

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## Source Text: Peacocks

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- Dress-ups are marked with an underline.

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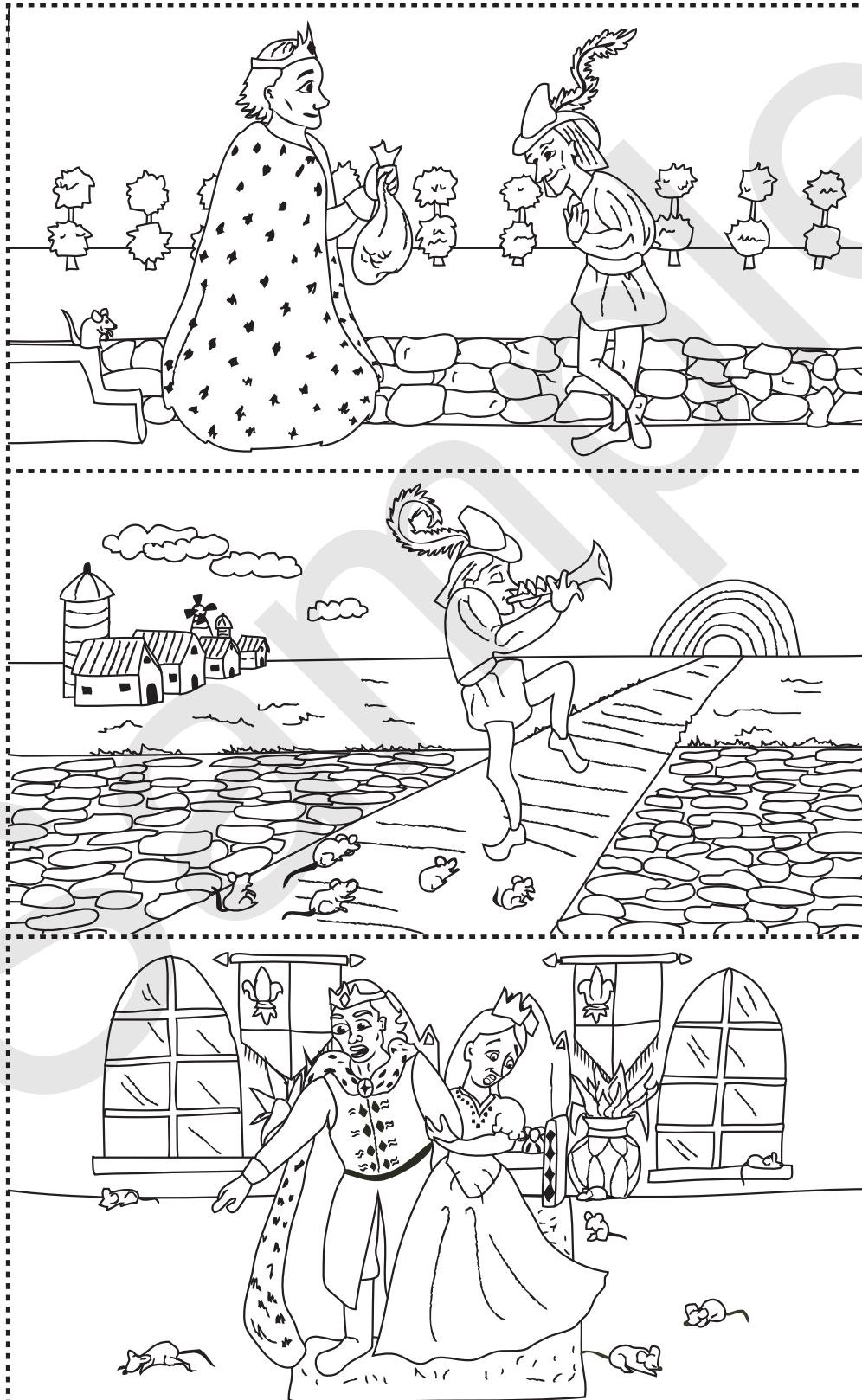
<b>Mechanics and Grammar</b>	<b>I</b>
indent	
proper use of capital letters	
end marks	

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- checklist on top
- final draft
- illustration
- rough draft
- key word outline
- source text last

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Cut each picture and decide what order they should be in.  
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- The topic sentence and the clincher sentence repeat or reflect two to three key words (highlighted).

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who-which clause			
strong verb			
because clause			
quality adjective			
when, while, where, as, since, if, although			

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