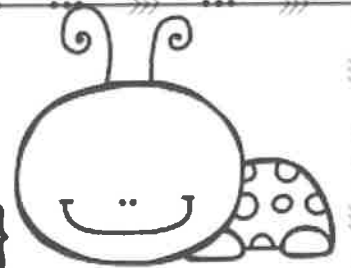


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# LADYBUGS

## {Informational Passage}



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

Did you know farmers love ladybugs? Yes! Ladybugs eat other insects that would hurt the farmers' crops. In fact ladybugs got their name from farmers a really long time ago when the insects helped save their crops. They were originally named "The Beetle of Our Lady," but that was eventually shortened to "ladybug." Ladybugs are insects that have a dome-shaped body. Most ladybugs are red with black spots on their body. Like other insects they have six legs. The red color of the ladybug is meant to scare away predators like birds. The bright color tells birds and other animals that the ladybug does not taste good and they should find some other food! If their coloring isn't enough to scare predators away, ladybugs also release a stinky substance when they feel threatened. This may remind you of a skunk!

**Does this passage persuade, inform, or entertain?**

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**What makes you think that?**

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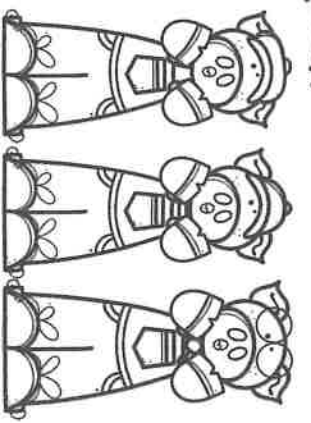
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**What is something that you learned about ladybugs?**

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# 3 Little Pigs

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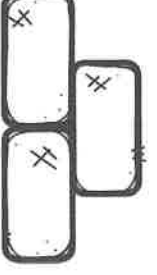
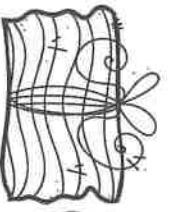
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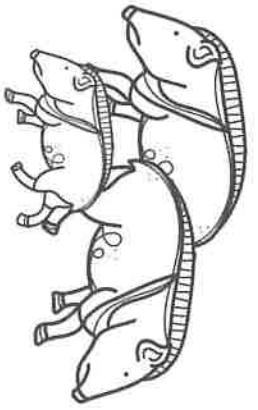
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# 3 Little Javelinas

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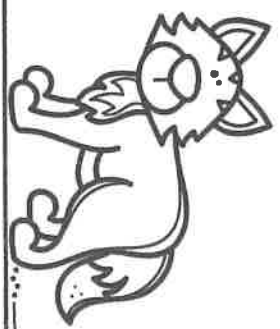
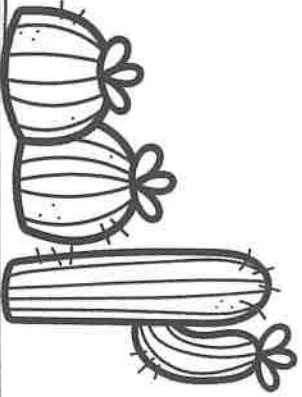
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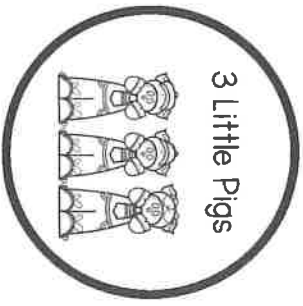
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# COMPARE & CONTRAST

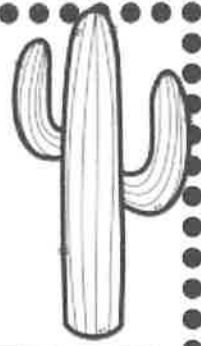
Compare and Contrast "The 3 Little Pigs" with "The 3 Little Javelinas"



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# SAGUARO CACTUS

## {Informational Passage}



Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

The saguaro cactus is an amazing plant. This cactus provides shelter for many animals. The woodpecker pecks a nice little hole for itself to hide from the hot desert sun. A hawk will build a nest for her young ones up high between the arms of the cactus. The blooms provide nectar for bats and birds at night and many other animals will eat the fleshy skin of the cactus to survive. Another reason this cactus is so incredible is because it gets most of its water during one season and survives off of that for the rest of the year. The pleats on the saguaro cactus allow it to expand when water is being absorbed and store about a ton of water at one time. That is 2,000 pounds of water! And last but not least, it is worth mentioning how big this cactus can grow to be. The saguaro cactus can grow to be 40-60 feet tall. When it is this tall often times it will weigh between 3,000 and 4,800 pounds. This growth takes time. Luckily the saguaro cactus can live 150-200 years. Even after the saguaro cactus falls down it provides shelter for animals!

**What is the main idea of this text?**

**What are three supporting details in the text?**

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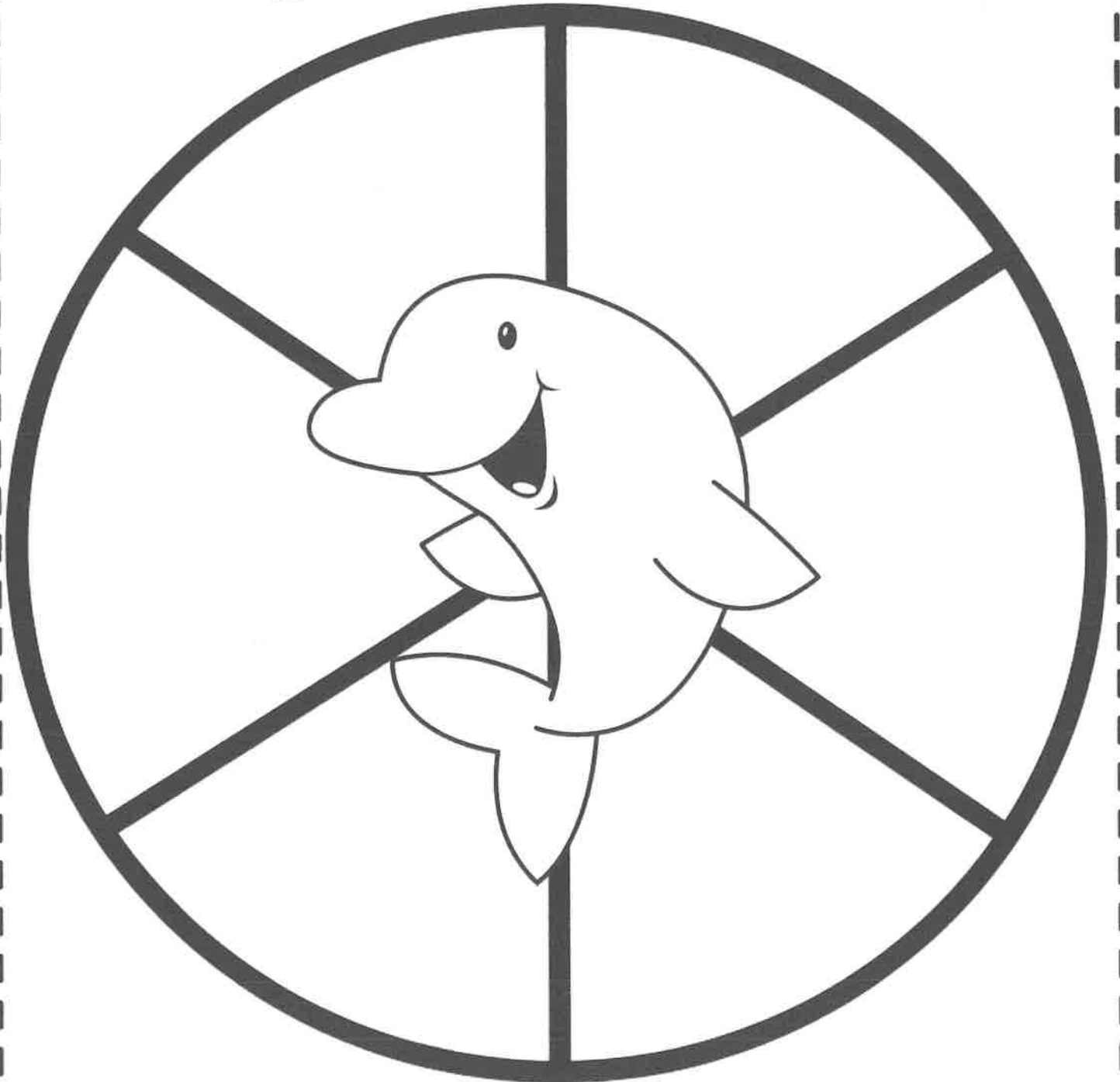
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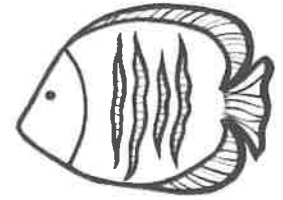
# What I learned about **DOLPHINS**



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# AQUARIUM TRIP

## {Fiction Passage}



Directions: Read the passage and answer the question.

Janie and her family had been planning this trip for months. They were finally getting to go to the Georgia Aquarium. After they parked their car and made sure they had their tickets, they began the long walk into the aquarium. There were so many fun exhibits the family didn't know where to start! They checked the times for the dolphin show and knew they wanted to be in their seats at two o'clock pm. Since it was only 12:30 they knew they had plenty of time to wander around the different tanks. "Mommy, mommy! Let's go see the penguins first," yelled Janie's little brother Mark. Janie had her heart set on seeing the enormous whale sharks first. The family decided to split up meet at the dolphin show.

Janie couldn't believe it when she finally saw the whale sharks. Enormous didn't even begin to describe their size! Janie and her dad were even able to take a photograph of themselves with the whale sharks in the background. At about 1:45 they started heading for the dolphin show! Janie was so excited she was bouncing up and down. "Oh no!" said Janie's dad as he checked his phone. He showed Janie his phone where she saw the words "No Service" in bold letters. There were hundreds of people around and they knew it was going to be very hard to find Mark and Mom. They decided to grab seats for the show and discussed how to find the rest of the family after the show. Janie was disappointed because she had been looking forward to experiencing this with her mother. About five minutes into the show, two people were called up to the tank as volunteers. It was Mark and mom! After being told what to do, Mark raised his arm up in the air and the dolphins jumped high out of the water! Janie was so excited for her brother! Janie and her dad joined Mark and Mom at their seats for the rest of the show. As they were walking to their car, the whole family was beaming from ear to ear. It was officially the best day ever!

**Why do you think the family had the best day ever?**

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