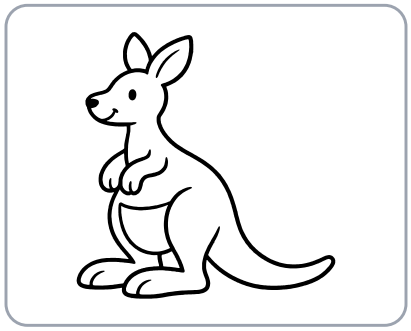
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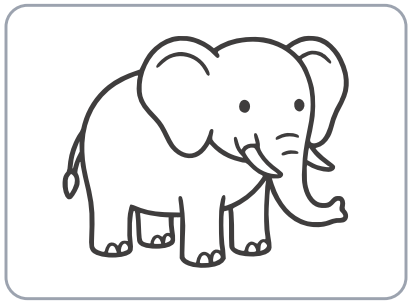
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A. An Elephant's Trunk



An elephant's trunk is its nose and top lip together. The trunk is long and very strong. It can lift a heavy log. It can also pick up one tiny peanut.

B. Why Do Elephants Flap Their Ears?

Elephants live in hot places. Why do they flap their big ears? Flapping helps them cool off. Blood flows close to the skin in their thin ears. When the ears flap, the air cools the blood. That helps cool the whole elephant.

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An elephant does not drink through its trunk like a straw. First, it sucks water up into its trunk. Next, it curls the trunk to its mouth. Then it squirts the water into its mouth and swallows.

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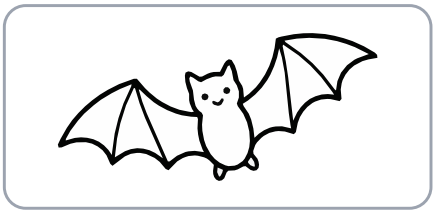
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Bats Are Good Neighbors

Some people are afraid of bats. But bats are good to have around. Here is why.

Bats Eat Bugs



Many bats eat insects. One small bat can eat hundreds of bugs in one night! That means fewer bugs buzzing around.

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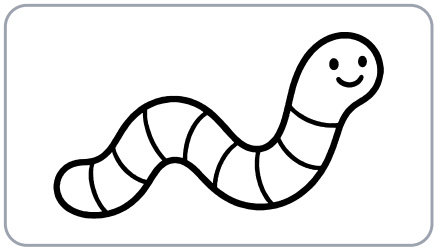
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1. What is the author's point?

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2. How many reasons does the author give?

two three four

3. Which words help you find each reason?

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4. How do the tunnels help plants?

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Author's Purpose

Read a nonfiction text. What does the author want to do? How do you know?

Title

The author wants to

Circle one: answer a question explain how describe

How I know

What I learned

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The author's point

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

Do the reasons back up the point?

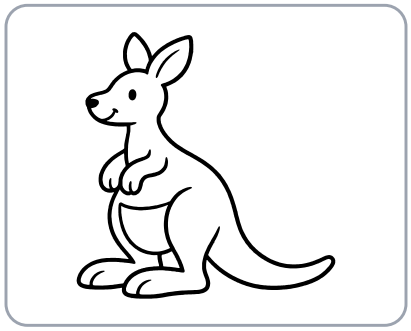
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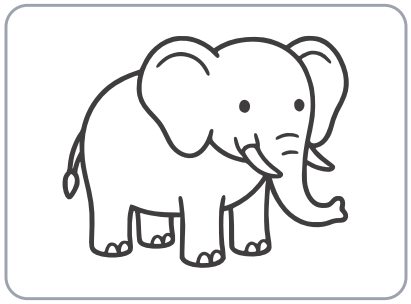
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First, Next and Then

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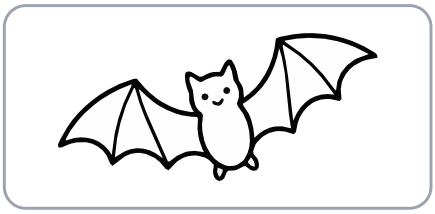
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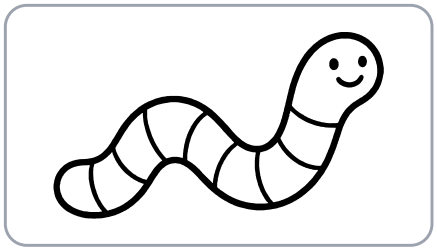
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