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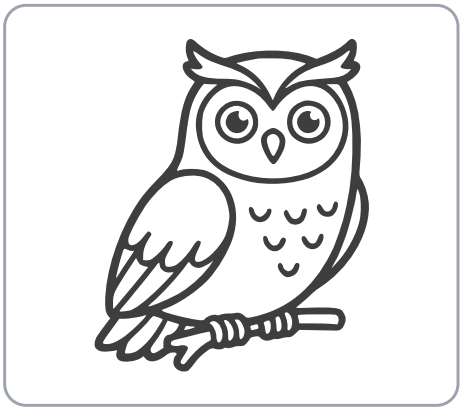
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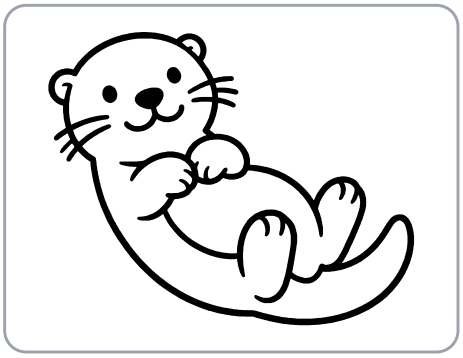
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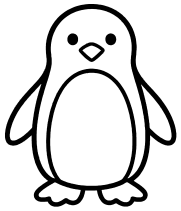
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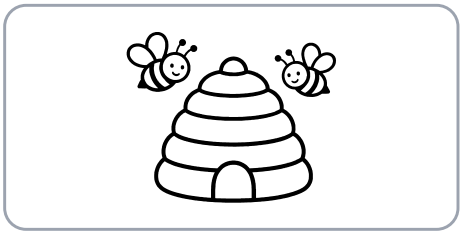
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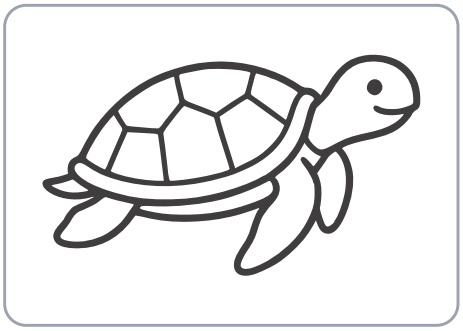
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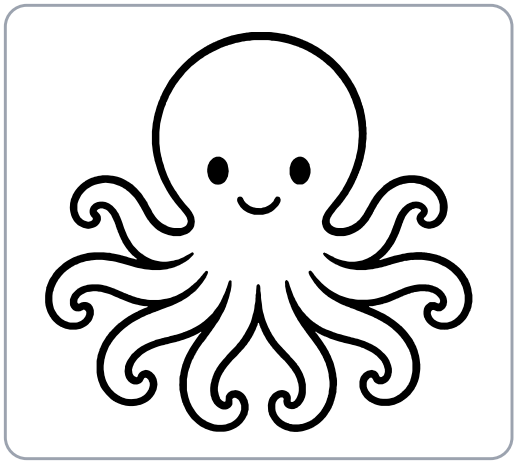
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The Octopus



An octopus is a sea animal with eight arms and no bones. Because it has no bones, it can squeeze through a very small gap between rocks. Each arm is covered with suckers. The suckers can grab things, and they can even taste!

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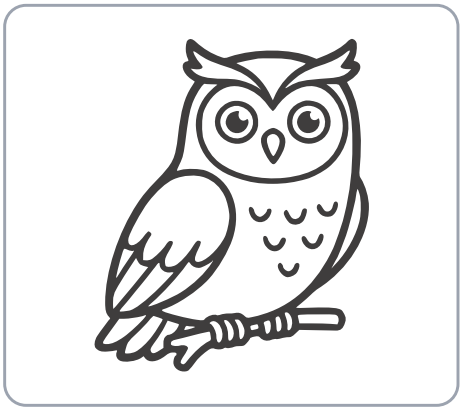
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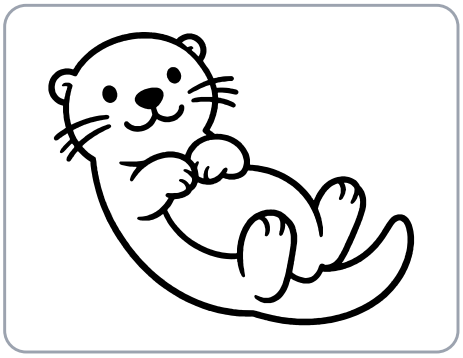
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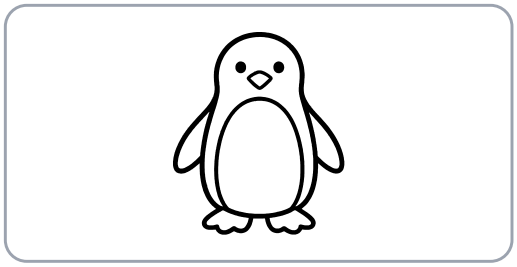
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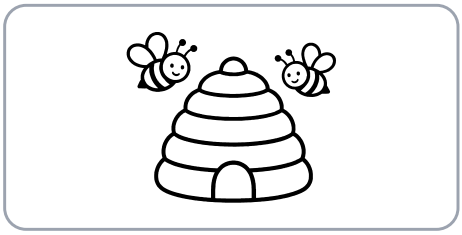
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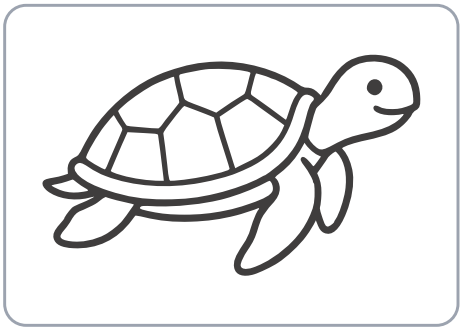
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