

My Informative Writing Checklist

Amani's Animal Rescue

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Spider Monkeys

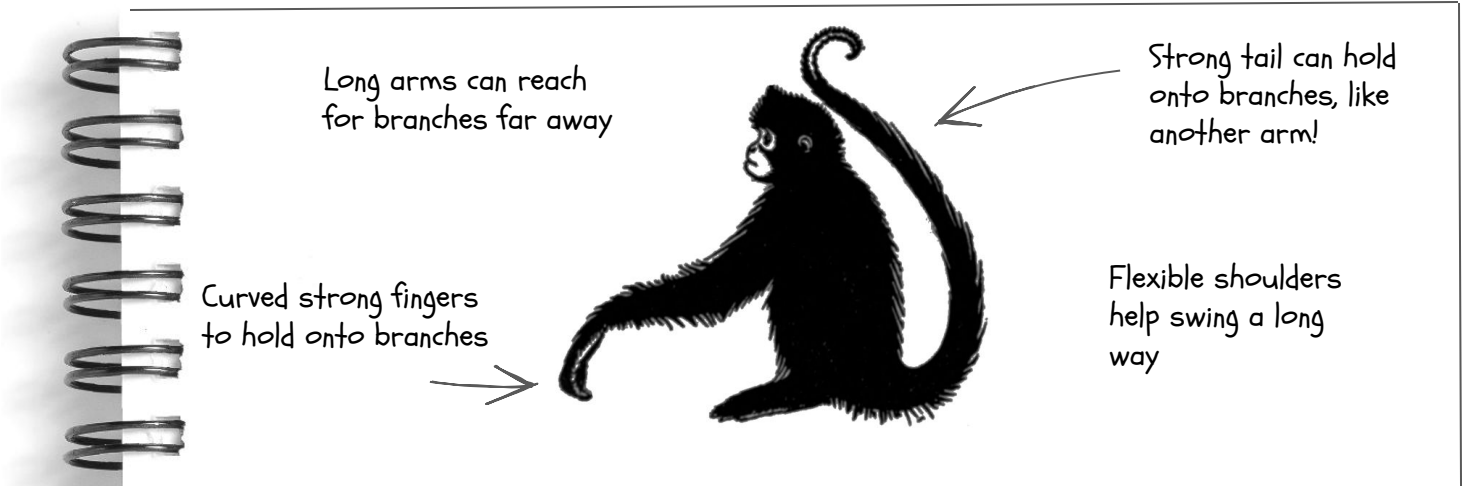
Name: _____

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If you were in a race with a spider monkey, you would probably lose!

Spider monkeys have bodies that help them swing through the branches of trees at amazing speeds.

Directions: Use the video and picture to gather information about how spider monkeys move so fast in the trees. Take your notes in the think space below.



Think Space

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Date: _____

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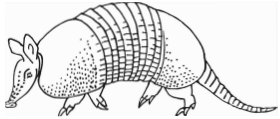
Word Bank

Animal Signs

Name: _____ Date: _____

V.I.P.

Animals:



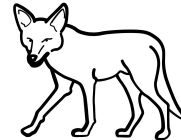
armadillo



kangaroo rat



snake

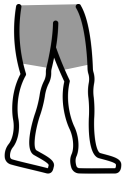


coyote

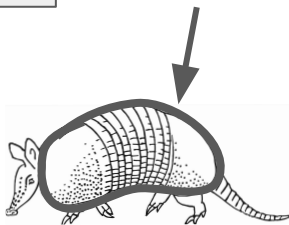


flying squirrel

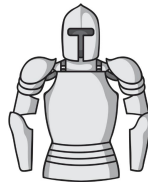
Animal parts:



legs



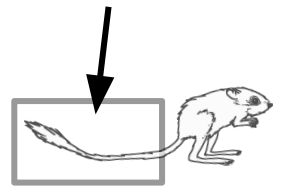
shell



armor



claws



tail

Action words (verbs):



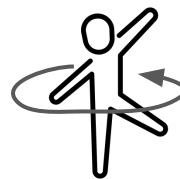
jump



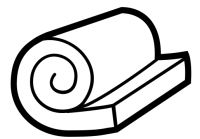
land



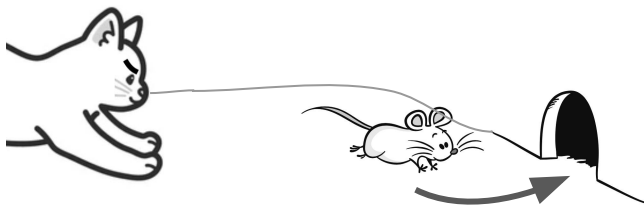
kick



twist
turn



roll up
curl up



escape



dig

Words writers use:

introduction
(beginning)

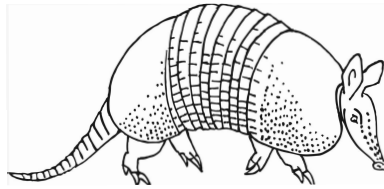


conclusion
(ending)

Think Sheet

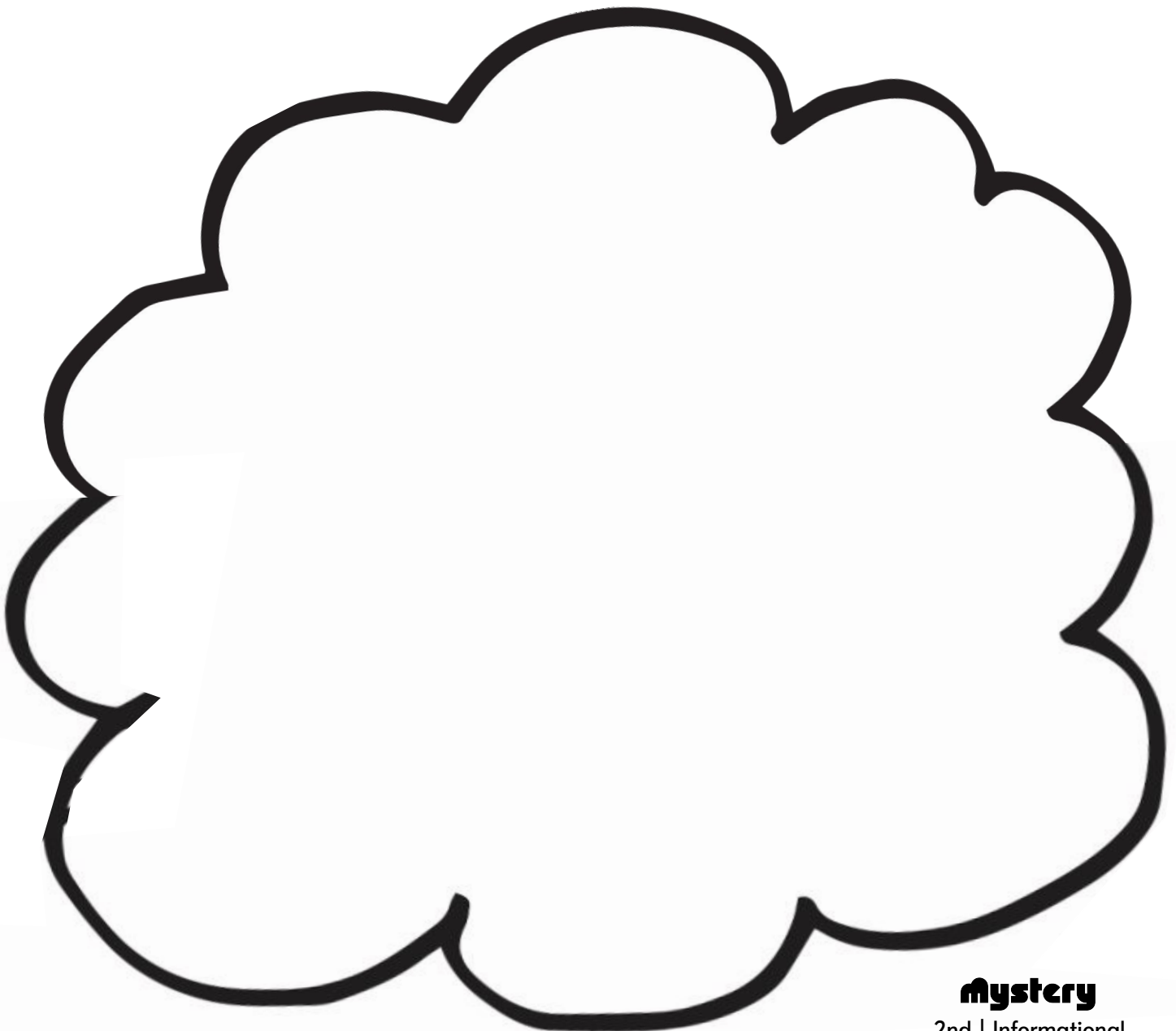
Name: _____ Date: _____

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Topic: _____

Main idea: ways this animal protects itself

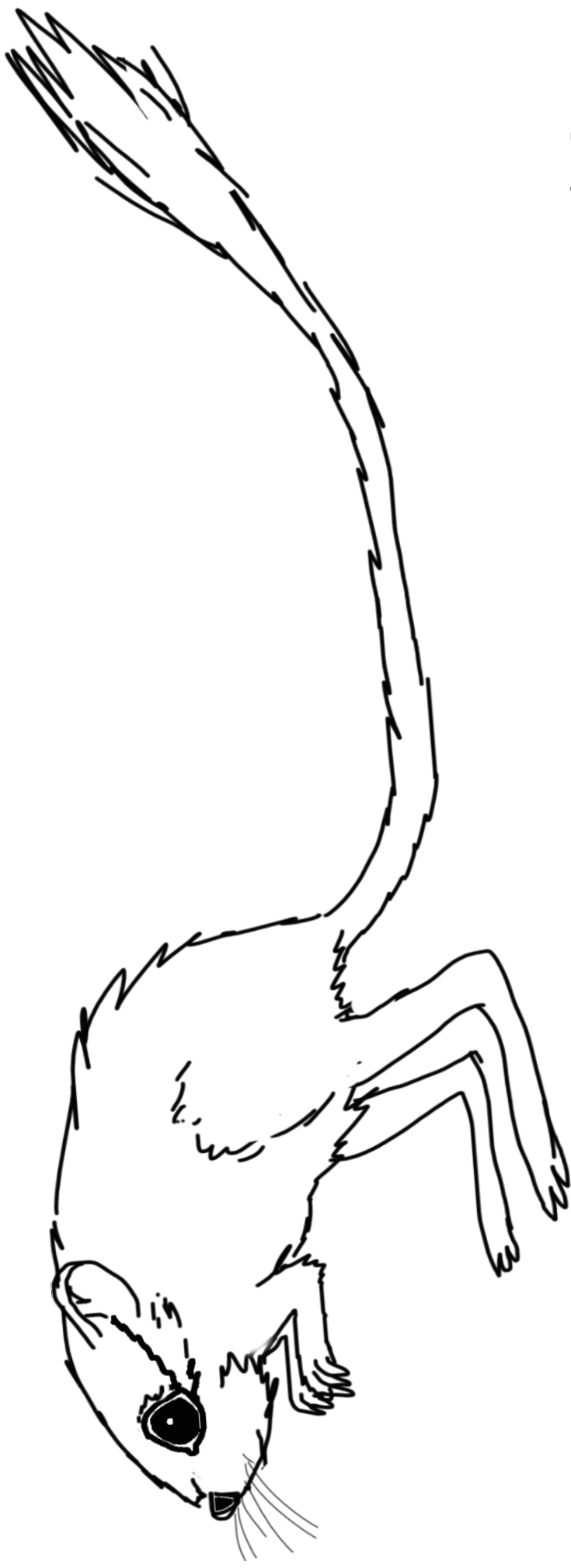


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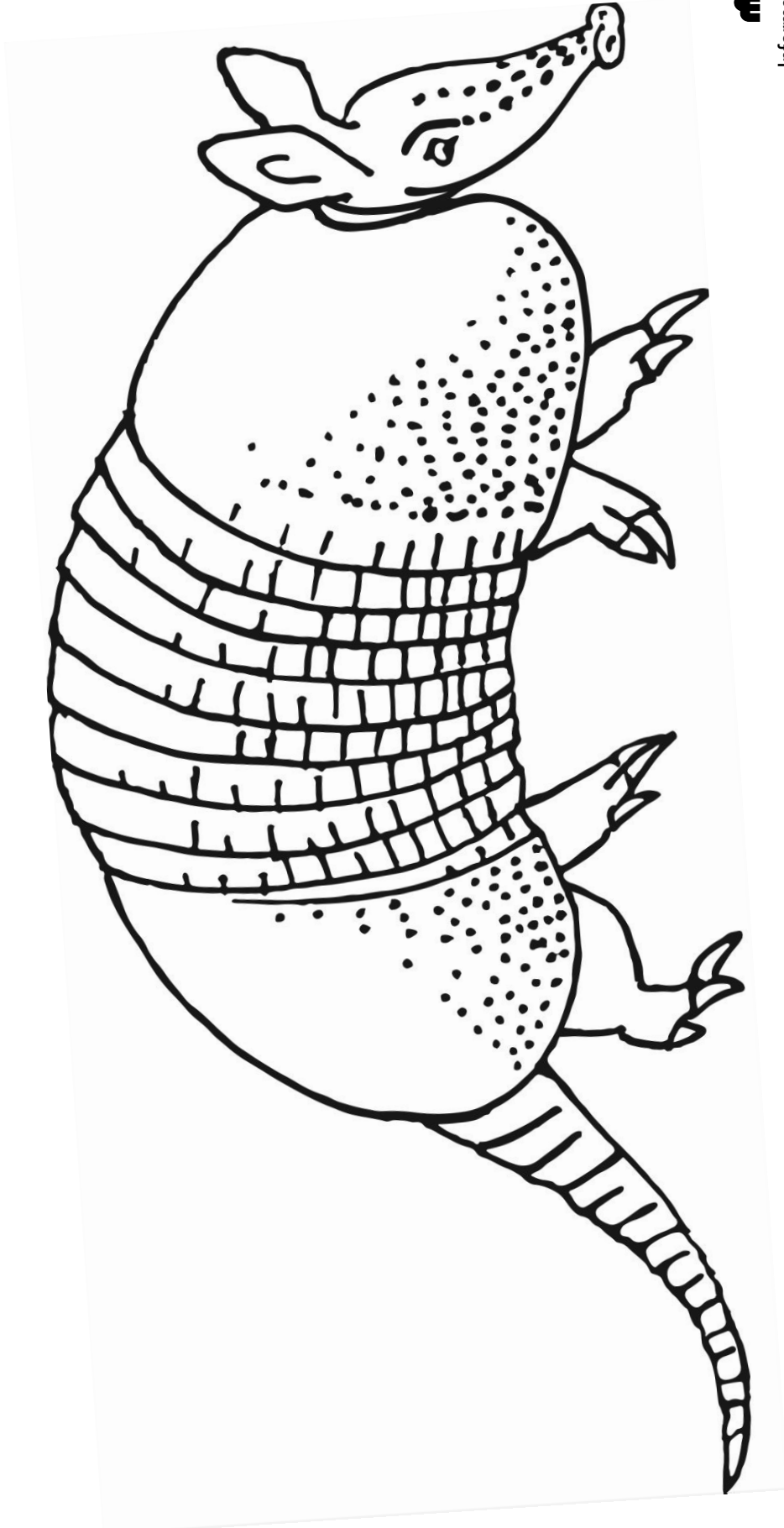
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Team

Kangaroo Rat



Team Armaddillo



Animal Sign

Name: _____

My animal: _____

Date: _____

Fill in the blanks to write a sign about your animal. If you need ideas, read the sign about toad at the bottom of the page. You can read it alone or with a partner.

The _____ has _____ special ways to stay
Animal name number/many

safe from enemies. First, it has _____
body part

that lets it _____.
action/something the animal does

Second, it can _____ so that
action/something the animal does

_____.
way the animal stays safe

The _____ has amazing ways to stay safe!
Animal name

If you need ideas...

To get some ideas for your sign, read this sign about toads alone or with a partner.

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Informative | Animal Signs

The toad has two special ways to stay safe from enemies. First, it has skin that lets it give off bad-tasting liquid that no animal wants to eat. Second, it can puff up so that a hungry animal can't swallow it. The toad has amazing ways to stay safe.

First Draft

Name: _____ Date: _____

V.I.P.

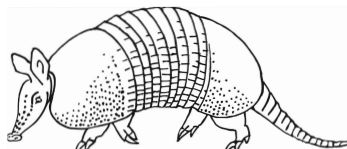
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1

2

If you have more time, keep writing sentences. Use the back if you need more room.



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Armadillo

hard shell protects against
teeth and claws

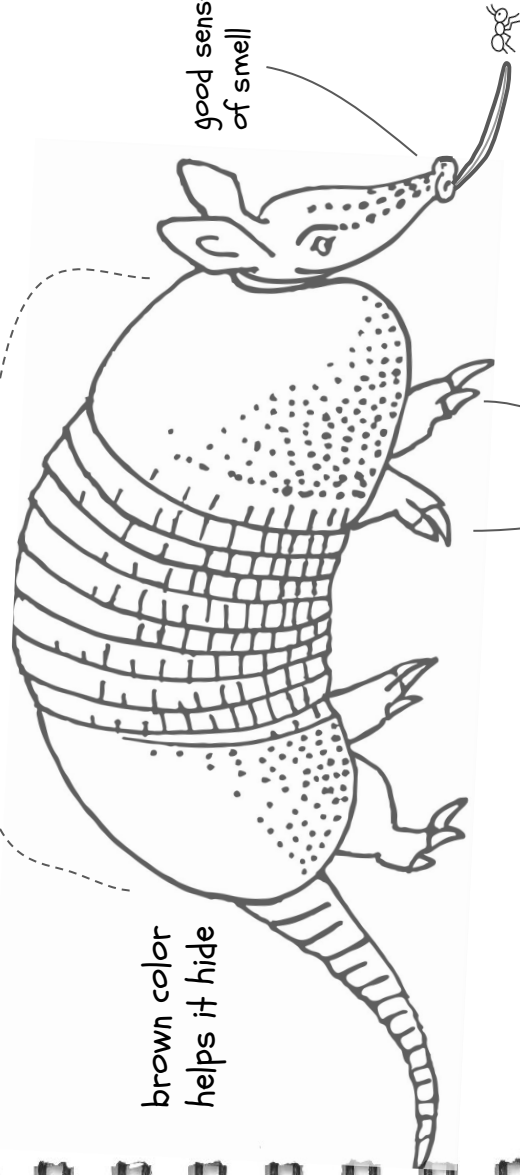
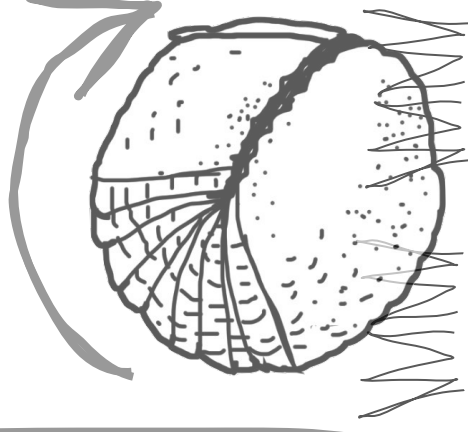
brown color
helps it hide

good sense
of smell

sticky tongue for
catching insects

long claws for digging
a hole to hide in

curls up to
protect its belly

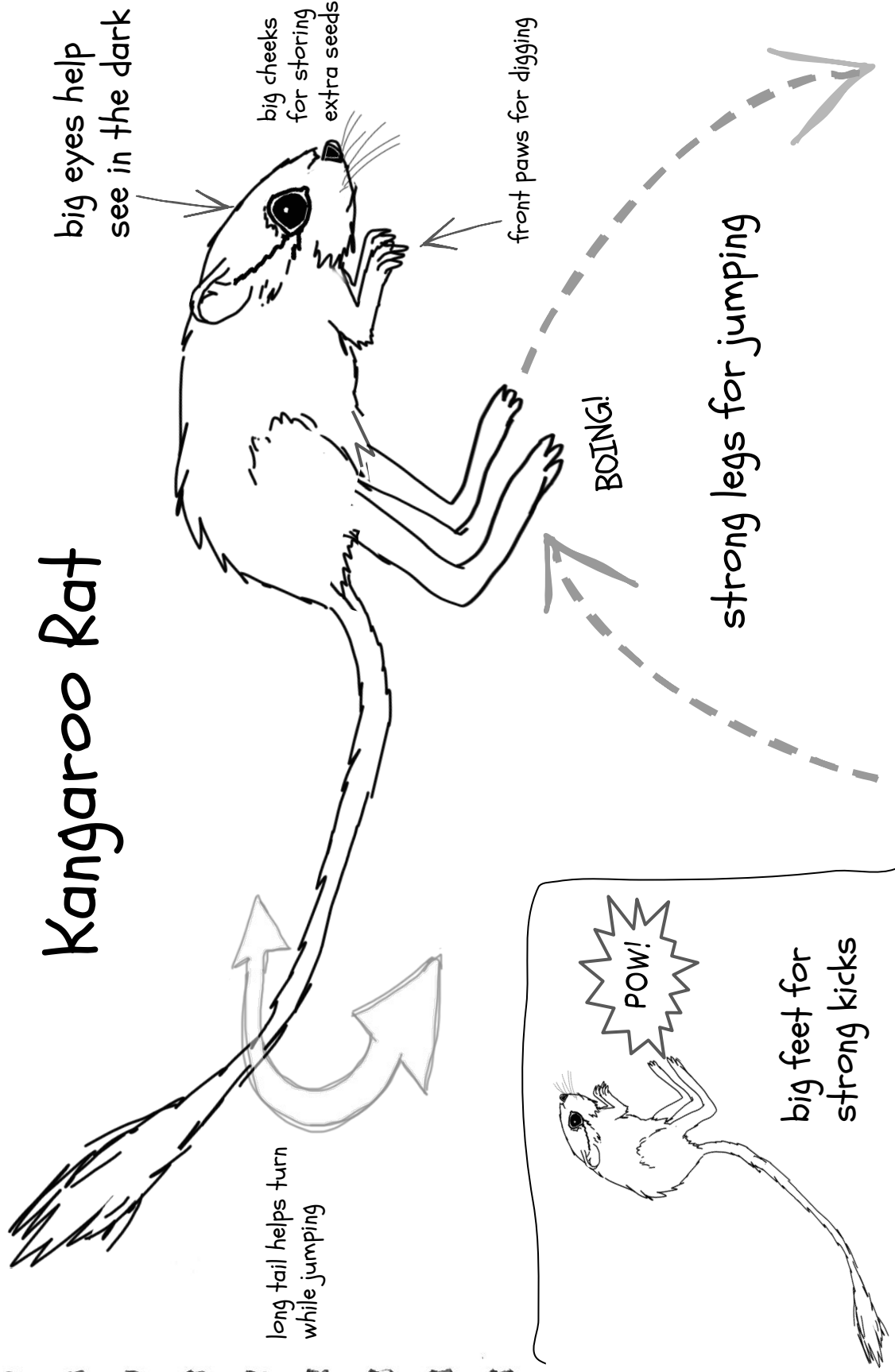


Tara's Sketchbook

Name: _____

Date: _____

V.I.P.



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Beginnings & Endings

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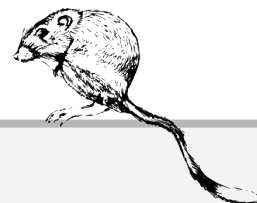
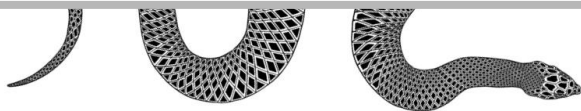


BEGINNING

1 The _____ has many ways to defend itself.
Animal

2 The _____ has many ways to defend
Animal
itself from _____
Enemy

3 _____



ENDING

4 A _____ that wants to eat a _____
Enemy *Animal*

for lunch often

how the enemy feels

.....
what your animal says to its enemy

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Word Bank

Wow Words

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Action words (verbs):



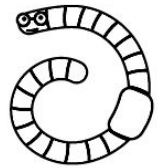
fly
glide
soar



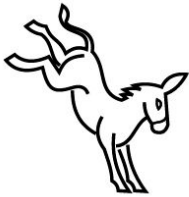
dig
burrow
tunnel



jump
spring
bounce
leap



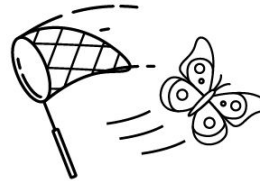
roll
curl
coil



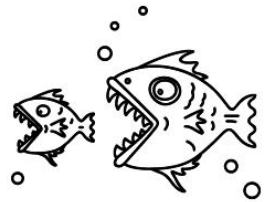
kick
smack
wallop



throw
fling
spray



escape
evade
survive



attack
hunt
lunge

Describing words (adjectives):



tiny



hard



strong



sharp



quick



hungry



scared



brave

Author (Name): _____

If you need more space, tape this page onto the bottom of your first page.

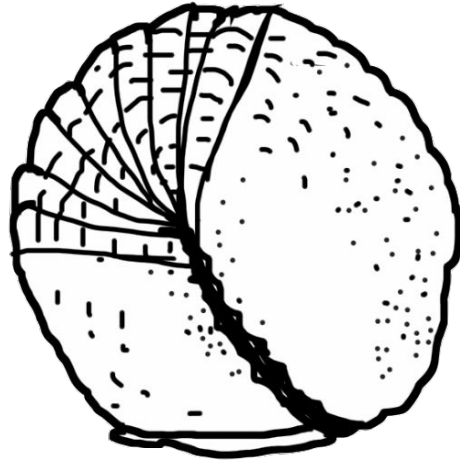
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Armadillo

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Date: _____





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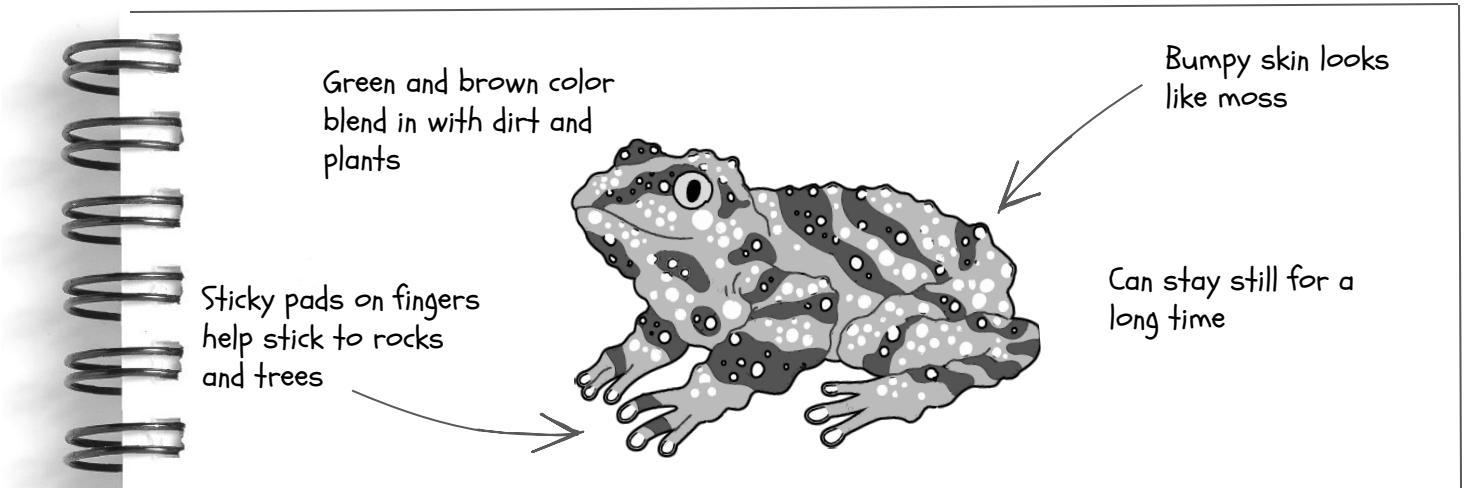
Mossy Frogs

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Spotting a mossy frog is really tricky. These frogs are master hiders. Animals who might want to try to eat them won't be able to find them!

Directions: Use the picture and drawing to gather information about how mossy frogs hide themselves so well. Take your notes in the think space below.



Think Space

mystery

Mossy Frogs

Name: _____

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How do mossy frogs hide so well?

Directions: Write an informative paragraph about what helps mossy frogs hide in their environment.

In your paragraph remember to:

- ☐ Introduce your topic
- ☐ Give lots of details and facts
- ☐ Write an ending
- ☐ Edit your writing
