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The tiger’s roar filled the cave with thunder. Mother Wolf shook herself clear of the cubs and sprang forward, her eyes, like two green moons in the darkness, facing the blazing eyes of Shere Khan.

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

Circle it! Circle the verbs!

filled    shook    tiger    sprang    roar    blazing    wolf

cave facing eyes

Check it! Punctuate this correctly!

The mans cub is mine answered mother wolf
Mowgli took his place at the Council Rock, too, when the Pack met, and there he discovered that if he stared hard at any wolf, the wolf would be forced to drop his eyes, and so he used to stare for fun. At other times he would pick the long thorns out of the pads of his friends, for wolves suffer terribly from thorns and burs in their coats.

All the jungle is yours said bagheera
They found him stretched out on a warm ledge in the afternoon sun, admiring his beautiful new coat, for he had been in retirement for the last ten days changing his skin, and now he was very splendid—darting his big blunt-nosed head along the ground, and twisting the thirty feet of his body into fantastic knots and curves, and licking his lips as he thought of his dinner to come. “He has not eaten,” said Baloo, with a grunt of relief, as soon as he saw the beautifully mottled brown and yellow jacket. “Be careful, Bagheera! He is always a little blind after he has changed his skin, and very quick to strike.”

**Draw it!** What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

**Match it!** Draw a line to match the synonyms!

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**Check it!** Circle the 4 mistakes and correct them!

Kaa was knot a poison snayke - his strengh lay inn his hug.
The grass began to get squasy, and Kala Nag’s feet sucked and squelched as he put them down, and the night mist at the bottom of the valley chilled Little Toomai. There was a splash and a trample, and the rush of running water, and Kala Nag strode through the bed of a river, feeling his way at each step. Above the noise of the water, as it swirled round the elephant’s legs, Little Toomai could hear more splashing and some trumpeting both upstream and down—great grunts and angry snortings, and all the mist about him seemed to be full of rolling, wavy shadows.

**Draw it!** What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

**Answer it!** What sort of animal is Kala Nag? How do you know?

**Check it!** Circle the mistakes and correct them!

Kala Nag blue his trump cleer and begin to climb.
THE FIELDMOUSE
by Cecil Frances Alexander

Where the acorn tumbles down,
Where the ash tree sheds its berry,
With your fur so soft and brown,
With your eye so round and merry,
Scarcely moving the long grass,
Fieldmouse, I can see you pass.

Match it! Draw a line to match the synonyms!

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THE RAINFOREST

The sleek, black leopard crept over the shadowy, damp forest floor searching for its prey. It was night and the moon hung in the sky like a sliver of silver. The predator was listening for the sound of baboons, monkeys, rodents and antelope – anything it could chase, catch and kill.

**Draw it!** What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

**Match it!** Draw a line to match the synonyms!

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**Check it!** Circle the mistakes and correct them!

The blak lepard stalked threw the jungle.
The blue morpho butterfly swooped through the rainforest canopy, its iridescent, paper-thin wings fluttering in the breeze. Below it, a crystal clear waterfall cascaded and tumbled and a sloth hung lazily in a tree, slowly digesting its meal.

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

Match it! Draw a line to match the word to their meaning!

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Check it! Circle the mistakes and correct them!

The butterfly twurled throo the heir.
The slow sloth crunched and munched on twigs, fruit and delicious leaves. A thick layer of algae covered its brown fur and its long, hooked claws hung onto the tree. Below it, a large elephant stomped over the damp, shadowy forest floor, its trumpet as loud as thunder.

**Draw it!** What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

**Perform it!** Trying reading this tongue twister out loud!

The slow sloth swung on the branch while the silky snake slithered in the silence.

**Check it!** Circle the mistakes and correct them!

A elephant crashd threw the bushis and trampled over leeves.
The brightly coloured macaw squawked loudly. Its red, blue and yellow feathers glinted in the sunlight as it used its large, strong beak to crack open a tough, hard nut. Beside it, a chameleon transformed from yellow to blue, its round, small eyes flickering.

**Draw it!** What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!

**Circle it!** Circle the verbs!

- squawked
- crack
- transformed
- flickering
- loudly
- glinted
- strong
- large
- tough
- small
- chameleon

**Perform it!** Say this out loud, paying attention to the punctuation and text size!

Macaw. Macaw? Macaw! MacAW. Macaw. MaCaw. MACAW! Macaw...
Tyger Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night;  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies.  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand, dare seize the fire?

**Match it!** Draw a line to match the synonyms!

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My mother saw a dancing bear
By the schoolyard, a day in June.
The keeper stood with chain and bar
And whistle-pipe, and played a tune.

They paid a penny for the dance,
But what they saw was not the show;
Only, in bruin’s aching eyes,
Far-distant forests, and the snow.

Think it! What might the bear be thinking and feeling?

Draw it! What do you see when you read this? Draw and label a picture!
Design a new animal for a rainforest setting!

Notes about your animal’s appearance

Notes about your animal’s habitat/where it lives

A picture of your animal

Notes about how your animal is adapted to its environment

Notes about your animal’s diet
Design a new animal for a desert setting!

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Design a new animal for an icy, cold setting!

Notes about your animal’s appearance

A picture of your animal

Notes about your animal’s diet

Notes about your animal’s habitat/where it lives

Notes about how your animal is adapted to its environment