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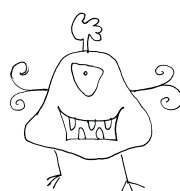
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for Carrot-Nose

Welcome, future writer!

We created this book for our son, Benjamin, who didn't like cursive writing at first. He liked the cursive in this book, though, and we hope you will, too.

On each page is a monster who is introducing you to a particular cursive letter, uppercase or lowercase. At the bottom of the page are some guides that you can trace, and write alongside of, to practice writing the letter. After you practice the letter, imagine what the monster is saying and write it in the speech balloon above.

Of course, what the monster is actually saying is totally up to you. There are no wrong answers! Use your imagination, and have fun!

—Nika and Noel

A a

a

Am

Al

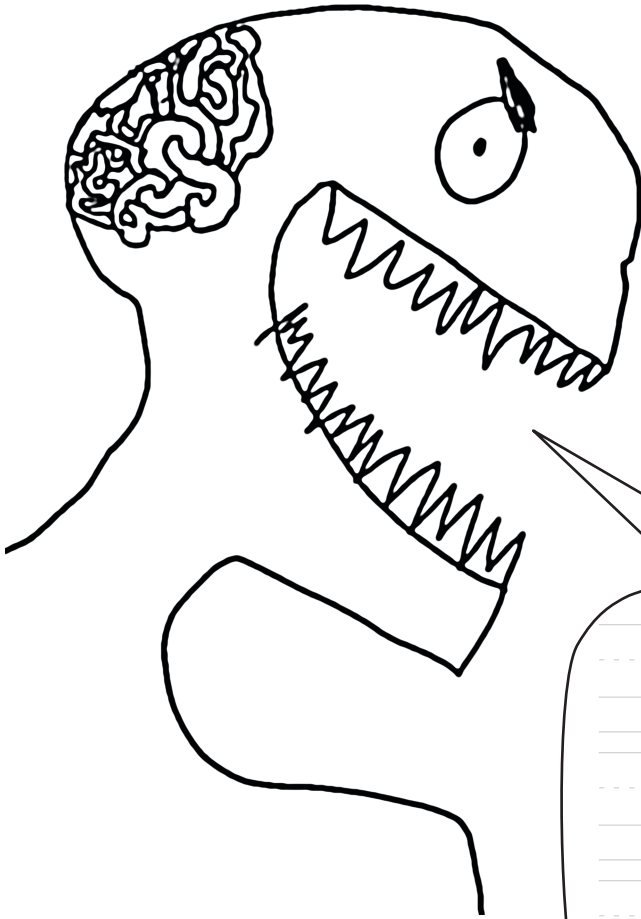
Au

Ama

Awa

Ala

Amma mamma lamma wamm!



A large, empty speech bubble with a rounded rectangular shape and a tail pointing towards the dinosaur's mouth. It contains several horizontal lines for writing.

c o a

c o a

a a

a

ast

last

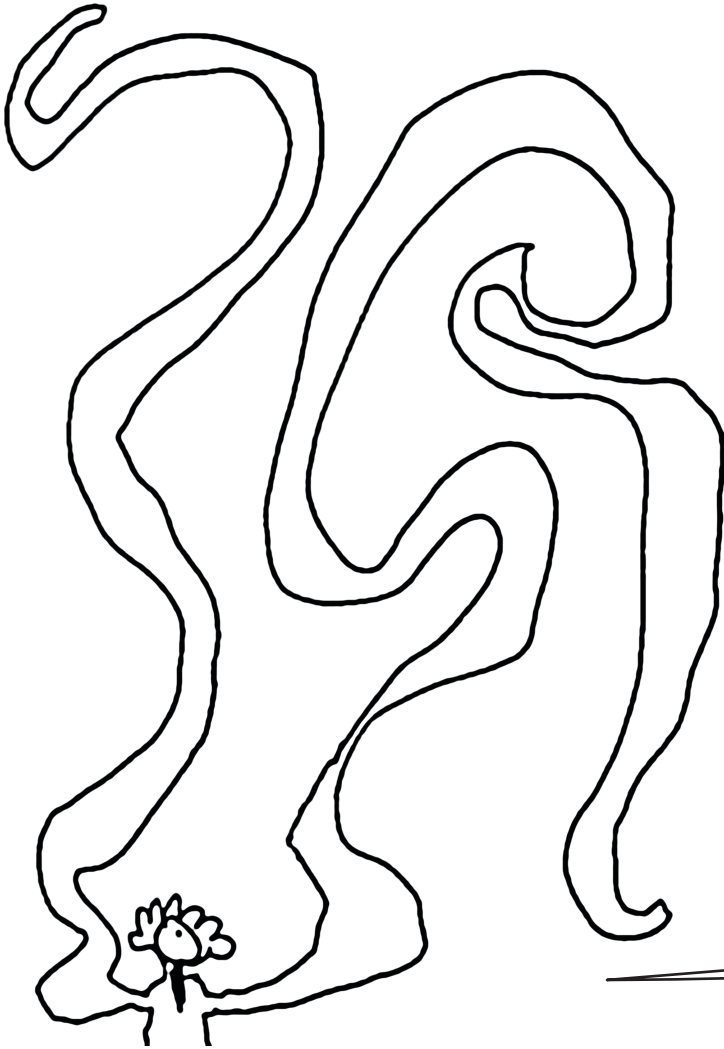
fast

mast

hast

gast

Ghasty fastly mastly plast.



A rectangular box with rounded corners, containing several horizontal lines for writing. The lines are arranged in pairs, with a dashed midline between each pair of solid lines.

c *o* *a*

c *o* *a*

B B

B

Ba

Be

Bu

Bi

Bo

By

Back-tie bloo-tie babbel-tie bay!



I P B

I P B

b b

b

bab

beb

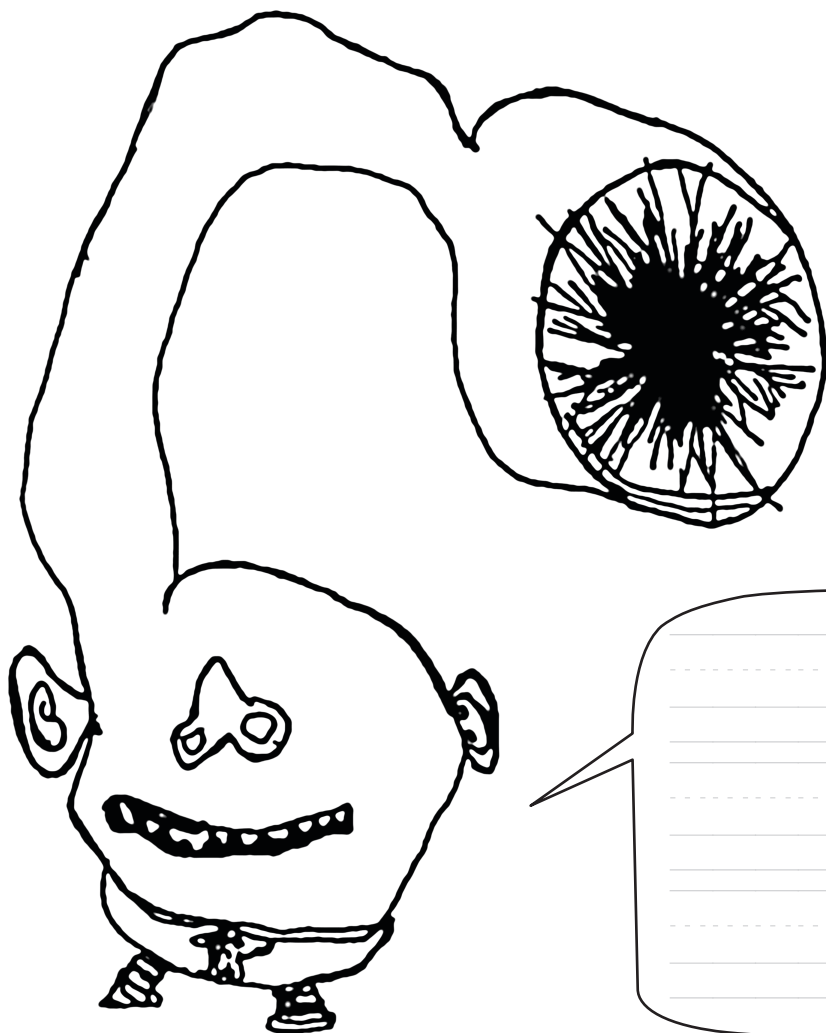
bib

bub

beb

brybry

Klonab bonab flabbo bibby boon.



p

b

b

p

b

b

C C

Coo

Ca

Cea

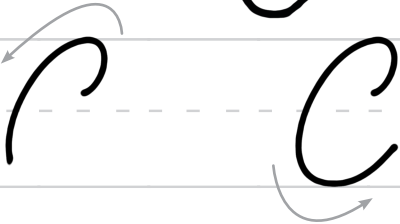
Cae

Cue

Con

Cie

Canta calla occa mocca.



C c

c

ca

ce

ce

ci

cu

cl

Ecke cooto catchie cam!



r

c

r

c

D D

D

Da

Doo

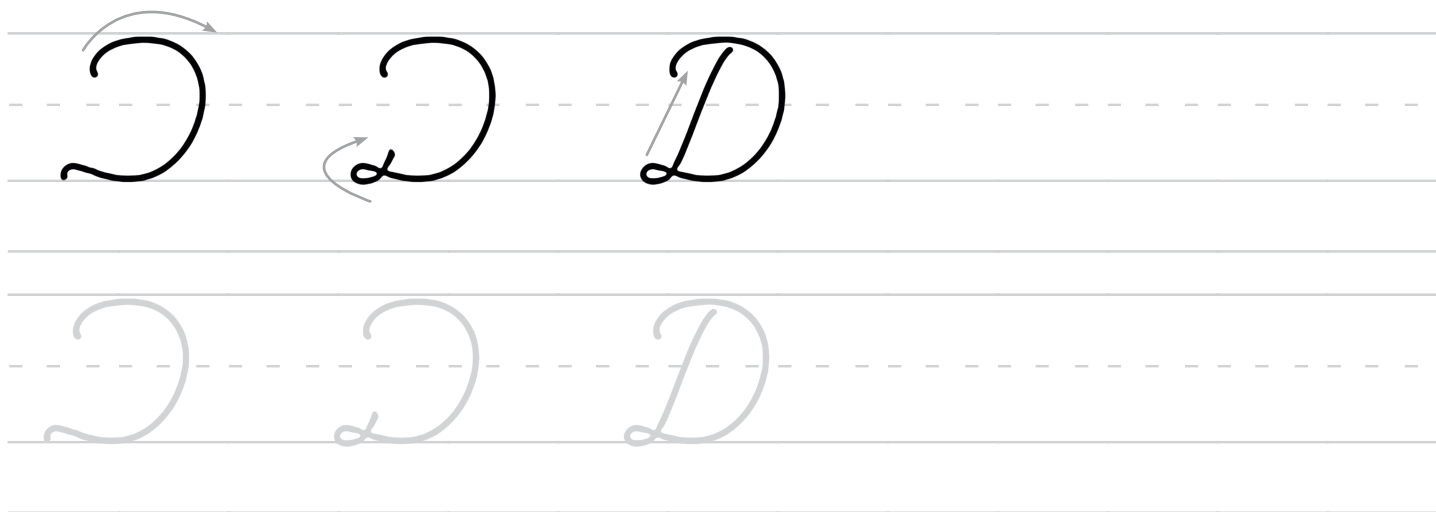
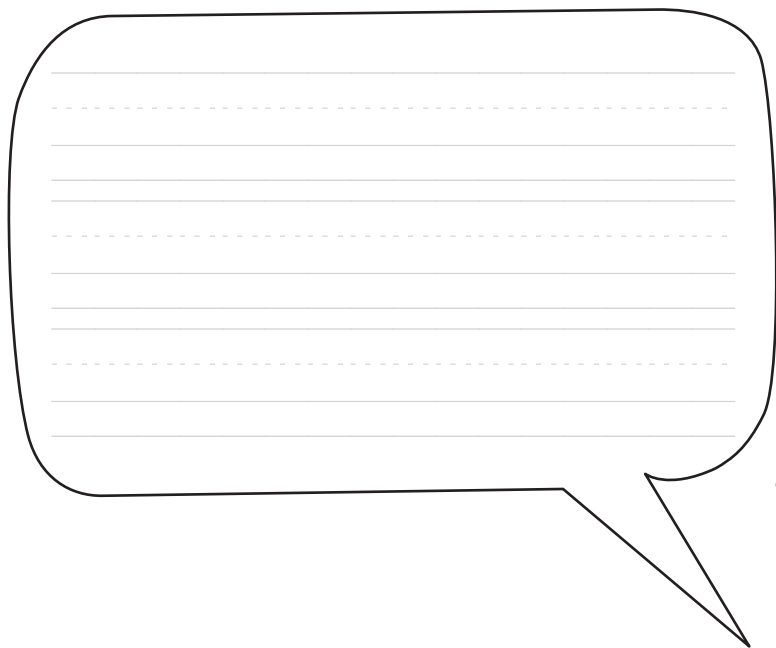
Dee

Dery

Due

Dla

Dah-lum, dah-loom, dah-mod dah-pod dah-ba!



d d

d

dar

dot

dip

den

dut

dyl

Deedly dar, dapty doo, iddy widdy dey.



Handwriting practice area with multiple lines for writing.

c d d

c d d

E E

E

Est

Ela

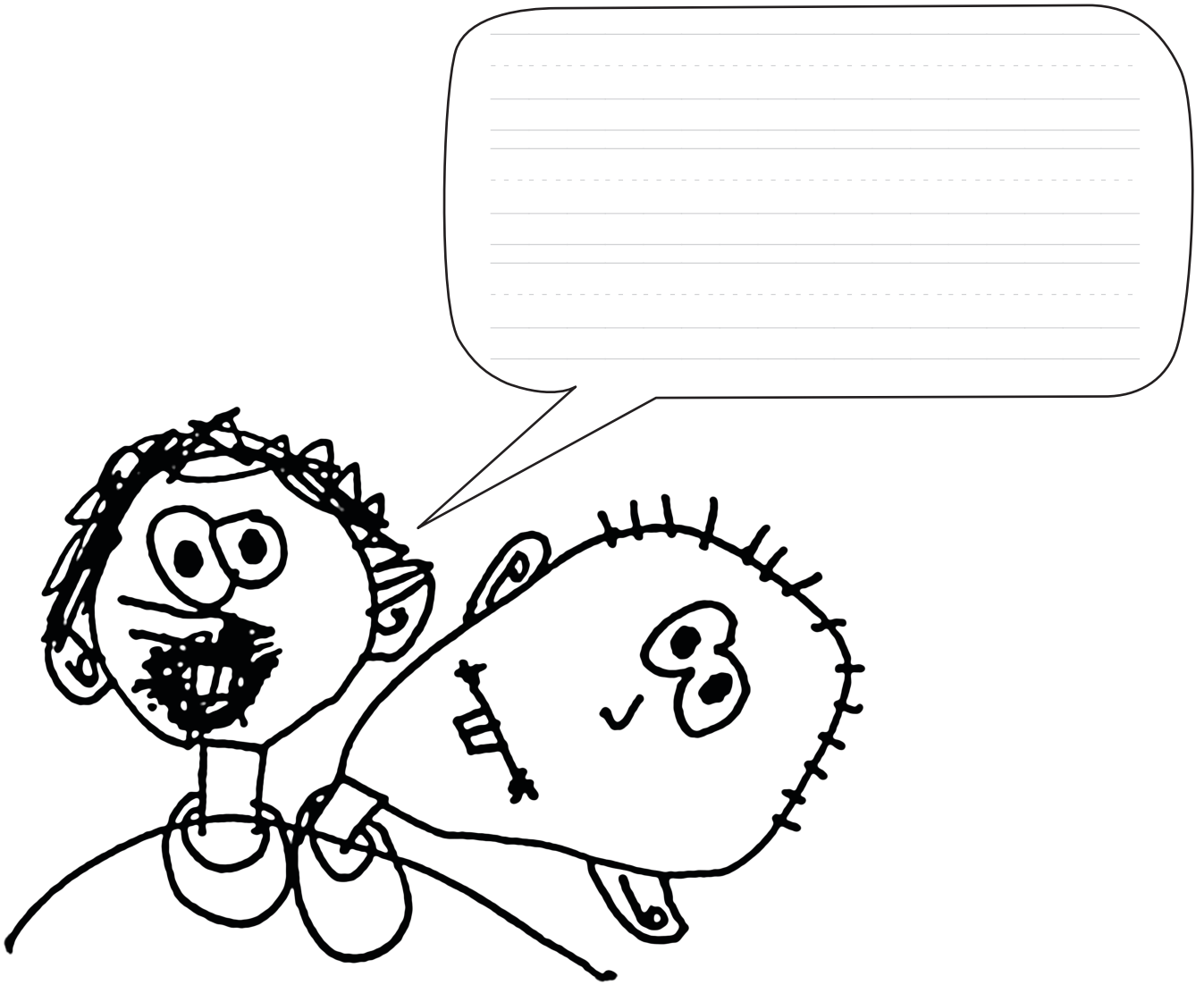
Ema

End

Eck

Eph

Leesto meesto eesto ree!



e e

e

ee

ela

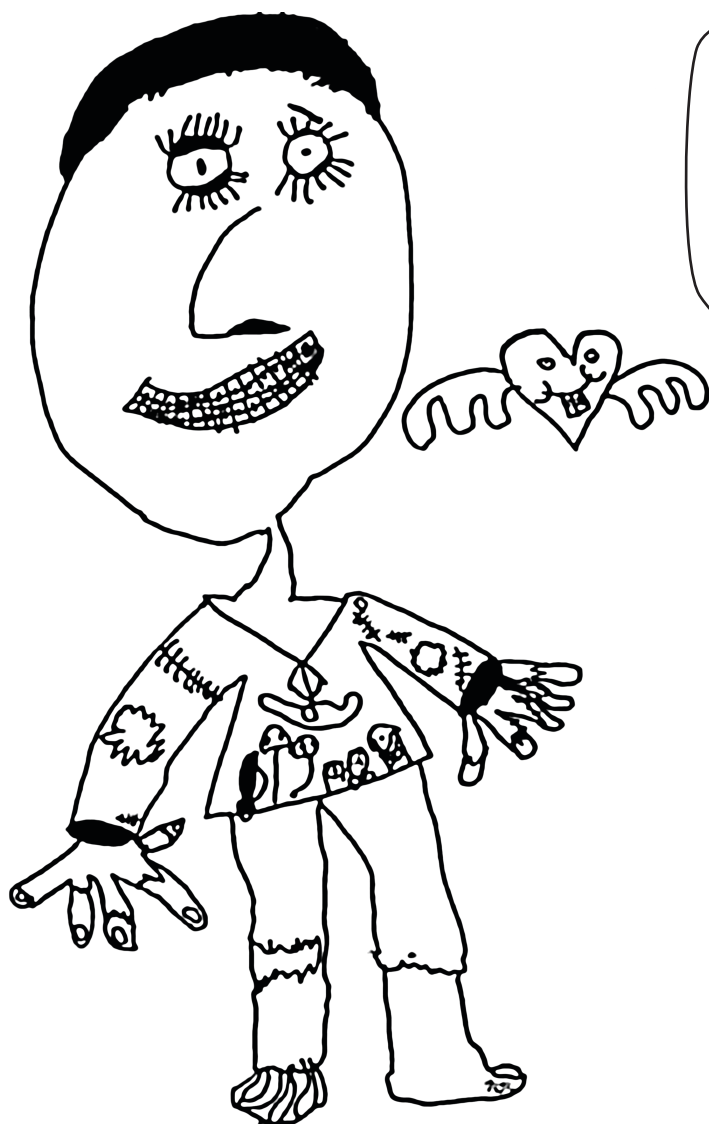
ent

eye

era

eww

Blome bleem sleem feedah meedah beem!



o

e

o

e

F F

F

Fee

Fa

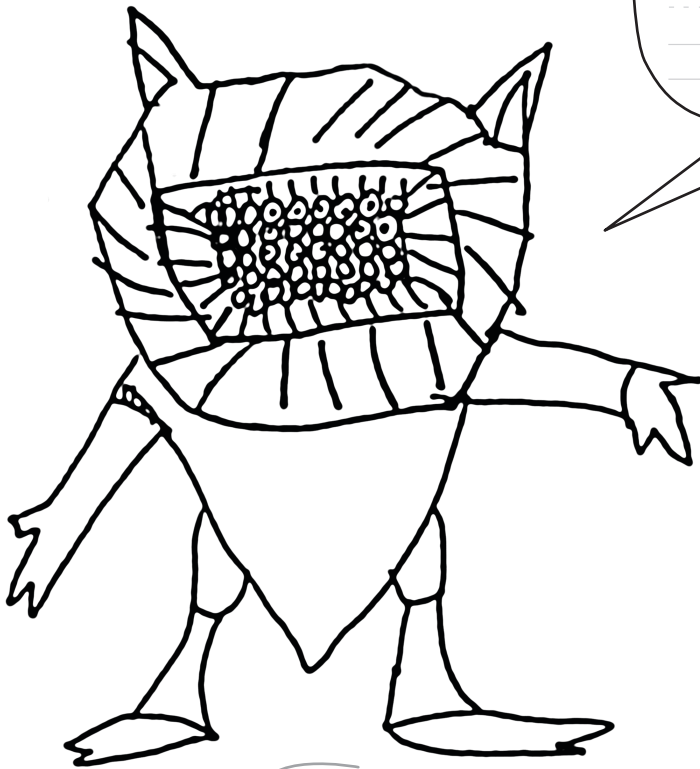
Fie

Fee

Fue

Fey

Fangamoozah, fongamay.



J T F

J T F

f f

f

fin

fee

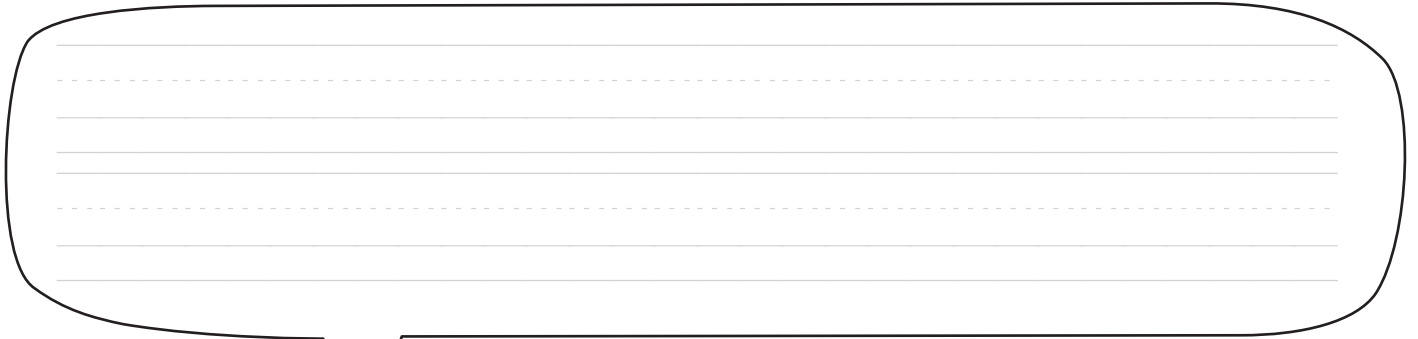
for

faw

flu

fre

Fontaffee fiffa-too miffa-toy foo.



G Z

Z

Zoo

Zar

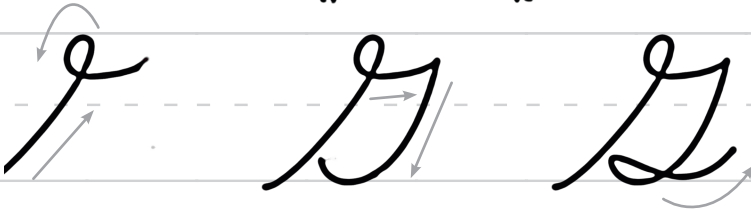
Zie

Zuf

Zan

Zye

Agga. Glagga. Plagga schragga glah.



g g

g

ger

gie

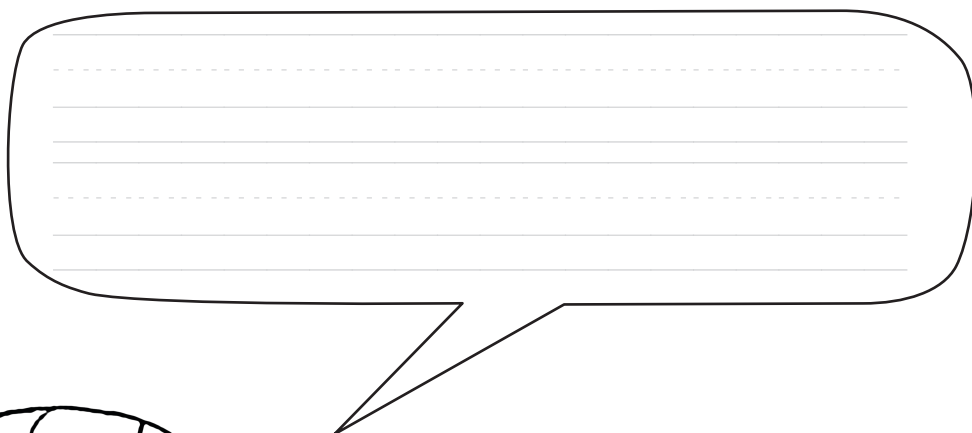
ger

gan

gho

gra

Gumble-dee gloggle-dee oglah-dee groo.



o

g

g

o

g

g

H H

H

Hoy

Har

Hif

Heg

Hul

Hye

Hoo! Ho! Har! Hing!



A large speech bubble containing several horizontal lines for writing practice.

Tracing guide for the cursive letters 'h', 'H', and 'H' with directional arrows.

Tracing guide for the cursive letters 'h', 'H', and 'H' without directional arrows.

h h

h

ha

hiu

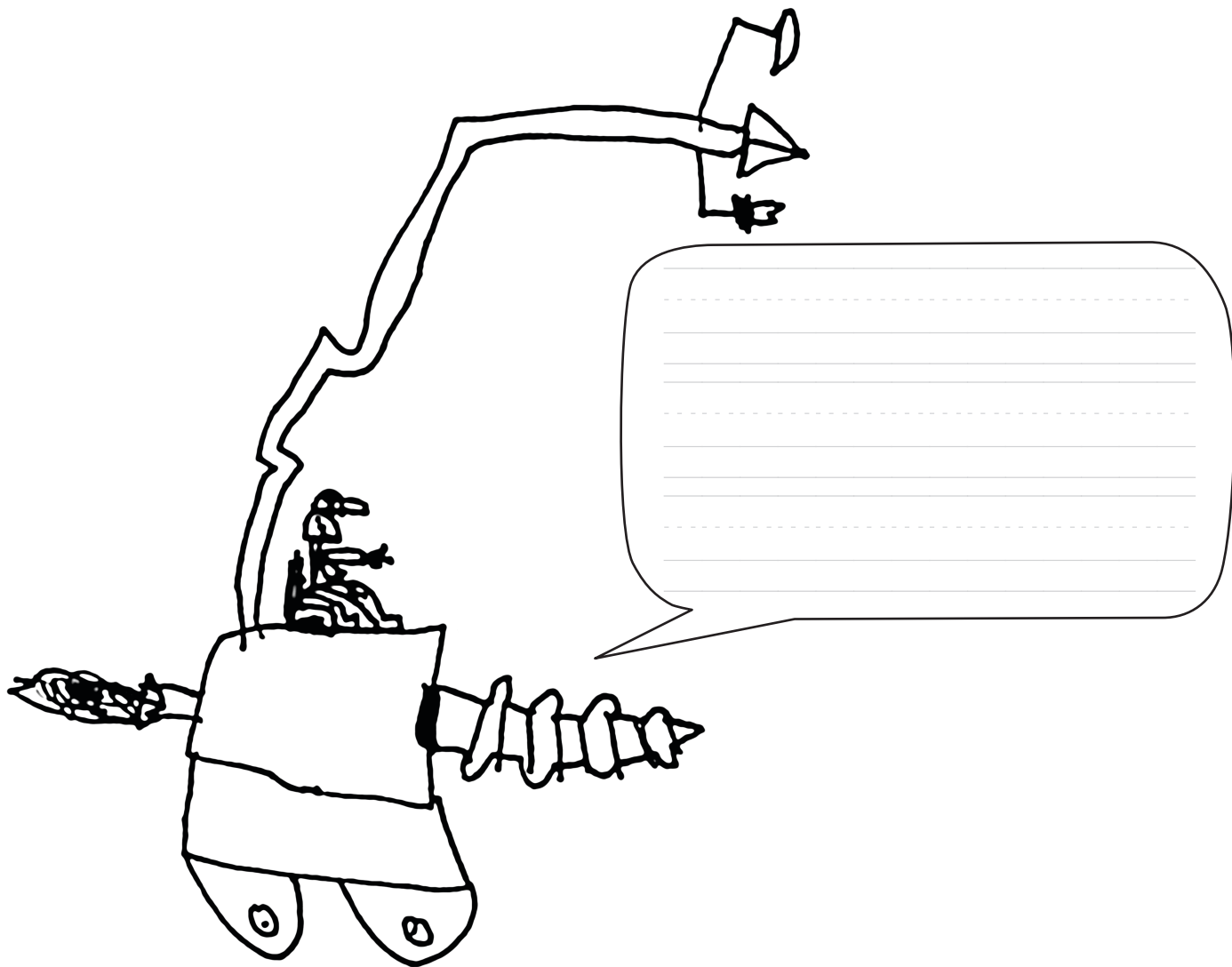
huk

heu

hoh

haq

Oth, thom, hotha lotha thew.



l

h

l

h

I l

l

It

Ig

In

Irg

Inu

Ipt

Ista bikki itta mimmi mitt.

Handwriting practice area with multiple lines for text entry.



i i

i

irt

ifs

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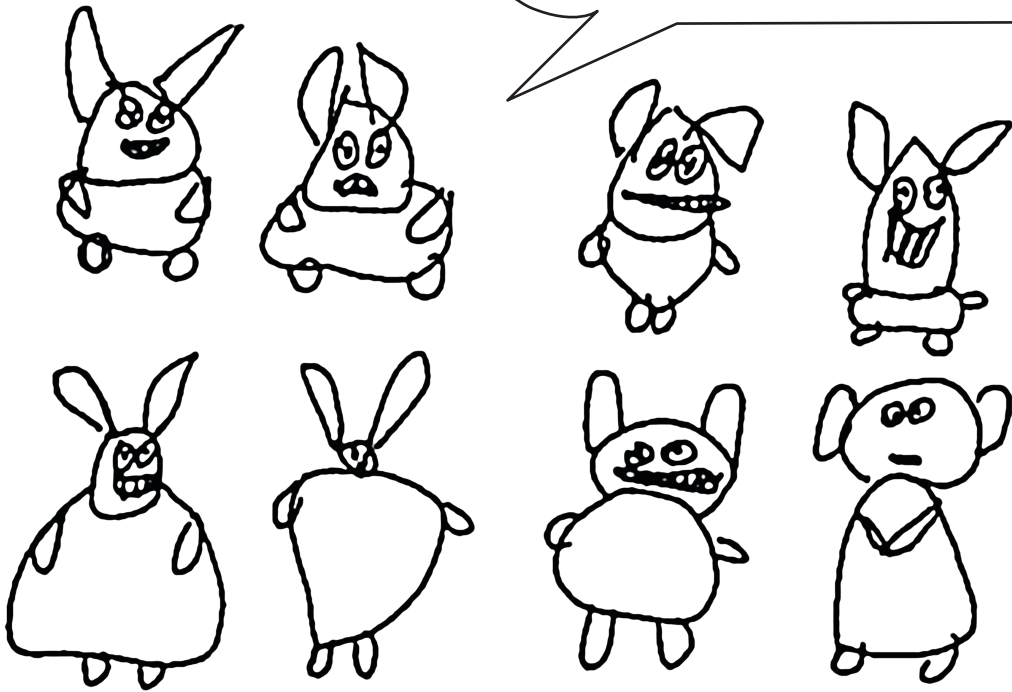
ime

ijo

ila

Pisti misti iggle wrista titha.

Handwriting practice area with multiple lines for text entry.



Handwriting practice lines showing the letters 'i' and 'j' with arrows indicating stroke direction.

J j

J

Ja

Jut

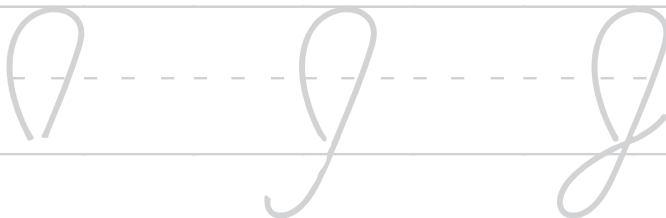
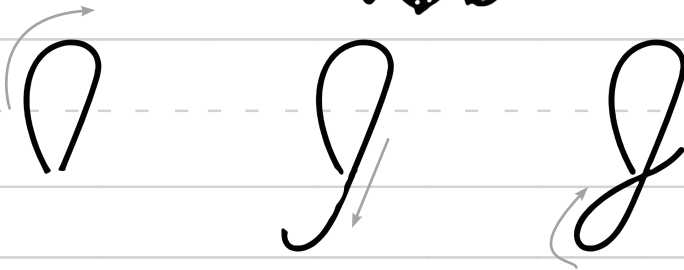
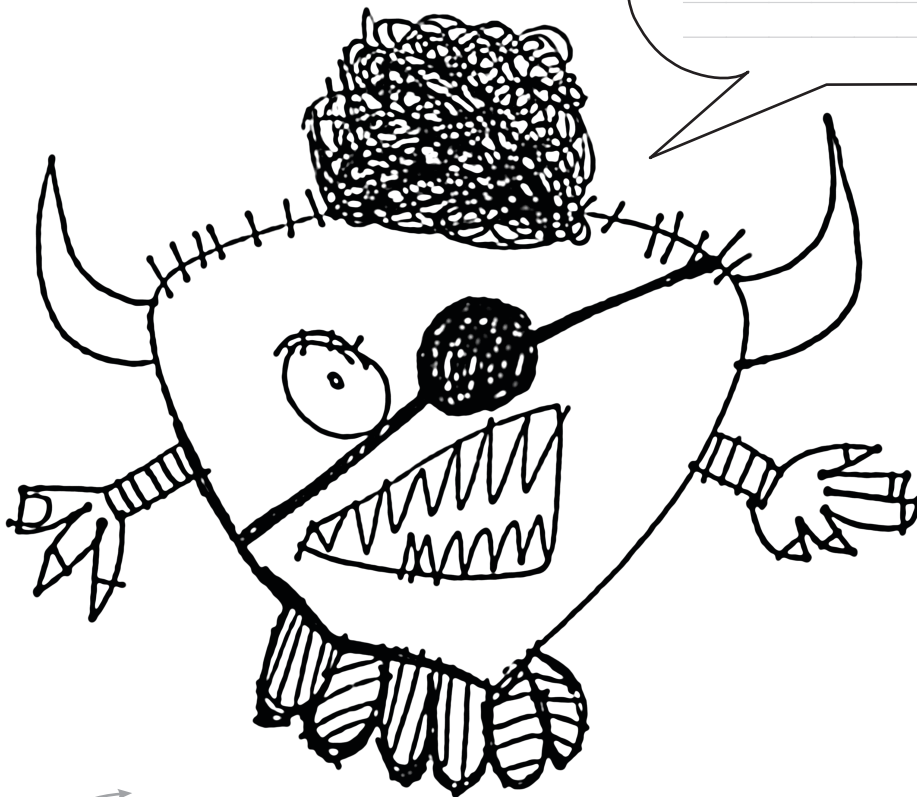
Jes

Jol

Jih

Jyo

Jampa-too! Jetsa-moo! Jirta-goo!



j j

j

jor

jad

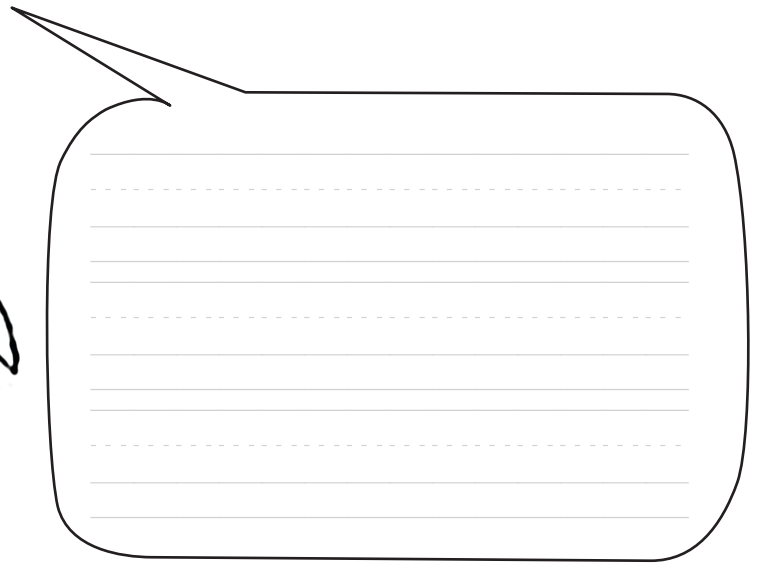
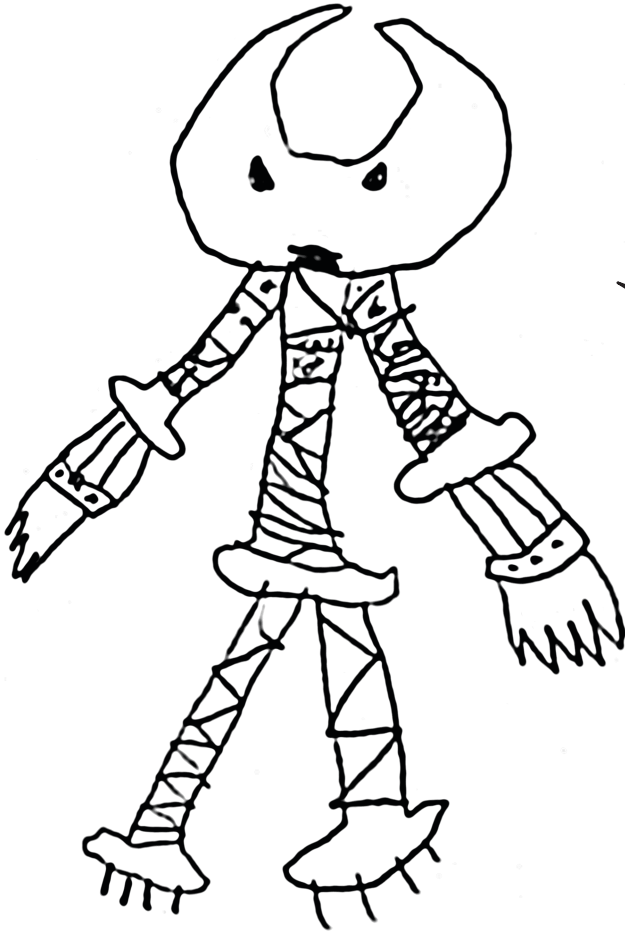
jom

jul

jeg

jye

Laja kaja tah.



1

2

3

1

2

3

K K

K

Kor

Kal

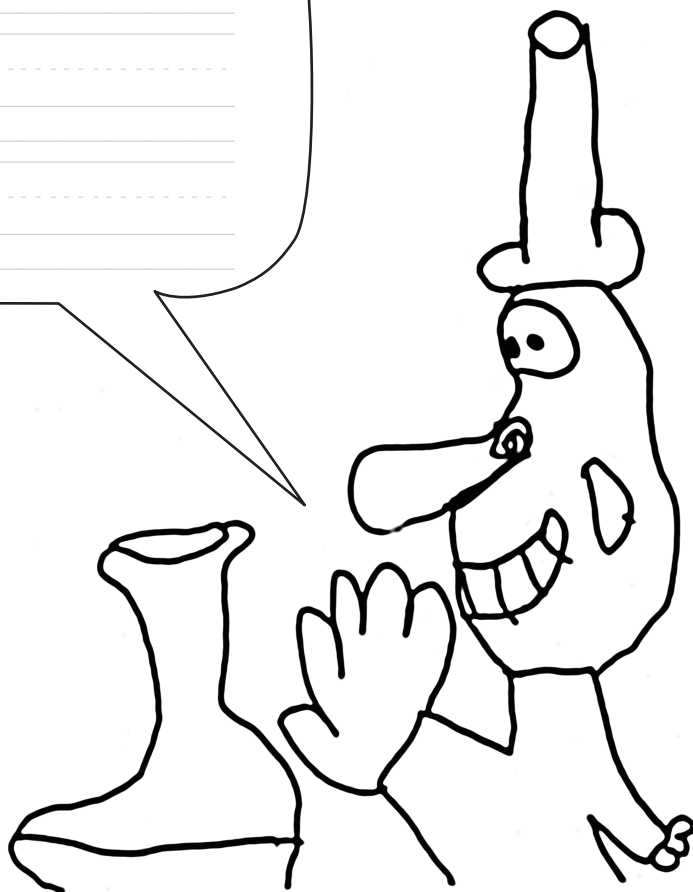
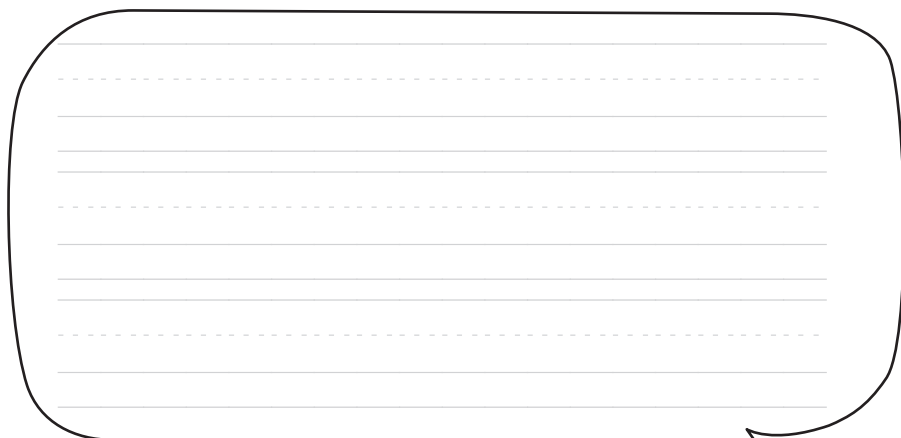
Ker

Kin

Kug

Kye

Ocka-malk. Tocka-talk. Kolah-salk.



7 K K

7 K K

k k

k

kab

ker

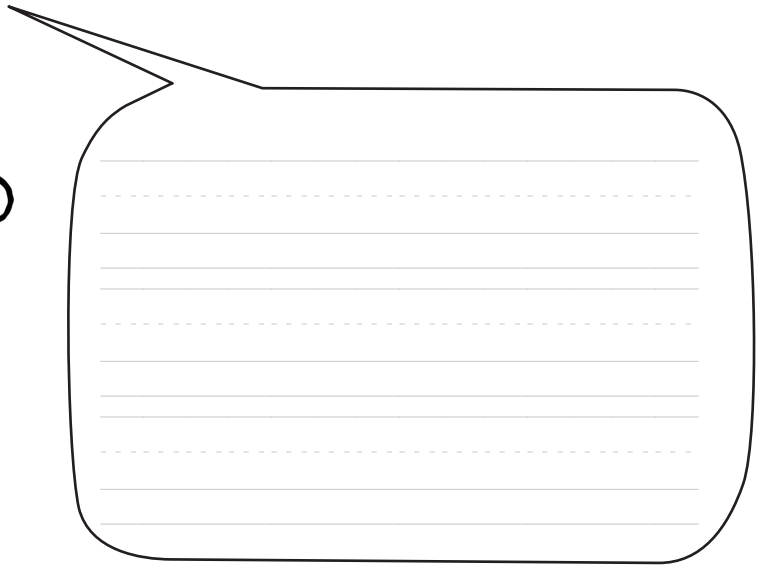
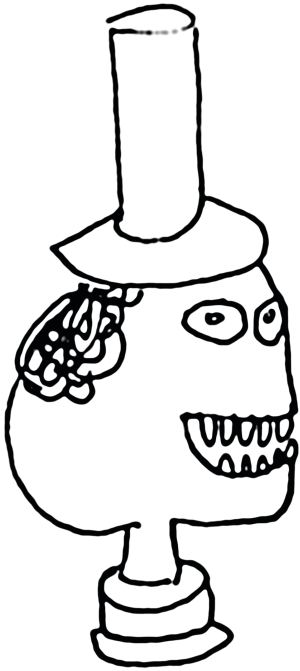
kih

kol

kryt

khu

Kack, vack, rakkle-dee zack!



k

v

r

k

v

k

L L

L

Log

Lag

Lim

Lo

Ley

Lyn

Alloo-yeh bool, immel-da hool.



f

L

f

L

l l

l

let

lig

law

lup

lt

ln

Leem deemel eelum deelee!



A large speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the character. Inside the bubble are several horizontal lines for writing.

l

l

l

l

M m

m

My

Mar

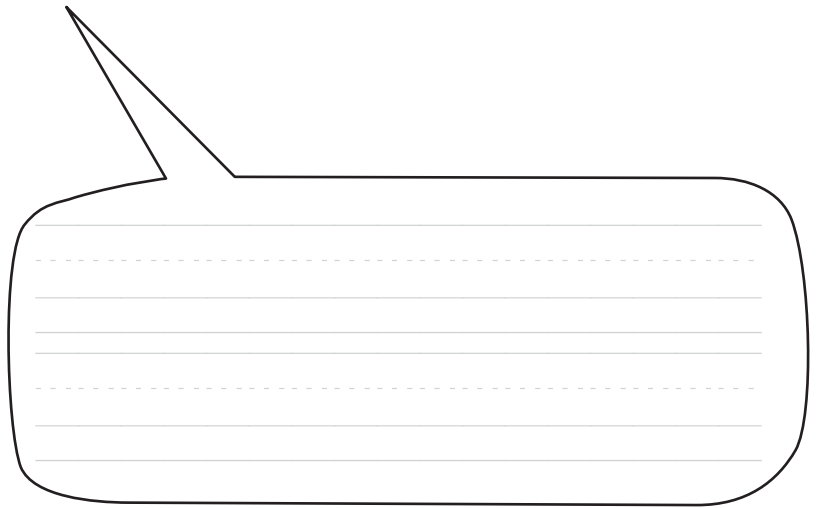
Moi

Mew

Mul

Mir

Umph. Wumph. Mumpha dumpha.



U W M

U W M

m m

m

mn

mp

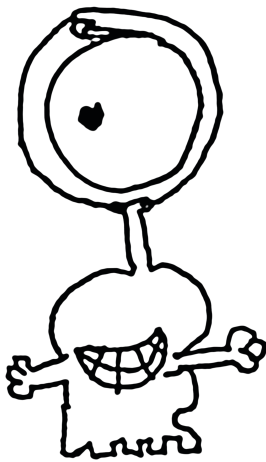
mar

mog

miu

mf

Oomazze moo!



1

n

m

1

n

m

N n

n

No

Nt

Nar

Niu

Nel

Nury

Norkee? Nerk? Nastaliya!



A speech bubble containing several horizontal lines for writing.

7 7

7 7

n n

n

ner

nel

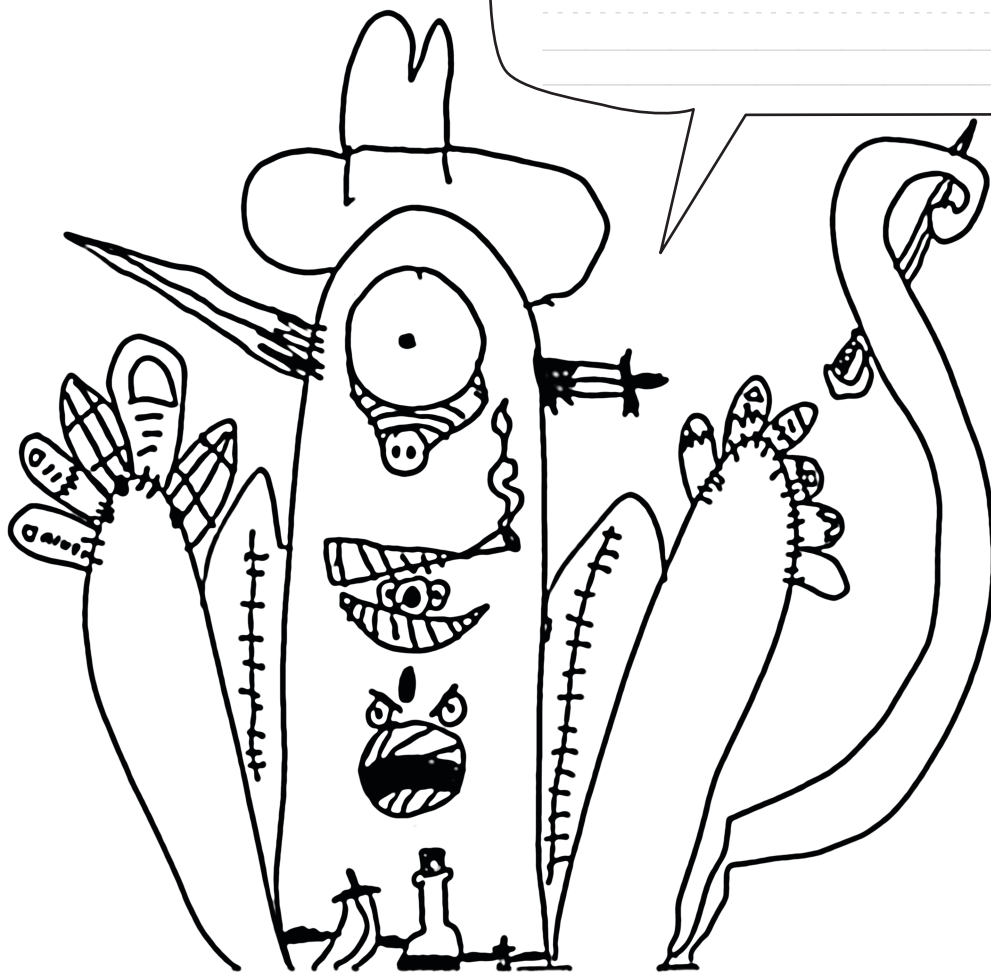
nt

naf

niu

nk

Nella-bell, noo-nah, nenna-nam ney.



n

n

n

n

O O

O

Ok

Ou

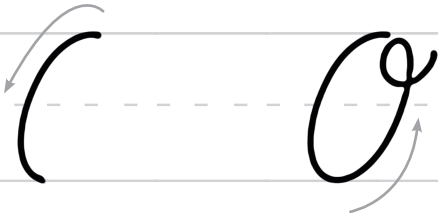
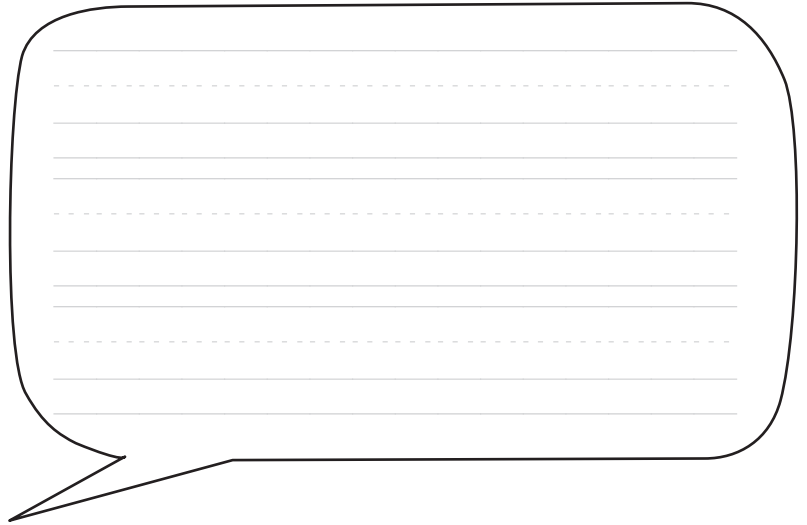
Om

Opr

Oth

Od

Ort. Bort. Clort, smort, chort.



O o

o

or

ogh

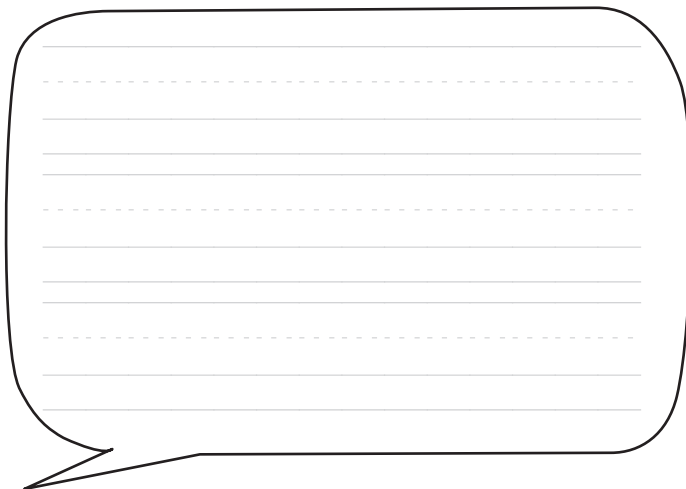
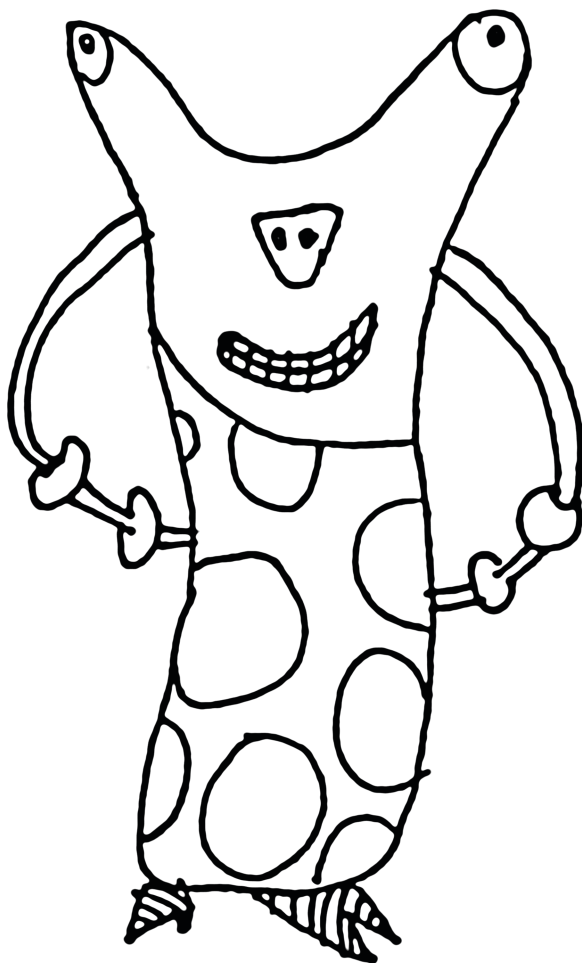
ous

oz

okl

ox

Hoo-vah, boo-vah. Boe-toe smoo-vah.



c a

c a

P p

p

Pa

Pth

Pef

Poh

Paz

Pim

Paleah-maleah, appa-loe pet.
Opleah-snaleah, klappa-loe met.



7

p

7

p

p p

p

prof

pec

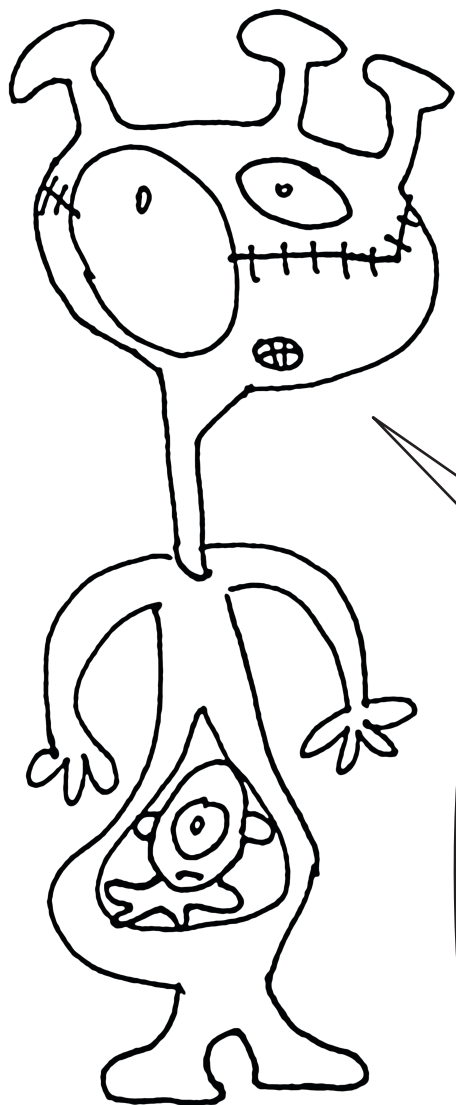
pid

pab

phy

pt

Zah-plooeey! Pla-zooey! Papple-ah-mooey!



A large, rounded rectangular box with horizontal lines for writing.

1 p p

1 p p

Q 2

2

Qua

Quo

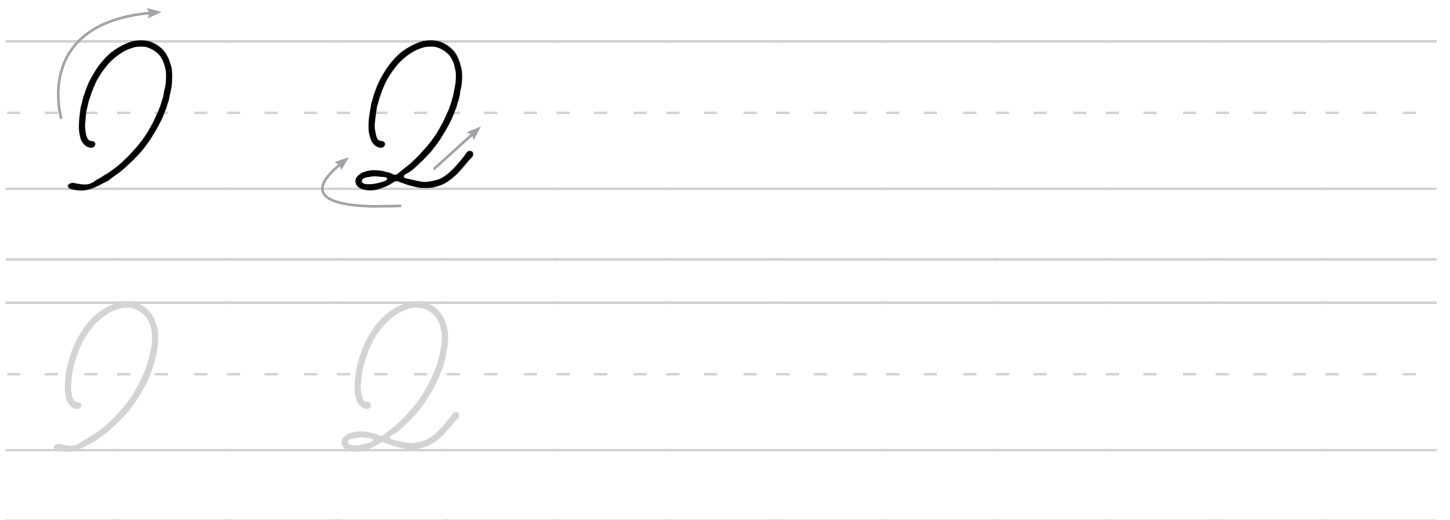
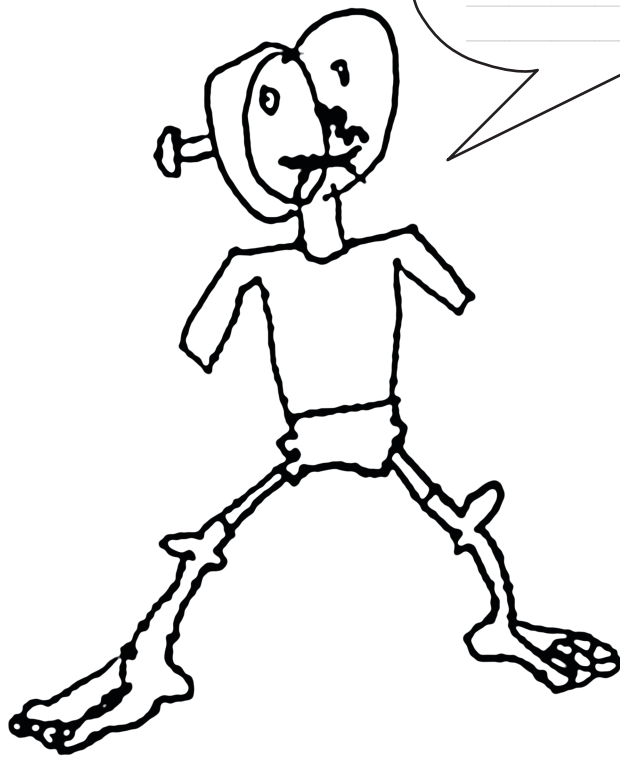
Qui

Que

Qui

Qu

Quist quabble quoe, quee quimmel poe?



q q

q

qu

aqu

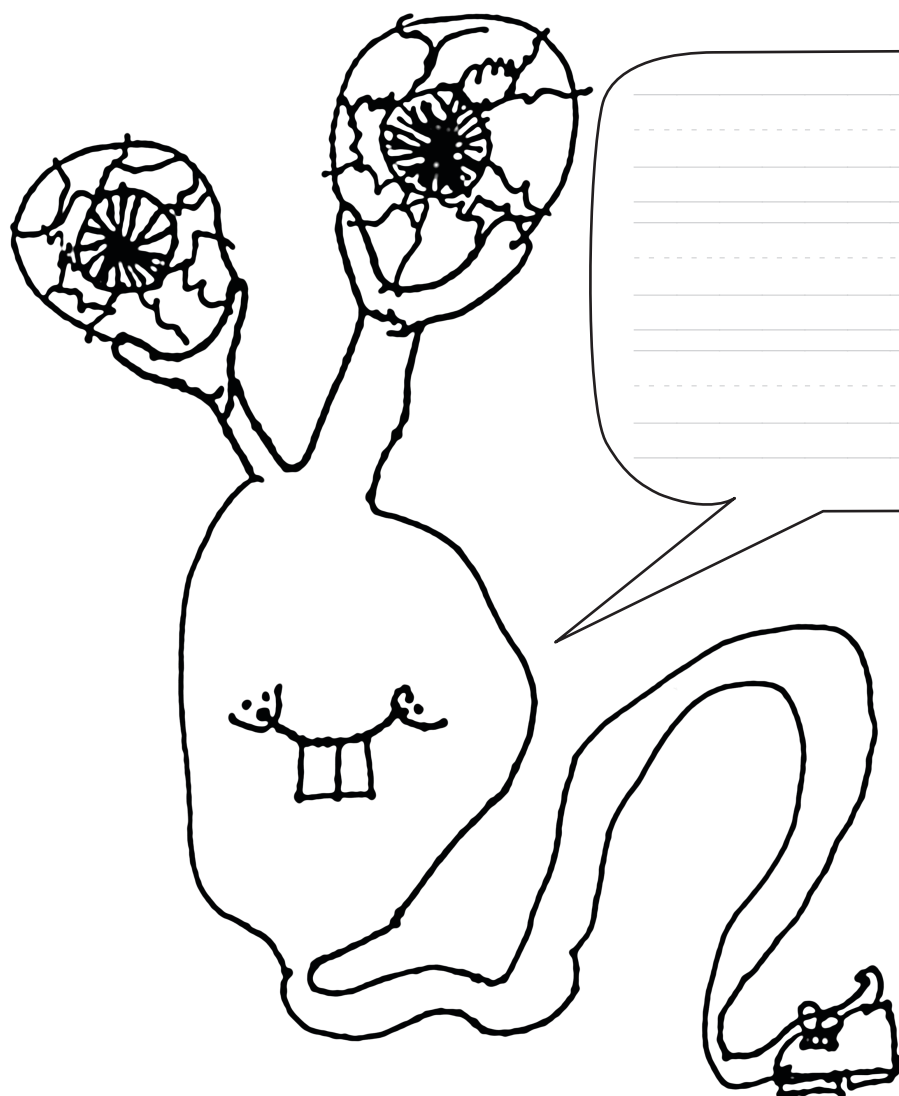
iqu

quo

que

equa

Doh-laque, bee-daque, taq mah di-baque.



o

q

q

o

q

q

R R

R

Ra

Roc

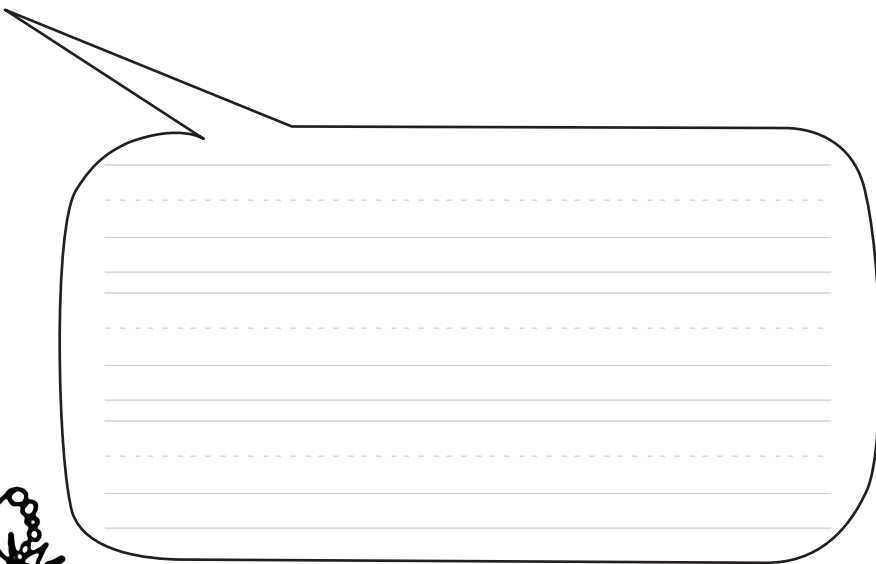
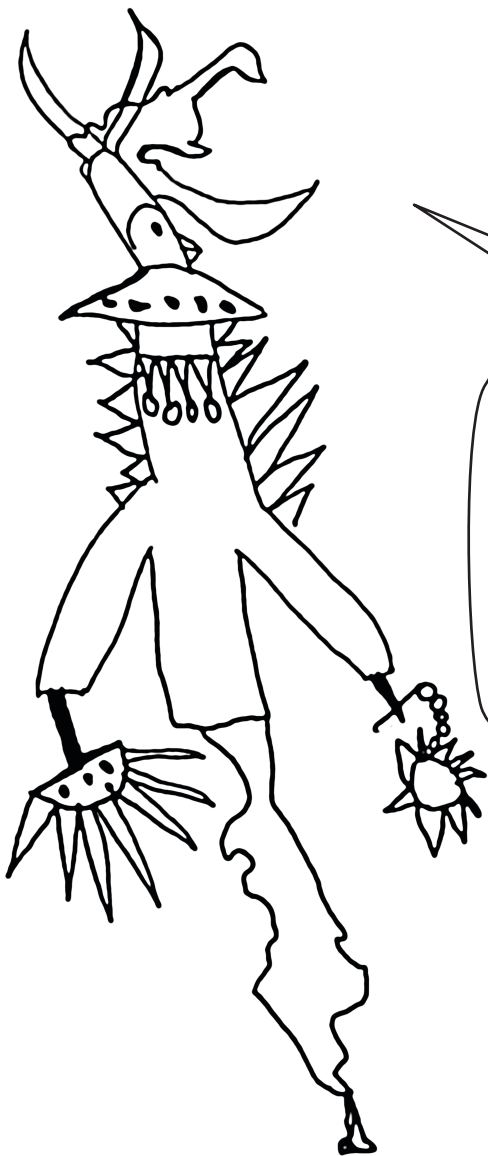
Ref

Ril

Rye

Rus

Rararoro. Rororara. Rie, rie, rie!



1 p R

1 p R

r r

r

re

ra

rt

re

rgh

irb

Arra tarra? Slorra vor? Treble-rama rooba!



A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with horizontal lines inside, intended for writing.

h

z

h

z

S S

S

So

Sar

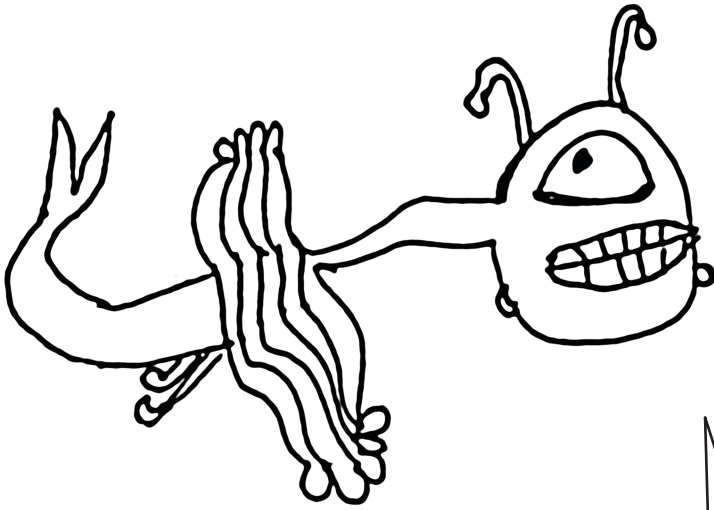
Sig

Sep

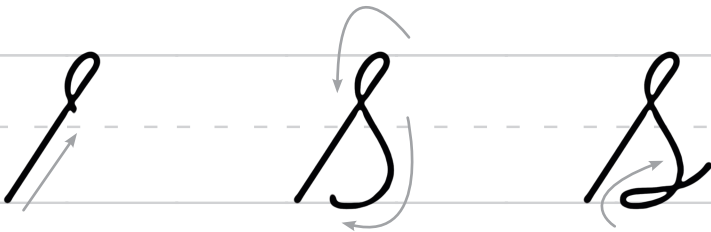
Sul

Sy

Oosy! Hoosy! Flessy! Gressy!



A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with horizontal lines, intended for writing or drawing.



S 1

1

ser

sim

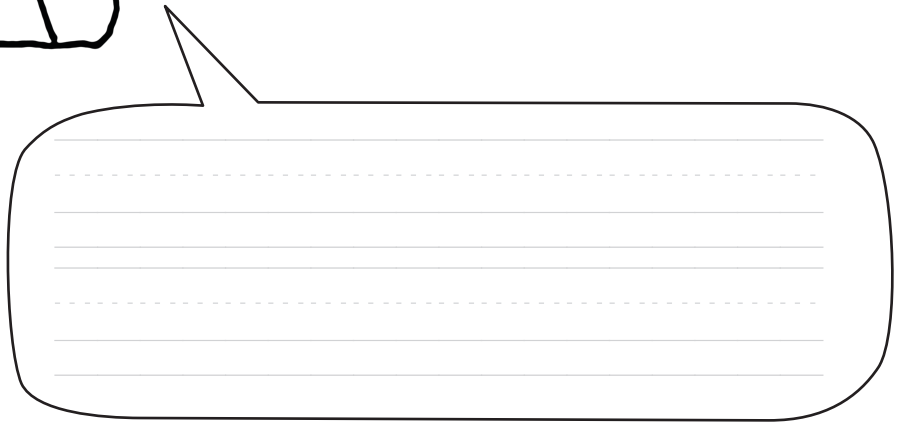
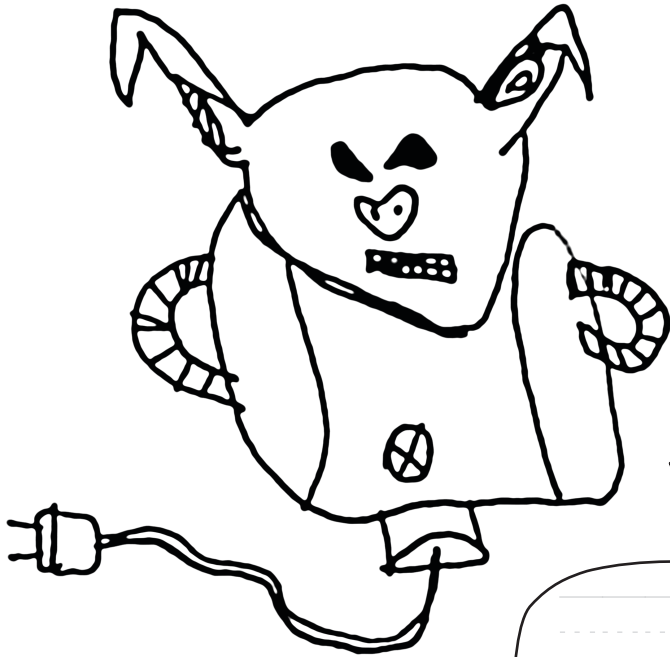
sor

sa

sy

st

Soma-stalass hist, mesto mista blass.



1 j

1 j

T T

T

To

Ta

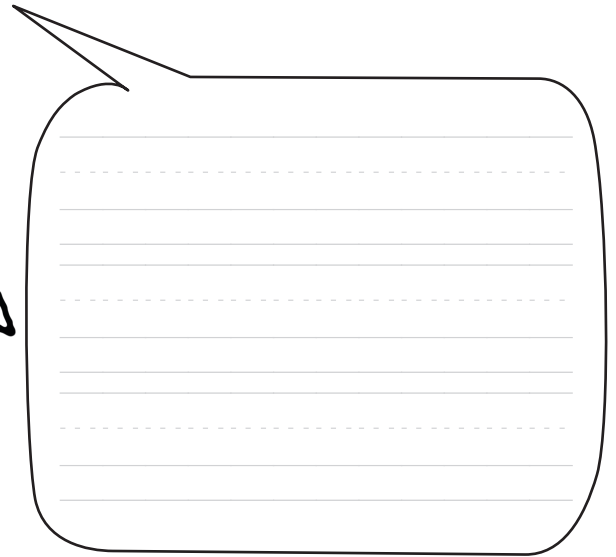
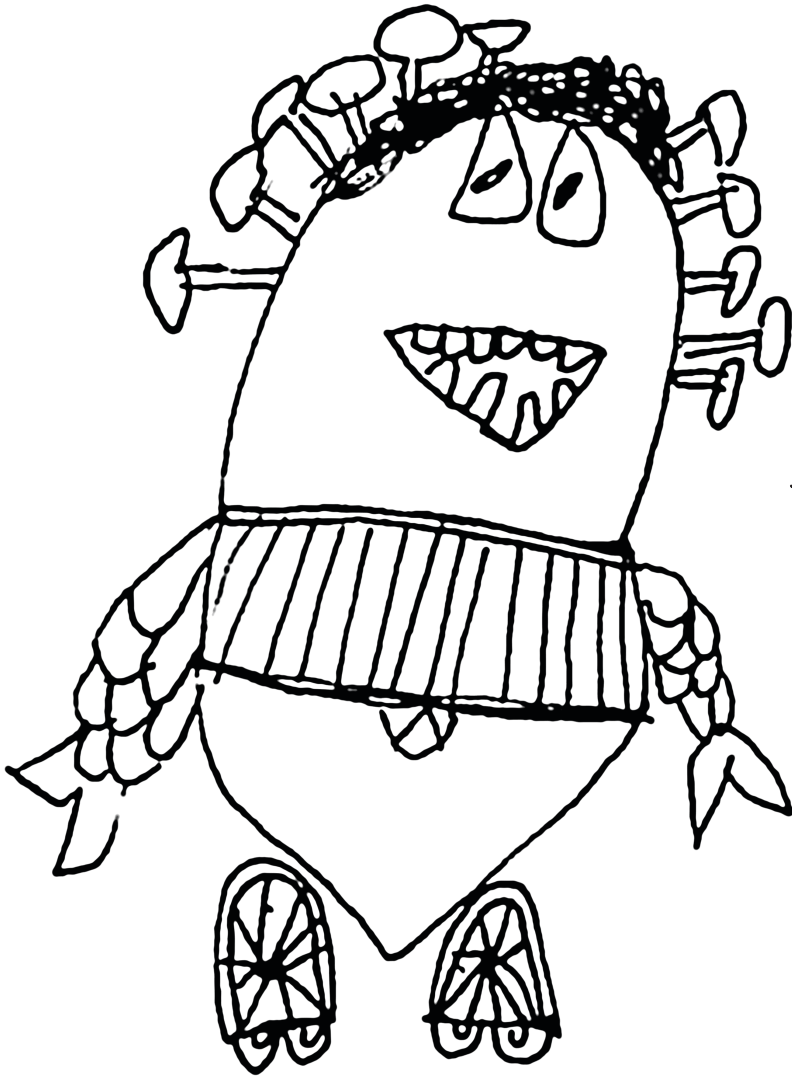
Try

Tu

Te

Ti

Tir teck tottle-too.



/ T

/ T

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t

ta

th

to

ti

te

ty

Otta, atoo. Motta, matoo. Potta.



/

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t

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t

U U

U

Ur

Uth

Uck

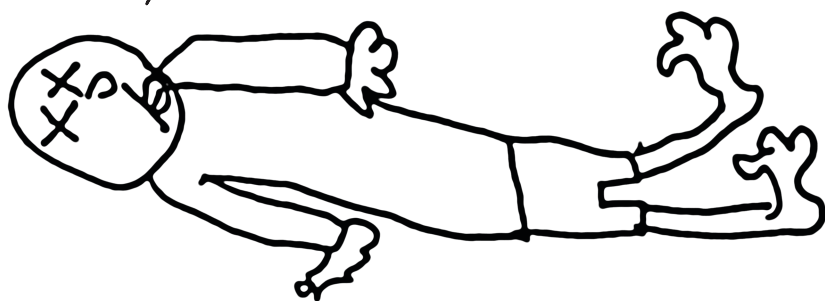
Um

Up

Ur

Ubbie uckle-bule. Pullit bue, bue.

Handwriting practice lines (dashed midline) for a speech bubble.



Handwriting practice for the cursive letter 'u'. The first 'u' shows the starting stroke with an arrow. The second 'u' shows the ending stroke with an arrow. The third 'u' shows the middle stroke with an arrow.

Handwriting practice for the cursive letter 'u'. The first 'u' shows the starting stroke with an arrow. The second 'u' shows the ending stroke with an arrow. The third 'u' shows the middle stroke with an arrow.

u u

u

ur

ut

us

ugh

ulk

ux

Cuvvit ip wuvvit. Untle-kuh buvvit.



A large, empty speech bubble with a tail pointing to the cartoon character above. The bubble contains several horizontal lines for writing.

1 u

1 u

V V

V

Va

Vo

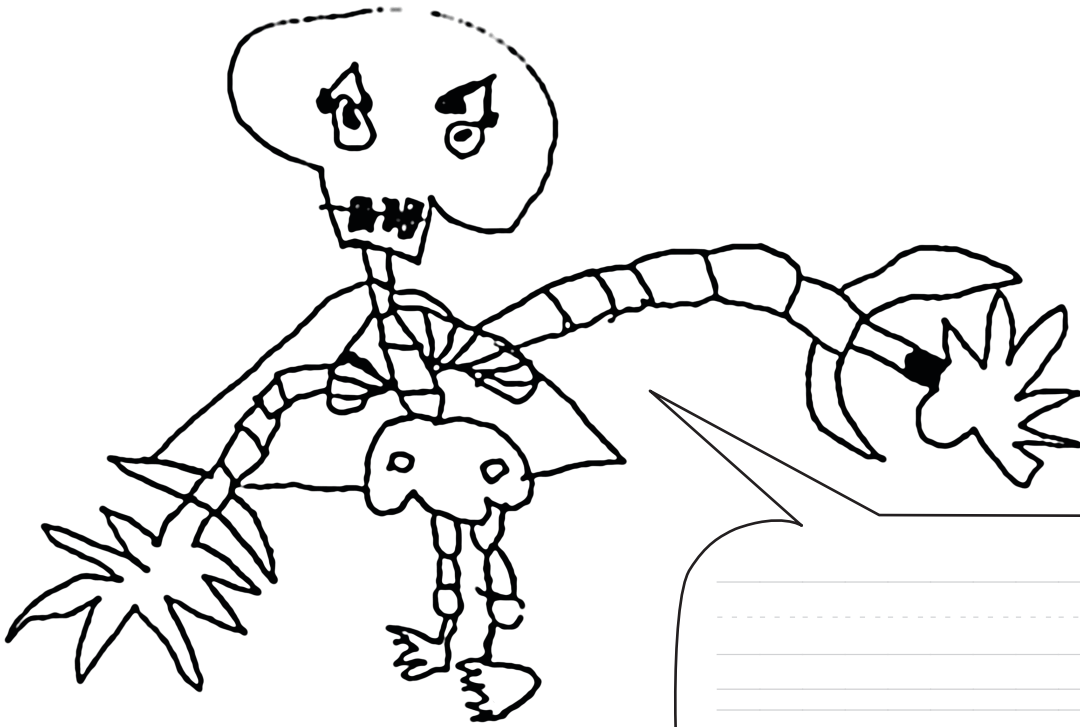
Vi

Ve

Vu

Vy

Avooney slavooney. Vooney bavoo.



z v

z v

V v

v

me

ai

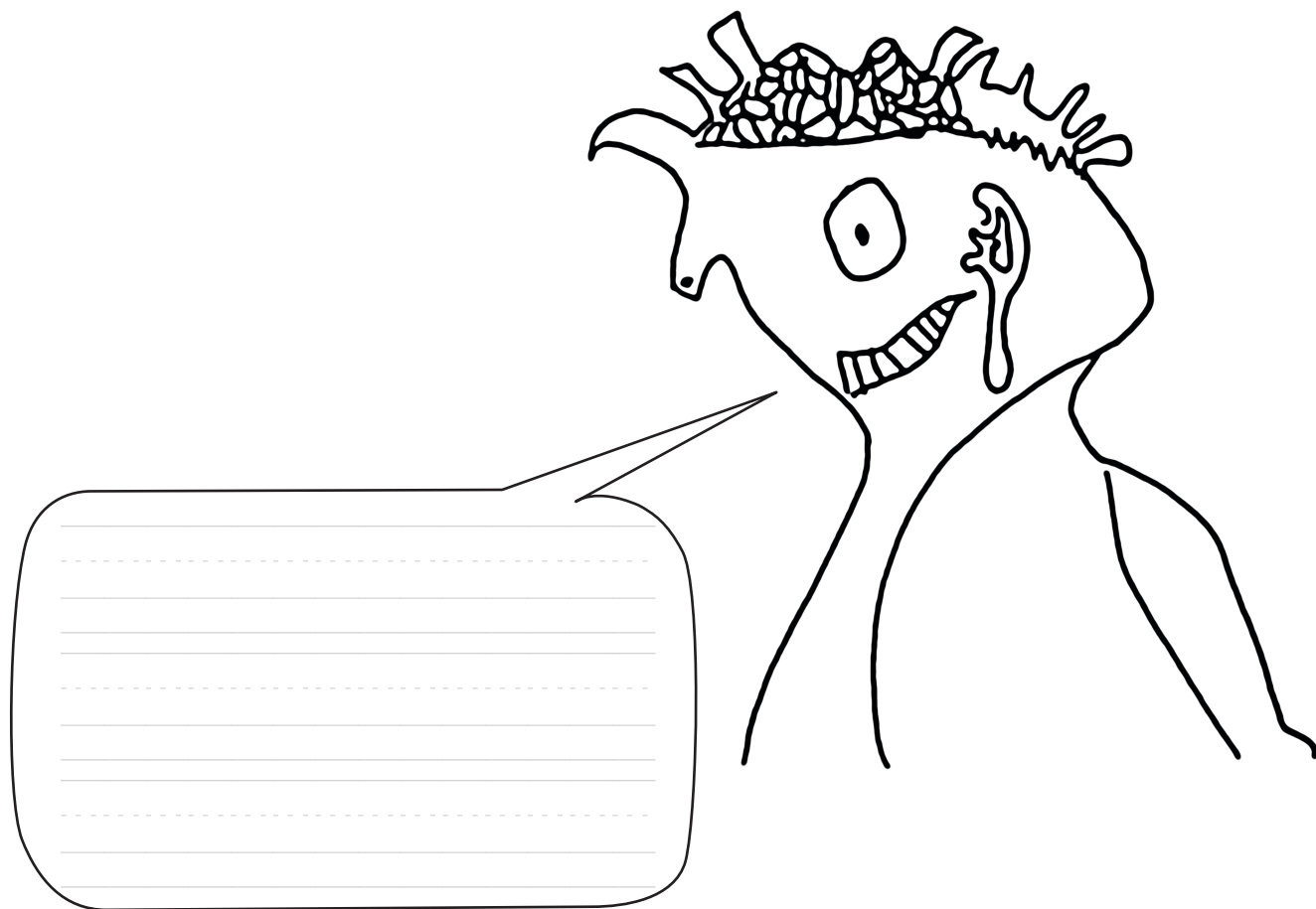
ir

el

uy

ue

Vesta-vox, iv dav mivvita bovvle.



v

v

v

v

W U

U

Ue

Ua

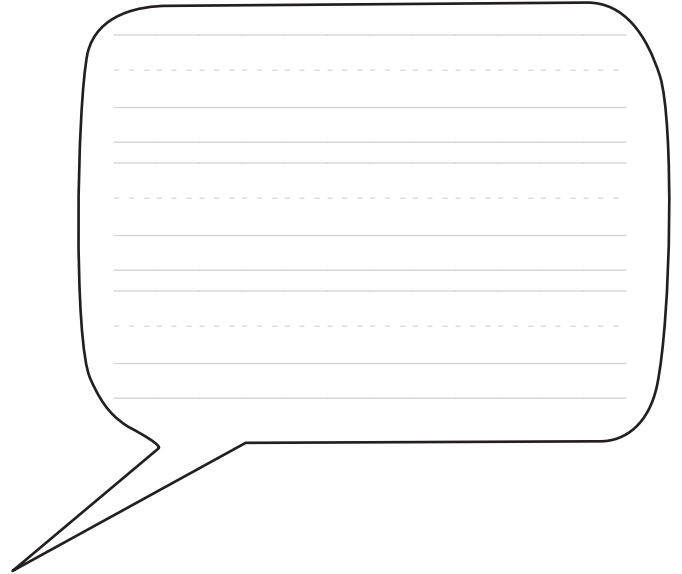
Uie

Uee

Uy

Uuf

Woe-lee, mowl-tee, stowel-dee swee!



W w

w

wal

wot

wif

wer

wub

wy

Wowa ma dowa.



A large speech bubble with horizontal lines for writing.

1 u w

1 u w

X x

X

Xa

Xy

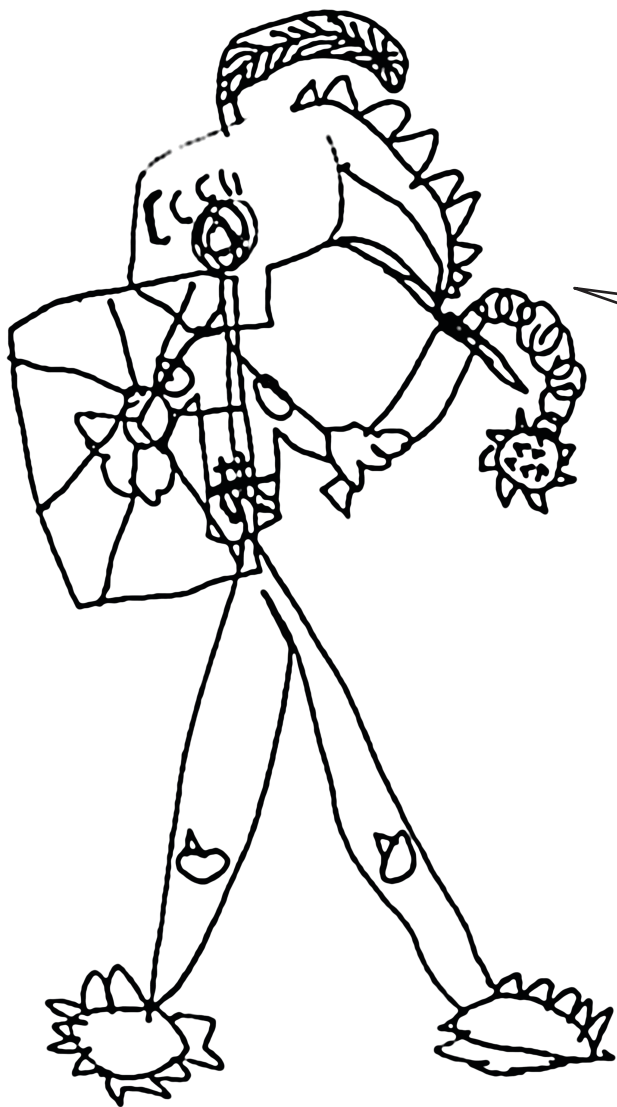
Xo

Xet

Xik

Xuy

Ooxta booxta. Ximina shooxta.



A large, empty speech bubble with a pointed tail, containing several horizontal lines for writing.

2 x

2 x

x x

x

xy

xor

xt

ix

ox

alx

Tarax, marax! Prax inna sabblerax!



A large, empty speech bubble with a pointed tail pointing towards the monster. The bubble contains several horizontal lines for writing.

~

x

~

x

Y y

Y

Yor

Yagh

Yir

Yeb

Yuc

Yof

Aya-foy yot? Yemma yesta maglot!



2 y y

2 y y

Y y

y

yir

yot

yef

yal

ly

ry

Kay ibby yem! Yibby moy, tibby poy?



v

y

v

y

Z z

Z

Zot

Zag

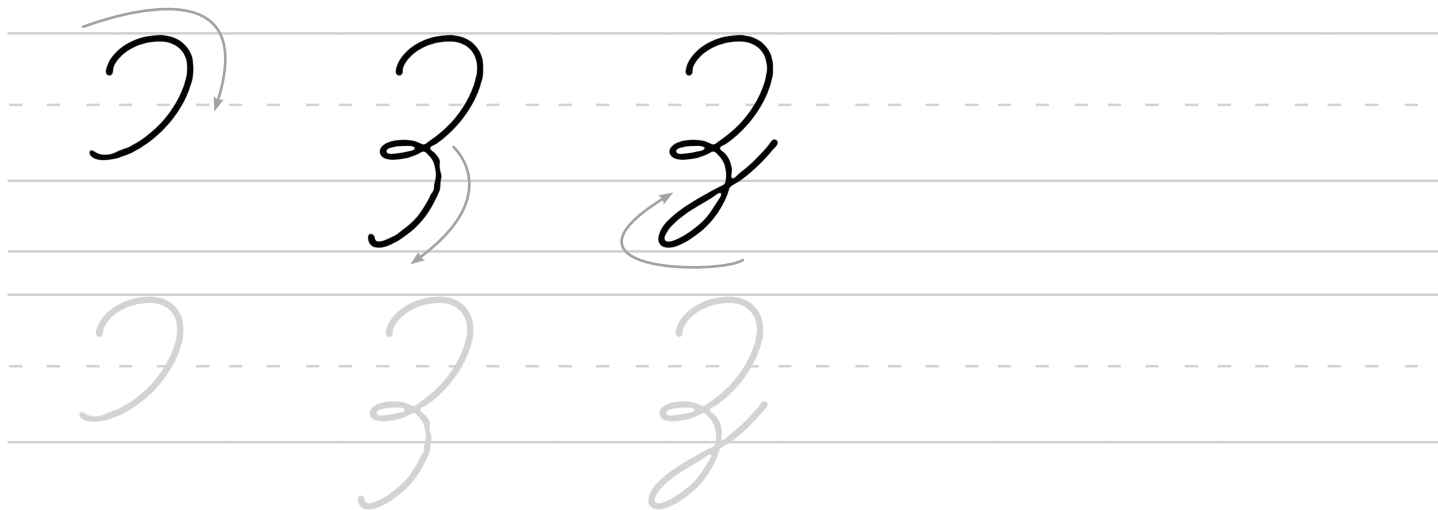
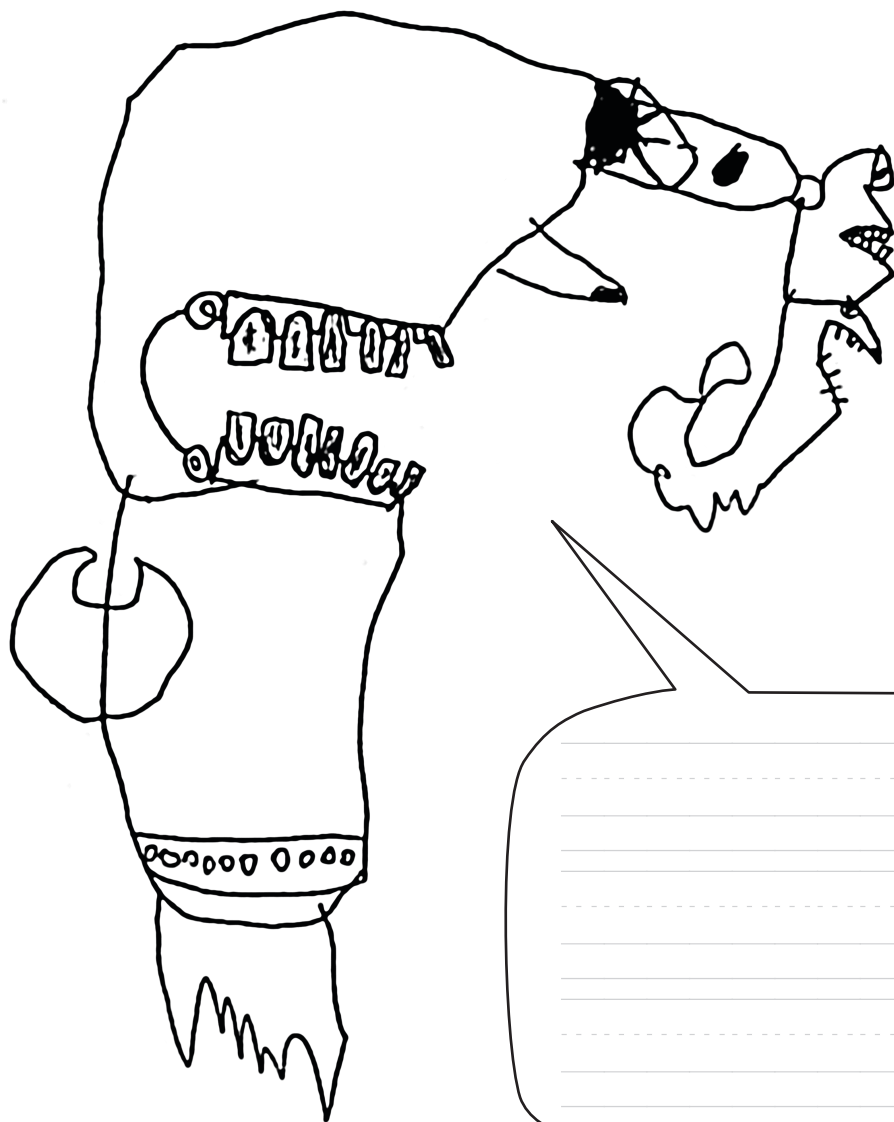
Zil

Zed

Zuc

Zy

Ploz. Zozza mozza toz.



z z

z

zim

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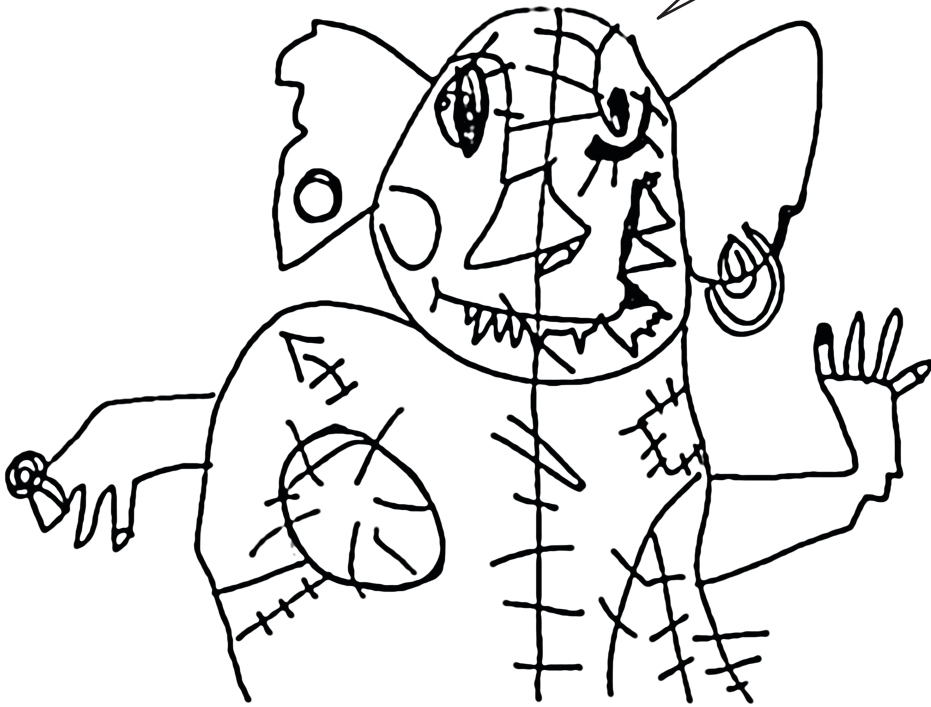
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Mezzel pazzolah pazoolah pazzah!

Handwriting practice lines (dotted lines) inside a speech bubble.



Handwriting practice letter 'c' with a curved arrow indicating the stroke direction.

Handwriting practice letter 'z' with a curved arrow indicating the stroke direction.

Handwriting practice letter 'z' with a curved arrow indicating the stroke direction.

Faint handwriting practice letter 'c' for tracing.

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