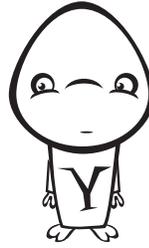
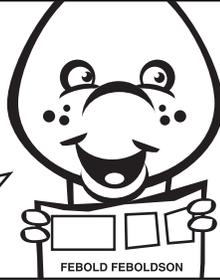


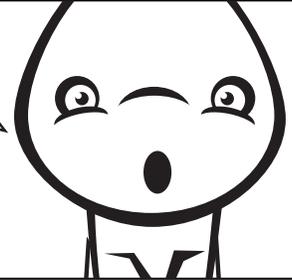


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Earthlings have created some amazing characters, Yott. I'm reading about a giant farmer named Febold Feboldson!



Sounds like a tall tale to me, Zott!



## K I D S C O O P A M E R I C A N L E G E N D S

# FEBOLD FEBOLDSON

*About 170 years ago, thousands of pioneers began heading for rich farmland in Oregon and, later, for gold in California. After crossing the Mississippi River, they came to the wide, flat prairie we now call the Great Plains. From these Great Plains have come tales of a giant Swedish farmer called Febold Feboldson.*

## Febold Brings Rain to the Plains

Read the story, then number the pictures on **page 2** in order.

**T**he first year Febold Feboldson settled on the Great Plains, it was hot. And it got hotter every day: hotter and drier, drier and hotter. It was so hot that iron pots melted!

When the streams dried up and Febold Feboldson couldn't go fishing, he said, "Enough!"

Febold sat down and cupped his jaw in his giant hand, and thought and thought—until suddenly he came up with a plan.

First he splashed some water on a hot and tired frog and whispered in its ear, "It's raining!"

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They got so loud that it sounded like thunder!

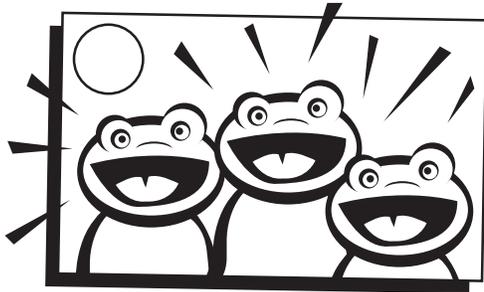
Some clouds heard the noise and hurried to join the storm. Seeing there was no storm when they got to the Great Plains, the clouds went ahead and started their own, giving Febold Feboldson a rainstorm and a chance to get back to fishing.

**Standards Link:** Literary Analysis: Understand the basic plots of fables.



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Read the story on **page 1**, then number the pictures in order.

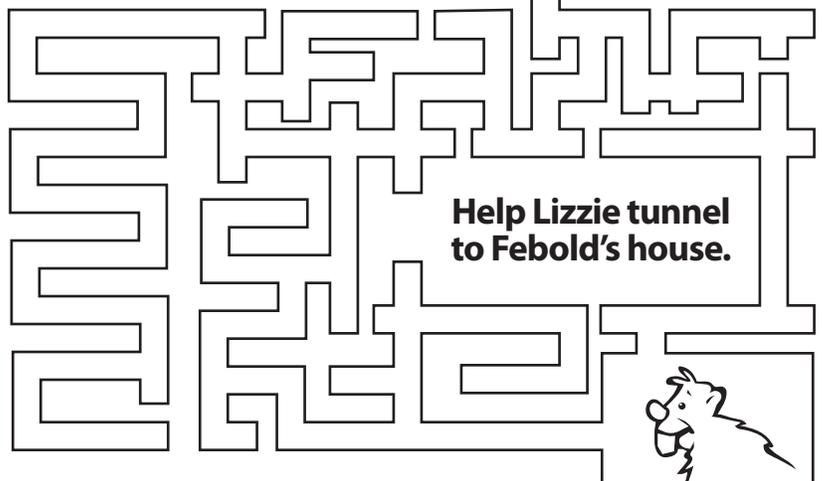


**D**espite the weather, some pioneers settled in the plains. In the 1920s, a newspaper in Gothenburg, Nebraska, entertained readers with tales of Febold Feboldson, a giant farmer who loved the Great Plains and was determined to control the weather.

## Febold Feboldson's Pets

Animals came into Febold's huge house because it offered the only shade around the Great Plains. Soon Febold had a houseful of pets, from rattlesnakes to buffaloes.

Febold had Lizzie the gopher dig tunnels under his house. Febold figured if he could trap the hot air of the summer into the tunnels, he could save it for winter when he would need the warmth.



**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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**Kid Scoop Together**

## Comic Character

Comic characters have different character traits. Some are kind, but some are not. Some are courageous, while others are not. What other traits do comic strip characters exhibit?

Select three characters you like from the comics. Complete the boxes below.

Comic Strip: _____
Character's Name: _____
Character Trait: _____
Action that shows the trait: _____ _____

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### What's a character trait?

Read this list, and then see if you can think of any other traits.

responsible  
persevering  
honest  
compassionate

generous  
clever  
respectful  
capable

hopeful  
disciplined  
community minded

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**Standards Link:** Character Education: Identify positive character traits.

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## Friend Finder

Tales tell that while Febold loved the Great Plains, he had trouble convincing others to stay. He longed for a friend. Look through the newspaper and find Febold a friend. Write a letter to Febold telling him why this person would be a good friend.

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**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write personal letters that establish a purpose and context.



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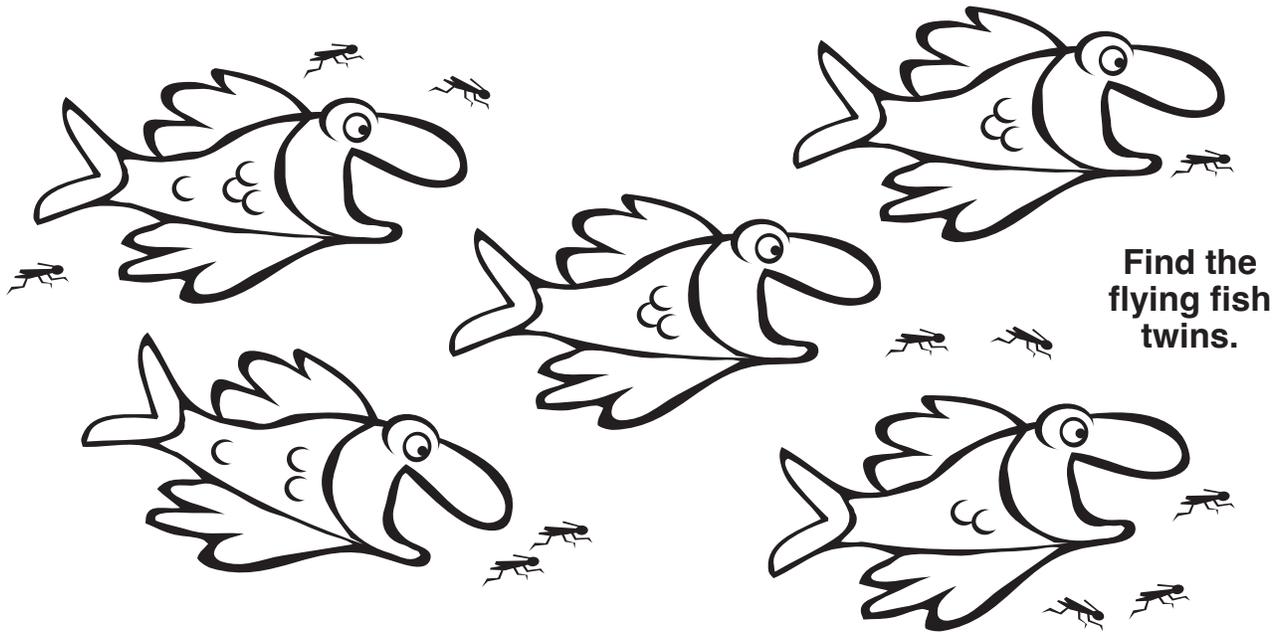
## Puzzler



### Great Grasshoppers!



Some years the Great Plains swarm with grasshoppers. But this was not a problem for Febold Feboldson! He brought in a prairie schooner full of flying fish. Those flying fish swooped over the plains, eating grasshoppers until there were none left!



**Standards Link:** Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

## VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**PIONEER**

The noun **pioneer** means a person or group that is the first to do something.

Amelia Earhart was an aviation **pioneer**.

Try to use the word **pioneer** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



# Why do you have to be careful when it rains cats and dogs?

**ANSWER:** So you don't step in a puddle.



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## Exaggerate!

**Exaggeration** is when you make something sound bigger, smaller, faster, or slower than is possible. Write some exaggerations!

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## Febold to the Rescue

Find a newspaper story about a problem people are facing. Write a tall tale telling how Febold Feboldson saves the day. Be sure to include who, what, when, where and why.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write narratives that provide a context, characters and include details to develop a plot.



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## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.  
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

FEBOLD

FEBOLDSON

PLAINS

GREAT

SCHOONER

BUFFALOES

FROGS

SWEDISH

FARMER

THUNDER

PETS

PLAN

HUGE

SONG

POTS

S	N	H	S	I	D	E	W	S	F
E	O	O	E	N	B	O	C	L	R
O	D	N	S	S	I	H	N	R	E
L	N	T	G	D	O	A	E	D	D
A	O	O	H	O	L	M	L	E	N
F	R	P	N	P	R	O	F	P	U
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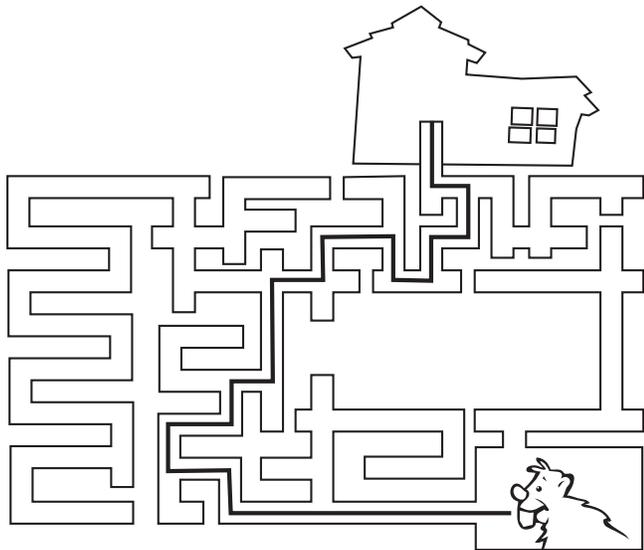
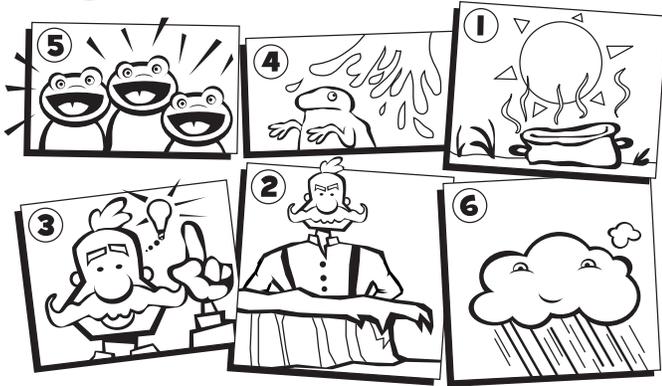
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.  
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



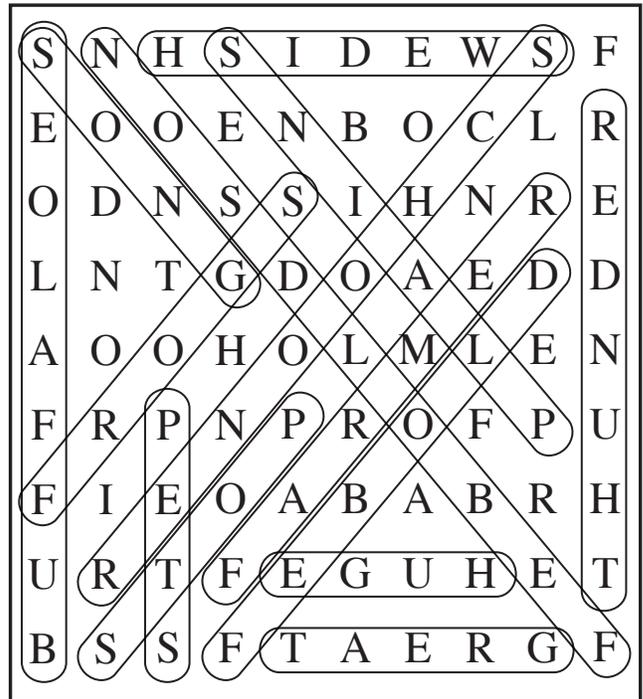
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## Answers

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