

Sally Rippin

HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

Issue
#1

The Bad Butterfly



Includes:

EXCLUSIVE chats
with Sally Rippin!

AWESOME activities
to keep you busy!

**IT'S TIME FOR
BALLET CLASS!**

How well do

YOU know

Billie B. Brown?

**TAKE THE
QUIZ!**



Dear reader,

Thank you so much for signing up to my holiday program! We're going to have such a fun time exploring the world of Billie B. Brown together.

Some of you will already know Billie B. Brown really well, and some of you will be meeting her for the first time. Some of you might be super-duper readers, and others will be just starting – it doesn't matter. All that matters is that you love to read and you love to have fun. We are going to keep you really busy with this holiday program – from coloring sheets, to activities, and even real school work! There are quizzes and videos and all sorts of things coming – you will learn everything you need to know about Billie B. Brown.

This week we're taking it all the way back to where Billie first started with **The Bad Butterfly**. This was the first EVER Billie book I wrote, over 10 YEARS AGO, and it holds a very special place in my heart. **The Bad Butterfly** is about Billie and Jack starting ballet class. Billie is sure she will be a wonderful dancer – but sometimes things don't go according to plan!

Make sure you send me any questions you have. I would also love to see your creations!

You can contact me on my website any time you like:

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Lots of love,

Sally



Read with Sally!

Have you started *The Bad Butterfly* yet? Why don't you read along with Sally, and see if you can finish the rest by yourself!

PUSH PLAY!



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How did the **BILLIE B. BROWN** books start?

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FOR THE GROWN-UPS

What makes Billie so special?

Sally first started writing the Billie B. Brown series when her son was in grade two, and was having trouble learning to read – even though he practiced *all the time*, reading was still hard, and the books he was bringing home from school were boring. So Sally started making her own stories just for him, and she's been writing ever since.

10 things you need to know about



Billie B. Brown

1 Billie's most **SUPER-DUPER FAVORITE SANDWICH** is banana and honey with sprinkles.

2 Billie's best friend is **JACK**. He lives next door and they've been best friends since they were babies.

3 Billie can run faster than everyone else in her class!

4 Billie's record for hanging upside-down on the monkey bars is ten minutes and fourteen seconds.

5 Billie can eat **THREE BOWLS** of spaghetti Bolognese and two servings of banana pudding in one sitting.

6 Billie's **FAVORITE OUTFIT** is her orange dress with purple polka dots. Her pajamas are her second fave.

7 Billie **LOVES** reading and can't wait to read the Harry Potter series one day.

8 Billie and Jack's favorite movie is **FINDING NEMO**. They always laugh at the same parts.

9 Billie has six freckles on her face. She loves them.

10 Billie can fit fifteen marshmallows in her mouth at once. She likes pink marshmallows best.

Can you make a list of ten things that make you **SUPER-DUPER** special? Maybe you could share it with your parents or your bestie. You might like to include your favorite colors or food, or something unusual about yourself. Why don't you ask your whole family to write a list? It could be a fun way of finding out something new about your loved ones!

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____



Billie B. Brown's favorite things to do on an inside day

Drawing

Billie **LOVES** to use her imagination to draw the most wonderful things. She uses pencils, crayons and markers. Try drawing a house covered in spots, or a dragon with flowers all over it! Try drawing something with your eyes closed, or drawing something upside down!



Movie time!

Watch your favorite movie and laugh yourself silly! Billie likes to make her own popcorn to nibble on. She also likes to cuddle under a blanket.

Obstacle course

Make an obstacle course and time yourself as you make your way through it. You might like to jump over a broom, crawl under a chair, do five jumping jacks and then somersault over the finish line. Or you might like to try something else - see what kind of obstacles you can create using only things from around the house. If you have siblings, see how long it takes for them to get through your obstacle course!

Writing

BILLIE LOVES TO WRITE. She sometimes writes notes to her best friend, Jack, and leaves them in his mailbox! It's fun to practice handwriting. And who doesn't love getting letters? If you're not sure what to write, ask an adult to write a letter, and then you can copy it. And don't forget to leave a return address - you might get a letter back!



Forts!

Build a fort in your living room out of blankets and cushions. Or you could even set up a tent! Sometimes, when it's an inside day, Billie and Jack like to use all their pillows and pretend they are knights fighting dragons! It's a good idea to use a blanket for the door, and don't forget to draw a flag to fly!



The Bad Butterfly QUIZ!

How well do YOU know the first Billie B. Brown book, *The Bad Butterfly*?

Take this quiz to find out!



1 In *The Bad Butterfly*, what does the "B" in Billie B. Brown stand for? Circle the right answer!

butterfly ballerina banana

2 What color are Billie's ballet slippers?

3 Who does Billie go to ballet class with?

4 What is the name of the ballet teacher?

5 What does Lola's tutu have on it?

6 What instrument does the ballet teacher play?

7 Fill in the blank! The ballet teacher asks the boys to be fierce, stomping _____.

8 At her first ballet class, what does Billie crash into?

9 Circle the right answer: Billie gets to Jack's house through a hole in the _____.

wall fence roof

10 What type of shoes does Billie wear to her second ballet class?

Answers 1. Ballerina 2. Pink 3. Jack 4. Miss Dainty 5. Sparkles 6. Piano 7. Trolls 8. The mirror 9. Fence 10. Big red boots



It's time for ballet class!

PUSH PLAY!



Learn ballet with Grace and Charlotte!

Are you a floating butterfly or a stomping troll? Have a go at both and see which is more fun!

7 SUPER-DUPER

QUESTIONS

with Grace and Charlotte!



Our wonderful ballet teachers this week are **GRACE** (almost 9) and **CHARLOTTE** (almost 7). Grace and Charlotte are **BIG** Billie B. Brown fans, **SUPER** sisters, **RADICAL** readers and **BRILLIANT** ballerinas! We wanted to get to know our guest contributors a bit better, so we asked them **SEVEN SUPER-DUPER QUESTIONS!**

1 You guys have been Billie fans for a while! What is your favorite thing about Billie B. Brown?

Grace: How she is friendly.

Charlotte: She is kind.

2 I know it's hard to choose, but which is your favorite Billie B. Brown book?

Grace: *The Spotty Vacation.*

Charlotte: *The Birthday Mix-up.*

3 You two are **BRILLIANT** ballet dancers! Thank you so much for our ballet class. What is your favorite thing about ballet?

Grace: I love dancing onstage.

When you're onstage, you're telling a story to the audience and making them feel different things.

Charlotte: When we get to do dancing onstage and wear costumes.

4 Curling up with a good book is just about the best thing in the world. Where is your favorite place to read?

Grace: I have two. In the library and in my bedroom. **Charlotte:** In my bedroom when it's really sunny and I'm sitting next to a window and reading a book.

5 Your ballet routine was so good! Do you prefer to dance the role of the butterfly or troll?

Grace: Butterflies. Because they're gentle and really beautiful.

Charlotte: Butterflies. Because they're nice and calm.

6 What is your favorite movie?

Grace: *Frozen II.*

Charlotte: *Frozen II.*

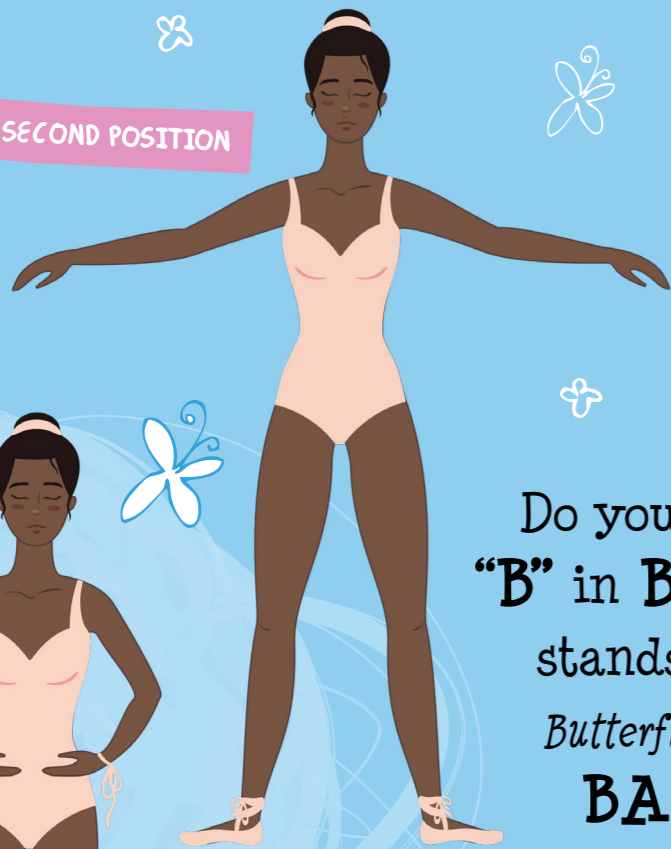
7 You seem to be avid readers. Tell us three other books you're reading at the moment.

Grace: *The Naughtiest Unicorn* books, *Ella at Eden* and *Just Grace* series.

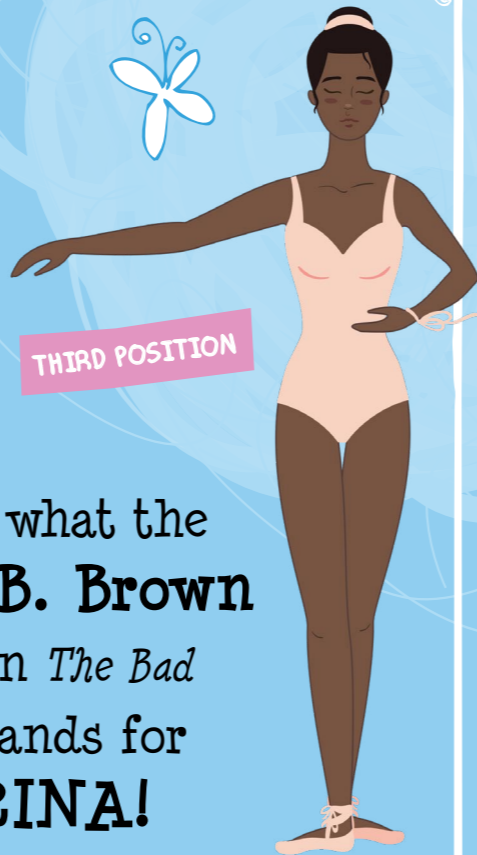
Charlotte: All the *Billie B. Brown* books (over and over), *Just Grace* books and *Fancy Nancy* picture books because they're fancy and I like fancy things.



SECOND POSITION



THIRD POSITION



Do you know what the "B" in **Billie B. Brown** stands for? In *The Bad Butterfly*, it stands for **BALLERINA!**

FIRST POSITION



Ballet positions

In ballet, there are five basic positions to learn.

FIFTH POSITION



FOURTH POSITION



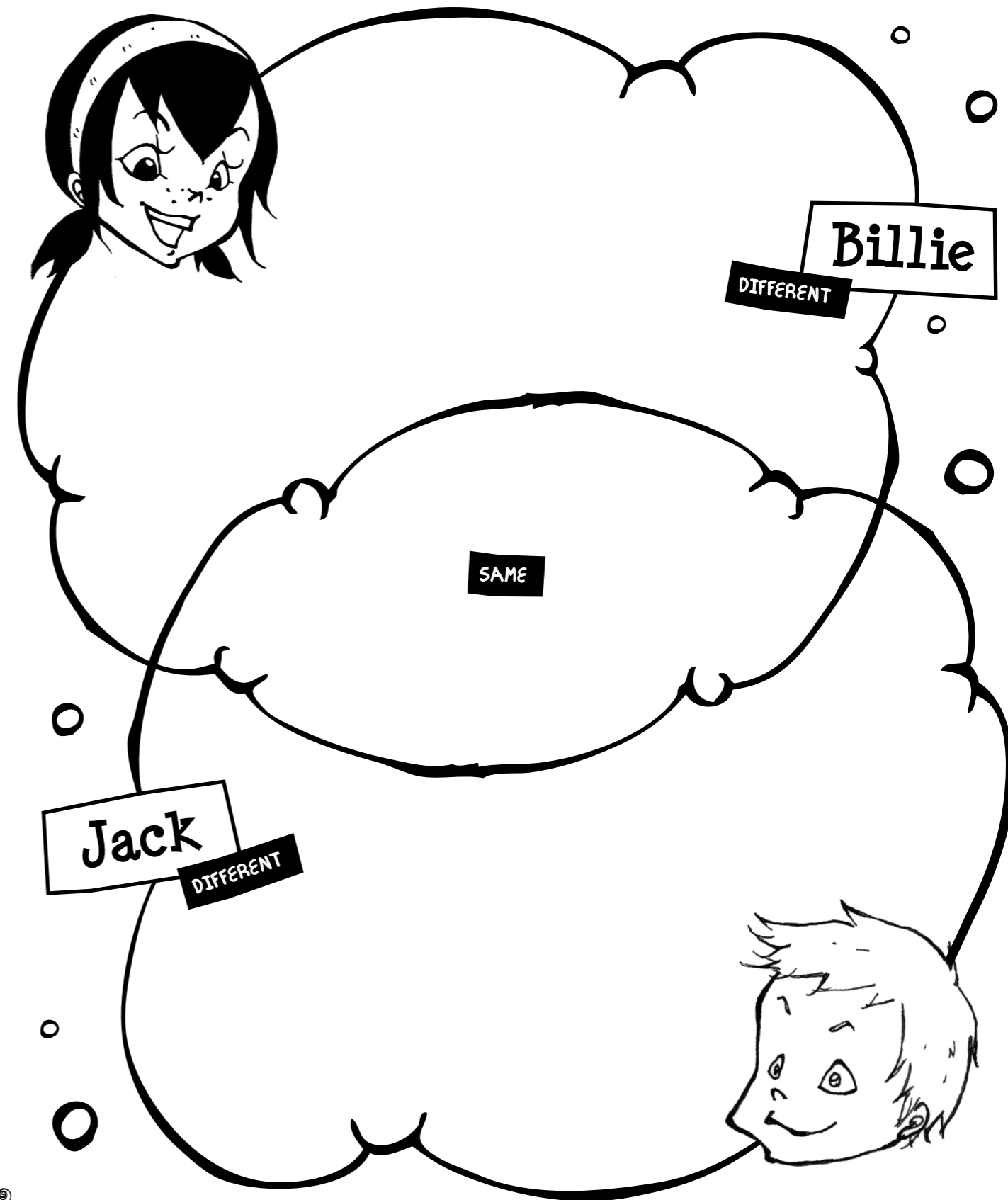
Give them a go!

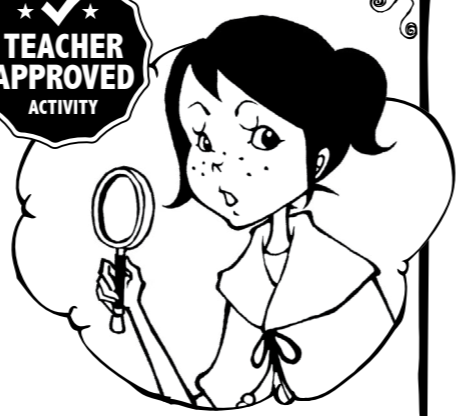


Billie and Jack are great friends! I wonder what makes them such good buddies. Do you think it's because they like the same things?



Think about the things that Billie and Jack both like, and the things that only one of them likes. Think about their hobbies, their personalities and what they look like. Write and draw to fill in the Venn diagram below.



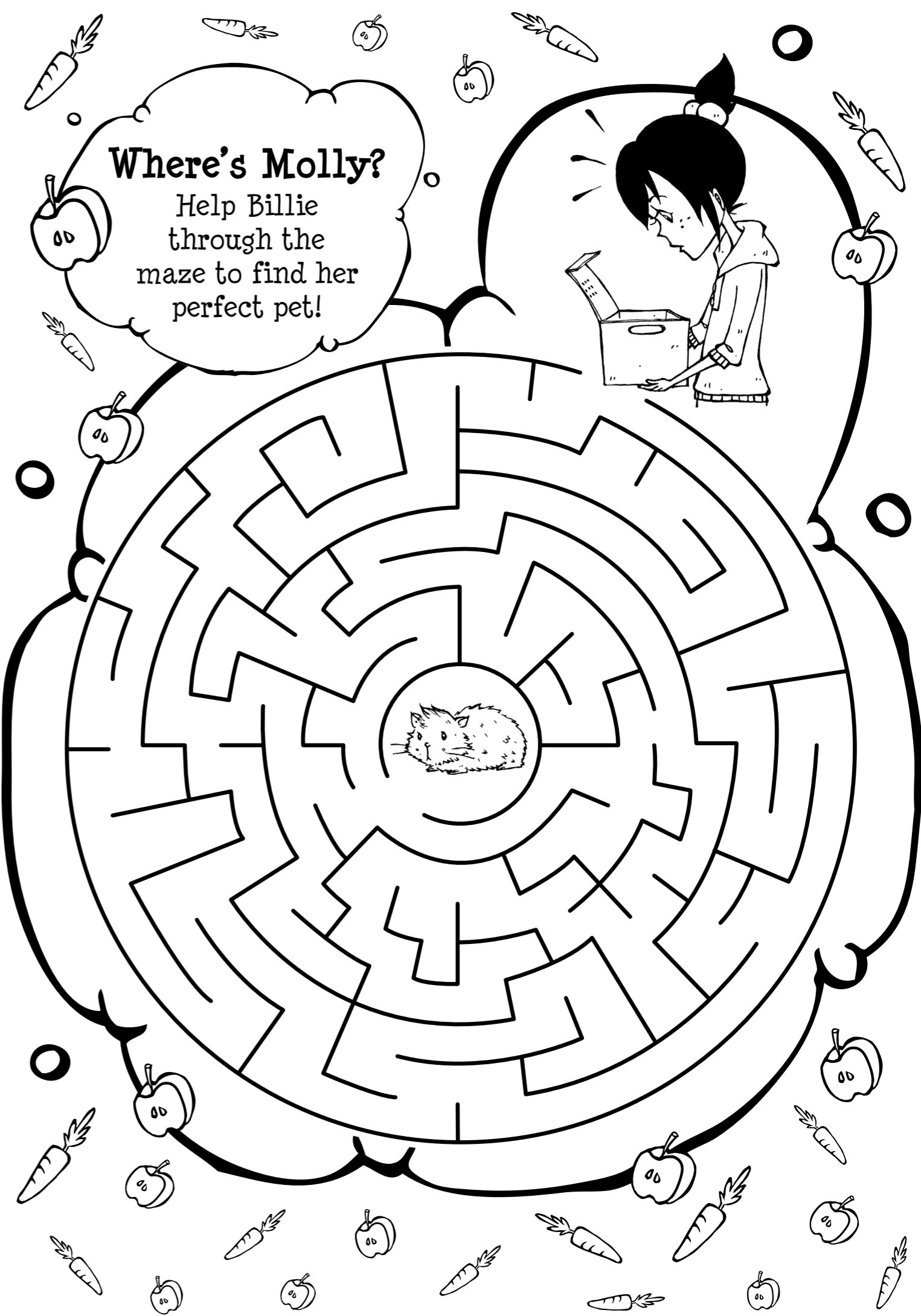
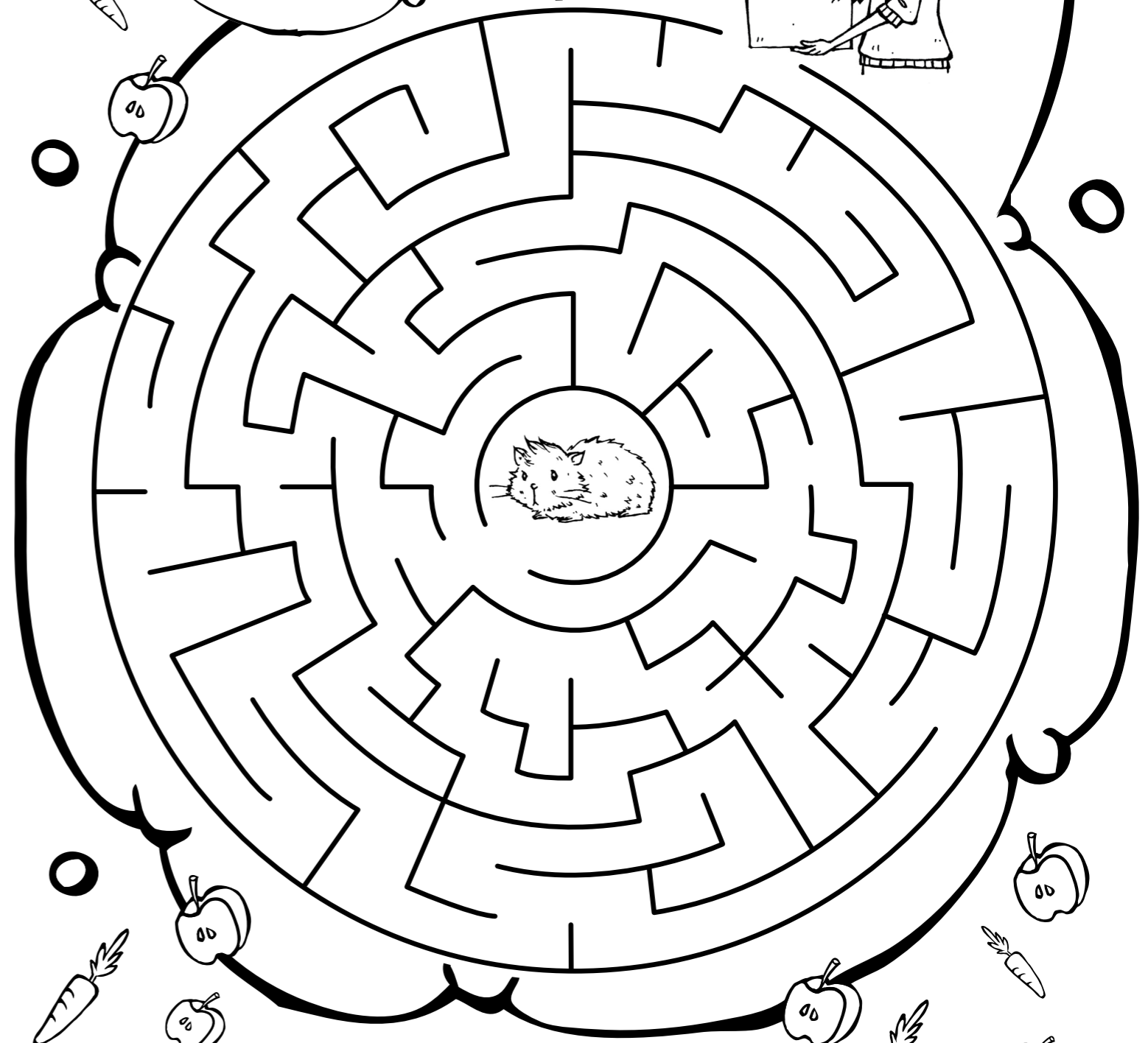


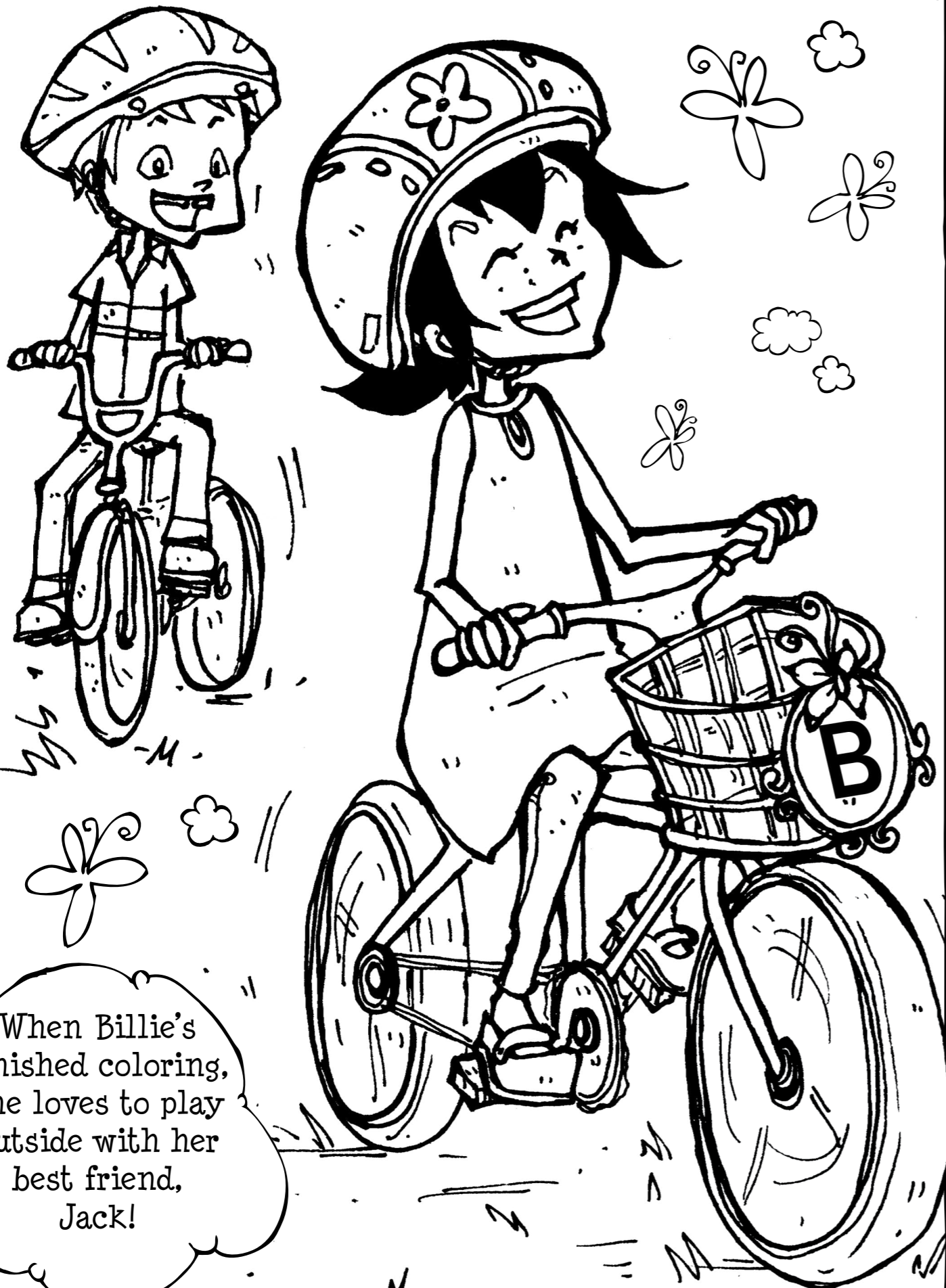
Today you're going to be a **BILLIE B. BROWN WORD DETECTIVE!** Trace each letter below, making sure to say the sound as you trace it. Once you have finished tracing the letter, search through *The Bad Butterfly* to find a word that begins with that letter, and write it down.

A a	N n
B b	O o
C c	P p
D d	Q q
E e	R r
F f	S s
G g	T t
H h	U u
I i	V v
J j	W w
K k	X x
L l	Y y
M m	Z z

Where's Molly?

Help Billie through the maze to find her perfect pet!





When Billie's finished coloring, she loves to play outside with her best friend, Jack!



Rhyme helps us to learn to read. Do you know, if you can read "fit," then you can also read "sit"? "Fit" and "sit" sound the same - they **RHyme**. Look at the words from *The Bad Butterfly* below. Can you find the words that they rhyme with?

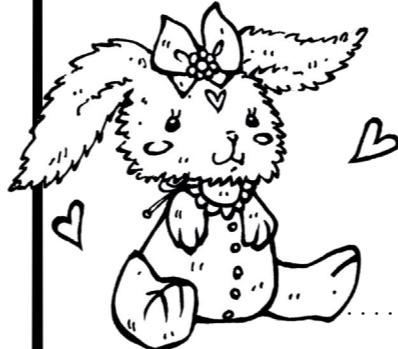
Draw a line to match the rhyming words.

play

Jack hay may stay

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honey



bunny Billie sunny money

.....

stop

mop ballet pop top



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wing



sing king soccer ring

.....

lot

pot dot hot butterfly



Can you find all the words?

G	U	I	N	E	A	P	I	G	B
P	R	O	J	E	C	T	F	Q	I
K	N	H	G	B	P	Y	R	W	L
L	O	M	N	E	Q	S	I	M	L
Y	A	X	W	A	V	G	E	T	I
Z	H	J	A	C	K	L	N	X	E
M	T	L	K	H	J	B	D	A	C
T	O	O	T	H	F	A	I	R	Y
N	D	E	E	P	E	N	D	P	J
S	A	N	D	C	A	S	T	L	E

Billie
Jack
Noah
Guinea Pig
Project



Tooth Fairy
Deep End
Beach
Sandcastle
Friend



Billie and Jack sure are the best of friends. Read each sentence below and find the missing word. Write the correct missing word in the blank and cross it off the list.

- live
- soccer
- music
- together
- Jack

Billie's best friend is _____.

Billie and Jack _____ next door to each other.

They do everything _____.

If Billie decides to play _____, then Jack will play soccer too.

If Jack decides to listen to _____, then Billie will too.

Now think about your best friend. What do you like to do together? Draw a picture of you and your best friend doing something fun. You could write about it as well!

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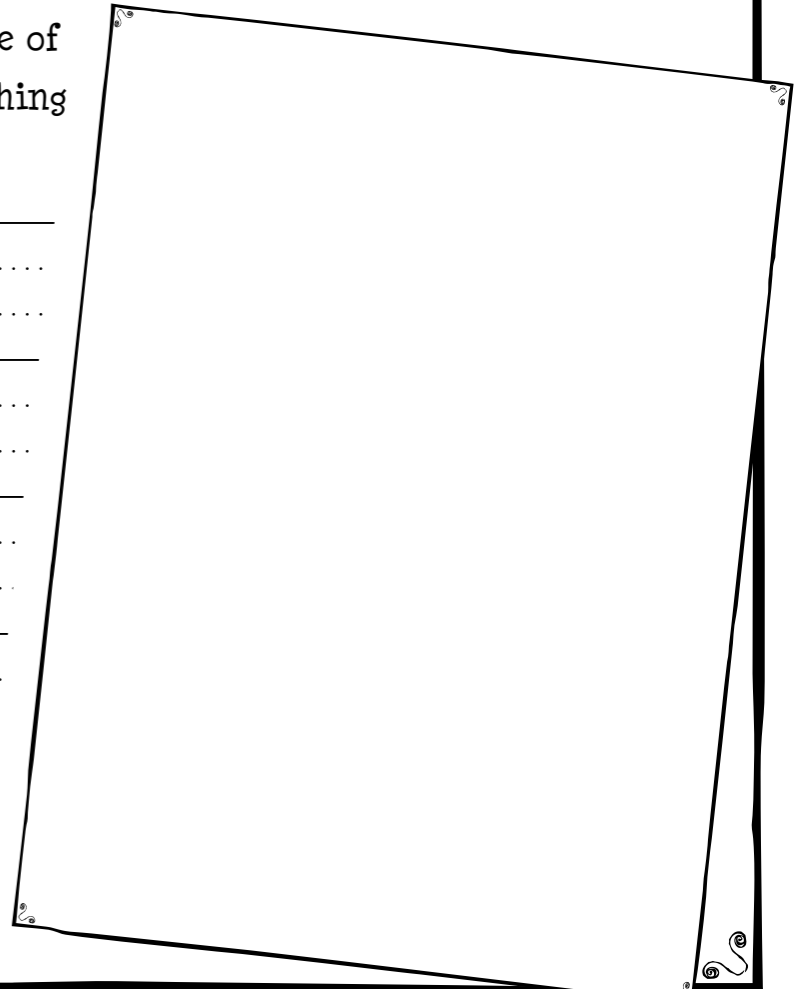
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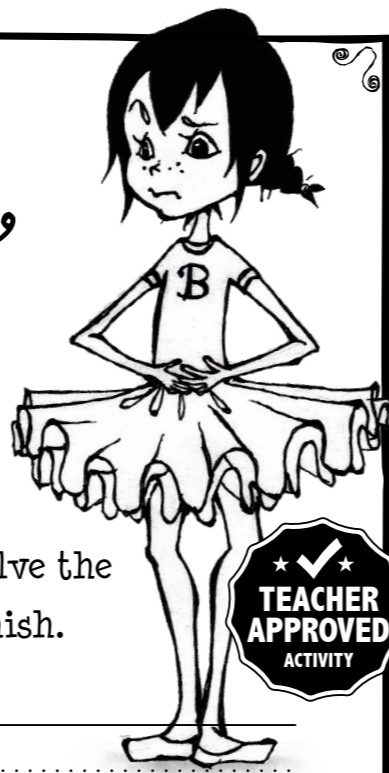
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“I’m no good at ballet.”

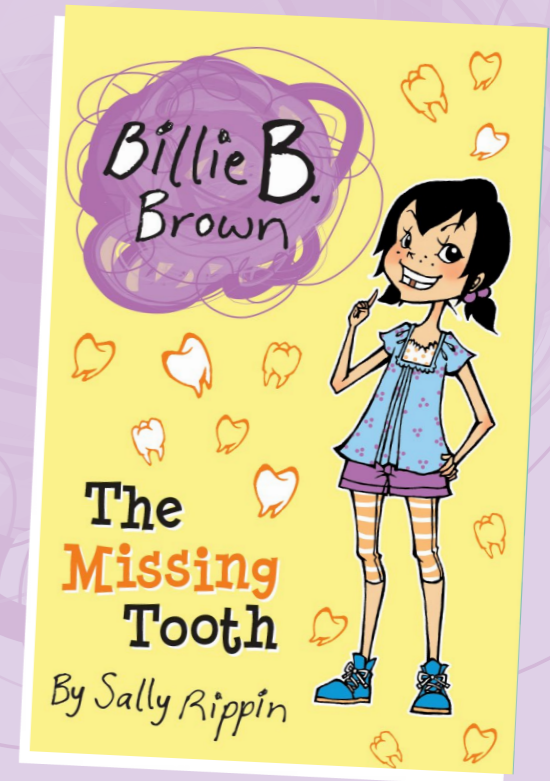
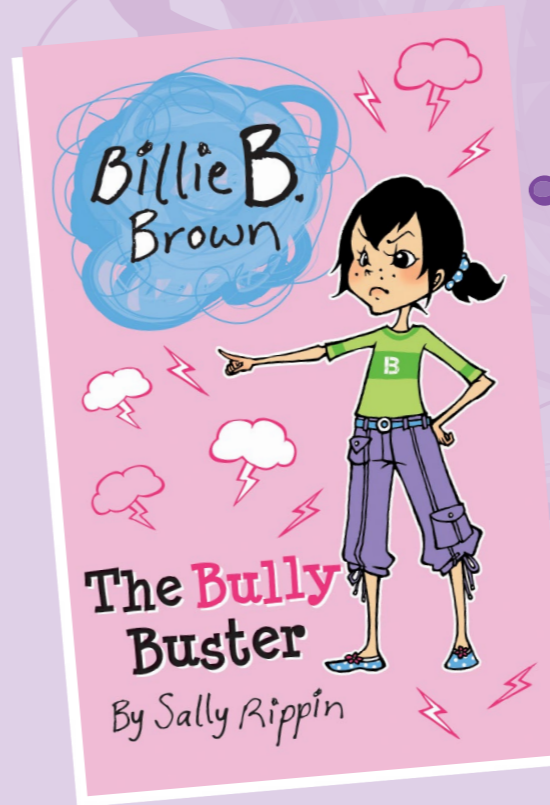
“I’ll NEVER be a famous ballerina.”



Think about a time that you found something tricky. I bet you didn’t give up – just like Billie didn’t give up. Did you keep practicing? Did you get help from a friend like Jack? Write a story about that tricky time, and what you did to solve the problem. Draw a picture to match your writing when you finish.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

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Don't miss Billie's latest adventures!

