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## KWL Graphic Organizers

KWL is one of the most widely recognized graphic organizers for teaching and learning new information. Invented by Donna Ogle, this three column graphic organizer is often used as a pre-reading activity, or to introduce new information at the beginning of a unit.

K= What the student knows about the topic.

W= What the student wants to know about the topic.

L= What the student learned about the topic.



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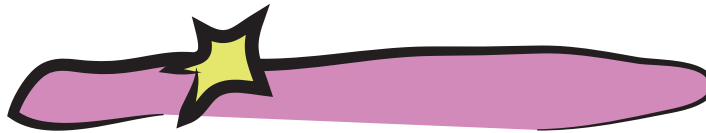
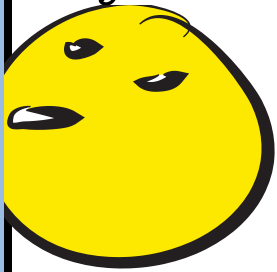


# Penguin Night Student Sample

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Write what you know (K) in the first penguin's belly, what you want to know (W) in the second penguin's belly and what you learned (L) in the third penguin's belly.



**K**

A rainbow has seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and purple.

A rainbow happens after the rain.

**W**

Where does the legend about the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow come from?

Can there be rainbows with less than seven colors?

**L**

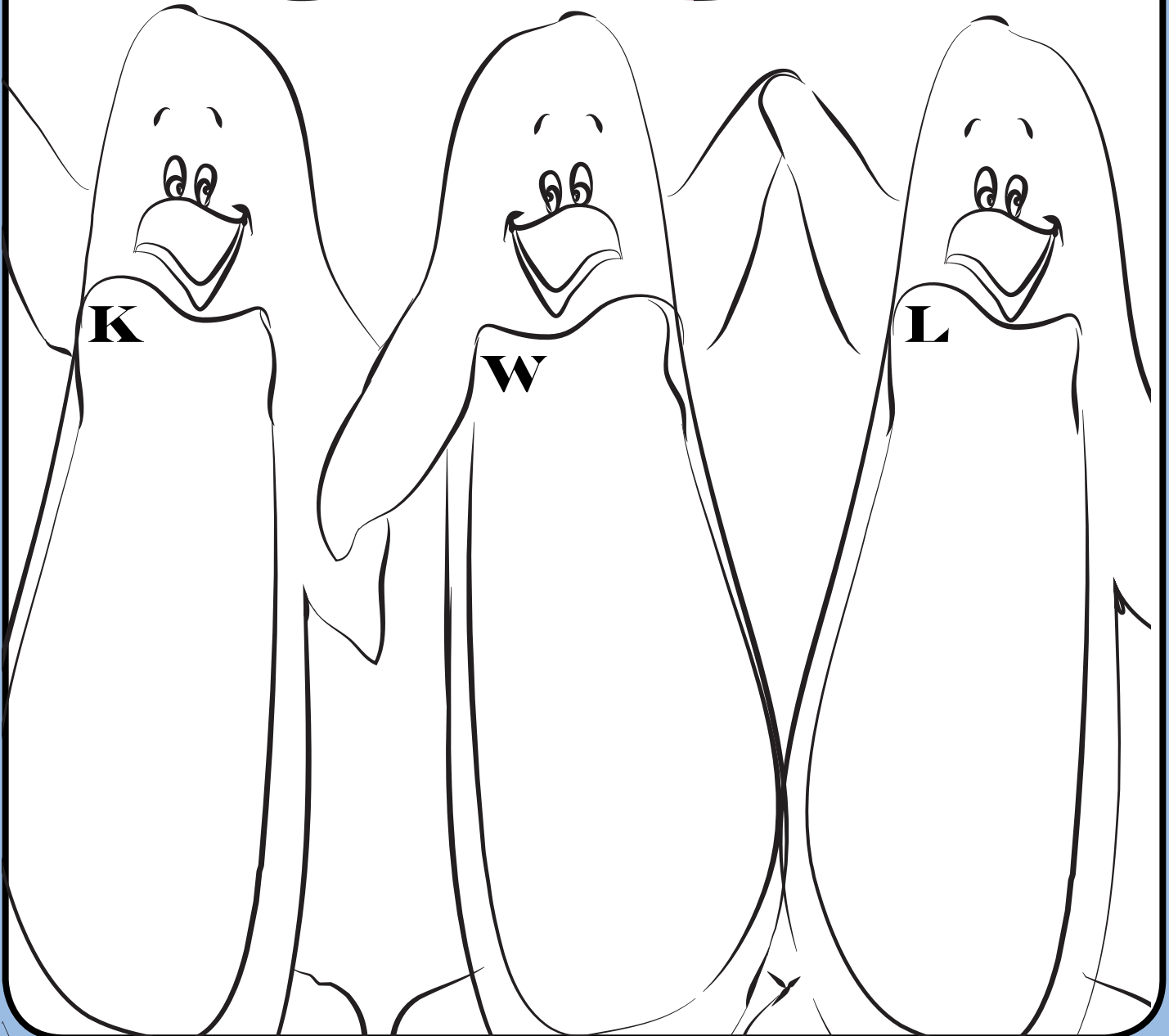
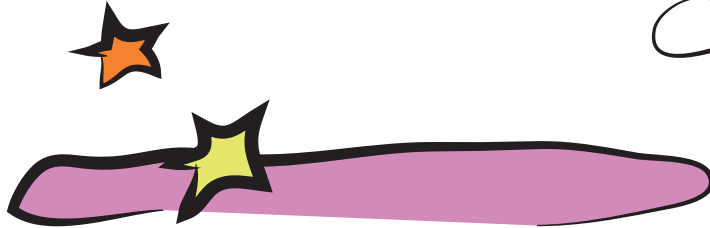
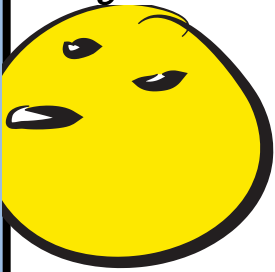
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**L**

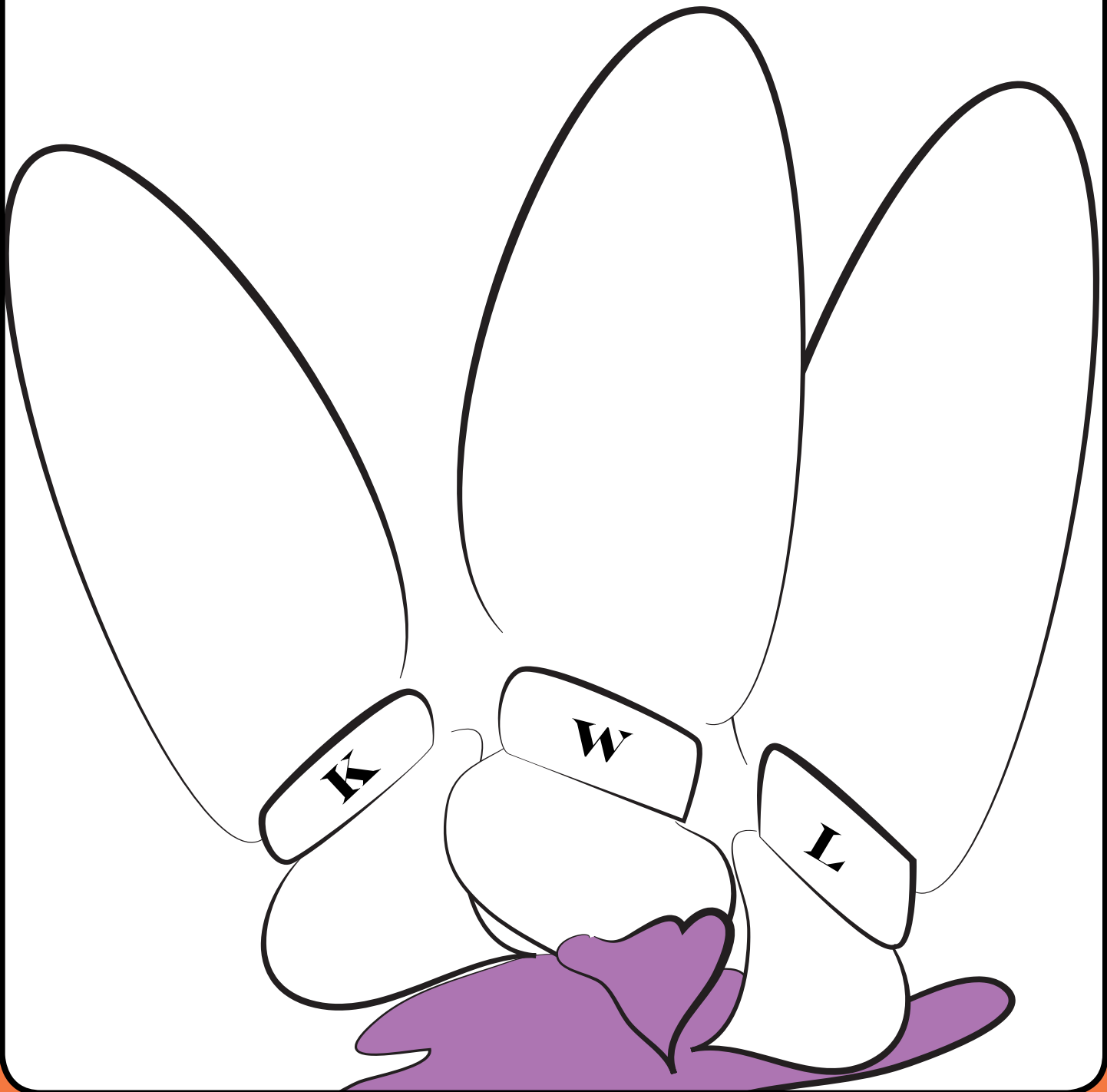


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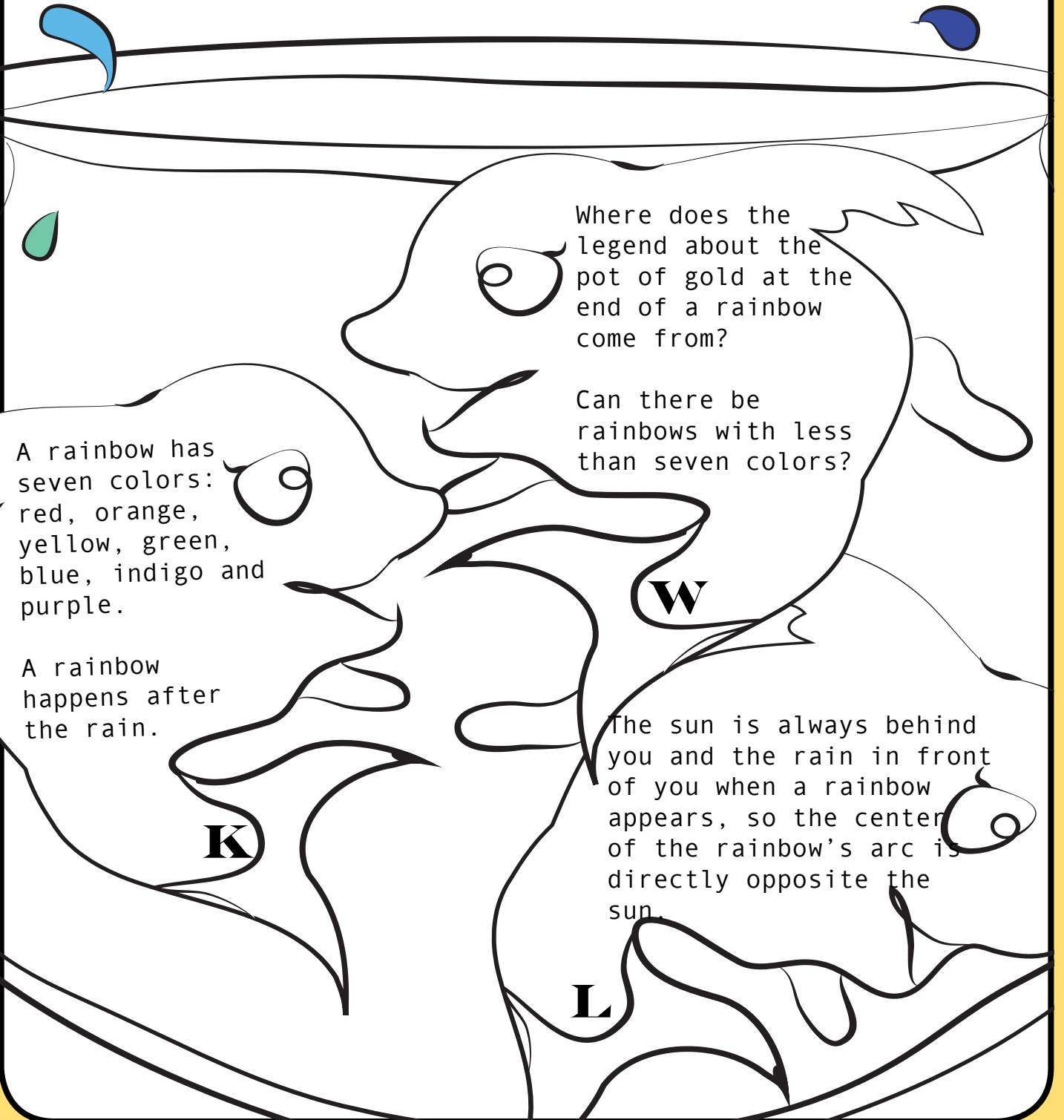


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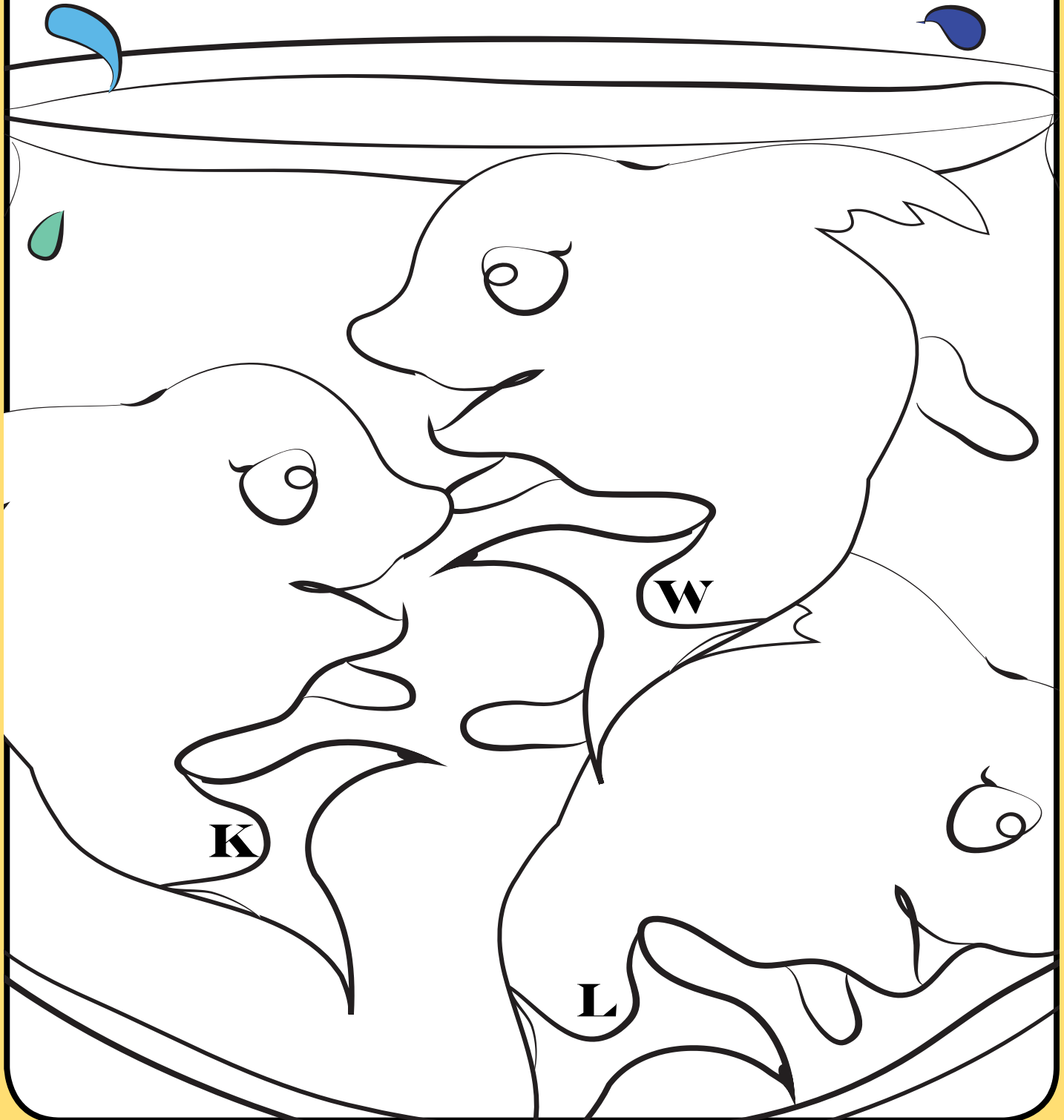
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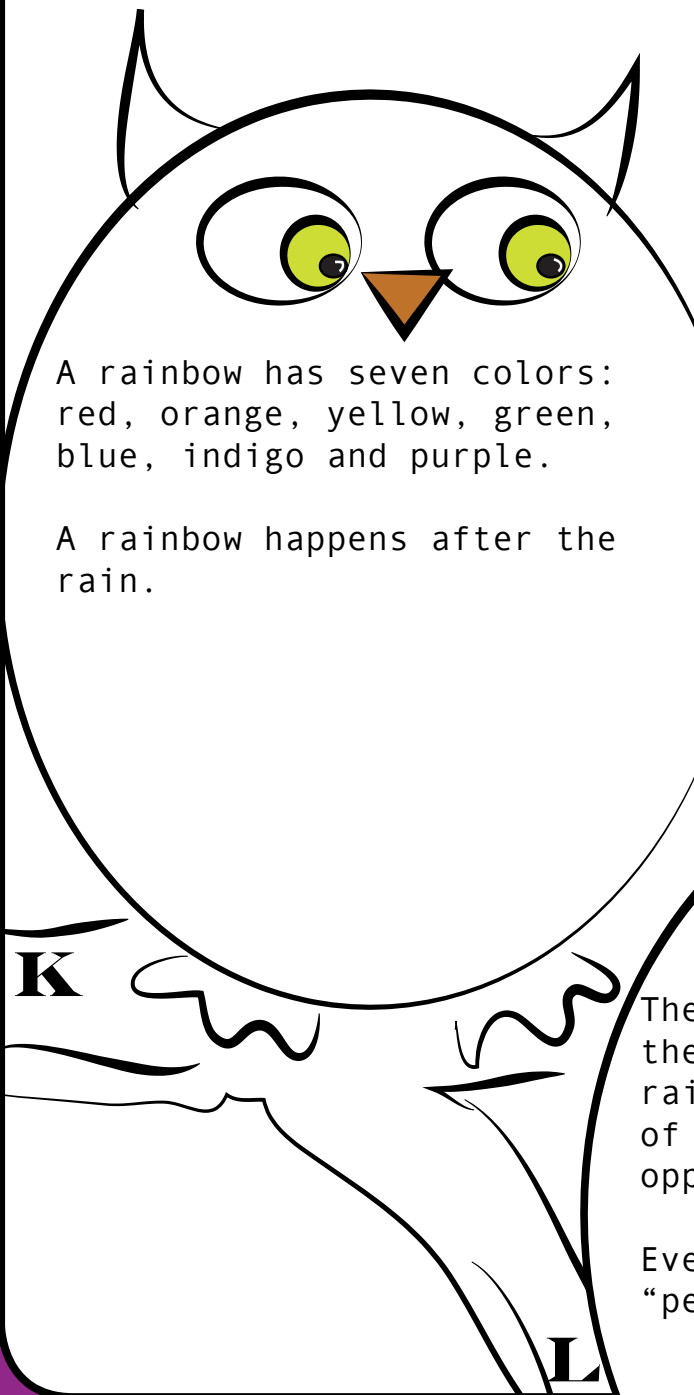


# Owls on a Branch Student Sample

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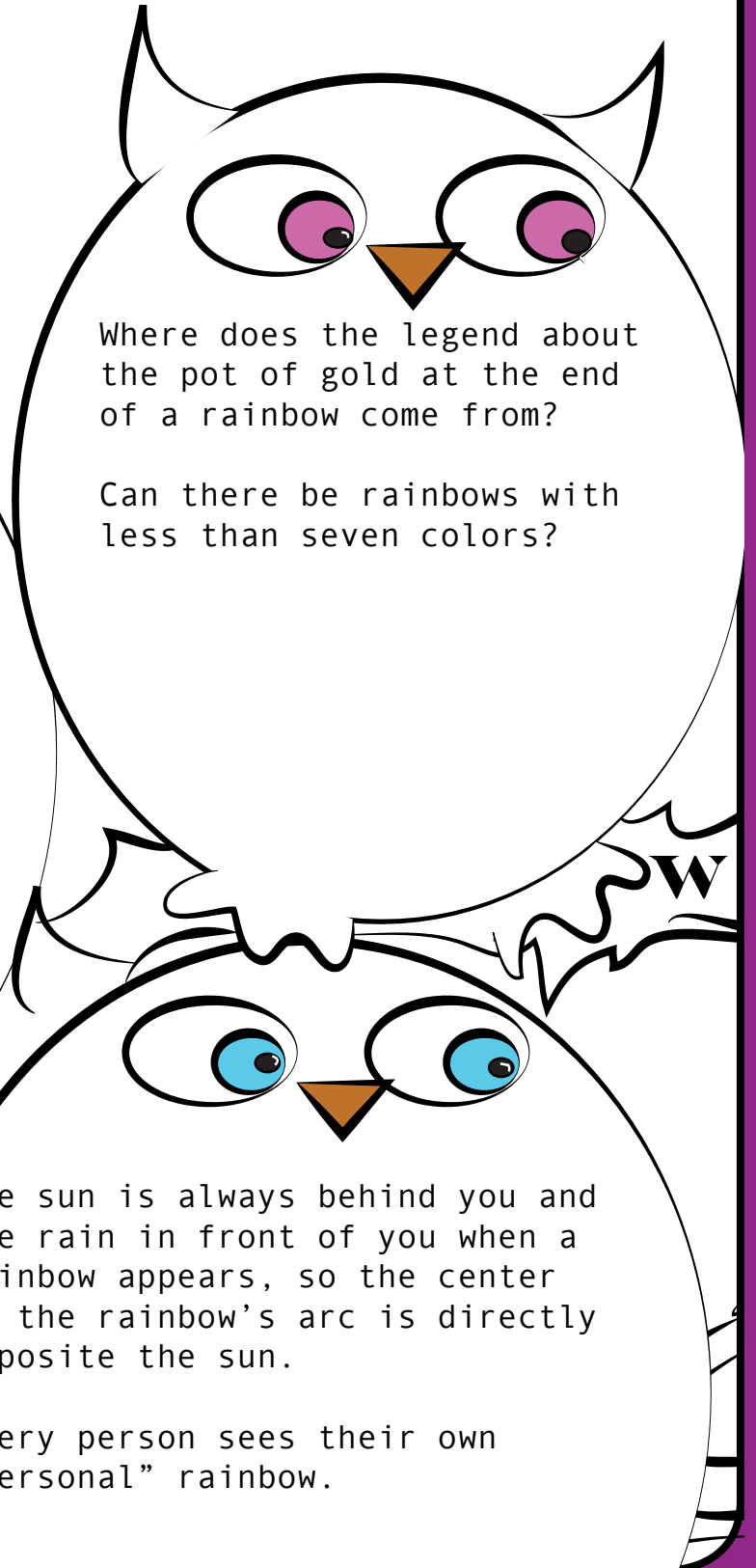
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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