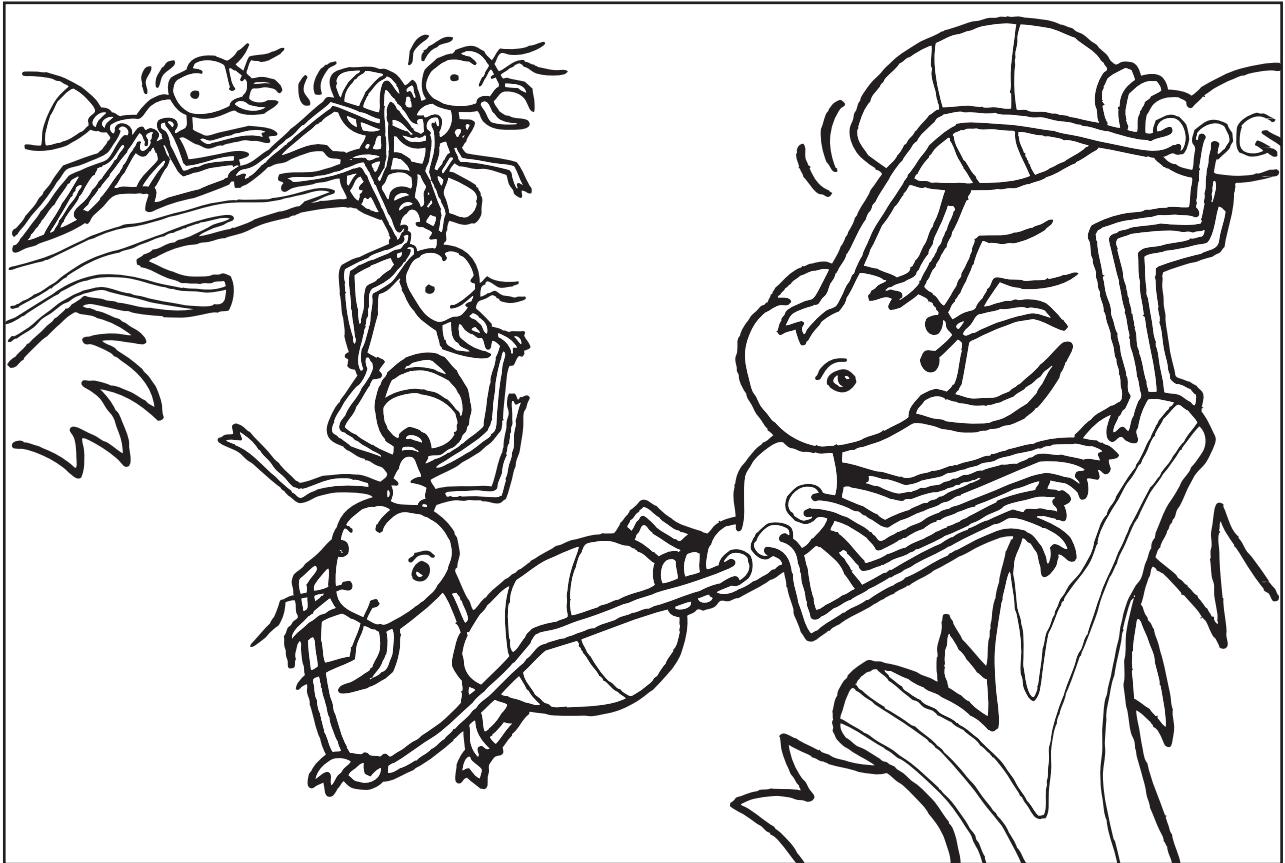


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A Bridge That Is Alive



Deep in the jungle, ants are marching. The ants are army ants. The army ants are looking for food. The ants come to a place that they cannot cross. What can the ants do to get across?

Some of the ants link their legs together. They make a chain. The chain is strong. It stretches to the other side. The chain makes a bridge that is alive! It is a bridge made up of army ants!

Other ants walk across the chain. They cross to the other side. Then they continue to march. They keep on marching deep in the jungle.

A Bridge That Is Alive



Max visited the rainy jungle. The ground was flooded. Water was everywhere. Max saw something strange. It was floating in the water.

“Don’t touch it!” cried Max’s guide. “That floating thing is alive!”

Max was puzzled. What could the strange thing be?

The guide said, “It is a bunch of ants. The ants have joined together so they are like an ‘ant boat.’ As the ‘boat’ floats, it rolls over and over. The ants go in and out of the water. The ‘boat’ keeps them from drowning. They do not drown because they breathe when they roll out of the water.”

Show What You Know

Answer the questions on “A Bridge That Is Alive” and “The Boat That Was Alive.”

You may look back at what you have read if you need to.

1. The ants make a chain by

- (A) continuing to march.
- (B) marching deep in the jungle.
- (C) linking their legs together.
- (D) stretching to the other side.

2. A guide

- (A) is a bunch of ants.
- (B) shows visitors around.
- (C) is a boat that is alive.
- (D) joins visitors together.

3. What did you read about in both stories?

- (A) ants
- (B) boats
- (C) chains
- (D) bridges

4. Most likely, the ants make an ‘ant boat’

- (A) when they are puzzled.
- (B) when they are looking for food.
- (C) when they want to cross the jungle.
- (D) when the jungle floods so they do not drown.

5. Practice your handwriting. Trace and write.

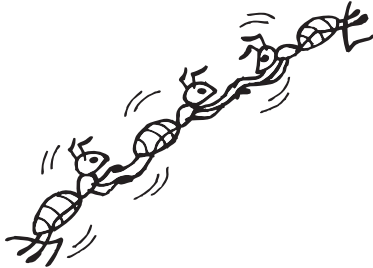
chain

floating

Show What You Know (cont.)

6. Circle what ants have their legs linked together.

A.



B.



C.



7. Fill in the boxes.

Why the ants are like a real boat.	Why the ants are not like a real boat.

Write one or more sentences that tell what each story is about.

8. "A Bridge That Is Alive" _____

9. "The Boat That Was Alive" _____

10. Think about some ants you have seen. On the back of this paper, write about the ants. Tell what they looked like. Tell what they were doing. Or, write about a bridge you have seen. Tell where the bridge is. Tell what it is for and what it is made of.