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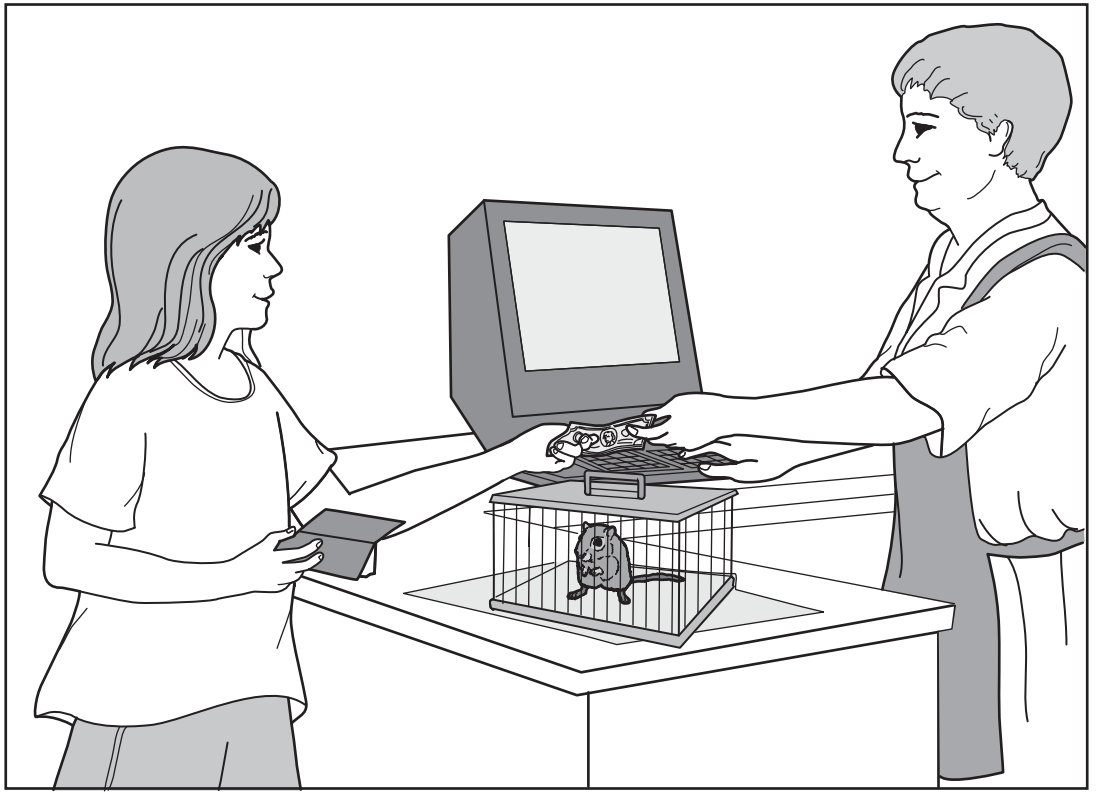

I bought a hamster at the pet store.

I feed my hamster lettuce

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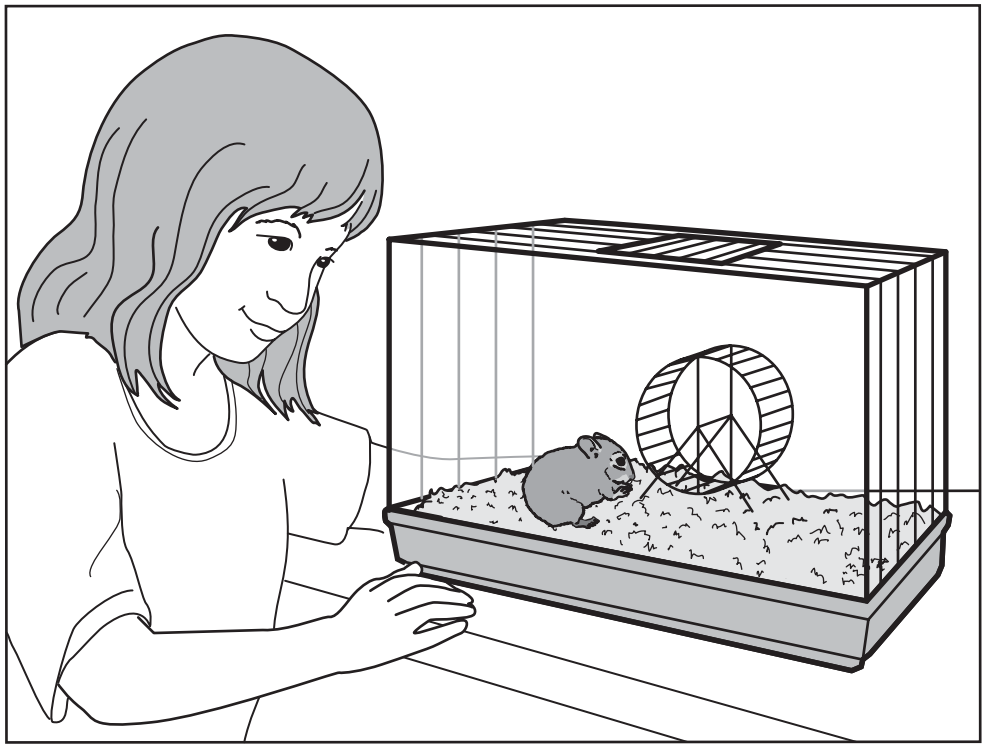

My New Pet

I have a new pet hamster. **What should I name my hamster** I will name my hamster Sam.

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What should I name my hamster.

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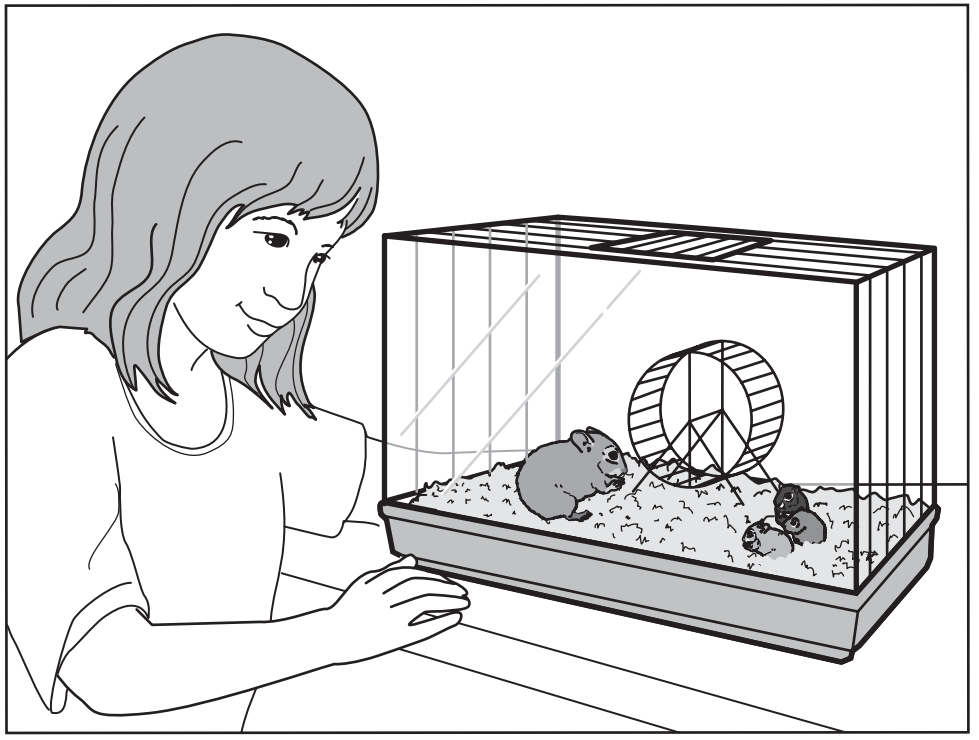

One morning I didn't see Sam in his cage? I looked around the cage. **Where could he be?** I finally found him curled up in some shavings in his cage. What a surprise to find three tiny hamsters beside him! I realized that my hamster wasn't a boy. **Wow, Sam was a girl!**

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Where could he be.

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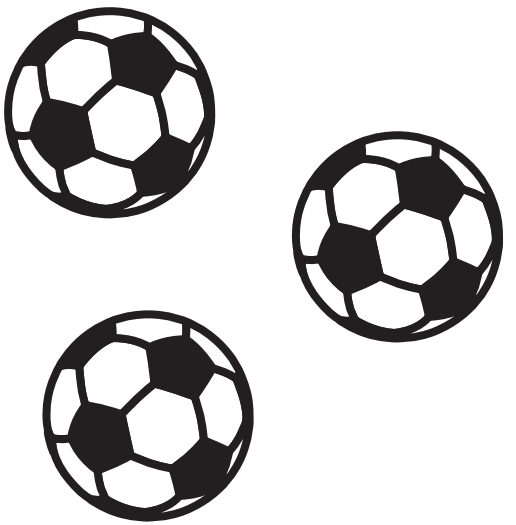
one **ball**



three **balls**

The boy feeds many dogs.

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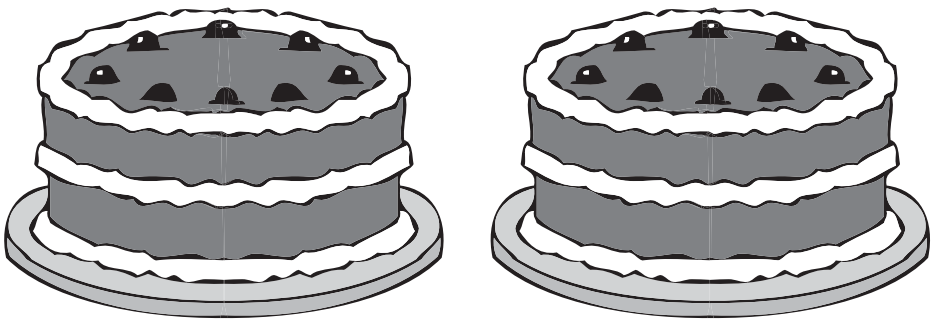
My brother and I will bake cakes for a party. My brother will bake a cake. **I will bake two cake**.



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My favorite place in Grandma's house is the attic. It is full of treasures. There are several old **pictures** of my dad when he was young. There are boxes filled with many **toy**. There is even one old **bicycle**.

picture

toys

bicycles

Chimpanzees are animals.

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Chimpanzees

Chimpanzees are animals.

Chimpanzees live in the forest.

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Chimpanzees are animals that live in the forest.

Chimpanzees are animals with black hair.

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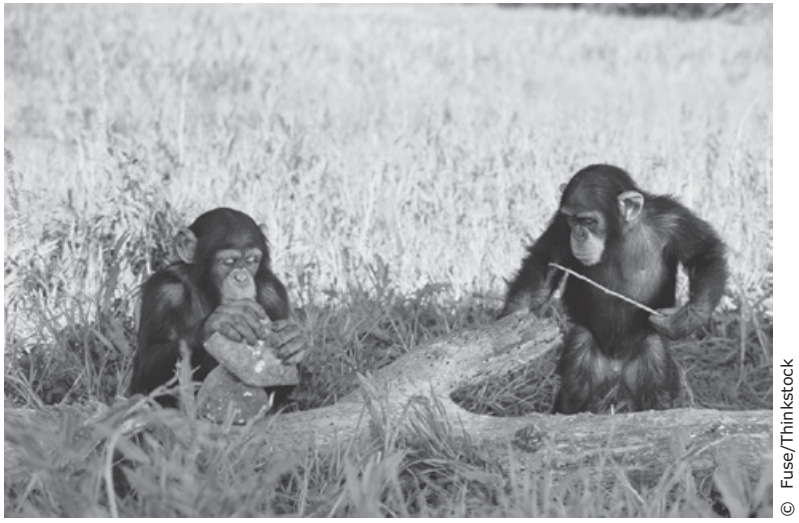

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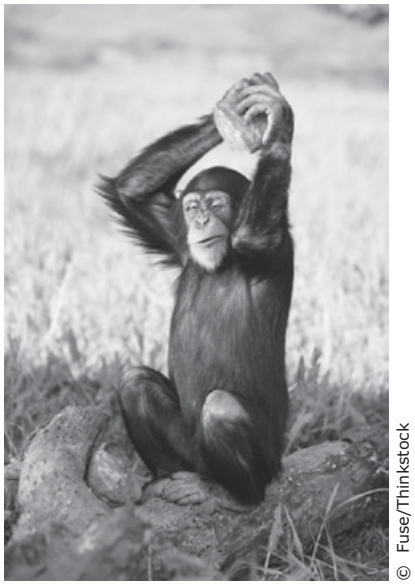

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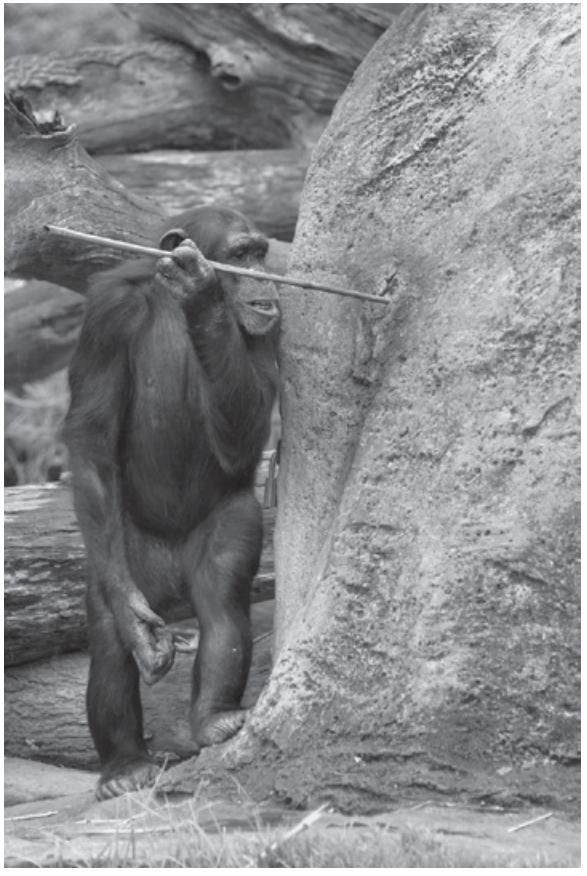
Chimpanzees

Chimpanzees are clever animals. Chimps have learned to use tools. A chimp can use a stick as a club. A lion can use a stone as a hammer.

animals

lion

stone



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Chimpanzees use tools to find food. For example, chimps poke sticks deep into termite nests. When they pull out the sticks, some termites come out too. Chimps sleep and travel in small groups. Then the chimpanzees eat a delicious meal of termites.

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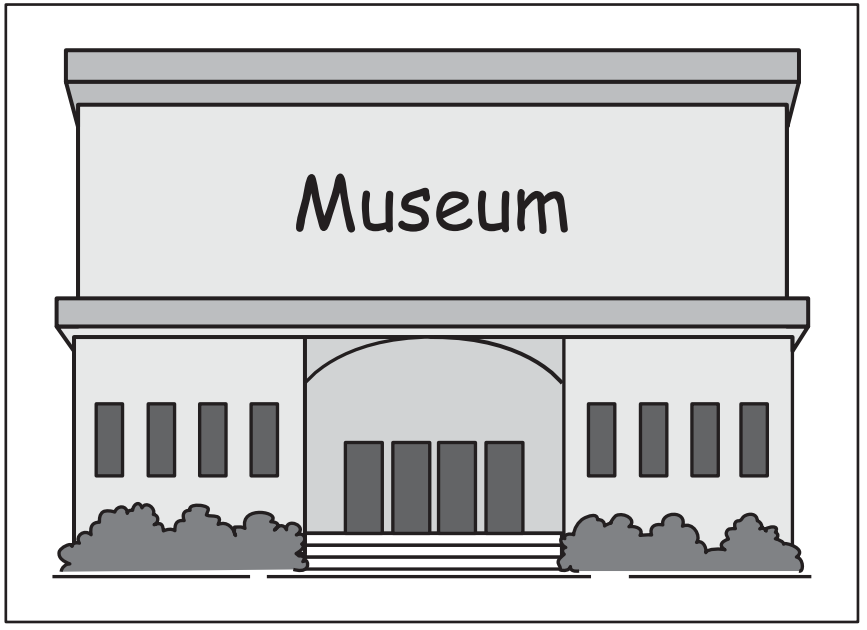
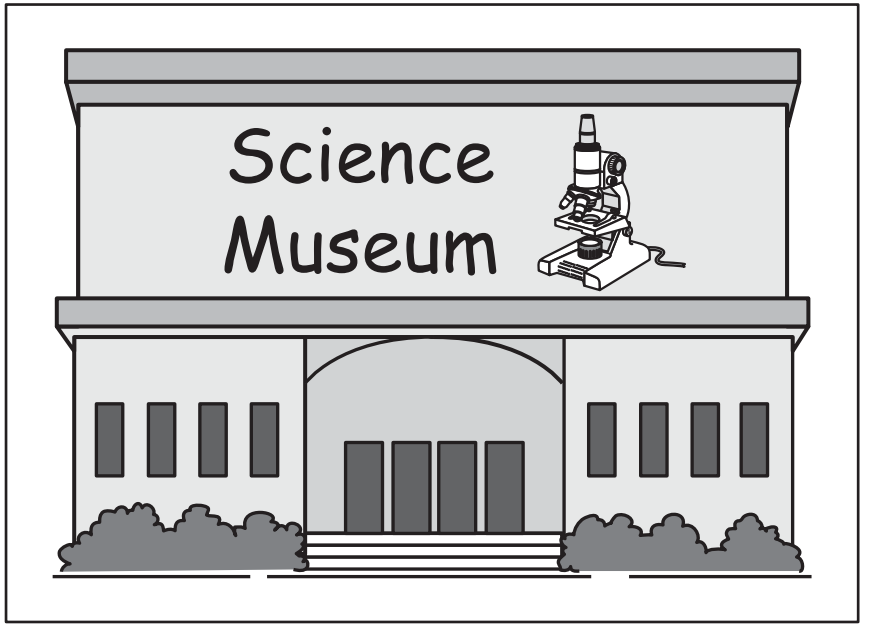

Museum


Science
Museum

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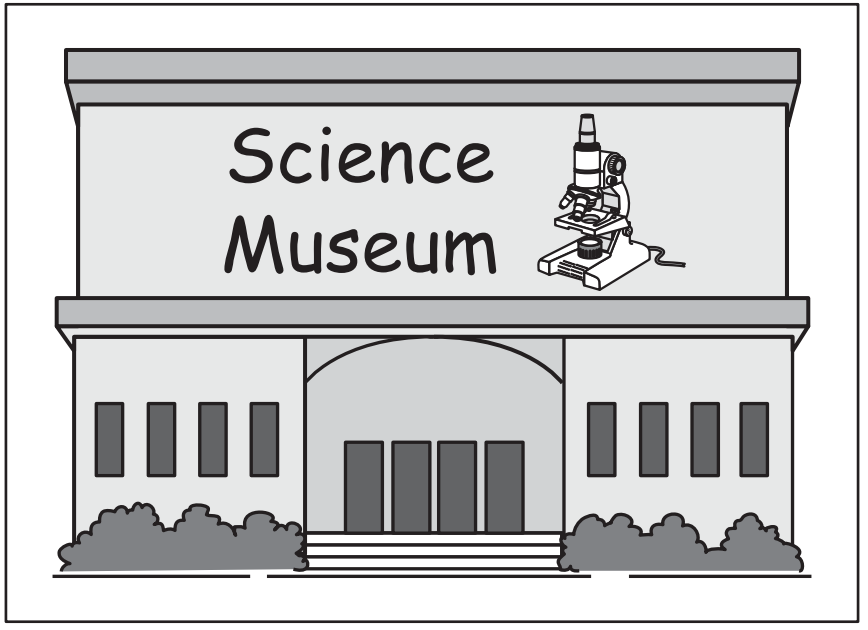

The science museum is a great place to learn about the world.

This is the science museum.

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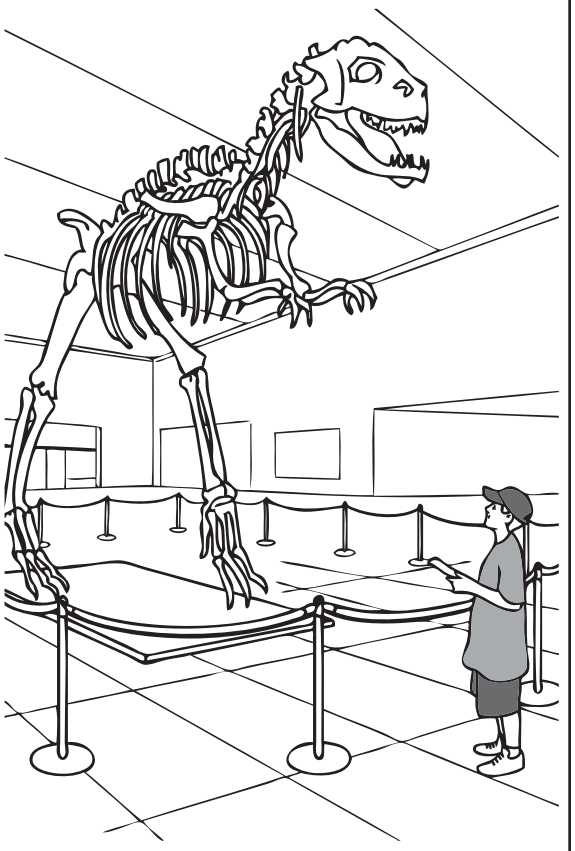
The boy enjoys buying a gift at the museum.

The boy walks a long way to get to the museum.



The boy finds out the names of dinosaurs at the museum.

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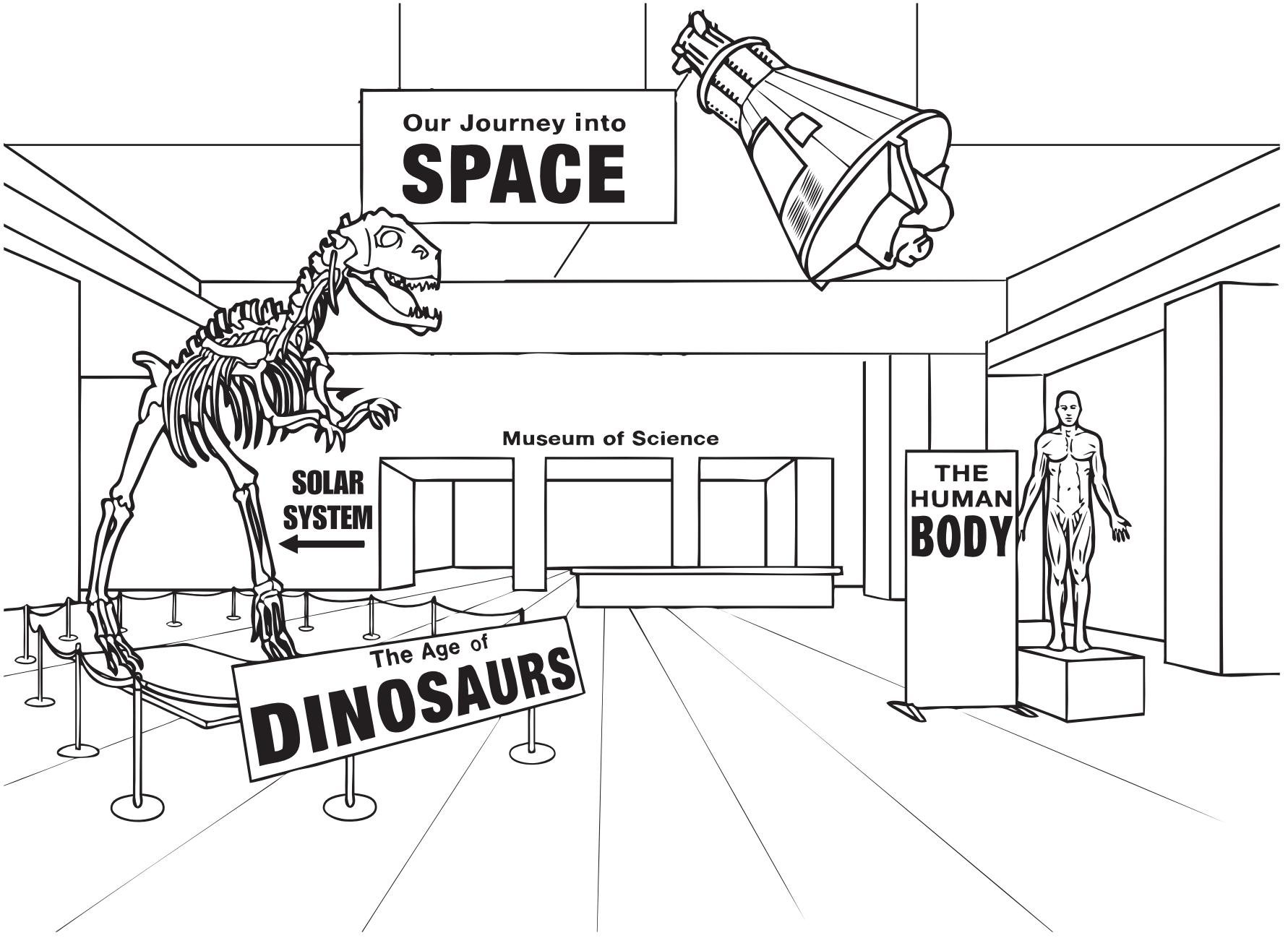
Our Journey into
SPACE
Museum of Science
SOLAR
SYSTEM
THE
HUMAN
BODY
The Age of
DINOSAURS

The science museum is a great place to learn about the world. The boy finds out the names of dinosaurs at the museum. There is a space exhibit with a model of the solar system. Another exhibit shows how the human body works. The boy can easily spend the whole day at the museum.

The science museum helps people learn new things.

The science museum is filled with great exhibits that help people learn about the world.

The science museum is a great place.

some animals live in deserts.

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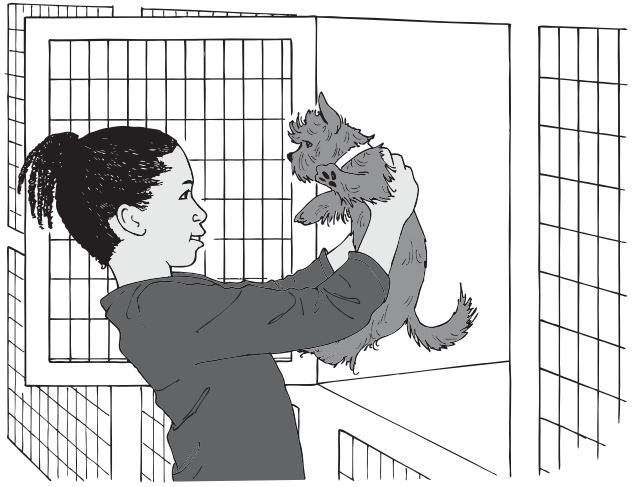

A dog named Oliver had been in the **animal** shelter for many weeks. A **family** had not chosen him. Then one day it happened. A little girl named **lupita** pointed at him. She took Oliver out of his cage and took him home. Finally Oliver had a real home.

Animal

Family

Lupita

Taylor is learning to play the violin. She practices every day. She has a lesson every monday. Taylor plans to perform at a talent show in february.

Violin	Lesson

Monday	February

Day	Show

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