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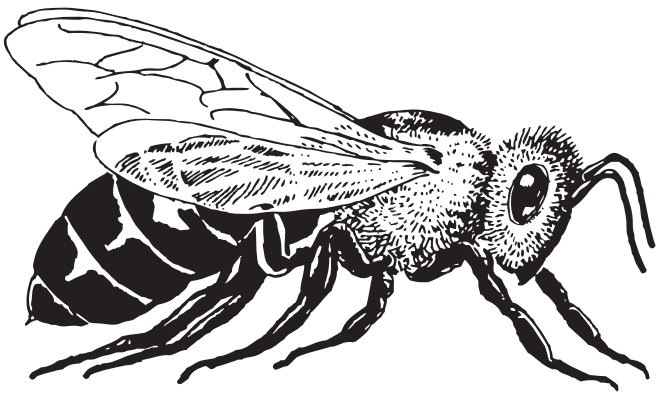

bee

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The bee lives in a hive in the trunk of an old **<u>tre</u>**.

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tree

tere

The bees buzz around **the** flowers in the **green** field where the **shepe** are **aslep**.

thee	sheep

green	aslepe

sheep	asleep

A storm destroyed the fence, and sheep from the herd wandered up into the mountains. The sheep **had not** come back to the ranch, so the rancher told the workers, "**We need** to take the jeep and find the missing sheep. **You will** shear the sheep so that their thick woolly coats can be sold at market."

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The family is sitting around the table.

The family is sitting around the **picnic** table.

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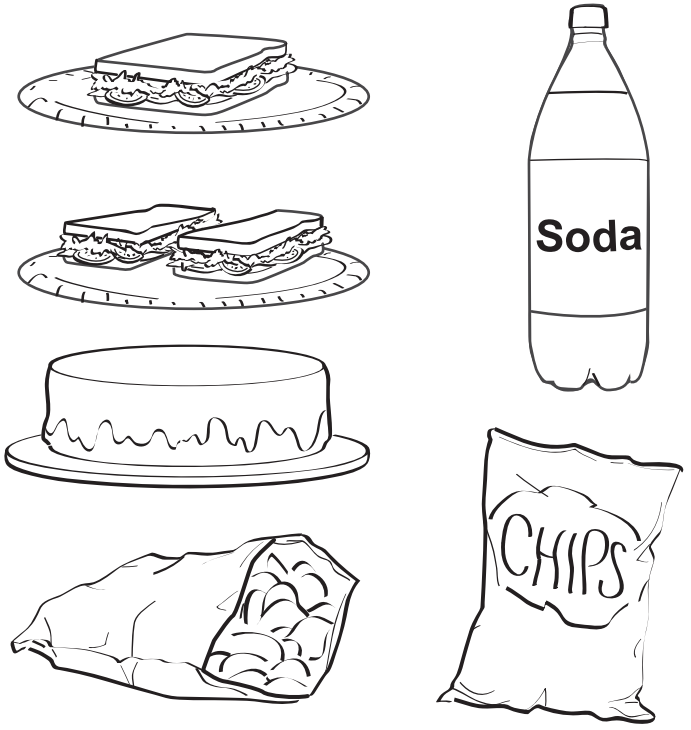


The family is eating food.

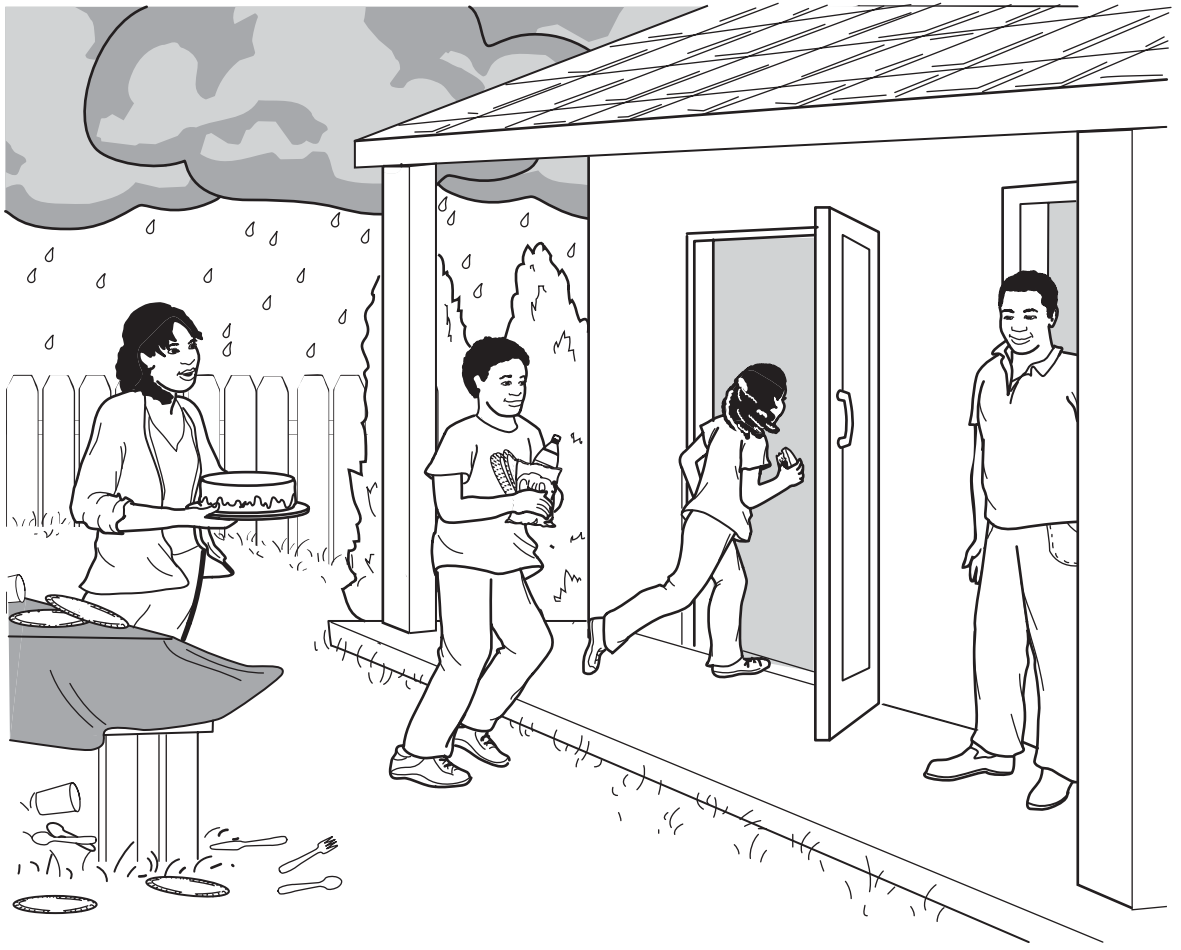
The family is playing games.

The wind blows **things** off the table.

leaves and grass

napkins and paper plates

some stuff



The sky gets dark. The wind blows. A storm is coming. Dad says, "Hurry up!" **The family goes inside**.

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The family went inside the house.

The family shuts the door.

The family rushes inside to keep from getting wet.

Earth Friendly

How to Be Earth Friendly

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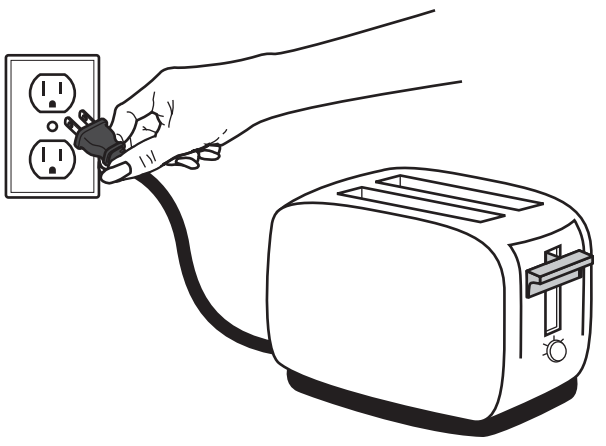
Everyone should eat healthy food.

Everyone should take care of Earth.

How to Be Earth Friendly

Everyone should take care of Earth. Be smart about using electricity. **Turn off lights when leaving a room**. **Make the bed in the morning before leaving for school**. Turn off the television when no one is watching it. **Shut down computers that are not being used**.



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Recycling more can reduce the amount of trash in landfills. Empty milk cartons, aluminum cans, and old newspapers can be sent to a recycling center and used to make new products.

Unwanted items such as clothing and furniture can be donated rather than thrown away. Even leftover food scraps can be used to make compost for a garden. These are just some of the ways everyone can work together to reduce trash in landfills.

Parts from old cell phones and computers can be reused to make electronics.

Landfills are provided by the community.

Many people work at the recycling center.

I like living in the city.

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Living in the city is better than living in the country.

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Living in the city is better than living in the country.

Living in the city is better because there are more things to do.

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Give Me the City Life!

Living in the city is better than living in the country because there are more things to do. It is a short walk to the library. I can walk to my favorite ice-cream store. I can walk or ride my bike to school in minutes. I can easily visit a science museum or the zoo.

The zoo is filled with many people.

There is not much to do in the city.

Everything I need is close by in the city.

The city offers many new experiences. The large population means there are many people to get to know. I have made interesting friends of all ages. I had many friends when I lived in the country too. I can travel around the city by bus and see new places. I can go to restaurants and eat foods from different cultures. I have missed my horseback rides in the country, but I have found many opportunities in the city.

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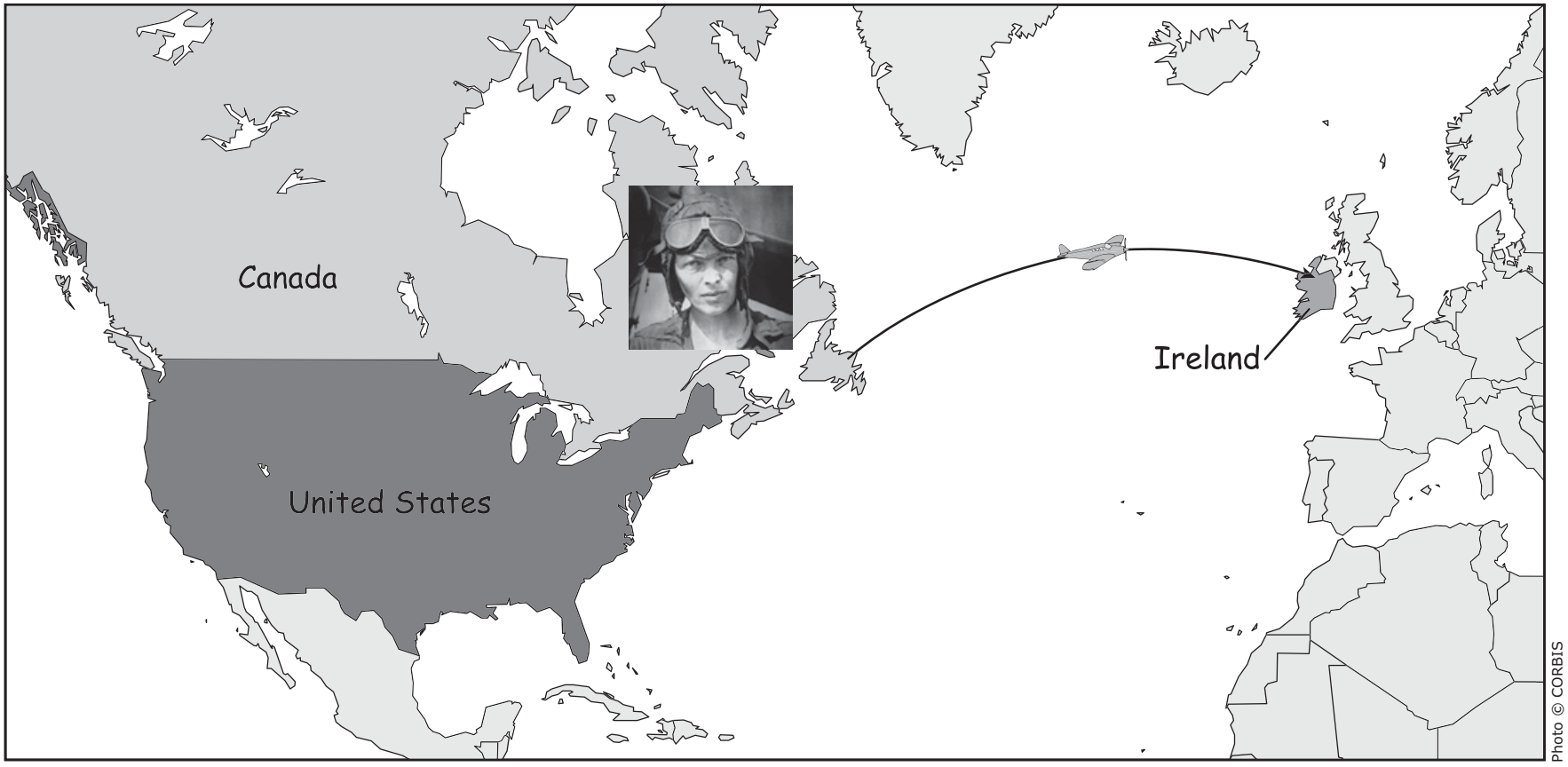

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Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly an airplane alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

Her airplane took off from canada and landed in a sheep pasture in ireland.

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Three years after Amelia Earhart's flight across the Atlantic Ocean, **she became** the **first person** to fly solo from **hawaii** to **california**.

Hawaii	California
First	Person
She	Became

Amelia Earhart set many flying records and wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences. She tried to fly around the world, but she disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean. To learn more about this woman's exciting life and career, read **amelia earhart: courage in the sky** by Mona Kerby.

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