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Fantastic Mr. Fox Activity Pack!



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Subject:

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 O T I Y E U V X J C F A N P J A K O X H

Badger

Cellar

Chicken

Doughnuts

Duck

Fantastic

Goose

Miraculous

Mole

Orchard

Poppycock

Pot-bellied

Prowling

Rat

Ravenously

Scrunch

Tremendous

Weasel

Can you group the words into nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs?

Ask your teacher to explain the difference.

NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES	ADVERBS

Boggis, Bunce and Bean

Boggis, Bunce and Bean,
One fat, one short, one lean.
Those horrible crooks
So different in looks
Were nonetheless equally mean!



LEARN THE LYRICS!

Boggis, Bunce and Bean
is a song in the show so
learn the words and sing
along!

Draw a picture of the three farmers as they are described in the story in the space below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a picture of the three farmers described in the story.



Can you name all FOUR FICTIONAL FOXES?

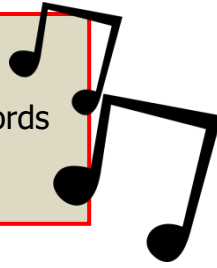
- A: _____
- B: _____
- C: _____
- D: _____

If you were an animal what would you be?

Write a pretend letter to Mr. Fox inviting him to dinner. Think about where you live and what you eat. Do you live in a burrow? At the zoo? Are you a *herbivore* (plant-eater) or a *carnivore* (meat-eater)? Do you normally get along well with foxes? After you've finished writing your letter, draw a picture of the scene.

LEARN THE LYRICS!

Digging is a song in the show so learn the words and sing along!



Digging

Digga digga dig!

Digga digga dig!

Digga digga digga digga

Dig, dig dig!

Digga digga dig!

Digga digga dig!

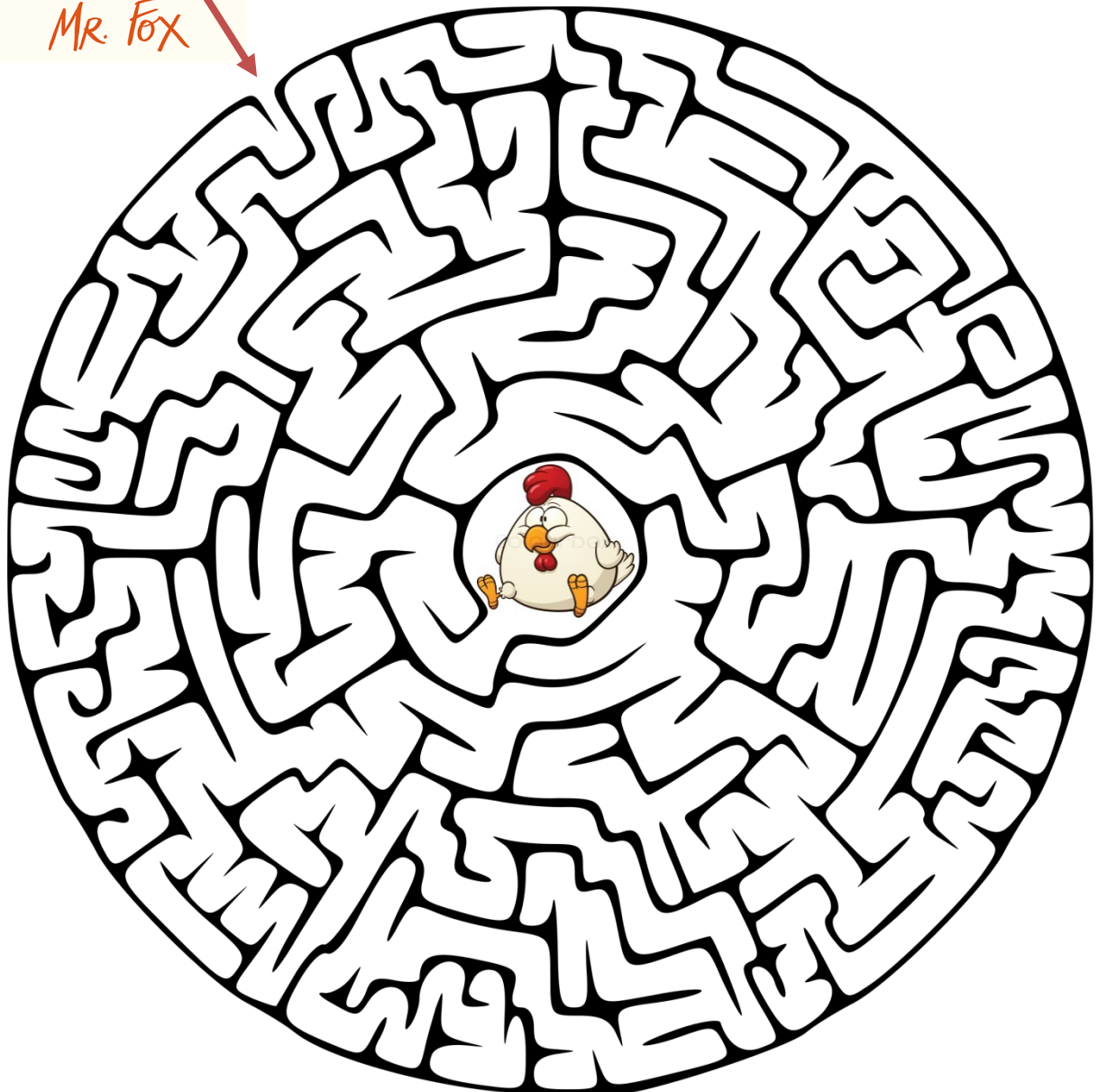
Digga digga digga digga

Dig, dig dig!

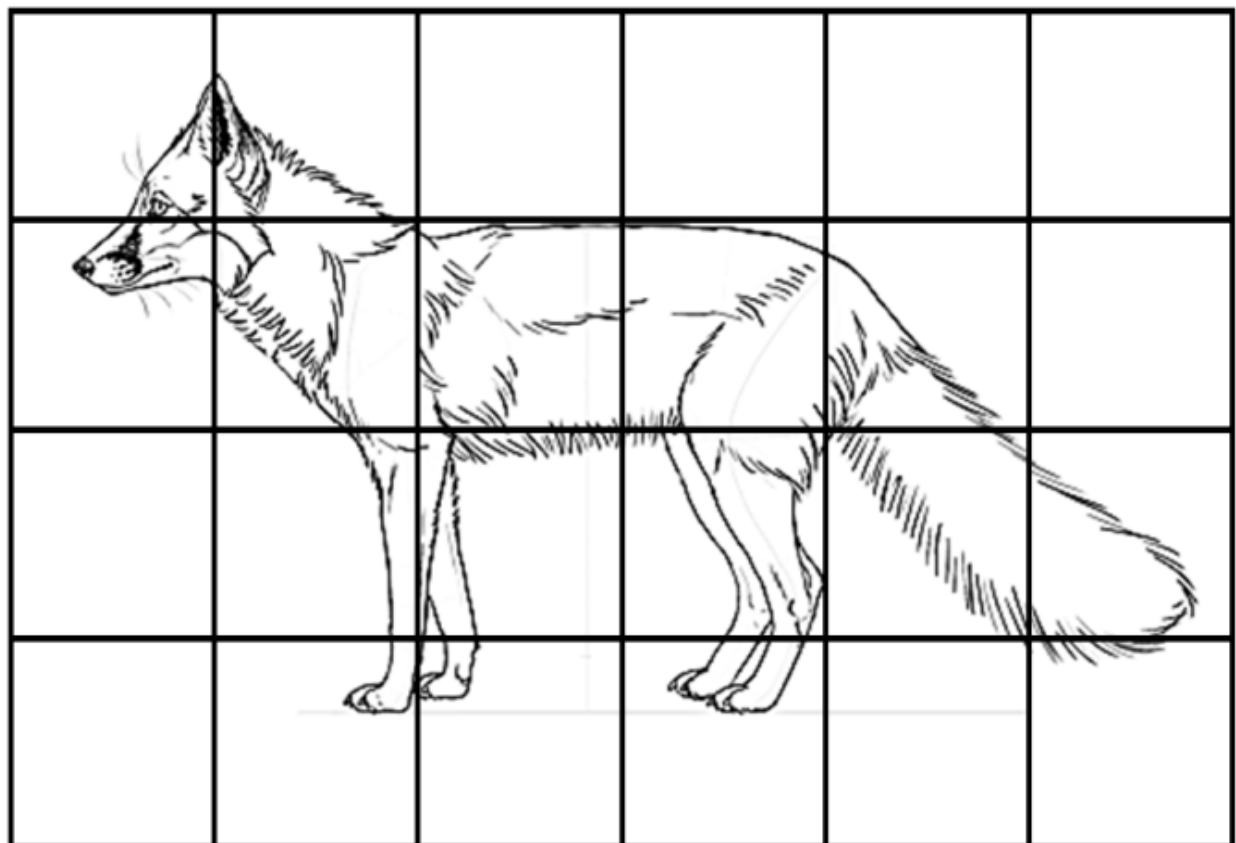
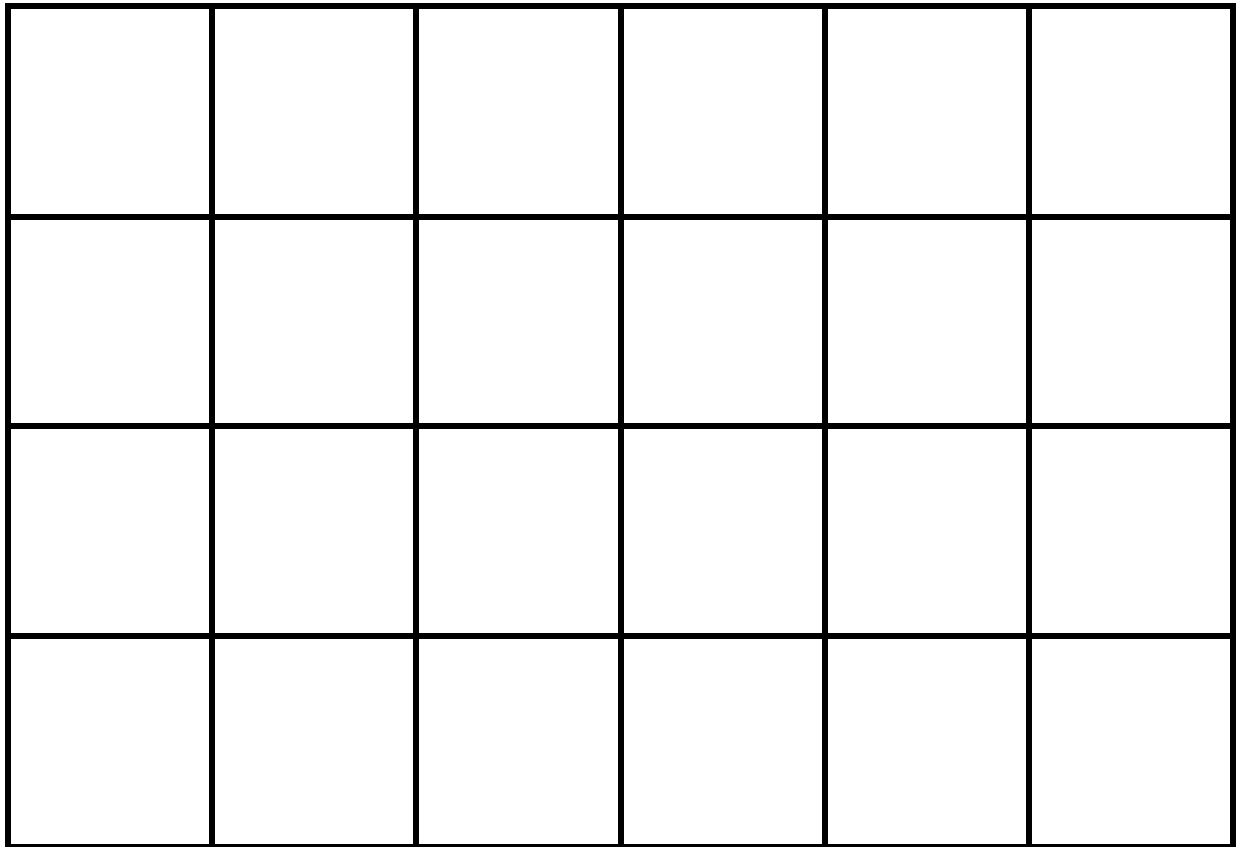
Can you help me
get to Boggis's
Chicken House
Number One?



Mr. Fox



Draw the fox below using the grid as a guide.



Deep In The Ground

Mrs Fox: Deep in the ground
Though hungry and fearful
We're trying
To stay brave and cheerful,
Deep in the ground
Sleep sound
And dream of a better day tomorrow.

Deep in the ground
We've still got each other
A small little fox,
Her father and mother,
Deep in the ground
Sleep sound
And dream of a better tomorrow.

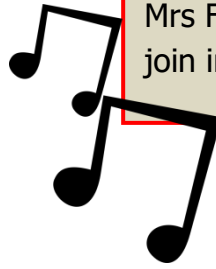
All animals: Deep in the ground
Though hungry and fearful
We're trying
To stay brave and cheerful,
Deep in the ground
Sleep sound
And dream of a better day tomorrow.

Deep in the ground
We've still got each other
A small little fox,
Her father and mother,
Deep in the ground
Sleep sound
And dream of a better tomorrow.

LEARN THE LYRICS!

Deep In The Ground is a song in the show so learn the words and sing along!

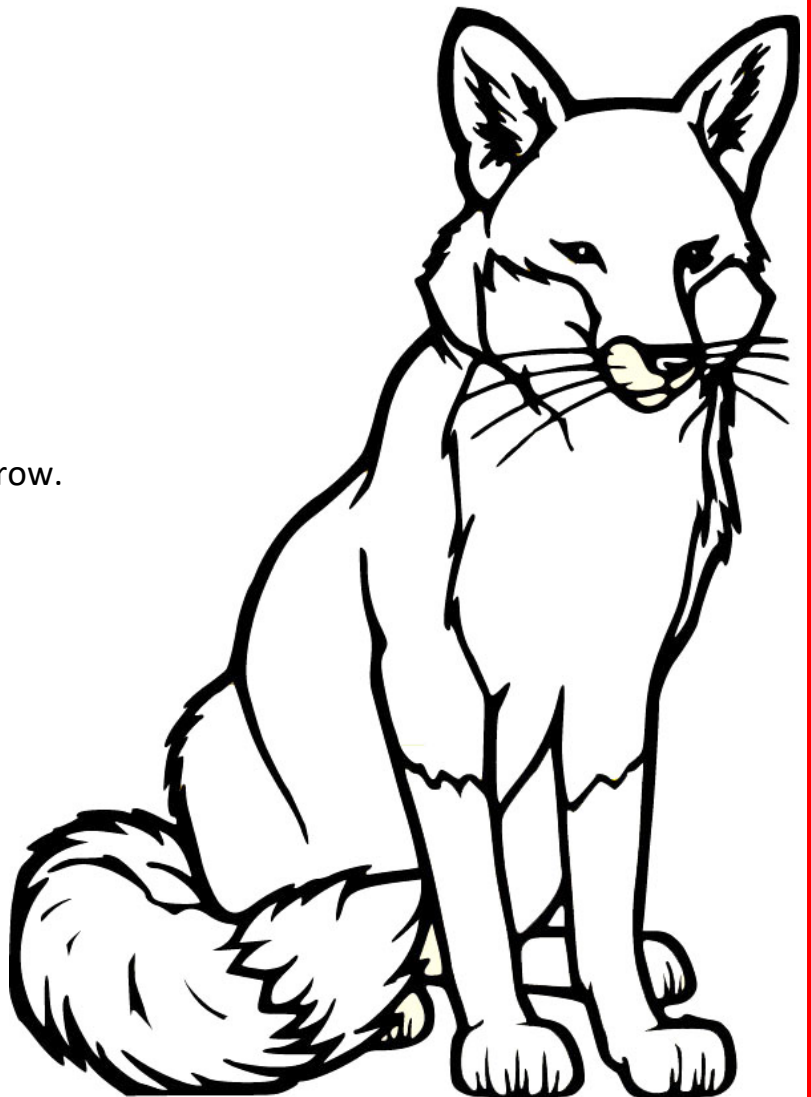
Mrs Fox sings first then all the animals join in for the third verse.



Foxes are nocturnal animals.

Q1. What does ***nocturnal*** mean?

Q2. Can you think of any other nocturnal animals?



“Dang and blast that lousy beast!” cried Boggis.

“I’d like the rip his guts out!” said Bunce.

“He must be killed!” cried Bean.

Design a WANTED poster for Mr. Fox using the template below. Include crimes committed against the farmers, a picture of Mr. Fox, a reward, and the farmers’ contact details.

WANTED

Cider Inside Her

Mr Fox

Home again swiftly I glide
Back to my beautiful bride.
She'll not feel so rotten
As soon as she's gotten
Some cider inside her inside!

All animals

She'll not feel so rotten
As soon as she's gotten
Some cider inside her inside!

Badger

Oh poor Mrs Badger, she cried
So hungry she very near died.
But she'll not feel so hollow
If only she'll swallow
Some cider inside her inside!

All animals

But she'll not feel so hollow
If only she'll swallow
Some cider inside her inside!

Cider inside her
Cider inside her
Cider inside her inside!
Cider inside her
Inside her
Inside her
Cider inside her inside!

LEARN THE LYRICS!

Cider Inside Her is a song in the show so learn the words and sing along!

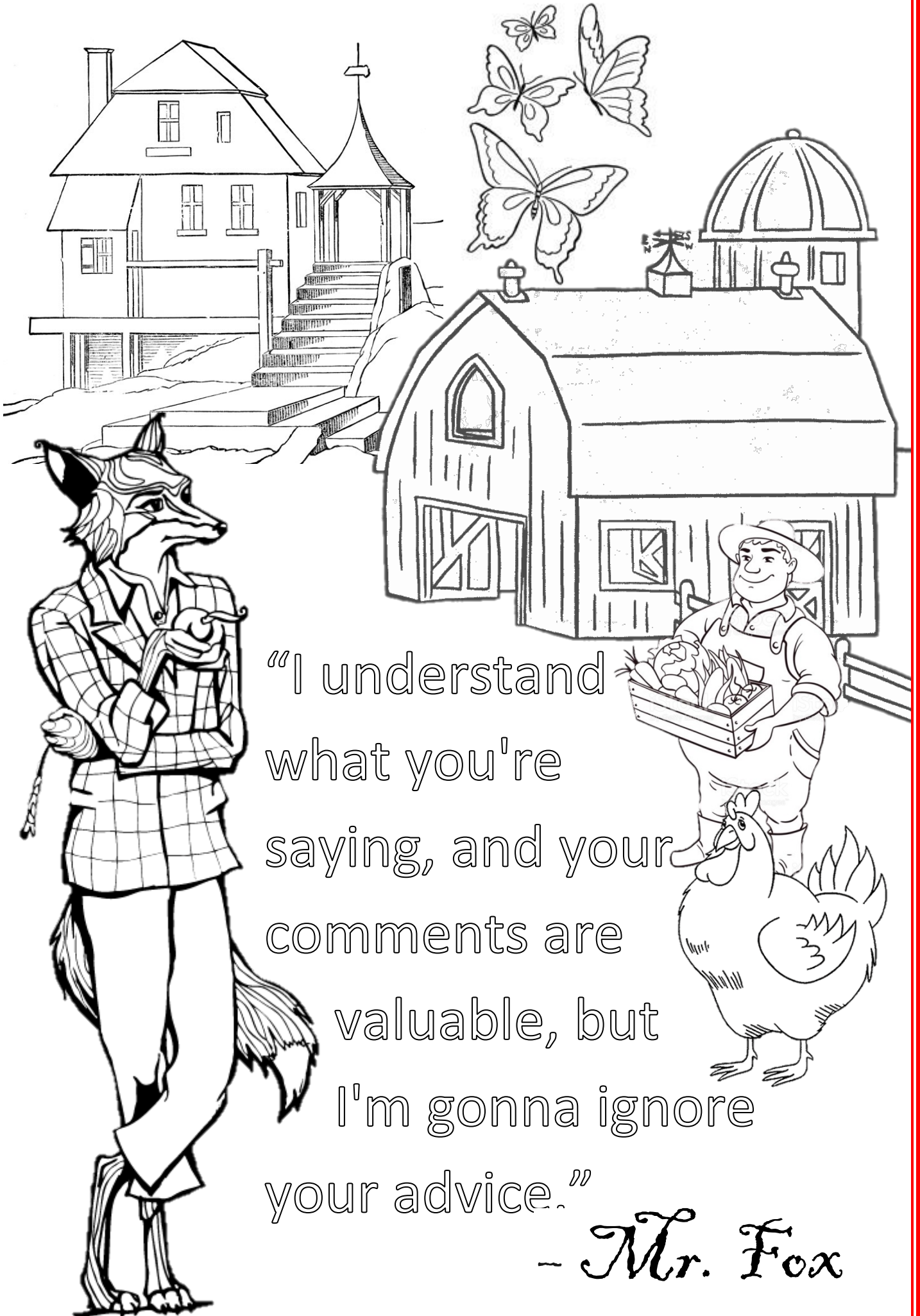
Mr Fox sings first then all the animals join in for the second and fourth verses.



Q1. Which farmer makes apple cider?

Q2. What happens after they discover the cider?





“I understand what you're saying, and your comments are valuable, but I'm gonna ignore your advice.”

- Mr. Fox

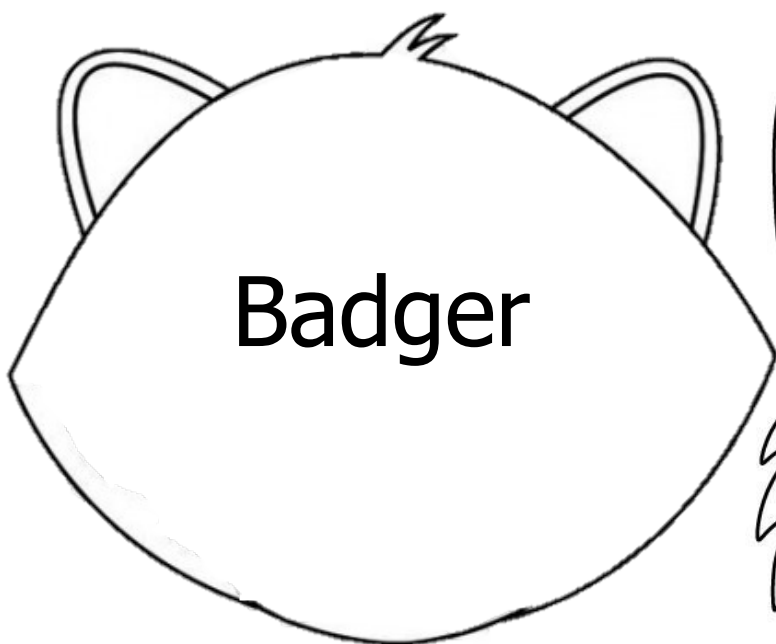
Can you count how many
foxes are on this page?

Try colour each fox a
different colour!



Who is Mr. Fox?

In the shape below, write down adjectives that describe Mr. Fox's character. Then do the same for Mrs. Fox and their friend, Badger. How do they compare?



Madra Rua



Read the comprehension and answer the questions.

The fox most commonly found in Ireland, and in the world, is the red fox. Although called the "red fox" they are not always red. Their colours can vary from pale yellow to deep reddish brown, with a white or pale underside. Fox's ears are long and pointy.

Of all animals, foxes are one of the most widespread on earth. They can live in **arctic tundra**, open grassland or city streets, but they prefer to live near forests. Foxes can also be found in cities, mainly in areas with big back gardens.

Foxes live underground in 'dens'. These are just like rabbit holes, only bigger.

Sometimes a den is made from an old rabbit hole or a badger's set. Foxes usually have a number of dens within their territory.

In the city, dens can be found in the strangest of places. Locations of fox dens in Dublin have included: gardens, sheds, compost heaps, a church basement, a utility room of a private house (amongst the laundry!) and in a scrap car in a junkyard! The red fox's resourcefulness has earned it a legendary reputation for intelligence and cunning.

Red foxes are solitary hunters who feed on rodents, rabbits, birds, and other small game, but their diet can be as flexible as their habitat. Foxes are **omnivorous** creatures (they eat meat and plants) and will also eat fruit and vegetables, fish, frogs, and even worms.

Like a cat's, the fox's thick tail aids its balance, but it has other uses as well. A fox uses its tail as a warm cover in cold weather and as a signal flag to communicate with other foxes. Foxes also signal each other by making scent posts – urinating on trees or rocks to announce their presence!

In winter, foxes meet to mate. The vixen (female fox) typically gives birth to a litter of 2 to 12 pups. At birth, red foxes are actually brown or grey. A new red coat usually grows in by the end of the first month, but some red foxes are golden, reddish-brown, silver, or even black. Both parents care for their young through the summer before they are able to strike out on their own in the fall.

Project: Using the dictionary or encyclopaedia, look up the two underlined terms. Create an informative poster to hang in your classroom!

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the most common fox in the world?

2. What colour can a red fox be?

3. Where do foxes prefer to live?

4. Why are foxes considered cunning?

5. What do foxes eat?

6. How do foxes use their tails?

7. What is a female fox called?

8. What colour are foxes when they are born?

After reading Fantastic Mr. Fox, who is your favourite character and why? What was their role in the story?



CLASS PROJECT:

DESIGN YOUR OWN FANTASTIC MR FOX POSTER

It can be any size (the bigger the better!)

Bring it with you on the day of the show, OR
you can send us a picture of it, OR you can
share it on your school Facebook or Twitter –
but be sure to tag us so we can share it too!

What you need to put on your poster:

Roald Dahl's
Fantastic Mr Fox
d/r Mill Theatre
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