

TEACHING GUIDE & LESSON PLAN



THE VANISHING LAKE BY PADDY DONNELLY

A CAPTIVATING TALE THAT CELEBRATES A YOUNG GIRL'S DETERMINATION, A GRANDDAD'S WISDOM, AND THE FANTASTICAL WONDERS OF THE NATURAL WORLD.



PICKING THE PERFECT GIFT
FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

COUNTING

How many swans live on Grandad's lake?

How many sheep are there on the page of the meadow?

OBSERVATION

What type of animal is Cara?

What did the sheep do to soak up the water?

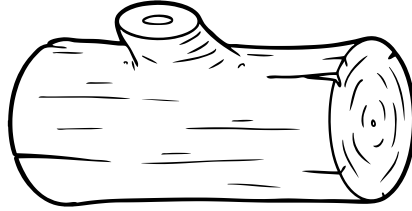
Can you spot the giant in the book?

Can you spot the mermaid in the book?

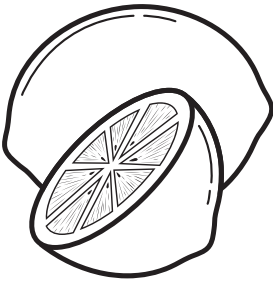
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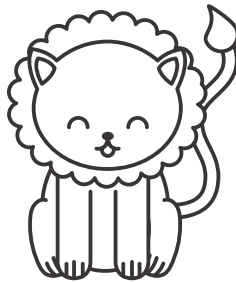
L is for Lake. What else starts with the letter L?
Can you write them down?

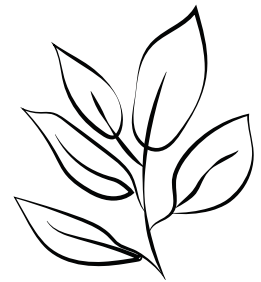












VOCABULARY

Can you explain what the word, "vanishing" means?
Can you think of some other words that have a similar meaning to "vanishing"?

READING COMPREHENSION

What is the problem/conflict in the story?

In which illustration does Meara get frustrated?

CRITICAL THINKING

Why do you think Grandad told different stories to Meara about the lake?

Why do you think Meara refused to believe Grandad's stories?

CRITICAL THINKING

Do you think the mammoths were real? Or did Meara and Grandad use their imagination?

Using your imagination, can you come up with any other reasons why the lake would vanish? Be as creative as you can!
