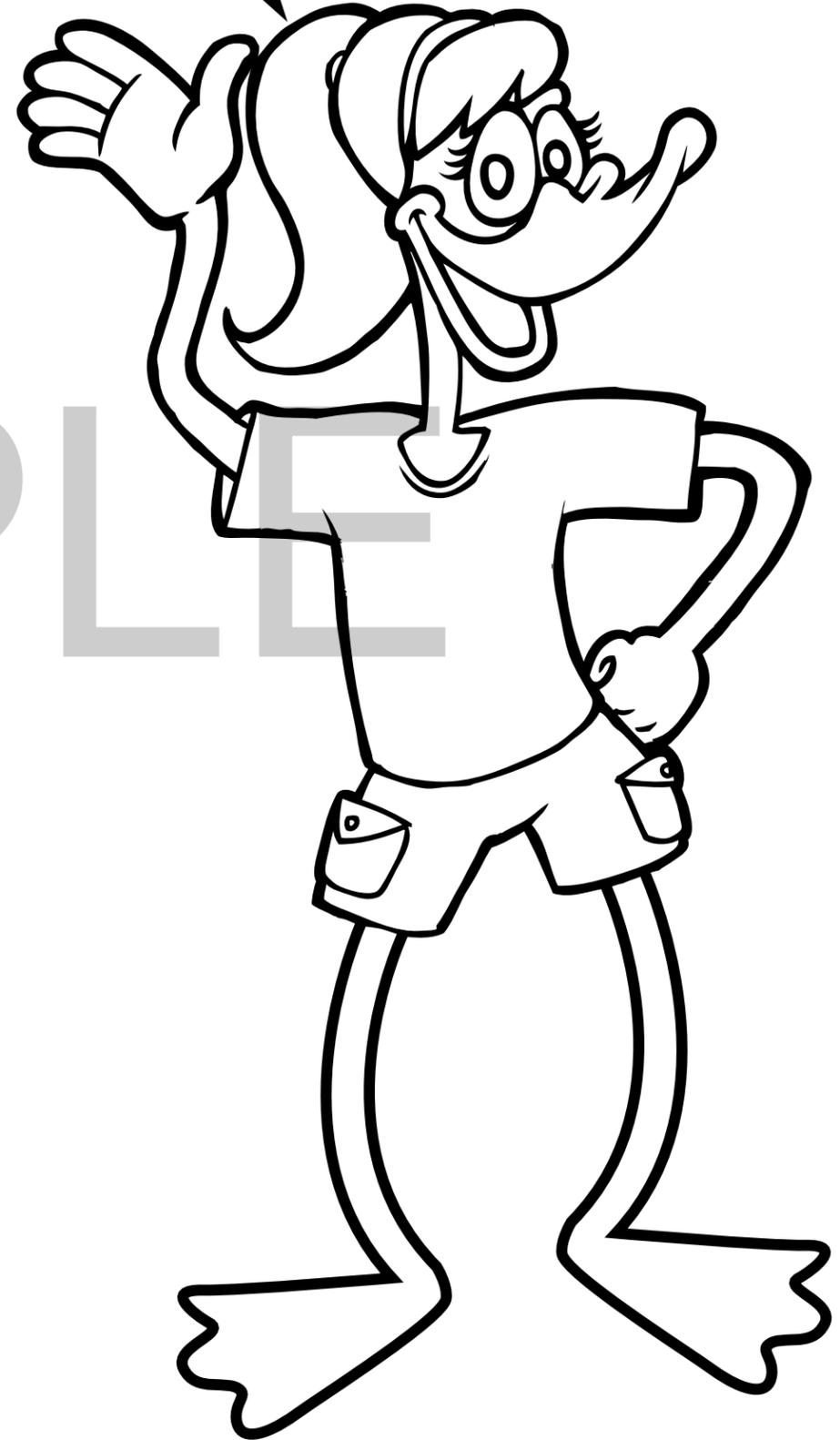


Penelope the Duck Learns About

DROUGHT



Hi, kids, I'm Penelope! I'm here to teach you all about drought.



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One day, my friends and I hiked to our favorite river to go fishing. When we got to our favorite spot, it looked very different.

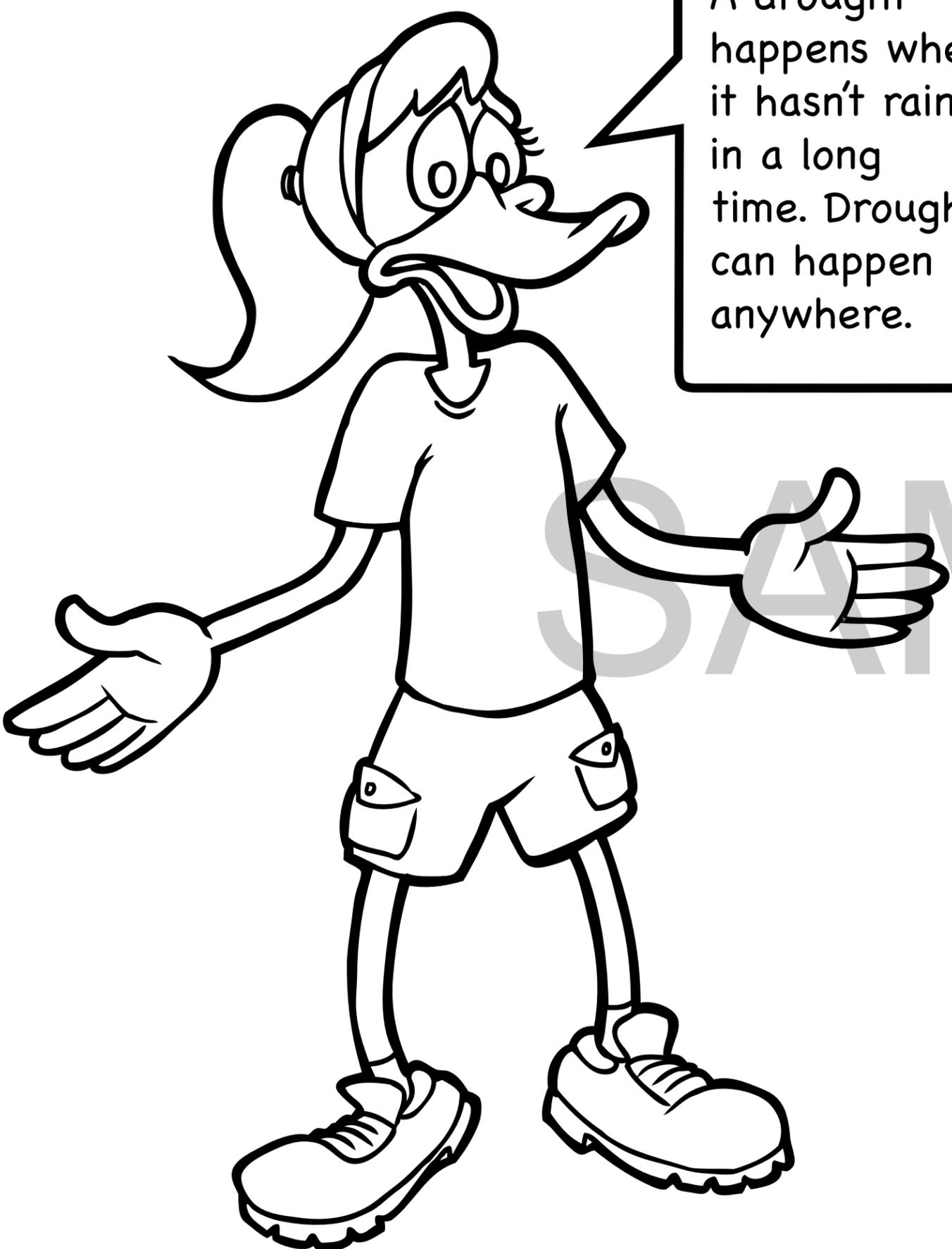
There aren't as many fish in the river today.

This looks like a drought!

Where is everybody?

The water was very low. The plants and trees were dry and brown. The soil was dry and cracked.





A drought happens when it hasn't rained in a long time. Drought can happen anywhere.

During a drought, there's less water for all of these things:

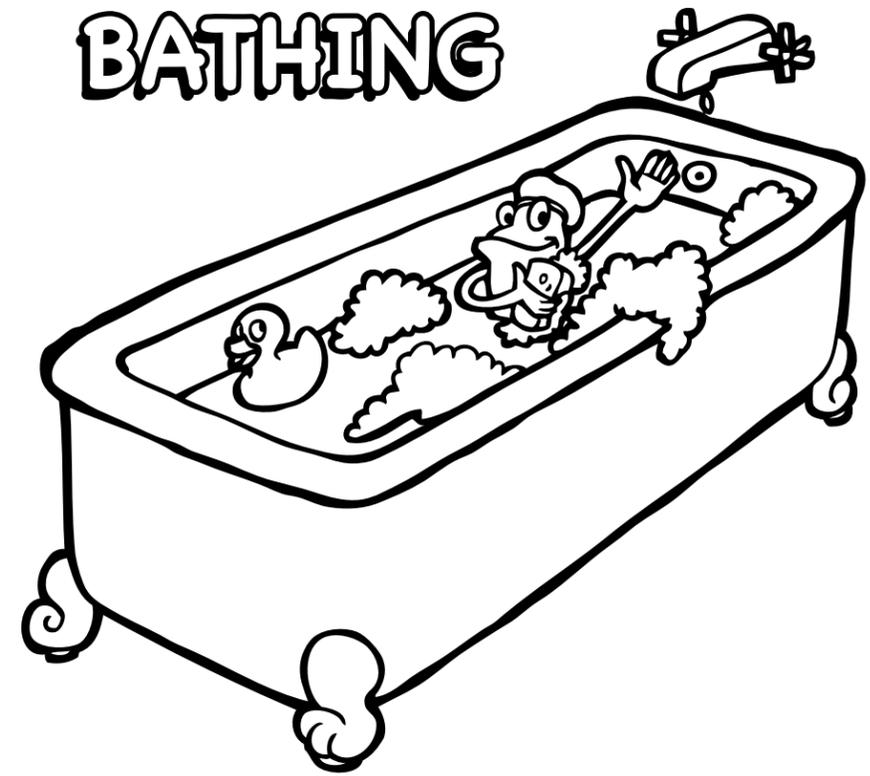
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DRINKING



BATHING



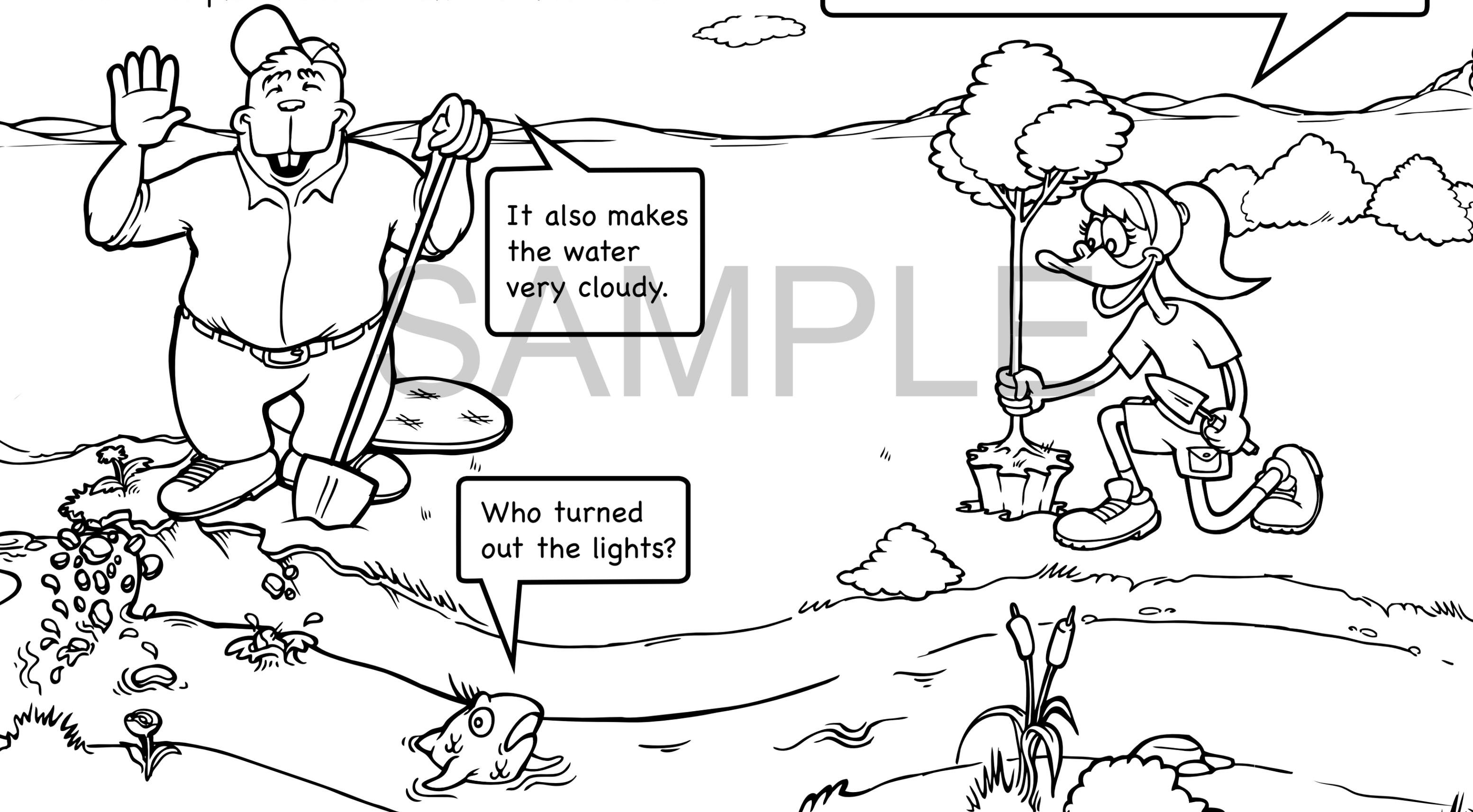
We can't make it rain, but we can do a lot to help during a drought!

When dirt breaks off from the land, it's called erosion. When dirt falls into the river, it can hurt the plants and animals that live there.

Let's help stop erosion! We can do it by planting trees along the river.

It also makes the water very cloudy.

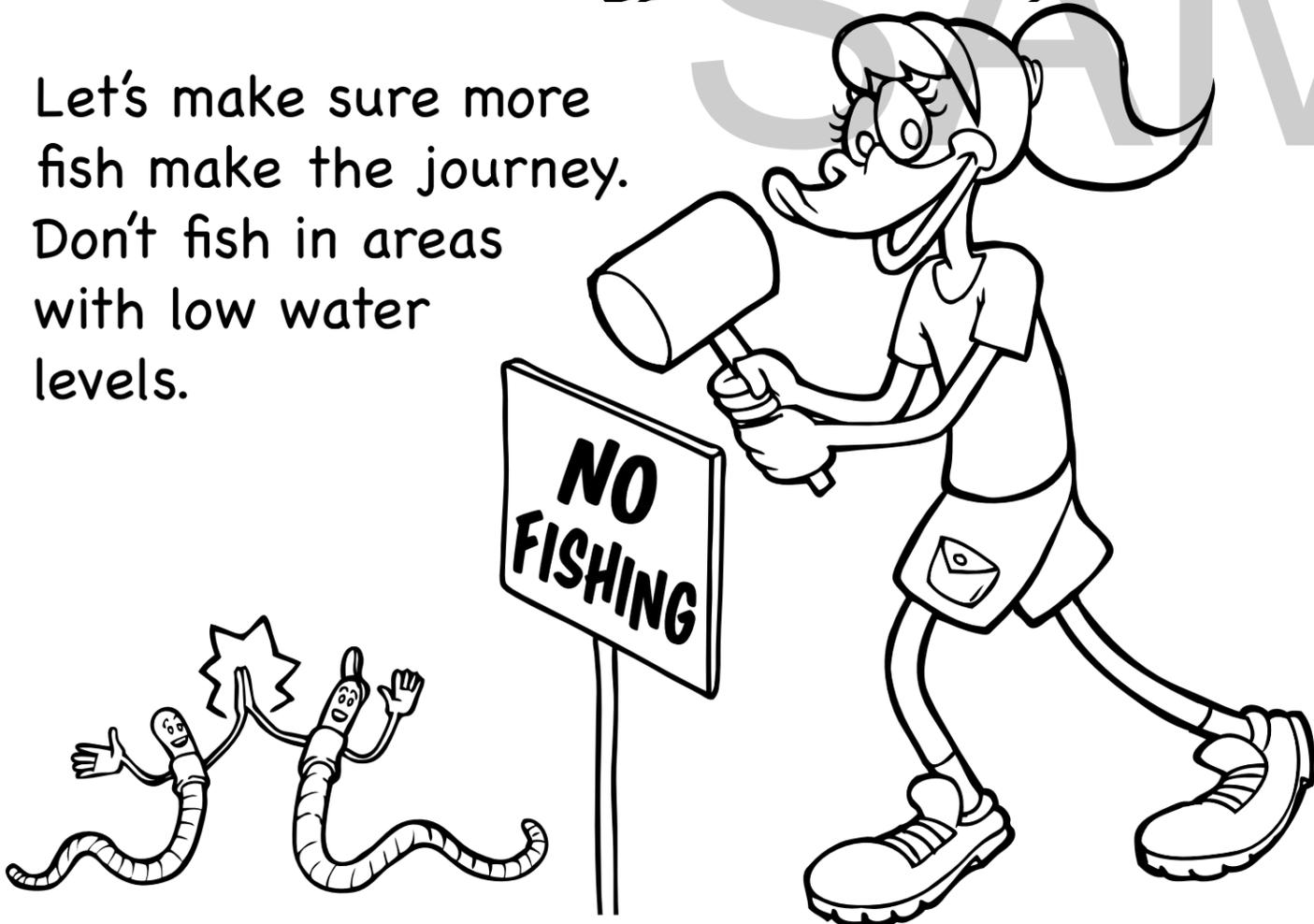
Who turned out the lights?



Every year, fish swim up this river to lay their eggs. When the water is low, not as many fish can make the journey.

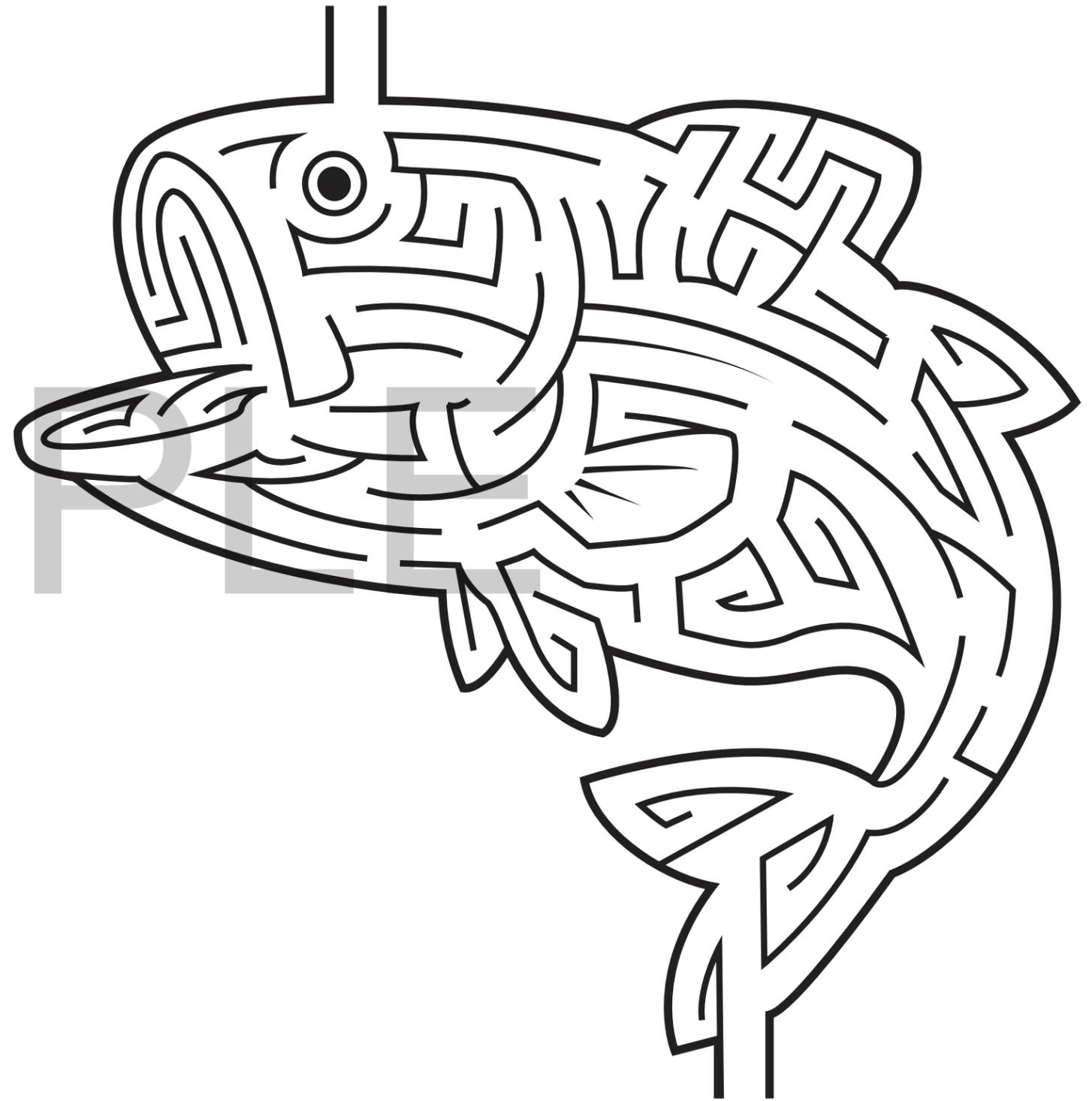


Let's make sure more fish make the journey. Don't fish in areas with low water levels.



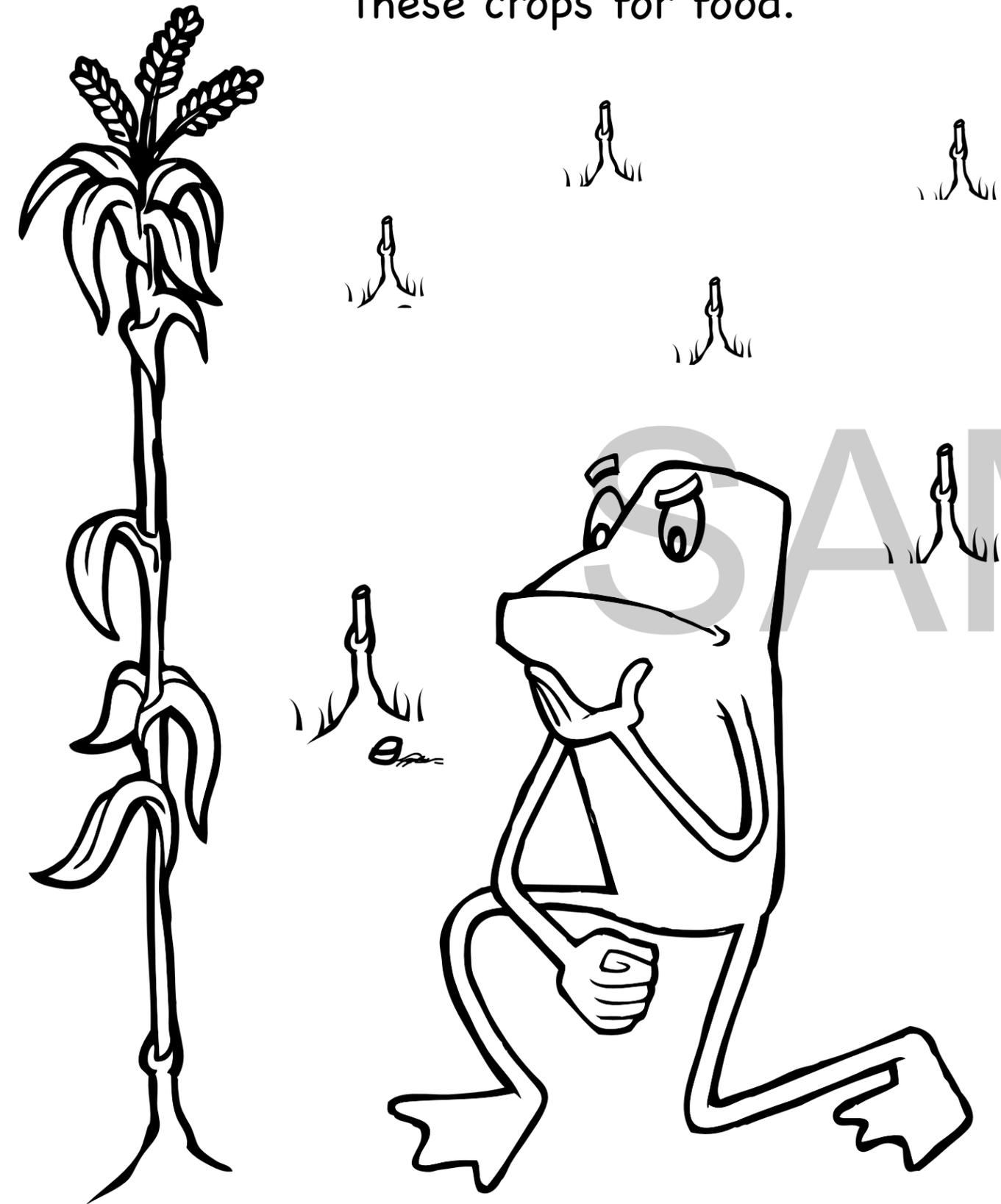
Can you find your way through this "fishy" maze?

START



FINISH

If the soil becomes too dry, it can be difficult for farmers to grow crops. Farmers harvest these crops for food.



During a drought, forest fires can start very quickly. All it takes is one spark for dry leaves to catch on fire.



Can you find all 13 dry leaves in the forest?

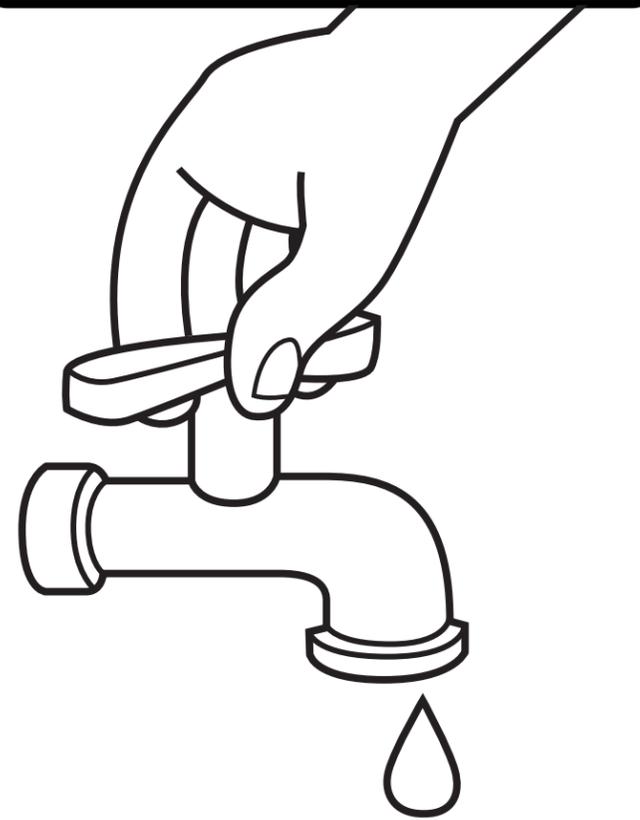
During a drought, everyone needs to pitch in to save water. At home, Penelope found lots of ways to help.

Let's save water in the yard. We can do it by growing plants that don't need a lot of water.

We can spread mulch over the soil so it holds more water!

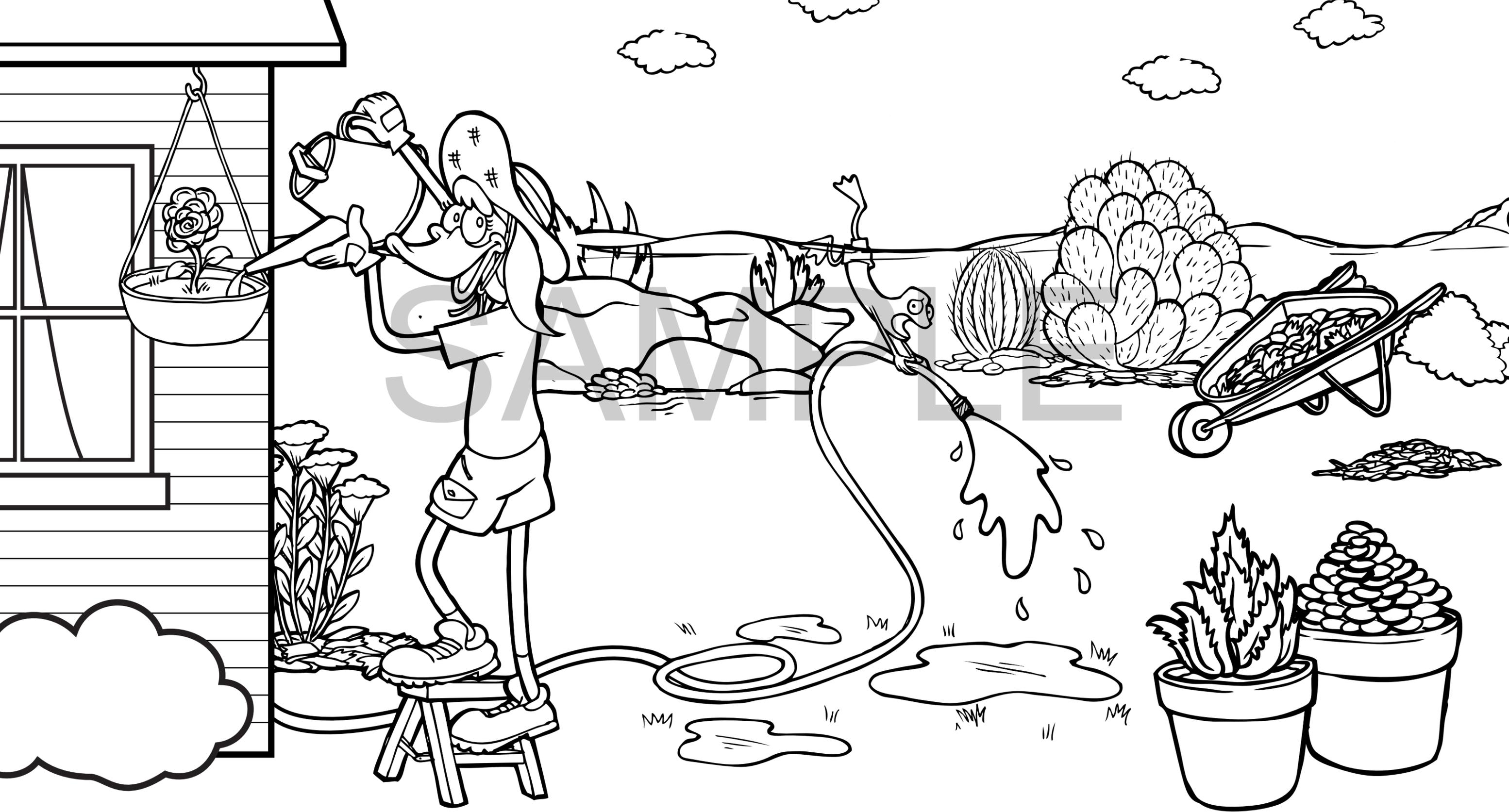
We can water plants in the morning or evening, or when it's not too sunny.

We can turn off the water when we're not using it!



We can use a watering can instead of a hose!

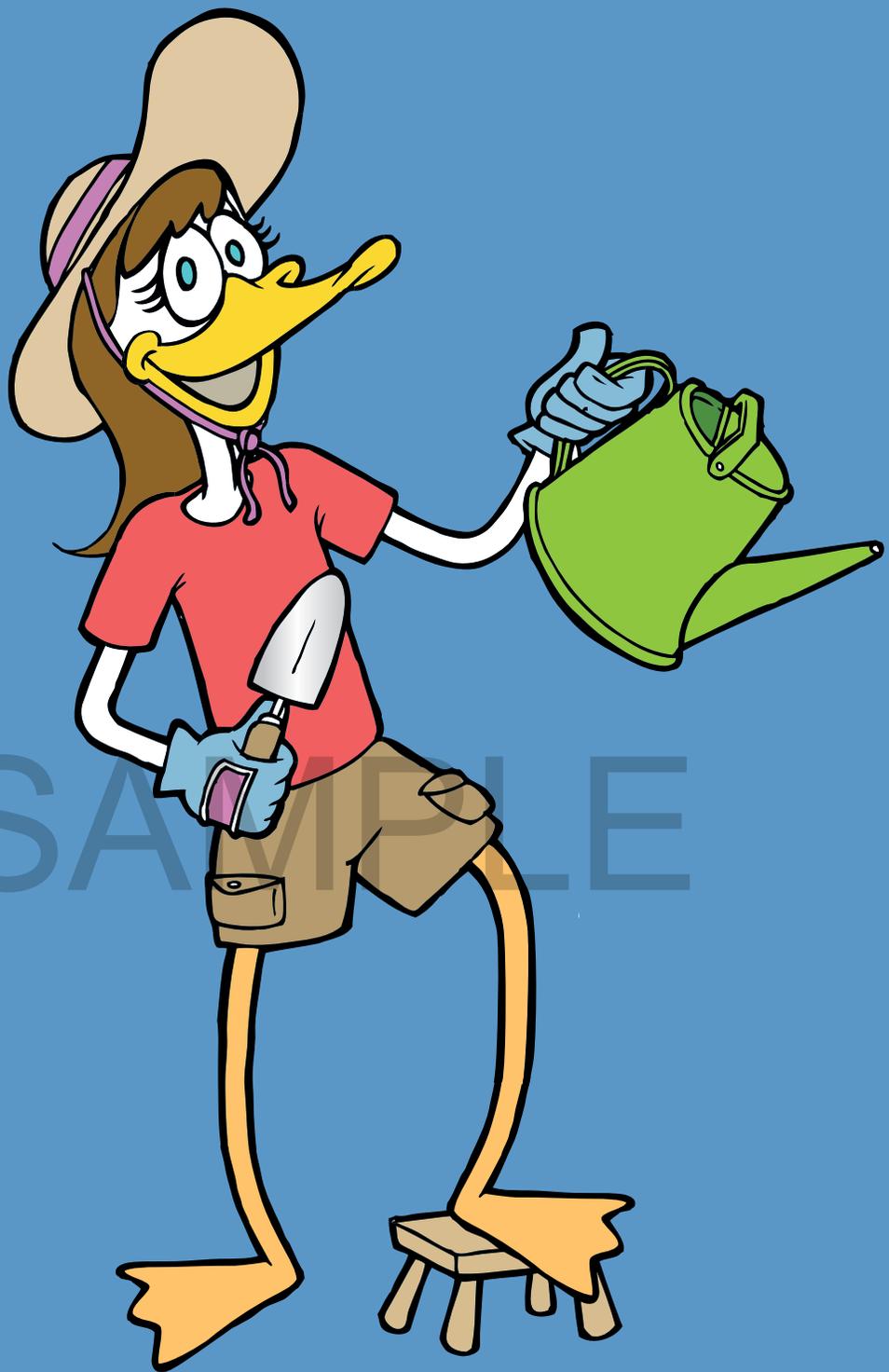
Draw a circle around the things that help you save water. Draw an X through the water wasters.



Remember, kids, we can save
water every day!



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