



Gold Seal Lesson

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Grade Span			ICLE Application Model			
K-4 XX	5-8	9-12	A	B	C XX	D

Instructional Focus:

Language Arts Integration

Students synthesize individual language arts skills.

Writing

Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.

Reading

Students read a variety of grade level materials, applying strategies appropriate to various situations.

Performance Task

Use a humor theme to engage students in a variety of writing and reading activities.

- 1 Find a comic strip from the newspaper which uses a "play on words" and have the students read and explain why it is funny.
- 2 Present some examples of jokes with words that get twisted or have double meanings; for example: Why did the cookie go see a doctor? Answer: It was feeling crummy.
- 3 Analyze poems that have word plays.
- 4 Prepare a sheet with "laughter sayings" on it; for example: "Laughter is the best medicine." "He who laughs, laughs last." "Laugh and the world laughs with you." The students are asked to explain in writing what the saying really means.
- 5 Have the children find jokes or poems that contain the same figure of speech as those illustrated or others of their own choosing.
- 6 Ask students to create their own comic strips using prepared pictures..
- 7 Have students create their own jokes, using a question/statement format.

(Examples of some of these activities are attached).

ICLE Essential Skills

Present information in well-organized fashion that will be clear to the target audience. (ela 11)

Identify and interpret levels of language, idiomatic expressions, and figures of speech that enhance oral communication. (ela 89)

Scoring Guide:

Checklist:

- Student is able to identify the figures of speech.
- Student is able to write using figures of speech.
- Student is able to identify the saying and interpret it.

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading Construct Meaning	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing	Geometry	Life Science
Communications Humor	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
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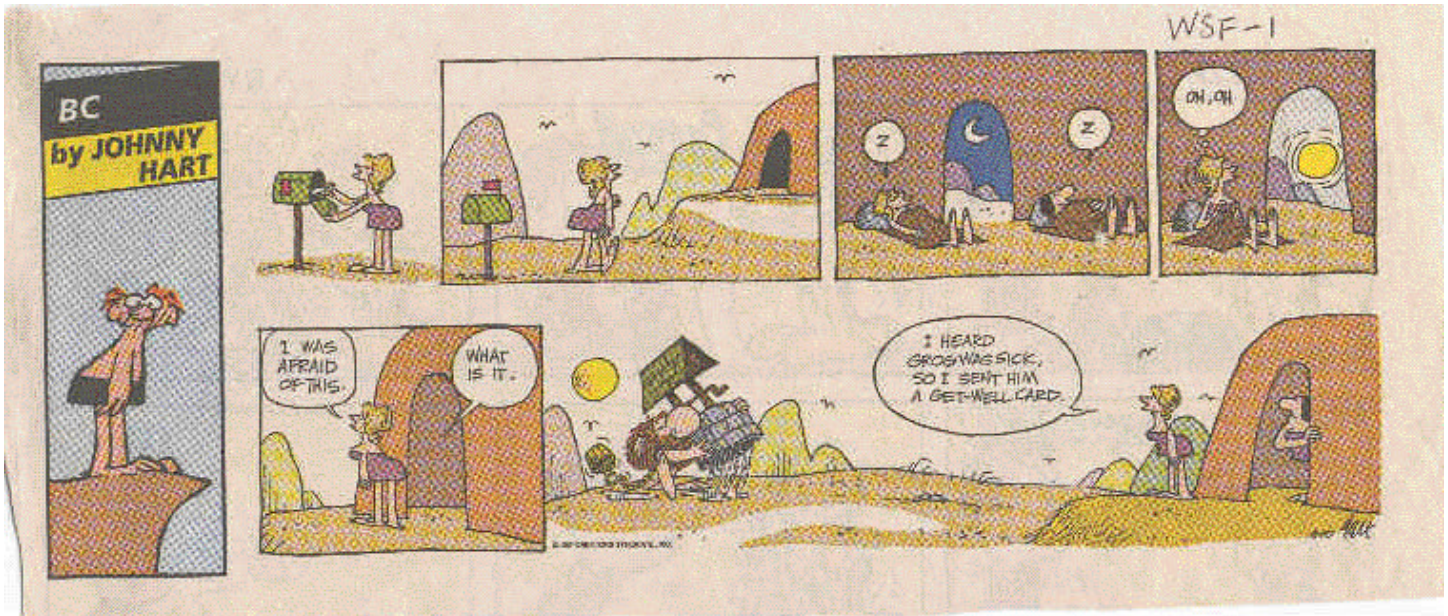
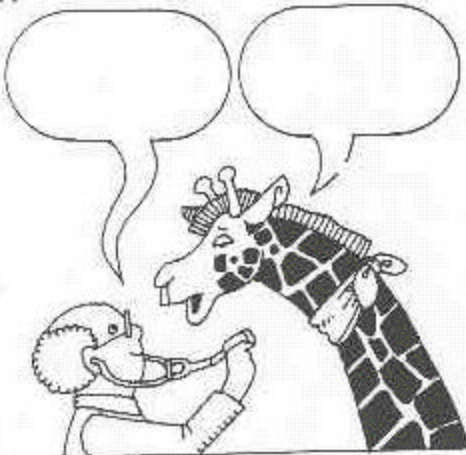
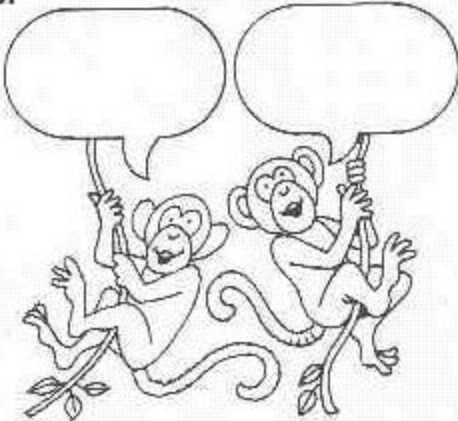


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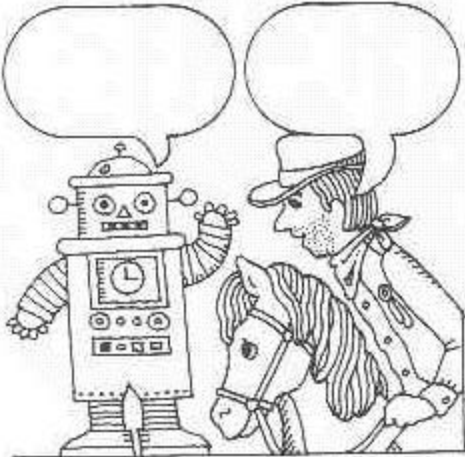
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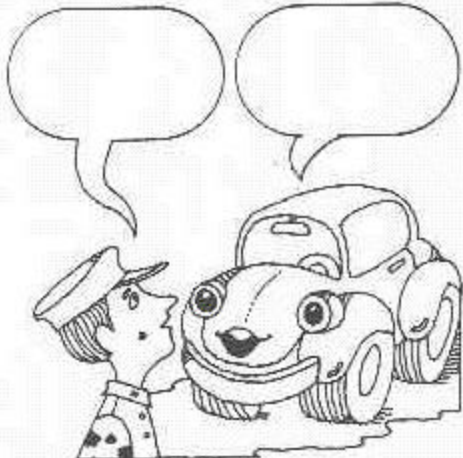
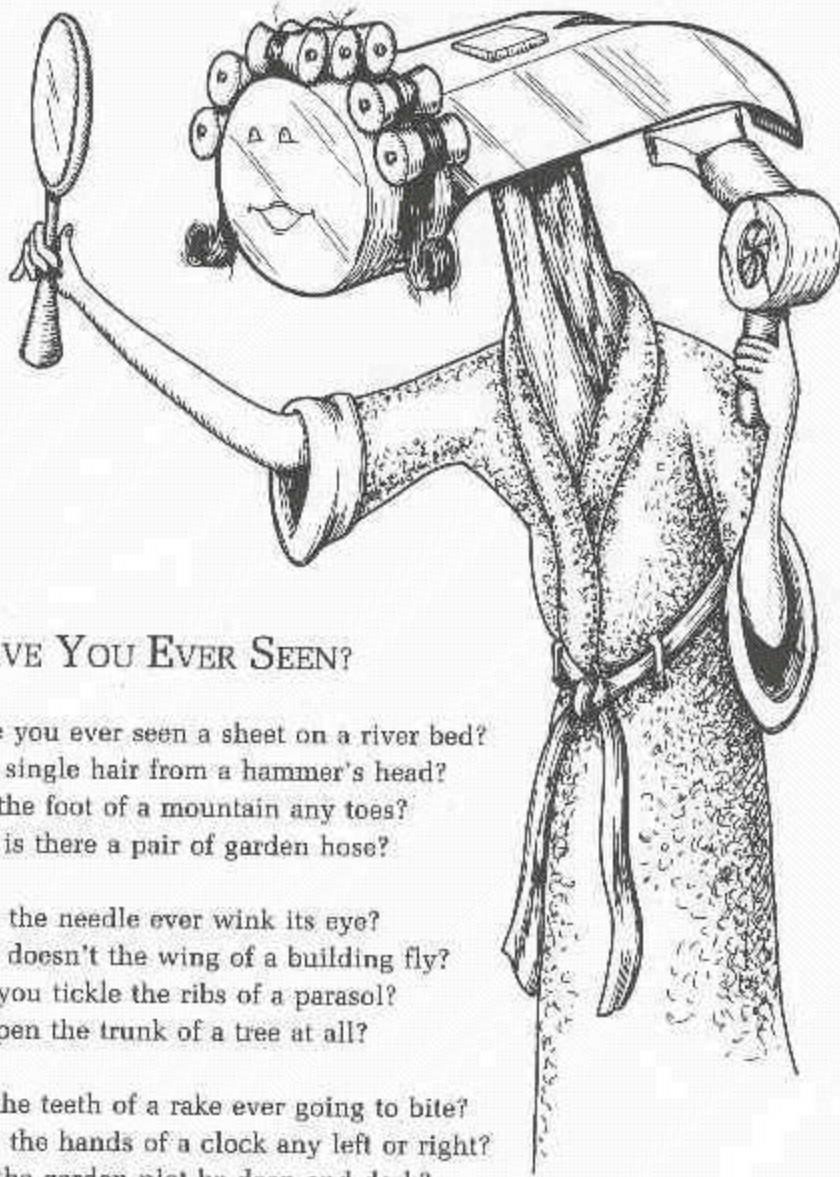


CHART 3



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN?

Have you ever seen a sheet on a river bed?
Or a single hair from a hammer's head?
Has the foot of a mountain any toes?
And is there a pair of garden hose?

Does the needle ever wink its eye?
Why doesn't the wing of a building fly?
Can you tickle the ribs of a parasol?
Or open the trunk of a tree at all?

Are the teeth of a rake ever going to bite?
Have the hands of a clock any left or right?
Can the garden plot be deep and dark?
And what is the sound of the birch's bark?

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