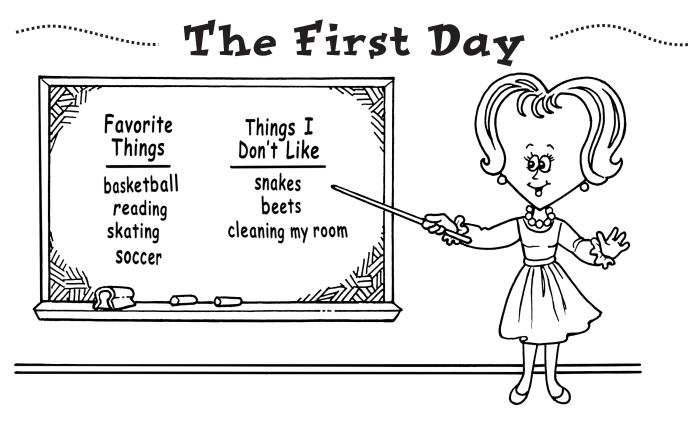
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It was the first day of school. Miss Kelly asked the class about things they liked best. She wrote their <u>favorite</u> things on the board.

Then Miss Kelly asked everyone about things they did not like. She wrote those things on the board, too.

Miss Kelly gave everyone a piece of paper with a big circle on it. She said, "Please write your favorite things inside the circle. Write the things you don't like outside the circle. You may draw pictures, if you like. Don't forget to write your name at the top of your paper."

Ben moaned. "This is hard," he said. "I can't spell very well."

"That's okay," Miss Kelly said. She patted Ben on the back. "I will help you, if you will try. Do you know how to draw?"

"Yes," Ben said. "I like to draw."

"Good!" said Miss Kelly. "Why don't you draw pictures of things you like first? Then you can draw pictures of things you don't like. We can add the words after you finish. Okay?"

Ben smiled. "Okay!" he said. And he went right to work.

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The First Day



1. Where does the story take place? ————————————————————————————————————	

2.	What is the teacher's name?	

- 3. What does <u>favorite</u> mean? _____
- 4. How does Ben feel about the work at first? Why? _____
- 5. Where else might Ben find help with his spelling? _____

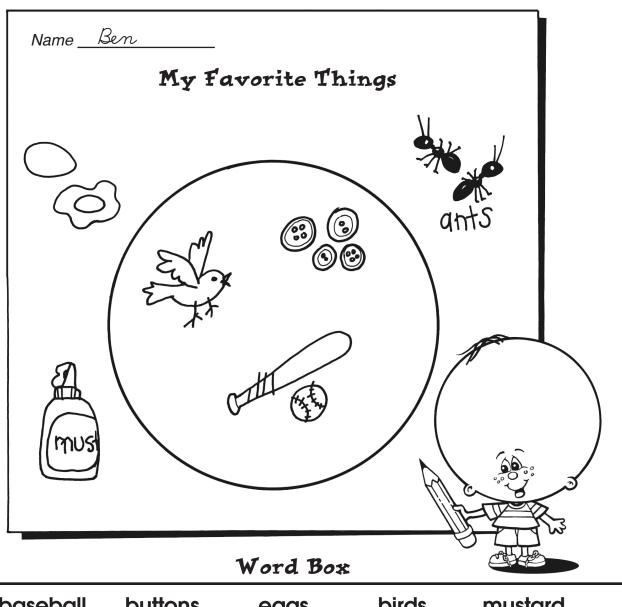


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Activity Ben's Favorite Things

Ben did not finish his work. Can you help him? Use the words from the word box to label the pictures. Then answer the question at the bottom of the page.



baseball **buttons** birds mustard eggs

How are Ben's favorite things alike?