

# WHAT *is a* GROUNDHOG?

A groundhog is a small animal that lives in the ground, kind of like a little furry "digging expert."

They are also called "woodchucks," and they make burrows or homes underground where they sleep, eat, and stay safe. Groundhogs eat plants like grass, flowers, and vegetables



Groundhogs are usually brown or gray, and they have short legs, a round body, and a big bushy tail. Groundhogs are very good at digging, and they use their strong claws to make tunnels. In the winter, groundhogs sleep through the cold months in a long nap called hibernation, and when spring comes, they wake up!

# WHAT *is* GROUNDHOG DAY?

One famous thing about groundhogs is that people in some places like to watch them on "Groundhog Day." The story goes that if a groundhog sees its shadow on that day, it means there will be six more weeks of winter. If it doesn't see its shadow, spring will come soon!



## Making a Prediction

A prediction is what someone thinks will happen. What is your prediction? Do you think the Groundhog will see its shadow or not? Circle your prediction below.



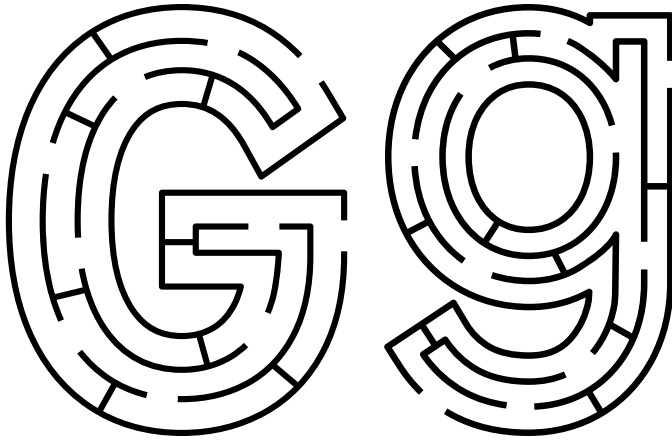
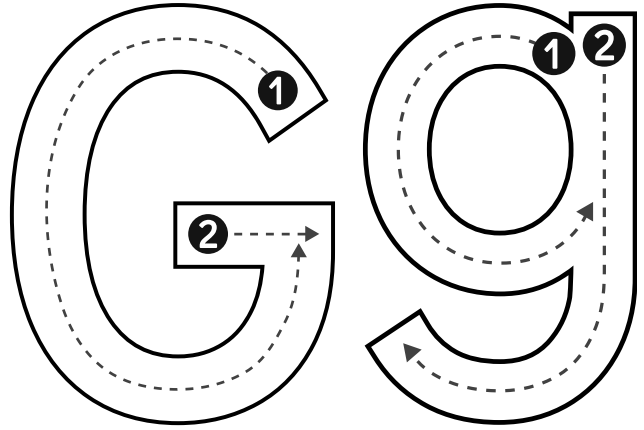
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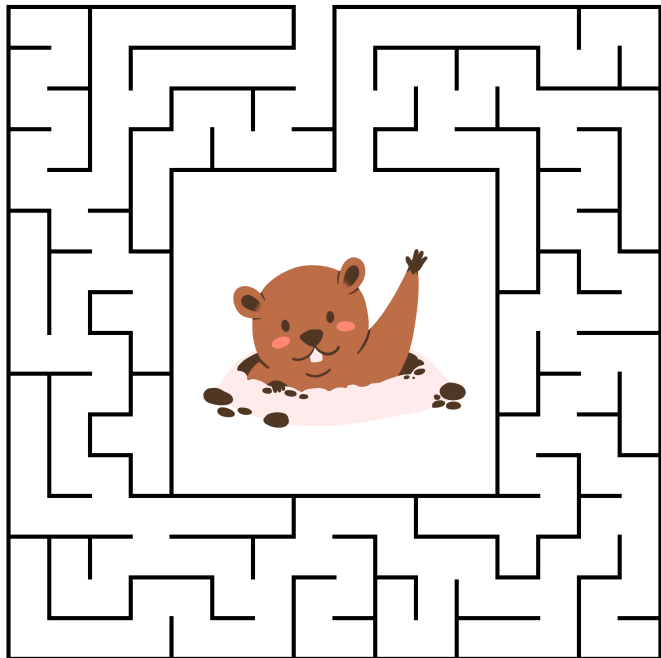
**No Shadow**



● Groundhog starts with the letter G ●



Draw something that starts with G

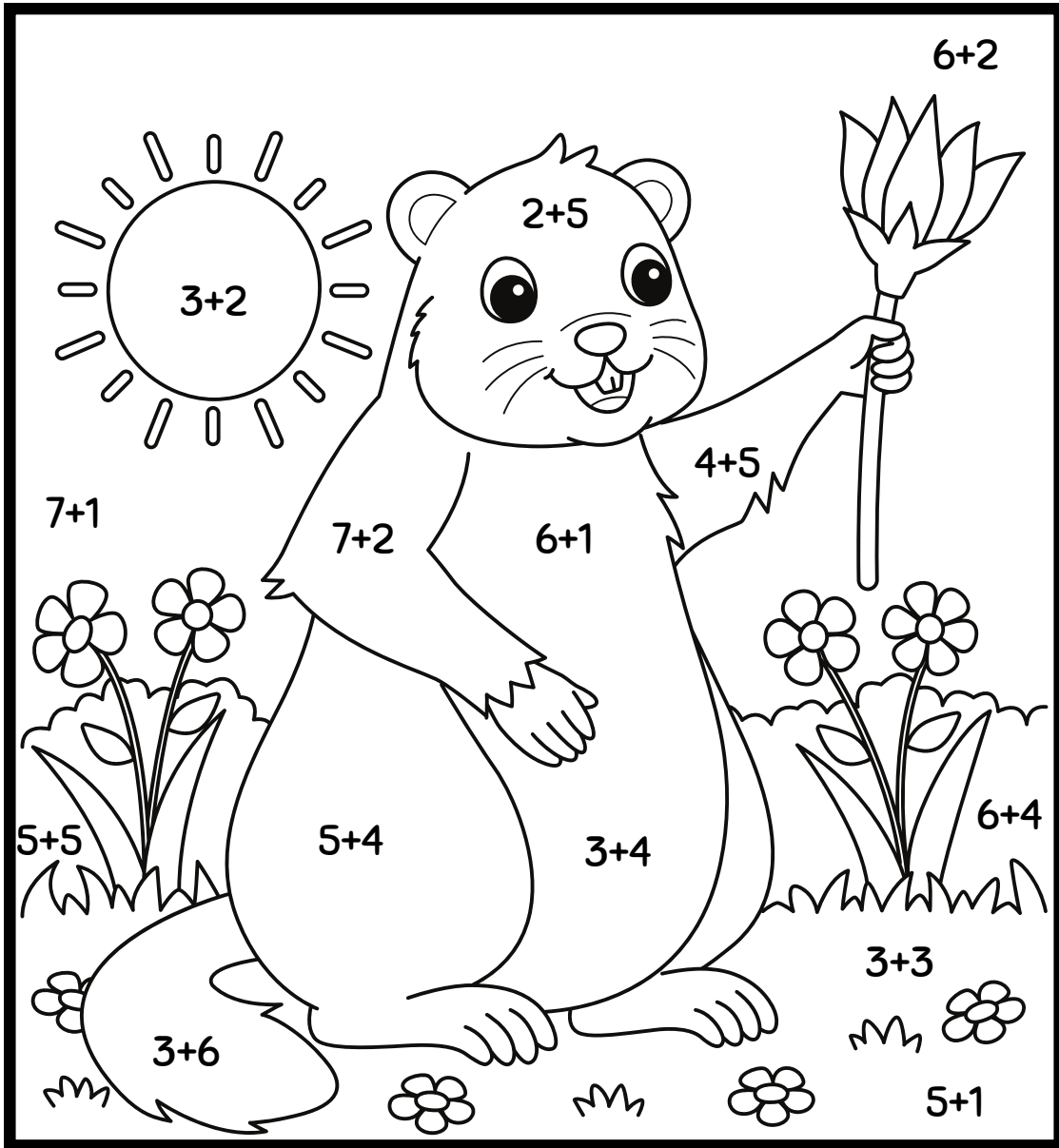


**FIND AND COLOR THE LETTER G!**

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g	g	r
f	g	q
g	g	m

# Color by Addition

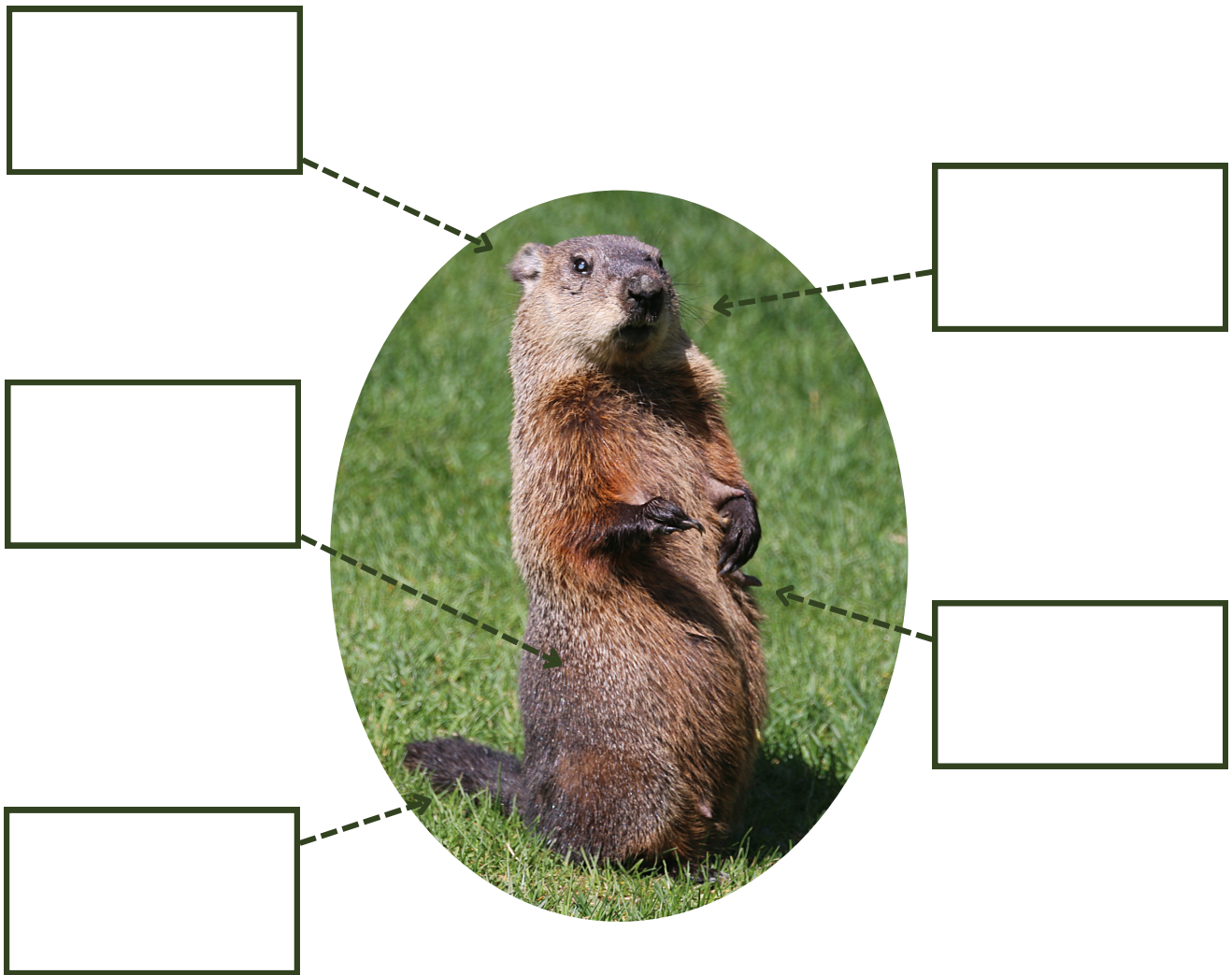
Use the key at the bottom of the page to color the picture.



# Parts of a Groundhog

Label the parts of the groundhog with the words provided.

Cut and paste are optional.



short tail

brown fur

claws

round ears

whiskers