



The Big Race

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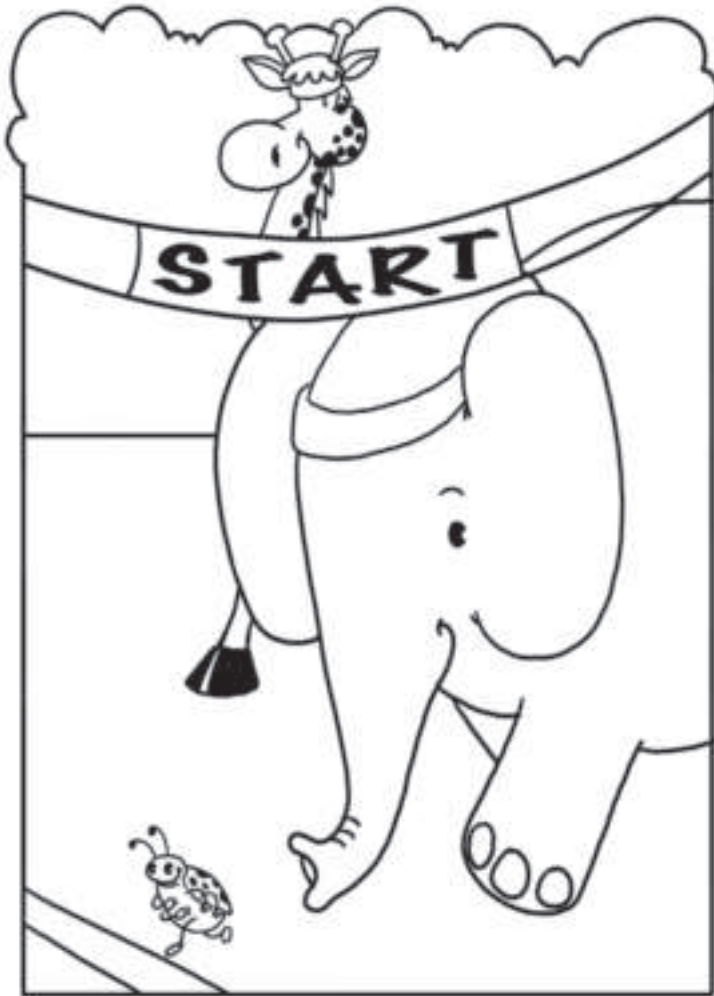


Phonics Skill

Comparative Endings -er, -est

hottest taller tallest fastest



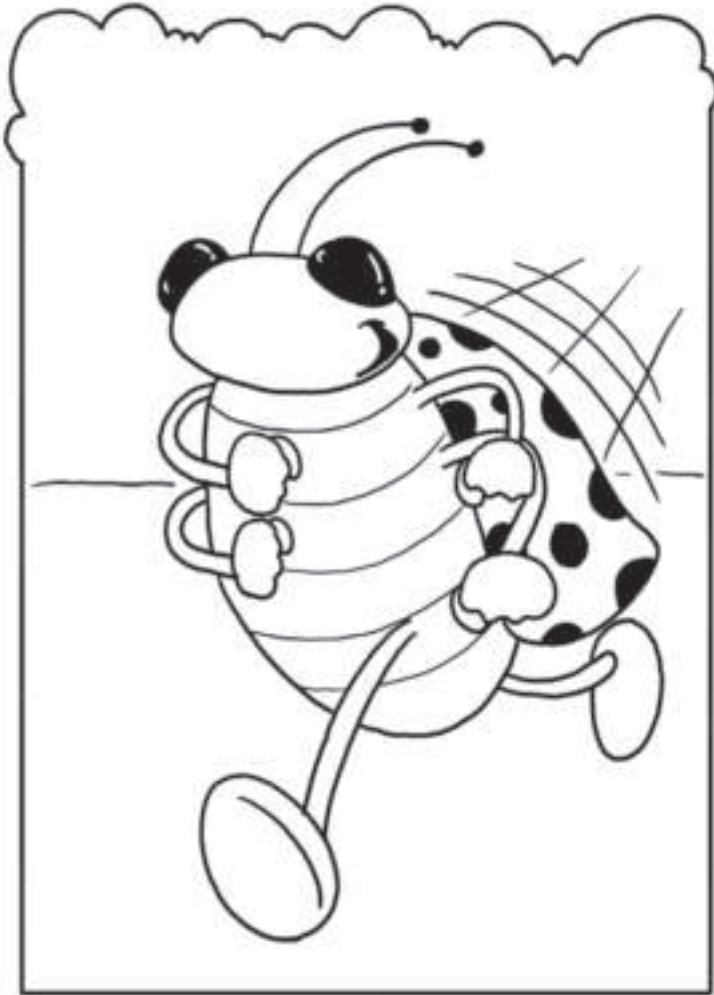


It is the hottest day.
The friends will
run a race.

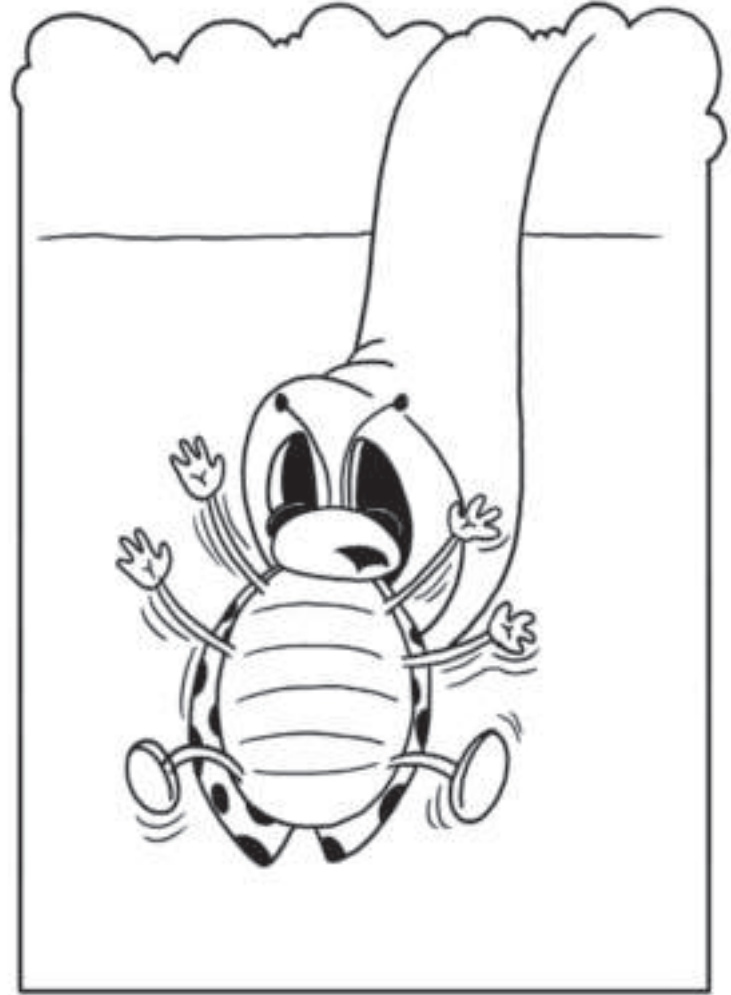


June, Slim, and Gus line up by size.
Slim is taller than Gus.
Gus is taller than June.



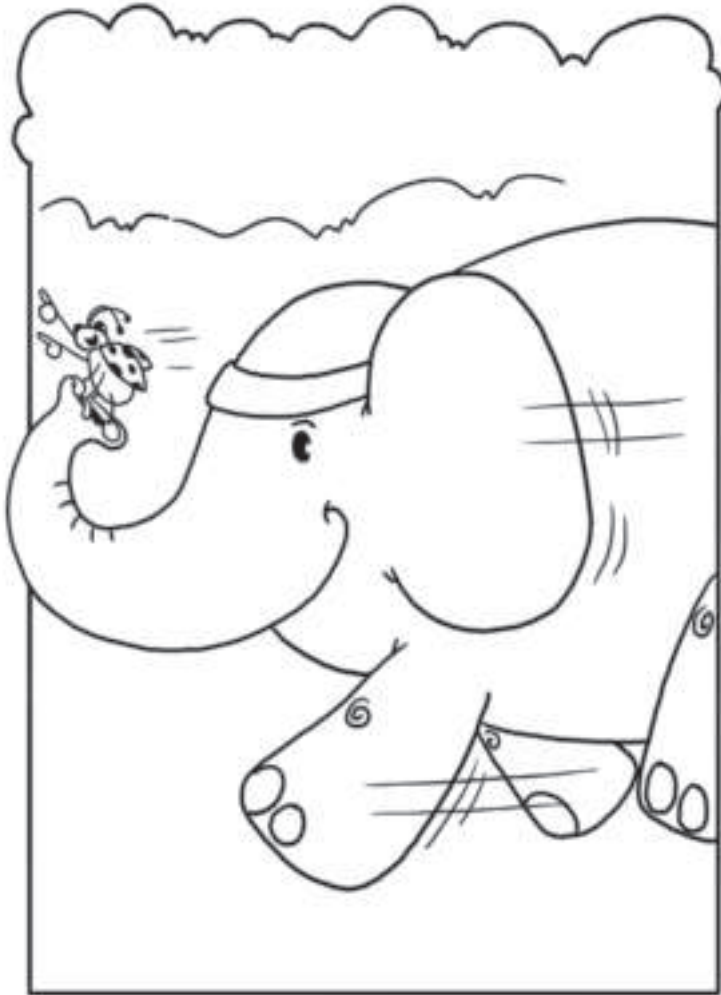


"I am the tallest," said Slim.
"But I am the fastest," said Gus.
"Wait for me," said June.

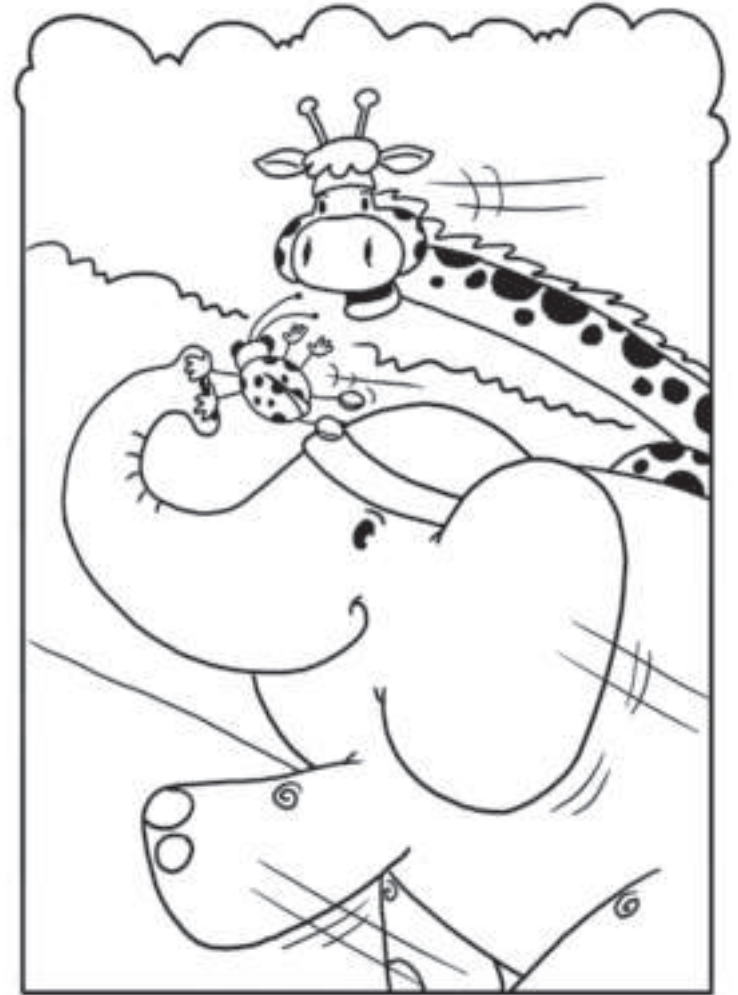


"Let me help you," said Gus.
Gus used his trunk.
He picks up June.



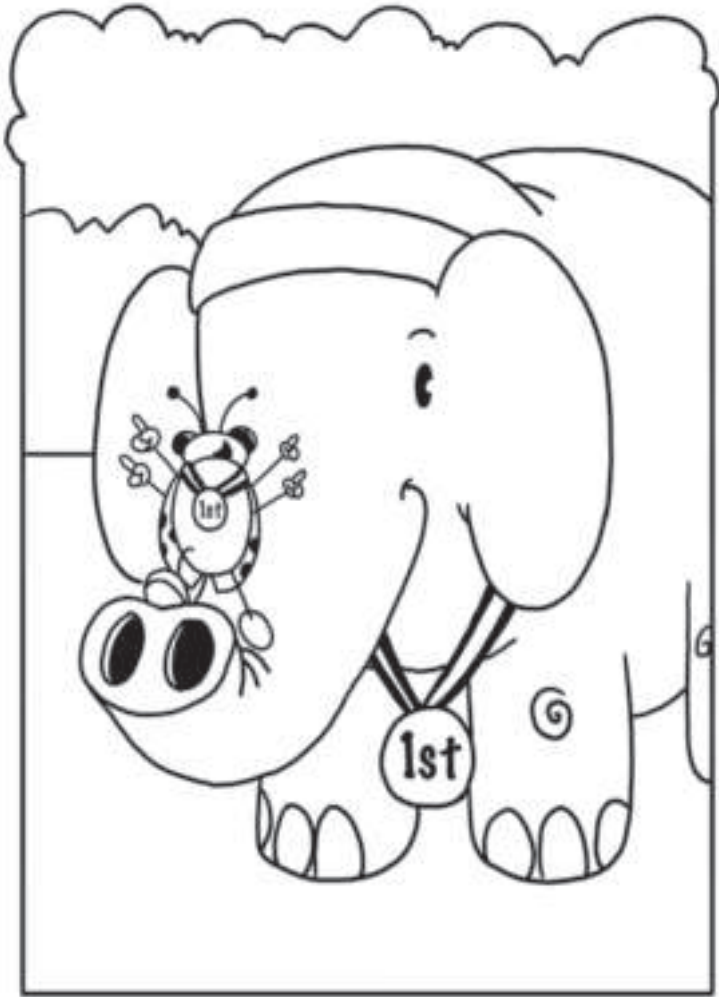


“Go fast, Gus!
We can win this race,”
June yells.



Gus runs up and
down big hills.
Gus and June run by Slim.





The race is done.
Can you tell
who is faster?

