TEX and DOT

DRIVE CLEAN TEXAS

Activity Book

Hey, Parents!
When we get right down to it, our family's health is our number one asset. Air pollution affects children and the elderly more than other groups. More and more Texans are doing their part to clean up the air we all breathe. There's still a lot we can do to protect those we love.

Clean Air Tips

1. MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLE
2. DRIVE LESS
3. BUY A CLEANER VEHICLE
4. DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT
5. REDUCE IDLING

Drive Clean Texas & Roadcents

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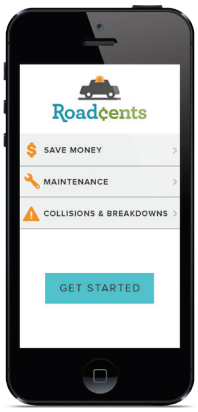

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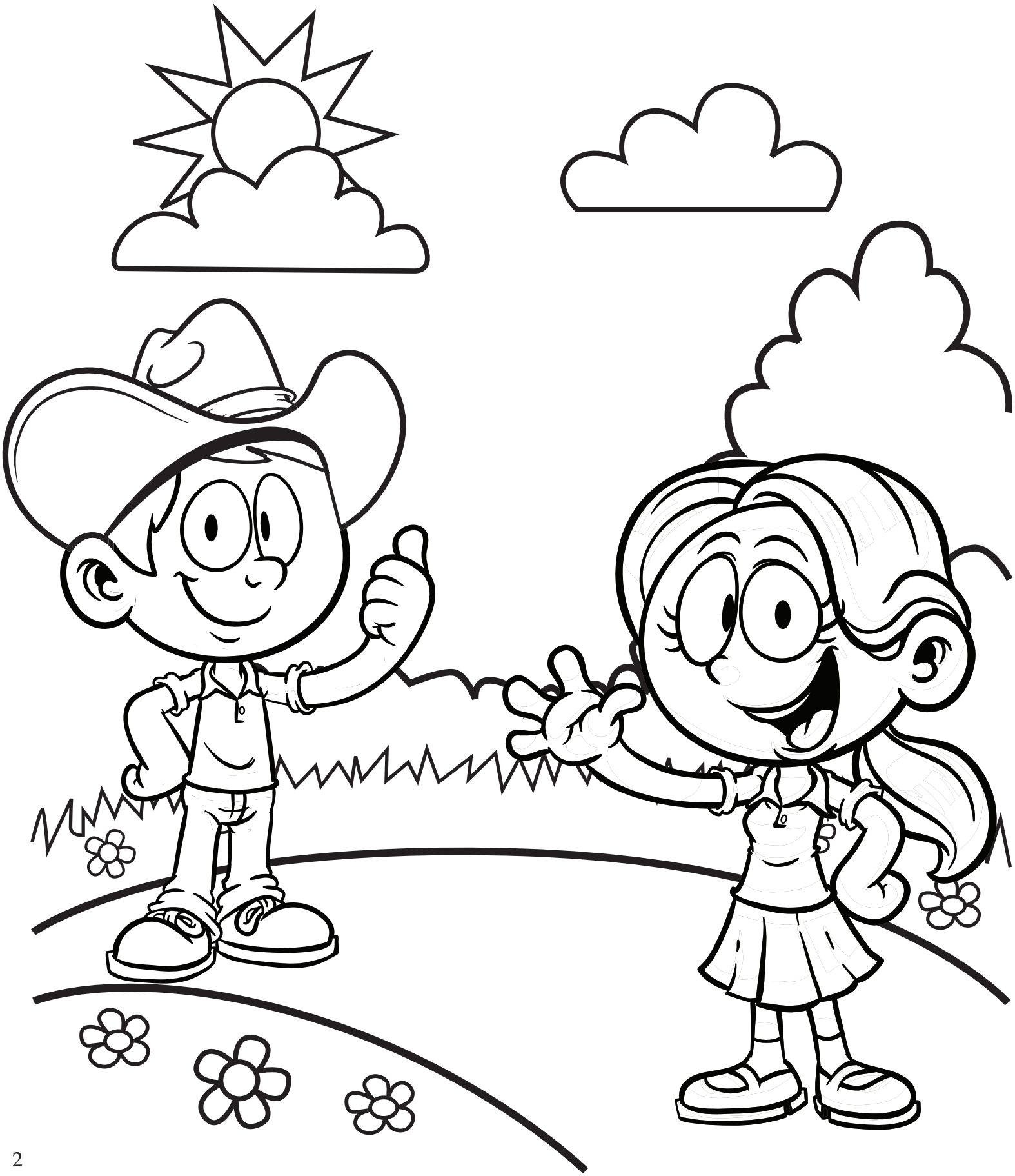
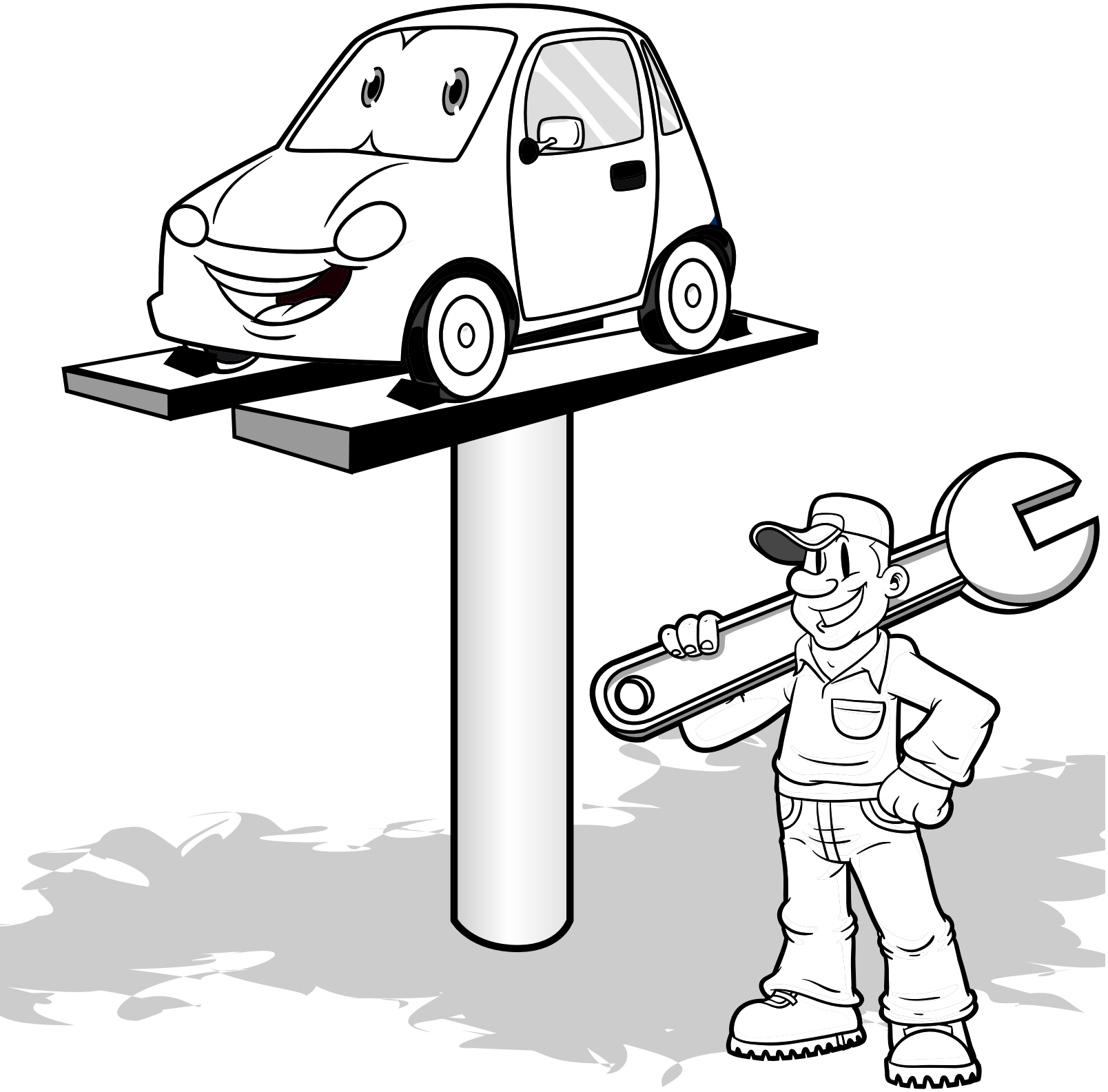
Howdy! My name is Tex! And I'm Dot! We are traveling across Texas. And we want to keep the air clean!



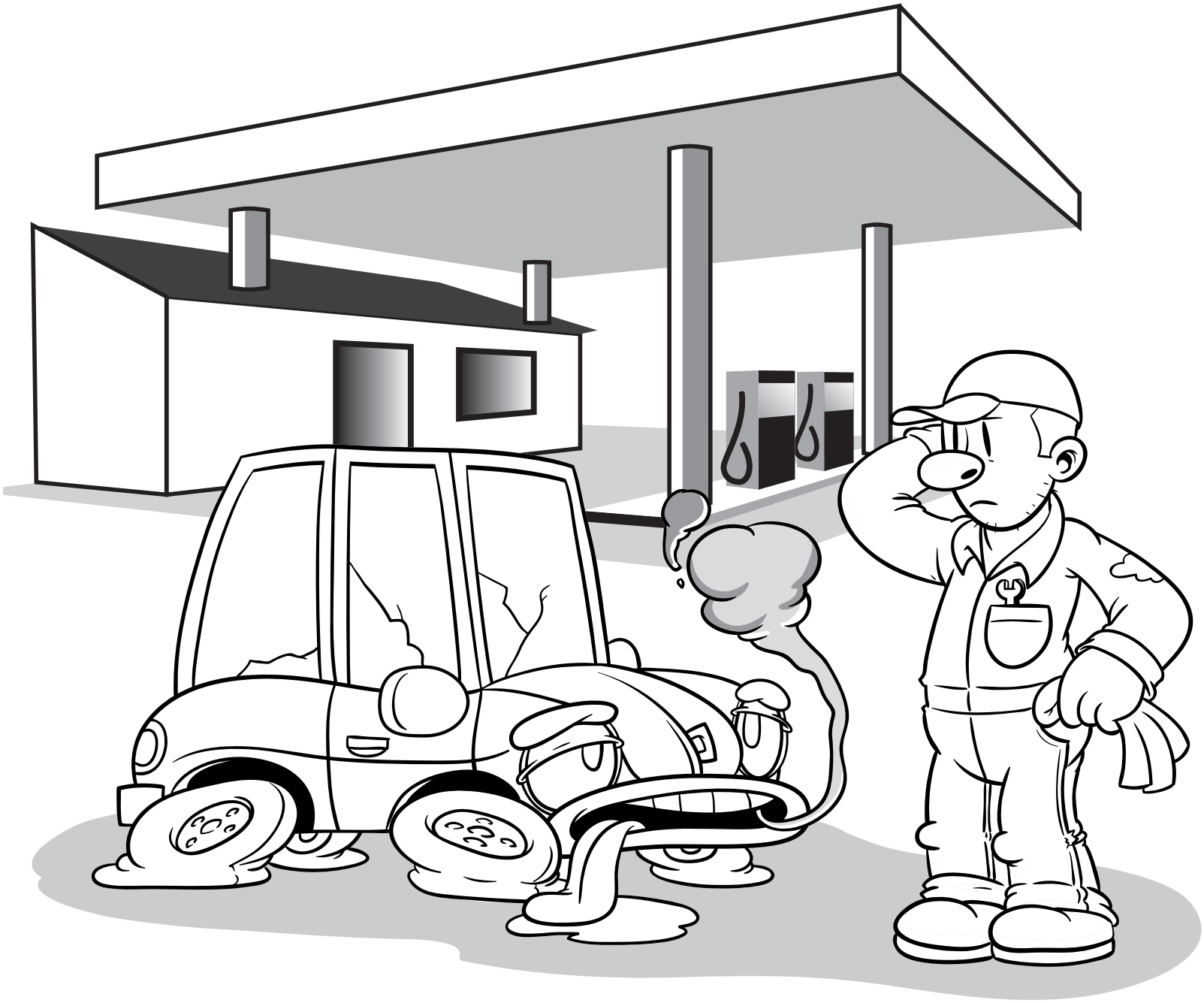
We have a long way to go. Did you know that Texas is the second largest state in the United States?

There are lots of ways we can travel.

We will ride in a car for part of the trip. But we want to make sure the car we ride in is clean and well taken care of.

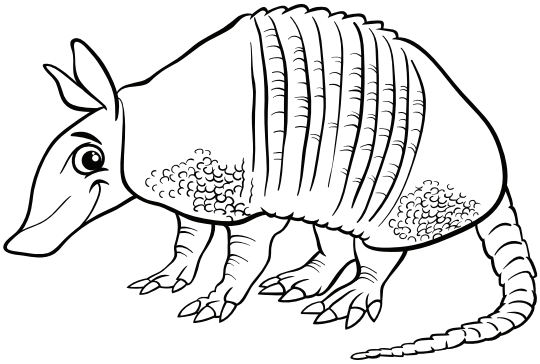


Cars that aren't cared for can make the air dirty. Dirty air is called pollution. We need clean air to stay healthy.

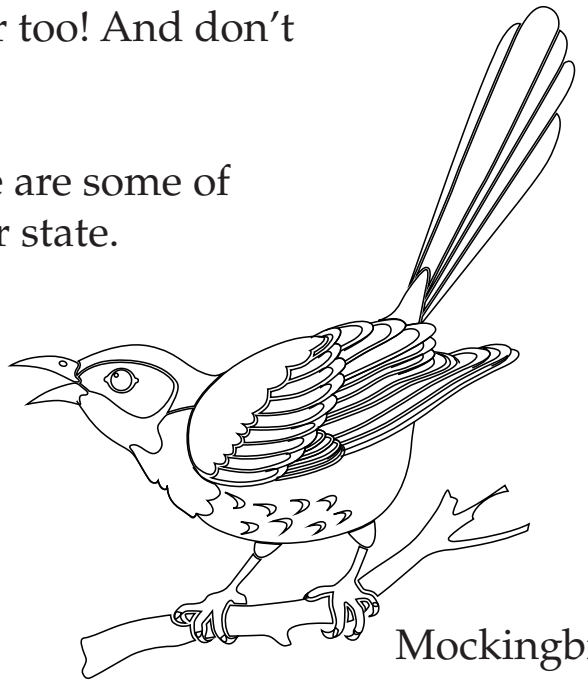


Animals, plants and flowers need clean air too! And don't forget our pets!

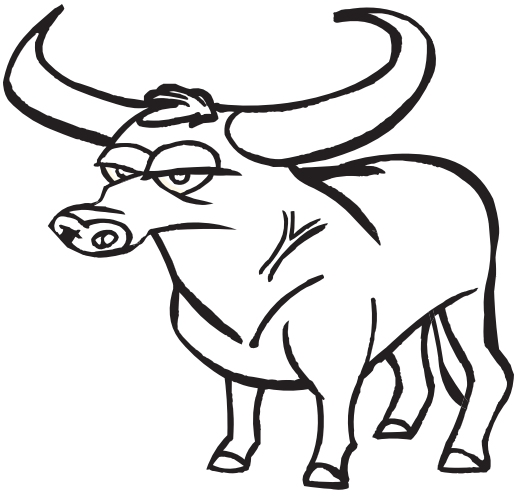
Color the pictures of Texas symbols. These are some of the plants and animals you will find in our state.



Armadillo

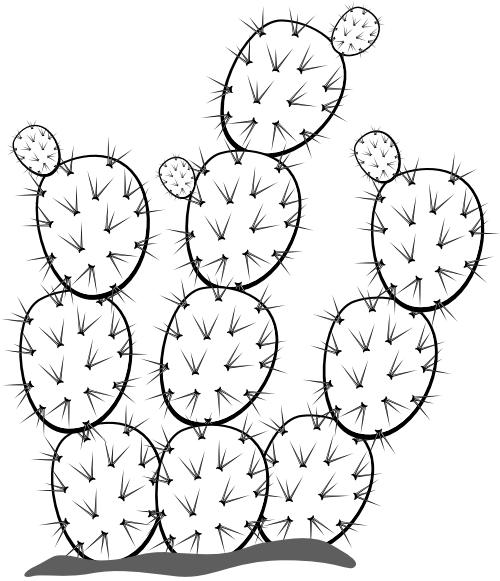


Mockingbird



Longhorn

Monarch Butterfly



Cactus

Question?

Do you know the Texas State Motto?

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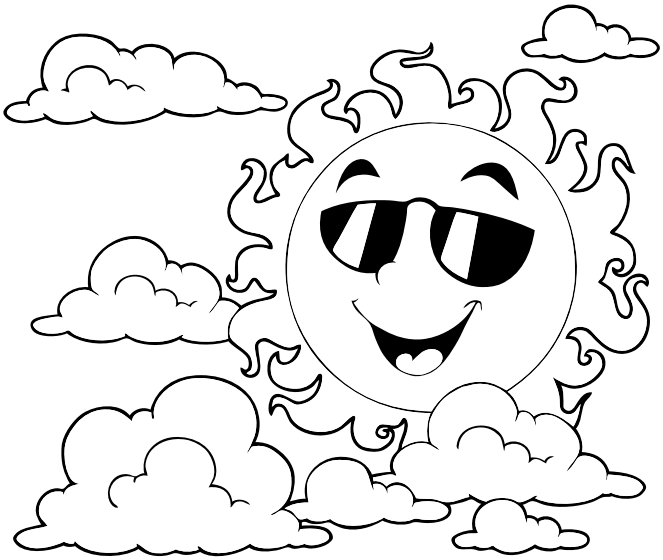
Blue Bonnet

Too much air pollution also hurts the ozone.

What is the ozone?

It is the layer of good gas high above us that protects us from the sun.



Crossword Puzzle

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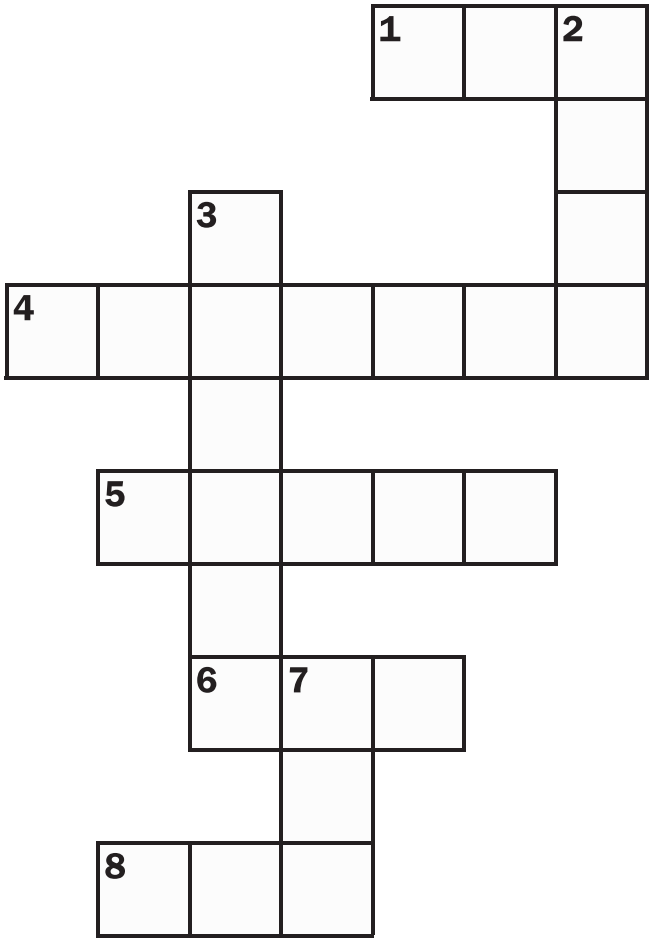
bus	smog	flying	walking



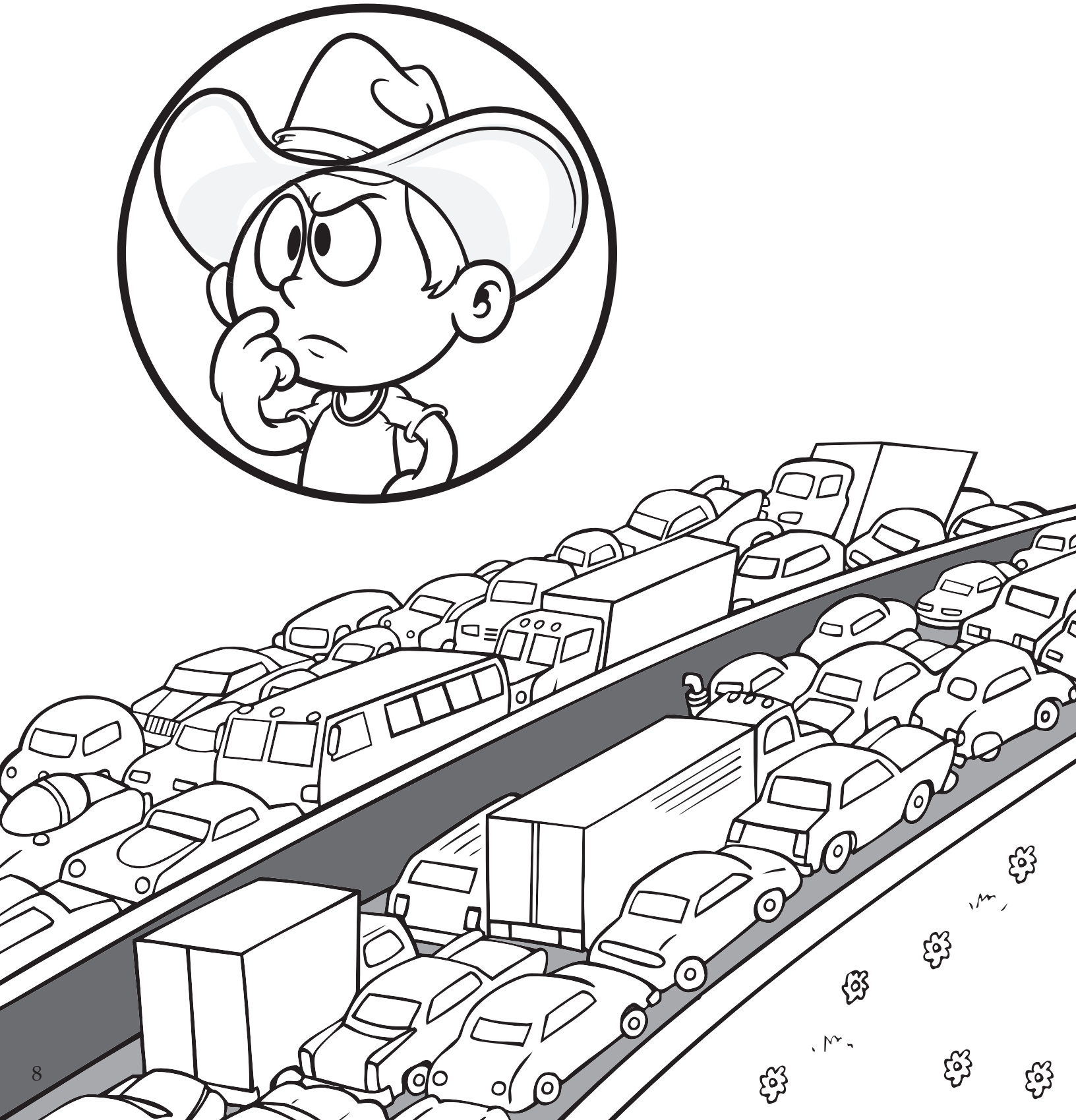
Across

1. Riding a _____ can help reduce pollution.
4. _____ is a healthy way you can go short distances.
5. _____ air is called pollution.
6. Driving fast uses more _____ .
8. You can ride to school with your friends in a _____ pool.

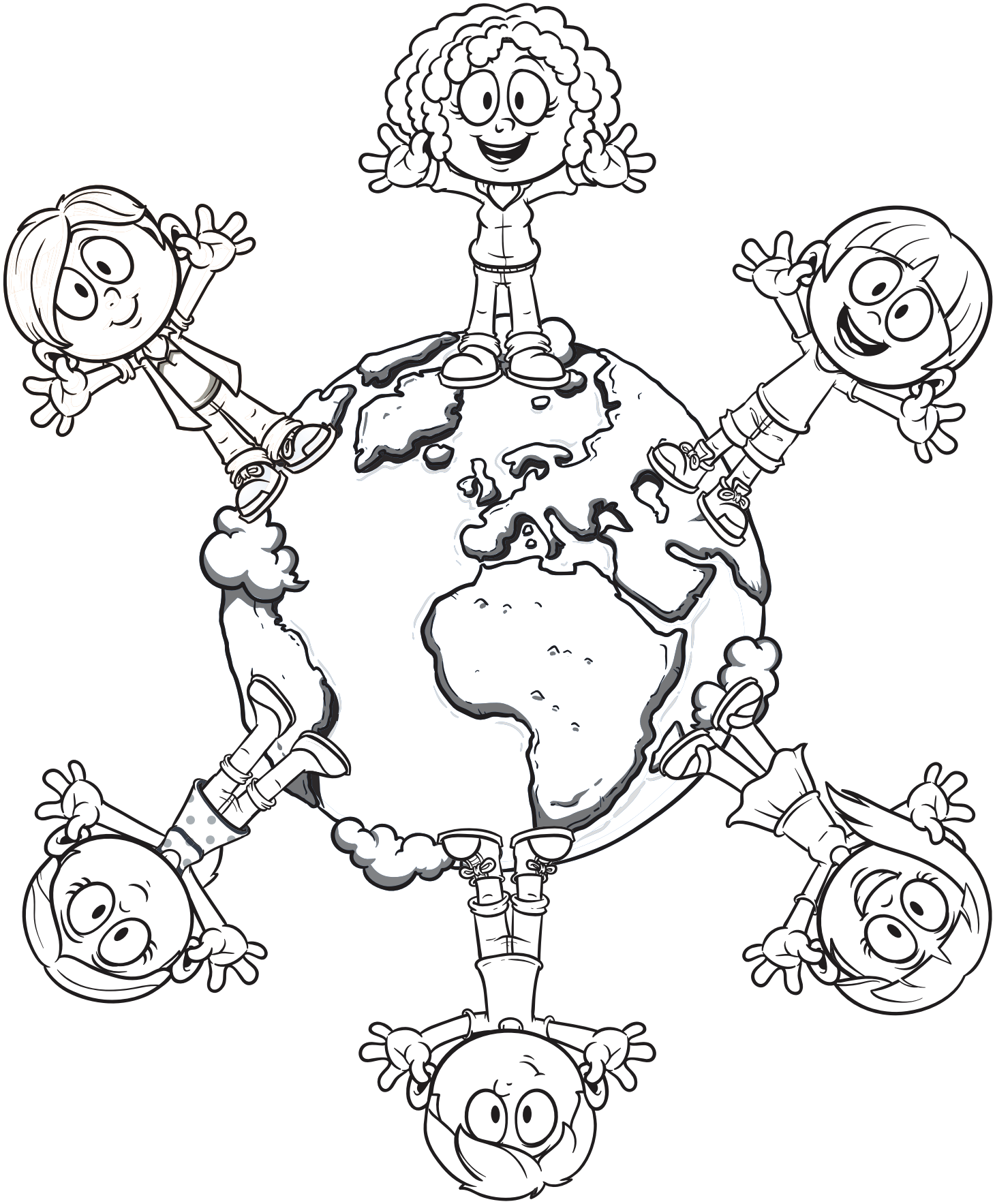
Down

2. _____ makes it hard to breathe.
3. Mockingbirds get places by _____ .
7. We need clean _____ to stay healthy.

Air pollution brings the ozone too close to the ground and turns it into smog. This makes it harder to breathe.

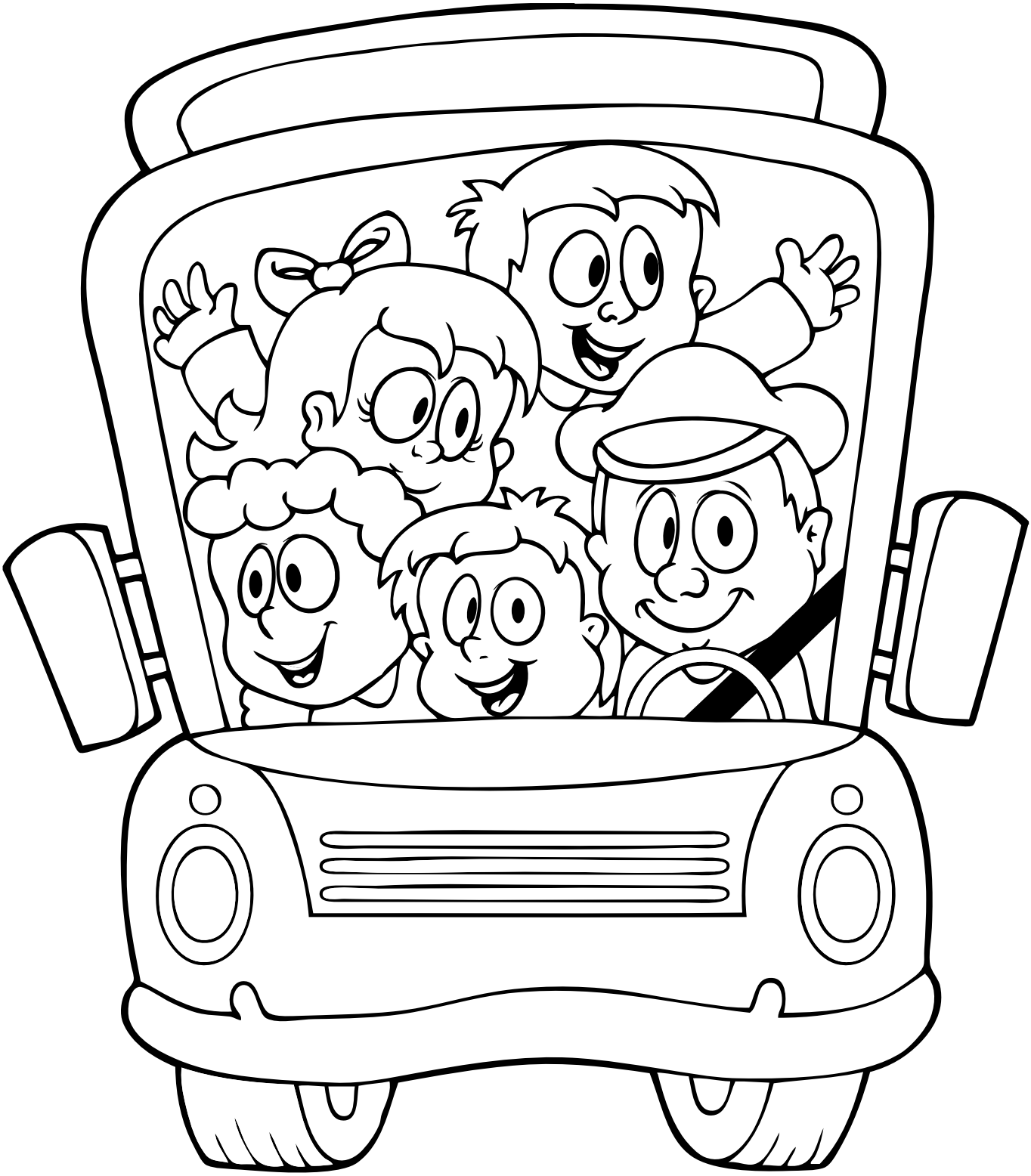


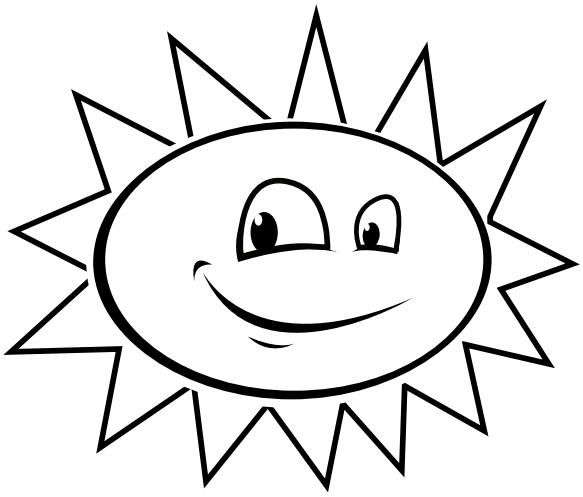
We want to do our part to keep the air clean. If we keep our cars in good shape we can help make a difference.



How else can we ride? We can go in a bus, a train or on a plane. We can also carpool with friends.

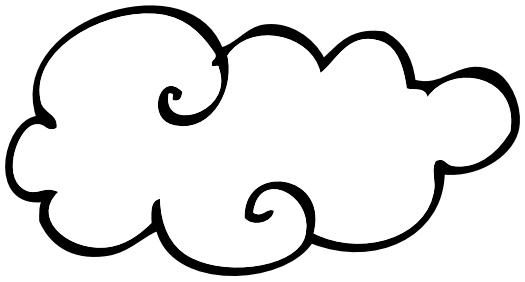
All these are great ways to reduce pollution by reducing the number of cars on the road.

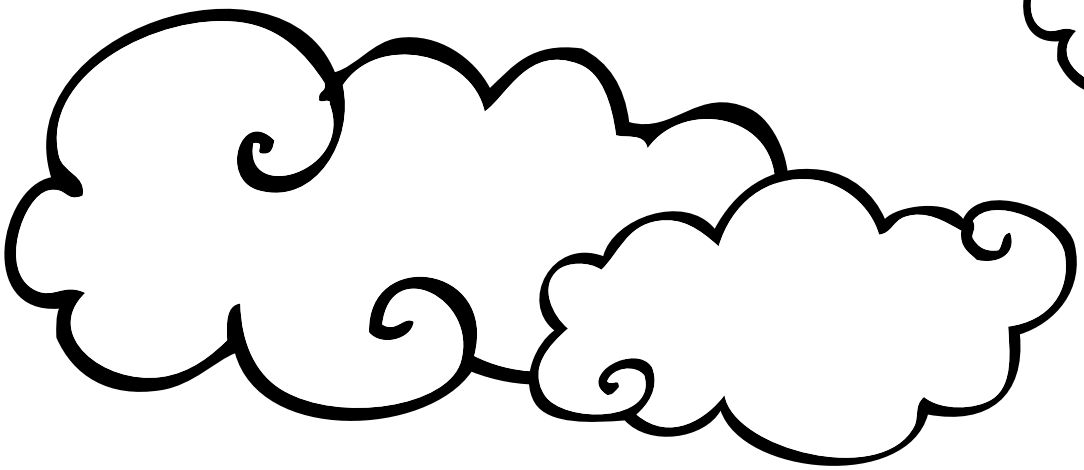


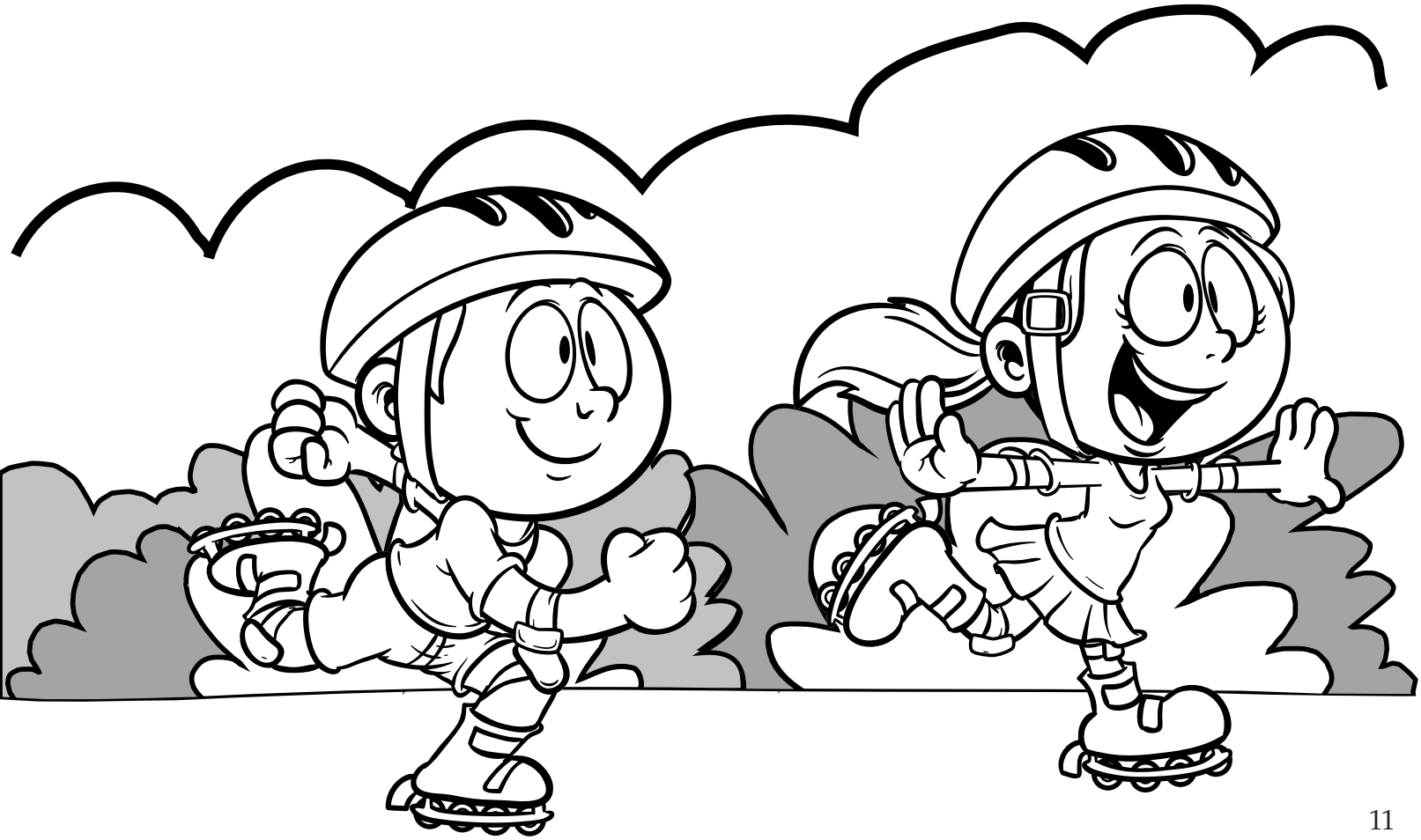


Don’t forget you can ride a bike, skate and even walk for part of the trip.

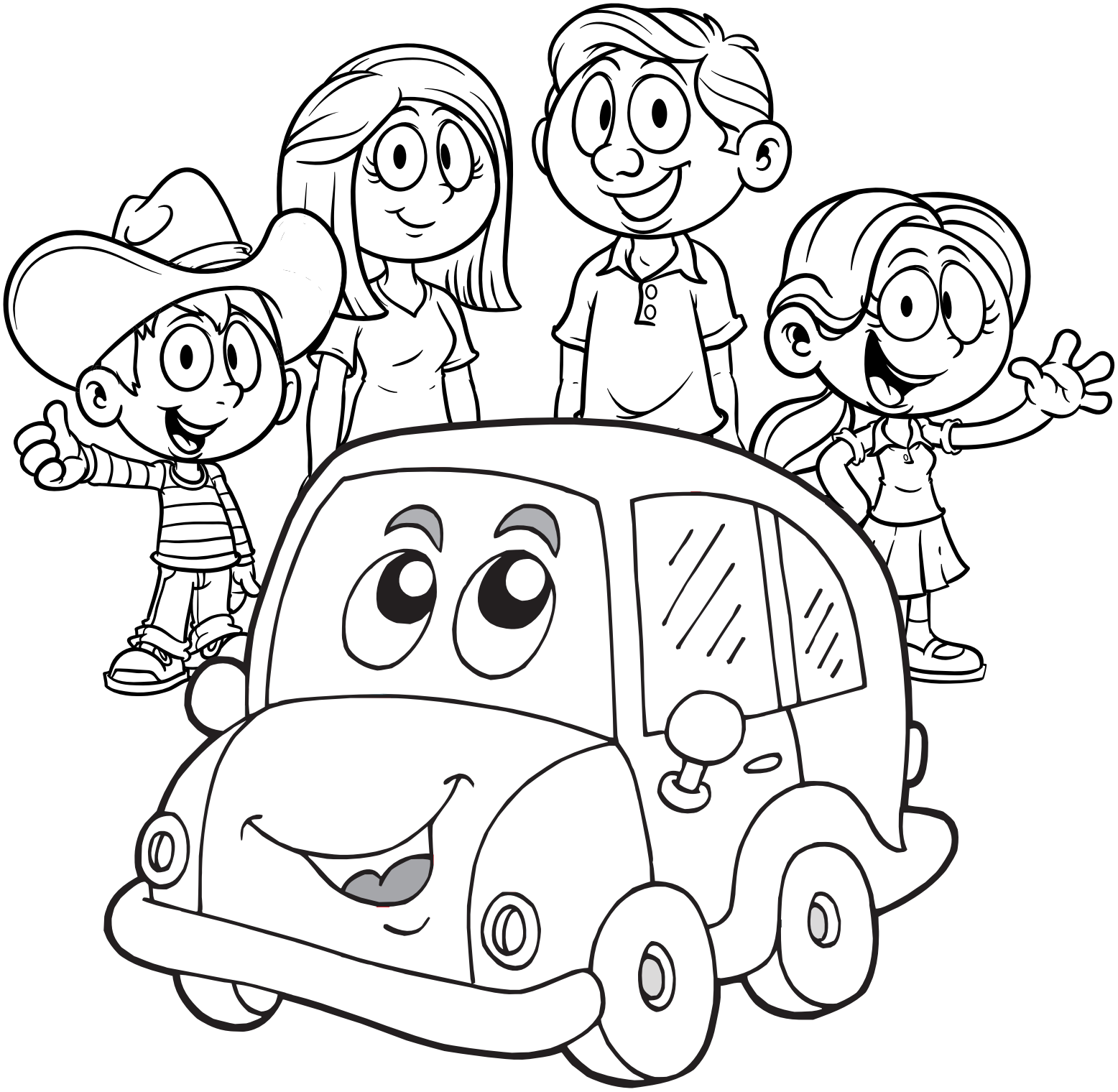
That’s fun! And it keeps us healthy.







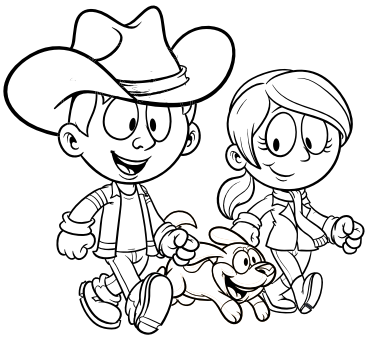
You can also do your part by asking one of the drivers in your family how they take care of your car. Cars need to be looked after to work and be clean.

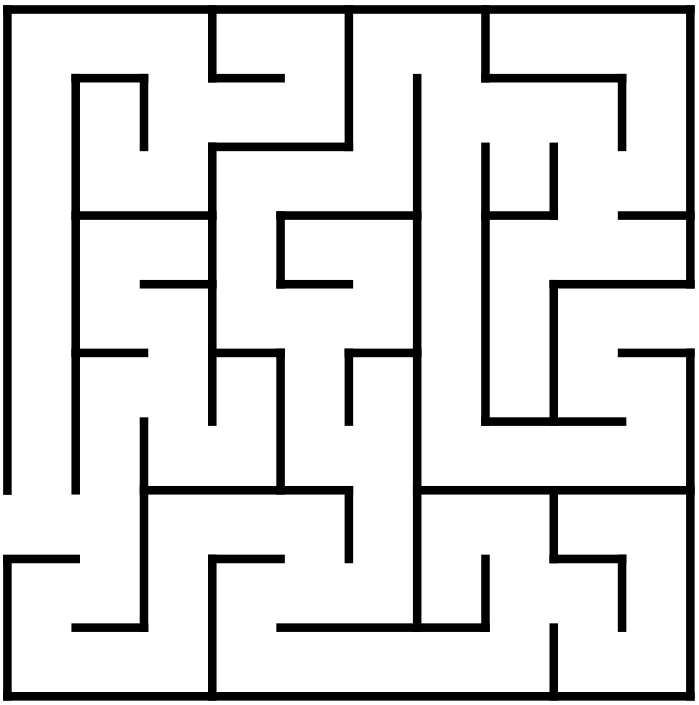


And ask them to drive smart. Don't go too fast. It's not safe. And driving fast uses more gas.

You can promise not to take too much stuff in the car, too. The heavier the car the more gas it uses.

We love Texas and are proud of our state. Help Tex and Dot find their way to Austin, the Texas state capital!





Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences

Air quality ozone Smog fumes Air pollution

1. _____ is invisible but it makes the air dirty and unhealthy.

2. The gases that come from cars are called _____ .
   They smell really strong and can be dangerous.

3. The _____ protects us from the sun. It can be bad for us when it is close to the ground.

4. _____ looks like smoke and makes it difficult to see.

5. _____ tells us how clean and healthy the air is.

Our state motto is friendship. The name Texas comes from the word Tejas, which means friend.

Word Search

Find and circle each of the words from the list below. Words may appear horizontally or vertically, but forwards only.

bicycle
drive smart
carpool
Alamo
healthy
beaches
state parks
cowboy
Lone Star
walk
bus
fiesta
rodeo
salsa
chili
tacos

E	X	K	C	P	I	V	W	M	Q	U	A	D	E	Q
F	B	E	A	C	H	E	S	W	A	R	S	T	S	O
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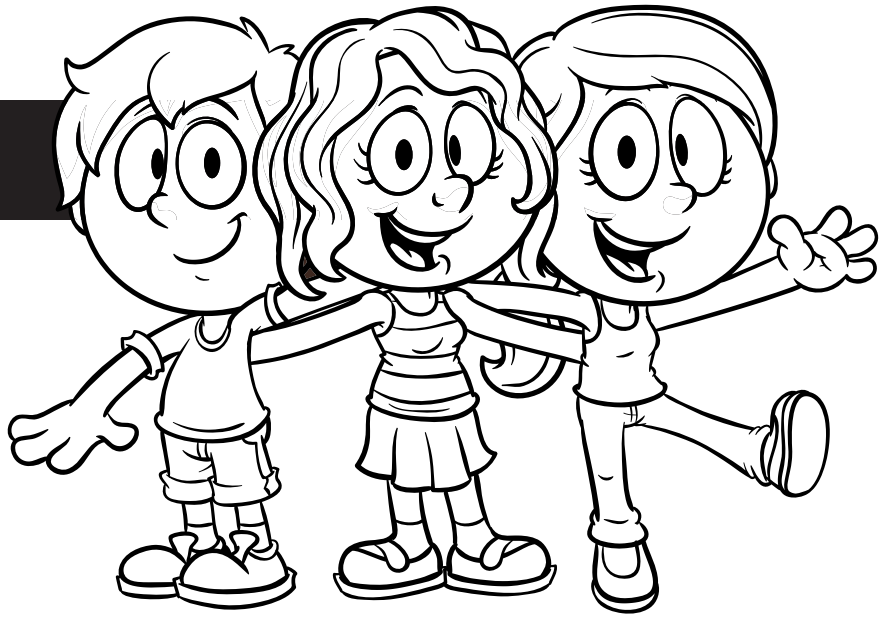
Answer

Friendship!



Let's be friends! Help us take care of air. And we can all breathe easier and play together.

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