



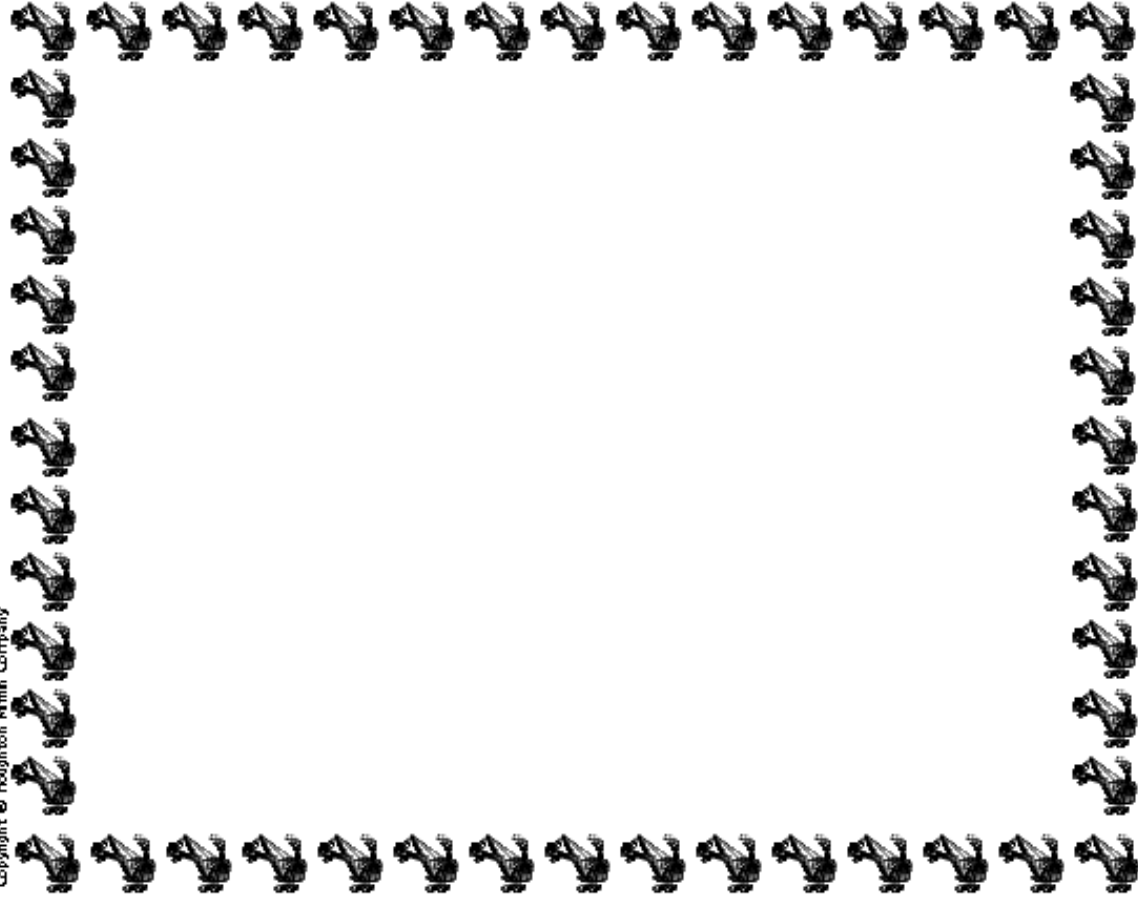
## **Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel Activities**

Mike Mulligan believes that Mary Anne can dig as much in one day as one hundred men can dig in one week.

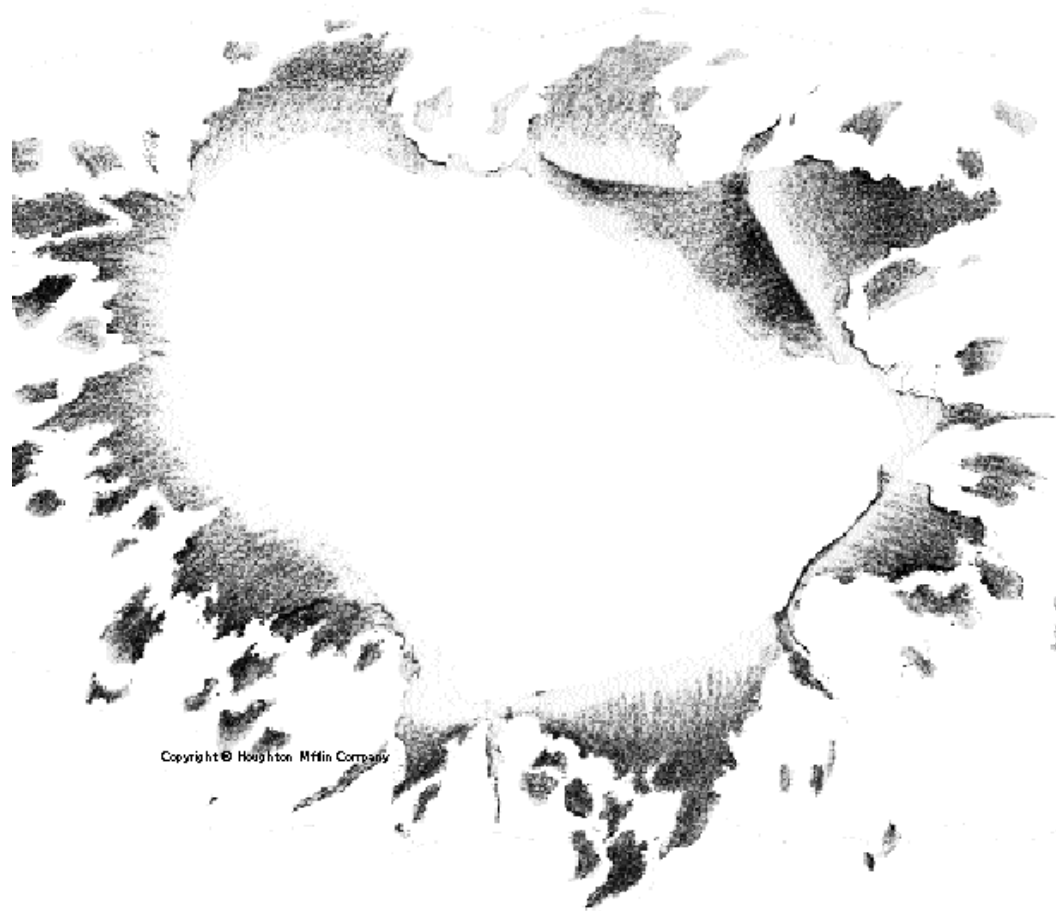
We use machines to help us do things faster. Think of a job you wish you could do faster. Invent a machine that would help you. Draw a picture of the machine and label its special features.



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Imagine that you are Mike Mulligan. After you and Mary Anne have dug a big hole, you discover something in it. Draw a picture of what you found. Tell how it was buried there.



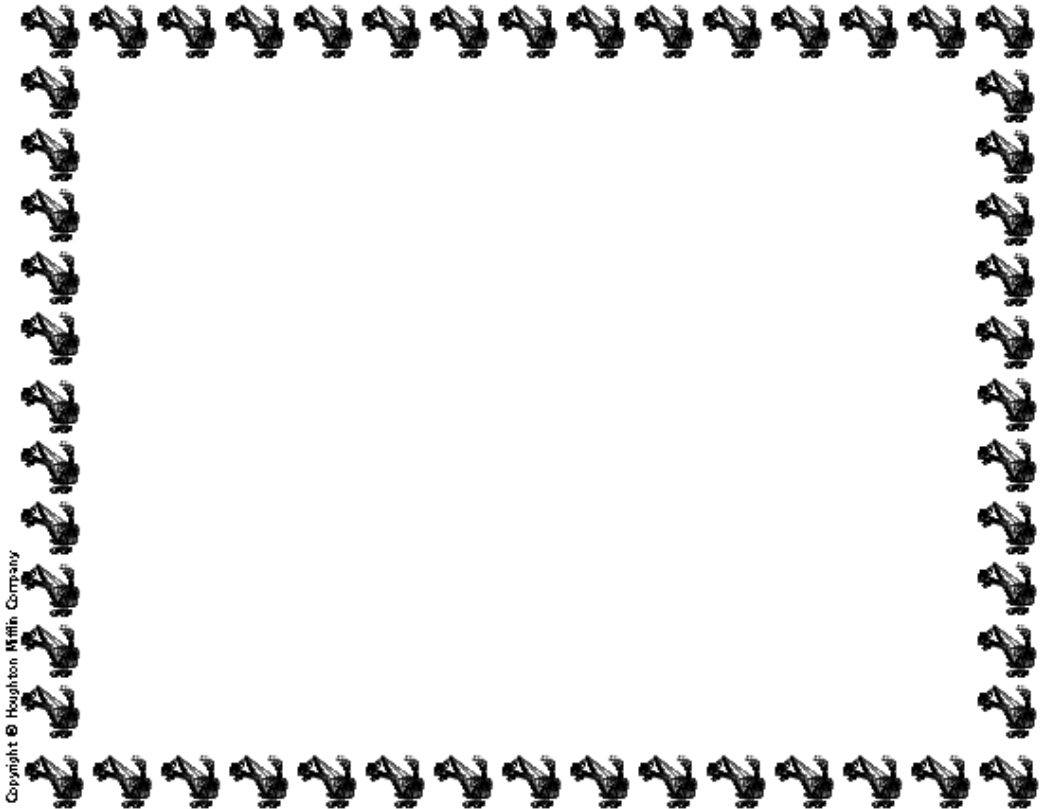
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Sometimes we talk or think about an object as if it was a human being. We may give it a name. Mike Mulligan named his steam shovel Mary Anne. We talk about an object's feelings and emotions.

Mary Anne was very sad when the new shovels took all the jobs away from her. When we draw a picture of an object, we can give it human characteristics, such as eyes, legs, and hands. The illustrations of Mary Anne show that she has two eyes and a mouth.

Draw a picture of something you use everyday. Make sure you include human features, such as eyes, hair, or hands. Give it a name and write the name under your drawing. Write about the things you and your object do together. Tell how each of you feels.





### **Driver for a Day!**

Mike Mulligan will let you borrow Mary Anne for a day.

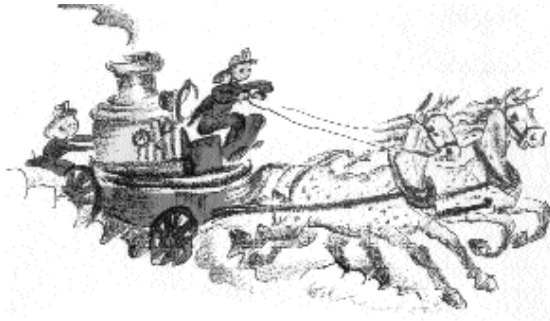
Outline a story about something you do together.

Draw a picture of your adventure.

**Beginning**

**Middle**

**End**



Onomatopoeia n. 1. The forming of a word such as buzz, that imitates the sound of the thing it refers to. (American Heritage Dictionary)

In Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, the author wrote, "Bing! Bang! Crash! Slam!" to describe the sound Mary Anne made when she worked faster and faster. There was a "Clang! Clang! Clang!" when the fire department arrived.

Look at the fire truck rushing to the scene. What do you think makes the noise? Clang!



Now look at this picture of Mary Anne working.

What might cause the following?

Bing!

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Bang!

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Crash!

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Slam!

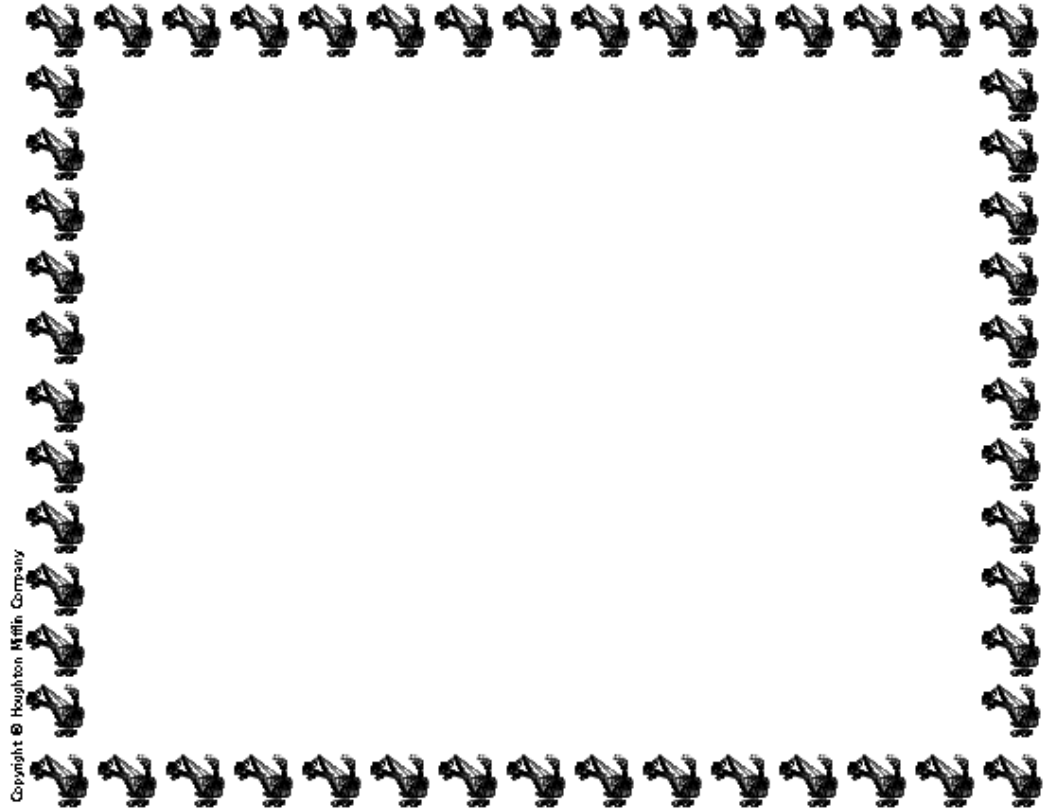
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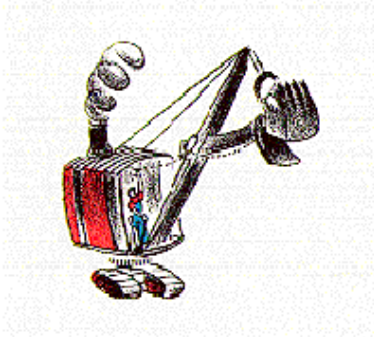
The word buzz sounds like the noise a bee makes.



Think of another word we use that refers to the sound something makes.

Draw a picture of the object and draw an arrow that points.

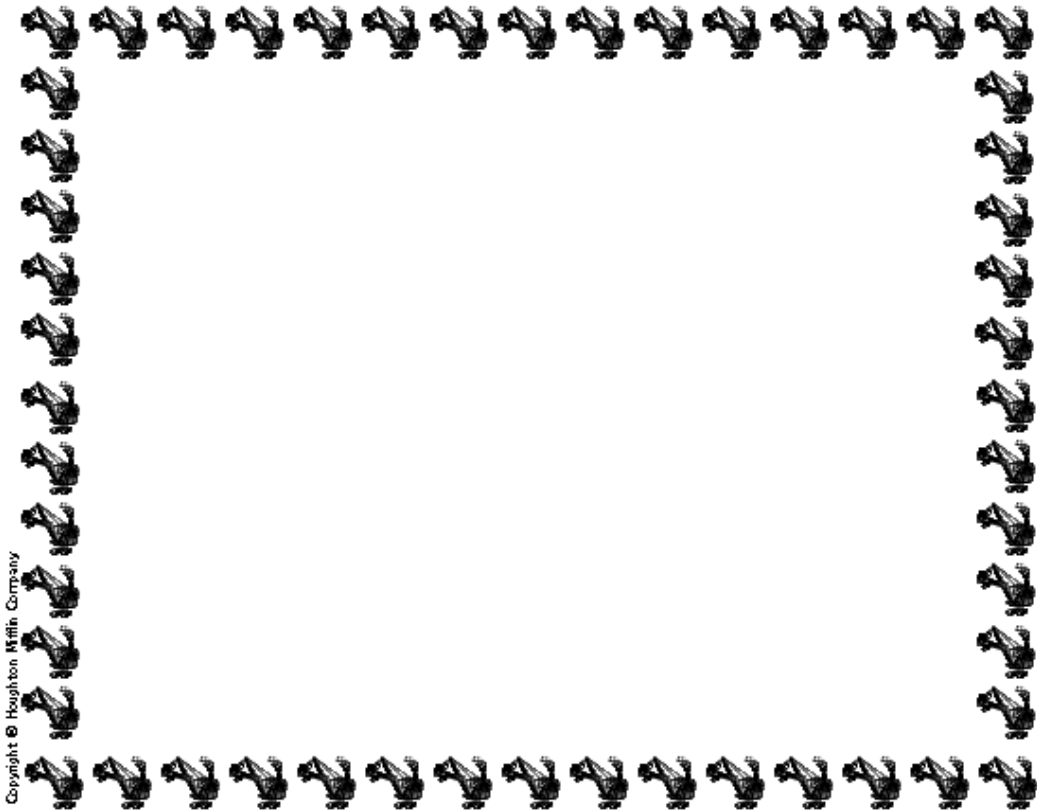




### Estimating Time

Mary Anne had only one day to dig a new cellar. She had to work fast. Some jobs take a long time and some jobs can be done quickly.

Draw a picture of something you do before you go to school, something you do at school, and something you do after school.



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