

PARENTS AND TEACHERS,

All children love to play and explore the world in different ways. They invent bulldozers with their boots in the snow, or create bubbles by splashing through



puddles. They also design solutions to problems by finding a way to climb up on a counter to nab a cookie! Children can be very imaginative and innovative when presented with a challenge!

These qualities – imagination, creativity, inventiveness, problem-solving and design skills – are all hallmarks of budding engineers.

Canada's engineering profession needs more young people to build solutions for the future, and Aboriginal communities have the youngest population in the country. Canada's Aboriginal communities also need the skills that an engineering education can provide. Whether the need is for a cleaner environment, new homes, better communications infrastructure or more efficient heating systems, Aboriginal engineers will make important contributions to community development.

We invite you to use this book as a first step in introducing children to What Engineers Do. The Engineering and You, Design Challenge and Experiment sections are intended to let you explore engineering concepts in an immediate, hands-on way in order to bring this book to life and have children recognize their relationship to engineering.

Many of the pages feature activities that can also be found as interactive games on our website, aboriginal access.ca. Other resources are also available on our website, such as curriculum guides, learning modules and role model profiles of practicing Aboriginal engineers. You may also keep up to date on developments in science, technology, engineering and math education for Aboriginal peoples through our mailing list and the social media networks that are linked on the site.

We hope you enjoy discovering along with your children what engineers do!

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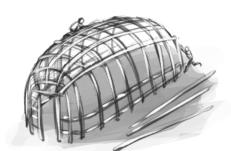
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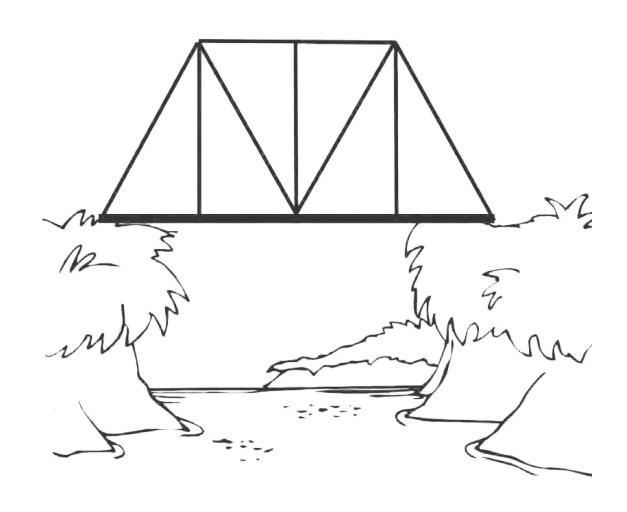
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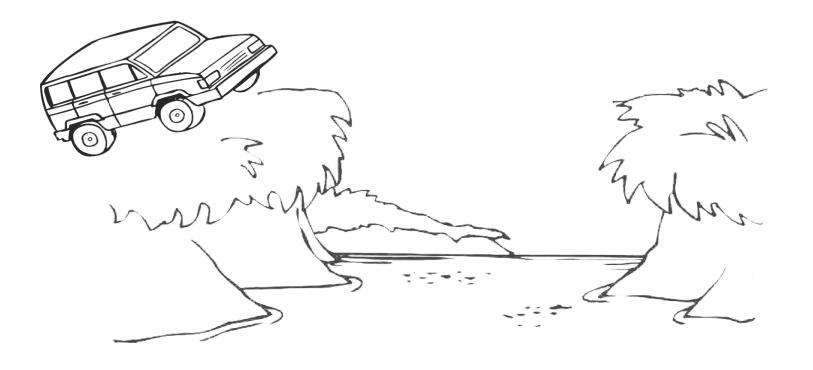


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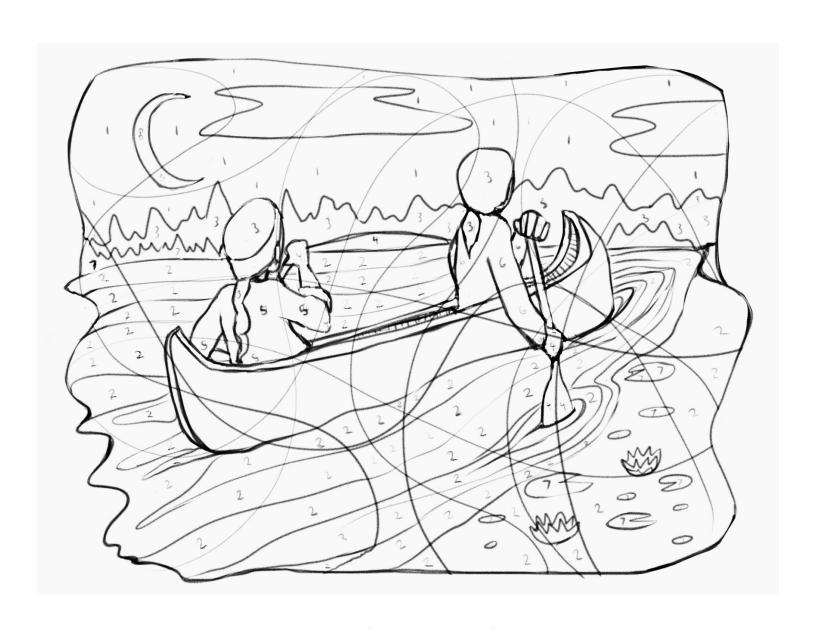


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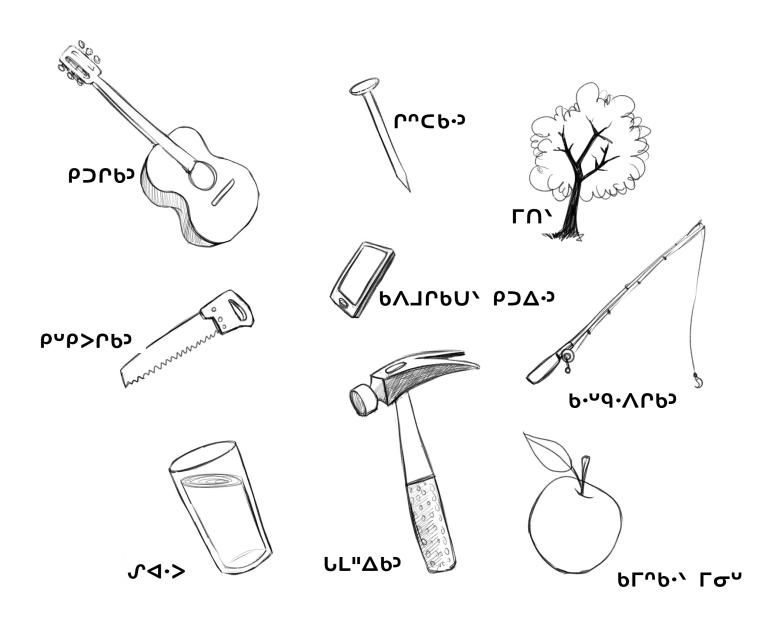
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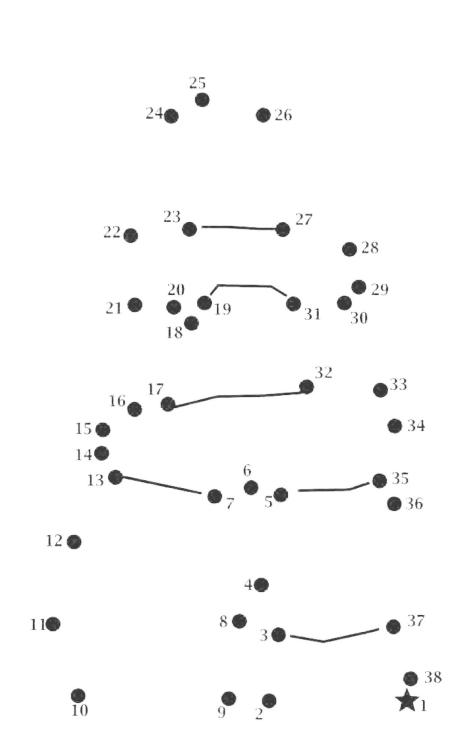
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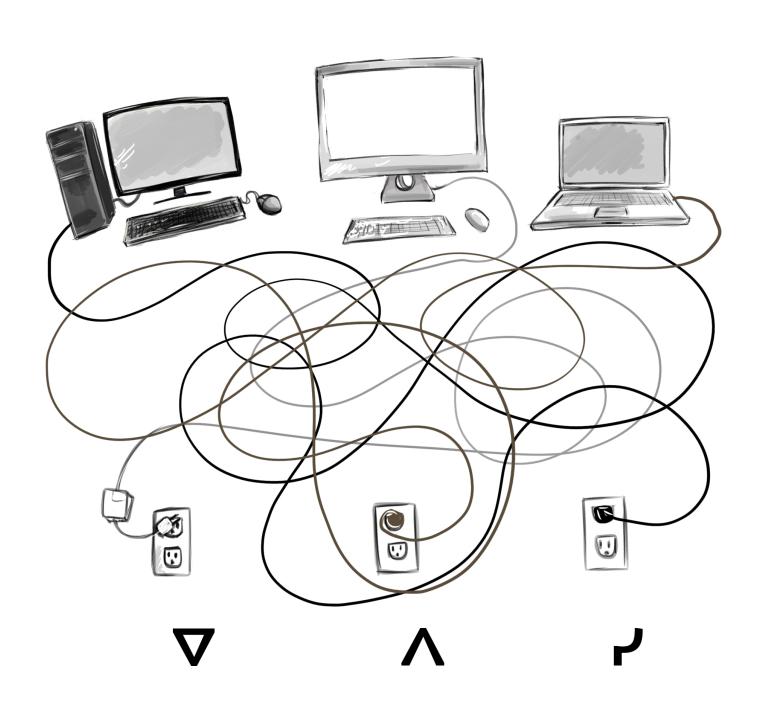
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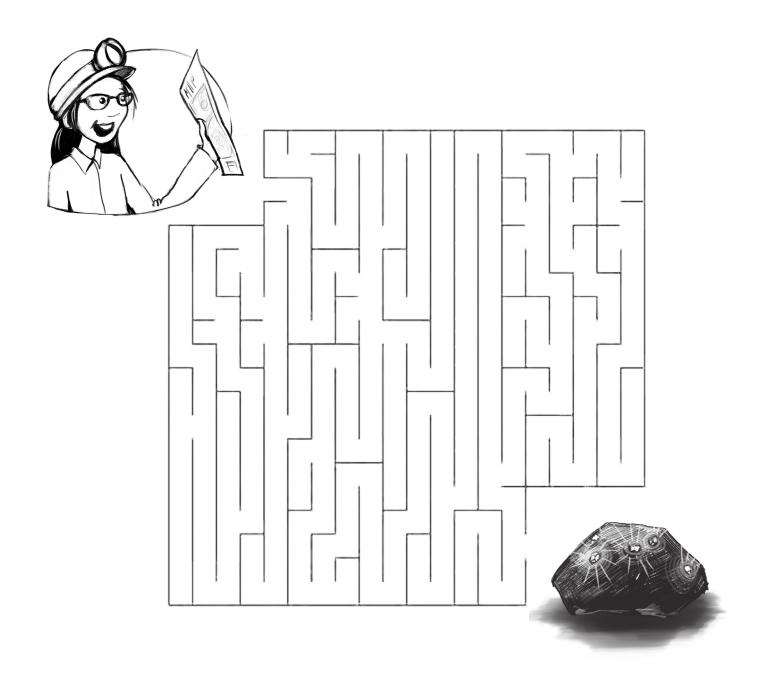
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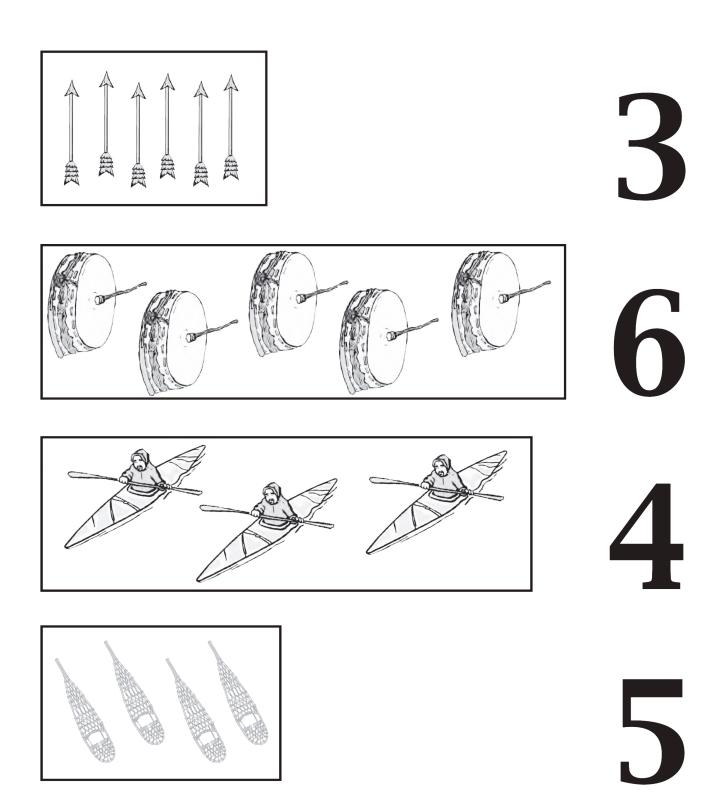




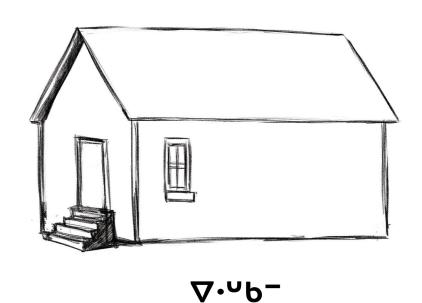


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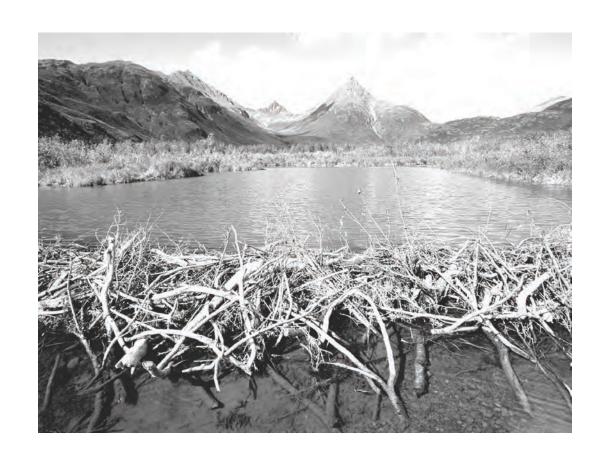
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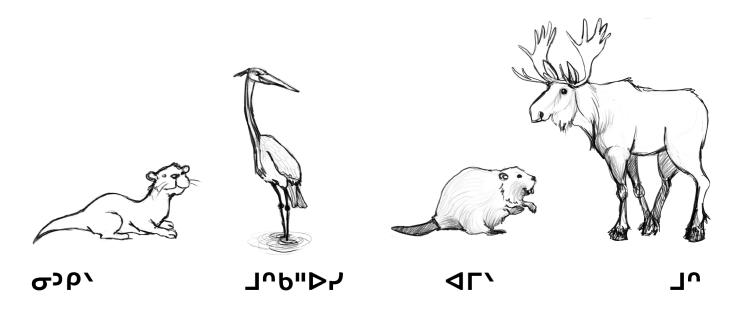




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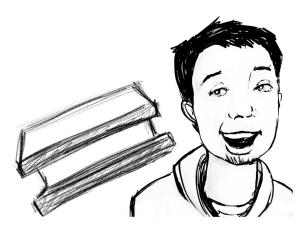




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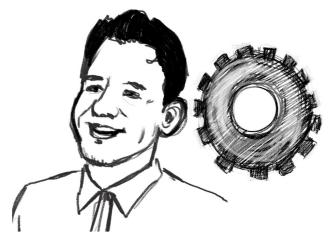


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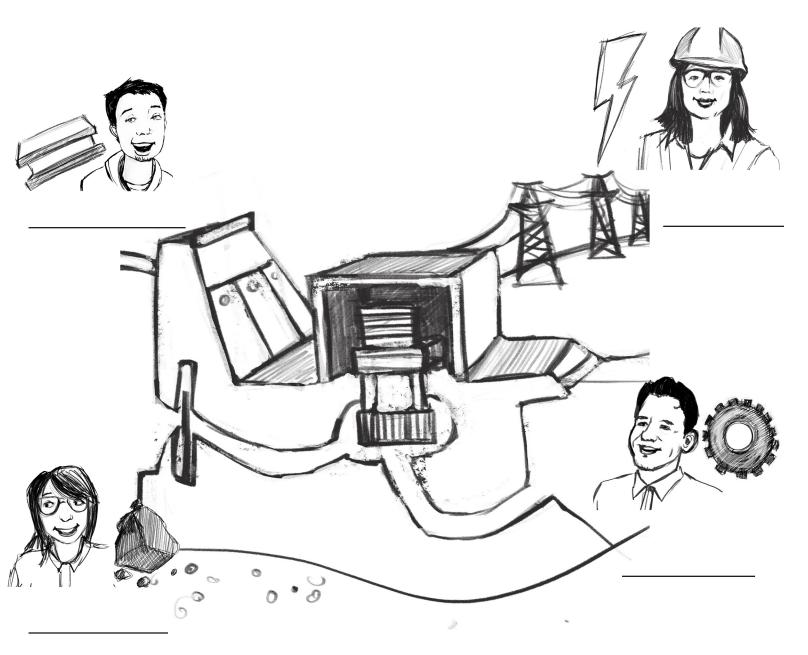


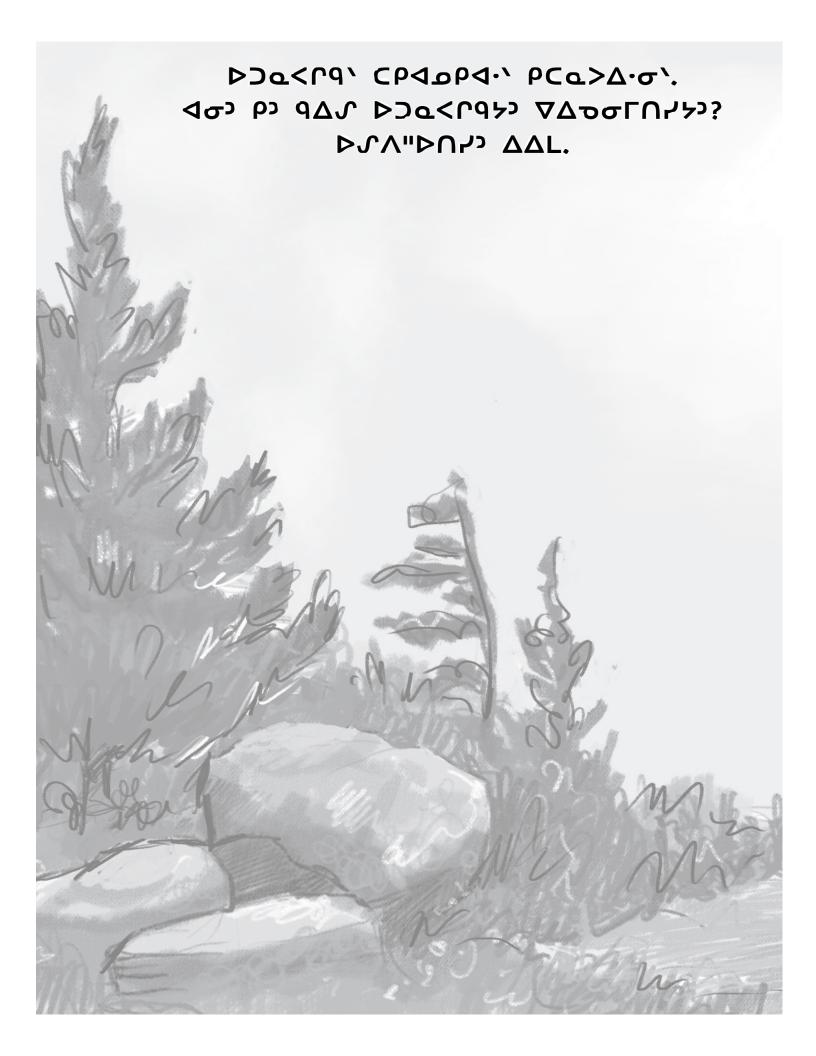


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