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Lexile, Word Count Grades 1-2	540L, 298W	580L, 235W	590L, 261W	560L, 251W	580L, 278W
Lexile, Word Count Grades 3-4	650L, 410W	680L, 306W	690L, 317W	690L, 312W	680L, 369W
Lexile, Word Count Grades 5-6	810L, 601W	790L, 349W	760L, 372W	790L, 386W	760L, 431W

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## Portrait of an Icon

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  - She got in an accident.
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- What did Kahlo mean when she said she paints her own reality?
  - She only puts animals in her art.
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  - She only paints herself.
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- What type of art is Kahlo most famous for today?
  - Paintings of animals
  - Clothing designs
  - C. Self-portraits\***
  - Sculptures

**Discussion:** What do you think is most interesting about Frida Kahlo? Why?

### Vocabulary:

Self-portrait: painting or other work of art that shows the artist themselves  
icon: famous or well-known person  
defined: given meaning  
reality: real world

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- Read the Fact. Which is true about Tienditas Bridge?
  - It is the busiest bridge for Venezuela.
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**Discussion:** Do you think Maduro should take help from other countries? Why or why not?

### Vocabulary:

beggars: people that ask for help  
humiliate: embarrass; shame  
humanitarian: relating to help for people  
sanctions: rules that punish a country or leader

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## History of Hopping!

**Objective:** Explain events, procedures, ideas or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why.

- Which event happened first?  
A. Balbarids died out.  
B. Kangaroos started hopping.  
C. Kear found a fossil.  
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- How big was a balbarid?  
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- Look in the Slide Show. What do you call a baby kangaroo?  
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**Discussion:** How do you think life would be different if humans hopped instead of walked?

### Vocabulary:

ancestor: animal relative from long ago  
fossil: sign or remain of past life  
efficient: useful; productive; with as little waste as possible  
climate: overall weather for an area

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## Emojis for All!

**Objective:** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

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### Vocabulary:

physical: relating to the body  
mechanical: working like a machine  
limbs: arms or legs  
self-expression: act of sharing thoughts and ideas

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**Discussion:** How do you think an NBA player feels when he gets traded to a new team? What might make this situation challenging or exciting?

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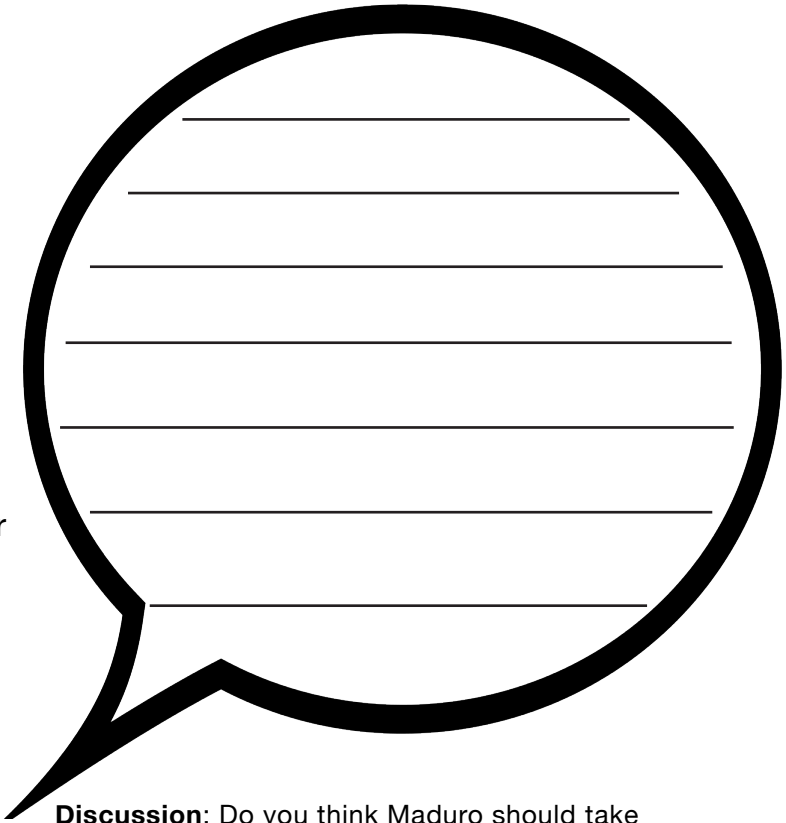
breeding sites: places where animals have babies  
dehydrated: not having enough water in the body  
syringes: tube with a nozzle that can put out a thin stream of liquid  
drought: time with little or no rain

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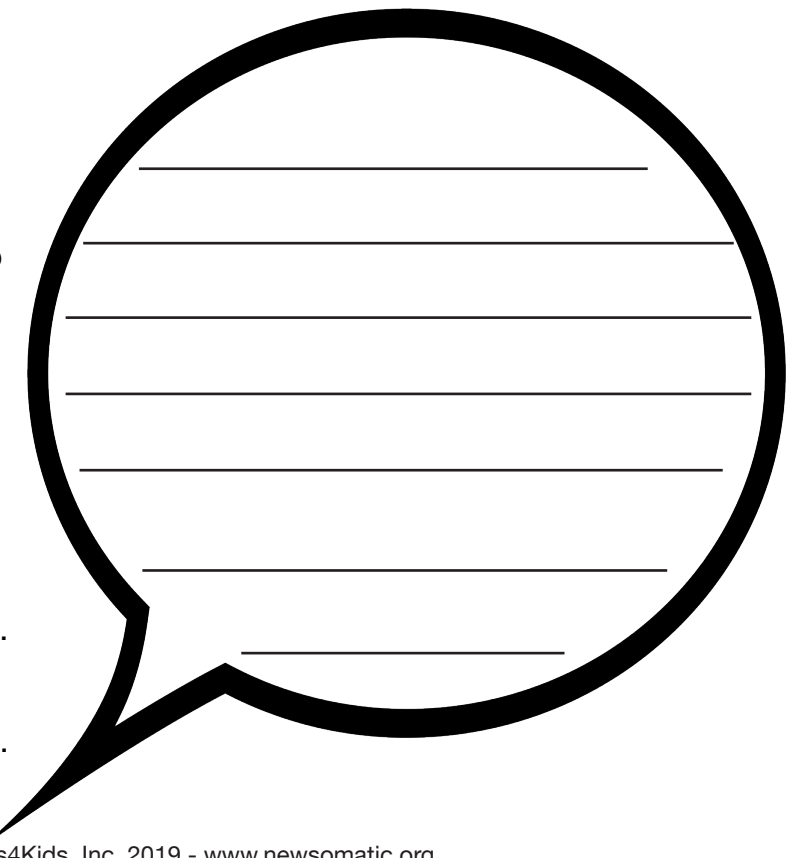


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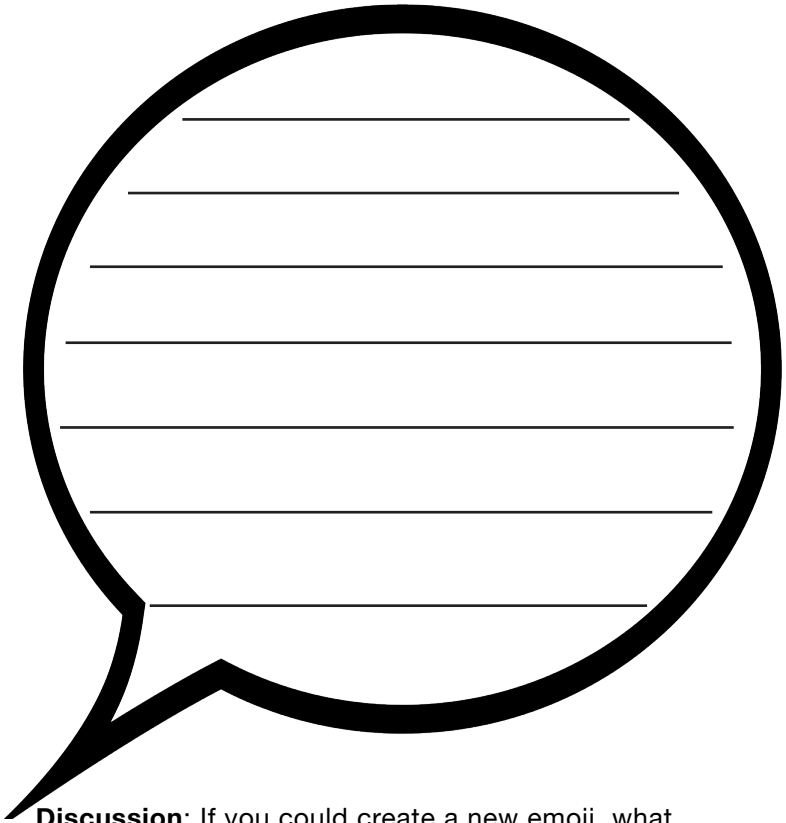


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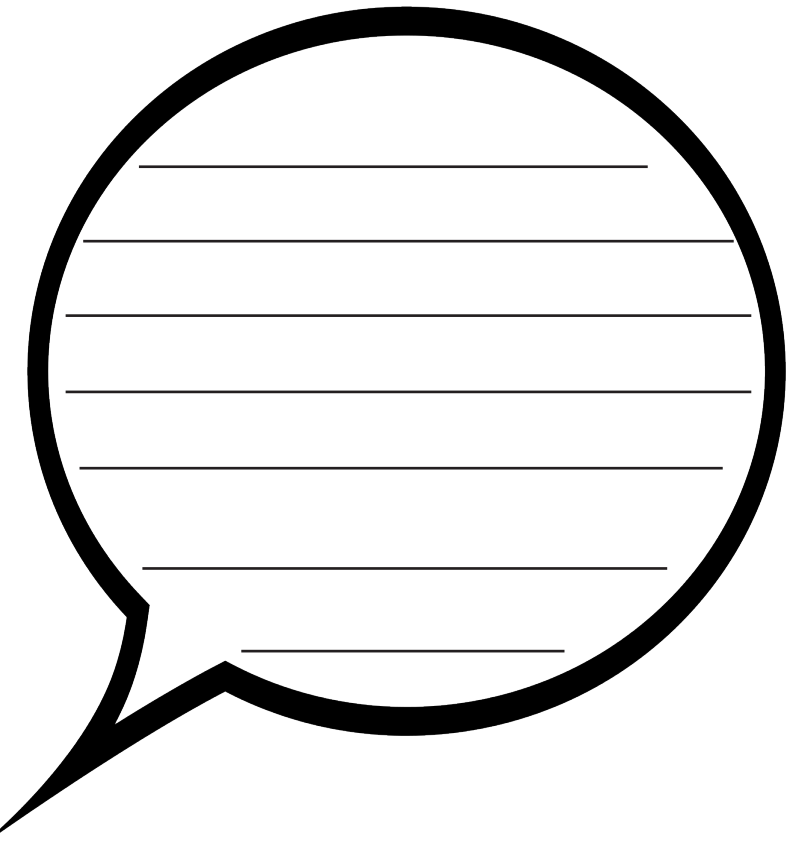


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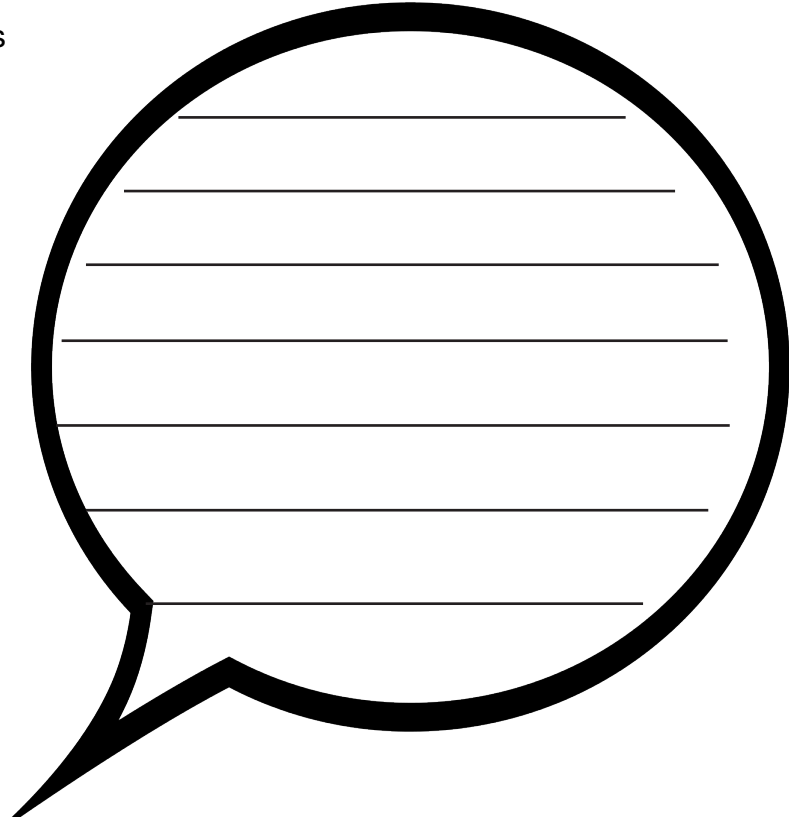
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## K-W-L Chart

What I Know	What I Want to know	What I Learned

# Find the Five Ws and How!

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