

Are You
Ready to Be a
Detective?

Look!

Someone dropped an important note, but sticky fingers wiped out some of the words. Follow the suspect's footprints around the house to learn more about the Earth and its resources, and to look for clues to solve the mystery at the end.

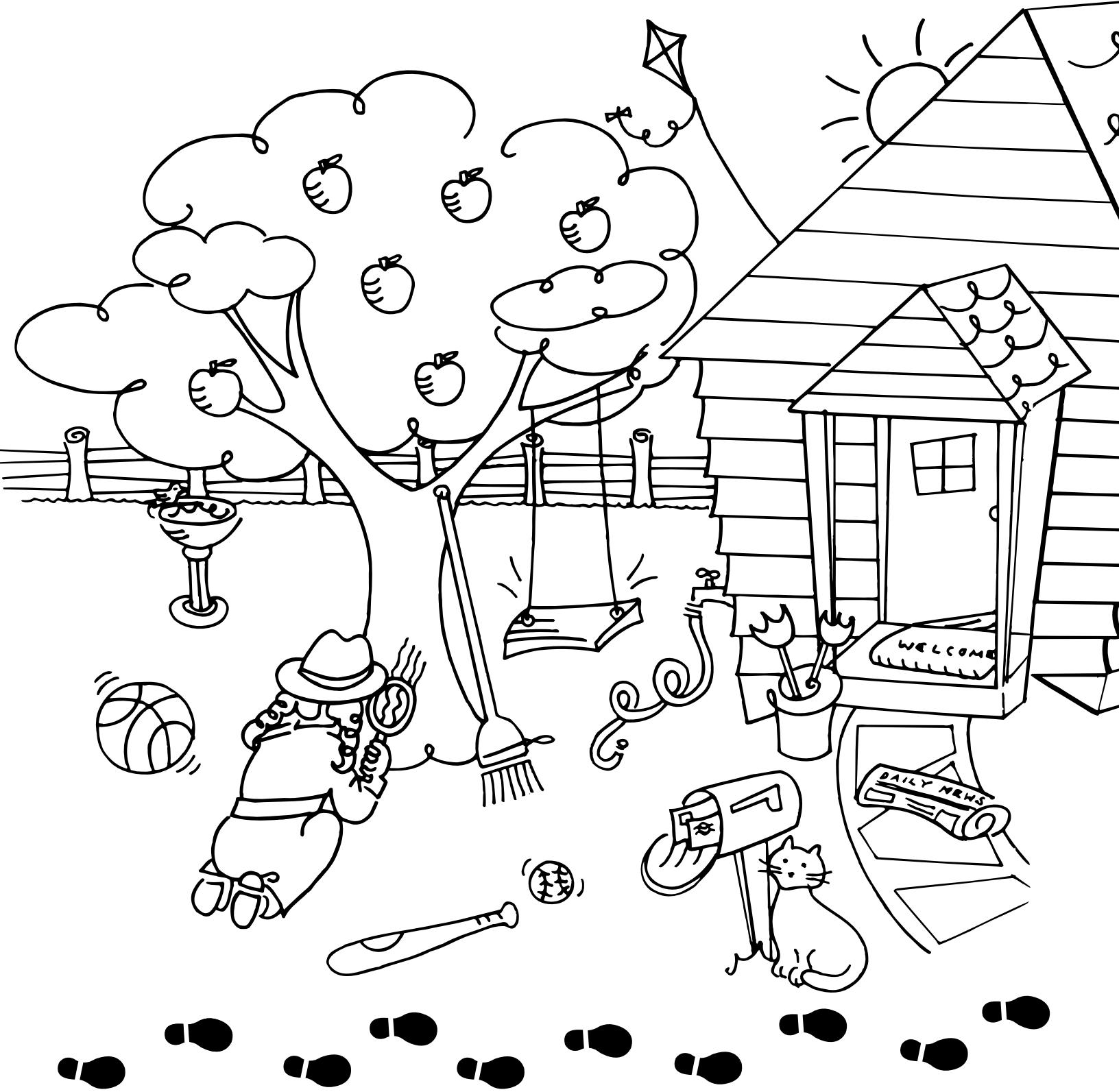
Color in the pictures as you go!



What's a Resource?

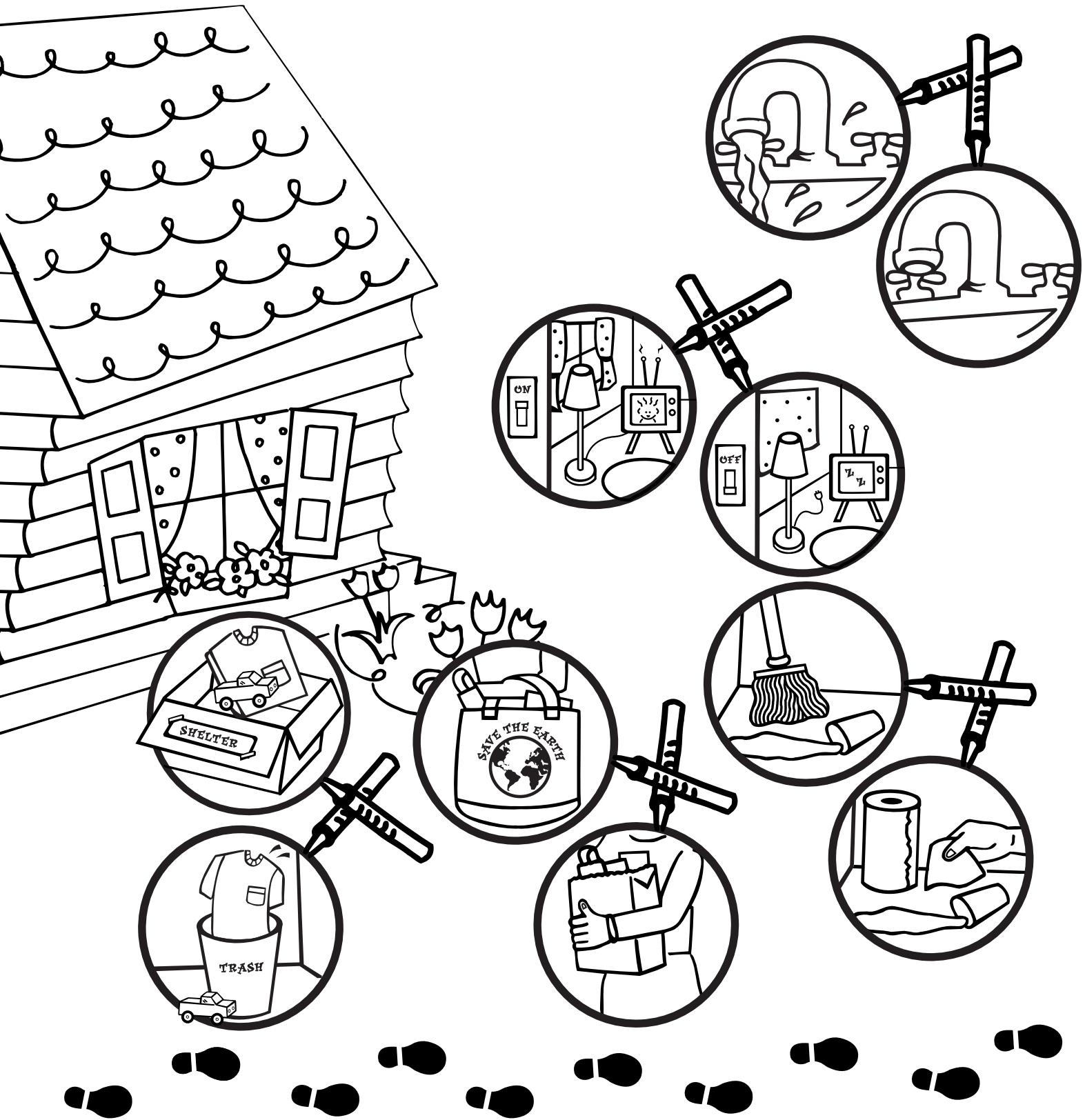
Wait! The suspect stopped at the tree. A tree is a natural resource because it is a part of the Earth that helps animals,

plants, and people live and grow. Trees make food like apples and nuts and provide wood for items like paper and furniture. Air, water, and land are other types of resources. Look at the pictures below. Can you put a circle around the things that come from trees or wood?



Now that you've followed the trail inside the house, look around for awhile. In each room, one person is saving resources while the other is not. Saving resources is important, because there is only so much to go around. When we save, we conserve good things from the Earth, like resources. Can you detect the savings and color the best choice?

Search for Saving Resources



Great Job, Detective!

You spotted everything the suspect saw on his trail. Now you can read the note aloud to learn the answers to the mystery. And you'll find out about your next assignment.

Everywhere we **look**, we see ways to help save the Earth's resources. Resources are treasures from the Earth that help us live and grow. We need to conserve trees and other resources like water and oil because there's only so much to go around. We can all save by donating to charity, or by turning the TV **OFF**. We can all save by recycling, and reusing. Making new things from recycled ones takes less energy, and resources, so **look** for recycled items at the store. Another way to give back to the Earth is by composting. Scraps like carrots, apples, or leaves go into a pile, where they rot and become like soil. Then we put the mix back into the Earth to help plants grow. Remember to be careful when storing or moving some things, like cans, spray bottles, and paint. They can hurt people, plants, and animals if they enter the water or ground. If we follow each of these tips, we can all help our planet.

