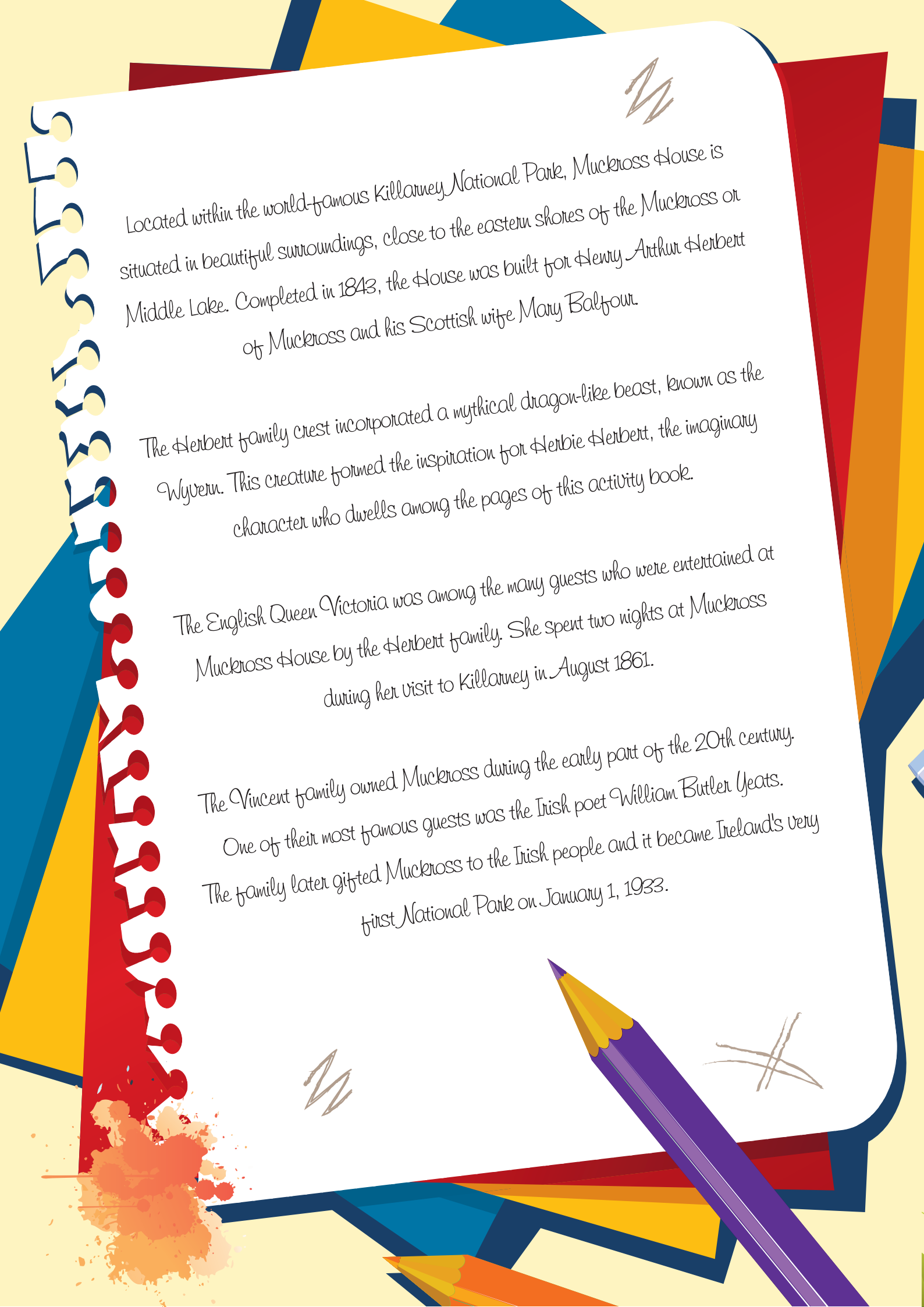


The Muckross House Activity and Colouring Book



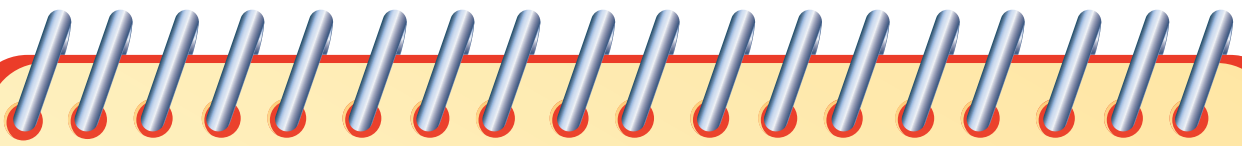


Located within the world-famous Killarney National Park, Muckross House is situated in beautiful surroundings, close to the eastern shores of the Muckross or Middle Lake. Completed in 1843, the House was built for Henry Arthur Herbert of Muckross and his Scottish wife Mary Balfour.

The Herbert family crest incorporated a mythical dragon-like beast, known as the Wyvern. This creature formed the inspiration for Herbie Herbert, the imaginary character who dwells among the pages of this activity book.

The English Queen Victoria was among the many guests who were entertained at Muckross House by the Herbert family. She spent two nights at Muckross during her visit to Killarney in August 1861.

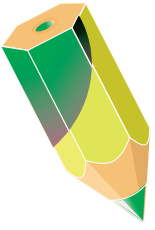
The Vincent family owned Muckross during the early part of the 20th century. One of their most famous guests was the Irish poet William Butler Yeats. The family later gifted Muckross to the Irish people and it became Ireland's very first National Park on January 1, 1933.



Welcome to
Muckross House
and Gardens.

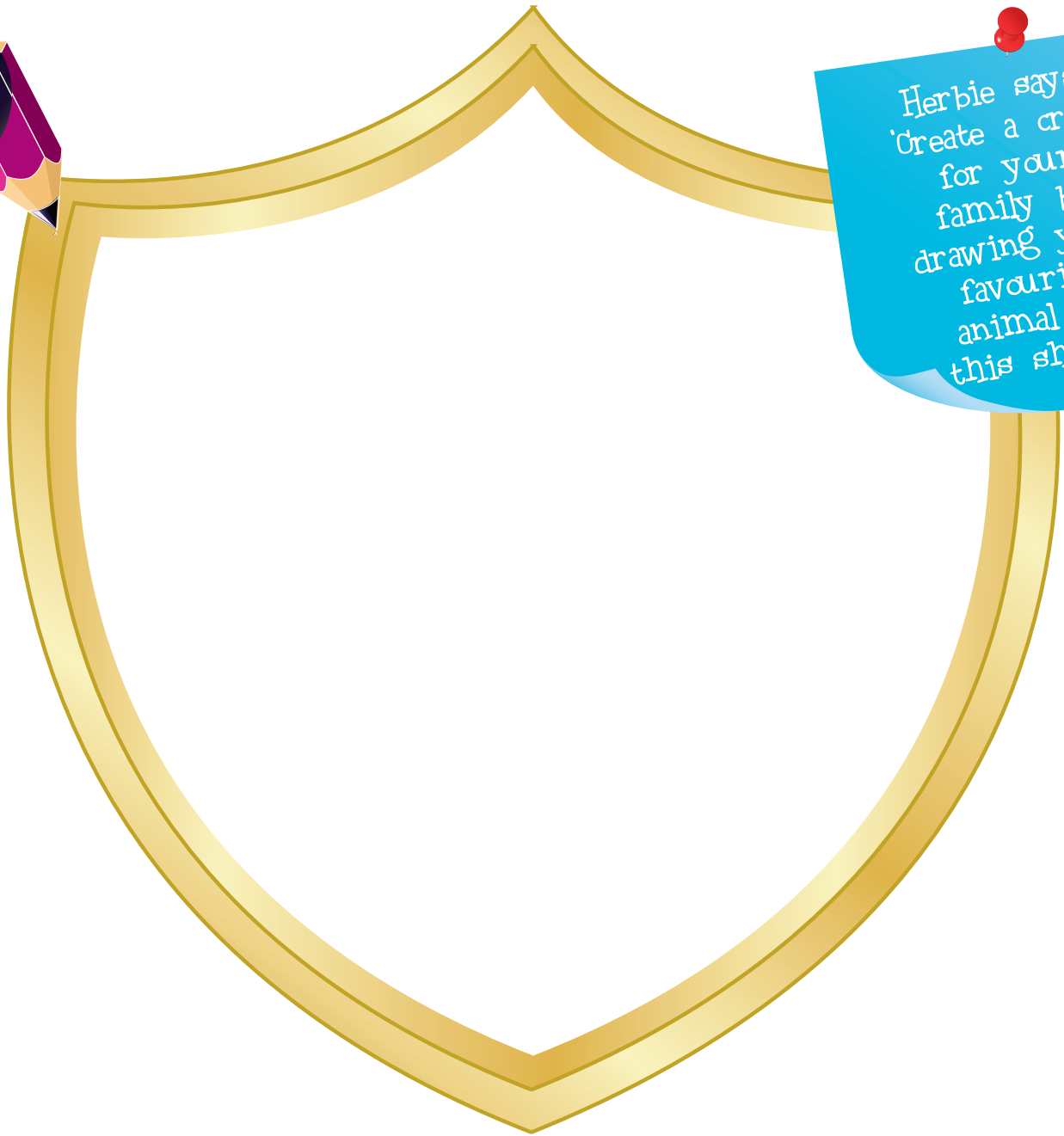
Your Guide Today
will be Herbie Herbert.





This is Herbie Herbert, the Muckcross Dragon. He lives in Muckcross House. The Herbert family once owned Muckcross. They adopted Herbie when he was very young.

Herbie would like to tell you about his home.

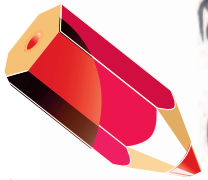
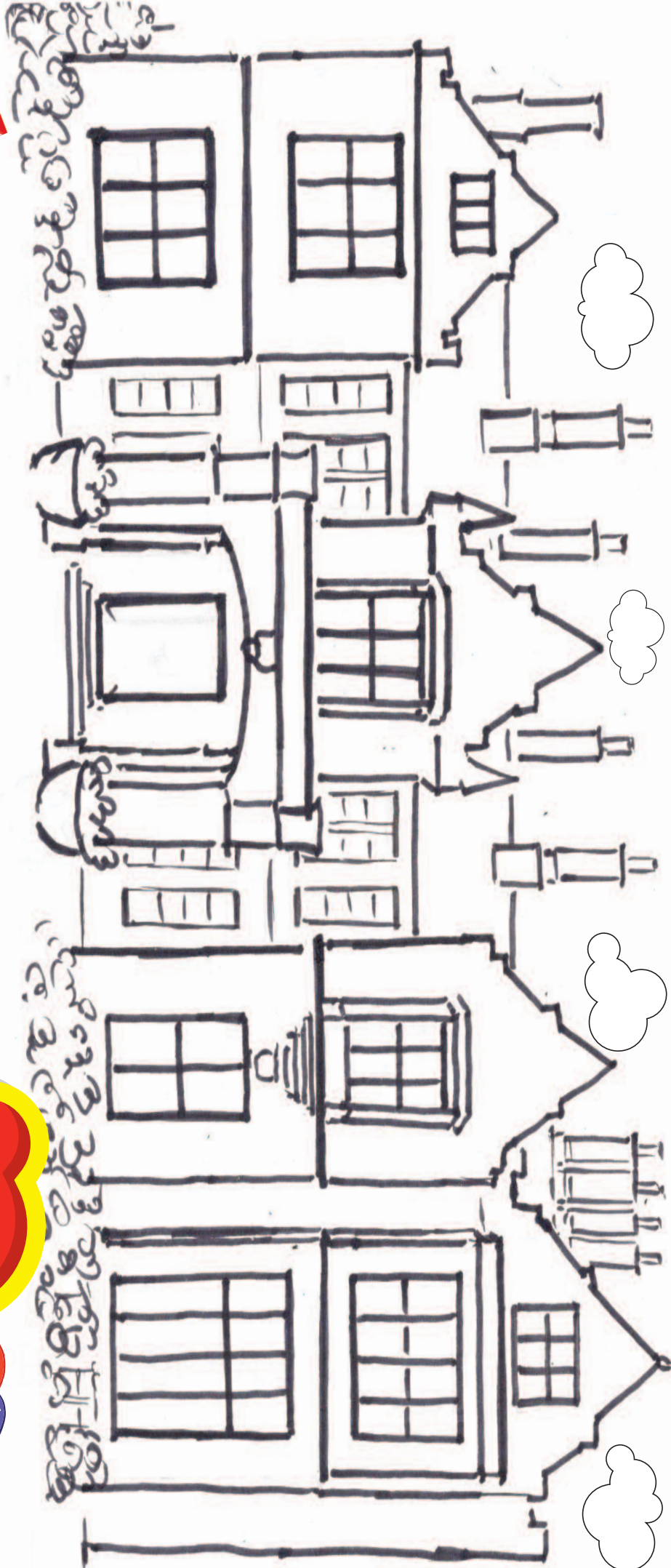


Herbie says,
'Create a crest
for your
family by
drawing your
favourite
animal on
this shield.'

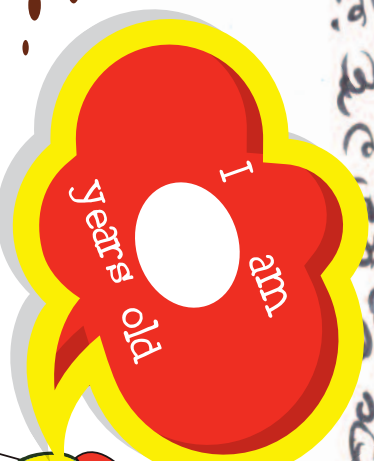
The Herbert family liked Herbie so much
they put him on their family crest.

Why not write a motto
for your family below.





It took four years to build
Muckross House, Herbie Herbert's home.
He was born in 1843, the year
the house was completed.



How old is Herbie?



Herbie's bedroom is in the attic and the stairs are very difficult for this small dragon to climb. How long do you think it takes him to climb from the basement to the attic? _____



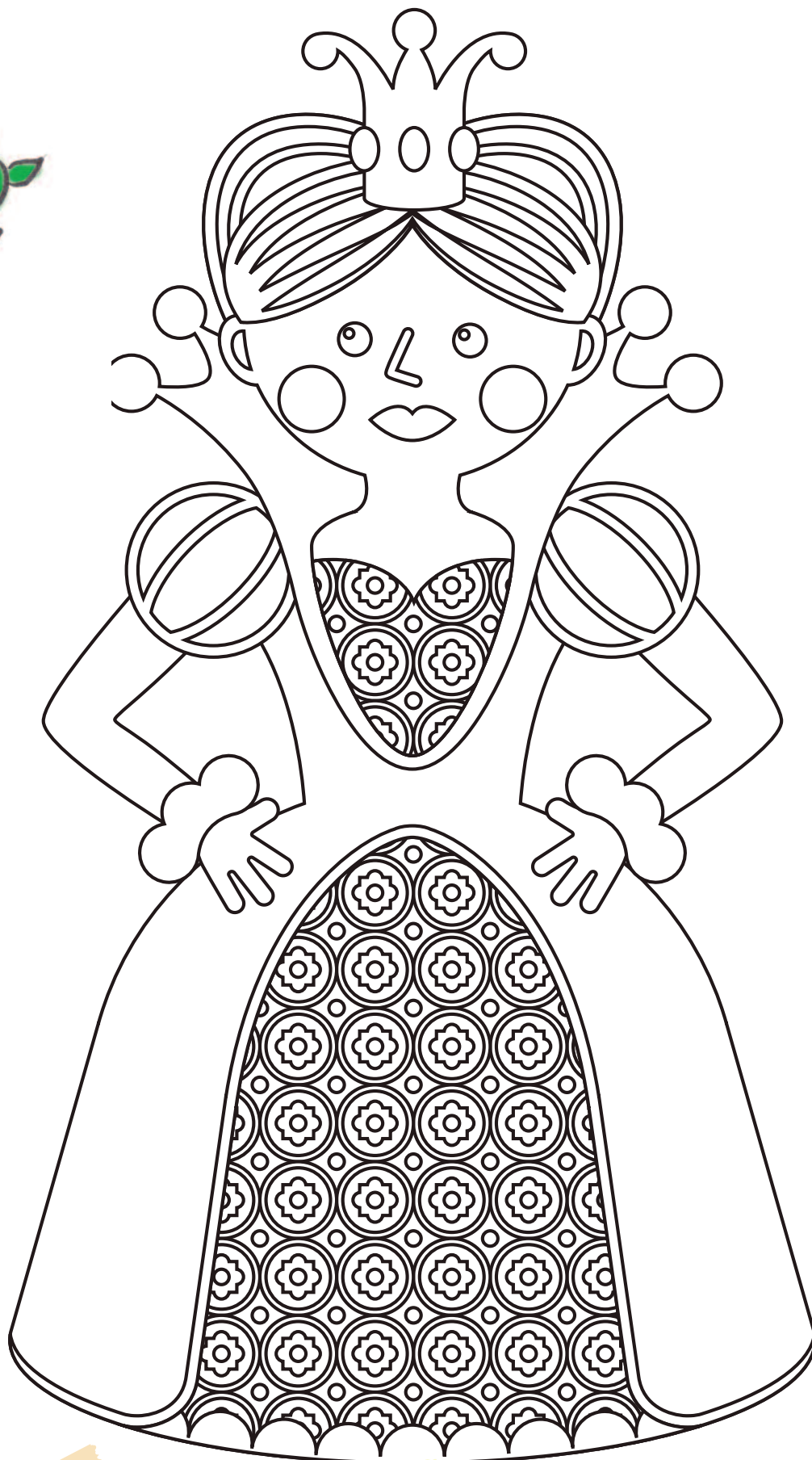
It takes Herbie 20 minutes to climb the wobbly wooden attic stairs.

It takes Herbie 30 minutes to climb the main stairs with the nice red carpet.



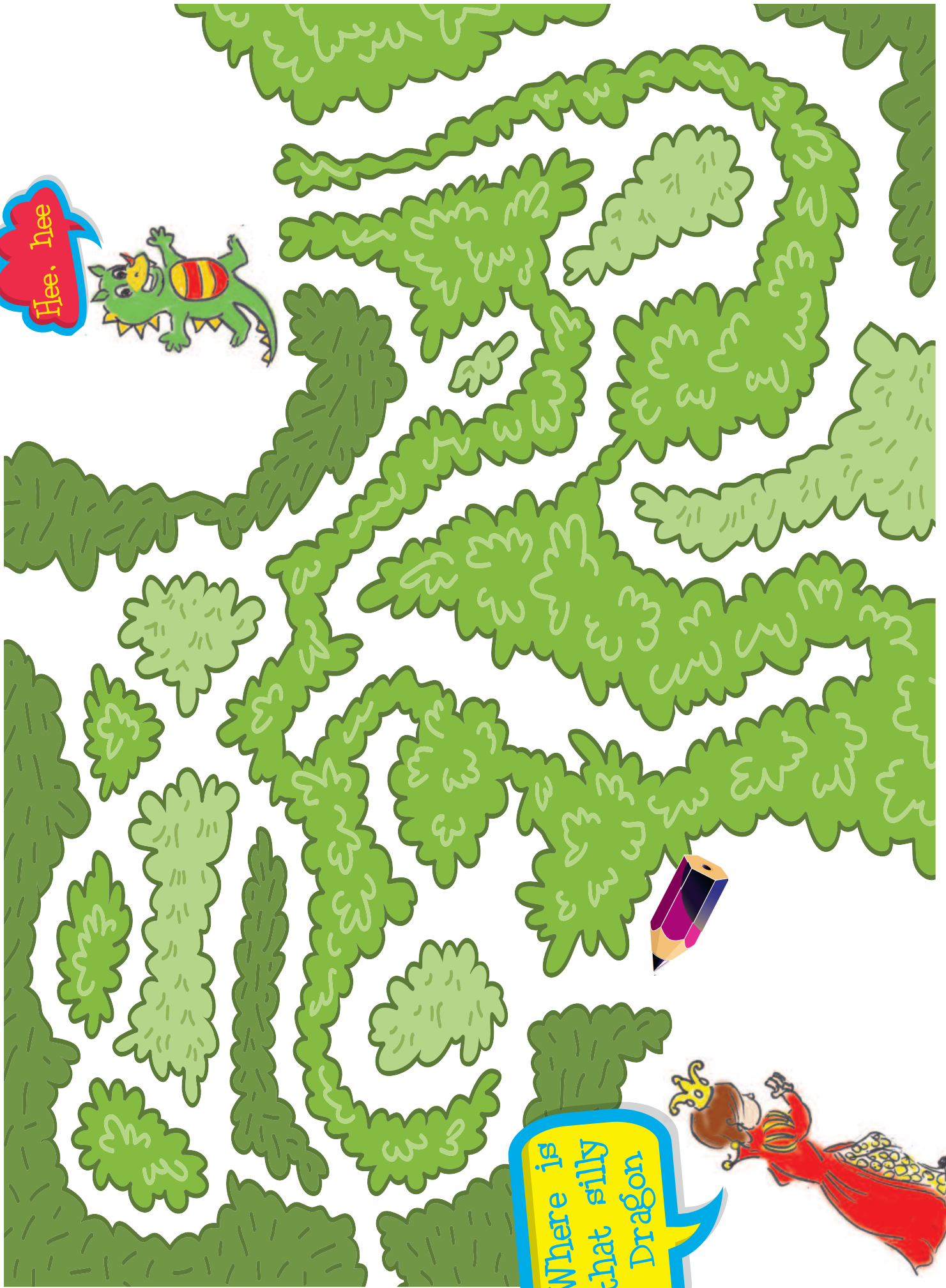
It takes Herbie 25 minutes to climb the cold stone basement stairs.





Herbie can remember the year 1861. That year the English Queen Victoria came to stay with the Herbert family at Muckcross. She wanted to meet Herbie, but he was shy and hid away.

Hee. Hee

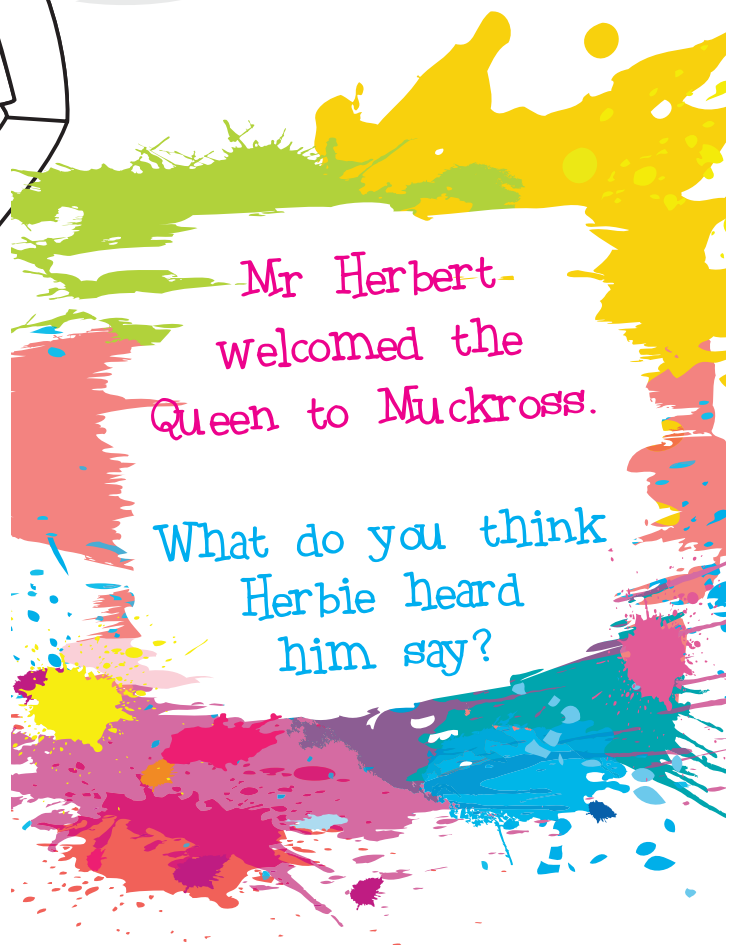


Where is that silly Dragon





Your Majesty



Mr Herbert
welcomed the
Queen to Muckcross.

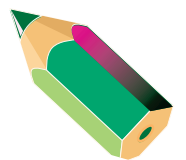
What do you think
Herbie heard
him say?





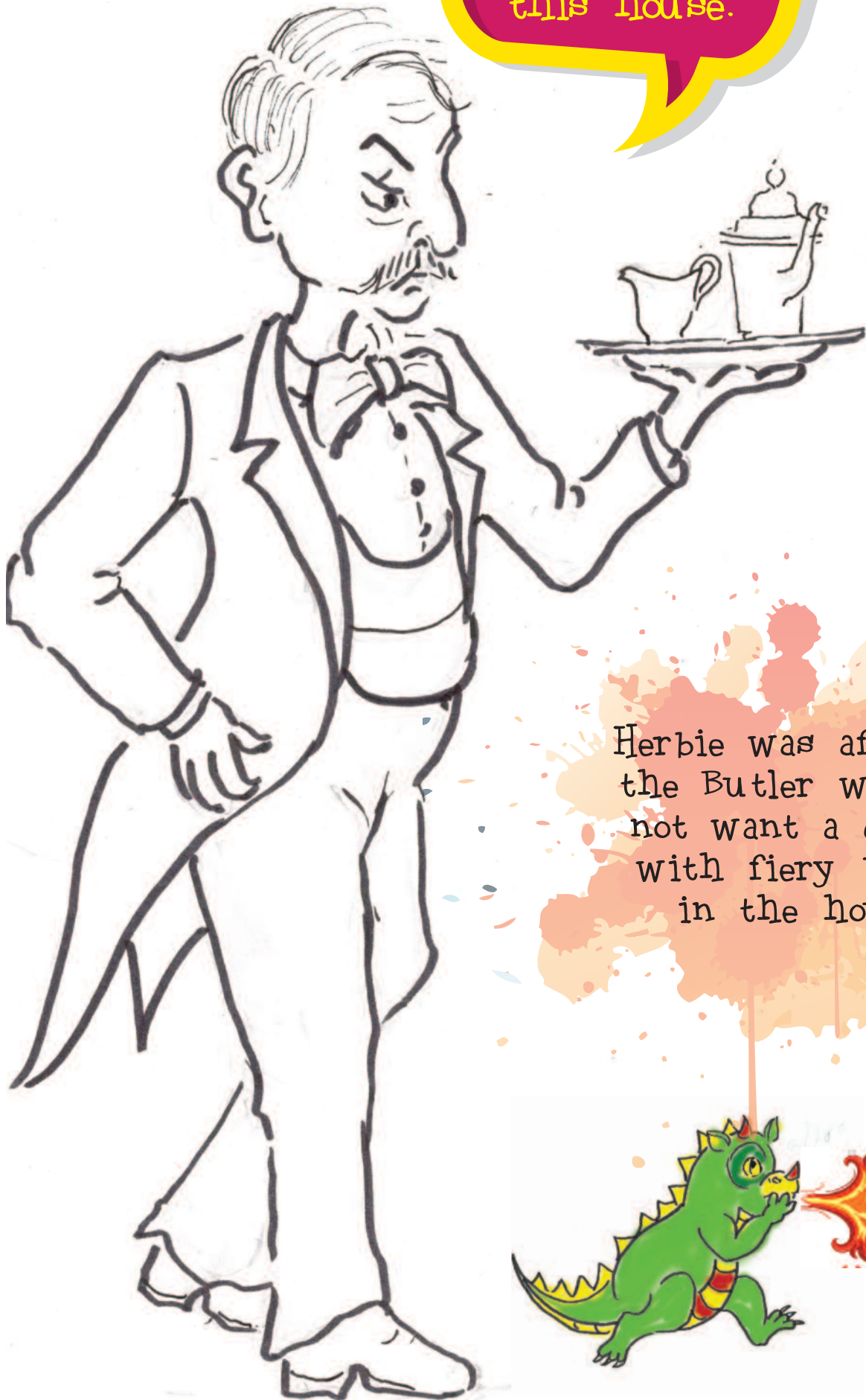
Mr Herbert's wife Mary loved to paint and the Queen greatly admired her paintings.

Many of Mary's paintings still hang on the walls of Muckross House.



Lots of people once worked at Muckross House.
There was a Butler, a Cook, and a Housekeeper,
as well as several Housemaids
and Servant Boys.

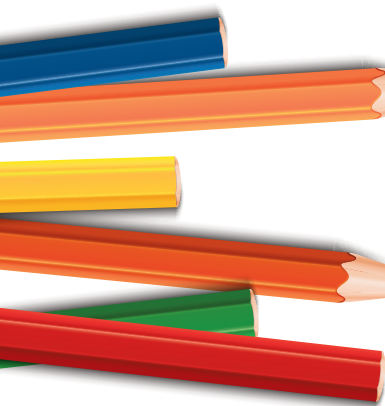
I will not
allow a fiery
dragon in
this house.



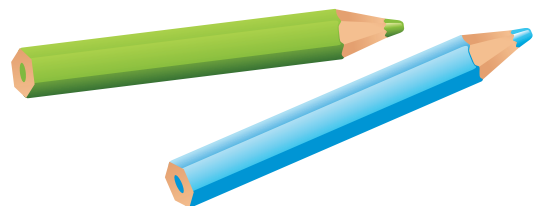
Herbie was afraid of
the Butler who did
not want a dragon
with fiery breath
in the house.







Herbie is trying to draw the big bird from the wallpaper in the Billiard room. Can you help him add the tail and feathers?



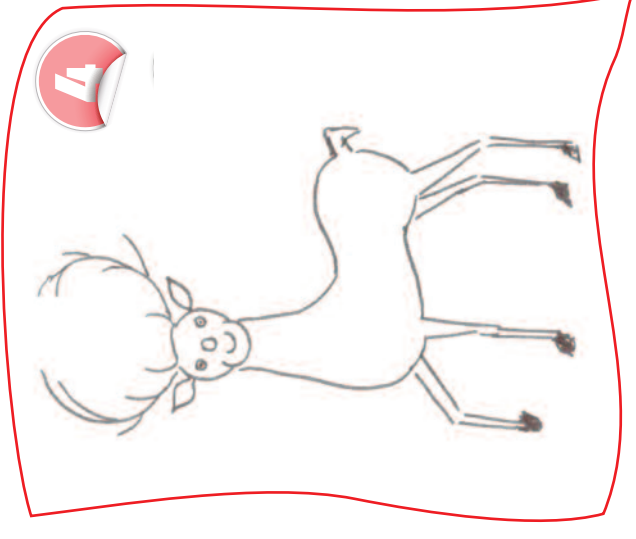
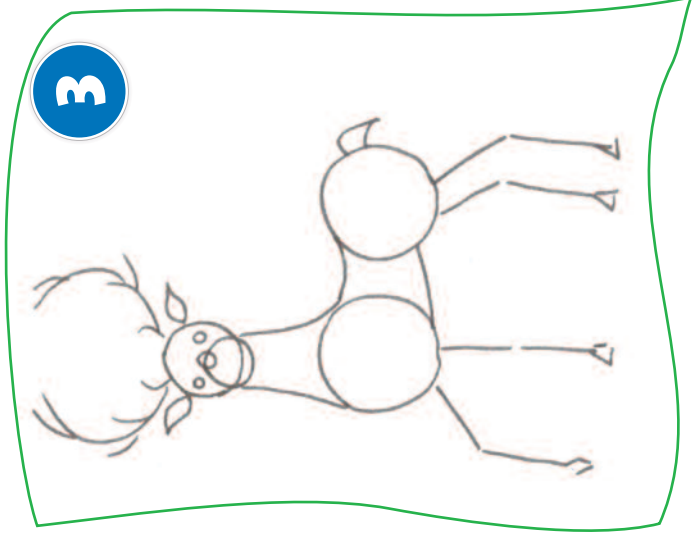
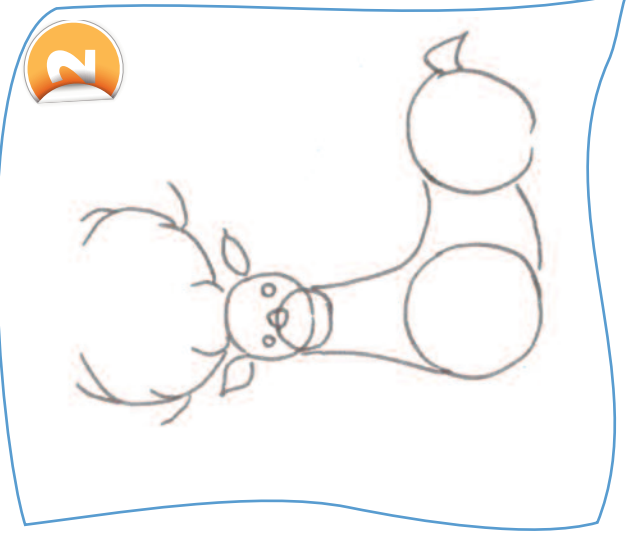
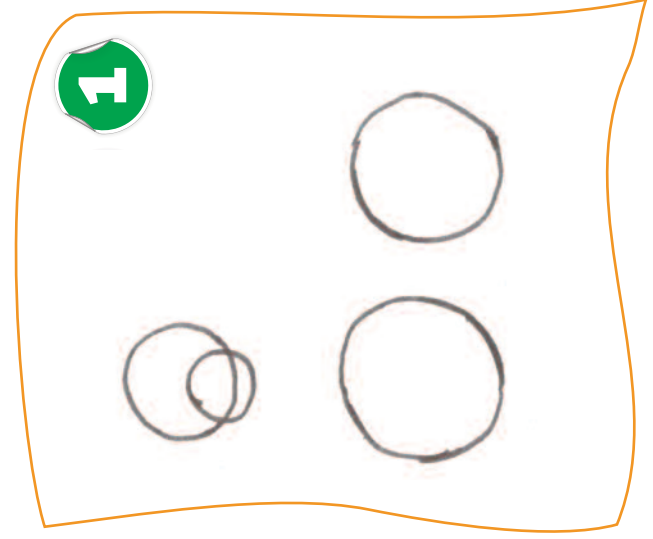
Colour this bird as you would like it to appear on the wallpaper in your bedroom.



This pretty mirror is decorated with blue glass. It hangs in the Drawing-room of Muckross House. Pretend you are looking into the mirror and draw your reflection.



Herbie loves to watch the native Irish Red Deer that roam the landscape close to his home.

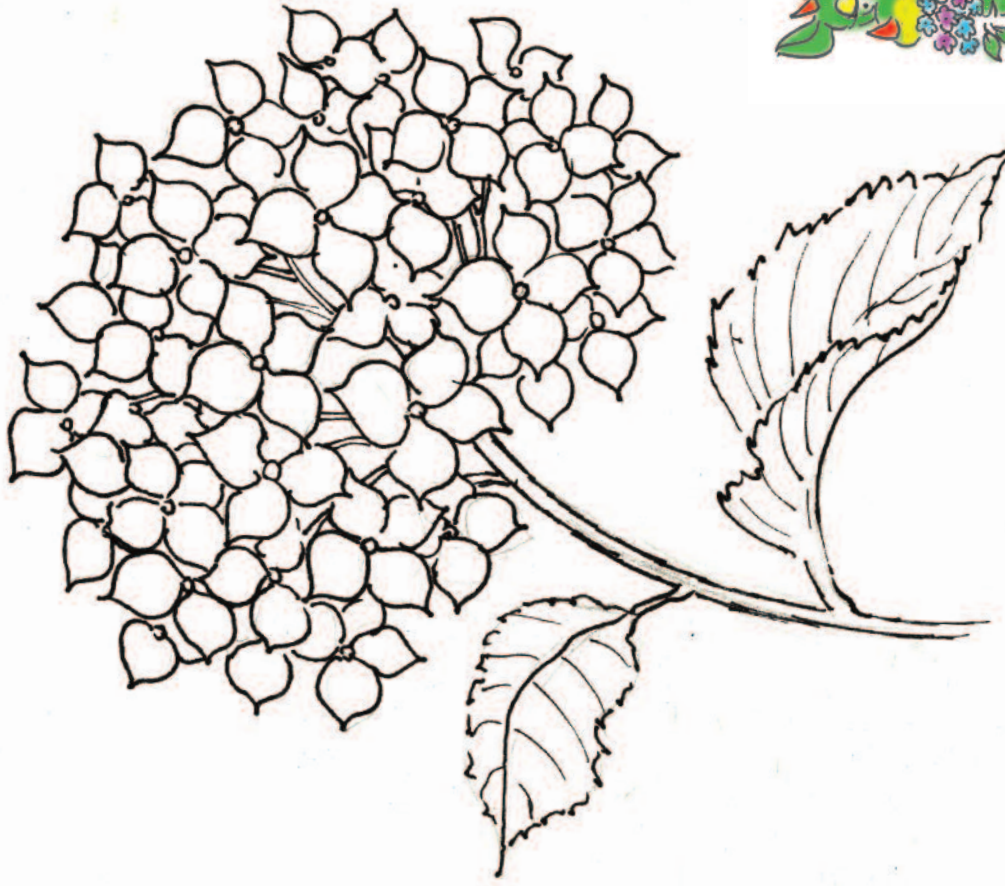


Learn to draw a deer by following these four steps.
You will need a pencil and an eraser.



Long after the Herberts had departed, Muckross became the home of the Vincent family. Their two children, Rosie and Billy, had much fun playing overlooking the lake.





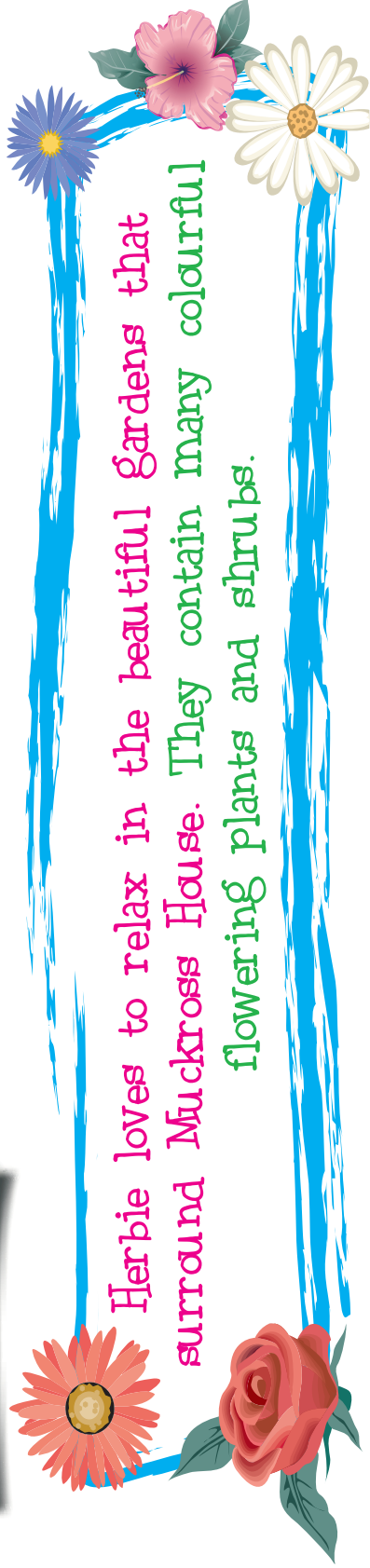
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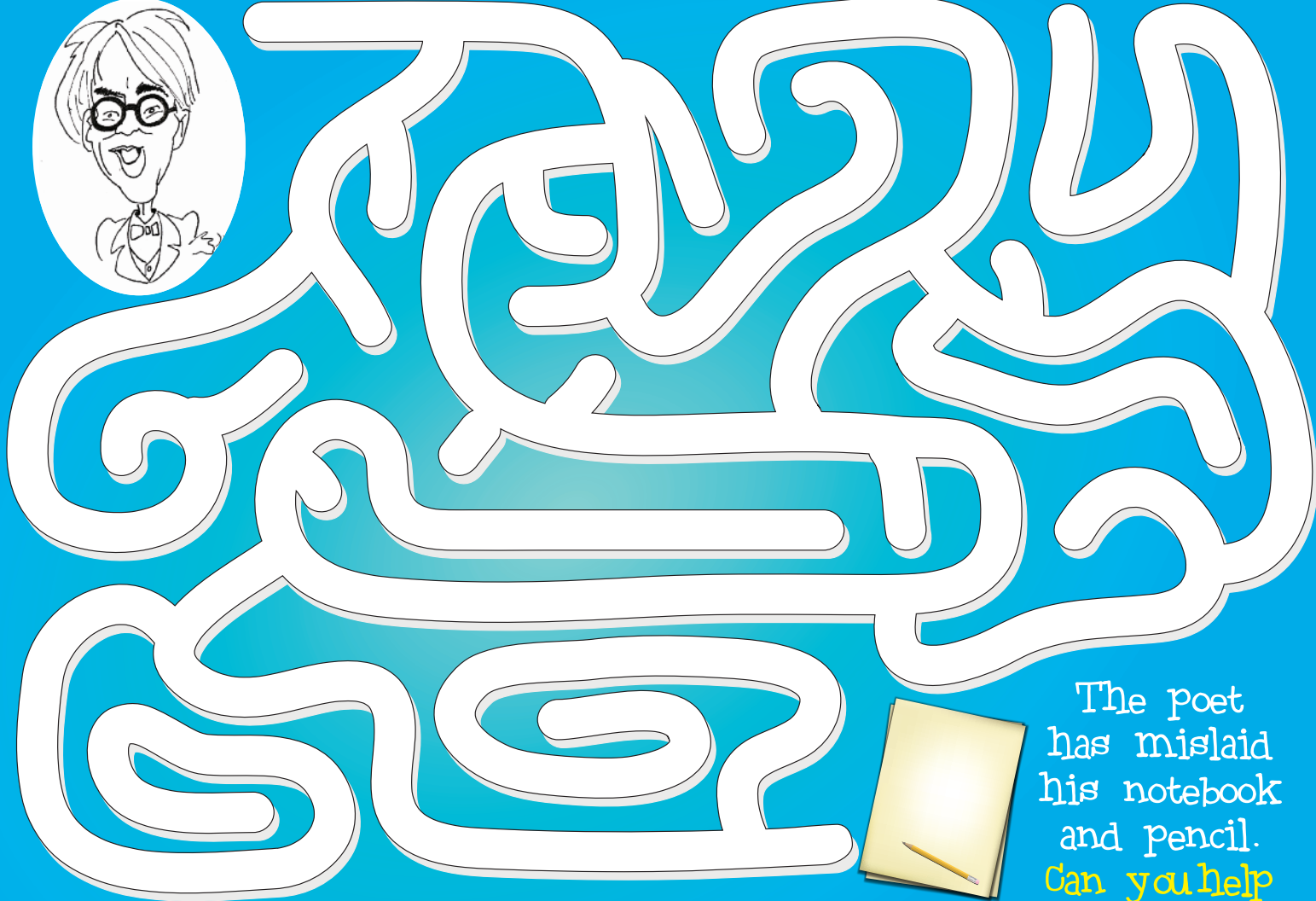


Herbie loves to relax in the beautiful Gardens that surround Muckross House. They contain many colourful flowering plants and shrubs.





The Vincent family welcomed many guests to Muckross during the 1920s, including the famous Irish poet William Butler Yeats.



The poet has mislaid his notebook and pencil. Can you help him find them?

Complete the crossword below

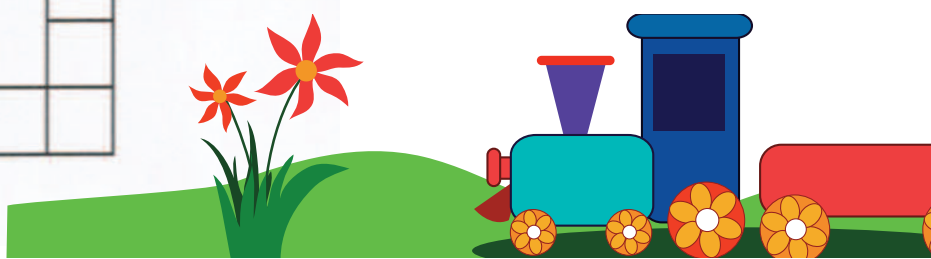


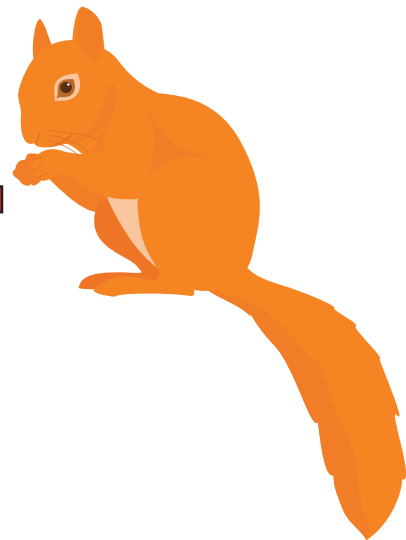
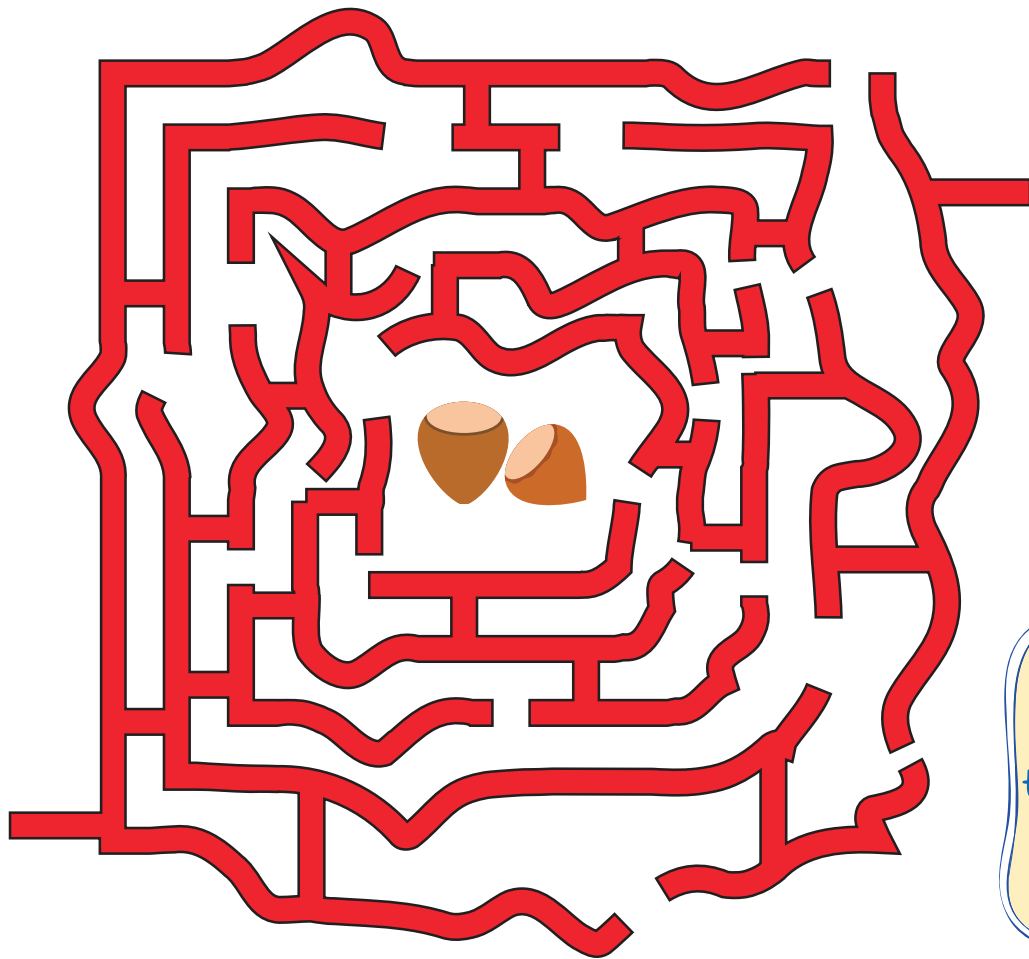
Down

- 1. Name the second family to live at Muckross
- 2. Name the queen who visited Muckross
- 3. Name this big house near Killarney
- 6. Type of native deer found in Killarney

Across

- 4. Name of the family who built Muckross House
- 5. Name the nearest town to Muckross
- 7. The name of a famous Irish poet





Please help
Herbie's friend
the Red Squirrel
find his store
of nuts.



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