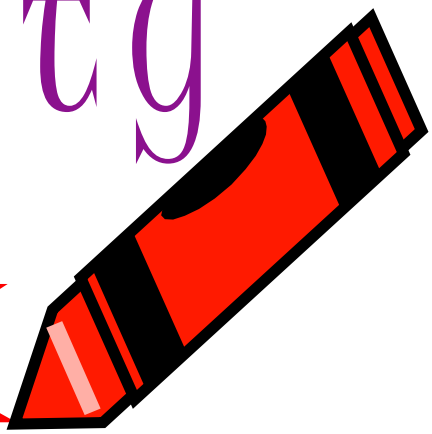
People First Activity Book



For Young Children

Dear Parents and Teachers,

We are delighted that you have chosen the *People First Activity Book* for use in your home or classroom.

The activity book is designed for you and your children to do together as an individual or classroom activity. We encourage you to discuss each example with your child or class to help them better understand the concepts presented.

If you would like more information on People First Language or other disability issues, or if you would like additional copies of the activity book, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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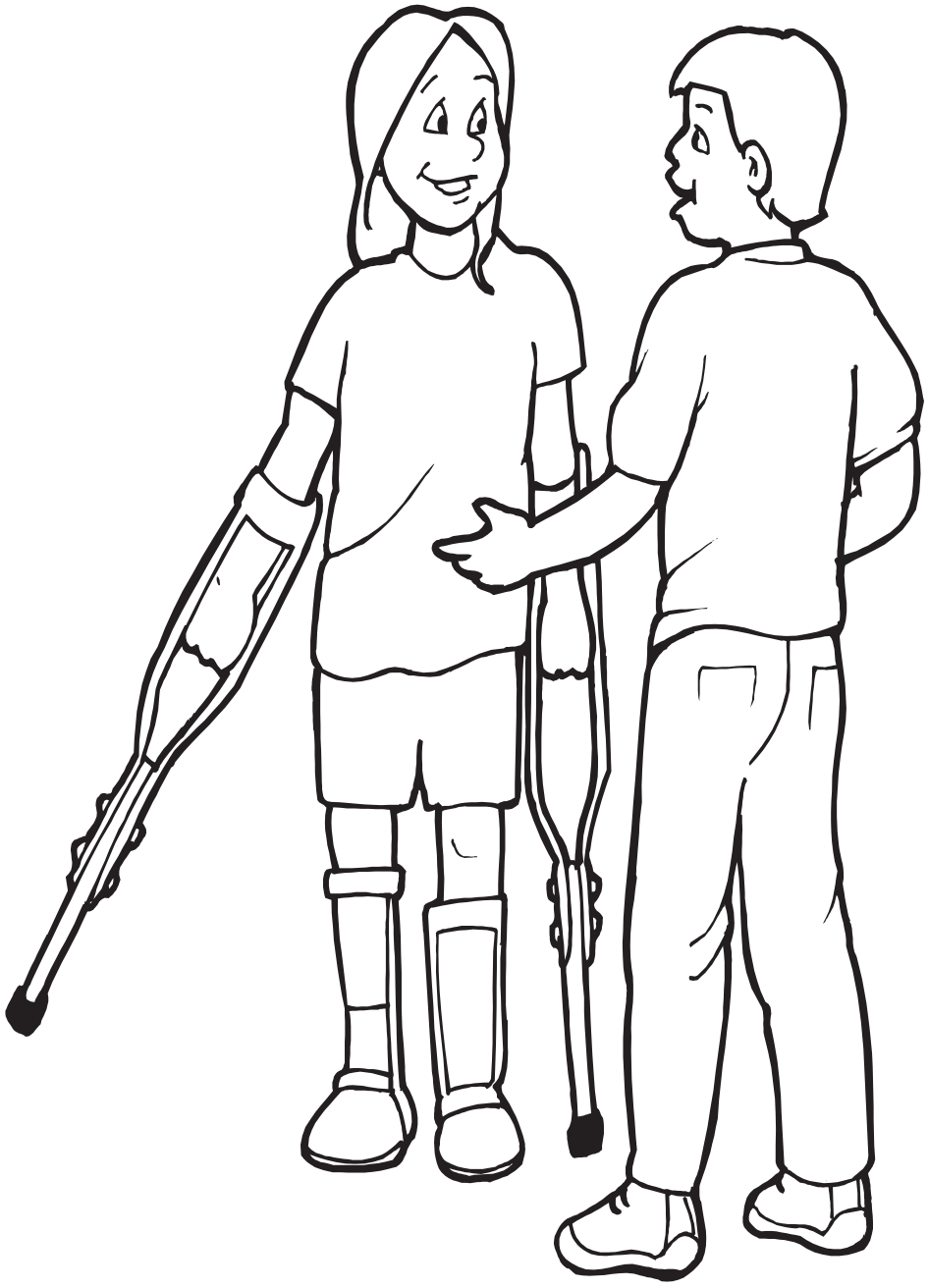

The way we talk to and about people who have disabilities is very important.

When we talk too much about someone's disability and don't spend enough time talking to the person, we might hurt their feelings.

The truth is, people with disabilities enjoy doing the same things that people without disabilities like to do.

Start

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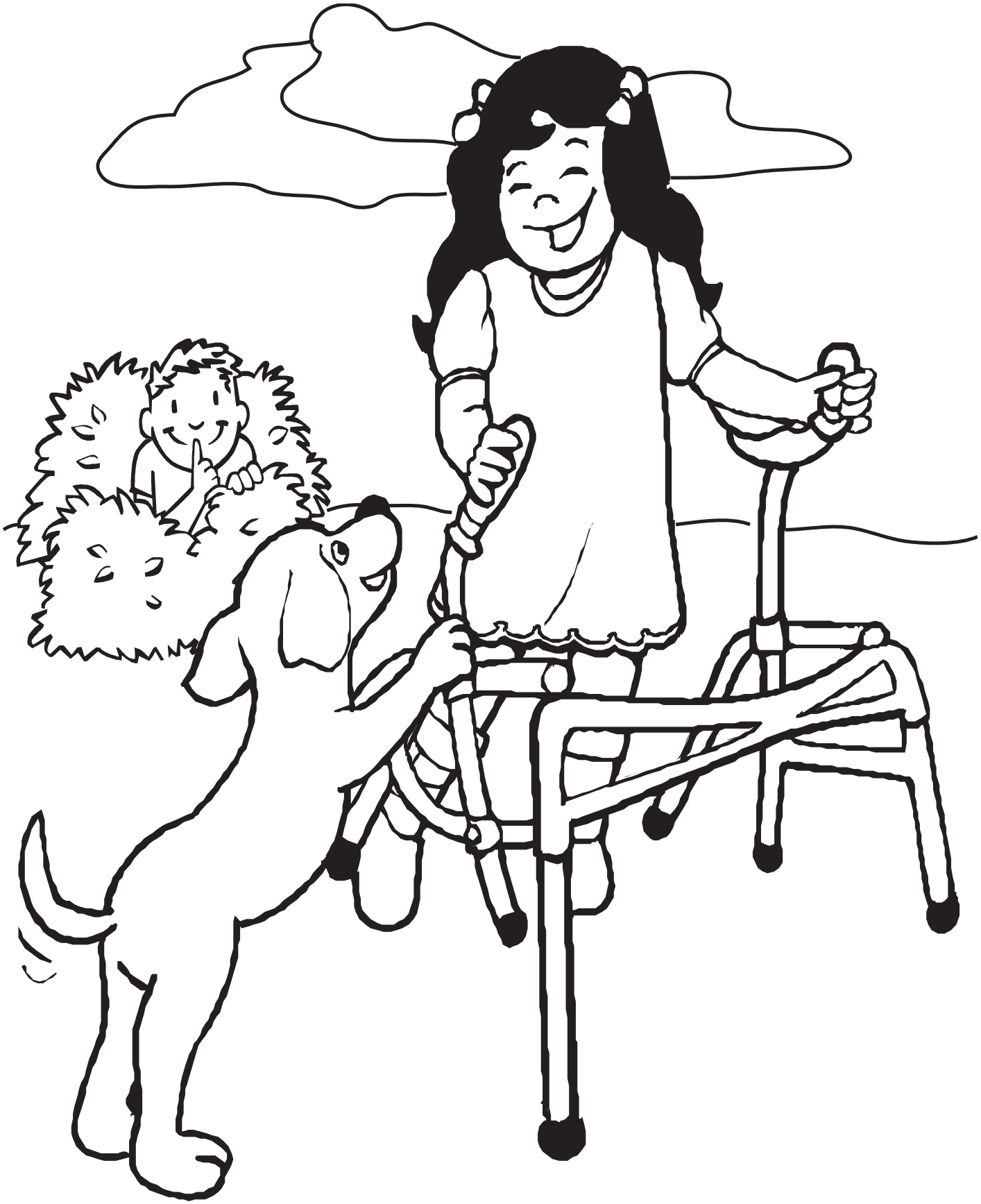
Help Dave find his friends at the park.

People with disabilities are everywhere. We should all learn to be respectful to all members of our communities.

People with disabilities are Moms.

They are Dads.



They are brothers and sisters.

They are friends.

Harriet Tubman
African American Abolitionist

They are civil rights leaders.

Vincent Van Gogh
Painter

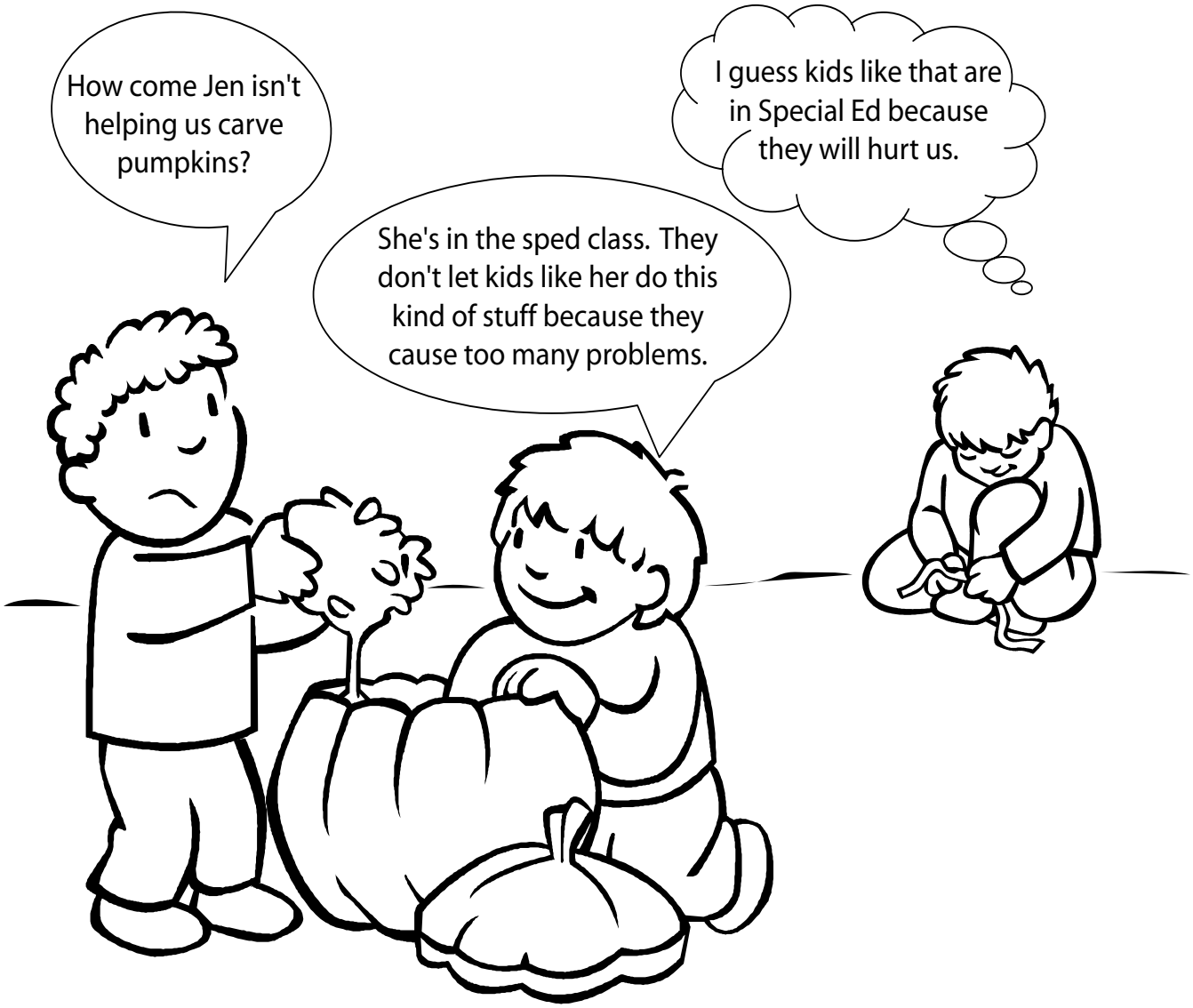
They are famous artists.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
US President
1933-1945

They are Presidents.

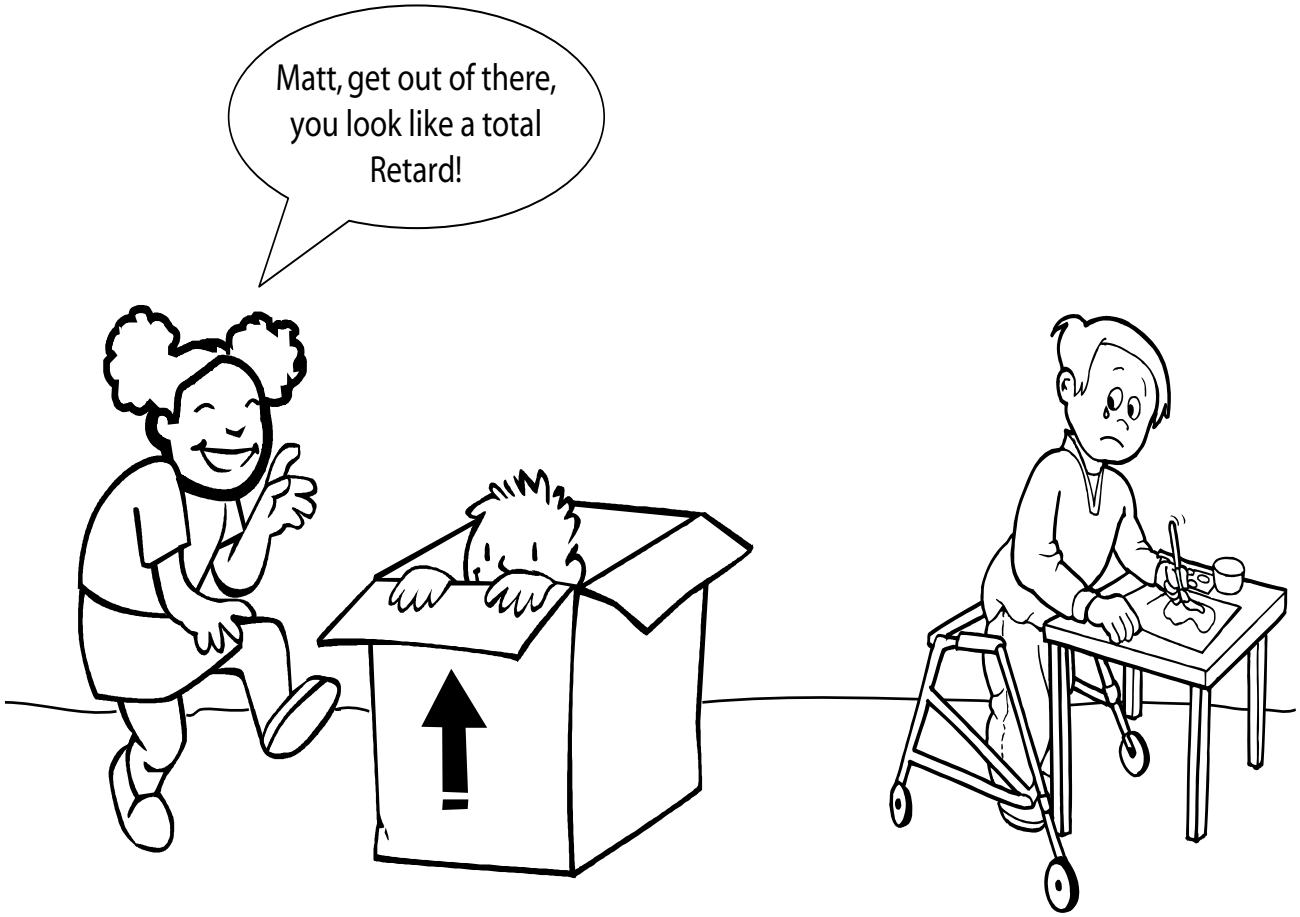
Write as many bad labels as you can think of in the jar and draw a lid on it so that you remember not to use them.

Many words that are used to talk about people with disabilities are not very nice or cause people to be afraid of people with disabilities. We call these words labels.

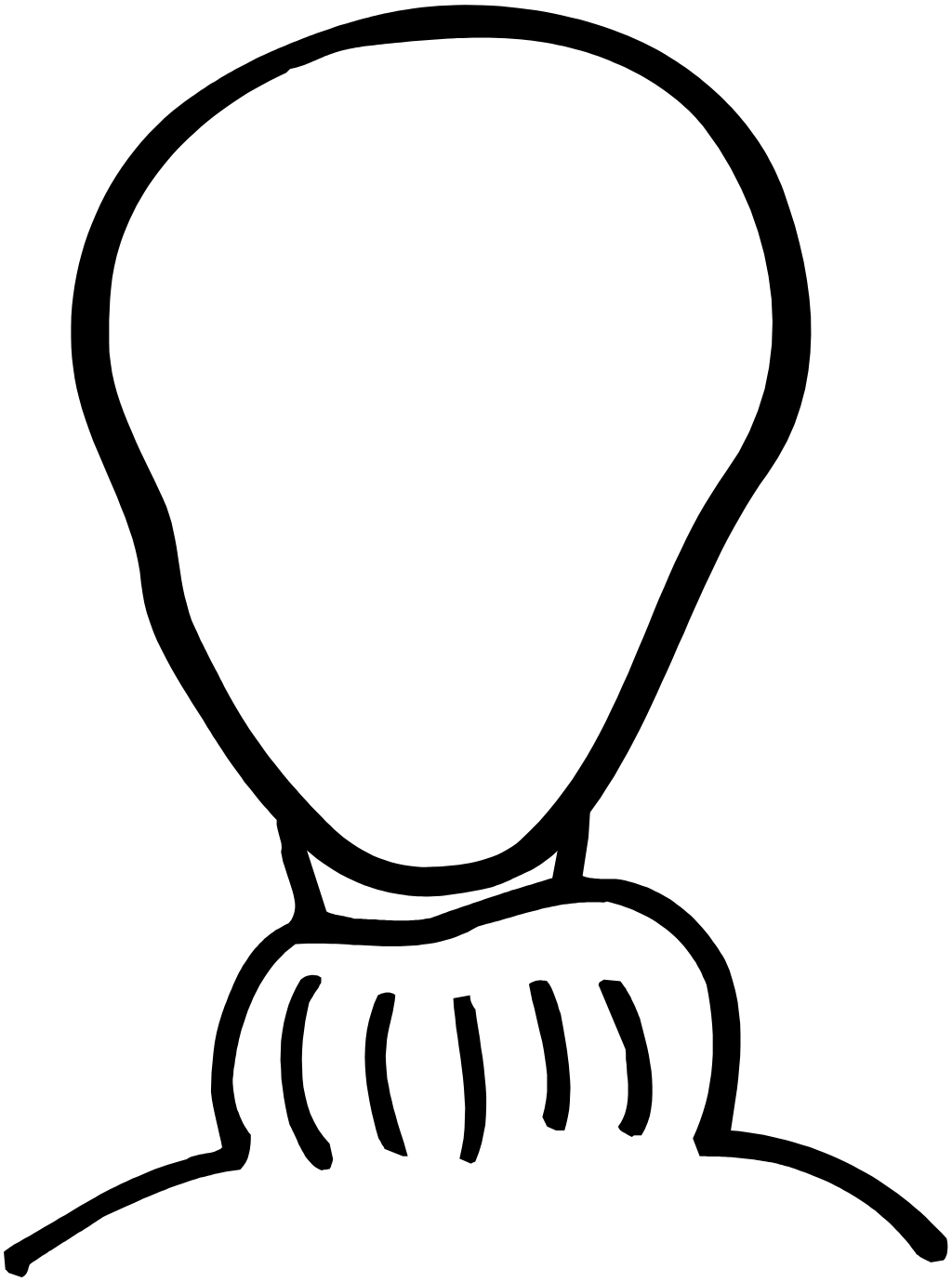


When we use these labels, we might give other people wrong and confusing ideas about people with disabilities. These wrong ideas are called stereotypes.

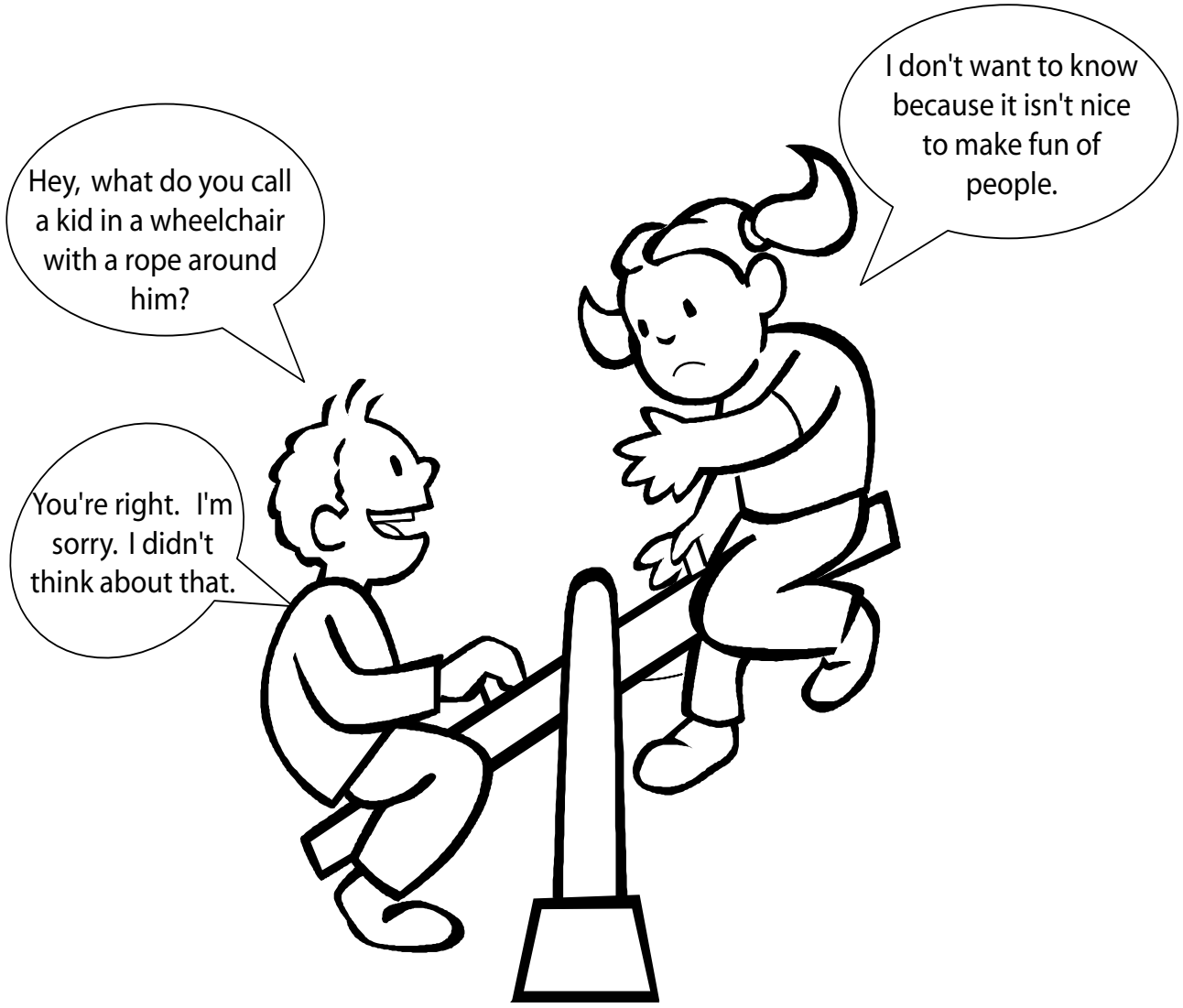
We may hear our friends use these labels in jokes or as a way to say something is “bad” or “stupid.” We may also hear them on Tv or in the movies.



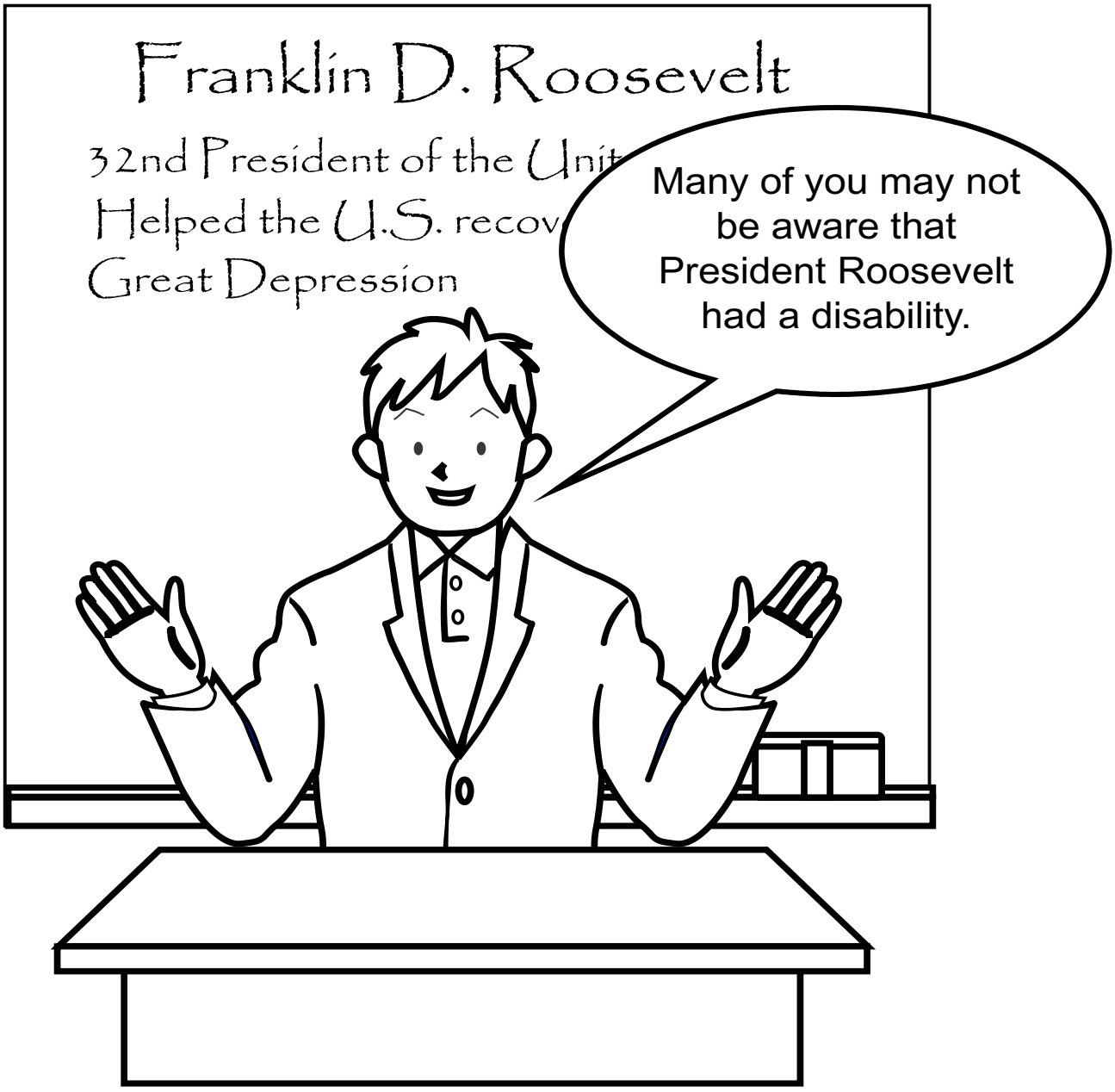
We may think that it is OK to use these labels because they aren't being used to talk about a person with a disability. But, it isn't OK because it hurts people's feelings.



Draw how you would feel if someone told you that you were bad or stupid.

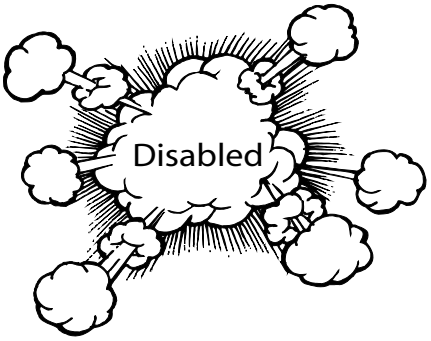


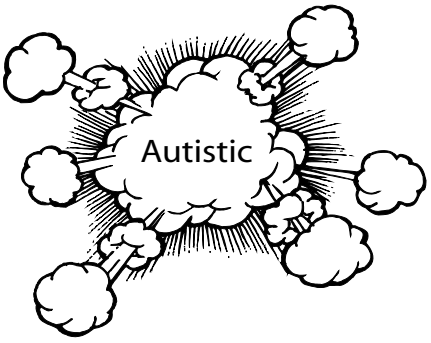
We should also never tell jokes about people with disabilities. If someone wants to tell you a joke that is mean, it is OK to tell them you don't want to hear it.

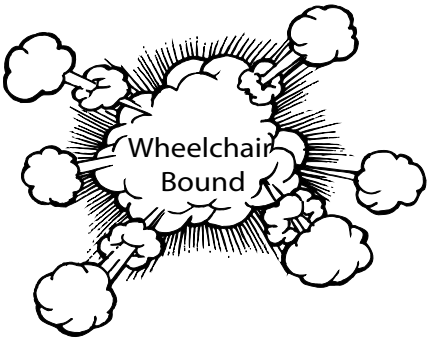


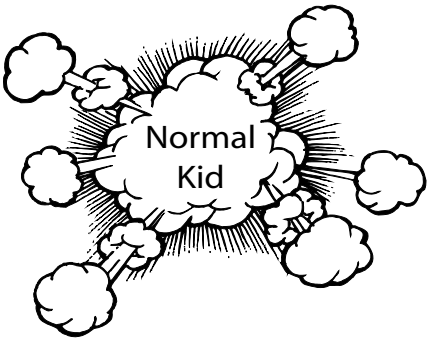
When we talk to or about people with disabilities, we should always use People First Language.

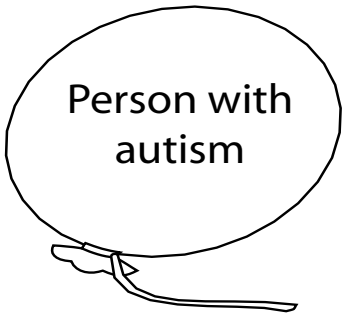
People First
Matching Game



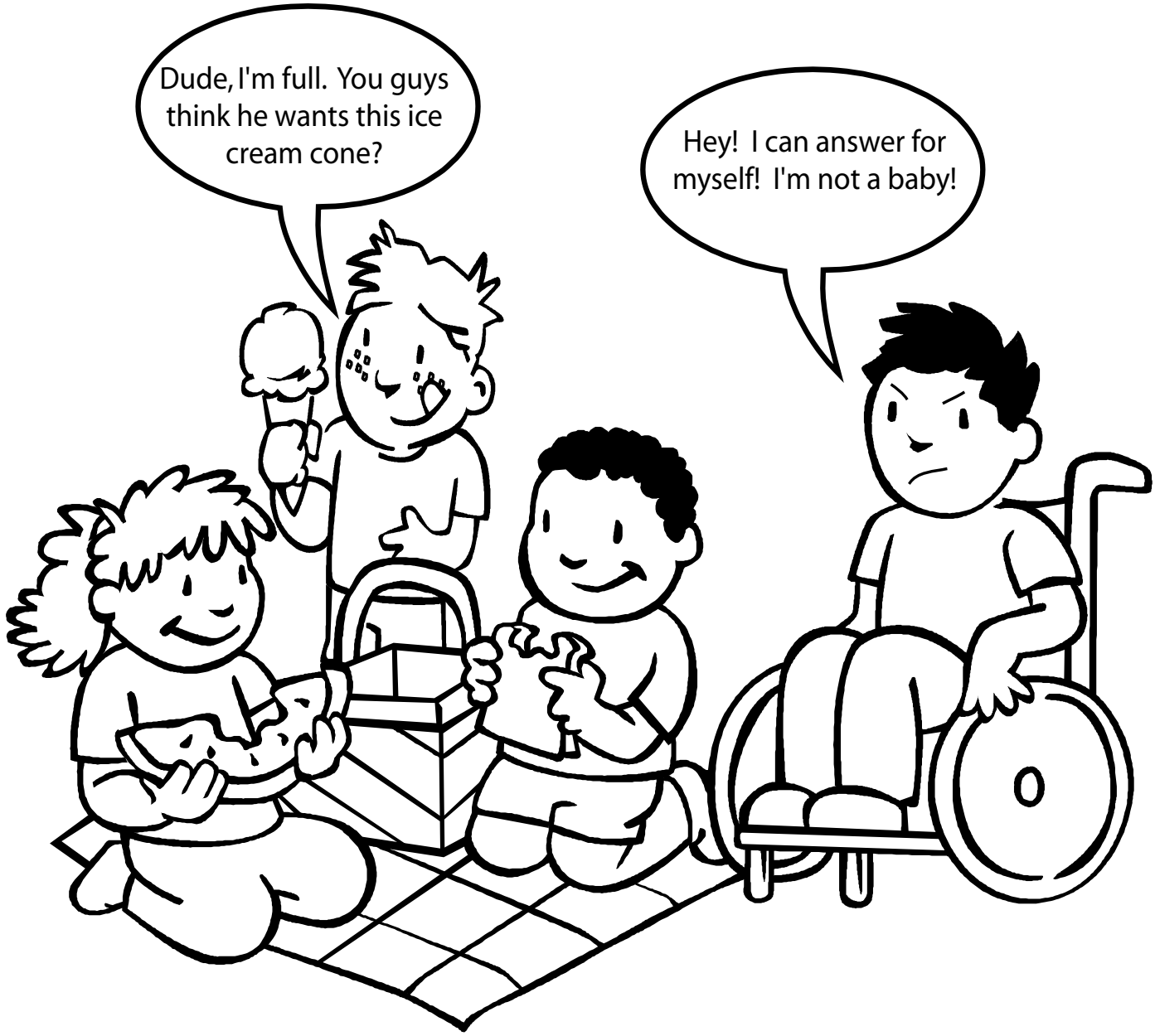




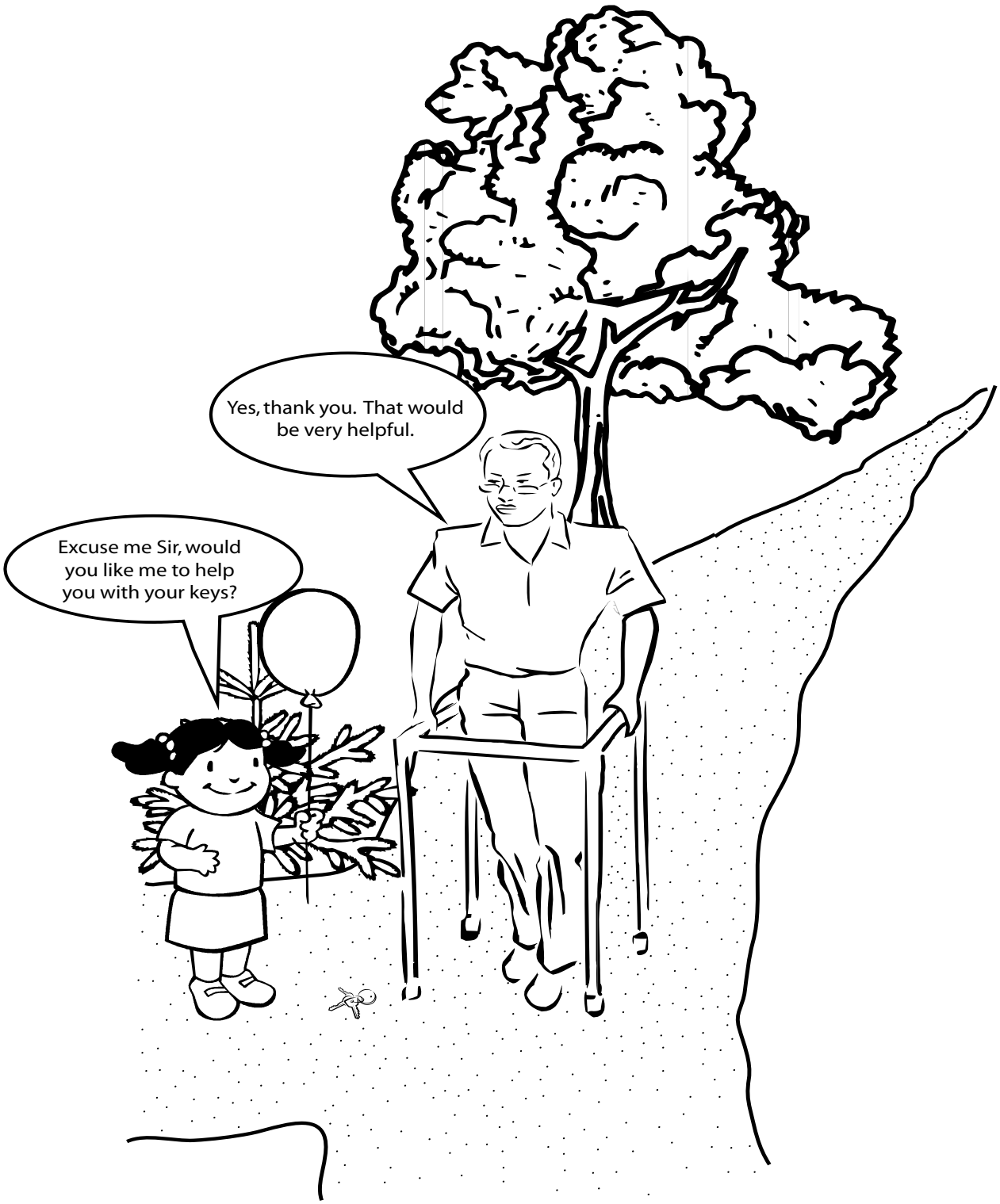




Match the labels on the left to the correct People First phrase on the right.



We shouldn't treat our friends with disabilities any differently than we treat our friends without disabilities. If we do, we may hurt their feelings or make them angry.



It is always nice to help others, but we shouldn't assume that people with disabilities can't help themselves. If we think that someone could use our help, it is polite to ask first, just to be sure.

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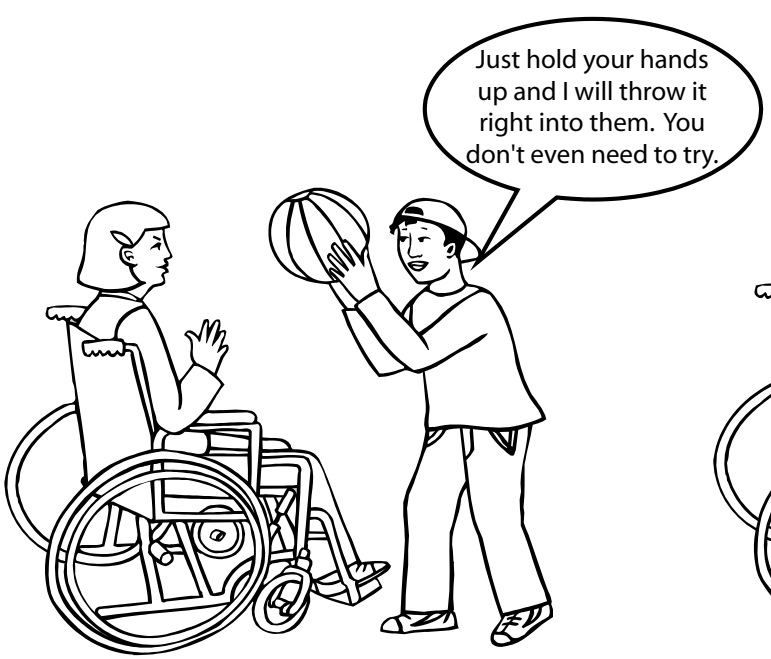
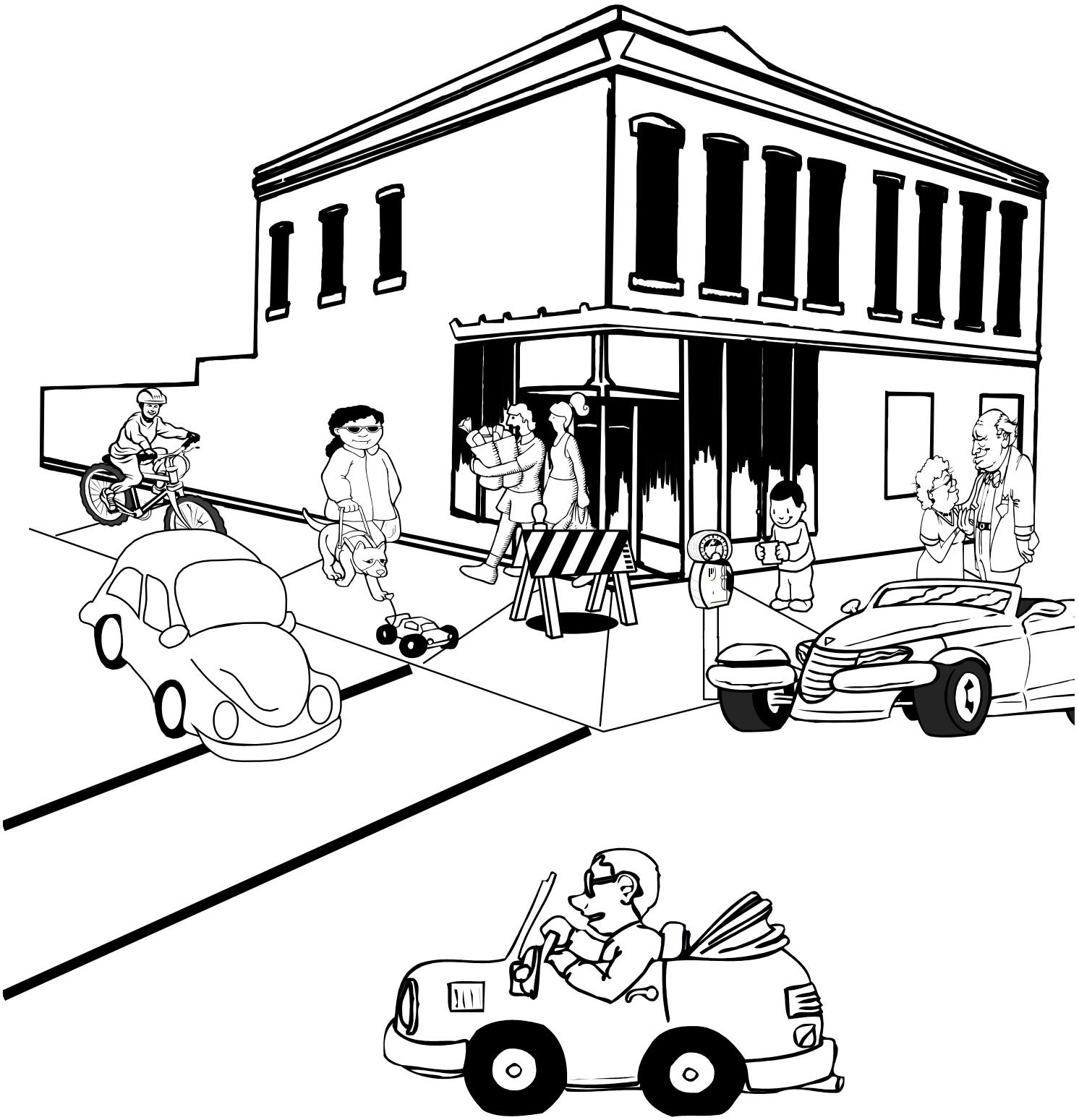


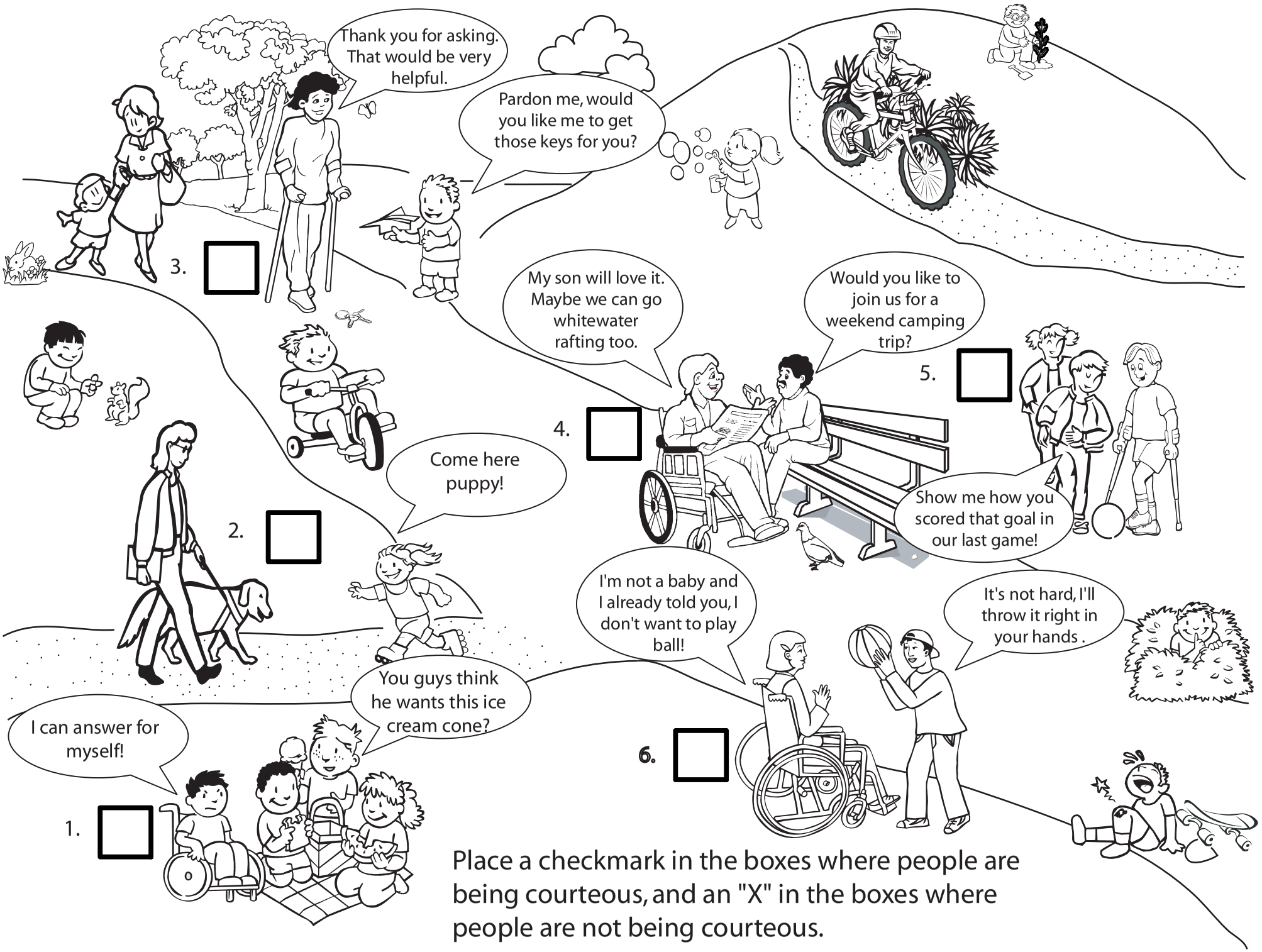
Circle and color the picture that is the best example of how we should treat our friends.

Some people with disabilities have animals who help them. These animals are called support animals.

We should never pet a support animal without asking the person first. We might distract the animal from doing its job. It's always a good idea to ask before petting any animal.

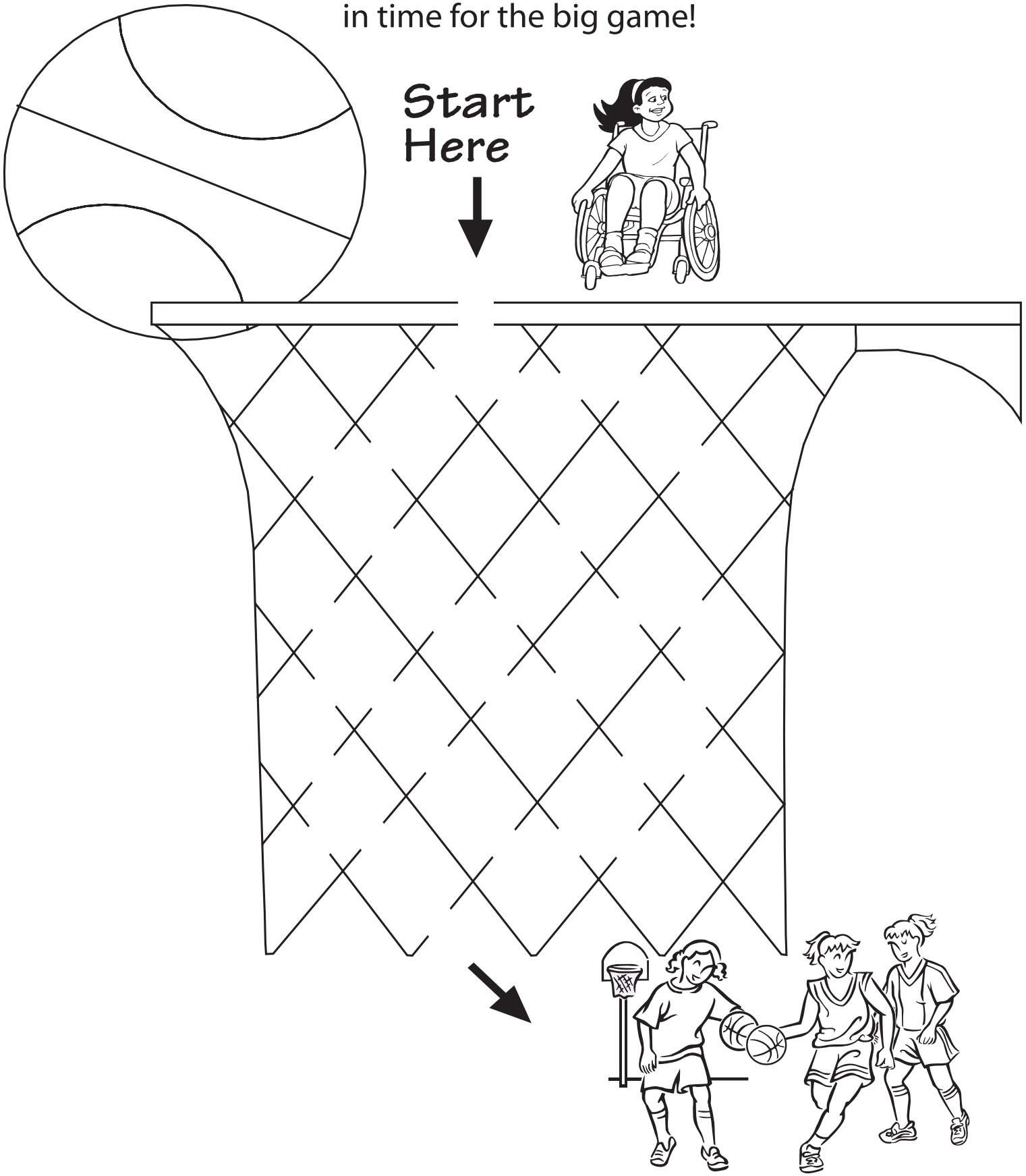


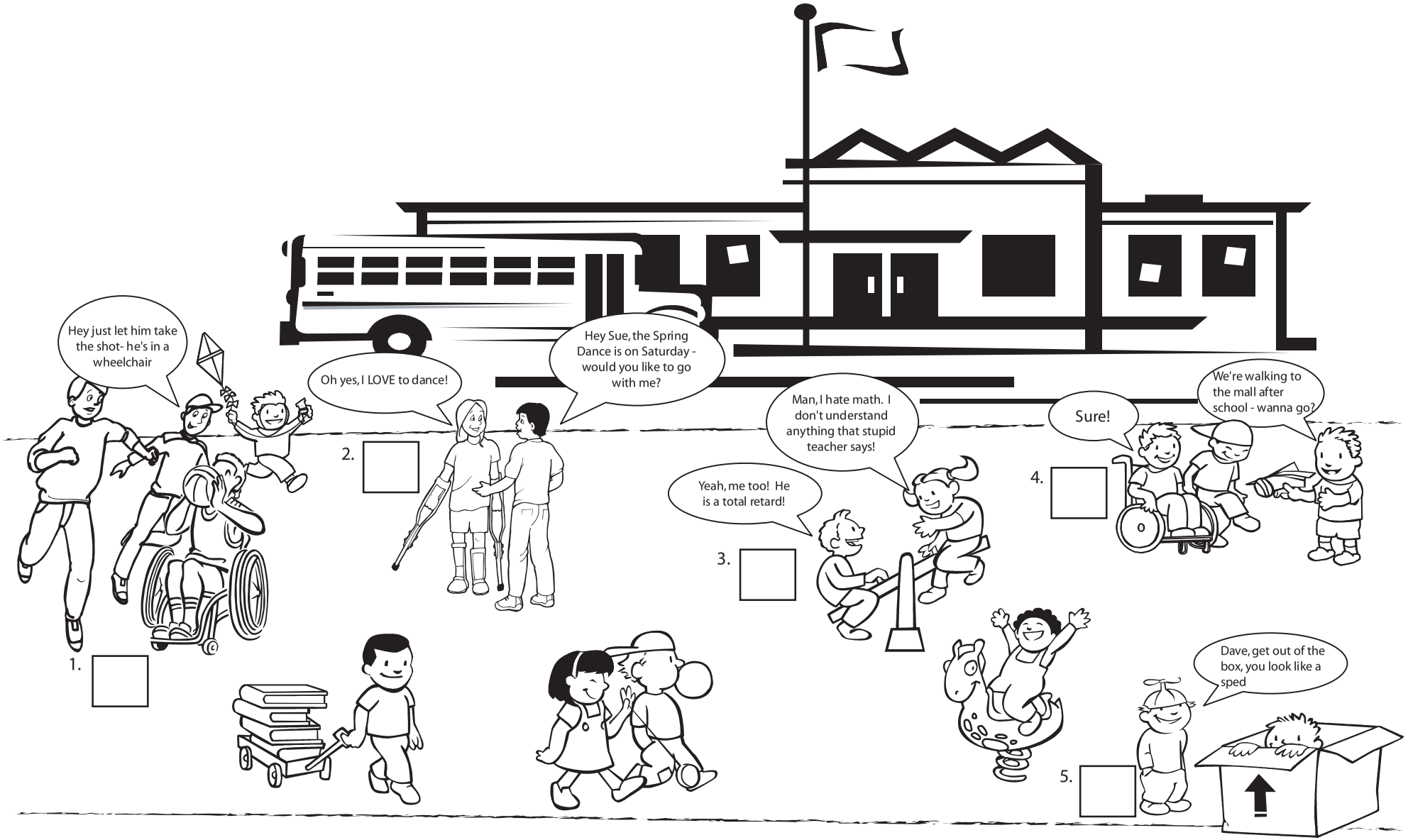
Circle all of the things you think could be a problem for the woman if her support dog got distracted by someone paying attention to it without her knowing about it.



Place a checkmark in the boxes where people are being courteous, and an "X" in the boxes where people are not being courteous.

Help Heather join the rest of her teammates in time for the big game!





Place a checkmark in the boxes which show students using People First Langauge and an X in the boxes where students are not using People First Langauge

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