



My New Hammer

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Complex Combinations

This story has several challenging words, particularly "knocked", "quite", "whack", "thumb".

Take the time to explain each word and the rules.

Phonics - Rules

'ie' as in 'friend' [/ i / before / e / except after / c /]

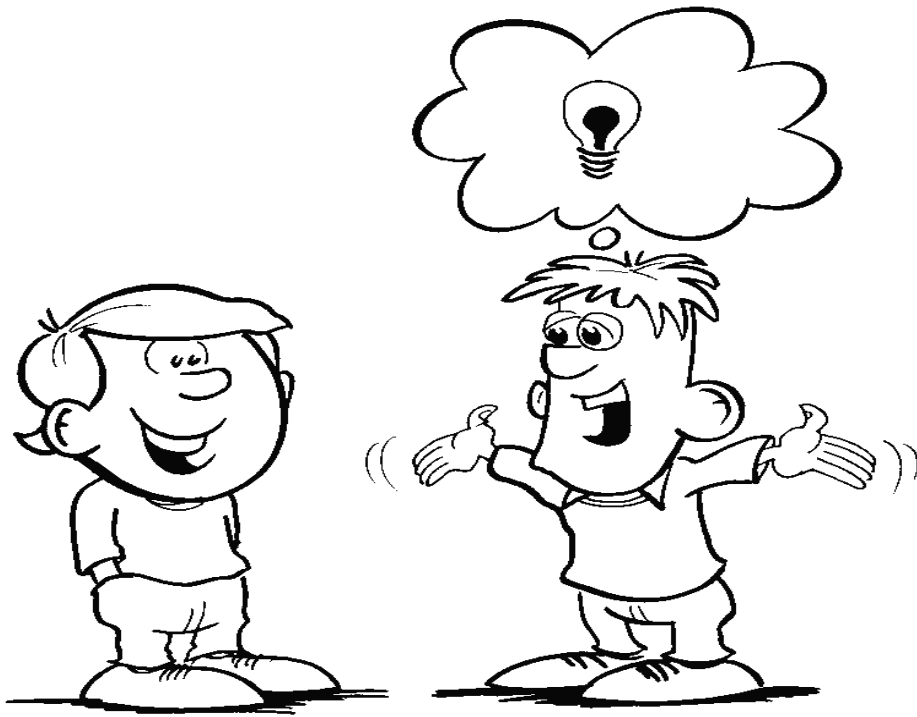
The sound 'qu' - as in the word 'quite' [/ u / always follows / q /]

silent ' b ' as in 'numb', 'thumb'

silent ' k ' as in 'knock'.

Try These New Words

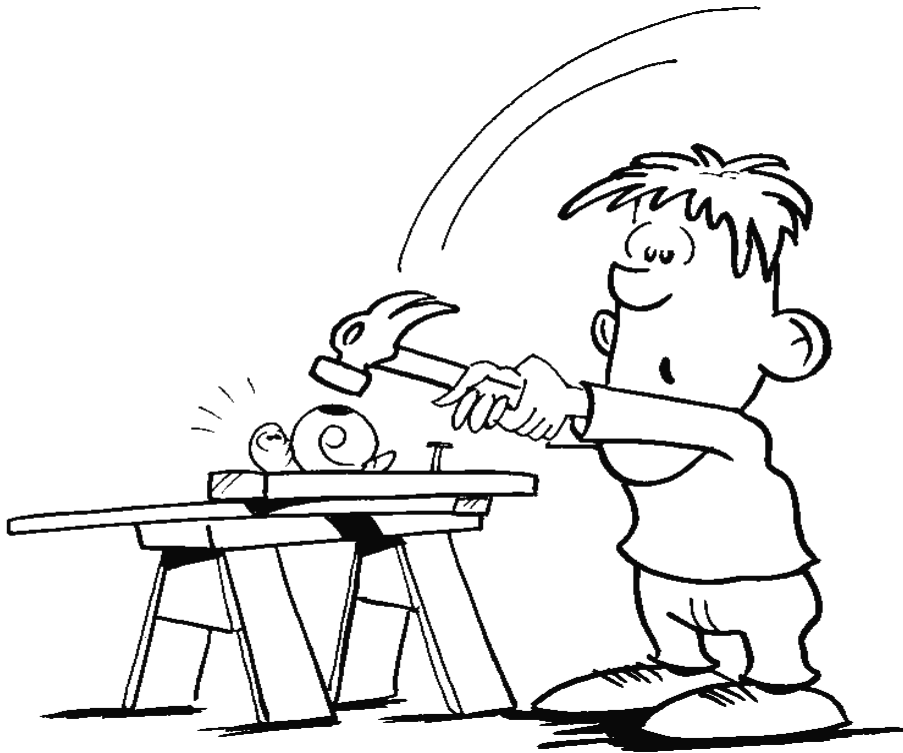
hammer treehouse friend strong
defend banged hammer tried swung
wail white thumb quite quick whack



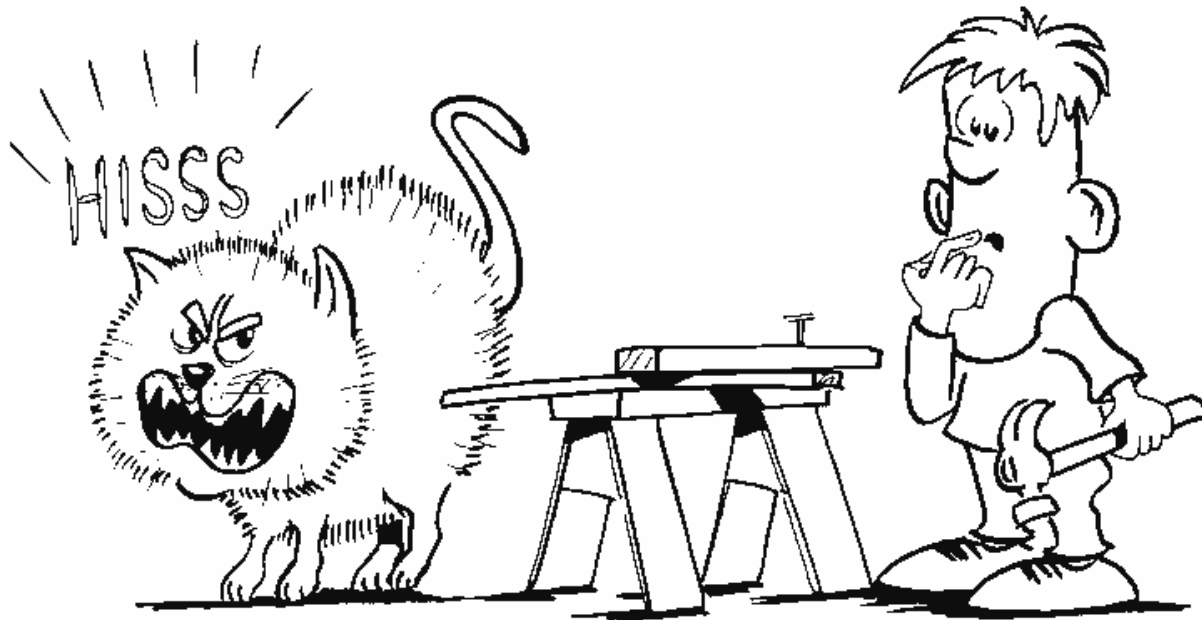
"Lets make a treehouse", I said to my friend.
"We'll make it so strong its easy to defend".

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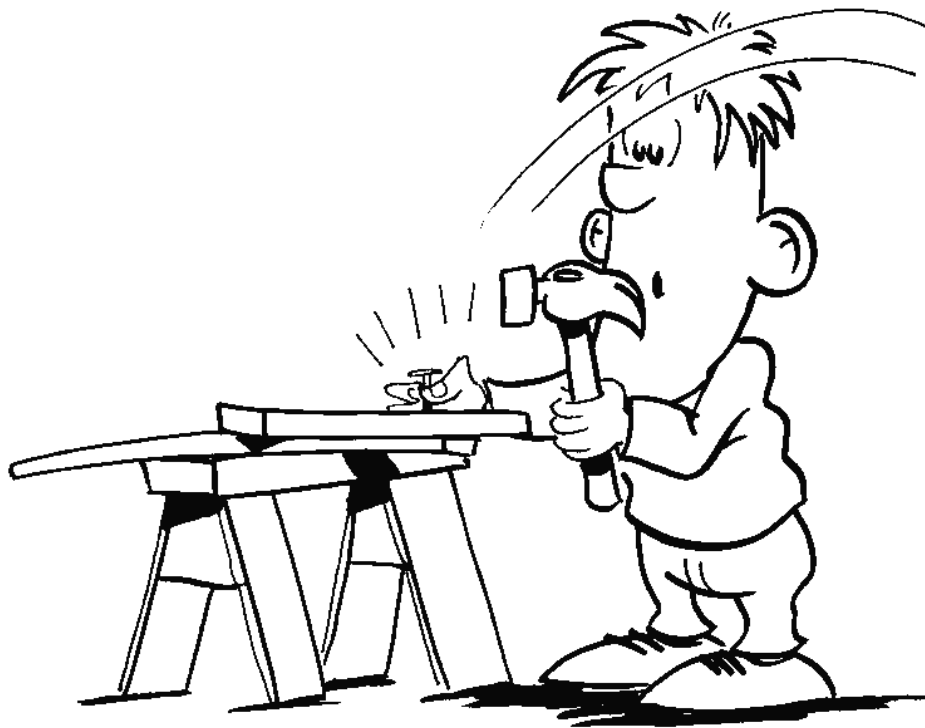
I banged down my hammer to hit the nail.
But I missed my mark and hit a snail.



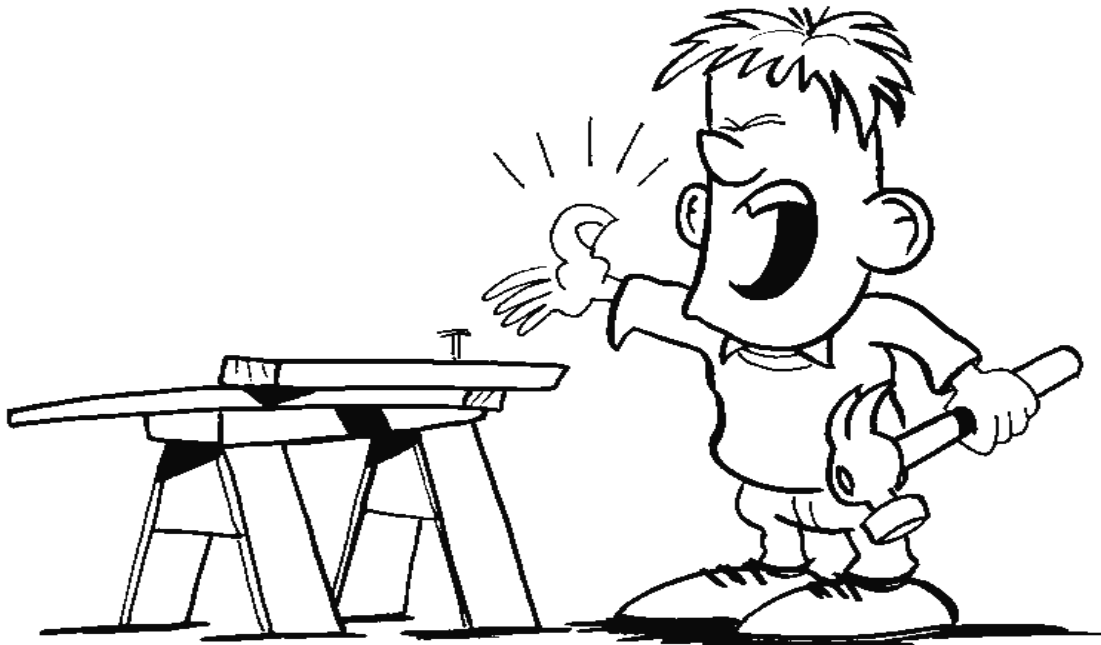
I tried again, I swung and I missed!
I hit the cat's tail ... it spat and it hissed.

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I swung again and hit MY nail ...
My face turned white and I began to wail.



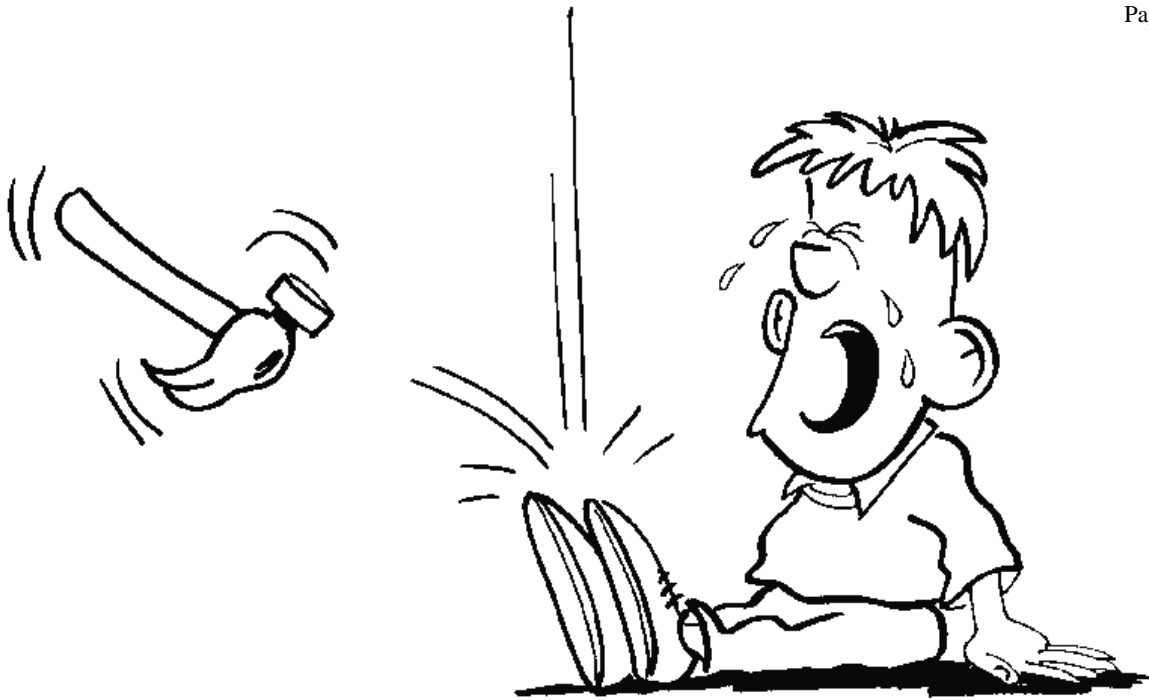
"Quick, Mum and Dad, I've broken my thumb,
I can't feel anything, its gone quite numb".

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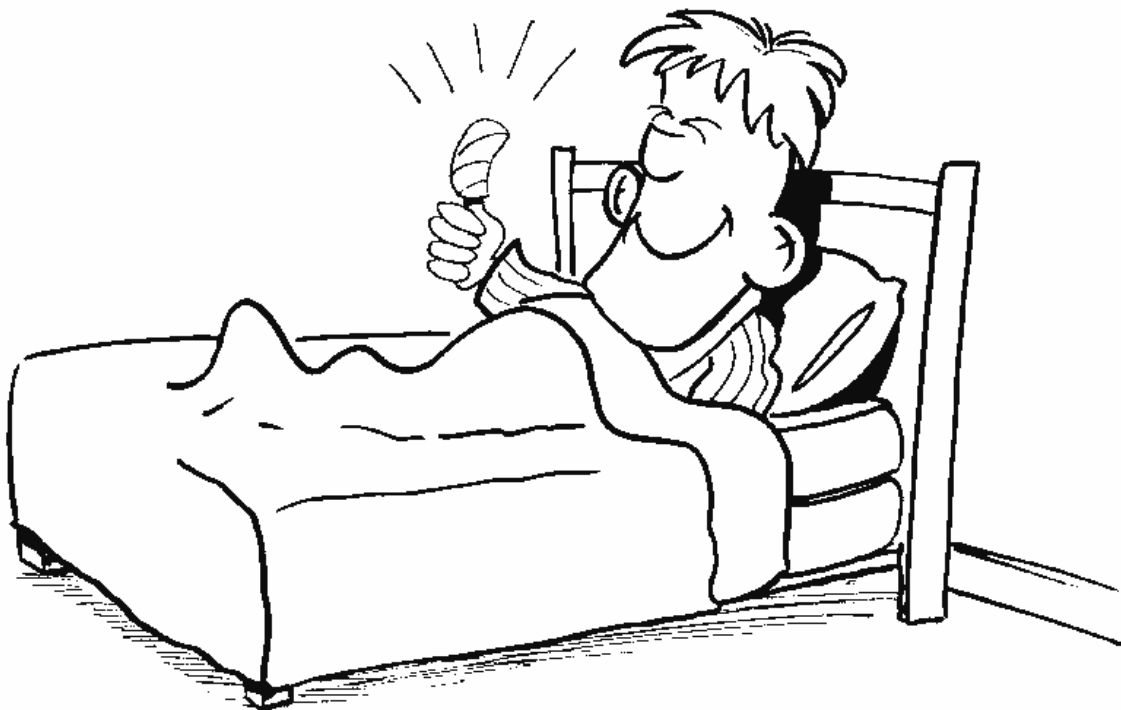
I tripped on some wood, it gave me a whack!
The plank knocked me over, onto my back.



The hammer flew high, up into the sky, then it dropped on my foot - now that made me cry!

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I stumbled inside, holding my thumb and my head - now I feel quite safe, tucked in my bed.

Extra Words

quite quiet believe retrieve friend
receive deceive

Comprehension

1. When he missed the nail, what did he hit first?
2. What sound did the cat make?
3. What did he hit next?
4. What did he trip over?
5. What was the last thing the hammer hit?

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Complete the sentences with these words.

hit, thumb, numb, wail.

I ____ my nail and began to
____. "I've broken my _____
and its gone quite _____".