



We went for a Sail

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Complex Combinations

This story has several challenging words, "through", "howling", "forced".
Take the time to explain the complexities of each word.

Phonic Decoding

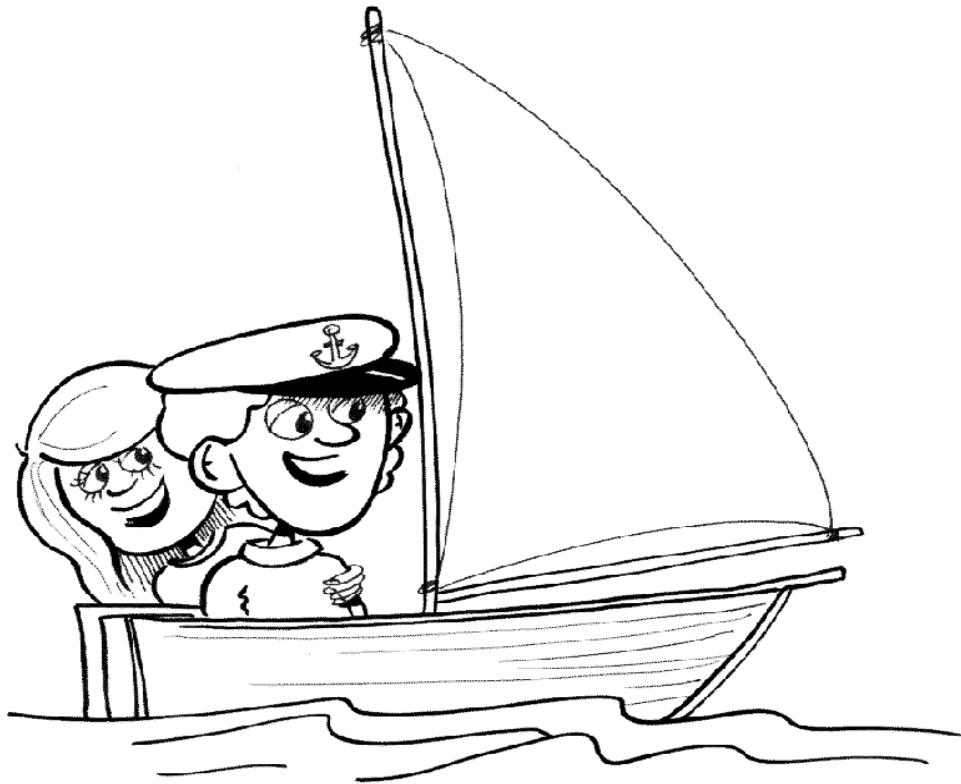
The Sound 'ail' - as in the word 'sail'

Carefully Explain

Silent 'h' as in 'whale' | The 's' sound in 'forced'

Try These New Words

sail tail hail trail snail wail
wailing whale buckets lashed
snapped captain through



We went for a sail to search for a whale.

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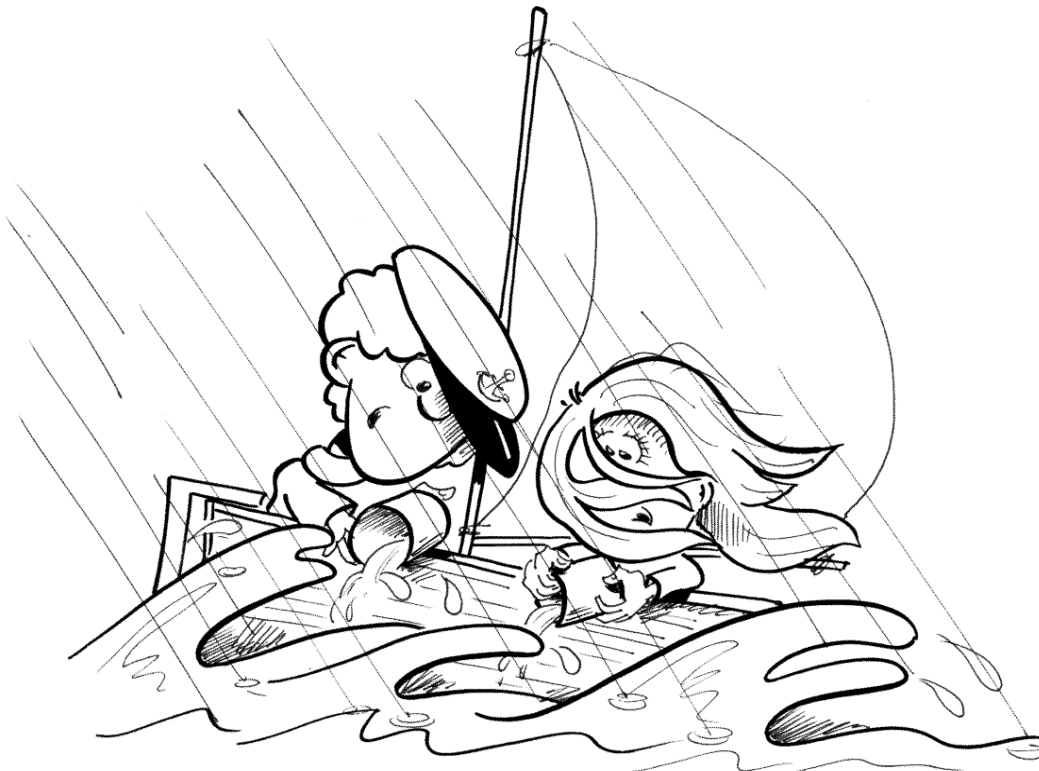
When a wild storm hit us, with a
howling wind and buckets of hail.



The waves broke over our frail boat
as we tried to sail.

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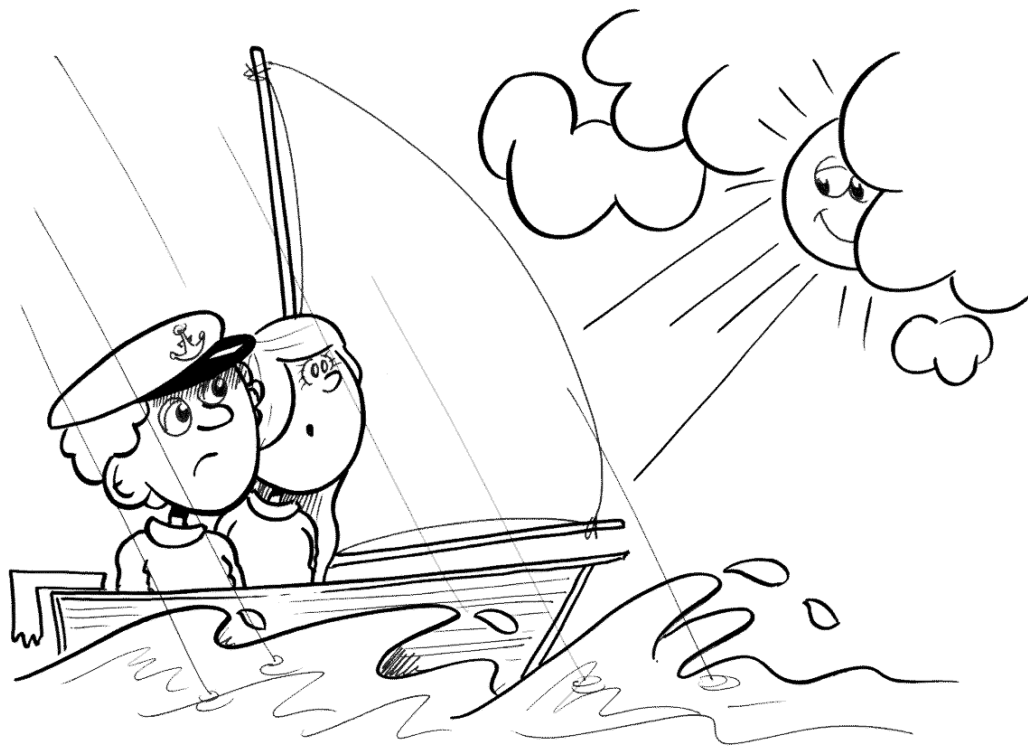
The water rushed in, and
we were forced to bail.



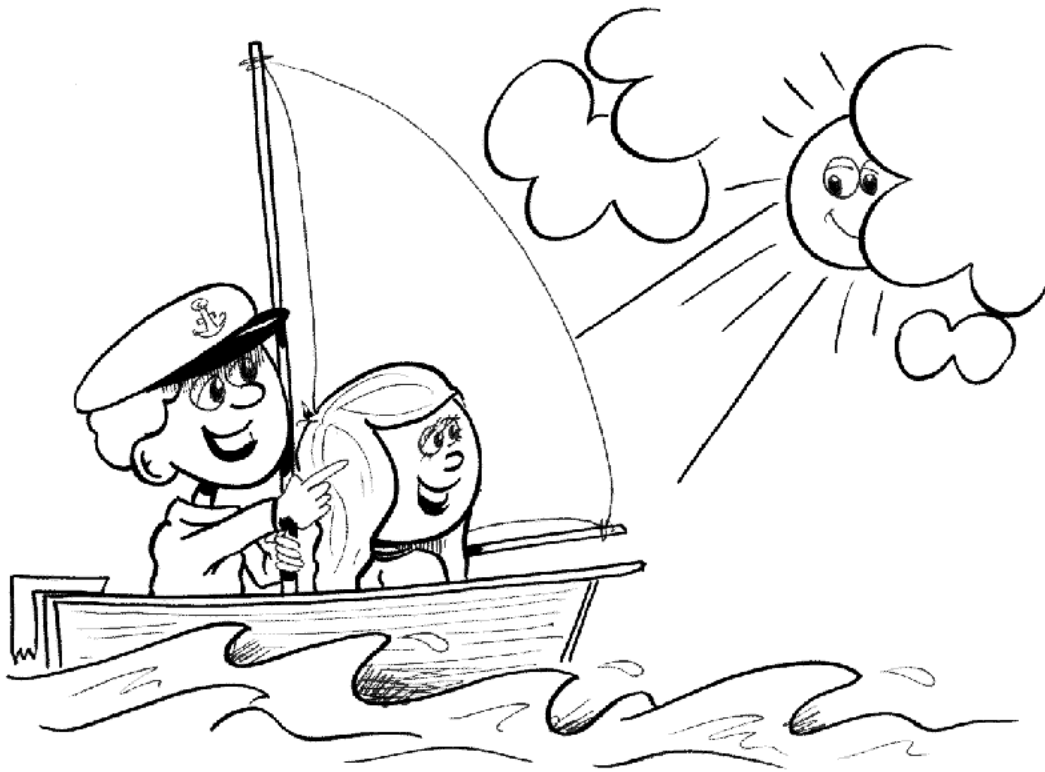
The wind lashed our sail and the storm snapped our tail.

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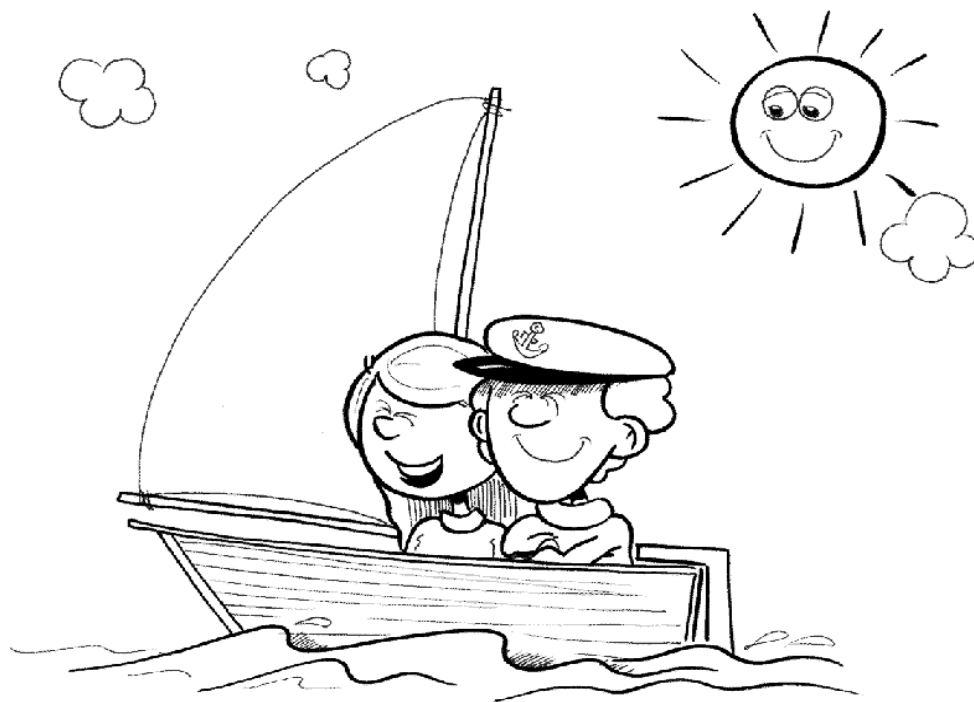


Then through the dark clouds a ray of sun struck our sail.



The captain of the ship said,
"let's follow the sun's trail".

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So we sailed back home - no sight of a
whale, but we had an exciting time, and
it was a fantastic tale!

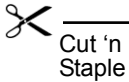
Extra Words

mail fail bail frail
stale shale pale

Comprehension

1. What animal were the children looking for?
2. The storm dropped buckets of what?
3. What happened when the water rushed in?
4. What did the storm break?
5. What struck the sail from the sky?

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Complete the sentences with these words.

waves, broke, nail, tail.

The _____ snapped a _____
and _____ off our _____.