

A DICTIONARY OF CHARACTERS

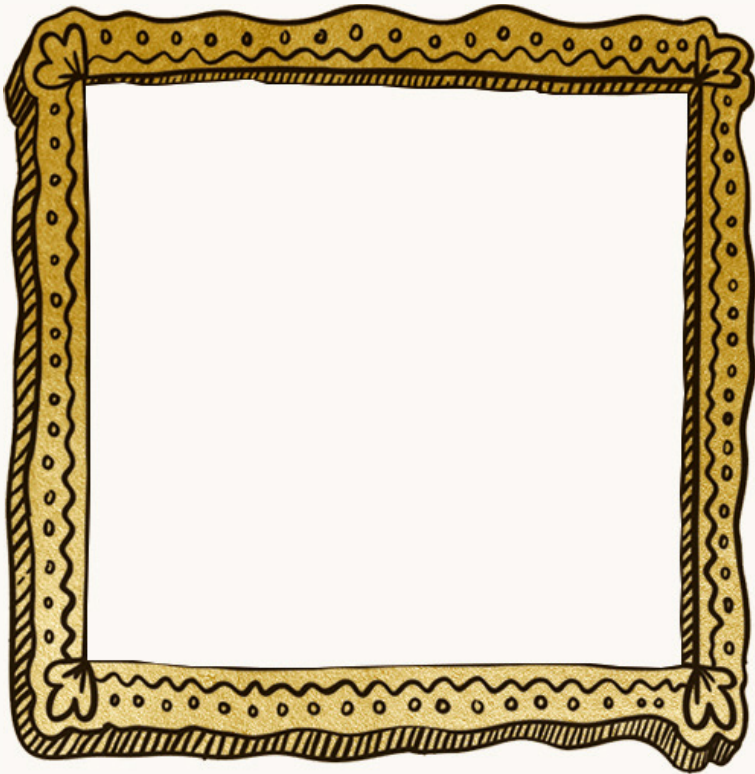
Inspired by: *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln

Can you use Beth's dictionary to create two of your own characters to feature in The Swift family gallery? Use the definitions and questions to help develop your ideas.

Atrocious-	<i>(adjective)</i> Horrifyingly wicked
Barbaric -	<i>(adjective)</i> Savagely cruel, unsophisticated.
Covetous -	<i>(adjective)</i> Greedy, eagerly desirous.
Dither -	<i>(verb)</i> To be indecisive
Eerie -	<i>(adjective)</i> Strange, creepy or unsettling
Fumble -	<i>(verb)</i> To drop, to hold clumsily, or to make a mistake
Gumption -	<i>(noun)</i> Courage, moxie, determination
Hirsute -	<i>(adjective)</i> Hairy!
Inheritance -	<i>(noun)</i> A thing that is inherited
Jollity -	<i>(noun)</i> Lively and cheerful activity
Ken -	<i>(verb)</i> To know or understand
Lollygagger -	<i>(noun)</i> A person who lollygags– they waste time by doing things that aren't useful.
Maudlin -	<i>(adjective)</i> Tearfully sentimental, dramatically sad
Needle -	<i>(noun)</i> A thin metal rod used in sewing / <i>(verb)</i> to provoke or insult
Oddball -	<i>(noun)</i> An unusual person; someone who doesn't fit in
Persnickety -	<i>(adjective)</i> Placing too much emphasis on trivial or minor details; fussy.
Querulous -	<i>(adjective)</i> Complaining in a whining voice
Rumpus -	<i>(noun)</i> A noisy disturbance; a row.
Serpentine -	<i>(adjective)</i> Winding or snake-like
Temerity -	<i>(noun)</i> Excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.
Uncouth -	<i>(adjective)</i> Lacking good manners, refinement, or grace.
Vespine -	<i>(adjective)</i> Resembling a wasp
Wonderment -	<i>(noun)</i> Astonishment or surprise
Xenolith -	<i>(noun)</i> A rock trapped inside lava (this one is hard, okay?)
Yonder -	<i>(adjective)</i> Distant, far away
Zealous -	<i>(adjective)</i> Showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective.



Draw your characters in the frames below and use the questions for developing your characters.

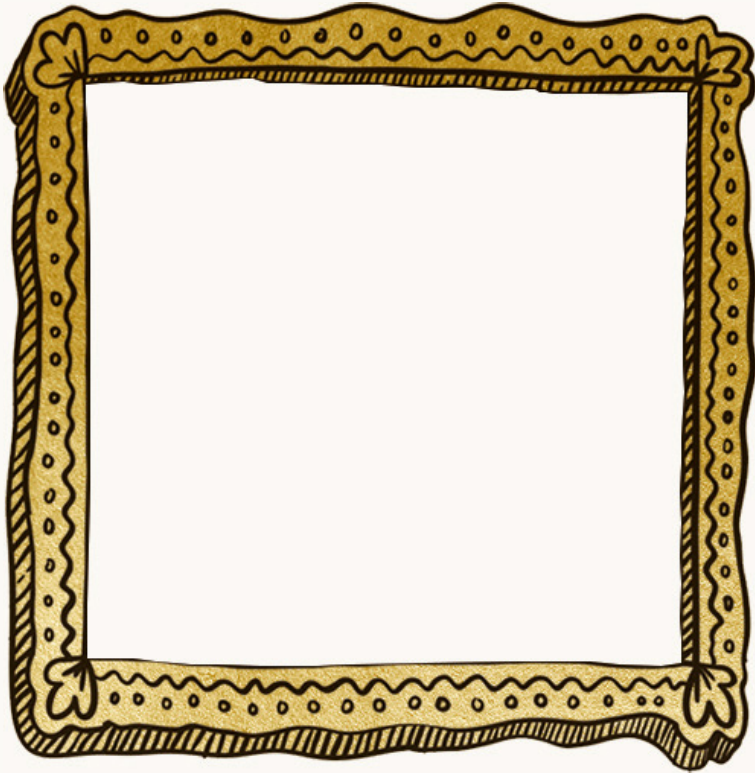


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