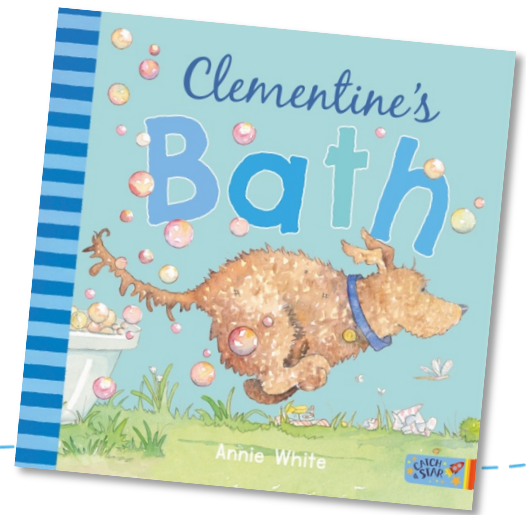


Teaching Notes: Clementine's Bath

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SYNOPSIS

Clementine runs away to escape a bath. *Not a BATH!* thinks Clementine. She hides under the bed, behind the curtains and even in Baby's toybox.

Can her family find her in time to give her a bath?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Annie White illustrates and writes for children from her studio in Melbourne, Australia. After studying art and design, she worked in the advertising industry for a while and now freelances for a number of different publishers and other interested people. Annie has illustrated over 80 books for children and likes to communicate her ideas clearly and simply using expression and movement. Some of her picture books have appeared on the CBCA Notables list, the Speech Pathology short list and the Prime Minister's Literary Awards short list. Millie, the studio dog, helped inspire *Clementine's Bath*. Just like Clementine, she was fond of rolling in the unmentionable smells and though she liked gnawing at the garden hose and getting drenched, she would do anything to avoid a proper bath.

HOW THE BOOK ENHANCES LEARNING

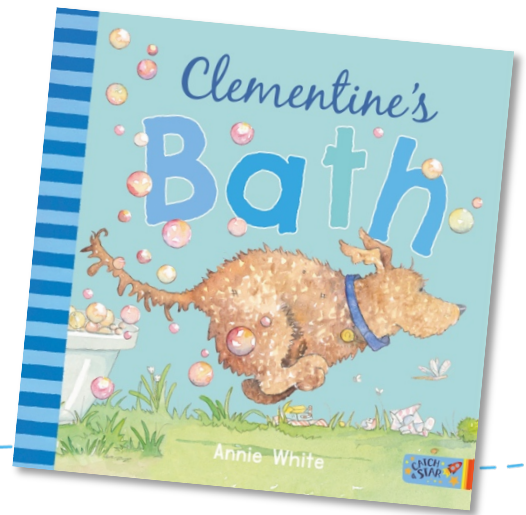
Clementine's Bath is written in rhyme, which not only introduces children to the imaginative potential of books, but also aids in early reading development through an understanding of phonetics. Key themes in the story include persistence, perseverance and family life. The illustrative map at the end of the story, showing Clementine's trail through her house and garden, may spark an early interest in maps.

Annie has used pencil and watercolours in her illustrations.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before reading the book:

1. Ask the students if they have a dog or know of someone with a dog.
2. How many different sorts of dog can you think of?
3. What are some good names for dogs?
4. What sorts of things does a dog like to do?
5. Do you think that a dog can be a member of the family?

After reading the book:

1. Why does Clementine (and most dogs) like exploring and smelling things?
2. How many places did Clementine try and hide in to avoid a bath?
3. Name some of the objects in Baby's toybox.
4. Did Clementine mean to end up in the bathtub?
5. Does Clementine miss her stinky smell at the end?



COLOURING FUN

Have fun colouring in James and smelly Clementine!



A-MAZE-ING CLEMENTINE

Clementine needs a bath! Help Mum find her.

When you've solved
the maze, colour in
the pictures!

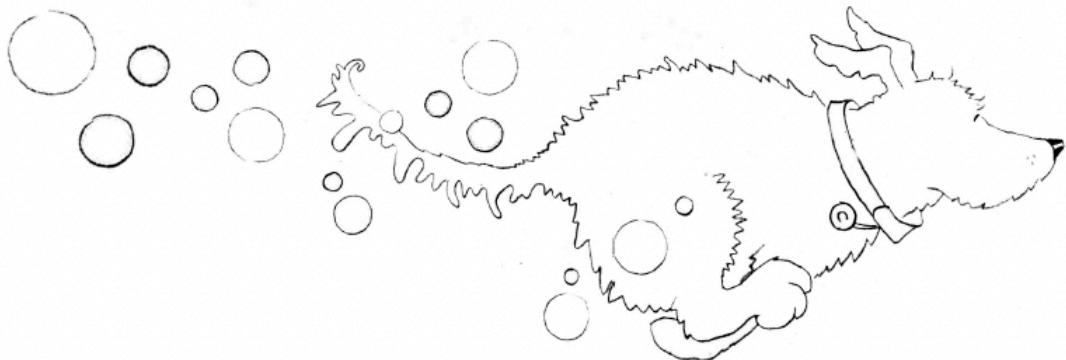
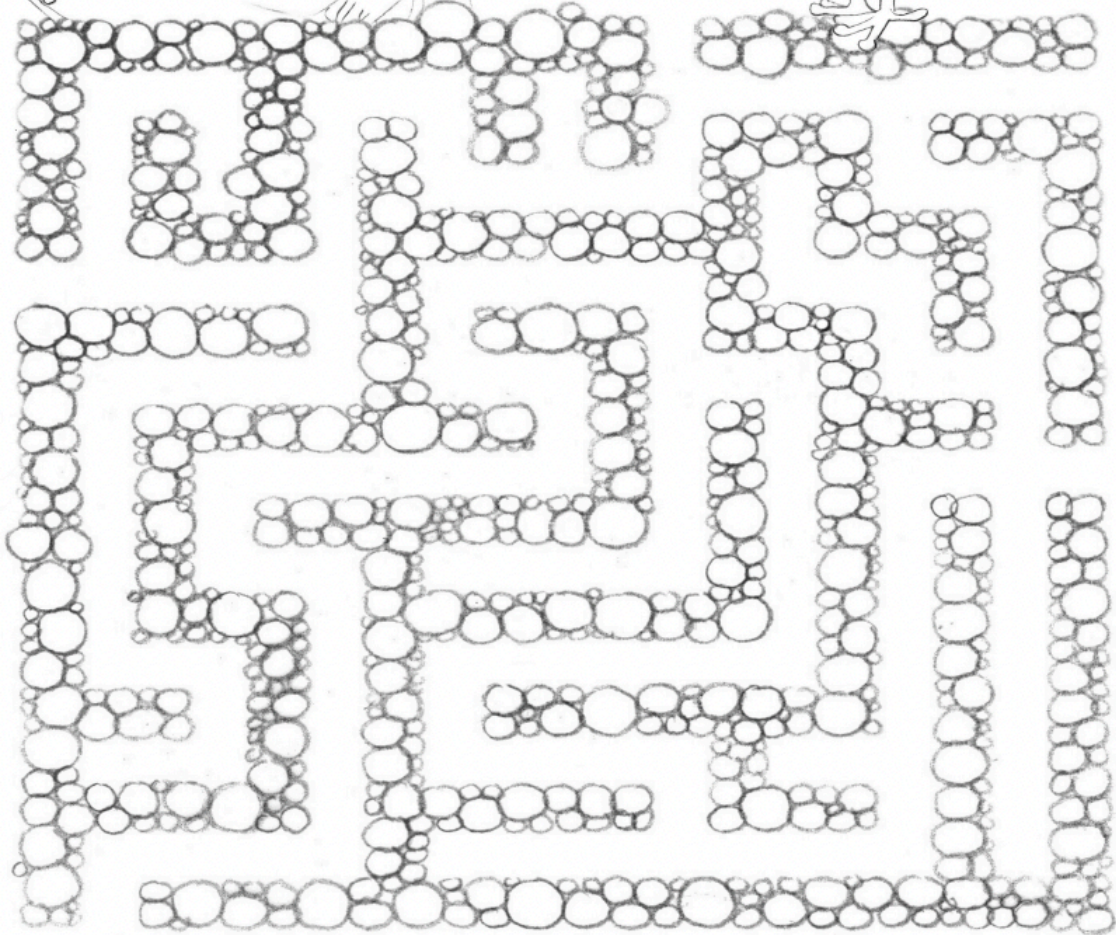


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A-MAZE-ING CLEMENTINE SOLUTION

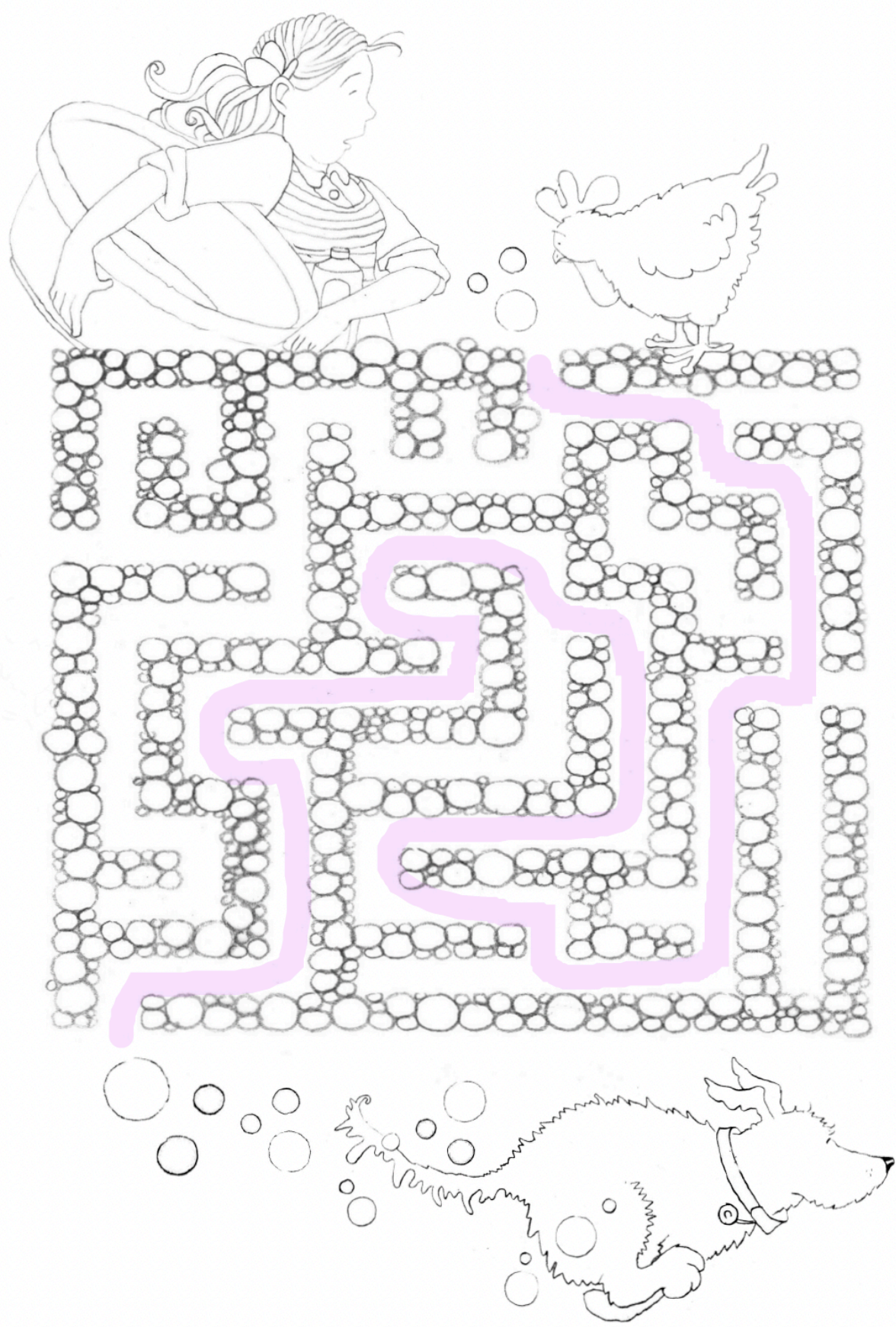
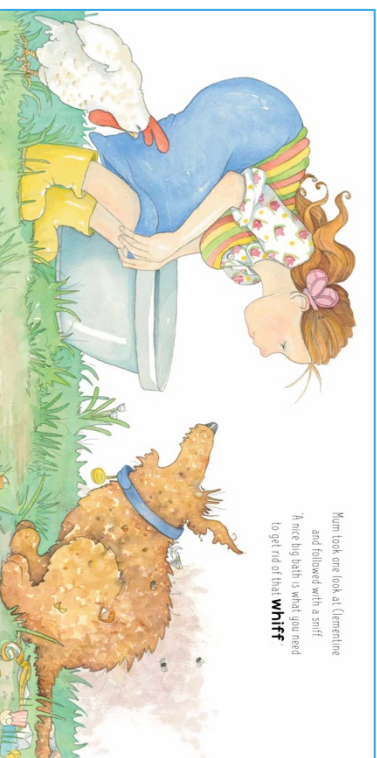
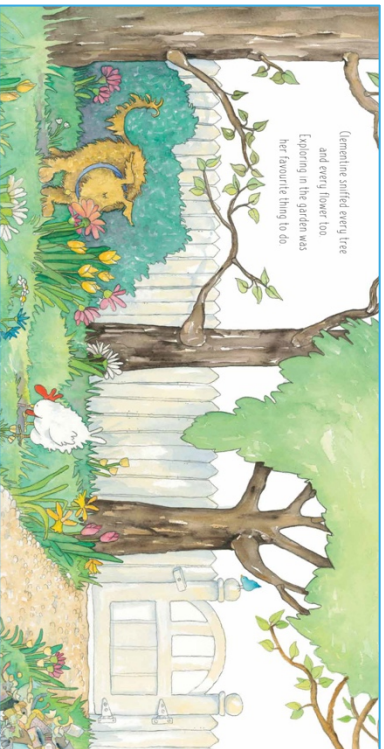
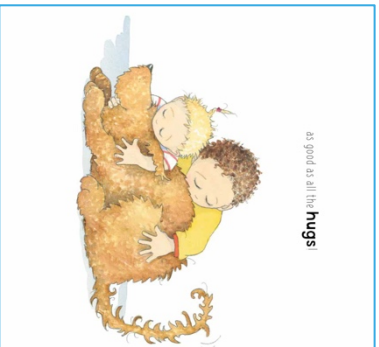


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DOWN MEMORY LANE

How well do you remember what happened in the story? Below are six pictures from the story but they are jumbled up. Carefully cut them out (ask an adult to help you!) and arrange them in the correct order. Try to retell the story in your own words. Maybe you can tell it to your favourite bedtime cuddly toy!



MAP IT OUT

At the end of the book, there is a map tracing Clementine's trail as she runs through the house and garden away from having a bath. The map shows a plan of Clementine's house and garden. Perhaps you could make a map of where you live and show all your favourite places.

