

The Animal Bridge

A Reading A-Z Level I Leveled Book
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Connections

Writing

Pretend you are one of the animals in the story. Write a friendly letter to the humans. Include your feelings about the bridge before and after it was made.

Science

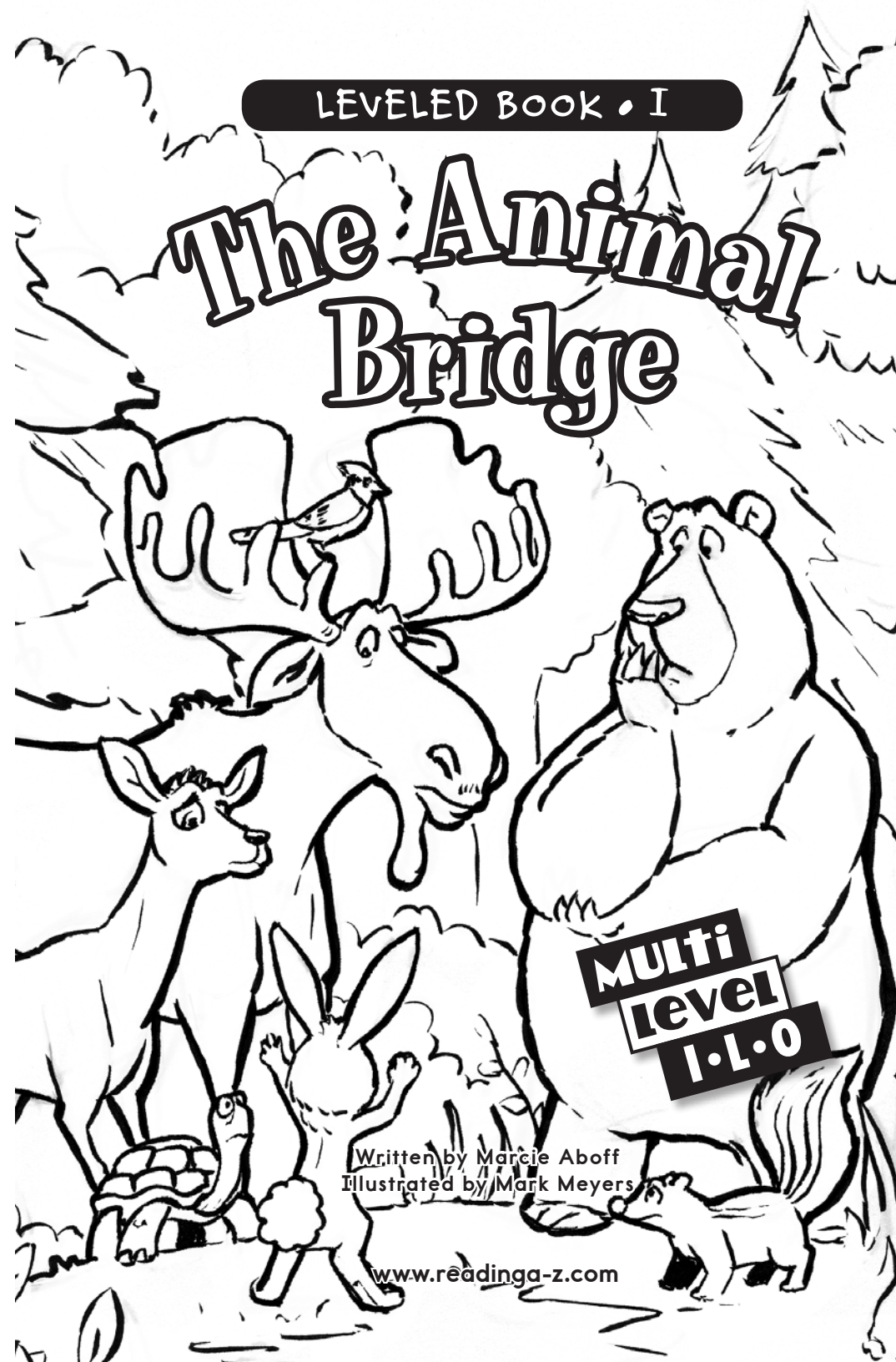
Think about the habitat of each animal in the story. Discuss with a partner what each animal needs to live.

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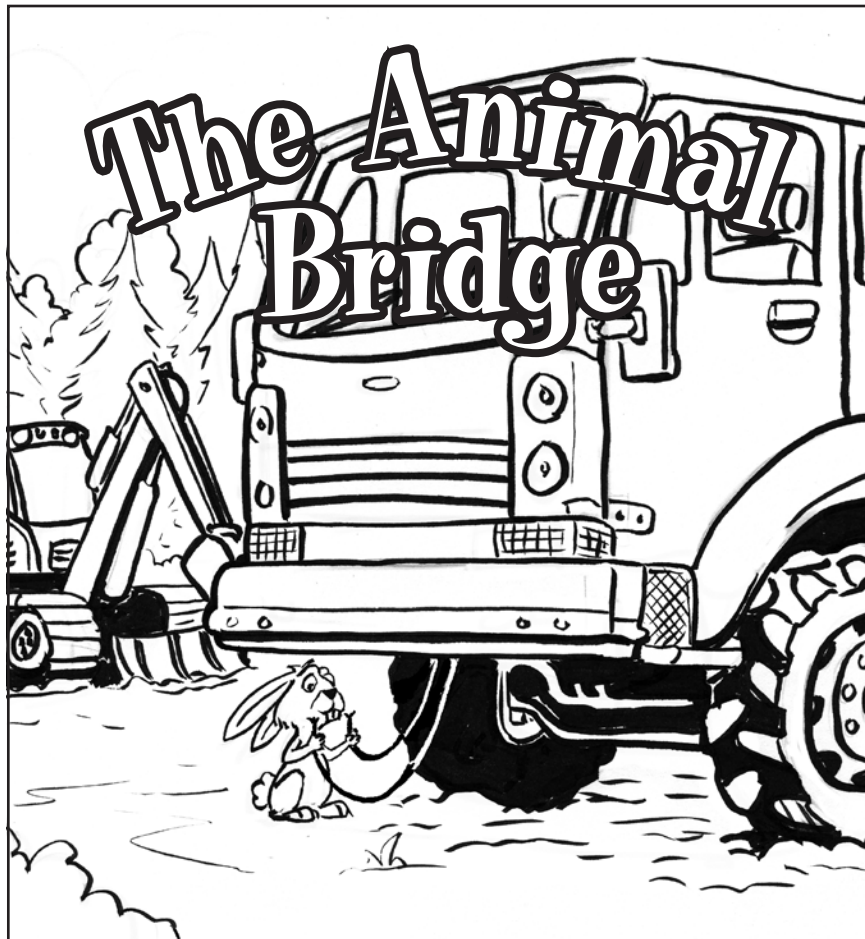
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Focus Question

How did the animals' feelings change during the story?

Words to Know

bridge
dent
dizzy

humans
sprayed
upset

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Bear was eating berries
when Blue Jay flew down to him.
“The **humans** are building
something!” Blue Jay said.

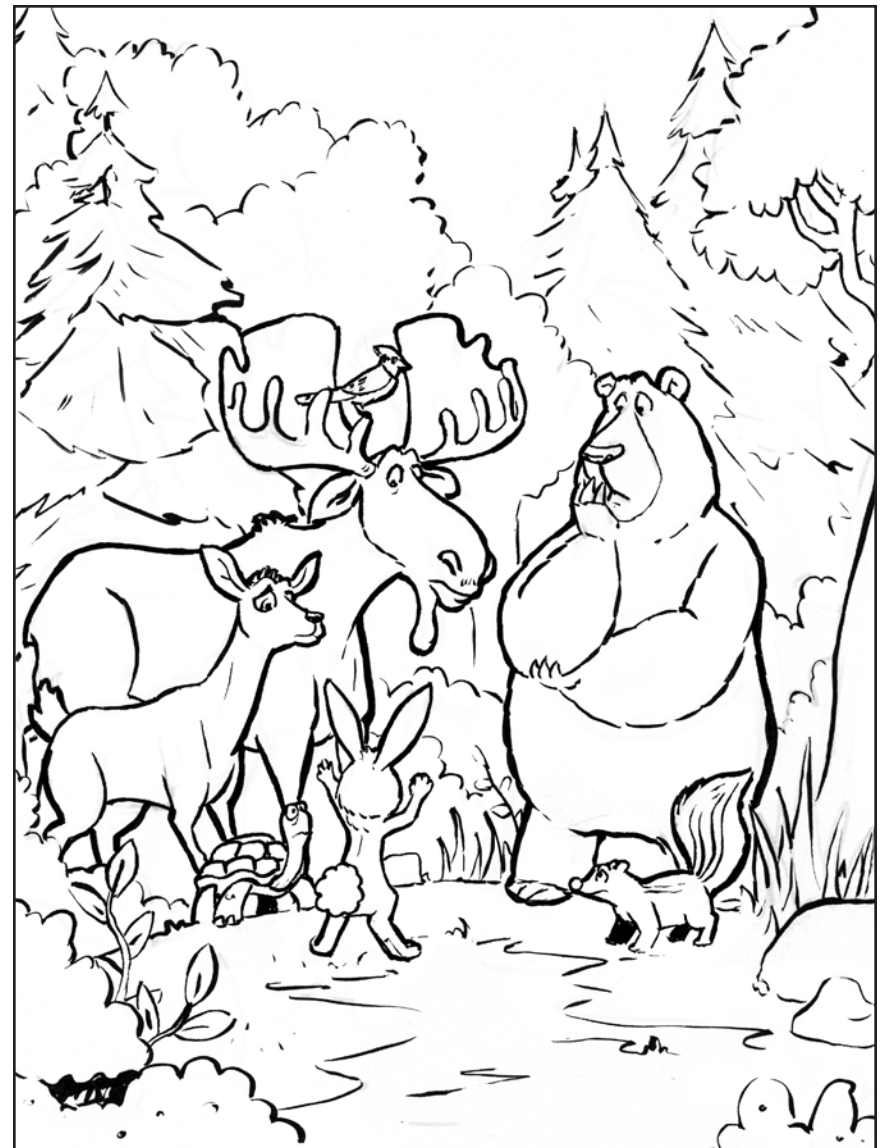


“Not again,” Bear cried.
The humans had made many
roads through the forest.



Bear saw Deer coming toward him.
Bear asked, "What's wrong, Deer?"
Deer said, "I am all alone.
I got cut off from the other deer.
I'm too scared to cross the road
to find them."

"We need to do something to stop
the humans," said Bear.



The animals came together.
They talked about the humans
and their new **bridge**.



Rabbit showed off her two big front teeth.

“I can chew through the wires under their trucks,” said Rabbit.

“Then, the humans can’t use them to dig up the land!” she added.

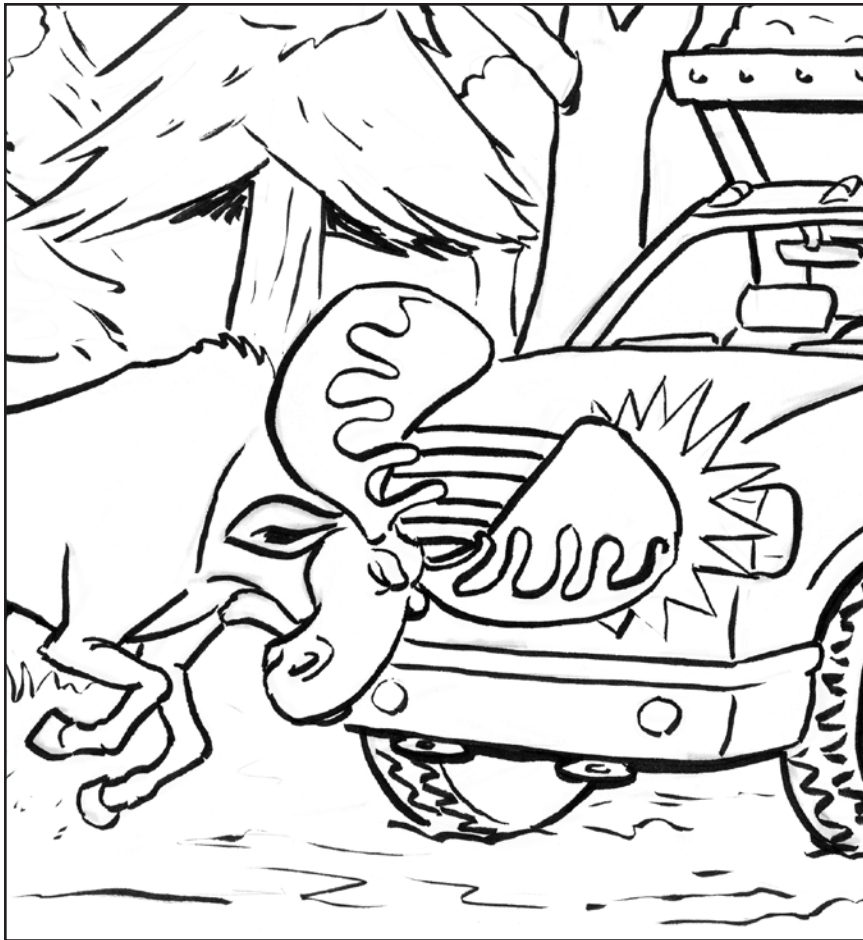


Rabbit ran toward the trucks.

When she got there, she chewed wires until . . . *snap!*

The wire split.

The work went on.



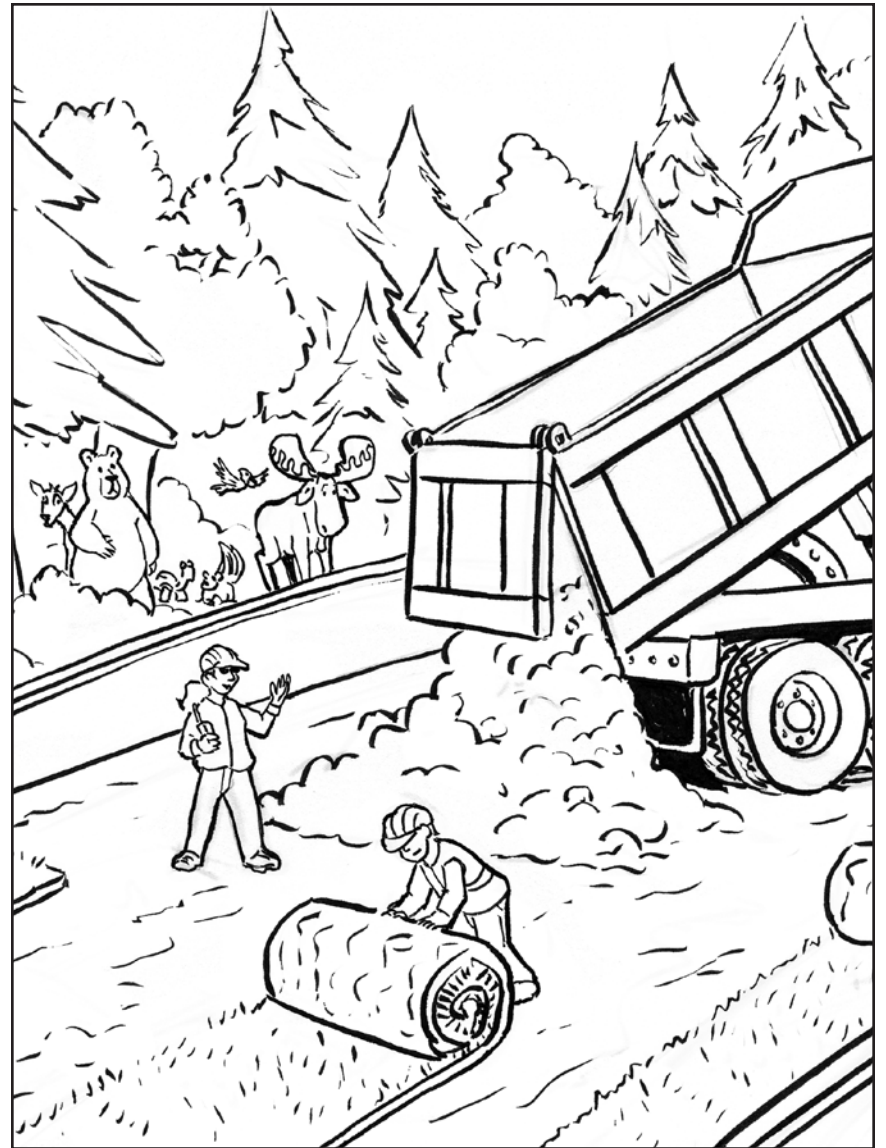
Moose said, "I can ram
into anything!"
He made a **dent** in a truck.
He felt **dizzy**.
Then, Moose fell down.
The work went on.



Skunk said, "My smell can drive
away the workers!"
Skunk ran behind the workers
and **sprayed** them.
The workers put masks
over their faces.
The work went on.



The animals went to check
on the humans.
They were **upset** that the humans
were still working in the forest.



One day, the animals watched
the workers put dirt and grass
over the bridge.



Soon, the workers left.
Then, the animals saw them putting
up signs under the bridge.



"I think this bridge was made
for us," Bear said.

"Now I can find my friends,"
Deer said.
Then, she ran into the forest.



The animals looked down
at the road.
They cheered for their new bridge.

Glossary

- bridge** (n.) something built to allow passage over something else, such as a river (p. 6)
- dent** (n.) a hollow in an otherwise smooth, hard surface that is caused by pressure (p. 9)
- dizzy** (adj.) feeling as though one is spinning and losing one's balance (p. 9)
- humans** (n.) people (p. 3)
- sprayed** (v.) sprinkled or forced out many drops of a liquid (p. 10)
- upset** (adj.) unhappy or worried (p. 11)