
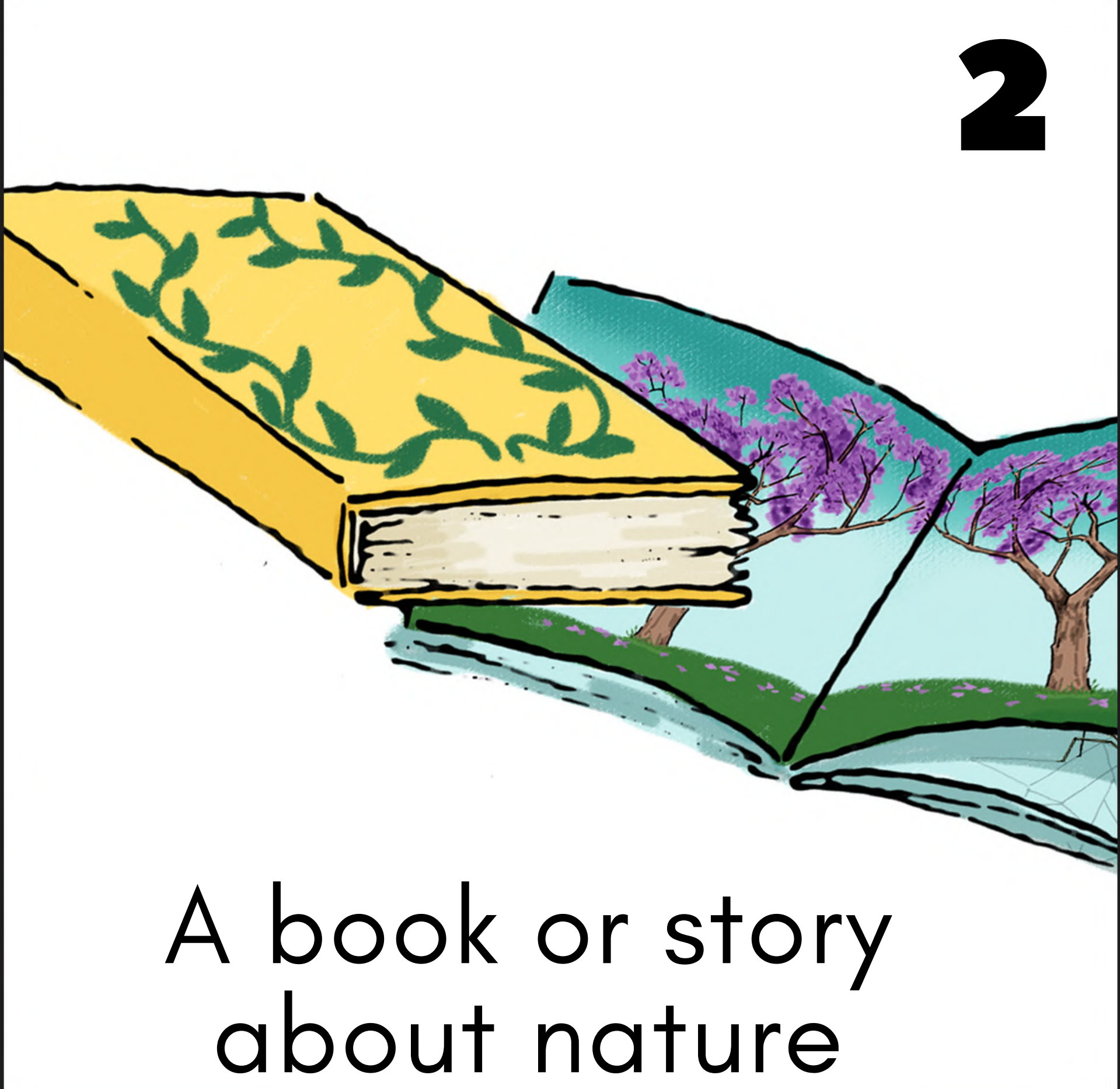
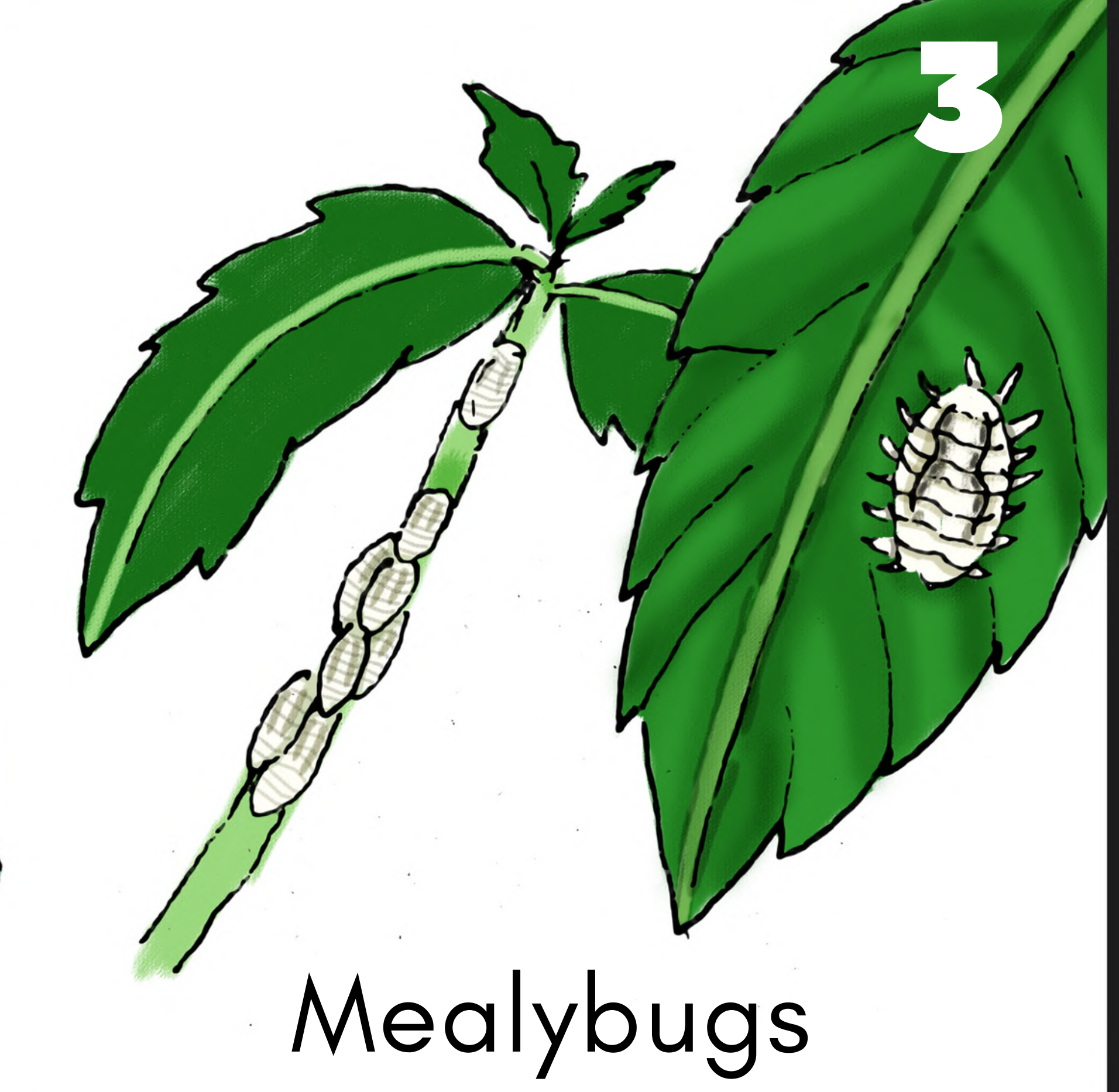
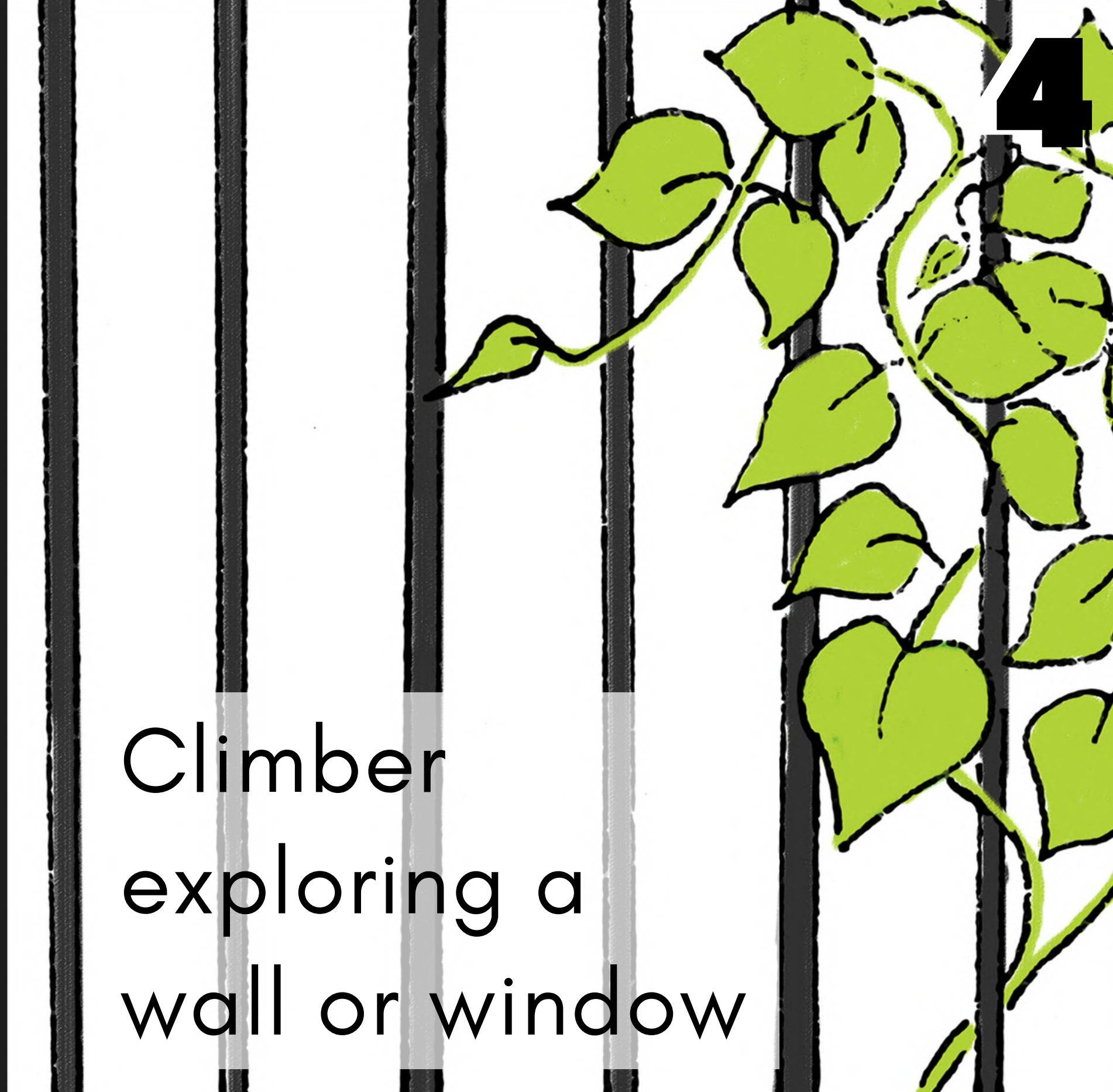

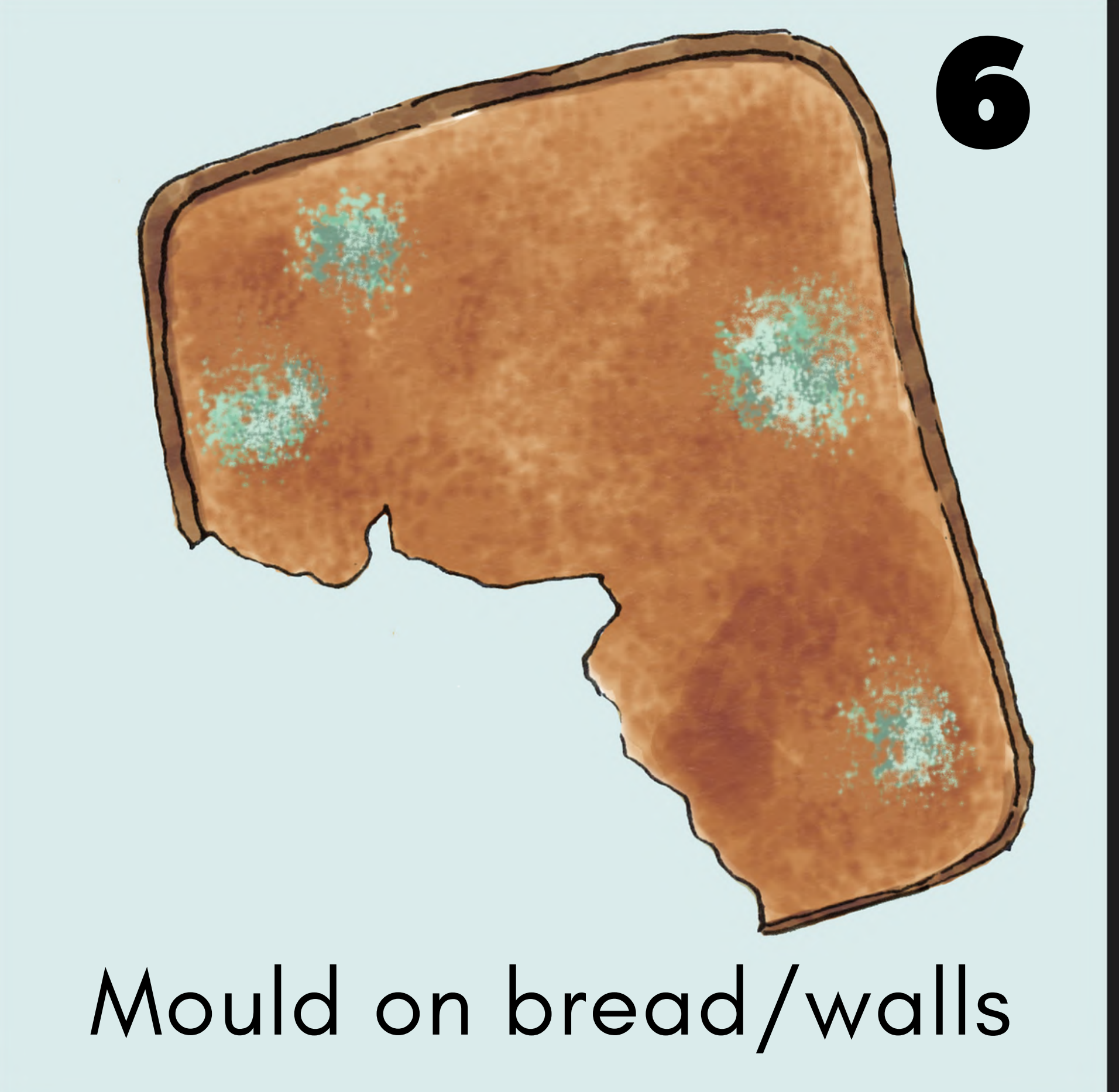


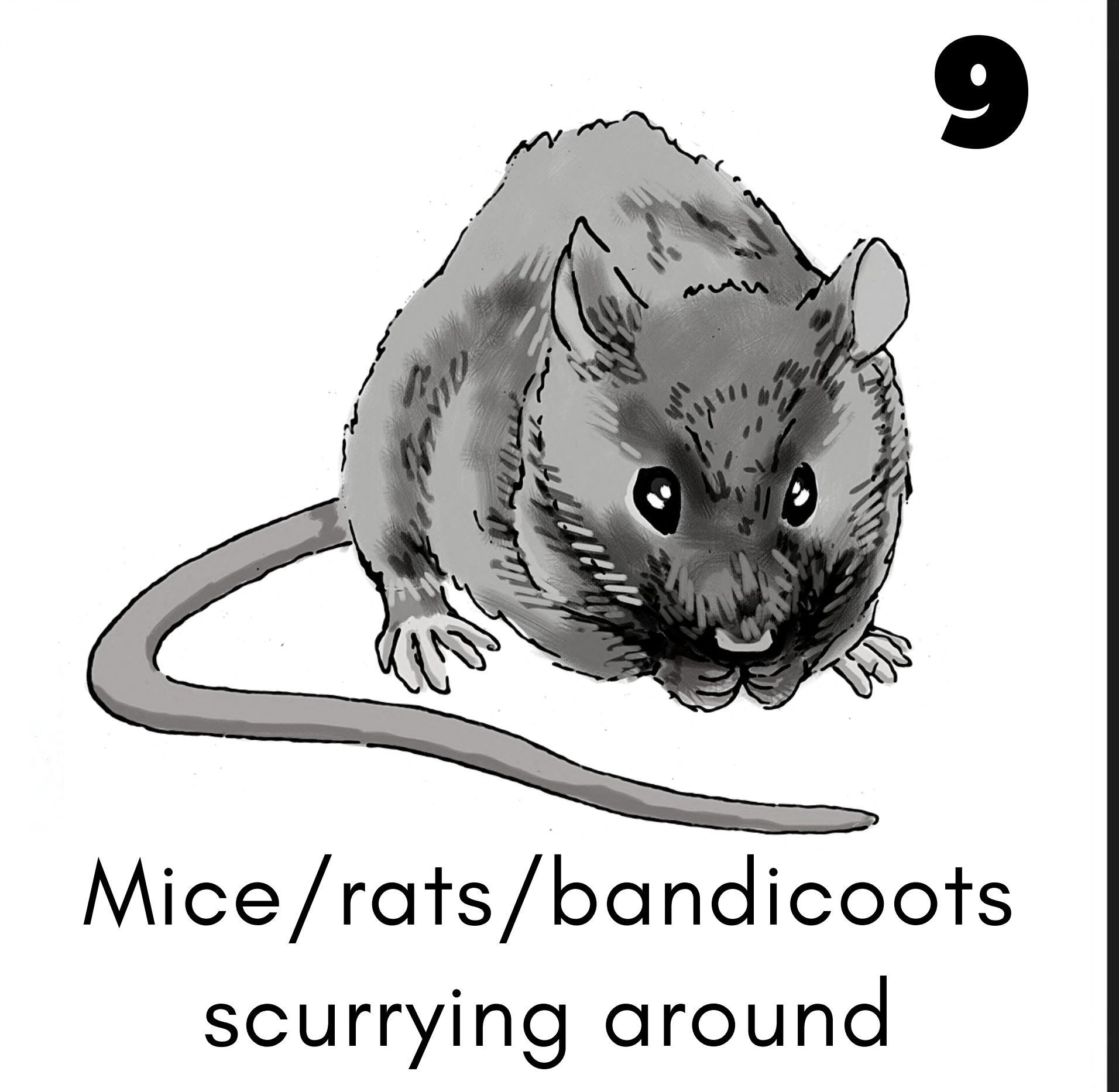


Hidden Housemates (3)

It may surprise you, but you don't need to go outside to experience nature! Look around your home, through a window, behind a door or under a flowerpot - find any three down or across and say **BINGO!**

 <p>1 Squirrel calling</p>	 <p>2 A book or story about nature</p>	 <p>3 Mealybugs</p>
 <p>4 Climber exploring a wall or window</p>	 <p>5 Disc web/round headed spider</p>	 <p>6 Mould on bread/walls</p>
 <p>7 Wasps</p>	 <p>8 Lizard/bird poop</p>	 <p>9 Mice/rats/bandicoots scurrying around</p>

Do you want to know more about the creatures and the plants in this Bingo? Explore the following **nature activities!**

1	2	3
✓ 4	✓ 5	✓ 6
7	8	9

Tip: No need for a print out! Draw and number it for yourself on a piece of paper!

Activities

Time to be creative! Get to know your natural neighbours better through these special activities. Match the numbers to the creature or plant in the Bingo square!

1 The loud *chip chip chip* you hear everyday is the call of the Indian Palm Squirrel. Can you make the same call? If you see one from your window, balcony- count the number of stripes...check with a friend/family living in another part of the country- how many stripes do squirrels have there? Ask your parents or grandparents for squirrel stories.

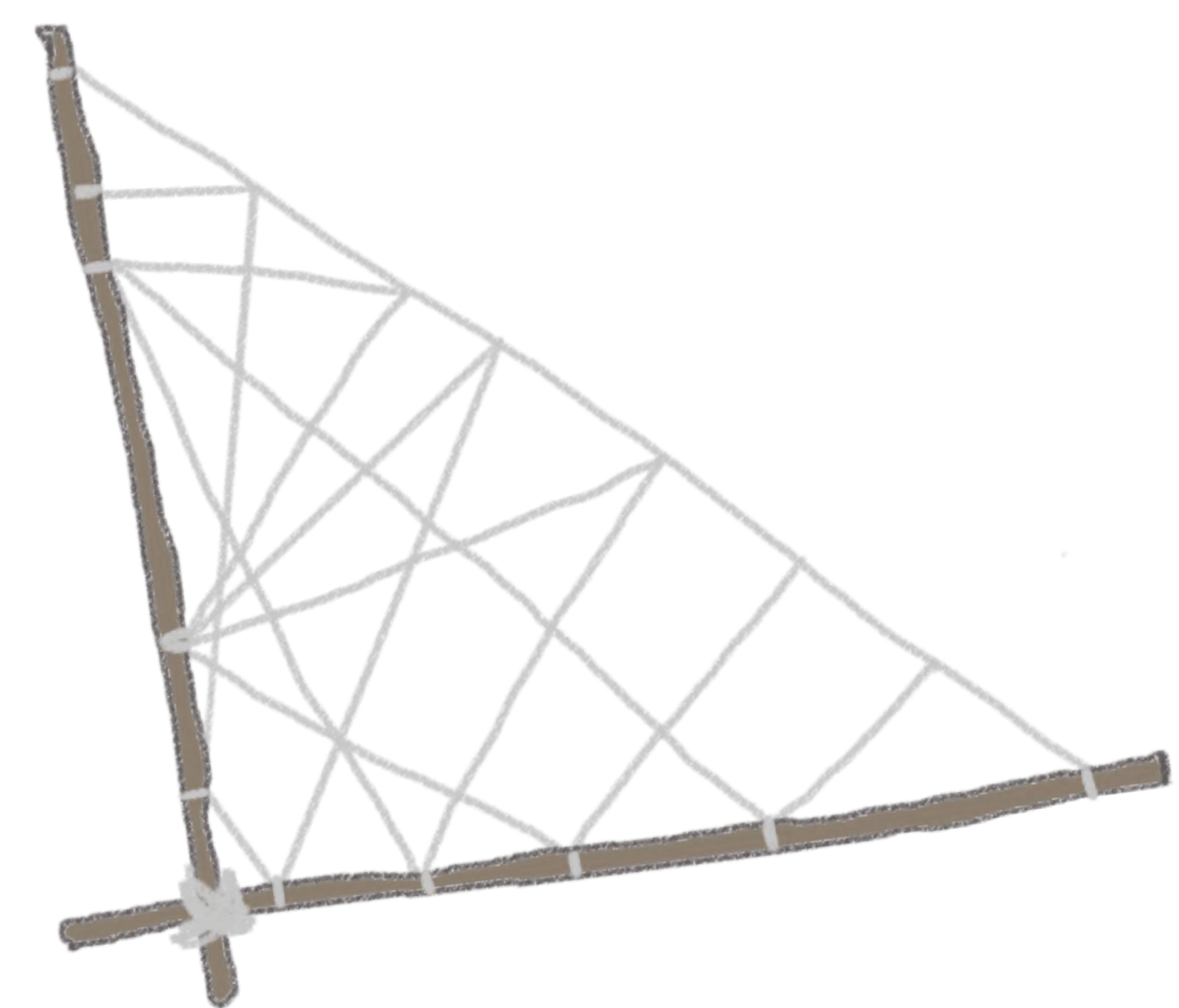
2 Have you had a memorable experience with nature? What do you miss most about being able to explore the outdoors? Take a few sheets of paper and fold them in half. Staple or sew the center. And here, you have a book of your own! Write your own story about nature to add to your bookshelf.



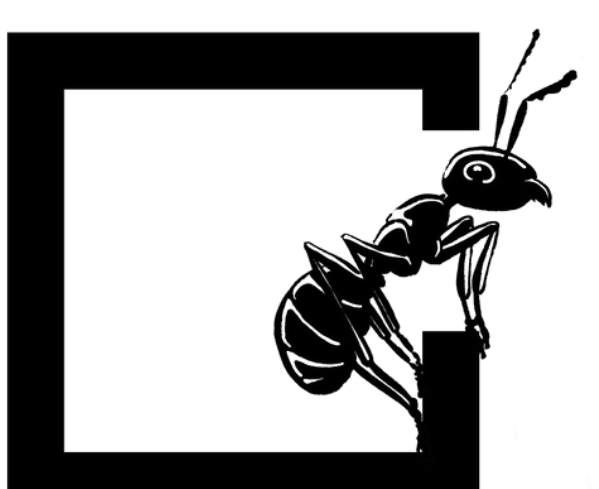
3 Imagine yourself as a mealybug. Which plant are you on? How does a typical day look like for you? Do you move? Who are your friends? Make a comic strip starring mealybugs and ants!

4 What makes climbers/creepers/vines different from other plants? Which parts of their bodies do they use to climb? How do you think plants know what to climb and which direction to go in? If you were a climber plant, how would you make these decisions? Write/draw a step-by-step guide teaching younger climber plants how to climb safely.

5 Using two sticks (tied perpendicular to each other) and a string, make a spider's web. Weave the thread in and out and make interesting shapes. How many shapes can you identify in your web?



6 Collect scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, bread or rice. Store them at room temperature in different jars - sprinkle a couple of drops of water on them if they are dry. Is there appearance changing? How long does it take for mould to appear? Do all moulds look the same? Make drawings of what you see.



- 7 Has a wasp been visiting your home? Observe it for a few days – is it visiting your home regularly? Why? Using mud, papier mache or paper, make a model of a wasp nest.
- 8 Poop is useful to plants, animals and humans. Speak to adults in your family and find out ways in which different animal poop is used. Can you make a list of 'Useful Poops'? Share these with us so we can learn about them too!
- 9 Imagine that you are a superhero called MouseKid! What are your superpowers? What do you eat and drink? What is your costume like? Do you fight crime? Give a speech to your family and share a video of it with us!

