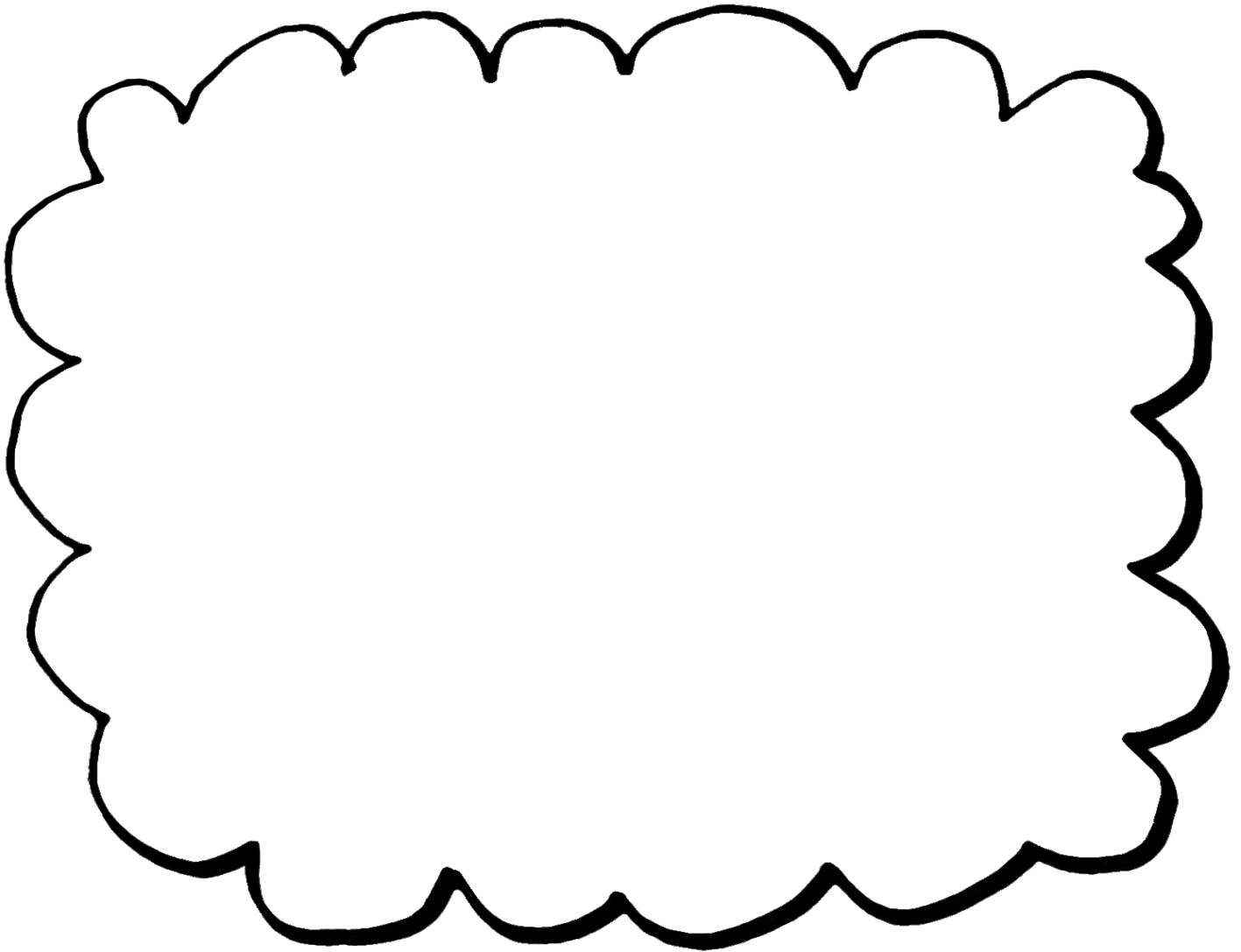




Level 1 Gaia worksheet

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This is Mary Midgley. Mary lived until she was nearly a hundred years old. She spent a lot of that time thinking about plants, animals, and the world that we all live in together.

Mary thought about how all the plants, animals and everything else join together and need each other.

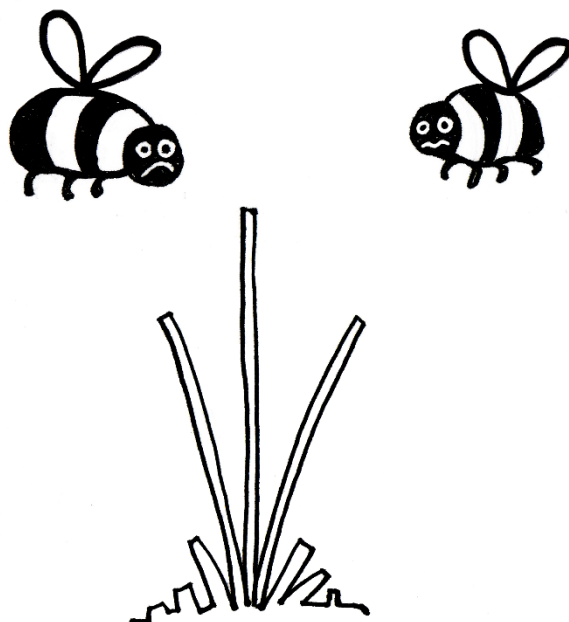
### ACTIVITY 1

Draw 5 plants and animals that live in your garden or local park and draw lines to show how they are connected.

Plants need bees to help them grow, breed and produce food. Bees need the plants' flowers to make their food too. We eat plants, and we eat the honey that the bees make. Thank you, bees!

## ACTIVITY 2

These bees can't find any flowers.  
Can you help them?



The sun turns the sea water into clouds, and the clouds make rain that help the plants grow.

## ACTIVITY 3

This plant is very thirsty.  
Can you make it rain?



When she thought about how everything joined together, Mary thought that the whole world was like one person or animal. Everything in the world works together, like how the different bits of your body work together. She called it 'Gaia'.

Just as bees and flowers can be unhappy and unhealthy, Gaia can be unhappy and unhealthy too.

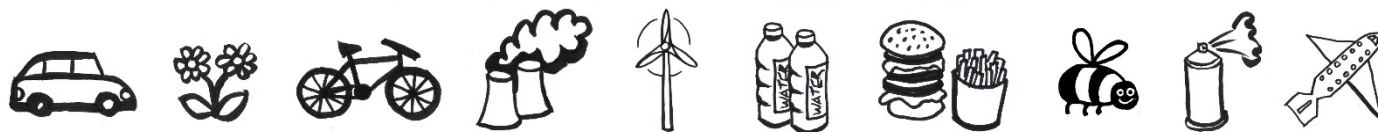
#### ACTIVITY 4 – Draw or write

What does Gaia need to be happy and healthy?

What things make Gaia unhappy and unhealthy?



Here are some ideas. Think of some more ideas and add them to your picture.



Did you enjoy learning about Mary Midgley's philosophy? Perhaps her ideas about Gaia have inspired you to new ways of thinking and imagining?

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