



Book 92: Will Can't Play!

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Contractions

I'll, I'm, we'll, don't, that's, let's, can't

New Words

new

Review Words

which, why, try

Plot Summary

Will thinks that he is not a good drummer. Sid convinces him that his drumming sounds bad because he doesn't have a good drum. Sam helps Will try out new drums, but soon realizes that Will is a bad drummer. Sam finds Will an instrument that he can play well. Will then joins his friends making music with all kinds of improvised instruments.

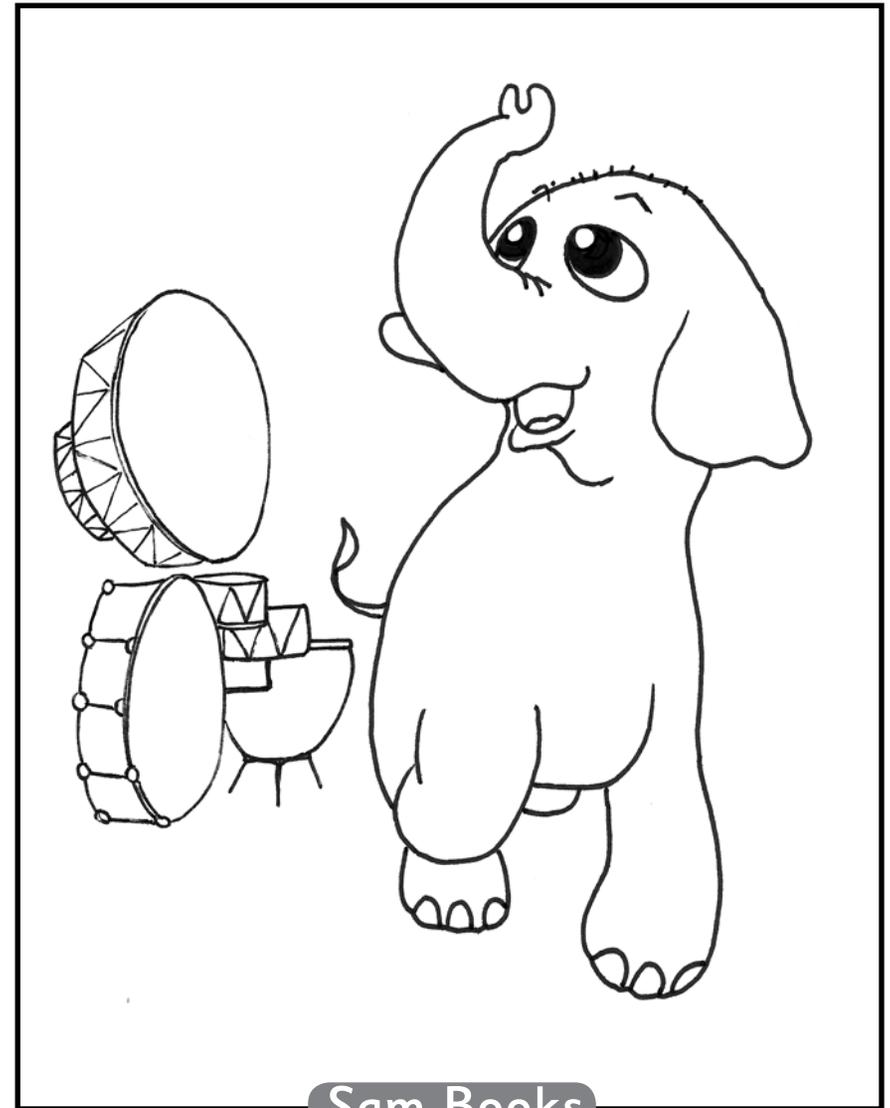
Story Questions (Comprehension)

1. page 2: Who tells Will that he needs a new drum?
2. page 8: What kind of instrument does Will try to play after Sam says that he is a bad drummer?
3. page 12: What does Mat play?
4. page 13: Who plays with a shell?
5. page 14: What does Max play in the band?

Each new word throughout the program is repeated at least five times in the book in which it first appears and five more times in the next ten books.

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Will plays the horn. Kit plays the shell.
Mat plays the can. Max plays the box.
What a fun band they make!

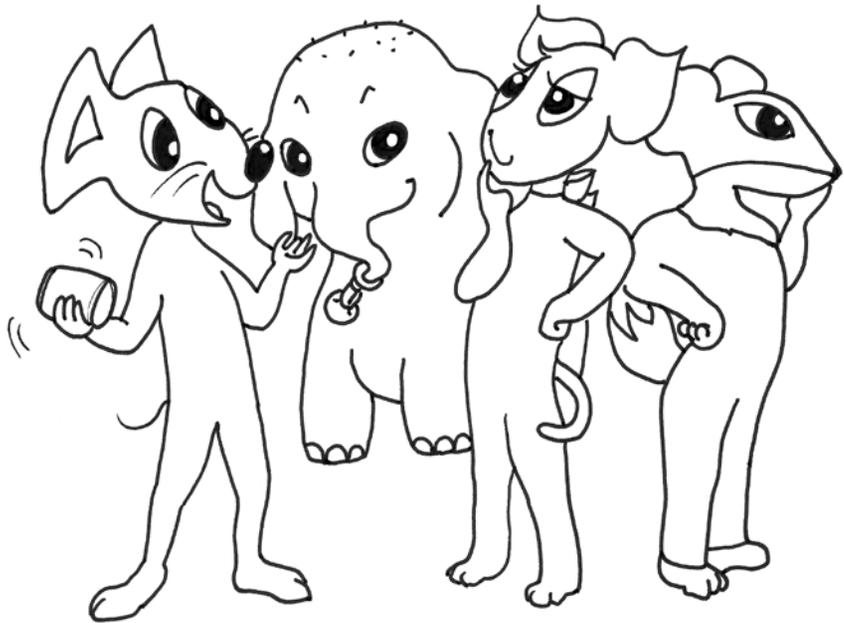
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| Level | Book | Title | Sounds | notes |
|-----------|------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 21 | 81 | The Giant Nuts | /j/ | Soft "g" |
| | 82 | Cycle to the Farm | /s/ | Soft "c" |
| | 83 | Eggs and Carrots | /p/ /d/ /t/ /r/ | Same consonant together/same sound as single consonant |
| | 84 | The Drummer | /m/ /z/ | Same consonant together/same sound as single consonant |
| 22 | 85 | Cake Crumbs | /n/ /r/ /m/ | /n/ written as "kn", /r/ written as "wr", /m/ written as "mb" |
| | 86 | Sam's Yard | /z/ /n/ | /z/ written as "s", /n/ written as "gn" |
| | 87 | A Photo of Phil | /f/ | /f/ written as "ph" |
| | 88 | Go to School | /k/ /w/ | /k/ written as "ch", /w/ written as "wh" |
| 23 | 89 | Scratch the Itch | /ch/ | /ch/ written as "tch" |
| | 90 | Where is Phil? | | Question words |
| | 91 | Fun at the Party | | Different sounds for the letter "y" |
| | 92 | Will Can't Play | | Contractions |
| 24 | 93 | They Like to Hike | /igh/ | Alternate spellings for /igh/ long vowel - i |
| | 94 | Who Ate the Cake? | /ai/ | Alternate spellings for /ai/ long vowel - a |
| | 95 | Three Lost Sheep | /ee/ | Alternate spellings for ee/ long vowel - e |
| | 96 | The Road Home | /ou/ | Alternate spellings for /ou/ long vowel - o |
| 25 | 97 | The Picnic | | Compound words |
| | 98 | Apple Pies | | Syllables |
| | 99 | The Race | | Suffixes |
| | 100 | The Wolf | | Prefixes |

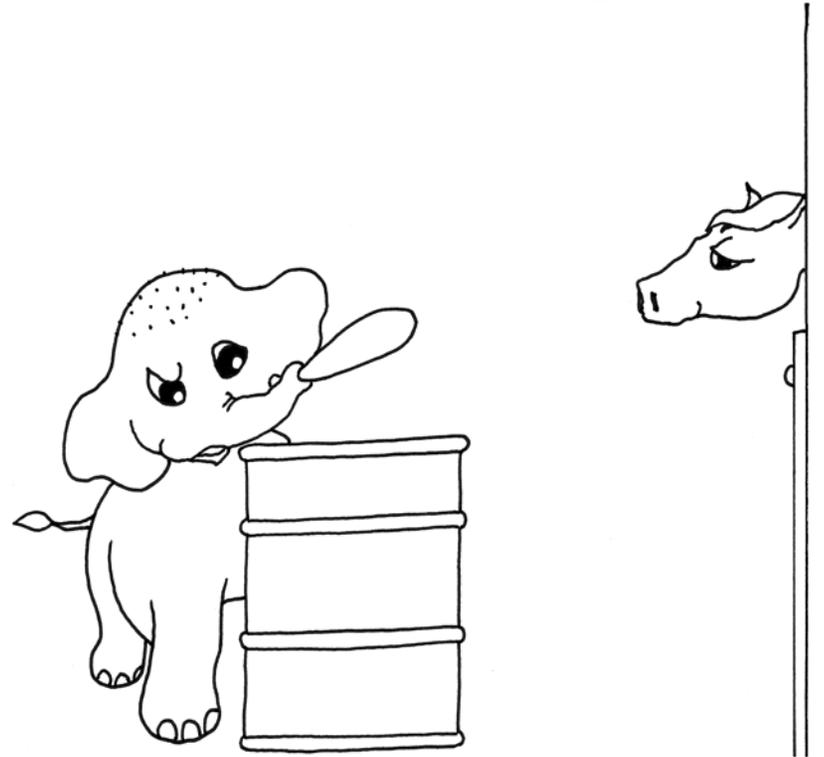


“I’ll use this shell,” says Kit.

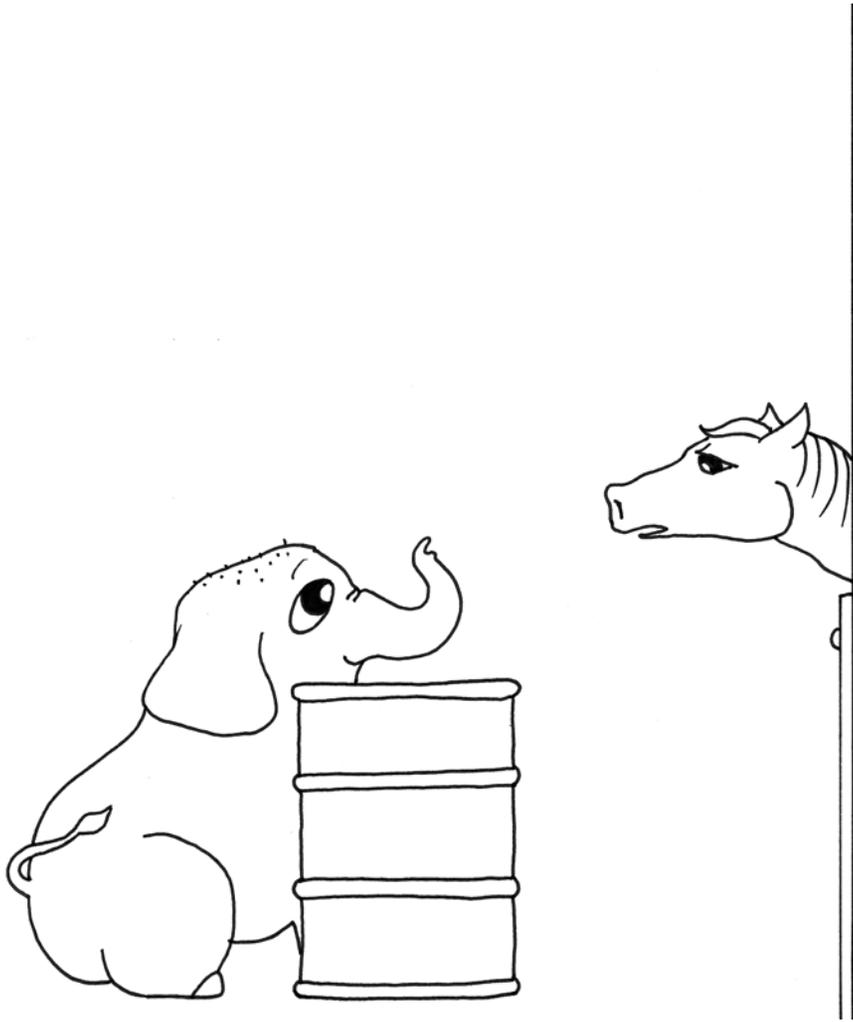
“I’ll hit this box
like how I play my drum,” says Max.



“Now I can play the can.
What will you play, Kit?
What will you play, Max?”



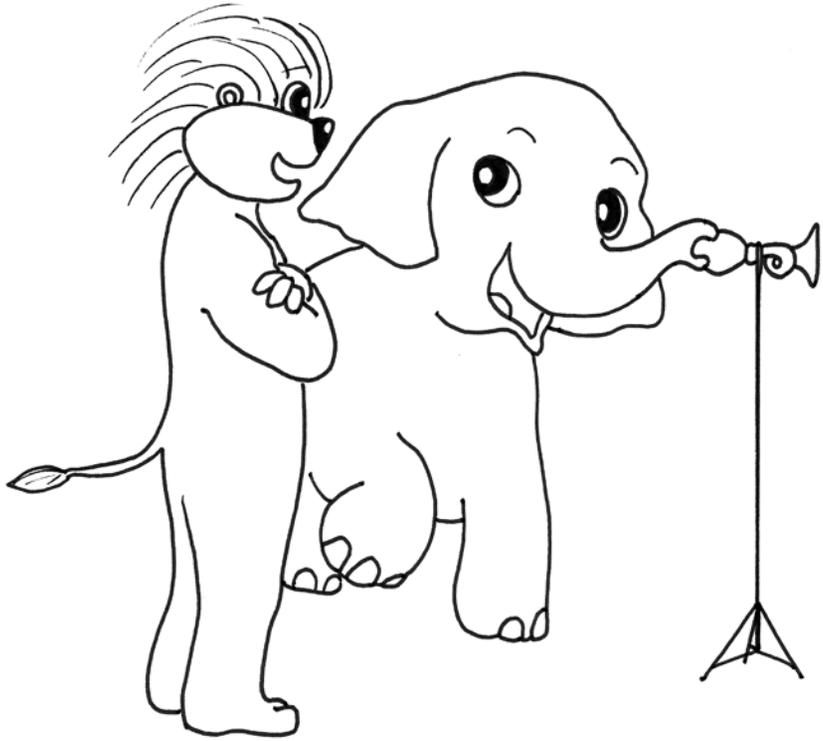
“I’ll play my drum today.”
“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Says the drum.
“I’m a bad drummer, Sid.”



“You are not a bad drummer.
You need a new drum.
The shop will sell you a new drum.”

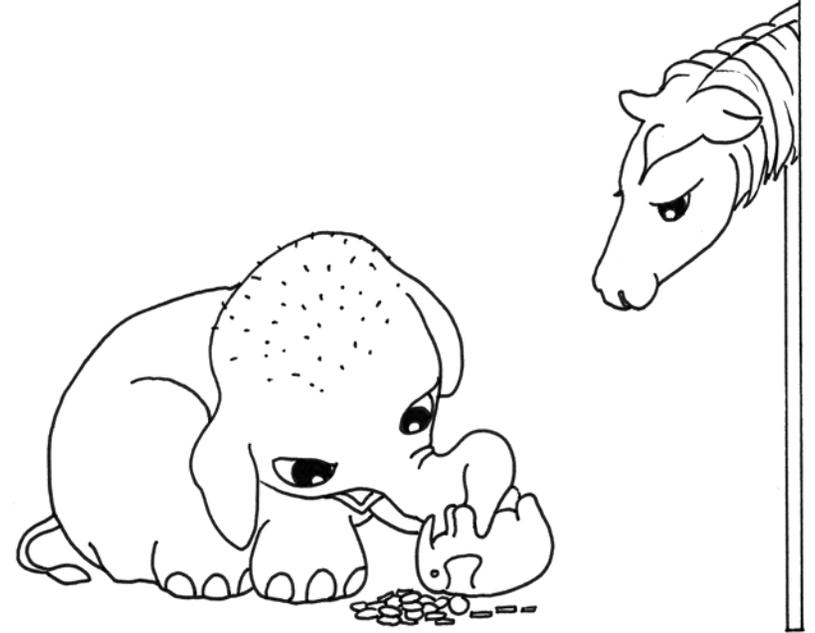


“I like that, Will.
It will be fun to play with you.
I'll fill this can with small coins.”

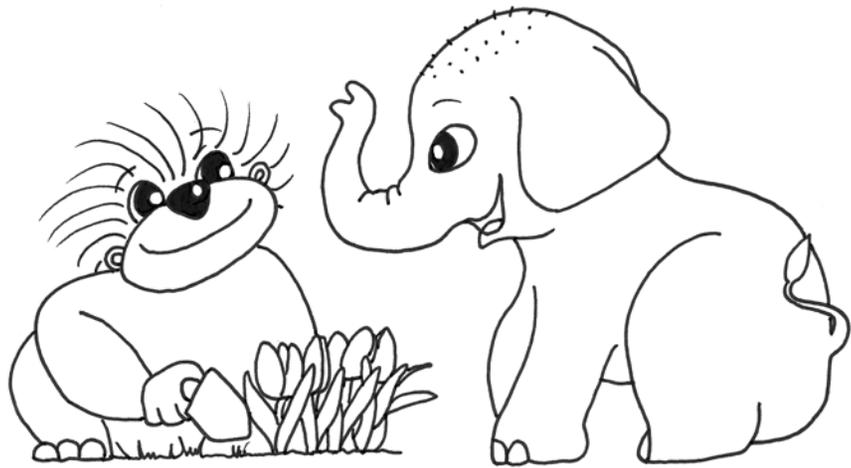


“That’s not bad.
You can play with that,” says Sam.

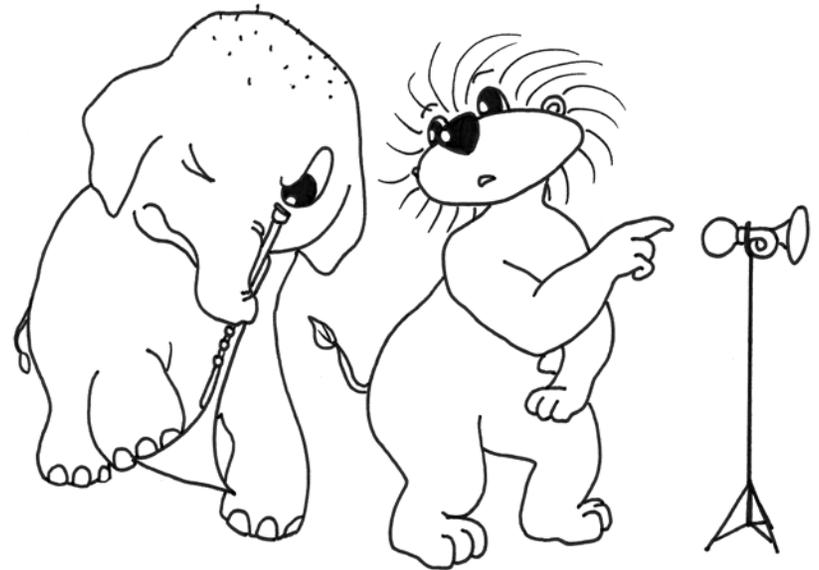
“Let’s go and see Mat.
I’ll play the horn for him,” says Will.



“I’ll check my coin bank.
Then I’ll go to the city to get a new drum.
I don’t want to get the wrong drum.
I’ll ask Sam to go to the shop with me.”



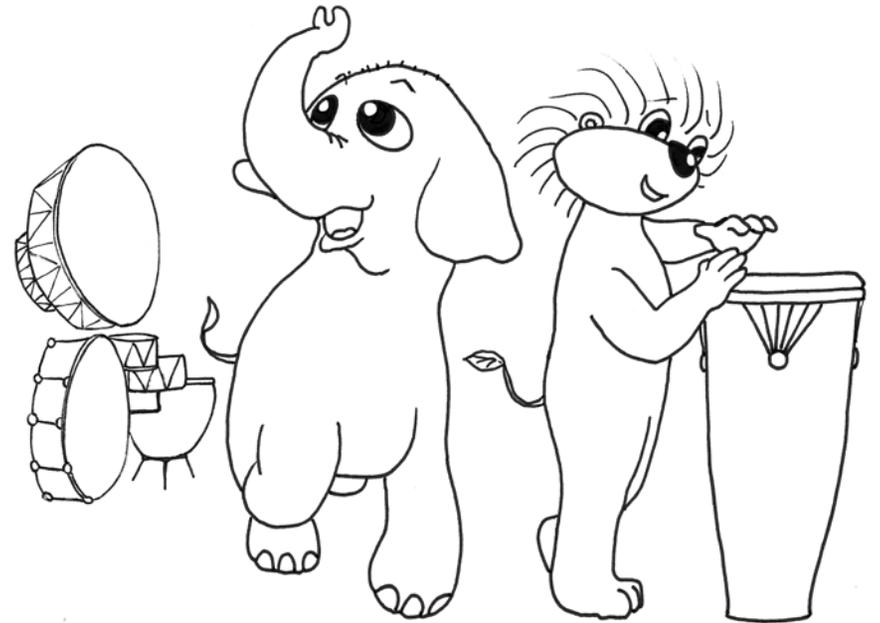
“I’m a bad drummer, Sam.
But Sid says I need a new drum.
Will you go with me to get a new drum?”



“Will, that horn is not for you.
That’s too bad.
You can try to play this horn.”

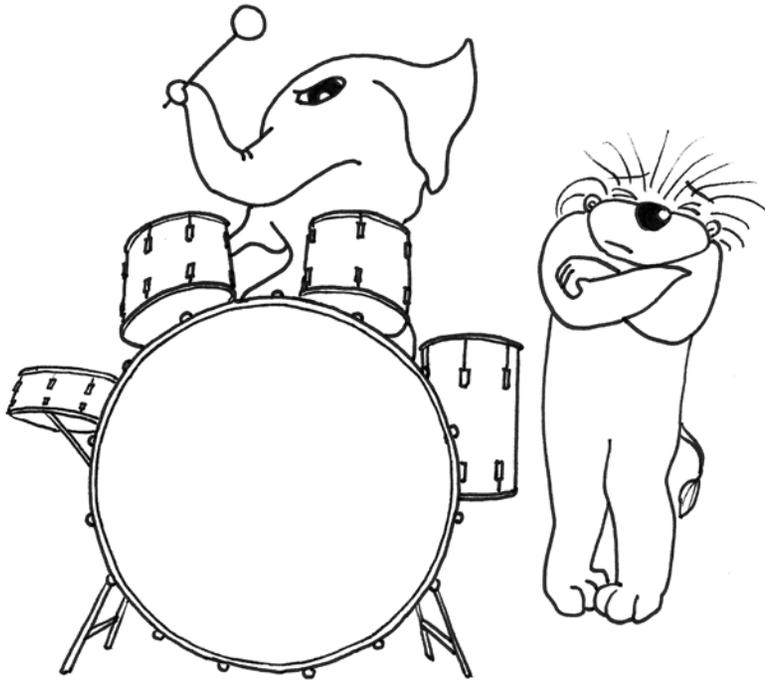


“Then I won’t get a drum.
I’ll try to play this horn.
I’ll play a horn, not a drum.”



“Look at all the drums. I don’t know
which drum to get,” says Will.

“You need to try them.
Play them to see which drum you like.”



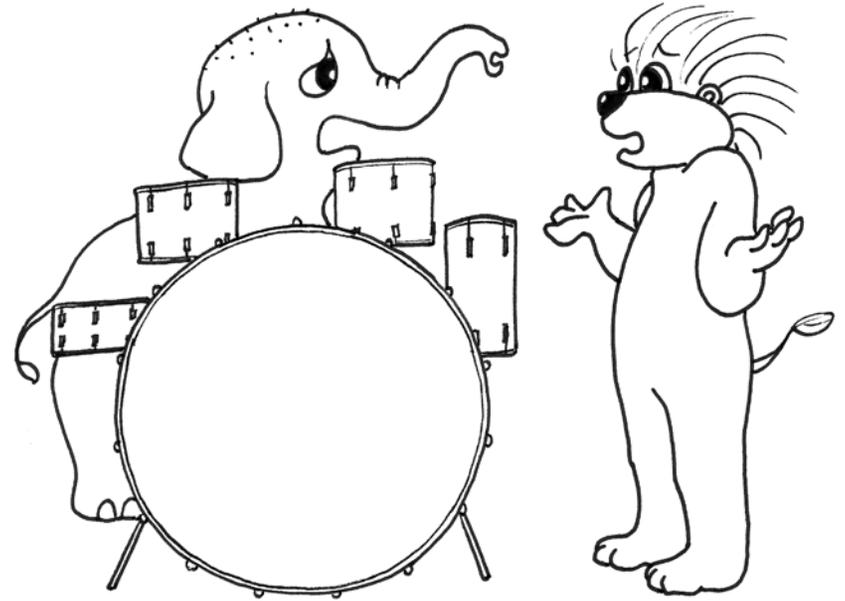
Will plays a big drum.

Then he plays a small drum.

“Boom! Boom! Boom!” Say the drums.

He plays five drums.

They all make Sam’s head ache.



“Why are they all bad?” Says Will.

“Will, it’s not the drums.

It’s the drummer.

You’re a bad drummer. You need
a drummer to teach you to play.”