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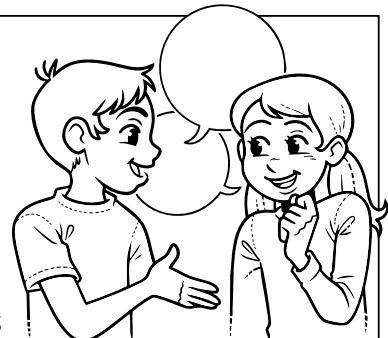
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like	look	walk	eat
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want	tap	think	make

ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary. Examples are given.

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