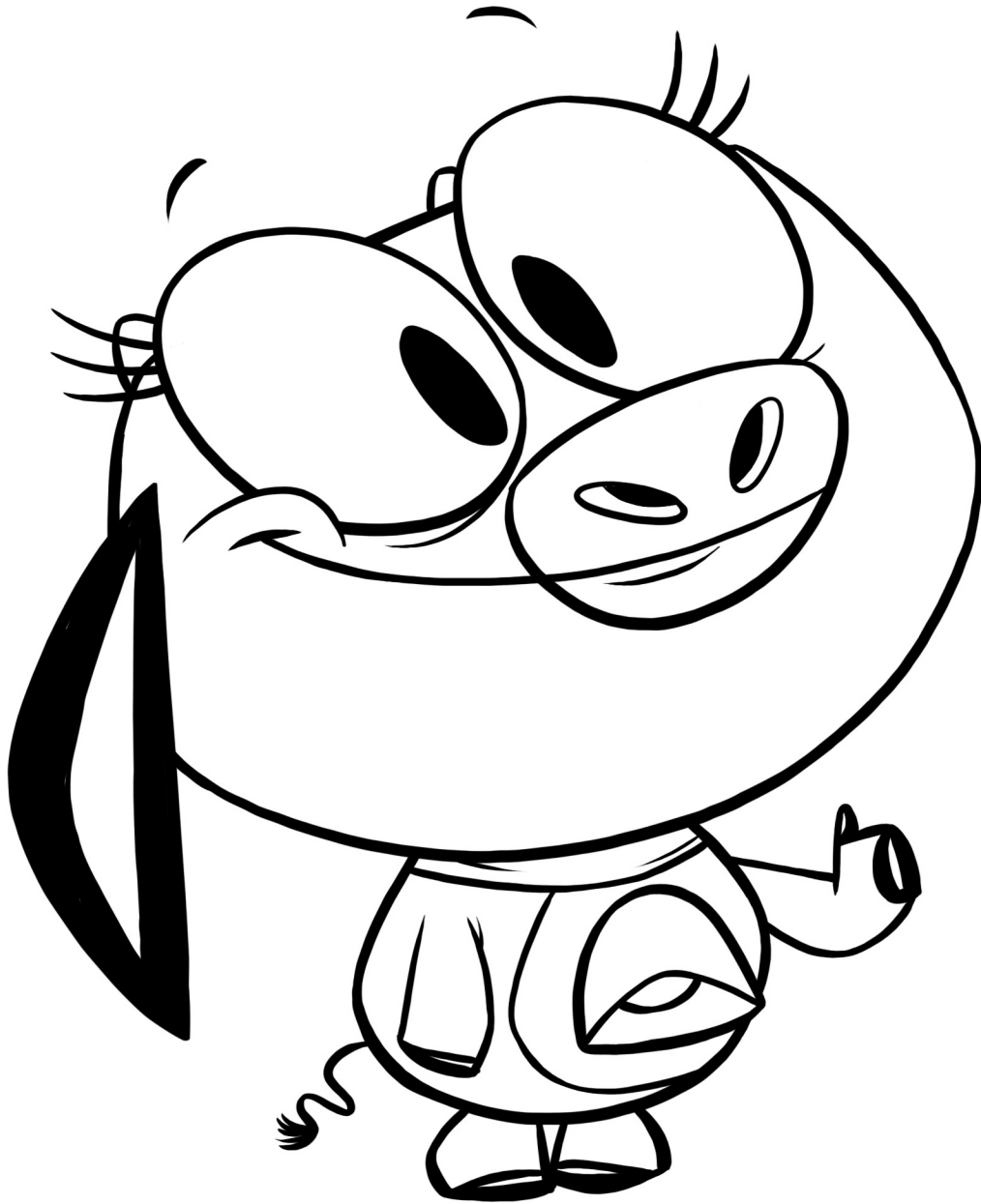


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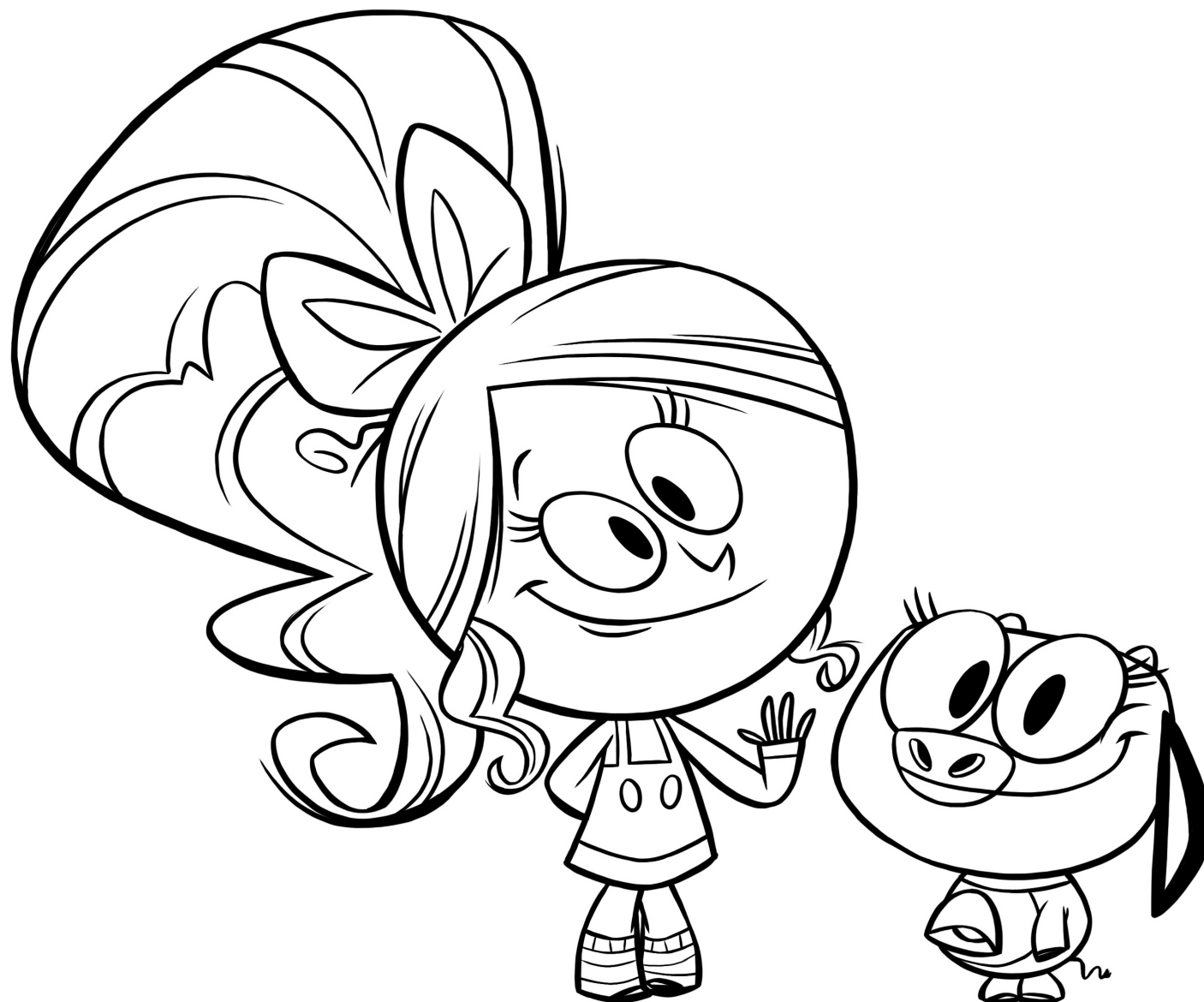
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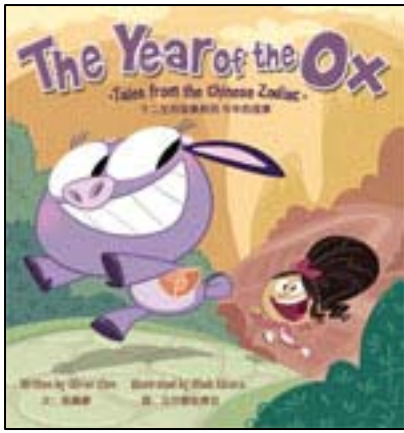


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Olivia is a young ox who wants to help her parents. She befriends the girl Mei. Together, can they both make a difference when others don't expect them to?

**Questions:**

1. What do your parents do? How would you like to help them?

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2. When you were younger, did you like being small? Why do you want to become bigger?

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3. Have you tried to do something for the first time, but didn't succeed? How did that feel?

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4. Has someone ever thought you couldn't do something well but then you did it? How did that feel?

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5. Have you ever been in a natural disaster? If people are running away, why would someone stay to help?

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6. How are you like Olivia? How are you like Mei? Why would they make good friends with you?

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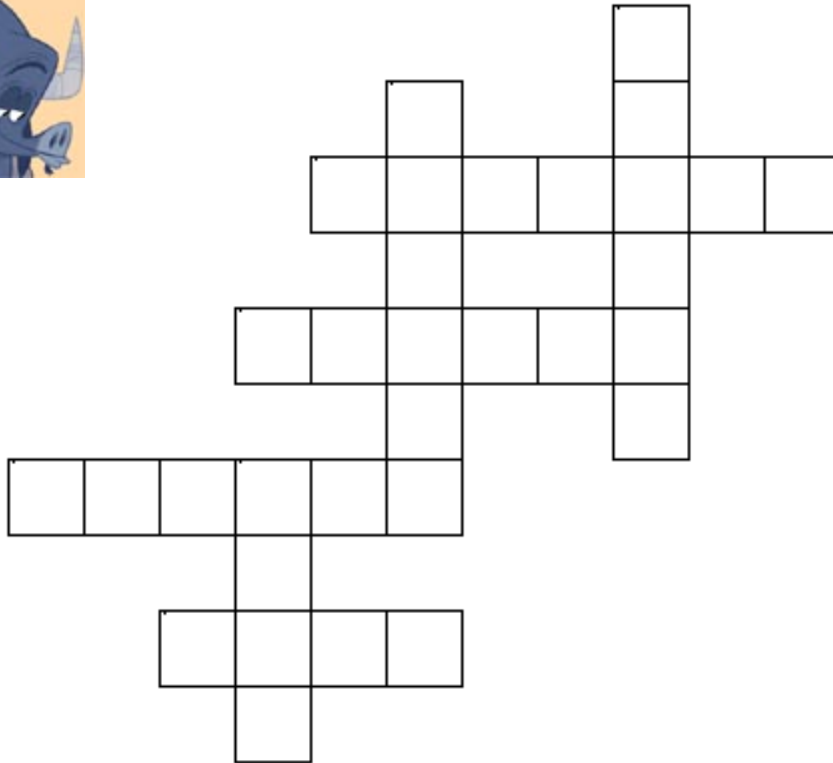
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# Olivia's Crossword

Read the clues and fill in the missing words!



## Across

3. What Mei pedals to go get help
4. Another name for oxen or cows
5. Someone who grows food
7. What an ox pulls to till a field

## Down

1. What Olivia & Mei carry water in
2. What Olivia considers Mei (& vice versa)
6. Where Olivia & Mei bring the hay



# Mei's Word Search

Help Mei find these words!



CHINESE  
DIKE  
FAMILY  
FATHER  
FIELD  
FLOOD  
FRIENDS  
GAMES

HARVEST  
HAY  
HOLE  
MARKET  
MEI  
MOTHER  
OLIVIA  
OXEN

PLAY  
TAIL  
TOWN  
WATER  
WELL  
YEAR  
YOKE  
ZODIAC

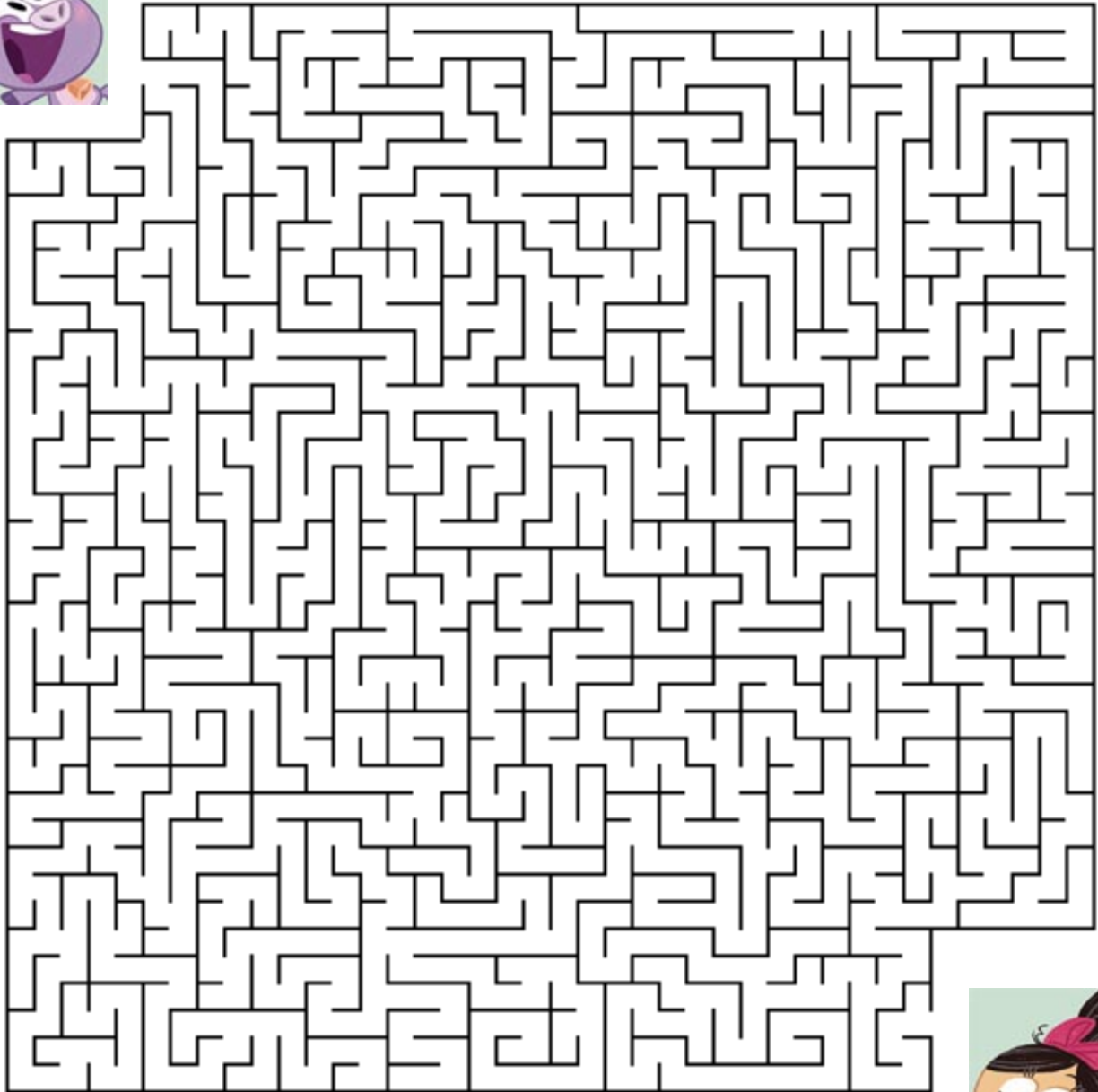


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# Oxen Maze

Help Olivia find Mei!

**START**



**END**

