



# DILIGENCE

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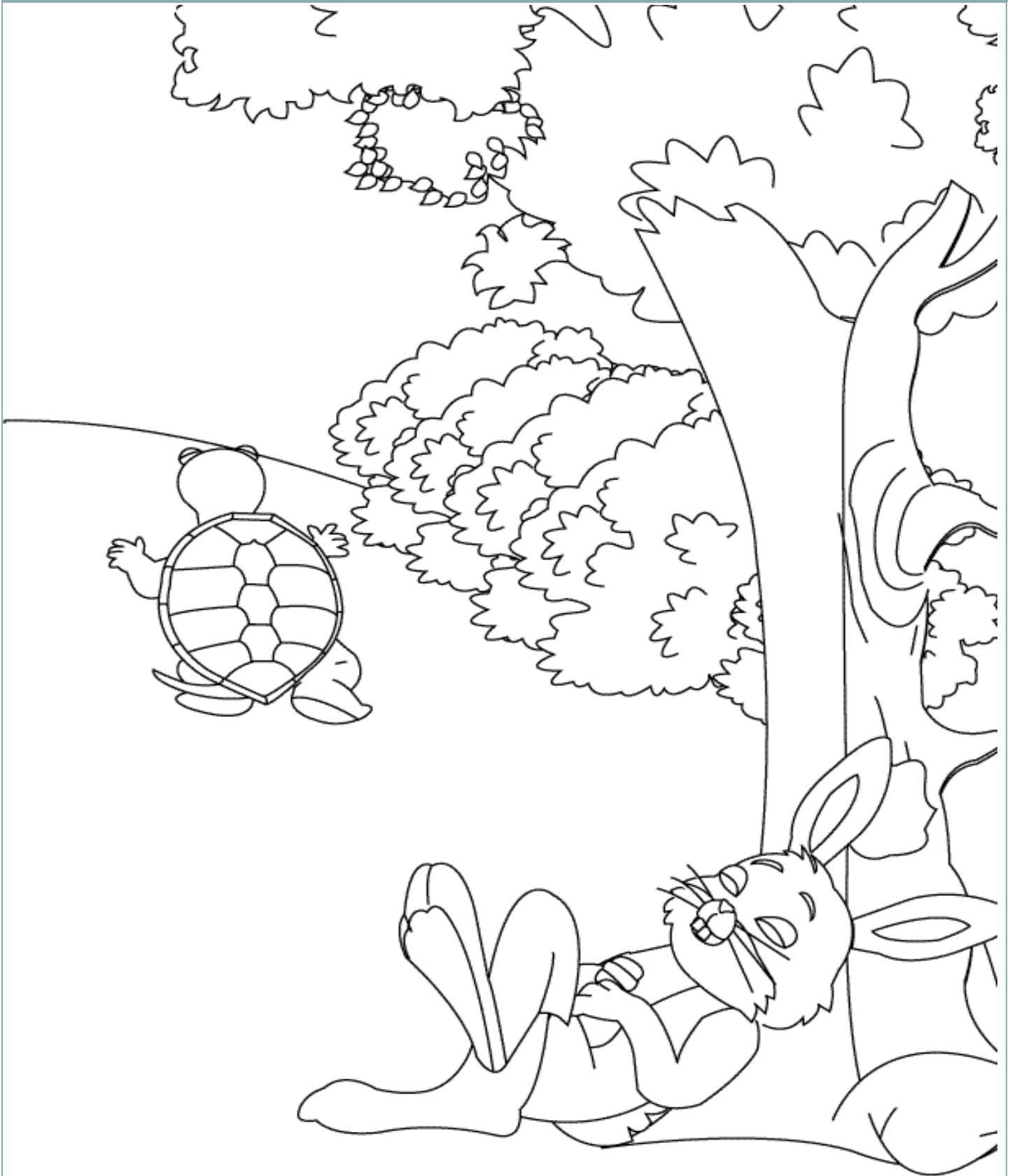
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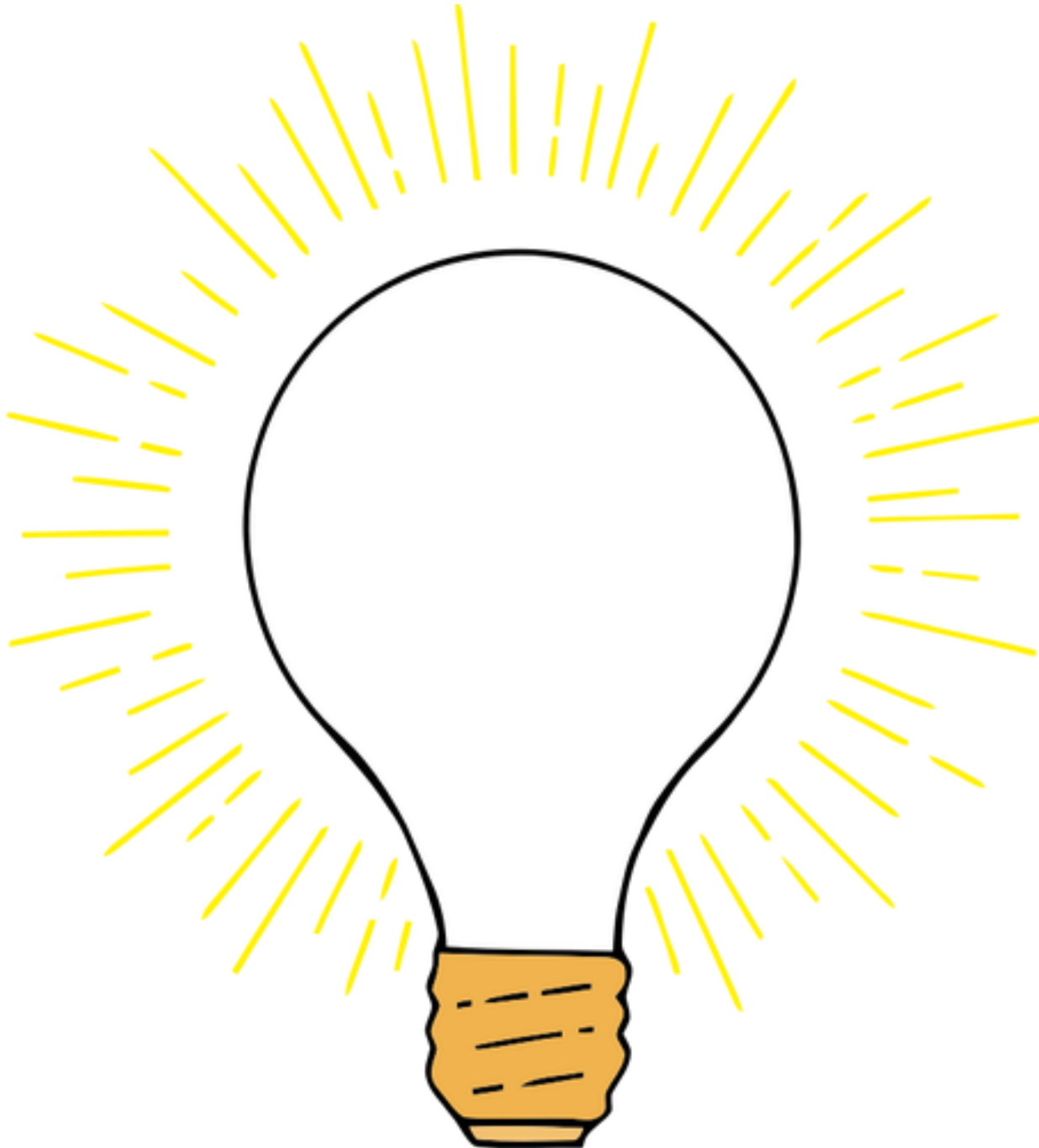
# ***The Hare and the Tortoise***



# How is a beaver diligent?

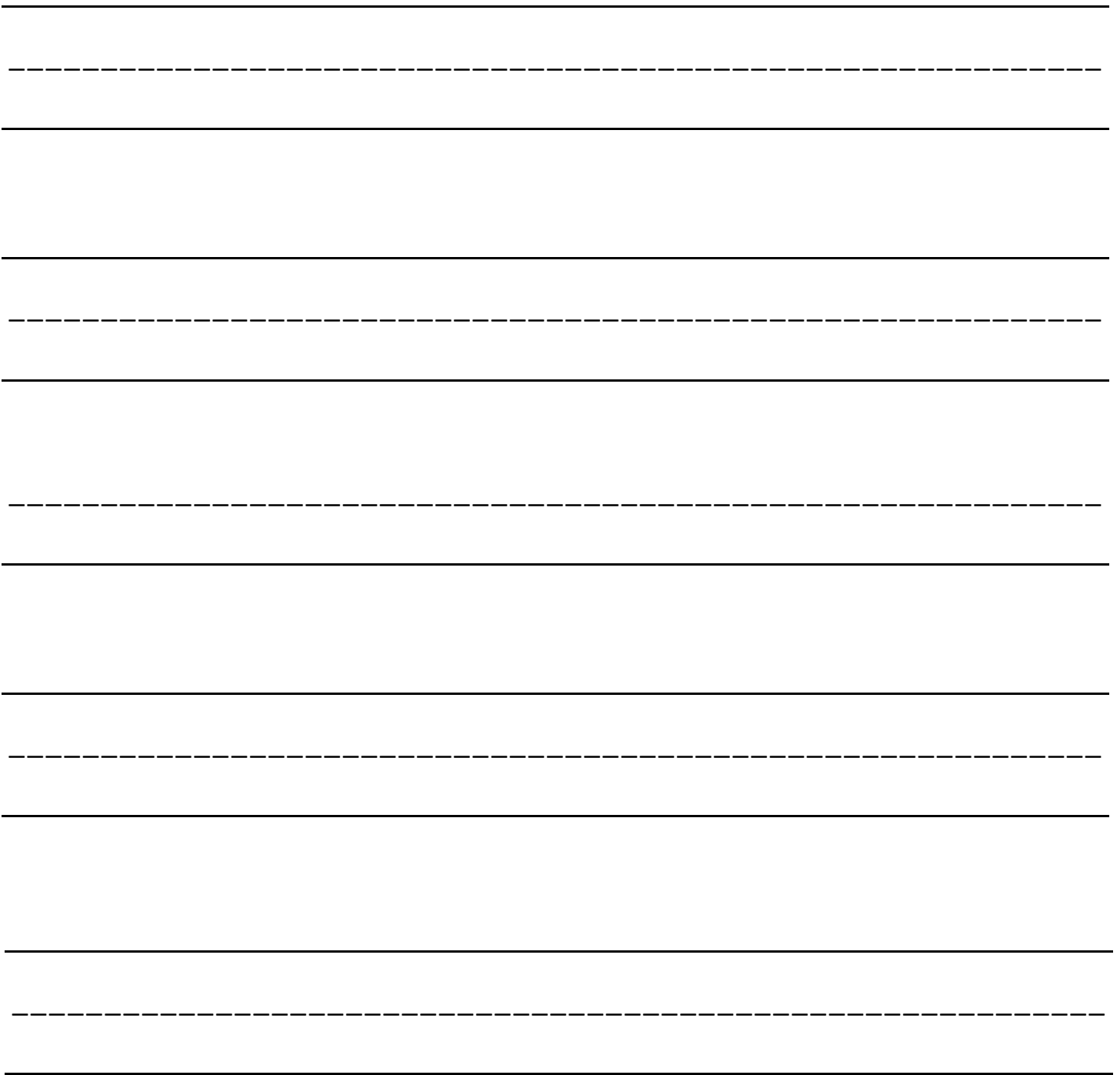


# Thomas Edison: Light Bulb



And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as  
to the Lord, and not unto men."

- Colossians 3:23

The image shows a series of horizontal lines for handwriting practice. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. There are five such sets of lines arranged vertically on the page.

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Handwriting practice lines consisting of five sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid).

*“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” - Colossians 3:23*

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline for letter height guidance. There are five sets of these lines provided for practice.



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# Diligence Quotes

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.”

Abigail Adams

“What we hope to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence.”

Samuel Johnson

“Diligence is the beginning of brilliance.”

Indonesian Proverb

“Diligence is the mother of good luck.”

Benjamin Franklin

“Patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains.”

William Penn

“Diligence overcomes difficulties; sloth make them.”

Benjamin Franklin

“There is no barrier to success which diligence and perseverance cannot hurdle.”

Oscar Michaux

“It is the want of diligence, rather than the want of means, that causes most failures.”

Alfred Mercier

“Care and diligence bring luck.”

Thomas Fuller

# Scriptures for Diligence

**Proverbs 13:4** - The soul of the sluggard desireth, and [hath] nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

**Proverbs 10:4** - He becometh poor that dealeth [with] a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

**Galatians 6:9** - And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**1 Corinthians 15:58** - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**Proverbs 12:24** - The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

**Proverbs 22:29** - Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean [men].

**2 Timothy 2:15** - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**2 Peter 3:14** - Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

**2 Peter 1:10** - Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

**Ecclesiastes 9:10** - Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

**Proverbs 11:27** - He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

**James 1:12** - Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Philippians 3:14** - I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 3:23** - And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

**Exodus 15:26** - And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee.

# Books for Diligence

## Picture Books

- *Dex : The Heart of a Hero*, by Carolyn Buehner
- *Duck on a Bike*, by David Shannon
- *My Mommy Hung the Moon: A Love Story*, by Jamie Lee Curtis
- *Farmer Duck*, by Martin Windell
- *How the Camel Got its Humps*, by Christiane Jones
- *The Big Race: A Lesson on Perseverance*, by Suzanne I. Barchers
- *The Little Mouse on the Prairie*, by Stephen Cosgrove

## Chapter Books

- *The Heavenly Man*, by Brither Yun
- *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand
- *South: The Endurance Expedition*, by Ernest Shackleton
- *The Persian Expedition*, by Xenophone
- *Outliers: The Story of Success*, by Malcolm Gladwell

# Diligence

By Author Unknown

I will work until I finish  
Any job that I may start;  
And instead of being lazy  
I will work with all my heart.

I will concentrate on what I do,  
And keep my goal in sight;  
I will follow the instructions  
So the job will be done right.

Before me lies an open map,  
The choice is mine to make,  
I'll live a life of character,  
And that's the road I'll take.

# Hymn Study Routine

Complete the following hymn study routine for

## “More Diligence Give Me”

(This hymn is public domain. Simply Google the title for music and words. A link to a pdf copy is on the blog under Habits of Learning, links for Diligence)

1. Copy the words to the hymn in your best handwriting. Write each verse on its own stanza.
2. Google the hymn title and read about the history of the hymn. Write/narrate a short summary of the history.
3. Sing all the verses of the hymn.
4. If you play an instrument, learn to play the hymn.
5. Talk about what this hymn teaches you about listening.