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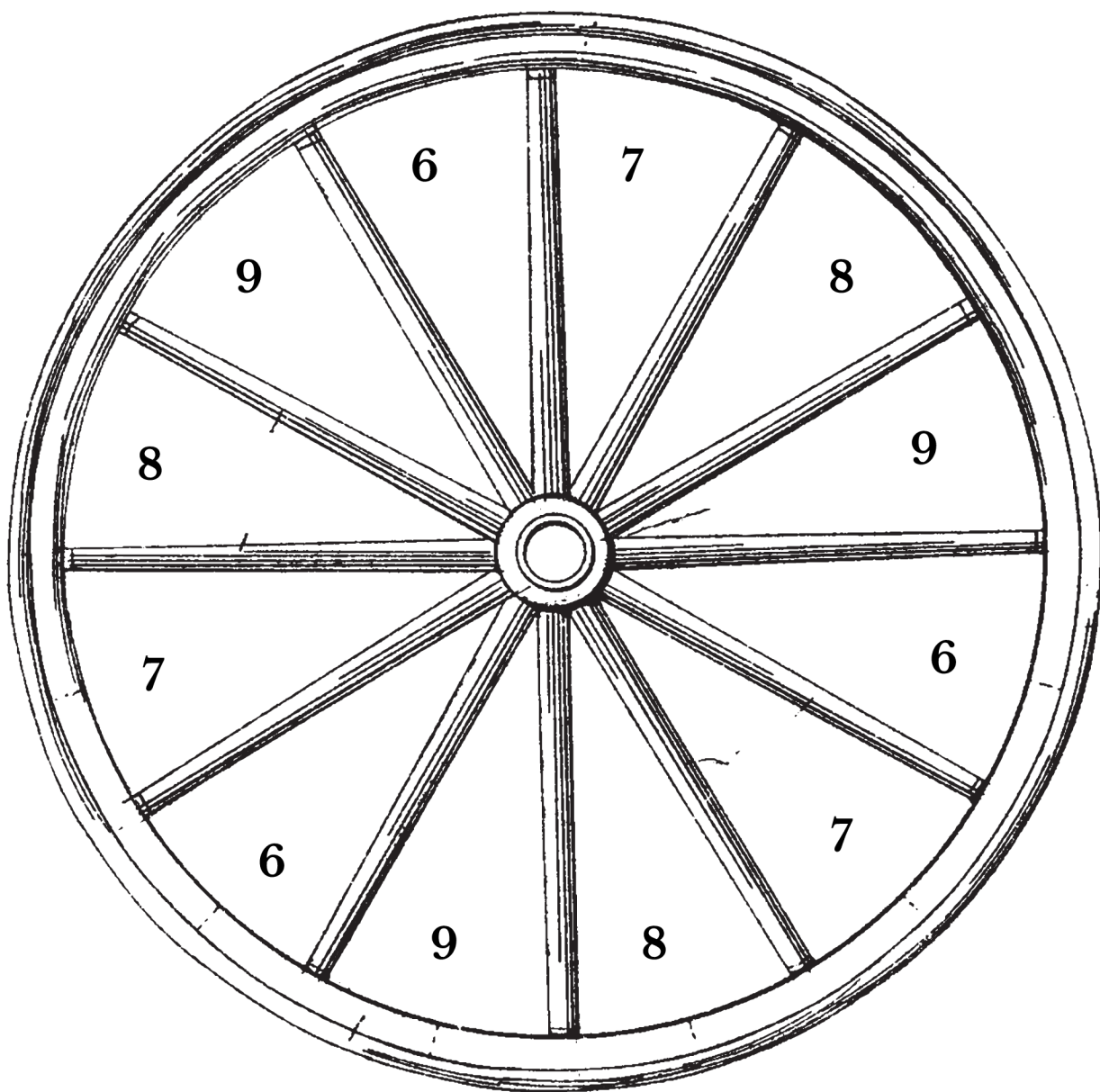
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Read this story. Point out examples of the letter D in the story.

The Ugly Duckling

Once upon a time, on a beautiful farm, a mother duck was waiting for her eggs to hatch. One by one, the eggs cracked open, and adorable little ducklings emerged. But one egg took longer to hatch than the others. When it finally did, out popped a duckling unlike any of the others. He was gray and clumsy, and all the other animals on the farm called him "ugly."

The ugly duckling was very sad. He didn't understand why he looked so different from his brothers and sisters. He tried to fit in, but no matter how hard he tried, the other animals teased him and were unkind to him.

One day, the ugly duckling couldn't take it anymore. He ran away from the farm, determined to find a place where he belonged. He traveled far and wide, through forests and over mountains, but he couldn't find anywhere that felt like home.

As the seasons changed, the ugly duckling grew lonelier and sadder. One day he came across a lake filled with beautiful white birds with long necks gliding along the water. When he looked into the water, he saw his reflection for the first time since he was a baby. To his surprise, he had grown into a magnificent swan with white feathers and a graceful neck. He looked just like the other graceful swans floating on the lake!



The ugly duckling realized that he had never been an ugly duckling at all. He had been a beautiful swan all along. He was overjoyed to finally find where he belonged, among the other swans on the lake. They welcomed him with open wings, and he was happier than he had ever been before.

From then on, the swan lived happily on the lake, swimming and playing with his new friends. And whenever he saw his reflection in the water, he remembered that it's not what's on the outside that matters, but what's on the inside. And he knew that he was truly beautiful, inside and out.

