

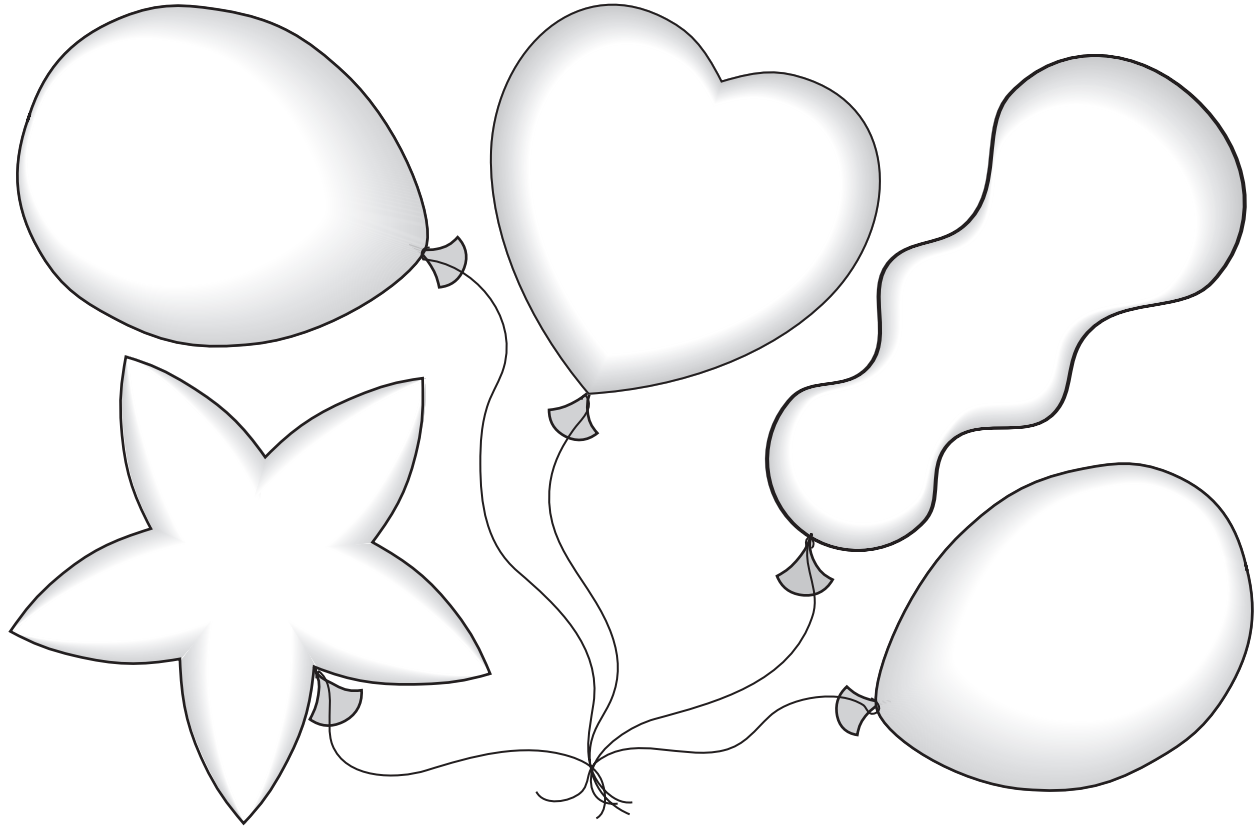
Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

in Just-
E. E. Cummings

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Images of the Mysterious Stranger

The central image in E. E. Cummings's "in Just-" is a balloonman, a mysterious stranger who personifies the coming of spring. Before you read the poem, fill in each of the balloons in the graphic below with one of the things you associate with spring. You may use words, symbols, or pictures.



1. Explain why you filled in each of the balloons the way you did. _____

2. Which of the things you chose to represent spring are similar to the images Cummings uses in "in Just-"? Which are different?

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