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#### Introduction

Every day, your child encounters language arts in many different situations. The activities in *Creative Kids Language Orts* make learning these skills fun no matter what he or she is doing!

In this book, your child will:

 Read stories about Jaden and Lily and practice language arts skills by coloring and drawing illustrations and answering simple questions about key details and story sequence.

 Play fun language arts games that help your child identify letters and sounds, upper and lowercase letters, and same and different.

 Learn about living and nonliving things, animals, plants, weather, and the five senses—which helps him or her classify objects, compare same and different, and follow directions.

 Create alphabet collages, build box props, and shape clay into letters.



# Lily and Jaden's Zoo



It had been raining all morning. Jaden knocked on Lily's door.

"Hi, Jaden," Lily said. "My mom said it is raining too hard to go to the zoo."

Lily and Jaden were sad. They wanted to see the animals.

**Directions:** Color the picture of Lily and Jaden.



"We could make a zoo," Jaden said.

"Yeah!" Lily said. "Let's pretend to be animals, too." Lily's mom heard them playing.

"I have an idea for your zoo," she said.

**Directions:** Draw your own zoo. What animals do you have?

Lily and Jaden sat at the table. They were

making animal masks!

"I want to be a lion," Lily said. Lions were her favorite.

"Can I be an elephant?" Jaden asked.

"Of course," Lily's mom said with a smile.



**Directions:** Circle the things they will need to make masks. Draw an **X** on the things they will not need.



"Roar!" Lily said, wearing her lion mask.

"This is fun," Jaden said, walking like an elephant. The rain stopped outside.

"Looks like we can go to the zoo now," Lily's mom said. "Let's wear our masks!"

Jaden said.





#### Directions: Review the story. Circle the answer.

What animal is Lily?





What animal is Jaden?





**Directions:** Circle the correct missing picture.



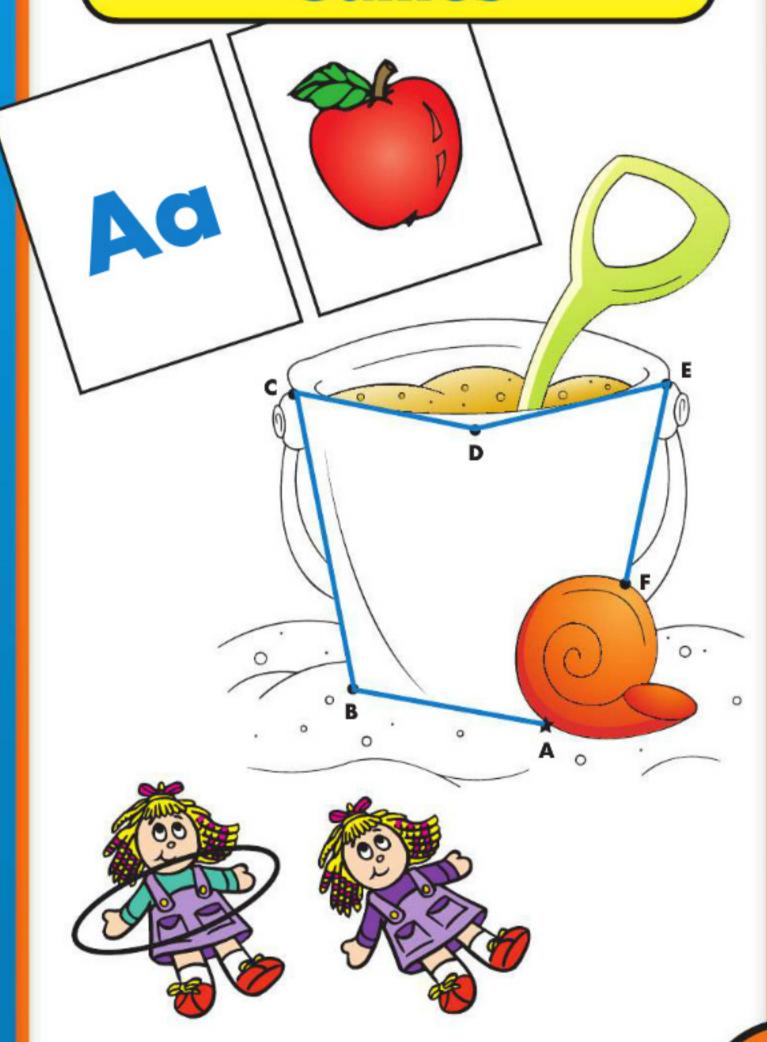








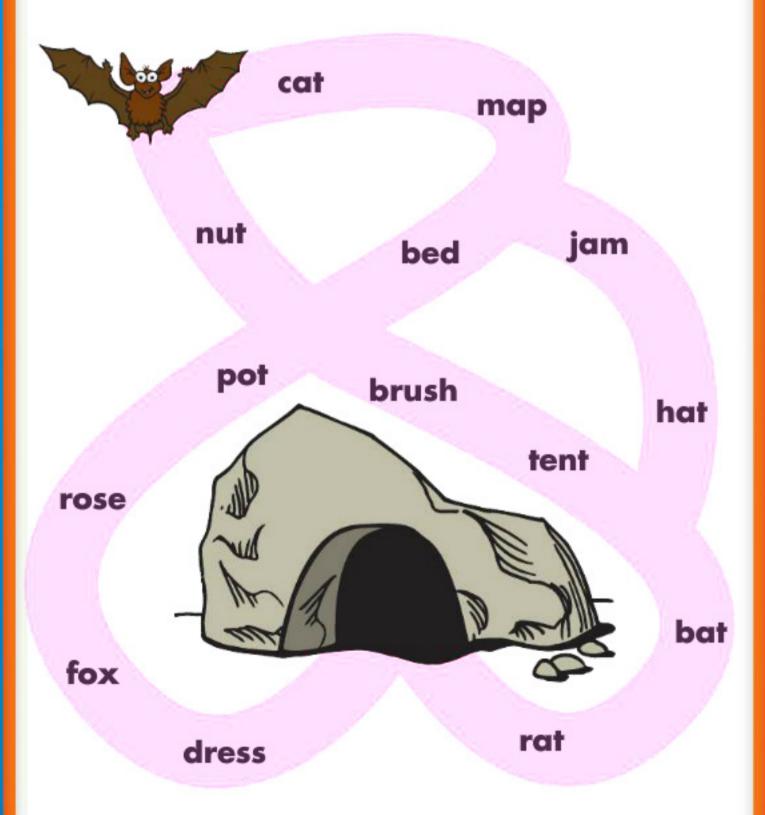
### Language Arts Games



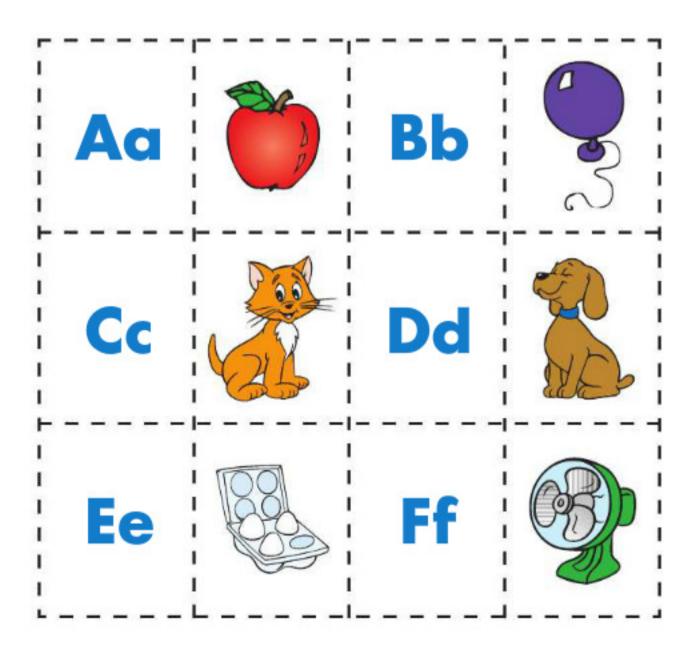
#### Maze

Help the bat find its cave!

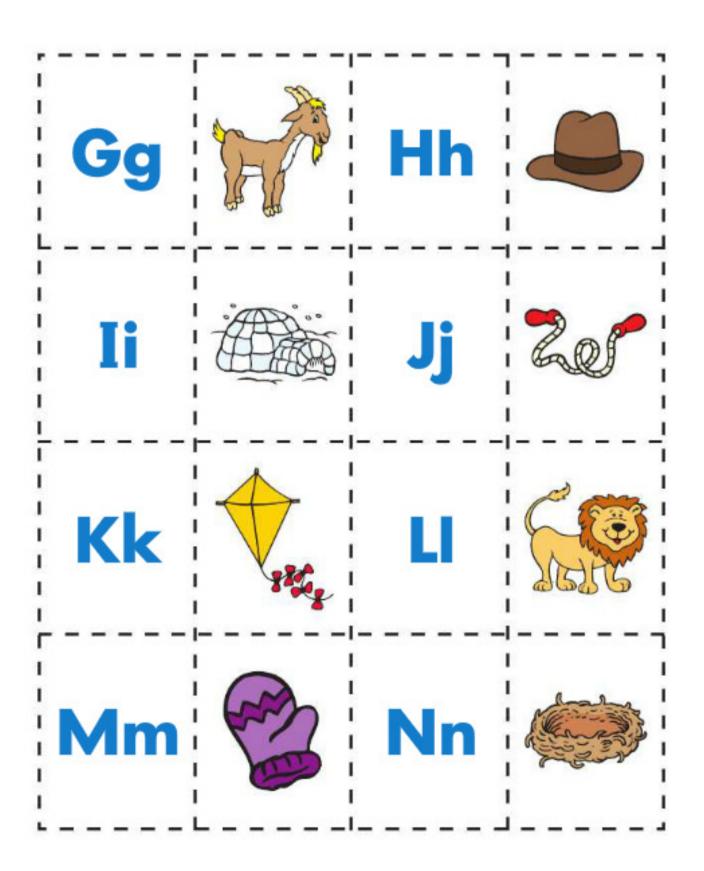
**Directions:** Follow the words that have the short **a** sound, like you hear in **pan**.



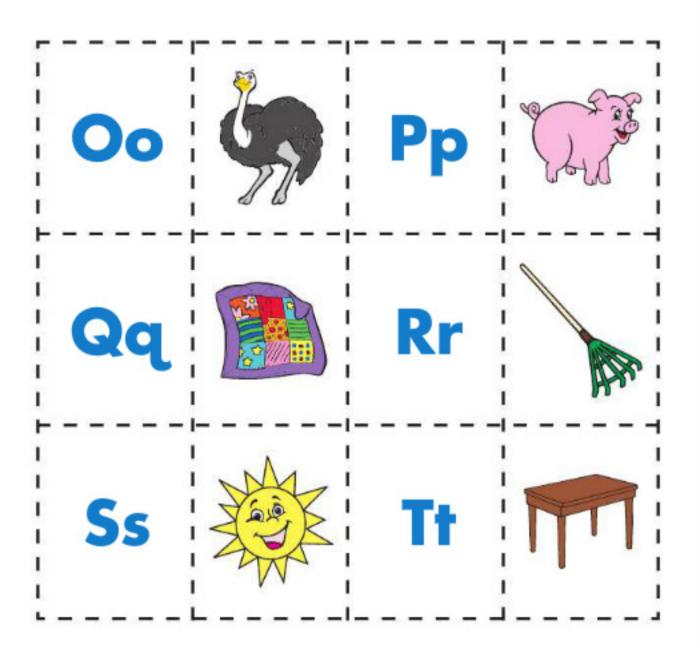
Directions: Cut out the cards below and on pages 15, 17, and 19. Mix up the cards and place them facedown. Turn two cards over, one at a time. Try to match a picture and the letter it begins with. If no match is made, flip both cards back down. Continue flipping and matching until all the cards are paired.

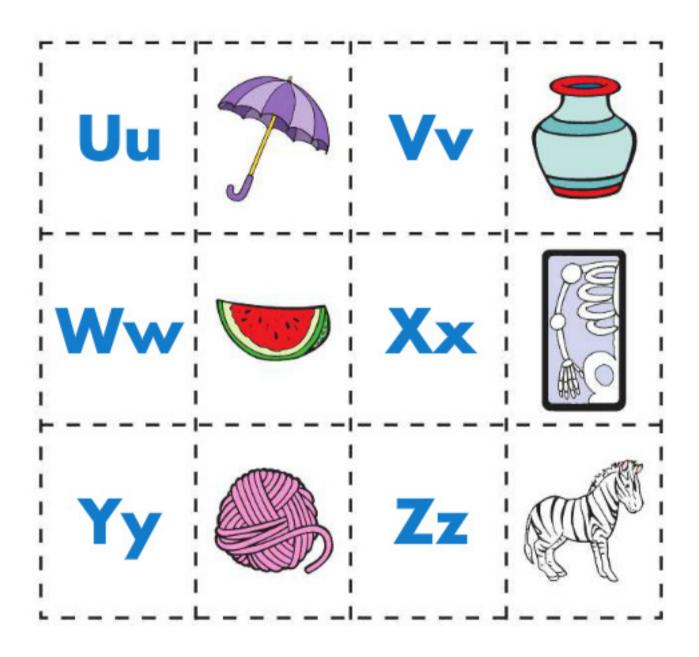












### Which Is Different?

**Directions:** Look at the pictures. Find and circle the picture that is different.

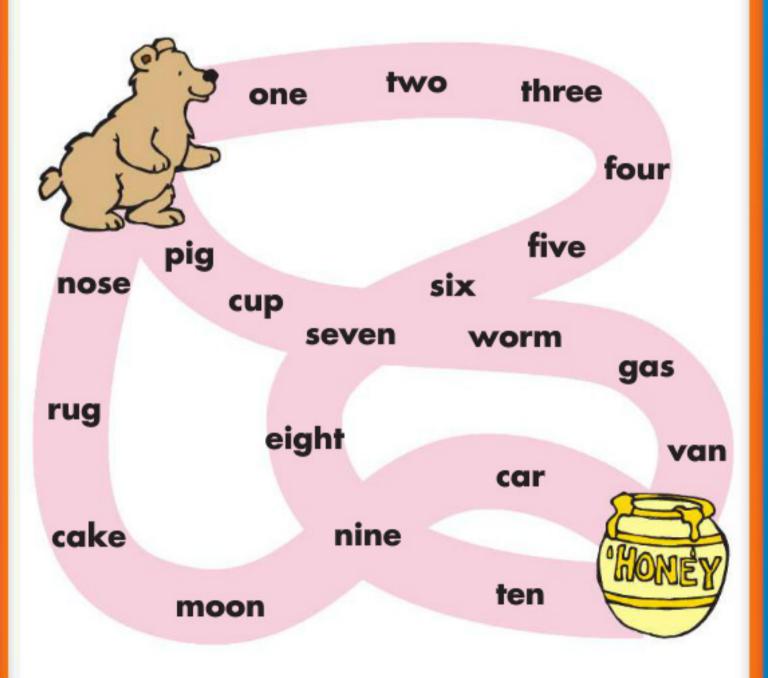


#### Maze

Help the bear find the pot of honey!

**Directions:** Follow the number words through the maze. Use the words in the box to help you.

I one	3 three	5 five	7 seven	9 nine
2 two	4 four	6 six	8 eight	I 0 ten



#### **Secret Code**

**Directions:** Look at each shape. Find the same shape in the code. Write the letter on the line above the matching shape.

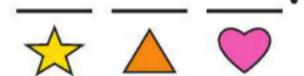
Where do you take a sick puppy?











#### **Dot-to-Dot**

**Directions:** Connect the dots from **A** to **F**. Use a **blue** crayon if the letters are uppercase. Use a **red** crayon if the letters are lowercase. Color the picture.



### **Find the Same**

Lily and her sister both have dolls. Two are the same. Can you find them?

**Directions:** Circle the two pictures that are the same.





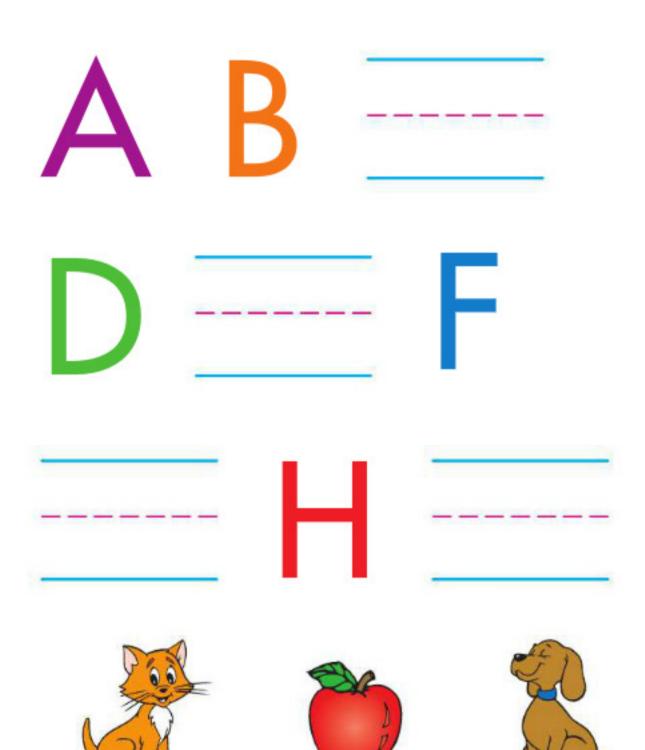




## Missing Uppercase Letters

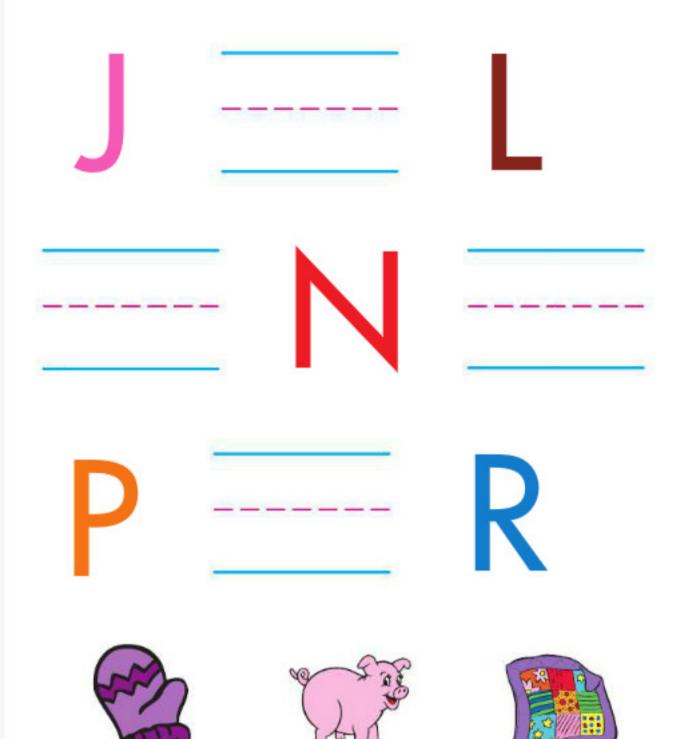
Oh no! Lily found some missing letters in the alphabet! Help her complete the alphabet.

**Directions:** Say each letter out loud. When you come to a missing letter, fill in the blank with the correct uppercase letter.



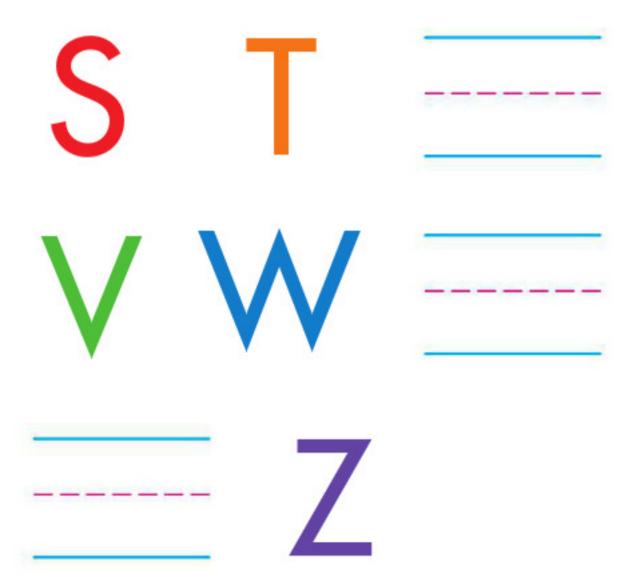
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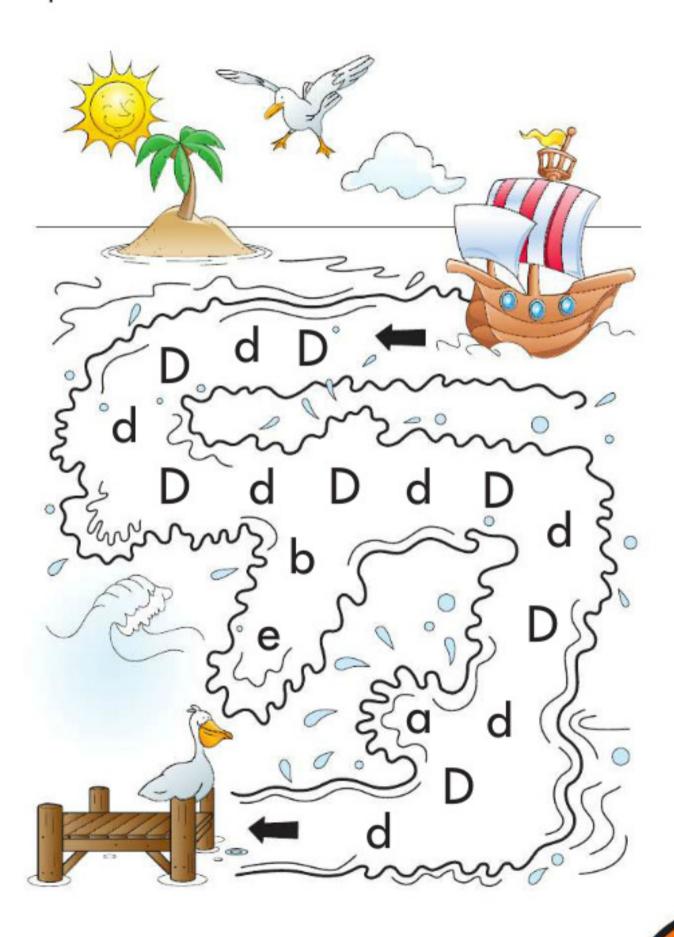






### Maze

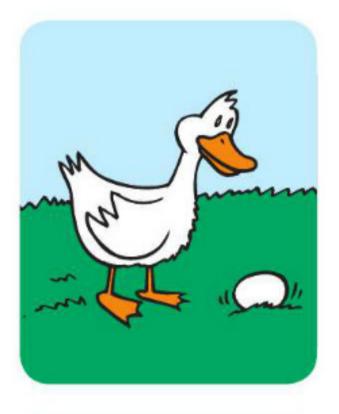
**Directions:** Follow the letters **D** and **d** to help the ship find the dock.

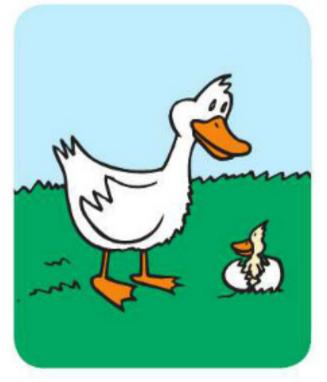


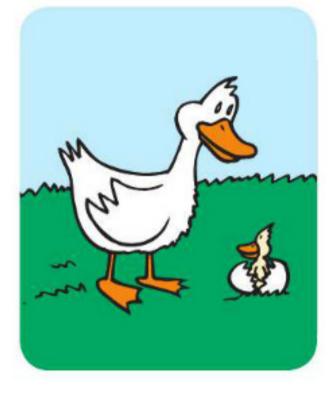
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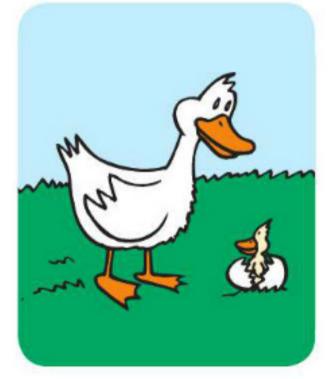
Look at the pictures of the ducks. Which is different?

**Directions:** Draw an **X** on the picture that is different.



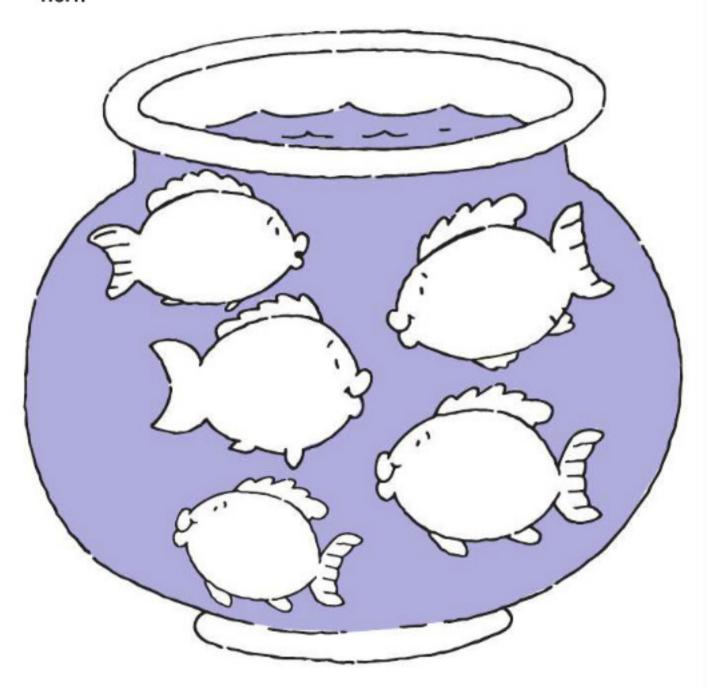






### Following Directions

**Directions:** Follow the directions below to color the fish.



Color one fish green.

Color two fish purple.

Color one fish orange.

Draw yellow stripes on one fish.

### Beginning Sounds

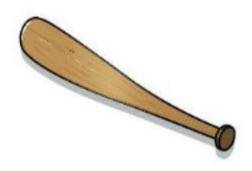
**Directions:** Say each picture name. Draw a line from each picture to the letter that makes its beginning sound.



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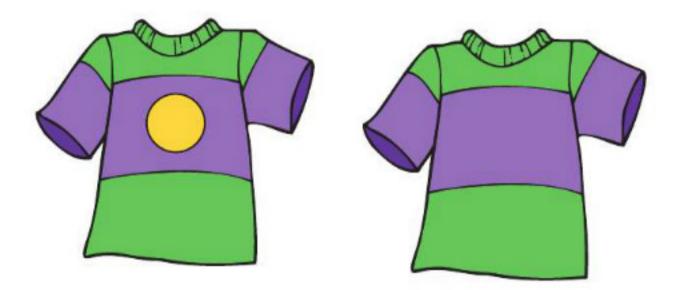


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#### **Find the Same**

Jaden has two shirts that are the same. Can you help him find them?

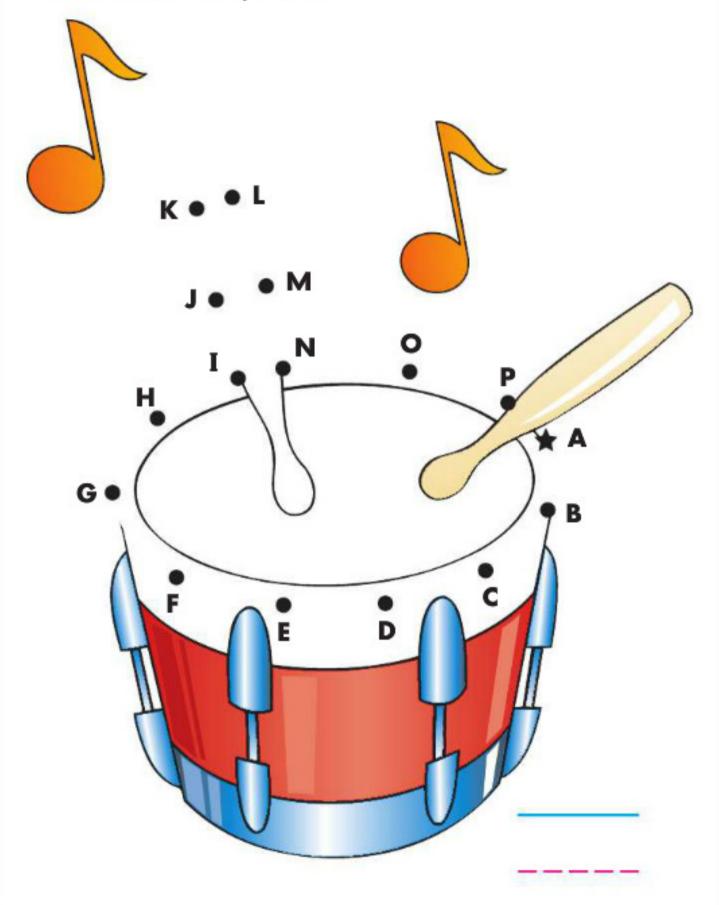
**Directions:** Circle the two pictures that are the same.





#### **Dot-to-Dot**

**Directions:** Connect the dots from **A** to **P**. Start at the ★. Color the picture.



What letter does the picture start with?

### Matching

**Directions:** Draw a line from each animal to its matching baby. What letter does each animal start with?





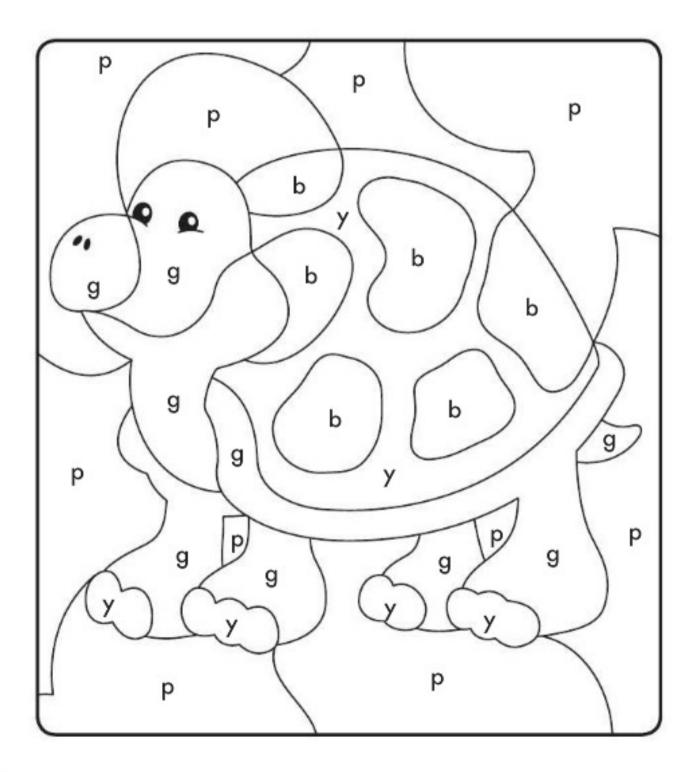
#### Color Code

**Directions:** Use the code to color the spaces and find the hidden picture.

#### **Color Code:**

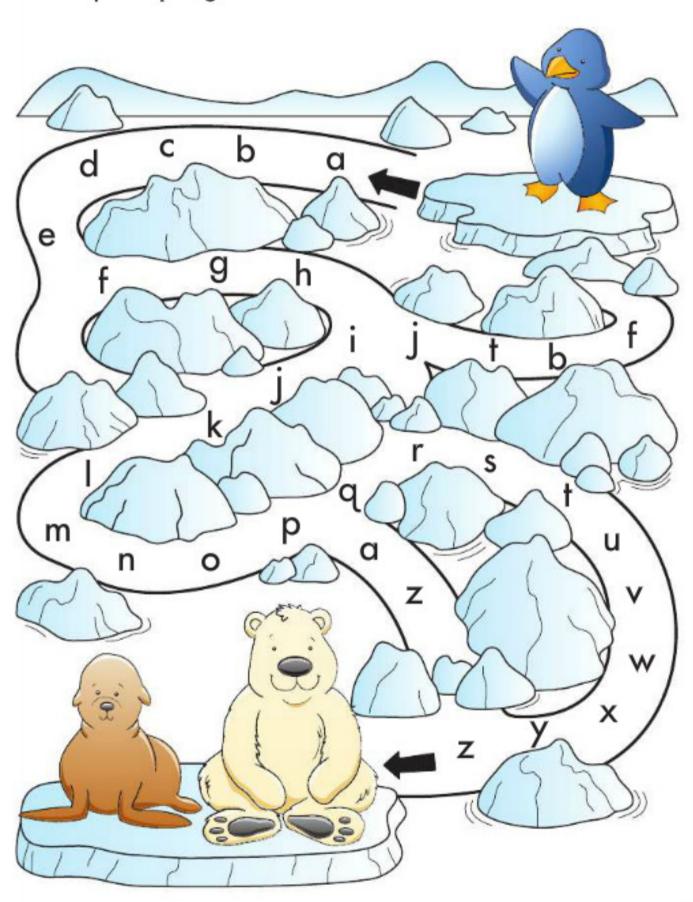
b = brown y = yellow

g = green p = pink



#### Maze

**Directions:** Follow the lowercase letters **a** through **z** to help the penguin find its friends.



### Find the Same

**Directions:** Circle the two pictures that are the same.









# Matching Weather

**Directions:** Draw a line to match the things that go together.



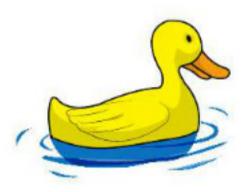


# Beginning Sounds

**Directions:** Say each picture name. Draw a line from each picture to the letter that makes its beginning sound.



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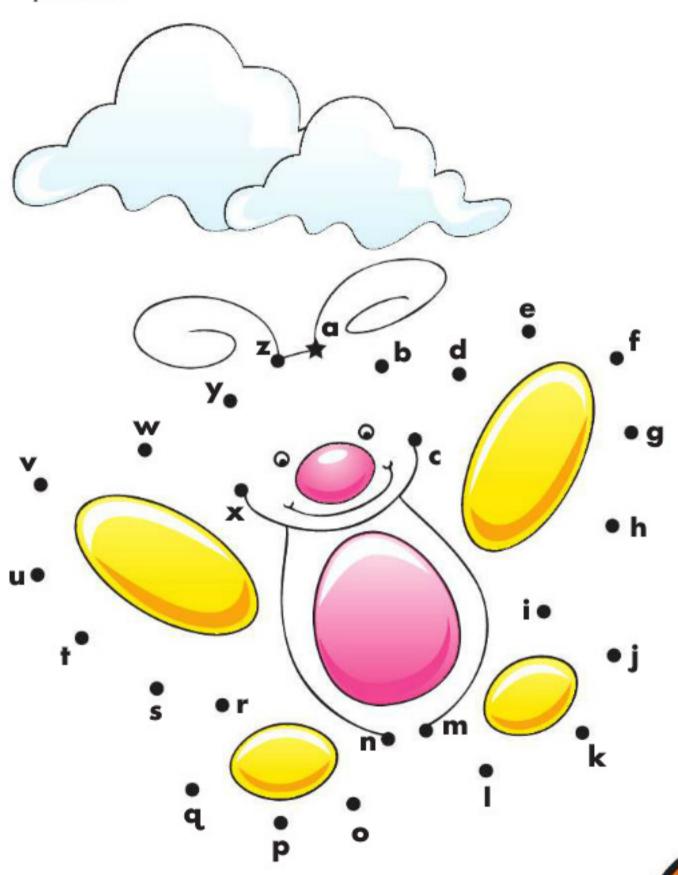
D



P

#### **Dot-to-Dot**

**Directions:** Connect the dots from **a** to **z**. Use a **green** crayon if the letters are uppercase. Use a **purple** crayon if the letters are lowercase. Color the picture.



#### **Secret Code**

**Directions:** Look at each shape. Find the same shape in the code. Write the letter on the line above the matching shape.

What does the baby ear of corn call his dad?



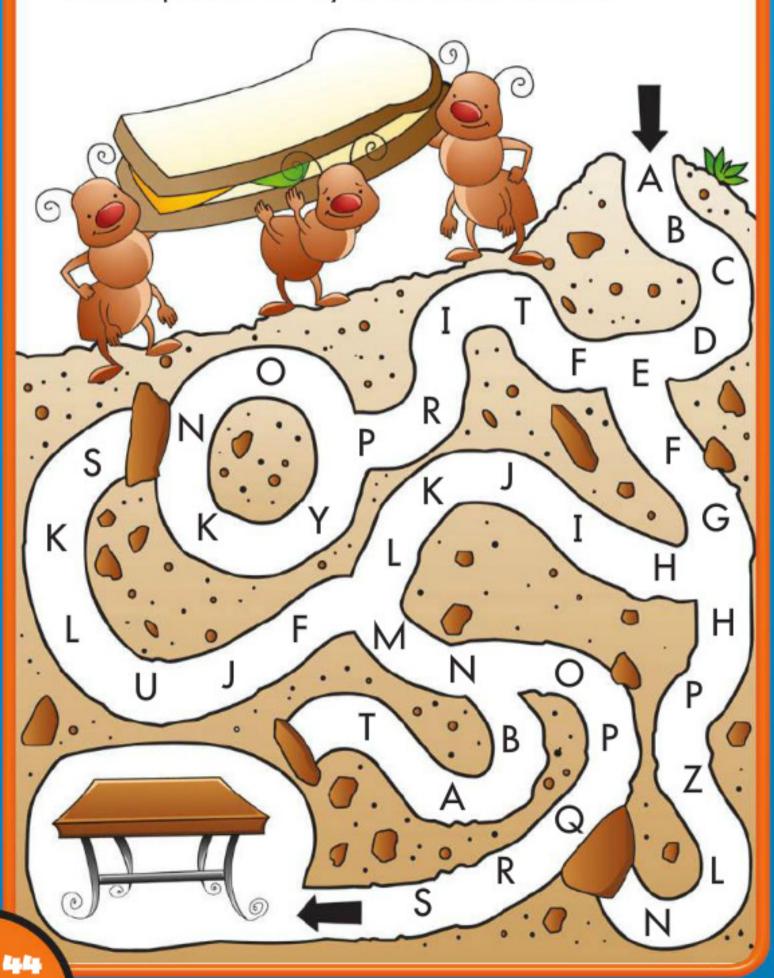
### **Hidden Picture**

Directions: Can you find each **Q** and **q**? Color each **Q** blue and each **q**yellow.



### Maze

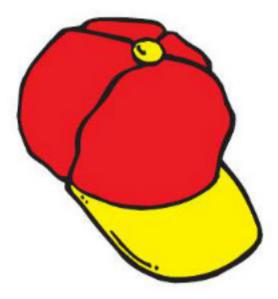
**Directions:** Follow the uppercase letters **A** through **S** to help the ants carry their lunch to the table.



# **Find the Same**

Jaden has two hats that are the same. Can you find them?

**Directions:** Circle the two pictures that are the same.









# **Tongue Twisters**

**Directions:** Read the tongue twisters below out loud. Can you say them fast three times? Then, write your own tongue twister on the lines!





Black background, brown background

Black back bat



Six slimy snails sailed silently



## **Word Search**

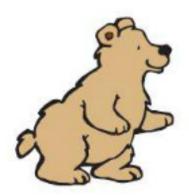
**Directions:** Use a **red** crayon to circle the names of three animals that would make good pets. Use a **blue** crayon to circle the names of three wild animals. Use an **orange** crayon to circle two animals that live on a farm. Words can be across or down.

bear	lion	bird	cow
cat	sheep	dog	tiger

а	m	е	0	W	W	n	1	i	0	n
b	m	d	0	g	g	Х	i	i	S	0
а	b	е	а	r	r	٧	1	m	h	r
r	m	r	m	0	0	u	S	е	е	k
k	С	а	b	b	i	r	d	s	е	m
i	0	t	t	i	g	е	r	m	р	q
b	W	n	0	W	W	r	q	n	е	n
d	n	С	р	h	h	i	d	u	d	n
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# Beginning Sounds

**Directions:** Say each picture name. Draw a line from each picture to the letter that makes its beginning sound.











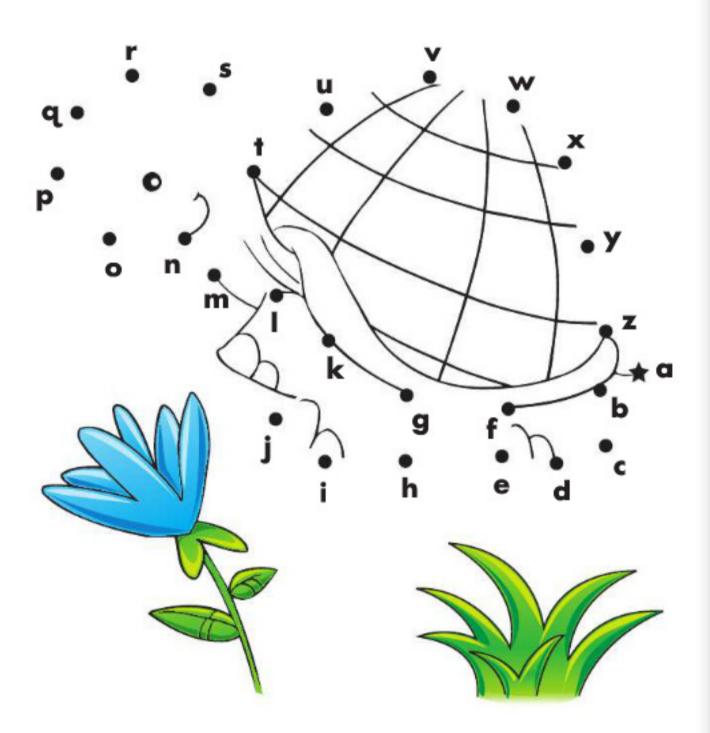




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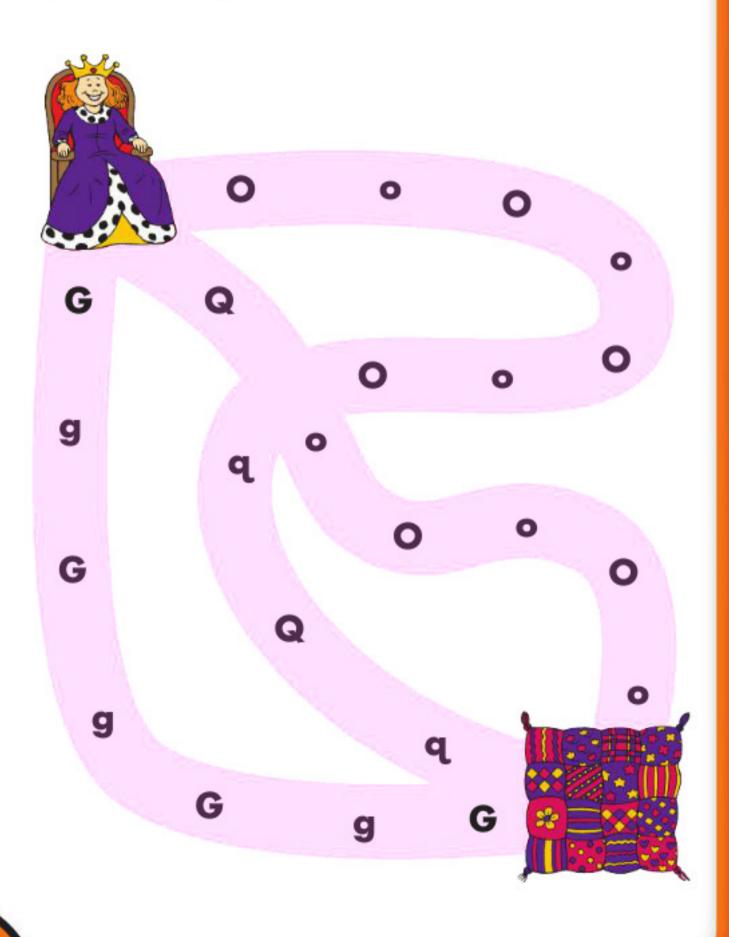
## **Dot-to-Dot**

**Directions:** Connect the dots from **a** to **z**. Use a **pink** crayon if the letters are uppercase. Use a **green** crayon if the letters are lowercase. Color the picture.

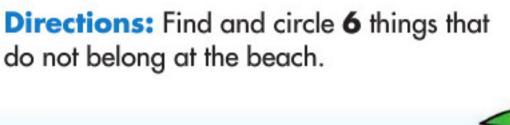


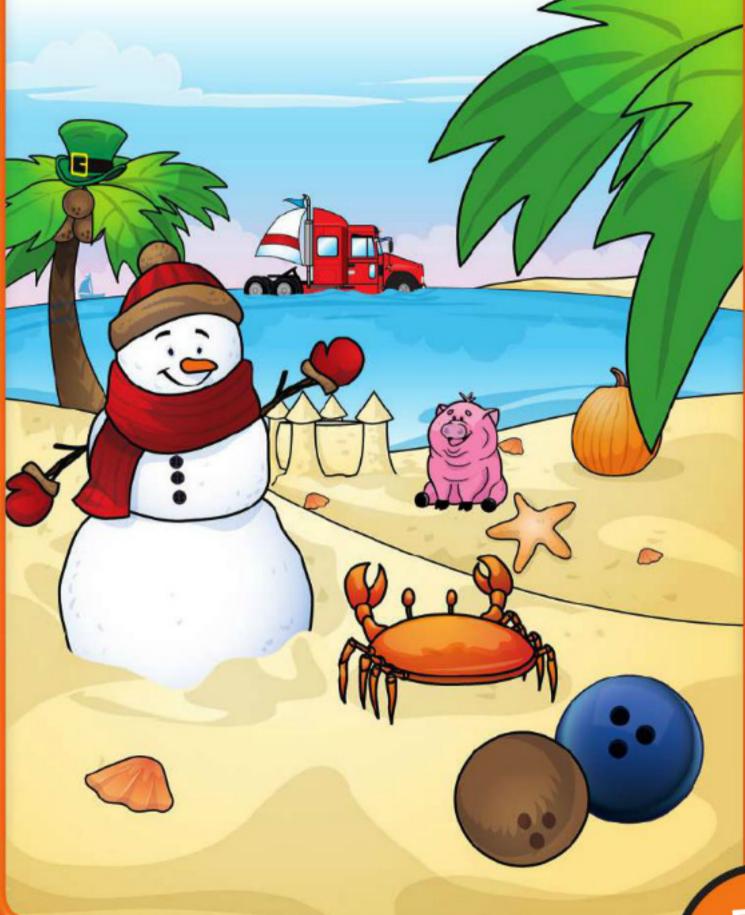
## Maze

**Directions:** Follow the letters **Q** and **q** to help the queen find her quilt.



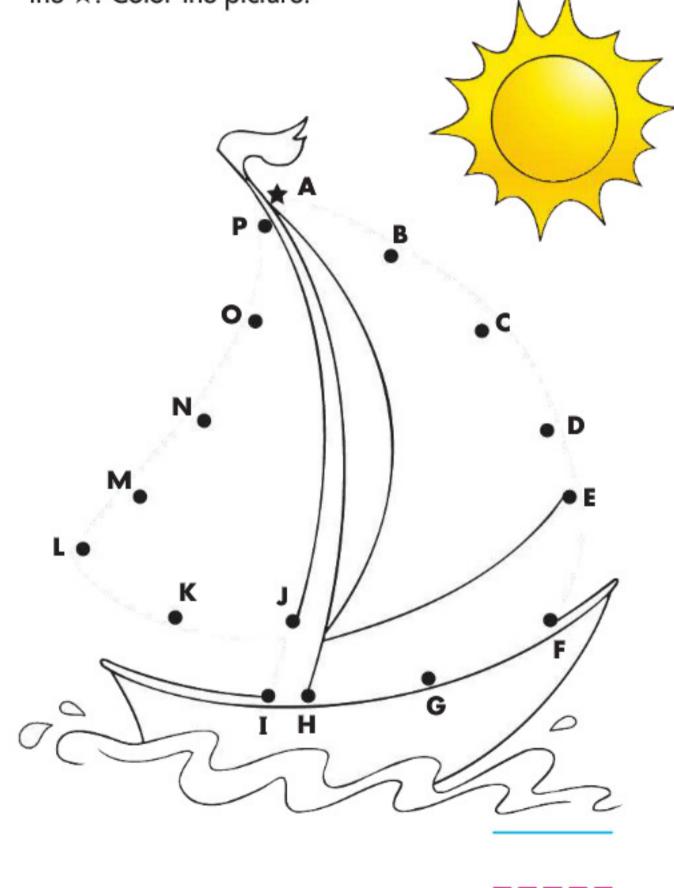
# What Does Not Belong?





### **Dot-to-Dot**

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What letter does the picture start with?





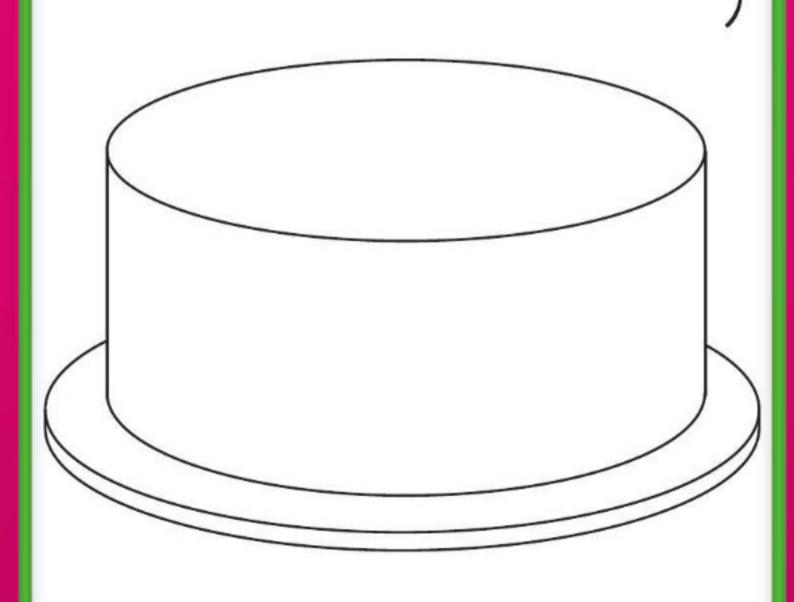
"Happy birthday, Jaden!" Lily said.

"Thanks!" Jaden said. Jaden's mom called for him and Lily.

"I have a surprise for you both," she said.

She gave them a piece of paper.

**Directions:** Draw **4** candles on Jaden's birthday cake. Decorate his cake.



"Your gift is hiding," Jaden's mom said. "Lily can help you find it."

"It is like a treasure hunt," Jaden said.

"Yes," his mom said. "Use the picture on the paper to find it." Jaden and Lily looked at the paper. It was blank!

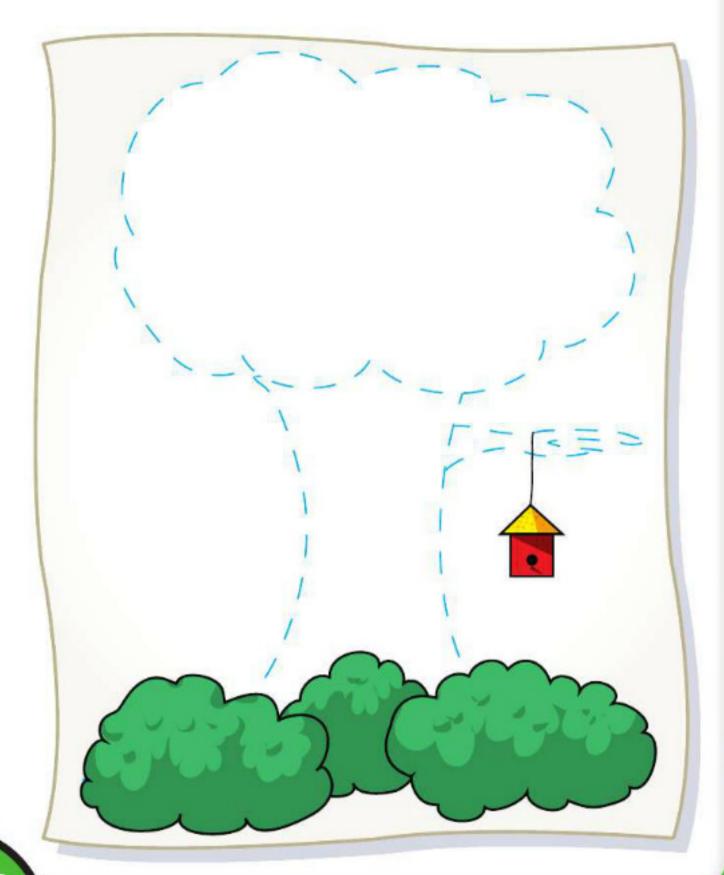


"I used invisible ink," Jaden's mom said.
"Carefully, hold the paper up to a light."

Lily and Jaden raced to a lamp. The heat made a picture appear!

"Look!" Jaden said. "I see something!"

**Directions:** Trace the picture on the paper. Then, color it. What is it?



"It is a tree," Lily said.

"Let's look in the backyard," Jaden said. He saw something behind the tree.

"A bike!" he said.

"That was fun," Lily said. "Let's make more invisible messages!"

Directions: What happens next? Draw it below.

#### **Directions:** Review the story. Circle the answer.





Whose birthday is it?

What is Jaden's birthday surprise?





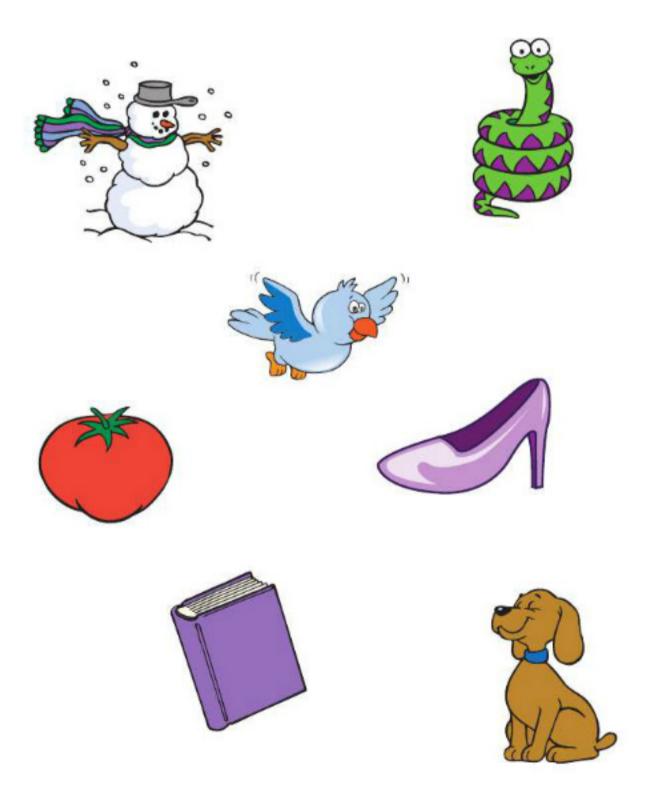
What is your favorite toy? Draw it below.



# Classifying

Living things need food, air, and water. Nonliving things do not.

**Directions:** Circle the living things. Draw an **X** on the nonliving things.



# **Living Things**

Living things also grow. A 😵 is a living thing. If you water it and give it sunlight, then it grows.

**Directions:** Draw a flower. Can you think of more living things? Draw them below. What letter does each thing start with?

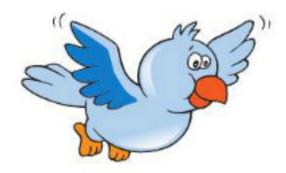
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## **Animal Homes**

Animals are living things. Animals need food, water, and a home.

**Directions:** Draw a home for each animal. Draw a home that starts with **Cc** for the bat. Draw a home that starts with **Nn** for the bird.





# Following Directions: Plants

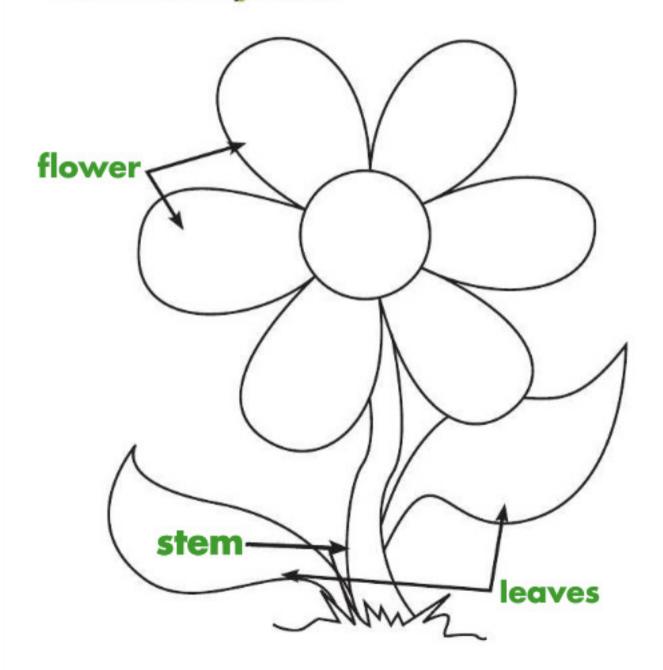
Plants are living things. They need water and sunlight to grow.

**Directions:** Color the 💞 . Follow the directions below.

Color the stem brown.

Color the leaves green.

Color the flower Color

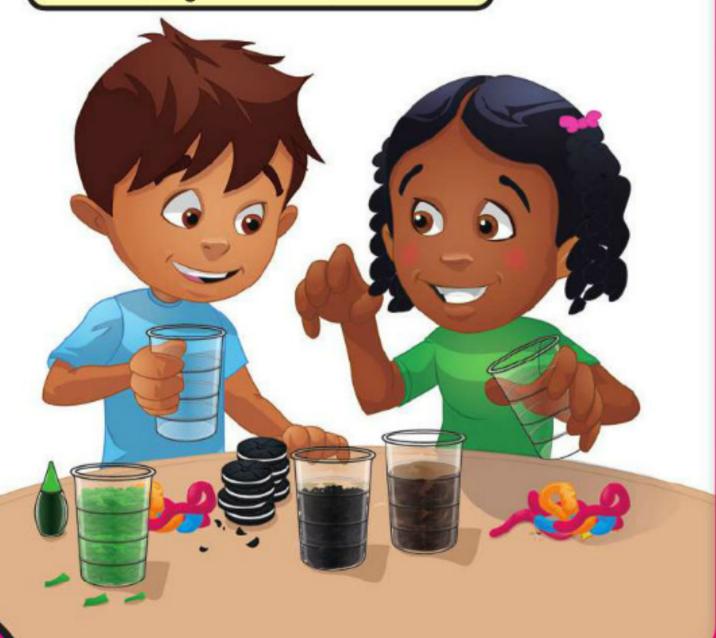


### Dirt Snack

Jaden loves playing in the dirt! This tasty snack will teach you all about dirt and the bugs who live there!

#### What you'll need:

- 3 to 4 chocolate sandwich cookies
- ½ cup chocolate pudding
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coconut
- Green food coloring
- 2 or 3 candy worms
- Small plastic cup
- Plastic bag

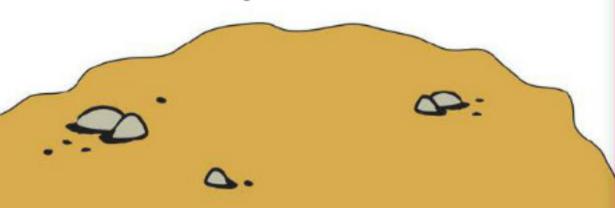


#### **Dirt Snack**

#### What to do:

- Crush the cookies in a plastic bag. Put about half of the crushed cookies into the bottom of the plastic cup.
- Place the chocolate pudding on top of the crumbs. Imagine this is dirt.
- Mix the coconut with a few drops of green food coloring. Sprinkle some of the coconut on top of the pudding. Imagine this is grass.
- 4. Hide the worms in the coconut. Then, add the rest of the cookie crumbs and enjoy your snack!

**Directions:** Draw **green** grass on the dirt. Then, draw worms and other bugs in the dirt.



### Weather

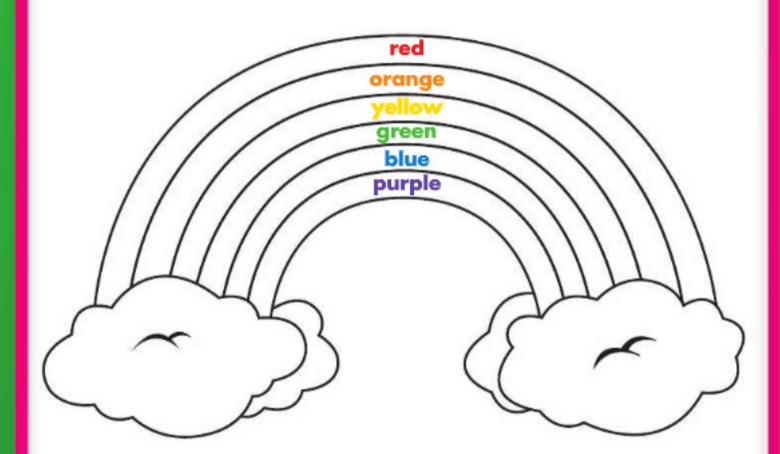
Sunshine, rain, snow, and thunderstorms are all types of weather. What does the weather look like today?

**Directions:** Draw the weather today.

# Color Words: Rainbows

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Sunlight and raindrops make rainbows appear.

**Directions:** Read the color words out loud. Color the rainbow the correct colors.



# Same and Different: Leaves

Leaves come in all shapes and sizes. How are some leaves the same? How are some different? Collect all shapes, sizes, and colors of leaves to find out!

#### What you'll need:

- A plastic bag
- Glue
- Leaves
- An adult



#### What to do:

- Ask an adult to take you for a walk.
- Carefully, collect different types of leaves off of trees and bushes. Put the leaves in a plastic bag.
- 3. Once you are home, lay out all the leaves. Sort the leaves by shape, size, color, texture, or any way you want. Put leaves that are the same color together. Then, find two leaves that are different colors.
- Glue your favorite three leaves to the chart on page 69.

# **Leaf Chart**

The Leaf	Color	Draw the Tree
(glue here)		
(glue here)		
(glue here)		

# Classifying: Sound, Taste, Smell

Directions: Draw an X on things you can hear 9.









laughter

bag

horn

Directions: Draw an X on things you can taste .



ice cream



apple



house

Directions: Draw an X on things you can smell





orange



plate



flower

### Classifying: Sight and Touch

**Directions:** Circle the things you can **see** .









music







rainbow

car

Directions: Circle the things you can touch 🦥 .







tree



hat



moon

# Invisible Alphabet Book

Make an invisible alphabet book to help you learn your letters! Heat will make your letters appear, just like Jaden's secret message.

#### What you'll need:

- Plain Wille paper (one page for each letter)
- Lemon juice
- Bowl
- Cotton swabs or paintbrush
- Lamp
- Hole punch
- String
- An adult



#### What to do:

- Squeeze the lemon juice into a bowl.
- 2. Dip either a cotton swab or paintbrush into the lemon juice and write one letter of the alphabet on the plain wiff paper. Then, draw one picture with that letter's sound. Remember, it will be hard to see your work.
- 3. Let the paper completely dry.
- When the paper is dry, carefully hold it up to a light bulb.
- 5. As the lemon juice heats up, the picture will appear!
- Make the rest of the letters on separate sheets of paper.
- When you are finished, have an adult punch a hole in the top left corner and attach the pages with string. Amaze

your friends with your invisible alphabet book!

Directions: What letter does your name start with? Draw a picture for that letter!

#### Seasons

There are four seasons in a year: winter, spring, summer, and autumn. Which season is your favorite?

**Directions:** Draw your favorite season.



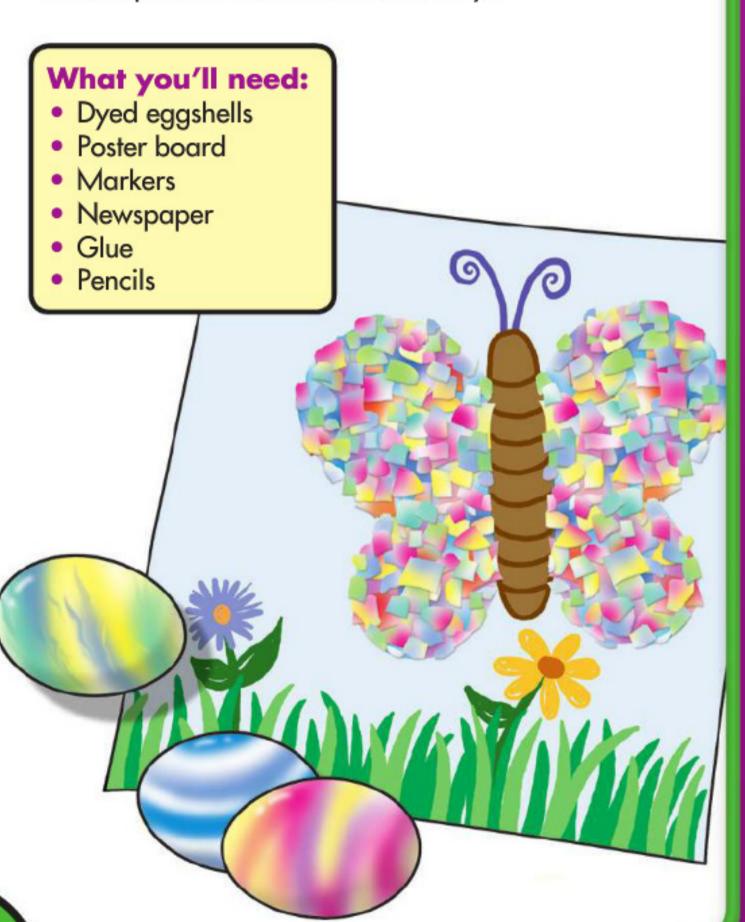


# Language Arts in Crafts



# Eggshell Mosaic

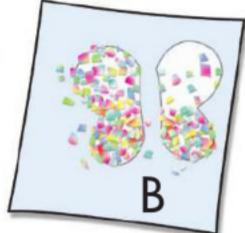
Mosaics are pictures made up of many small things like eggshells. Make a mosaic picture for each letter of the alphabet, like **Bb** is for butterfly!

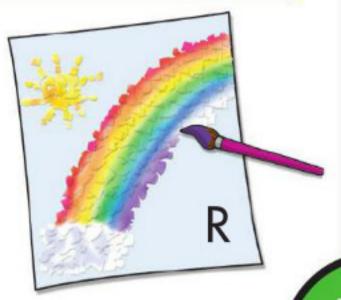


#### What to do:

- Cover your working surface with newspaper.
- Crush the eggshells into small, but not tiny, pieces.
- Choose a letter of the alphabet and think of a picture that starts with that letter. Draw it on the poster board.
- 4. Spread glue inside the shape. Then, sprinkle eggshells on the glue.
- After it dries, shake off the extra shell pieces. Then, color a background and write the letter on the page.

**Directions:** Think of your favorite letter. Practice writing it on the line.





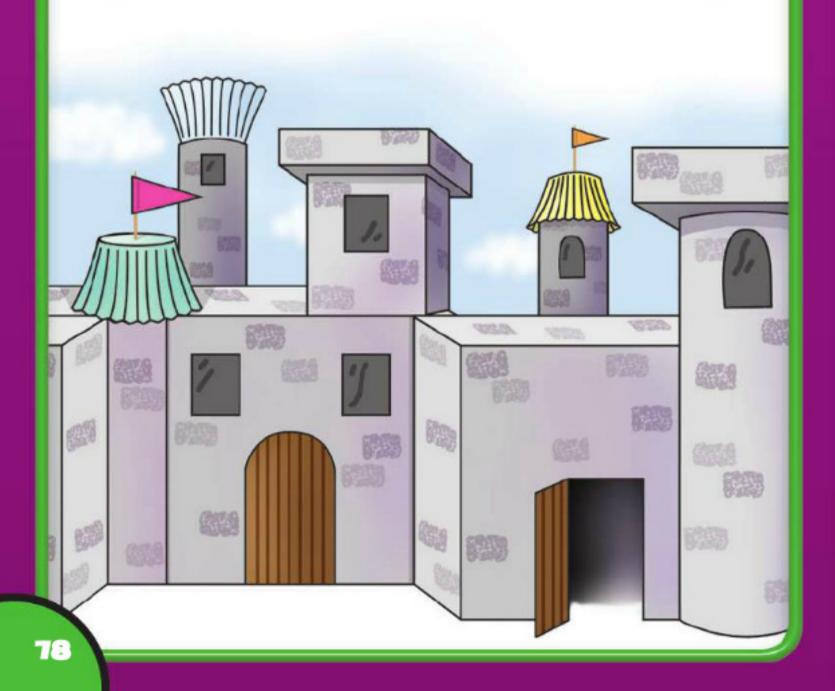
### **Box Castle**

Use your imagination to make a castle for your toys, using boxes from your kitchen! Then, tell a story about your castle. Tell what happens first, next, and last.

#### What you'll need:

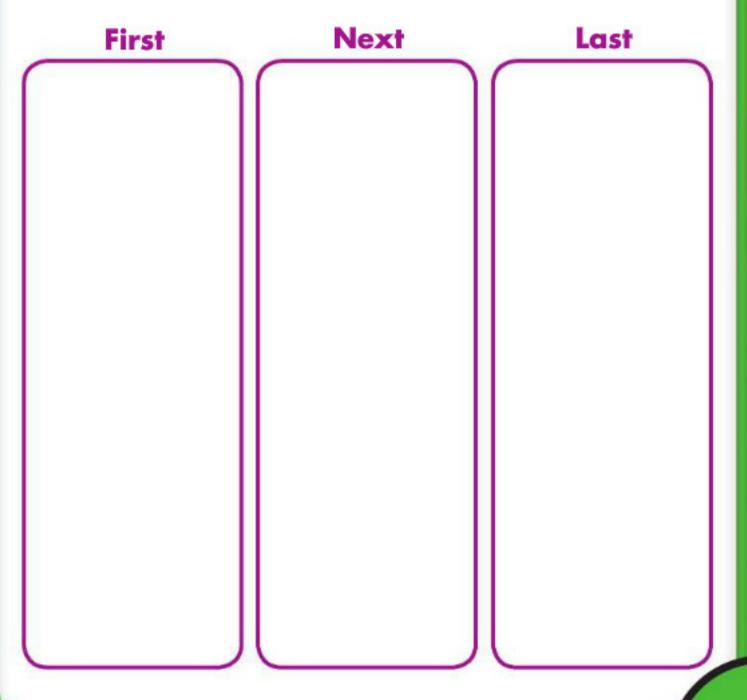
- Empty boxes from cereal, oatmeal, salt, and other products
- Cardboard paper towel rolls
- Construction paper

- Paper baking cups
- Glue
- Tape
- Scissors
- An adult



#### What to do:

- Tape the paper onto the rolls and boxes.
- Group them into a castle shape. Have an adult cut out construction paper for doors and windows and glue them on.
- Glue paper baking cups to the tops of the roll towers and along the top of the castles.
- Use some of your toys to create a story about the castle. Draw your story in the boxes below.



# **Alphabet Collage**

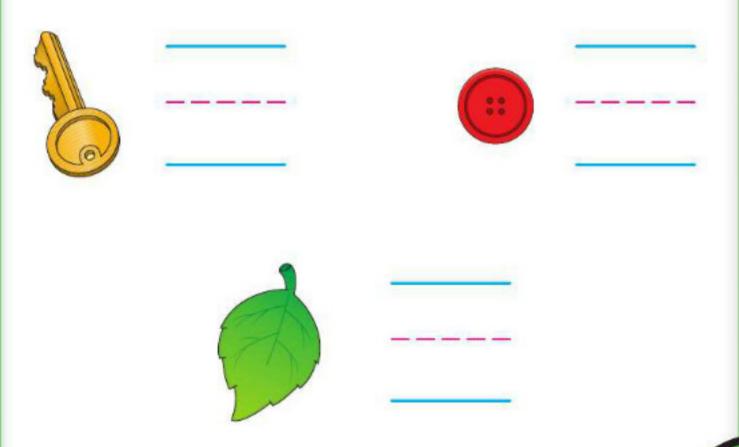
Use flat objects from around your house to create a chalk rubbing. Try using objects that begin with different letters to make an alphabet collage to hang on your wall!



#### What to do:

- Select an assortment of objects and lay them on a flat, smooth surface.
- Cover several objects with a sheet of paper.
- Hold the chalk on its side. Gently, rub the chalk on the paper over the objects.
- 4. Repeat step 3, using different chalk colors and objects turned in different directions.
- Try to name each object and identify which letter it starts with.
- 6. When you are finished with your picture, an adult can spray hairspray on the rubbing to help keep the chalk from flaking off the paper.

**Directions:** Write the beginning letter for each of these pictures.



## **Box Prop**

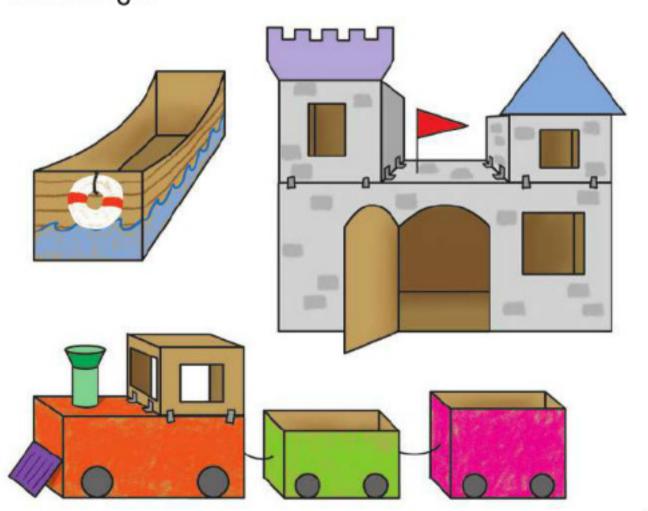
Pretend you are blasting off in your own rocket or you are sailing away in a boat! No matter what you are doing, you will have fun making and playing with these fun props.



#### What to do:

- Plan a type of transportation or building to make. Place the boxes where you want them.
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# **Magical Letters**

This clay turns from soft to hard, like magic! You can sculpt lots of letters while it is soft. Then, after 36 hours, the letters will harden so you can paint them and arrange them into words.

#### What you'll need:

- 2½ cups boiling water
- I cup cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water
- Large microwave safe bowl
- Measuring cup

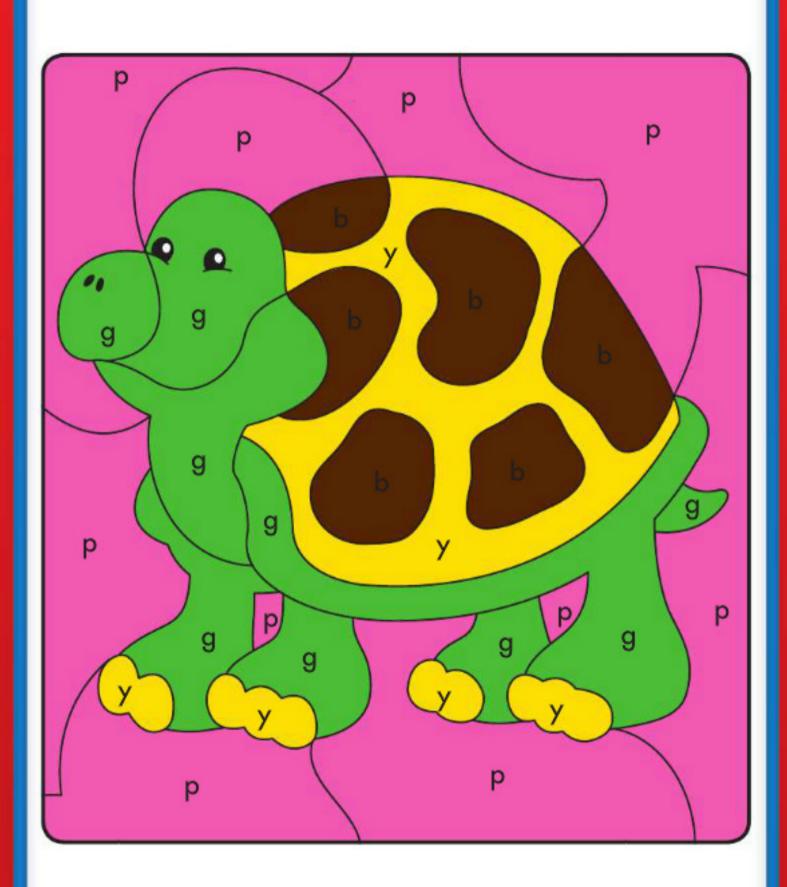
- Wooden mixing spoon
- Plastic jar with tight fitting lid (a clean mayonnaise jar works well
- An adult

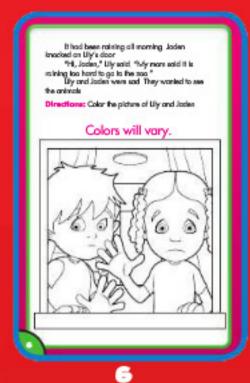
#### What to do:

- Have an adult microwave 2½ cups of water to the boiling point.
- While the water is heating, mix I cup of cornstarch with ½ cup of cold water in a large plastic jar.
- Carefully, remove the hot water from the microwave. Add the cornstarch mixture to the hot water. Stir constantly until the consistency is like clay.
- 4. After the dough cools, shape it into all 26 letters of the alphabet. Let them dry at room temperature before painting them and building words!



# **Answer Key**



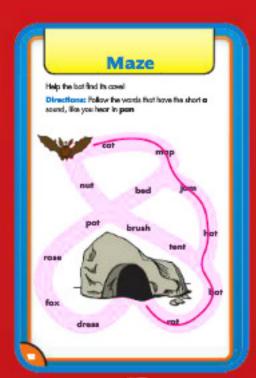














Alphabet
Matching Game

Gg Hh 

Ii Jj 

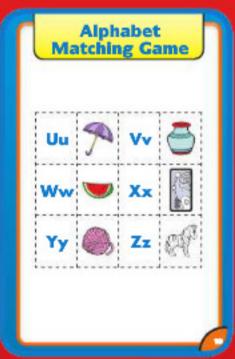
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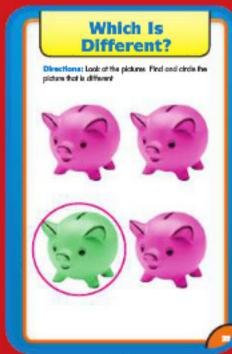
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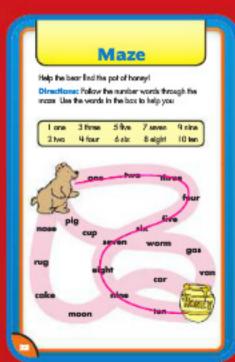
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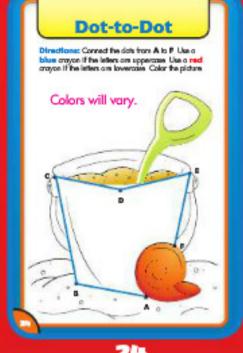




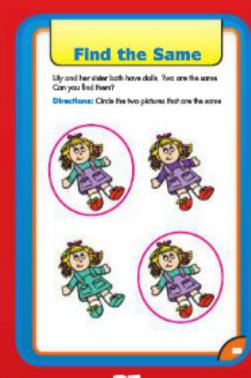








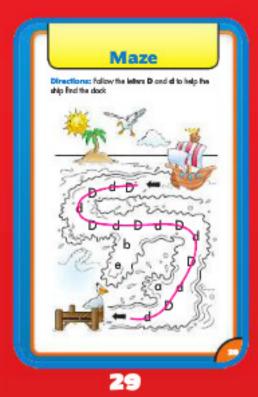


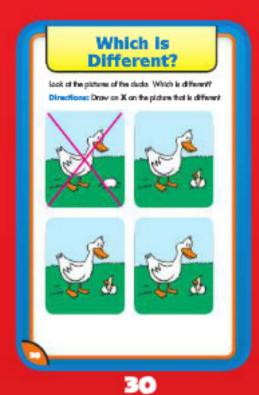










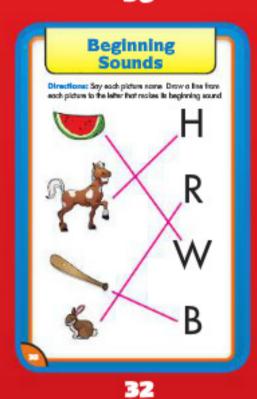


Following Directions

Directions: Follow the directions below to color the fish

Color one fish green
Color two lish purple
Color one fish orange
Draw palloy shipes on one fish

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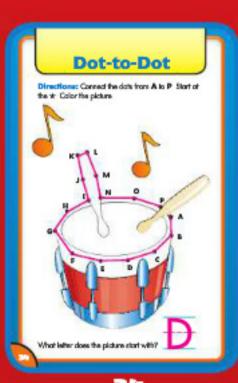
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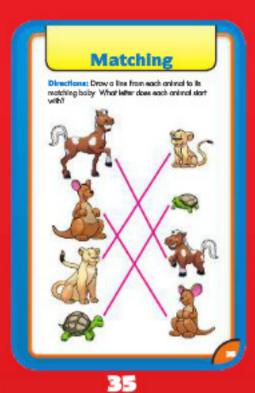
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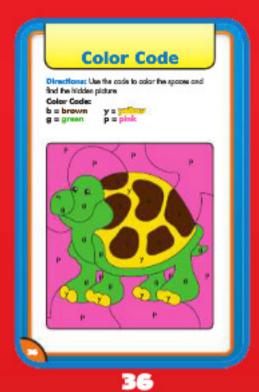
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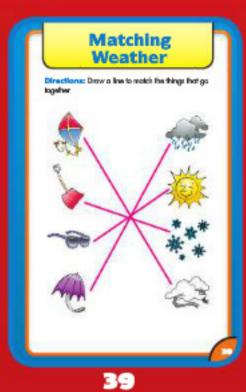


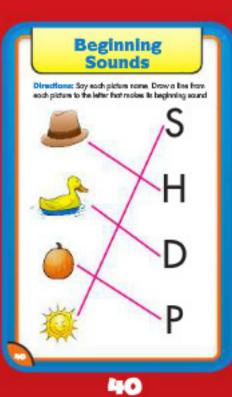


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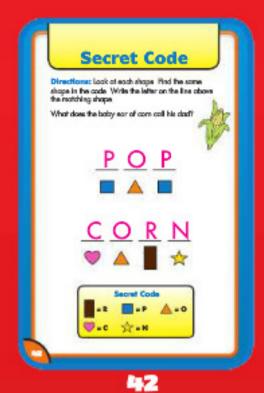
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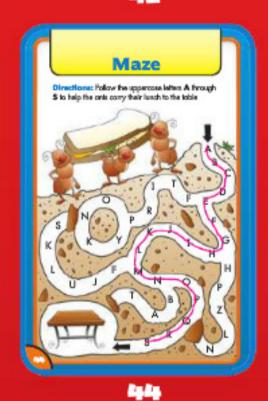


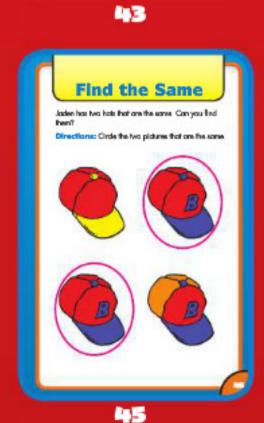
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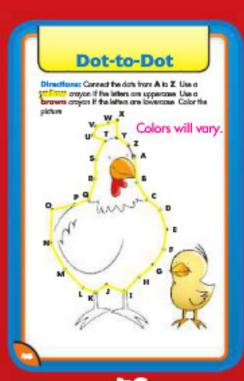
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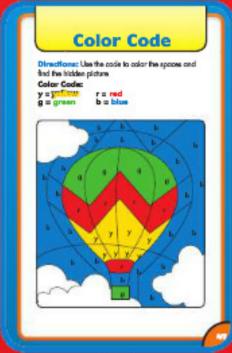
Quiet plants

Public Library

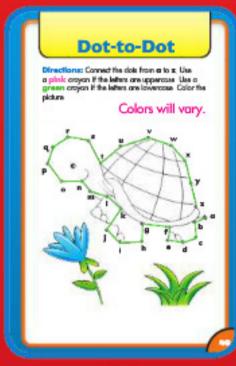












Maze
Directions: hollow the letters Q and q to help the queen find her quit





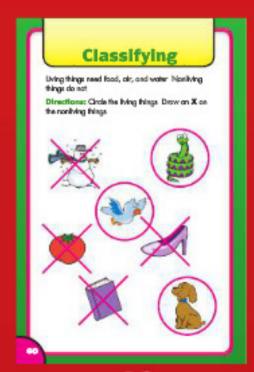
















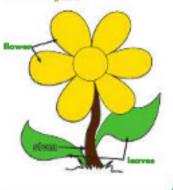
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Directions: Plants

Plants are living things. They need water and sunlight to grow.

Directions: Color the Policy the directions below

Color the sters brown

Color the leaves green Color the Rowery Clow



#### **Dirt Snack**

What to do:

- Crush the cookies in a plastic bag. Put about half of the crushed cookies into the battors of the plastic cup
- Mose the chocolate pedding on top of the crumbs. Imagine this is dirt.
- Info: the coconst with a few drops of green tood coloring. Sprinide some of the coconst on top of the pudding. Imagine this is gross.
- Hide he woms in the occount. Then, add the set of the coolie crumbs and enjoy your snack!

Directions: Draw green grass on the dirt. Then, draw wome and other bags in the cirt



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#### Weather

Sunshine, rain, snow, and frundendoms are all types of weather. What does the weather look like today?

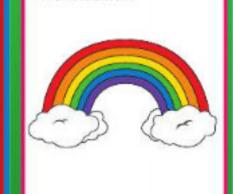
Directions: Draw the weather today



Drawings will vary.

Color Words:
Rainbows

Howeyou ever seen a rainbow? Sunlight and rainbrows appear
Directional Read the color words out load. Color the rainbow the correct colors.







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What he dis:

1. Squeeze he lemon jules into a bow!

2. Dip either a cotton web or pointbrash into the lemon jules and write ans letter of the alphabet on the plain with paper. Then, draw are picture with that letter's scand. Remember, it will be hard to see your work.

3. Let the paper completely dry.

4. When the paper is dry, constally hold it up to a light bub.

5. As the lemon jules heats up, the picture will appear?

6. Moles the rest of the letters on separate sheets of paper.

7. When you are finished, have an adult punch a hole in the log left corner and attach the pages with string. Ances your historic with your limitable alphabet book!

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- 1. Tope the paper onto the rolls and bases
- Group them into a cartle shape. Have an adult cut out construction paper for doors and windows and glue them on.
- Glue paper boking cape to the tops of the roll towers and along the top of the carties.
- Use some of your toys to create a story about the castle. Drow your story in the bases below



What to do

- Select on assortment of objects and lay them on a flat, smooth surface.
- 2. Cover several objects with a sheet of paper
- Hold the chalk on its side. Gently, rub the chalk on the paper over the objects.
- Repeat step 3, using different chalk colors and objects turned in different directions
- Try to name each object and identify which letter it starts with
- When you are finished with your picture, an adult can spray halimpray on the nubbing to help loop the chall: from floking off the paper

Directions: Write the beginning letter for each of these pictures



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