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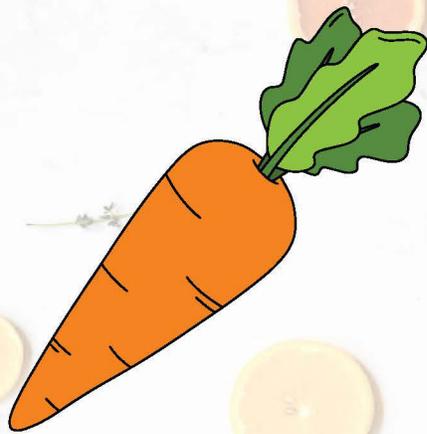
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## WRITING PRACTICE

*& much more...*



I'm just a little sunbeam.

Along the floor, I crawl.

I climb up walls.

I creep down the halls.

I offer warmth

to one and all.

Reborn every morning,

I ignite the morning bird's call

I die each and every night  
with the coming of nightfall.



**Sunbeam**  
by  
**Pheilm G. Martin**

Keep reading, keep smiling.

**August**

Hugs & love,

**Boba & Roba**





# The Hungry Dragon

**D**eep in the mountains lived a dragon. Every hundred years he wakes up.

He is very hungry.

'I want some breakfast,' he said.

He went down the mountain to the village.

He saw a boy.

'Yum, a boy for breakfast!'

'Don't eat me!' said Sia.



'I'll give you some food.'

Sia took the dragon to his house. He ate three plates of chicken and rice.

'I'm still hungry,' said the dragon.

Sia gave the dragon more food. He ate five plates of noodles and ten sausages.

He was still hungry!





**They went to the restaurant. The dragon ate twenty meatballs and fifty fish balls with twelve plates of sticky rice.**

**After that, he ate six puddings and a cake.**

**He was still hungry!**

**They went to the shop. The dragon ate all the fruit and vegetables: mangoes and cabbages, tomatoes, mushrooms and beans.**



**He was still a bit hungry! Sia looked in his pocket. There was one sweet.**

**He gave the sweet to the dragon.**

**The dragon exploded!**

**'Hooray!' shouted Sia. 'The dragon is gone! No more boys for breakfast!'**



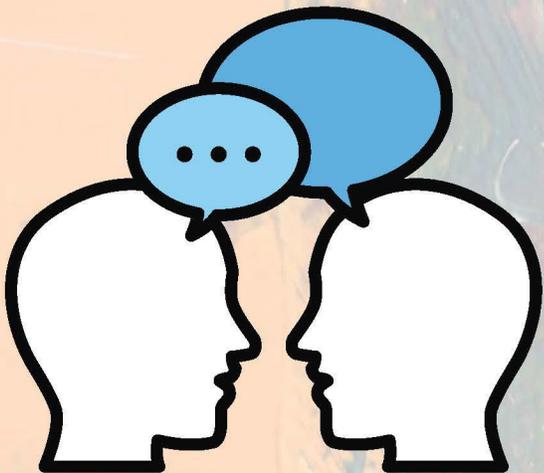


# How to be a SuperHero!



RSVP'ing  
to an event

Making polite  
observations



Taking turns  
to talk





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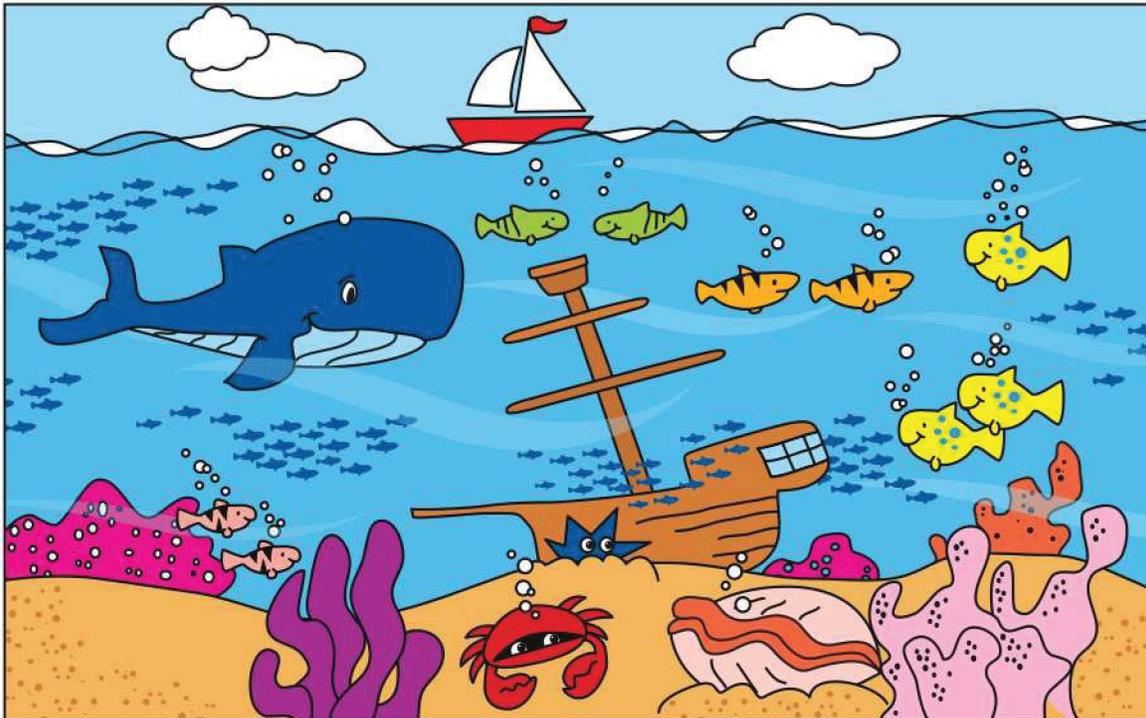
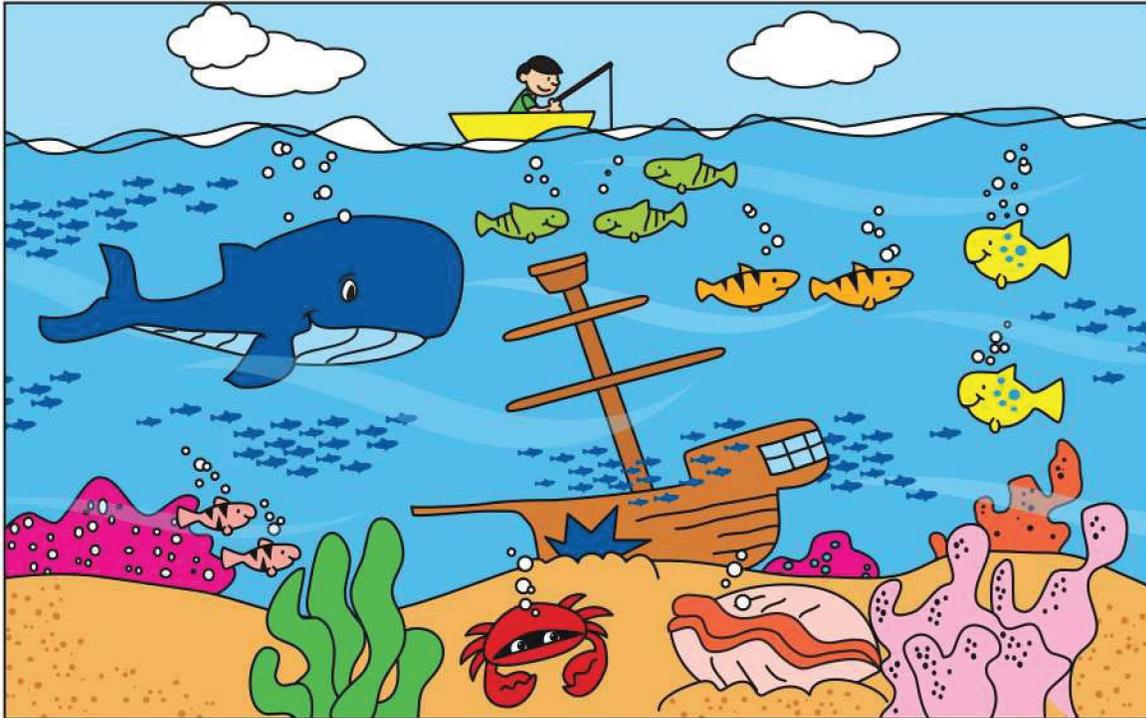
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# Under the Sea

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?

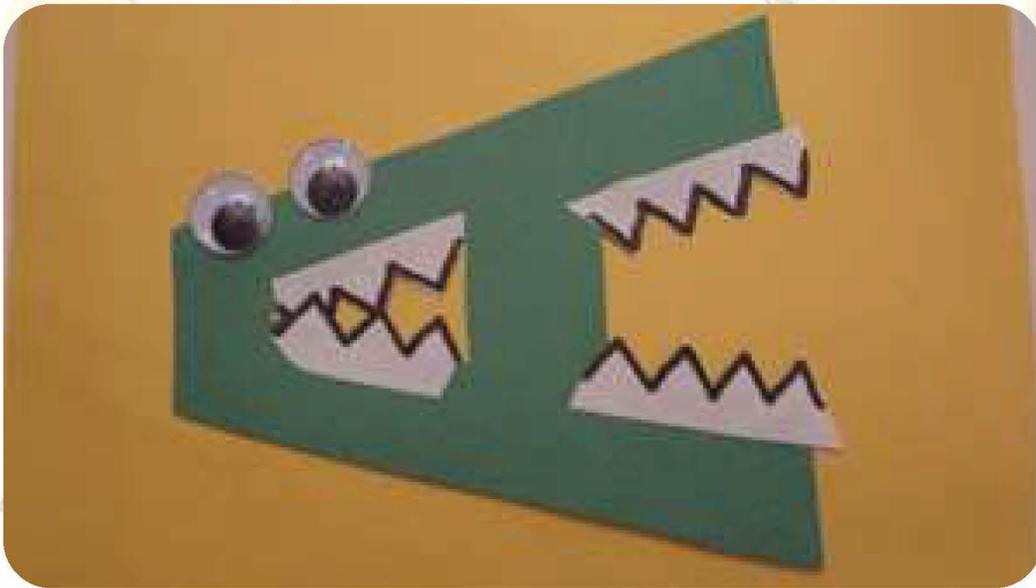




# Apple Bookmark Craft

It's always fun turning a letter into an animal or object. This alligator craft is fun for all ages and is a great way to introduce your child to the recognition and the short sound of the letter A.

Be careful and don't let the alligator bite your fingers!



What you'll need:

- Letter A
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Green, yellow, white construction paper
- Black marker
- Scissors

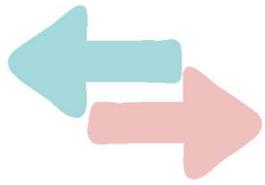




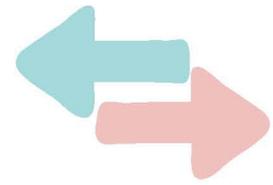
## STEP

- Print out the Letter A
- Trace the letter onto the green construction paper and cut it out.
- Trace the teeth onto white construction paper and cut them out.
- Glue the letter A horizontal on yellow construction paper.
- Glue the teeth to the A so it looks like the alligator's mouth is open.
- Glue on the googly eyes.
- Congratulations! You've completed the Letter A for Alligator craft.





# Left or Right?



Practice recognizing left and right by following the directions on each line below.



Circle the bulldozer on the left



Circle the airplane on the left



Circle the sheep on the right



Circle the truck on the left



Circle the bus on the right





# Healthy Rhyme Time

## Exercise and Sports

Add this simple exercise chant to your circle time activities to keep those bodies moving. You may choose to add movement or dancing or make up a simple game to go along with them.

Carrots by Judith Natelli McLaughlin

Carrots orange, long and bright

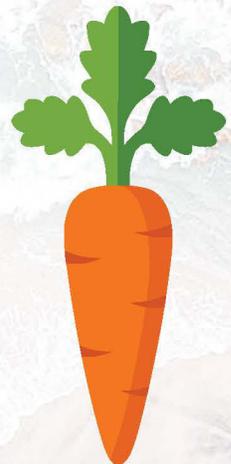
Make my snowman's nose tonight

Carrots shredded thin and fair

Make lovely, layered orange hair

Carrots crunchy, cold and sweet

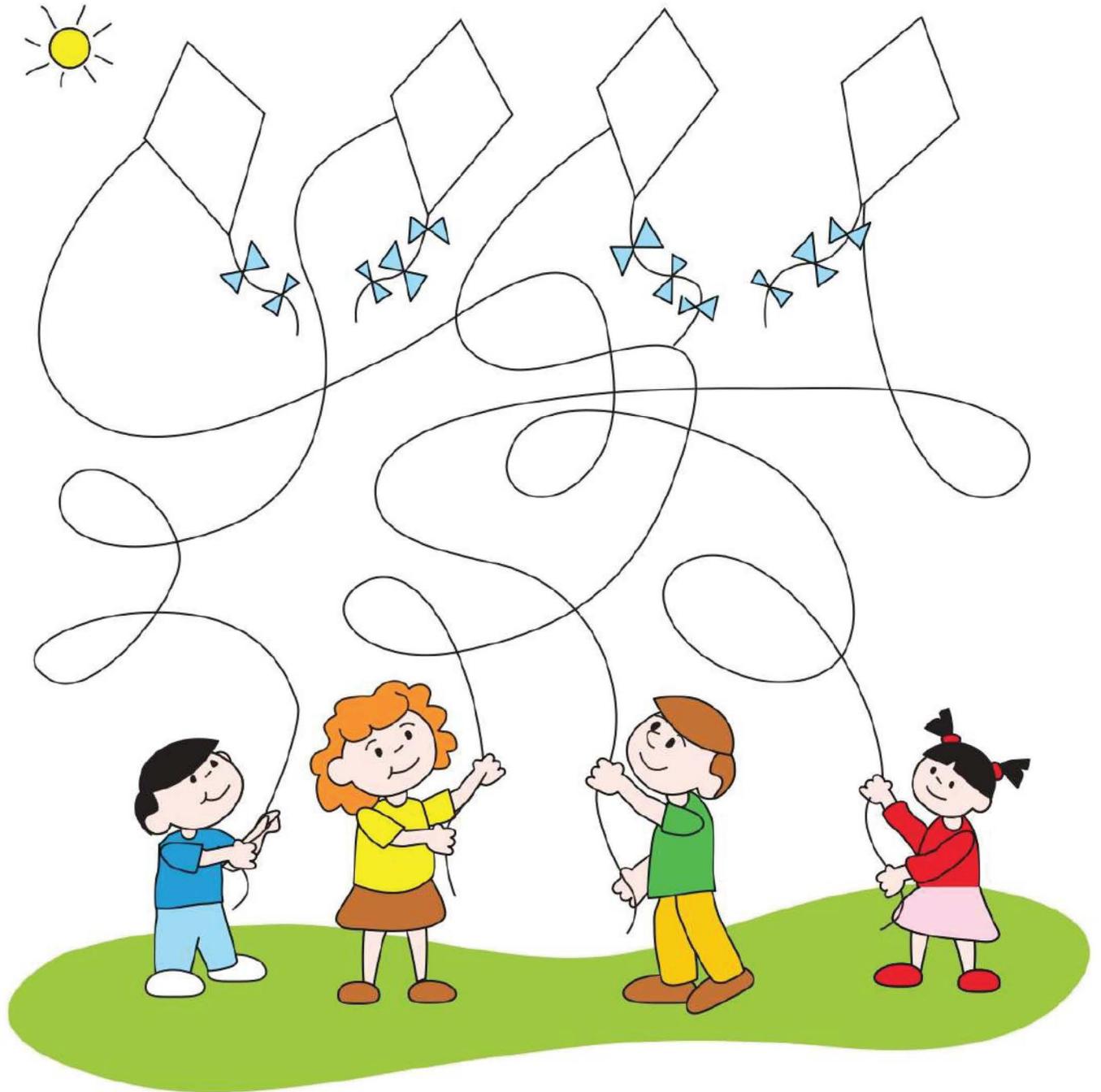
Make my favourite snack to eat





# MAZE *Crazy*

## Who's Flying Which Kite?





# WRITING PRACTICE

**If I had a superpower it would be...**

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## Ratty robs a bank

**This is Ratty. He is the worst rat in the world.  
He's with his friends, Cheese and Miss Whiskers.**

**They are planning to rob the Bank of Britain.**

**'OK, rats, we're at the bank. Let's go!'**

**It's the end of the day.**

**The cashier is counting the money.**



**'Freeze! Nobody moves!'**

**'OK, rats. Let's see what's in the safe!'**

**'Perhaps we'll find some cheese!'**

**'There's no cheese. But there's lots of money! You  
get the notes - and I'll get the coins!'**

**'OK, rats. Let's go!'**





**'Run!'**

**The chief of police is at the bank. He knows there is only one person who can help.**

**'Hello, Spycat?'**

**Spycat has arrived.**

**First, he points his magic pen at the cashier.**

**'I can move again!'**



**Next, Spycat looks for clues. He finds a piece of cheese inside the safe. 'Who eats cheese in a bank?'**

**Finally, Spycat finds a banknote. 'Now I know who robbed this bank!'**

**'One hundred, two hundred, three hun... Oh no, it's Spycat!'**

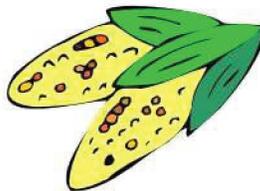
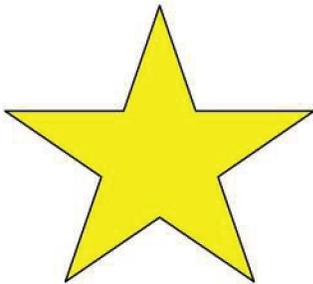
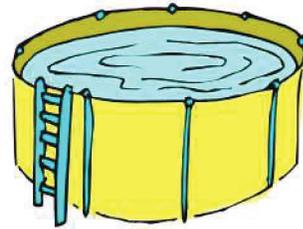
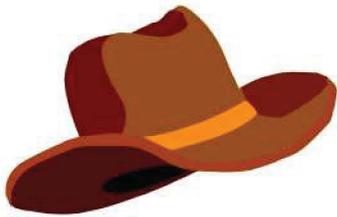
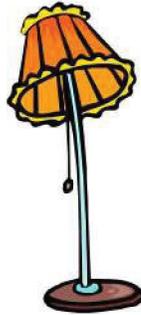
**'The fun stops here, rats. You're under arrest!'**





# Sounds Familiar!

Look at the first picture in each row and then circle the picture that has the same ending consonant sound.





# Zoo Boo!

## Yellowjacket Wasp



DIFFERENT SPECIES OF YELLOWJACKETS ARE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IN NORTH AMERICA, THE EUROPEAN YELLOWJACKET (GERMAN WASP), THE EASTERN YELLOWJACKET, AND THE SOUTHERN YELLOWJACKET ARE VERY COMMON.

YELLOWJACKETS LIVE IN HIVES OR NESTS OF LARGE COLONIES.

YELLOWJACKETS ARE A TYPE OF WASP. MANY PEOPLE MISTAKE THESE SMALL WASPS FOR BEES AS THEY ARE SIMILAR IN SIZE AND COLOURING TO HONEY BEES, BUT THEY ARE ACTUALLY FROM THE WASP FAMILY.

YELLOWJACKETS ARE YELLOW AND BLACK WITH STRIPES OR BANDS ON THEIR ABDOMEN. YELLOWJACKETS HAVE A STINGER AT THE END OF THEIR ABDOMEN.





## FUN FACTS

- MANY OTHER INSECTS MIMIC YELLOWJACKETS IN COLOUR AND PATTERN IN ORDER TO SCARE OFF PREDATORS.
- THERE IS A CITY IN COLORADO NAMED YELLOWJACKET.
- THE GEORGIA TECH MASCOT IS A YELLOWJACKET NAMED BUZZ.
- SOME HUGE NESTS HAVE BEEN THOUGHT TO EXCEED 100,000 WASPS.
- DON'T SWAT AT A YELLOWJACKET. THIS WILL JUST INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF BEING STUNG.
- THE MALES AND WORKERS DIE OVER THE WINTER. ONLY THE QUEEN LIVES THROUGH THE WINTER.





# It's Reading Time!

## Sequencing – Going Shopping

Read the short story below,

The first thing we do is make a list.  
Then we drive to the store. The  
next thing we do is get a shopping  
cart. Then we put the food in our  
cart. Next we pay for our food.  
When we are done, we drive home.



Now write the steps to going shopping in order.

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# The Magic Paintbrush

**R**ose loved drawing. She was very poor and didn't have pens or pencils. She drew pictures in the sand with sticks. One day, an old woman saw Rose and said, 'Hello! Here's a paintbrush and some paper for you.' 'Thank you!' smiled Rose. She was so happy. 'Hmmm, what can I paint?' she thought. She looked around and saw a duck in the pond.

'I know! I'll paint a duck!'  
So she did.

Suddenly, the duck flew off the paper and onto the pond. 'Wow!' she said. 'A magic paintbrush!'

Rose was a very kind girl and she painted pictures for everyone in her village.

She painted a cow for the farmer, pencils for the teacher, and toys for all the children.





The king heard about the magic paintbrush and sent a soldier to find Rose. 'Come with me,' said the soldier.

'The king wants you to paint some money for him.'

'But he's already rich,' said Rose.

'I only paint to help poor people.'

But the nasty soldier took Rose to the king. 'Paint me a tree with lots of money on it,' he shouted.

Rose was brave and said, 'No!'

So the king sent her to prison.

But Rose painted a key for the door and a horse to help her escape.

The king chased after her.

So she painted a big hole and splat!

The king fell in.

Today, Rose only uses her magic paintbrush to help people who need help.





# National Roller Coaster Day

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On National Roller Coaster Day, August 16, take a ride on one and get a thrill a minute!

Each year on August 16th, people flock to amusement parks for a thrill, a few exciting screams, and to celebrate National Roller Coaster Day.

Take a ride on a roller coaster near you. The day commemorates the first verticle loop roller coaster which was patented by Edwin Prescott on this day in 1898.



The first roller coasters appear in Russia Russian roller coasters are made of wood with icy ramps on which people slid down, often hurting themselves in the process.





# Anne's Spooky Tales

## WHITE CAP



There was a young girl who lived near a church. Her older brother was a mischievous boy and was always trying to frighten the girl in a variety of ways. Eventually, she became so accustomed to his tricks, that nothing could scare her. Every time she saw something strange, she assumed it was her brother, up to his tricks again.

One day, the girl's mother sent her out with the family's washing and told her to hang it up in the churchyard to dry. When her basket was empty, she looked up and saw a figure dressed in white from head to toe, sitting on a tomb. Most kids would have fled in fear, but this little girl was not in the least bit alarmed.

She believed it was just her brother playing a trick on her, as usual. So she ran up to the white figure and shouted "You can't scare me". With that, she pulled the white cap off its head and ran home. On her way home, to her astonishment, she met her brother who was walking in the opposite direction. She looked down at the piece of cloth in her hand and found it was a mouldy white cap, half full of earth and wriggling with worms and maggots.



The next morning, people who lived in the area were all talking about the ghost they had seen in the churchyard. They said it was sitting on a tombstone, dressed all in white except for its head which was uncovered. They described it as the most horrible face they had ever seen. It was rotting and covered with dirt and maggots.

Eventually, the girl told her mother that she had taken the ghost's white cap by mistake. An old man who lived next door declared that the only way to avoid the ghost's curse, was for the little girl to replace the white cap she had stolen from it.

So, that night, a crowd collected in the churchyard, and the little girl, shaking with fear, stepped forward and placed the white cap on the ghost's head.

The little girl recoiled in disgust and asked "Are you satisfied now?"

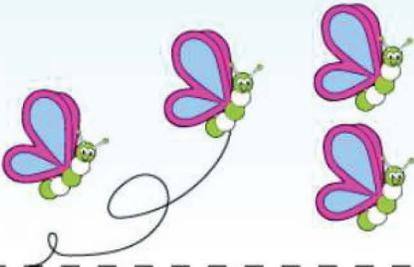
"No", screamed the ghost, as it took hold of her with its bony fingers and dragged her down into the grave beneath it. The ghost and the little girl were never seen again.

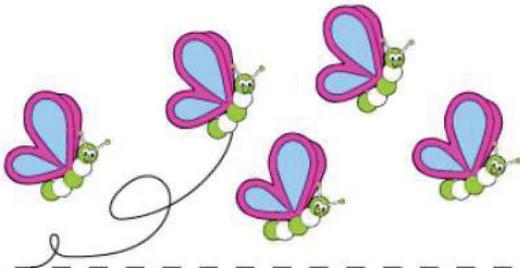
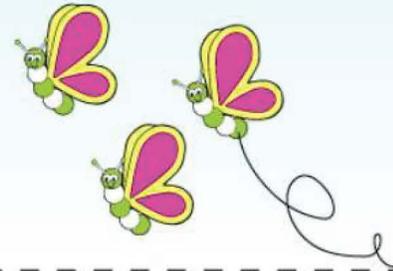


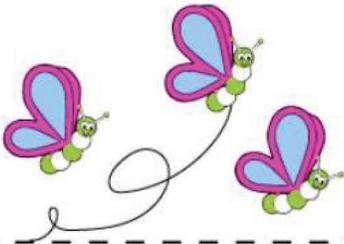
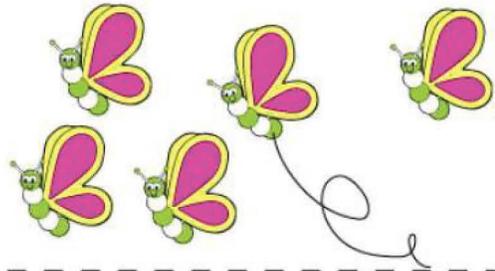


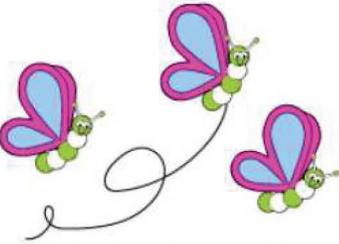
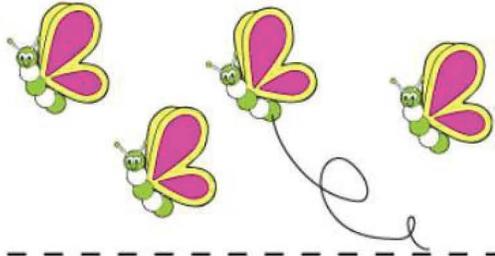
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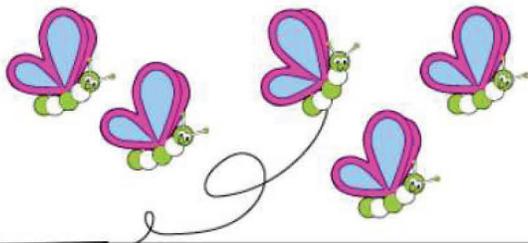
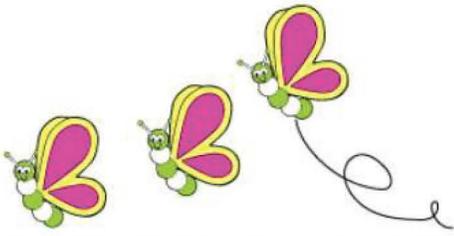
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and write  $<$ ,  $>$  or  $=$

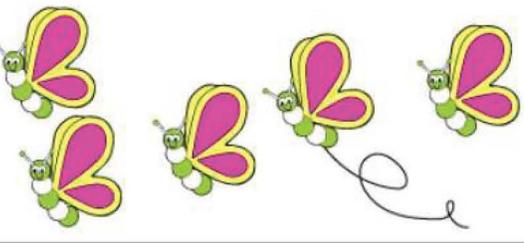








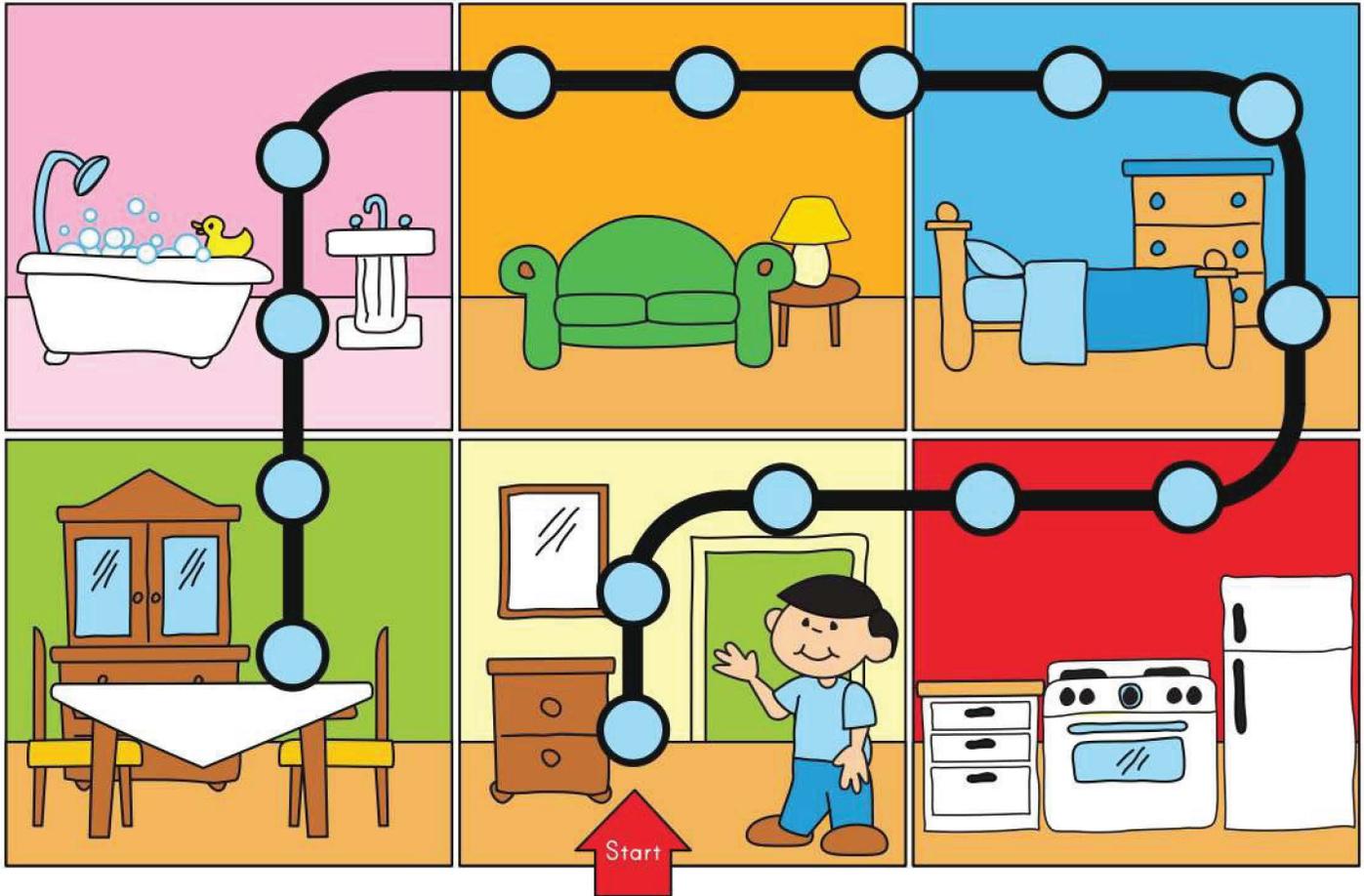




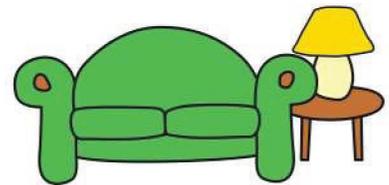
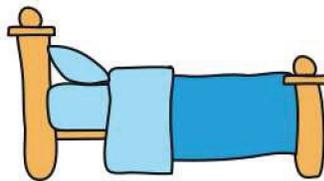
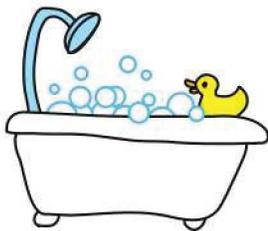


# Home Sweet Home

Go 3 spots forward. Go 5 spots forward.  
Go 2 spots backwards. Go 4 spots forward.



What room do you end in?



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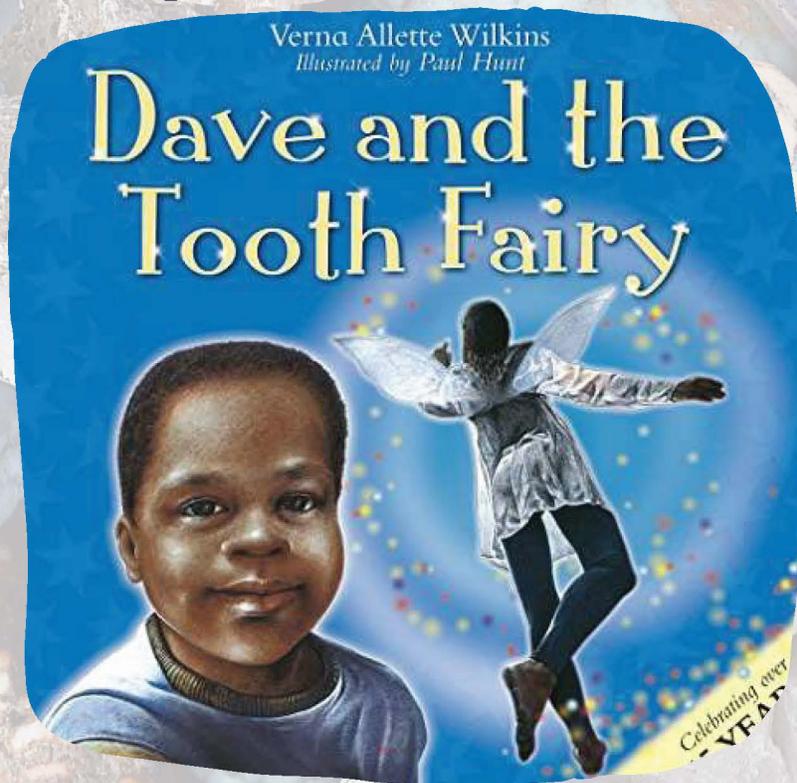




# Book Worm

## Dave and the Tooth Fairy

by Verna Wilkins



Dave is thrilled when he finally gets his first wobbly tooth although, despite much wiggling and wagging, it seems reluctant to come out.

One morning, when Dave sneezes his biggest ever sneeze, the tooth shoots out of his mouth, catapults across the room and completely disappears.

He conducts an extensive search, even looking down the side of the sofa where everything hides, but to no avail.





# LAUGH A LITTLE

Q 1 : What do you call a bear with no teeth?

Q 2 : Which fish costs the most?

Q 3 : What kind of room has no doors or windows?

Q 4 : Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Q 5 : What did the triangle say to the circle?

A 1 : A gummy bear.  
A 2 : A Goldfish.  
A 3 : A Mushroom.  
A 4 : Because 7, 8 (ate), 9!  
A 5 : You are pointless.





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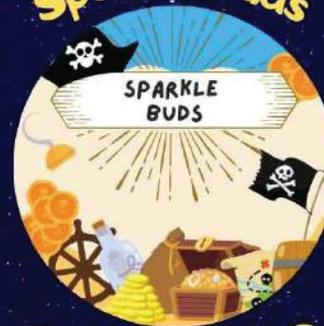
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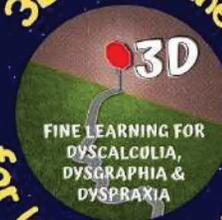
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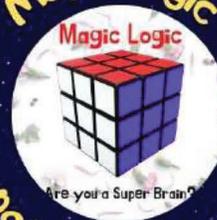
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