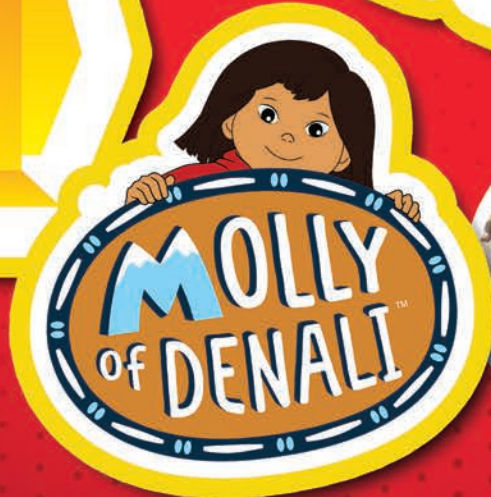




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## Read, Write, ROAR! Preschool

### **Theme: Going Outside and Learning Early Reading Skills**

Students will practice:

- Writing their name
- Writing sentences
- Learning new words
- Matching letter sounds
- Learning letter shapes
- Following directions

## Family Math

### **Theme: Learning Introductory Math Concepts Through Play**

Students will practice:

- Sorting
- Learning basic shapes
- Counting
- Creating patterns
- Comparing weight, size, shape, and color
- Writing numerals

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Daniel Tiger for Parents	PK-K	Social & Emotional Learning
PBS KIDS Games app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals
PBS KIDS Video app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals



## Apps for Literacy Learning

Dinosaur Train A to Z	PK-K	Literacy, Science
Molly of Denali	K-2	Literacy
PBS KIDS Games app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals
PBS KIDS Video app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals



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PBS Parents Play & Learn	PK-K	Literacy, Math	Ready Jet Go! Space Explorer	K-2	Science
Play & Learn Engineering	PK-K	Science and Engineering	Ready Jet Go! Space Scouts	K-2	Science and Engineering
Play & Learn Science	PK-K	Science	Nature Cat's Great Outdoors	K-3	Science
Splash and Bubbles for Parents	PK-K	Science	PBS KIDS ScratchJr	1-2	Coding
Splash and Bubbles Ocean Adventure	PK-K	Science	Outdoor Family Fun with Plum	1-3	Science and Engineering
The Cat in the Hat Builds That!	PK-K	Science and Engineering	Cyberchase Shape Quest	1-5	Math, Science
The Cat in the Hat Invents	PK-K	Science and Engineering	PBS KIDS Games app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals
Jet's Bot Builder: Robot Games	K-2	Science and Engineering	PBS KIDS Video app	K-2	Multiple Learning Goals
Photo Stuff with Ruff	K-2	Science			



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# PBS KIDS READ!

## Reading Chart



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title	Did you read with someone?	Date

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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 101: Sand Writing

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## Write It

Practice writing the letter **M** like in **M**rs. Colón's name. Start at the star and make a long line going down. Go back to the top and make another long line going down. Then write a line going up and one last line going down.



## Draw It

Talk to your child about what Alaina and Lexi like to do in the sand. Then ask your child what they like to do in the sand. Try asking them questions to encourage them to add details. Have your child draw what they described. Ask them to tell you about their drawing when it is finished.



## Learning Goals

Identify and name shapes.



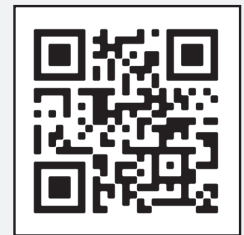
## What You'll Need

- Construction paper
- Wooden craft sticks
- Glue
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors

## Steps

- 1. Cut out shapes!** With the construction paper, cut out various shapes, including squares, circles, ovals and triangles. Look at the picture above for an idea of which shapes to make and what size.
- 2. Make a frog and bird!** After you've cut out the shapes, glue them together, using the picture above as a guide to make a frog and a bird. If you don't have googly eyes, use a marker or crayon to draw the eyes.
- 3. Make puppets!** Glue a wooden craft stick to the frog and the bird. Now you've got puppets!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Tell me about the shapes we used to make the puppets.
- What happens to the circle when we cut it in half?

## Book Suggestion

***Mouse Shapes/Figuras y ratones,***  
by Ellen Stoll Walsh

## Online Game

**Peg + Cat: The Highlighter Zone**

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# Stuffed Sock Animals

This activity explores



**Shapes**

## Learning Goal

Explore and make spheres.



## What You'll Need

- Socks
- Stuffing, cotton balls or rice
- Scissors
- Rubber bands
- Glue
- Buttons or googly eyes

## Steps

- 1. Make a bunny!** Stuff a sock halfway. Tie loosely with a rubber band. Separate the stuffed part into two spheres with a rubber band; one sphere is the body and one is the head. Fold the empty part of the sock down and glue it together. Then cut it in half to make bunny ears. Add a cute face!
- 2. Make an octopus!** Stuff a sock halfway. Shape into a sphere and tie shut with a rubber band. For the tentacles, cut the empty part of the sock into long strips. Add a cute face!
- 3. Make a caterpillar!** Stuff a sock completely and tie the end with a rubber band. Divide the stuffed sock into four or five spheres with rubber bands. Add a pipe cleaner around the neck to create antennae. Add a cute face!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- What shape is the body of your sock animal?
- What is unique about a sphere? Is it 2D or 3D?

## Book Suggestion

*Mice on Ice*,  
written by Eleanor May  
and illustrated by Deborah  
Melmon

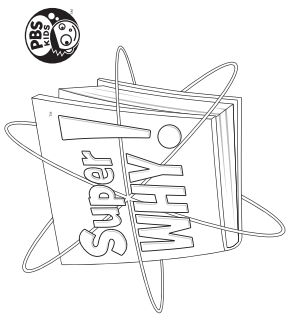
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# Wonder Red's Circle the -ake Family Word

Circle the words in the -ake family, then draw a picture of each -ake word in the boxes on the right.

mat    sing    bed    cake

ring    snake    lake    sun

rake    stick    bat

bun    coat    run

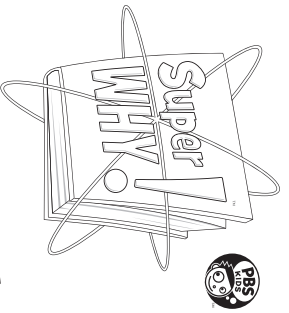
flake

**bake**

bake    \_ake

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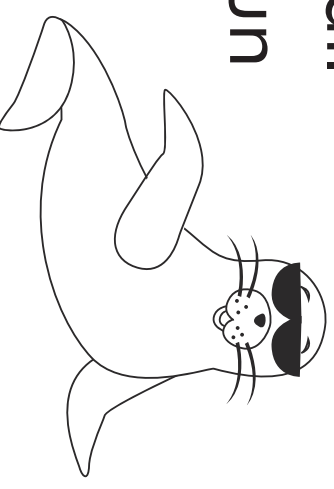


# Wonder Red's Follow the -un

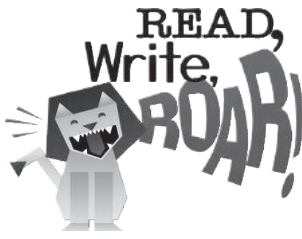
Circle the un word in each line.  
Then connect all of the un words so Wonder Red can follow the un sounds to Sophie!



sun take ball hat sit  
sat run best flew dip  
bank bun tall cab bake  
cake can fun pink dog  
chick pop bit run saw heat  
junk sky sun wall string  
cow clip fun train rain  
ran mall rake sun mail  
nail spell call map run



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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 102: Take a Trip Outdoors

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## Talk About It

Talk about the picture below with your child. Ask questions such as: What do you see? What might you do here?



## Write It

Use part of the conversation you had with your child to write a sentence together about the picture above. You can write lines to show where each word of the sentence should be written. Remember, it's okay if your child does *not* spell every word correctly. Just getting writing started is what's most important!

## Learning Goal

Explore different kinds of shapes.



## What You'll Need

- Magazines, newspapers or mail
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape

## Steps

- 1. Look for shapes!** Look through magazines, newspapers and mail to cut out various shapes. Talk about their characteristics (number of sides, corners, curved, straight).
- 2. Make shapes!** You can also use construction paper to make your own shapes.
- 3. Create a shapes collage!** Glue the shapes to a piece of paper to create a shapes collage. Talk with your child about the shapes as you go. Arrange the shapes together to make an animal!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Can you find a shape that is round?
- How many sides does this shape have? What do you notice about the sides?

## Book Suggestion

***Figuras y ratones/  
Mouse Shapes,***  
by Ellen Stoll Walsh

## Online Game

**Daniel Tiger's Neighbor-  
hood: Make a Card**

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games/make-a-card/](https://pbskids.org/daniel/games/make-a-card/)



# Button Snake

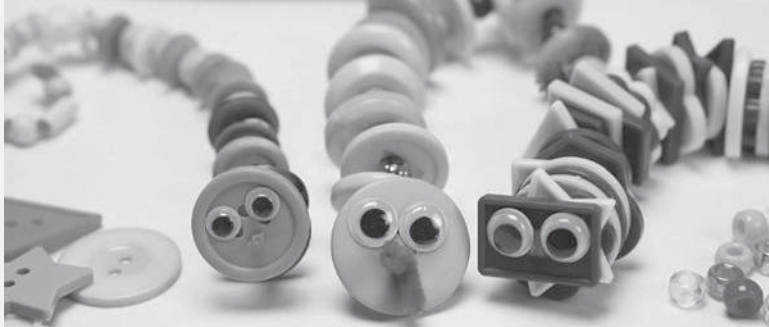
This activity explores

 **Sorting & Collecting**

 **Patterns**

## Learning Goals

Sort buttons by color, shape or size; create patterns.



## What You'll Need

- Pipe cleaners
- Buttons
- Googly eyes
- Glue stick

## Steps

- 1. Sort and organize!** Ask your child to sort and organize the buttons into groups, first by color, then by size and then by shape.
- 2. Make a snake!** Loop the pipe cleaner through a button for the head and make a knot. Glue on eyes.
- 3. Make a pattern!** Thread buttons onto the pipe cleaner for the body. You can make a colorful design, or a pattern like “red, green, red, green,” or a pattern by size like “BIG, small, BIG, small.” You can also order buttons from largest to smallest.

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- What kind of pattern did we make with our buttons?
- What is another way we could sort the buttons?

## Book Suggestion

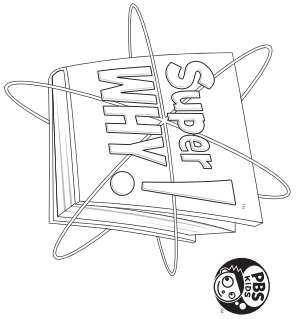
***Frog and Toad Are Friends,***  
by Arnold Lobel

## Online Game

**Dinosaur Train: All Star Sorting**

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# Alpha Pig's Lickety Lasso Letters

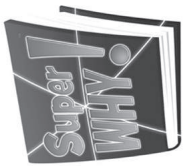
Draw a rope connecting each lower case letter to the matching upper case letter!

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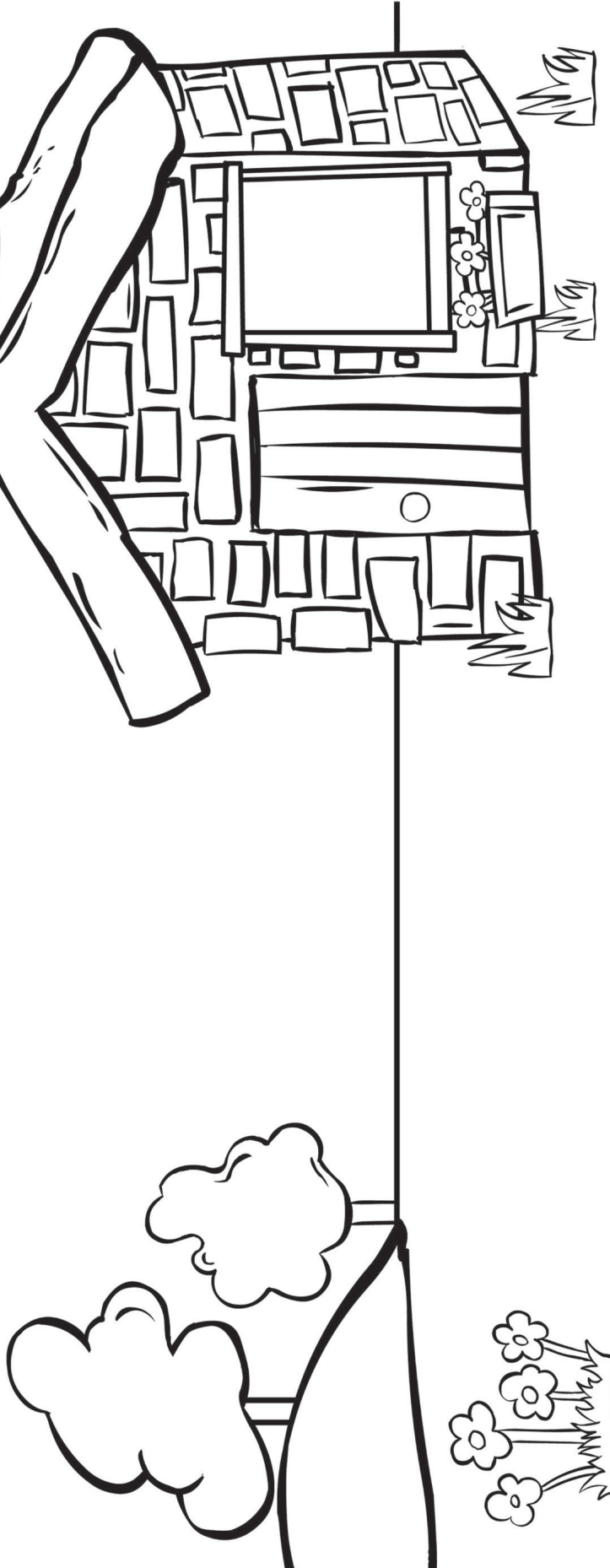
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Super Why...to the rescue! Answer this question. There once was a big bad what? In the box below, circle the word that you want to use to finish the sentence. Write the word in the blank. Next to the house, draw a picture of the word you chose.



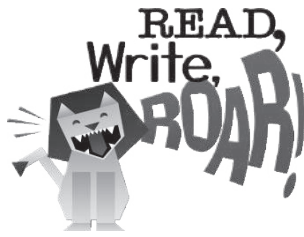
There once was a big bad \_\_\_\_\_.

	<b>turtle</b>		<b>wolf</b>		<b>pig</b>
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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 103: Actions at the Pond

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## Read It

Under the pond, beavers dive deep. They pump with powerful tails and rise to the surface with delectable roots from the mud.

## Talk About It

Vocabulary can be taught with movement, props, video, photos, examples, non-examples, and engaging children in saying the words aloud. Use the meaning and picture below to come up with a movement to practice with your child for the word **dive** from the text above.

Meaning

**dive** - go head first

Picture



What movement can you create for **dive**? Practice it together.



# Superhero Cape and Mask

This activity explores



## Learning Goal

Explore and compare different kinds of shapes.



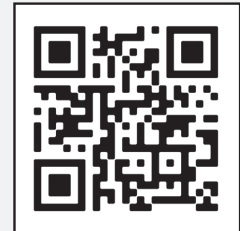
## What You'll Need

- Adult T-shirt
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Markers

## Steps

- 1. Make a cape!** Cut off the T-shirt's sleeves. Cut down both sides of the T-shirt, from the armpits to the hem, leaving the collar intact. Open the T-shirt so it looks like a long rectangle with a circle in the middle. Cut off one side, around the collar. Make your superhero emblem with construction paper and glue it on.
- 2. Make a mask!** Trim a leftover sleeve to fit over your face, and cut out 2 small circles for eye holes and 2 small diagonal slits for the nostrils.
- 3. Be a superhero!** Find, "rescue" and collect at least four different shapes – for example, a napkin that's a square or a ball that's a sphere. Practice identifying the names of the shapes and describing their characteristics.

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- How are the shapes alike and different?
- What shapes have straight or curved lines?

## Book Suggestion

*Bear in a Square/Oso en un cuadrado,*  
written by Stella Blackstone and illustrated by Debbie Harter

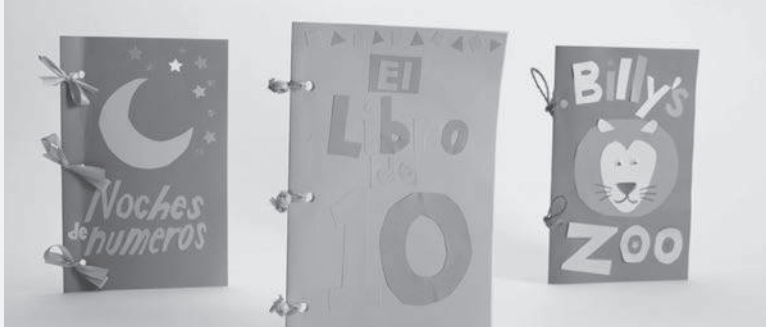
## Online Game

**Peg + Cat: Paint-a-Long**  
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## Learning Goals

Practice counting by using number words and writing numerals.



## What You'll Need

- Sheets of paper
- Hole puncher (or scissors)
- String
- Markers

## Steps

- 1. Make the book!** Fold three sheets of paper lengthwise in half. Make three small holes along the fold. Loop a piece of string into each hole and tie the ends.
- 2. Write the book!** Title the book, and number the pages 1-10. Go back to page 1, and write the word "ONE" on top. Repeat with the numbers on all the pages.
- 3. Illustrate the book!** Draw the objects, such as 1 pear, 2 pencils, 3 cars, on each page.
- 4. Read the book!** Count out loud together as you touch each object, and then count by yourself. What happens if you read the book backward? Try to count from 10 to 1.

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## Talk Together

- How many pages are in the book?
- Let's read the book from big numbers to small numbers. Where should we start?

## Book Suggestion

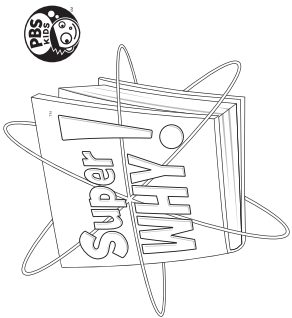
**123,**  
by Eric Carle

## Online Game

**Curious George:  
Meatball Launcher**

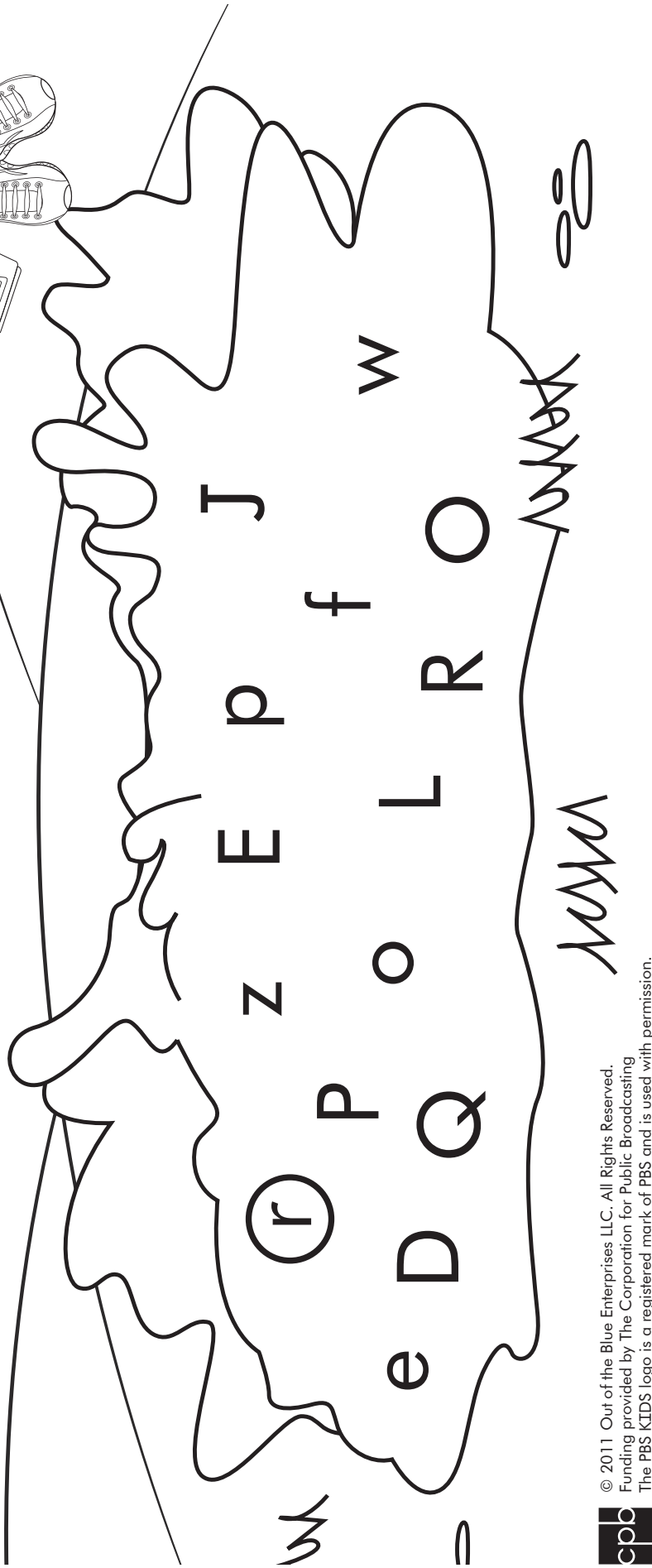
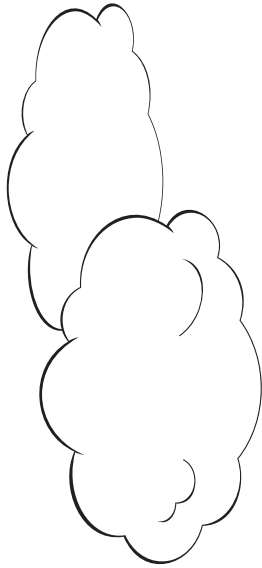
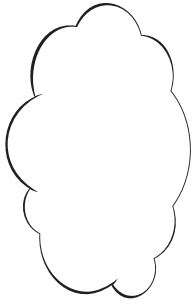
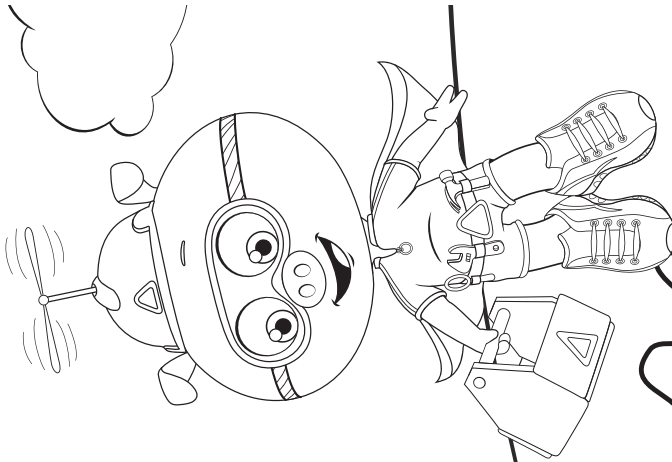
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# Alpha Pig's Rescue Letters

Help Alpha Pig rescue the letters in the word rope by circling all of the upper and lower case letters of rope!







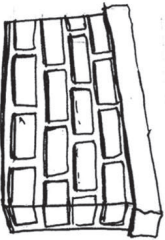
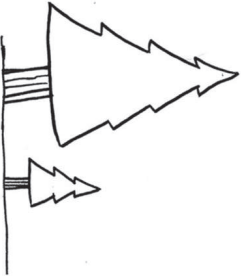
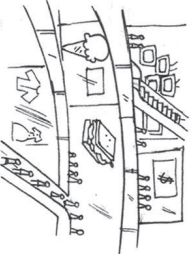
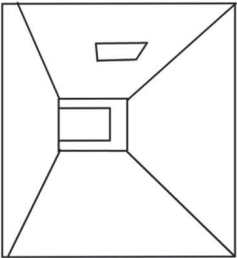
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Wonder Red...to the rescue! Look at the box of letters. Pick the letter that will make each word match the picture. Write the letter in the blank to finish the word.  
Cross out each letter in the box once you have used it.

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S M  
T  
W  
H C  
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M

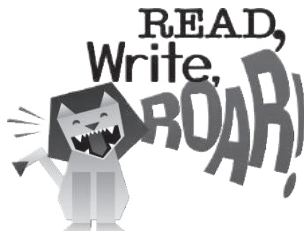
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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 104: Animal Antics

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## Read It and Match It

Let's practice alliteration! Alliteration is when words that are either next to each other or very close to each other have the same first sound. Tall towers or fancy flowers are examples of alliteration with words next to each other.

First, read the word on the left with your child. Then, match the first sound of that word to the first sound of the name of the animal on the right.

Silly

Frog



Lazy

Horse



Fancy

Duck



Happy

Snake



Big

Lion



Dapper

Bear



Tidy

Turtle



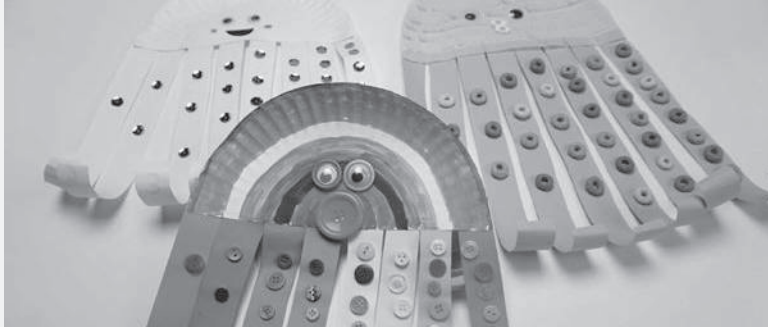
# Counting Octopus

This activity explores

**123** Number Sense & Counting

## Learning Goal

Practice counting 1-8.



## What You'll Need

- Paper plate
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Cereal loops, sequins or buttons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes

## Steps

- 1. Make an octopus!** Cut the paper plate in half to make the head. Decorate it with crayons and add eyes and a mouth.
- 2. Add the tentacles!** Cut 8 long paper strips to make the octopus legs, or tentacles. Write a number on each leg, 1-8, and glue the legs to the head in number order.
- 3. Add the suckers!** Using small round items like cereal loops or buttons, add suckers to the tentacles in the amount of the number on each one. Practice counting together!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Which tentacle has the most suckers on it?
- How many suckers does the octopus have?

## Book Suggestion

***Dos en el Zoológico/Two at the Zoo,*** written by Danna Smith and illustrated by Valeria Petrone

## Online Game

**Curious George: Blast Off**

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# Homemade Scale

This activity explores



**Measurement**

## Learning Goals

Explore and compare the weight of different objects.



## What You'll Need

- Ruler
- 2 paper cups
- Tape
- Marker
- Small toys like marbles, toy cars, duckies or feathers

## Steps

- 1. Make a balance!** Place the marker at the midpoint of the ruler (around the 6-inch mark) so it makes a cross. Tape the marker to the ruler to secure it.
- 2. Make a scale!** On the side without the marker, tape the bottom of each cup to each end of the ruler. Now it's a scale!
- 3. Weigh the toys!** Put a different number of marbles in each cup and observe what happens. Then compare two different toys, like a marble and a feather or a duckie and a toy car.

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Before we add items to the cup, which one do you think will weigh more? Why?
- Does the bigger object always weigh more?

## Book Suggestion

***Lia & Luís: ¿Quién tiene más?/Lia & Luis: Who Has More?***,

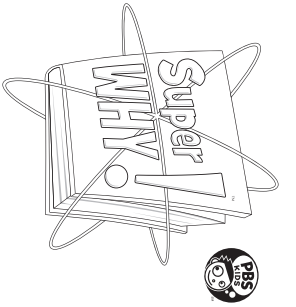
by Ana Crespo and illustrated by Giovana Medeiros

## Online Game

**Peg + Cat: Happy Camel**

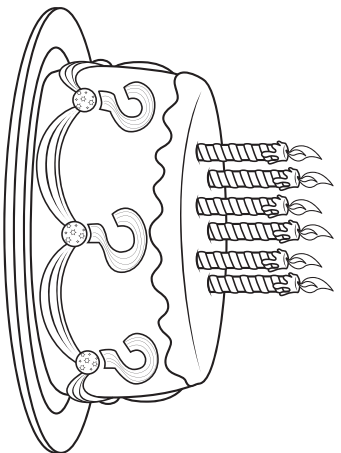
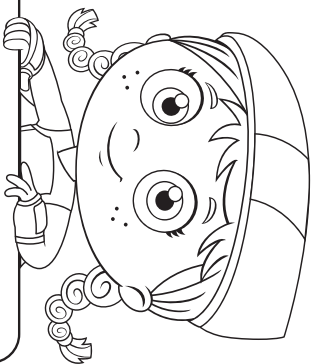
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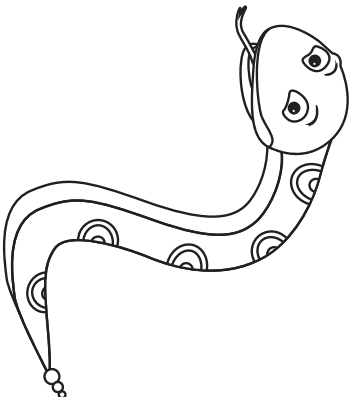


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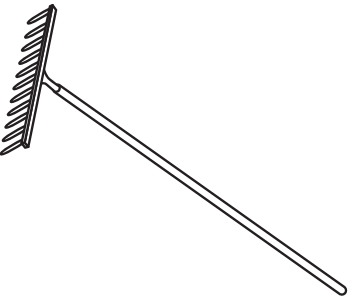
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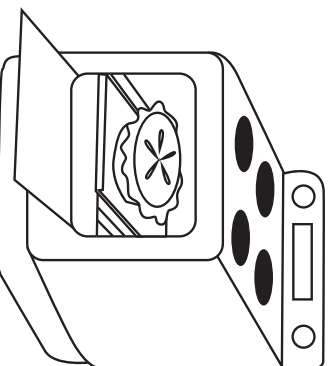
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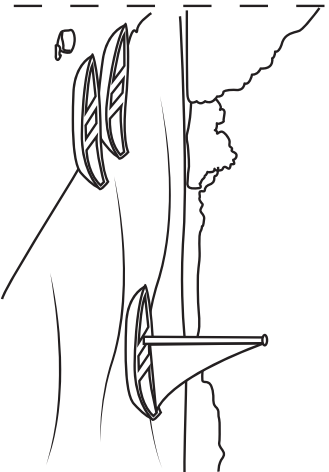
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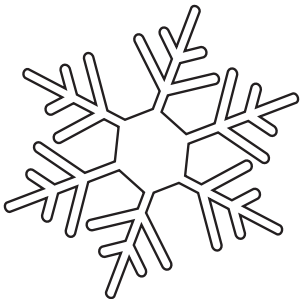
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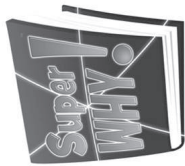


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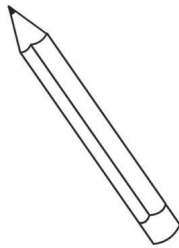
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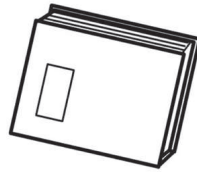
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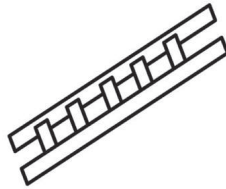
Princess Presto...to the rescue! Look at the picture and say what it is out loud.  
Then circle the letter that makes the sound that picture starts with.



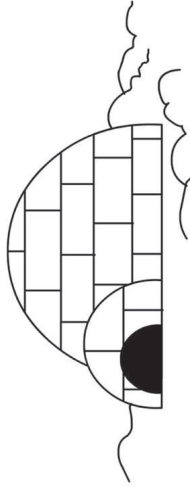
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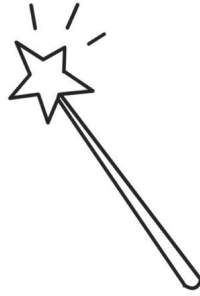
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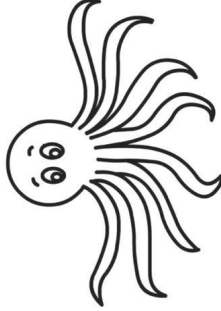
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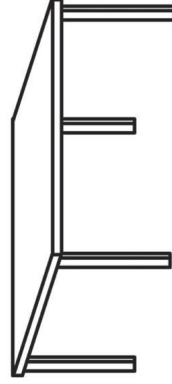
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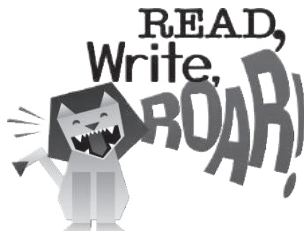
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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 105: All About the Letter A

Scan below to watch lesson



## Build It

Circle every lowercase **a** and put a rectangle around every uppercase **A**.

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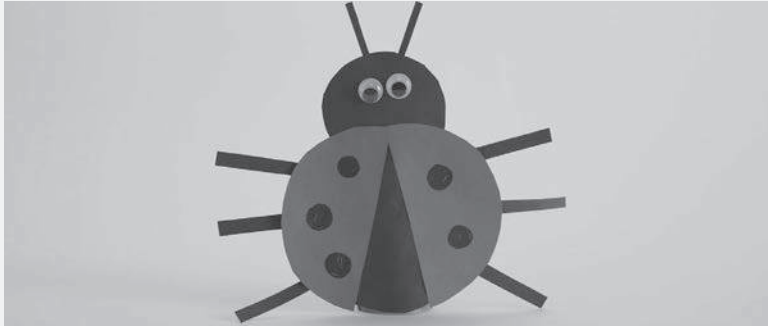
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## Learning Goals

Recognize groups of two, three and five dots; practice counting; identify shapes of different sizes.



## What You'll Need

- Red and black construction paper
- Glue stick
- Black markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Googly eyes

## Steps

- 1. Make the wings!** Trace a circle on red paper and cut it out. Cut in half to make wings. Add 2 dots on one wing and 3 on the other, or 1 dot on one wing and 4 on the other.
- 2. Make the body!** Cut out two black circles, a big one for the body and a smaller one for the head, and glue the small one on top of the large one. Glue on the wings.
- 3. Add legs and antennae!** Cut 8 thin rectangles out of black paper. Glue 2 to the head for antennae, and 6 on the body for legs. Finish with googly eyes.

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- How many antennae are there? How many eyes?
- Without counting, how many dots can you see? How did you figure out there were five dots?

## Book Suggestion

**123,**  
by Eric Carle

## Online Game

**Curious George: Bug Catcher**

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# Nature Crown

This activity explores

 **Sorting & Collecting**

 **Patterns**

## Learning Goals

Sort objects into groups; practice counting objects; create patterns; use string to measure length.



## What You'll Need

- Flowers, petals, leaves, twigs, etc.
- Brown paper bag
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- String

## Steps

- 1. Gather nature items!** Look for items like fallen leaves, twigs, pine needles and flowers.
- 2. Measure your head!** Use a piece of string to measure around your child's head to determine the circumference of the crown. Cut a long strip from the paper bag, about 3 inches wide, to match the length of the string.
- 3. Decorate your crown!** Help your child attach the natural materials to the crown in a pattern. The pattern can be about the color, texture or size of the materials. Attach the ends of the crown together. Place on the child's head!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Green leaf, flower, brown leaf, flower. What comes next?
- Did you make a pattern with colors or something else?

## Book Suggestion

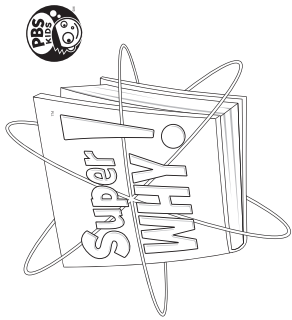
***A Stone Sat Still,***  
by Brendan Wenzel

## Online Game

**The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That: Sorta-Ma-Gogo**

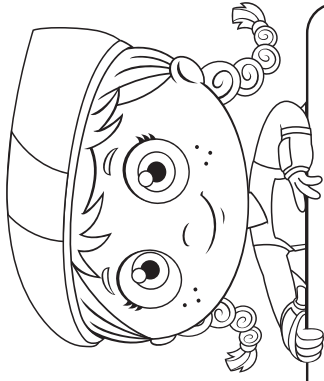
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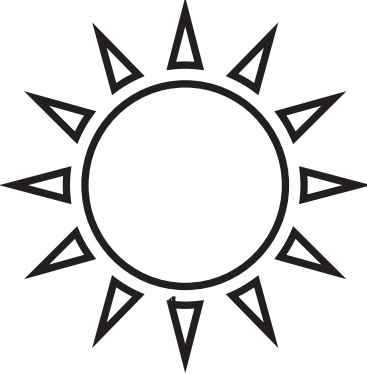
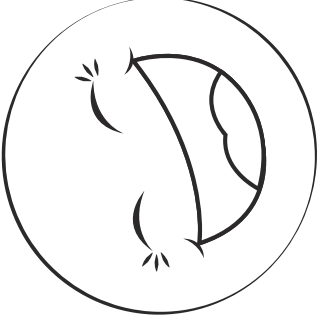
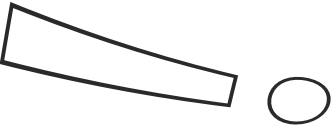
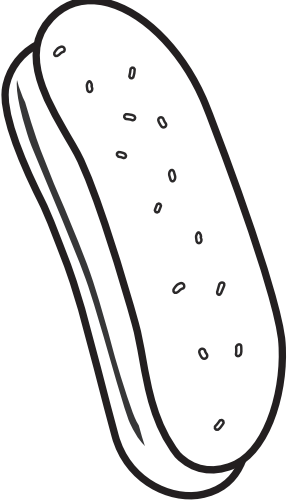
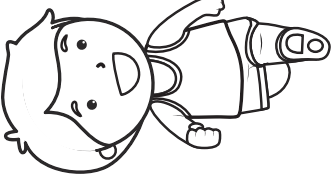
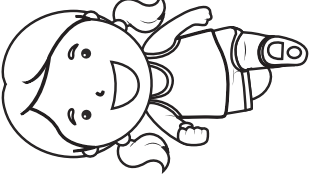
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# Wonder Red's Fun -un

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Cross out each letter in the box once you have used it.



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Wonder Red...to the rescue! Draw a line between the -ALL family word and the picture that matches the word.



**MALL**



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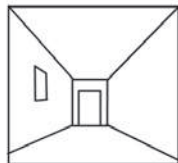
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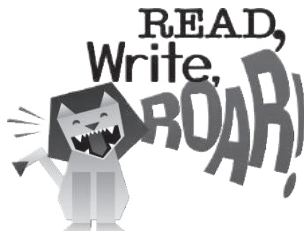
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# ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 106: Funny Faces from the Garden

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## Sort It

Draw a line from the up arrow  to what you would find *up* in a garden. Draw a line from the down arrow  to what you would find *down* in the dirt.



## Write It

Follow the Vegetable Face Pizza Recipe to make a healthy snack! What else might you add to the ingredients?

Ingredients:

Tortillas  
Cream Cheese  
Black Olives  
Carrot Sticks  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Broccoli  
Celery sticks

Step 1:

Lay your tortilla flat.

Step 2:

Take a spoon and get cream cheese from the container.

Step 3:

With the bottom of your spoon, spread the cream cheese out on your tortilla.

Step 4:

Choose your vegetables and make a face. It can be as real looking or as silly as you want.

# Paper Plate Pizza

This activity explores



Shapes



Number Sense & Counting

## Learning Goals

Practice counting 1-20 by using number words and writing numerals.



## What You'll Need

- Paper plate
- Red crayon or marker
- Brown crayon or marker
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue

## Steps

- 1. Make a pizza!** Color the paper plate's edges brown to make a pizza crust. Color the center red to make the sauce.
- 2. Add the cheese!** Cut out 10 triangles for your cheese, 5 circles for your pepperoni and 5 rectangles for another topping of your choice.
- 3. Add the toppings!** Write numbers 1 through 20 on your toppings and glue them onto your pizza pie. Count all of your toppings all the way to 20!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Which group of toppings do you have the most of?
- How many cheese triangles are there?

## Book Suggestion

*El último malvavisco/  
The Last Marshmallow,*  
by Grace Lin

## Online Game

**Curious George: Train Station**

<https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/trains/>

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# Animal Crafts With Paper Plates

This activity explores



Shapes



Number Sense & Counting

## Learning Goals

Count and compare groups of objects; explore different kinds of shapes.



## What You'll Need

- Paper plates
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaner

## Steps

- 1. Make a spider!** Color a plate purple. Make eight legs with paper or pipe cleaners; glue four on each side. Cut a small circle out of paper for the head and glue it to the top. Finish with eight eyes.
- 2. Make a pig!** Color a plate pink. For the feet, glue paper hearts, turned upside down, to the bottom of the plate, two on the front and two on the back. Add two paper triangles for ears. Glue on a paper snout and draw two ovals for the nostrils. Finish with eyes and a curly pipe cleaner tail!
- 3. Make a chick!** Color a plate yellow. Cut a circle in half and glue one half-circle on each side of the plate for the wings. Add paper legs. For the beak, cut a paper diamond and fold in half. Glue to the center. Finish with eyes.

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- How many legs does each animal have? How many legs are there altogether?
- Let's order our animals from most to fewest legs.

## Book Suggestion

***Eggs and Legs/Huevos y patas,***  
written by Michael Dahl  
and illustrated by Todd Ouren

## Online Game

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# Storytime Stick Puppets



Puppets are a fun way to tell stories. Make puppets of Molly and her family and friends, and use them to retell a story you watched. Or you can take Molly on a new adventure by making up your own story!

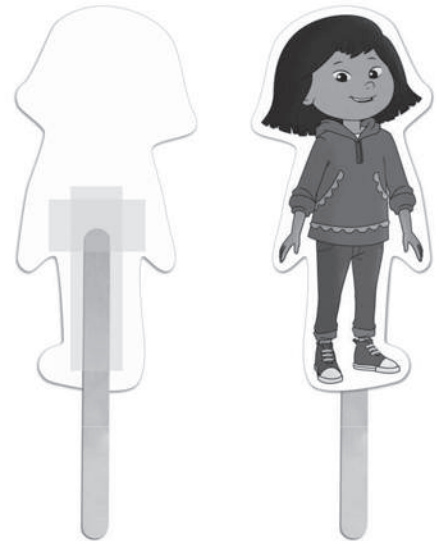
## Materials

- Printouts of characters and props
- Scissors
- Craft sticks or pencils
- Tape

A **prop** is an object, such as a book or a chair, that a character uses in a play, puppet show, or other performance. Using props helps characters tell a story.

## Make Your Puppets and Props

1. Print the following pages on card stock or glue them to heavy paper. Use scissors to cut out the characters and props.
2. Place the puppet cutouts face down on a table.
3. Tape a craft stick (or pencil) to the back of each one. Position it so that half of the stick is below the bottom edge of the paper.
4. Now your puppets are ready.



## Put Your Puppets into Action

There are lots of ways to play with your puppets! You can make your puppets act out a story or sing and dance. You can also learn a new fact about something you are interested in and have one puppet explain it to another.

Think about what you want your puppets to do. Pick the characters and props that will help you tell your story. Then, put on a puppet show! It can be a show you make by yourself or a show you create with someone else. You can put on the show for your family or friends. Or you can record it and watch it yourself.

## Make More Props

You can design your own props, too! Draw pictures of other objects that you want to have in the stories you tell with your puppets. Cut the objects out, tape them onto craft sticks, and add them to your prop collection.

You can also make a simple puppet theater out of an empty cereal box. Find directions here: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/mini-pencil-puppet-theater>

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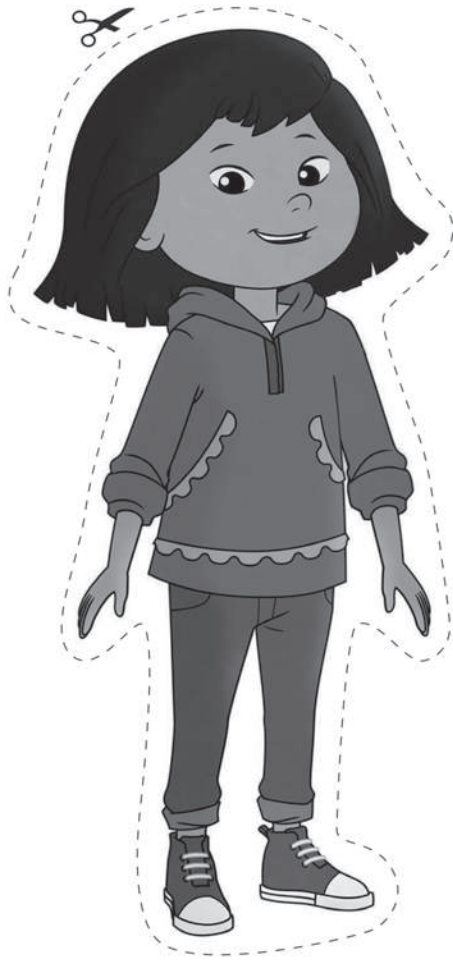
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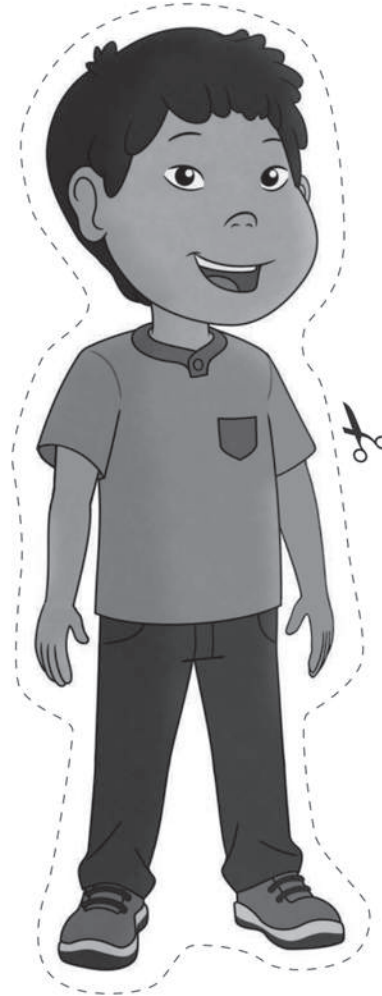
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# Stick Puppets



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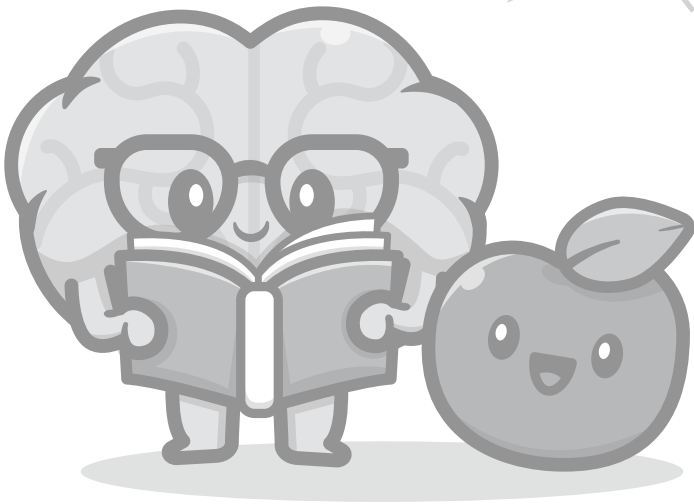
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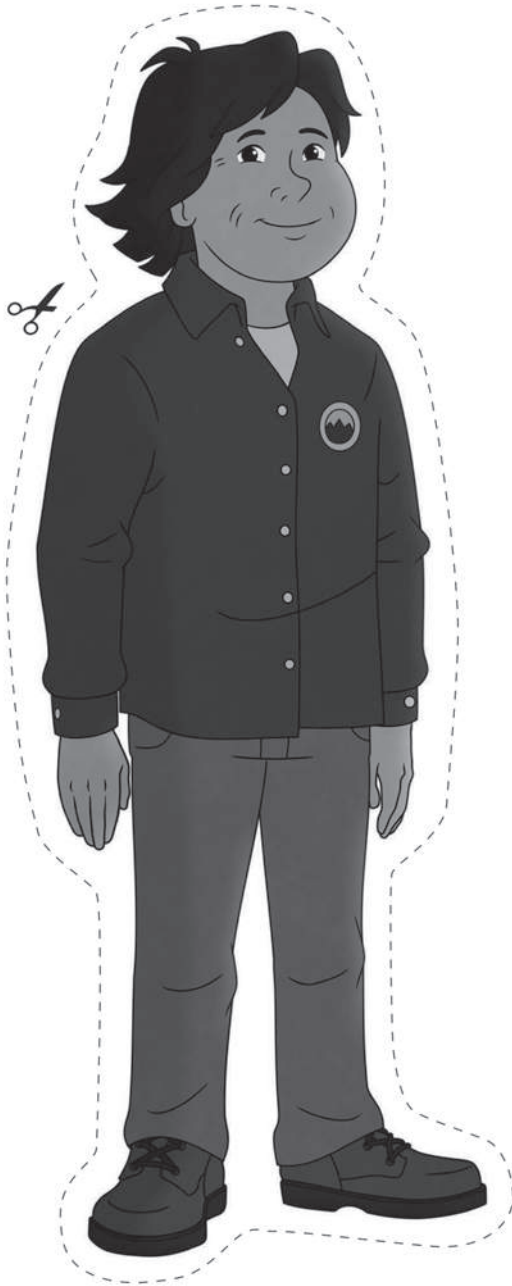




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# Stick Puppets



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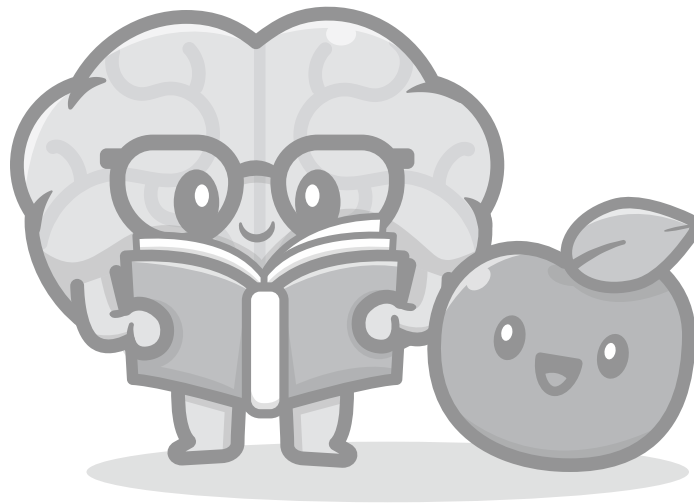


**Mom**

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# Stick Puppets



**Grandpa Nat**



**Suki**

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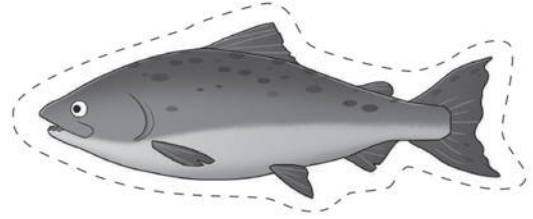




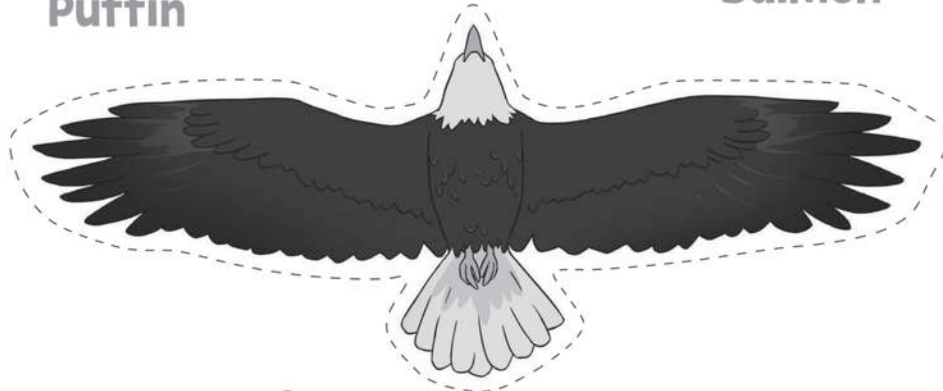
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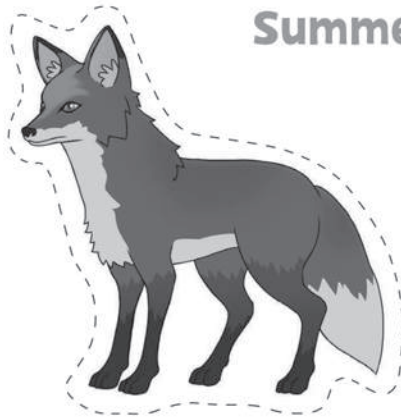
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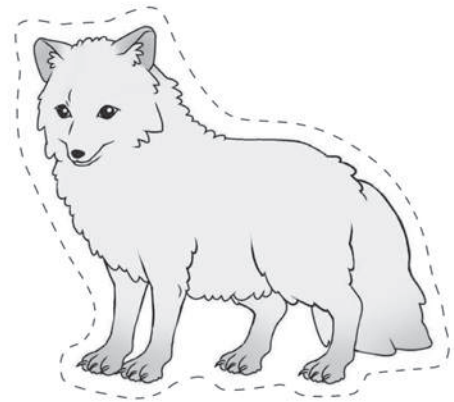
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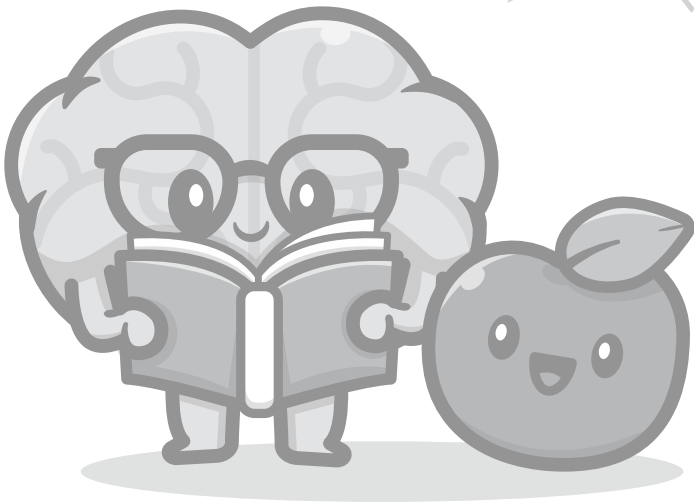
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