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# About this Resource

## Philosophy

Do you struggle with the ever-present "homework issue?" To give homework or not to give homework? I personally believe that kids should not have a lot of homework, especially in the younger grades. However, children DO need lots of home practice with Reading, writing and math. I have always found that many parents simply don't know how or what to reinforce at home, and we as teachers are often quick to say, "Read for 15 minutes and practice your math facts," when assigning homework. When parents are provided with Support, they will begin to feel more comfortable helping their children read, write and do math. That's where this resource comes in! The Interactive Homework Notebook is a notebook that children will create at home, with the assistance of their parents (the level of assistance needed will vary based on age and skill level). The activities are all hands-on and can be completed in about 10-15 minutes. Each activity will provide parents with specific bearning goals, instructions, and ideas for how they can help and support their child. Because parents and children can work together on these activities, parents will become involved in their child's learning and gain a better understanding of how to provide assistance and support, and how to extend the learning past the assignment. Children will be involved in engaging, hands-on activities that reinforce essential skills.

### Options for Use

There are many ways that this Interactive Homework Notebook can be utilized! I don't recommend sending homework home every night, but you might choose specific days (for example, Monday and Thursday) to send home a fun homework assignment that SUPPORTS the skills currently being taught in your classroom. The activities can also be used as extra practice for students who require it. Additionally, you as a CLASSROOM teacher can choose to use any of these activities in your own classroom. Any one of the IIO+ curriculum-related activities included makes a great addition to any reading, writing or math-based interactive notebook!

### Assessment

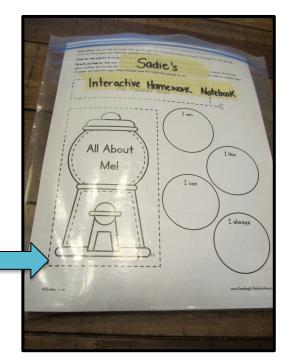
Whether or not you assess these activities is your own personal choice. Personally, I do not recommend assessing every single homework assignment. You will be up to your ears in marking, and your time is better spent planning engaging activities and interacting with your students. Instead, think of these homework activities as extra practice and an opportunity for children and parents to work together to reinforce learned skills. That being said, it is important to check to ensure completion. You will need to integrate this practice into your classroom as you see fit, but there are a couple of options:

- Ask students to hand in their notebooks in the morning. Throughout the day take about 10 minutes to flip
  through each notebook, place a sticker or checkmark on the page to show that you have seen it, and hand
  notebooks back to students when the next homework assignment is given.
- Ask students to put their Homework Notebooks on their desks during morning work. Circulate the room, doing a quick check of each child's notebook. Children are responsible for putting the notebook away once it has been checked.
- Have students join you in small-group format (similar to a guided reading group) to discuss the homework assignment and share their work and ideas with others. Do a quick completion check during this time.

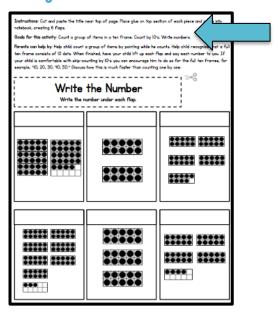
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## Storage and Logistics

Before beginning the Interactive Homework Notebook, it is important to consider logistics. Where will the notebooks be stored? How will they travel from school to home with the activities? How will they be returned? Personally I love the large zip-loc bags. Journals can be placed into the zip-loc bag, along with the day's homework activity for safe traveling, as shown in the picture to the right:



## Layout



Each Interactive Homework Notebook assignment includes simple instructions, learning goals and ways that parents can help. This predictable layout will serve to not only help parents during the activity, but also to provide ideas for extending the learning past the assignment.

A limited variety of foldable templates are used in this interactive homework journal so that the templates become familiar to parents and students.

## Recommended Glue and Notebook

To assemble this notebook, white glue is recommended rather than a glue stick. It just sticks better! Additionally, try to use notebooks where the entire page is fastened into the bound area, rather than the spiral style. This will result in fewer pages falling/being ripped out.



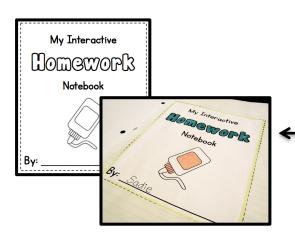
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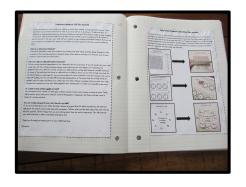
In this section you will find notes and instructions for introducing your Interactive Homework Notebook to students and their families. Please see below for instructions, or simply use as you see fit!



Introductory Note (page 7): sign and send this note home a couple of days before the initial Interactive Homework Notebook assignment. This will serve as a "heads-up" so that parents can have necessary supplies on hand.



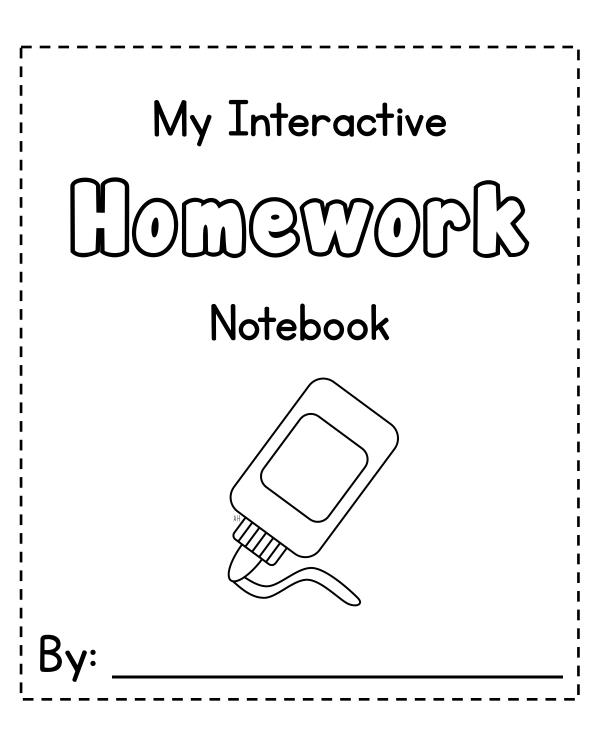
Interactive Notebook Cover Page (page 6):
Have students decorate this page. Then glue
it to the cover or the first inside page of
each student's Interactive Homework
Notebook.



Interactive Notebook Instructions and Parent FAQ (pages 8 and 9): Paste these 2 notes into front of Interactive Homework Notebook as shown in picture to the left.

# Unteractive Notebook Cover Page

Have students decorate this page and paste it to the front cover or first inside page of notebook (as shown on page 5).



#### IMPORTANT: Interactive Homework Notebooks

Dear Parents and Guardians.

I know how hard you work to help your children practice their reading, writing and math at home. I also know that it is sometimes hard to know what to practice and how to practice it. To help with this, our classroom will be implementing Interactive Homework Notebooks this year! This will be a really exciting, engaging way for your child to practice essential skills at home. Most of the activities can be completed in 10–15 minutes or less. By the end of the year, your child will have created an eye-catching and meaningful notebook that you will want to keep as a scrapbook for years to come!

Some supplies that you will need to have on hand are: a bottle of white glue, crayons, pencil crayons and scissors. Magazines/newspapers will be helpful for a few of the activities. That's it!

Please be on the look-out for your child's first Interactive Notebook homework assignment in the next couple of days!

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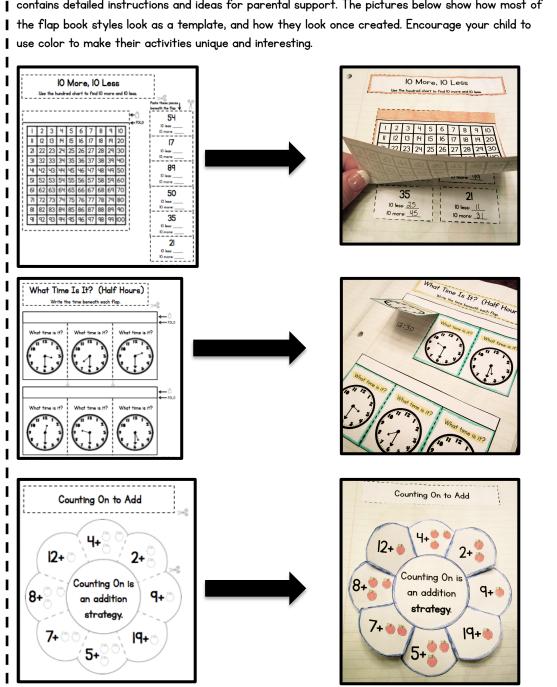
Sincerely,

# Interactive Notebook Instructions

Paste this note into front of interactive notebook as shown on page 5.

#### Interactive Notebook Instructions (for parents)

The hands-on nature of these activities means that your child will be doing a lot of cutting, gluing and folding. You child will love creating these interactive flap books! This will be great practice for fine motor skills, and will provide an opportunity for you to assist and support your child! Each page contains detailed instructions and ideas for parental support. The pictures below show how most of the flap book styles look as a template, and how they look once created. Encourage your child to use color to make their activities unique and interesting.



# Parent FAQ

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#### What is an Interactive Notebook?

Interactive essentially means that students are working with their hands (cutting, gluing, folding) in order to enhance their learning experience. Research shows that hands-on learning is an effective way to learn, reinforce, and process new information.

#### How can I help my child with his/her homework?

We are moving towards independence in our classroom, but it is a process. If you do decide that your child needs help with the cutting and gluing, please ensure that you are only helping, not completing the assignment for your child. For the written activities, we like your child to practice neat and accurate printing as much as possible; however, for some of the activities that focus on skills such as re-telling a story, you are free to help. Just look for the Parent Notes on each page for tips and instructions. For some activities it may be necessary for you to help with spelling, etc. You can help AND encourage independence at the same time by writing words on another piece of paper and having your child copy from there. Please remember that we want your child to enjoy her homework, so use your best judgment when assisting her to make it an enjoyable experience.

#### Do I need to have certain supplies on hand?

You will need to have a bottle of white glue, scissors, pencil crayons and crayons on hand at home. These will be used in every interactive notebook activity. Newspapers, magazines, and flyers will also come in handy for certain activities.

#### How can I make homework time a fun time for my child?

If you are excited about your child's learning, chances are good that he will be excited too. Sit with him, talk about the activity and provide help when necessary. Tell him what you like best about the work that he did. Stay positive. Tell him things that you are noticing about how his work is improving. This will motivate your child, and when a child is motivated, learning is fun!

Thank you for being an integral part of your child's learning.

Sincerely,

# Section 2: Unteractive Jemplates



In this section you will find all of the Interactive Homework Notebook templates. These are organized by topic and can be sent home in any order. The table of contents below shows where you will find particular skills and activities:

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All About Me!	pages II-16
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**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut tree and paste onto notebook page. On each apple, write a word or phrase that describes you. Paste the apples onto notebook page.

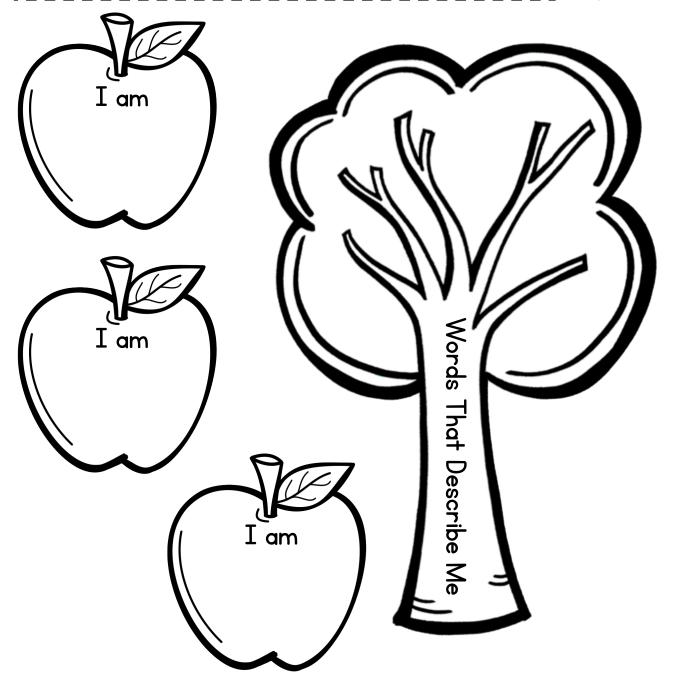
Goals for this activity: Use descriptive words and phrases. Write neatly in the space provided.

Parents can help by: Help your child think of words that describe her by linking them to her actions, for example, "You like to help me bake cookies and you like to help your dad outside. What word could we use to describe that?" (helpful). When finished, have your child read each apple to you.

## Words That Describe Me

In each apple, write a word or phrase to describe you.

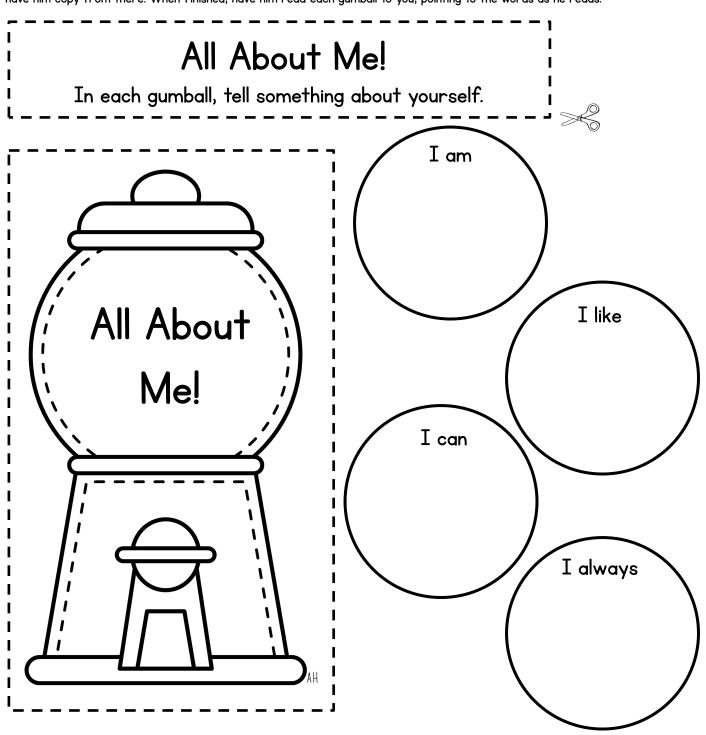




**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out gumball machine and paste onto page. In each gumball, write one thing about you. Paste the gumballs onto the page.

Goals for this activity: Brainstorm things about yourself. Write neatly in the space provided.

Parents can help by: Help your child think of things about himself by discussing what he likes to do, places that he has gone, routines that he has, etc. If your child does not know how to spell some of the words, write them on another piece of paper and have him copy from there. When finished, have him read each gumball to you, pointing to the words as he reads.



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Draw a picture of yourself in the oval. Cut on the horizontal dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the left side of the flip book into notebook. Beneath each flap, write a fact about yourself.

Goals for this activity: Understand the word "fact." Draw a personal representation. Write fact sentences using uppercase letters and punctuation.

Parents can help by: Provide your child with a mirror during the self-portrait portion. Help your child brainstorm some facts about herself by asking questions such as: "What do you like to do? What would you like people to know about you?" If she struggles with writing the sentences, write them on another sheet of paper so that she can copy from it.

## Self Portrait and Facts About Me!

Draw a picture of yourself in the oval. Beneath each flap write a fact about yourself.



Instructions: Complete the workspace with a picture and written details. Paste the workspace into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Write factual information about your family. Write neatly in the space provided.

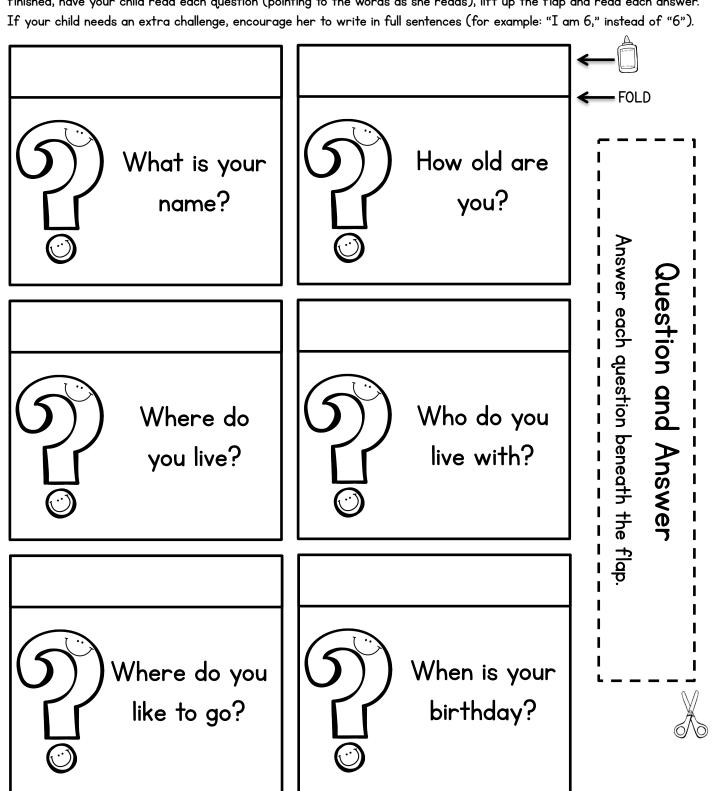
Parents can help by: Help your child think of things about your family by discussing stories, memories and the members of your family. If your child does not know how to spell some of the words, write them on another piece of paper and have him copy from it. When finished, have him read the "story" to you.

My Family Write about your family and draw a picture.	
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These are the people in my family:	- i
My family is	- ! - !
Sometimes, my family	_ ! _ !

Instructions: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out each question flap. Paste top portion of each one into notebook, creating a lift-up flap. Beneath each flap, write the answer to the question.

Goals for this activity: Understand that a question mark means that a question is being asked. Read questions. Write an appropriate answer to each question.

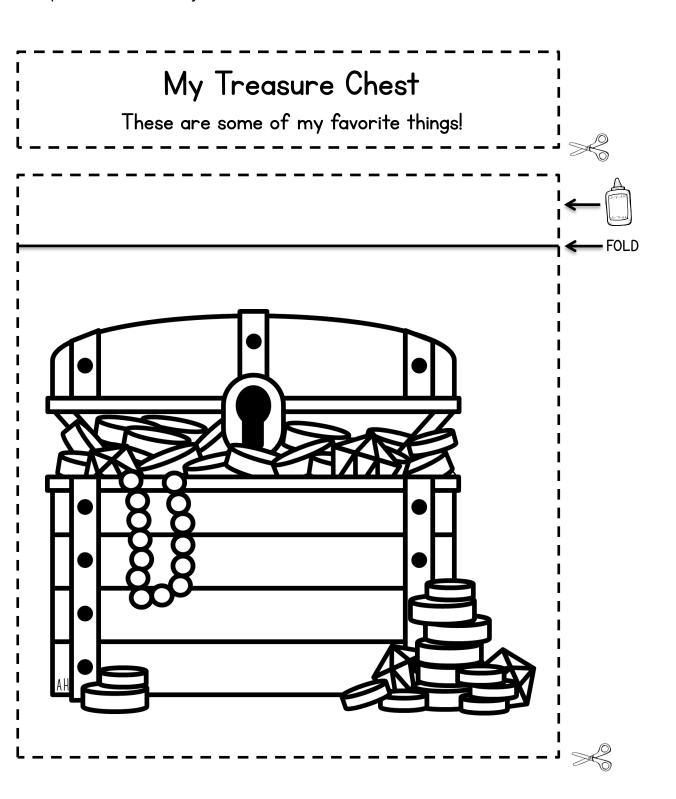
Parents can help by: Help your child read each question. Point out the fact that they all end with a question mark. When finished, have your child read each question (pointing to the words as she reads), lift up the flap and read each answer.



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out the flap. Decorate the treasure chest and glue top portion of flap into notebook so that the treasure chest can be "lifted up." Beneath the flap draw a few of your favorite things. Alternatively, you may find pictures in a magazine to glue under the flap.

Goals for this activity: Think about your favorite things. Draw (or find) a representation of each.

Parents can help by: Ask your child to tell you about some of her favorite things. Examples, include food, toys, stories, books, places to visit, school subjects, etc.



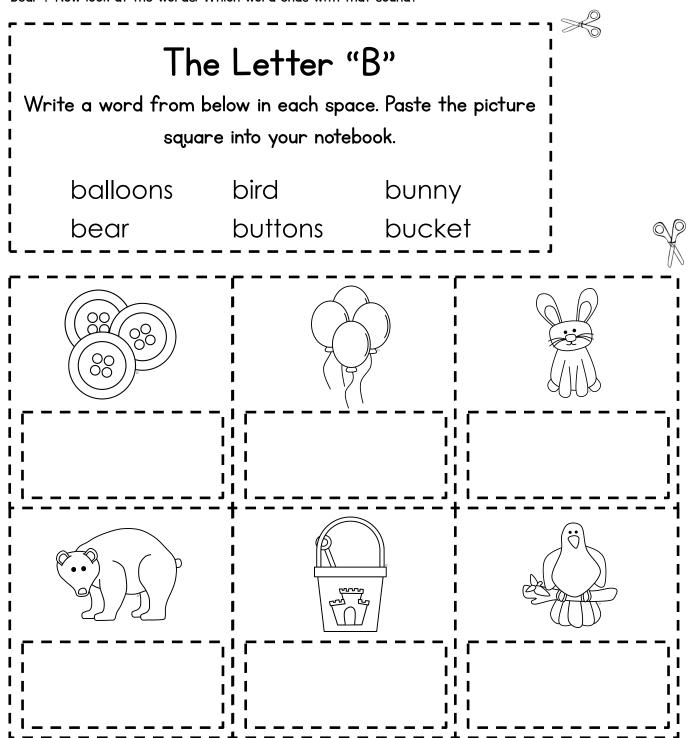
Goals for this activity: Read and write a complete sentence. Draw a picture that illustrates the sentence.

Parents can help by: Help your child read the sentence (if needed). Point out the uppercase letter at the beginning and the period at the end of each sentence. When finished, have your child read each sentence to you again, and show you his picture beneath the flap.

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	An ant is crawling on the apple.	
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	Alan is asleep again.	

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds as clues when matching each word to a picture.

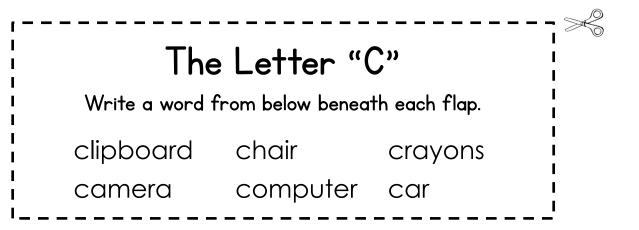
Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'bear'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

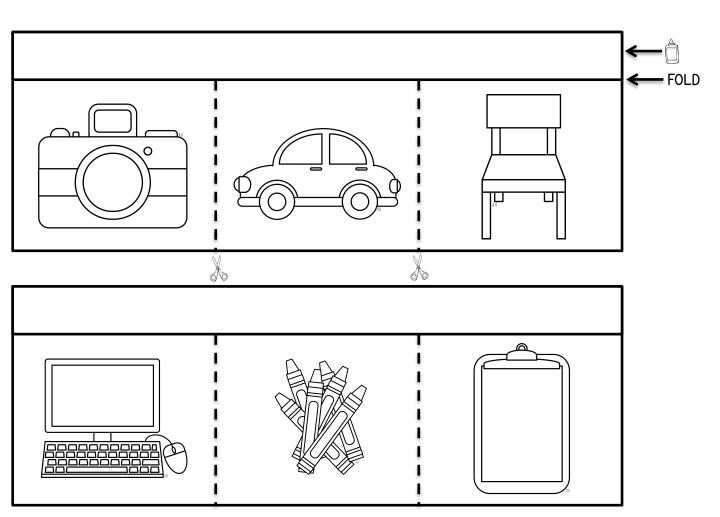


**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title/word box near top of page. Create each flap book by cutting on the dotted lines and pasting the top section into notebook. Each flap book should have three flaps. Look at the picture on each flap. Write the matching word beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds to help match each word to a picture.

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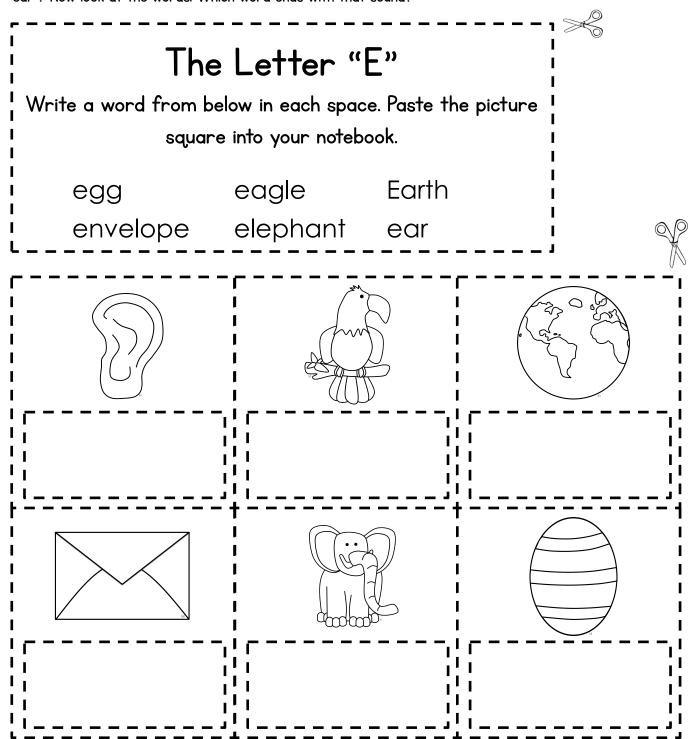
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Parents can help by: Help your child read the sentence (if needed). Point out the uppercase letter at the beginning and the period at the end of each sentence. When finished, have your child read each sentence to you again, and show you his picture beneath the flap.

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	It is a hot day in the desert.			
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	The dog danced in the dirt.			

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds as clues when matching each word to a picture.

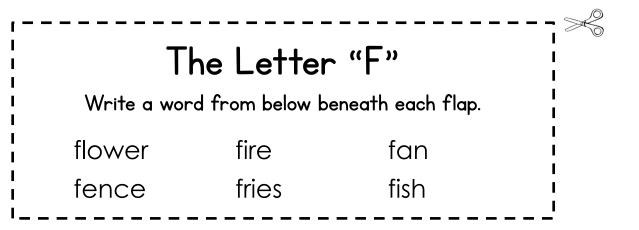
Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'ear'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

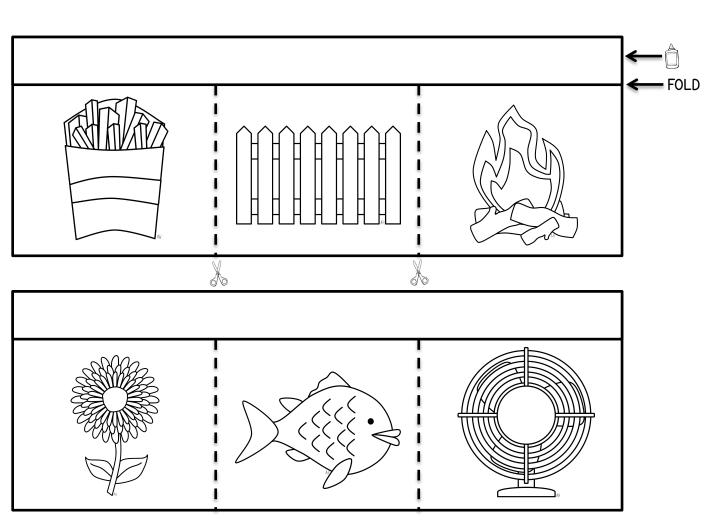


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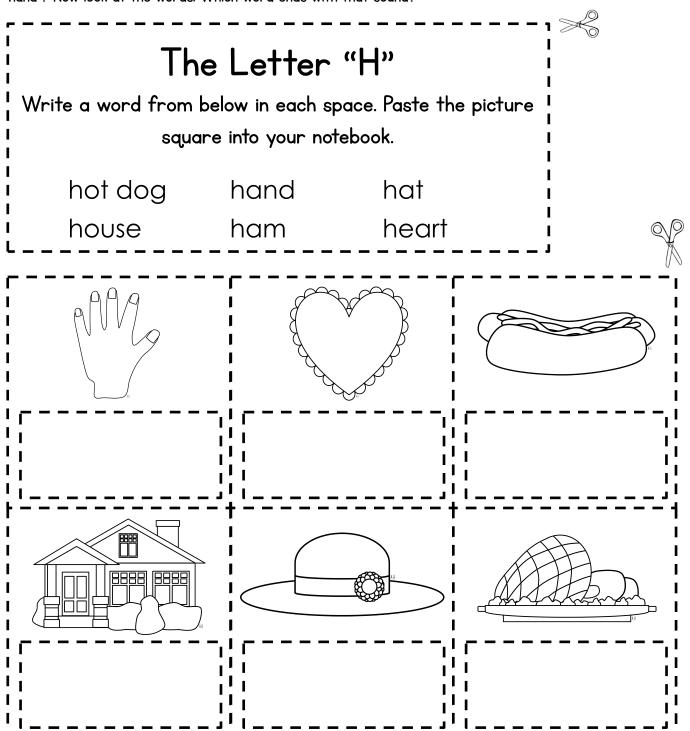
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	The girl in green goes through the gate.	
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	Grass is growing in the garden.	

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds as clues when matching each word to a picture.

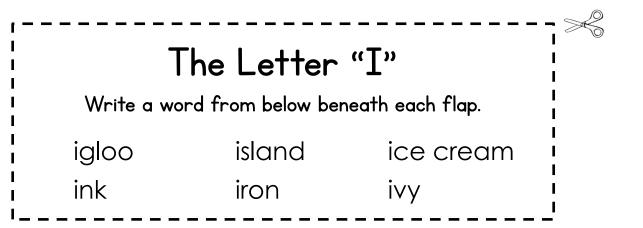
Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'hand'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

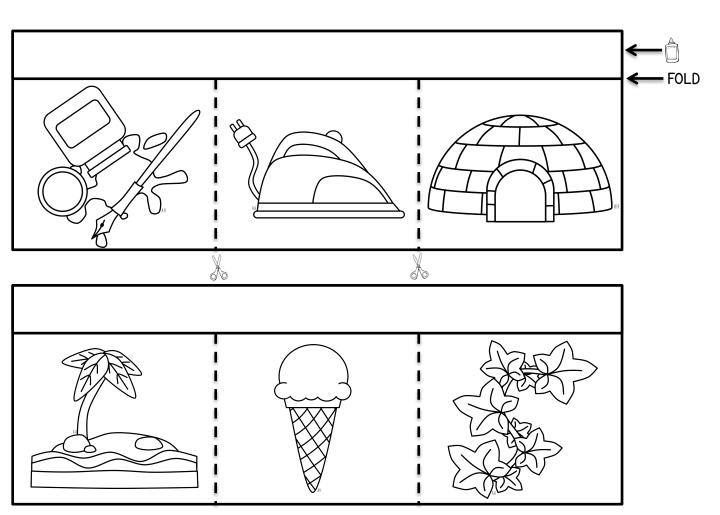


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	Jack jogs through the jungle.	
	The jar is full of jam.	

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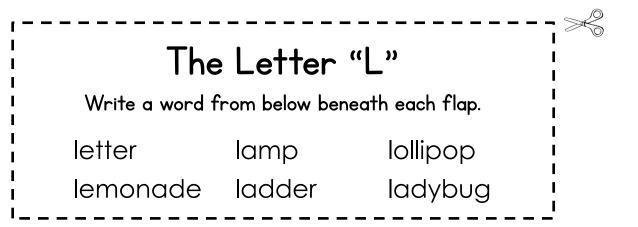
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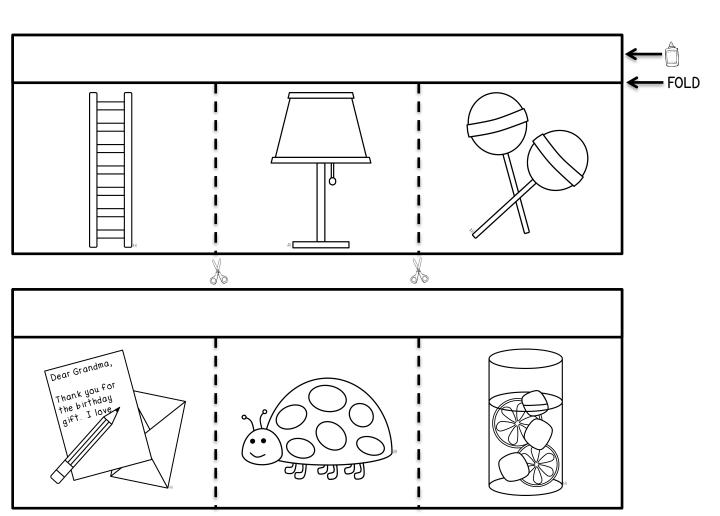
# The Letter "K" Write a word from below in each space. Paste the picture square into your notebook. kettle kitten kiwi keyboard key kite O W E R T Y U I O P A S D F G H J K L Enter

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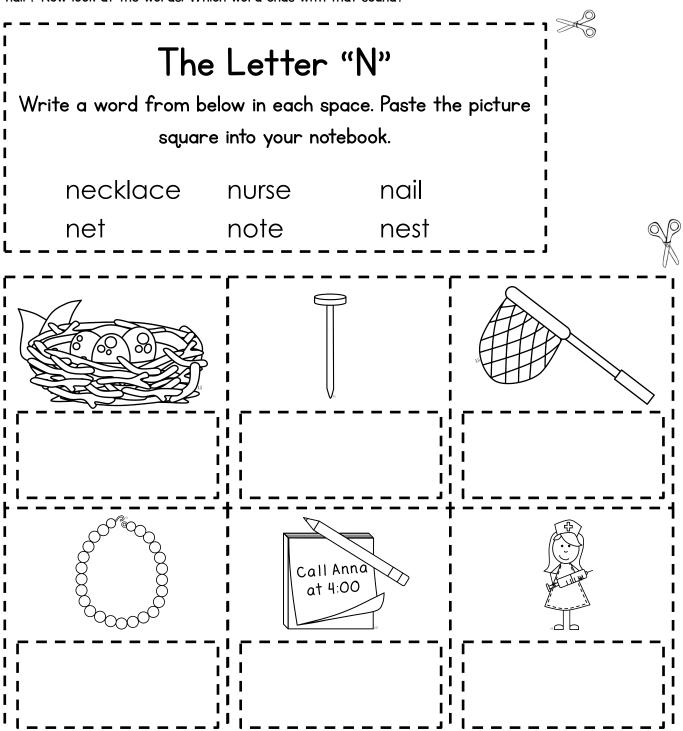
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	The monkey ate many muffins.	
	My mom is drinking milk.	

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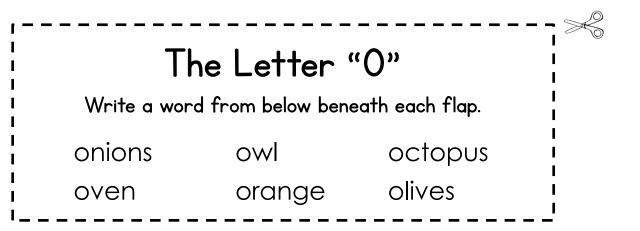
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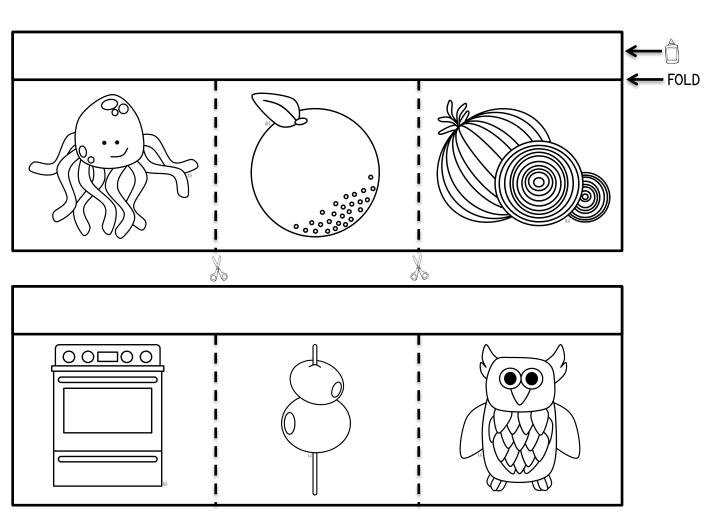


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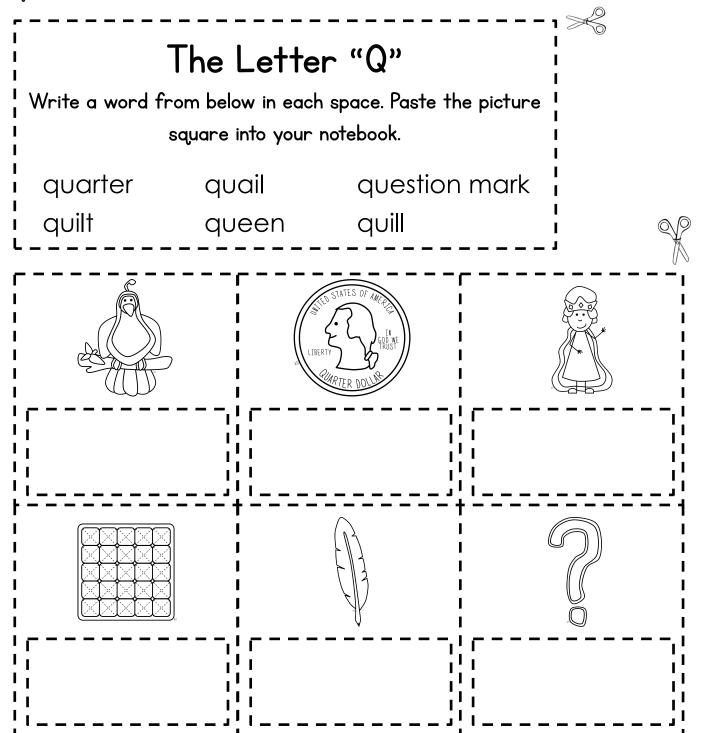
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	I painted purple polka dots.	
- · P	Paul's pets drank water from a	
	pail.	

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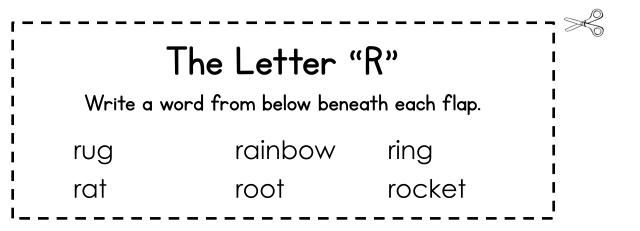
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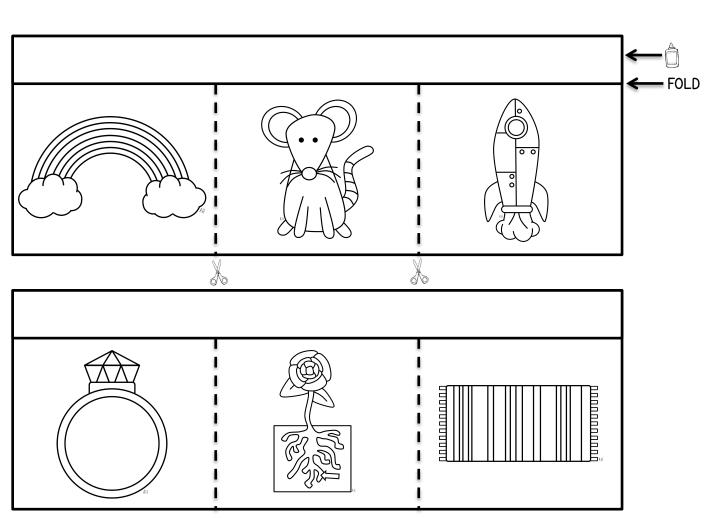


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Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds to help match each word to a picture.

Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'rug'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"





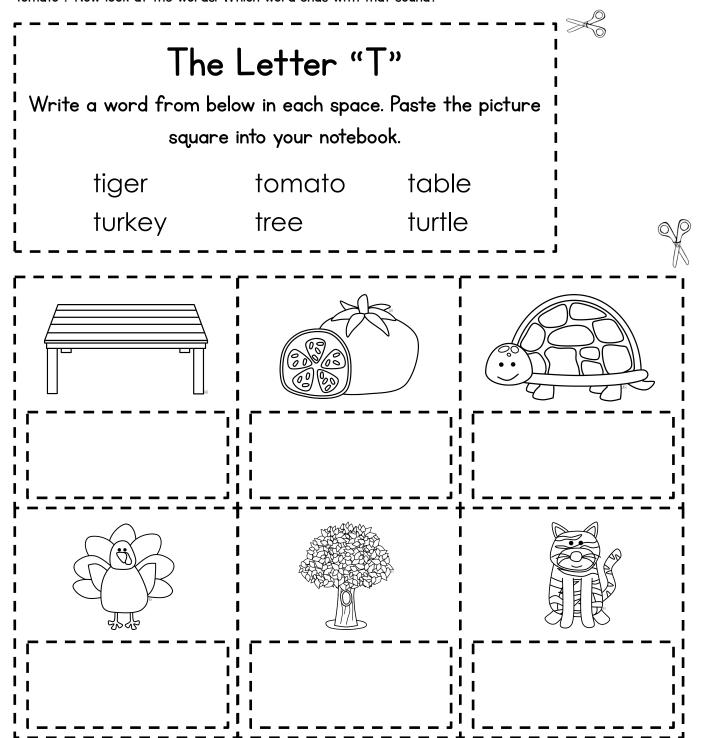
Goals for this activity: Read and write a complete sentence. Draw a picture that illustrates the sentence.

Parents can help by: Help your child read the sentence (if needed). Point out the uppercase letter at the beginning and the period at the end of each sentence. When finished, have your child read each sentence to you again, and show you his picture beneath the flap.

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	Can you see that sailboat?	
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	Sam has seven striped socks.	

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds as clues when matching each word to a picture.

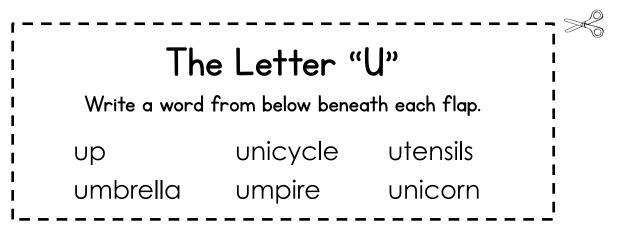
Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'tomato'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

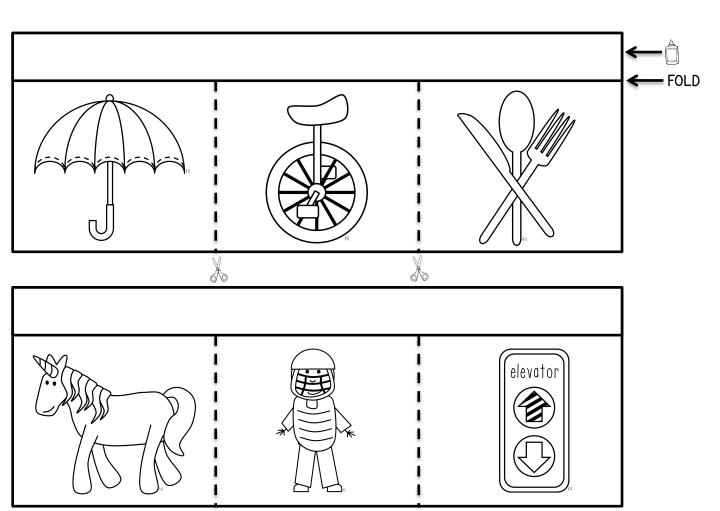


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Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds to help match each word to a picture.

Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'up'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"





**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out flap book, cut on dotted line to create 2 flaps, and paste left side into notebook. Read sentence on the top of each flap and copy it on the lines. Then draw a corresponding picture beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Read and write a complete sentence. Draw a picture that illustrates the sentence.

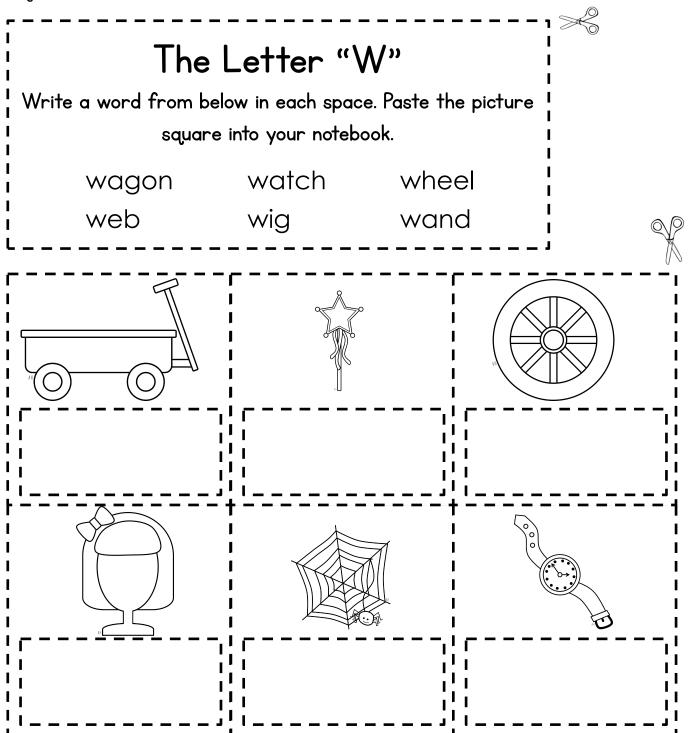
Parents can help by: Help your child read the sentence (if needed). Point out the uppercase letter at the beginning and the period at the end of each sentence. When finished, have your child read each sentence to you again, and show you his picture beneath the flap.

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	A volcano is very hot.	
	Vegetables are very healthy.	

**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title/word box near top of page. Write each word from the box with the corresponding picture. Then cut and paste each picture/word into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds as clues when matching each word to a picture.

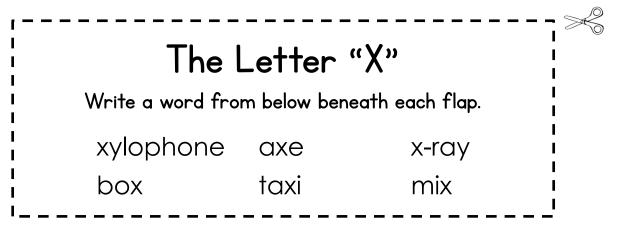
Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'wagon'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

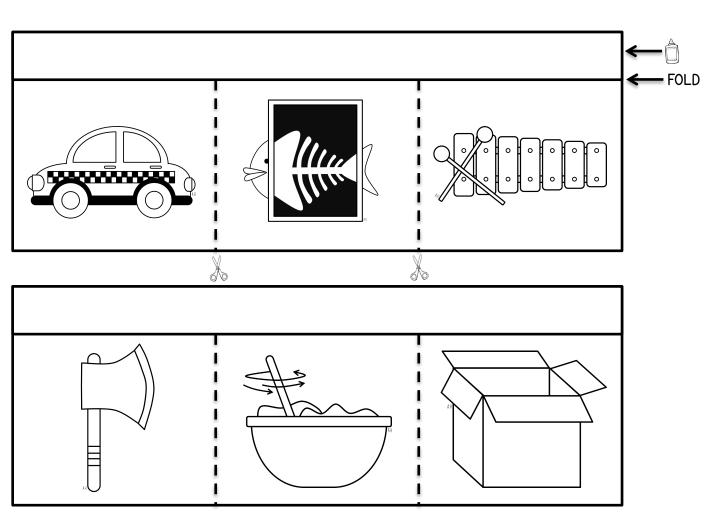


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Goals for this activity: Correctly print lowercase letters. Use ending sounds to help match each word to a picture.

Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use beginning and ending sounds. For example: "In the word, 'box,' does the x sound come at the beginning or the end? What is the beginning sound? Which word begins with that sound?"

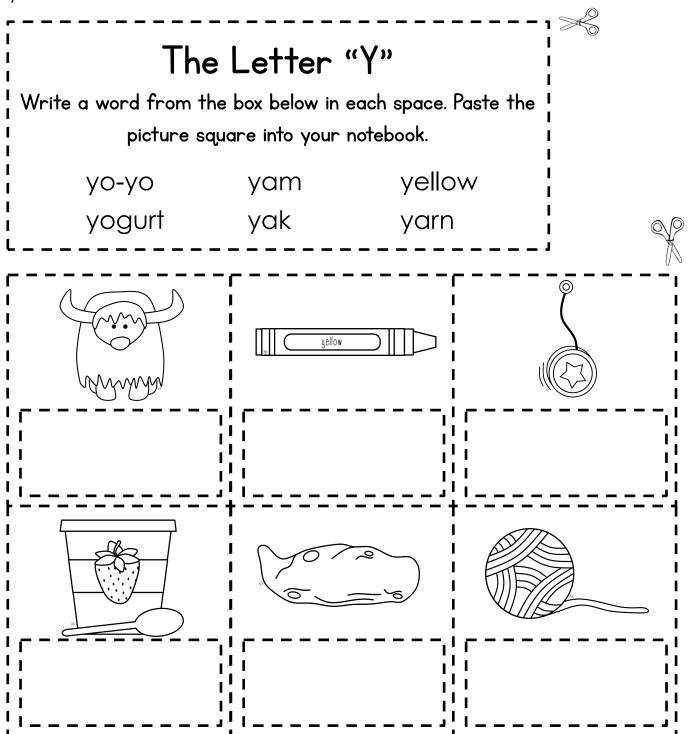




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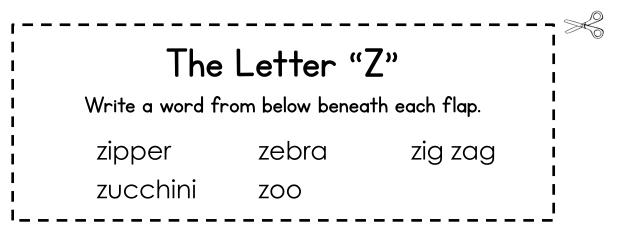
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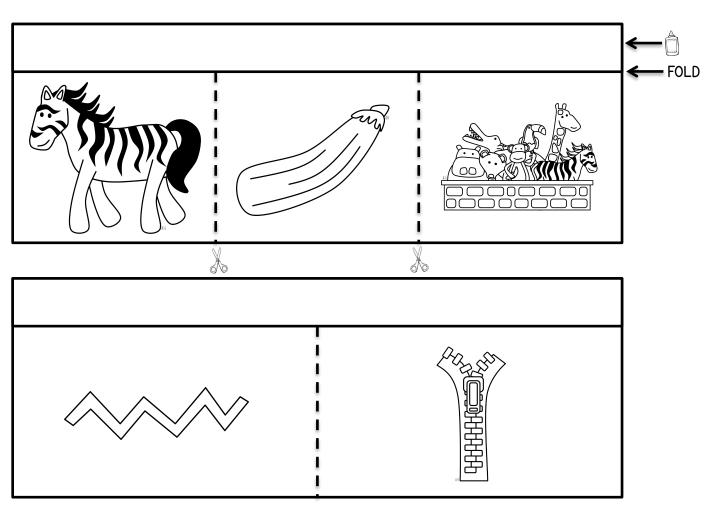


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Parents can help by: Before completing activity, help child read each word in the box. When matching a word to each picture, encourage your child to use ending sounds. For example: "What is the ending sound in the word 'zoo'? Now look at the words. Which word ends with that sound?"

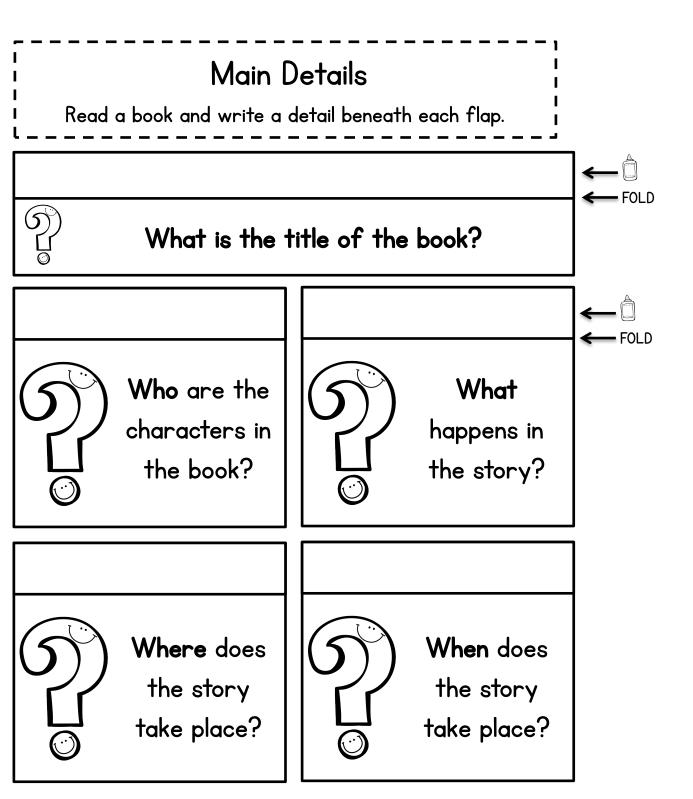




**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out each question flap. Paste top portion of each one into notebook, creating a lift-up flap. Read a book and write the answer to each question beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Read a book (together with a parent) and recall the main details.

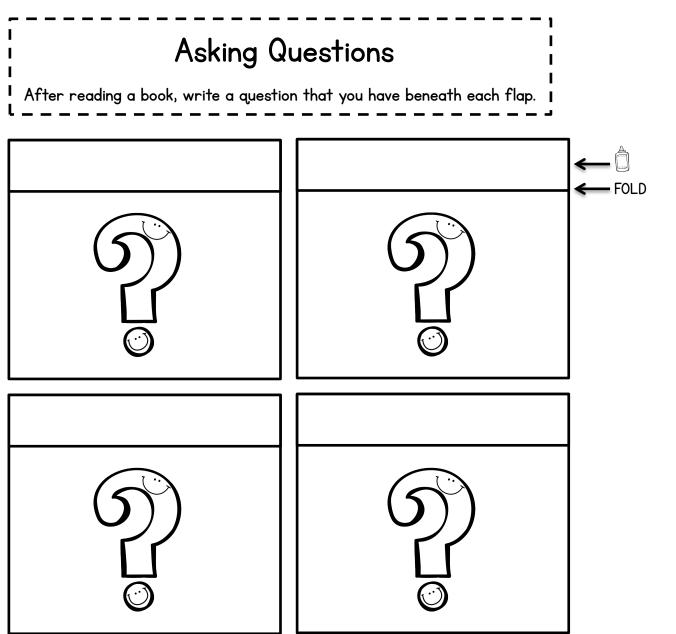
Parents can help by: Help your child read a book and answer each question. Point out the fact that they all end with a question mark. When finished, have your child read each question, lift up the flap and read each answer.



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out each question flap. Paste top portion of each one into notebook, creating a lift-up flap. Read a book. Beneath each flap, write a question that you have about the story, characters or events.

Goals for this activity: Read a book (together with a parent) and ask questions that were not answered in the story.

Parents can help by: Help your child read a book. Talk about questions that they have or things that they are wondering about after reading. For example, "Why did the main character......?" or "What year did the story take place?" Help your child write each question beneath a flap. When finished, have your child read each question to you.



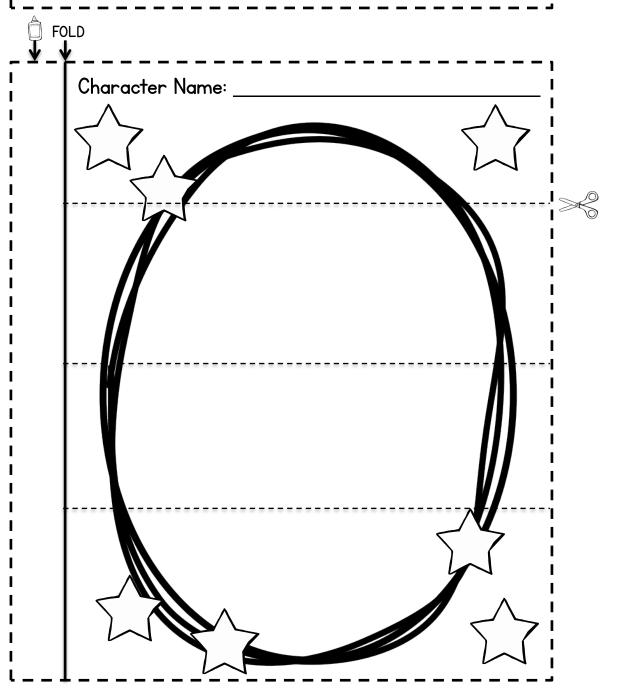
**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Draw a picture of a book character in the oval. Cut on the horizontal dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the left side of the flap book into notebook. Beneath each flap, write a fact about the character.

Goals for this activity: Recall and write details about a book character. Print neatly.

Parents can help by: Re-read a book together with your child, stopping to discuss what you notice about the character. How does he/she act, dress or talk? What does he/she do or say? Help your child choose character details and write them beneath each flap.

## Character Details

Draw a picture of a character from a story. Beneath each flap, write a fact about the character.



Instructions: Cut out work space. Choose 3 characters. For each one write the name, one fact, and draw a picture.

Goals for this activity: Recall and write details about a book character. Write neatly on the lines.

Parents can help by: Re-read a book together with your child, stopping to discuss what you notice about the characters. How do they act, dress or talk? What do they do or say? Help your child choose three characters and complete a section for each one.

Story Characters  Who are the characters in this story? Choose three characters. Draw a picture and write a detail about each one.				
Character name:	Character name:	         		
One fact about this character:	One fact about this character:	 		
	Character name:	         		
	One fact about this character:	 		

Instructions: Complete the work space with setting details and paste it into your notebook.

Goals for this activity: Recall and write details about the setting of a book.

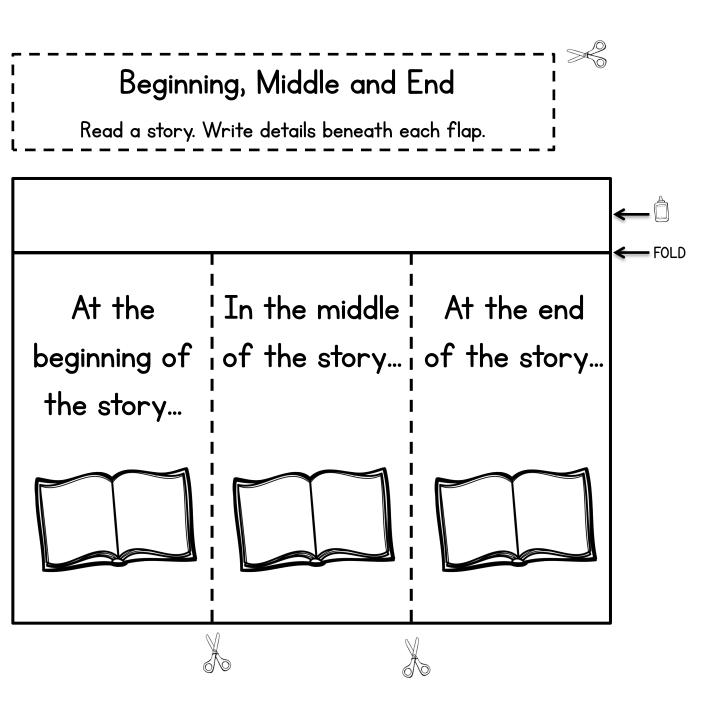
Parents can help by: Re-read a book together with your child, stopping to discuss what you notice about the setting. "Where and when does the story take place? How do you know?" Help your child write I-2 sentences about the setting.

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Where does the story take	place? Draw a picture and write a description of the setting.
	:
This story takes place _	

**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Then cut each dotted line to create 3 lift-up flaps. Glue top section into notebook. Read a story and write details about the beginning, middle and end beneath each flap.

Goals for this activity: Read a book. Discuss and write details about the beginning, middle and end.

Parents can help by: Read a book together with your child. After reading, discuss what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. How did the characters change? What events occurred? Help your child decide on a sentence to write beneath each flap. If the writing is difficult, write out the sentence on another piece of paper and have your child copy it into their notebook.



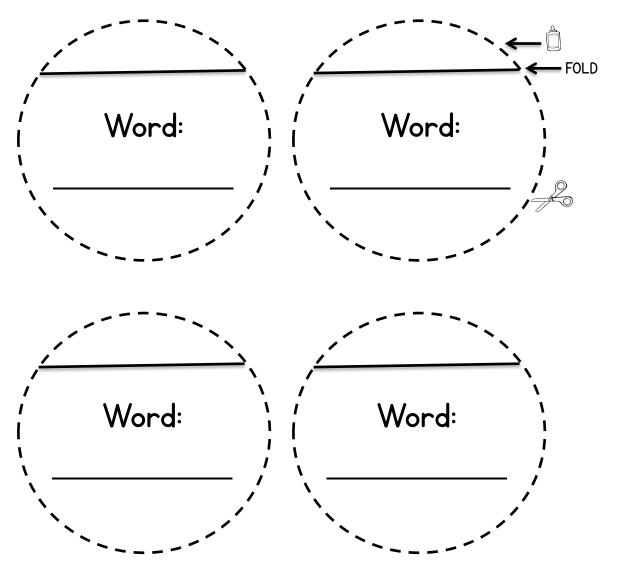
**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out each circle. Paste the top portion of each one into notebook to create 4 flaps. Read a story. During reading, find 4 words that you are unsure about. Write each word on a flap. Beneath the flap, write what you think the word means.

Goals for this activity: Read a story together with a parent. Use the context of the sentence to guess what each word means. Print neatly.

Parents can help by: Read a favorite story with your child. As you read, have your child identify words that are difficult or confusing. Help him write each word on a flap, and write what he thinks each one means beneath the flap. Ask questions such as, "What do you think this word means? Why do you think so?"

### Words That I Am Not Sure About

In your book, find 4 words that you are unsure about. Beneath each flap, write what you think they mean.



Instructions: Choose a book and complete the work space. Paste it into your notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read a story, together with a parent. Make predictions before reading and decide whether they were right or not.

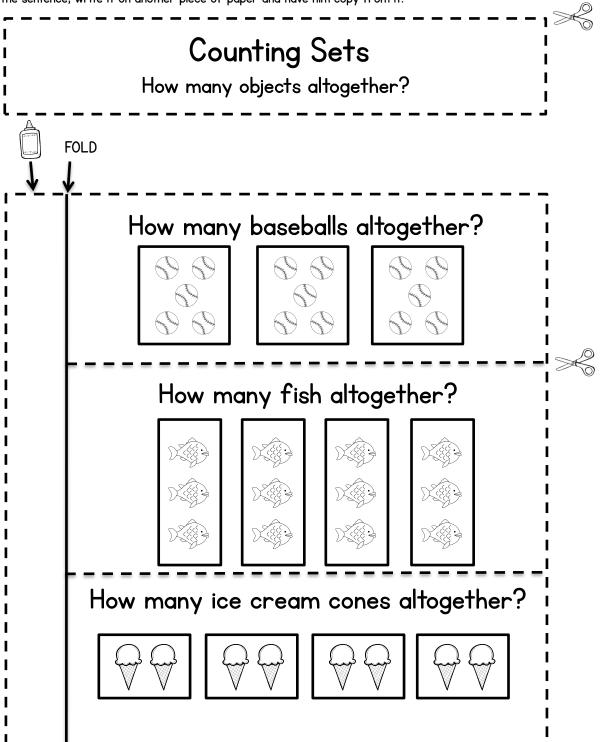
Parents can help by: Together with your child, choose a story that she has not read before. Look at the pictures together and talk about what the book might be about. Help your child complete the "Before Reading" section. Then read the book together and discuss it. Were the predictions right?

Before and After Reading	
Before reading, use the pictures to predict what the story will be about. After reading, check to see if you were right.	 
Book Title:	 
Before Reading	i ! !
I have looked at the pictures and think that this story is about	 
I wonder if	 
After Reading	 
This story is about	   
My prediction was	   
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**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Cut on each horizontal dotted line to create 3 flaps. Paste left side of flap book into notebook. Count the objects on each flap. Beneath each flap, write a sentence to answer the question, for example: "There are 13 cookies altogether."

Goals for this activity: Recognize that each group contains the same number of objects. Write complete sentences to answer the question, "How many?"

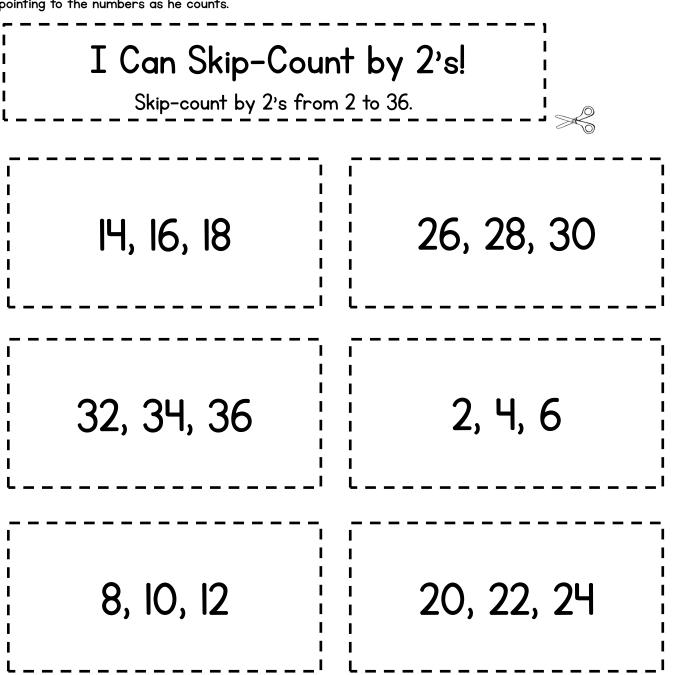
Parents can help by: Help your child see that there are different ways to count the objects. For example, a child could count each object by I's or he could skip-count since there are the same number of objects in each group. For the first flap, your child would count by 5's: "5, IO, I5." Help your child write a complete sentence to answer the question, "How many?" If he has trouble writing the sentence, write it on another piece of paper and have him copy from it.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Skip-count by 2's (from 2 to 36) and paste numbers in order.

Goals for this activity: Skip-count by 2's from 2 to 36.

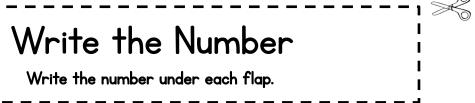
Parents can help by: If child is struggling with correct order, encourage him to say the number sequence out loud. "What comes after 12? Let's say it out loud – 6, 8, 10, 12.....14!" Another idea is to write out the numbers from I to 36 on a piece of paper. Help your child see that when he counts by 2's, he says every second number. As you explain this to your child, cross out the I, say "2", cross out the 3, say "4", cross out the 5, say "6", etc. The more visual, the better! When finished, have your child say the entire skip-counting sequence to you, pointing to the numbers as he counts.

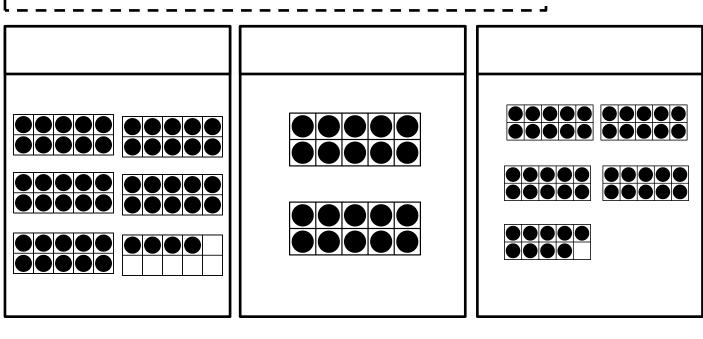


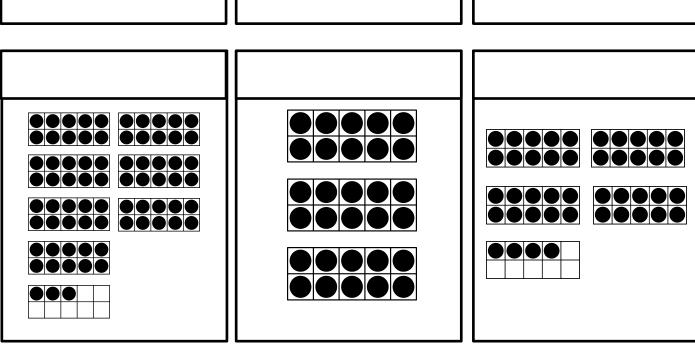
**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Place glue on top section of each piece and paste into notebook, creating 6 flaps.

Goals for this activity: Count a group of items in a ten frame. Count by 10's. Write numbers.

Parents can help by: Help child count a group of items by pointing while he counts. Help child recognize that a full ten frame consists of 10 dots. When finished, have your child lift up each flap and say each number to you. If your child is comfortable with skip-counting by 10's you can encourage him to do so for the full ten frames, for example, "10, 20, 30, 40, 50." Discuss how this is much faster than counting one by one.



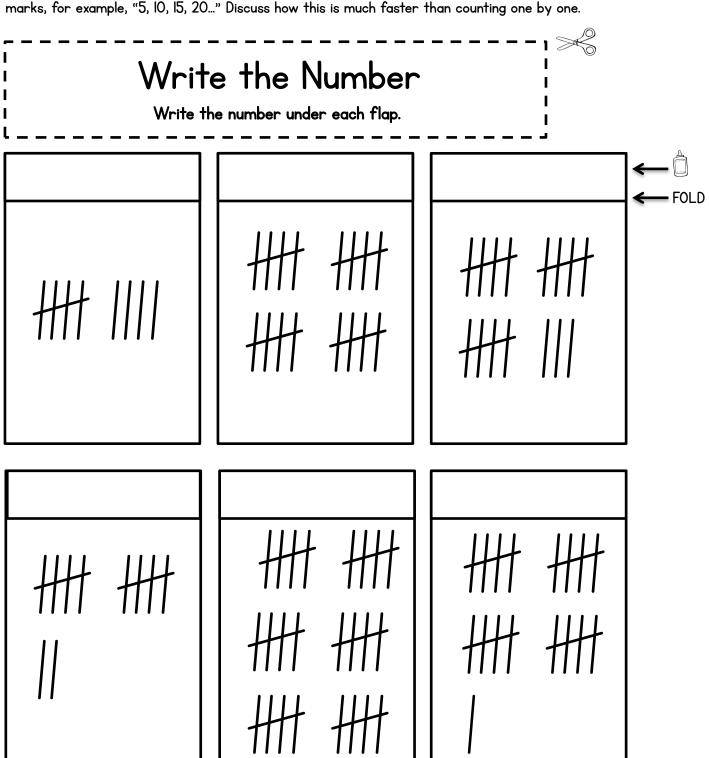




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Goals for this activity: Count a group of items in tally mark formation. Count by 5's. Write numbers.

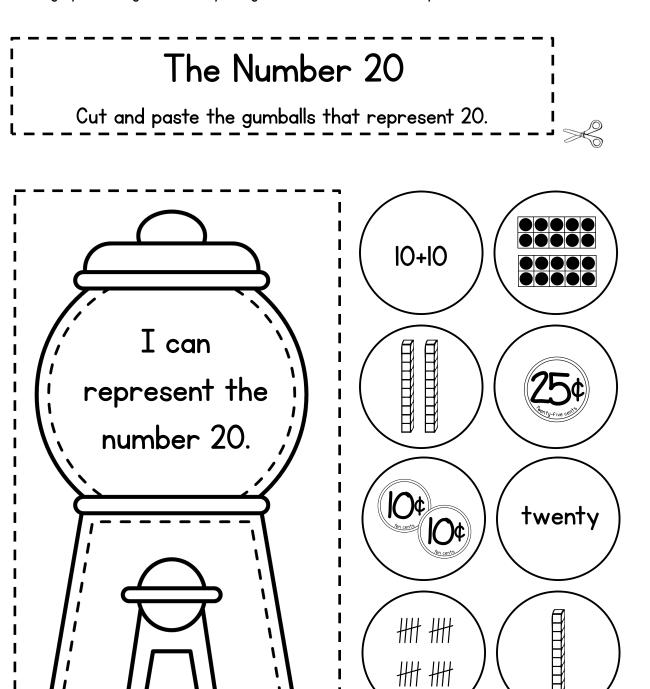
Parents can help by: Help child count a group of items by pointing while he counts. Help child recognize that a full set of tally marks equals 5. When finished, have your child lift up each flap and say each number to you. If your child is comfortable with skip-counting by 5's you can encourage him to do so for the full sets of tally marks, for example, "5, 10, 15, 20..." Discuss how this is much faster than counting one by one.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Color gumball machine and paste on the page. Look at each gumball. Cut out ONLY the gumballs that represent 20 and paste anywhere on notebook page.

Goals for this activity: Recognize representations of the number 20.

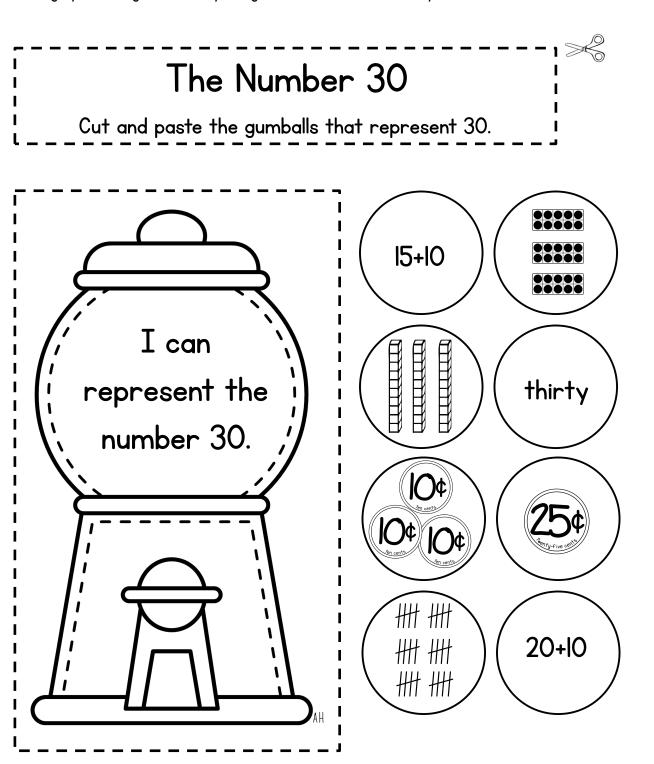
Parents can help by: Help each child with each gumball. Ask, "Does this represent 20? How do you know?" Extend the learning by discussing where else you might see the number 20 in daily life.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Color gumball machine and paste on the page. Look at each gumball. Cut out ONLY the gumballs that represent 30 and paste anywhere on notebook page.

Goals for this activity: Recognize representations of the number 30.

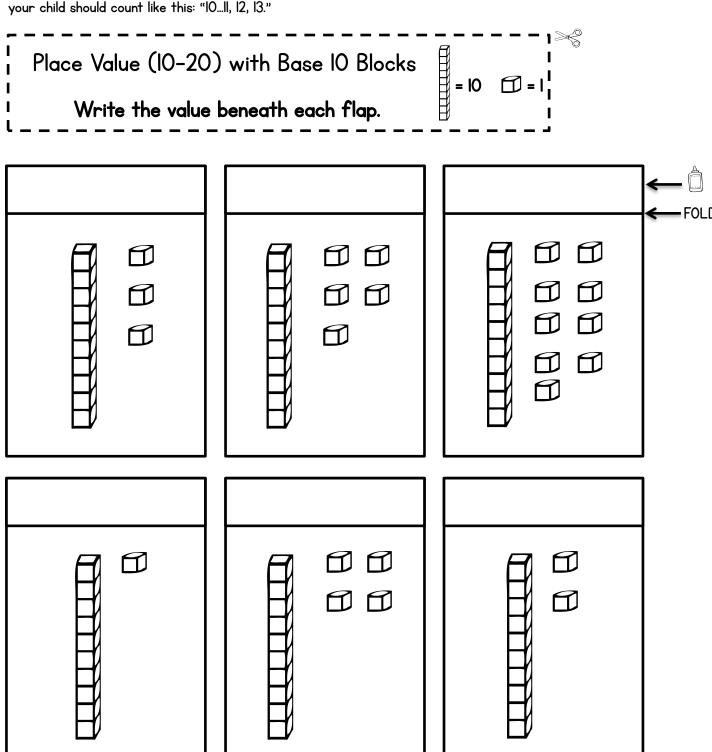
Parents can help by: Help each child with each gumball. Ask, "Does this represent 30? How do you know?" Extend the learning by discussing where else you might see the number 30 in daily life.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out flaps. Paste the top section of each one into notebook. Beneath the flap, write the number that is represented by the base 10 blocks.

Goals for this activity: Recognize that the tens block represents 10, and each ones block represents 1. Begin counting at 10 and count up by 1's.

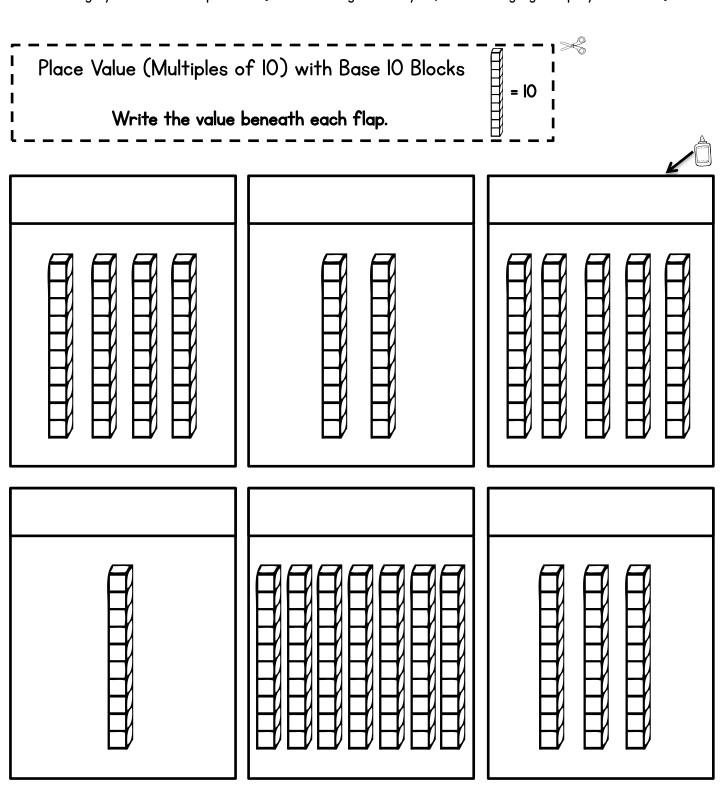
Parents can help by: Help your child begin at 10 with the tens block and then count up. For example, on the first flap, your child should count like this: "10...11. 12. 13."



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out flaps. Paste the top section of each one into notebook. Beneath the flap, write the number that is represented by the base 10 blocks.

Goals for this activity: Recognize that each tens block represents 10. Count by 10's to find the total value.

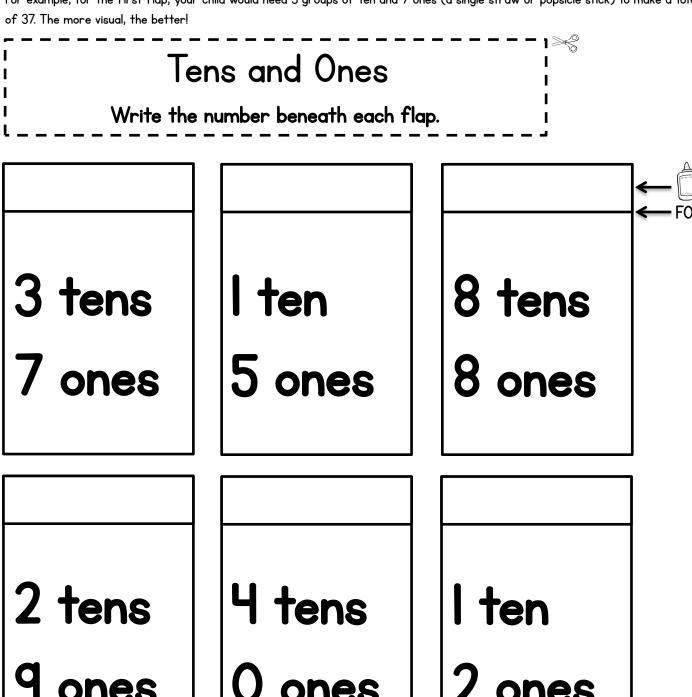
Parents can help by: Help your child count by 10's (10, 20, 30...) to find the total value on each flap. When counting by 10's encourage your child to see patterns (the second digit is always 0; the first digit goes up by I each time).



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out flap books. Paste the top section of each one into notebook. Beneath the flap, write the number that is represented by the tens and ones description. For example, the first flap, 3 tens and 7 ones, represents the number 37.

Goals for this activity: Recognize that a two-digit number is made up of tens and ones. The number in the tens place shows how many groups of 10 there are. The number in the ones place shows how many I's there are.

Parents can help by: If your child struggles with this concept, help him by gathering groups of ten objects, such as straws or popsicle sticks. Group each group of ten together with a string or ribbon. Then use the groups of objects to make each number. For example, for the first flap, your child would need 3 groups of ten and 7 ones (a single straw or popsicle stick) to make a total of 37. The many visual, the better!



Goals for this activity: Solve an addition problem using the "draw a picture" strategy.

Parents can help by: Help your child read the problem. Then read it one sentence at a time and discuss how you could represent each part. For example, "How can we show that there are 5 fish in the aquarium? Now Kyla added 6 more. How can we show that?" Assist your child with the answer sentence, and then have him read it to you. When finished, have your child read the entire problem and answer to you once more, pointing to each word as he reads.

#### Solve the Addition Problem

Draw a picture to solve the problem.



There are 5 fish in the aquarium. Kyla buys 6 more fish and adds them to the aquarium. Now how many fish are in the aquarium?

fish in the aquarium.

Goals for this activity: Solve an addition problem using the "draw a picture" strategy.

Parents can help by: Help your child read the problem. Then read it one sentence at a time and discuss how you could represent each part. For example, "How can we show that there are 8 candles on Eva's cake? Now how can we show that there are 6 candles on Jack's cake? How could we find the total number of candles?" Assist your child with the answer sentence. When finished, have your child read you the entire problem and answer sentence, pointing to each word as she reads.

### Solve the Addition Problem

Draw a picture to solve the problem.



Eva and Jake both have a birthday today. There are 8 candles on Eva's cake and 6 candles on Jack's cake. How many candles are there altogether? Jack Eva There are \_\_\_\_\_ candles altogether.

Goals for this activity: Solve an addition problem using the "draw a picture" strategy.

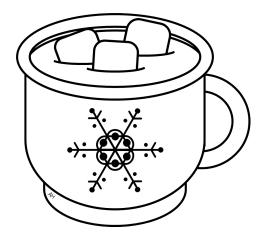
Parents can help by: Help your child read the problem. Then read it one sentence at a time and discuss how you could represent each part. For example, "How can we show that there are 3 cups of hot chocolate with 3 marshmallows each? How could we find the total amount of marshmallows?" Assist your child with the answer sentence. When finished, have your child read the entire problem and answer out loud, pointing to each word as he reads.

### Solve the Addition Problem

Draw a picture to solve the problem.



There are 3 marshmallows in a cup of hot chocolate. If there are 3 cups of hot chocolate, how many marshmallows are there in all?



There are \_\_\_\_\_ marshmallows in 3 cups of hot chocolate. i

Goals for this activity: Solve a subtraction problem using the "draw a picture" strategy.

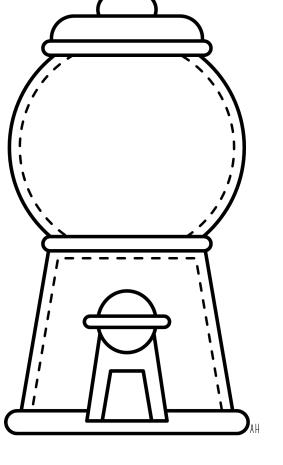
Parents can help by: Help your child read the problem. Then read it one sentence at a time and discuss how you could represent each part. For example, "How can we show that there are 17 gumballs? Now 5 kids have bought one. How could we show that?" Assist your child with the answer sentence. When finished, have your child read the entire problem and answer to you, pointing to each word as she reads.

#### Solve the Subtraction Problem

Draw a picture to solve the problem.



There are 17 gumballs in the gumball machine. 5 kids buy a gumball. Now how many are left?



There are \_\_\_\_\_ gumballs left.

Goals for this activity: Solve a subtraction problem using the "draw a picture" strategy.

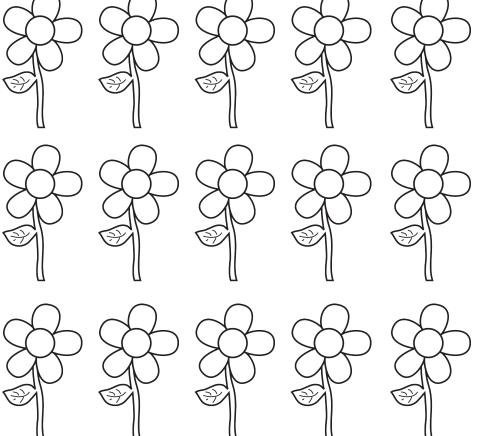
Parents can help by: Help your child read the problem. Then read it one sentence at a time and discuss how you could represent each part. For example, "How can we show that there are II yellow flowers? Now how can we figure out how many pink flowers there are?" Assist your child with the answer sentence. When finished, have your child read the problem and answer out loud to you, pointing to each word as he reads.

#### Solve the Subtraction Problem

Use the picture to solve the problem.



There are 15 flowers in the garden. Il of them are yellow and the rest are pink. How many flowers are pink?

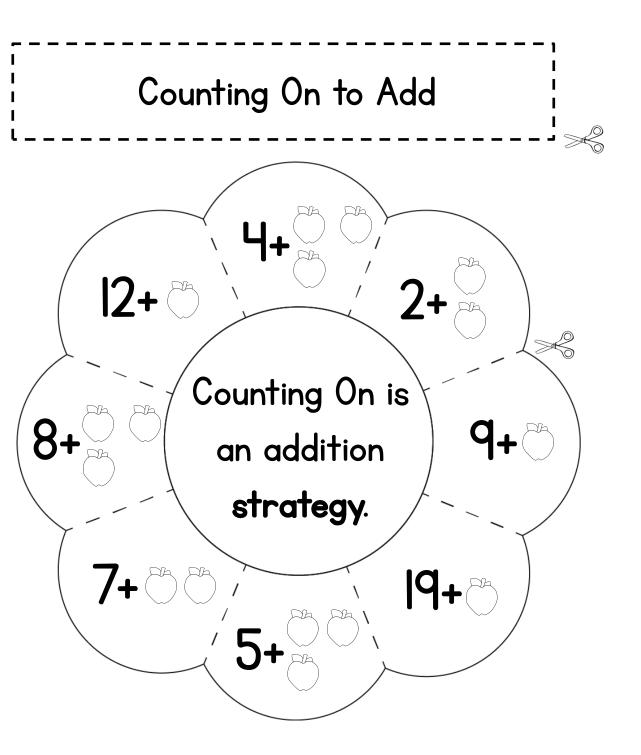


There are \_\_\_\_\_ pink flowers.

**Instructions**: Cut around flower outline. Cut on dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the center of the flower into the notebook. Each petal should lift up like a flap. Read each equation and write the sum beneath the petal.

Goals for this activity: Use the "counting on" strategy to solve an addition equation.

**Parents can help by:** Help your child use the counting on strategy to solve each equation. To do this, start with the number, then count up using the apples. For example, for the 4+3 equation, help your child to start with the 4 and count up: "5, 6, 7," pointing to each apple as she counts.



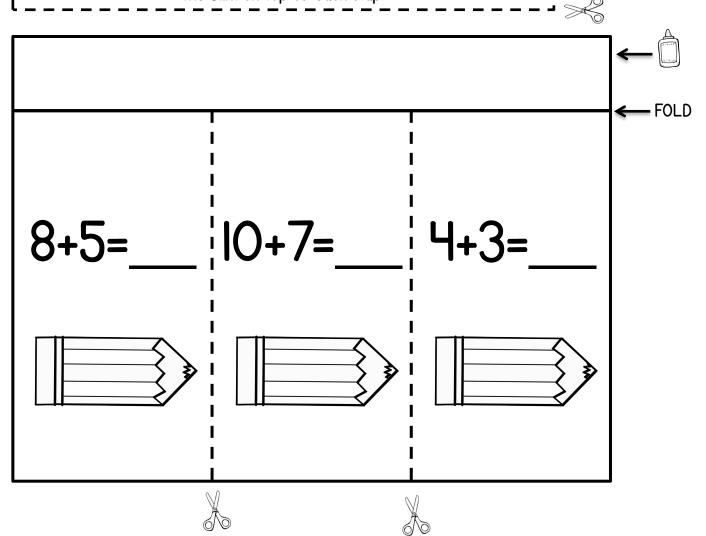
**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Then cut each dotted line to create 3 flaps. Glue top section into notebook. Solve each equation. Beneath the flap, draw a picture to represent the equation.

Goals for this activity: Solve an addition equation and represent it with a picture.

Parents can help by: Have your child draw the picture beneath the flap before solving the equation. For example, for 4+3, she could draw 4 stars and then add another 3 stars. For the picture beneath the flap, ask her questions such as, "How could we represent the number 4? How can we show that 3 more are being added?" After the picture is drawn, your child can use it to find the answer to each equation.

# Representing Addition with Pictures

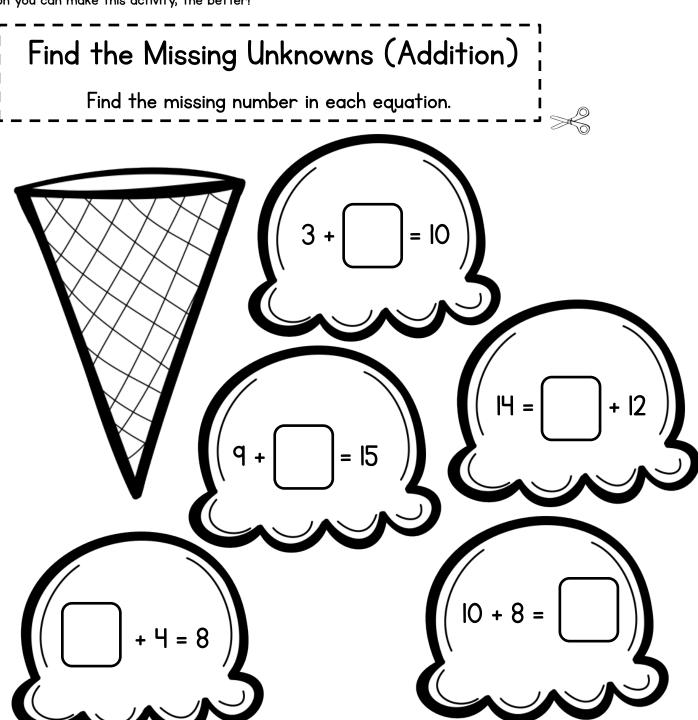
Draw a picture under each flap to represent the equation. Then write the sum on top of each flap.



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out ice cream cone and paste near bottom of page. Find the missing number in each equation. Cut out each scoop of ice cream and paste anywhere on the page.

Goals for this activity: Use strategies to find the missing numbers.

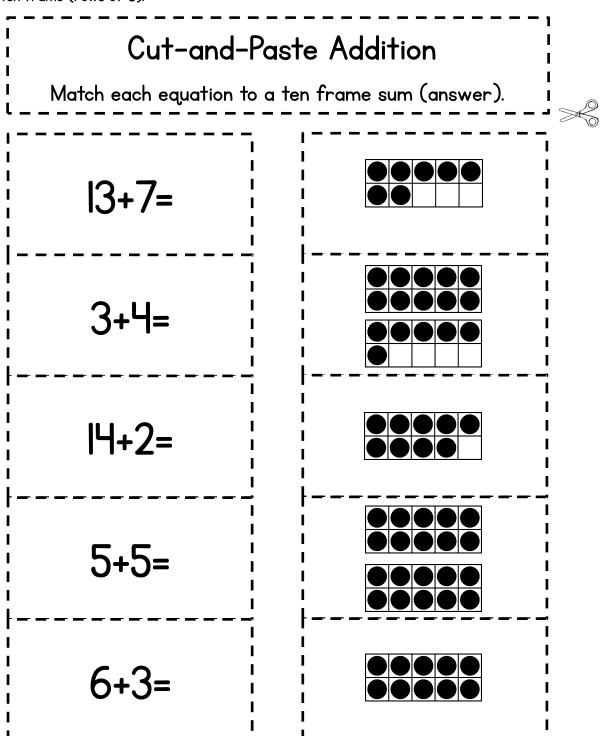
Parents can help by: Help your child count to figure out what the missing number is. For example, in 2+\_\_\_=6, count up from 2: "3, 4, 5, 6." Since you counted up by 4 numbers, the missing number is 4. If your child likes to do hands-on activities, consider using pennies or paper clips for him to manipulate. For example, for the equation 2+\_\_\_=6, she could take 2 pennies and figure out how many more she needs to make 6 pennies. The more hands-on you can make this activity, the better!



**Instructions**: Cut and paste title near top of page. Cut out all pieces. Read the equation and find the sum (answer) on a ten frame. Paste the pieces beside one another in your notebook.

Goals for this activity: Find the answer to an addition equation. Represent each answer with a ten frame.

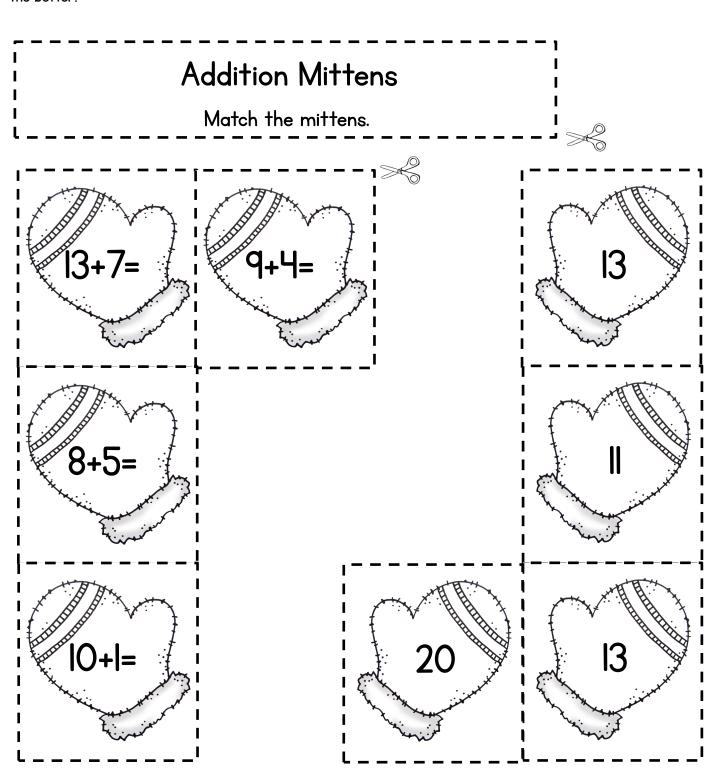
Parents can help by: If your child needs help adding the numbers, have her draw pictures to represent each equation. For example, 3+4 could be represented by drawing 3 dots, then adding 4 more to make 7. If she draws dots on a paper to help her calculate the equation, encourage her to draw them in a similar formation to the ten frame (rows of 5).



**Instructions**: Cut and paste title near top of page. Cut out all of the mittens. Match an addition equation to its sum (answer). Paste the pieces beside one another.

Goals for this activity: Solve the addition equations.

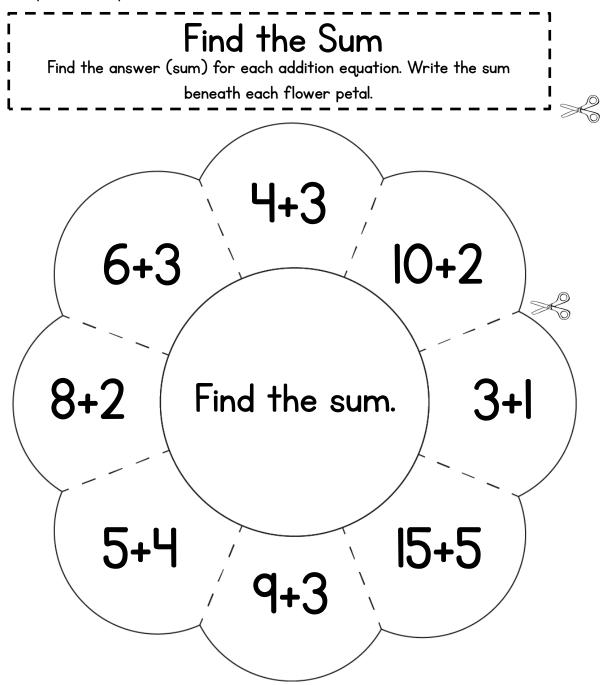
Parents can help by: If you child has trouble with the addition, help him draw pictures to represent each equation. For example, 9+4 could be represented by drawing 9 dots, and then adding 4 more. The more visual, the better!



**Instructions**: Cut around flower outline. Cut on dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the center of the flower into the notebook. Each petal should lift up like a flap. Look at the equation on each petal. Write the answer (sum) beneath each flap.

Goals for this activity: Solve addition equations with sums up to 20. Understand that the word "sum" means the answer to an addition equation.

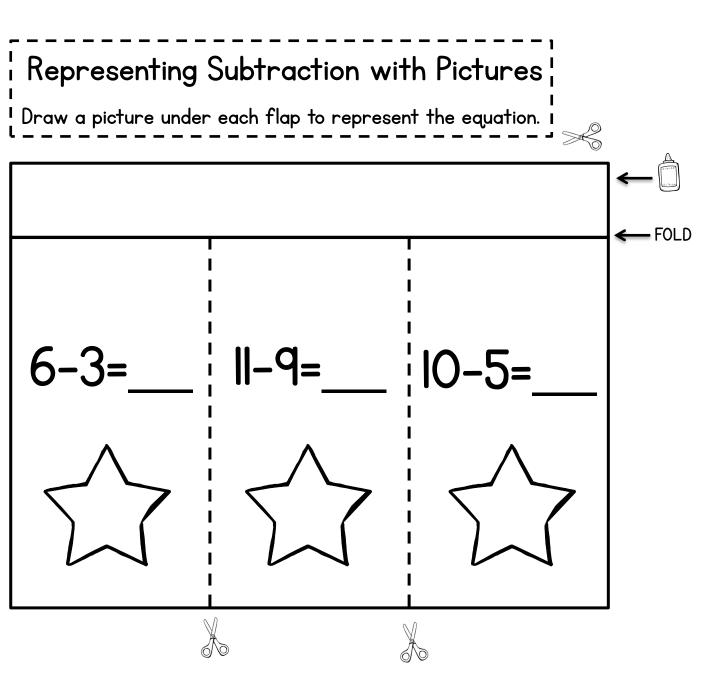
Parents can help by: Help your child remember that adding means putting 2 quantities together. Encourage your child to start with the higher number and then count up to find the answer. For example, for 6+3, start with 6 and then count up: "7, 8, 9." If this is too difficult, have your child draw a picture to figure out the answer. For example, for 4+3, your child could draw 4 dots, and then draw 3 more to make a sum of 7.



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book. Then cut each dotted line to create 3 flaps. Glue top section into notebook. Solve each equation. Beneath the flap, draw a picture to represent the equation.

Goals for this activity: Solve a subtraction equation and represent it with a picture.

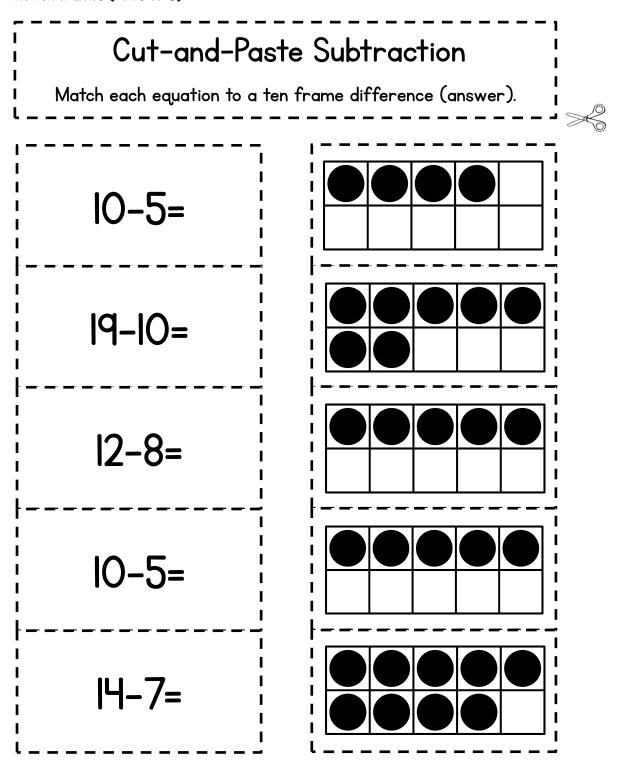
**Parents can help by:** Have your child draw the picture beneath the flap before solving the equation. Ask her questions such as, "How could we represent the number 6? How can we show that 3 of them are being taken away?" Then use the picture to find the difference (answer) and write it on top of the flap.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste title near top of page. Cut out all pieces. Read the equation and find the difference (answer) on a ten frame. Paste the pieces beside one another in your notebook.

**Goals for this activity**: Find the answer to a subtraction equation. Represent each answer with a ten frame.

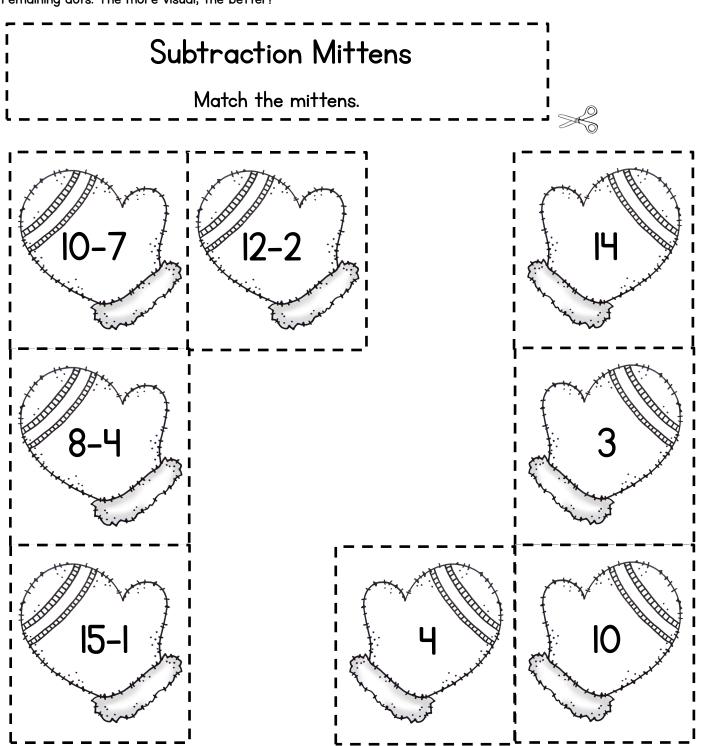
Parents can help by: If your child needs help subtracting the numbers, have her draw pictures to represent each equation. For example, 10–5 could be represented by drawing 10 dots, then crossing out or "taking away" 5 of them to make 5. If she is drawing dots to help her, encourage her to draw them in the same formation as the ten frames (rows of 5).



**Instructions**: Cut and paste title near top of page. Cut out all of the mittens. Match a subtraction equation to its difference (answer). Paste the pieces beside one another.

Goals for this activity: Solve subtraction equations.

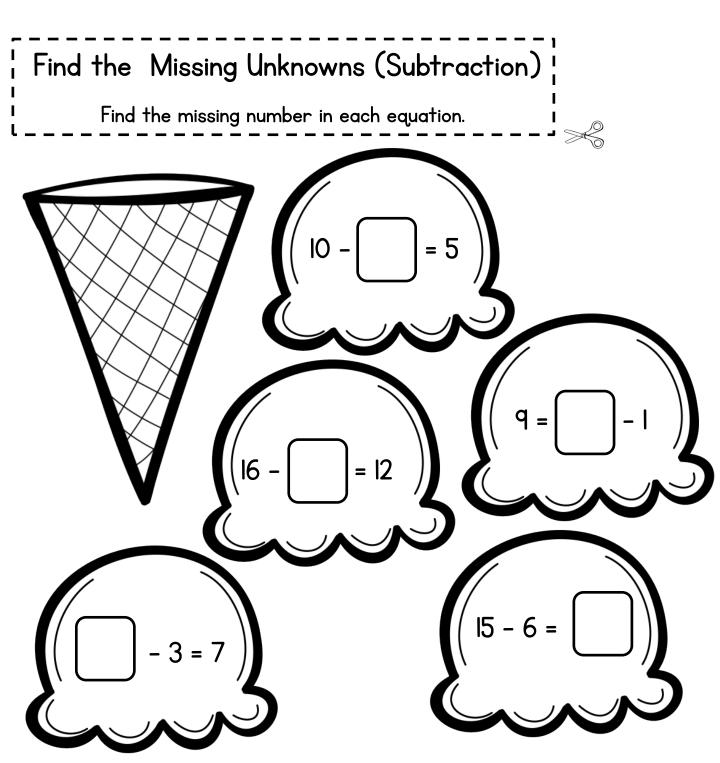
Parents can help by: If your child has trouble with the subtraction, help him draw pictures to represent each equation. For example, 10–2 could be represented by drawing 10 dots, crossing out 2 of them and counting the remaining dots. The more visual, the better!



**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out ice cream cone and paste near bottom of page. Find the missing number in each equation. Cut out each scoop of ice cream and paste anywhere on the page.

Goals for this activity: Use strategies to find the missing numbers.

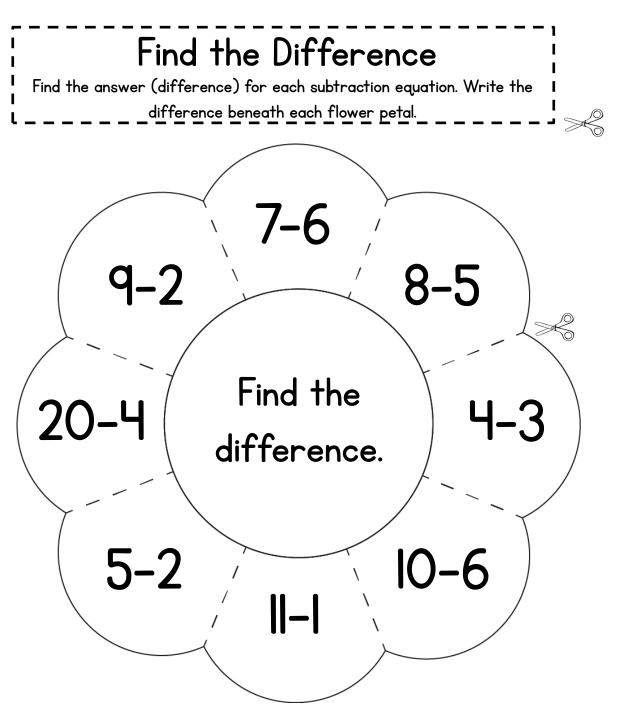
Parents can help by: Help your child count to figure out what the missing number is. For example, in 5-\_\_\_=3, count back from 5: "4, 3." Since you counted back by 2 numbers, the missing number is 2. If your child likes to do hands-on activities, consider using pennies or paper clips for him to manipulate. For example, for the equation 5-\_\_=3, she could take 5 pennies and then figure out how many she needs to take away to make 3.



**Instructions**: Cut around flower outline. Cut on dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the center of the flower into the notebook. Each petal should lift up like a flap. Look at the equation on each petal. Write the answer (difference) beneath each flap.

**Goals for this activity**: Solve subtraction equations with numbers up to 20. Understand that the word "difference" means the answer to a subtraction equation.

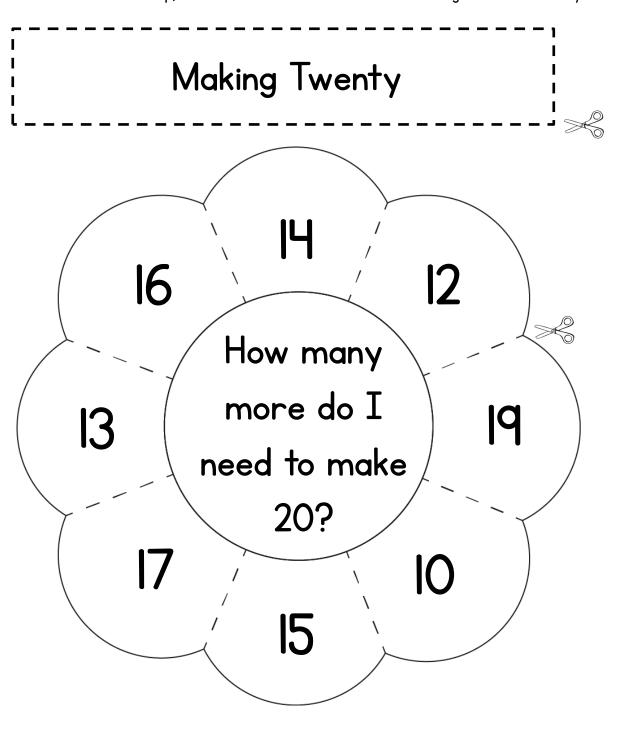
Parents can help by: Help your child remember that subtraction means taking something away from a total amount. If your child struggles with this concept, use pennies, paperclips or some other type of object to make the equation visual. For example, for the equation 4–3, you could start with 4 pennies and then take away 3. Your child will see that there is only I left over; therefore the difference (answer) is I.



**Instructions**: Cut around flower outline. Cut on dotted lines to create flaps. Paste the center of the flower into the notebook. Each petal should lift up like a flap. Read the number on each petal. Beneath the petal, write how many more are needed to make 20. For example, if there is a 12 on the petal, 8 more are needed to make 20, so the number 8 is written beneath the petal.

Goals for this activity: Calculate the amount needed to make 20.

Parents can help by: This may be a difficult concept for your child. If she is struggling to figure out how many more are needed to make 20, use something that she can manipulate, such as coins or paperclips. For example, if there is a 12 on the flap, take 12 coins. Then count additional coins to get to 20. How many more were added?



Instructions: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Fill in the missing numbers. Paste the 120 chart into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read numbers from I-120. Use the numbers before and after to figure out the numbers that are missing.

Parents can help by: If your child is confused, help him count to figure out the numbers. For example, for the missing "II," start a few numbers before - "7, 8, 9, 10 - what comes next?" When finished, have your child read the entire 120 chart to you. As an extension, point to a specific number and have him tell you what the number is. Also, encourage your child to look for patterns in the 120 Chart. For example, in the last column, the numbers count up by 10's beginning at 10. Look for horizontal and vertical patterns.



## Counting on a 120 Chart

Fill in the missing numbers.

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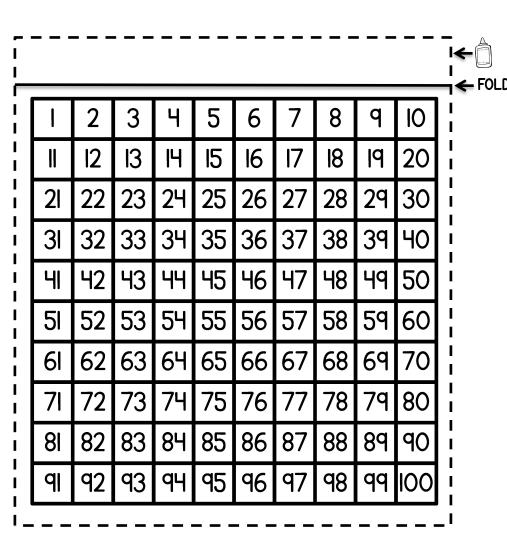
**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out number chart flap. Paste the top section into notebook to create a lift-up flap. Complete the 10 more, 10 less pieces and paste them into notebook beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Use a hundred chart to calculate 10 more and 10 less. Recognize that to make 10 more, you simply move one row down from the number. For 10 less, you move one row up.

Parents can help by: Help your child discover that to find 10 more than a number, you can move one row down on the number chart. To find 10 less, move one row up.

## 10 More, 10 Less

Use the hundred chart to find 10 more and 10 less.



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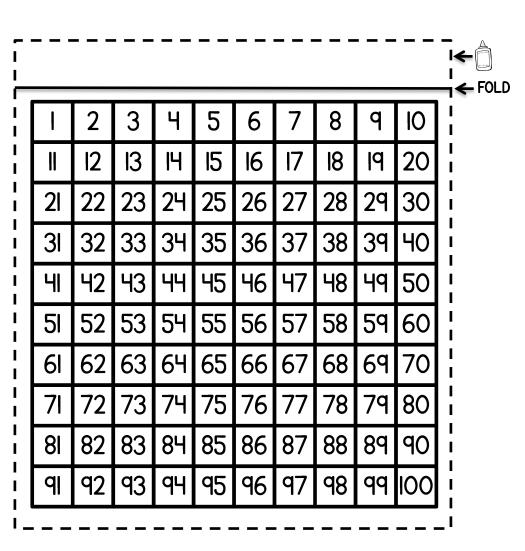
**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out number chart flap. Paste the top section into notebook to create a lift-up flap. Complete the 20 more, 20 less pieces and paste them into notebook beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Use a hundred chart to calculate 20 more and 20 less. Recognize that to make 20 more, you simply move two rows down from the number and for 20 less, you move two rows up.

Parents can help by: Help your child discover that to find 20 more than a number, you can move two rows down. To find 20 less, move two rows up.

### 20 More, 20 Less

Use the hundred chart to find 20 more and 20 less.



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20 less: \_\_\_ 20 more: **Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Paste each rectangle into notebook. Write more or less on each line.

Goals for this activity: Use "more" and "less" in correct contexts. Figure out numbers that are represented by base 10 blocks.

Parents can help by: Ask your child to count each representation of base 10 blocks. Encourage her to start with a "10" and then count up, for example: "10...11, 12, 13, 14." For the groups of 10, encourage counting by 10's if she can, for example: "10, 20, 30." If it helps, your child may write the number beside the base 10 blocks.

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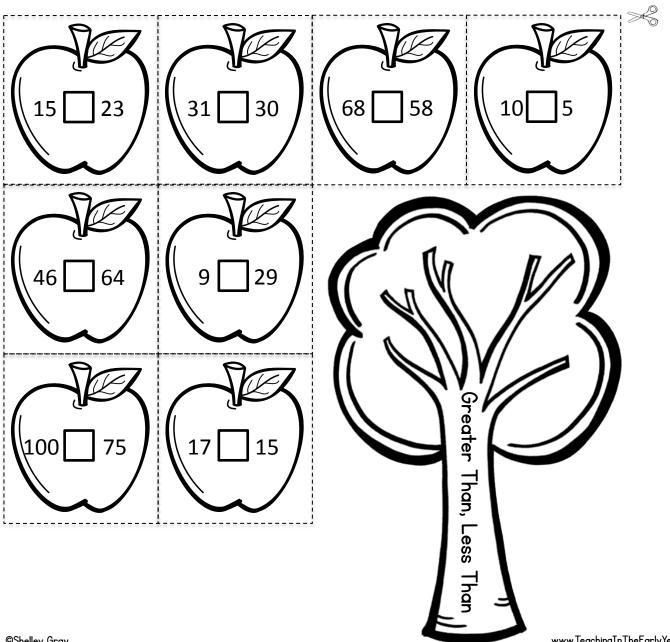
**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Color apple tree and paste into notebook. Complete each apple by writing a greater than (>) or less than (<) sign in the space. For example: 45 < 55 means that 45 is less than 55. 71 > 20 means that 71 is greater than 20. Glue the apples on the page around the tree.

Goals for this activity: Compare numbers between I and 100 using > or <. When comparing, consider the number of tens and ones in each number.

Parents can help by: Help your child see how many tens and how many ones are in each number. For example, in 15 there is I ten and 5 ones. 23 has 2 tens and 3 ones. 23 is greater because there are more groups of 10. If both numbers have the same amount of tens, which one has more ones? Ask your child questions such as, "Which number has more tens? Is that number greater than or less than the other number?"

#### Greater Than or Less Than

Fill in each box with a greater than (>) or less than (<) sign.



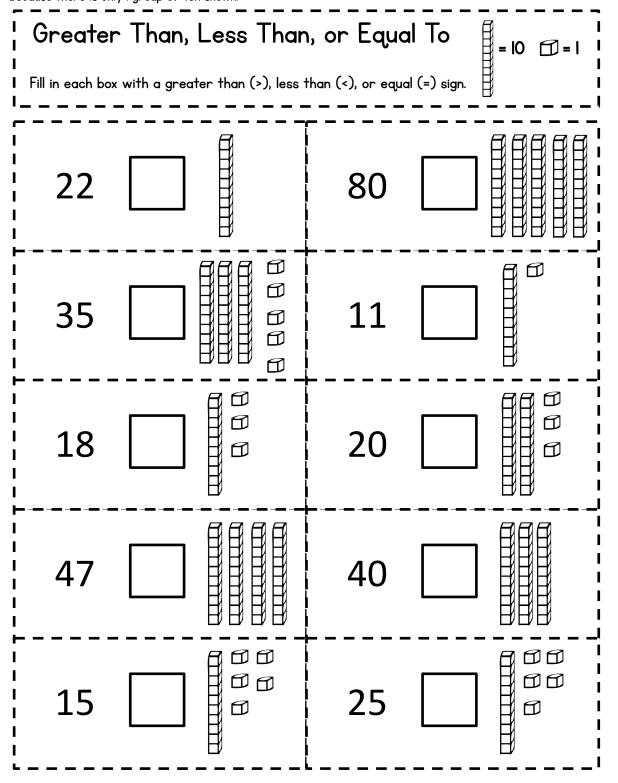
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**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Complete each rectangle by writing a greater than (>), less than (<), or equal (=) sign in the space. Glue the rectangles into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Compare a number to a base 10 representation using >, <, or =.

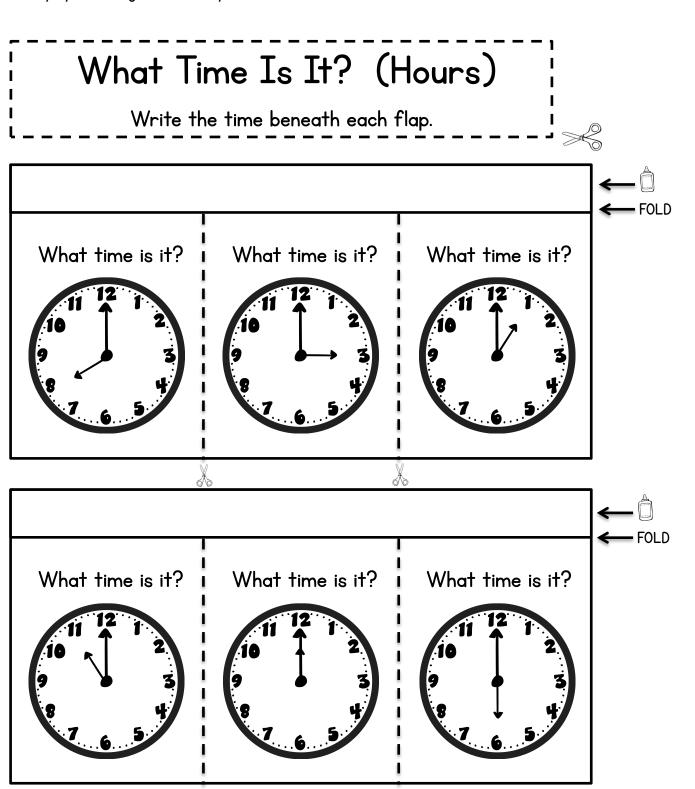
Parents can help by: Help your child see how many tens and how many ones are in each number. For example, in 22 there are 2 tens and 2 ones. Compare this to the base 10 representation by focusing on the amount of tens blocks. If there are fewer than 2 tens blocks, 22 is greater than the representation. For example, in the first rectangle, 22 is greater than the base 10 representation because there is only I group of ten shown.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out each flap book. Cut on dotted lines to create 3 flaps. Paste top section into notebook. Beneath each flap, write the time that is shown on the clock.

Goals for this activity: Tell time to the hour. Write time in digital format (example - 3:00).

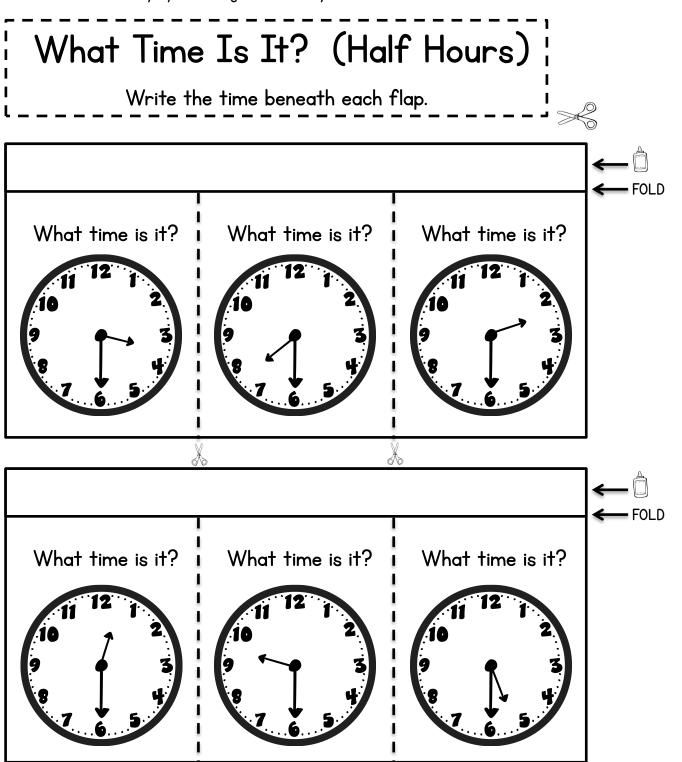
**Parents can help by:** Show your child that the short hand points to the "hour." Help him to see the similarity between all 6 clocks (the minute hand points to the I2, resulting in an even hour on all of the flaps). Extend this activity by discussing the time on your home clock.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out each flap book. Cut on dotted lines to create 3 flaps. Paste top section into notebook. Beneath each flap, write the time that is shown on the clock.

Goals for this activity: Tell time to the half hour. Write time in digital format (example - 3:30).

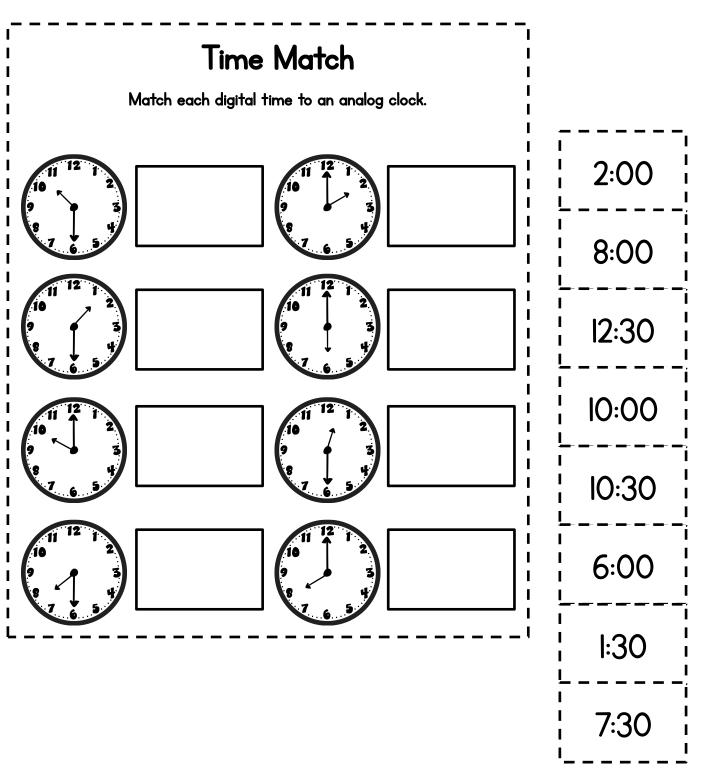
Parents can help by: Show your child that the short hand points to the "hour" and the long hand points to the "minute." Help him see that when the hour hand is between two numbers, the lower number is the hour. For example, on the first clock, the hour hand is between the 3 and the 4. This means that the time is 3:30, not 4:30. Extend this activity by discussing the time on your home clock.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the workspace into notebook. Read each analog clock. Then find the matching digital time and paste it beside the clock.

Goals for this activity: Read and match analog and digital clocks.

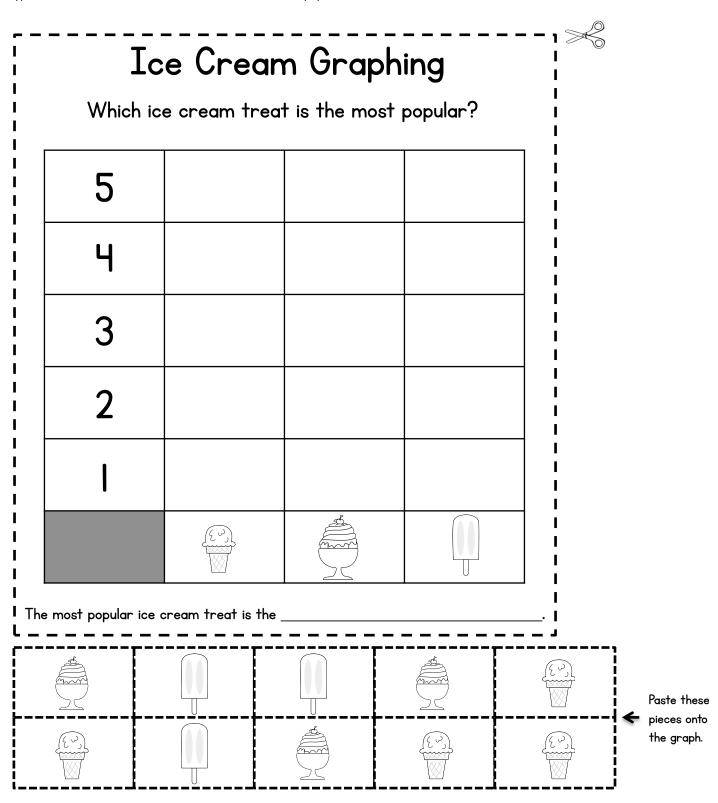
Parents can help by: Encourage your child to do one part at a time. Start with the first clock. What does the hour hand represent? What does the minute hand represent? Now find the matching digital time. Extend this activity by discussing the time on your home clock.



**Instructions**: Cut out graph and paste it into notebook. Cut out small graphing pieces and paste them onto the appropriate space on the graph. For example, the ice cream cones should be placed in the ice cream cone column.

Goals for this activity: Create and interpret a bar graph. Talk about what each column means.

Parents can help by: Talk about the graph with your child. "What do you think the numbers mean? What do the pictures mean? Where should this piece go?" When your child finishes, extend learning by discussing the results: "How many people preferred this type of ice cream? Which ice cream treat is the least popular?"



**Instructions**: Cut out graph and paste into notebook. Cut out small graphing pieces and paste them onto the appropriate space on the graph. For example, the circles should be placed in the circle column.

Goals for this activity: Create and interpret a bar graph. Talk about what the graph means.

Parents can help by: Talk about the graph with your child. "What do you think the numbers mean? What do the pictures mean? Where should this piece go?" When your child finishes, extend the learning by discussing the results: "How many triangle shapes are there? How many more triangles would we need to make 5? Which shape appears the fewest times?"

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**Instructions**: Cut out graph and paste into notebook. Cut out small graphing pieces and paste them onto the appropriate space on the graph. For example, the quarters should be placed in the quarter column.

Goals for this activity: Create and interpret a bar graph. Talk about what each column on the graph means.

Parents can help by: Talk about the graph with your child. "What do you think the numbers mean? What do the pictures mean? Where should this piece go?" When your child finishes, extend learning by discussing the results: "How many dimes are there? How many more dimes would we need to make 5?" etc.

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**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out the months and paste them into your notebook in the correct order. When finished, complete the "My favorite month" sentence and paste into your notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read the months of the year and put them in the correct order. Recognize that the months of the year always begin with an uppercase letter.

Parents can help by: Help your child read each month, if needed. Help him order them by reciting the months in order, for example, "January, February, March....which one says March?" When finished, have your child read the months and his sentence to you. To make this a more independent activity, you may also choose to give your child a calendar and have him use it to order the months.

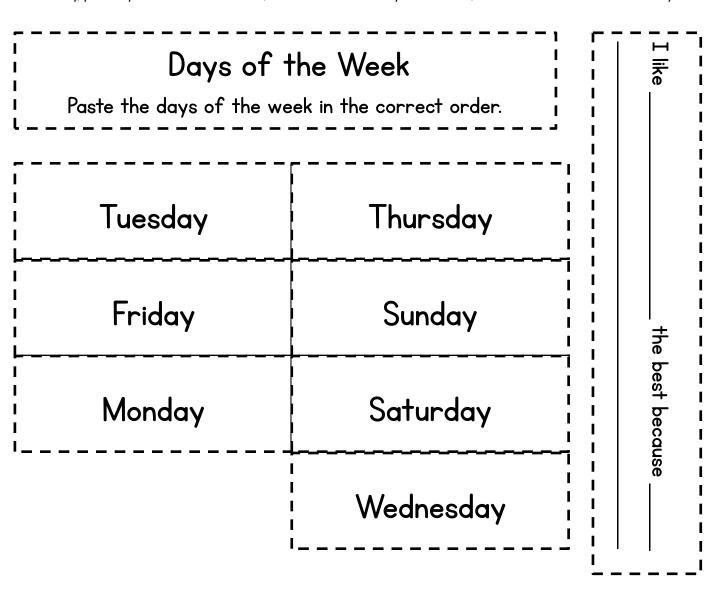
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**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out the days and paste them into your notebook in the correct order. When finished, complete the "I like \_\_\_\_\_ the best because..." sentence and paste into your notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read the days of the week and put them in the correct order. Recognize that the days of the week always begin with an uppercase letter.

Parents can help by: Help your child read each day, if needed. Help him order them by reciting the days in order, for example, "Sunday, Monday, Tuesday....which one says Tuesday?" When finished, have your child read the days and his sentence to you.

Alternatively, provide your child with a calendar, show him where the days are written, and have him use it to order the days.



Instructions: Complete the workspace. Cut out and paste into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read commonly used words. Realize that each sentence should begin with an uppercase letter and end with a punctuation mark (period, question mark or exclamation mark).

Parents can help by: Encourage your child to choose the proper punctuation mark for the end of each sentence by reading the sentences using the different options. For example say, "It is a hot day! It is a hot day? It is a hot day. Which one sounds right to you?"

Write the Sentences  Re-write each sentence with an uppercase letter at the beginning and punctuation at
the end.
it is a hot day
do you want to go to school
i am cold can we go inside
we are going to the zoo

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Parents can help by: Encourage your child to choose the proper punctuation mark for the end of each sentence by reading the sentences using the different options. For example say, "Is it Monday tomorrow! Is it Monday tomorrow. Which one sounds right to you?"

Write the Sentences  Re-write each sentence with an uppercase letter at the beginning and punctuation at the end.	           
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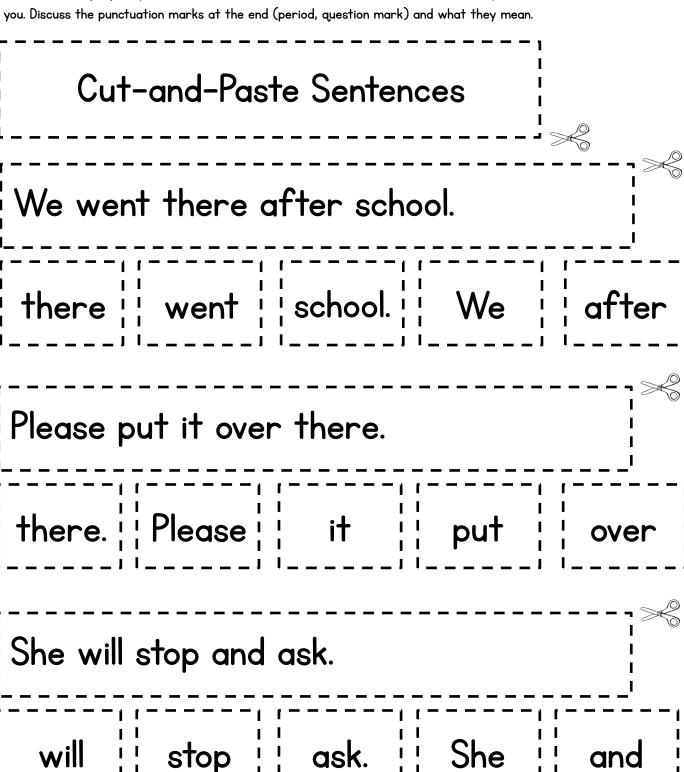
Parents can help by: Encourage your child to choose the proper punctuation mark for the end of each sentence by reading the sentences using the different options. For example say, "Which one do you like! Which one do you like. Which one sounds right to you?"

Write the Sentences	, ≫   
Re-write each sentence with an uppercase letter at the beginning and punctuation at the end.	   
which one do you like	     
there is a bug sitting on the wall	       
my birthday is in January	       
what time is it	     

Instructions: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out each complete sentence strip and paste it into notebook. Then cut out the words and create the sentence again. Paste it below the sentence strip.

Goals for this activity: Read sentences. Match and order the words to create a sentence. Recognize that punctuation marks (periods, question marks) go at the end of the sentence.

Parents can help by: Help child focus on one sentence at a time. When finished, have your child read each sentence to



**Instructions**: Complete work space by re-writing the sentence and drawing a picture. Paste workspace into notebook.

Goals for this activity: Read and write sentences. Practice correct letter formation. Represent the sentence with a picture.

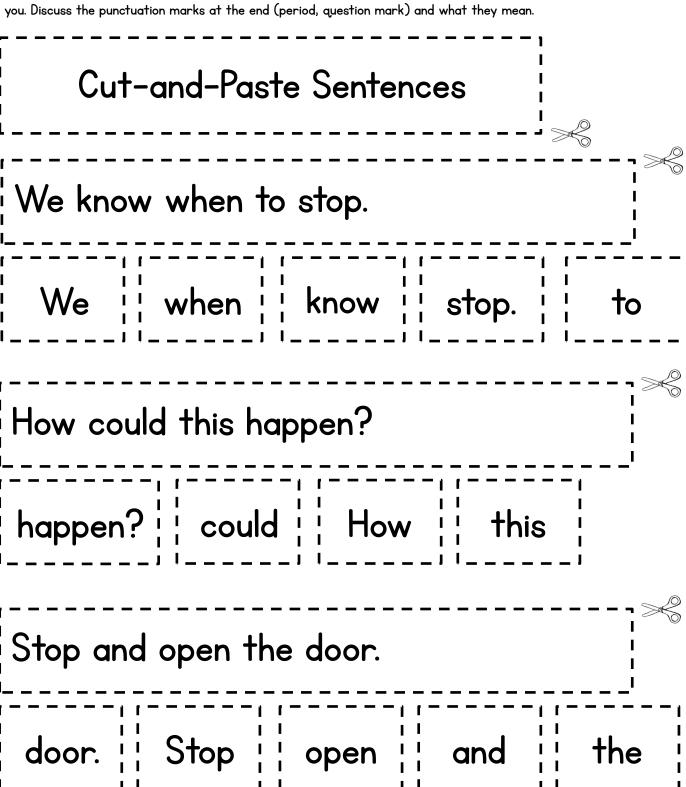
Parents can help by: Encourage proper letter formation. Encourage your child to add lots of detail to his picture.

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Parents can help by: Help child focus on one sentence at a time. When finished, have your child read each sentence to you. Discuss the punctuation marks at the end (period, question mark) and what they mean.



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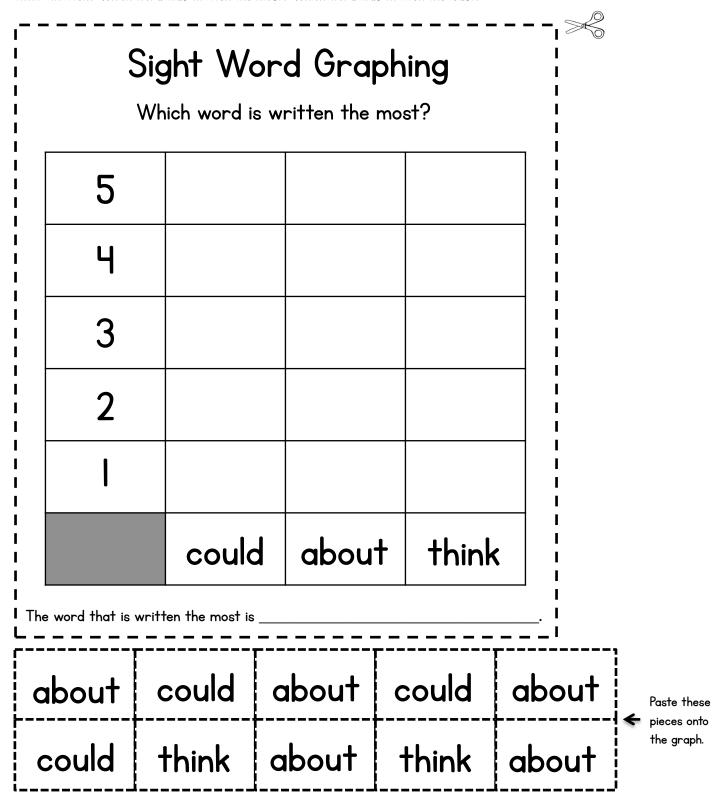
Parents can help by: Encourage proper letter formation. Encourage your child to add lots of detail to his picture.

Write and Draw! Write the sentence. Draw a picture.	
I have an umbrella because it is raining.	 
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**Instructions**: Cut out graph and paste into notebook. Cut out small graphing pieces and paste them onto the appropriate space on the graph. For example, the word "could" should be pasted into the "could" column.

Goals for this activity: Create and interpret a bar graph. Recognize sight words.

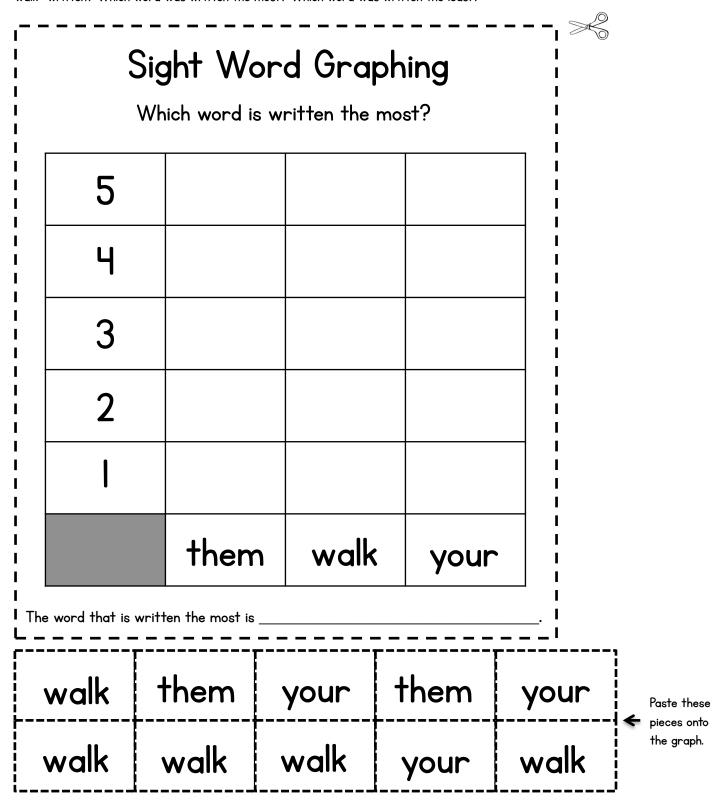
Parents can help by: Talk about the graph with your child. "What do you think the numbers mean? What do the words mean? Where should this piece go?" When your child finishes, extend learning by discussing the results: "How many times was the word "think" written? Which word was written the least?"



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out graph and paste into notebook. Cut out small graphing pieces and paste them onto the appropriate space on the graph. For example, the word "your" should be pasted into the "your" column.

Goals for this activity: Create and interpret a bar graph. Recognize sight words.

Parents can help by: Talk about the graph with your child. "What do you think the numbers mean? What do the words mean? Where should this piece go?" When your child finishes, extend learning by discussing the results: "How many times was the word "walk" written? Which word was written the least?"



**Instructions**: Cut out title and headings and paste near top of page. Cut out words and paste into notebook below the correct heading.

Goals for this activity: Read commonly used words. Understand the meaning of "syllable."

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# Syllable Sort

Sort the words into 2 categories: "Words with 1 Syllable" and "Words with 2 Syllables."

Words with I Syllable

Words with 2 Syllables

Paste these headings into notebook.



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Paste these words under the correct heading.

going	there	round
any	again	when
was	has	stop
some	over	them

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- this
- could
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- water
- many
- live
- thank
- have
- going
- said
- then
- from
- like
- made
- number

**Instructions**: Complete the work space with the word endings. For each word that you write, say a sentence out loud to your parent, using that word.

**Goals for this activity**: Recognize that different endings are appropriate in different sentences. Use words in a sentence, in the correct context.

Parents can help by: If your child struggles, think of a sentence for each word by asking questions. For example, you could say, "Let's think of a sentence for 'looked.' 'I am looked at the TV.' Does that sound right? How about 'I looked at the TV.' " When finished, have your child read each word in the chart to you.

## Word Endings

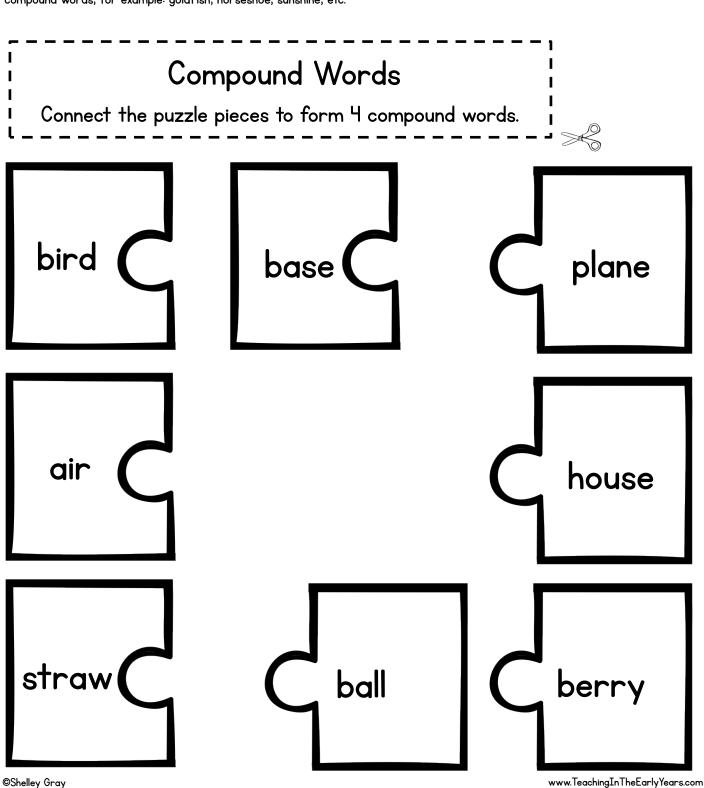
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Word	Add -ed	Add -ing	Add -s
look	looked	looking	looks
walk			
pull			
play			
paint			
talk			
climb			

**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out puzzle pieces. Join 2 pieces to form a compound word. Beside each pair of puzzle pieces, write a sentence that includes that compound word, for example, "I see a birdhouse outside."

Goals for this activity: Strategically join words to form a new, compound word. Understand the meaning of compound word. Write a complete sentence using a compound word.

Parents can help by: Assist your child using questions such as, "bird-plane...does that sound right? How about bird-berry? Birdhouse?" Then help your child think of a sentence using that word. If she needs help with spelling the words in the sentence, write them on a separate piece of paper and have her copy them from there. To extend this activity, think of some other compound words, for example: goldfish, horseshoe, sunshine, etc.



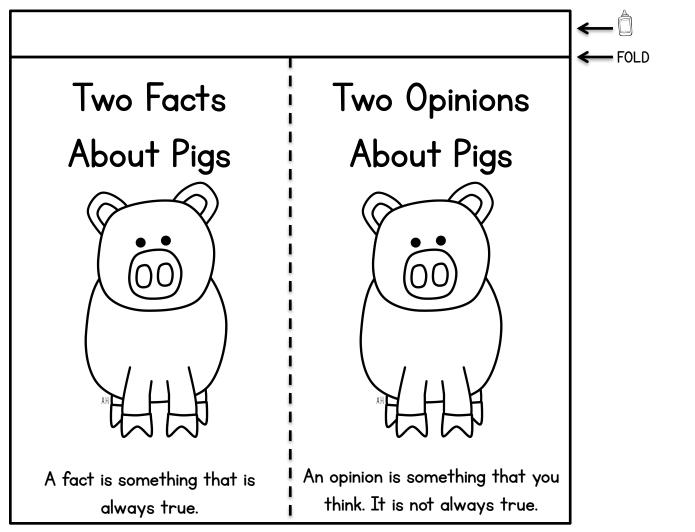
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Goals for this activity: Recognize the difference between a fact and an opinion, and generate two of each. Write a complete sentence.

Parents can help by: Explain to your child that a fact is something that is always true and can be proven. An opinion is simply what someone thinks and is not always true. Relate this to one of your child's interests. For example you might say, "A fact about baseball is that you need a bat and ball to play. An opinion about baseball is that it is the best sport to play." Once she is familiar with the meaning of fact/opinion, help her brainstorm facts and opinions about pigs. Help your child write her facts and opinions in full sentences.

### Facts and Opinions About Pigs

Write 2 facts and 2 opinions about pigs.



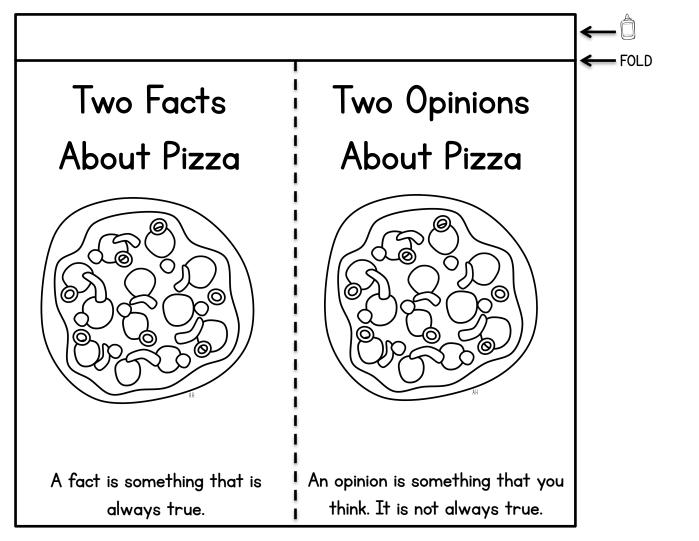
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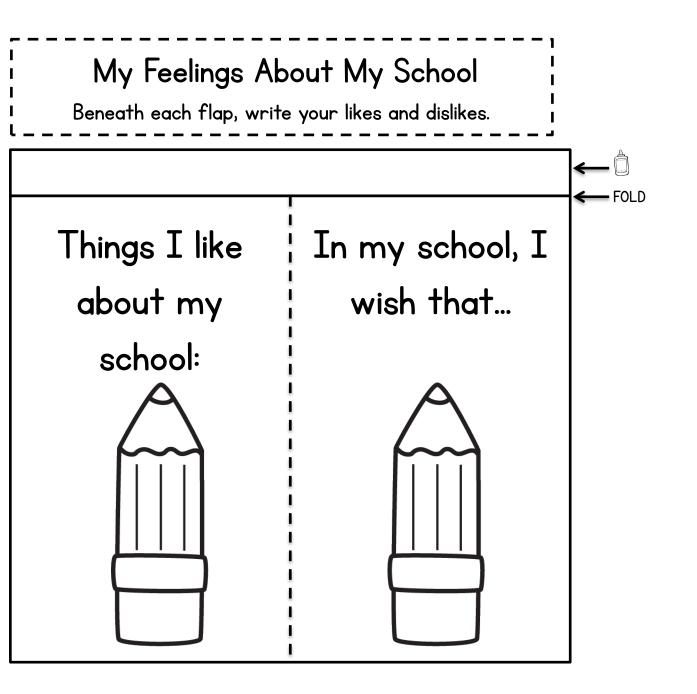
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**Instructions**: Cut out title and paste near top of page. Cut out flap book and cut on dotted line to create two lift-up flaps. Paste top portion into notebook. Beneath each flap, write about your likes and dislikes in a point-form list.

Goals for this activity: Reflect about likes and dislikes. Write neatly in a point-form list.

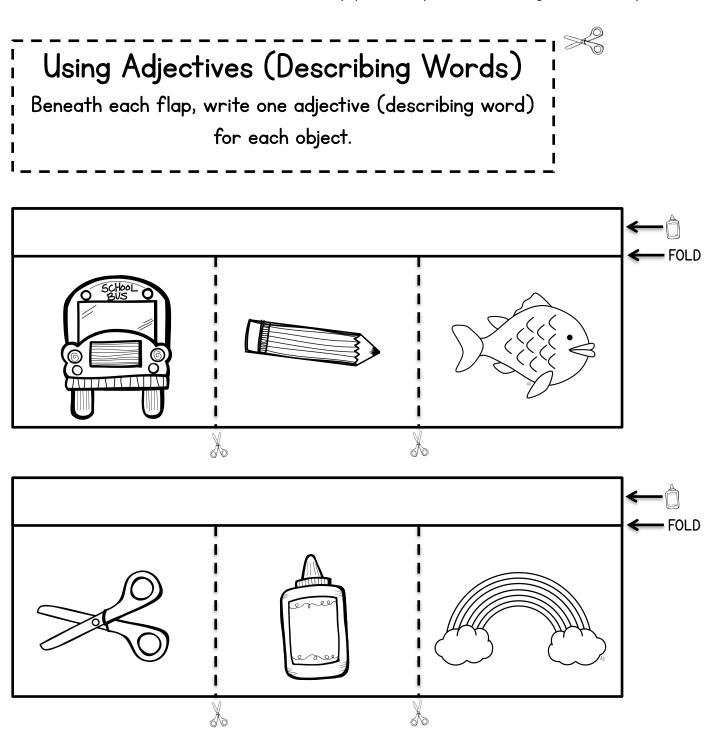
Parents can help by: Discuss what "likes" and "dislikes" mean. Then relate these terms to school. Ask, "What do you like about school? What is the best part of the day?" and "What do you wish you could change about school?" Help your child write about his likes and dislikes beneath each flap in list format.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Create each flap book by cutting on the dotted lines and pasting the top section into notebook. Each flap book should have three flaps. Look at the picture on each flap. Write one adjective (describing word) beneath each flap.

Goals for this activity: Print lowercase letters. Brainstorm words that describe each picture.

Parents can help by: Ask your child questions such as, "What words can you think of to describe a school bus? What does it look like? What does it sound like?" Help your child spell each describing word correctly.



**Instructions**: Cut and paste the title near top of page. Cut out flap book. Cut on dotted lines to create 3 flaps and paste into notebook. Read the top of each flap and write a sentence for each one beneath the flap.

Goals for this activity: Understand how punctuation is used to end a sentence. Write examples of sentences using a period, question mark and exclamation mark.

Parents can help by: Help your child read the top of each flap. Explain what each type of sentence is. Together, brainstorm additional examples for each type of sentence. Show your child how a sentence can change based on the punctuation used. For example, listen to how this sentence changes: "It is really dark outside. It is really dark outside? It is really dark outside!" When finished, have your child read his sentence from beneath each flap to you.

# Ways to End a Sentence

Write a sentence beneath each flap.





#### Period.

Sentences end with a period when they tell you something.

Example: "I have a dog."

Write your own sentence with a period under this flap.



#### **Question Mark?**

Sentences end with a question mark when they ask a question.

Example: "Do you like dogs?"

Write your own question under this flap.

#### Exclamation Mark!

Sentences end with an exclamation mark when they exclaim something!

Example: "Get back here, Rover!"

Write your own exclamatory sentence under this flap.

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Goals for this activity: Think about how to finish each sentence. Read the sentence starter on each flap. Write neatly.

Parents can help by: With your child, discuss different jobs and what he would like to be when he grows up. Talk about what that job will be like. What will you do each day? What will the hardest part be? After discussing, help your child complete the sentences.

#### When I Grow Up...

Complete each sentence under the flap.



When I grow up I want to be a...

This is an important job because...

Some things that I will have to do in this job are...

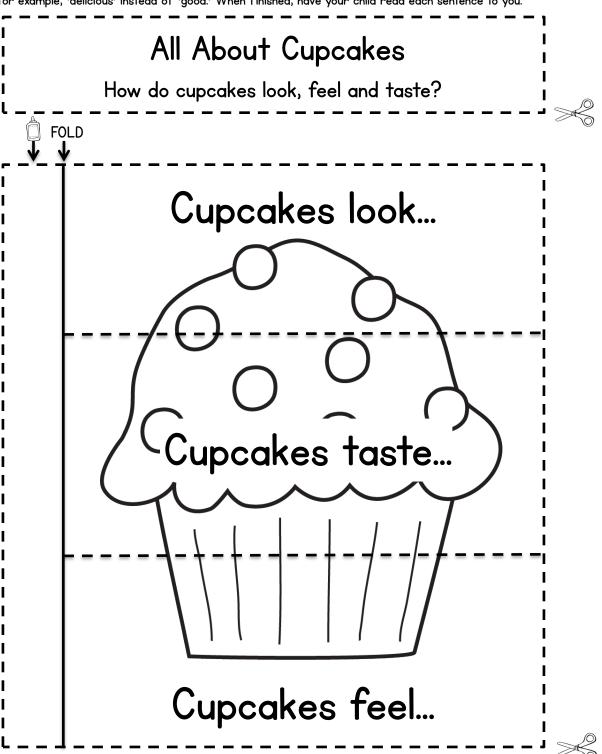


**FOLD** 

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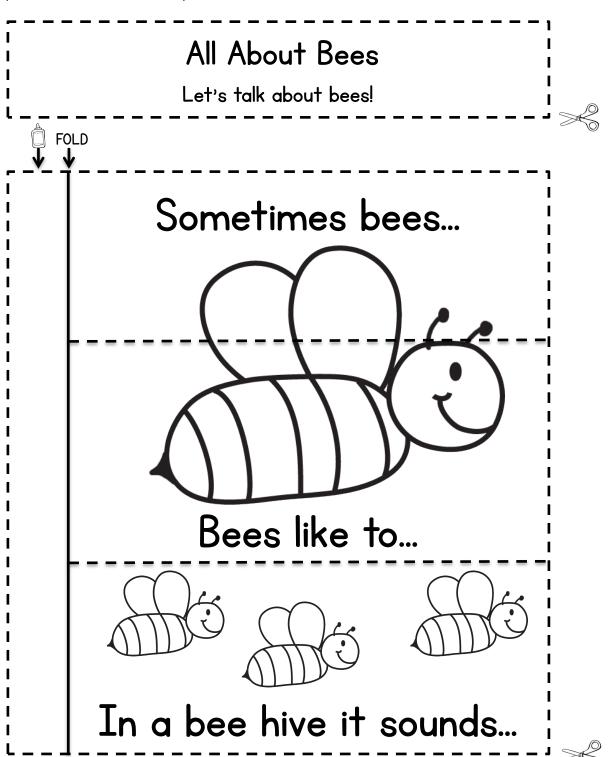
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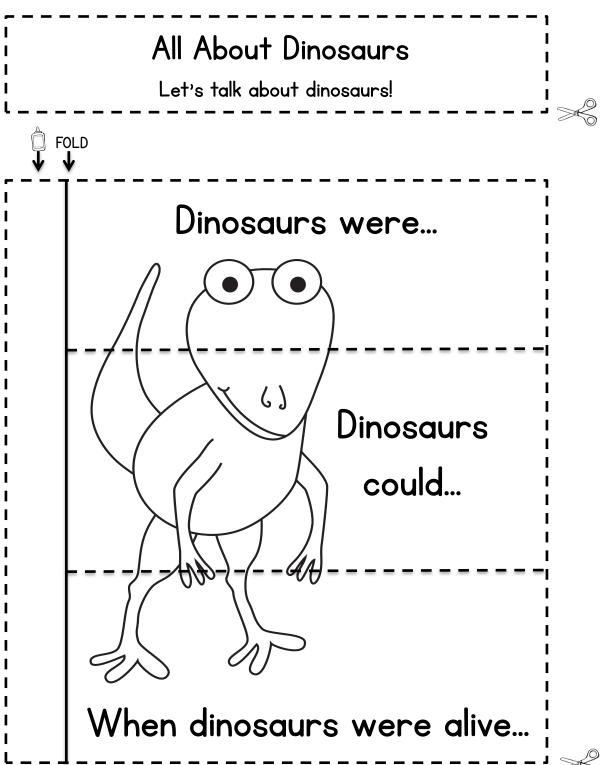
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