



y x ch sh th th

Notes for Parents

The Jolly Phonics Activity Books are designed as a fun and multi-sensory way to help young children become familiar with letter sounds and to begin reading and writing. Research shows that children who start school knowing all their letter sounds learn to read faster. These activity books can be used with the Jolly Stories and the Jolly Songs. Each sound is introduced with a short story for you to read to your child. Each sound is also accompanied by an action, which your child can do to help them remember the sound.

Letter Sounds

The sounds are grouped in the following way and should be learned in this order:

Book 1: s, a, t, i, p, n

Book 2: ck, e, h, r, m, d

Book 3: g, o, u, l, f, b

Book 4: ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or

Book 5: z, w, ng, v, 00, oo

Book 6: y, x, ch, sh, th, th

Book 7: qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

Letter Formation



Blending for Reading

Once a group of sounds has been learned, children can start to look at letters, say the sounds and try to blend them together to make the word. Help your child develop this blending skill by pointing to each letter in a word, and saying its sound, for example, 's-u-n'. Once your child can hear the word when it is sounded out, they are ready to say the sounds themselves. Blending practice comes on pages 3, 10, 14, 23, 30, 31, 33 and 35.

Identifying Sounds for Writing

Your child will need to identify the sounds in a word so as to be able to write that word. The first sound is easiest but your child will need to pick out the others too. Practice for this is on pages 5, 9, 13, 16, 21, 25 and 27.

Tricky Words

Tricky words have irregular spellings, which cannot be read just by sounding out and blending. You can help your child by pointing out which is the 'tricky' part. In 'said', for instance, it is the 'ai'. Tricky words are taught on pages 29, 32 and 33.

Tips for Parents



The lightbulb icon shows where to look for helpful tips and advice on how to use the activity books with your child. Sometimes there are suggestions for further activities you may want to try.

Revise your Sounds



Bee, Snake and Inky love the circus and go every summer when the circus tent appears in the field next to the Vowel Forest. They watch a man spinning yo-yos and doing tricks. "Wow!" says Bee. "That is fantastic!" "All that yo-yoing has made me hungry," says Snake. "Here you are," says Inky, "I've got a yellow banana yoghurt." "y, y, y, yummy!" hisses Snake.





Action

Pretend to be eating a yoghurt and say *y*, *y*, *y*, *y*.

Do the action and say the sound!

Which of these things have the sound 'y' in them?

Join them to the 'y'.



NOW YOU CAN

Now You CAN

Write the letter.

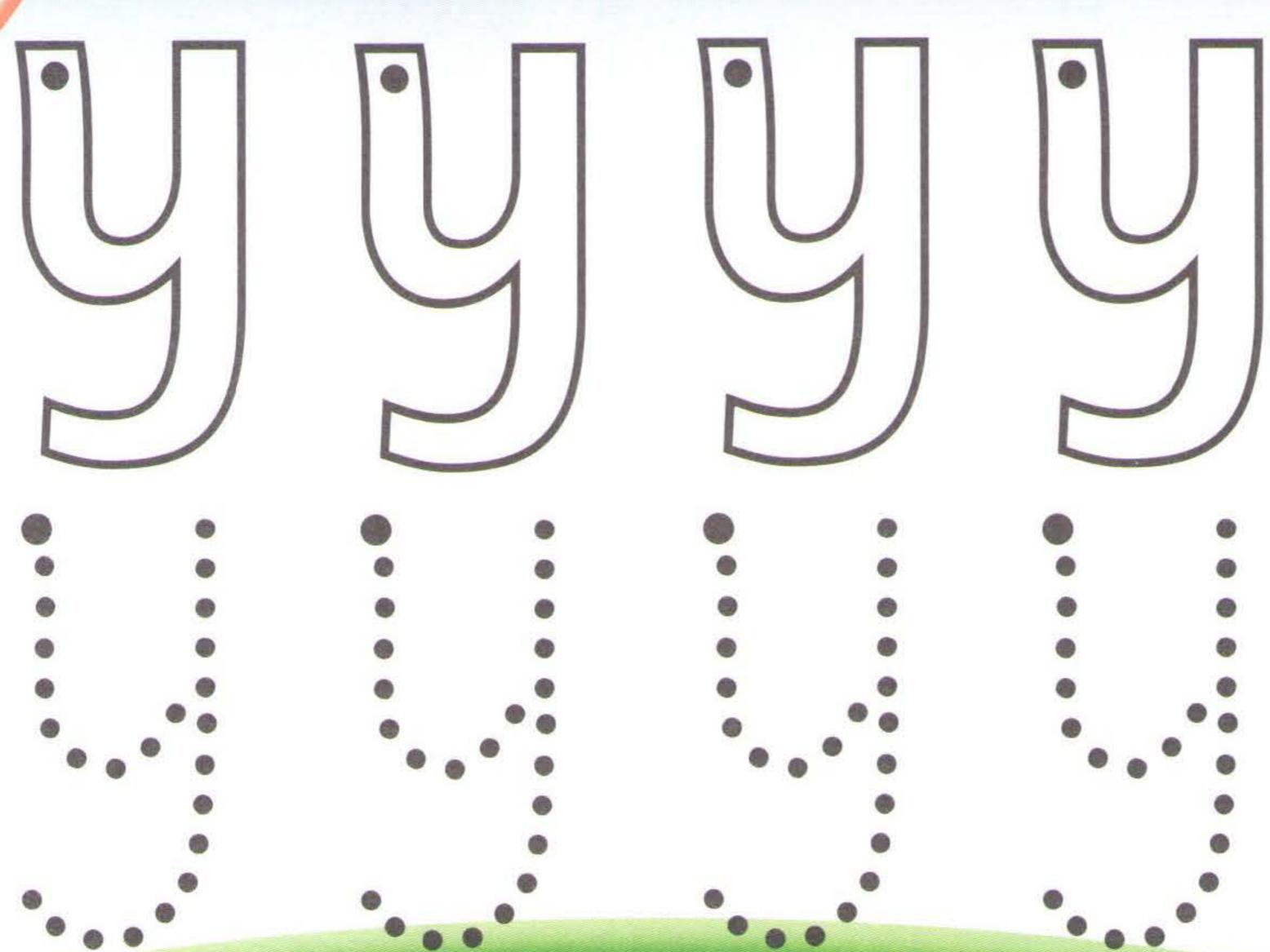
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Start at the top!

Try different

Colours!

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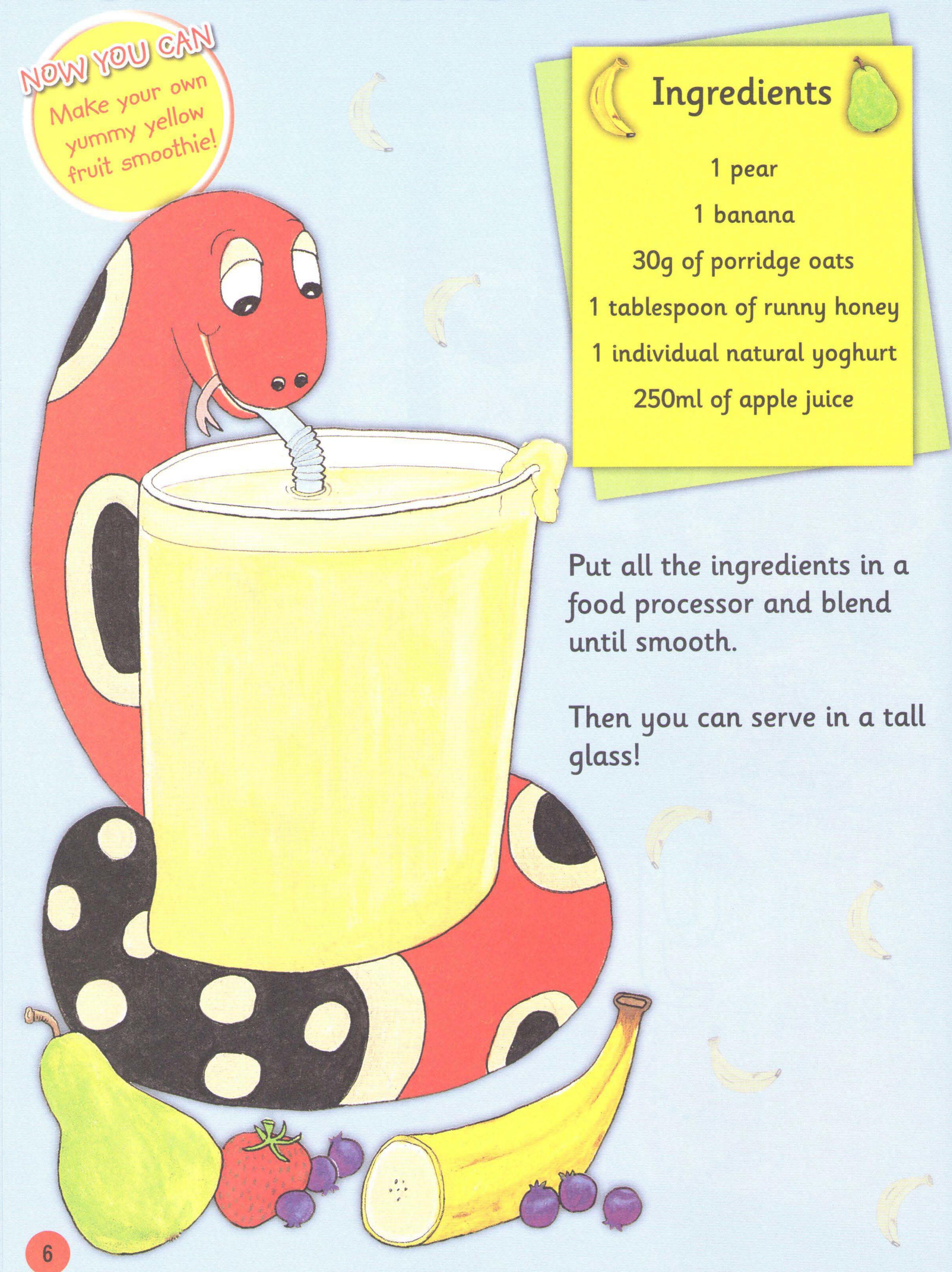


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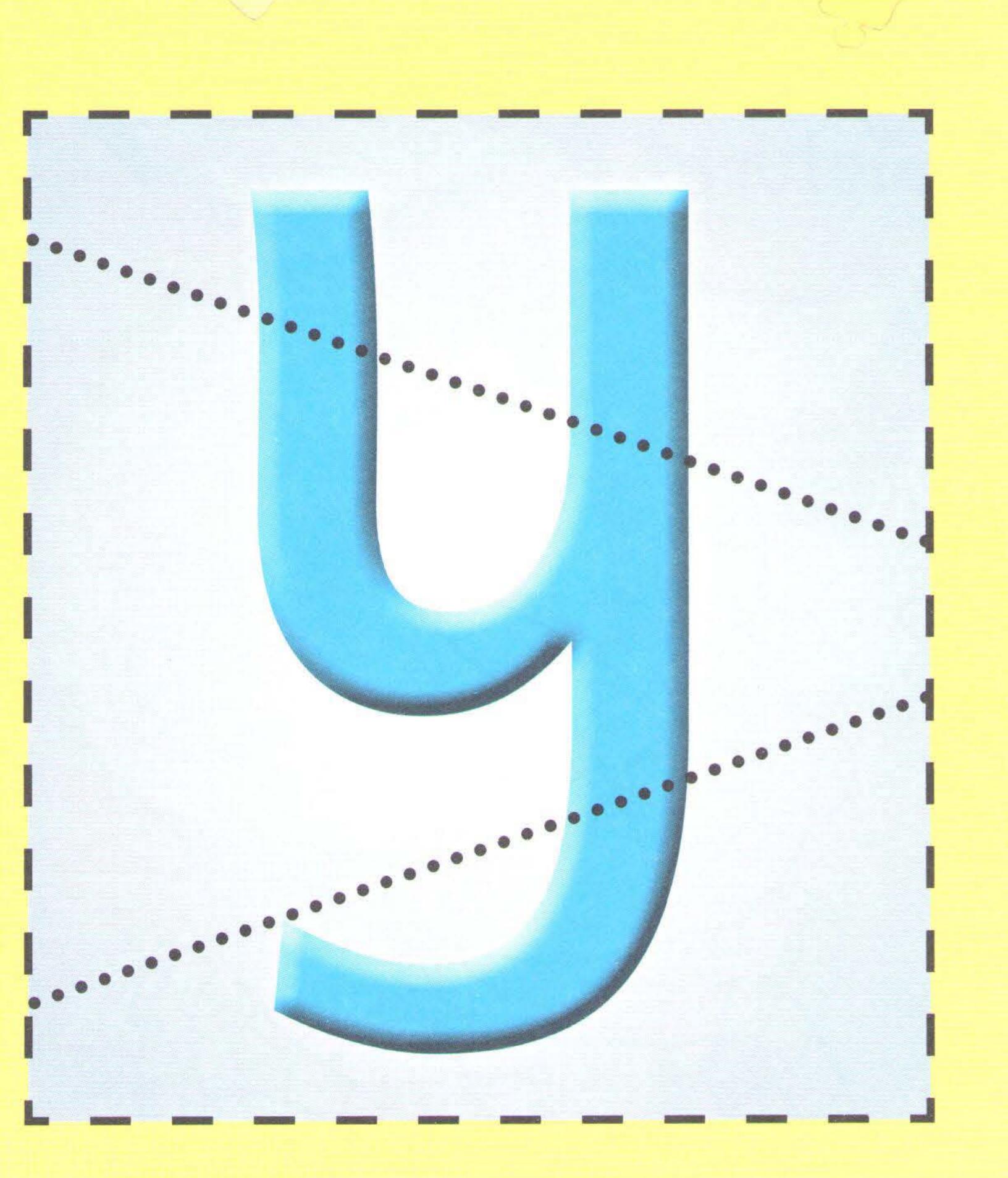
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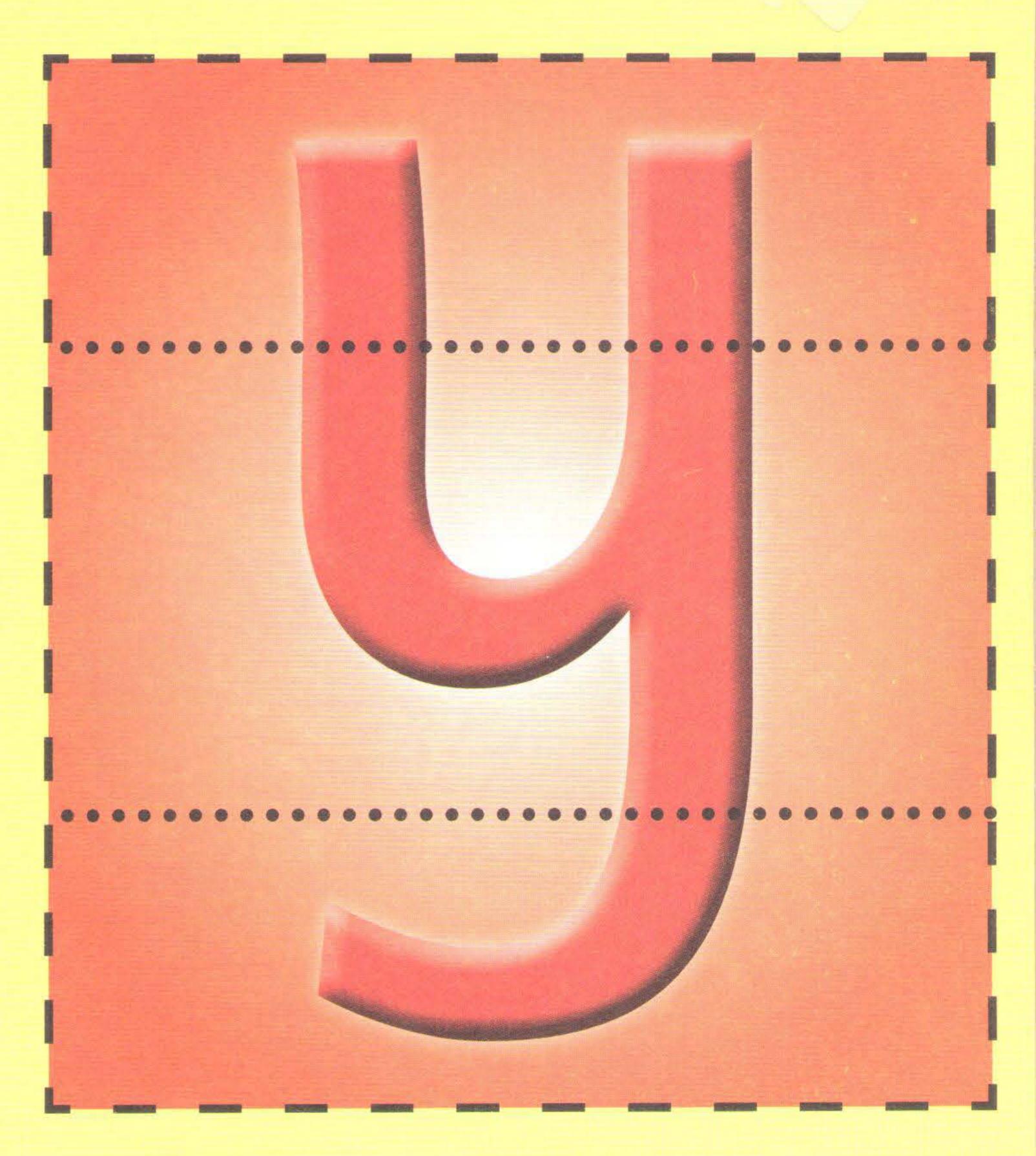
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Sounds





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Cut out the letters and put them back together again!



Which of these things have the sound 'x' in them?

Join them to the 'x'.

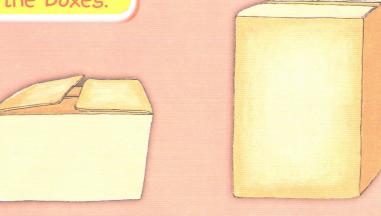


Sticker Activity

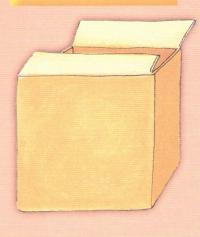




Put your stickers on the boxes.



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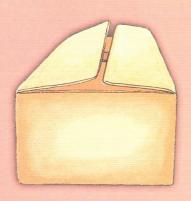


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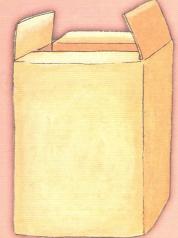
NOW YOU CAN Read the words and find the stickers that match.







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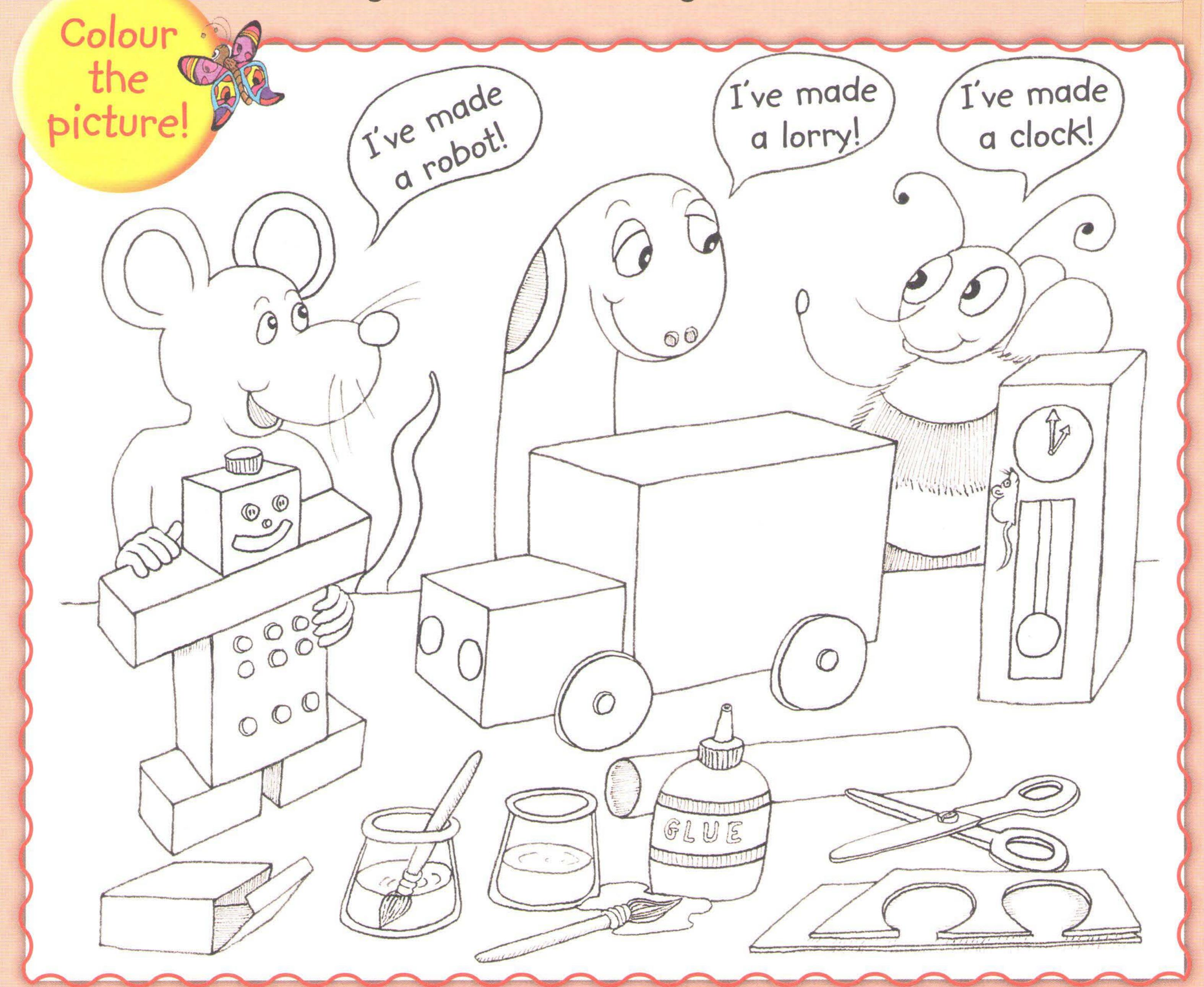
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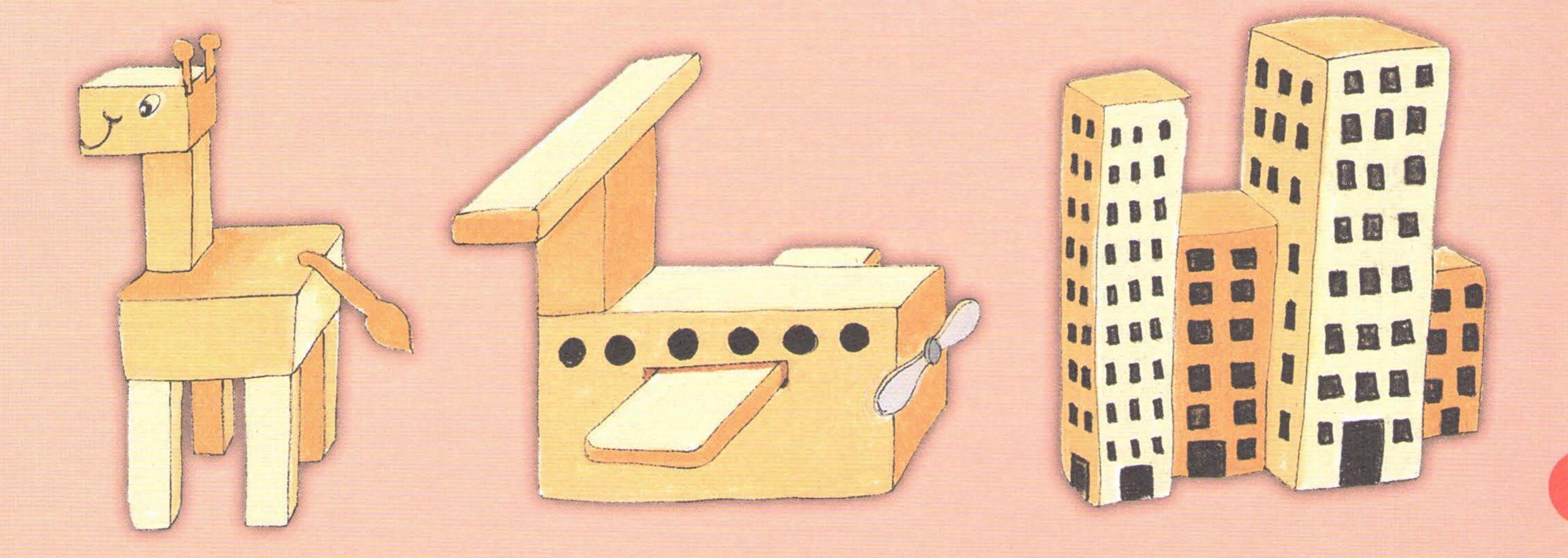
Inky, Snake and Bee have been making models with boxes.

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NOW YOU CAN

Collect some boxes and make a model yourself like the ones below.



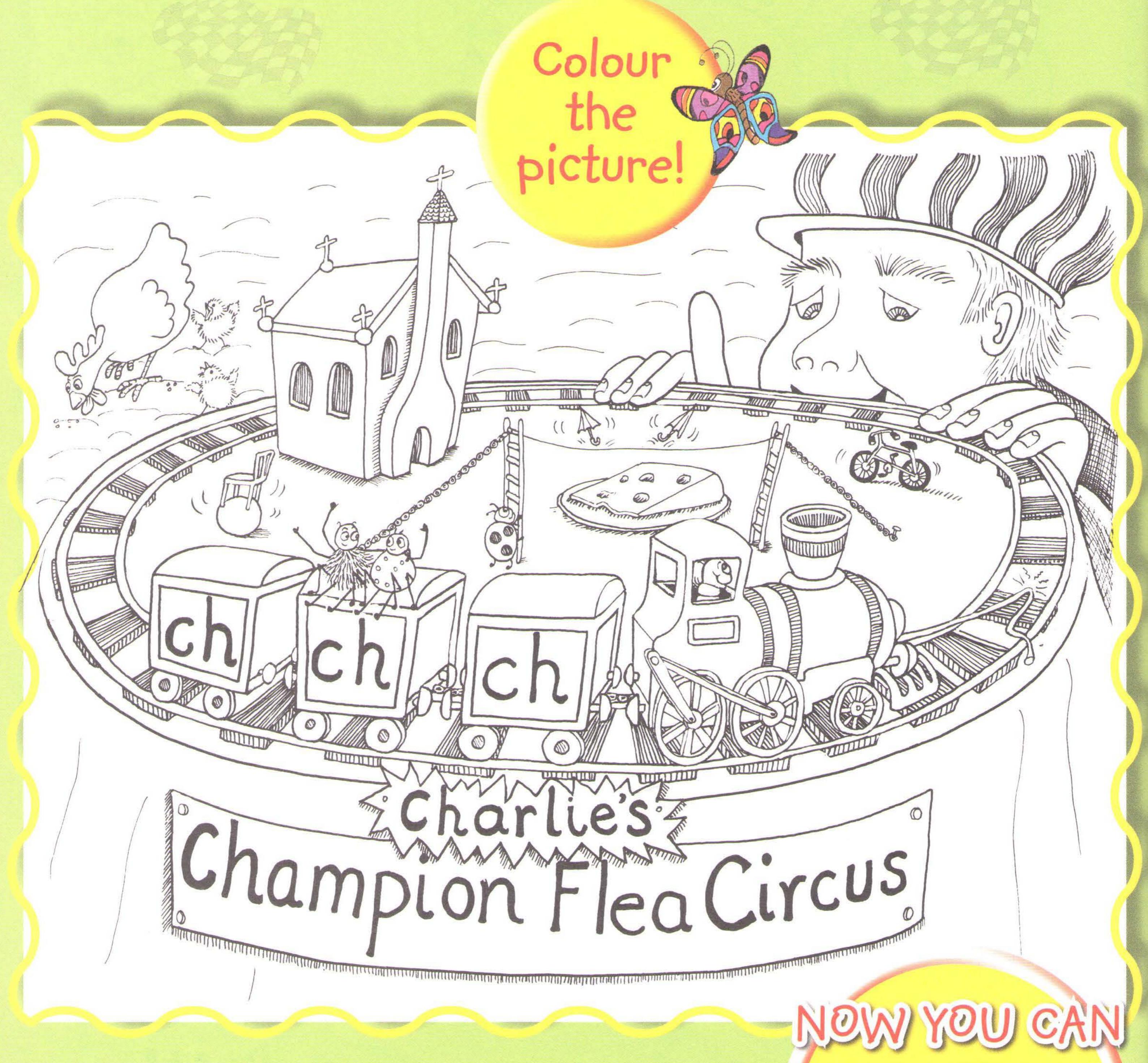
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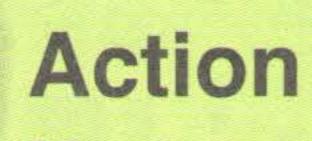
Bee, Inky and Snake cheer as the ringmaster announces Charlie and his Amazing Champion Flea Circus. Chaz, the strongest flea in the world, attempts to pull a toy train around a track and Charlie asks the audience to make a 'ch, ch, ch' sound to help him. Very slowly, the train begins to move and everybody cheers!

Do the

action and

say the sound!



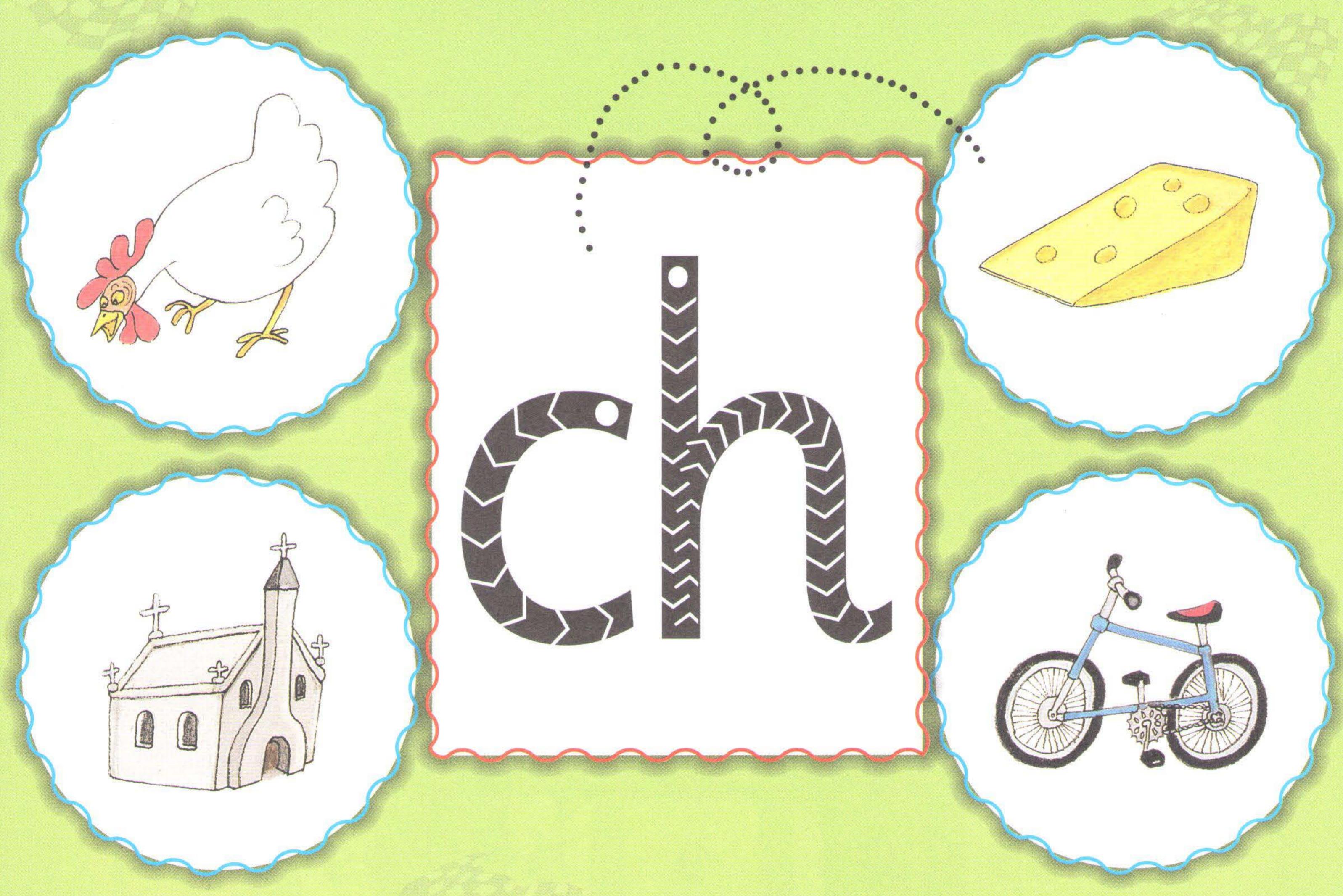


Move your arms at your sides, as if you are a train, and say ch, ch, ch, ch.



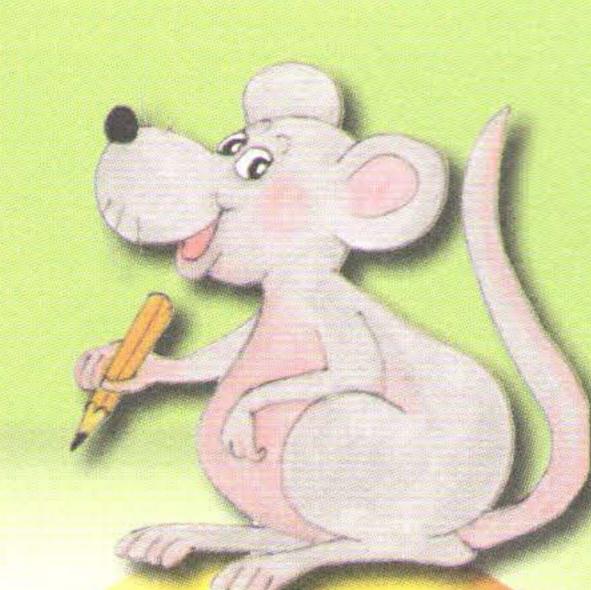
Which of these things have the sound 'ch' in them?

Join them to the 'ch'.



NOW YOU CAIN
Write the letters.
Write on the dot
start on the
and join the
letters.

ch ch ch



Inky says,
"Joined
writing is
useful for
later!"

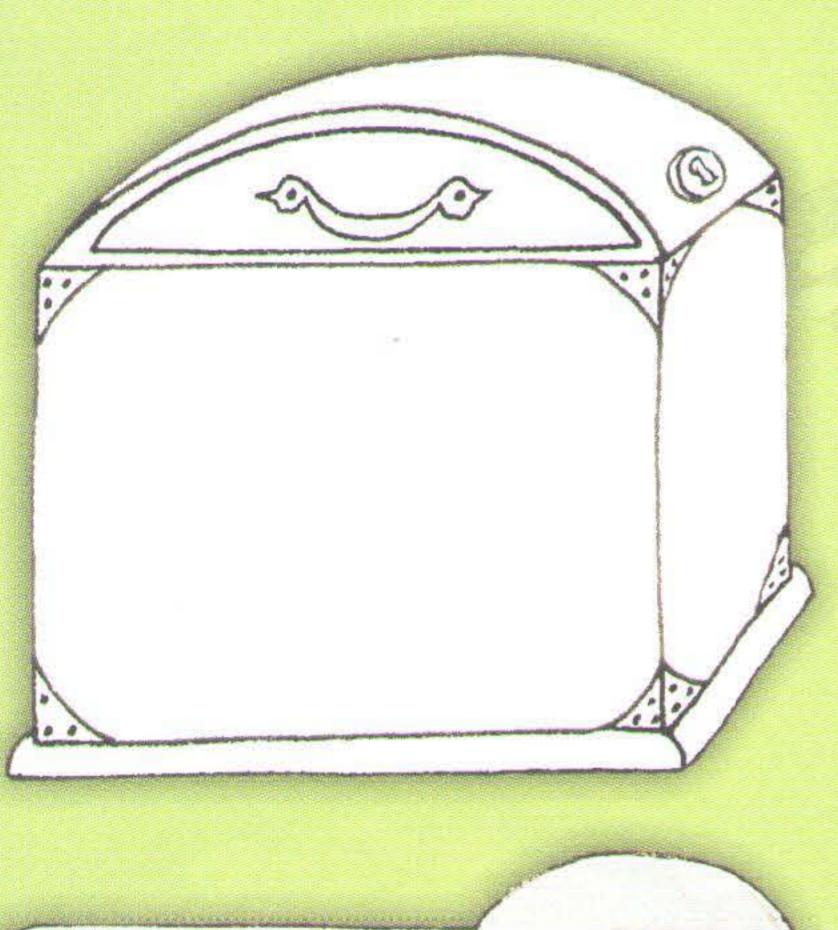


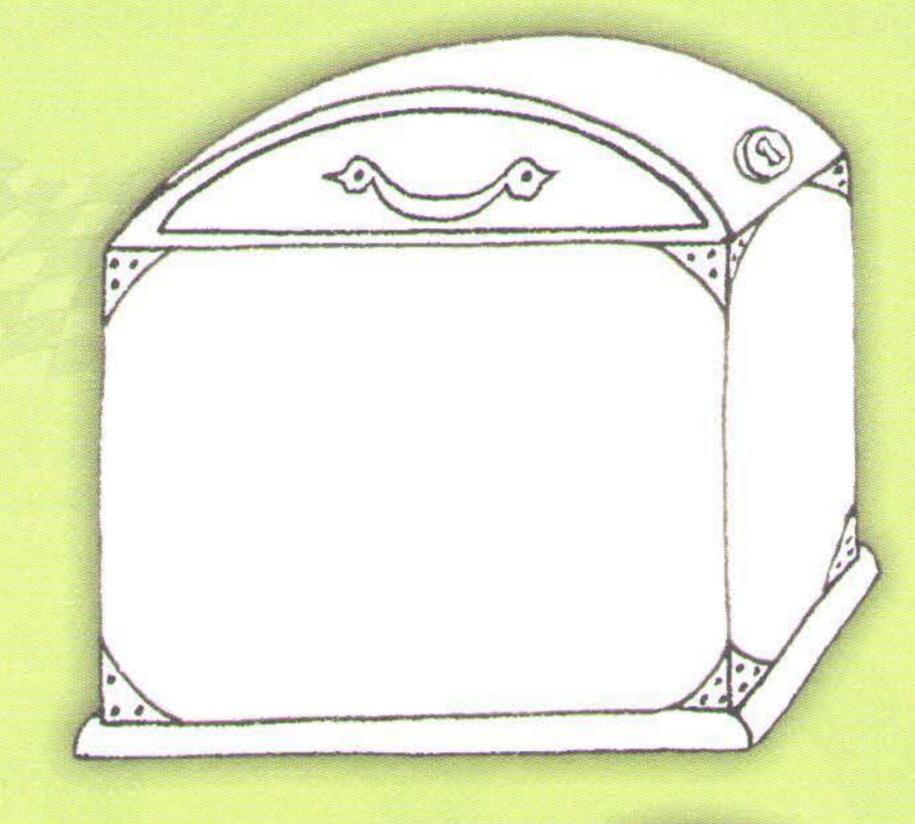
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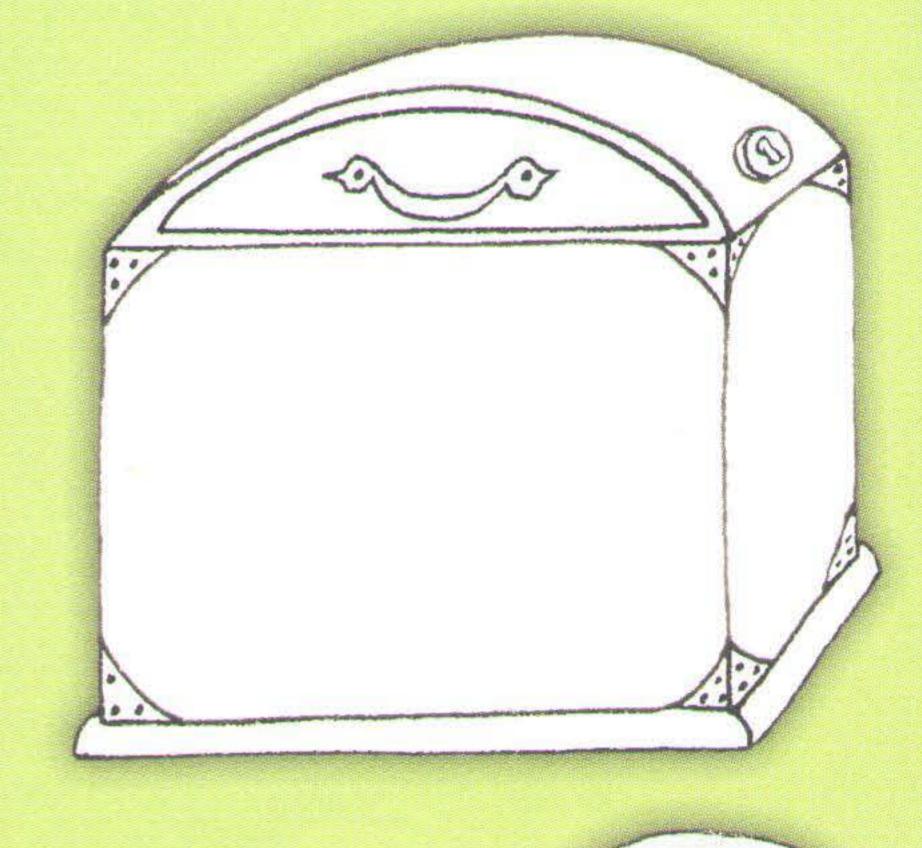
When joining 'c' and 'h', write the 'c' as usual, then take the joining tail up to start the 'h'.

IN THE TREASURE CHEST

Read the word in the key and draw a picture in the chest.



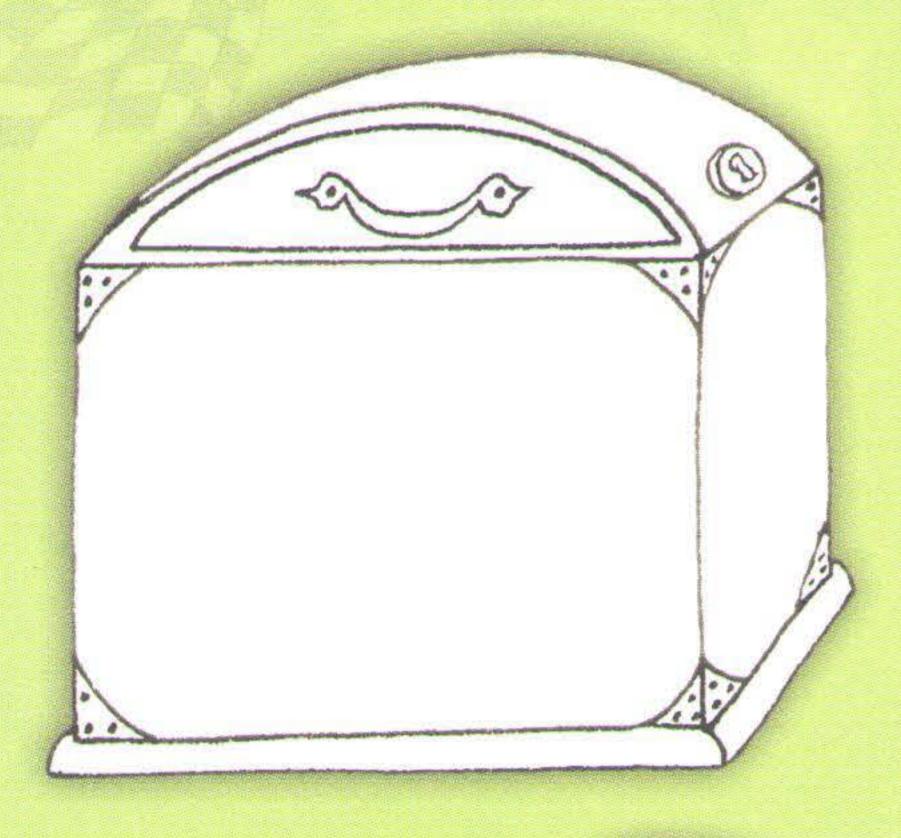


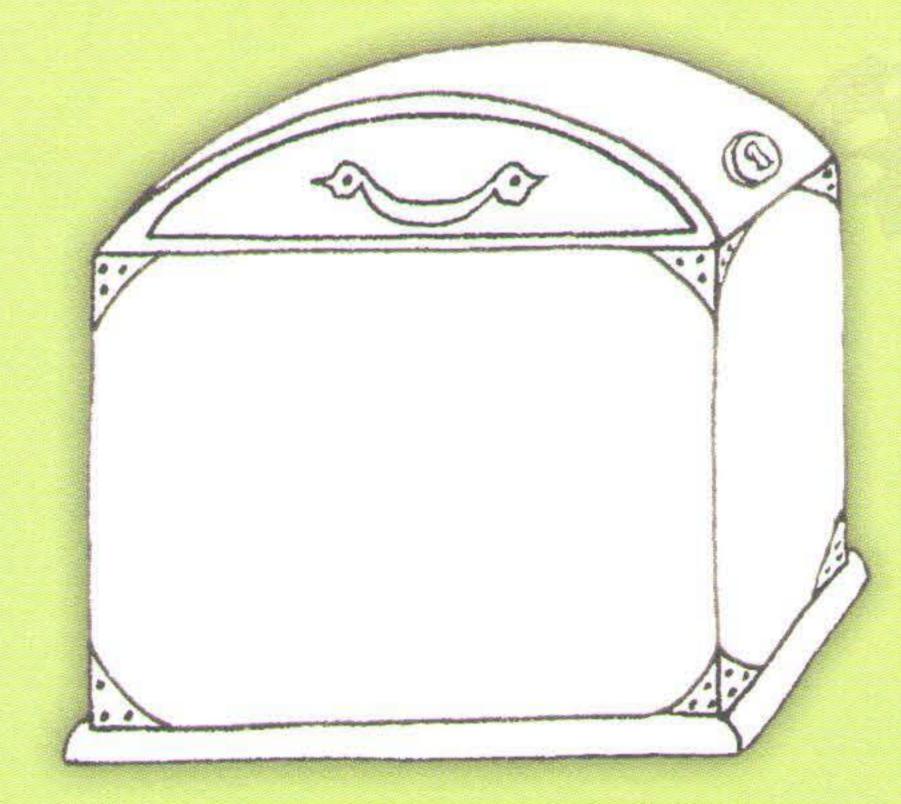


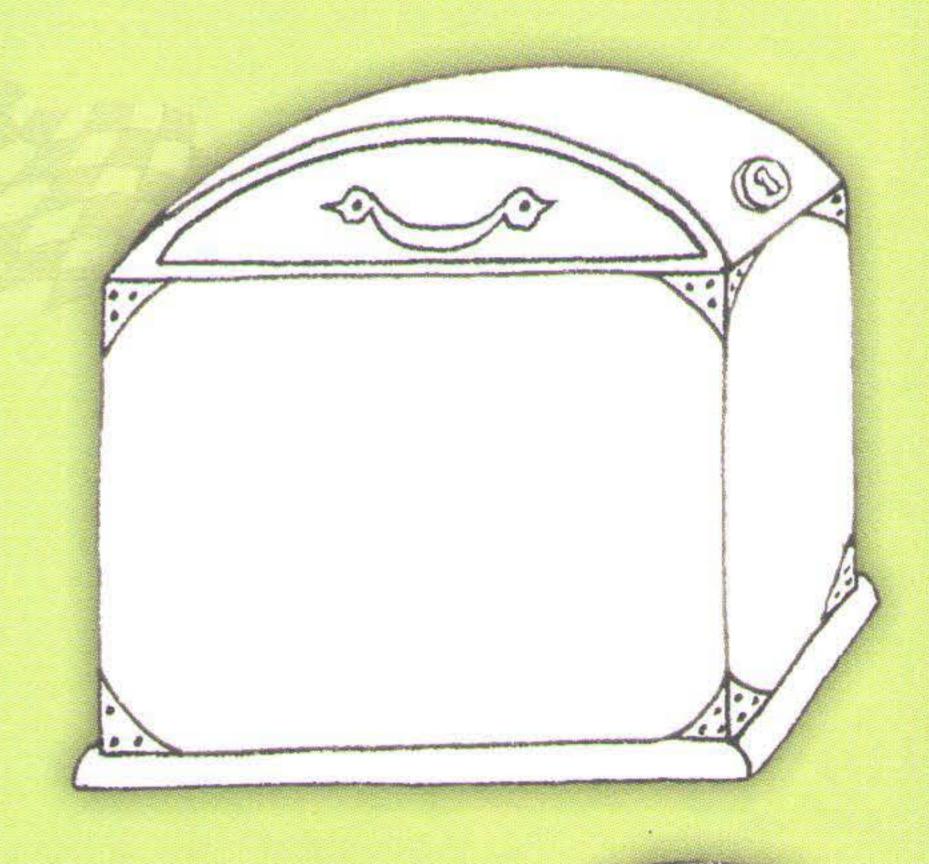




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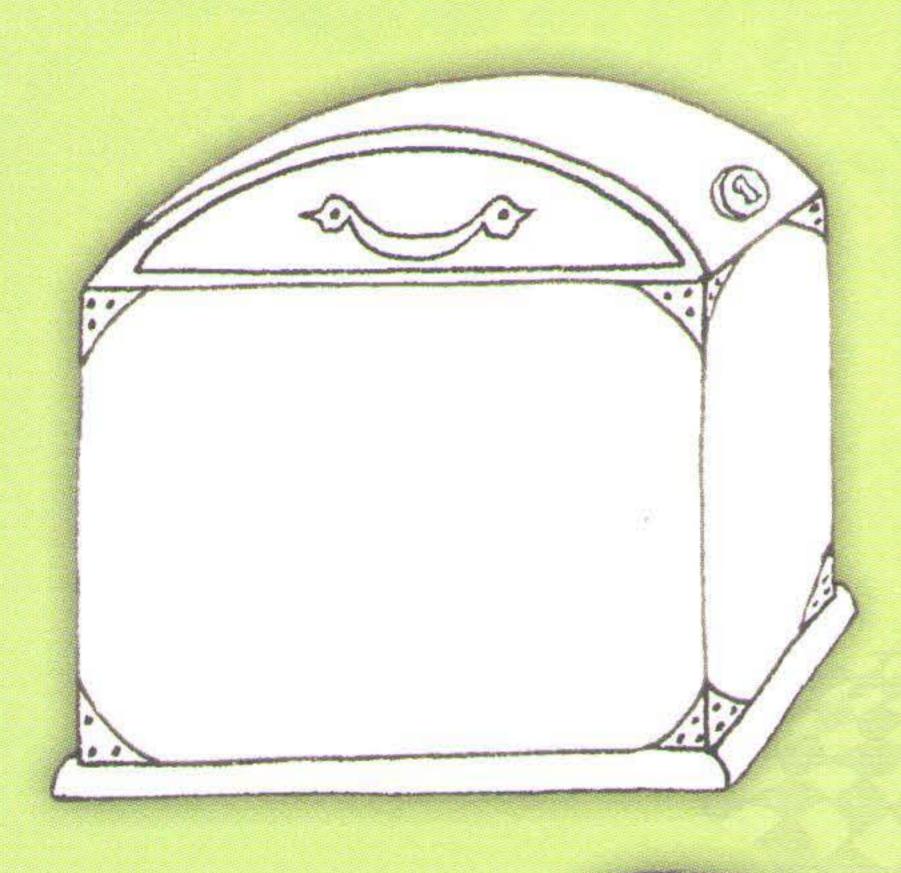


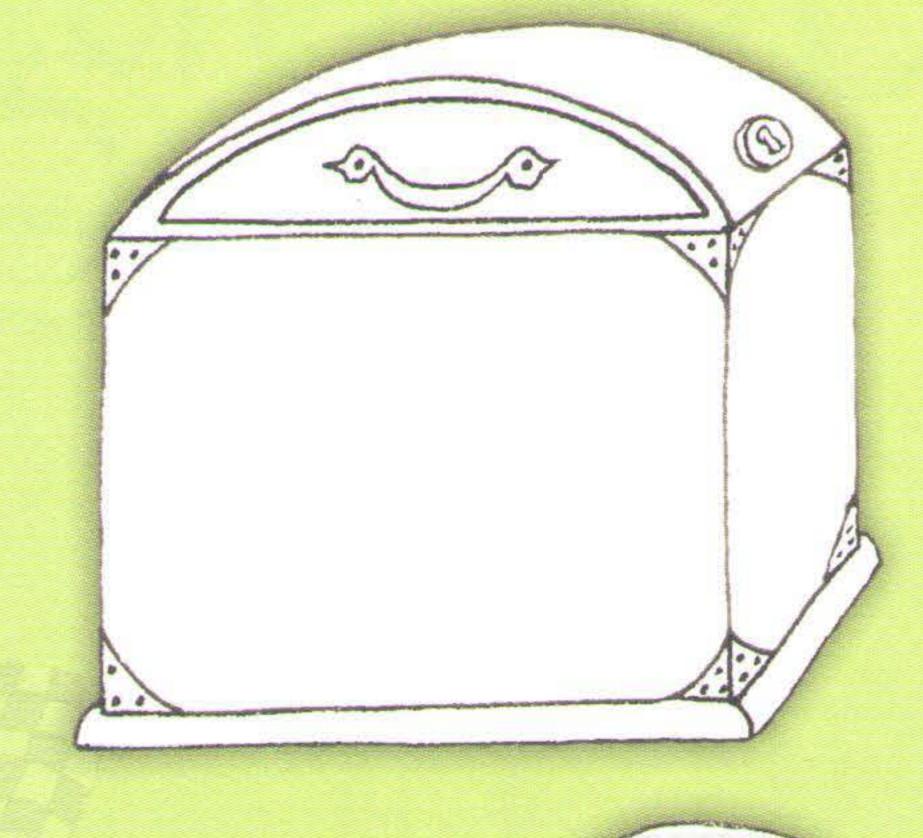


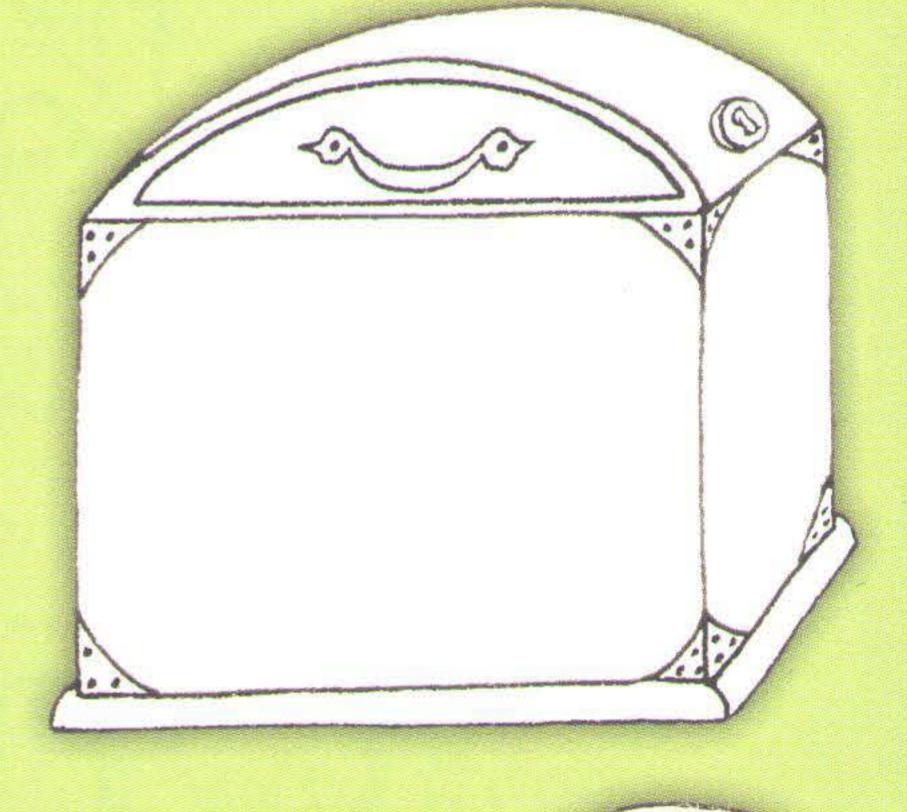


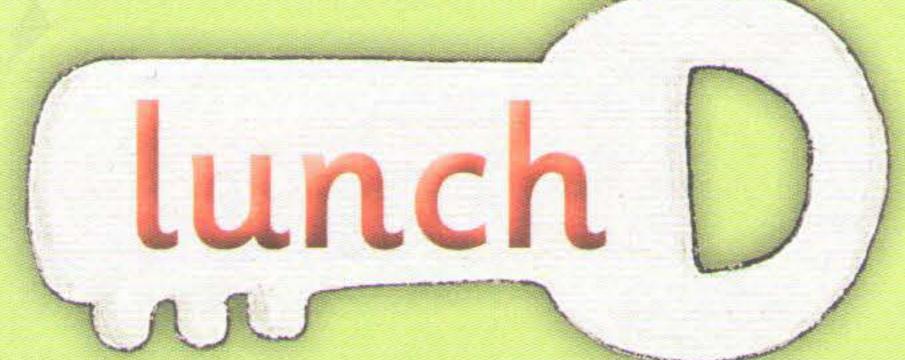


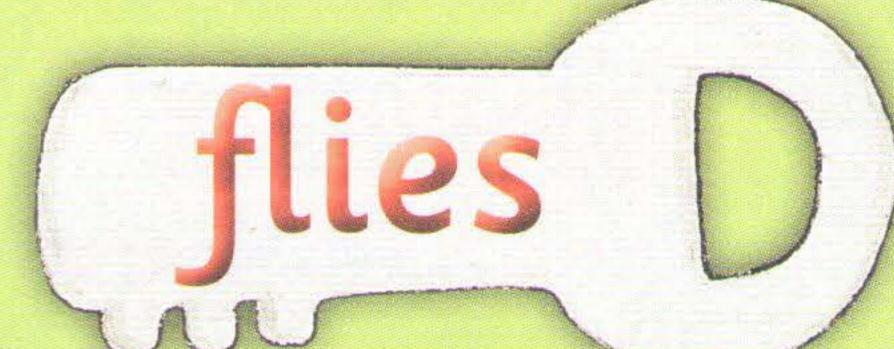


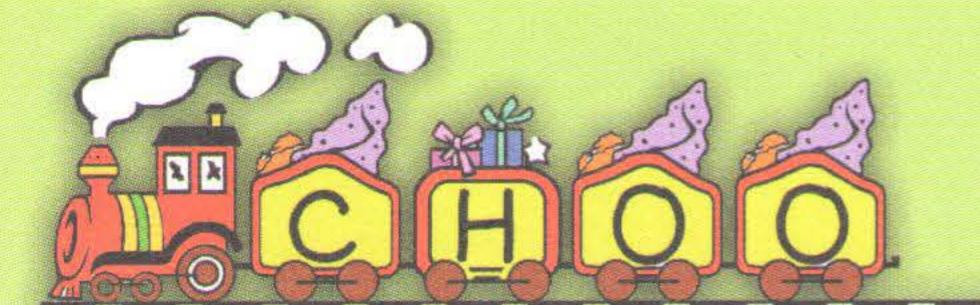


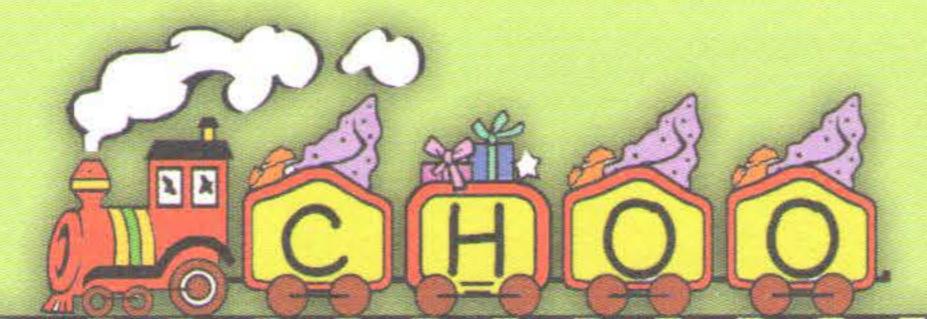


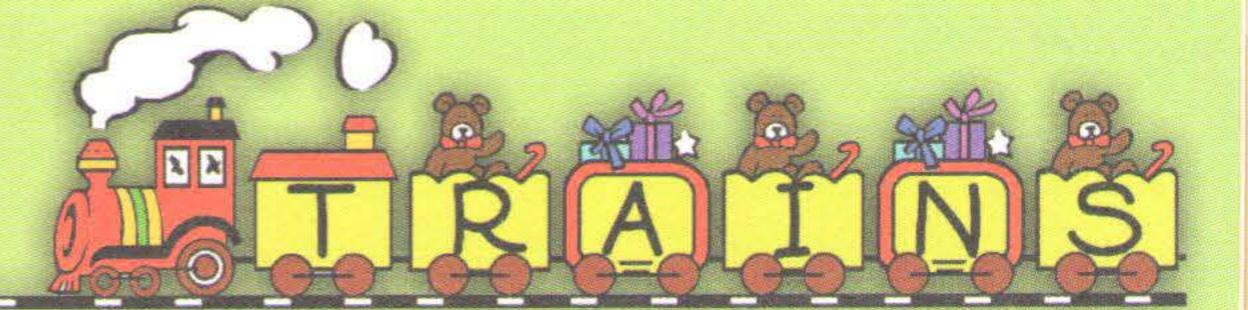




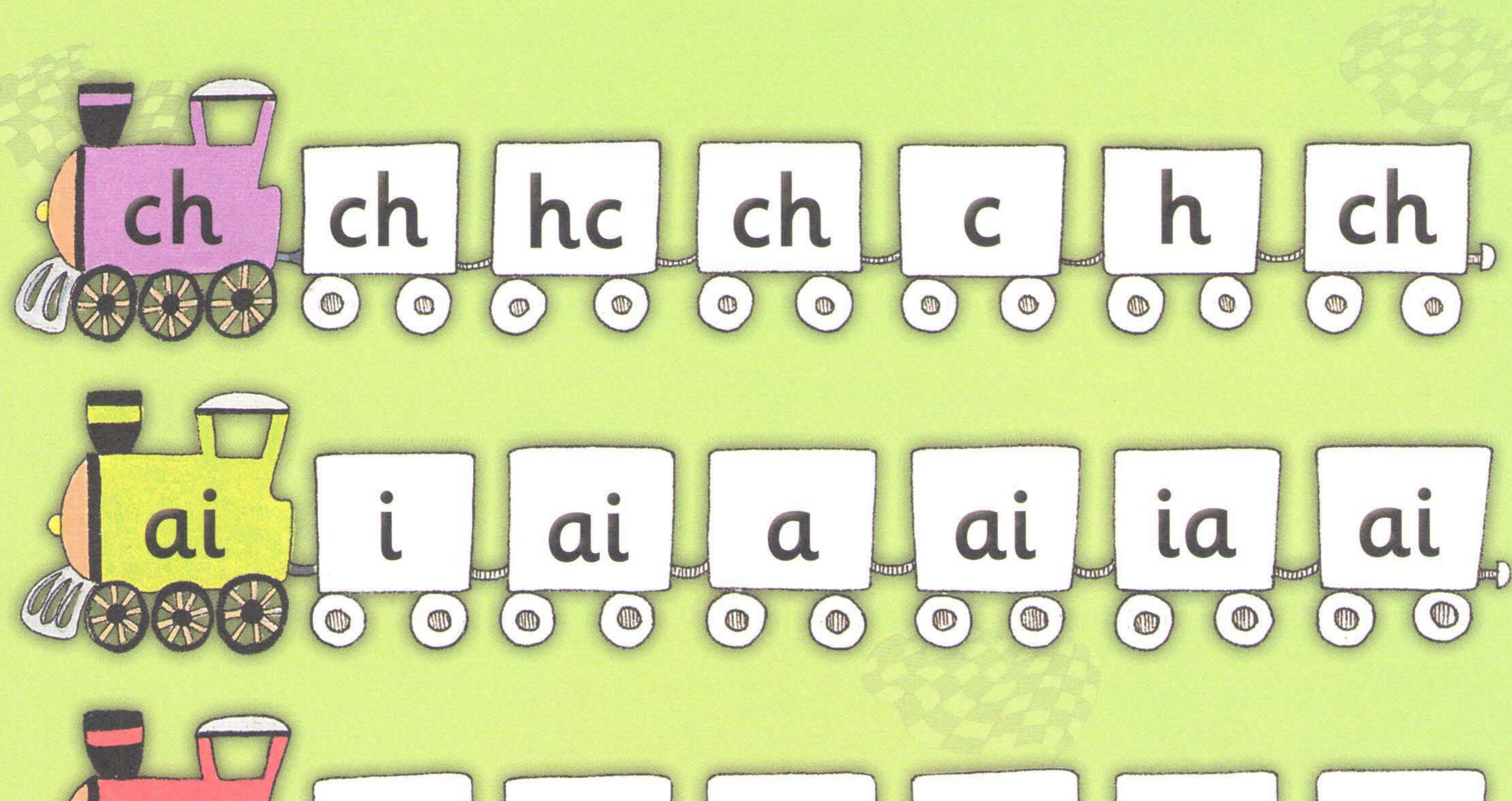


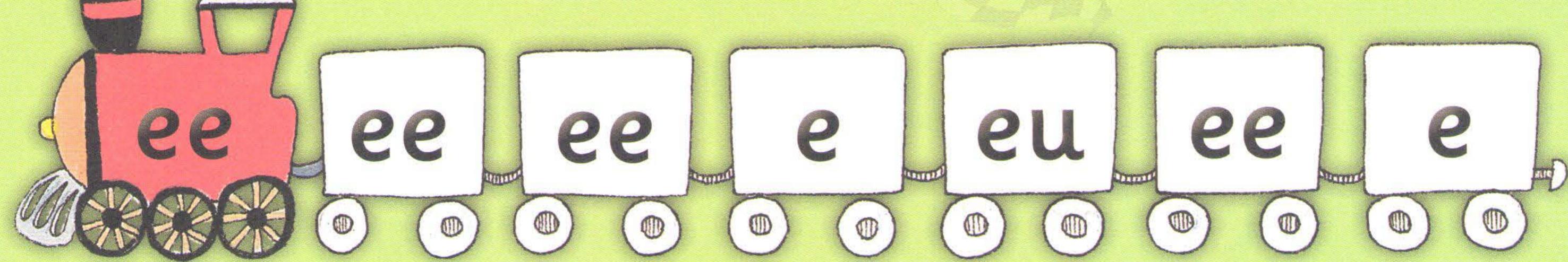


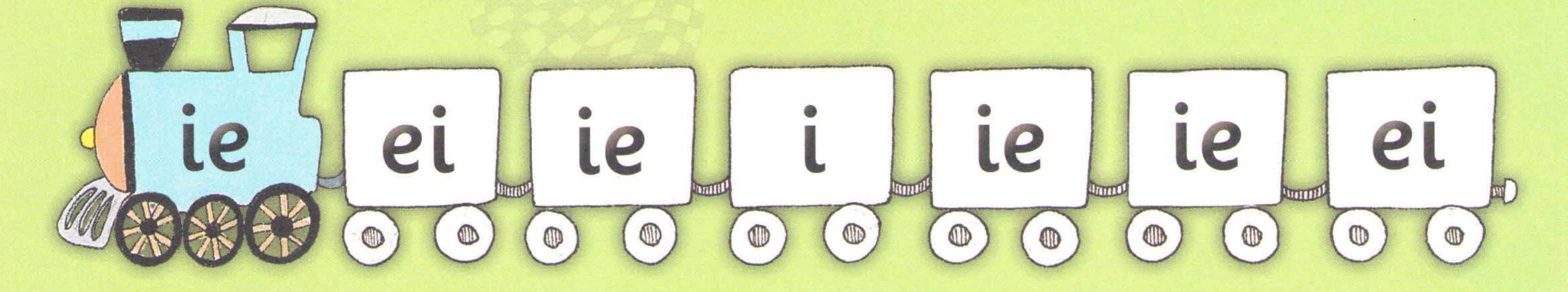


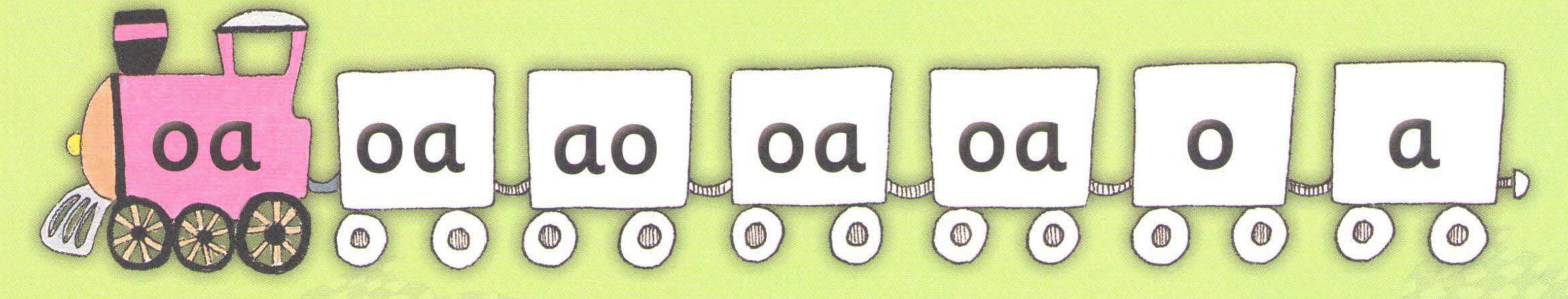


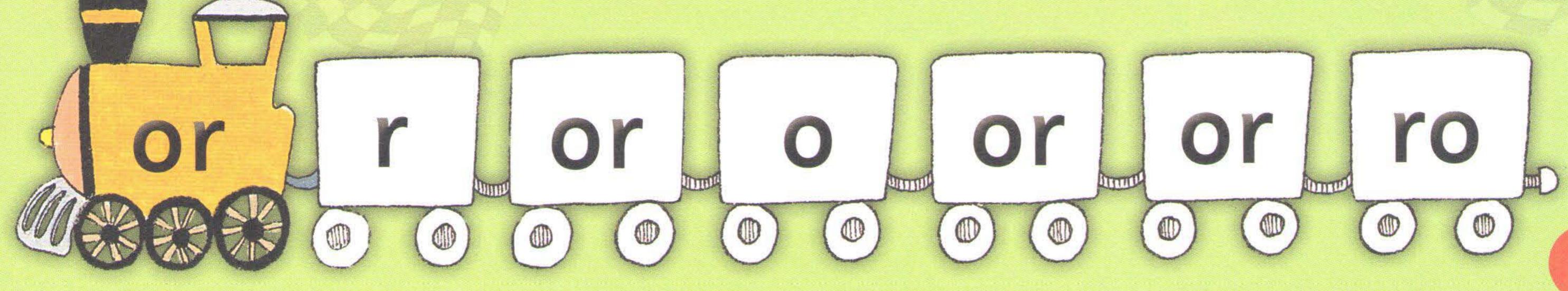
Colour the carriages that have the same sound as the engine.

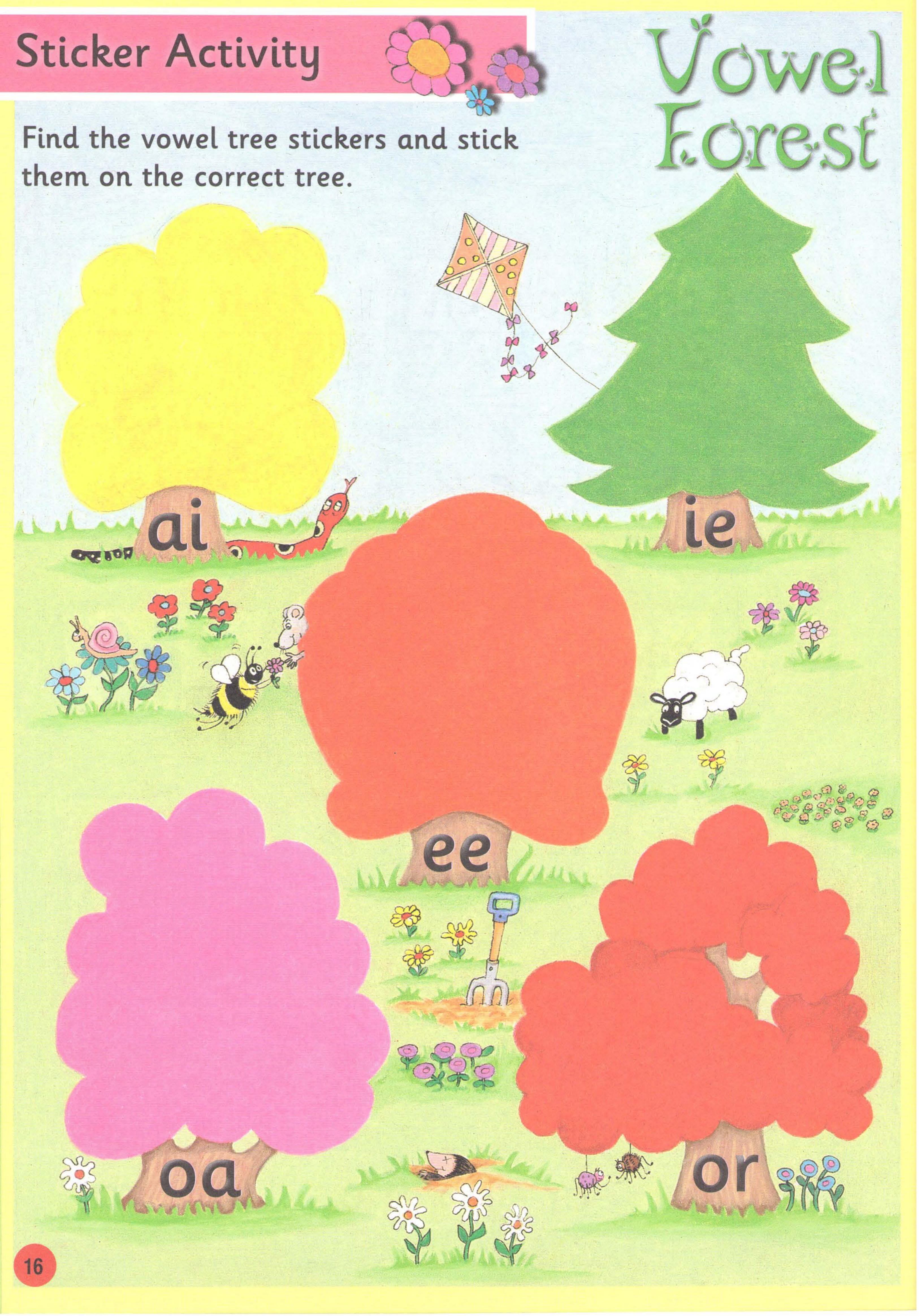












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capital letters and
the sounds they
make.

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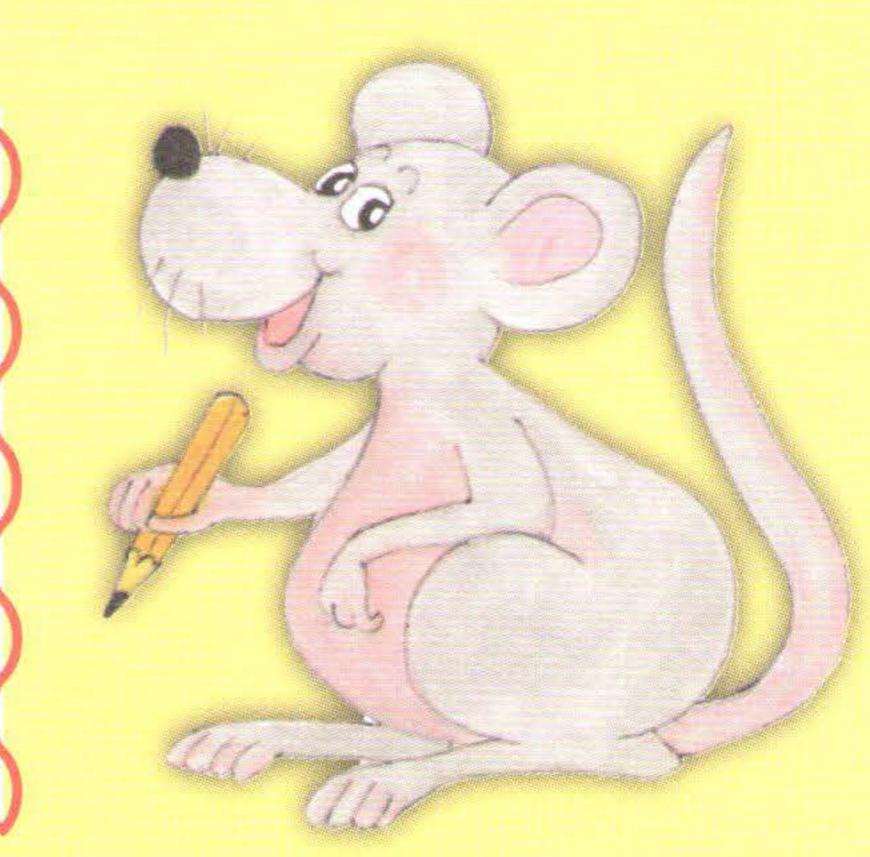
Practise writing over the dotted capital letters.

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Capitals are used to start names.

Write your name here.

Don't forget the capital letter!

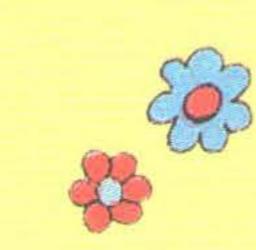


NOW YOU CAN Cut out all the letters.

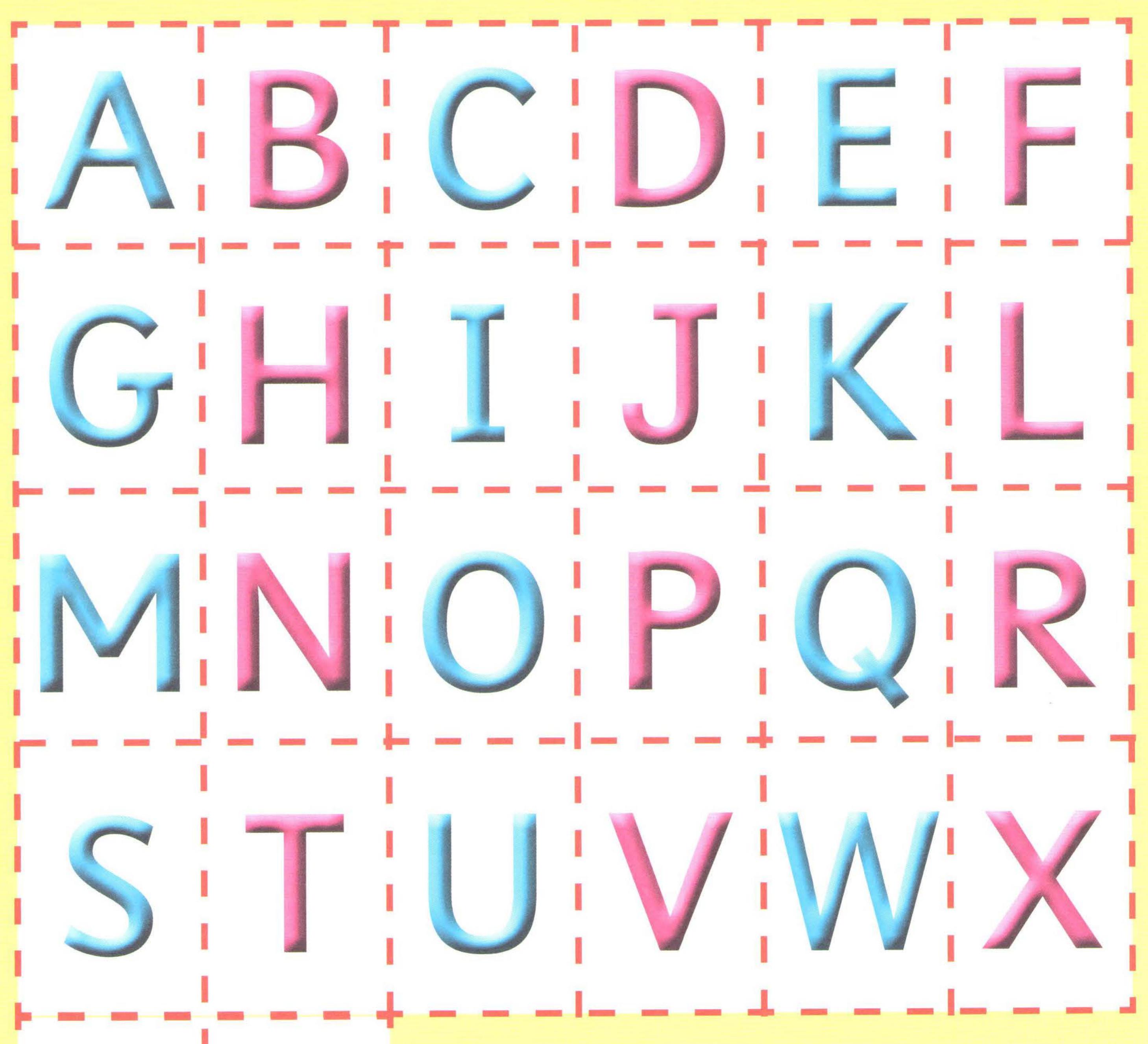
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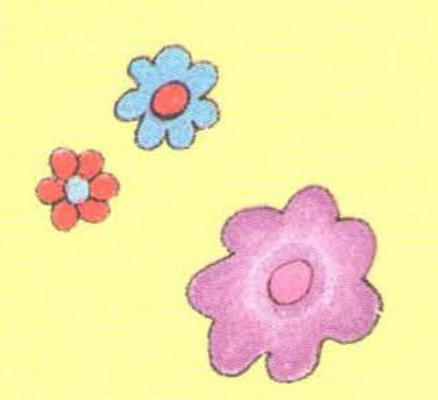
Match the lower case letter with its capital.







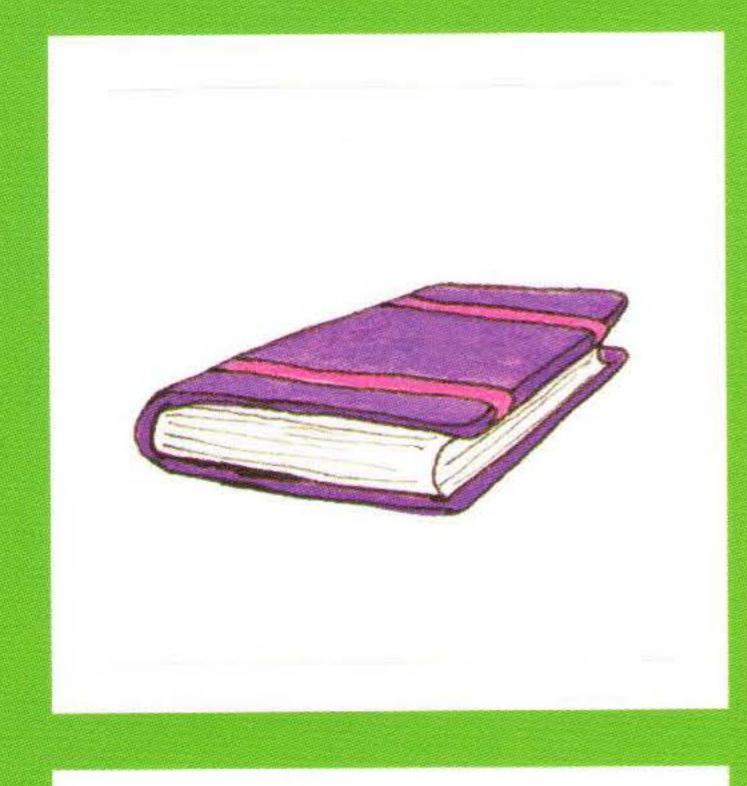










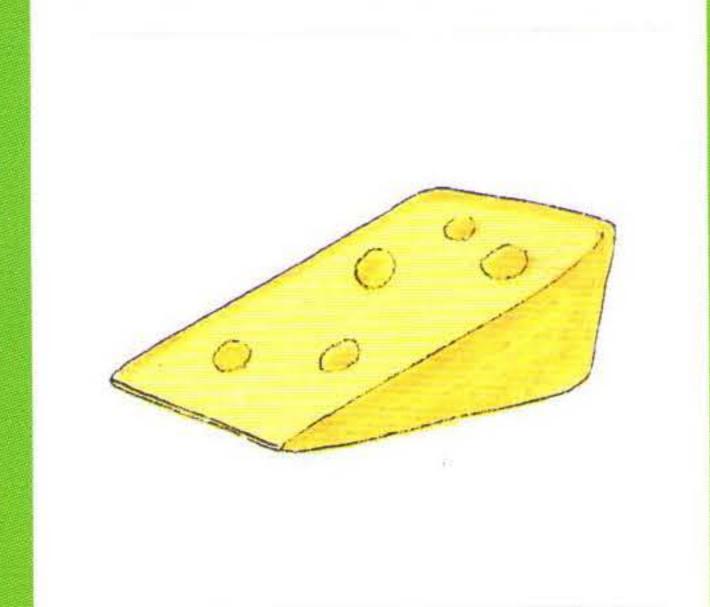


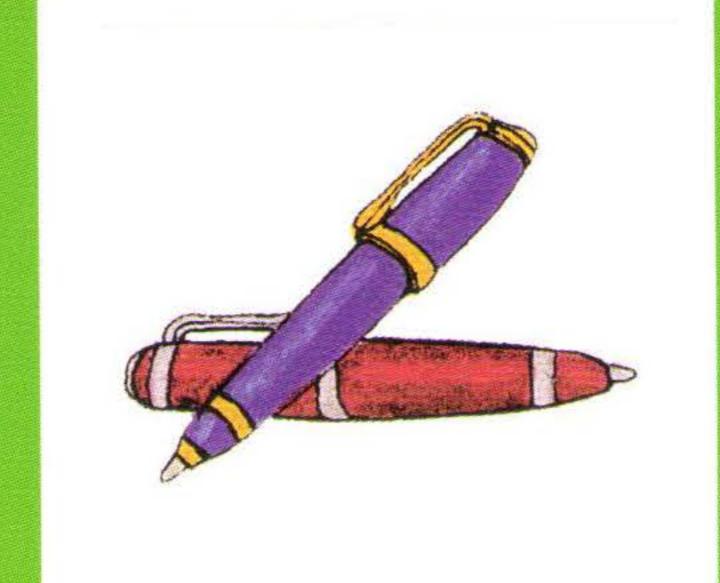


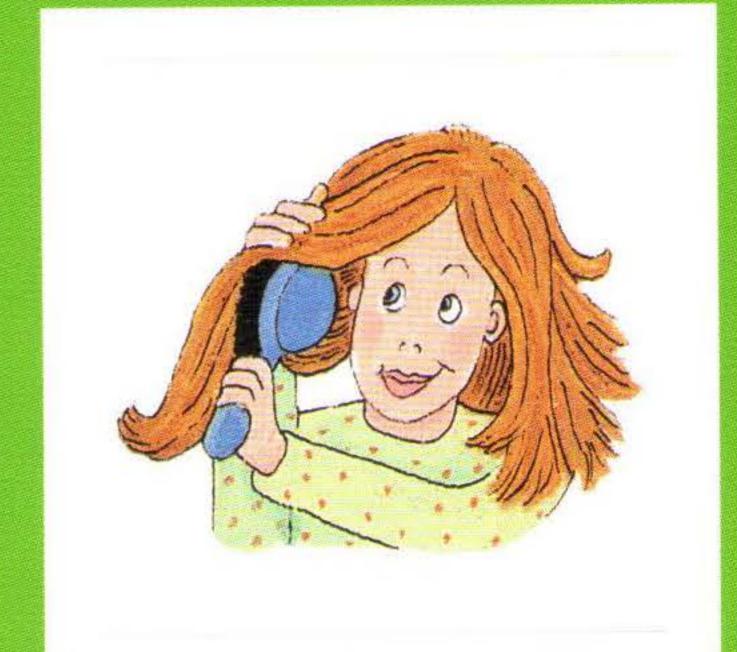


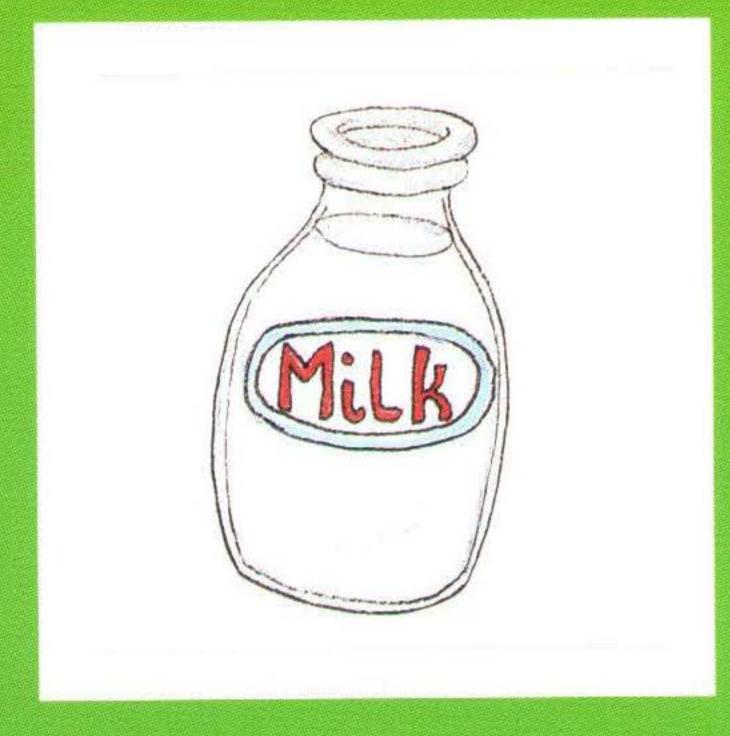






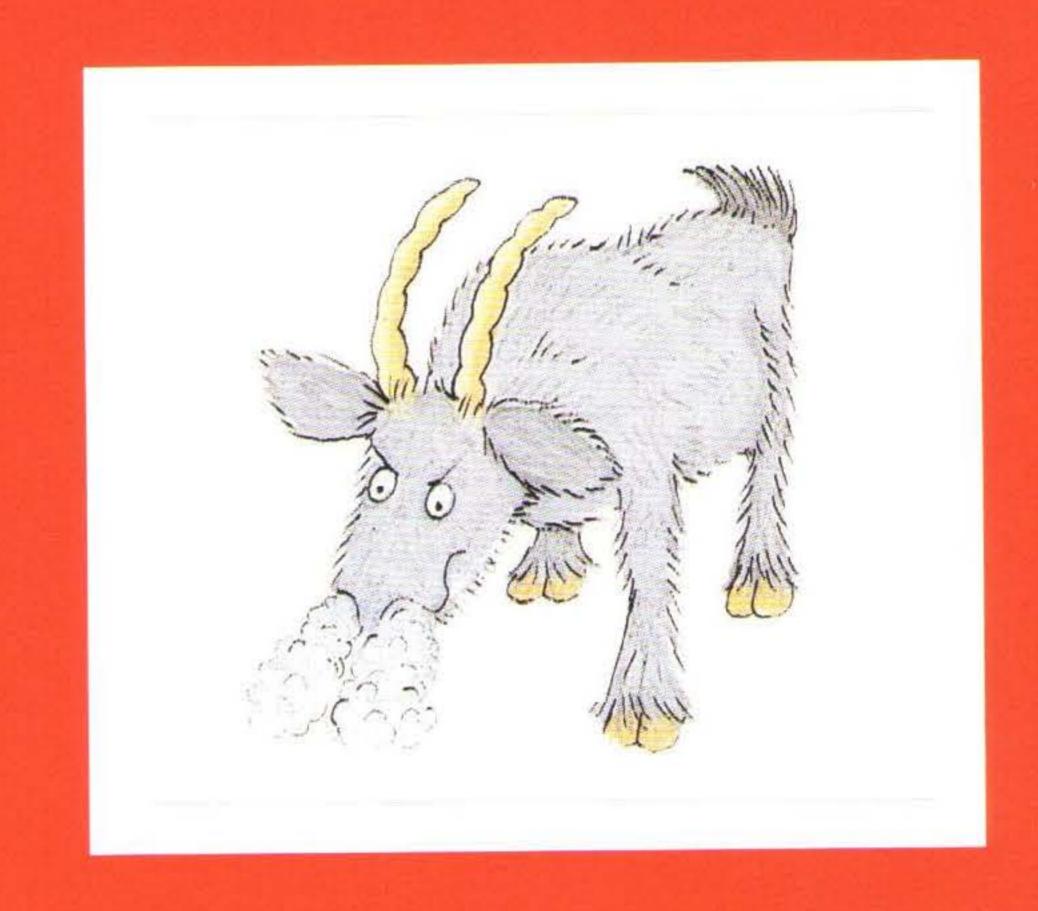




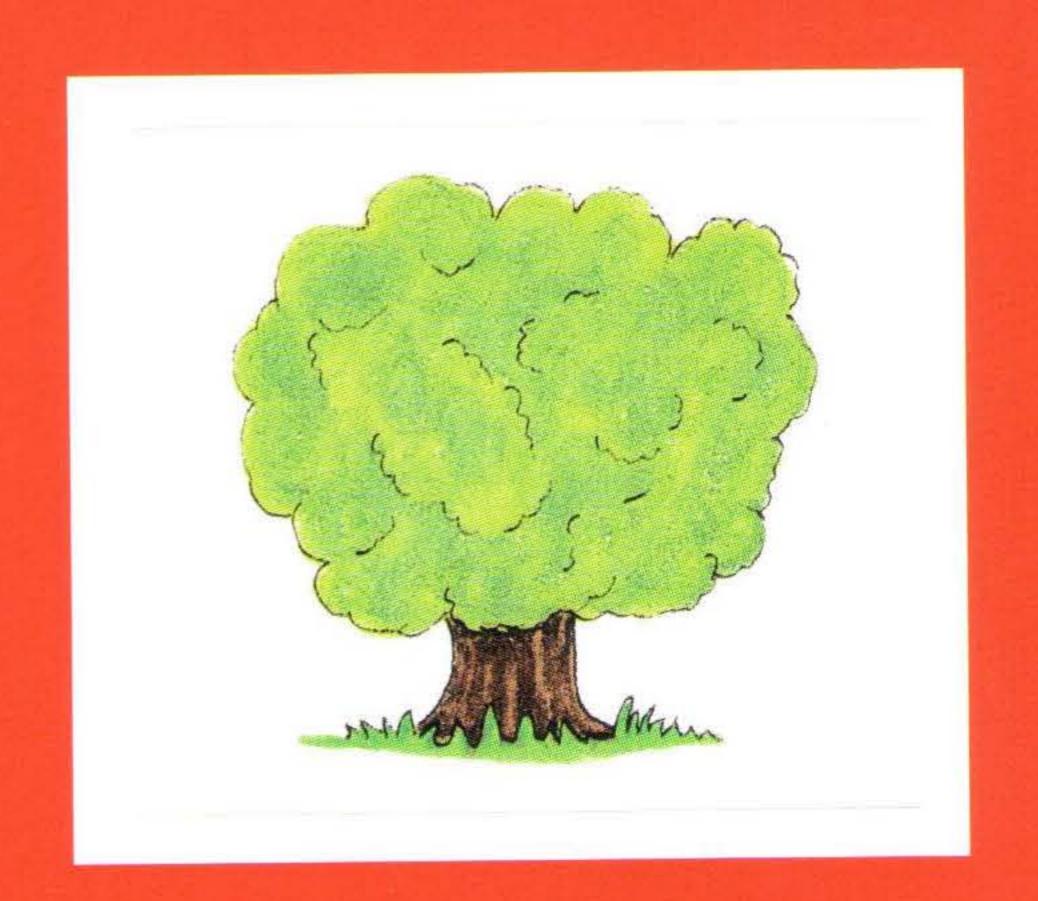


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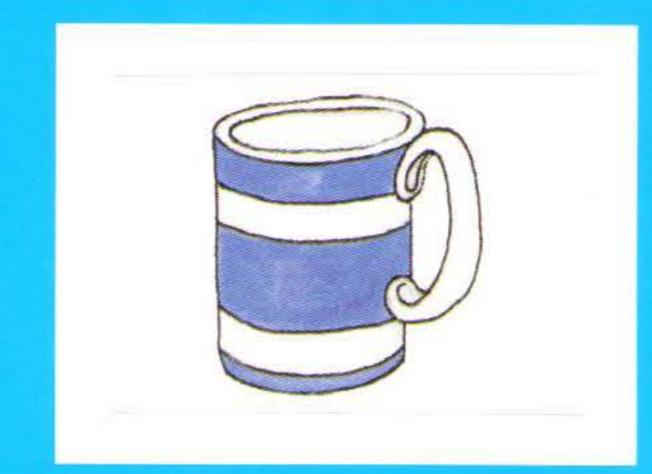


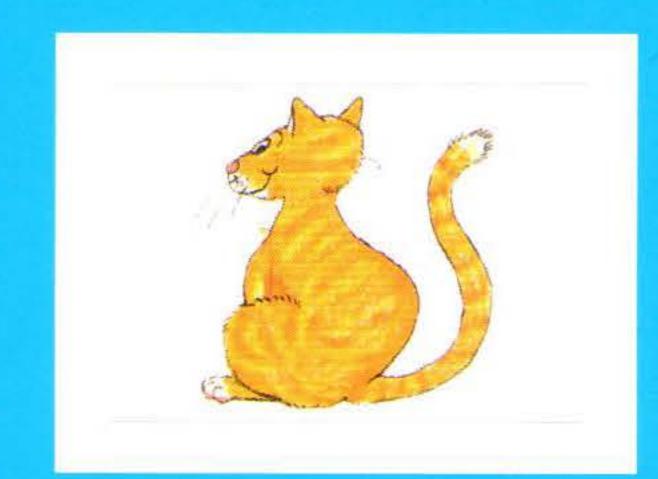












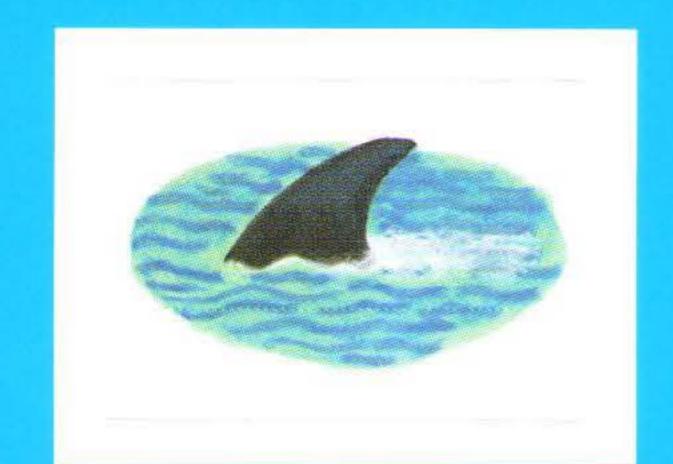












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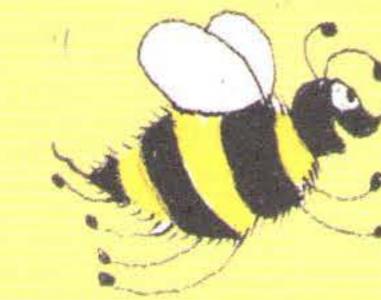


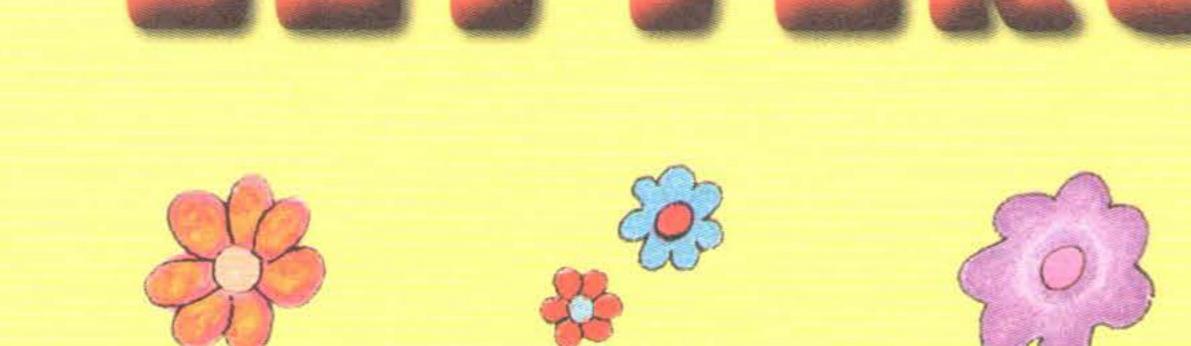
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LOWER CASE LOWER CASE LETTERS









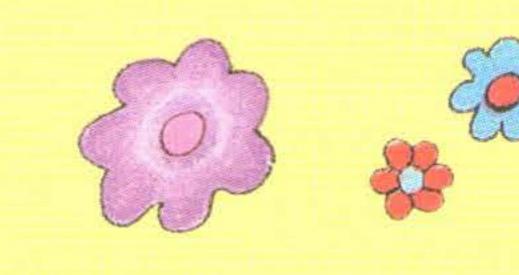


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The next act is Sharon the tightrope walker. She is wearing a sparkly outfit and soft shoes. She climbs to the top of the big tent and the ringmaster asks for everyone to be quiet. He walks around the edge of the ring, with his finger on his lips, going sh, sh, sh! There is a drum roll and Sharon starts to walk across. Do the action and say the sound! Action Place your index finger over your lips, and say shshsh.

Which of these things have the sound 'sh' in them?

Join them to the 'sh'.



Now You CAN

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Sh sh sh

Inky says,
"Hold your
pencil
correctly!"



Tips for Parents

When joining 's' and 'h', write the 's' as usual, then take the joining tail up to start the 'h'.

Fish Collage

Now your scales

Cut out scales

from all sorts

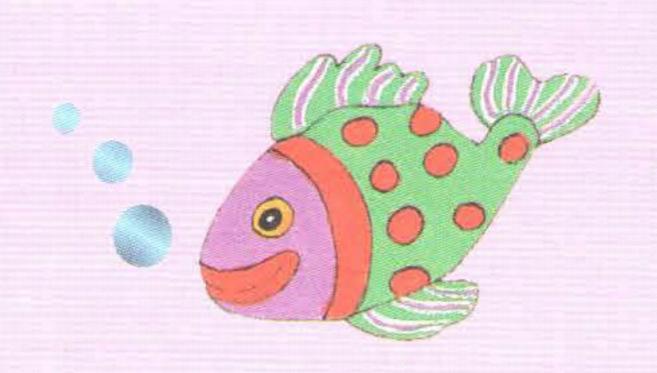
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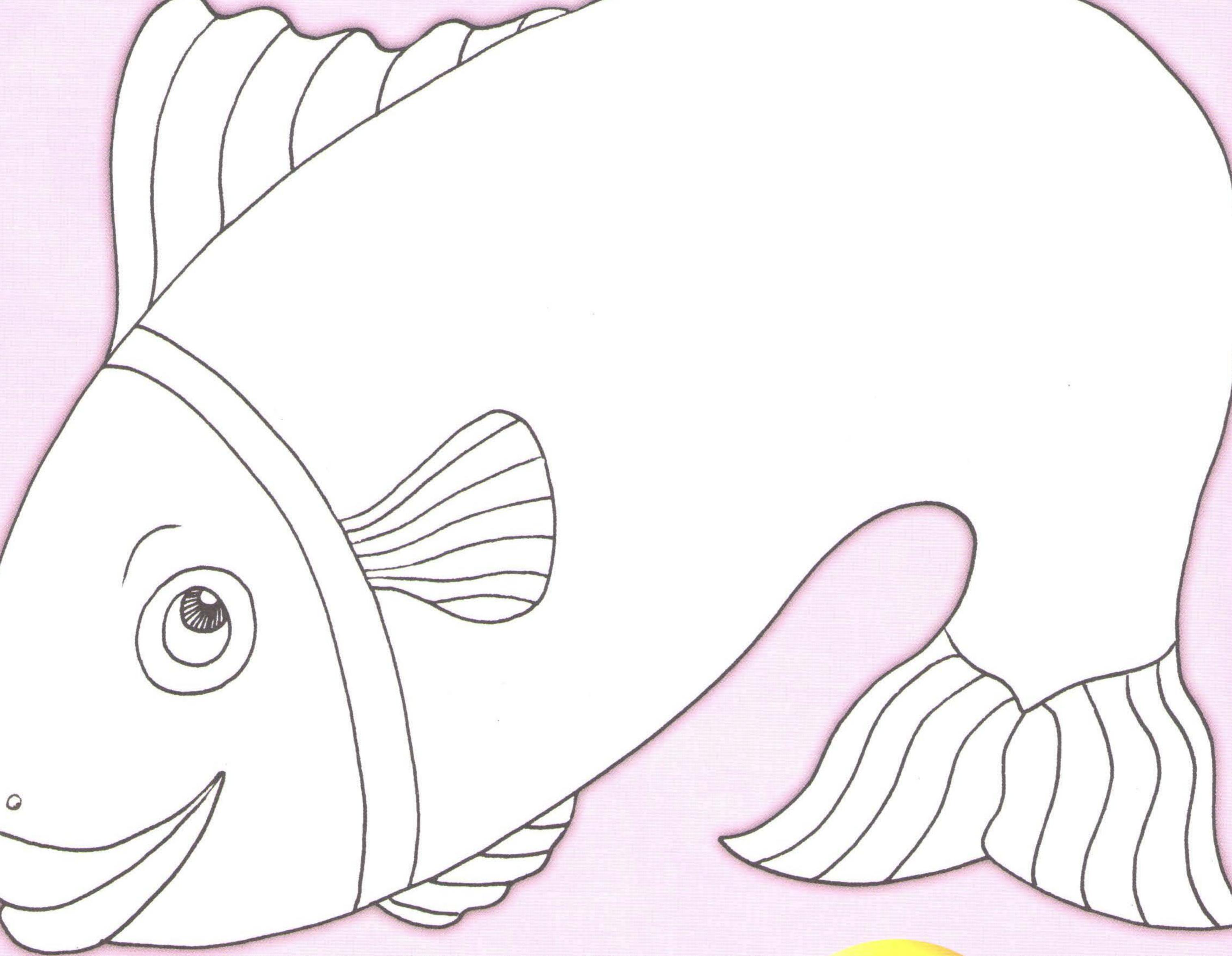
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Stick the scales on the fish!



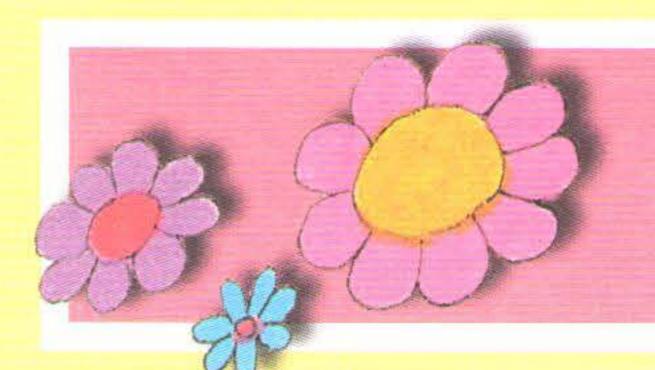






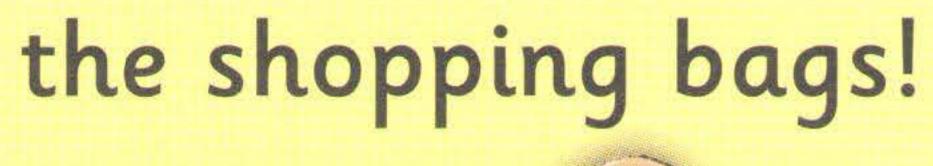
Hang
your fish
up!

I Went Shopping...



Sticker Activity

Read the word and find the sticker to match. Place the stickers in





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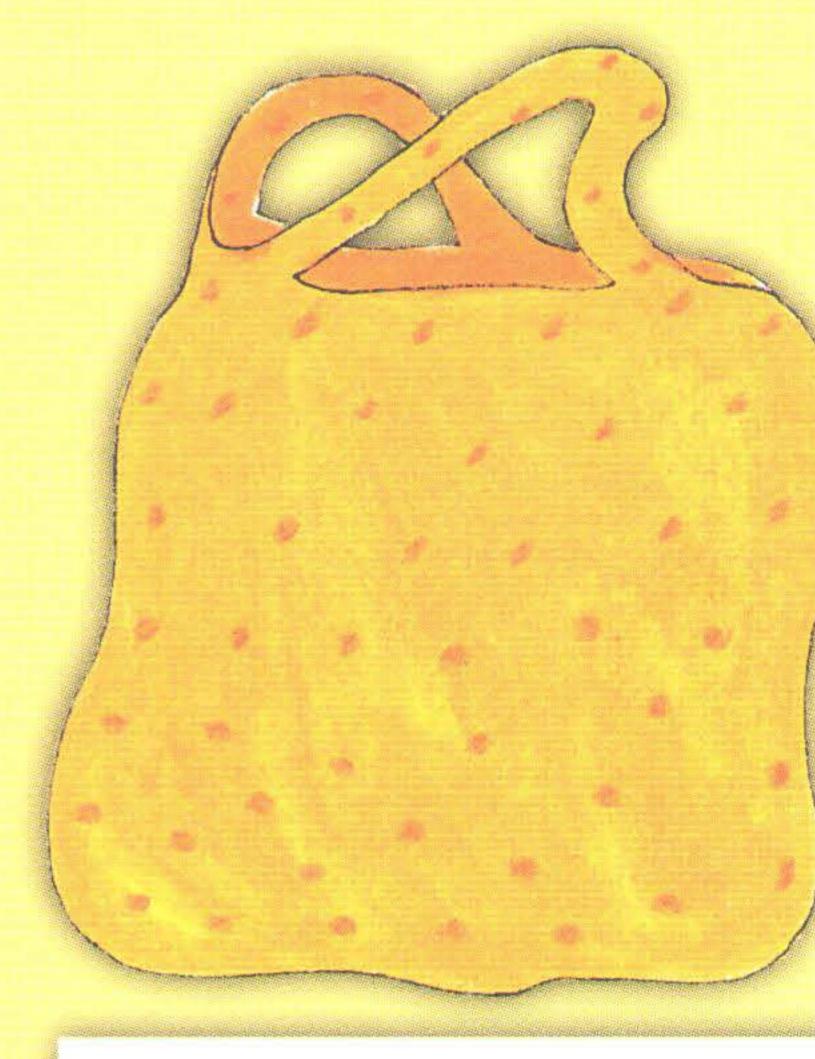
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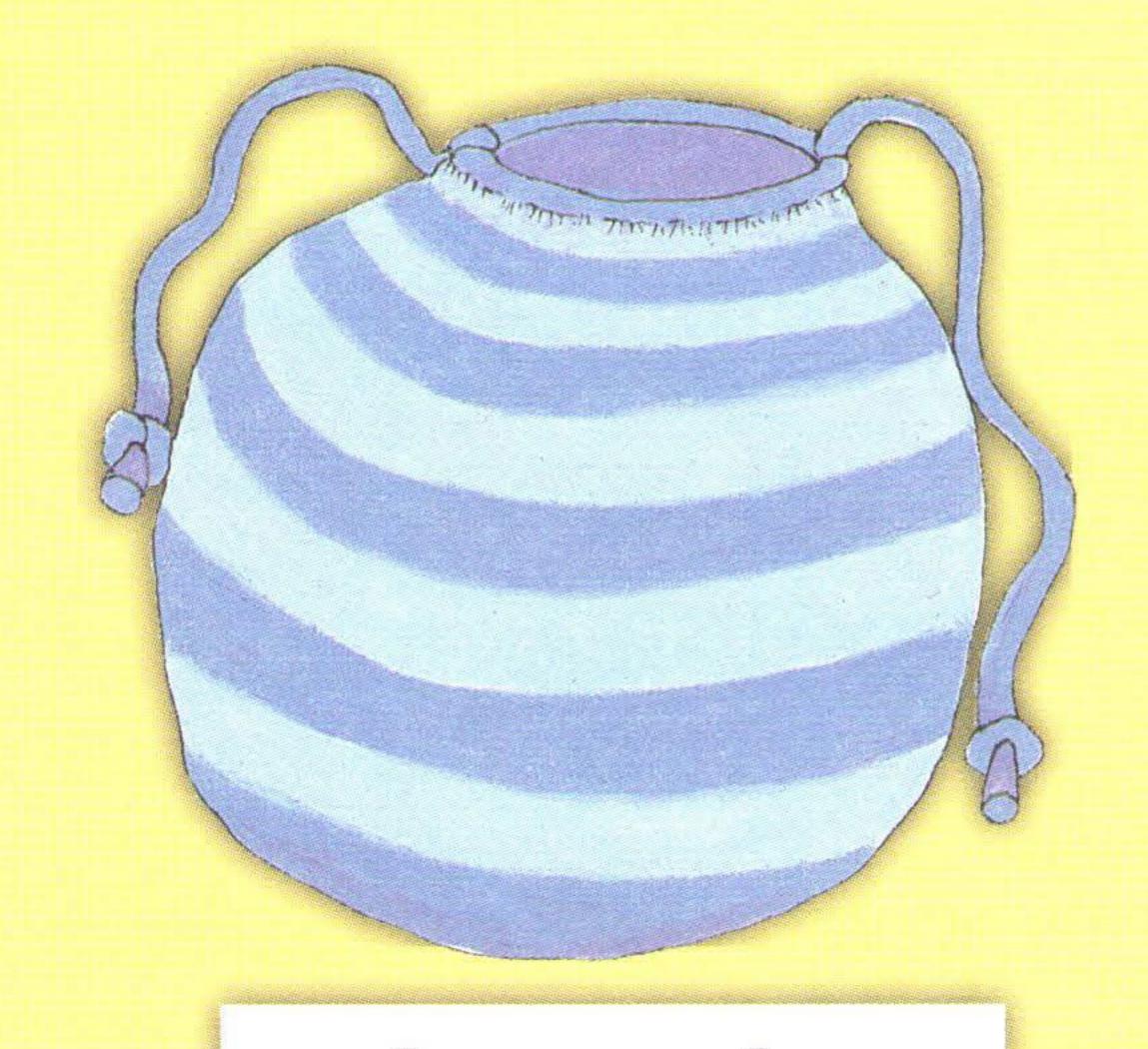
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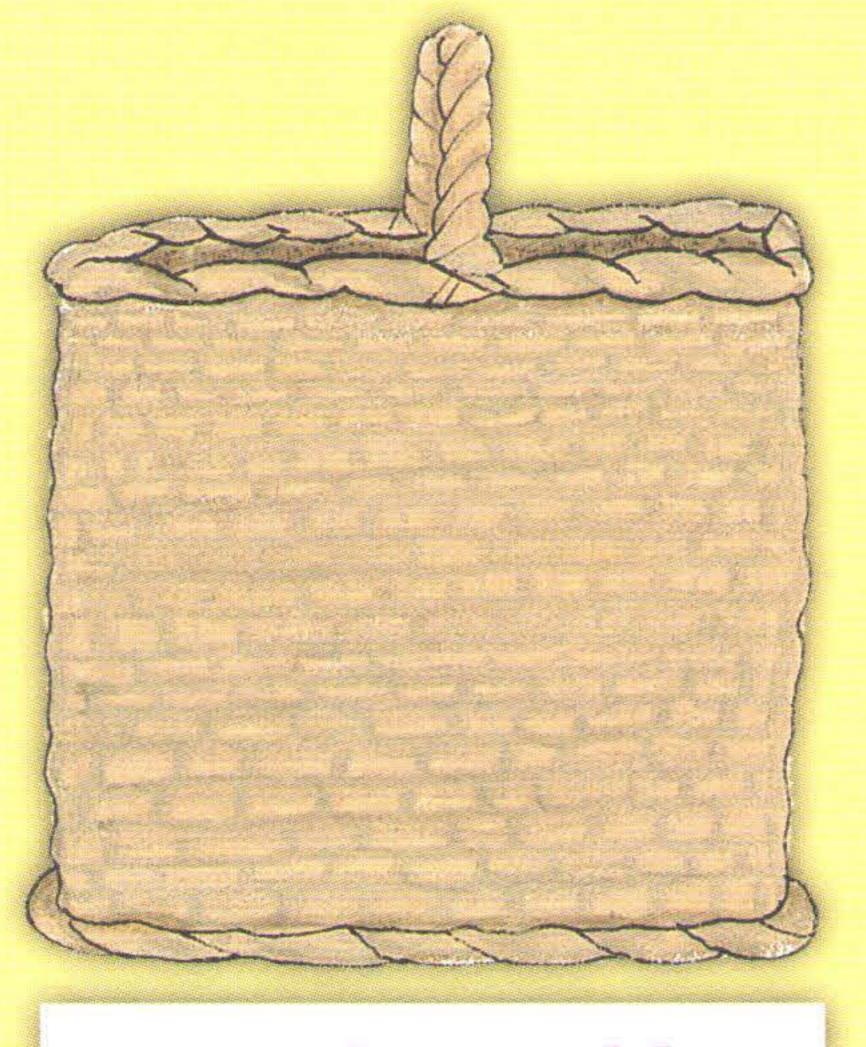
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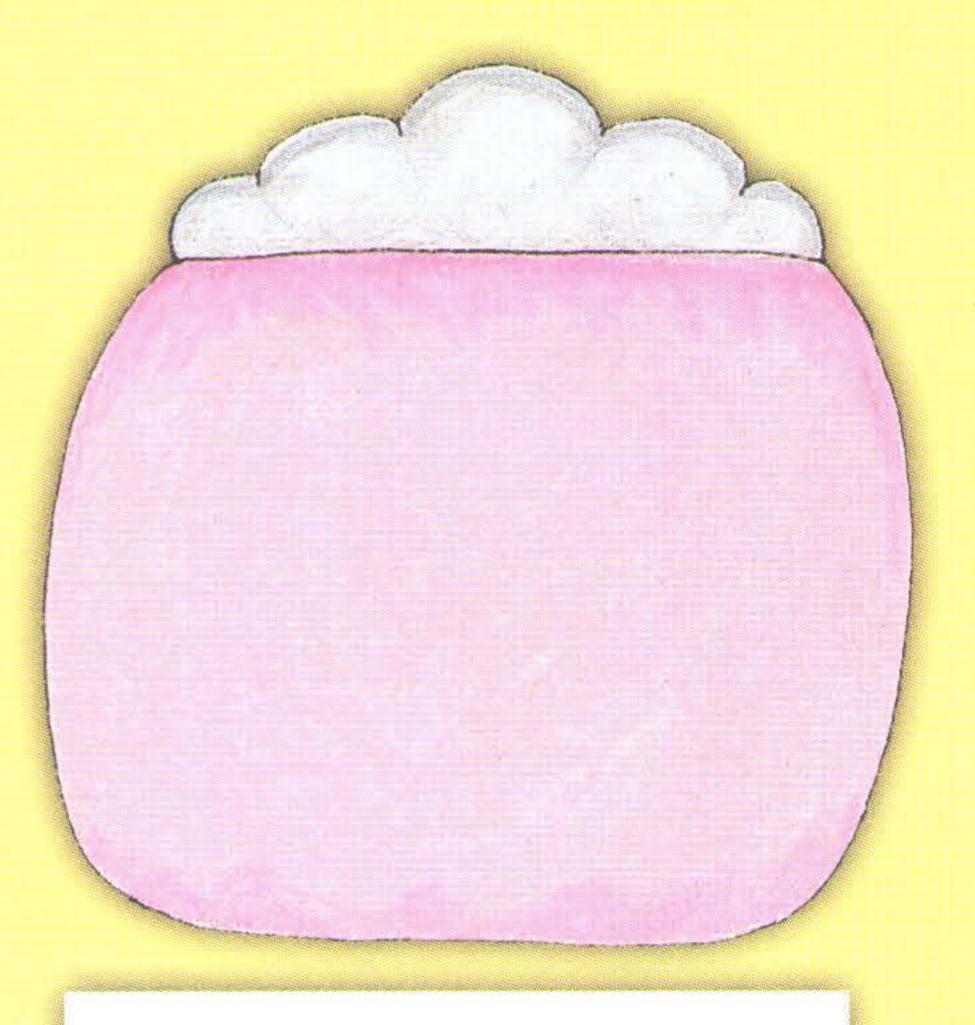
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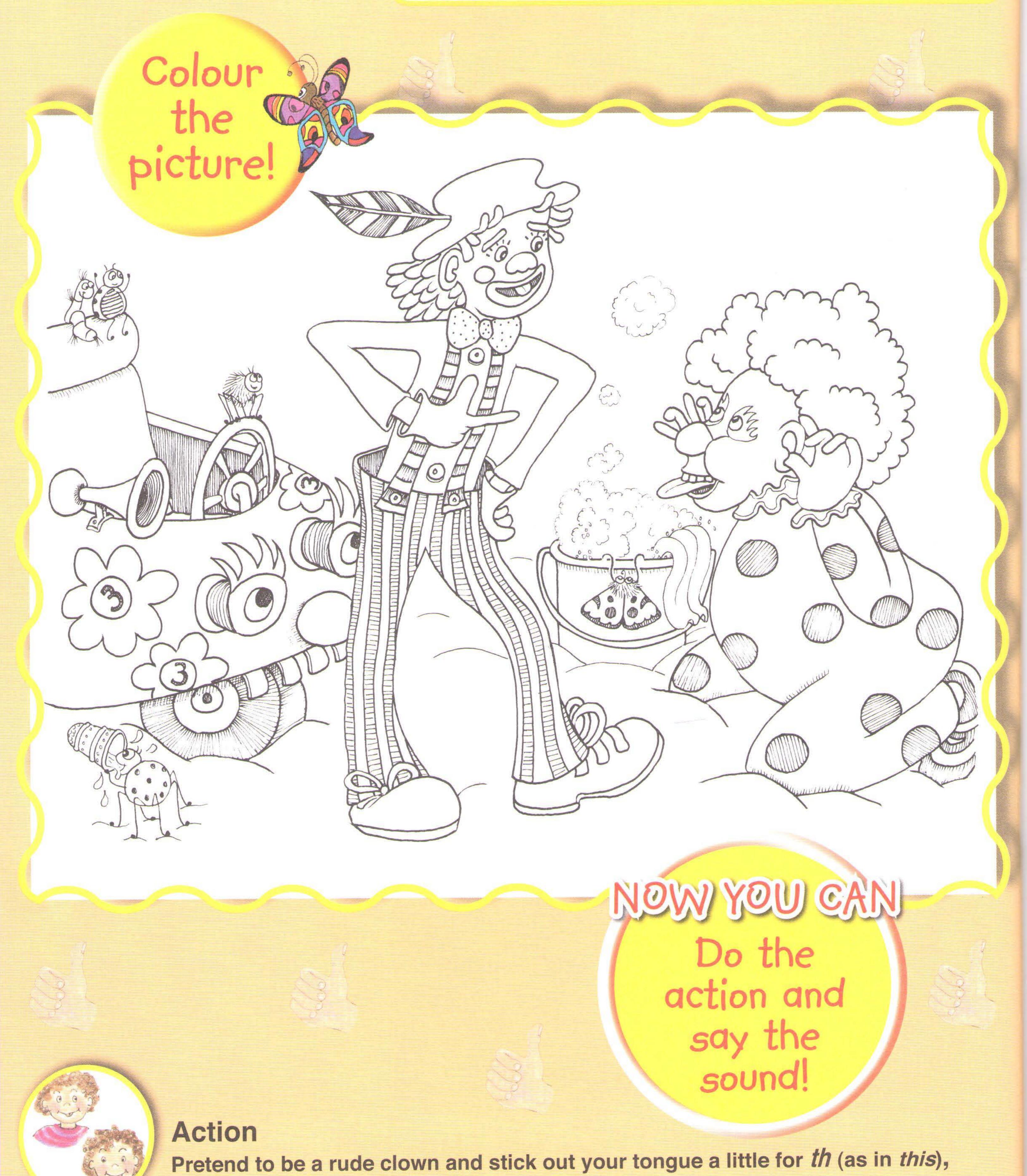


umbrella



cheese

Next, two clowns drove into the ring in a funny three-wheeled car. It wobbled and steered all over the place. The clowns got out and started to argue. The thin clown pushed the other clown, stuck out his tongue and went "th,,th, th!" ,The other clown shouted, "I can be ruder than you!" and stuck his tongue out even further, saying "th, th, th!"



and further for th (as in thumb).

Which of these things have one of the 'th' sounds in them?

Join them to the 'th'.



NOW YOU CAN Write the letters. Write on the dot and join the letters. letters.

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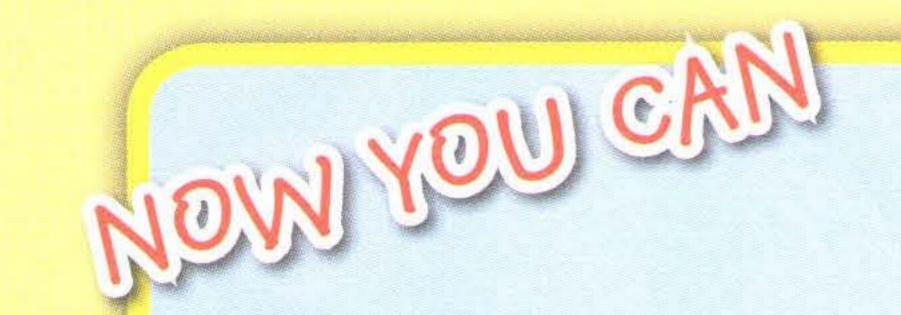
Inky says,
"Cross the
't' last
of all!"



Tips for Parents

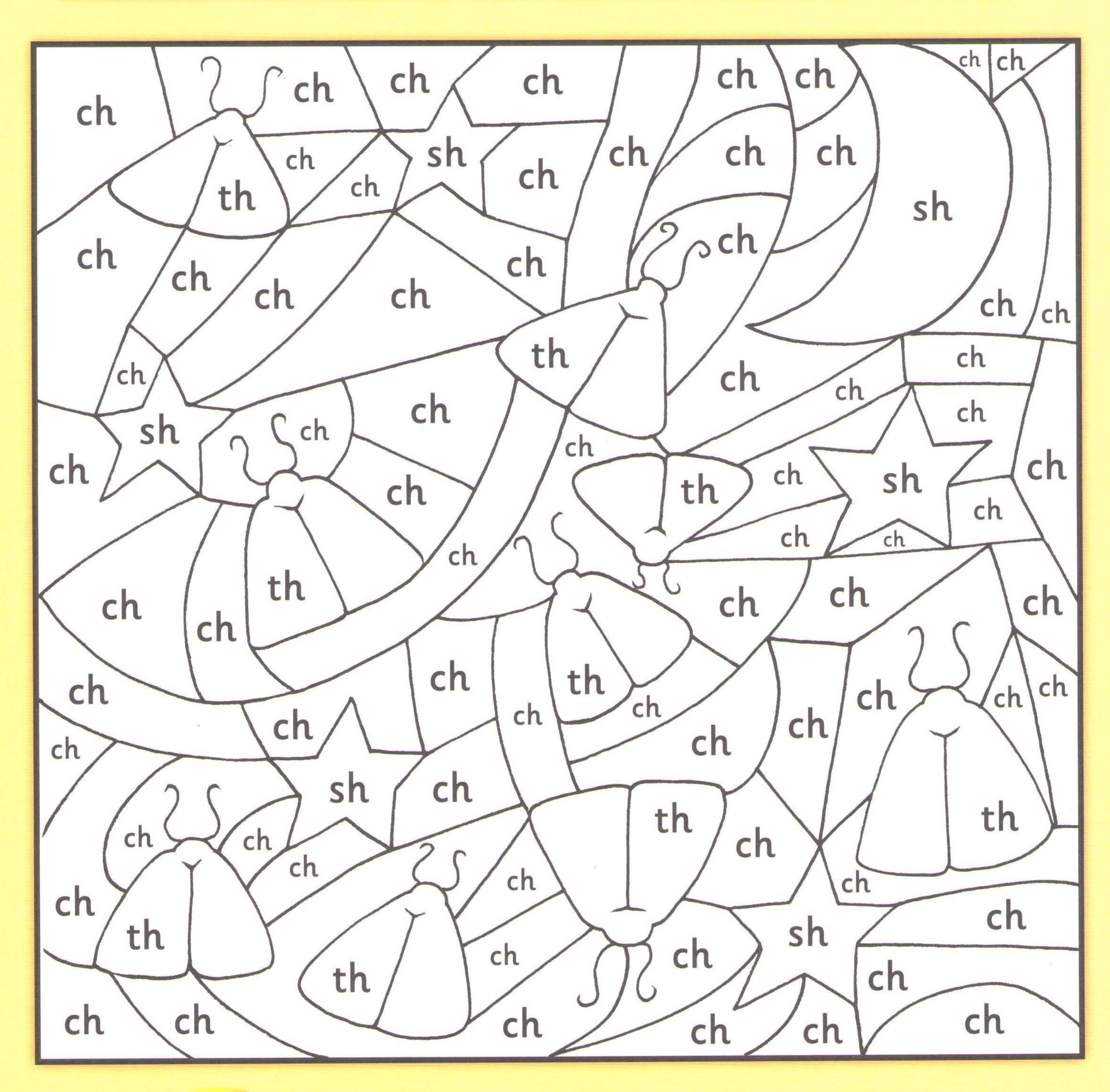
When joining 't' and 'h', start the first 't' as usual, then take the joining tail up to start the 'h'. Cross the 't' when the 'h' is finished.

Find the Moths



Colour the 'th' pieces red.
Colour the 'sh' pieces yellow.
Colour the 'ch' pieces black.





How many moths can you see?

I can see

moths.



or



or



Join each word to its missing sound.



















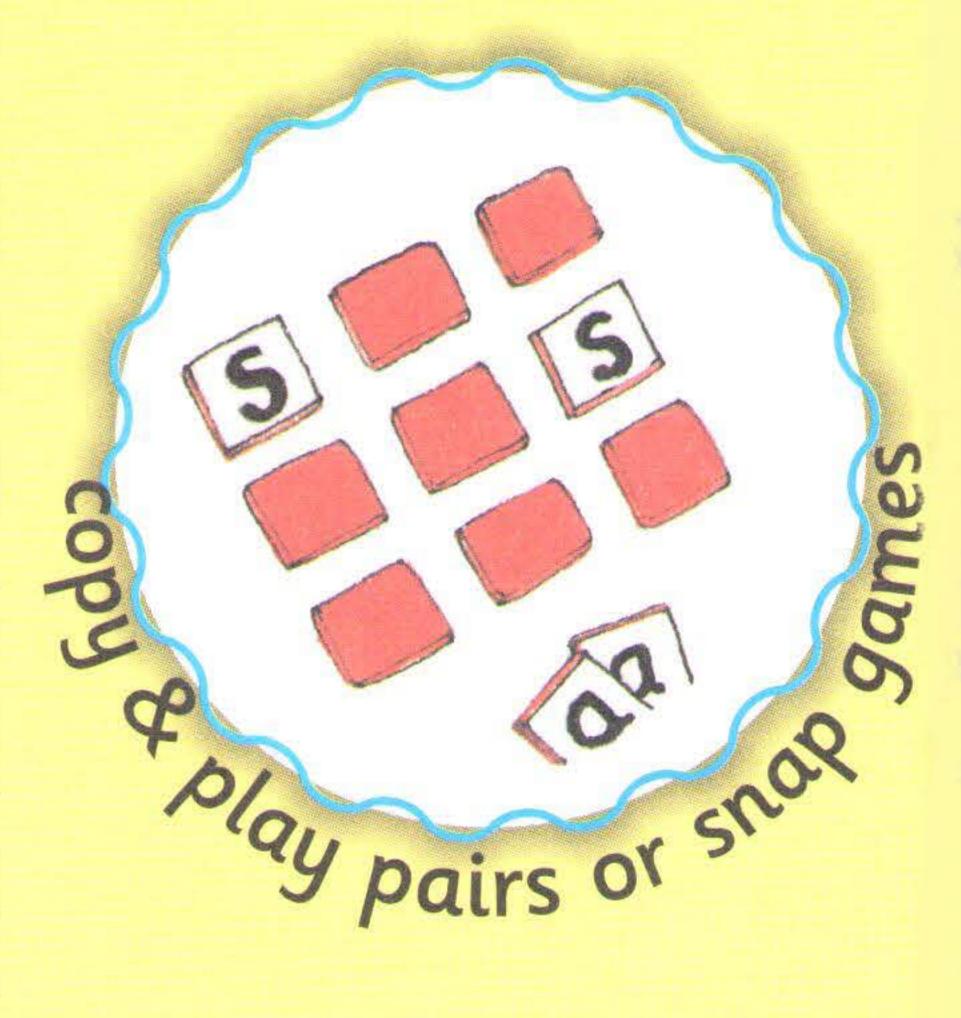


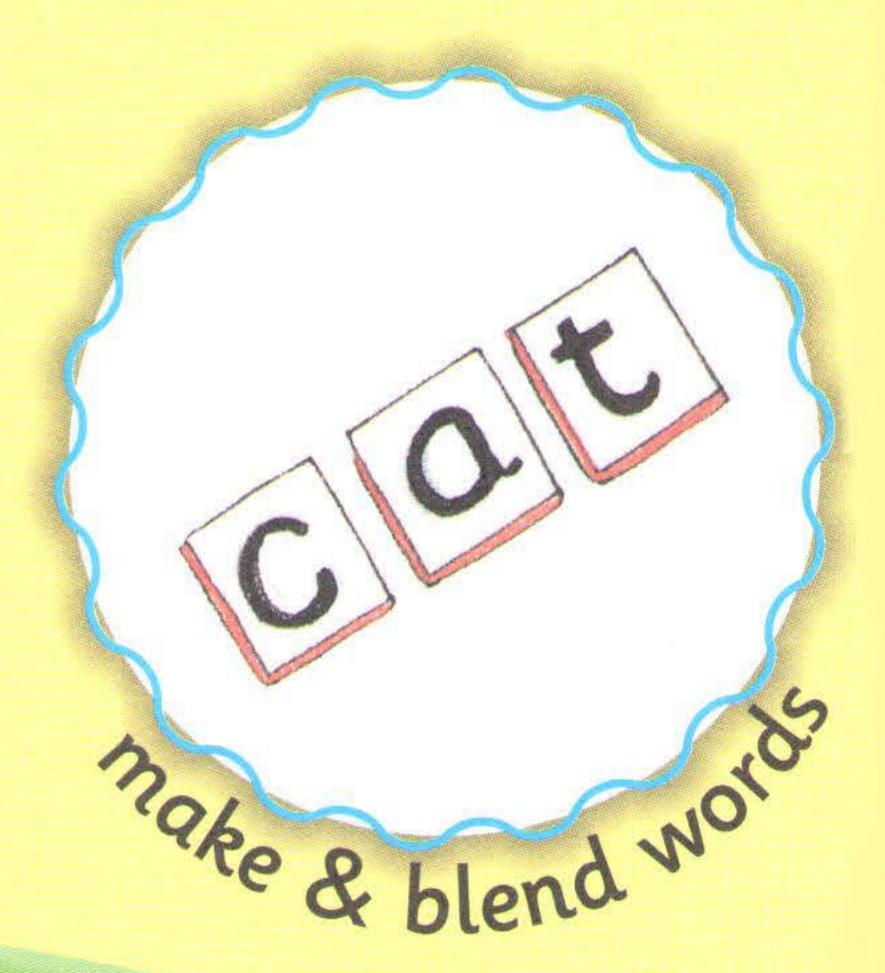




Sound Cards

How to use these cards







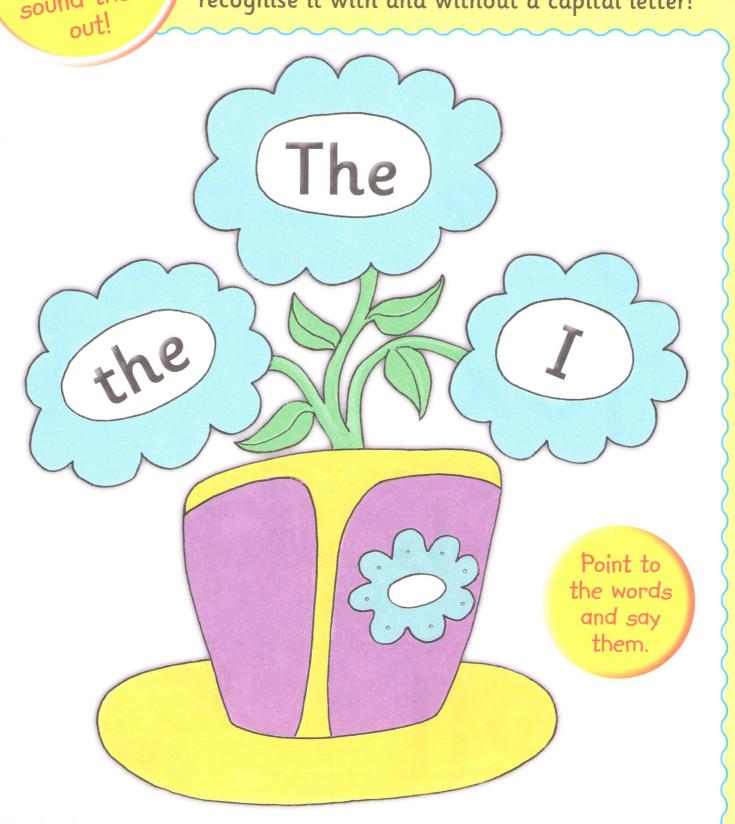
Tips for Parents

Cut out each sound card as your child learns the sound. Keep them for use with other activity books.

NOW YOU CAN Learn these words. You can't sound them out!

Tricky Words

Most tricky words are common words. The word 'the' starts lots of sentences so it is good to recognise it with and without a capital letter!





Tips for Parents

Word and Picture Matching

NOW YOU CAN

Join the words

to the pictures

and later you

can cut out

can cut out

and match.



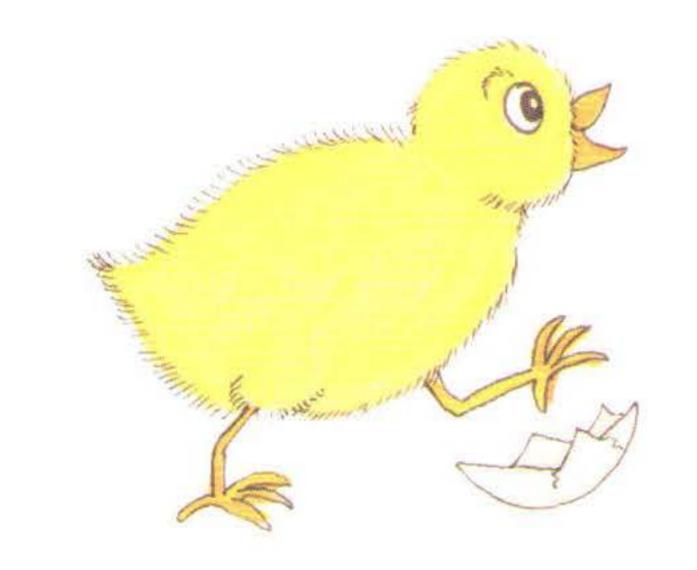
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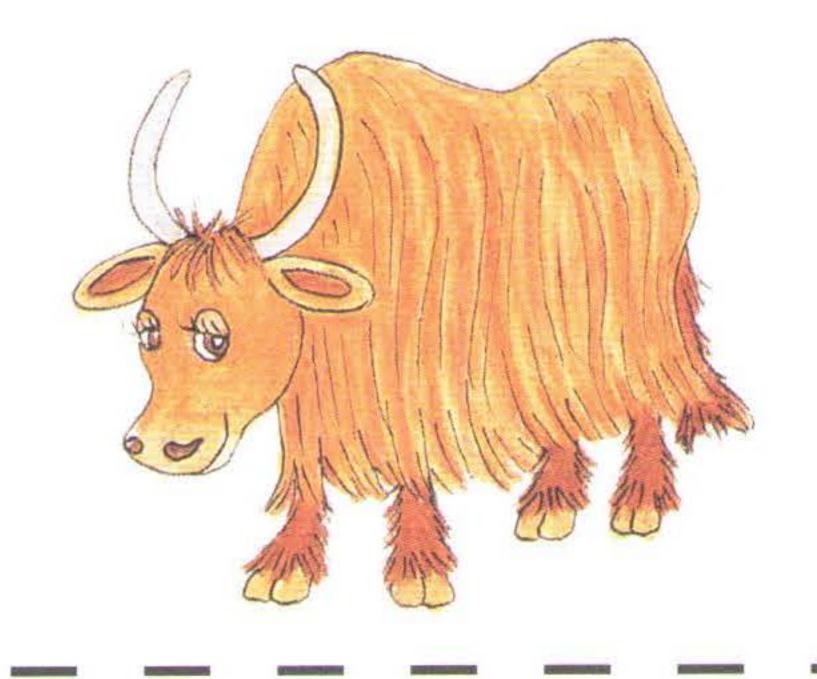


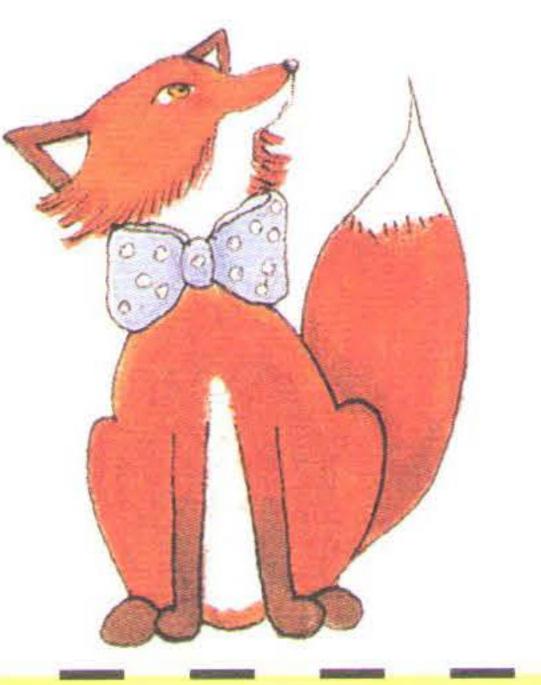














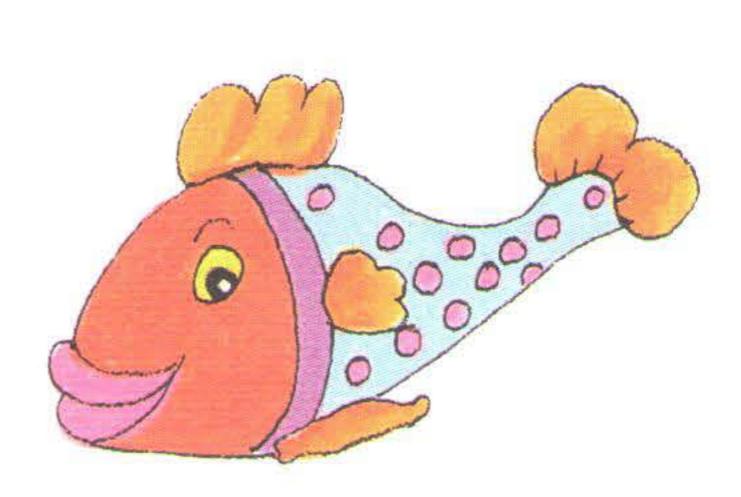
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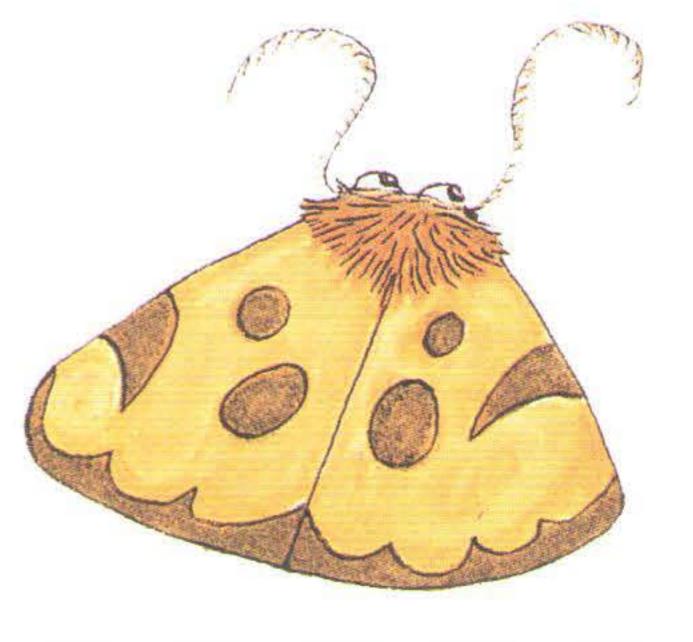
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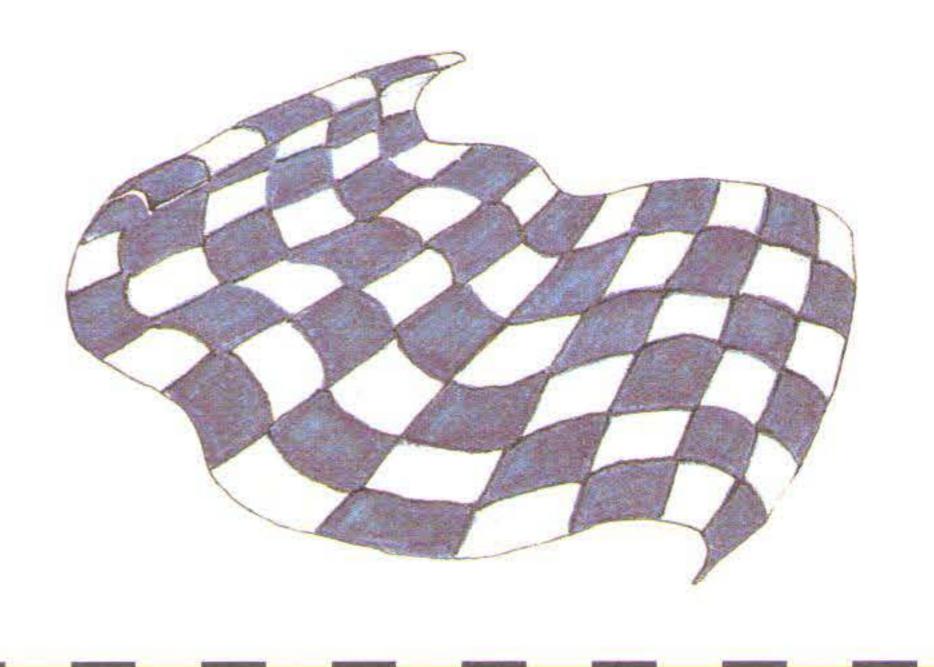
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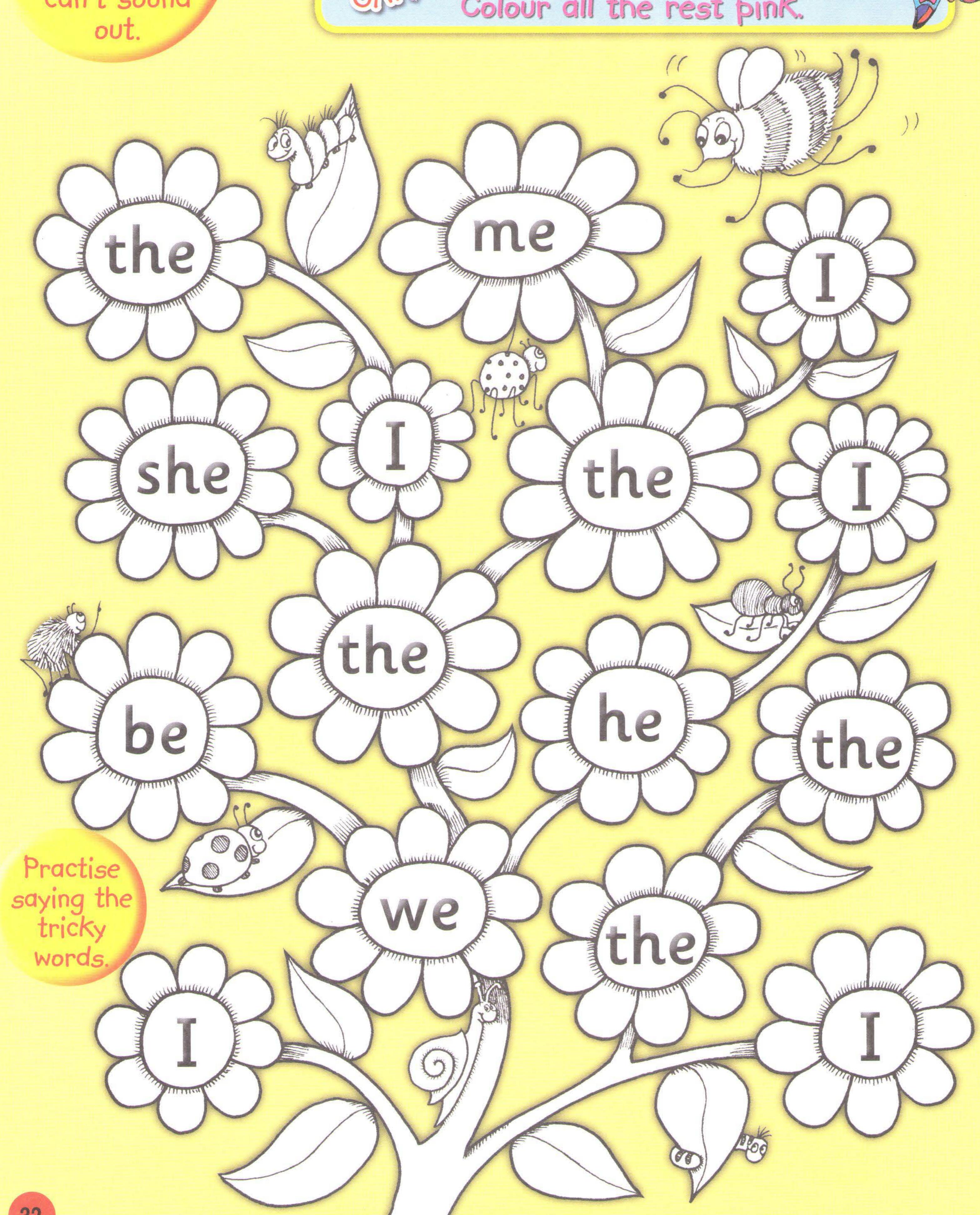


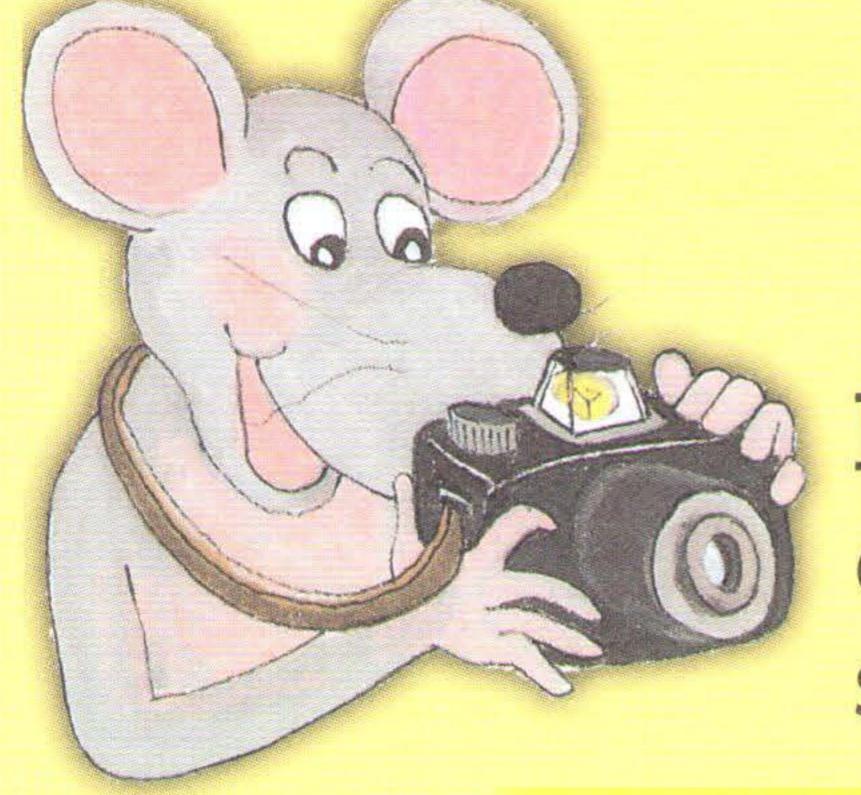


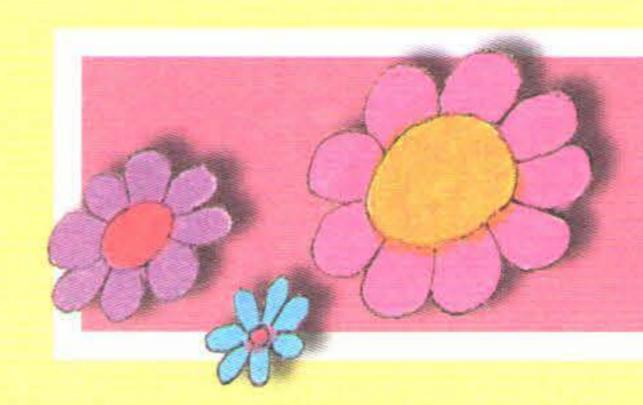
Remember 'the' and 'I'?
Here are some more words you can't sound out.

More Tricky Words

Colour flowers with 'the' red. Colour flowers with 'I' yellow. Colour all the rest pink.







Sticker Activity

It is difficult to make a sentence without using a tricky word. Read the sentences and find the stickers to match.

Help Inky develop her photos!

I can see a tree.

I see a snail in the rain.

The frog sees the flies

The big goat snorts.

Practise Writing the Letters

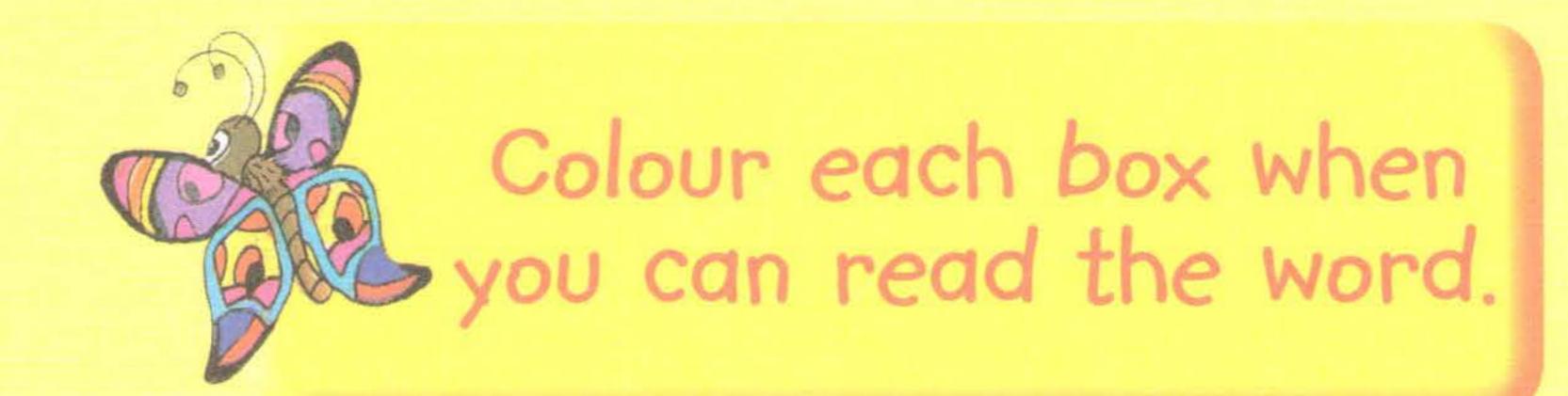
Start on the dot and try to stay inside the lines!



ch ch ch th th th th

NOW YOU CAN Read these words!

I Can Read!



yes	chin	shop	this
yak	chop	ship	that
yet	much	shed	then
yell	bench	shut	them
Six	lunch	mash	with
fox	chest	fish	thin
wax	chicken	brush	moth
exit	check	smash	three
next	pinch	shell	think



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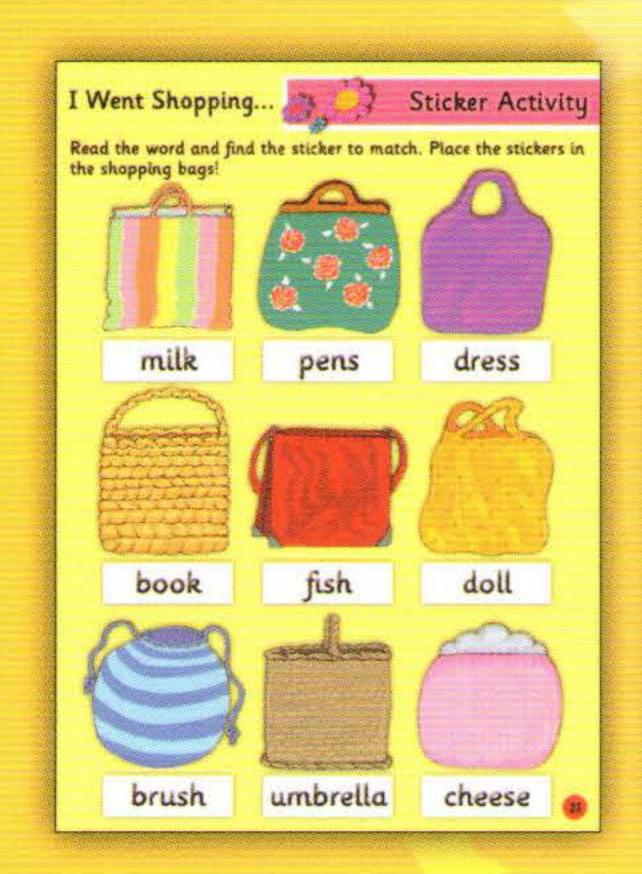
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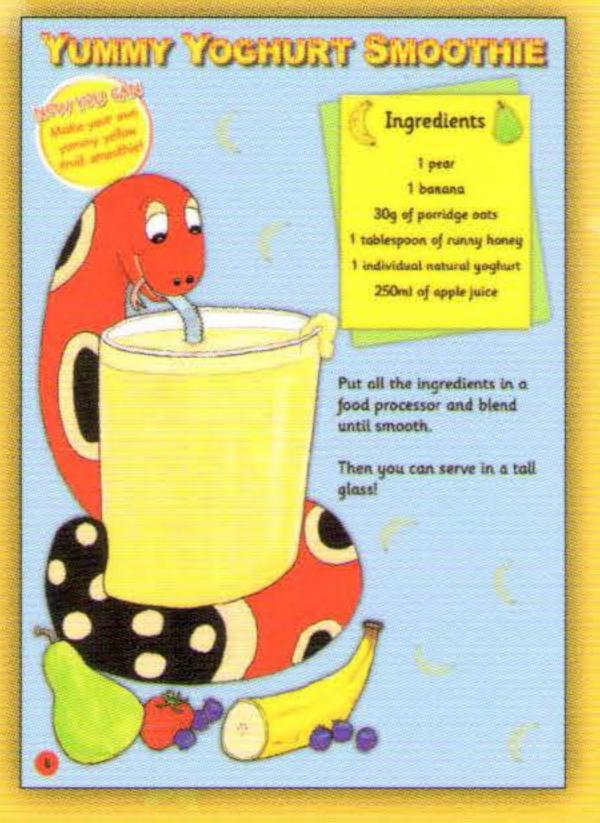
The first fun steps in learning to read and write

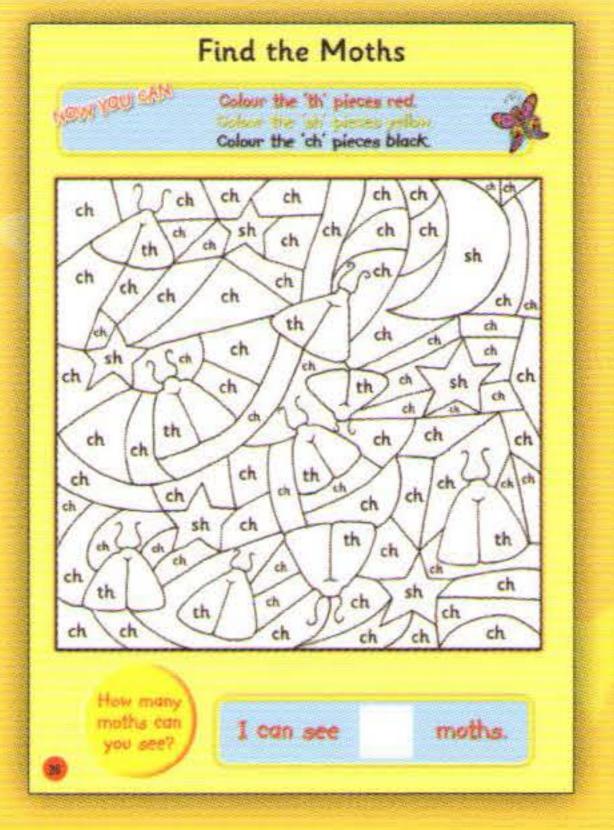


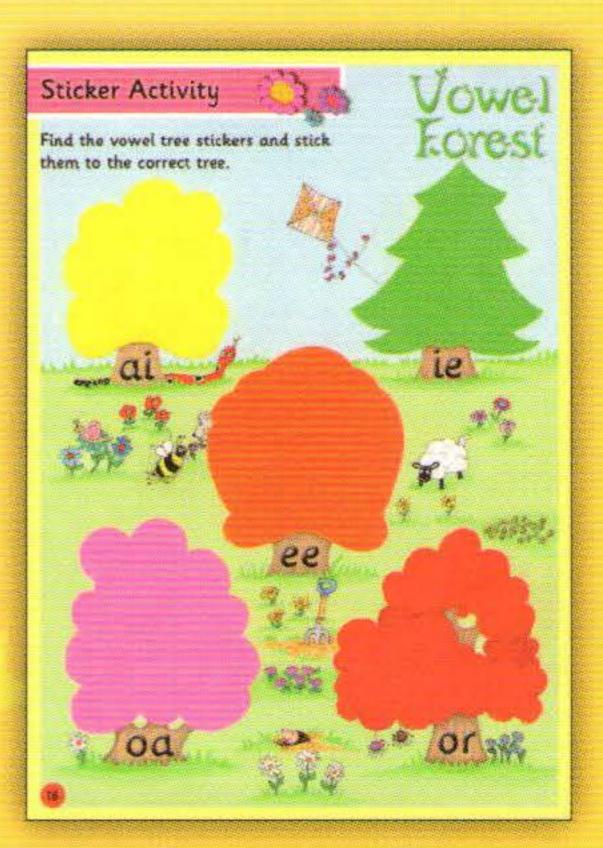
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