

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, 00

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

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

Letter Formation

Check that your child is holding the pencil correctly when writing. In this book there is letter formation practice on pages 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 21, 25, 29, 32 and 34.

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, 6, 10, 14, 23, 26, 27, 29, 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, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21 and 25.

TrickyIWords

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 3, 18, 19 and 32.

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

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Remember these sounds from sounds from Activity Books
1, 2, 3, 4, 5
1, 2, 3, 4, 5
and 6?

Tick the sounds and words that you can read!

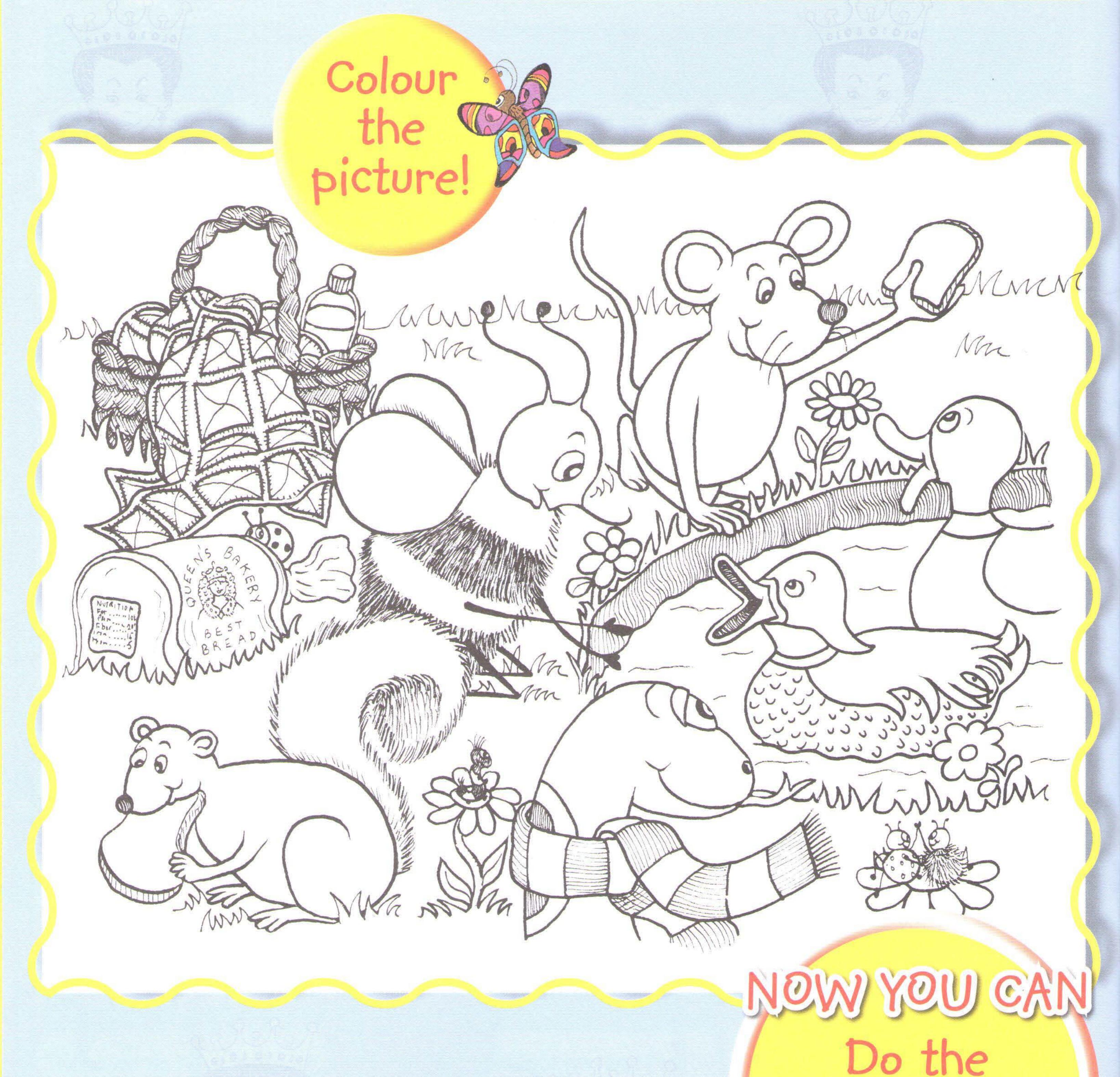
Match the words to the pictures too!



Inky, Bee and Snake are visiting a wildlife park. "Look at all those ducks," buzzes Bee. "I didn't know there were so many different kinds - "qu, qu, qu!" she quacks at them. "I want to see the rest of the animals now," hisses Snake in a croaky voice. "Are you all right?" askes Inky. "I think so," says Snake, coughing. "You sound like a strange duck when you cough!" says Bee.

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say the sound!

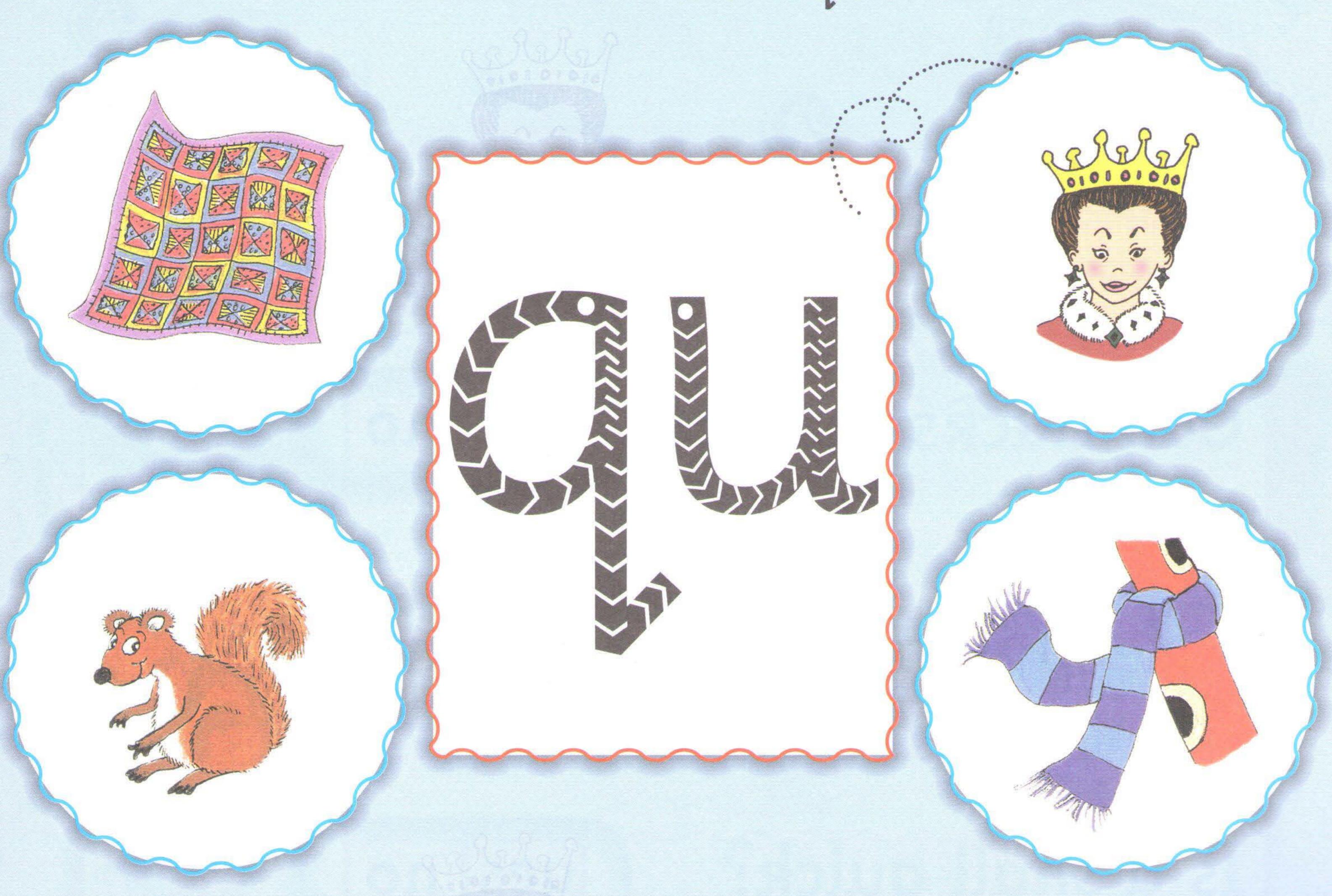


Action

Make a duck's beak with your hands, and say qu, qu, qu.

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

Join them to the 'qu'.



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Write the letters.
Write at the top
start at the top
and join the
letters.

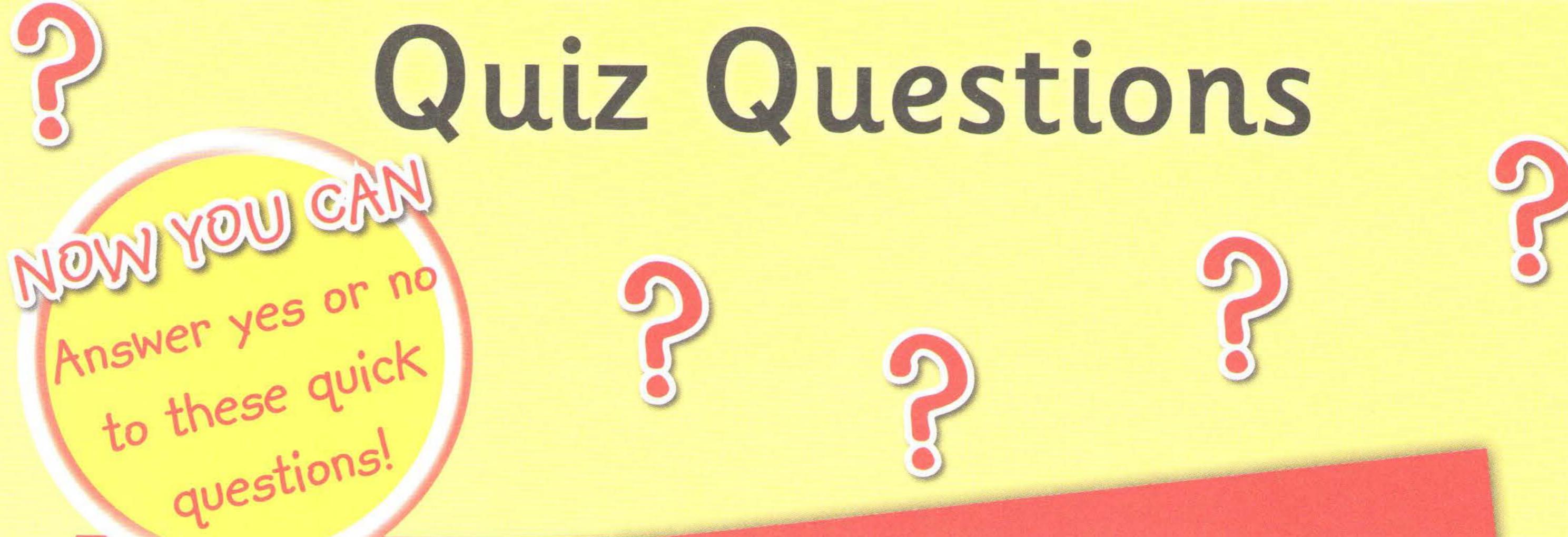


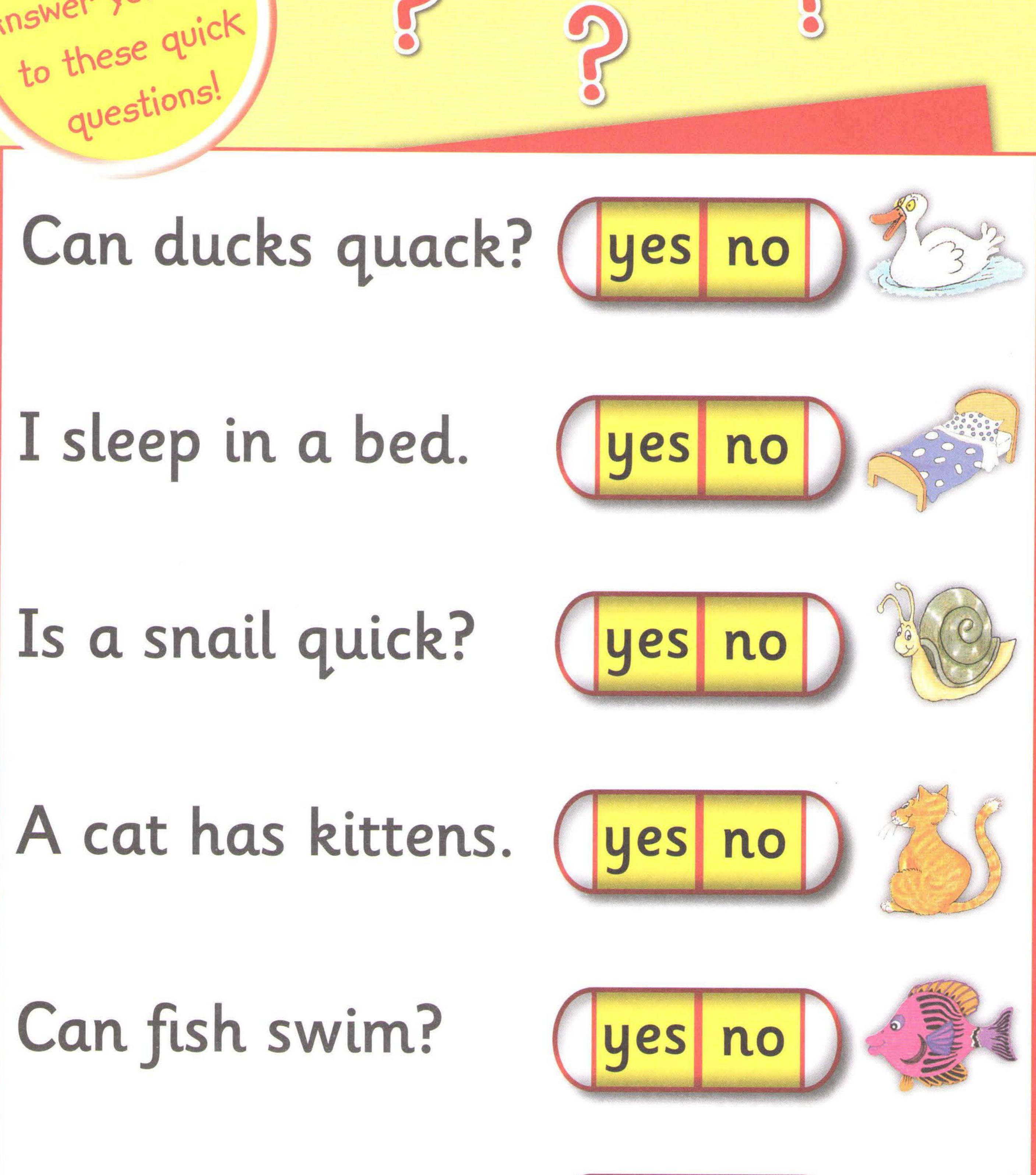
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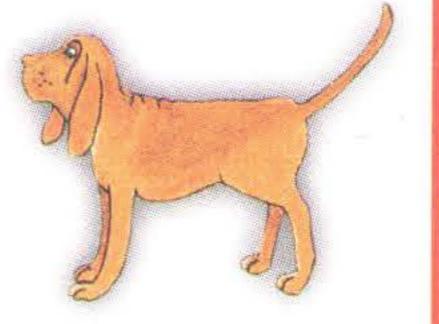
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When joining 'q' and 'u', write the 'q' as usual, then bring the joining tail up to start the 'u'.





Can dogs sing? yes no



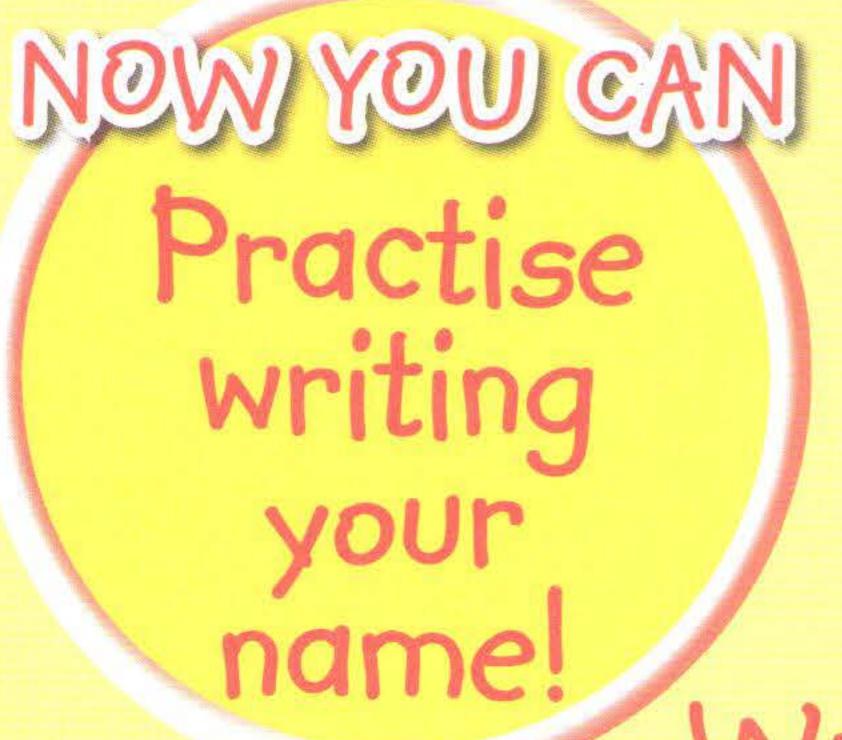




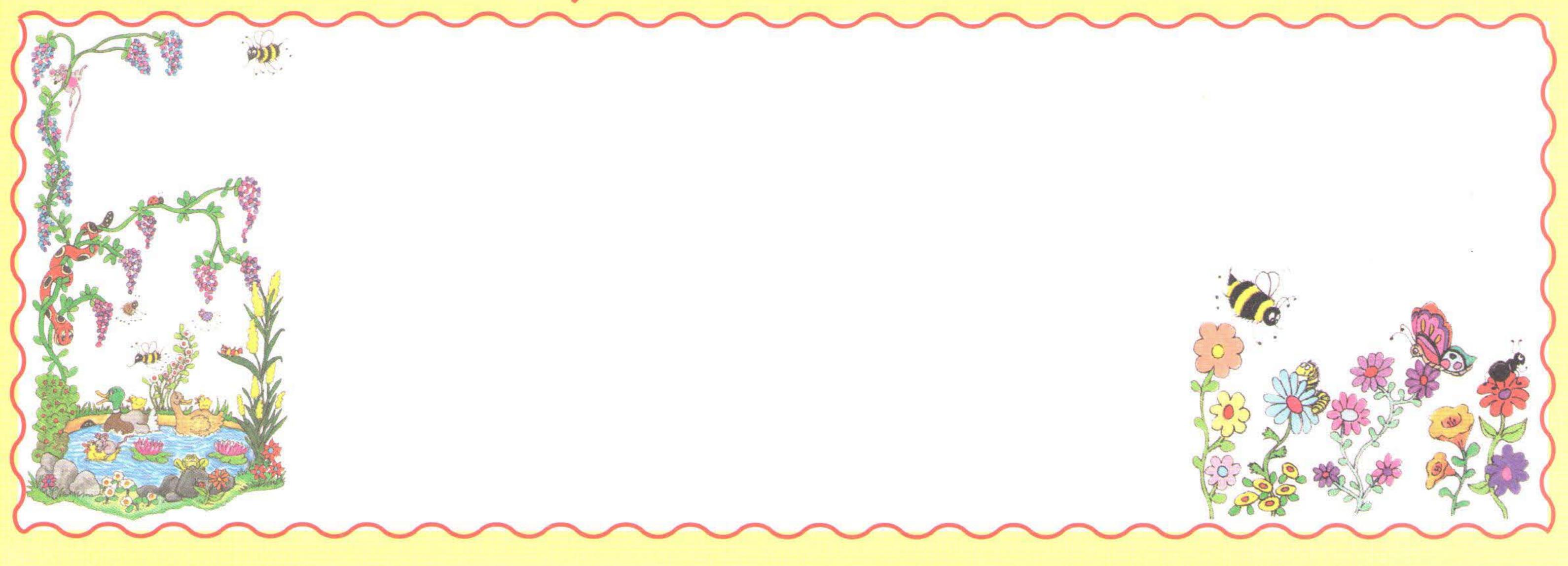




What's Your Name?

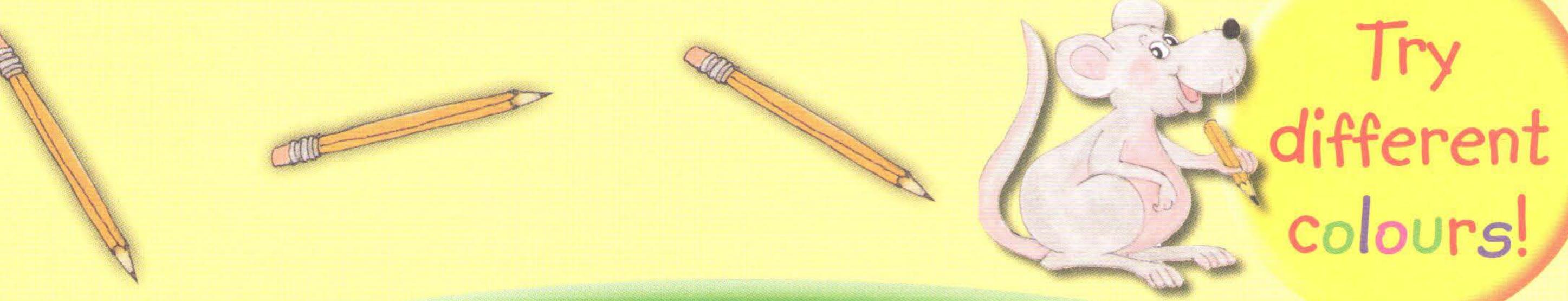






Would you like to try writing your surname here?

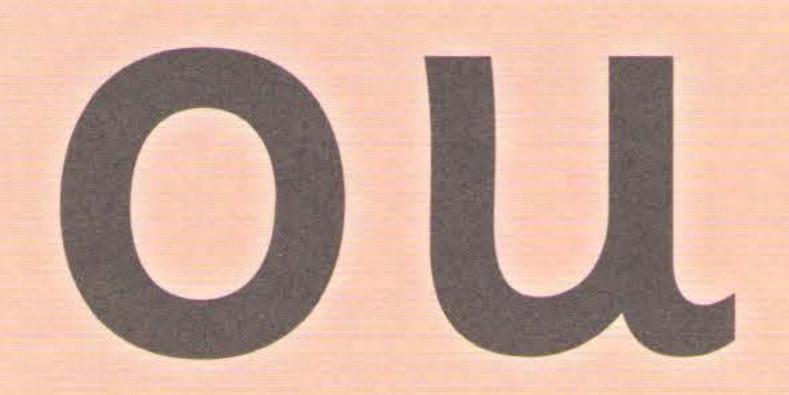






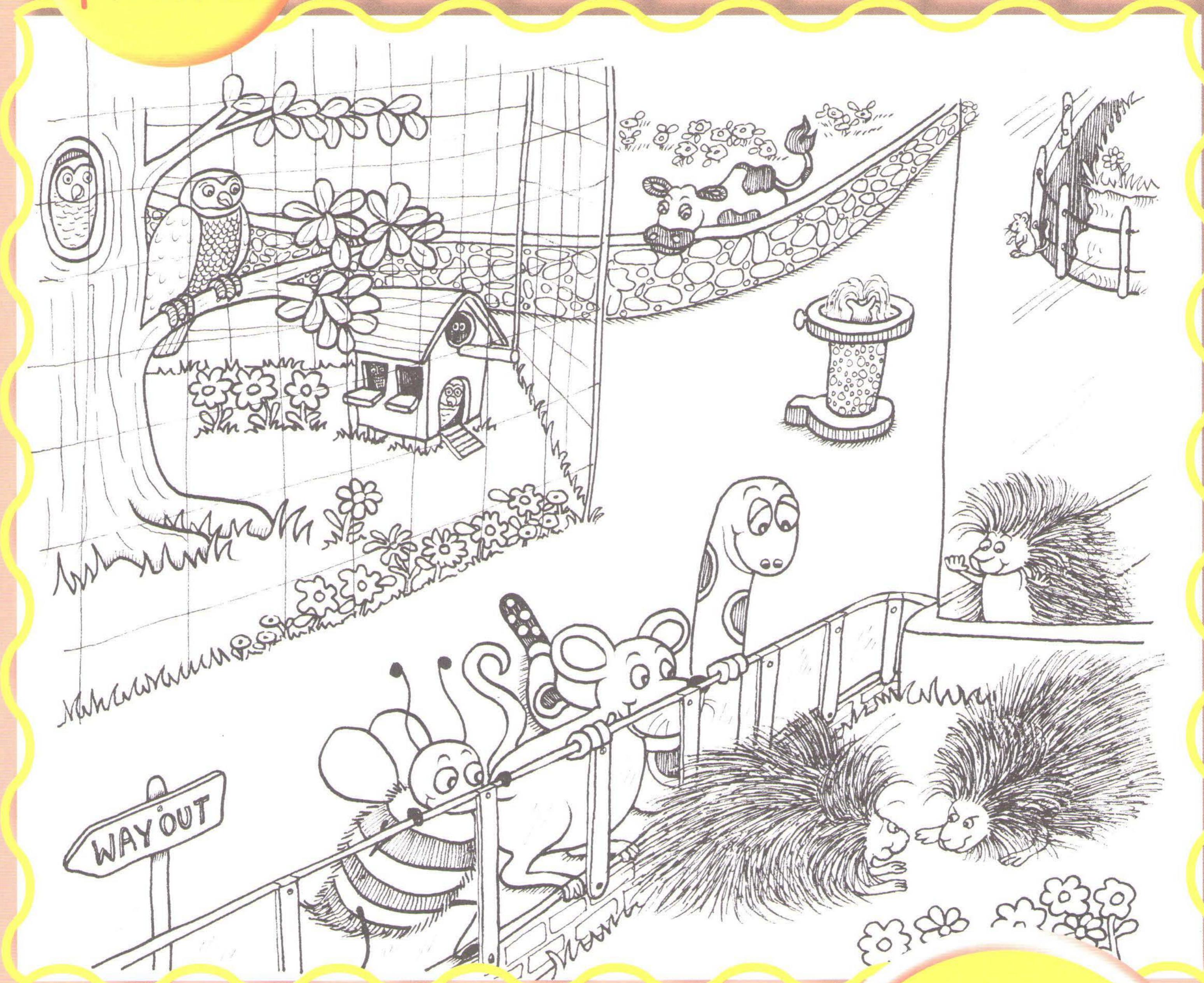
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If your child finds this tricky, use tracing paper and ask them to trace their name.



Colour the bicture!

Inky, Bee and Snake walk past the owl house until they reach the porcupines. Most of them are asleep but outside, two porcupines are looking angrily at each other. "Look at the spikes on those!" Bee gasps. "They're called needles, not spikes," says Snake. "I wouldn't want any of those needles stuck into me - ou, ou, ou!" shudders Bee.





Action

Pretend your finger is a needle and prick your thumb, saying *Ou*, *Ou*, *Ou*.

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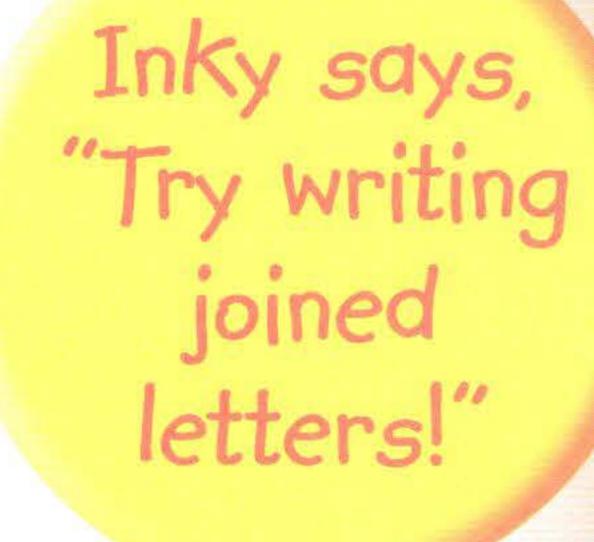
Do the action and say the sound!

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

Join them to the 'ou'.



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Write the letters.
Write at the top
and join the
letters.



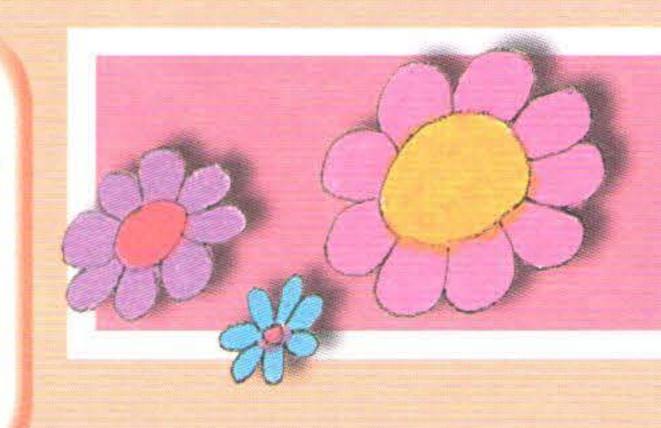


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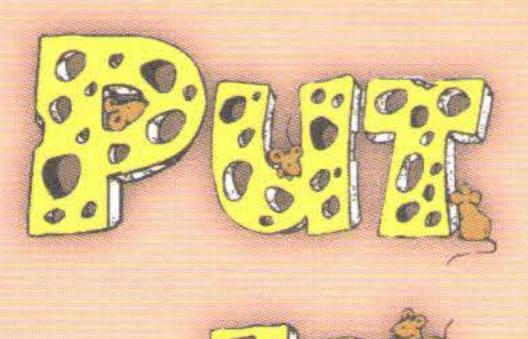
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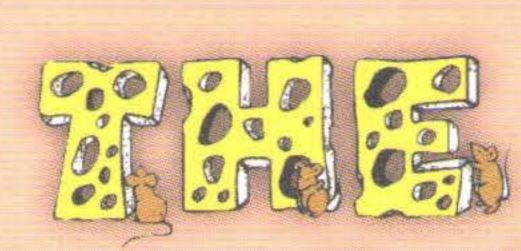
Sticker Activity Put your NOW YOU CAN Read the words and find the and find the stickers that stickers on the porcupines. match. mouse SOULIN

NOW YOU CAN Find the mouse sticker with the vowel sound to match the picture on the house.



Sticker Activity





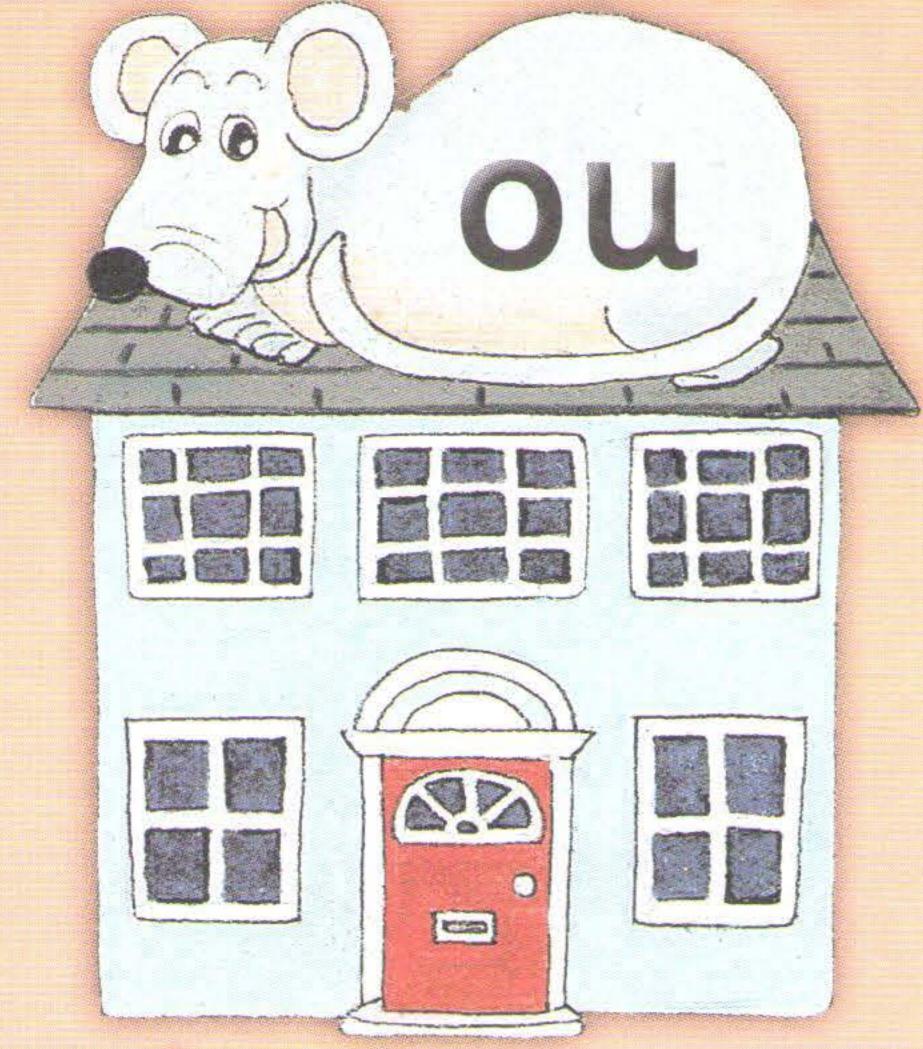




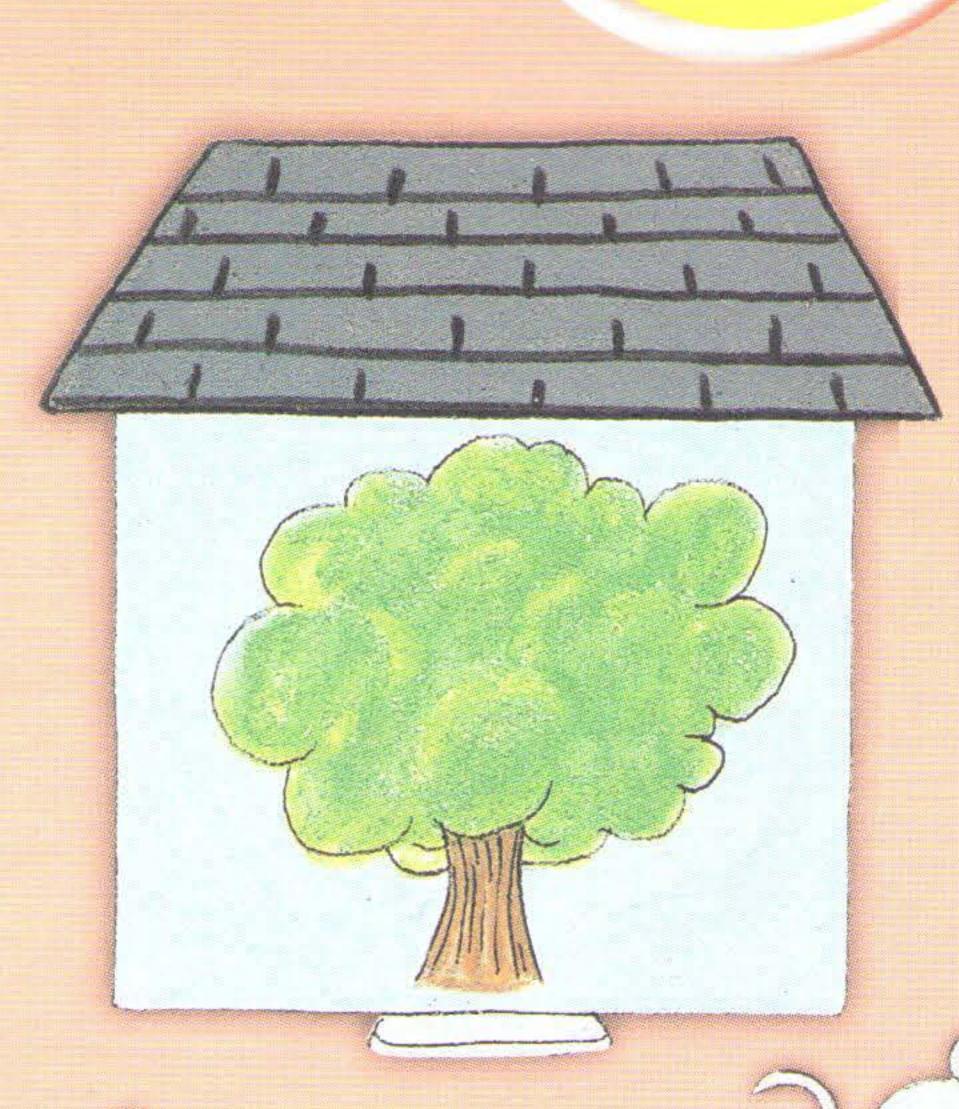


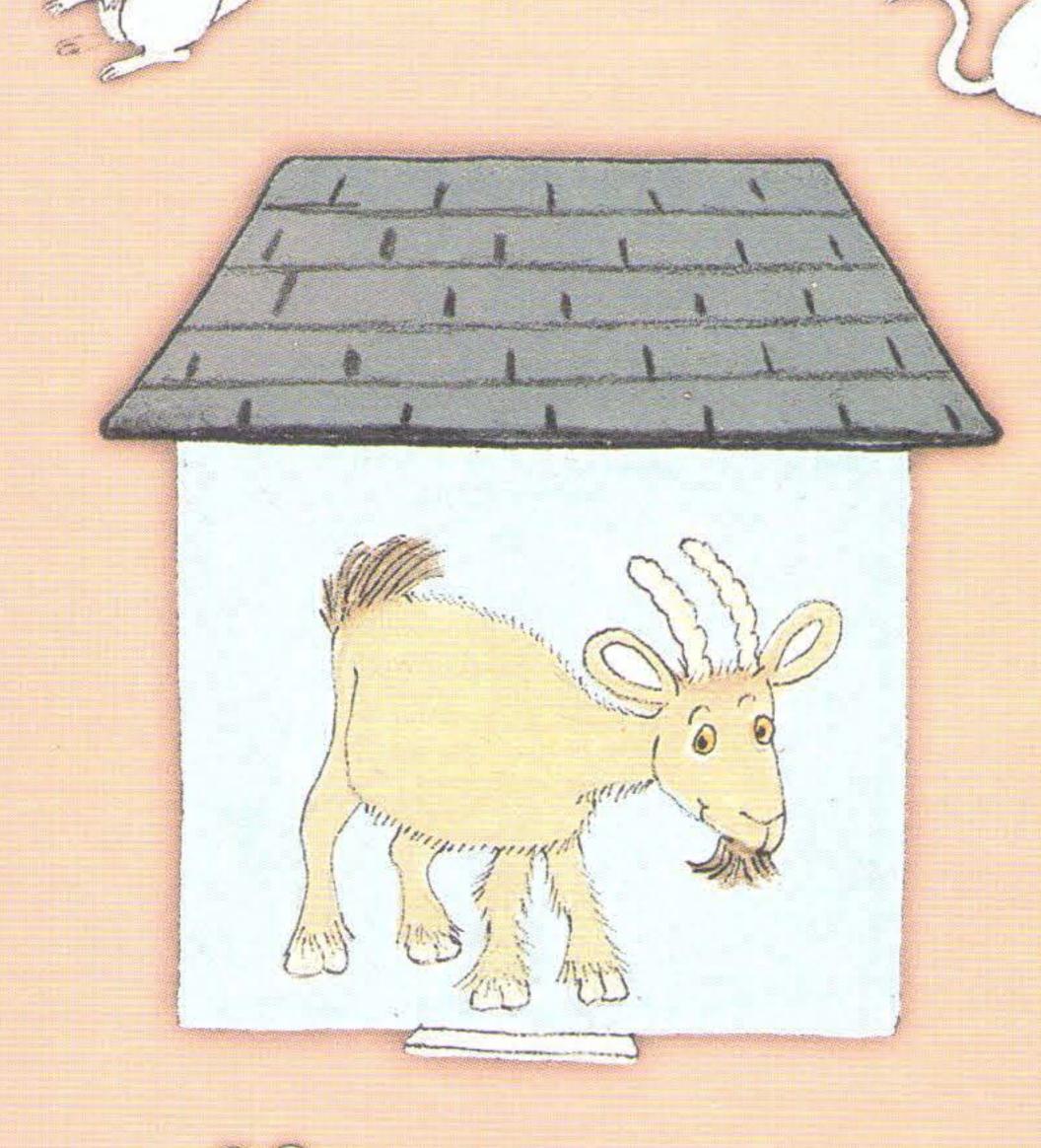


The first one is done for you!

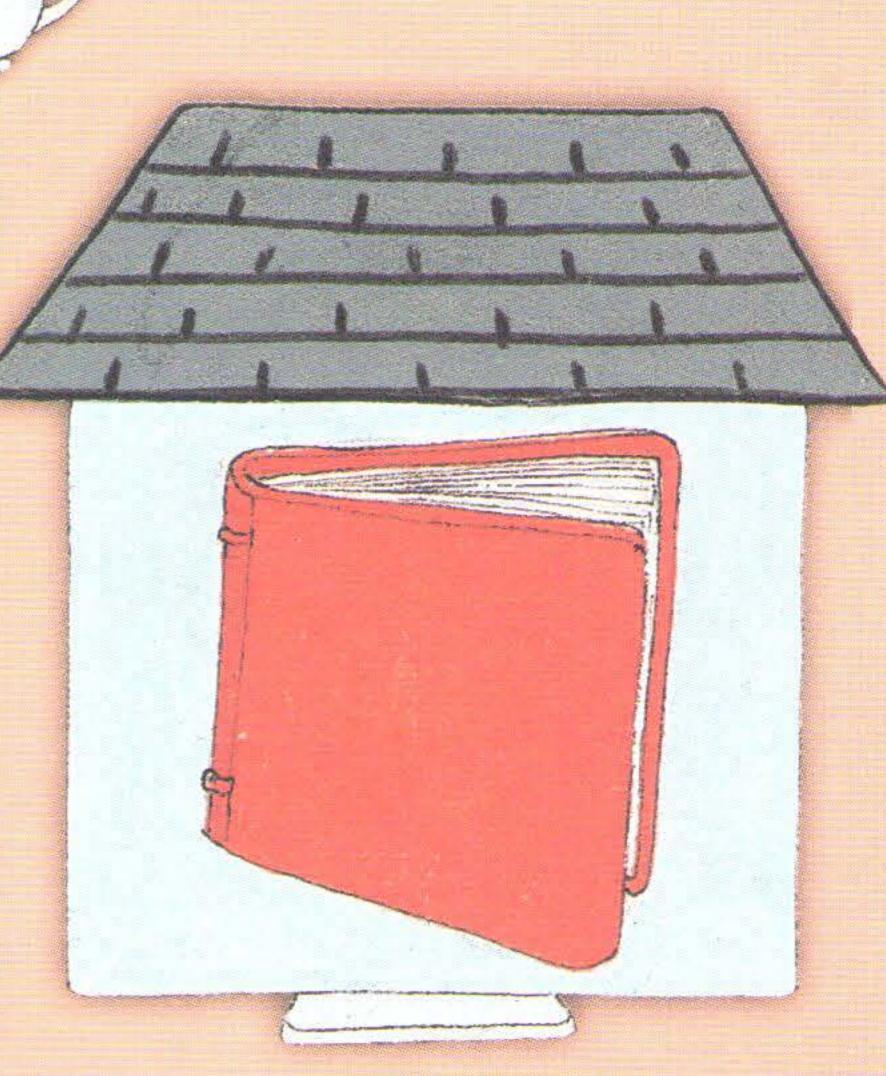




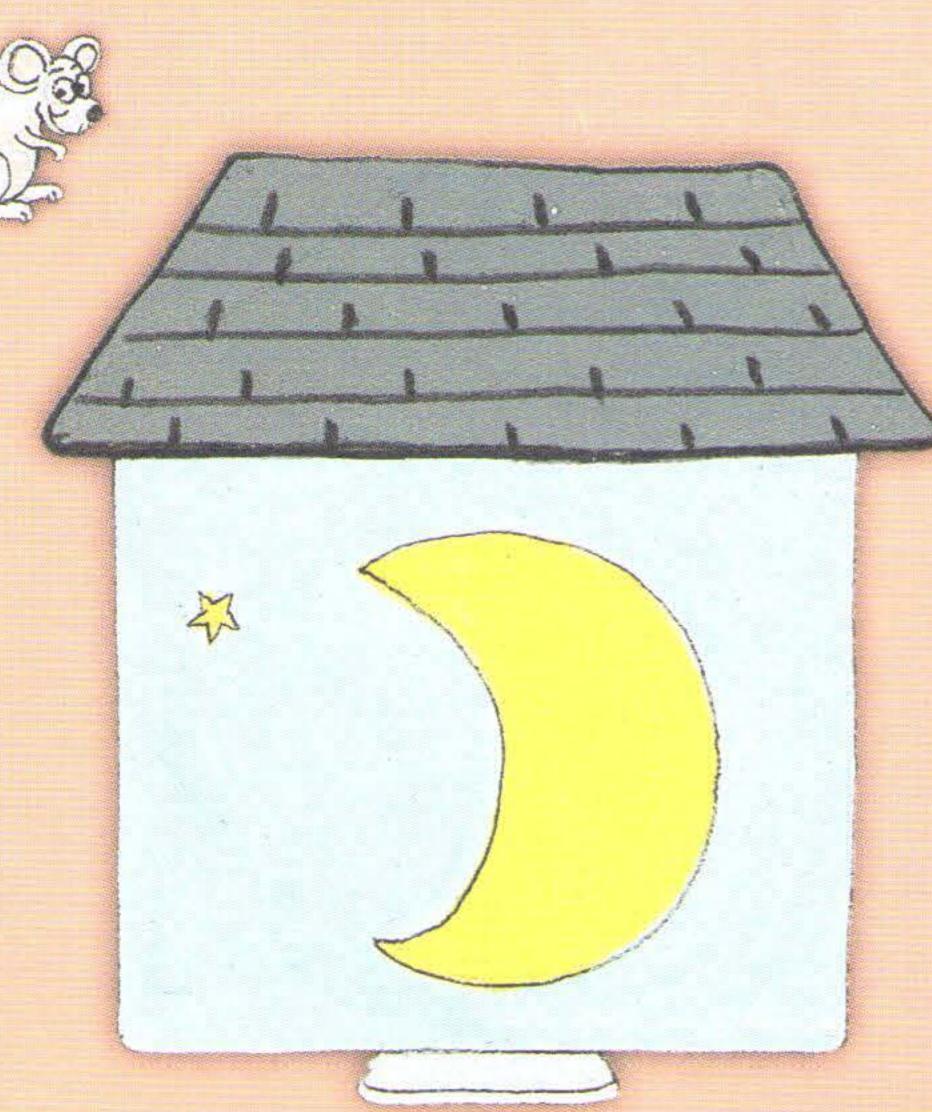


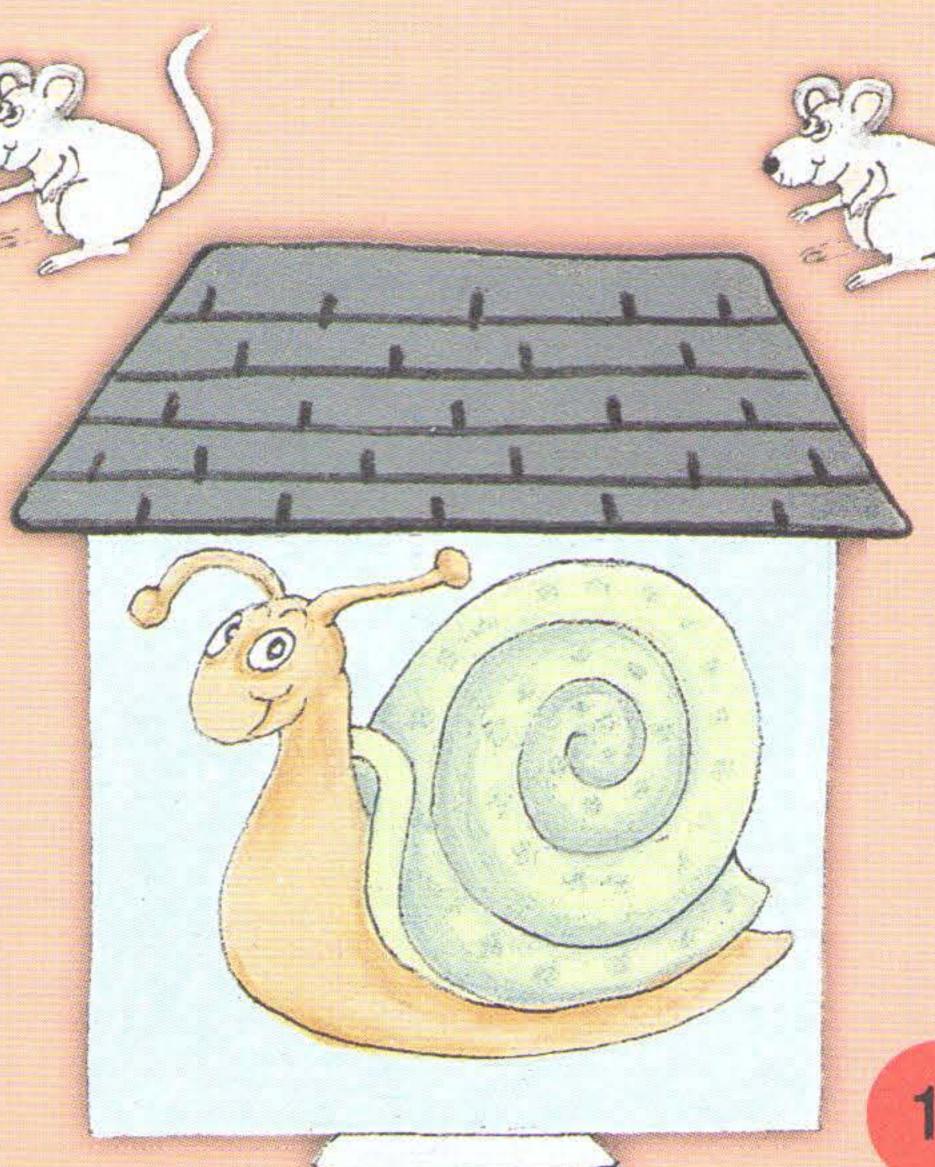












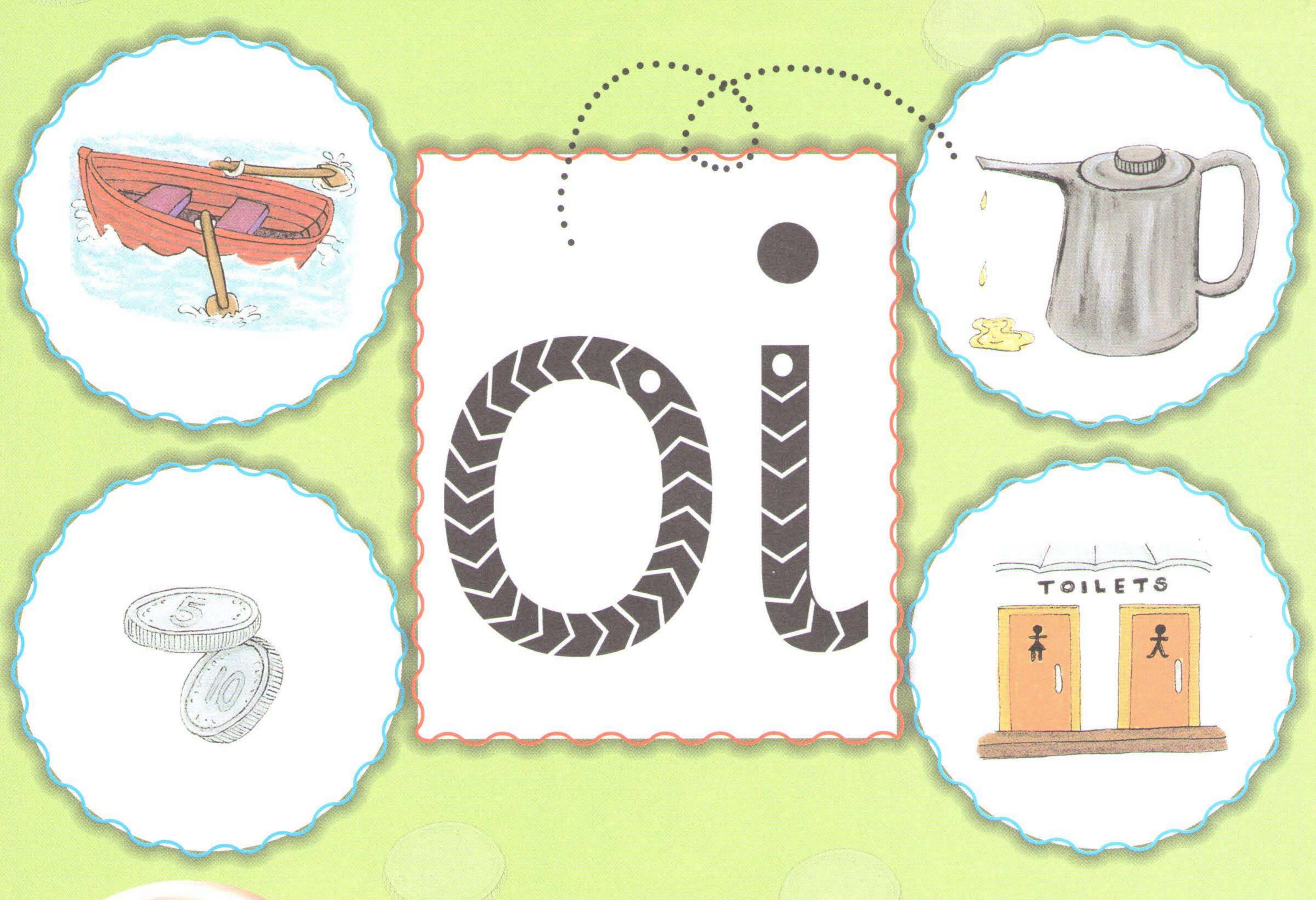
Next day, Inky suggests they go boating on the lake. They each climb into a small boat and set off into the middle of the lake, towards the islands. As she rounds the end of the first island, Bee sees Snake rowing off towards the next one. "oi!" Bee calls, "oi! Over here!" She jumps up and waves, nearly falling into the lake.



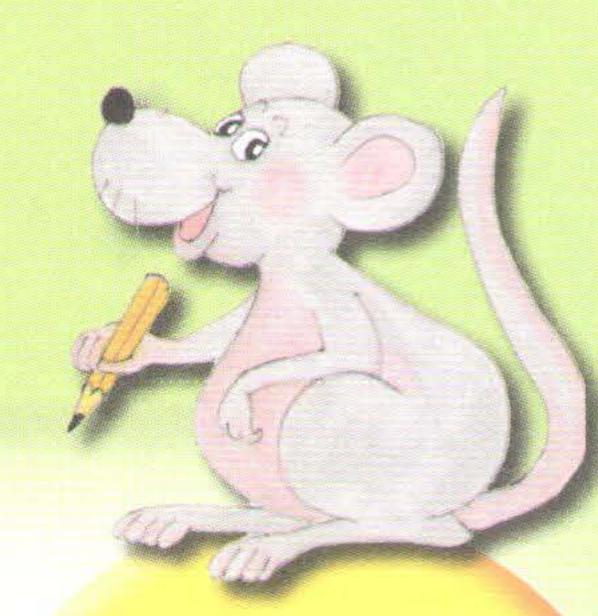
at a passing boat, saying Oi! Ship ahoy!

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

Join them to the 'oi'.



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Write the letters.
Write on the dot
and join the
letters.



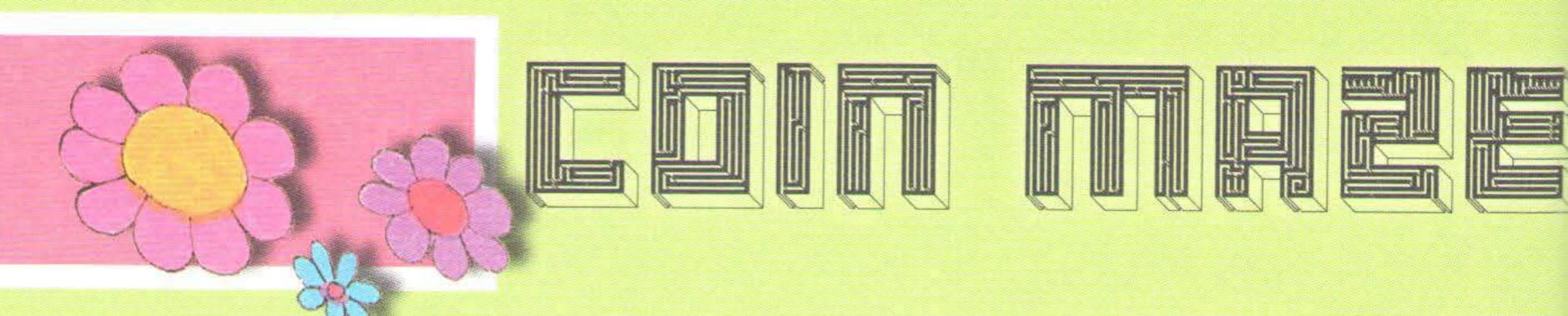
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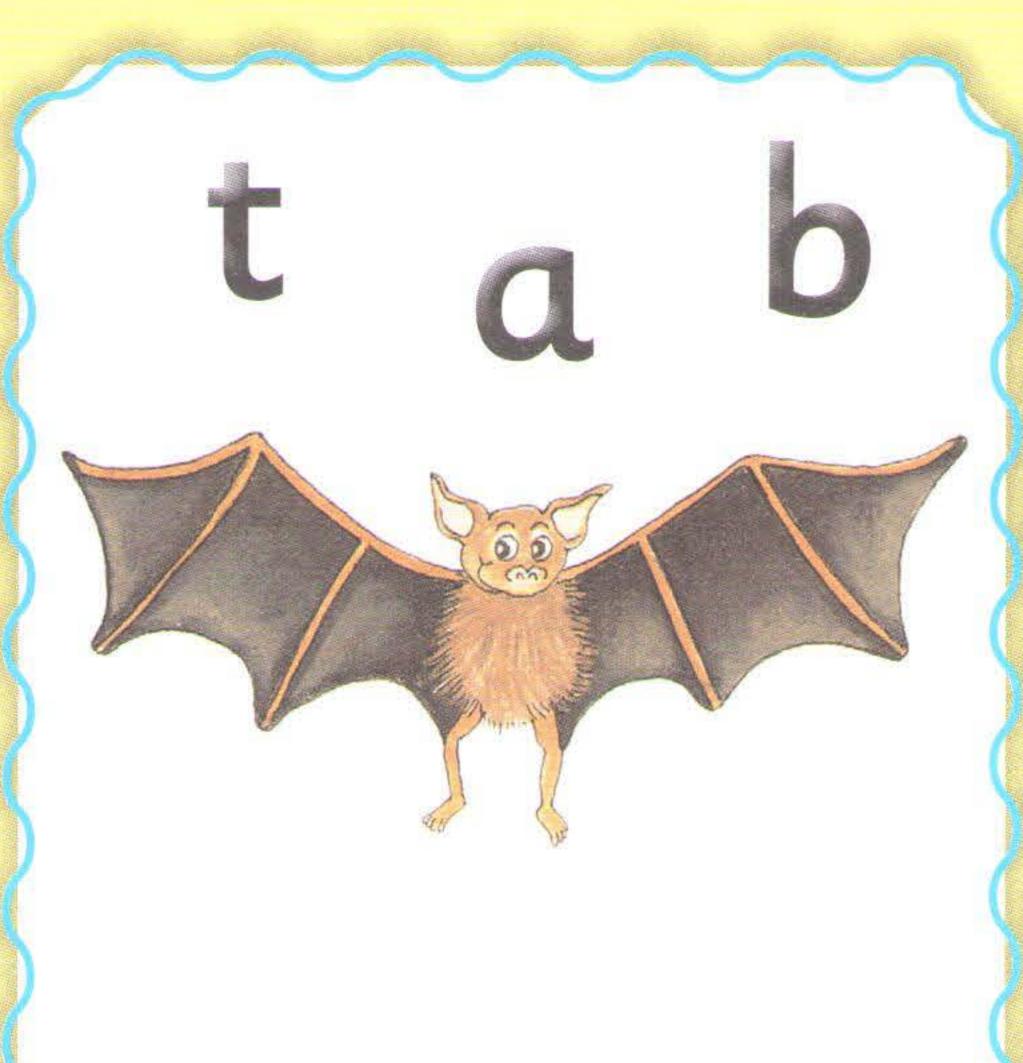
Help Bee to fly around the island and read the words. For each word you can read, place a coin sticker over the top. How many coins have you collected by the time you reach Snake's money box?

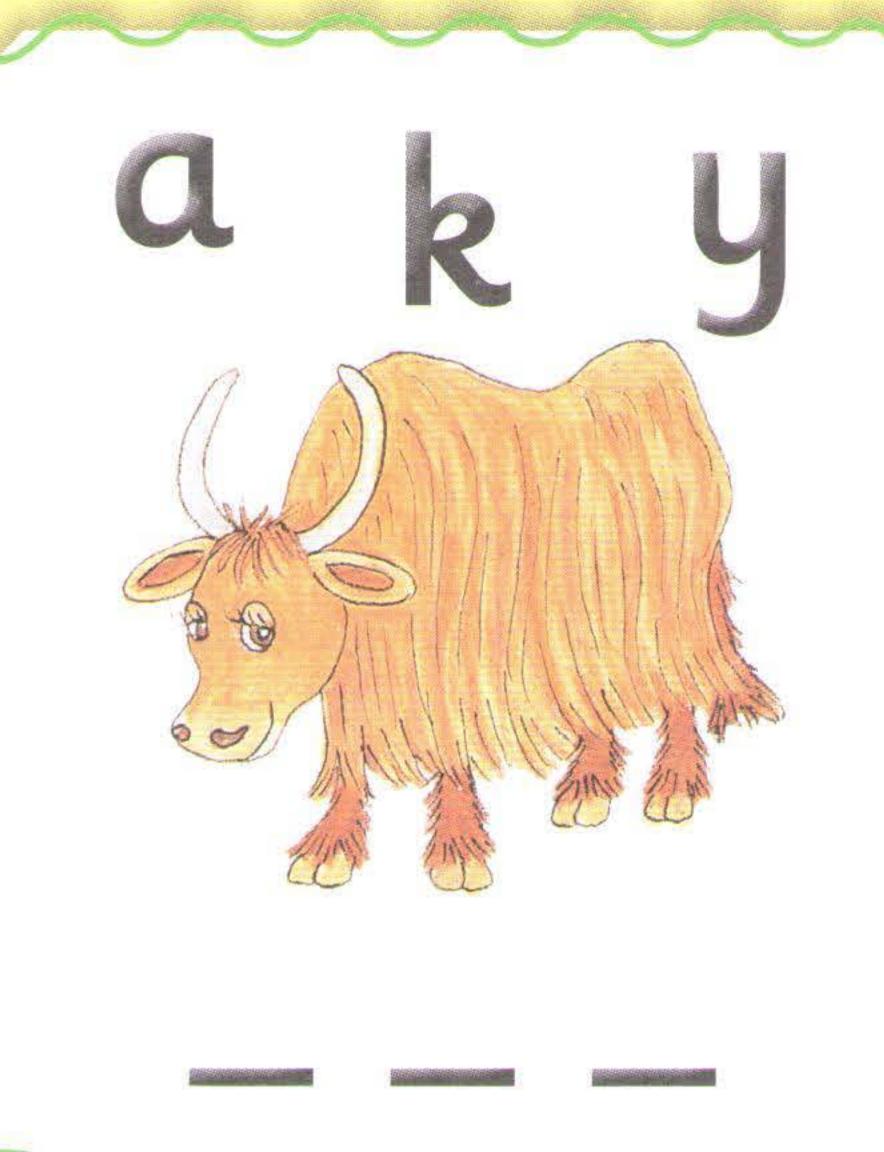


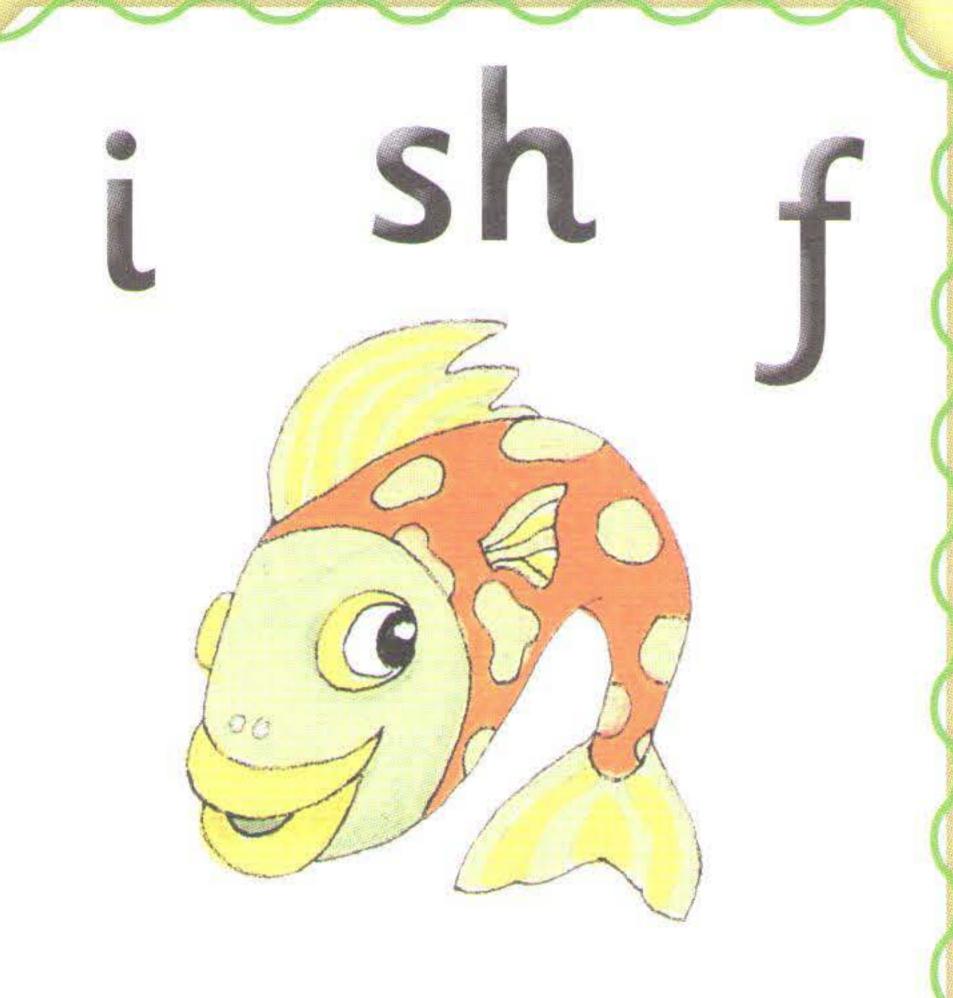
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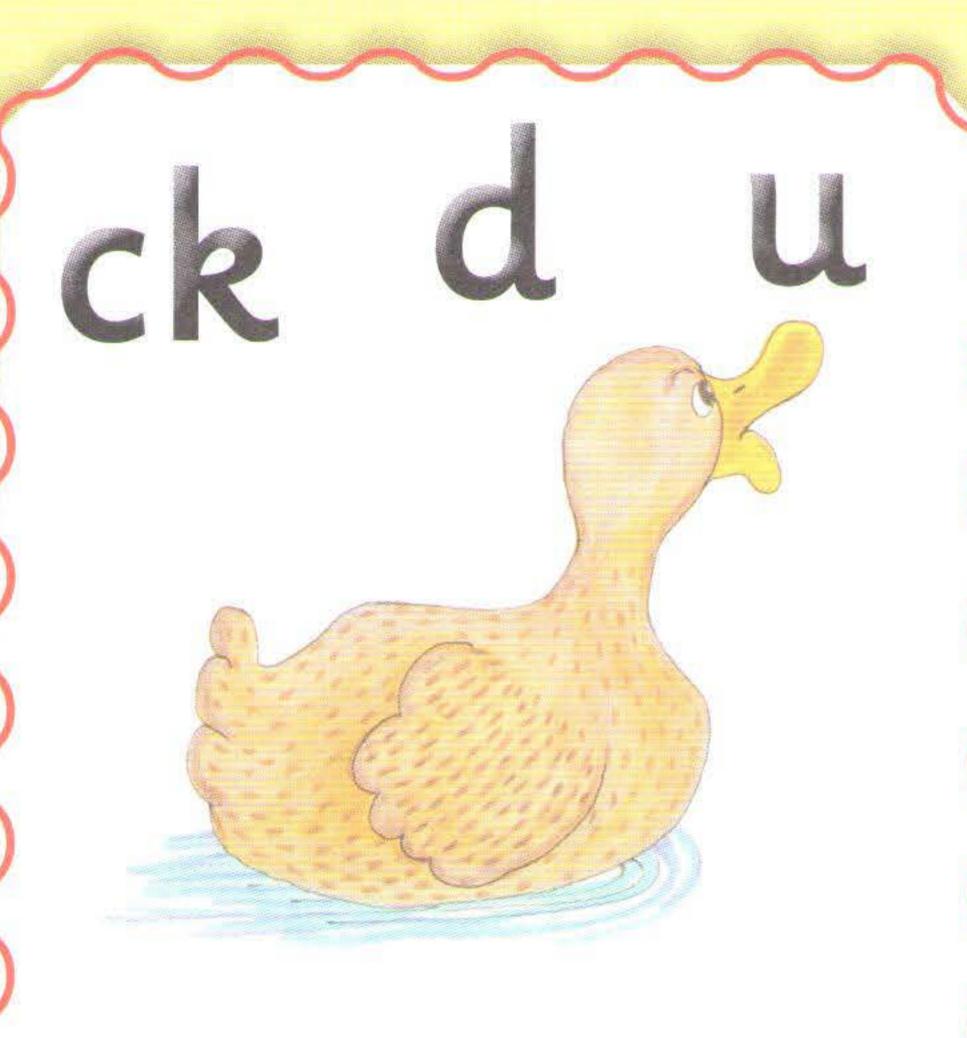
Can you unscramble the animal names and write them underneath?

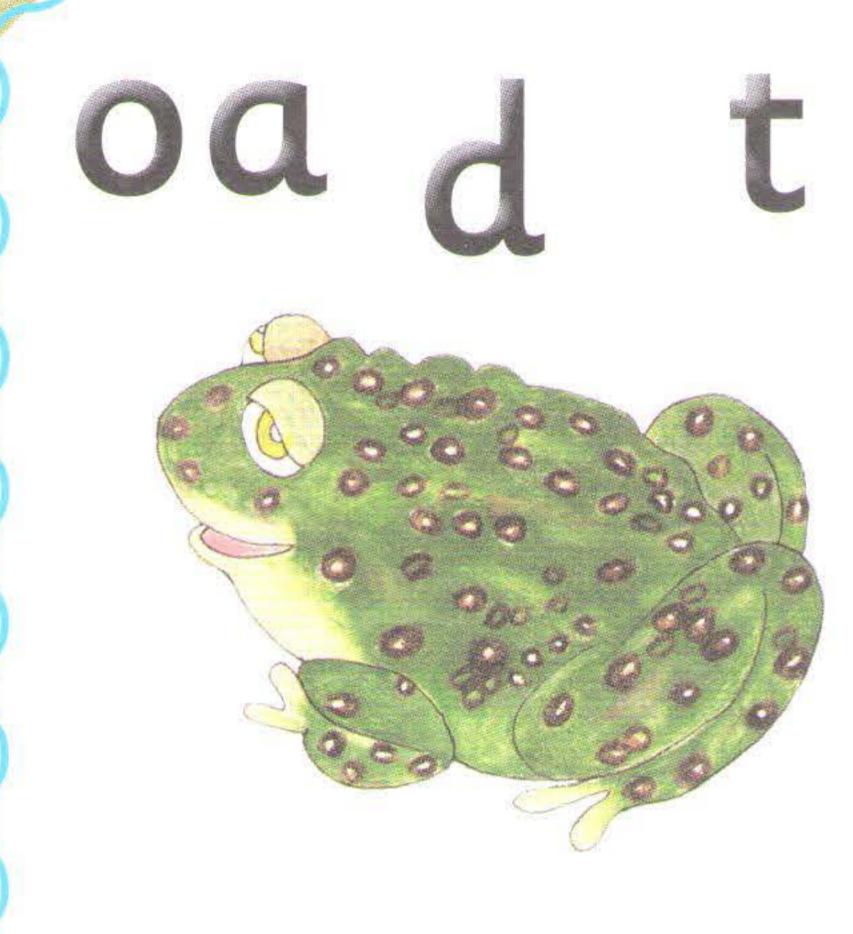


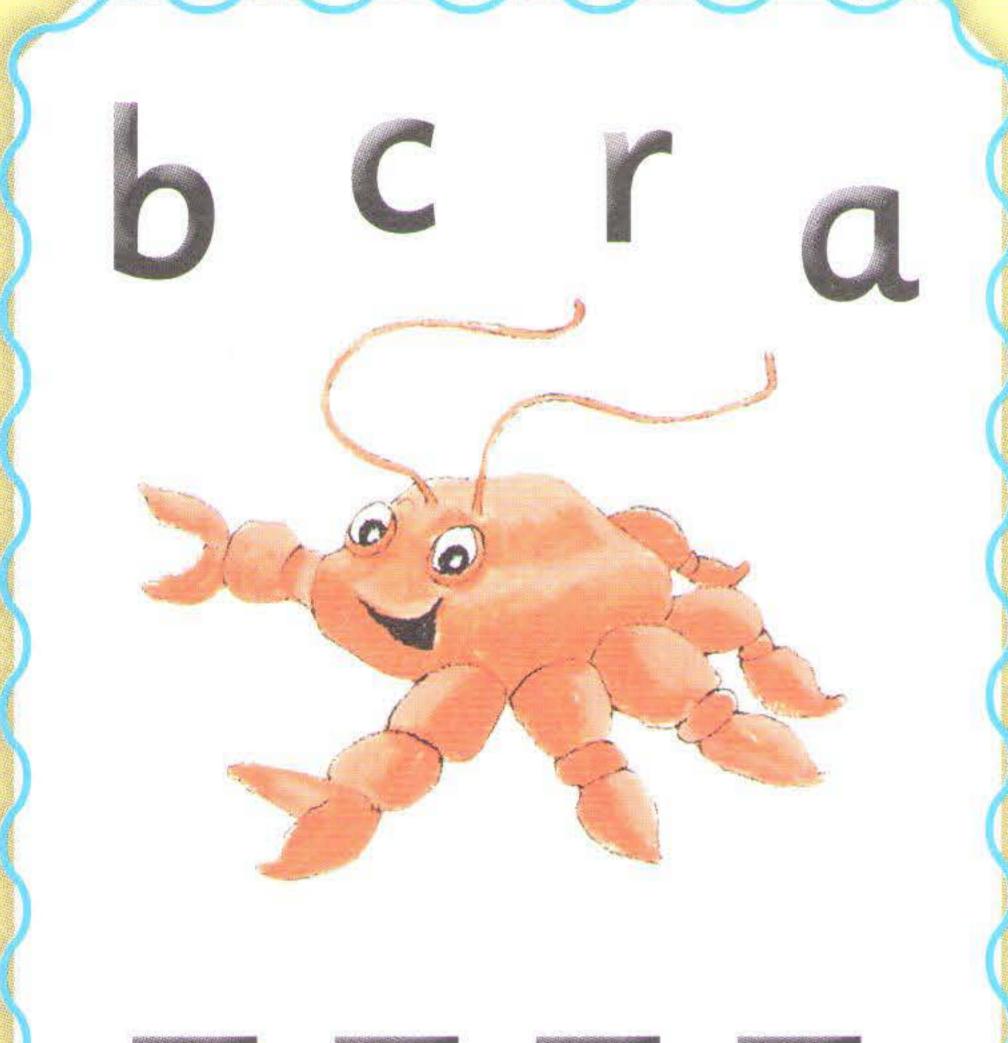


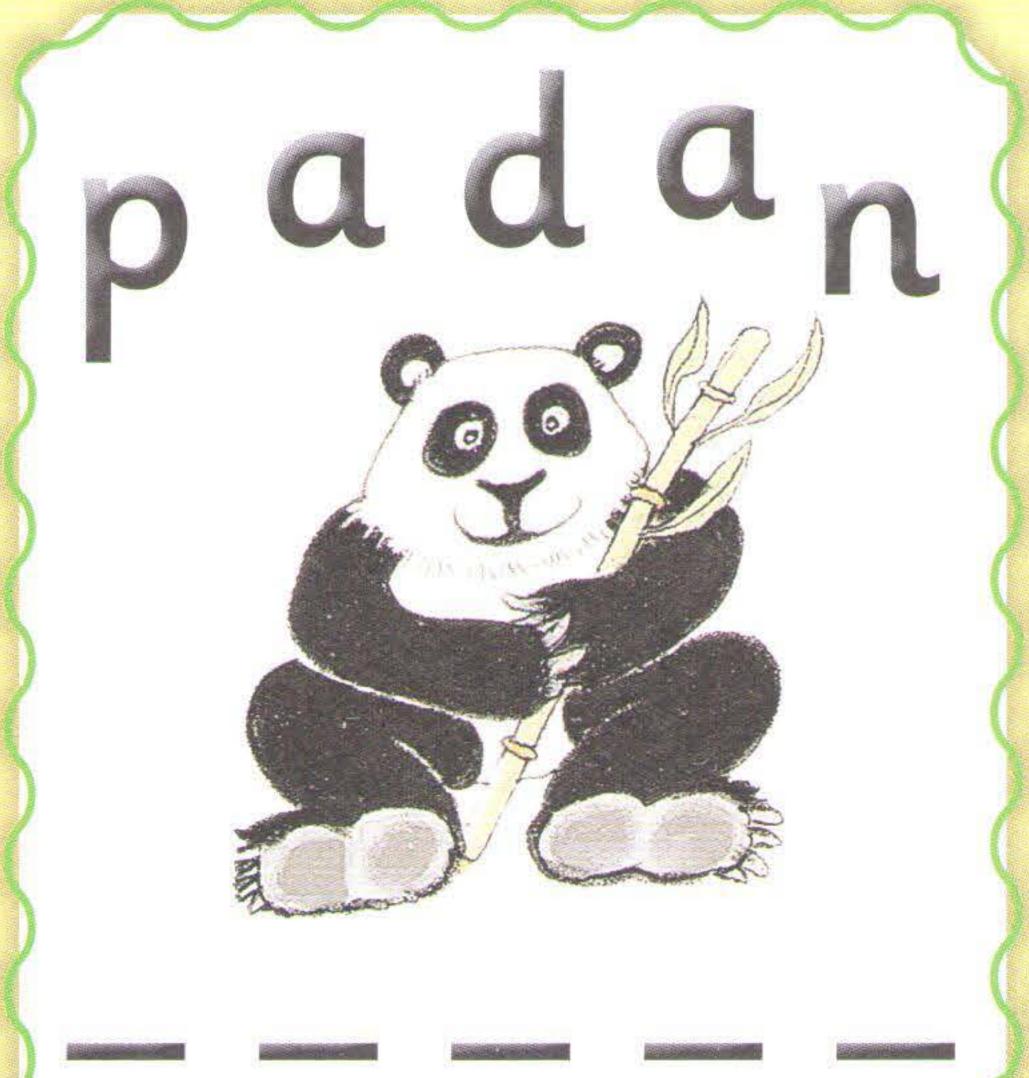


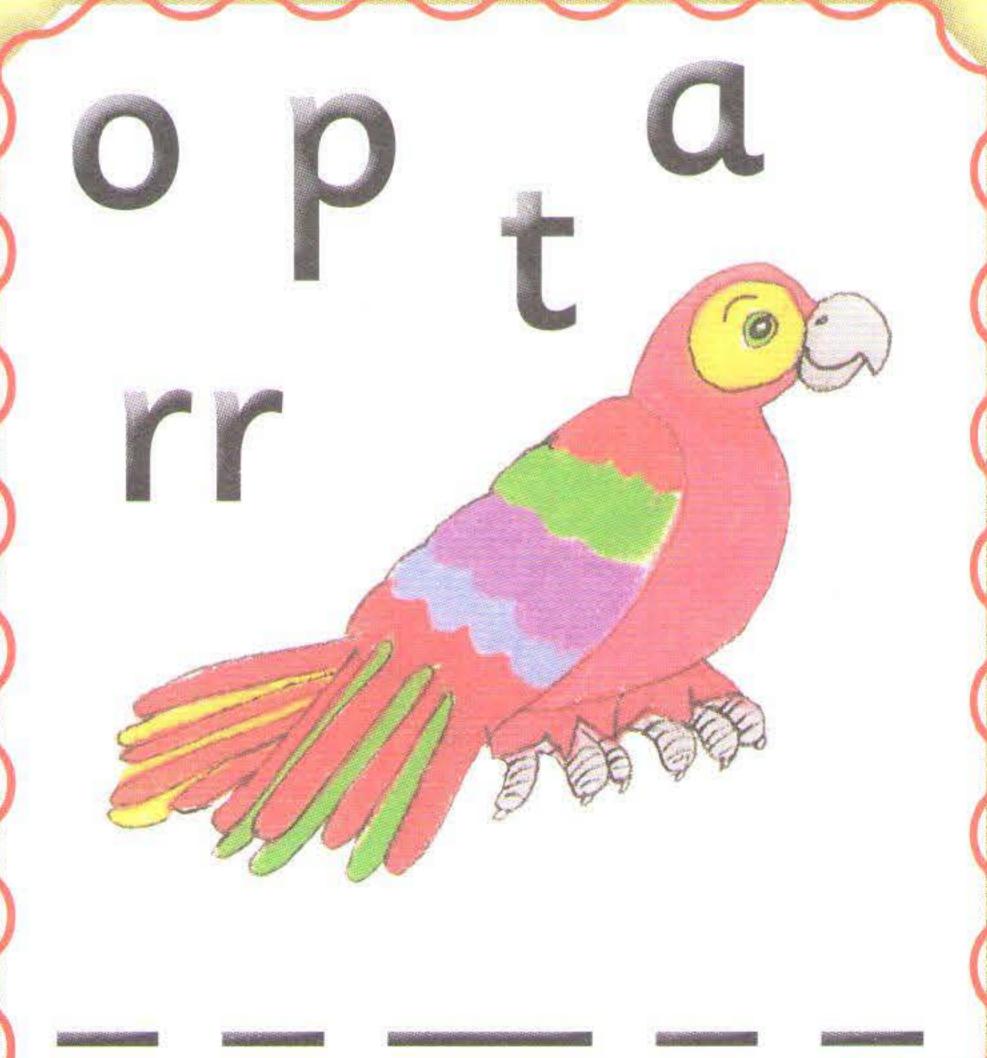




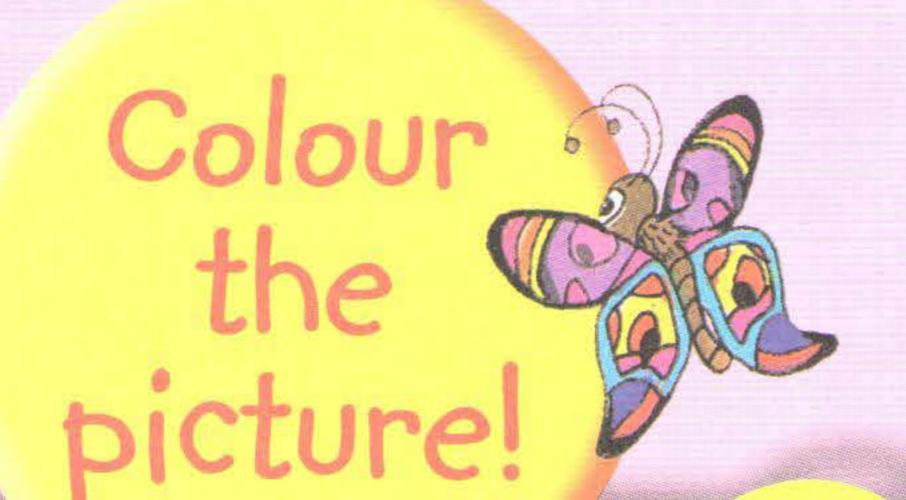








A little while later, Bee darts off into a clump of trees shouting, "Bet you can't find me!" Snake and Inky hurry after her and look around. Then Snake spots Bee's wings sticking out from behind a tree. "I see you - ue, ue!" he shouts, pointing his tail to where Bee is hiding.





Do the action and

Action

Point to people around you and say YOU, YOU,

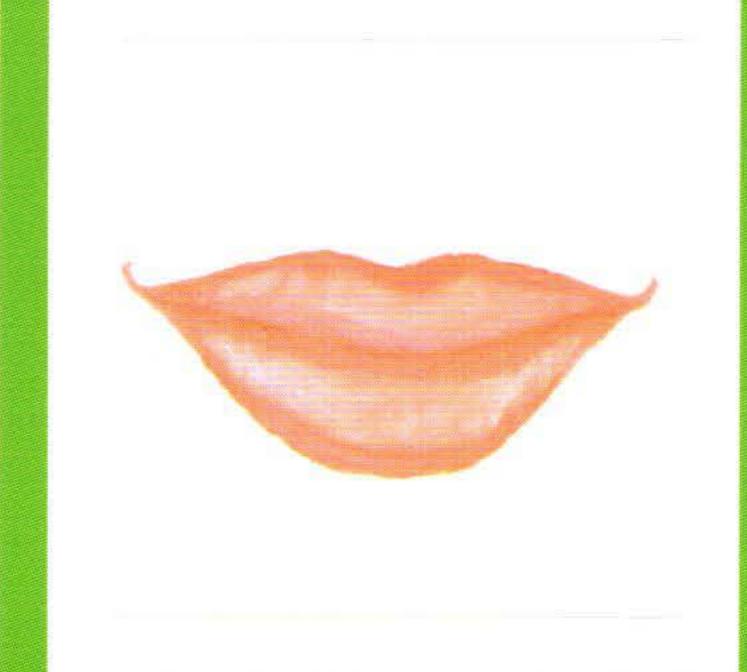


TRICKY WORD HAT POSTER





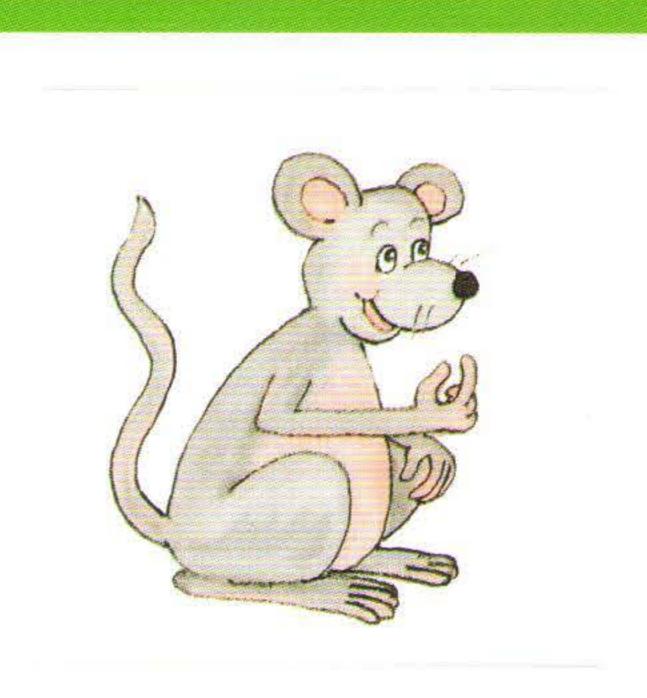


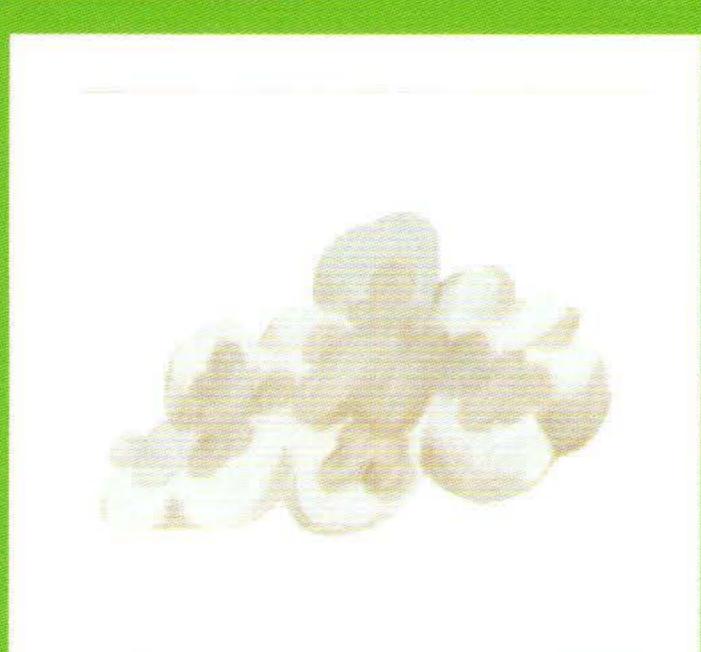






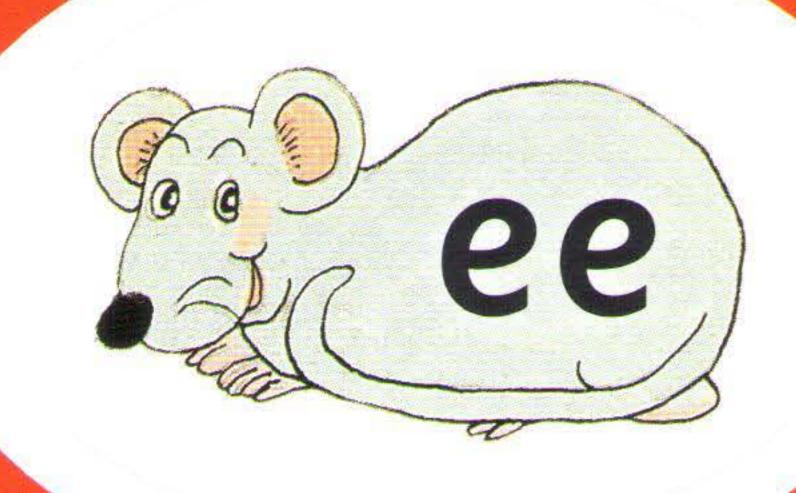


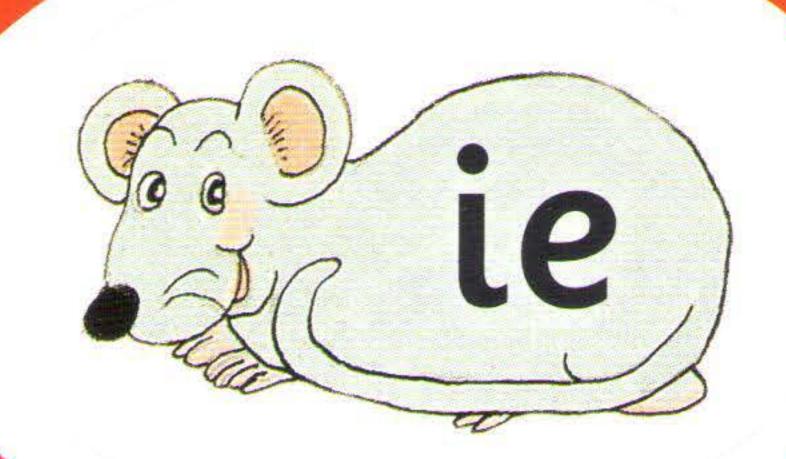


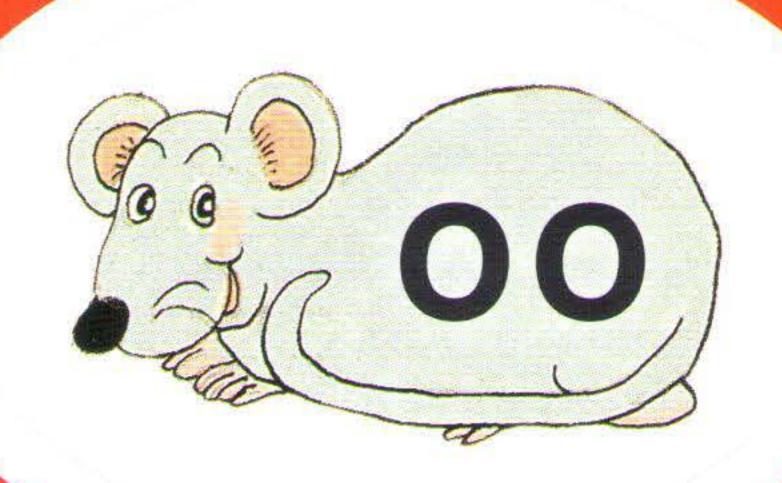


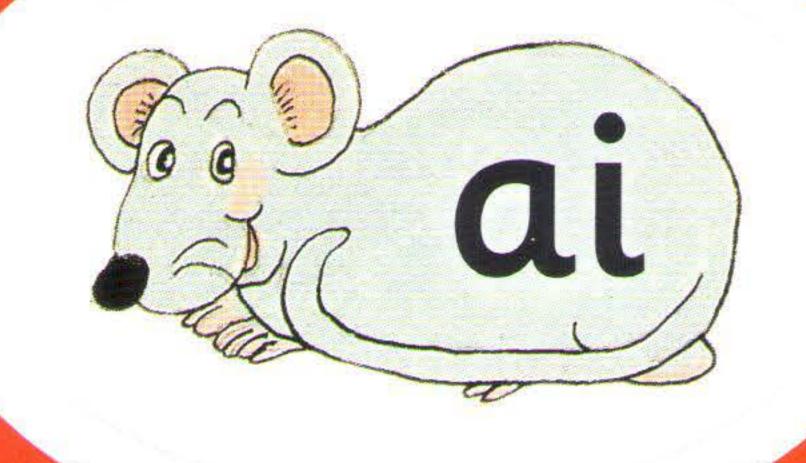


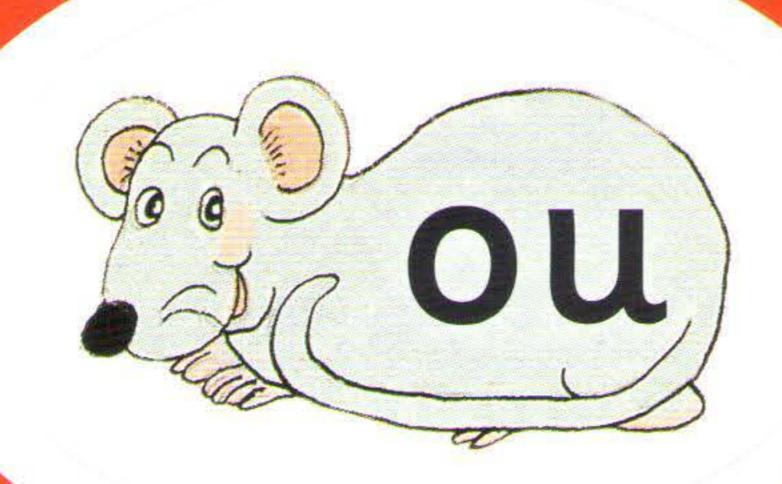
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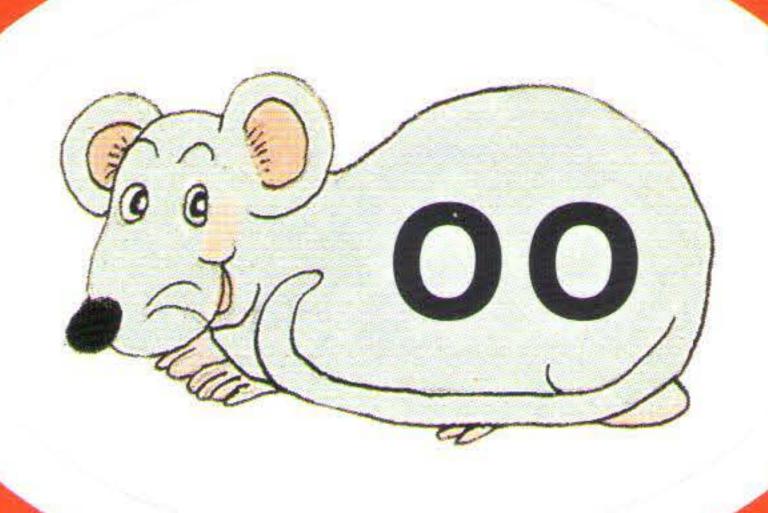


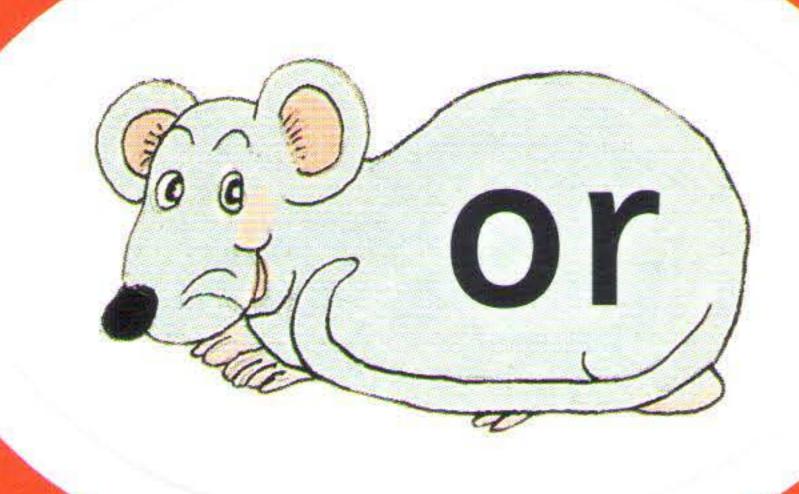


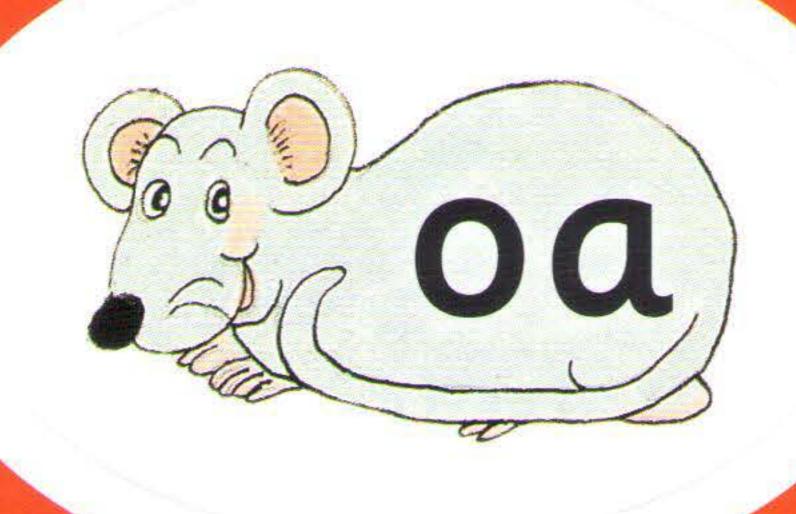




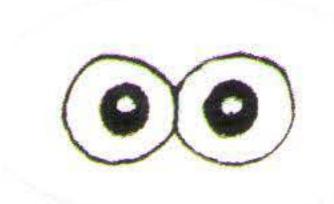


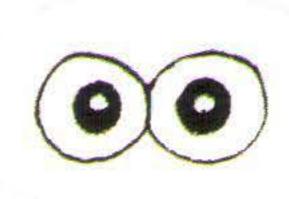






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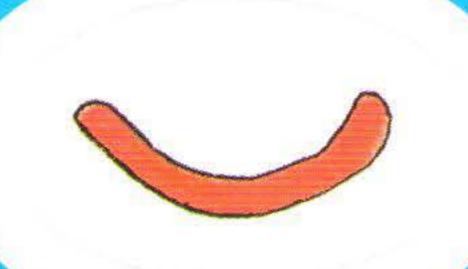


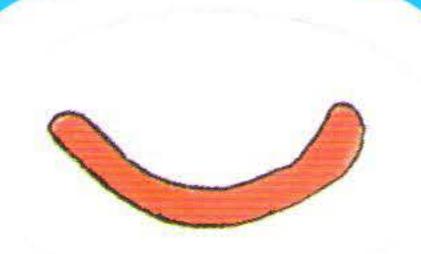






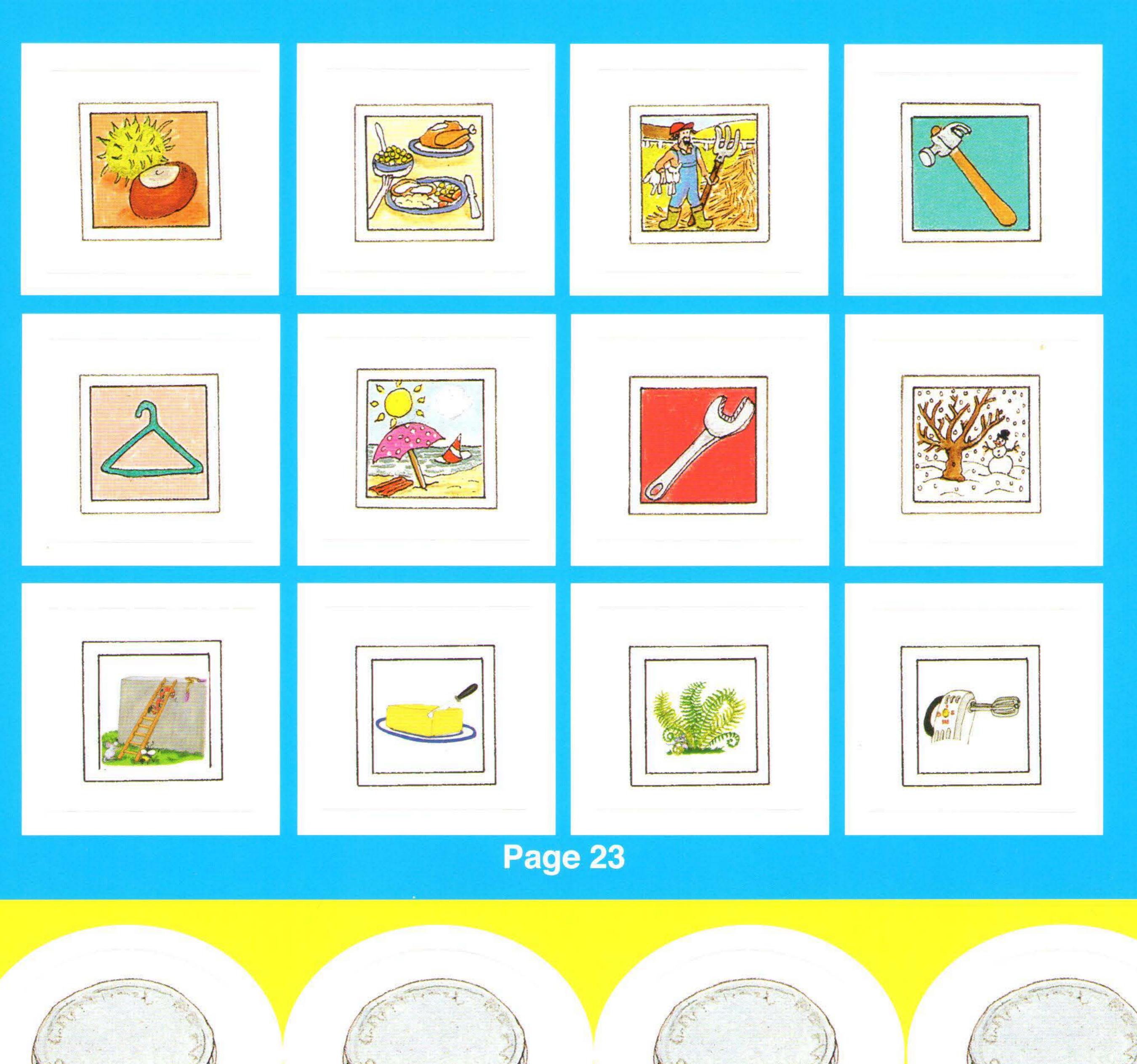














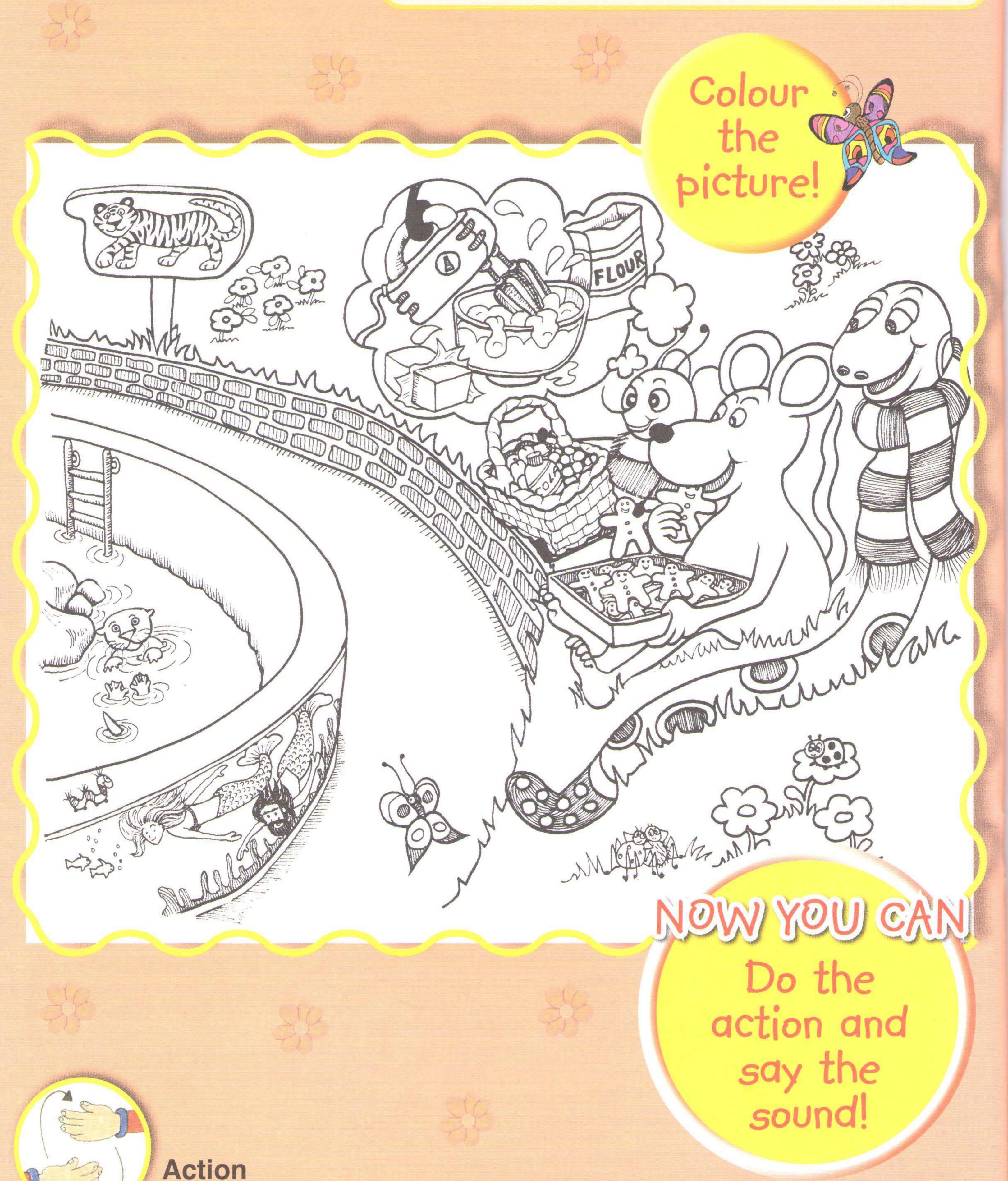


NOW YOU CAN

Read the tricky words, cut them out, and match them to the words on the plant opposite.



Inky, Bee and Snake find a good spot to sit down and watch the otters whilst they are eating their picnic lunch. "Goody!" exclaims Bee. "You've brought the gingerbread we made yesterday. I enjoyed using the mixer, erererer, to make them." Perhaps we can make some otter shapes next time!" says Inky.



Roll your hands over each other, like a mixer, and say er-er-er.

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

Join them to the 'er'.

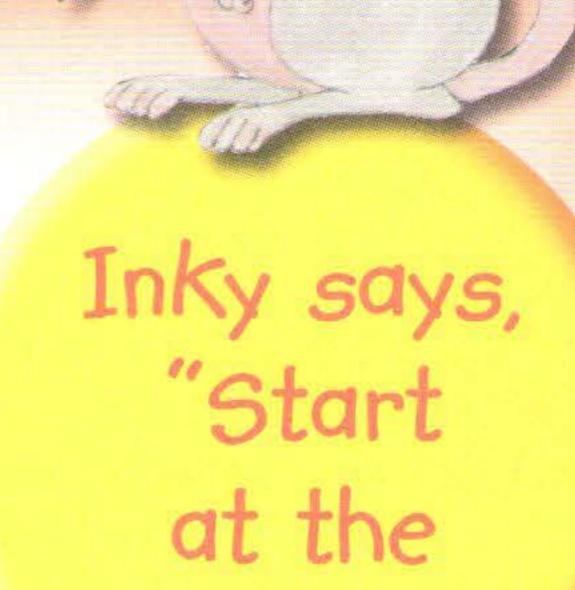


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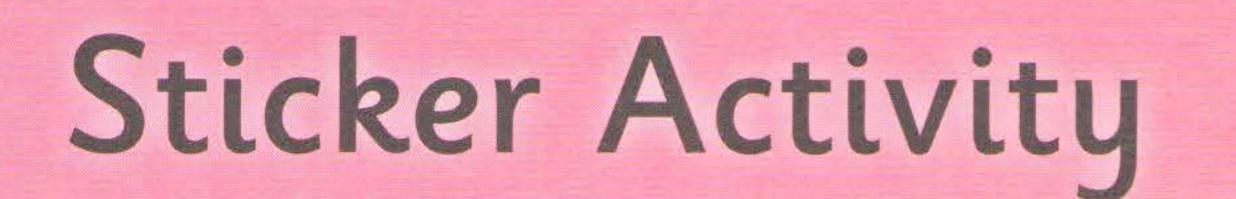






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When joining 'e' and 'r', write the 'e' as usual, then take the joining tail up to start the 'r'.

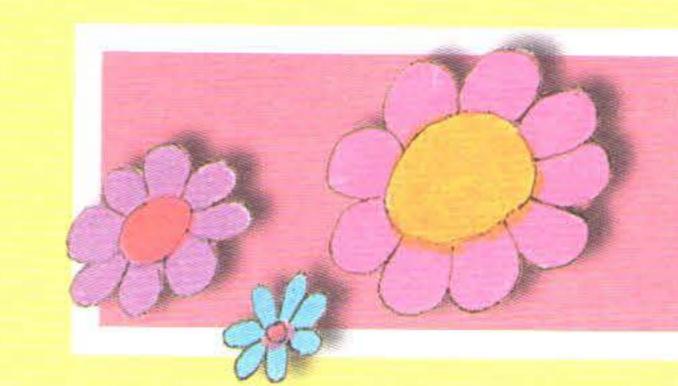






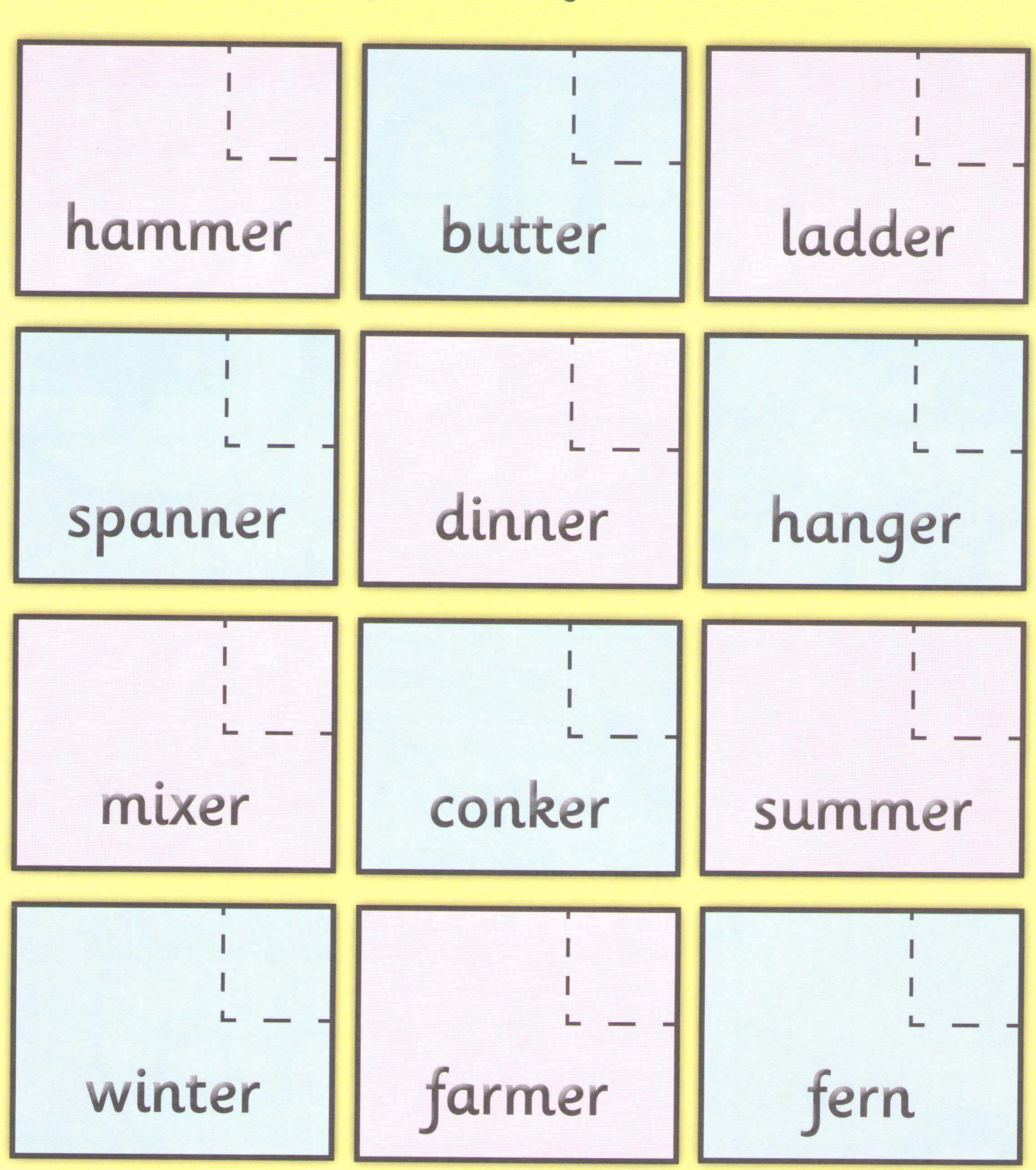
How to make your own gingerbread family Ingredients: 20z butter, 60z self-raising flour, ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda, 1½ tbsp syrup, 1tsp ginger, icing for decorating.

Put the oven on gas mark 5 (375 F°). Melt the butter, syrup and sugar. Sift the flour, ginger and bicarbonate of soda. Stir the flour mix into the butter, syrup and sugar until it becomes a stiff dough. Roll it out and use cutters to cut it into gingerbread shapes. Place in the oven for 10 mins.



Sticker Activity

Read the word on the envelope and then find the stamp sticker to match. Remember that if two letters that make the same sound come together, you only need to say it once.

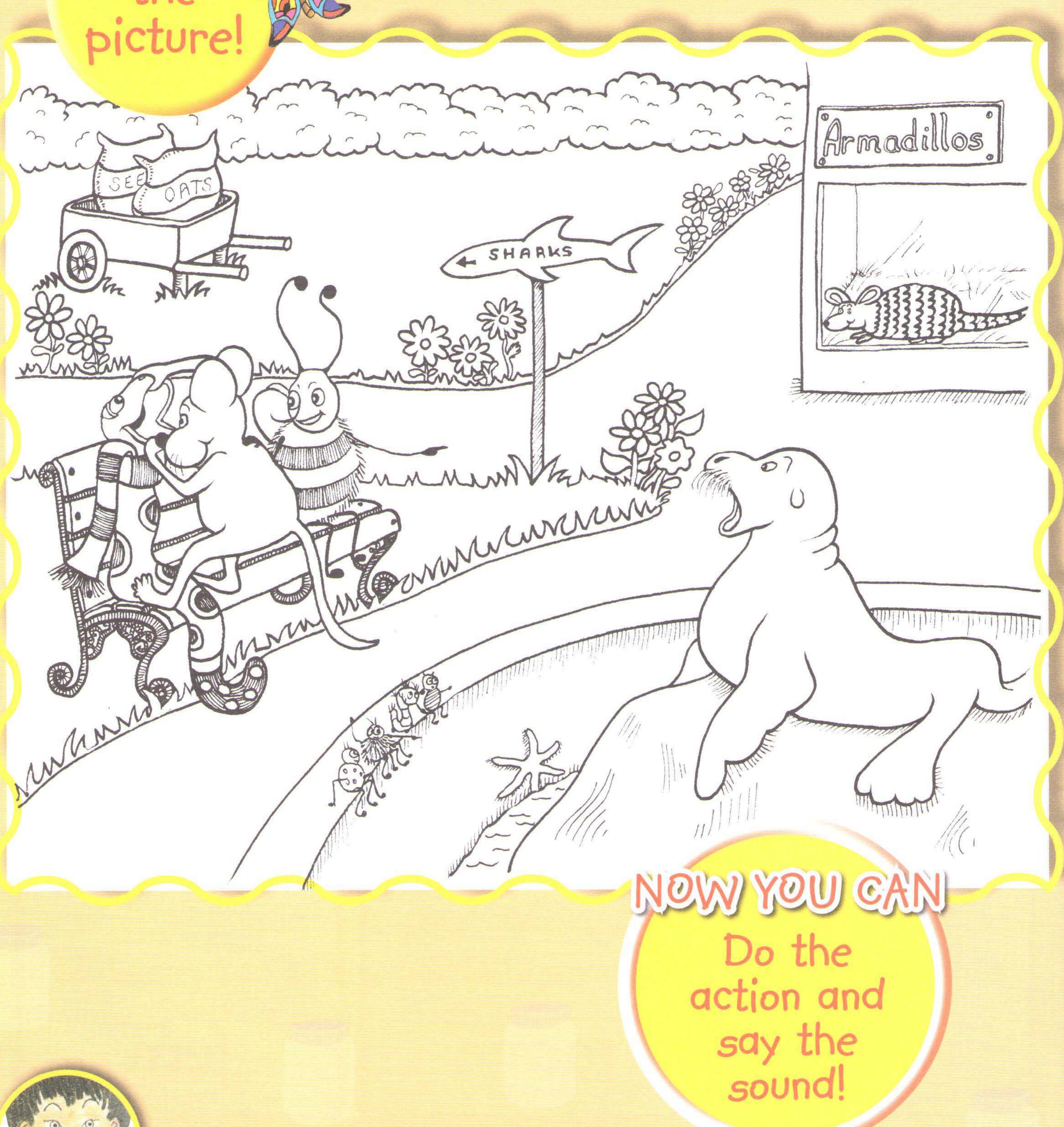


NOW YOU CAN
Stick the stamp stickers on the letters!



Inky, Snake and Bee look at the aardvarks and the armadillos, and then watch the sea lions for a while. A big sea lion on the rocks barks, "ar, ar, ar". Snake's voice is getting more and more croaky. Inky tells Snake to open his mouth so she can look at his throat. "Say, 'ar!'," says Inky. "ar!" says Snake, obediently. "You sound like that sea lion," laughs Bee.

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Action

Open your mouth and say ah.

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

Join them to the 'ar'.



NOW YOU CAN
Write the letters.
Write on the dot
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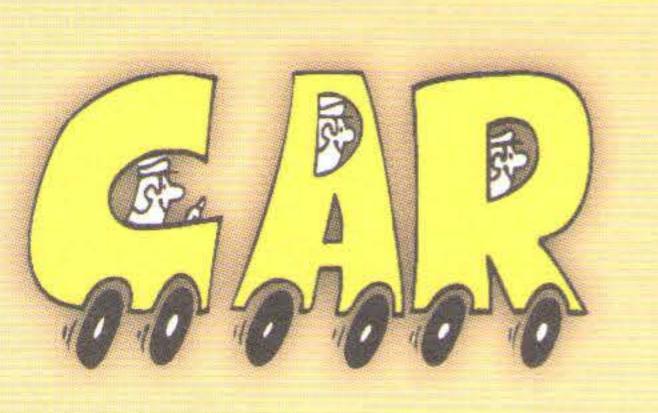


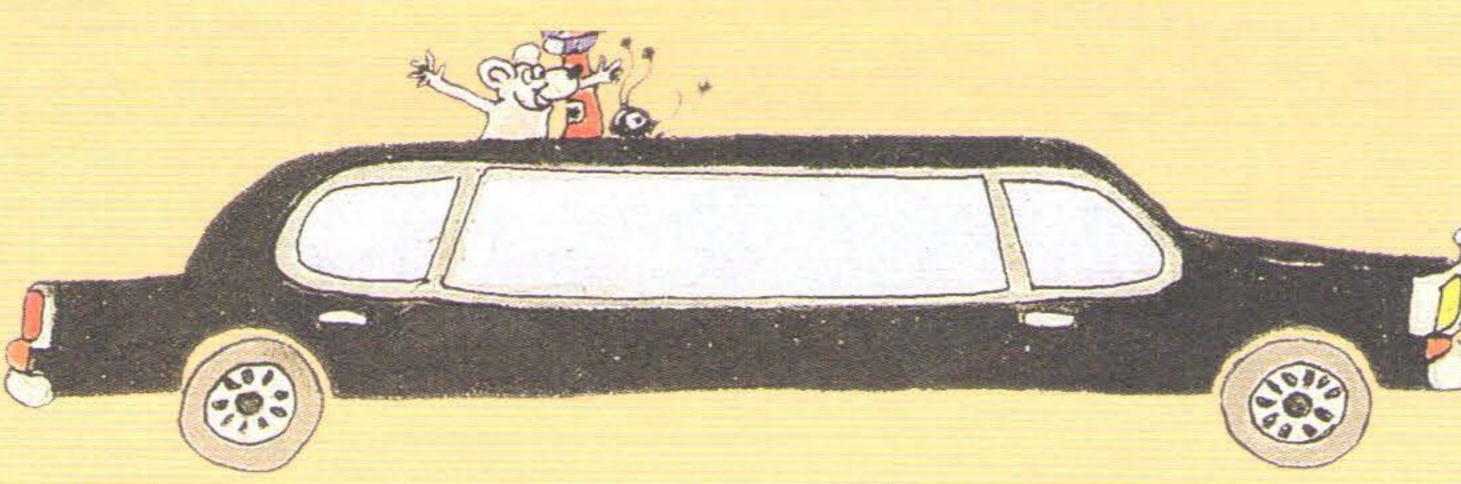
Inky says,
"Try writing
joined
letters!"



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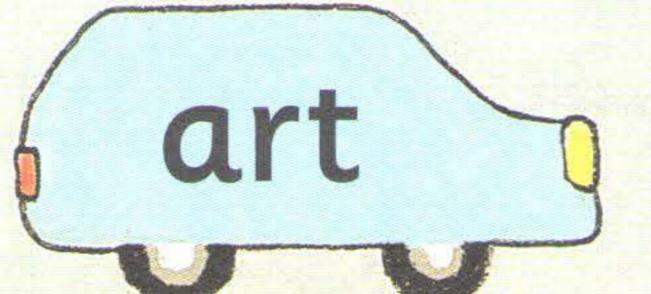


Can you park the cars in the right spaces? Cut out the cars at the bottom of the page and stick them in the right spaces in the car park.

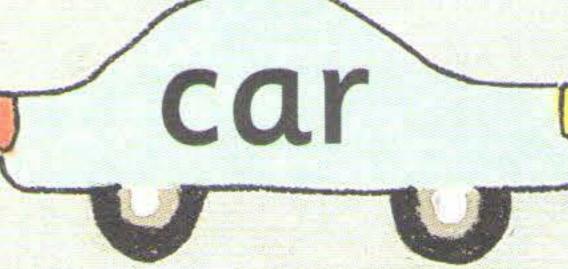
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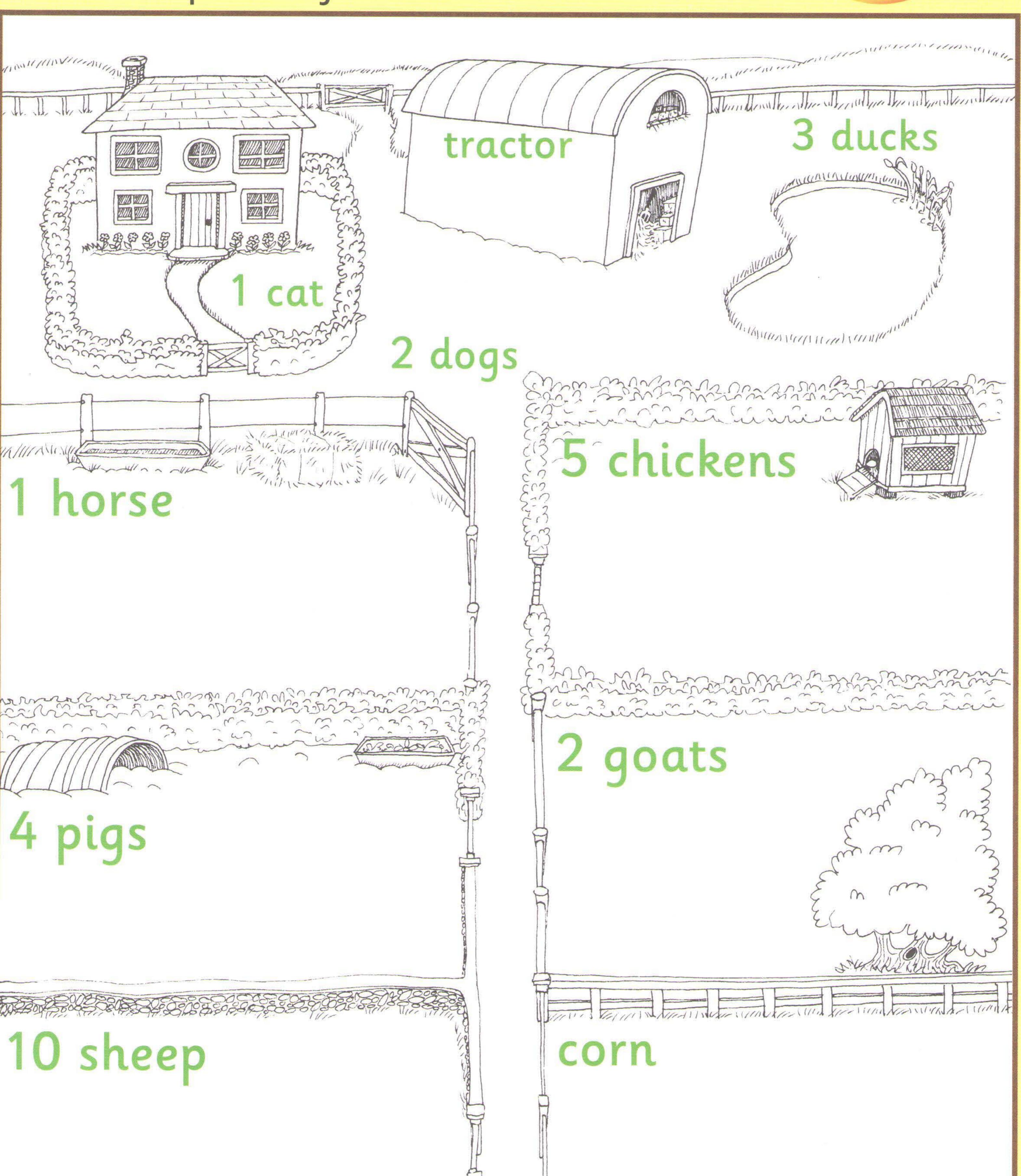






Read the word in each pen or field and draw a picture of it.

Colour the farm!



Sound Cards

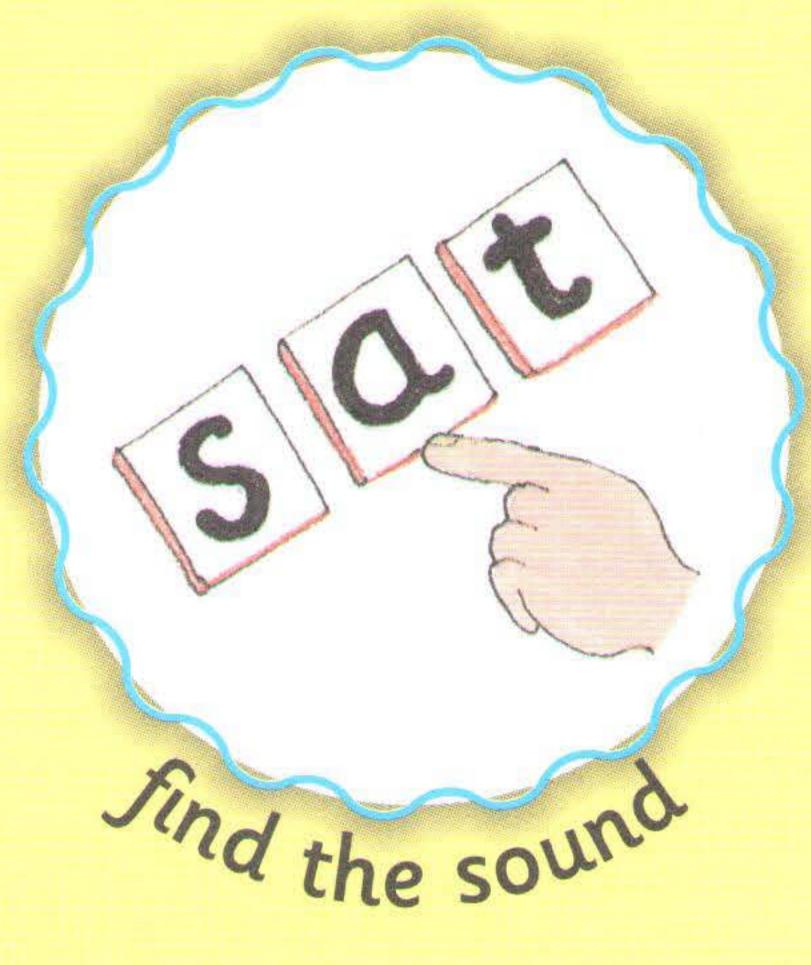
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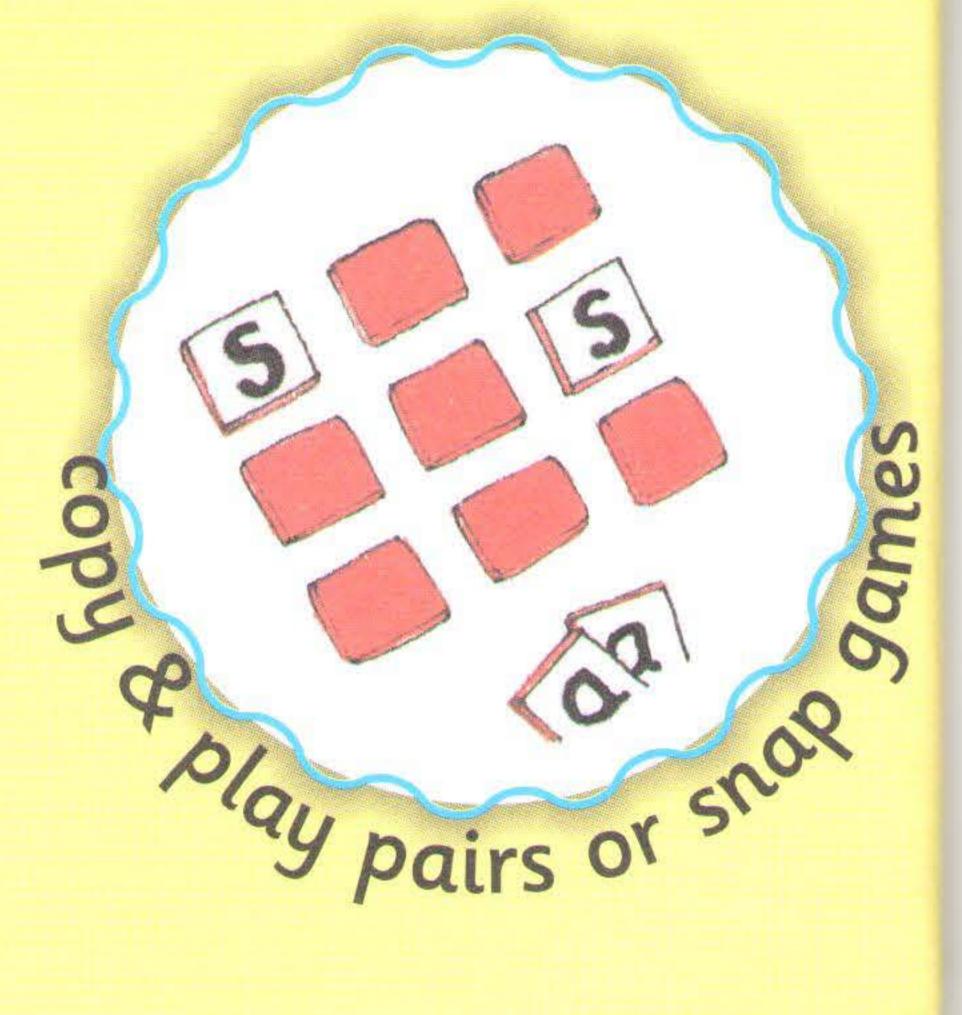
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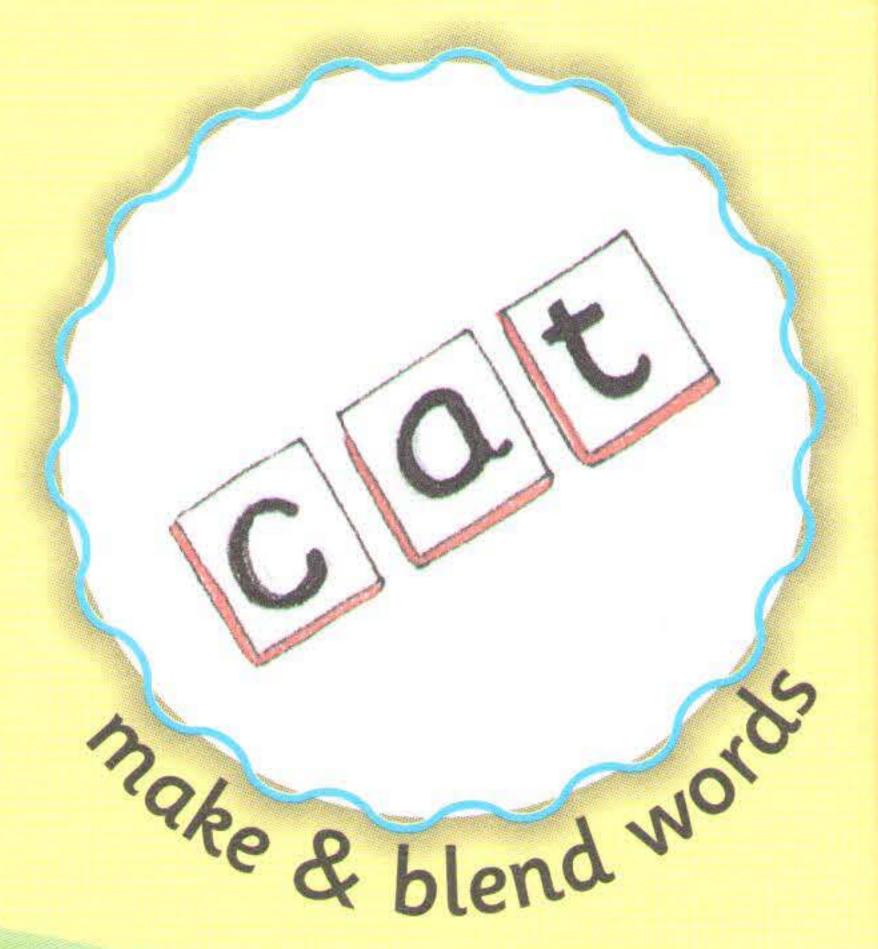
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Tips for Parents

Cut out each sound card as your child learns the sound.

Keep them for use with other activity books.

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Write over the dotted letters, then read the sentences.

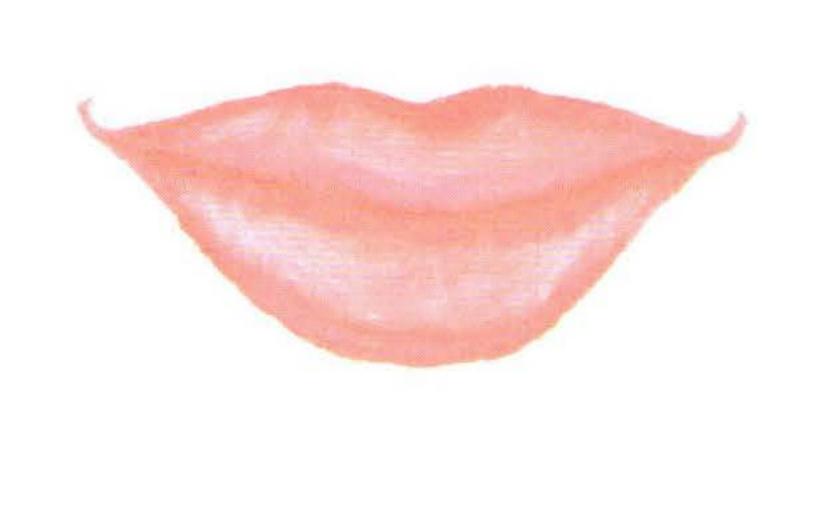
Start each letter on the large dot!

Word and Picture Matching

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Join the words
to the pictures
and later you
can cut out
can cut out
and match.



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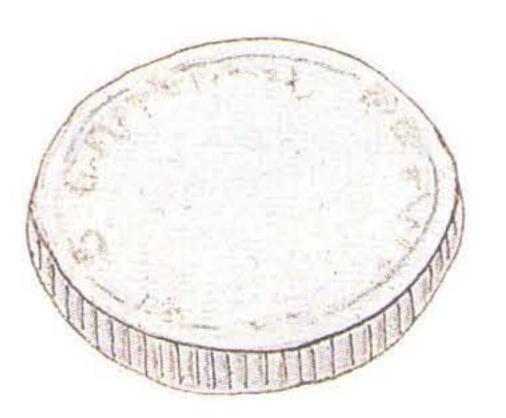
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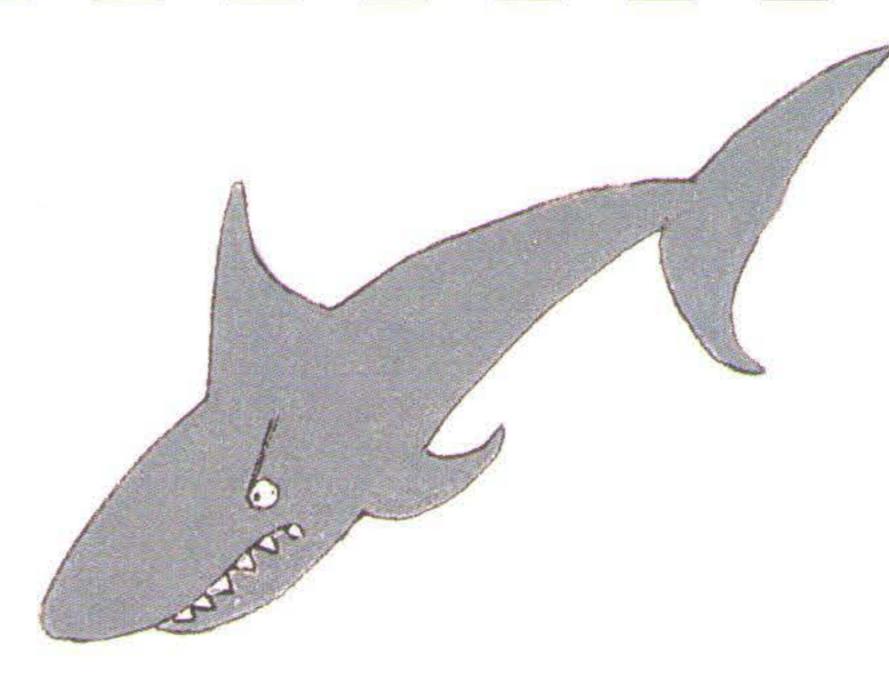
More Word and Picture Matching

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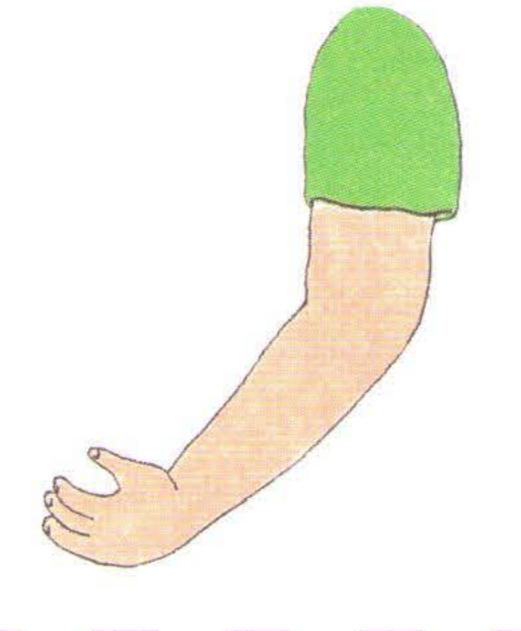




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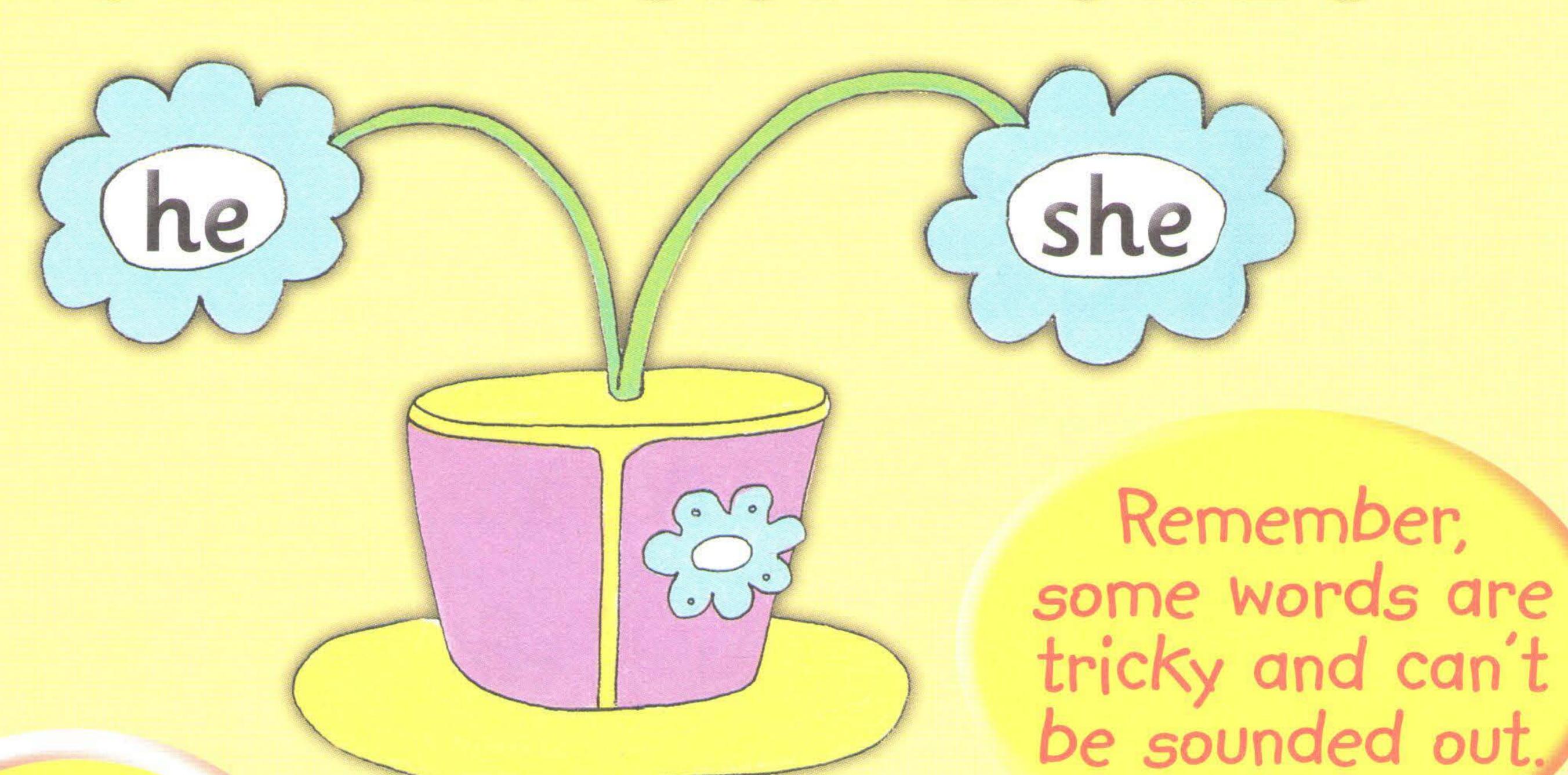
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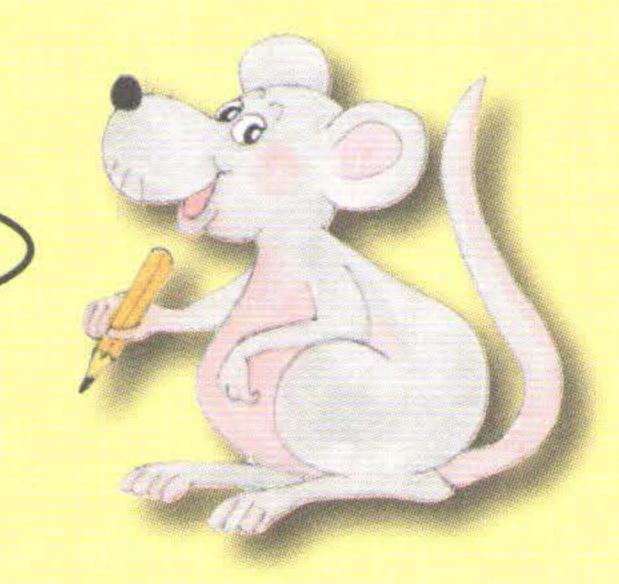
MORE TRICKY WORDS



NOW YOU CAN

Have a go at writing these tricky words.

Try to stay inside the lines!



TRICKY WORD SENTENCES

Read the sentences and draw pictures to show you understand what you have read.

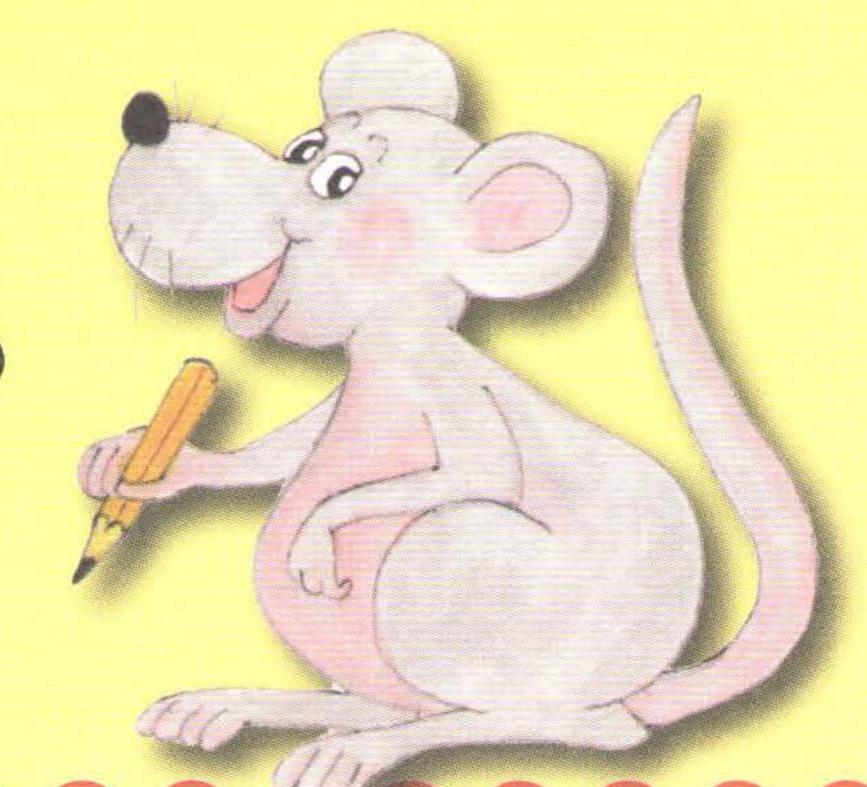
He is drinking. I brush my teeth.

She is running.

The dog is spotty.

Practise Writing the Letters

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

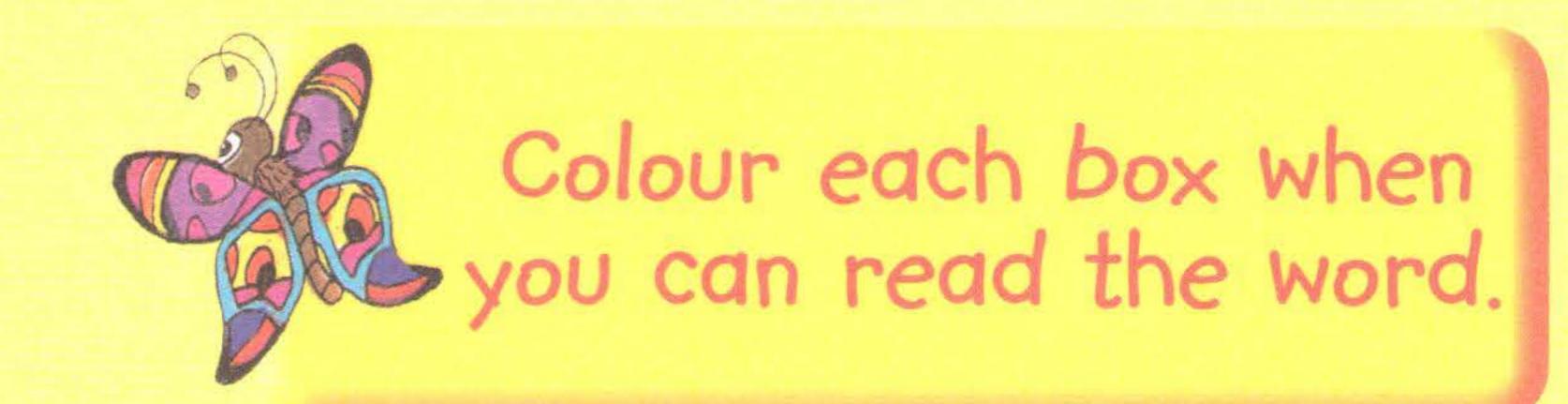


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NOW YOU GAN Read these words!

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quick	oil	letter	card
quack	soil	never	dark
queen	join	winter	part
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mouth	argue	butter	march
flour	her	arm	far
count	river	art	star
house	sister	barn	hard



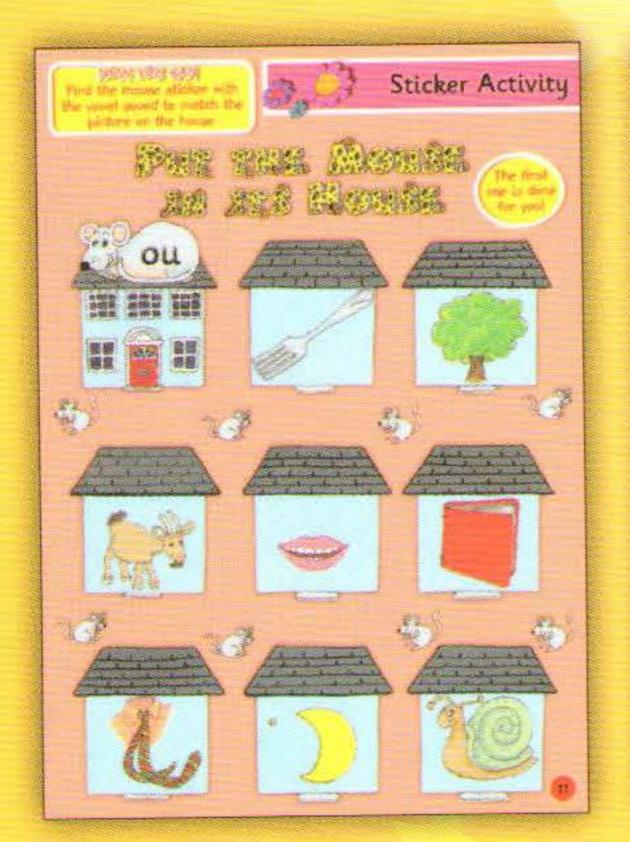
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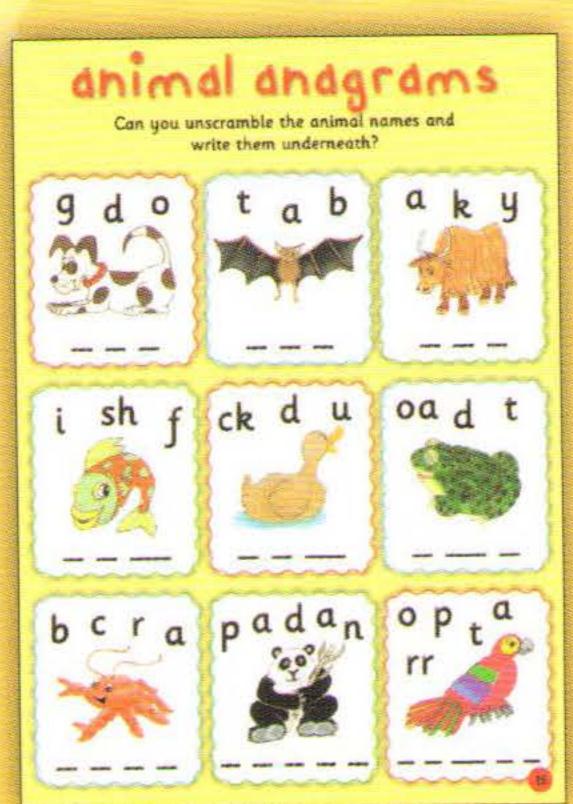
The first fun steps in learning to read and write

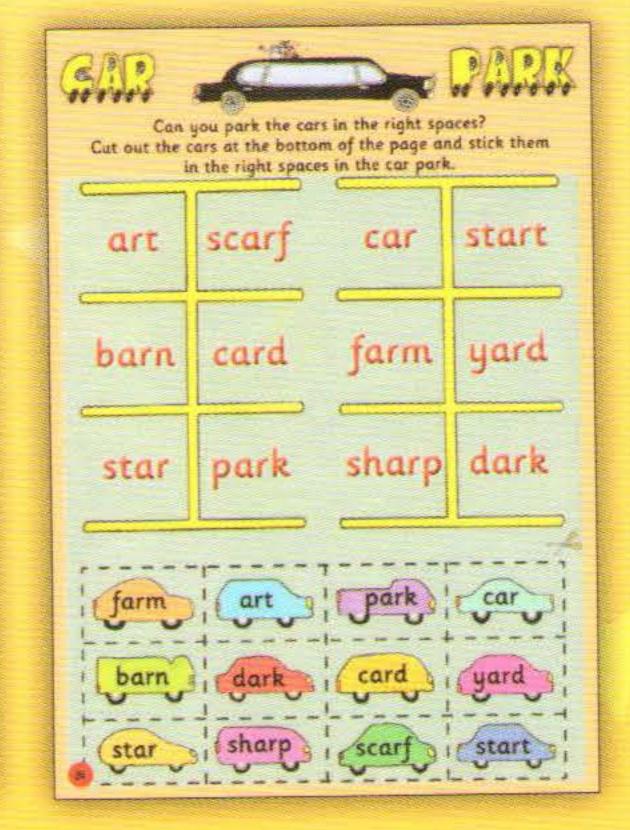


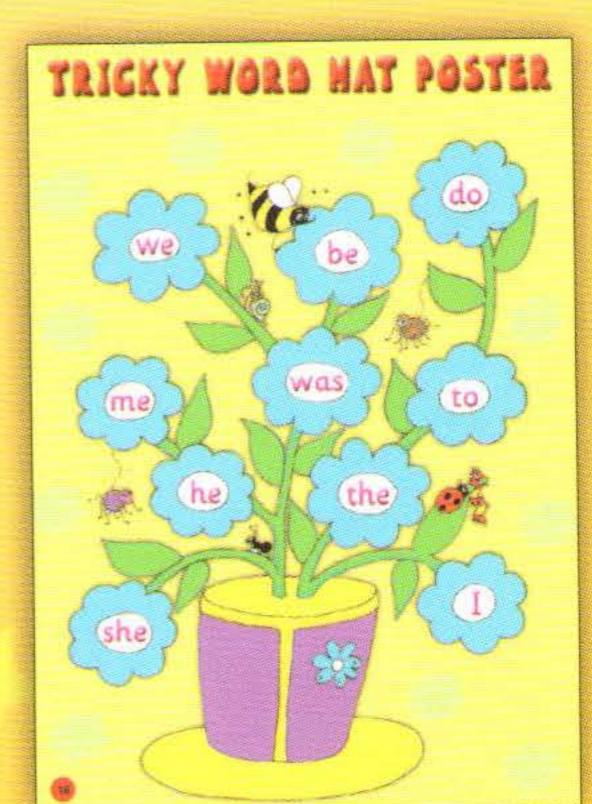
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