

Activity Book

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# Skills 1

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# **Activity Book**

This Activity Book contains activity pages that accompany many of the lessons from the Teacher Guide for Unit 1. The activity pages are organized and numbered according to the lesson number and the order in which they are used within the lesson. For example, if there are two activity pages for Lesson 4, the first will be numbered 4.1 and the second 4.2. The activity pages in this book do not include written instructions for students because the instructions would have words that are not decodable. Teachers will explain these activity pages to the students orally, using the instructions in the Teacher Guide. The Activity Book is a student component, which means each student should have an Activity Book.

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### Dear Caregiver,

This year we will be using the Core Knowledge Language Arts program with our Kindergarten students.

The program consists of two strands of instruction. The first strand, the Skills Strand, strives to teach students the mechanics of reading and writing using a phonics approach. As part of this strand, students will learn how to hear sounds in words and write "pictures of sounds," also known as letters.

For the first few weeks students will be learning to make simple writing strokes—lines, circles, humps, cups, etc.—while also learning to hear words in sentences. Next, students will learn to hear sounds in words. When that skill is in place, they will begin to learn the letters used to represent sounds. From time to time we will send you an activity page like this one to explain what is being taught in the program. It will inform you of activities you can do at home to supplement and solidify the learning your student is doing at school.

The second strand, Knowledge, strives to build students' vocabulary and background knowledge through oral language experiences. As part of this strand, students will listen to stories and nonfiction selections read aloud, participate in discussions, and complete vocabulary work.

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# Dear Caregiver,

In class, we have been practicing vertical lines. Knowing how to draw a vertical line is important because vertical lines are found in a number of letters (e.g., 't', 'd', 'h'). Please have your student trace the dotted vertical lines on the front and back of this activity page, starting at the stars and moving down.

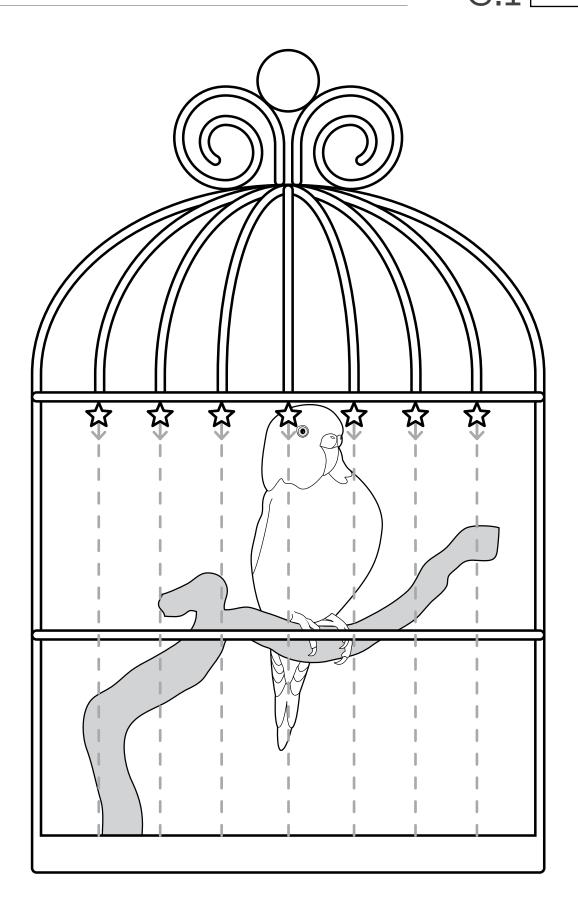


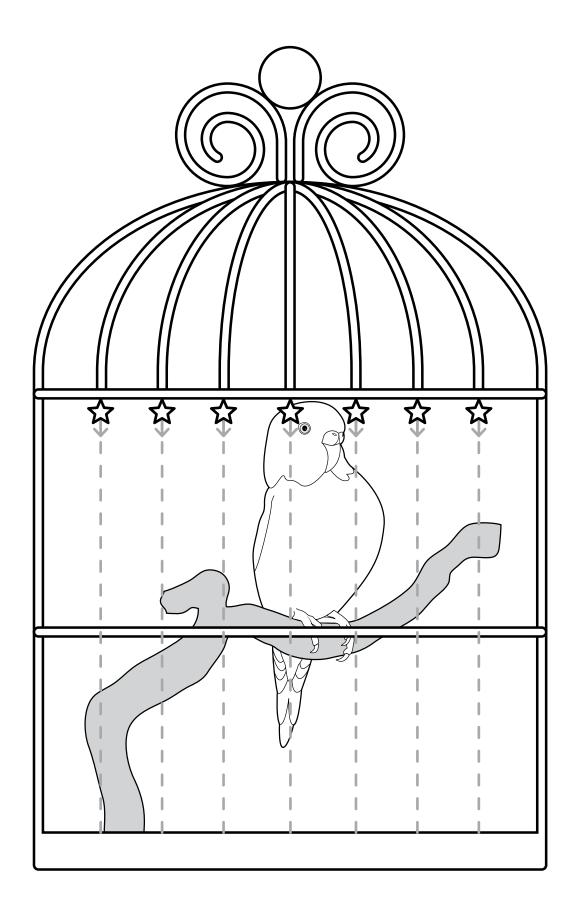


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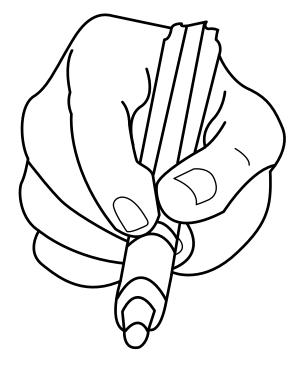
### Dear Caregiver,

In our class, we have been working on prewriting skills. Your student has not yet been taught to write letters but has been developing their fine motor skills. Below are some suggestions for activities you can do at home that will allow your student to practice and develop their hand and arm muscles and hand-eye coordination. Both are very important when learning how to use a writing utensil.

#### Have your student:

- build with blocks
- transfer water from one container to another with an eyedropper or spoon
- · pick up small objects like beads with their eyes closed
- · use tweezers to pick up crumpled bits of paper
- · cut up junk mail with student-friendly scissors
- · string beads onto yarn or string
- scrunch up a sheet of paper in one hand
- · mold and roll modeling clay into shapes
- draw and color pictures

We recommend that your student draw and color with small pieces of crayon. Drawing with crayons provides greater sensory input than drawing with pencils or markers. This is because the wax has greater resistance to the paper than graphite or ink; the push-and-pull motion strengthens finger and hand muscles. The small size of the crayon discourages creative grips and encourages the tripod grip (shown here). Using the tripod grip will give your student better control of the shapes they draw and increase the length of time your student can write.



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# **Blending Pretest**

**Scoring Sheet** 

Examples: /m/ . . . /e/ (me) /s/ . . . /a/ . . . /d/ (sad)

- 1. /s/ . . . /ae/ (say) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. /n/ . . . /oe/ (no) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. /f/ . . . /i/ . . . /sh/ (fish) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. /s/.../u/.../n/ (sun) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. /s/ . . . /i/ . . . /t/ (sit) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. /m/ . . . /a/ . . . /t/ (mat) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. /t/ . . . /e/ . . . /n/ (ten) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. /b/ . . . /a/ . . . /d/ (bad) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. /f/ . . . /l/ . . . /i/ . . . /p/ (flip) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. /sh/ . . . /i/ . . . /p/ (ship) \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** 

Interpretation:

8 or more correct: Strong

5-7 correct: Fair to Good

4 or fewer: Weak

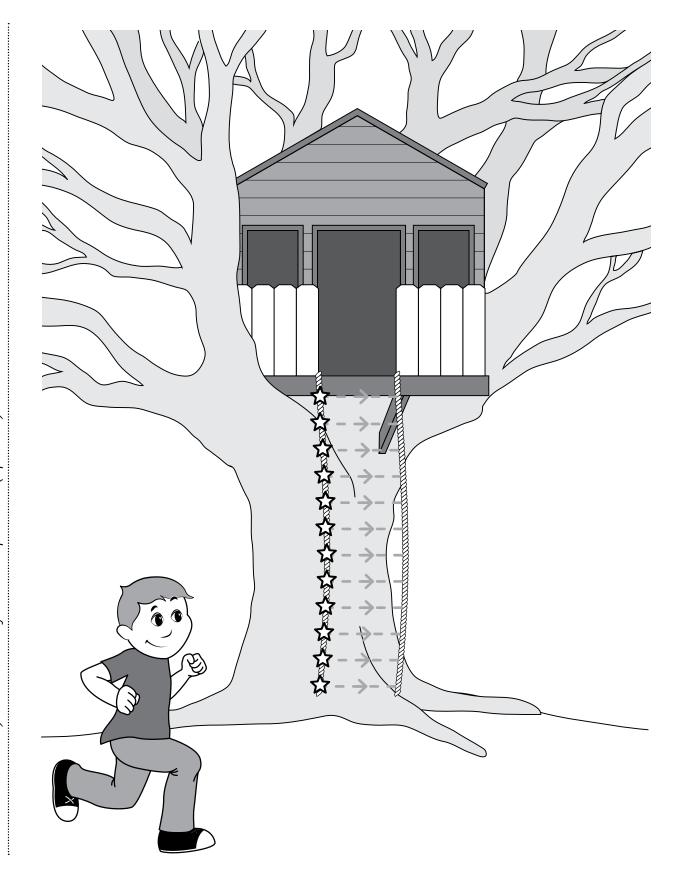
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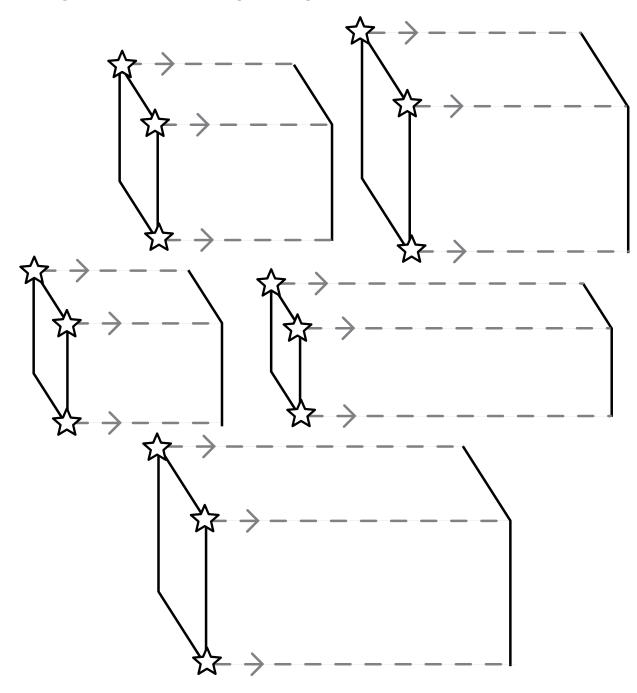


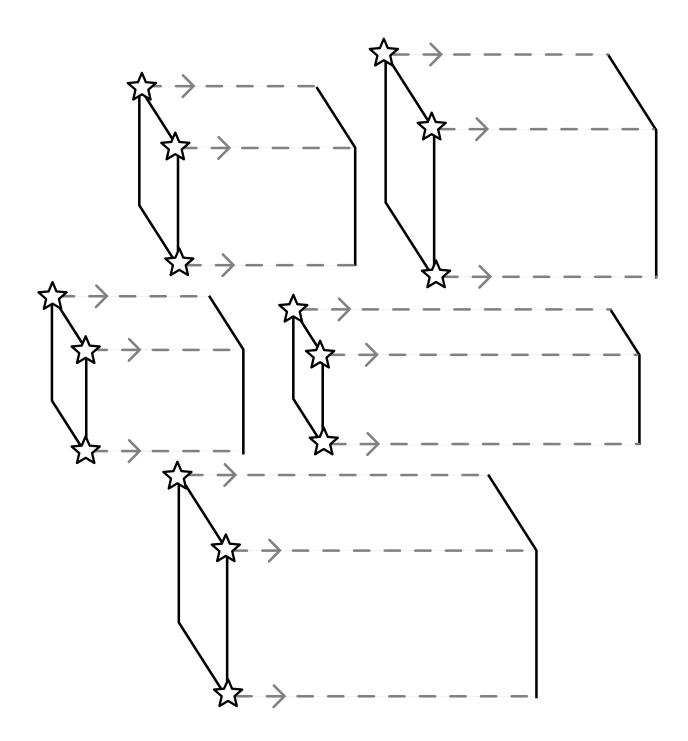


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In class, we have been practicing horizontal lines. Knowing how to draw a horizontal line is important because horizontal lines are found in a number of letters (e.g., 't', 'f', 'z'). Please have your student trace the dotted horizontal lines on the front and back of this activity page, starting at the stars and moving to the right.





Directions: Have students simultaneously name and point to the pictures in each row from left to right. Students

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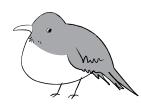












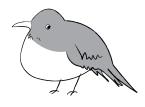








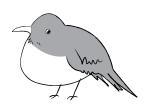




















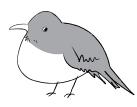












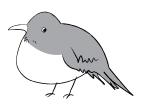








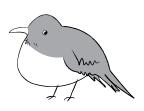












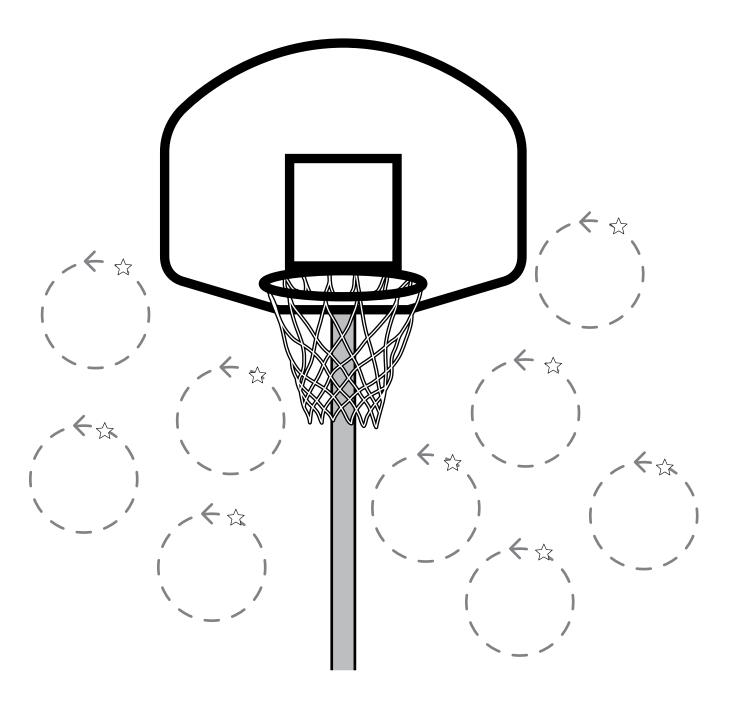


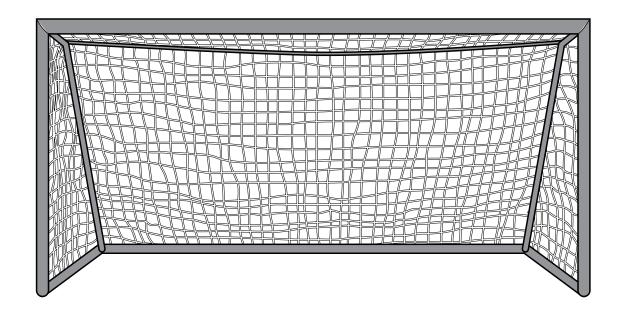
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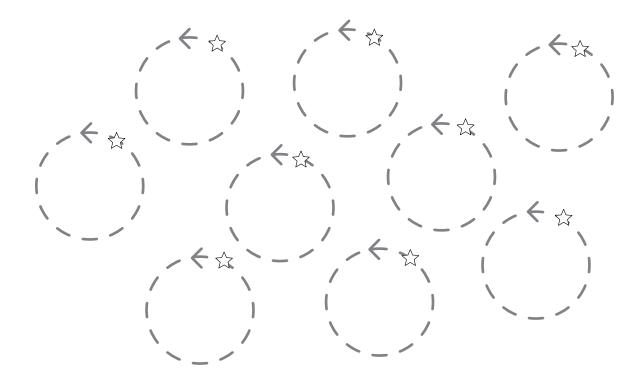
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# Dear Caregiver,

In class, we have been practicing circles. Knowing how to draw a circle is important because circles are found in a number of letters (e.g., 'b', 'd', 'o'). Please have your student trace the dotted circles on the front and back of this activity page, starting at the stars and moving to the left.

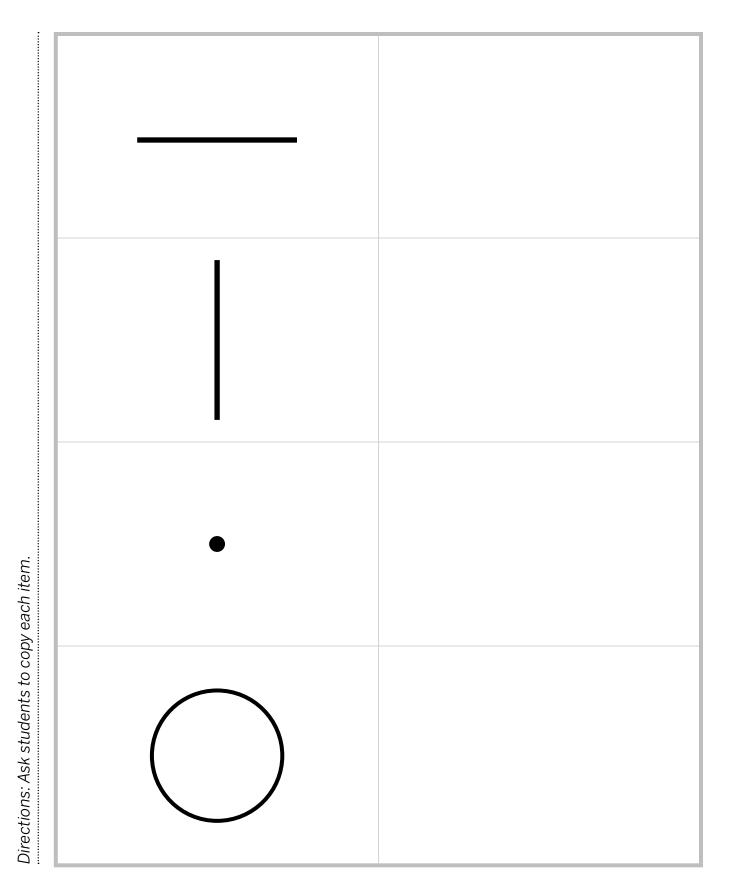


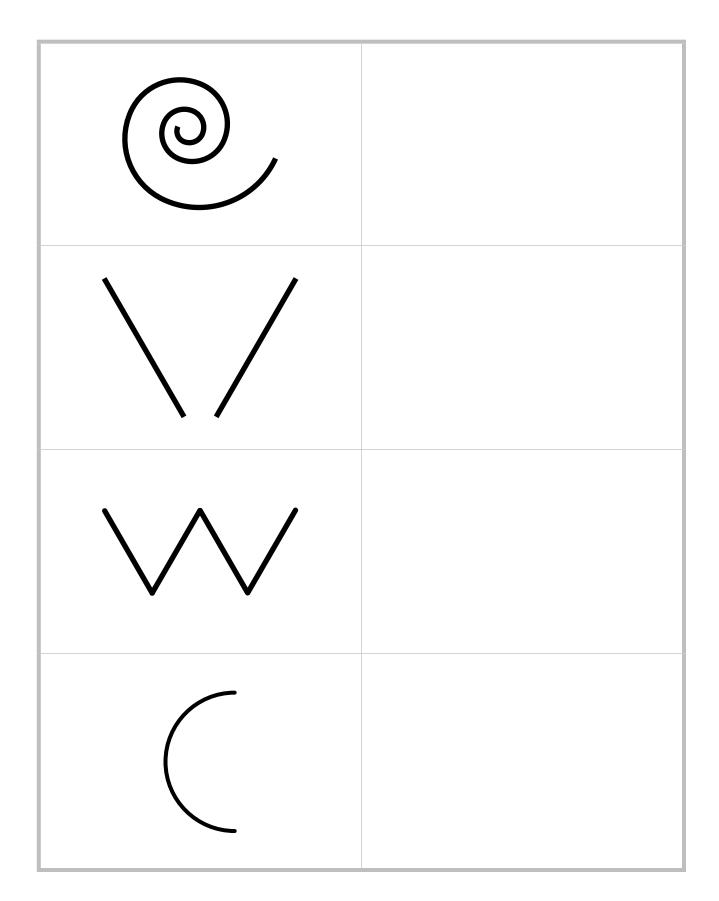




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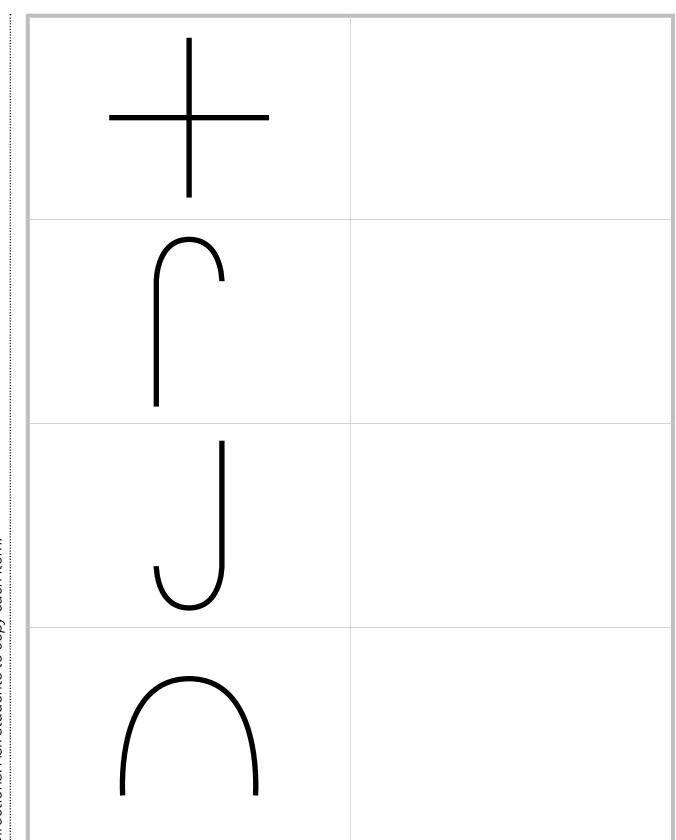
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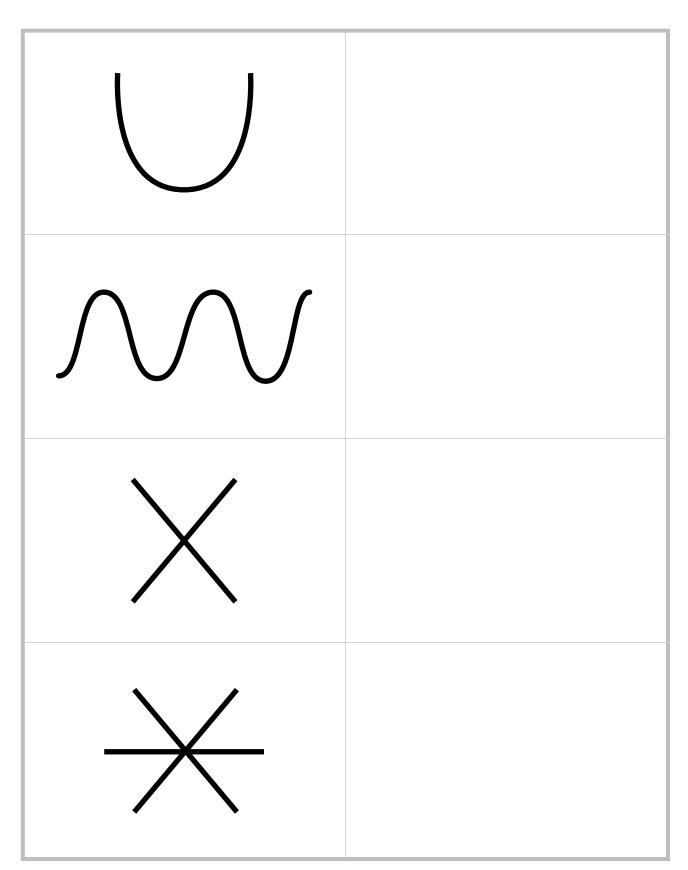


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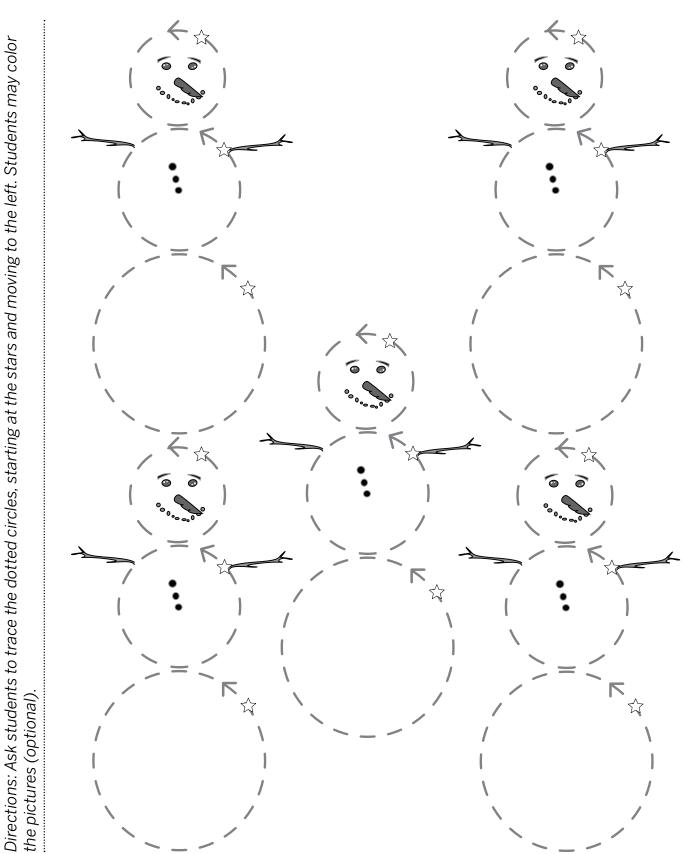


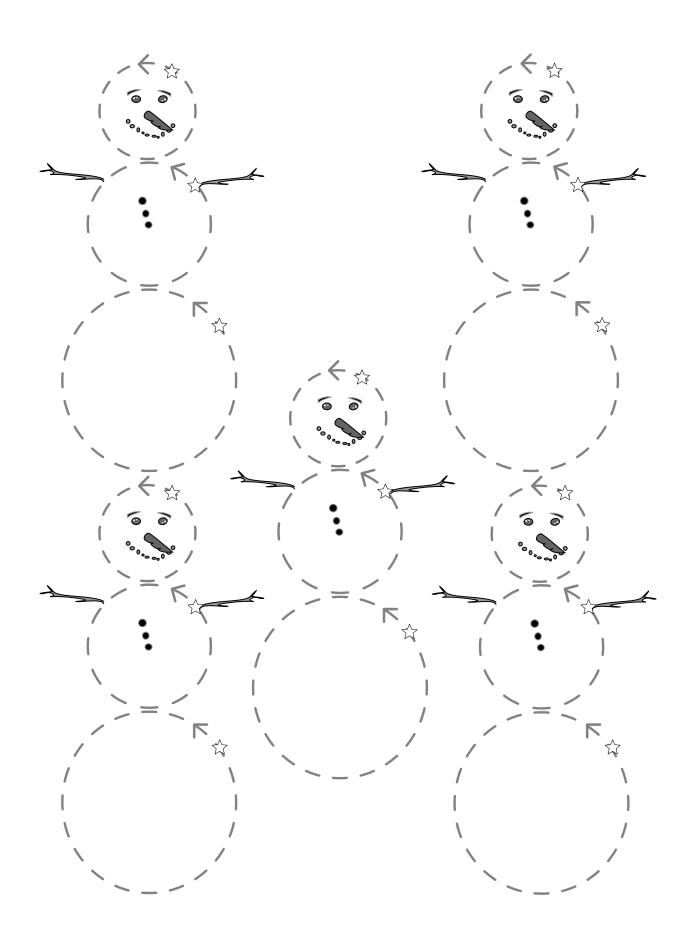
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### Dear Caregiver,

Up to this point in language arts class, your student has been working on noise and word awareness. Your student has not yet been taught to identify the specific sounds of English or read and write letters, but we are building up to these skills. Below are some suggestions for activities you can do at home that will allow your student to practice listening to noises and words. In addition to doing these activities, it is important that you read to your student every day.

# 1. Listen to Noises and Identify Them

Spoken language is made up of sounds, and the English writing system represents these sounds with letters. Listening carefully to sounds and noises is an important part of learning how to read. This activity teaches your student how to listen carefully and to think and speak about what they have heard. You can do this activity at home, when you are on a walk, when you are at the grocery store, etc.

- Find several household objects that make distinctive noises (e.g., keys, scissors)
- Use one object to make a noise.
- Ask your student what noise they heard (e.g., jingling, slicing).
- Ask your student what made the noise (e.g., keys, scissors).
- Repeat multiple times, using various objects.
- Ask your student to compare and describe the noises. (Which one was the loudest?
   Which noise did they hear first or last?)

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#### 2. Recall Noises

In language, sounds are combined to form words. The ability to hear these individual sounds and recall them is important for both reading and writing. Up to this point, your student has practiced listening to noises made by instruments and other objects. Recalling several noises and naming them in the order in which they occurred is very good preparation for recalling and naming the sounds in words.

- Make up to three noises in the kitchen (e.g., turn the water on, close a cabinet door, and tap a spoon on a plate).
- Ask your student what made the noises (e.g., water from faucet, cabinet door, spoon on plate).
- · Repeat multiple times, using various objects.
- Ask your student to close their eyes.
- Make two or three of the familiar noises.
- Ask your student to name or recreate the noises in the order in which they heard them.

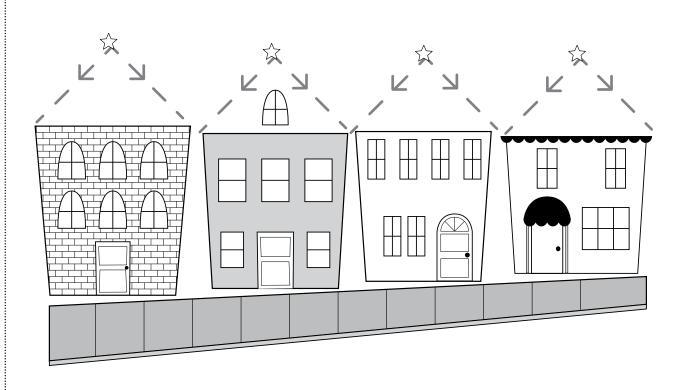
#### 3. Count Words

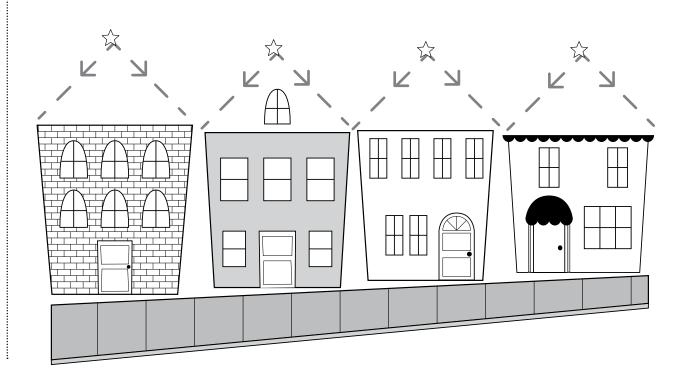
Words consist of strings of sounds; phrases and sentences consist of strings of words. Being aware of words and their order is important for learning to read. Counting words is quite difficult for young learners. Do not be surprised if your student cannot do this right away. Practice will help improve the skill.

- Read a story to your student.
- Pick one short sentence from the story with no more than five words. Say the sentence to your student. As you speak, lift one finger for each word in the sentence.
- Let your student try to lift their fingers for each word while saying the sentence.
- Note: If counting five words is too hard, choose a shorter sentence.
- · Repeat multiple times.

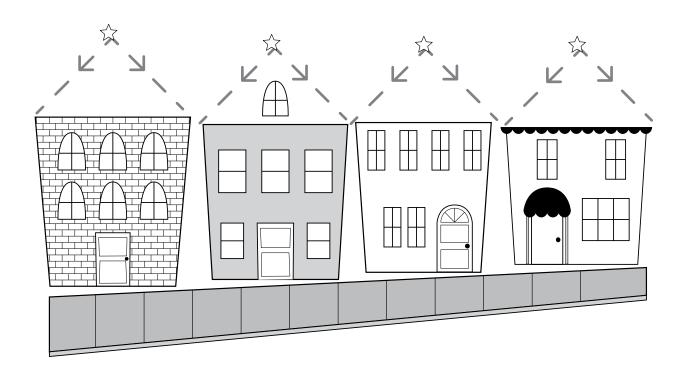
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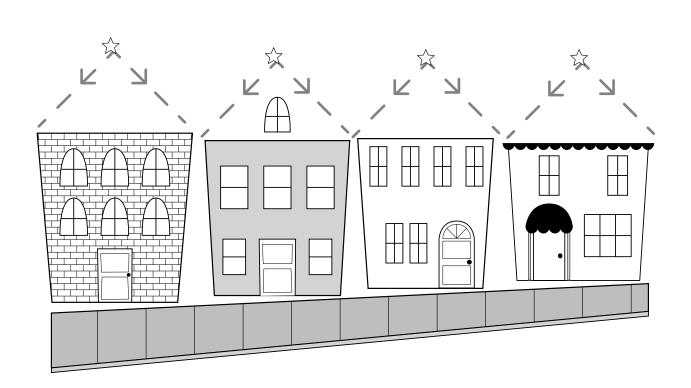
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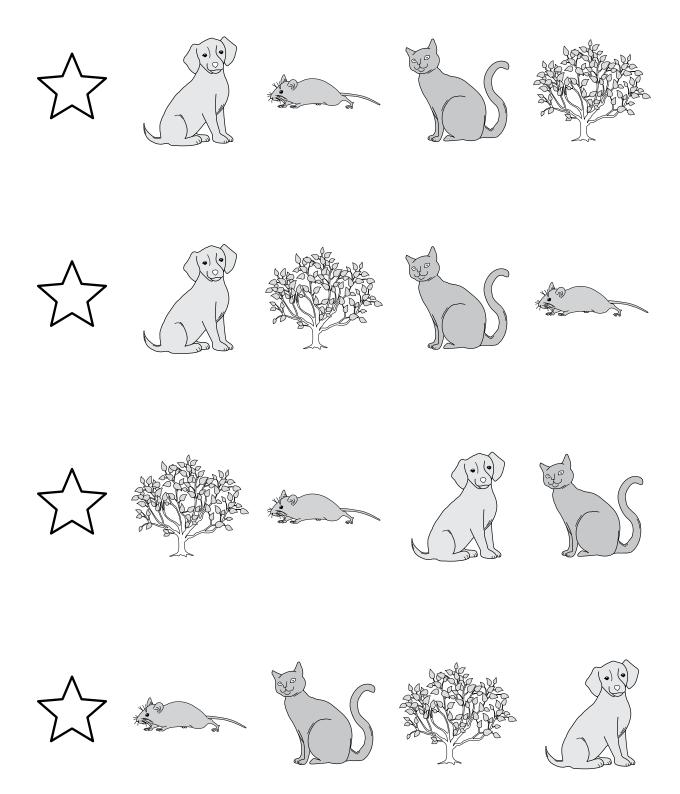
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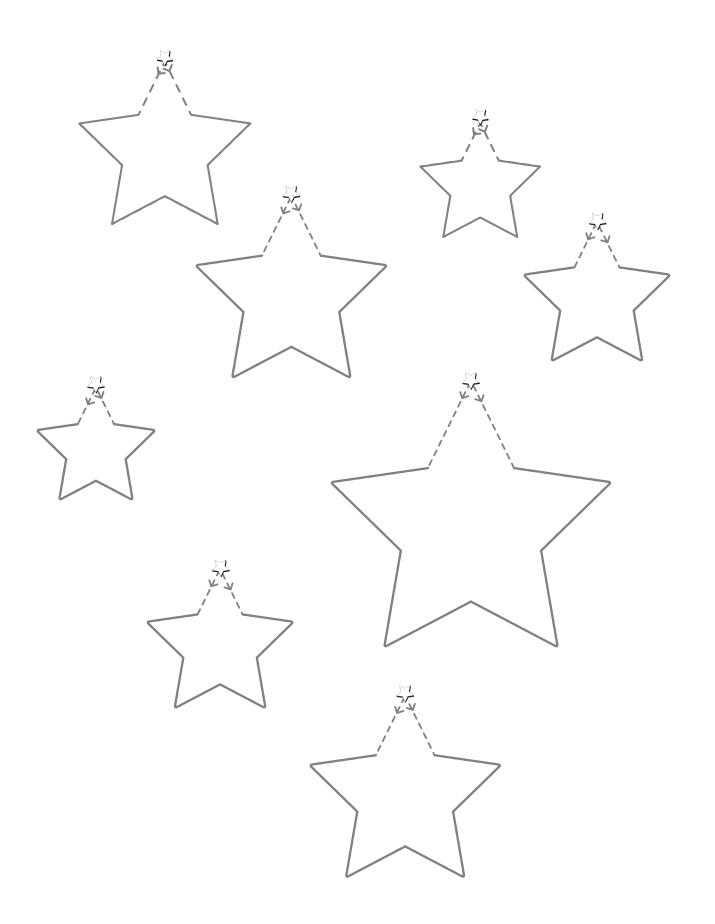
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### Dear Caregiver,

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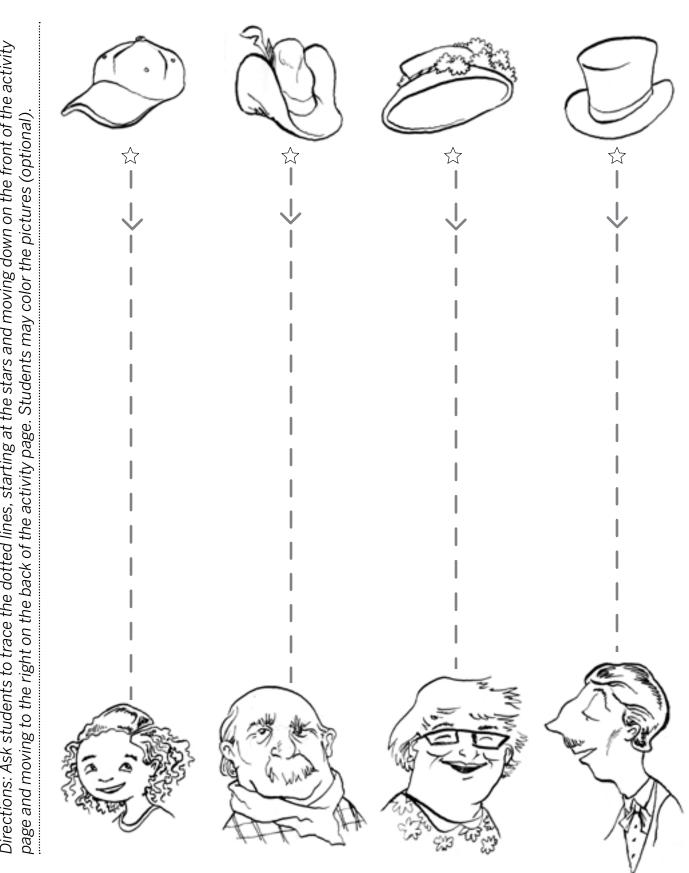


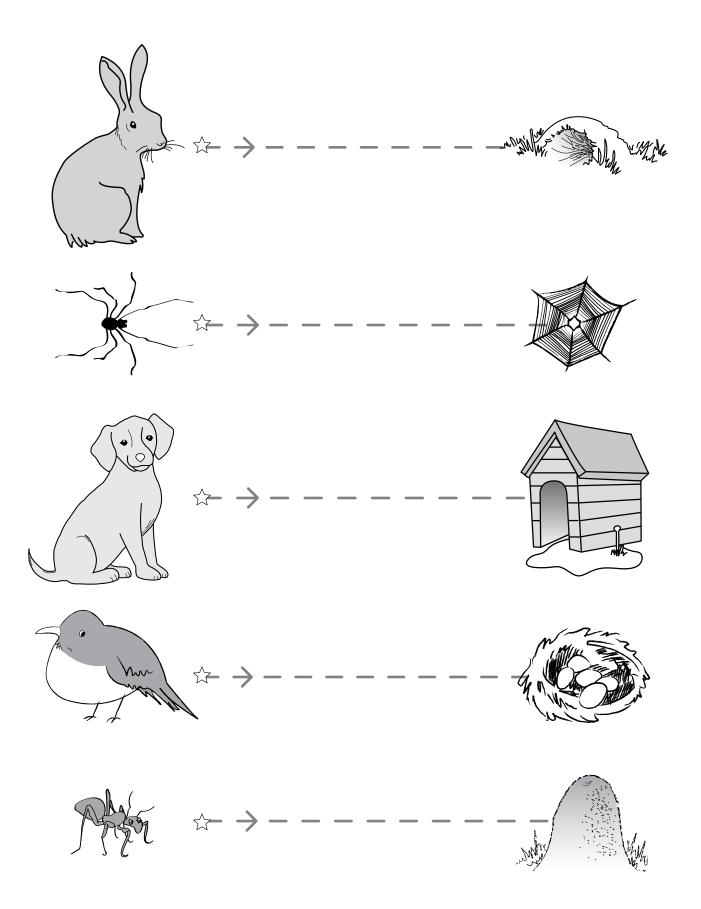


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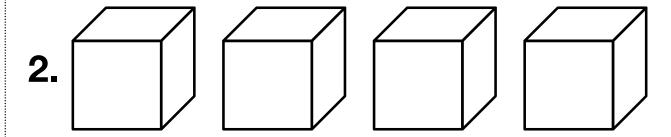
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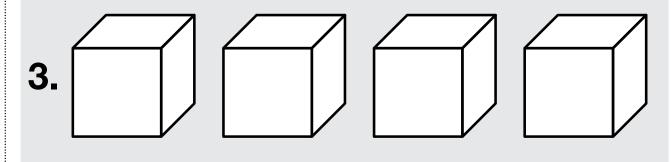
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Directions: For each sentence, ask students to circle one cube for each word in the sentence read aloud.

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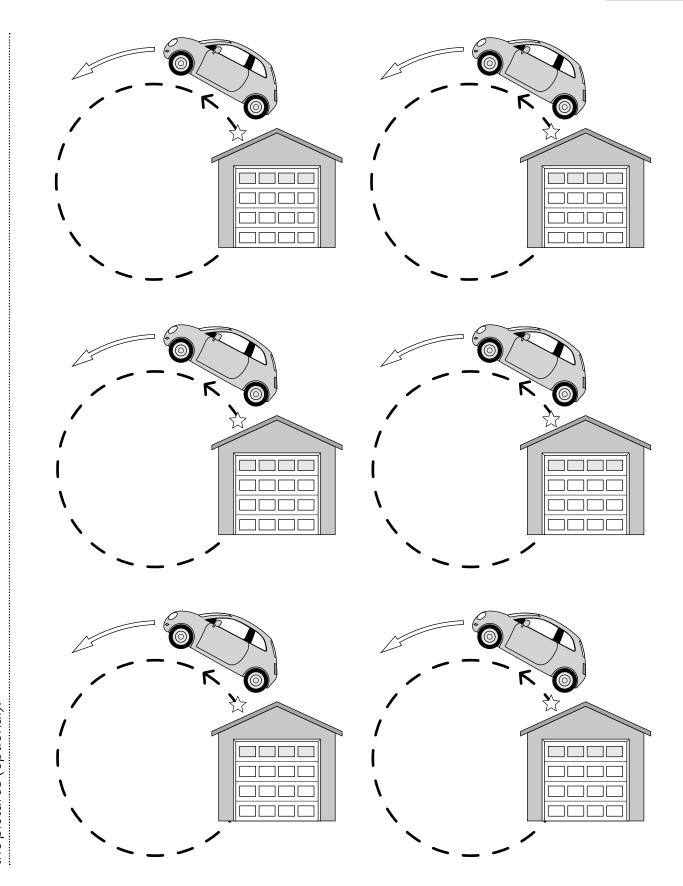
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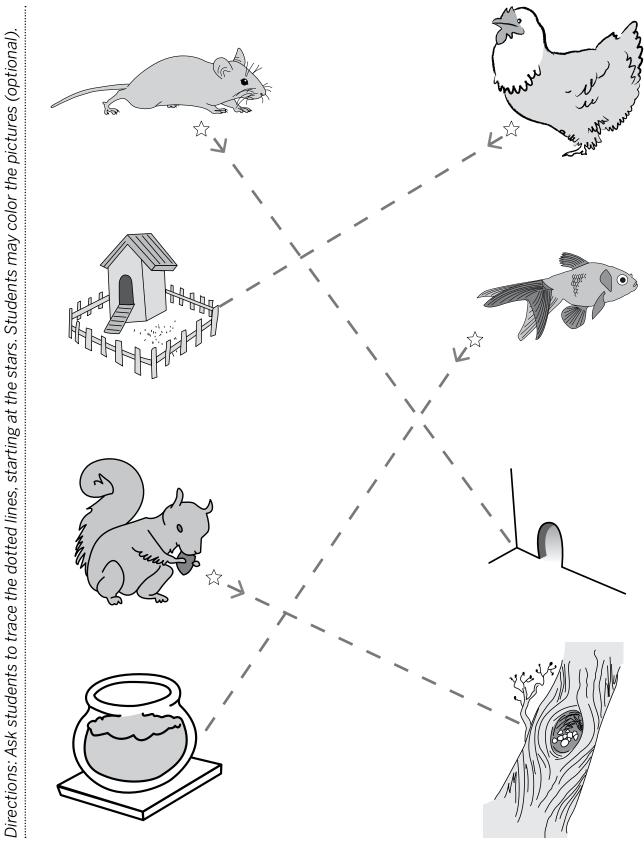
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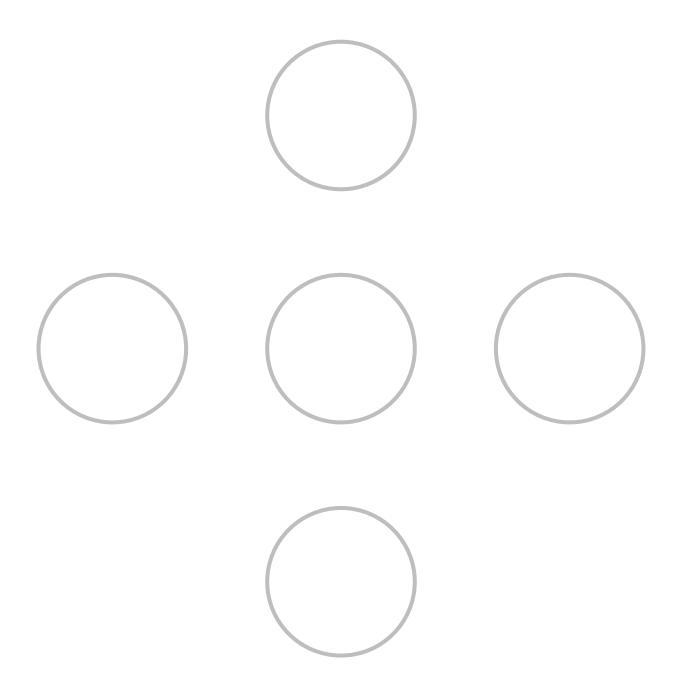
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Please direct your student to color the circle on the *left* green, the circle on the *right* red, the *top* circle blue, the *middle* circle yellow, and the *bottom* circle orange. Check your student's work, and review the meanings of the position words if necessary. Use these words in your day-to-day activities, "Put your socks in the middle drawer," "Use your right hand to open the door," etc.



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Directions: Ask students to copy each item.	

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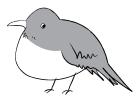
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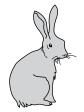
When we read, we track from left to right and top to bottom. This activity page will help familiarize your student with the directionality of reading. Have your student name and point to the pictures in each row from left to right on the front and back of this activity page. Your student should identify the pictures in the top row, then the pictures in the second row, then the pictures in the third row, and then the pictures in the bottom row.





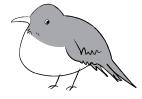








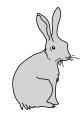






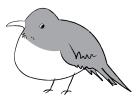






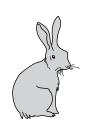


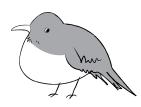






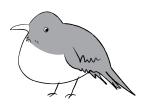






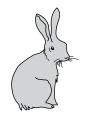






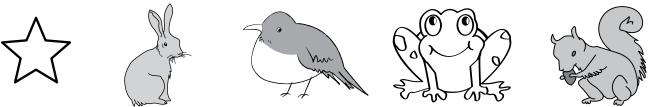








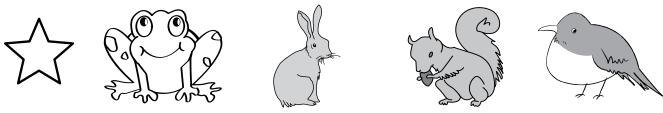


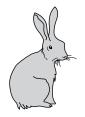




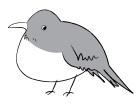






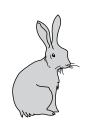


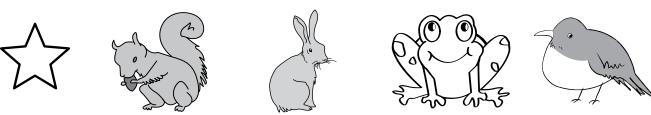


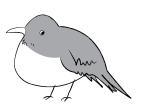






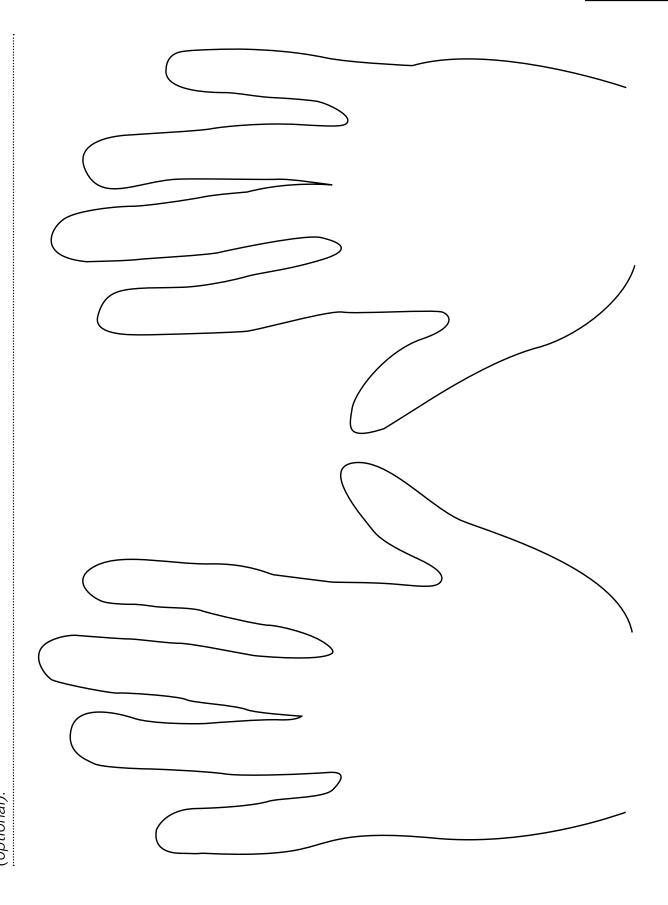






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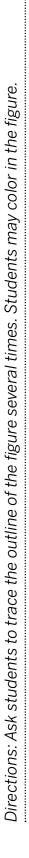


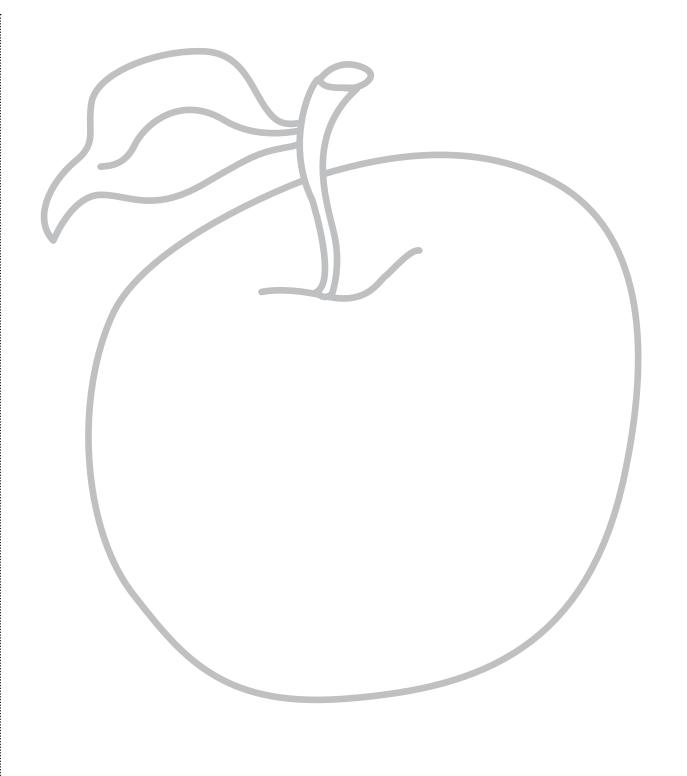


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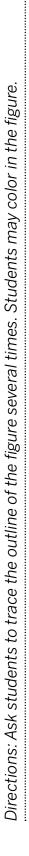


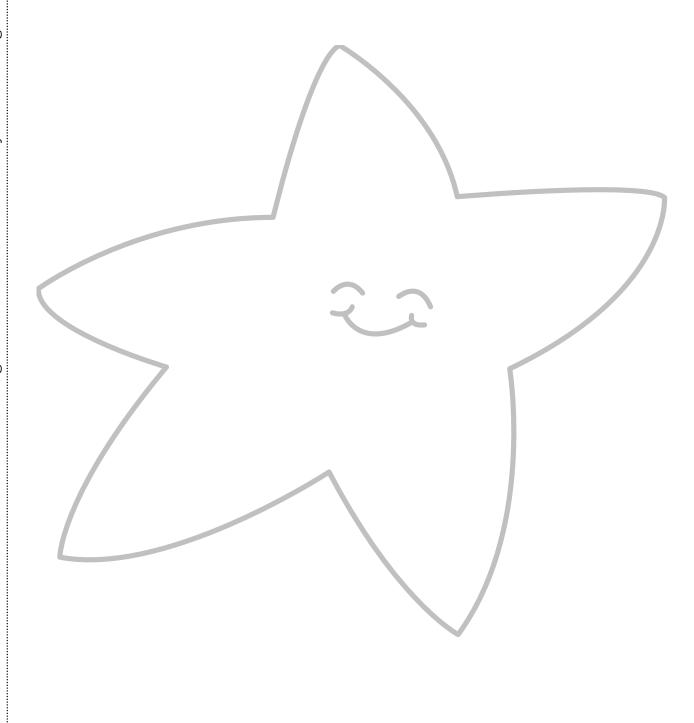


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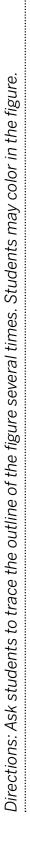




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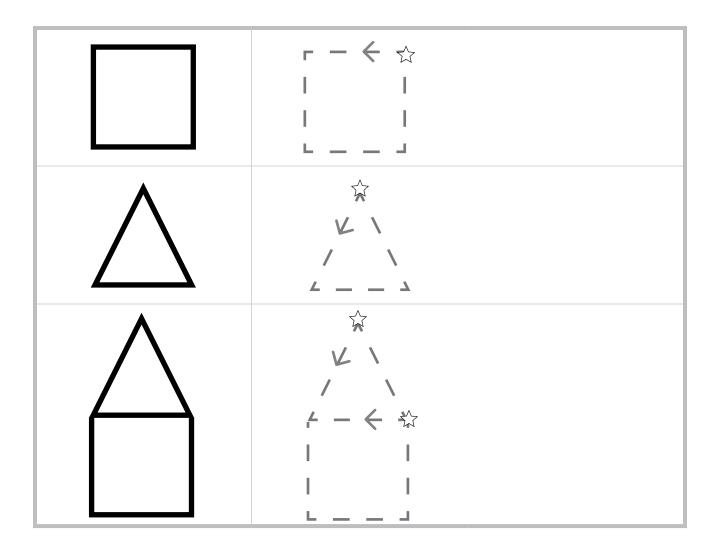
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Directions: Ask students to trace the outline of the figure several times. Students may color in the figure.



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