



Exploring the alphabet: Picture Mats



Included in the resource:

- Twenty-six alphabet mats with pictures
- Two mats with complete alphabet on them (One lower case letters, one upper case letters)

Teaching resources that move [Beyond Conventional Wisdom](#). Our resources are designed to support student choice, voice and agency. The resources are ideal for all teaching styles, but particularly suited to inquiry (constructivist) teaching. Our aim is to move beyond conventional teaching tools, consultancy and training by creating tailored resources, strategies and training opportunities that enable teachers to implement supportive, differentiated, challenging and innovative learning experiences.

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Interest

Prior knowledge connections: Providing frameworks for increasing student engagement through prior knowledge connections and interests.

Learners will have an opportunity to connect to prior knowledge and current interests by

- Drawing on prior knowledge and experiences to problem solve
- Using vocabulary and language that is familiar and know to learner
- Being encouraged to experiment with possibility
- Take action with known ideas about letters, sounds and symbols

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Agency

Voice, Choice being response-abled: Developing scaffolds that support voice and choice in the learning process.

Learners will be actively involved in the decision making process by...

- Being supported to take an interest in words and word creation in personally relevant and meaningful languages
- Uses mistakes as a launch pad for new learning
- Engaging in communication processes in ways that are personally relevant and meaningful
- Being encouraged and supported to engage in problem solving situations that are safe and respectful
- Having the opportunity to make choices using available resources

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Skills

Processes and strategies: Skills and strategies that support learners to engage in the learning process.

Learners will know HOW to...

- Recognise and name all upper and lower case letters (graphemes) and know the most common sound that each letter represents
- Identify sounds in words they are familiar with
- Sort images or objects using words by identifying some sounds with the appropriate letters.
- How to begin locating initial, medial and ending sounds in known words

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Knowledge

Knowledge and facts: Details, facts and knowledge about a topic or process.

Learners will KNOW ...

- Letter can represent sounds
- The sound –symbol relationship between letters and sounds
- Letters are symbols for sounds
- The letter names and sounds for the English alphabet
- Listening can help us connect sounds and symbols

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Understanding

Concepts and enduring understandings:

Supporting learners' meaning making and enabling learning to become portable in problem solving situations.

Learners will be develop an UNDERSTANDING

- Symbols can be used to represent ideas
- People use different systems of communication to cater to different needs and purposes and that many people may use sign systems to communicate with others

LETTER-SOUND CARDS WITH PICTURES

Ideas for use

These cards can be used by parents or teachers for guided letter-sound inquiries.

Each card has a capital and lower case letter on it and a picture that letter sounds as its initial sound. The picture may act as a prompt for inquiries into the letter-sound relationship. If the child names the picture differently to what is indicated on the card, use this as an opportunity to see if the sound is still present in the way the child named the image, or if another letter would have a better fit.

Children with more than one language can use the space on the card to explore what sounds, letters, character or symbol they might use in their other languages.

There is a blank card that can be printed out numerous times so that children can create cards that are personalised to their own situation and understandings

The cards can be printed on light cardboard and laminated to create a reusable resource or they can be printed off as a single use sheet.

Alternatively the resource can be used a PowerPoint to spark whole class discussions and inquiries.

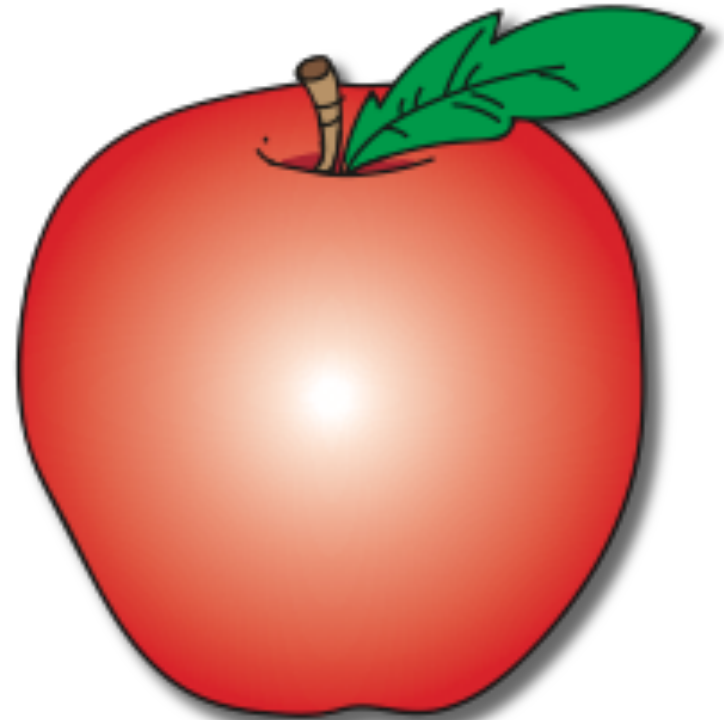
The cards have been created with large bubble letters for children to

- Trace inside the lines of the letters
- Use play dough to fill in the letter shapes
- Colour in the letters

The space on the cards can be filled with other images or words that connect to the letter-sound on that card, or they can be used as a sorting mat for children to place objects or toys with the matching sound on.

If you come up with creative or inventive ways of using this resource, please let us know and we will feature your ideas and name on our website.

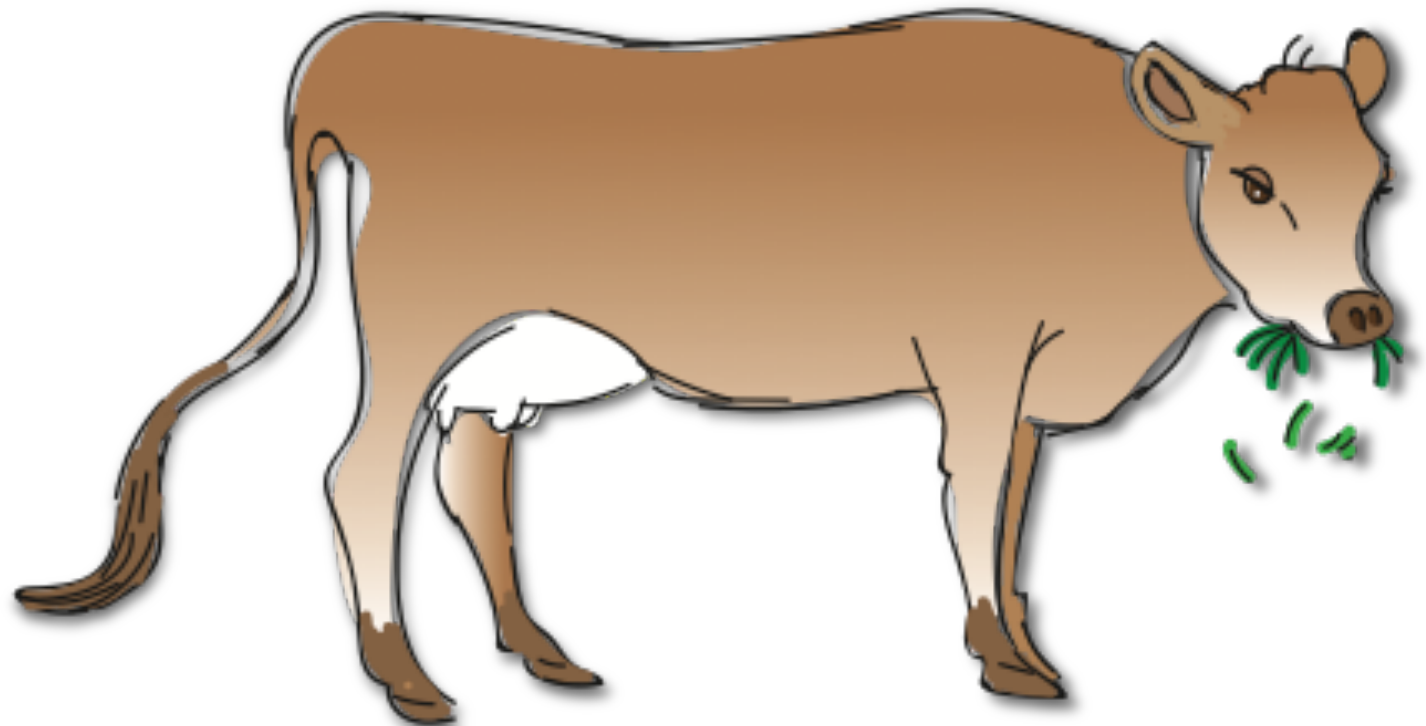
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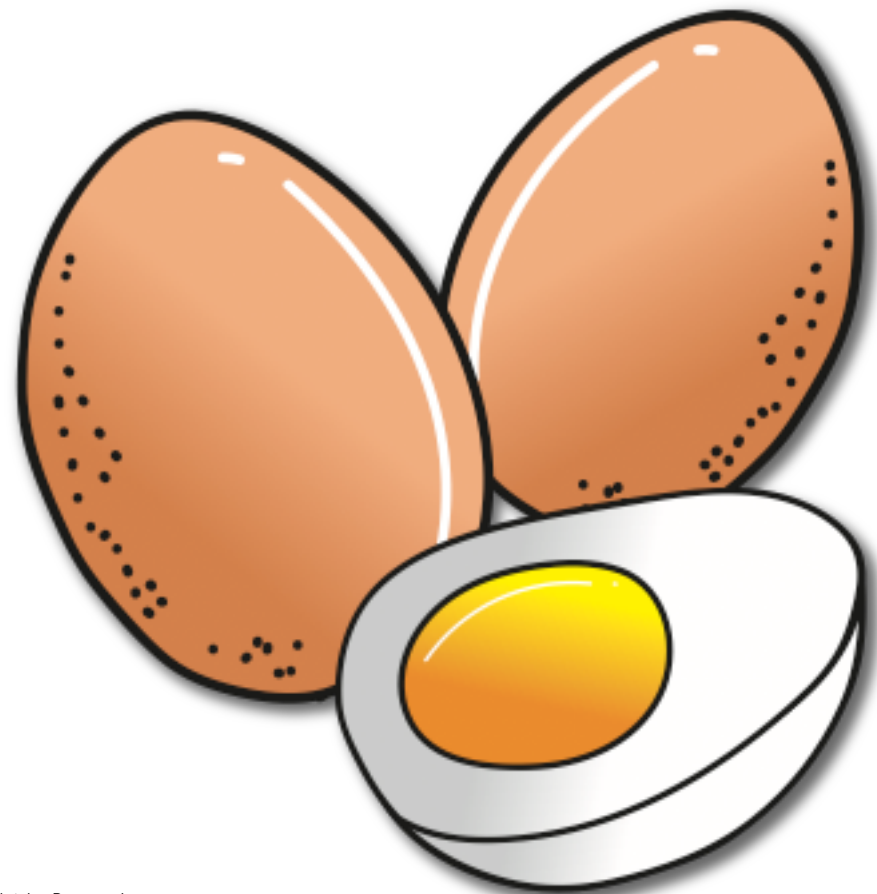
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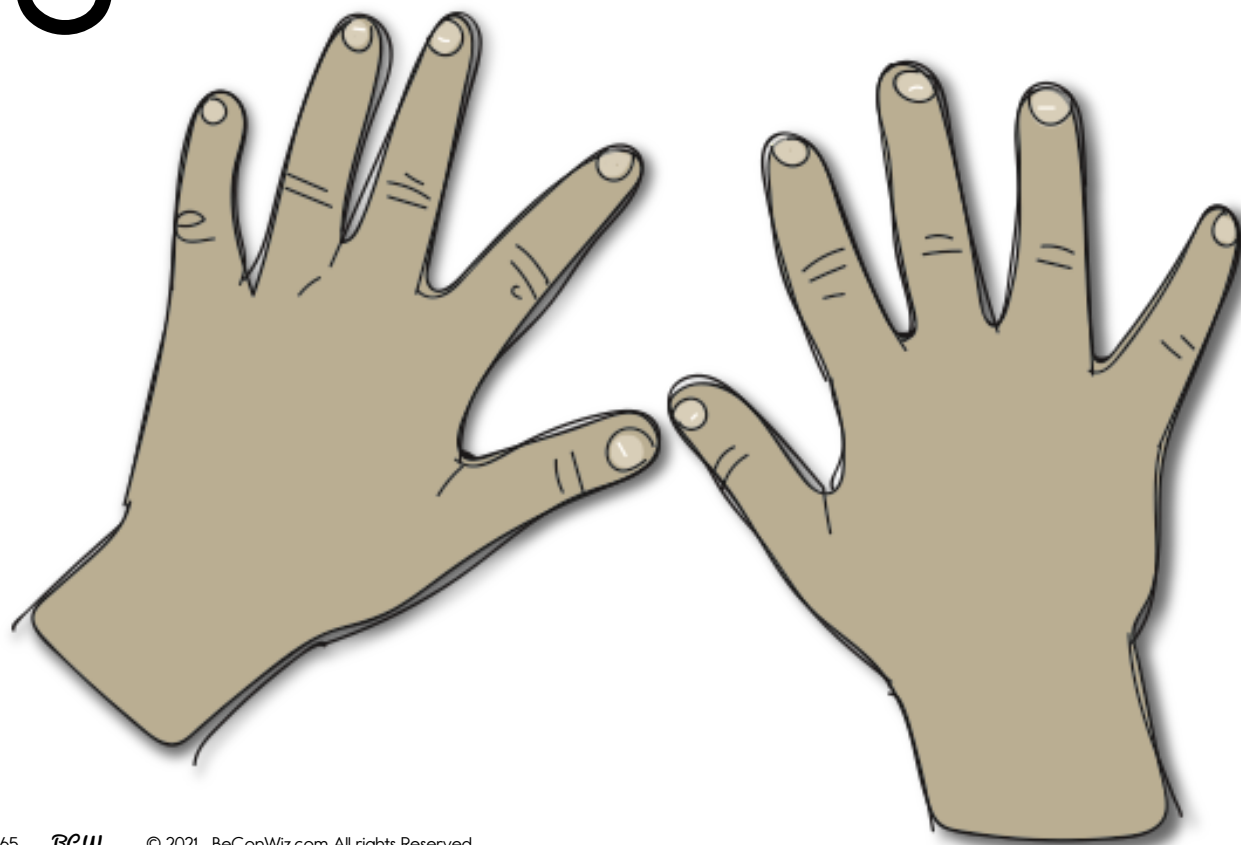
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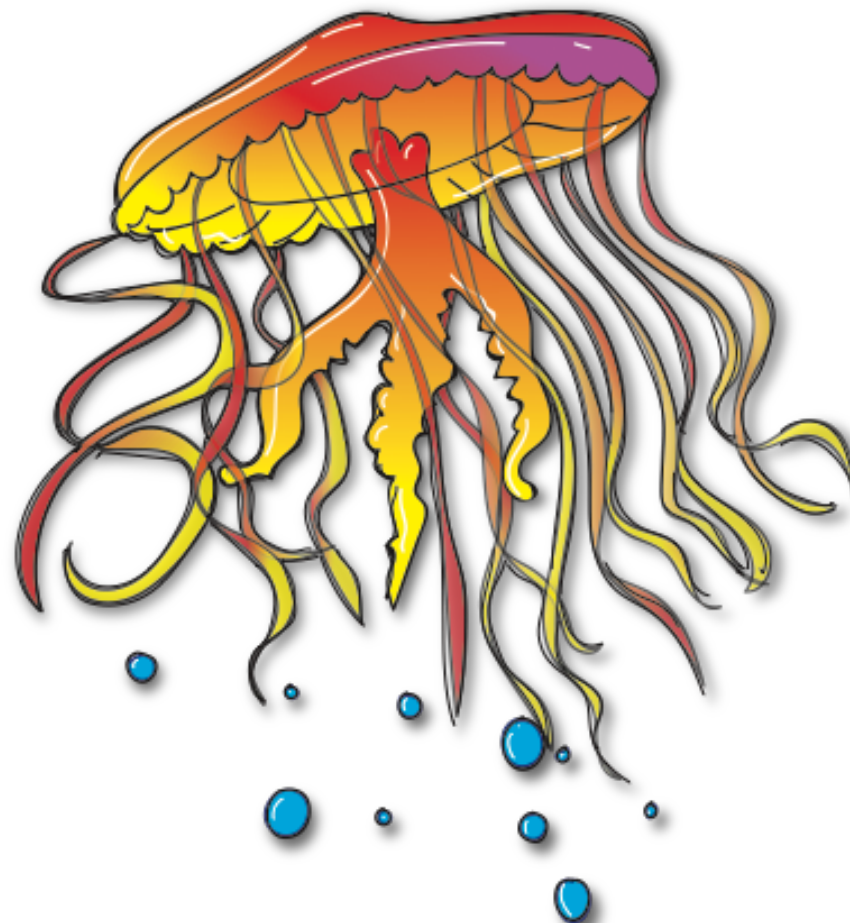
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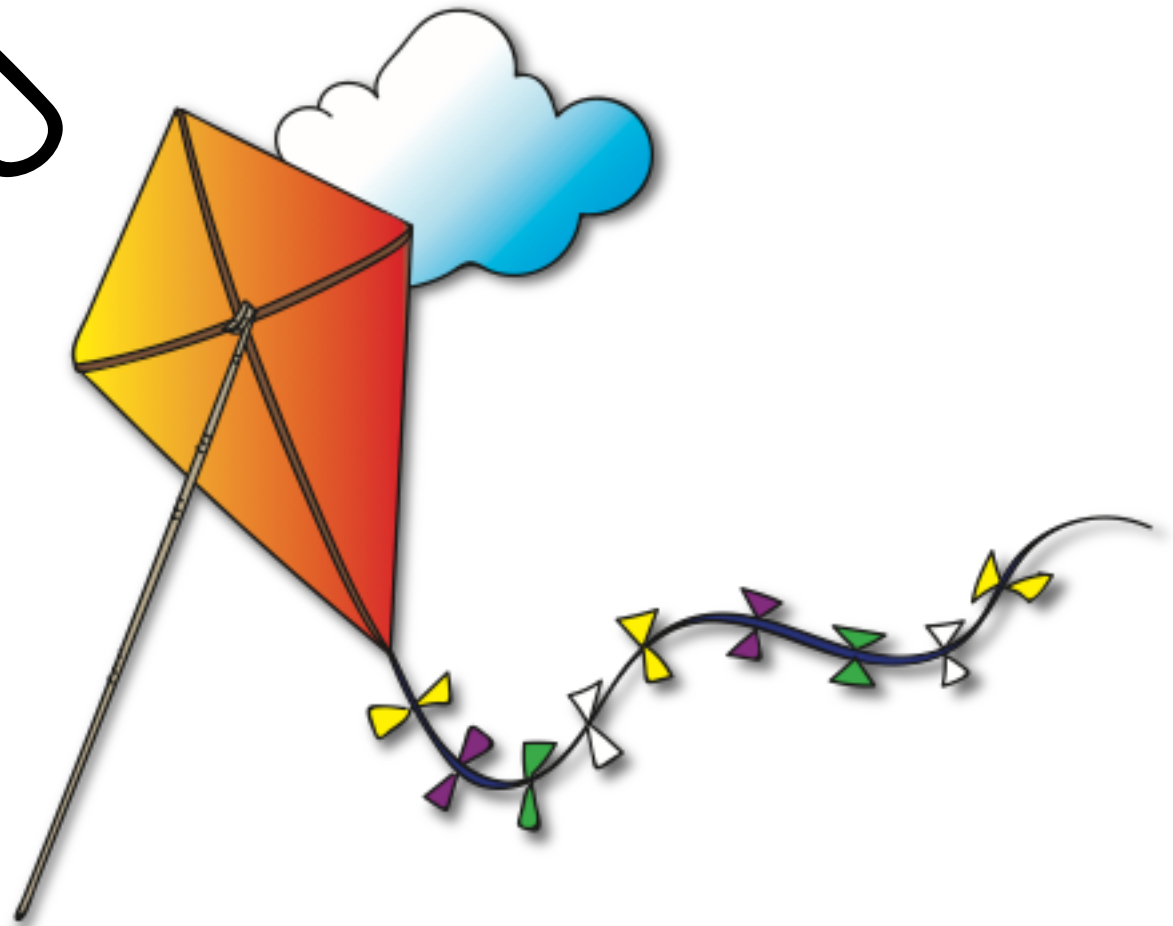
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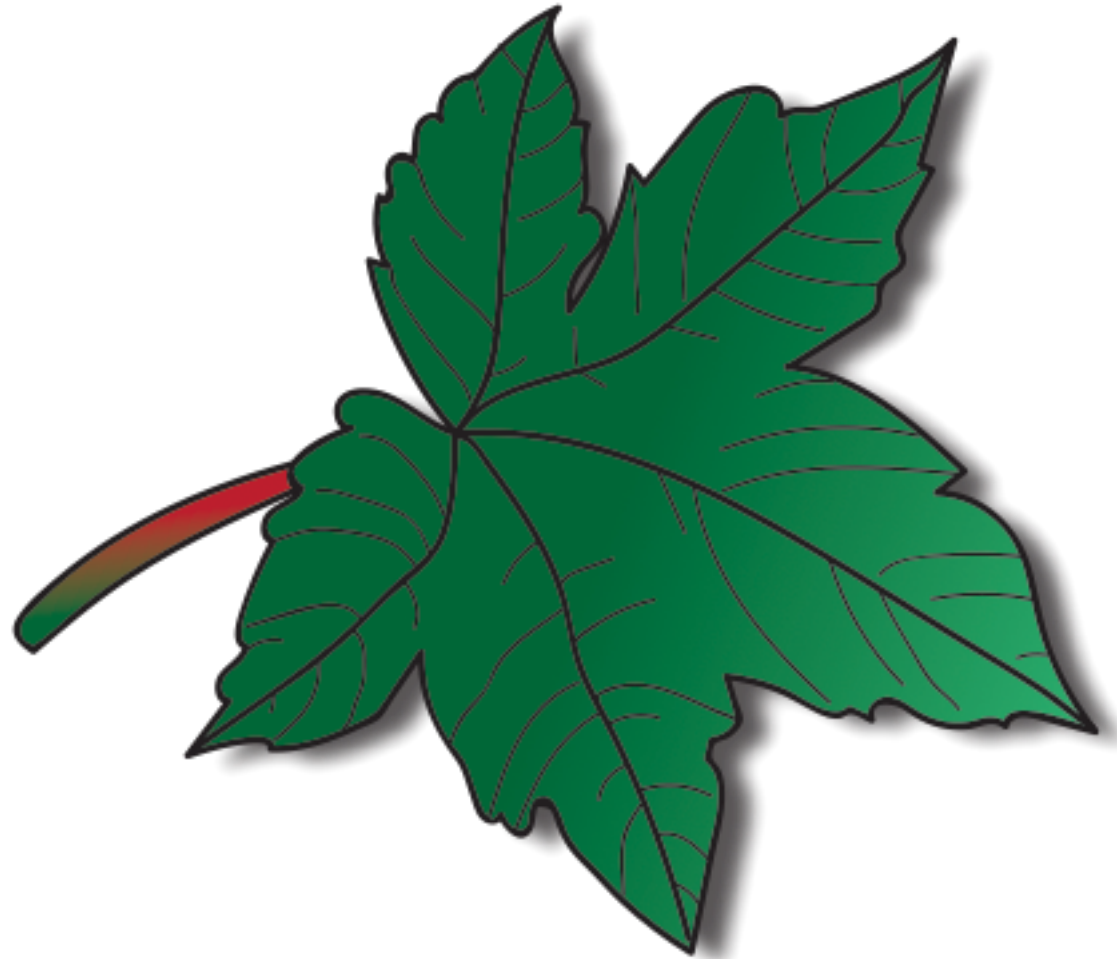
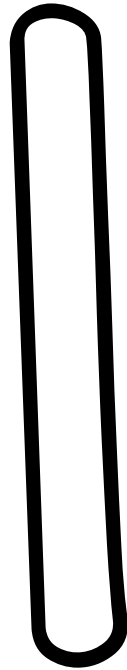
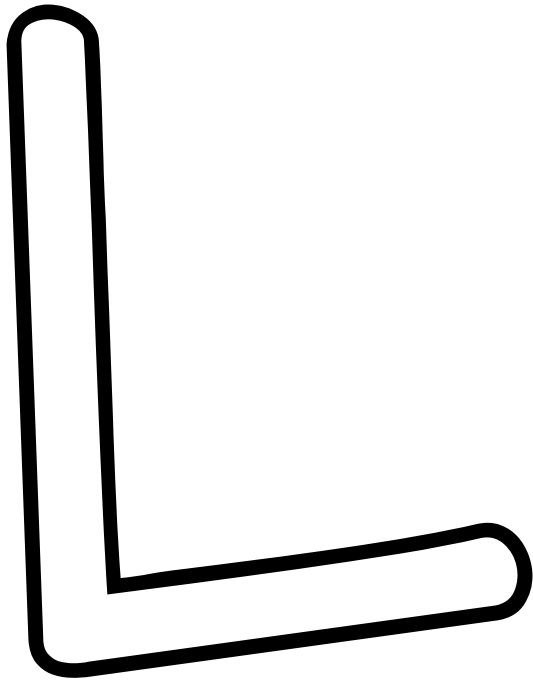


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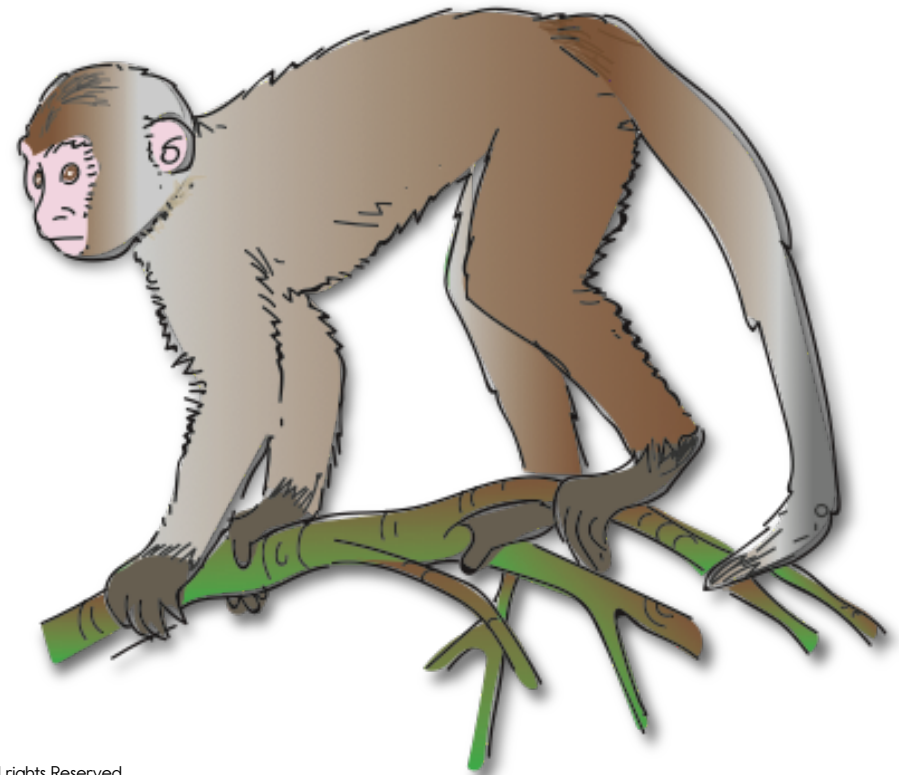


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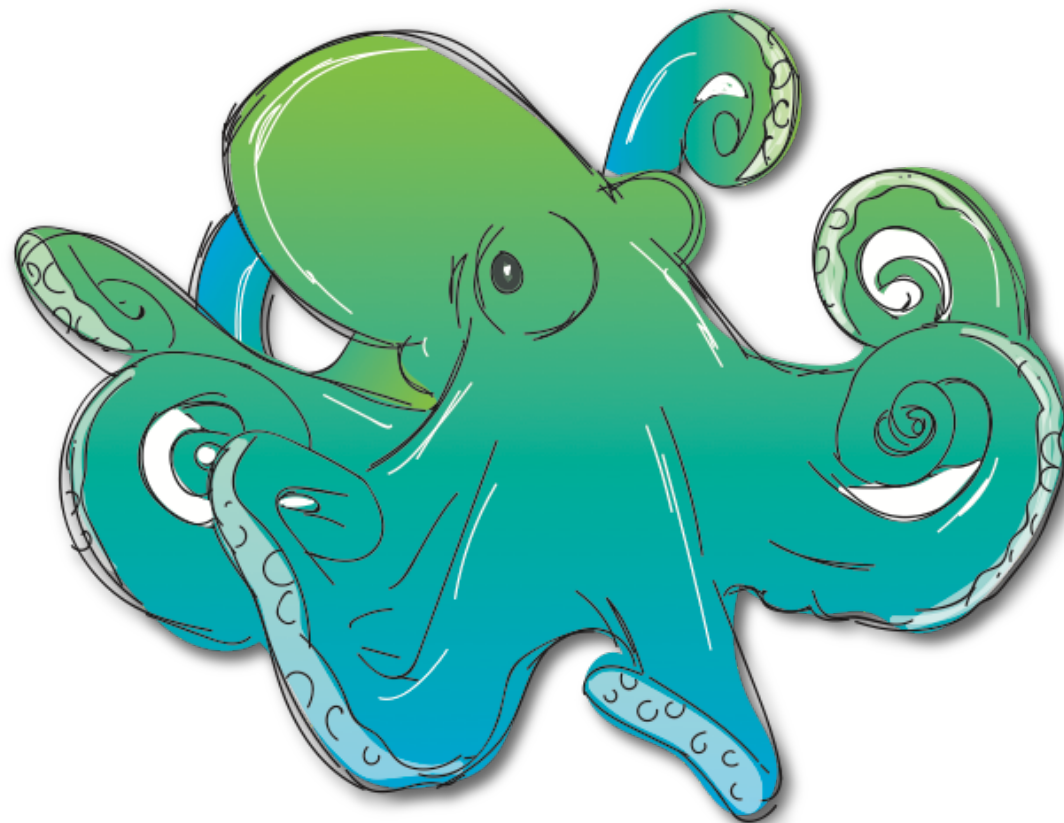
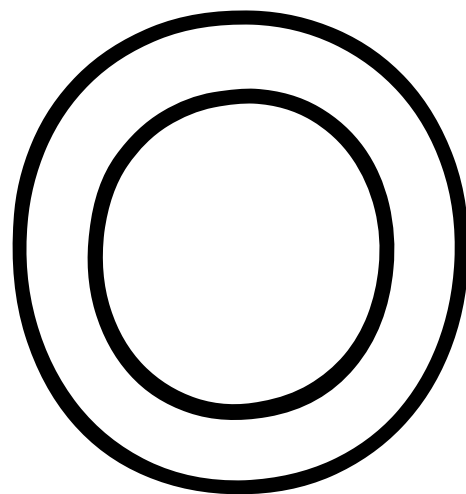
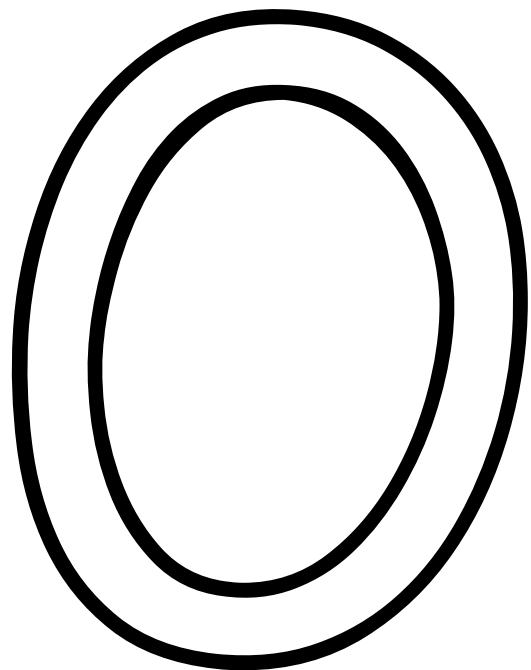


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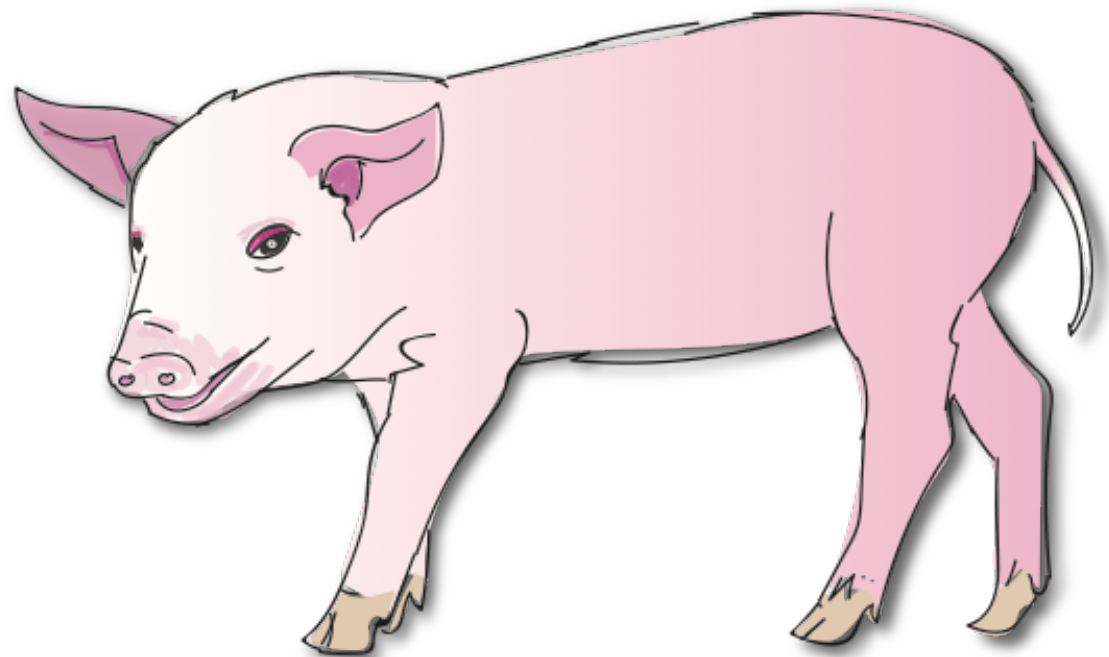


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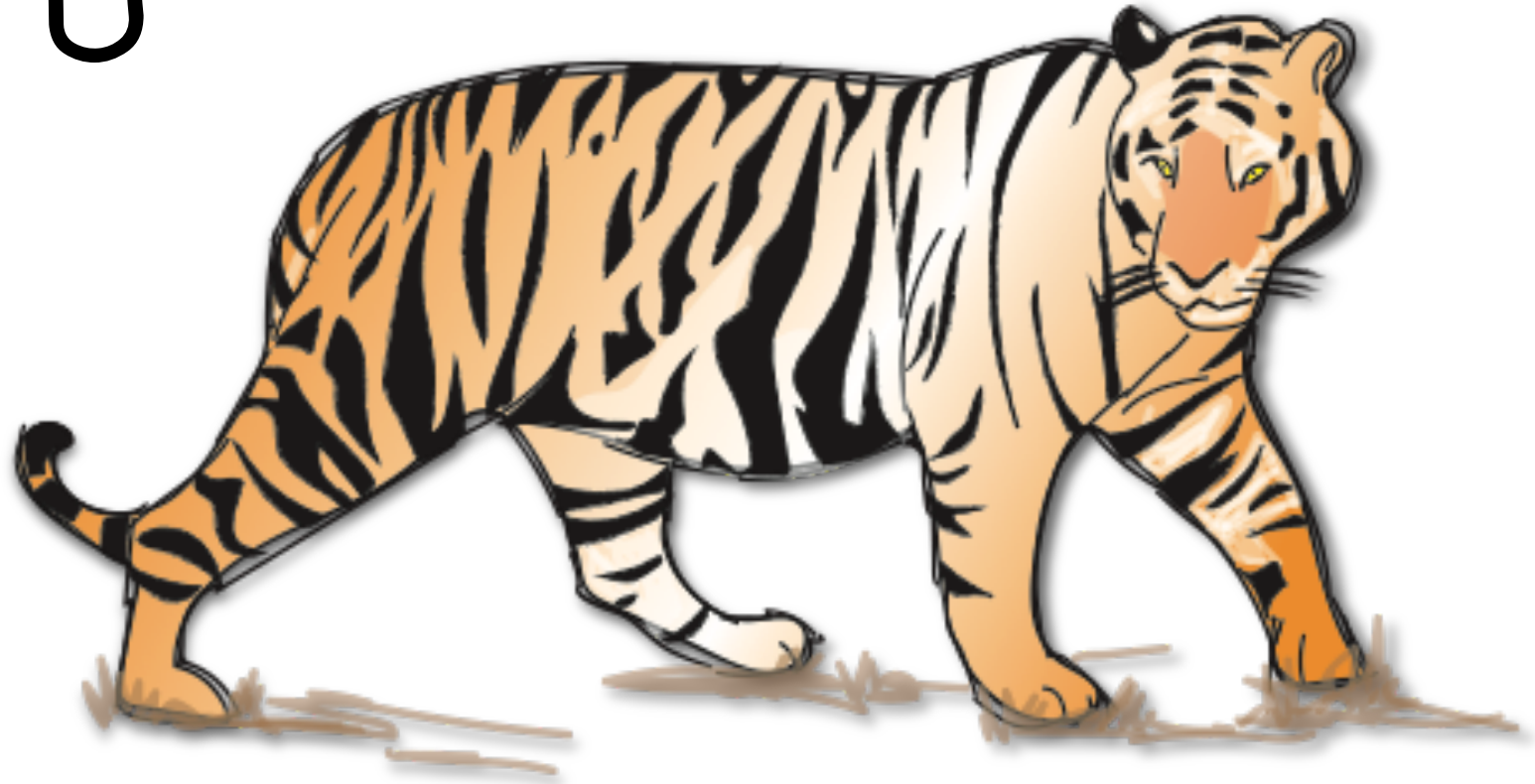
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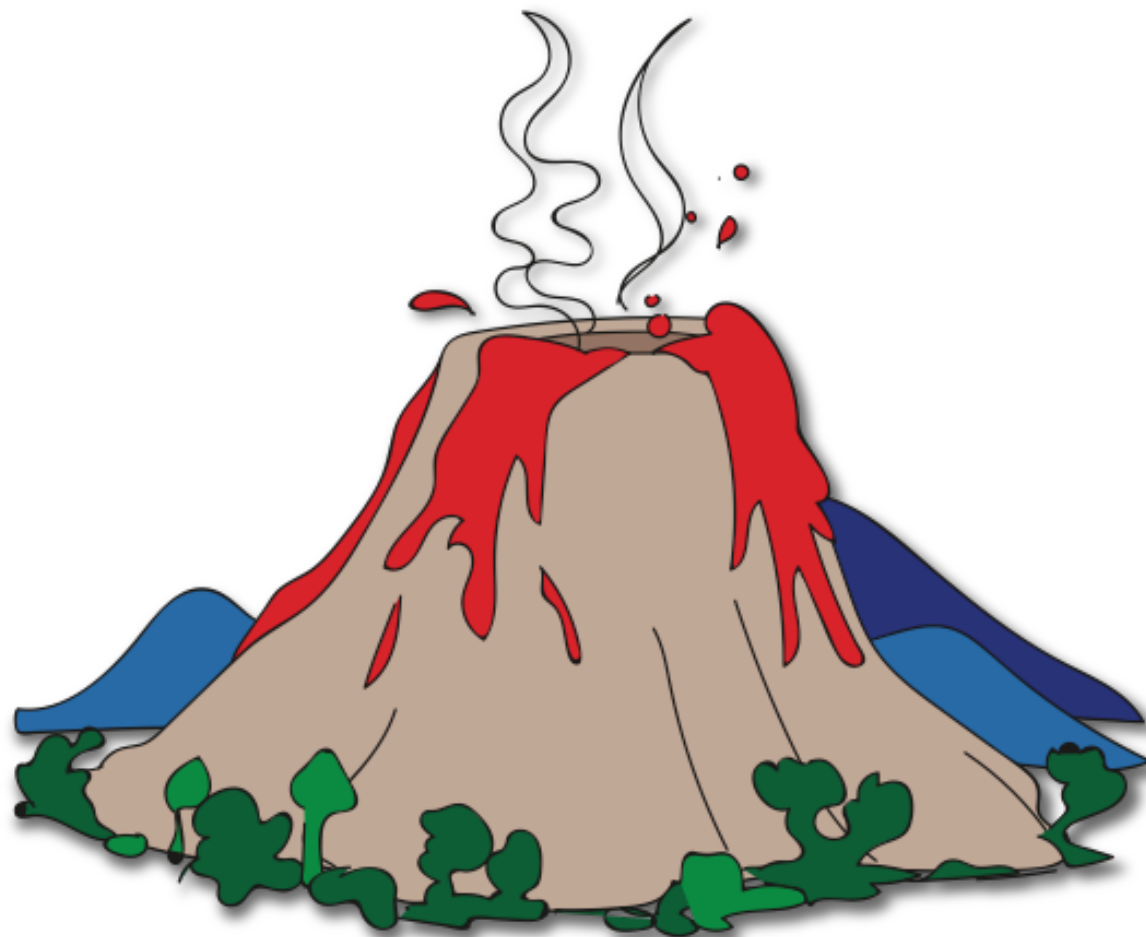
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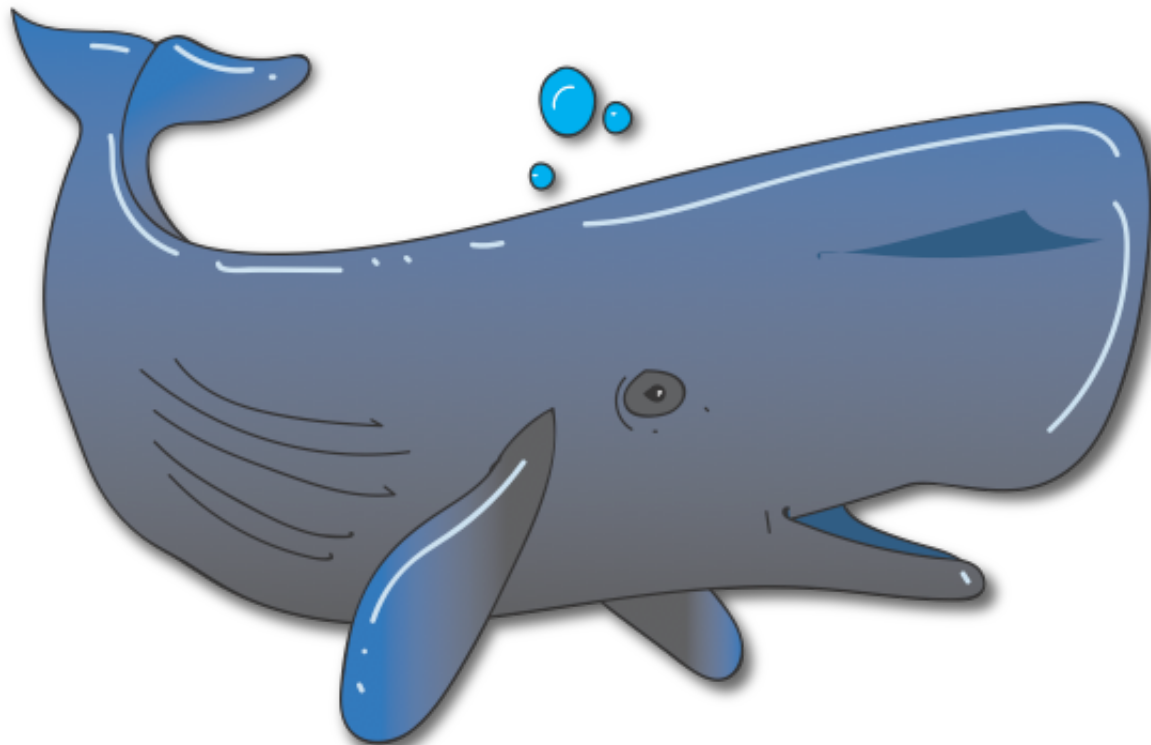
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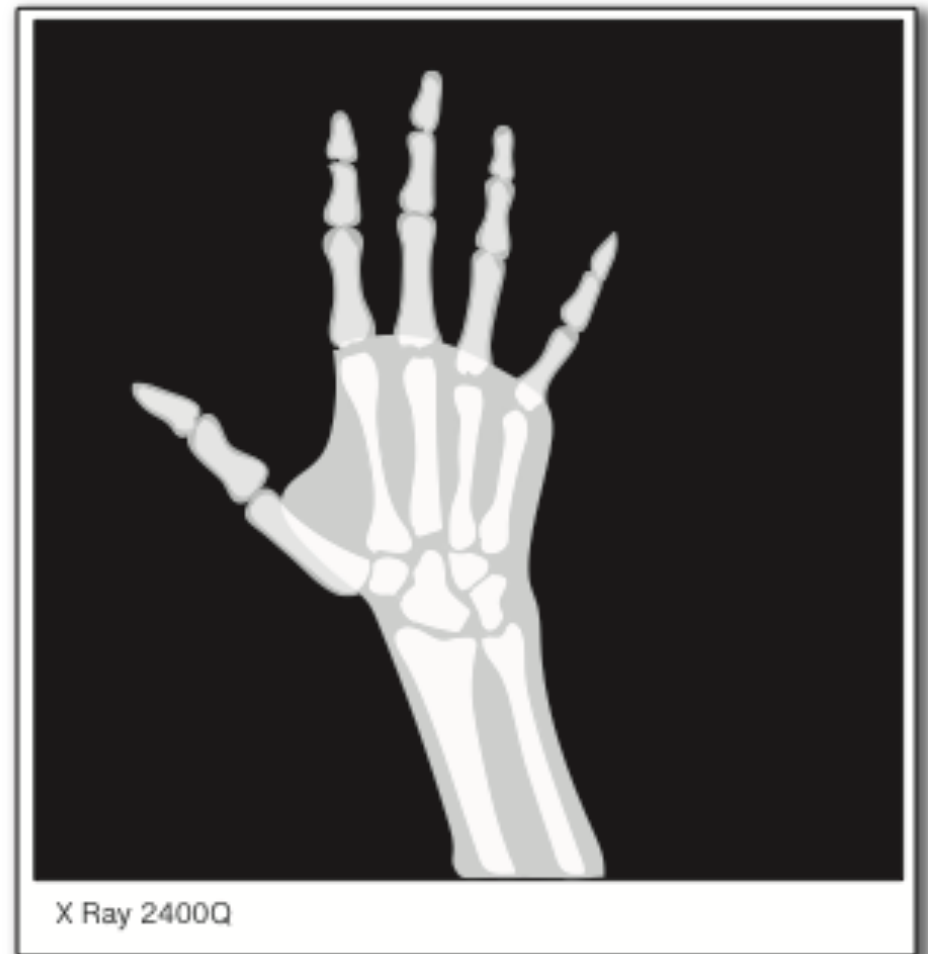
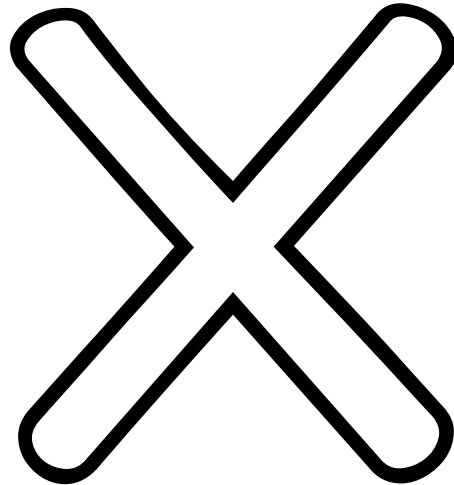
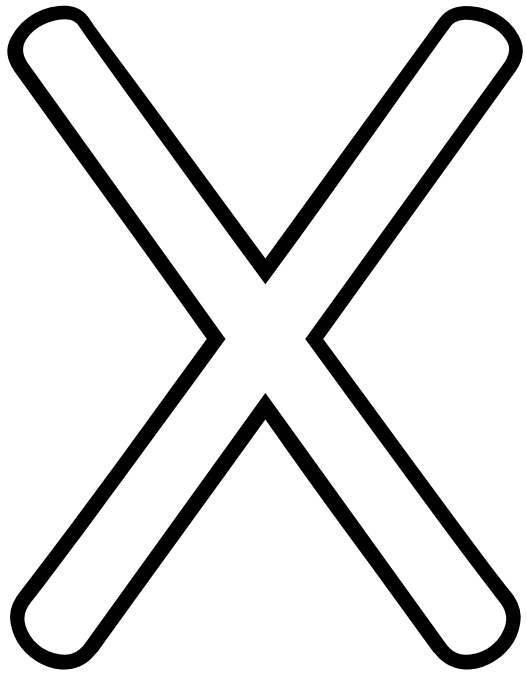


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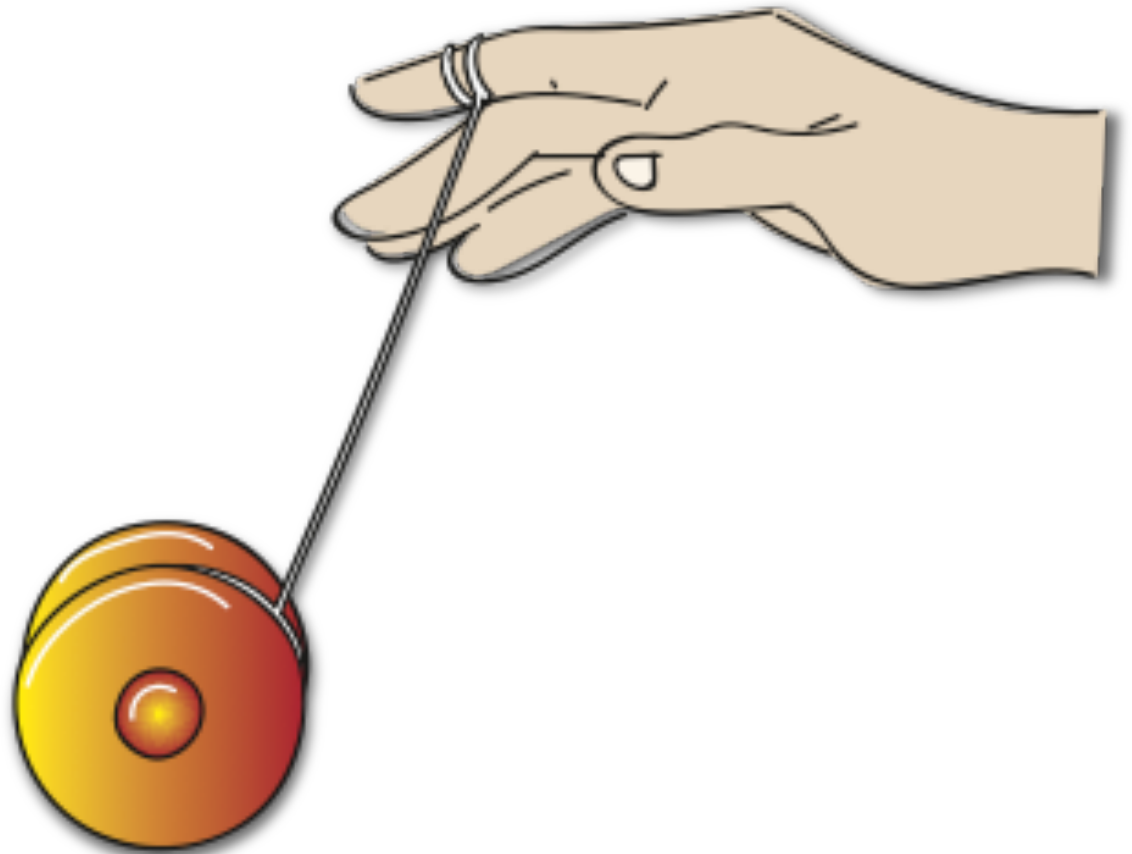
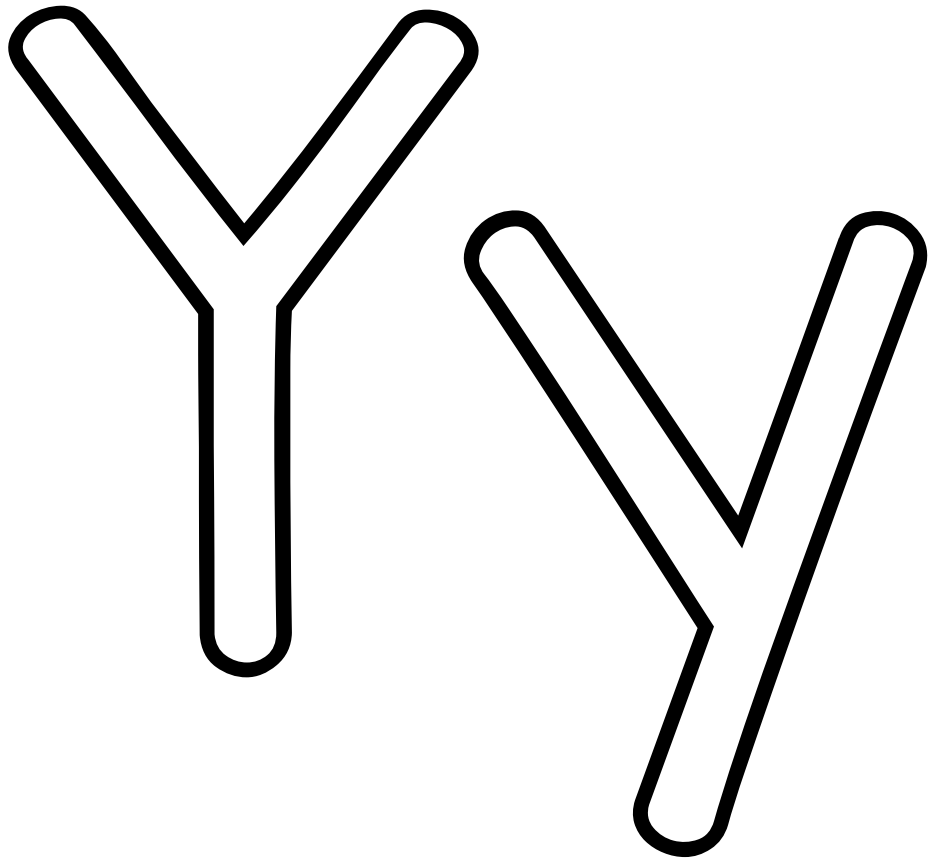


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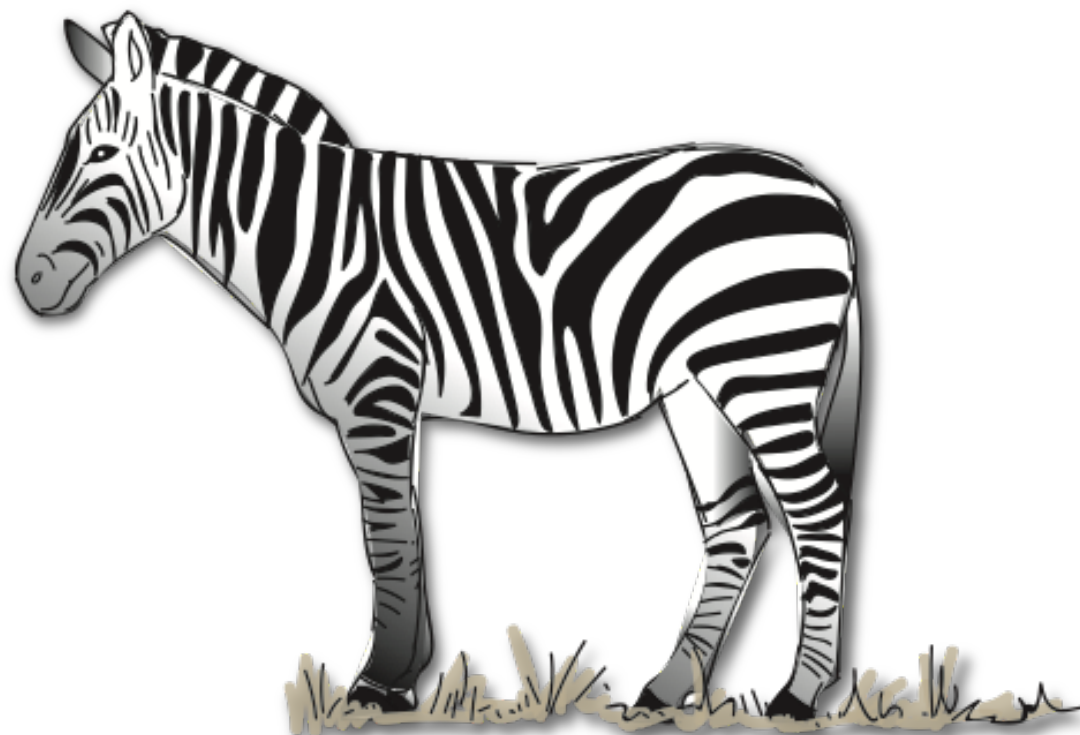




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