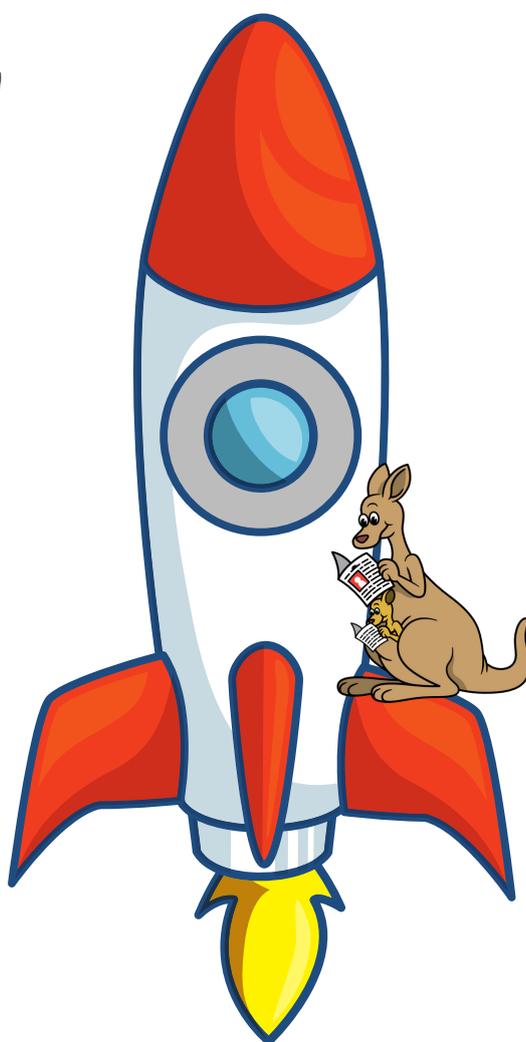


Lockdown Reading Booster

From the makers of the Easyread system

Suitable for 5-10 year olds



David Morgan
Education

Message from David

Welcome to our Lockdown Reading Booster Pack.

Using this download you can get started with Trainertext Visual Phonics (TVP) and begin to see your child's reading really shine. What a great silver lining that will be to the clouds of the past year!

What you will find is that TVP helps your child develop the key skill of decoding words in a quite different way to conventional phonics. One thing that you can be sure of is that doing more and more of the same thing is unlikely to magically work after 2+ years of struggle.

There are no rules to learn with TVP, because those so-called 'rules' so often do not work in our tricky language! Instead, your child will have a visual guide to what the right way to read each word is, from the trainertext images placed above it.

Then, just by reading words, that skill will build and build until there is no need for the support of the images.

Trainertext works a bit like the training wheels on a bike.

There are more free resources on our helpingchildrentoread.com website and you can also set up a free trial on our Easyread System. On the Easyread System we will personally support and guide you both through every step of the journey, until your child is really flying. It is our job to make sure that happens and we will do whatever it takes. That is our mission.

I struggled to read as a child and have dedicated my life to preventing that experience for others. I hope you like the system my team and I have created.

Good luck with it,

David Morgan

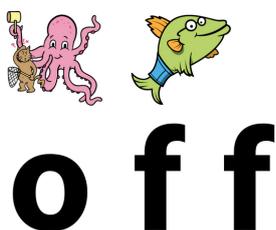
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Let's get started!

What is TVP?

Trainertext visual phonics (TVP) are fun, memorable characters which represent the sounds (phonemes) of the English language. The characters act as a phonemic guide presented above the letters, so that you can sound out any word, no matter how irregular.



How does it work?

With TVP there is no need for frustrating, inconsistent phonics rules. When a child is stuck working out a word, the trainertext characters are there to help sound it out correctly. The first sound of the character's name is the sound that the character is representing. It soon becomes easy to get every word right when reading!

Why does the brain love it?

Each character is so distinctive, that children find it easy to associate the sound to the image and start decoding. By repeatedly decoding words accurately, the child's brain maps the relationships between letters and sounds. Soon, the child is able to decode just from the letters, and the characters are no longer needed.



How do you begin?

Read through our Golden Rules and then guide your child through this workbook to begin their lockdown reading journey! You can find our other resources at <https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com>, including a free trial of the Easyread System!

The Golden Rules for Success

Before going further, we must introduce our Golden Rules of TVP. These are all rules for maximising the neurological development of your learners.

Golden Rule 1: Short, Regular Lessons

This is simple really. First, you must keep a practice session for no more than 10-15 minutes. Any more than that and you will start to lose focus with something as demanding as learning to read. You will also begin to depress the learner emotionally, which slows progress. Also, we want to aim for as close to one lesson per day as possible. The more regular the lessons, the easier it is to build momentum and confidence.



Golden Rule 2: Affirm and Help

We want the lessons to be positive, happy times, because that makes learning easier. So you should make an affirming noise EVERY time a learner gets something right. That way you can then help too, without your voice being connected to mistakes. We do not want a Pavlovian link to be created between your voice and "oh dear... I have messed up".

Also, the little affirmation will create a little dopamine spike for the learner, which is how the procedural memory system learns. That is why learning a skill with a weak feedback loop is a lot harder than learning one with an immediate feedback loop. We have a little technique to help nail Golden Rule 2. We call it the Rule of 5. Yes, we have rules for the teacher rather than the learner in TVP! So the Rule of 5 is that you should always fit in 5 bits of affirmation between each bit of coaching. Record yourself to see if you are hitting the target. It is really quite hard at first.



Golden Rule 3: Decode Every Word

Some children naturally learn to recognize whole words, because they have a good visual memory and early reader books encourage that technique. You need to encourage them to train their brain in decoding, because that is how they will end up being able to read and spell pretty much any word. If they use their whole word memory bank to read words, it will slow down their progress. For any TVP lesson they should aim to decode every word, even if they think they recognise it.

Golden Rule 4: Reread for Fluency

Rereading phrases may sound simple, but this technique will massively boost the progress of your learner. Every time they have to pause to decode and sound out an unfamiliar word, or when they make an error with a short, easy word, ask them to go back 3-4 words to start reading the phrase again. This reread process helps them consolidate the decoding they have just done and improve their overall fluency.


m o v e


l o v e


c o v e

Golden Rule 5: Decoding from the Letters

We often see children becoming so familiar with the trainertext characters, that they are tempted to read only from them! After all, the characters have a reliable one-to-one relationship to the sound they are representing, unlike the letters we use in our confusing English language. But of course, to see changes coming through in the normal book reading, we will need your learner to be mapping the letter-to-sound patterns. In order for this to happen, your learner will need to look at the letters first, before referring to the characters for extra help. In the online Easyread system, the characters are hidden until the learner clicks to reveal them.

Golden Rule 6: Dealing with Eye Tracking Difficulties

Issues with eye tracking and convergence affect around 30% of our learners. If you see your child skipping words, lines, or struggling with smaller text sizes, but passing an eye test with no problems, then this is often the issue. If you see your learner struggling with this, then you will need to follow a 10 day eye tracking exercise routine with them.

You can find the details here:

<https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/causes/eye-tracking/>

Or scan this QR code:



Extra Resources



Free online Easyread lessons using
trainertext:

<https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/info/easyread-system-free-trial/>



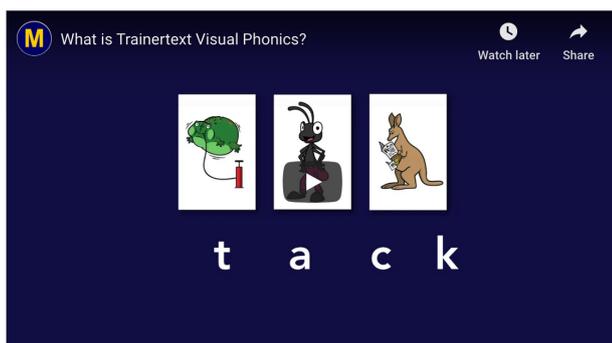
Online trainertext games:

<https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/resources/trainertext-games/>



Trainertext character flash cards available
on Amazon:

<https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/info/flashcards/>



Understanding trainertext video:

<https://www.helpingchildrentoread.com/info/trainertext-visual-phonics/>



Let's meet the characters!

This teacher reference provides a character-by-character guide to the phonemes represented in trainertext visual phonics.



Ant in Pink Pants
/æ/ as in **cat**



Ape in a Cape
/eɪ/ as in **made, rain**



Ark in the Park
/ɑ:/ or /ɒr/ as in **harp**



Bear with Long Hair
/b/ as in **bad, rib**



Chimpanzee Learning to Ski
/tʃ/ as in **chip, watch**



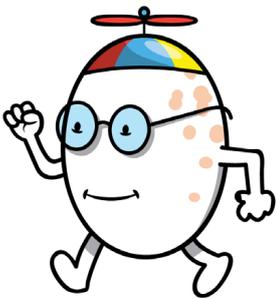
Crocodile who Ran a Mile
/kr/ as in **cry**



Duck Covered in Muck
/d/ as in **dip, hid**



Dragon in a Wagon
/dr/ as in **drip**



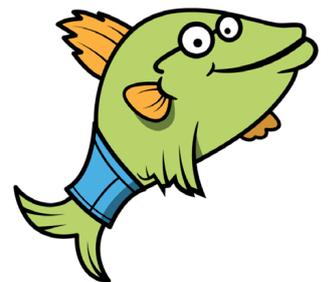
Egg with Little Legs
/e/ as in **peg**



Eagle Feeling Regal
/i:/ as in **sweet, these**



Earth Full of Mirth
/ɜ:/ as in **hurt, work**



Fish that Goes Splish
/f/ as in **off, phone**



Goat in a Boat
/g/ as in **great, again**



Horse on the Course
/h/ as in **have, her**



Igloo with a Blue Hairdo
/ɪ/ as in **lit, in**



Ice Cream Feeling Supreme
/aɪ/ as in **my, like**

Trainertext Reference Sheet



**Jellyfish
that Made a Wish**
/dʒ/ as in gem, juice



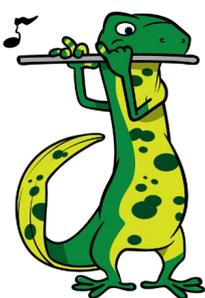
**Kangaroos
Reading the News**
/k/ as in cave, lock



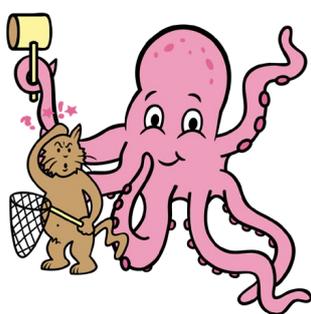
Lion with a Tie On
/l/ as in lift, smile



Monkey Feeling Funky
/m/ as in more, am



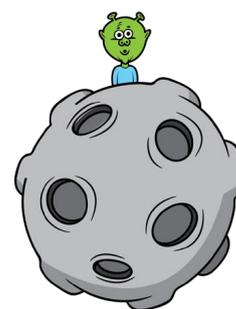
Newt with a Flute
/n/ as in run, know



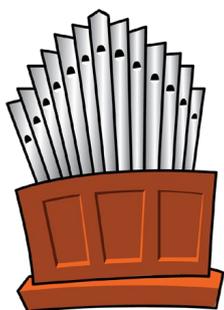
**Octopus
who Knocked a Puss**
/p/ as in lot



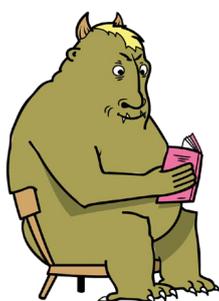
Oak in a Cloak
/oʊ/ as in road, code



Oon on the Moon
/u:/ as in food



**Organ Played by a
Gorgon**
/ɔ:/ or /ɔ:r/ as in corn



Ook Reading a Book
/ʊ/ as in look, put



Owl with a Scowl
/aʊ/ as in down, out



Oyster Feeling Moister
/ɔɪ/ as in join, boy



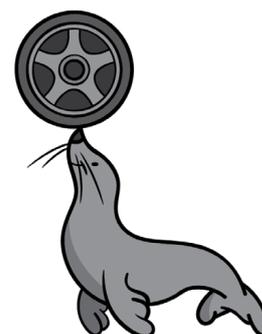
Pig in a Wig
/p/ as in pick



Queen Feeling Green
/kw/ as in quick



Rabbit with a Bad Habit
/r/ as in rock, very



Seal with a Wheel
/s/ as in so, pass

Trainertext Reference Sheet



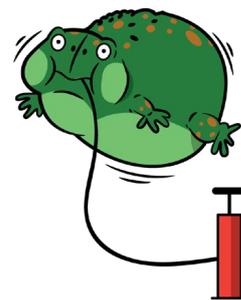
**Scarecrow
who Let his Hair Grow**
/sk/ as in **skip**, **score**



Sheep in a Jeep
/j/ - as in **shop**



Star in a Car
/st/ as in **stick**, **cast**



Toad About to Explode
/t/ as in **eat**



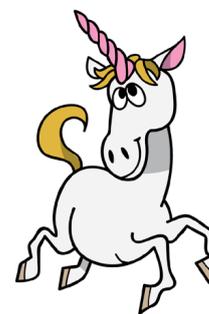
**Triceratops with
his Buckets and Mops**
/tr/ as in **trick**



Thief who Stole the Beef
/θ/ as in **thing**, and /ð/
as in **them**



**Umbrella
Man with a Suntan**
/ʌ/ as in **bun**, **love**



Unicorn with a Pink Horn
/ju:/ as in **cute**



Vulture into Culture
/v/ as in **love**, **of**



**Whale with Purple
Pigtails**
/w/ as in **win**, **what**



Kangaroos-Seal
/ks/ as in **wax**, **box**



Yak with a Pack
/j/ as in **your**



Zuto from Pluto
/z/ as in **was**, **zip**

Need help learning the characters? You will find flash cards to cut up at the end of this workbook!



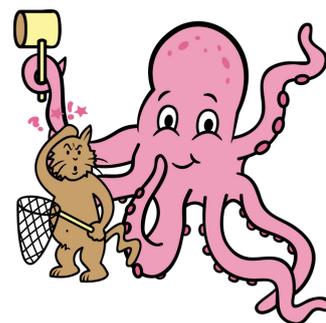
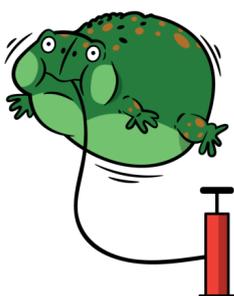
Trainertext Games

TEACHER NOTES: Now that your learner has been introduced to the trainertext characters, they can start using them to decode. Read out the following instructions to your learner and help when needed.

Trainertext characters you will need to know: Ant, Octopus, Kangaroos, Bear, Goat and Toad.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



c a _

ANSWER: The toad for CAT.

Silly Words

Can you decode the words below and circle the real word? Don't get tricked by the silly words!



b o k



t o b

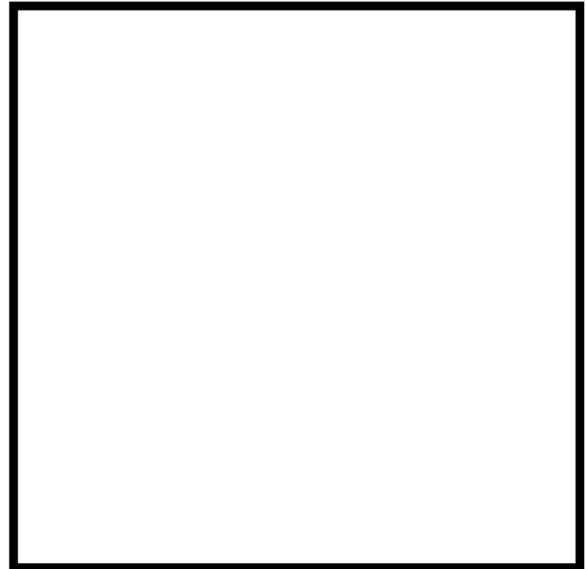
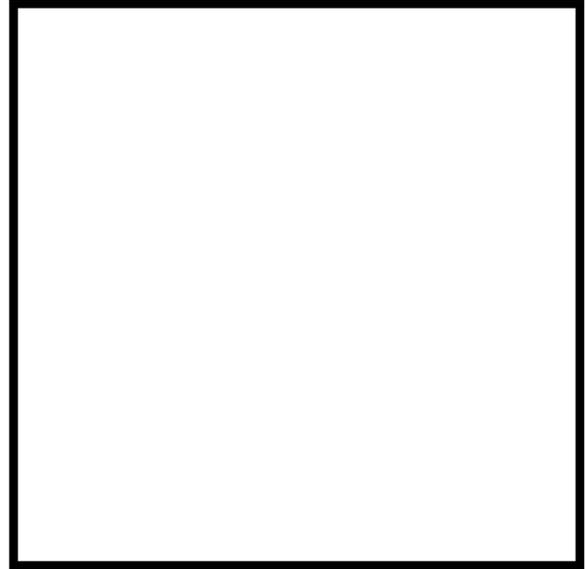
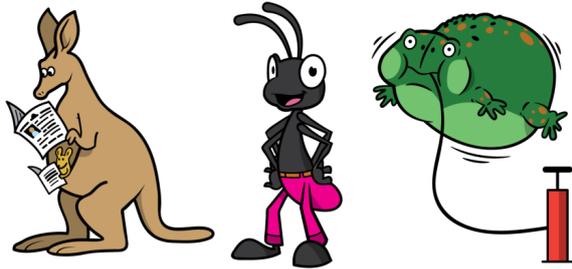


c o t

ANSWER: cot.

Draw the Word

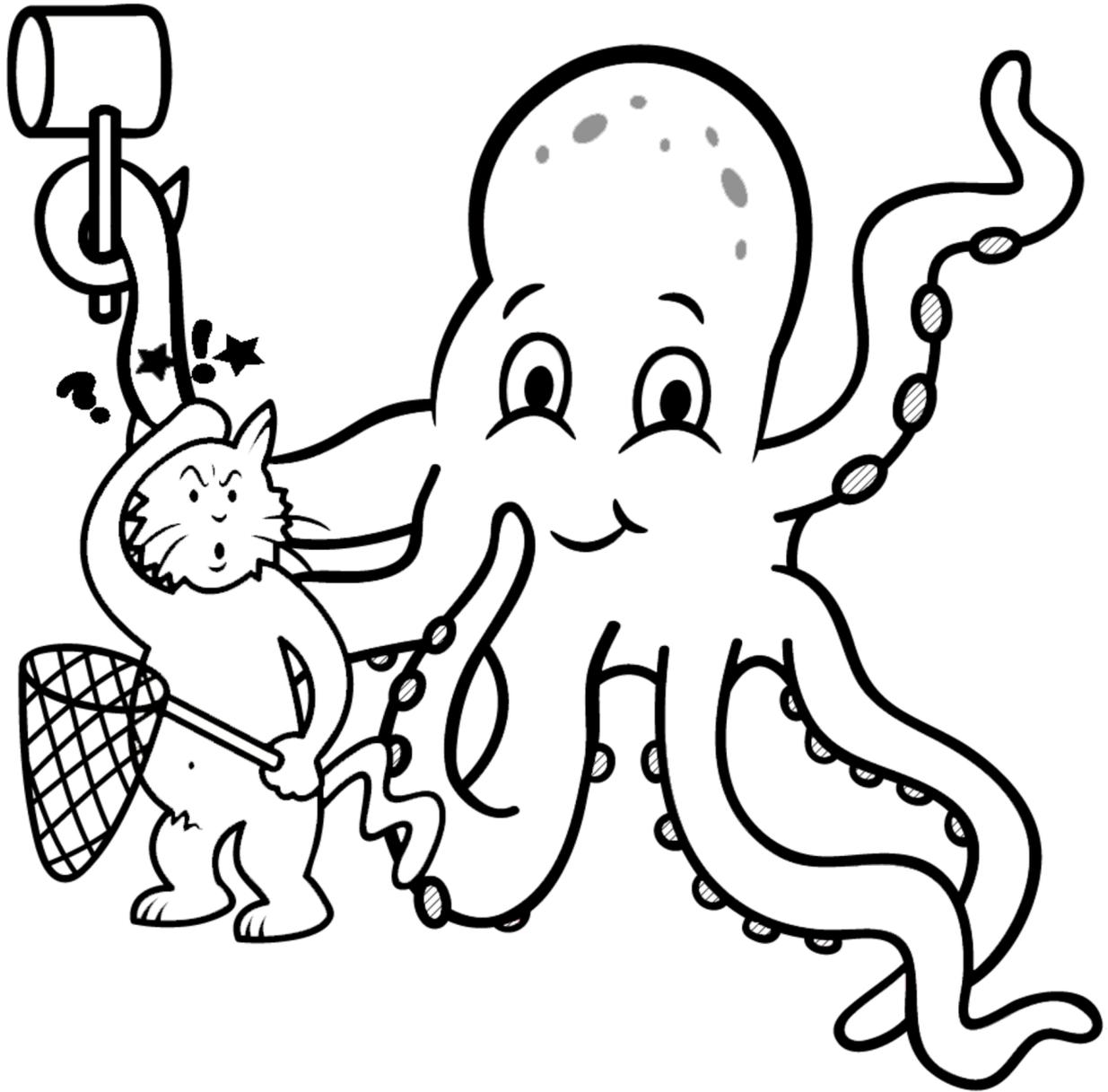
Sound out the following characters, and draw a picture of the word they make, in the box.



ANSWER: cat, bag.

Grab your crayons!





Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practise encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



got



tag



bat



back



bag

More words for reading practice: gag, cat, cog, cot, bog, tack

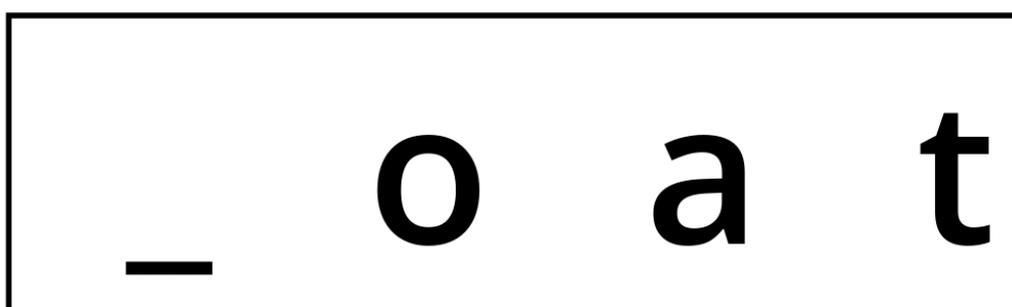
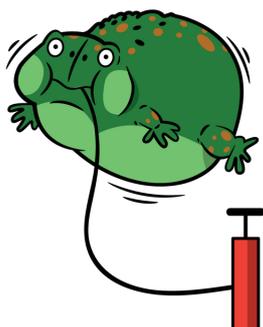
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Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



ANSWER: The Bear for BOAT.

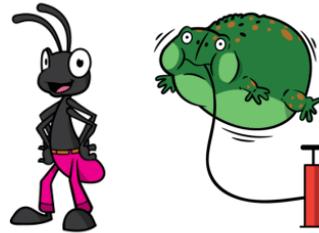
Word Match

Draw a line to match the word to the correct TVP coding.

at



bee



gate



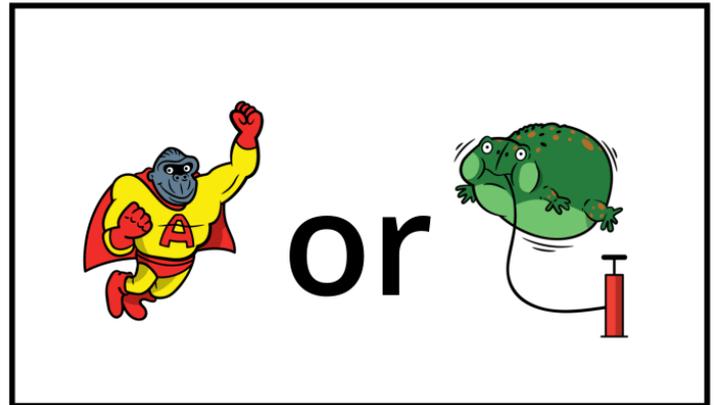
Missing Character

Can you circle the character that would complete the word?



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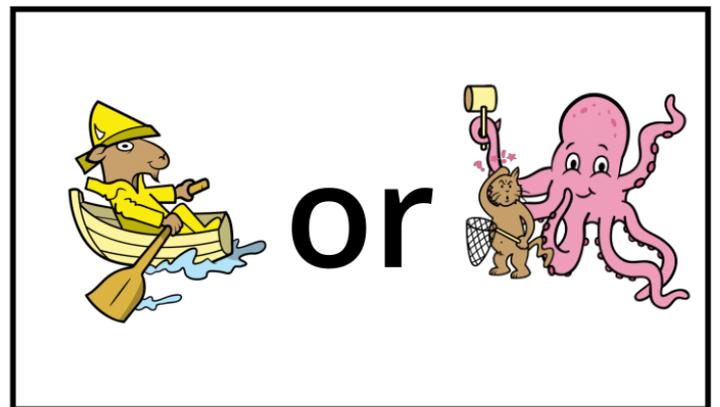
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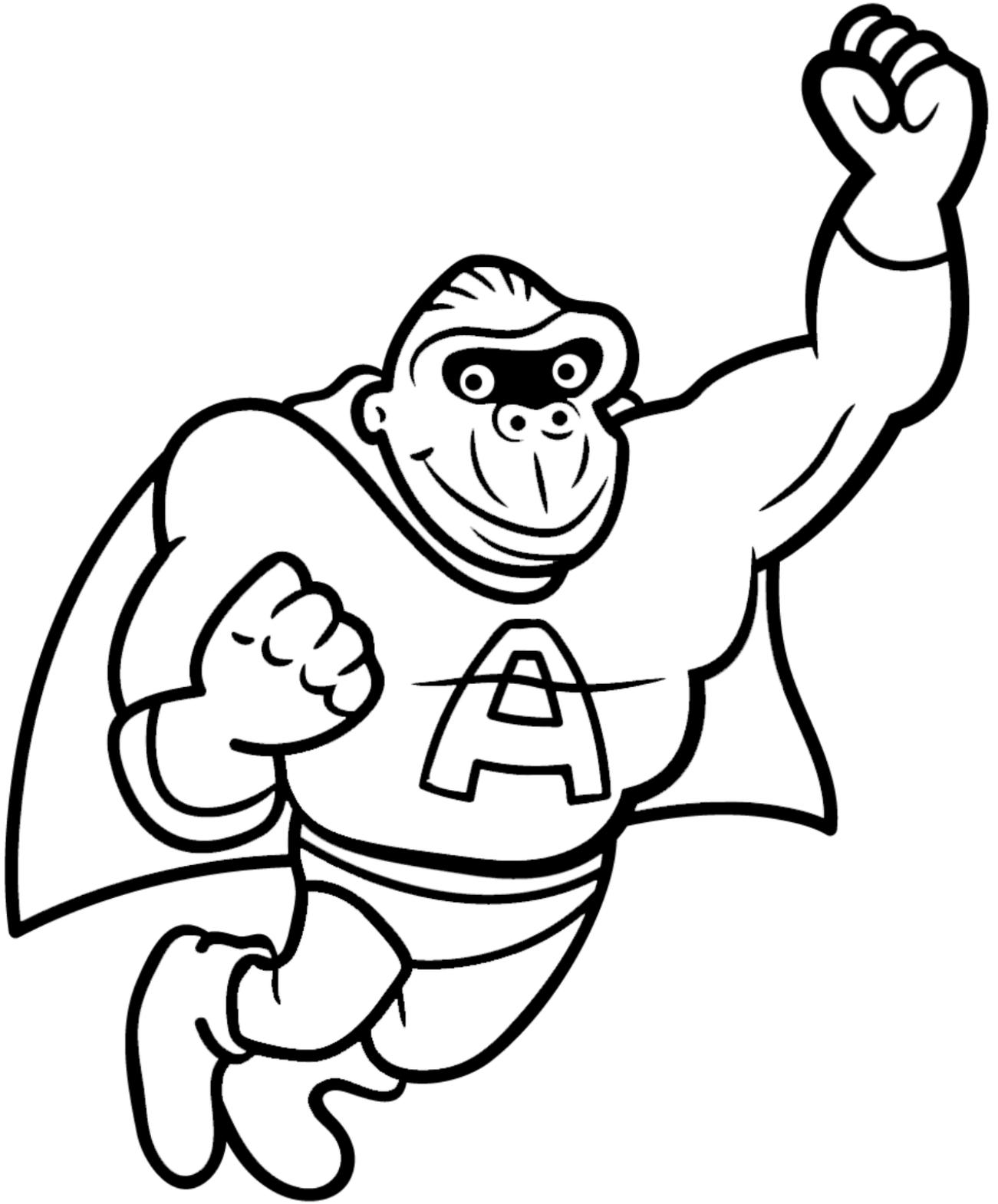
j o b



ANSWER: ape, octopus.

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go



beat



be



boat



key



gate



toe



joke

More words for reading practice: bee, tea, bay, tow, jab, bake, take, bait, coat, goat, cage, beak

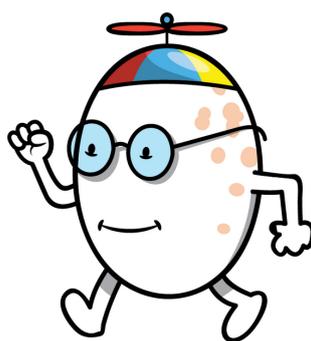
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Trainertext characters you will need to know: Egg, Duck, Pig, Monkey, Umbrella Man and Unicorn.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



_ a n

ANSWER: The Monkey for MAN.

Picture Match

Circle the word that matches the picture.



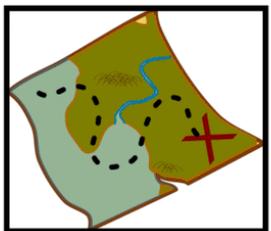
t a p

t o p



p u g

m u g



m a p

m a t

ANSWER: tap, mug, map

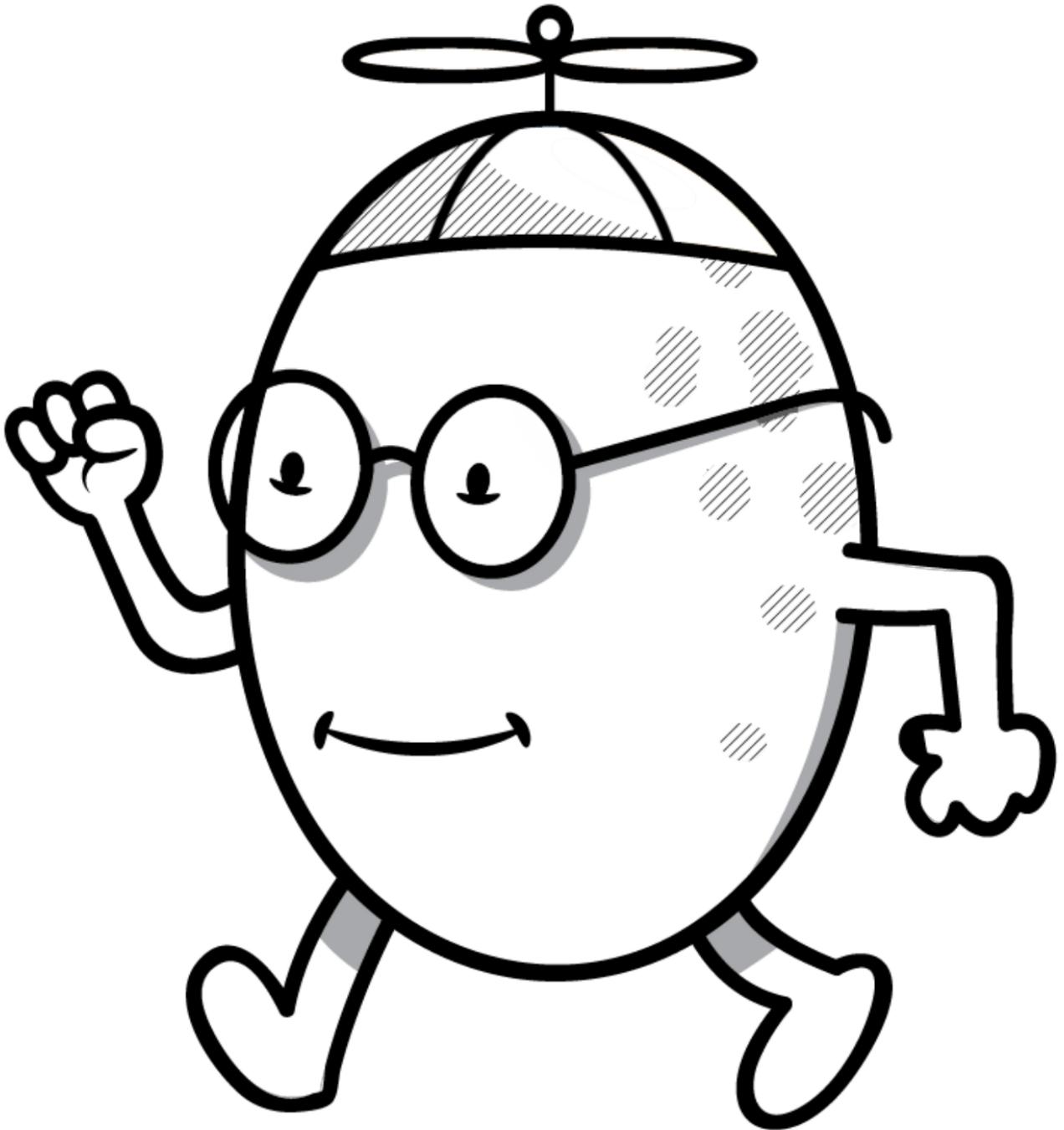
Know Your Bs and Ds

Say the name of the images below out loud.
Circle the character that represents the starting sound.



ANSWER: bear, bear, duck, duck

Grab your crayons!





Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practise encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



me



day



cup



make



jump



meet



came



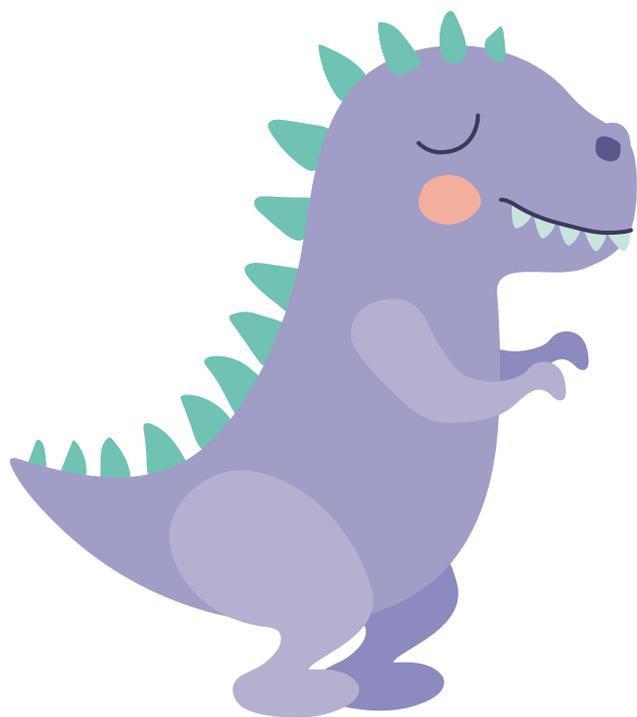
paid

More words for reading practice: bed, cap, map, tap, dot, pop, cut, gut, mud, bug, gum, jug, cape, date, pack, pea, deep, dump, meat, come

Joke Time!

What do you call a
dinosaur that's asleep?

A dino-snore!



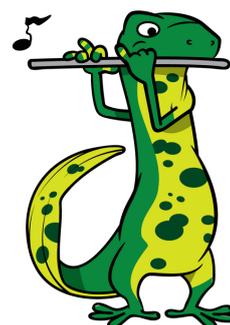
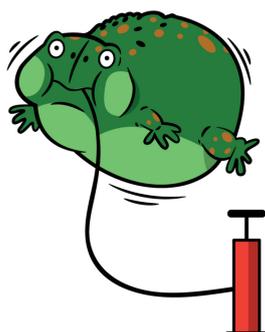
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Trainertext characters you will need to know: Fish, Newt, Igloo, Ice Cream and Seal.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



p _ n

ANSWER: The Ant for PAN.

Silly Words

Can you decode the words below and circle the real word? Don't get tricked by the silly words!



j o a t



f i s s

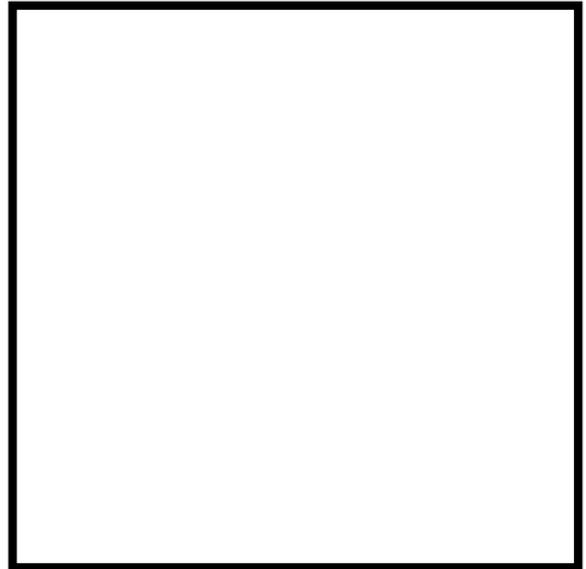
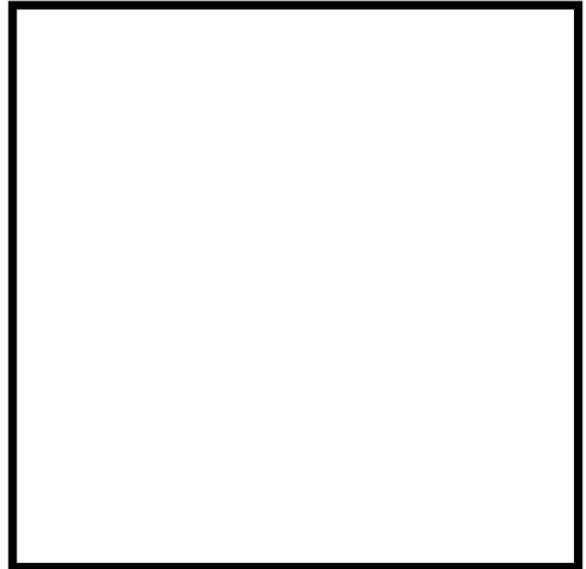


b i k e

ANSWER: bike.

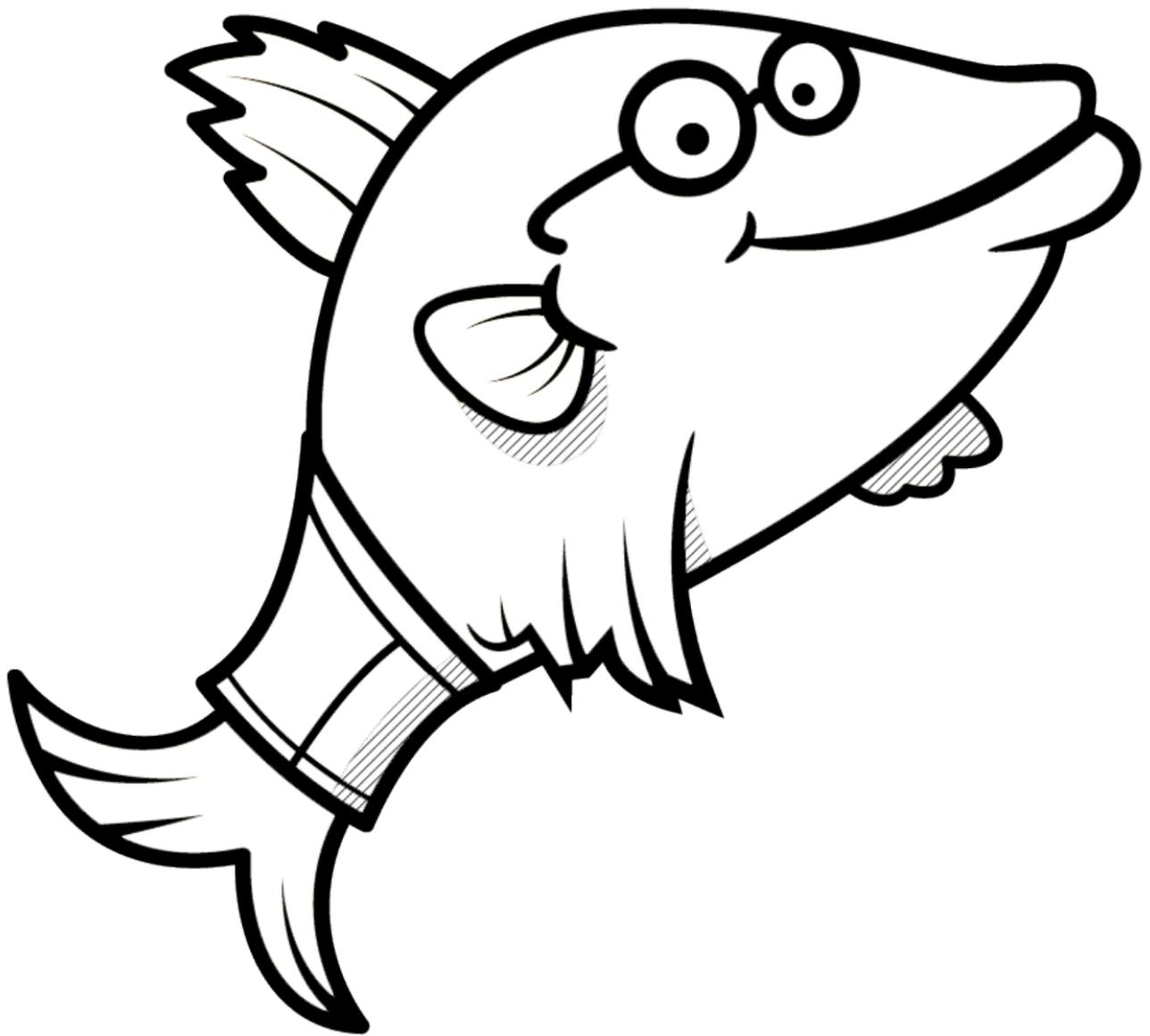
Draw the Word

Sound out the following characters, and draw a picture of the word they make, in the box.



ANSWER: pie, fin.

Grab your crayons!





Word List

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my



said



own



same



say



night



see



Monday

More words for reading practice: so, us, no, by, tie, pie, kit, buy, ten, pen, new, few, fin, pin, bus, pig, fan, man, can, pan, sad, sea, ink, pink, neck, feet, bike, bite, kite, side, spot, snap, smog, miss, kiss, bank, sunk, snow, gift, time, mine, toss, mess, golf, safe, spend, fight, might, meant, funny, pocket, sunset, Sunday

Trainertext Games

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Trainertext characters you will need to know: Horse, Lion, Queen, Rabbit, Oon, Chimpanzee and Ark.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



S

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l

ANSWER: The Ape for SAIL.

Word Match

Draw a line to match the word to the correct Trainertext coding.

chin



hat



sock

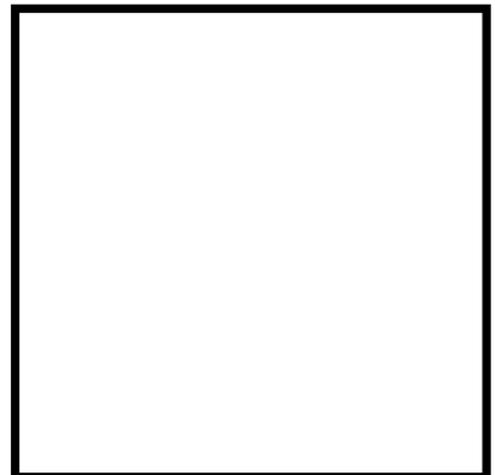
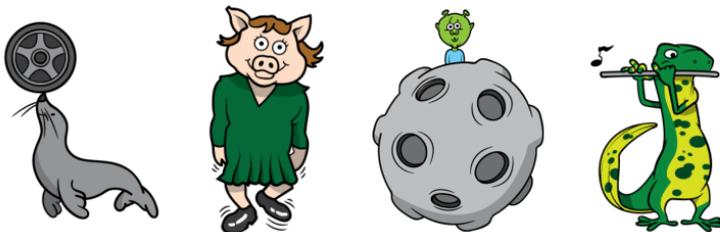
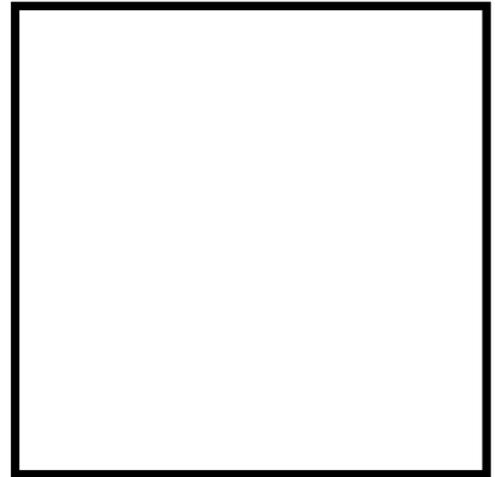


quack



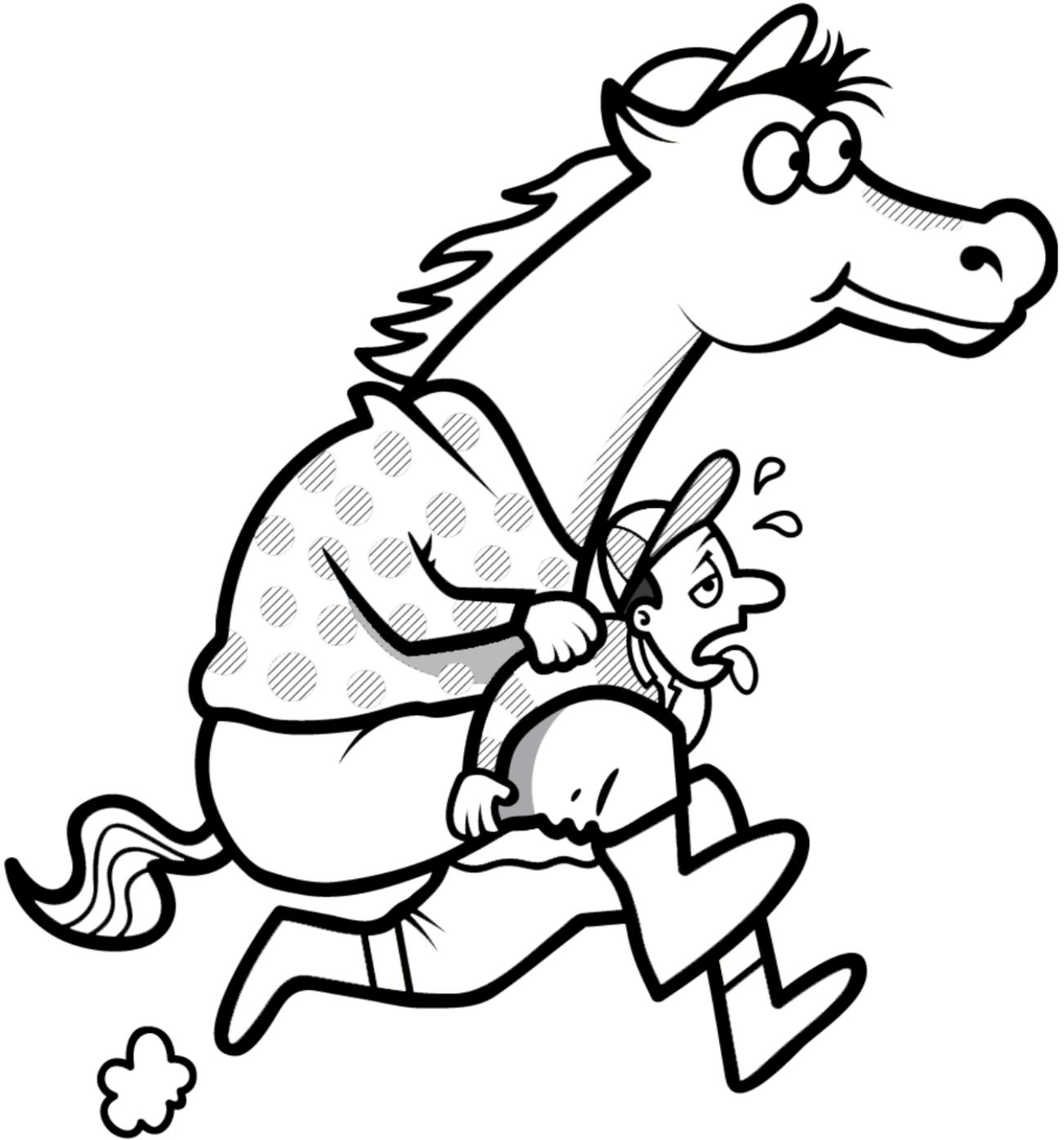
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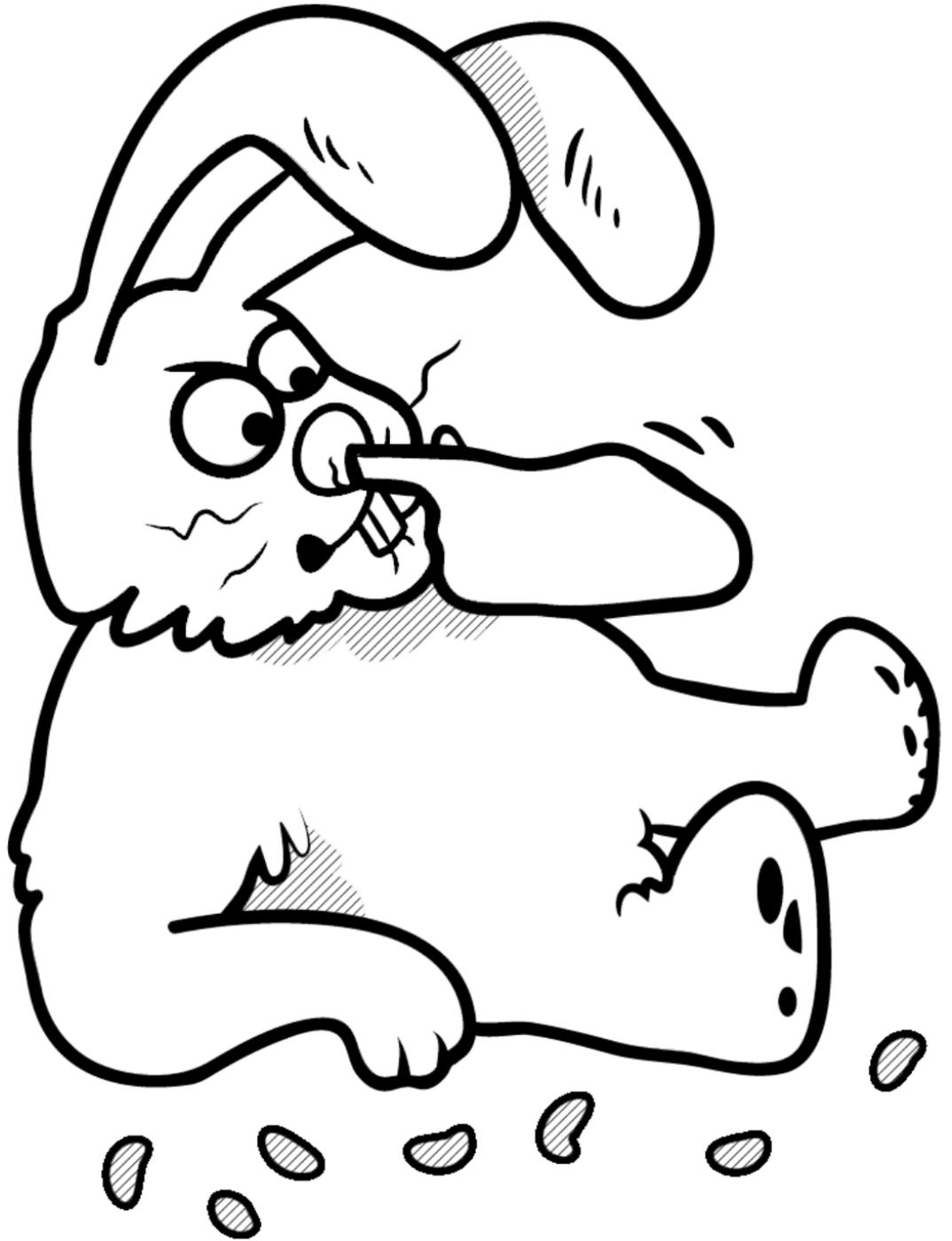
Sound out the following characters, and draw a picture of the word they make in the box.



ANSWER: lamb, car, spoon.

Grab your crayons!





Word List

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h o l e



q u i c k



b l u e



h a p p y



h i g h



f r i e n d

More words for reading practice: do, he, to, too, two, arm, air, hat, jug, hug, hen, lie, leg, lid, log, rip, rat, ran, rug, red, bell, hill, hope, hear, hand doll, rest, ride, lick, help, milk, park, pair, hair, here, near, bear, pear, dare, care, road, rake, boot, sock, root, bowl, goal, grow, blow, blue, clue, grew, flew, grew, rule, rude, June, moon, lamb, blow, grin, rain, play, high, head, soon, food, pool, plant, glass, class, field, each, rich, much, such, green, chair, bright, bread, black, right, rock, whale, today, rabbit, carrot, family, Friday, afraid, garden.

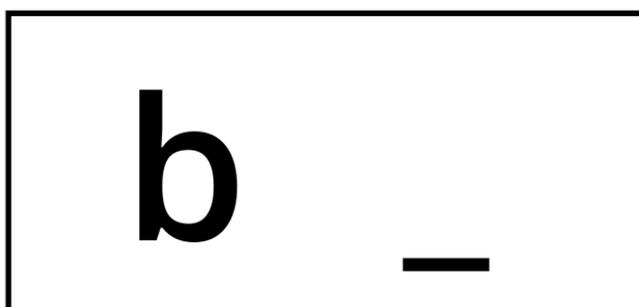
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Trainertext characters you will need to know: Vulture, Whale, Kanga-Seal, Yak, Zuto and Ook.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



ANSWER: The Ark for BAR.

Word Match

Can you decode the words below and circle the real word? Don't get tricked by the silly words!



z a r



b o o k



v a x

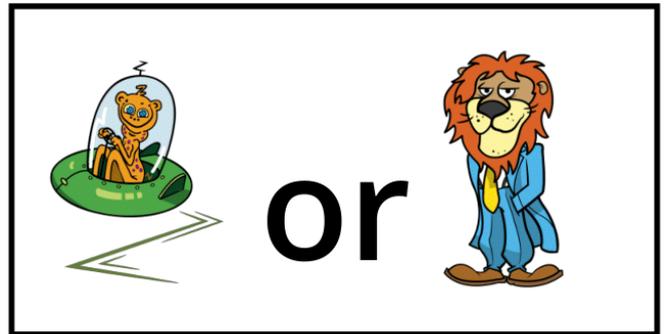
ANSWER: book

Missing Character

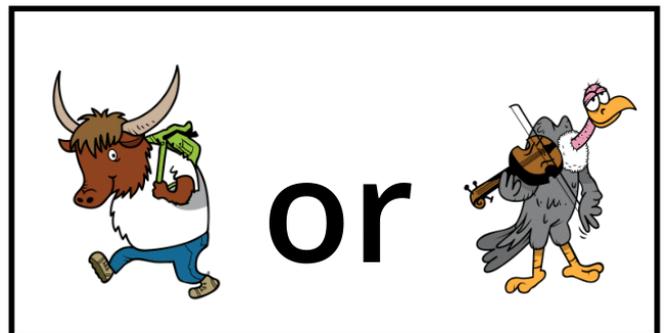
Can you circle the character that would complete the word?



t o e s



c a v e



ANSWER: zuto, vulture.

Grab your crayons!





Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practise encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



of



is



box



very



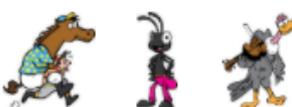
with



good



when



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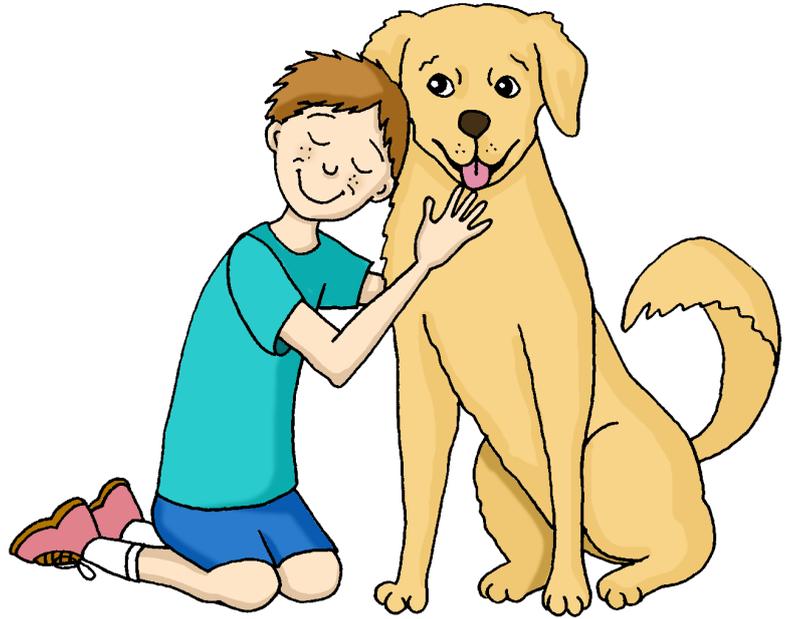
More words for reading practice: we, one, his, has, six, fox, wet, van, vet, was, way, will, wake, wait, once, use, zoo, swim, twig, book, took, wood, foot, buzz, live, week, wear, where, wheel, while, Tuesday

Story time!

TEACHER NOTES: Encourage your learner to have a go reading the short story below. Guide them to the characters if there is a tricky word and help them decode and blend the sounds together.

Bad Dog Ben

By Wendy Williams



     
This is Pip.

        
Pip has a dog.

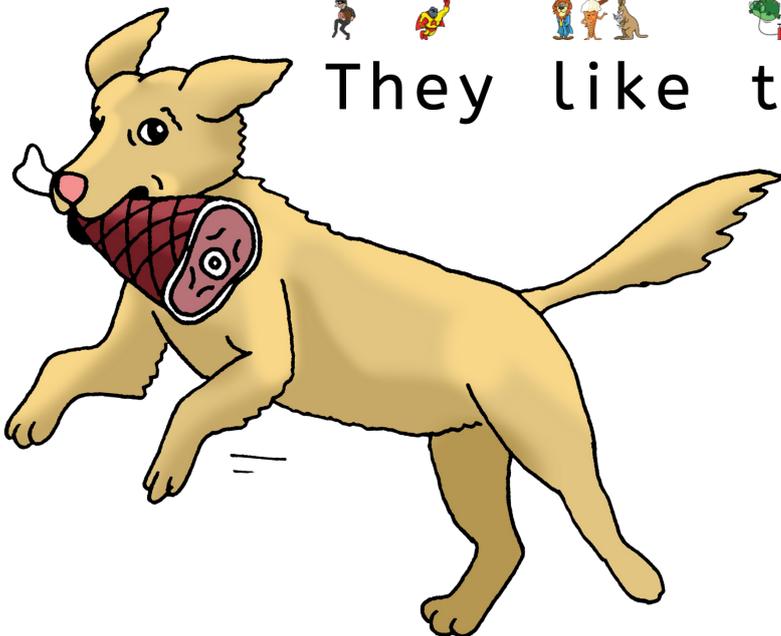
        
The dog is Ben.

            
What a big happy dog!

             
Pip and Ben like to race.

             
Pip and Ben like to play.

          
They like to eat... a lot!



Trainertext Games

TEACHER NOTES: Now that your learner has been introduced to the trainertext characters, they can start using them to decode. Read out the following instructions to your learner and help when needed.

Trainertext characters you will need to know: Thief, Sheep, Earth, Organ, Oyster and Owl.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



ANSWER: The Oyster for TOY.

Picture Match

Circle the word that matches the picture.



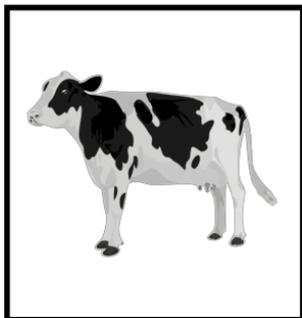
t h u m b

t h e m



s h a r p

s h e e p



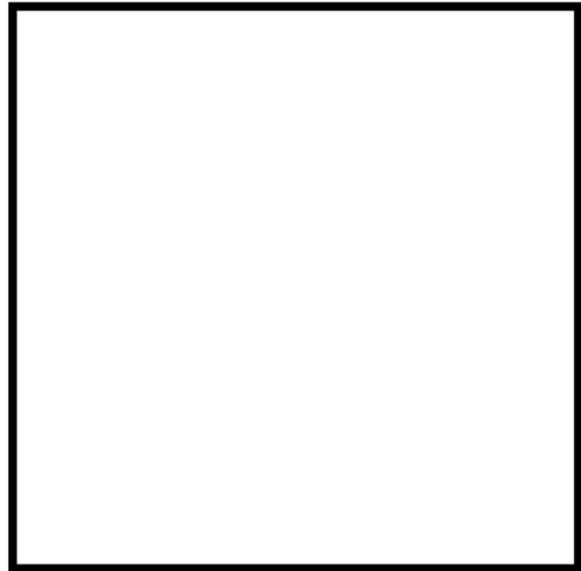
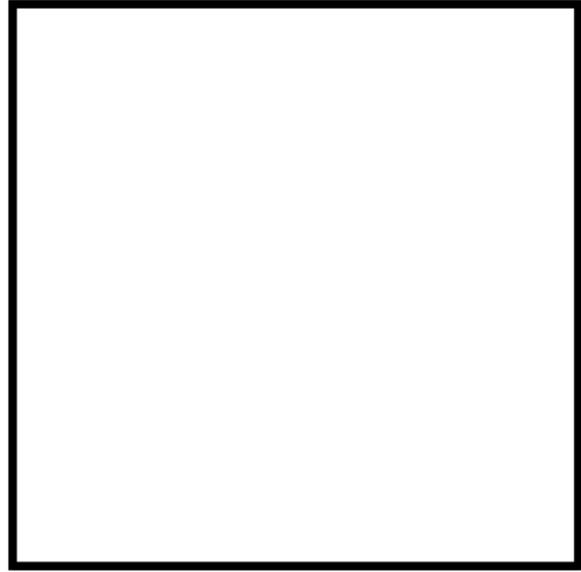
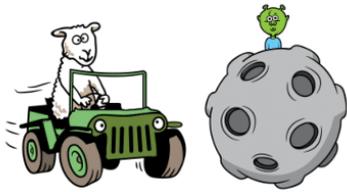
c o w

c o p

ANSWER: thumb, sheep, cow.

Draw the word

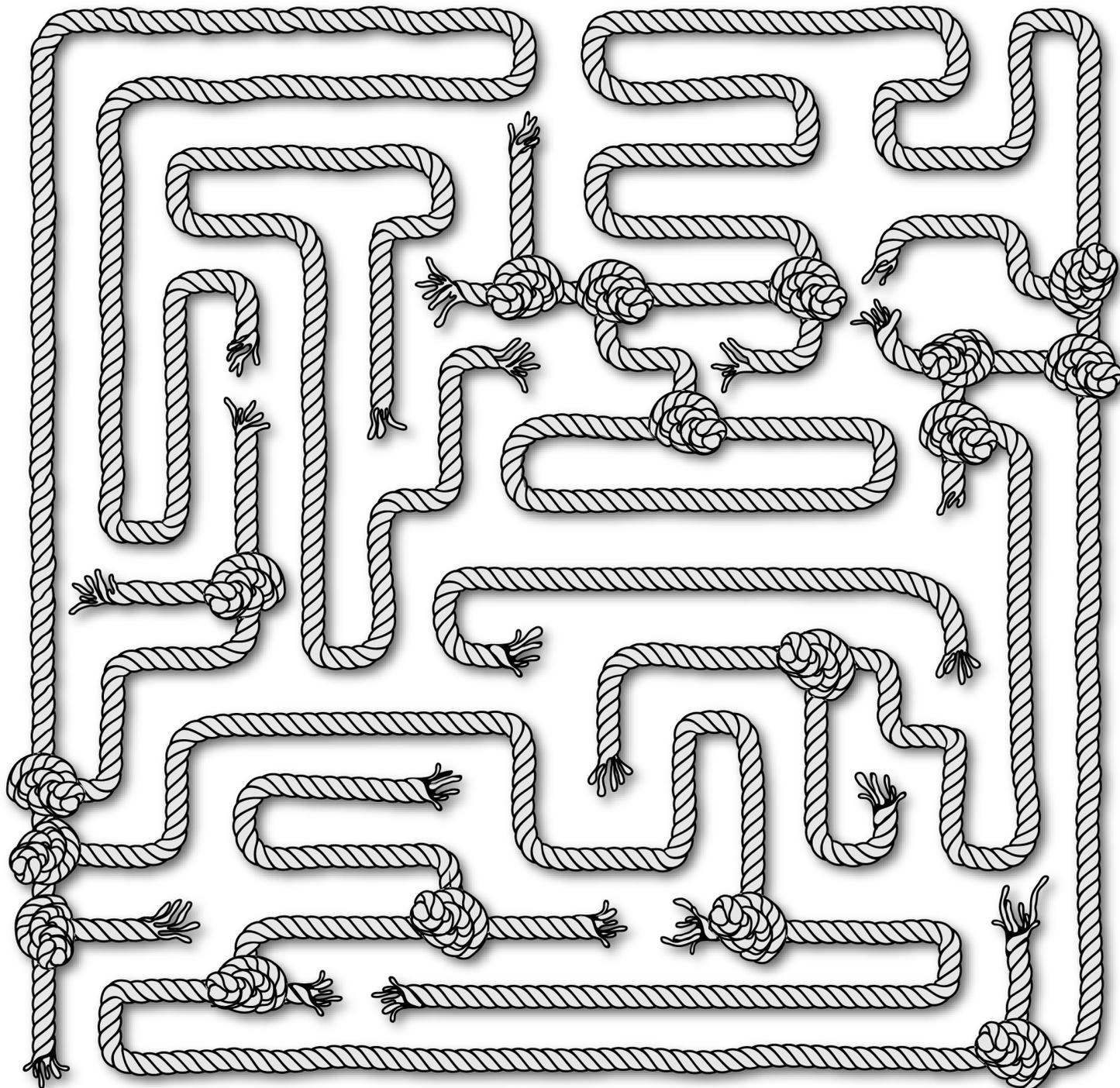
Sound out the following characters, and draw a picture of the word they make in the box.



ANSWER: shoe, bath tub.

Maze

Can you help the Sheep get through the maze? Draw a line from start to finish to show the way!



Grab your crayons!





Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practise encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



she



these



more



catch



girl

dinosaur

More words for reading practice: her, were, the, for, oil, boy, toy, wore, join, turn, born, bird, ship, shop, point, enjoy, annoy, hurt, out, around, sound, now, how, show, short, share, push, brown, down, town, horse, morning, person, under, summer, winter, there, start, think, fetch, burst, which, fresh, theme, those, dream, church, coach, mouth, house, school, kitchen, instead, sister, brother, thunder, Thursday

Trainertext Games

TEACHER NOTES: Now that your learner has been introduced to the trainertext characters, they can start using them to decode. Read out the following instructions to your learner and help when needed.

Trainertext characters you will need to know: Crocodile, Dragon, Triceratops, Scarecrow and Star.

Sound Match

Draw a line to show which character could fill the blank to make a word.



_ a t

ANSWER: The Chimpanzee for CHAT.

Word Match

Draw a line to match the word to the correct TVP coding.

scar



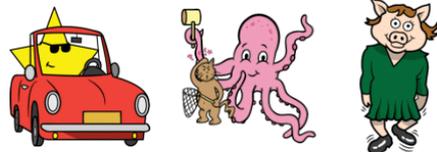
train



stop



drool



Space Facts

TEACHER NOTES: Encourage your learner to have a go reading the facts below. Guide them to the characters if there is a tricky word and help them decode and blend the sounds together.



It would take 170 years
to drive to the sun!

On Mercury, 1 year is
only 88 days.

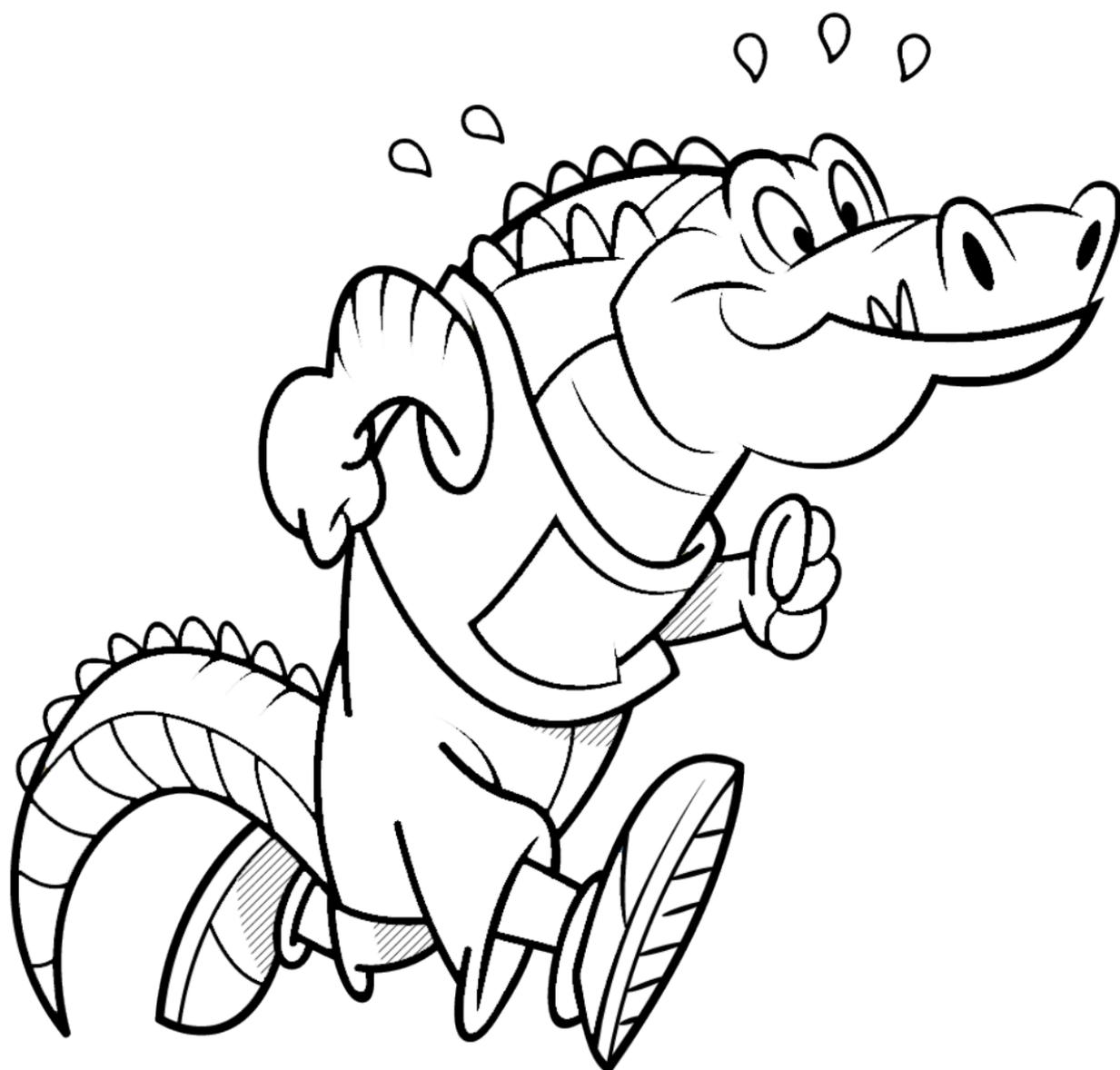


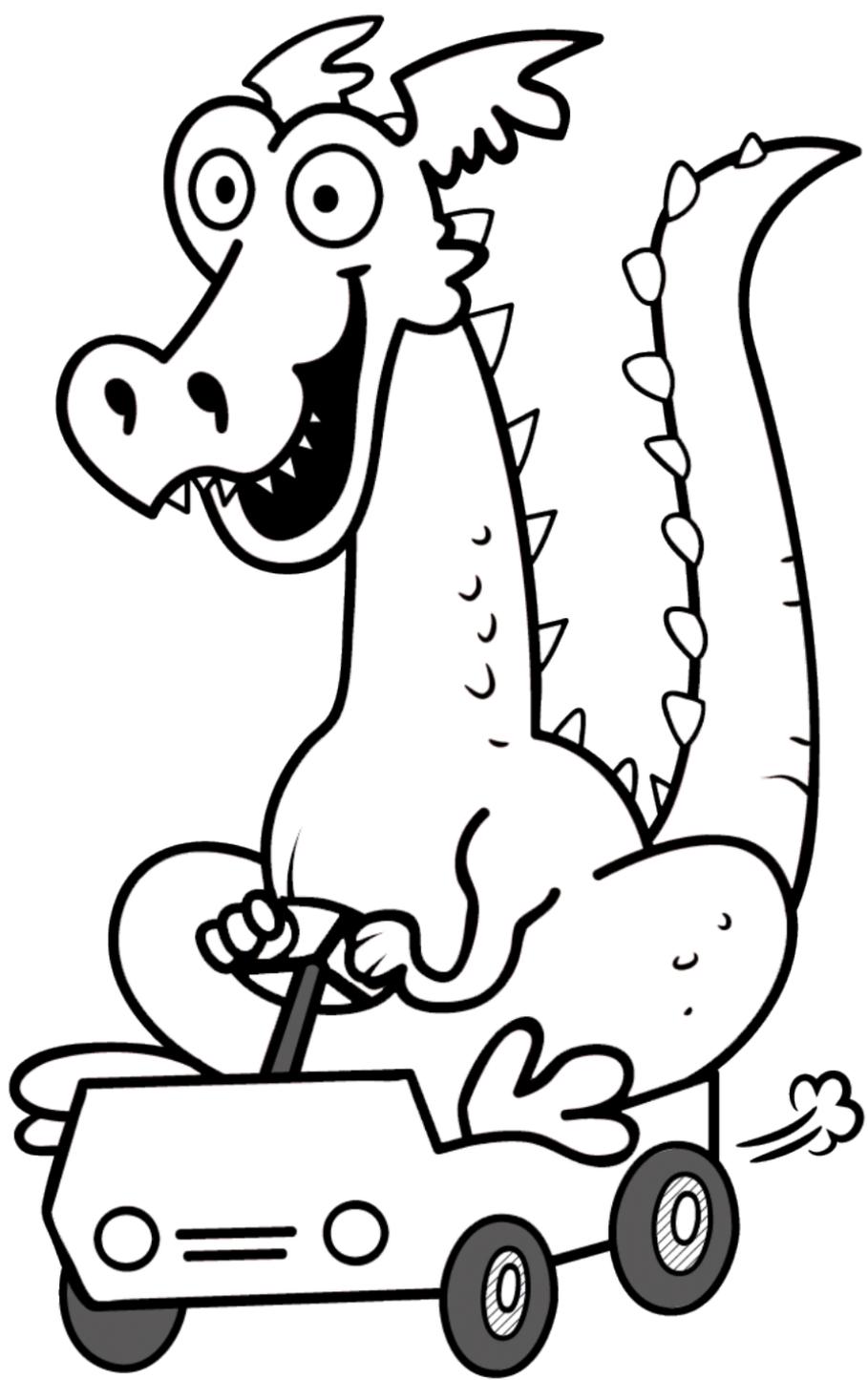
Venus is so hot that you
could cook a steak
instantly!

Mars has a volcano that
is 3 times larger than
Mount Everest on Earth!



Grab your crayons!





Word List

TEACHER NOTES: Here are some words you can make from phonemes learned so far. You can practise encoding these using the TVP card set, writing the letters on a piece of paper and placing the characters above them:



t r e e



s t o p



c r a b



f i r s t



d r u m



s c o r e



t r u e



r e s c u e

More words for reading practice: desk, step, skid, truck, drew, skin, drip, drop, stay, star, tried, cried, frost, dress, scare



Ant in Pink Pants



Ape in a Cape



Ark in the Park



Bear with Long Hair



Kangaroos Reading the News



Chimpanzee Learning to Ski



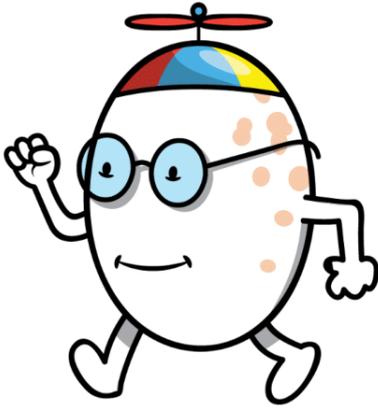
Crocodile Who Ran a Mile



Duck Covered in Muck



Dragon in His Wagon



Egg with Little Legs



Eagle Looking Regal



Earth Full of Mirth



Fish that Goes Splish



Goat in a Boat



Horse on a Course



Igloo with a Blue Hairdo



Ice Cream Feeling Supreme



Jellyfish Making a Wish



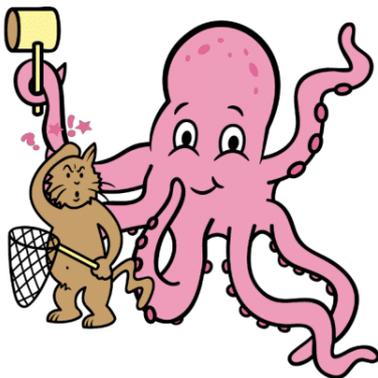
Lion with a Tie On



Monkey Feeling Funky



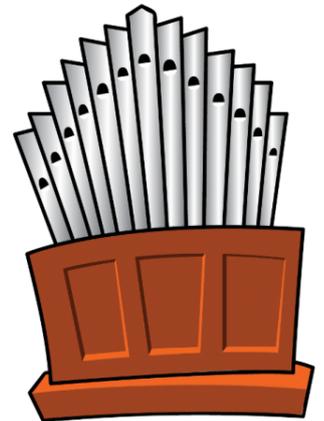
Newt with a Flute



Octopus Who
Knocked a Puss



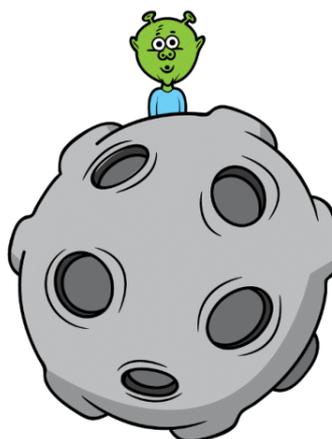
Oak in a Cloak



Organ Played by a Gorgon



Owl with a Scowl



Oon on the Moon



Oyster Feeling Moister



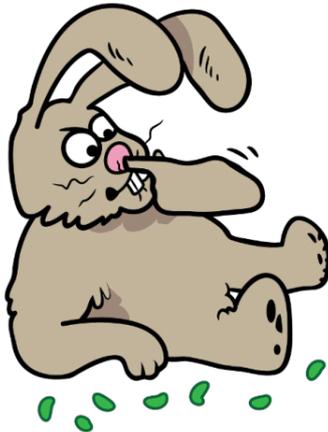
Ook with a Book



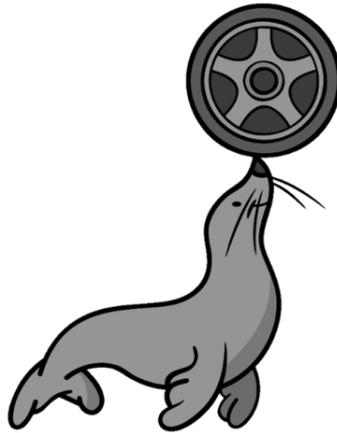
Pig in a Wig



Queen Looking Green



Rabbit with a Bad Habit



Seal with a Wheel



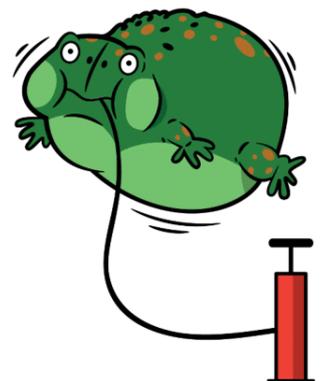
Scarecrow Who Let His Hair Grow



Sheep in a Jeep



Star in a Car



Toad About to Explode



Thief with the Beef



Triceratops with
His Bucket and Mops



Umbrella Man
with a Suntan



Unicorn with a Pink Horn



Vulture into Culture



Whale with Purple Pigtails



Kanga-Seal (X)



Yak with a Pak



Zuto from Pluto