

EYFS Literacy and Phonics

Morning Starter Activities



To the Teacher:

- These activities require no preparation, but children will need writing equipment for some activities.
- All slides are editable, as for some of the activities you may wish to change the wording. For example, depending upon whether parents are involved or children are working independently, if you wish an activity to be a talk activity or you would prefer children to record their answers.

Select an Activity

Alphabet
and Letter
Names

Initial
sounds:
s, t, a

Writing
CVC
words

Talk or
write – cat
in a tree
photo

Initial
sounds:
n, p, i

Write
words –
initial m

CVC mix-
up

Draw a
picture –
initial t

Talk about
the photo
– happy
children

Humpty
Dumpty
rhyming
words

Sentence
writing

Draw a
picture –
initial g

Write a
sentence
– frozen
world
photos

Draw 5
things –
initial r

Segmenting
words

Writing
words
(s,a,t,p,i,n,o
)

Hearing
rhyme

Talking
about
traditional
tales

Writing
words
(m,d,a,c,u,k,o,s
)

Final
sound - ll

Tricky
word
sentences

Once Upon
a Time...
house in
the woods
photo

Rhyming
strings

Writing
words - sh

Generating
rhyming
words

Write
about the
photo – a
goat and a
boat

Writing
words - ee

Play I Spy

Alliterative
animals

Write about
the photo –
a bee on a
flower

The Alphabet – Letter Names

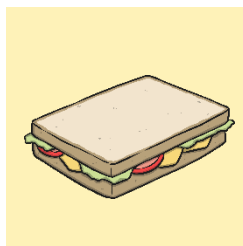
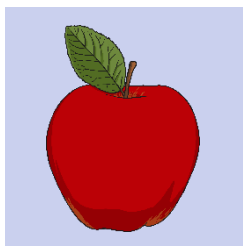
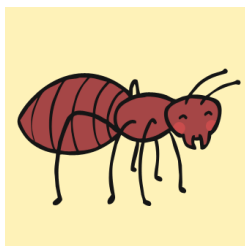
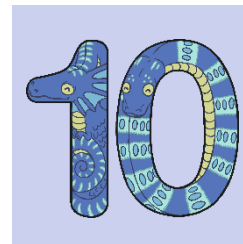
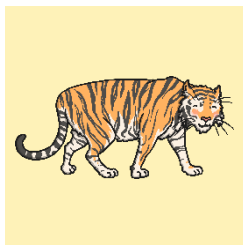
First practise saying the alphabet to an adult or a friend.

Now name each letter of the alphabet you can see below.

g o l h i k j z y n x e f
d c s r q v b a w m t p u

Can you hear the initial sound?

Say the names of the pictures out loud. What sound do they start with?



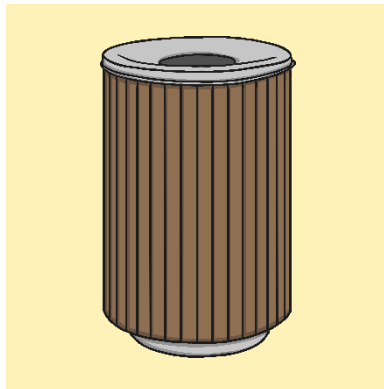
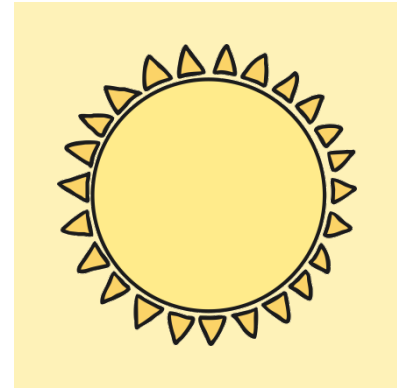
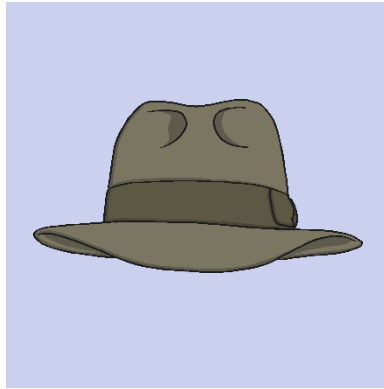
Now can you sort them into 3 lists? Draw the pictures under the correct sound.

s

t

a

Can you write these words?



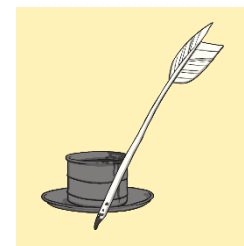
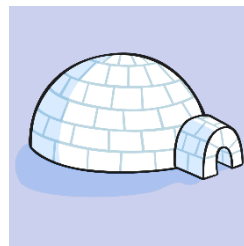
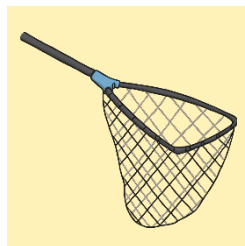
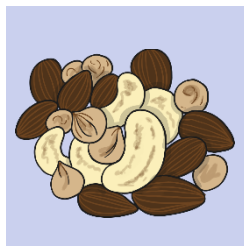
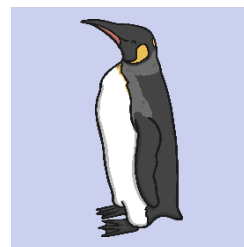
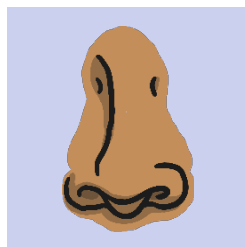
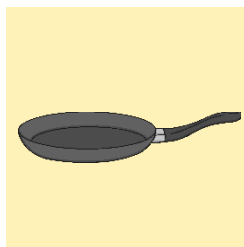
Say or write a sentence about this picture.



Photo courtesy of __MaRiNa__ (@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

Can you hear the initial sound?

Say the names of the pictures out loud. What sound do they start with?



Now can you sort them into 3 lists? Draw the pictures under the correct sound.

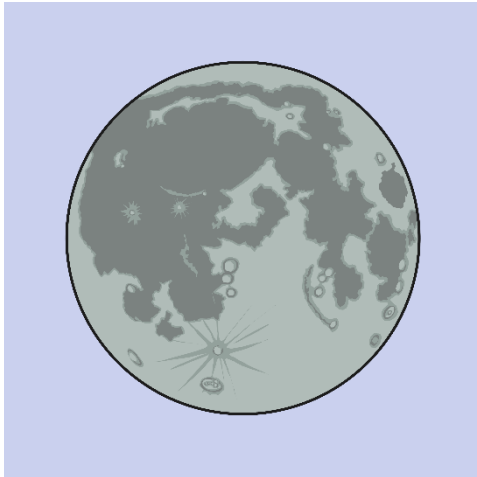
n

p

i

Write a list of words or draw some pictures of things that begin with the letter m.

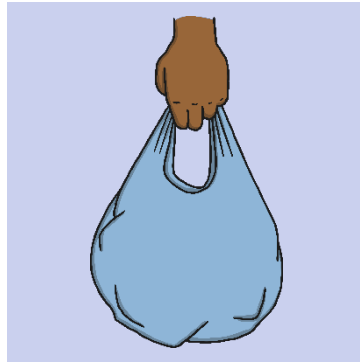
Here are a few ideas to get you started:



Can you sort these mixed up words?



cto



gba



atp



pma

Draw a picture of something that begins with the letter t.

Now practise writing the letter t very carefully.

Can you get all of your letters to look exactly the same?

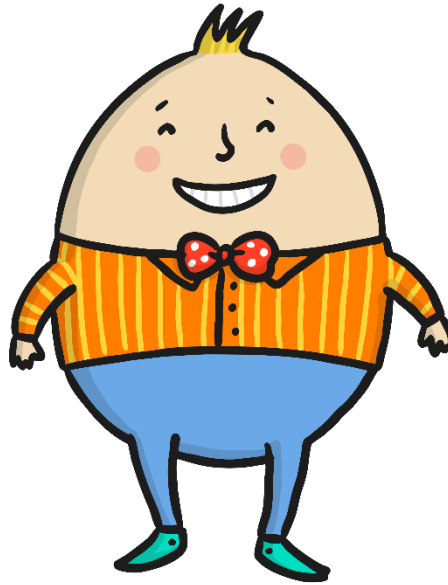


Look at this picture and talk about it with an adult or a friend:



Photo courtesy of John Christian Fjellestad (@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

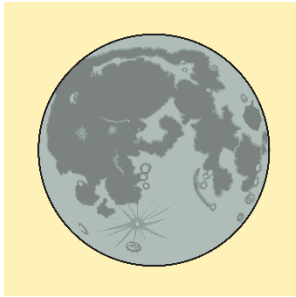
Can you say this nursery rhyme out loud?



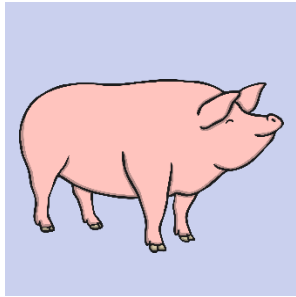
Can you hear which words rhyme?

Can you hear the rhyming words in any other nursery rhymes?

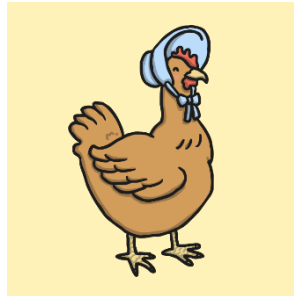
Write a sentence using one of these words:



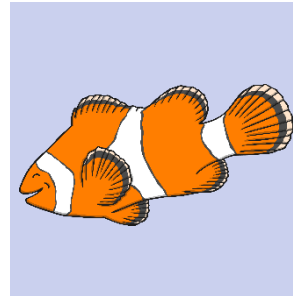
moon



pig



hen



fish

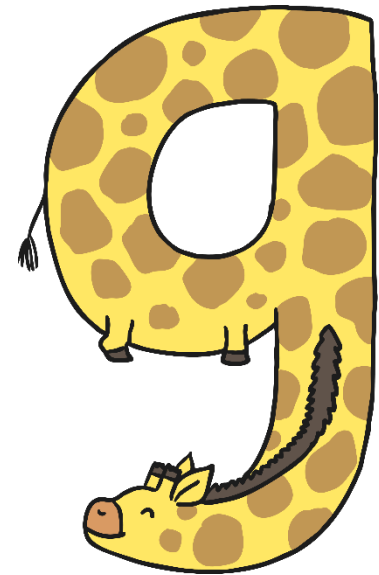


man

Draw a picture of something that begins with the letter g.

Now practise writing the letter g very carefully.

Can you get all of your letters to look exactly the same?



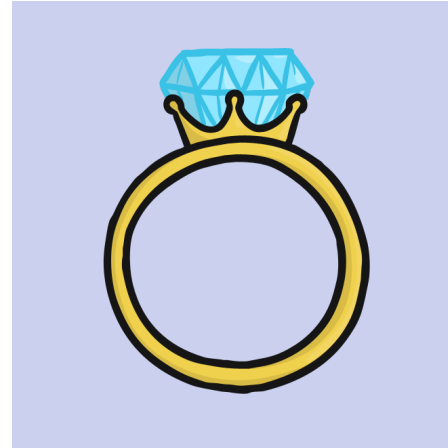
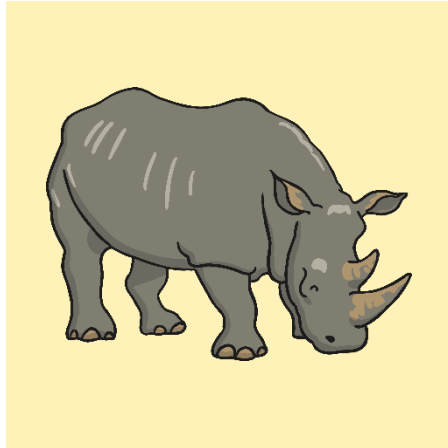
Imagine you woke up in a frozen world. Write a sentence about what you would like to do!



Photo courtesy of Clément Belleudy, cloudzilla, Henning Leweke (@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

Draw 5 pictures of things that begin with the letter r.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started.

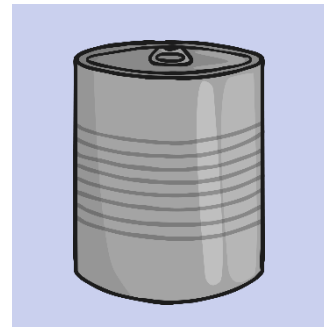
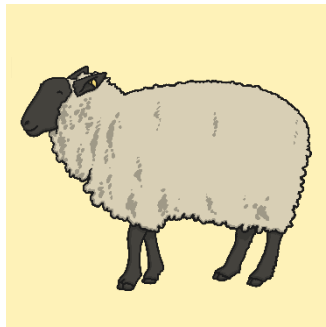
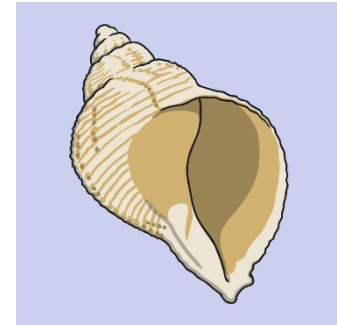
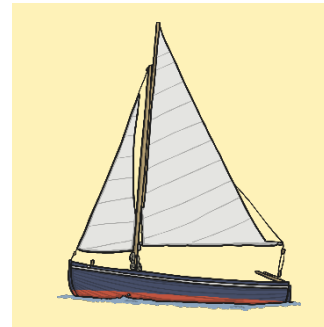
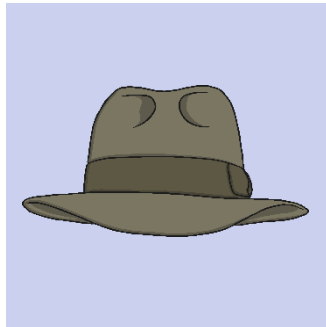
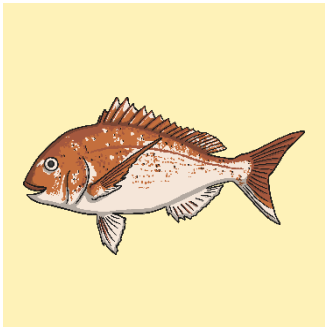


Now practise writing the letter r.

Can you hear all of the sounds in these words?

Say each of the words to a friend or adult.

Each word has three different sounds in it. Can you hear them all?



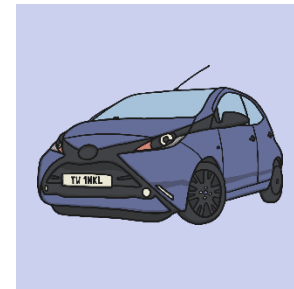
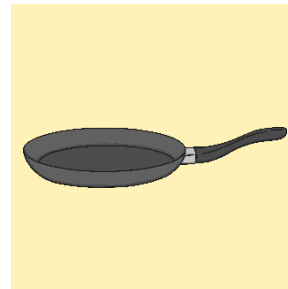
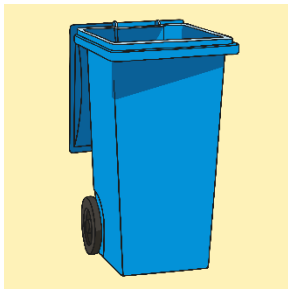
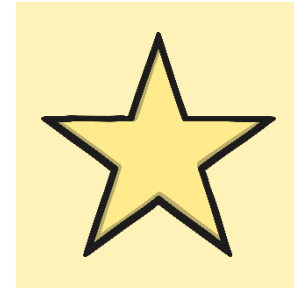
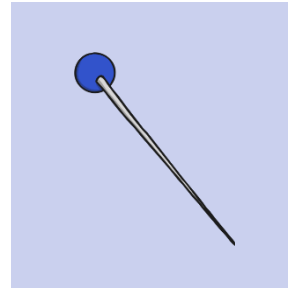
Write some words using these letters:

s i t p a n o

Here are some ideas...

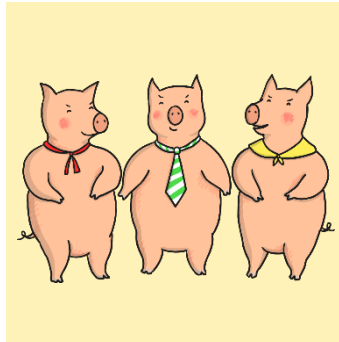
sit pot

Say these words out loud. Can you hear which ones rhyme?



Can you think of any more rhyming words?

Here are some pictures from stories you might know:



Talk about the stories with a friend or adult.

Which story is your favourite? Why?

Which character did you like best?

Write some words using these letters:

m d a c u k o s

Here are some ideas...

mad sack

Write sentences using each of these words:

he

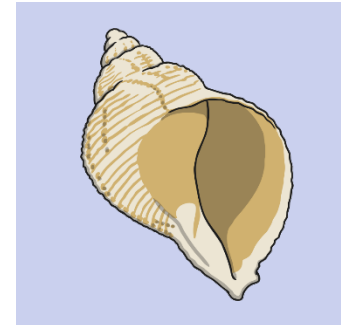
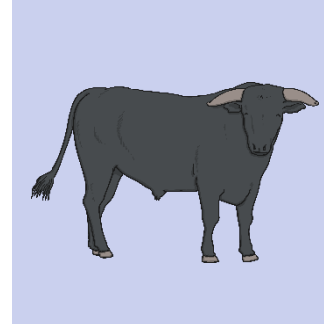
was

the

to

my

Here are some words that end with ll:



Can you write the words?

Once upon a time...

Tell a story about this picture!



Photo courtesy of PhotoAtelier([@flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/photoatelier/)) - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

Add a rhyming word to each list:

cat

top

pig

pin

flat

flop

dig

win

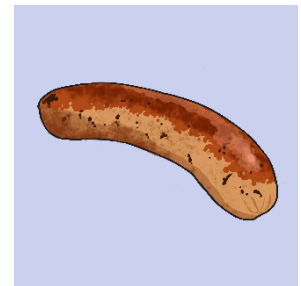
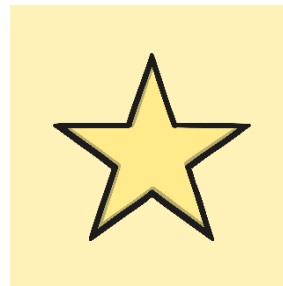
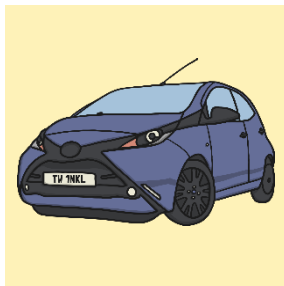
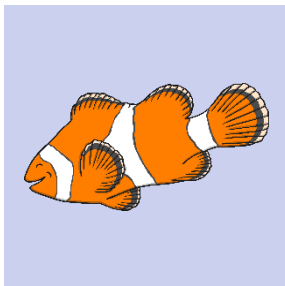
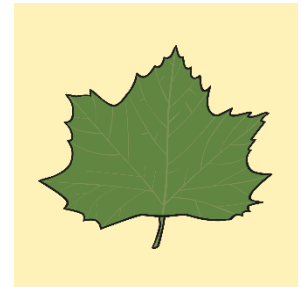
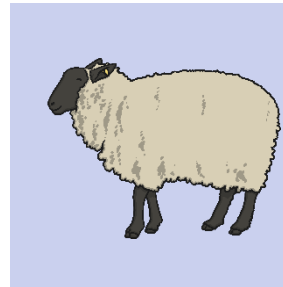
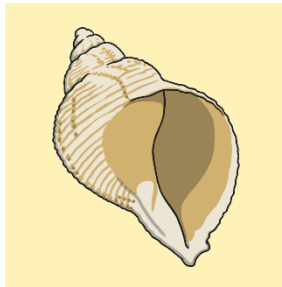
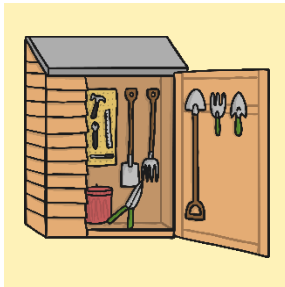
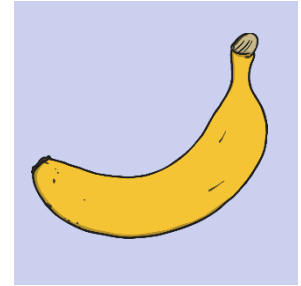
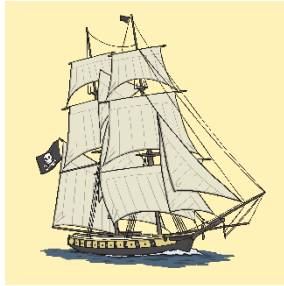
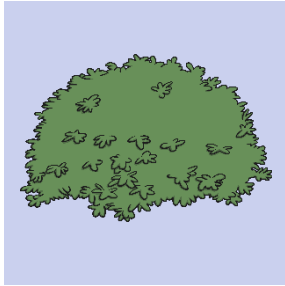
chat

plop

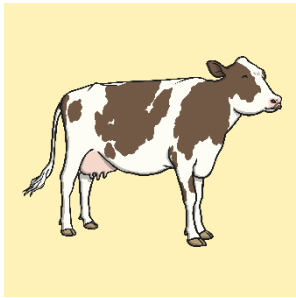
fig

shin

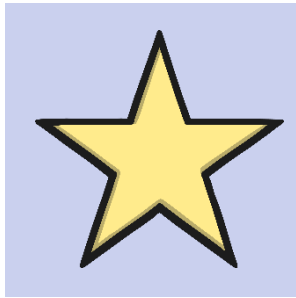
Write the words that have a 'sh' in them:



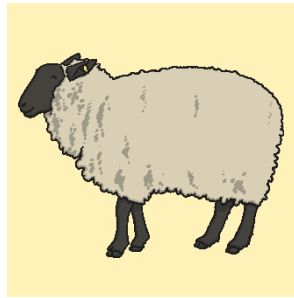
Can you write a word that rhymes with each of these words?



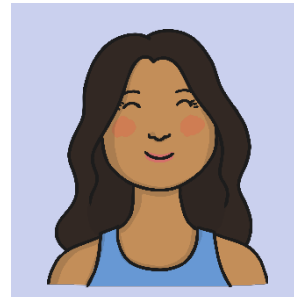
cow



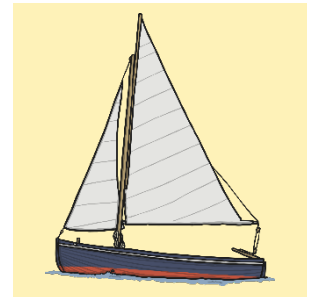
star



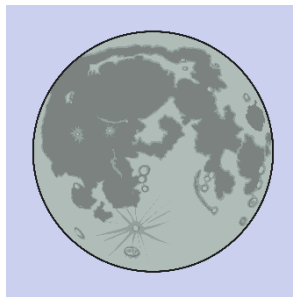
sheep



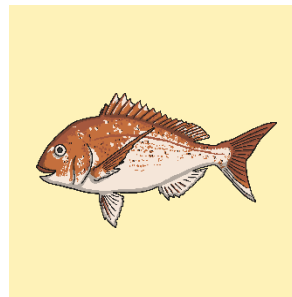
hair



boat



moon



fish

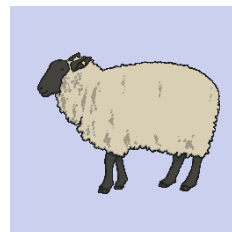
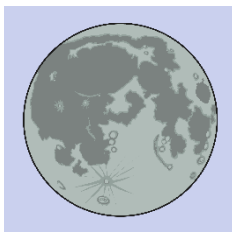
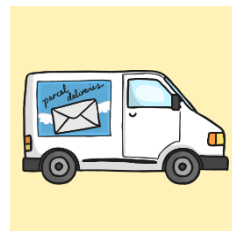
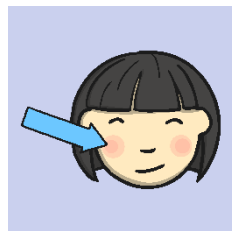
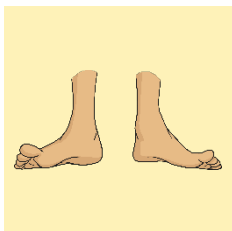
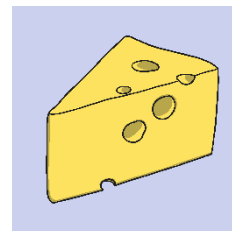
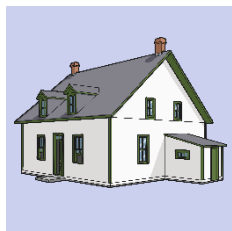
Write about this picture:



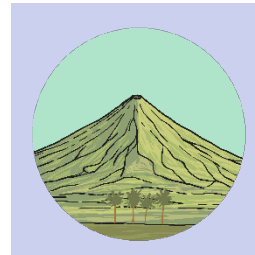
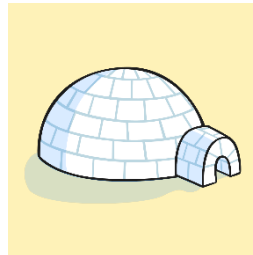
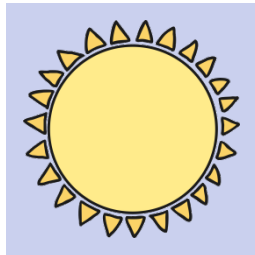
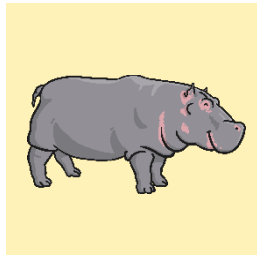
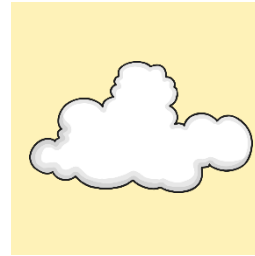
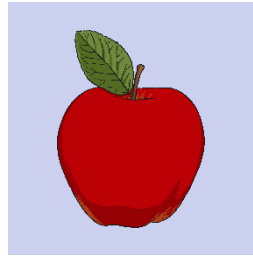
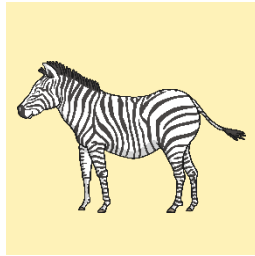
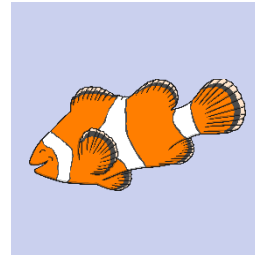
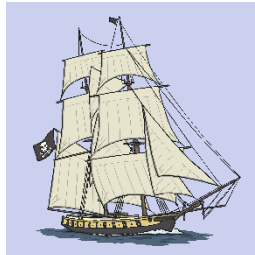
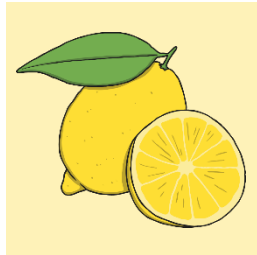
Photo courtesy of andrew.lorien@flickr.com - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

Can you hear an 'ee' sound?

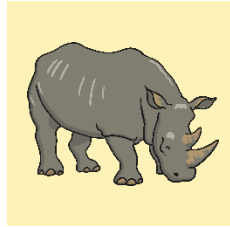
Write the words that have an ee sound in them.



Play a game of I spy using these pictures:



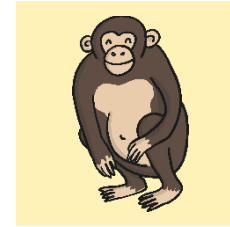
Can you make up some names that start with the same sound as each animal?



Rita Rhino

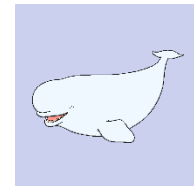
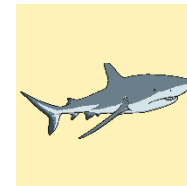
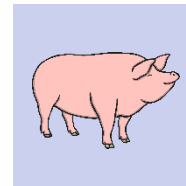
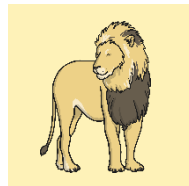
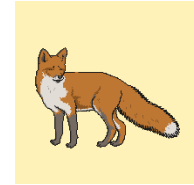
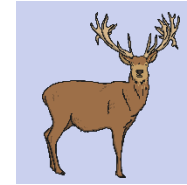
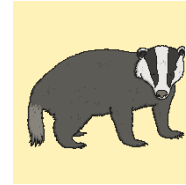
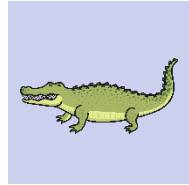
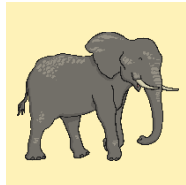


Harry Hedgehog



Charlie Chimp

- Elephant
- Crocodile
- Badger
- Deer
- Fox
- Squirrel
- Lion
- Pig
- Shark
- Whale



Write a sentence about this picture:



Photo courtesy of noel reynolds@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence – attribution

