My Friend



The Sorting Station

Mathematics

Set up a station with two muffin tins and many types of small objects (one of each):

bottle cap	cork	rabbit's foot	small rubber all
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seed crayon stone washer

plastic lid shell sponge nut and bolt

key cotton ball toothpick macaroni (different shapes)

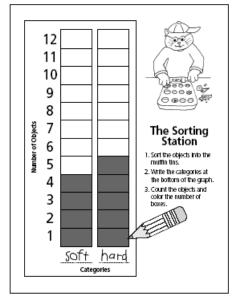
nut eraser coat button

Clip a category name to each muffin tin (start with "soft" and "hard"). Then invite students, individually or in pairs, to sort the objects. After the objects have been sorted, hand out a copy of page 96 and ask students to total up and record the results on the graph.

The muffin tin categories can be changed daily. Try "round" and "not round," "big" and "little," and "heavy" and "light."

Note: Because of small objects, this activity should be closely supervised.





Adjective Artistry

Art

Make adjective collages. Give each student a piece of construction paper with an adjective printed at the top of the page. Some sample adjectives are:

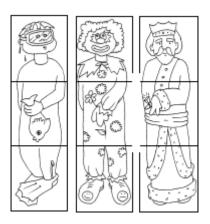
big	curly	round	blue
small	pointed	bright	orange
straight	long	crooked	purple
hairy	short	green	red

Provide such resources as old magazines and catalogs and invite students to find, clip, and paste pictures that match the adjective printed on their page. A page labeled, "green," for example, may become home to an iguana photo and a pickle ad. Display the collages in the classroom or turn them into a colorful class adjective book.

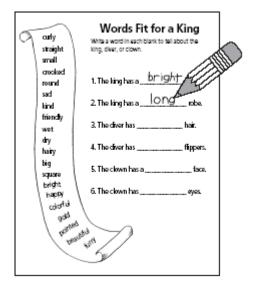
Scrambled Legs

Hand out a copy of page 97 to each student. Ask students to cut out the nine picture blocks and reassemble them into three complete characters: a king, a diver, and a clown.

Language Arts



When they are finished, give each student a copy of page 98. Using the three characters as a reference, have students fill in the sentences using adjectives from the list at the side of the page. Remind students that there is often more than one way to describe something.



My Friend Factory

Language Arts

Use the My Friend activity on your computer to create and print an assortment of "Friends." Turn the printouts into transparencies and ask the class to color them with markers.

While the class is busy coloring, cut a new transparency sheet into small rectangles, labeling the pieces as follows:

My Friend has
hair
eyes
nose

	mouth	
	feet	
arms		
	pointed	



curly
green
long
short

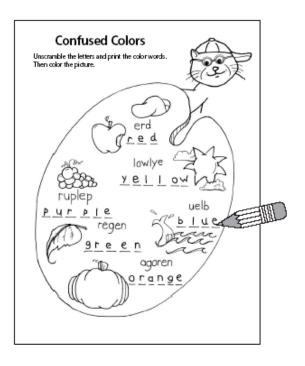
	round
	bright
	crooked
	blue

	orange
	purple
ĺ	red
	yellow

Next collect the transparencies and randomly select a "Friend" to place on the overhead projector. Beneath the "Friend" place the transparency rectangle that reads, "My Friend has . . . " Ask for a student volunteer to complete the sentence using the transparency word pieces. When finished, let the student select a new colored Friend transparency for the next volunteer.

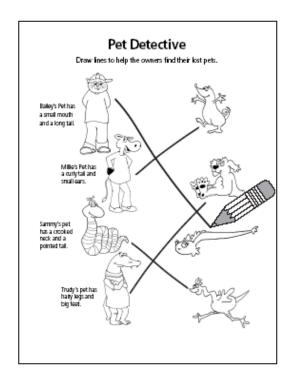
Confused Colors Problem Solving

Hand out a copy of page 99 to each student. Challenge students to unscramble each color word. When they are finished, ask students to color the objects accordingly.



Pet Detective Problem Solving

Hand out a copy of page 100 to each student. Explain that Millie, Bailey, Sammy, and Trudy have lost their pets. Ask students to read the descriptions, then draw a line from each owner to the matching pet.



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Categories			



The Sorting Station

- **1.** Sort the objects into the muffin tins.
- **2.** Write the categories at the bottom of the graph.
- **3.** Count the objects and color the number of boxes.

Scrambled Legs

Cut the rectangles apart. Make a king, a diver, and a clown.



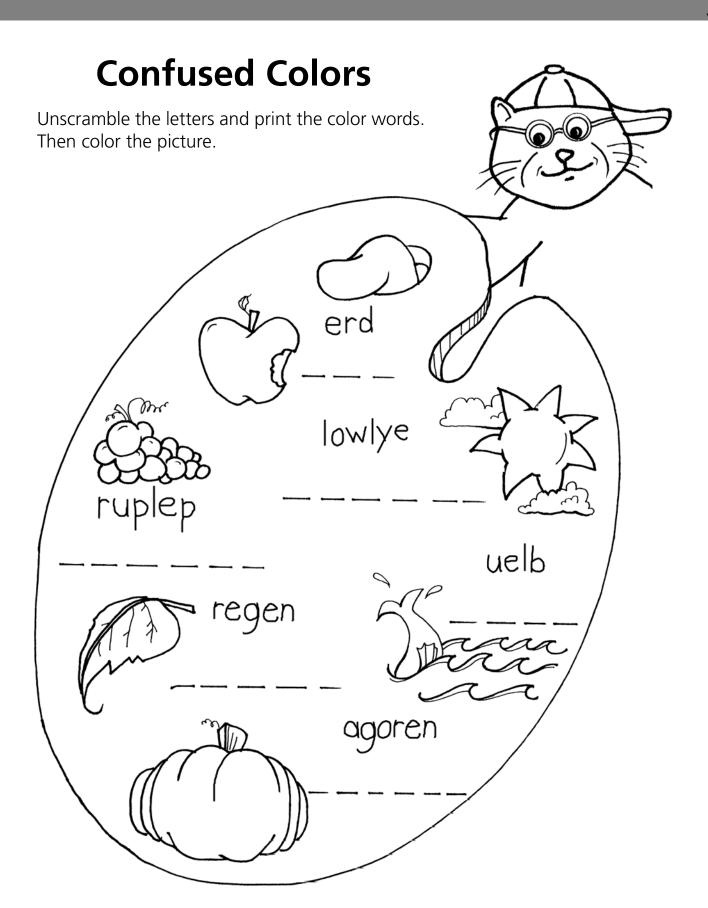
curly straight small crooked round sad kind friendly wet dry hairy big square bright happy colorful gold

Words Fit for a King

Write a word in each blank to tell about the king, diver, or clown.

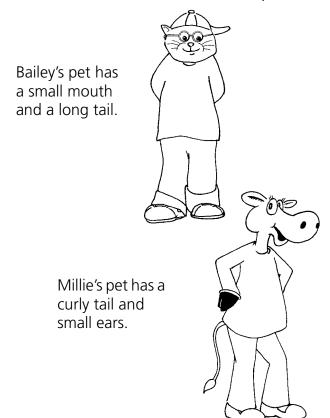
- **1.** The king has a _____ ring.
- **2.** The king has a _____ robe.
- **3.** The diver has _____ hair.
- **4.** The diver has ______ flippers.
- **5.** The clown has a _____ face.
- **6.** The clown has _____ eyes.



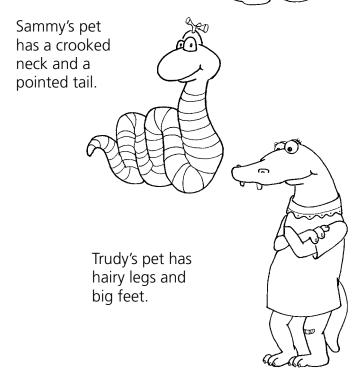


Pet Detective

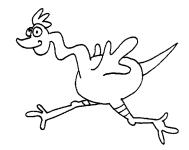
Draw lines to help the owners find their lost pets.











Use with "Pet Detective" (page 95).