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The First Day of School

The first day of school was fun. My new teacher's name is Miss Clark. Joy and Alan are in my class. At recess we played ball. I had pizza, pears, and milk for lunch. Miss Clark read a funny story about a little bear and his mother. I learned a lot today.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What words from the story begin with the same sound as  ?

Circle the picture that rhymes with **Joy**.



Which word means the same as **small**?

What did the child in this story think about school?

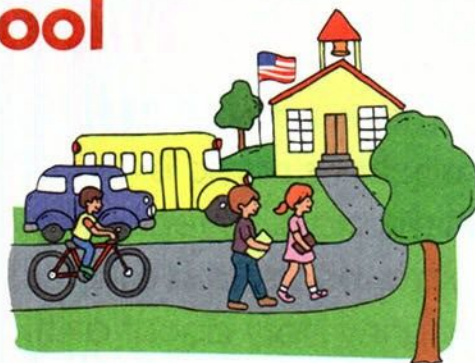
Who are Joy and Alan?



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Let's Go to School

There are many ways to go to school. Children who live nearby can walk. If they are late, they need to run. Some children ride the bus. Others like to ride their bikes. Parents can drive them in a car.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What words from the story have the sound of **i** that you hear in **ride**?

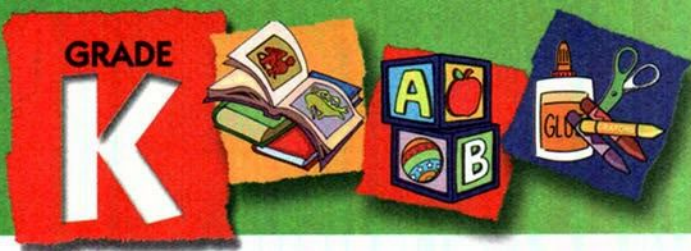
Circle the picture that rhymes with **school**.



Which word is the opposite of **early**?

Why do some children run to school?

How do you get to school?





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A Busy Day

We always get up early. Dad makes us breakfast. I feed Zip, the cat. Then, I walk to school. Mom and Dad go to work.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What words from the story begin with the same sound as  ?

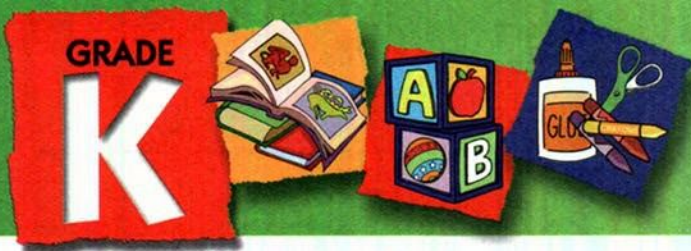
Circle the picture that rhymes with **walk**.



Which word in the story means **Mom, Dad, and I together**?

Why does everyone get up early?

Why doesn't Zip go to school?




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Good Morning, Teacher

Our class is busy. We all say "Good morning" to the teacher. Then, we do our jobs. Rosa gives the plant some water. Ben counts the lunches. Tim gives us paper. We get out our books.



Directions: Read the story. Write  the answer to each question.

What word from the story begins with the blend you hear in  ?

Circle the picture that rhymes with **plant**.



Which word in the story means **more than one book**?

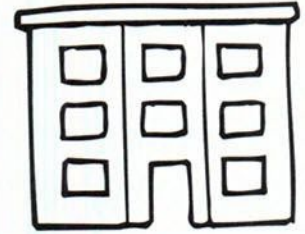
What do the children do after they say "Good morning"?

How do you like to help at school?



School in Korea

What is school like in Korea? In Korea, school starts in March. Children carry their books in a backpack. They carry their school shoes in a cloth bag. They put them on when they go indoors.



Directions: Read the story. Write  the answer to each question.

What word in the story begins like  ?

What word in the story is made of two rhyming words?

What word in the story is the name of a month?

Why do you think the children put on clean shoes in school?

How do children in your school carry their books?



A Class Pet

Our teacher found a little lost rabbit on the playground. She was just a baby bunny when Mr. Bell found her. We fed her some milk. Now Bumper is grown up. She still comes to school everyday.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What words in the story have the sound of **ou** that you hear in **pound**?

Circle the picture that rhymes with **fed**.



What word in the story is another word for **rabbit**?

Who is Mr. Bell?

Who is Bumper?



School in Germany

Petra lives in Germany. It is the first day of school. Her parents give her a pretty paper cone to take to school. What is inside? Sweet things to eat for a sweet day!



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What word from the story rhymes with  ?

Circle the picture that begins with the blend you hear at the beginning of **sweet**.



What word from the story is the opposite of **last**?

What will make the first day sweet for Petra?

Name some things that could be in Petra's cone.



A New Friend

Evan went to his new school for the first time. He liked his teacher, Mrs. Winter. But he felt all alone when it was time to play outside. Then, Nick came over to Evan. Nick asked Evan if he would like to kick the ball with him. Then, it was time to go inside. Nick sat by Evan on the rug to hear a story. Before long, it was time to go home. Nick said, "See you!" When Evan got home, he told his mother that he liked his new school a lot.

Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Find two words in the story that rhyme with **stick**.

Circle the picture that begins with the same sound you hear at the beginning of **home**.



Which word in the story is the opposite of **outside**?

Why did Evan feel alone?

What did Nick do to help Evan?



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Bear Cubs

Bear cubs are born in winter. They may weigh less than a pound. In spring, the cubs and their mother go outside. As the cubs grow older, their mother teaches them how to find food. The cubs stay with their mother for a year or two. Then, the cubs go out on their own.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture that begins with the blend you hear at the beginning of **grow**.

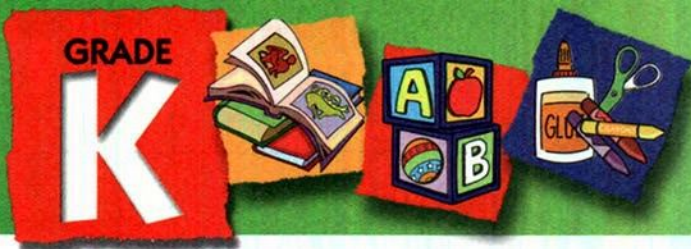


What words in the story rhyme with **day**?

What word in the story means **a cold time of the year**?

Why do you think the cubs stay with their mother for a year or two?

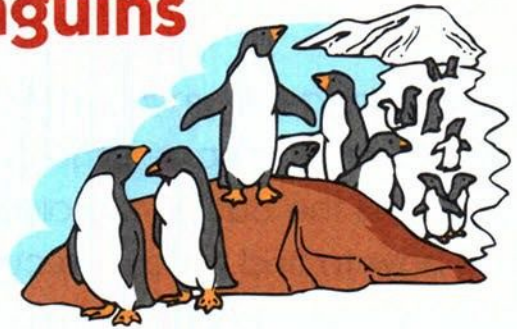
How do you know that bear cubs are born very small?



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Antarctic Penguins

Penguins are birds but they don't fly.
Penguins swim. Penguins lay eggs.
Most penguin chicks have fluffy feathers.
Penguins live in large groups.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture whose name begins with the blend you hear at the beginning of **fluffy**.



What word from the story rhymes with **legs**?

What word from the story means the same as **do not**?

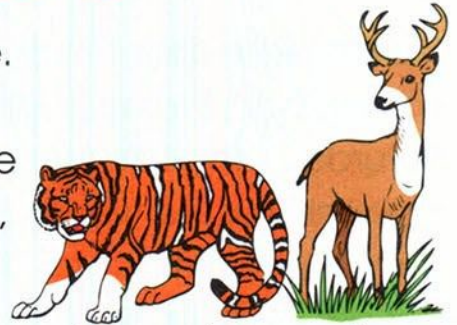
Do all birds fly?

What are baby penguins called?



Animals on the Move

Some animals do not have a home in one place. They change their homes every day. They move from place to place. They look for food. Their home is where they stop to rest for the day. Deer, whales, tigers, and elephants are always on the move.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What word in the story begins like  ?

What word in the story rhymes with **hear**?

What word in the story is the opposite of **go**?

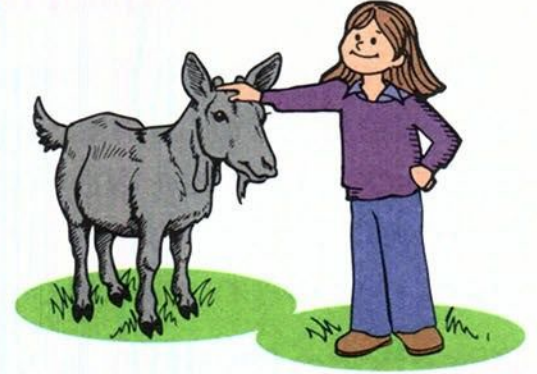
Where is a tiger's home?

Why do you think some animals move from place to place?



The Goat

Every Saturday, Grandma and I go bike riding. Grandma wears her straw hat. Last Saturday, we rode along the bike path to the high school. We went to see the farm animal show. We got to pet the goats. Grandma left her hat on the bike seat. A goat ate the hat!



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture that has the sound of **e** you hear in **pet**.



Circle the picture that names a word that rhymes with **goat**.



Which word in the story is a day of the week?

Where does the bike path go?

Why will Grandma need a new hat?



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Caring for Pets

Pets need food and water. Some pets need special homes. Some pets need exercise. Some pets need help keeping clean. All pets need love and care.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture that has the sound of **e** you hear in **need**.



What word in the story rhymes with **gets**?

What word from the story is the opposite of **dirty**?

Name two of the things that pets need.

Do you help care for a pet?



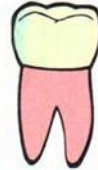
Dinosaur Babies

These dinosaurs built nests. They used mud and sand. They laid eggs. Plants kept the nests soft and warm. Baby dinosaurs hatched. The parents brought food. The babies grew and grew. This dinosaur is *Maiasaura*. Its name means "good mother lizard." Can you see why?



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture that has the sound of **oo** you hear in **food**.



What words from the story rhyme with **blue**?

What word from the story means **more than one dinosaur**?

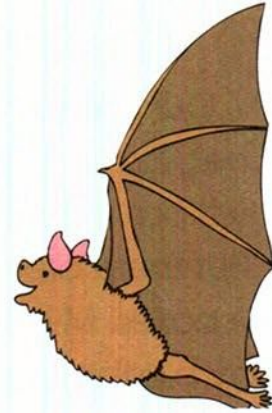
What does **Maiasaura** mean?

How was this dinosaur a good mother?



What Is a Bat?

A bat is a furry mammal. It is not a bird, but it can fly like one. It is the only mammal that can fly. Bats have lighter bones than other animals that are its same size. The bat's wings are made of smooth, thin skin. The wings are stretched between the bat's fingers.



Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

What word from the story begins like **smile**?

What word from the story rhymes with **sings**?

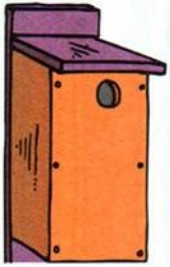
What word from the story means **having fur**?

How is a bat different from all other mammals?

What is different about a bat's bones?



Bluebird Boxes



Our science club is making bluebird boxes. Carmen's dad is helping us. He shows us how to nail the wood pieces together. We will put the boxes in the park. Bluebirds make their nests in tree holes. But there aren't enough tree holes for them. Now, they can build nests in our boxes. My friends and I will check the boxes each week. We want to see if any bluebirds are using them. We will look for nests, eggs, and chicks.

Directions: Read the story. **Write**  the answer to each question.

Circle the picture that has the sound of **ai** that you hear in **nail**.



What word from the story rhymes with **filled**?

What word from the story is made up of two smaller words?

What are bluebird boxes for?

How will the children know if bluebirds are using the boxes?
