

Tongue Twisters

The Swan

Swan swam over the sea -
Swim, swan, swim;
Swan swam back again,
Well swum, swan.

Anon

She Sells Sea-Shells

She sells sea-shells on the sea shore;
The shells that she sells are sea-shells I'm sure.
So if she sells sea-shells on the sea shore,
I'm sure that the shells are sea-shore shells.

Anon

Dick's Dog

Dick had a dog
The dog dug
The dog dug deep
How deep did Dick's dog dig?

Dick had a duck
The duck dived
The duck dived deep
How deep did Dick's duck dive?

Dick's duck dived as deep as Dick's dog dived.

Trevor Millum

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper;
Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled pepper?
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper,
Where's the peck of pickled pepper
Peter Piper picked?

Anon

Week 1

Shop Chat

My shop stocks:

locks, chips,
chopsticks,
watch straps,
traps, tops,
taps, tricks,
ship's clocks,
lipstick and chimney pots.

What does your shop stock?

Sharkskin socks.

Libby Houston

Joe's Banjo

Our Joe wants to know
if your Joe will lend our Joe your Joe's banjo.
If your Joe won't lend our Joe
your Joe's banjo,
our Joe won't lend your Joe
our Joe's banjo
when our Joe has a banjo!

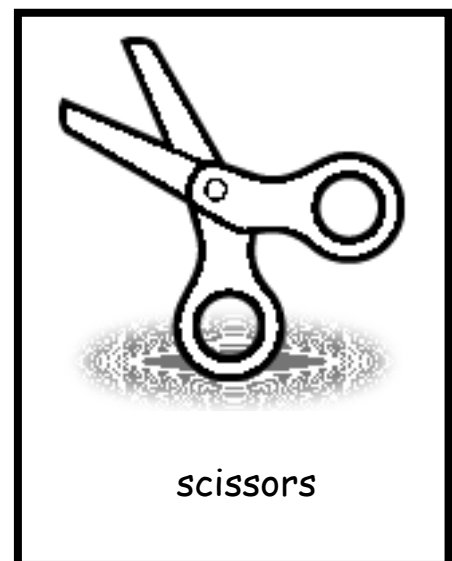
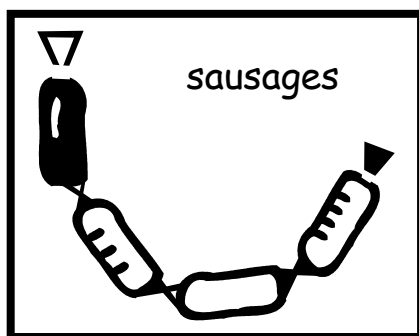
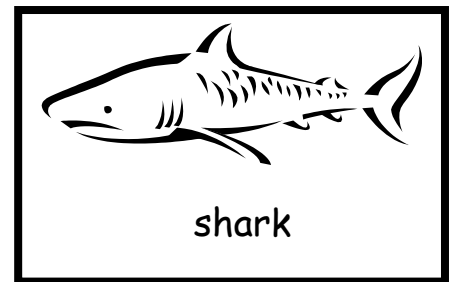
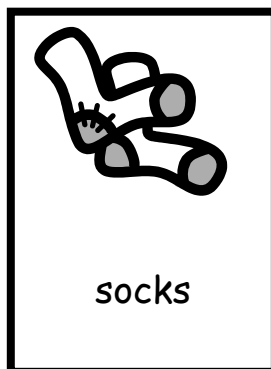
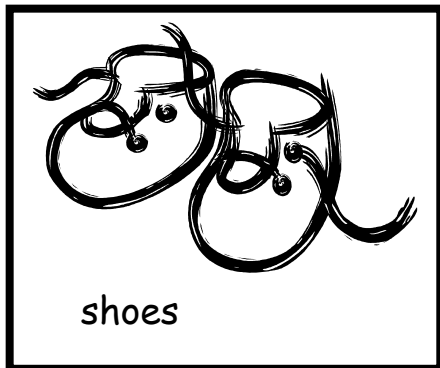
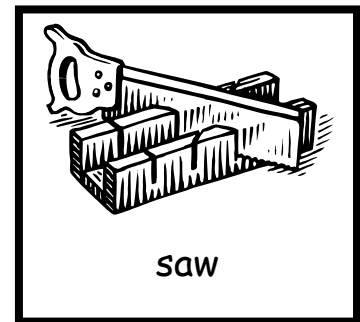
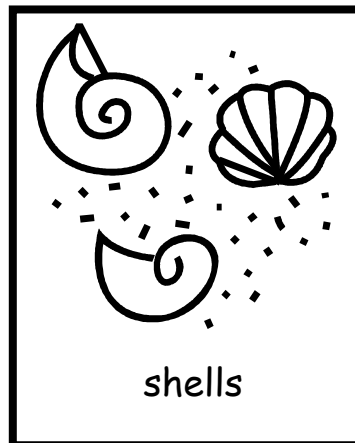
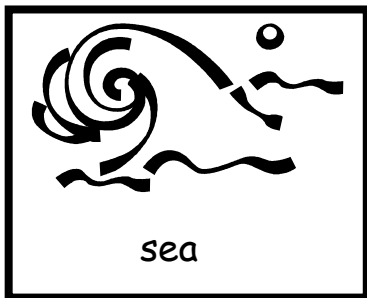
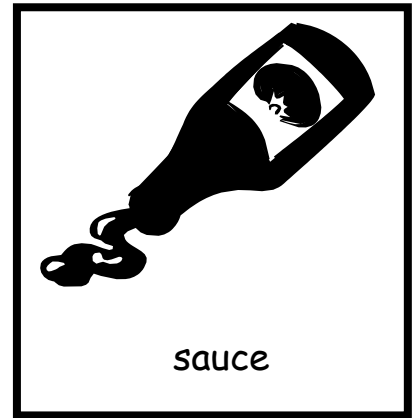
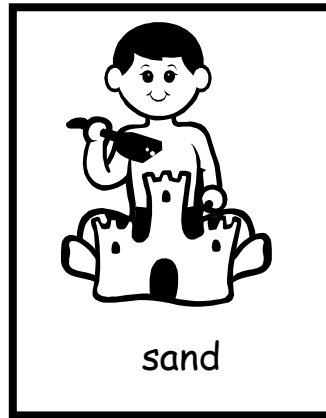
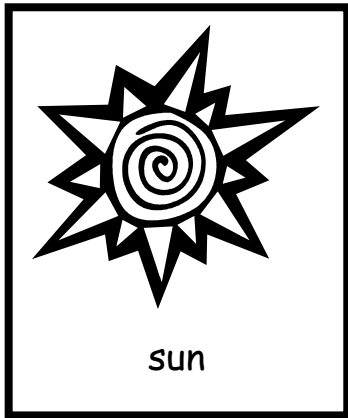
Anon

The Flea and the Fly

A fly and a flea flew up in a flue.
Said the fly to the flea, "What shall we do?"
"Let's fly," said the flea.
"Let's flee," said the fly.
So they fluttered and flew up a flaw in the flue.

Anon

Week 1



Week 1

Nursery Rhymes Gone Wrong

Hickory, dickory dock
Two mice ran up the clock;
The clock struck one -
But the other one got away

Mary has a little lamb
A lobster and some prunes,
A glass of milk, a piece of pie,
And then some macaroons.

It made the busy waiters grin
To see her order so,
And when they carried Mary out,
Her face was white as snow.

Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the spout
Down came the rain
And washed poor Incy out.
Out came the sun
Dried up all the rain
But Incy Wincy said
I'm not going up again!

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horse and all the king's men
Had scrambled eggs for dinner again.

Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been?
I've been up to London to visit the queen.
Pussycat, pussycat, I hope you were good?
I jumped on the table and ran off with the food.

An example nursery rhyme to change with the class.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,
She had so many children she didn't know what to do.
She gave them some broth without any bread,
Then scolded them soundly and sent them to bed.

There was an old woman who lived in a hole,
It was so dark in her house that she went blind like a mole,
She got some thick glasses to help her to see,
But they didn't work as she stood on a bee!

There was an old woman who lived in a

Week 1

Can you add your own words to this familiar nursery
rhyme to make it a funny poem?

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Stand on your head
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
.....your bed.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Crawl like a snail,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Swim like a

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Hop like a frog,
Teddy bear, teddy bear
.....

Extension Activity

If you have finished, see if you can make up a fourth
verse.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
.....
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
.....

Here is a selection of nursery rhymes.
Choose one and see if you can change some of the lines or
rhymes to make it funny!

Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn!
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn;
But where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haycock, fast asleep.
Will you wake him? No not I!
For if I do, he's sure to cry.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat.

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream;
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Up Jack got, and home did trot,
As fast as he could caper;
He went to bed to mend his head,
With vinegar and brown paper.

Week 1

Letter Riddles

My first is in chicken, but never in egg
My second is found in the chimney soot.
To find out my third, just don't break your leg
Take off your shoe and look at your foot.
These three letters together hold
The word meaning opposite of cold!

Tired?

Look in a warm NEST to find my first
Then at LOVE - your heart will burst
Third and fourth are two the same
The start of ELEPHANT is to blame.
My final, in a PLANET bright,
Tells me what I do at night.

Can you see me?

My first is in cats and never in dogs
Twice in my Nana my next letter's found.
My third starts a tree from which we cut logs
In the roots of that tree, I live near the ground.

Riddle

My first is in fish but not in chip.
My second is in teeth but not in lip.
My third's in potato but not in plum.
My fourth's in mouth and also in thumb.
My fifth is in pear but not in cherry.
My sixth is in bacon but not in berry.
My last is in chocolate but not in crumble.
Sometimes when I'm empty you'll hear me rumble.

*By John Foster
p236, The Works, Macmillan*

Week 1

Riddle - What Am I?

My first is in cover but not in lid
My second is in octopus, not in squid
My third is in marmalade, also in jam
And my fourth is in pork yet never in ham
My fifth is in uncle and also in aunt
My sixth's first in treacle and fifth when in plant
My seventh is in every, eve and ewe twice
Whilst my last is in curry as well as in rice.
What am I?

Richard Caley

My first is in mud but not in bog,
My second's in wood and also in log.
My third is in your, but not in mine,
My fourth is in sun, and also in shine.
My fifth is in here, and also in there,
And when you're not around I run everywhere.
What am I?

Anon

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I'm in a 10der mood today
& feel poetic, 2;
4 fun I'll just - off a line
& send it off 2 U.

I'm sorry you've been 6 o long;
Don't B disconsol8;
But bear your ills with 42de,
& they won't seem so gr8.

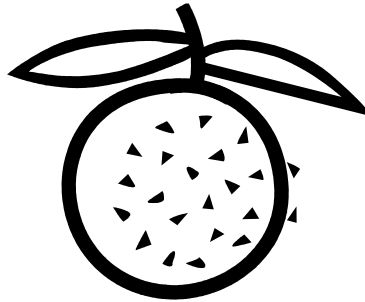
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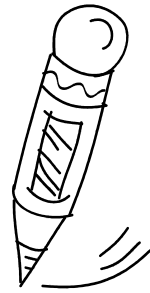
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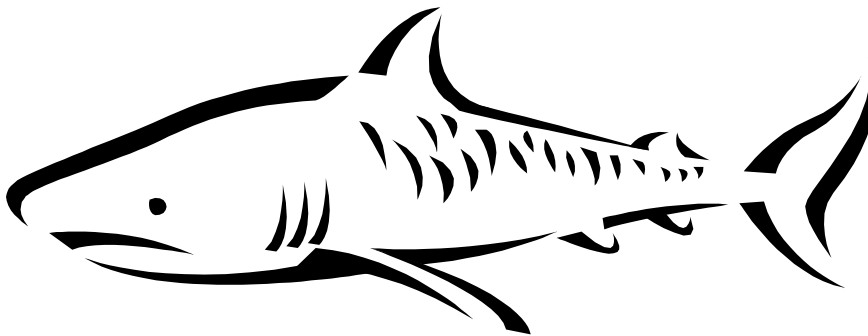
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juicy
zesty
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fruity
orange colour
sphere



Pencil

long
thin
straight
hold in your
hand
makes marks



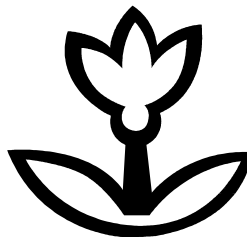
Shark

fast
scary
swims
bites
sharp teeth
fin



Bird - Eagle

feathers
flies
wings
beak
claws



Flower

Smelly
seeds
colourful
pretty
leaves
petals
stem



Crab

live in the sea
8 legs
hard shell
nippers
run sideways
eyes on stalks

Nonsense Poems

When I Went Out for a Walk One Day

When I went out for a walk one day,
My head fell off and rolled away,
And when I saw that it was gone -
I picked it up and put it on.

When I went into the street
Someone shouted, 'Look at your feet!'
I looked at them and sadly said,
'I've left them both asleep in bed!'

Anon

Sunday in the Yarm Fard

The mat keowed
The mow cooed
The bog darked
The kigeon pooed

The squicken chalked
The surds bang
The kwuck dacked
The burch rels chang

And then, after all the dacking and changing
The chalking and the banging
The darking and the pooing
The keowing and the kooing
There was a mewtiful beaumont
Of queace and pie-ate

Trevor Millum

Week 2

Q. There's a man in a room,
Without doors or windows.
The only furniture is a wooden table.
How does the man get out?

A. First he bangs his head against the wall until it's sore.
He takes the saw and cuts the table in half.
He puts the halves together to make a whole.
He gets through the hole,
and then he shouts and shouts until he's hoarse.
He gets on the horse and rides away.

Once an ant
Met a bat
Said the bat
To the cat,
"Why the dog
Don't the elephant
Get the fish out of here?"

Week 2

Quack!' Said the Billy-goat

'Quack!' said the billy-goat.

'Oink!' said the hen.

'Miaow!' said the little chick
Running in the pen.

'Hobble-gobble!' said the dog.

'Cluck!' said the sow.

'Tu-whit tu-whool!' the donkey said.

'Baa!' said the cow.

'Hee-haw!' the turkey cried.

The duck began to moo.

All at once the sheep went,

'Cock-a-doodle-doo!'

The owl coughed and cleared his throat

And he began to bleat

'Bow-wow!' said the cock

Swimming in the leat.

'Cheep-cheep!' said the cat

As she began to fly.

'Farmer's been and laid an egg -

That's the reason why.'

Charles Causley

(From I had a Little Cat: Collected Poems for Children, Macmillan)

A famous painter
Met his death
Because he couldn't
Draw his breath.

Doctor Bell fell down the well
And broke his collar bone;
Doctors should attend the sick
And leave the well alone.

A rabbit raced a turtle
You know the turtle won;
And Mr Bunny came in late
A little hot cross bun!

I was going to buy my sister
a box of chocolates,
But she's on a seafood diet.
If she sees food, she eats it.

Anon

Week 2

I Went to the Pictures Tomorrow

I went to the pictures tomorrow
I took a front seat at the back,
I fell from the pit to the gallery
And broke a front bone in my back.
A lady gave me some chocolate,
I ate it and gave it her back.
I phoned for a taxi and walked it,
And that's why I never came back.

Anon

One Bright September Morning

One bright September morning in the middle of July,
The sun lay thick upon the ground, and the snow shone in the sky.
The flowers were singing gaily, the birds were full of bloom;
I went upstairs to the cellar to clean a downstairs room.
I saw ten thousand miles away a house just out of sight,
It stood alone between two more and it was black-washed white.

Anon

At the End of School Assembly

Miss Sparrow's lot flew out,
Mrs Steed's lot galloped out,
My Bull's lot got herded out,
Mrs Bumble's lot buzzed off.

Miss Rose's class... rose,
Mr Beetle's class... beetled off,
Miss Storm's class thundered out,
Mrs Frisby's class whirled across the hall.

Mr Train's lot made tracks,
Miss Ferry's lot sailed off,
Mr Roller's lot got their skates on,
Mrs Street's lot got stuck half way across.

Mr Idle's lot just couldn't be bothered,
Mrs Barrow's class were wheeled out,
Miss Stretcher's class were carried out

And

Mrs Brook's class
simply
trickled away

Simon Pitt

Week 2

Missing Punctuation Foolish Questions

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee
Or a key for the lock of his hair
And can his eyes be called a school
I would think - there are pupils there
What jewels are found in the crown of his head
And who walks on the bridge of his nose
Can he use in building the roof of his mouth
The nails on the ends of his toes
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail -
If it can well then what did it do
And how does he sharpen his shoulder blades
I'll be hanged if I know - do you
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand
And beat time with the drum of his ear
Can the calf of his leg eat the corn of his toe
There's somethin' pretty strange around here

Week 2

The Original Poem Foolish Questions

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?
Or a key for the lock of his hair?
And can his eyes be called a school?
I would think - there are pupils there!
What jewels are found in the crown of his head?
And who walks on the bridge of his nose?
Can he use, in building the roof of his mouth,
The nails on the ends of his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail-
If it can, well, then, what did it do?
And how does he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'll be hanged if I know - do you?
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand,
And beat time with the drum of his ear?
Can the calf of his leg eat the corn of his toe?
There's somethin' pretty strange around here!

American folk rhyme adapted by William Cole