Family Literacy First

Activity Book

Module 7: The Surprise Named Winston

Welcome to *Family Literacy First*, a program created to bring together parents and children to have fun while learning as a family. Developed by ABC Life Literacy Canada with the understanding that parents are a child's first and most important teacher, each Module takes the entire family on an exciting journey to learning.

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Story

The Surprise Named Winston

Maya loved horses.

Maya loved horses more than anything else.

Well, that's not true.

Maya loved her mom more than horses.

She loved her stepmom and dad more than horses. She loved her baby sisters and grandpa more than horses.

Maya wished she had a horse named Winston.

Maya wished she had a horse named Winston more than anything else.

Well, that's not true.

Maya wished more that her mom, stepmom, dad, baby sisters, grandpa **and her horse named Winston** lived in the same house.

The house would be crowded.

But everyone would fit if Winston put his head out the window.

"A surprise for you!" Maya's stepmom called.

A surprise!

Maya imagined the surprise was Winston!

But no Winston.

Just grandpa.

With something furry in his arms.

A rabbit.

Maya didn't want a rabbit.

Maya wanted a horse.

The rabbit twitched its nose and ears.

Horses twitch their nose and ears.

The rabbit nibbled a piece of grass and nuzzled into Maya.

Horses nibble grass and nuzzle into people.

Maya imagined riding her rabbit. It didn't gallop. It hopped.

That made her laugh.

Maya still wanted a horse, but she wanted a rabbit too.

A rabbit named Winston.

Glossary *(Definitions of Story Words)*

Crowded: When a space has too many things in it to be comfortable.

Furry: Covered in fur.

Gallop: The fastest way for a four-legged animal to run.

Nibble: To take a small bite of something.

Nuzzle: To push your nose gently against someone.

Twitch: To make a small movement quickly and suddenly.

Elements of a Story

Elements of a Story: The pieces of a story that come together to make it complete. Story elements include character, setting and plot.

Character: The people or animals in the story.

Conflict: The problem in the story that needs to be addressed or fixed.

Plot: What happens in the story.

Setting: Where and when the story takes place.

Theme: A story's main idea.

I Know My Shapes

What is the name of this shape?

Trace the **square** with your finger.

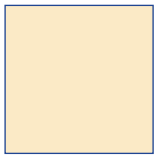
How many sides does a square have?
Count the sides.

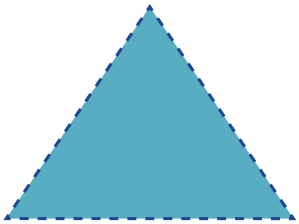
Circle the number of sides in a square: 1 2 3 4

Did you know?

All squares have 4 sides. Each side is the same length.

Find a **square** piece of paper.





What is the name of this shape?

Trace the **triangle** with your finger.

How many sides does a triangle have?
Count the sides.

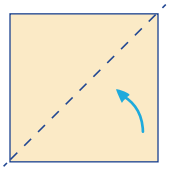
Circle the number of sides in a triangle: 1 2 3 4

Did you know?

All triangles have three sides.

Make a **triangle** from the square piece of paper.

Fold the square in half so that two of the corners touch.



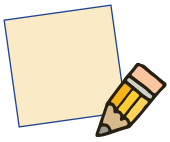
Try This

1. Look around your house. How many shapes can you see?
2. Make your favourite sandwich. What shape is a sandwich?
   Cut the sandwich in half from corner to corner.
   What shape is each half? Share the sandwich. Enjoy!

What You'll Need:

Square piece of paper.

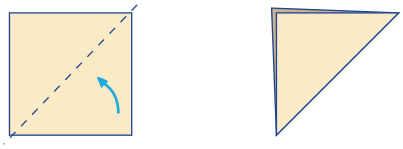
Pen or pencil.



Make an Origami Bunny

Step 1

Fold a square piece of paper in half to make a triangle.

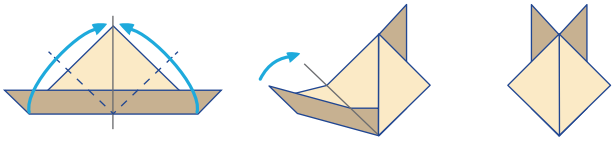


Step 2

Fold up the bottom of the triangle like in the picture.

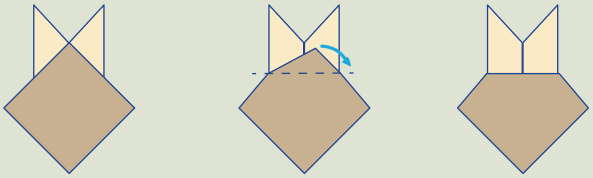
Step 3

Fold the 2 bottom corners to the top corner.



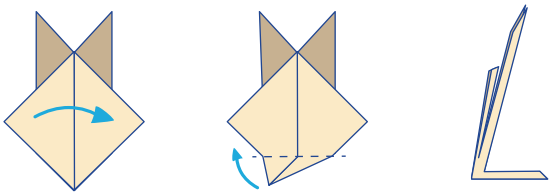
Step 4

Turn the paper over.
Fold the top corner of the square back and tuck it under.



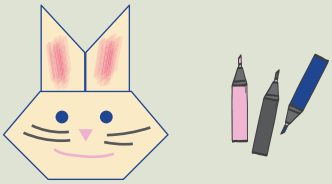
Step 5

Turn the paper over again.
Fold the bottom corner so the paper bunny can stand up.



Step 6

Draw eyes, nose, mouth and whiskers on the front. Colour the ears.



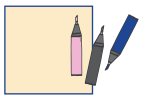
Let's Play

- Make up a story. Act out your story using your paper bunny.
- What pet would you like to have? Introduce your pet to the others. Pretend your paper bunny is that pet—maybe a horse or a kangaroo.
- Make up a play using all of the paper "pets."
- How would each pet move? What sound would each pet make? Would they be cuddly? Would they be wild? Act out the play.

What You'll Need:

A square piece of paper for each person.

Coloured markers or pencils.



New Word:

Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper to make something.

More Origami Fun:

Look online to find other origami animals to make.

Try to fold a paper airplane. Test it out. How far can the paper airplane fly? Count your footsteps to see how far or use a measuring tape.

Get Winston Game

Help Maya travel the board to reach Winston!

How to play:

1. Place your game pieces on **START**.
2. Taking turns, each player rolls the dice and moves their piece that many spaces.
3. Say the name of what you land on.
4. Choose something else that begins with the same letter as what you land on (or go back two spaces!)
5. First player to reach the **FINISH** wins!

What You'll Need:

2 or more players

a game piece for each player

game board below

dice

Fun with Rhyming

You probably have played Bingo before, but have you played Rhyming Bingo? Try this version of Bingo for the whole family.

How to play:

1. Each person picks a game card and 9 markers.
2. Choose a caller for each game. Each player can have a turn to be the caller.
3. The caller reads a word from the Call List. Players, check to see if you have a word that rhymes with it on your card! Place a marker on the word if you do.
4. The first person to fill their card and say "**Fun, Fun, Fun**" wins!

Call List

☐ key	☐ break	☐ block
☐ sing	☐ sweet	☐ bye
☐ cat	☐ snail	☐ bear
☐ three	☐ drop	☐ eat

What You'll Need:

2 or more players

9 'markers' for each player (try coins or paper clips)

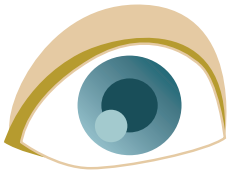
Fun with Rhyming game cards for each player

Fun with Rhyming Call List

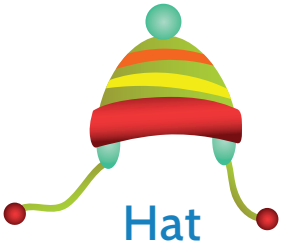
Take it Further:

Want to play a faster game? Instead of playing to fill the whole card, play so that the winner is the first person to get 3 squares in a row!

Fun with Rhyming

 Eye	Stop	Bee
Snake		Chair
Tree	Clock	Ring

Fun with Rhyming

Eye	Feet	Snake
Chair		Tree
Bee	Ring	 Hat

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Game Card

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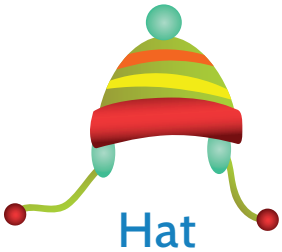
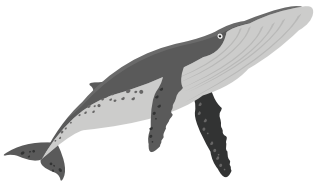
Ring	 Hat	Clock
Bee		 Whale
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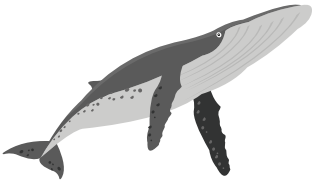
Ring	 Whale	Tree
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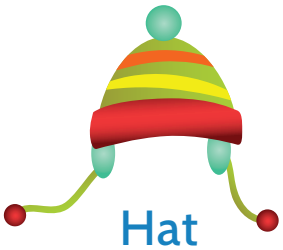
Stop	Feet	 Hat
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Bee	Clock	Snake

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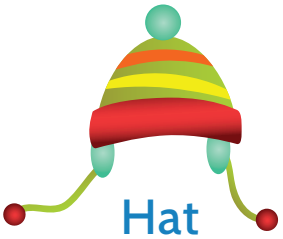
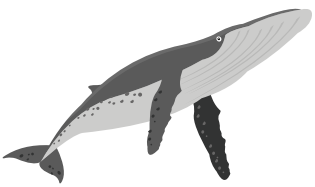
Ring		 Hat
Chair	 Whale	Feet

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