

I'm as Quick as a Cricket



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Literature Based Preschool Unit Study with Printables
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Quick as a Cricket Unit & Printables

Phonics- Letter Q

Quick starts with the letter **Q** and you may want to use this book as an opportunity to introduce your student to **Q** and the sound it makes. You can use the **Q** printables to learn about **Q** (activities include the words *quick*, *queen*, and *quilt*).

Nursery Rhyme: Jack be Nimble

Discuss the word *quick*. Do some things slowly and do some things quickly (walk slowly then quickly, spin slowly then quickly, you can even pretend to do things like brush your teeth slowly and quickly). Have fun acting this rhyme out. Let your student color the picture with the rhyme in the Q Mini Book file.

Opposites

Discuss the opposites in the book and use the Opposite Mini-books (in the printables section) to reinforce the concept. You may also want to use the Quiet & Loud Pocket Book with Cards (in the printables section) for some sorting fun. If you are learning the letter **Q**, be sure to emphasize the beginning of the word *quiet*.

Drama Fun

Act out the different animals and adjectives in the story. Jump and chirp like a cricket, growl like a tiger, move slowly like a snail, and swim like a shark. Pretend to be tame and pretend to be wild. You could also make motions for the story and act them out each time you read it together.

Write Your Own Animal Comparison

Ask your preschooler what animal he is the most like and why. Have him try to draw the animal (help if needed and let him color it in) and write "I'm as _____ as a _____" underneath the picture. You may want to paste this to the front (or the back) of your lapbook.

Retelling the Story

After you've read the story (a few days in a row), let your preschooler have a turn "reading" the story to you!

Sequencing Sizes

Have your student place the animals (in the printables section) in order from smallest to largest or largest to smallest.

Science- Crickets

Learn more about crickets while reading [The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle](#).

Links

[Story Patterns for Quick as a Cricket](#)

~You can make puppets with the story patterns or a coloring book with the black and white patterns.

~You could also use alphabet magnets and have your student match the first letter of each animal to a magnet.

~You use these patterns with the drama activity above. Place all the animals in a bag and let your student pick one out. Act out the animal together.

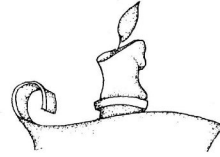
~The patterns can also be used for counting the animals in the story.

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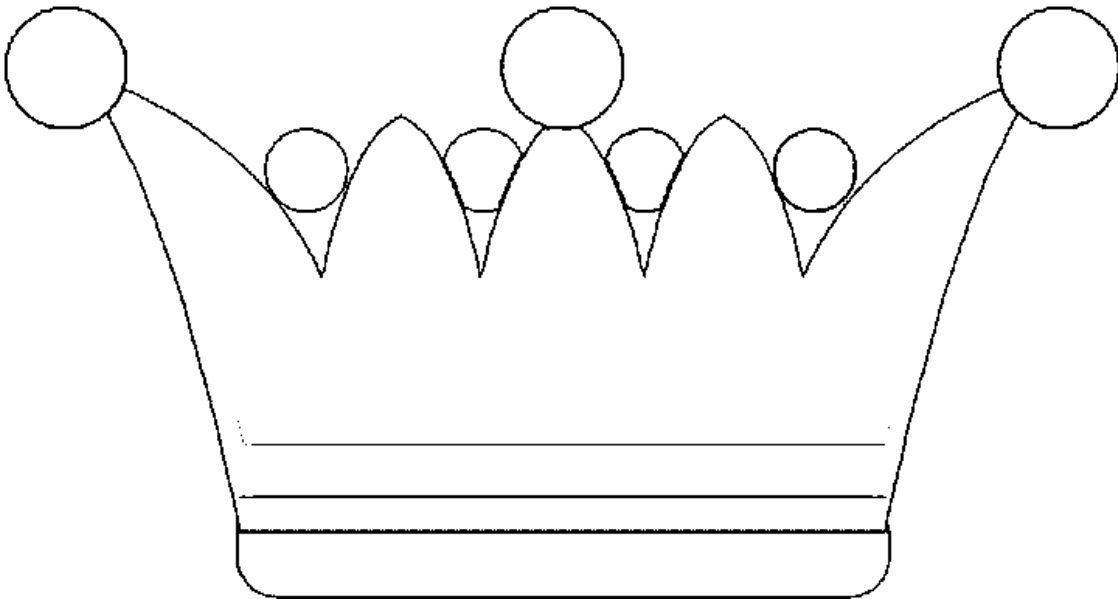
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Qq

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick.



Use this piece to reinforce QUICK. Act out the nursery rhyme. Make a mimit book however you desire.

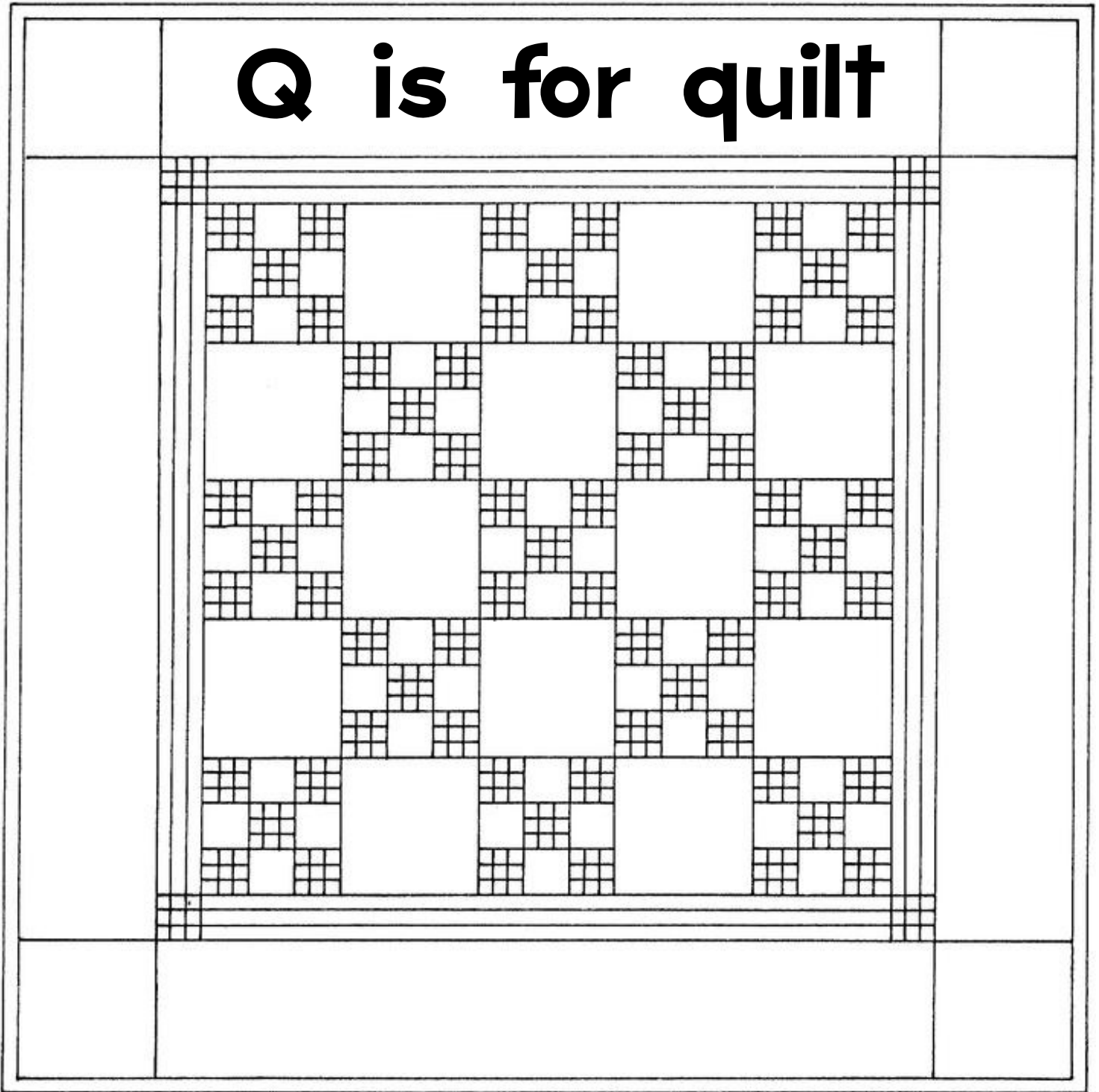


Qq
a crown
for a
Queen



Fold a piece of paper in half (like a hamburger) and trim it so that the crown fits inside. Decorate the crown (paint, markers, crayons, fake jewels, sequins, etc.). Paste the crown inside the book. Color the cover piece and paste to the front of the book.

Q is for quilt

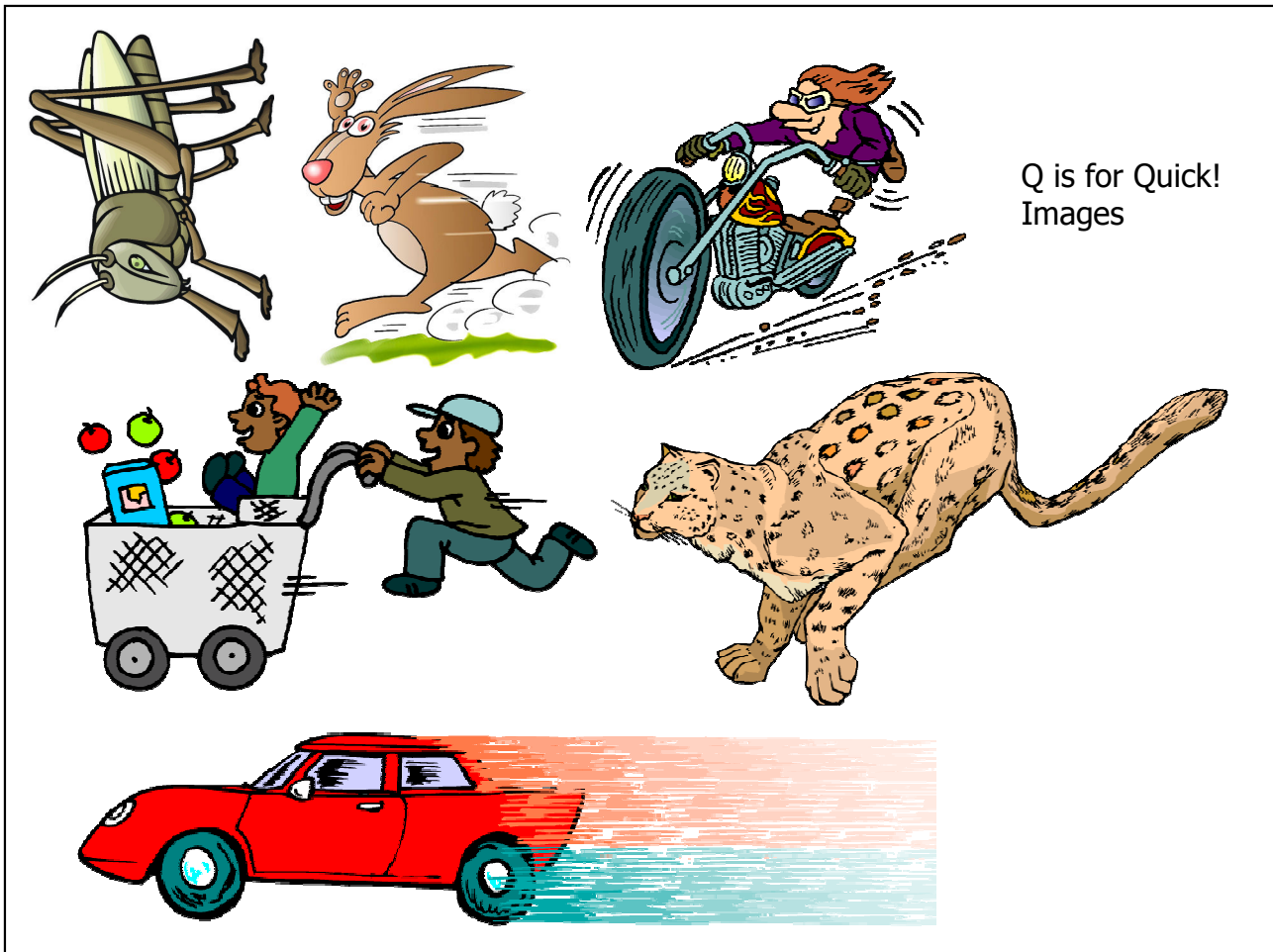


Color the quilt. Cut the Qs out on the sticker page and stick one to each square on the quilt.

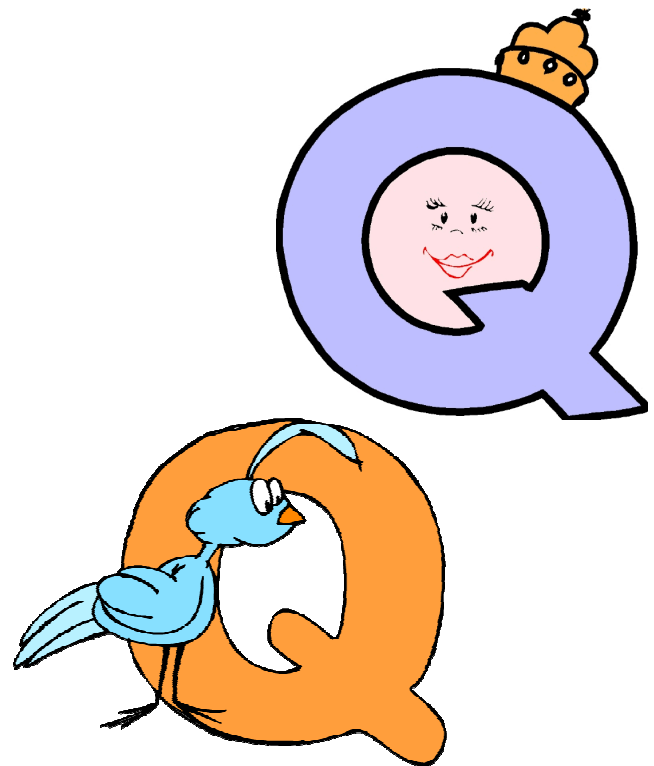
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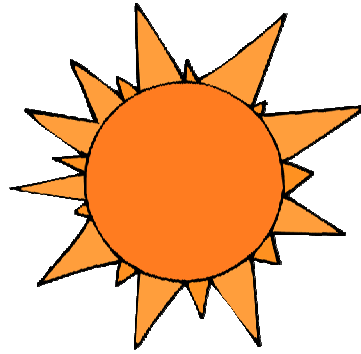
Cut out strip as one piece.
Fold like an accordion.
Print the last page on a full
label sheet to make stick-
ers (if desired). Put the
cricket image on the first
section (the cover piece).
Add other images to other
pieces as desired.

Print this page on a **FULL SHEET LABEL** to make stickers for your student.
You can also just print on regular paper and cut/paste the images.

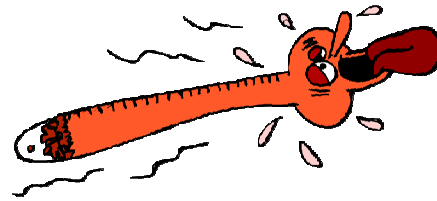


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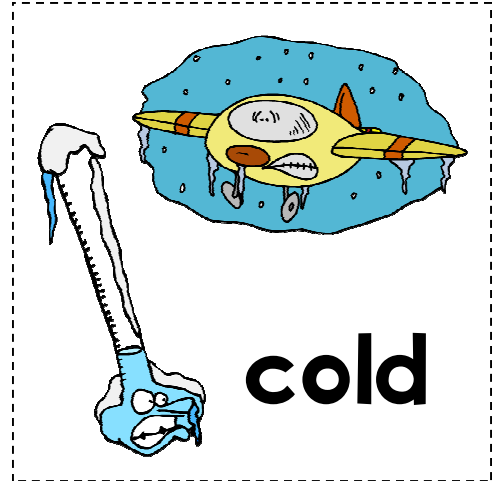
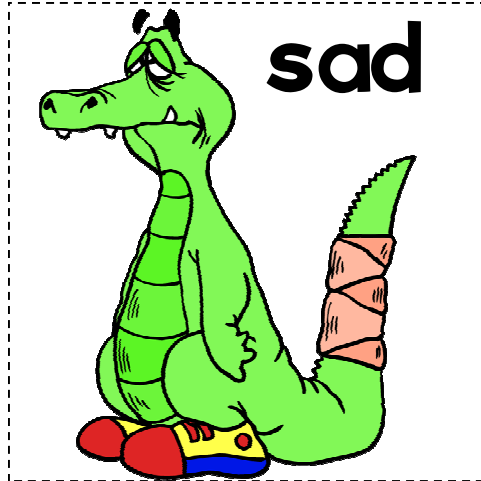


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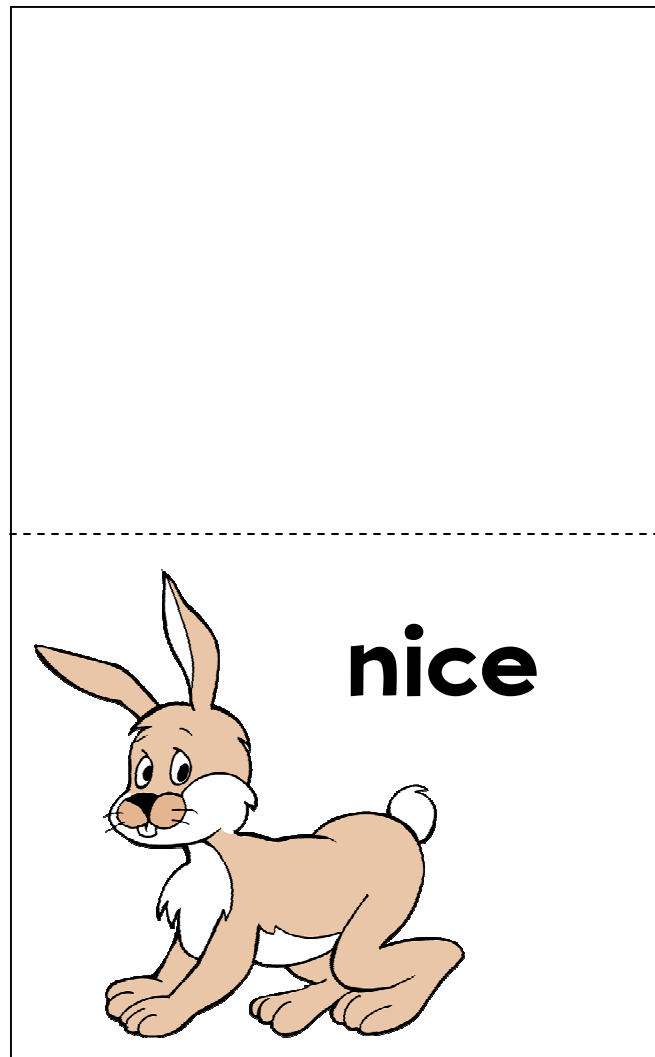
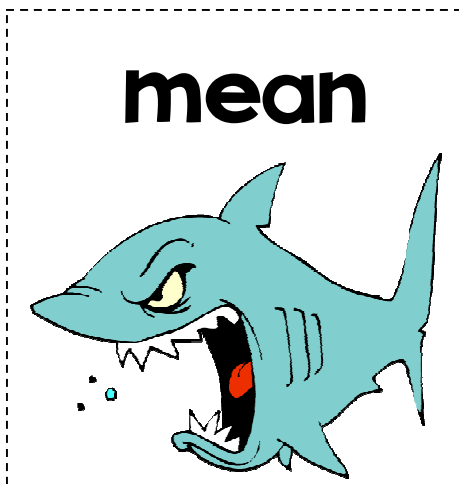
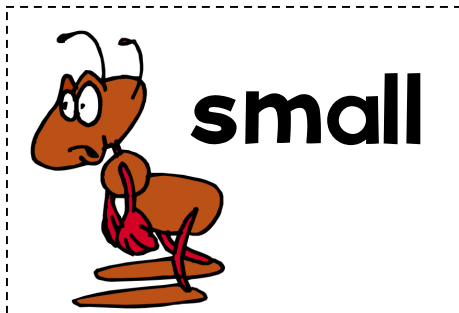


happy

Cut books out on black solid lines. Fold in half. Let your student paste the correct opposite inside each book. If you want to make this into a game, use Velcro on the back of each opposite so your student can place the answers in the right books and do it over and over again.



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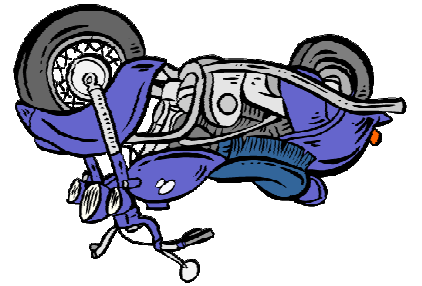


**Quiet
or
Loud?**



Quiet

storage

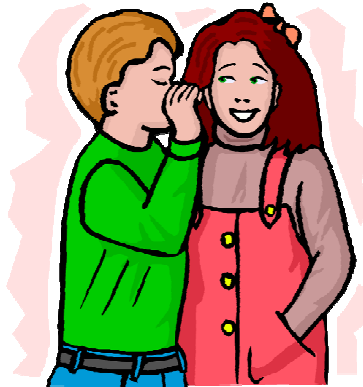


Loud!

lion



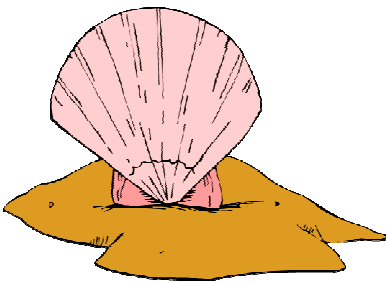
whisper



horn



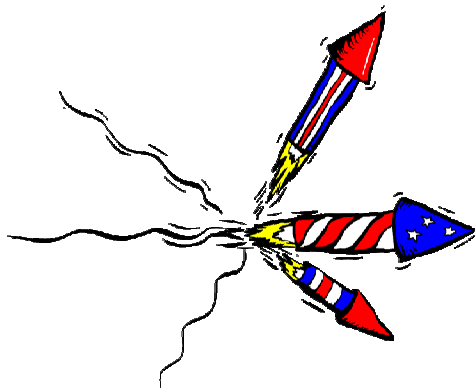
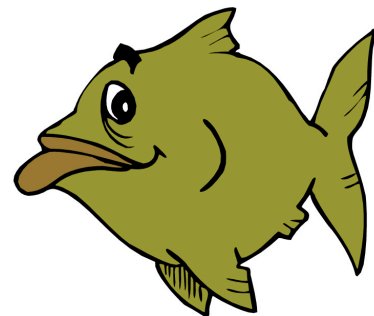
clam



siren



fish



fireworks

Cut the book out in one piece (along the solid outer lines). Cut the sorting cards out.

Fold the short edge of the book up along the dotted line so that the text is to the outside. Attach the pocket to the main portion of the book (on the right and left sides) using tape.

Fold the "loud" portion of the book over along the dotted line so that the pocket is on the inside. Do the same with the "quiet" portion of the book.

