



# Ocean Busy Bags

## Ages 0-2

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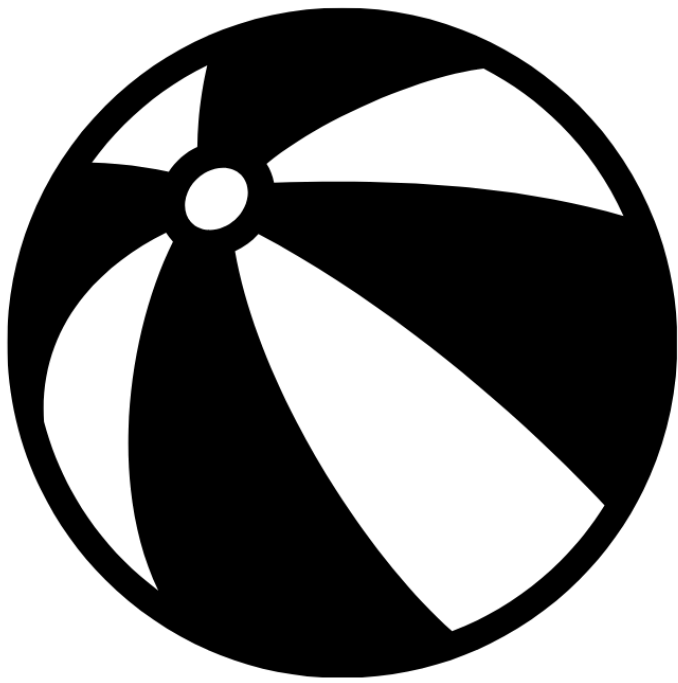
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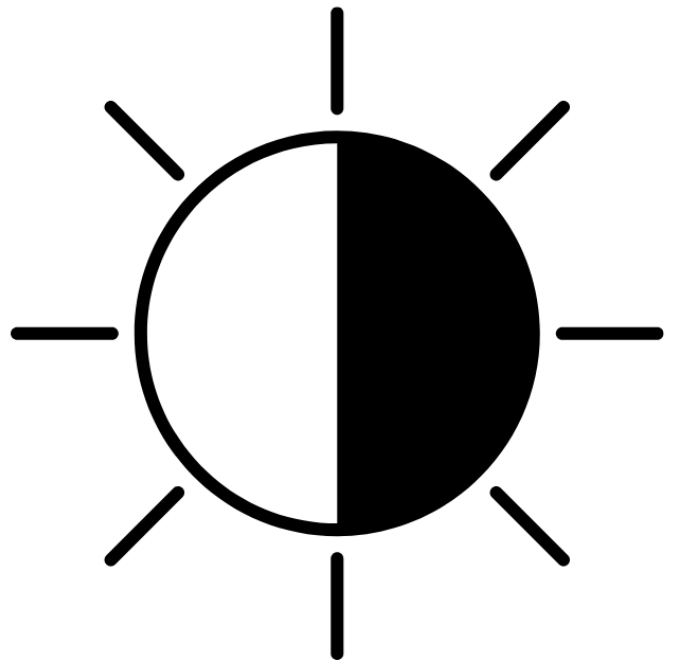
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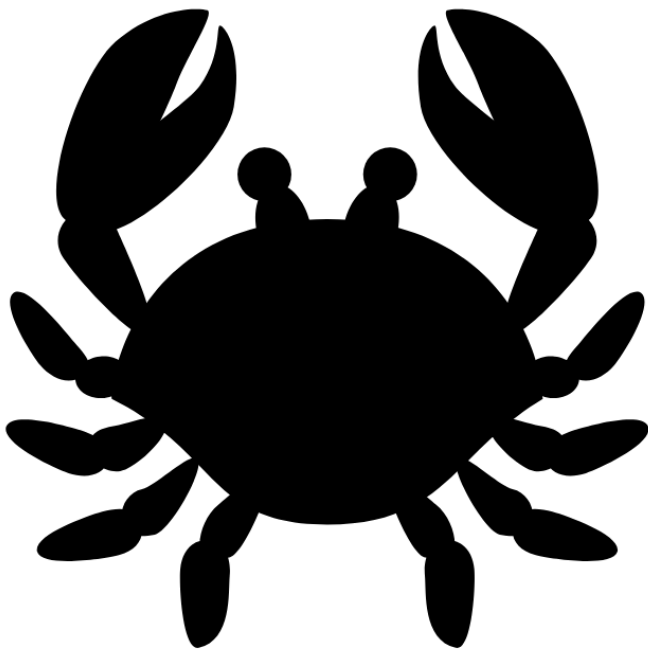




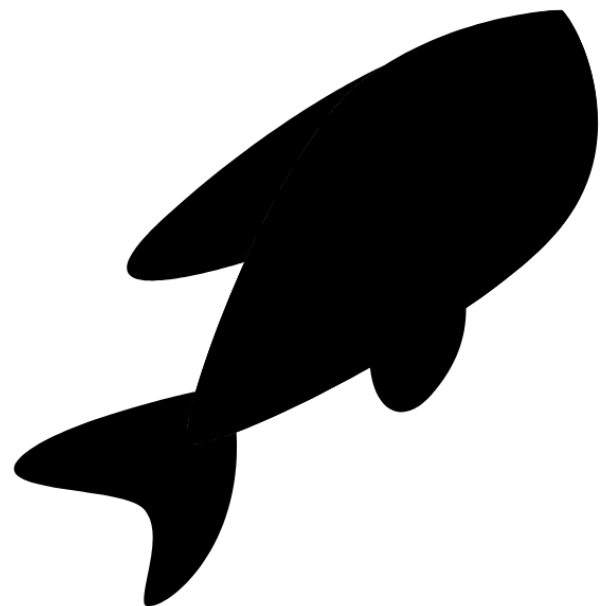
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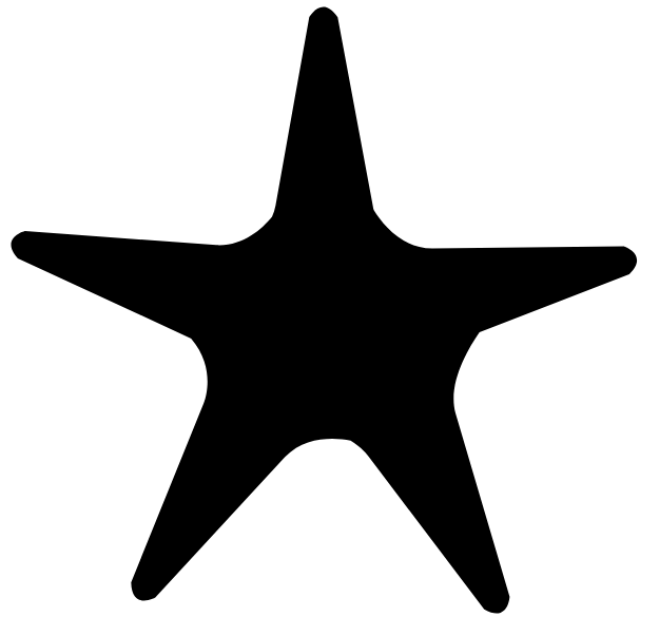
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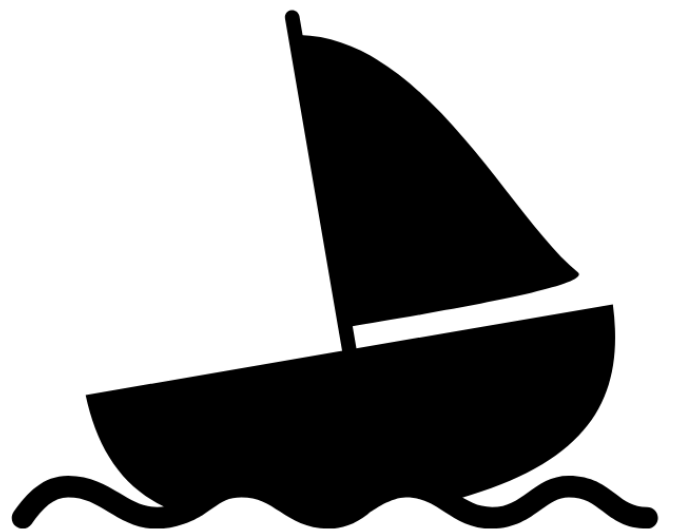
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**BOAT**

# Jellyfish Tactile Activity

## Materials:

- Cardstock/ Scrapbook Paper
- Jellyfish Template
- Large Buttons
- Felt/Scrap Fabric
- Glue
- Scissors

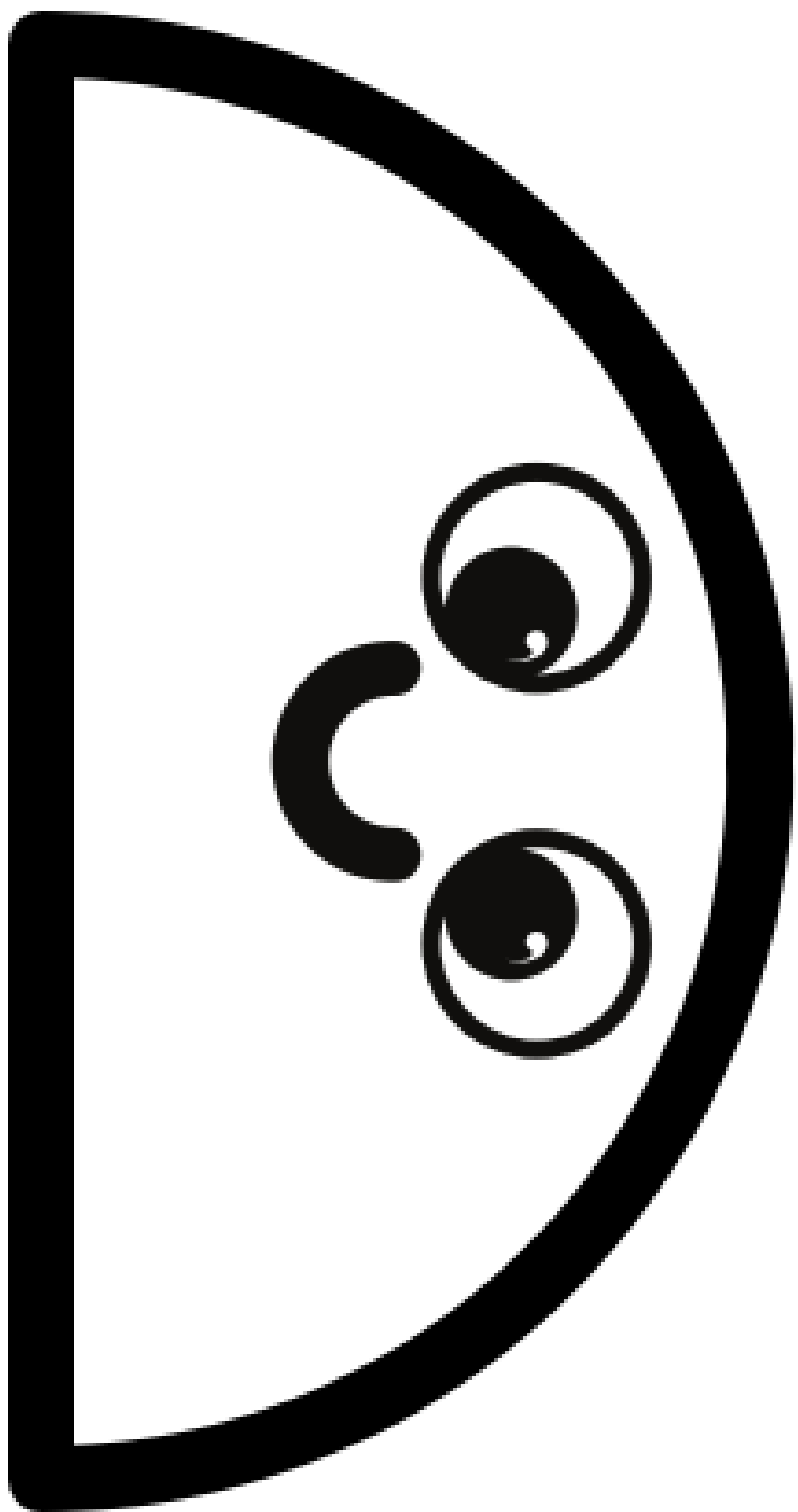
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1. Print and cut out Jellyfish Template template onto sturdy paper (see next page).
2. Glue large buttons to the bottom of Jellyfish Template (Be sure buttons are firmly glued and dried).
3. While buttons dry, cut felt or scrap fabric into 1-inch wide strips.
4. Cut a slit on the top of the strip.

## Instructions for Children:

1. Have child button the strip onto the Jellyfish Template to practice tactile skills once glue is fully dry.





# Fish Lacing Card

## Materials:

- Cardstock/ Scrapbook Paper/ Cardboard
- Fish Lacing Card Template
- Yarn/ Shoelace
- Scissors
- Hole Punch

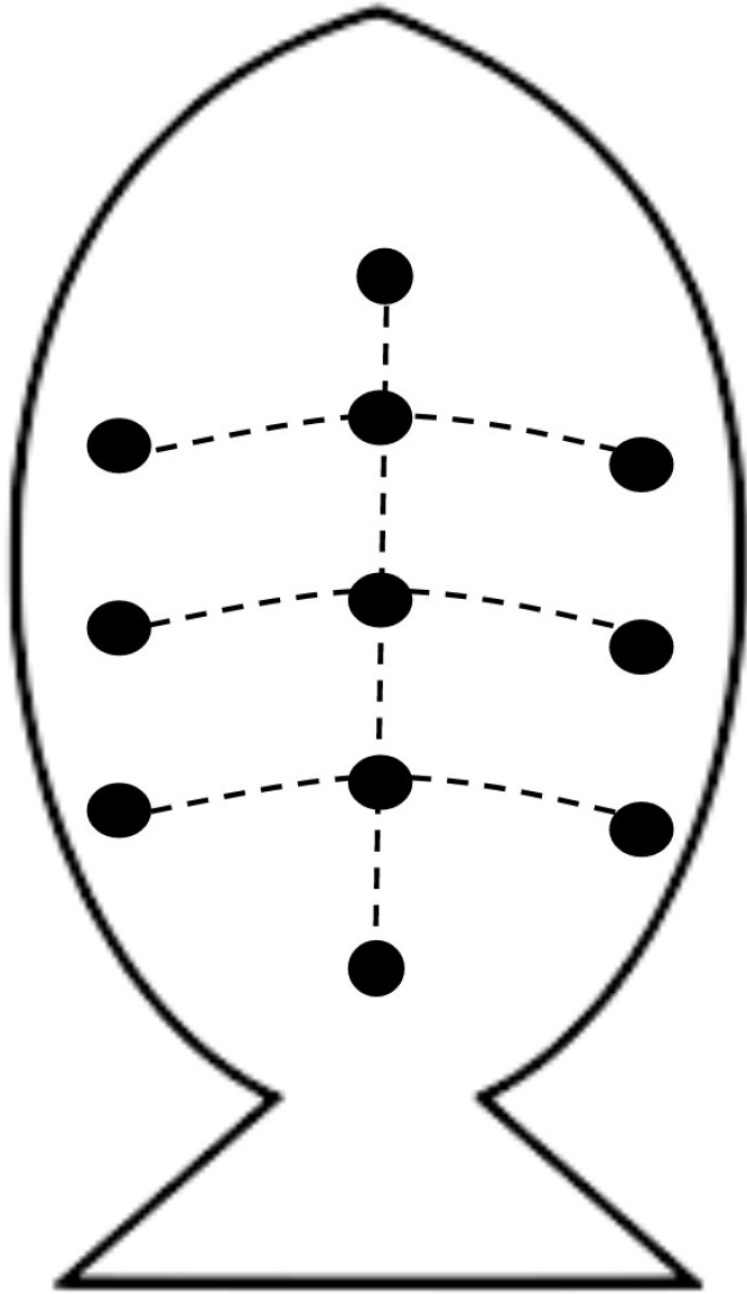
## Instructions for Grown-ups:

1. Print and cut out Fish Lacing Card template (See next page).
2. Trace the template onto a sturdy piece of paper or thin cardboard.
3. Cut out the traced fish, place the template back on top of the cut-out, and punch holes on the black circles.
4. Cut a piece of yarn to about a yard or collect a long shoelace.

## Instructions for Children:

1. Have child weave yarn or shoelace through the holes of the fish cutout to practice tactile skills.









# **Grown-up's Guide: The Beach**

**Taking your little ones to the beach  
can be challenging.**

**Follow these tips and tricks to make your beach trip  
easier and a new learning opportunity!**

1. Bring an inflatable pool or baby bathtub to the beach! Your baby can splash and play in the shade of your umbrella.
  2. Turn a fitted bedsheet upside down for a sand-free play pen! Secure the sheet with your coolers and bags to help keep the sheet in place.
  3. Pre-freeze some snacks for your little ones! Food pouches filled with yogurt or smoothies are a refreshing treat and help keep your cooler cold.
  4. Bring a life vest for your little ones! The beach can have lots of hazards, having a life vest can offer extra protection.
  5. Don't forget about sun safety! Be sure to use sunscreen and reapply as needed. Using an umbrella or tent can also add extra shade for your little ones.
  6. Practice your ABCs by writing in the sand! Scribble letters in the sand with a stick and guess the letters before the tide erases them.
  7. Create a sensory bin with safe objects found at the beach. Bring a clear bin to the beach and fill it with sand, shells, and rocks for your little ones to explore.
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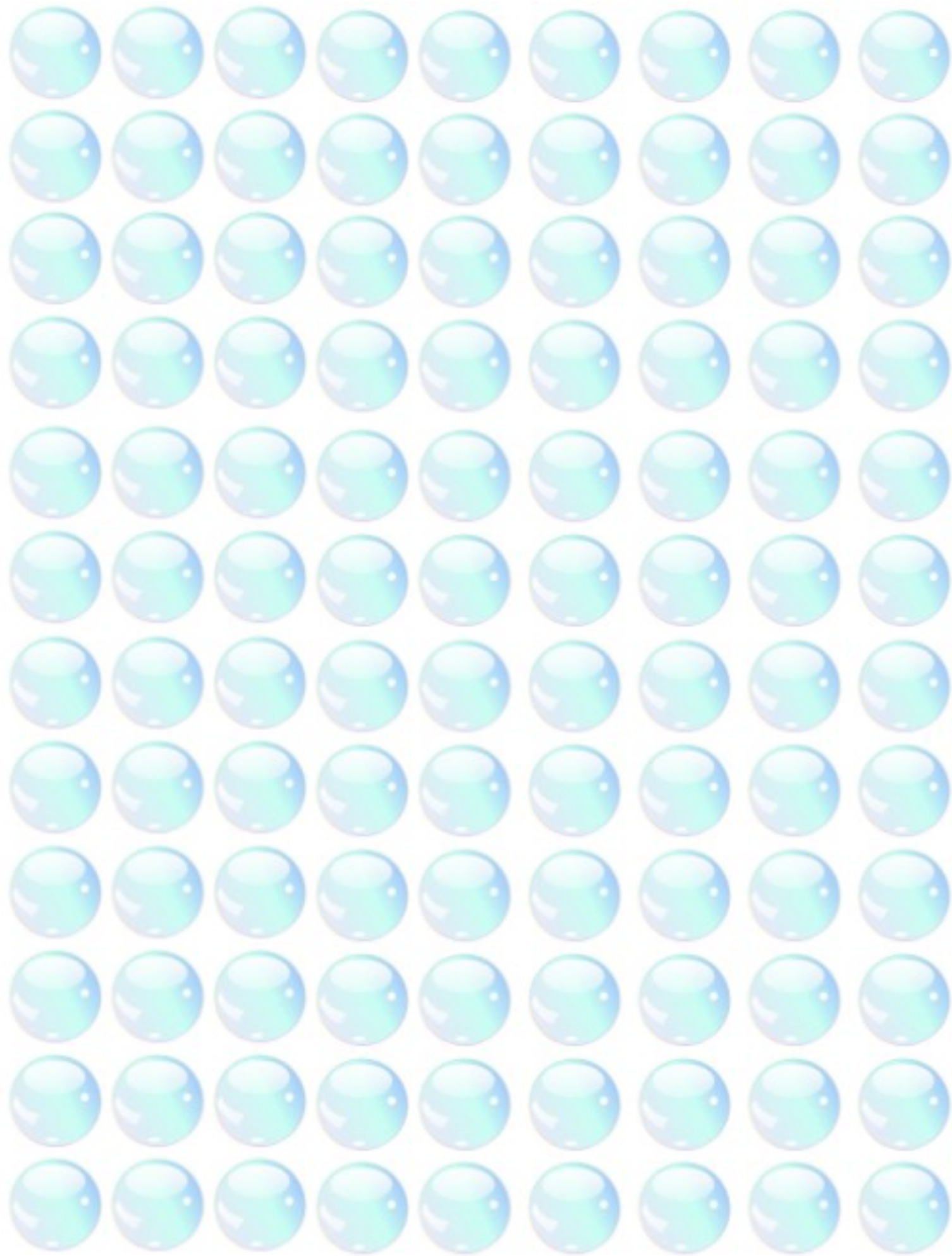
# Bubble Letters

Instructions for Grown-ups:

1. Cut out bubbles

Instructions for Children:

1. Look at the letter sheet and replicate the shape of the letters with the bubbles on the background to help learn letter recognition.



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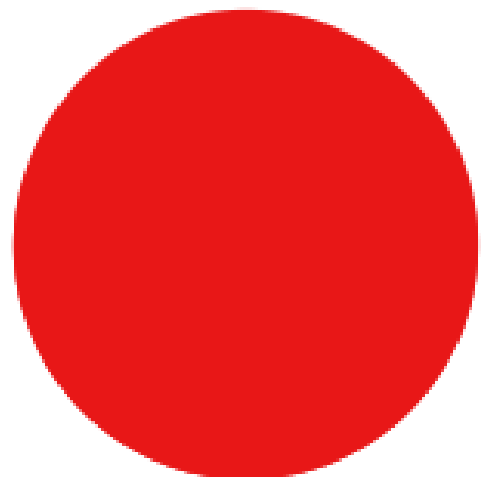
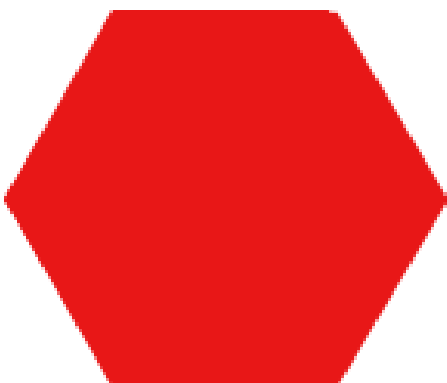
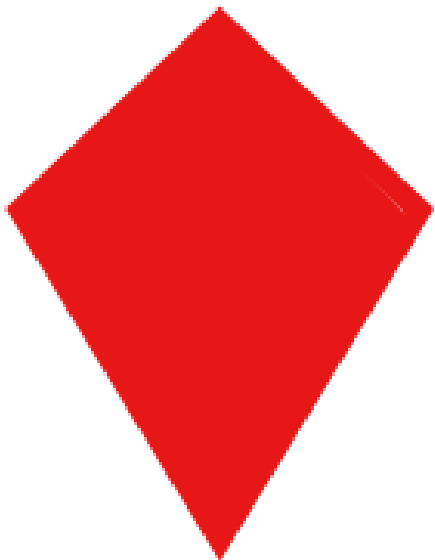
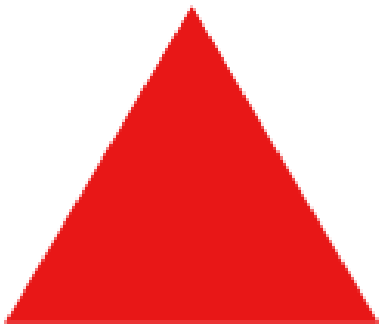
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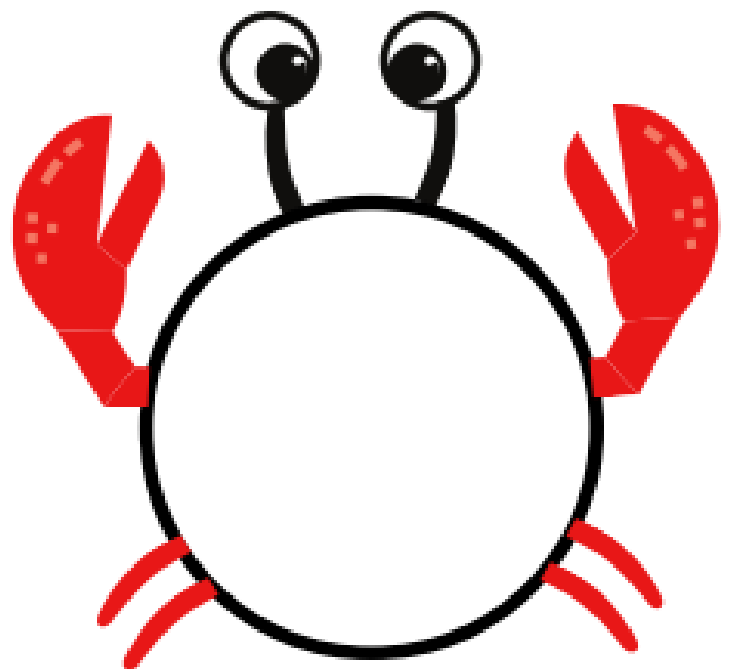
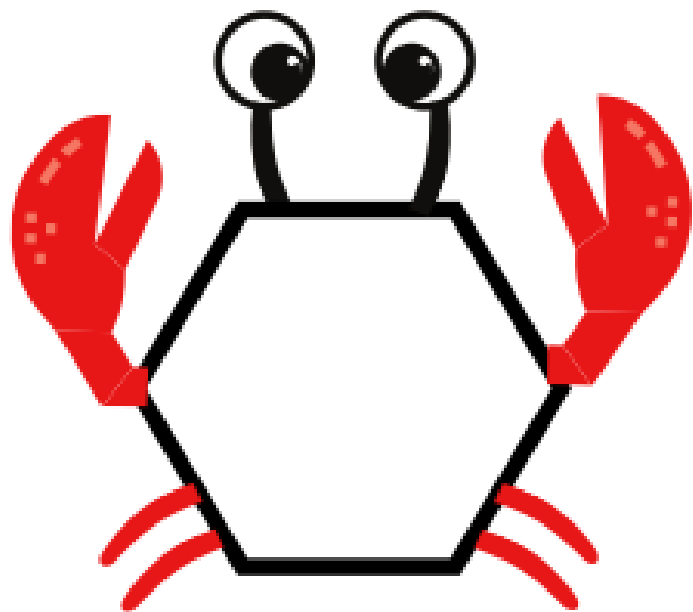
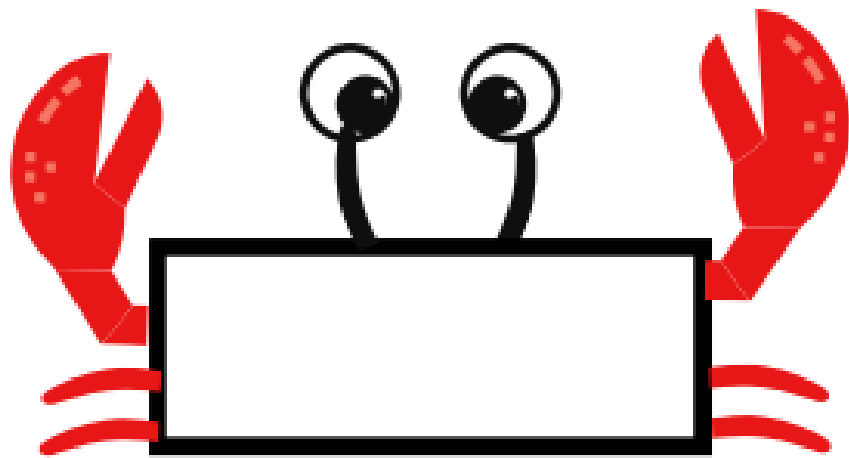
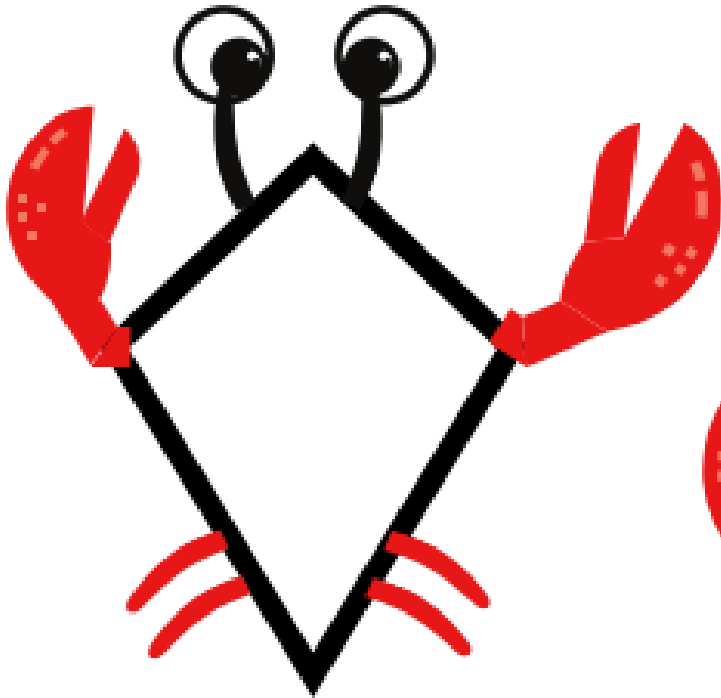
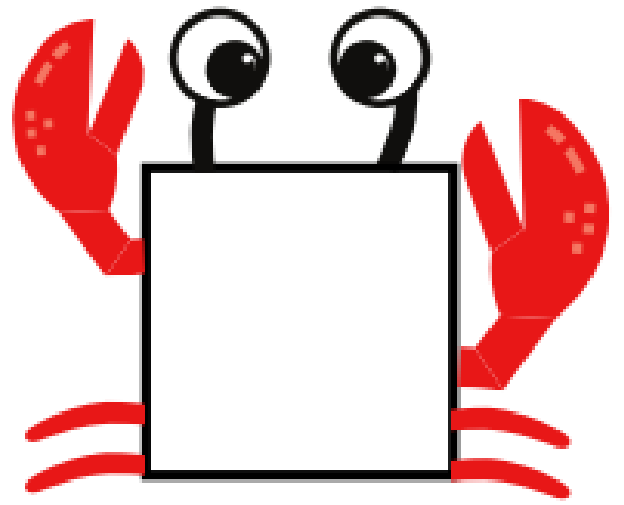
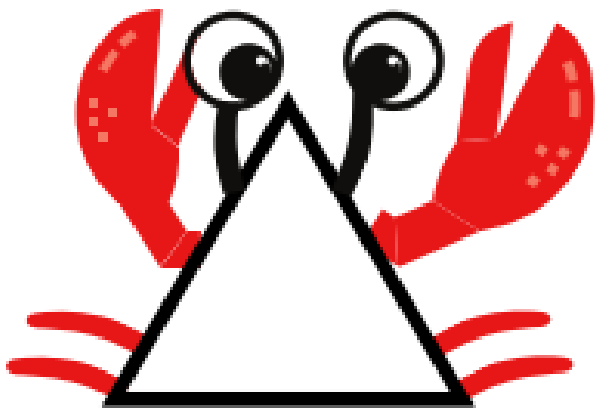
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# Crab Shapes

Cut out the shapes and match them to the correct crab bodies!





# Jellyfish Tactile Activity

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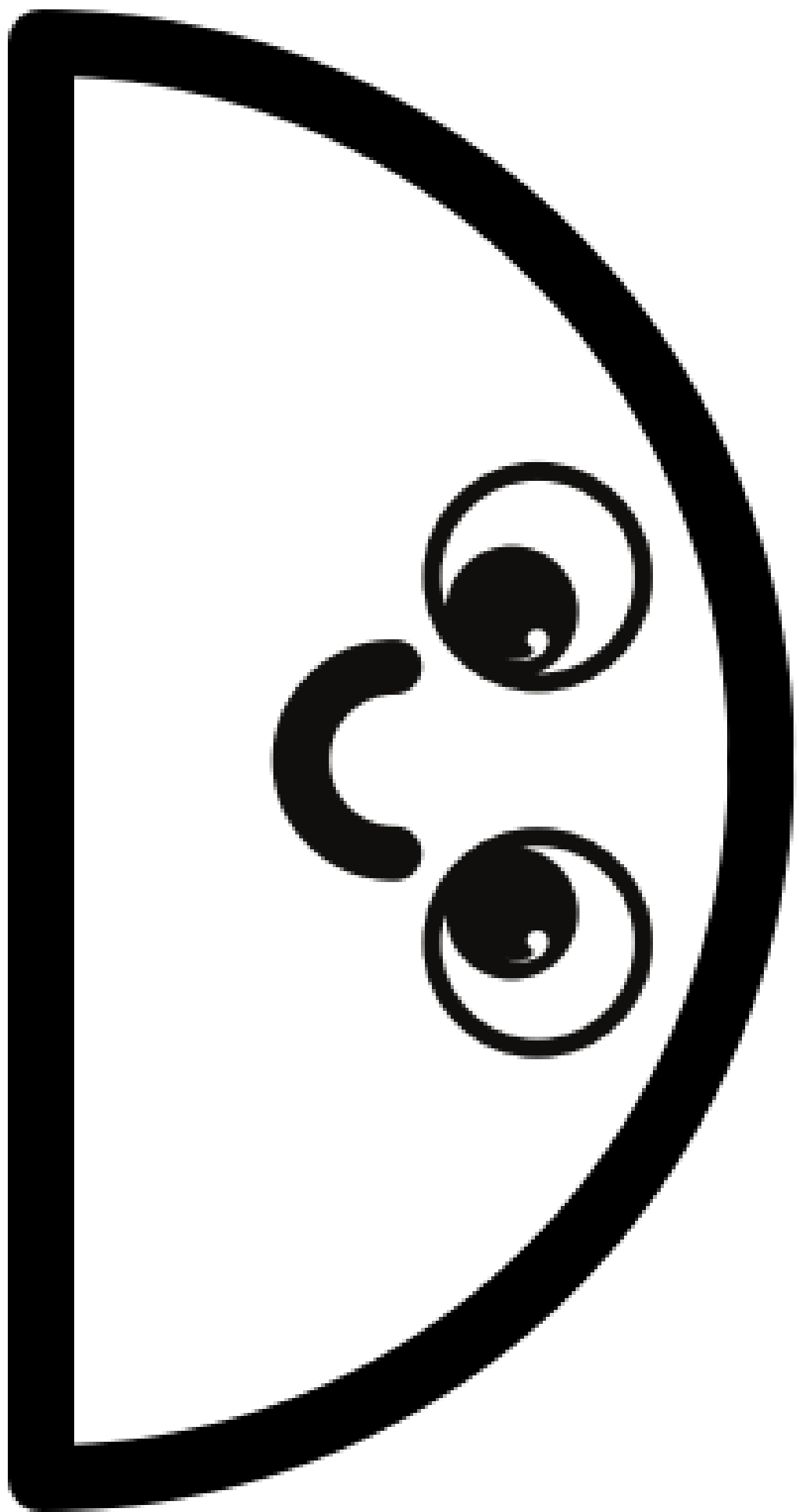
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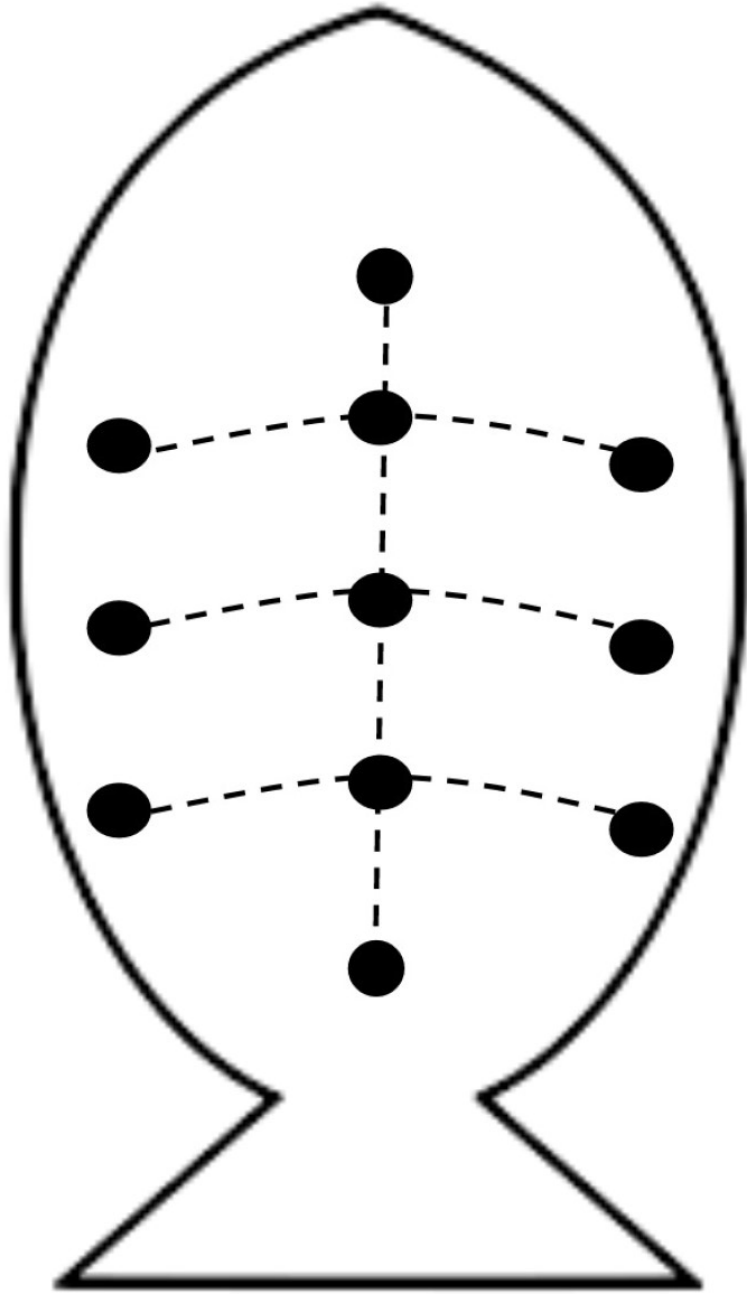
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# Jellyfish Tentacle Counters

## Materials:

- Cardstock/ Scrapbook Paper
- Jellyfish Tops
- Pipe cleaners
- Hole Punch
- Scissors

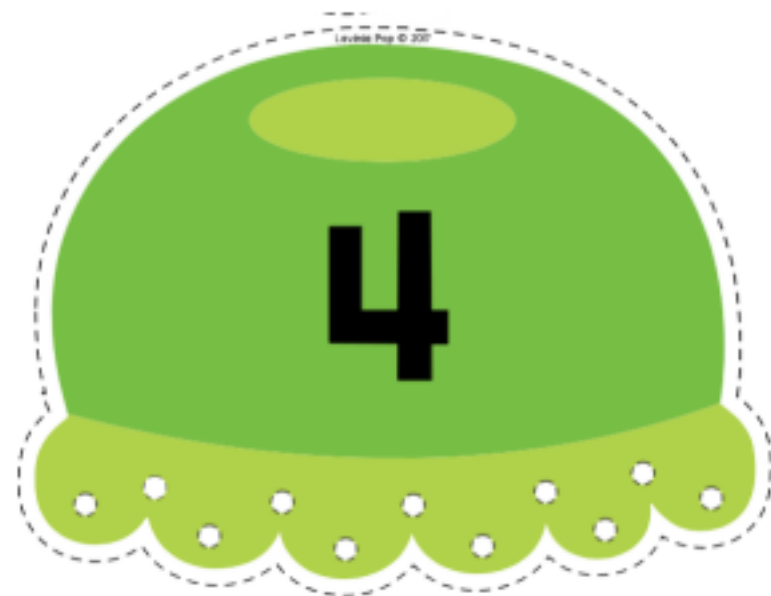
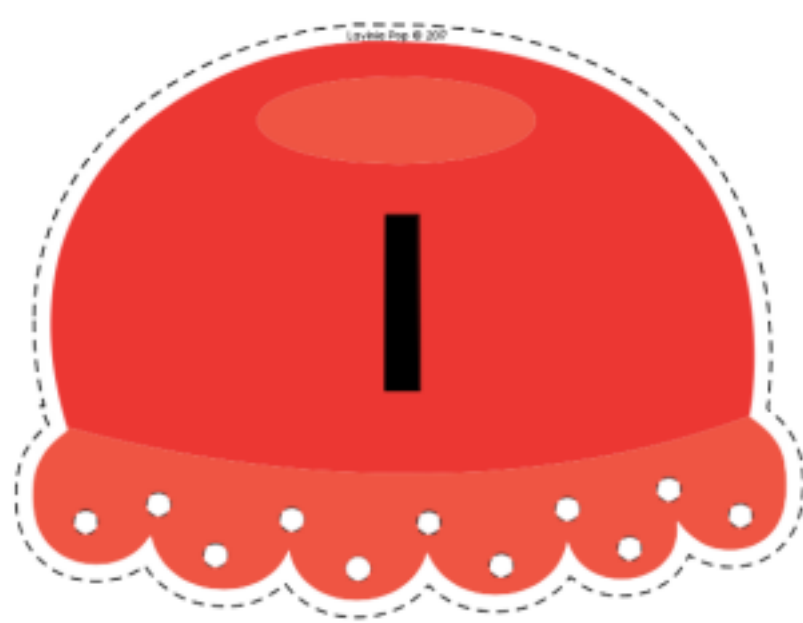
## Instructions for Grown-ups:

1. Print and cut out Jellyfish Tops onto sturdy paper (see next page).
2. Punch holes at the bottom of each Jellyfish Top according to the number printed on each one.
3. Cut pipe cleaners into three sections.

## Instructions for Children:

1. Have child hook pipe cleaners into holes to count and make "tentacles" for the jellyfish.







# Ocean Busy Bags

## Ages 5+

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## DIY I Spy Jar

An I Spy Jar is a twist on the classic childhood game! All you have to do is find all the objects in the jar, shake the jar, then start the hunt again. This is perfect for car rides and to calm down children. It also helps strengthen concentration, observation, and self-soothing skills.



### Materials

- Dry clear glass or plastic jar with a secure lid
- Rice, if you don't have rice, sand, really small pasta, or other similar filler objects also work (enough to fill about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of your jar)
- At least 15-20 different small objects to place in your jar (examples: buttons, small plastic animals, broken jewelry, puzzle pieces, game pieces, shells, broken crayons, paperclips, scrabble letters, pompoms) Get creative and just look inside a junk drawer!
- note card or piece of paper and something to write with

### Instructions

1. Start by getting all the objects you are going to put in your I Spy, you should have at least 15. Write all of those objects onto a notecard or piece of paper to remember what is inside the jar.
2. Then fill  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your jar with your rice or other filler object. Put about 5 of the small objects on top of the rice.
3. Repeat the process of adding  $\frac{1}{4}$  of rice or filler object then 5 small objects on top. Make sure to have about 1-2 inches of space on top of the jar.
4. Once all your objects are in your I Spy Jar, close the lid very securely to make sure nothing spills out when you move the jar around (if you want an extra precaution, you can hot glue the lid). Shake the jar to mix up all the objects inside
5. Now start playing I Spy with your jar and have fun searching for the objects! You can also try making I Spy Jars with certain themes or learning concepts.

# Bubble Letters



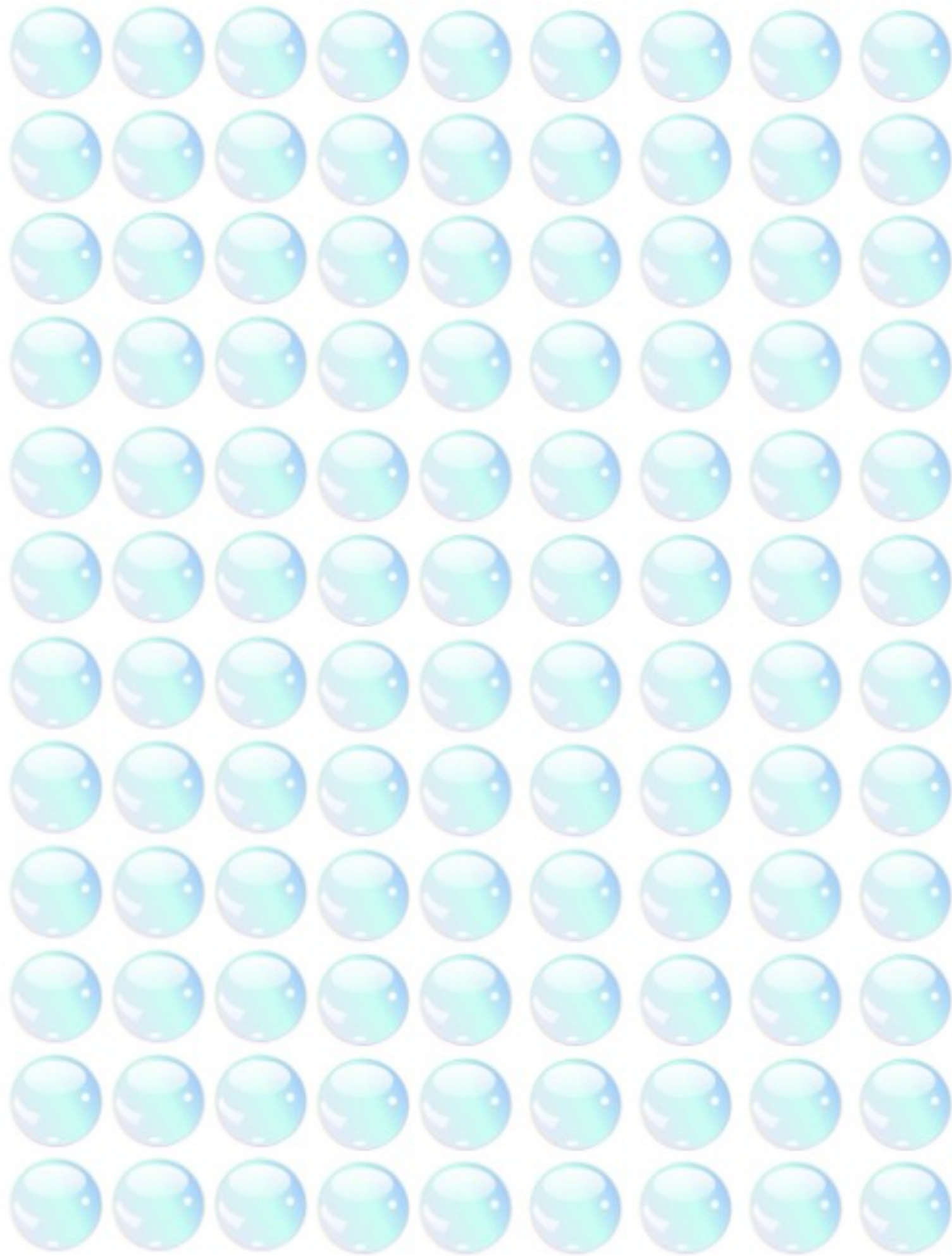
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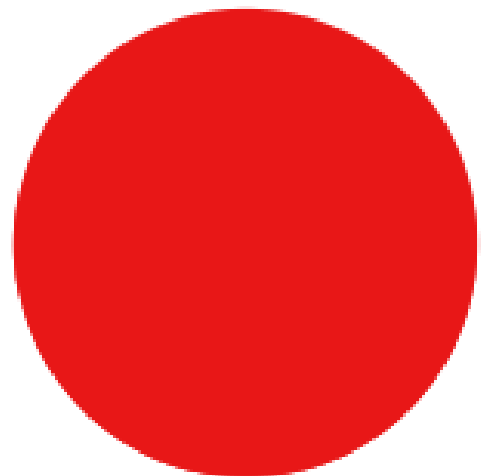
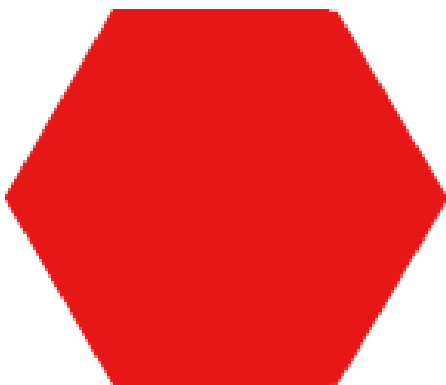
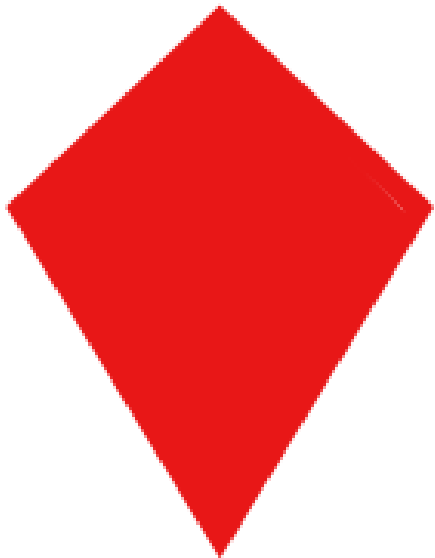
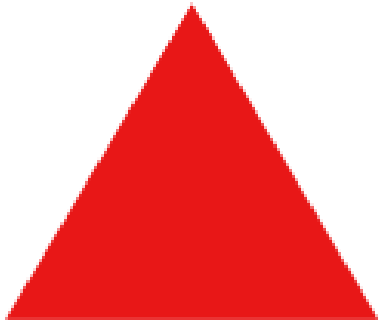
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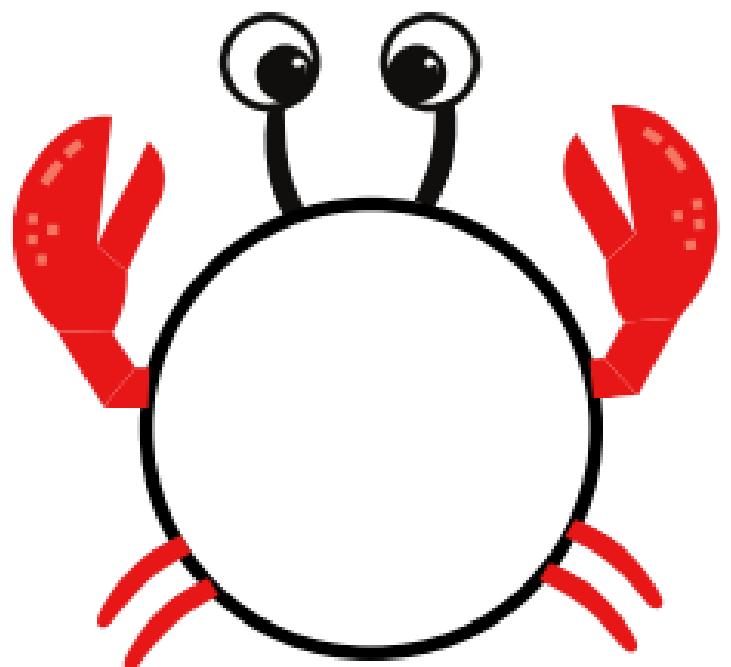
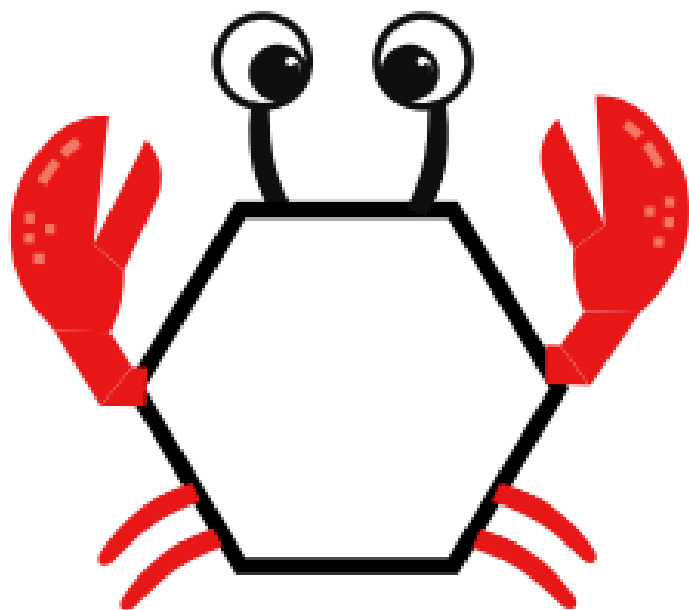
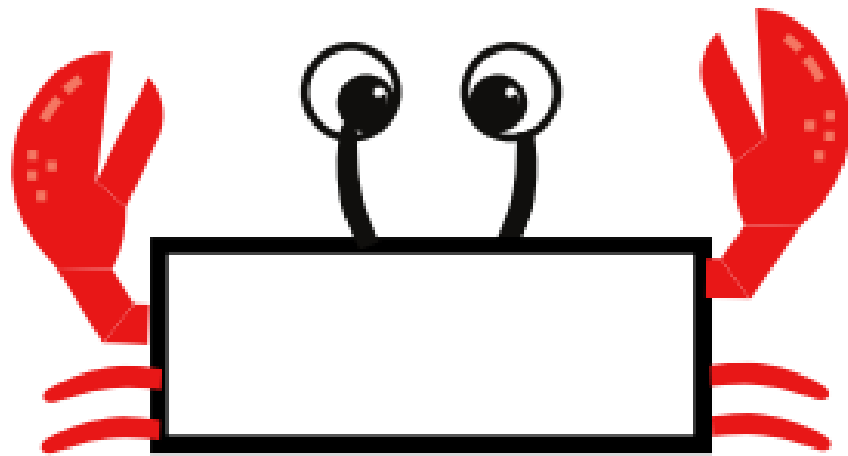
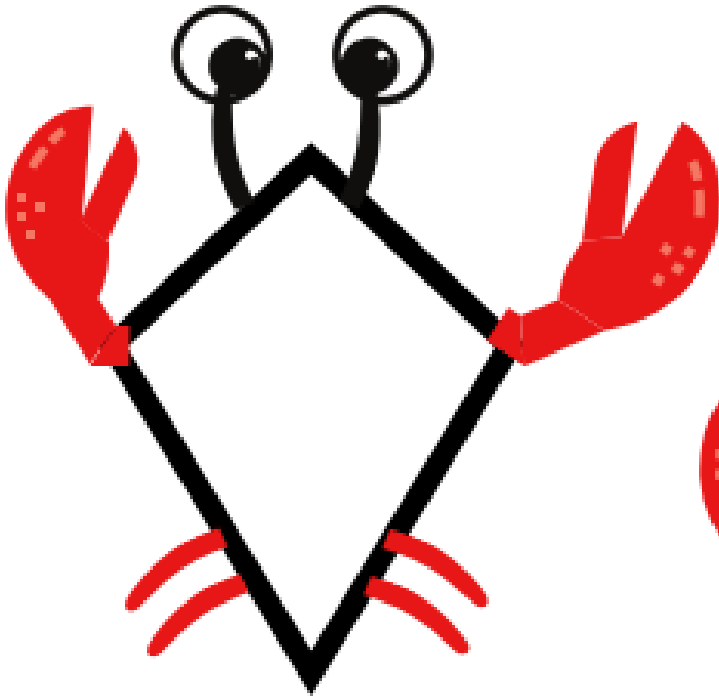
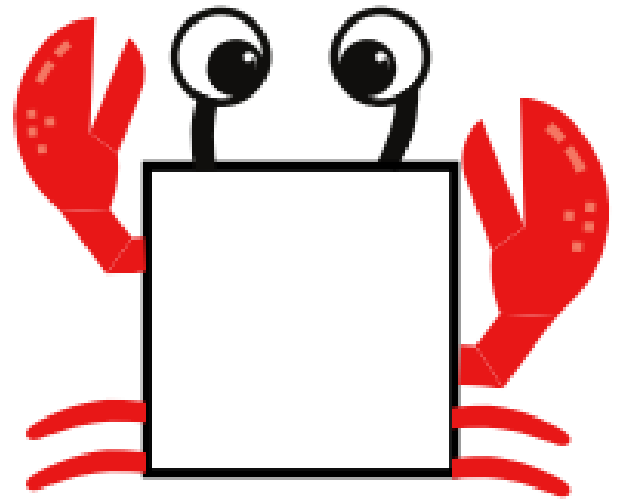
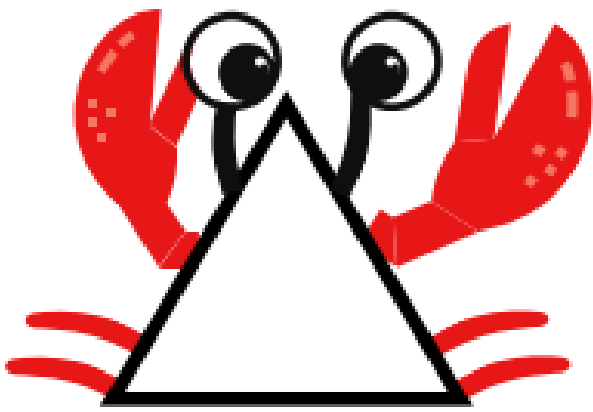
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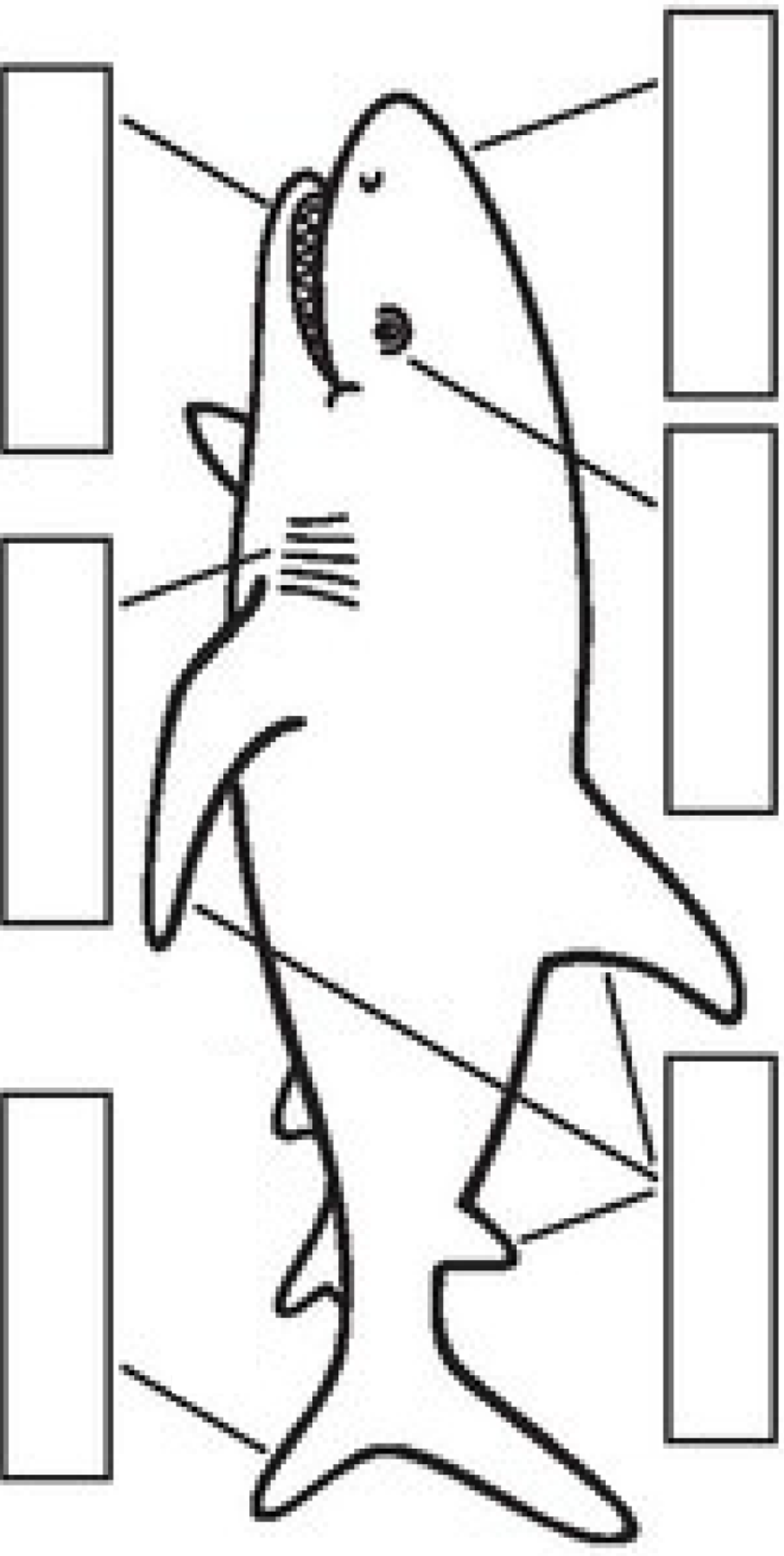
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# Parts of a Shark

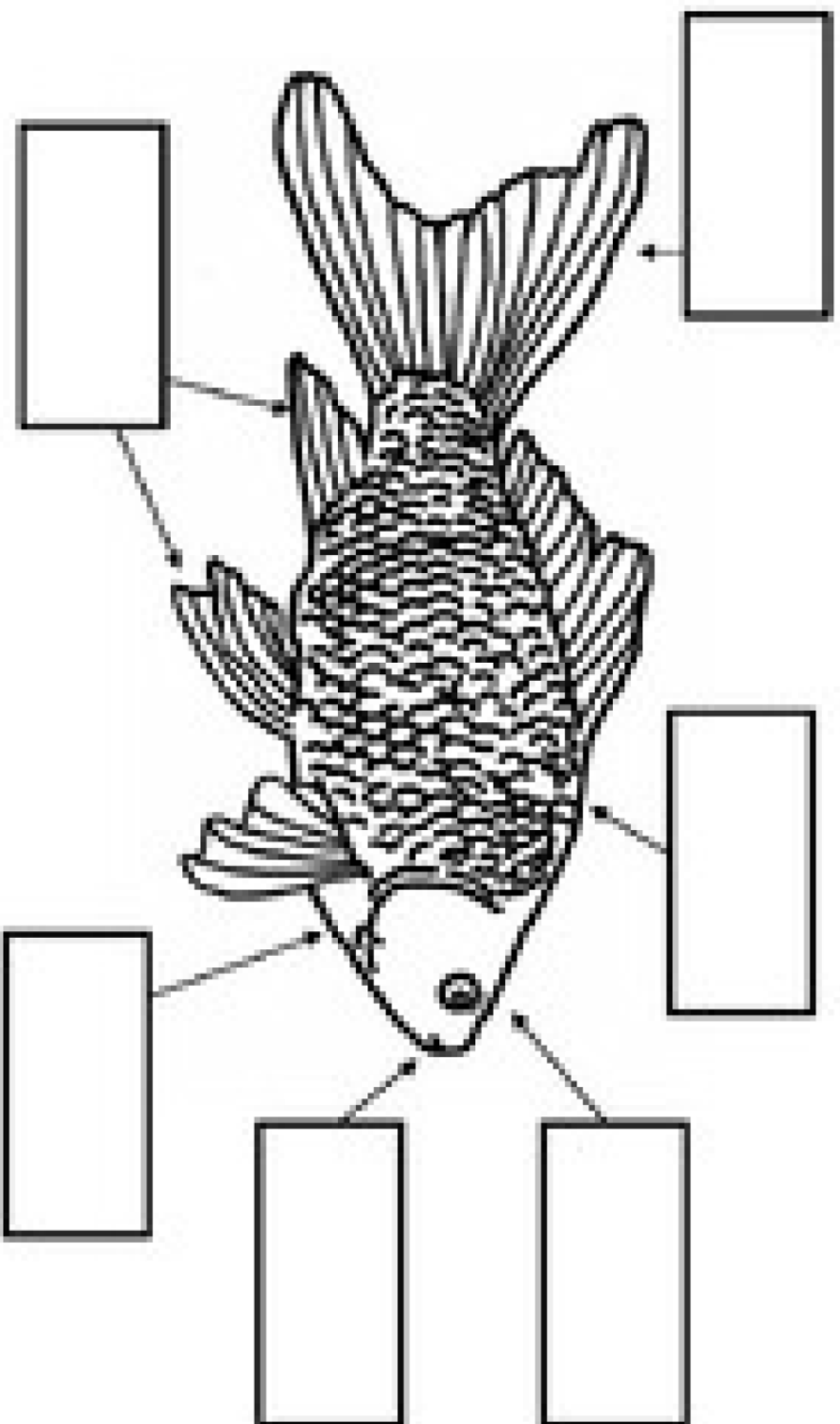
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**eye fins gills mouth snout tail**

# Parts of a Fish

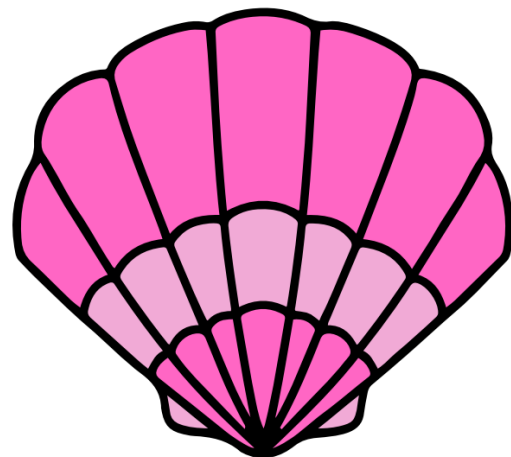
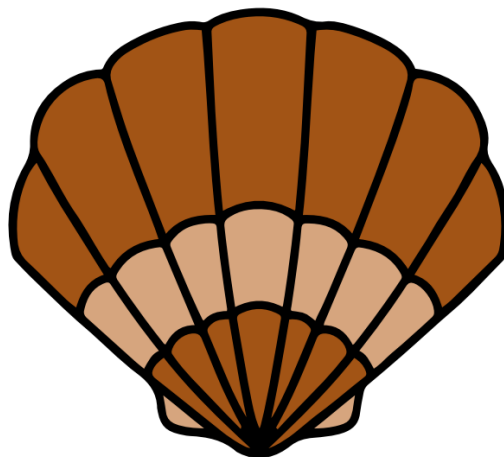
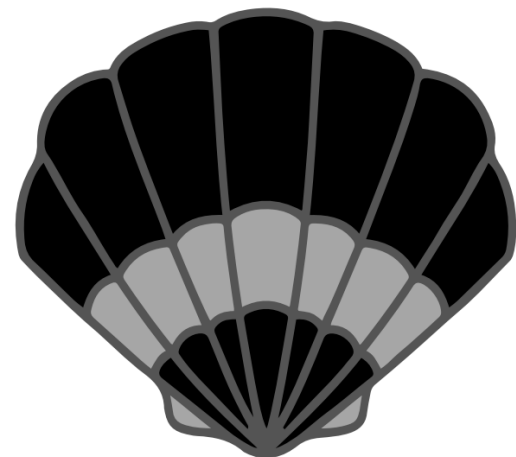
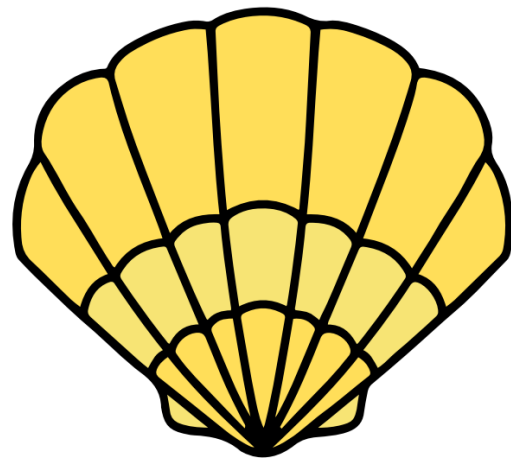
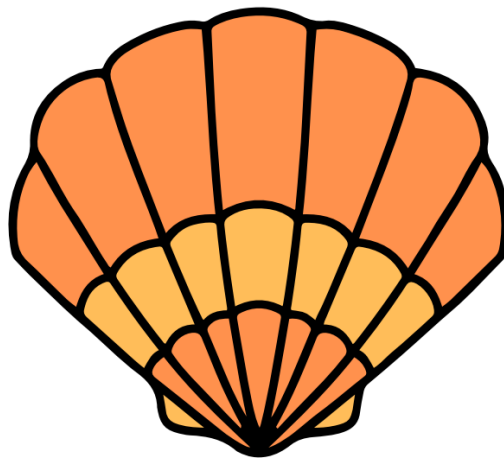
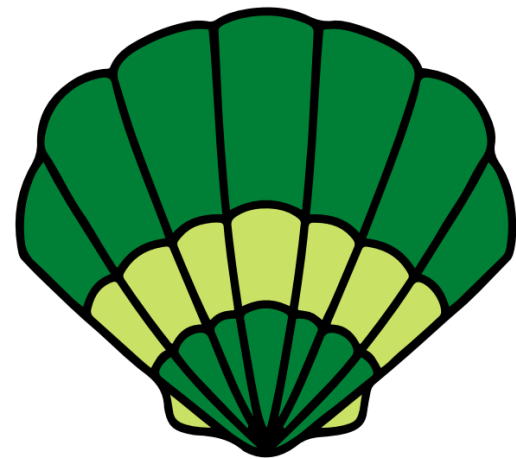
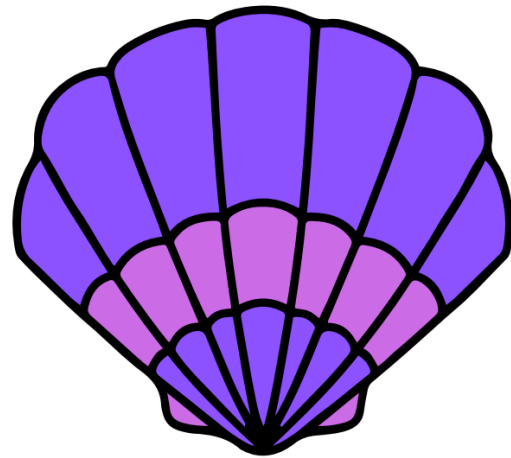
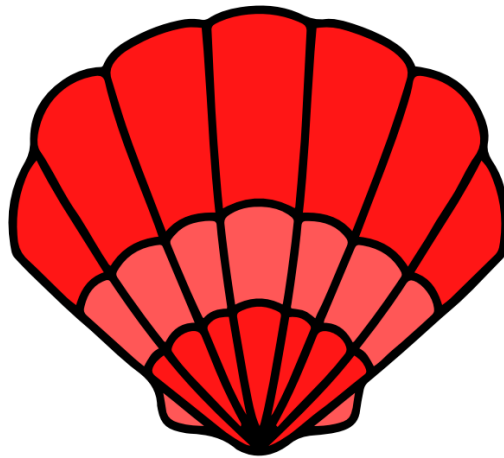
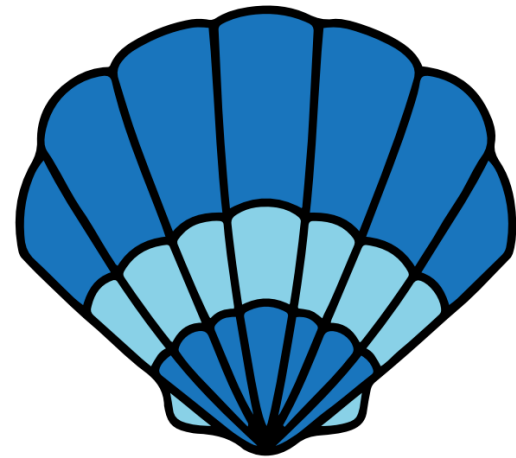
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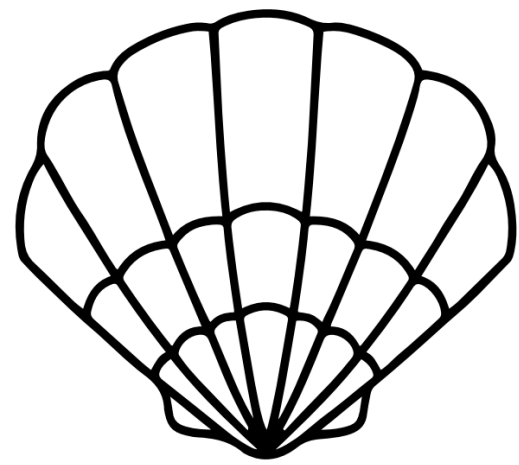
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# Seashell Color Match

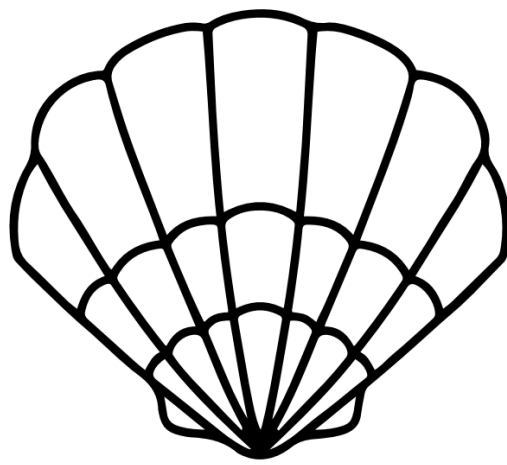
Cut out and match the colored seashells to the blank ones!



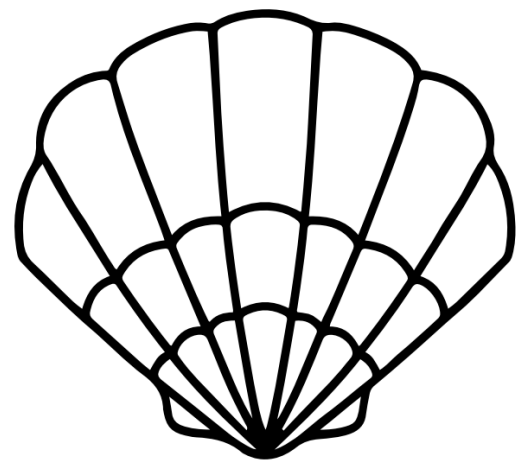




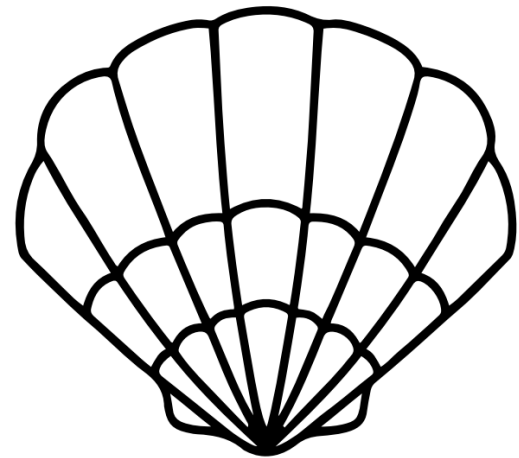
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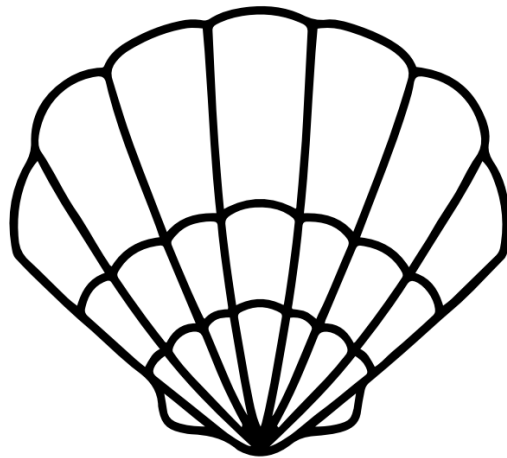
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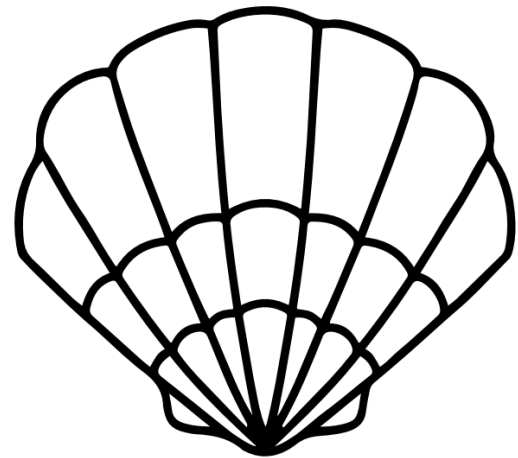
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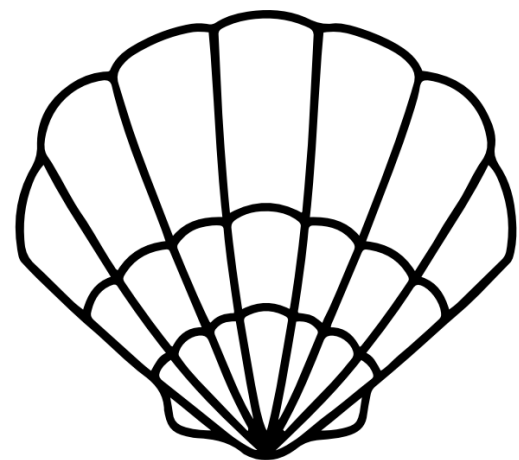
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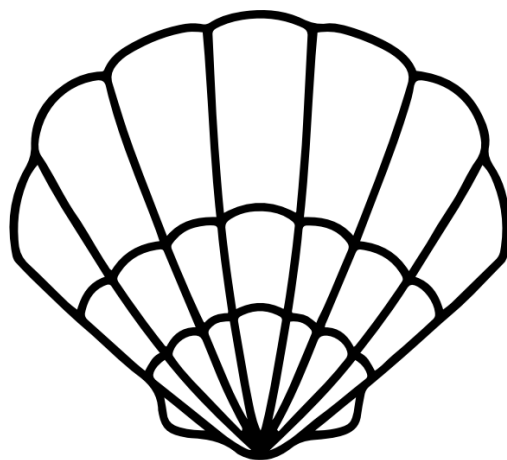
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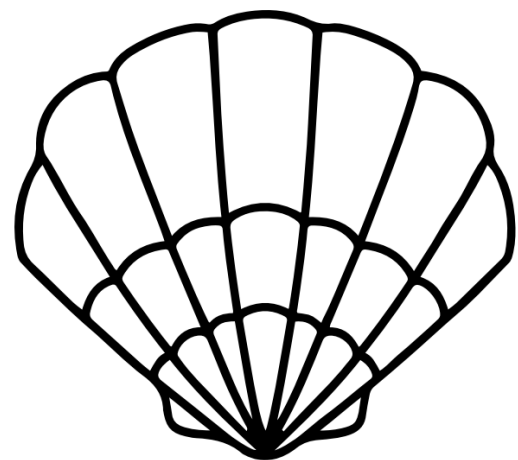
**Purple**



**Orange**



**Black**



**Blue**