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At-Home Activity Booklet

For Children

Children love to play—anytime, anywhere, and with almost anything. As they play, they're learning about the world around them and practicing important skills. To support their play, early childhood programs typically arrange their spaces into learning areas or centers. The following activity suggestions are also organized around these same learning areas.

Pick activities from each area according to the materials you have available and the interests of your child. Many of these activities include a range of suggested materials. If you do not have the suggested materials, look around your home for similar materials that may also work. In addition to the activities suggested here, your child's favorite toys, games, and books likely also offer many opportunities for learning, especially when you play and talk with them. By talking with your child as you play, and engaging in back and forth conversations, you are supporting the development of

many important skills (e.g. vocabulary development, communication skills, listening skills, social emotional skills, and critical thinking skills). Always feel free to use any language your family speaks when talking and playing with your child as this supports later learning in any language. The activities in this document are intended to be fun and engaging. Some of them are designed to be implemented over the course of many days. Your child may also want to repeat some of the activities. Young children enjoy doing things they like many times. If possible, keep materials you use available to your child and feel free to revisit them often.

Children thrive on routines. Following a predictable routine is a helpful way for children to feel safe and know what is expected of them (e.g. washing hands before breakfast, reading a book before nap, or playing after lunch). Routines help you and your child move confidently through the day and encourages positive behavior. At the same time, be flexible and responsive to your children's needs. You know your child best!



Science Experiments

Easy at-home experiments and STEM activities to have fun and learn something new at home with the kids

Write with Invisible Ink

Materials:

- Lemon
- Small Bowl
- Water
- Spoon



White paper

How to do it:

- 1 To make the invisible ink, cut a lemon in half with the help of an adult. Squeeze the lemon juice into your small bowl and remove any lemon seeds you find.
- 2 Add a few drops of water to the lemon juice and stir with the spoon.
- 3 Use the ink you just created to write a message on a white piece of paper using the paintbrush.
- Once the ink has dried, you can give the invisible note to someone. To read the mystery message, you'll need to hold the paper up to a heat source like a lamp.
- **1** Watch as the invisible ink slowly becomes visible! You're observing some cool chemistry! The lemon juice contains carbon, a chemical element. When you add heat, some of the chemical bonds in the lemon juice break down, releasing the carbon. When the carbon meets the air it oxidizes and turns brown or black.
- 6 You can try this experiment with other acids like vinegar and orange juice see which ones make the best ink!

Send a mysterious message to someone, using ingredients you have at home!



Build a String

Telephone

Use sound's unique properties to make an unconventional phone!

What you'll need:

- Two paper or plastic cups, large enough to fit over your ear
- Paperclips
- Two small washers
- String or fishing line, up tp 30 feet long
- A friend to help!

How to do it:

- **1** Carefully punch a hole in the bottom of each of the cups. you can do this by straightening out a paper clip and using it to puncture the cup. If you are using a plastic cup you may want to use a nail (along with the help of an adult) to make the hole.
- 2 Now, thread the ends of the strings through each of the cups. The string should be threaded through the bottom of the cup. You can use the straightened paper clip to get the string through the hole if it starts to fray.
- 3 Once inserted into the cup, tie the ends of the strings to a washer. This will keep the string from being pulled out of the cups.
- 4 You're now ready to try out your phone! If you haven't already, grab a friend to see how it works.
- **5** Each person should take a cup and slowly move away from each other until the string is pulled tight.
- 6 Keeping the string tight, have one person put the cup to their ear and let the other talk. See what happens!
- Switch with your friend and try again. You can keep experimenting by seeing what happens when the string isn't pulled tight or how different lengths and types of strings modify the sound.

Do-lt-Yourself Lava Tube!

Build a groovy creation - no magma required!

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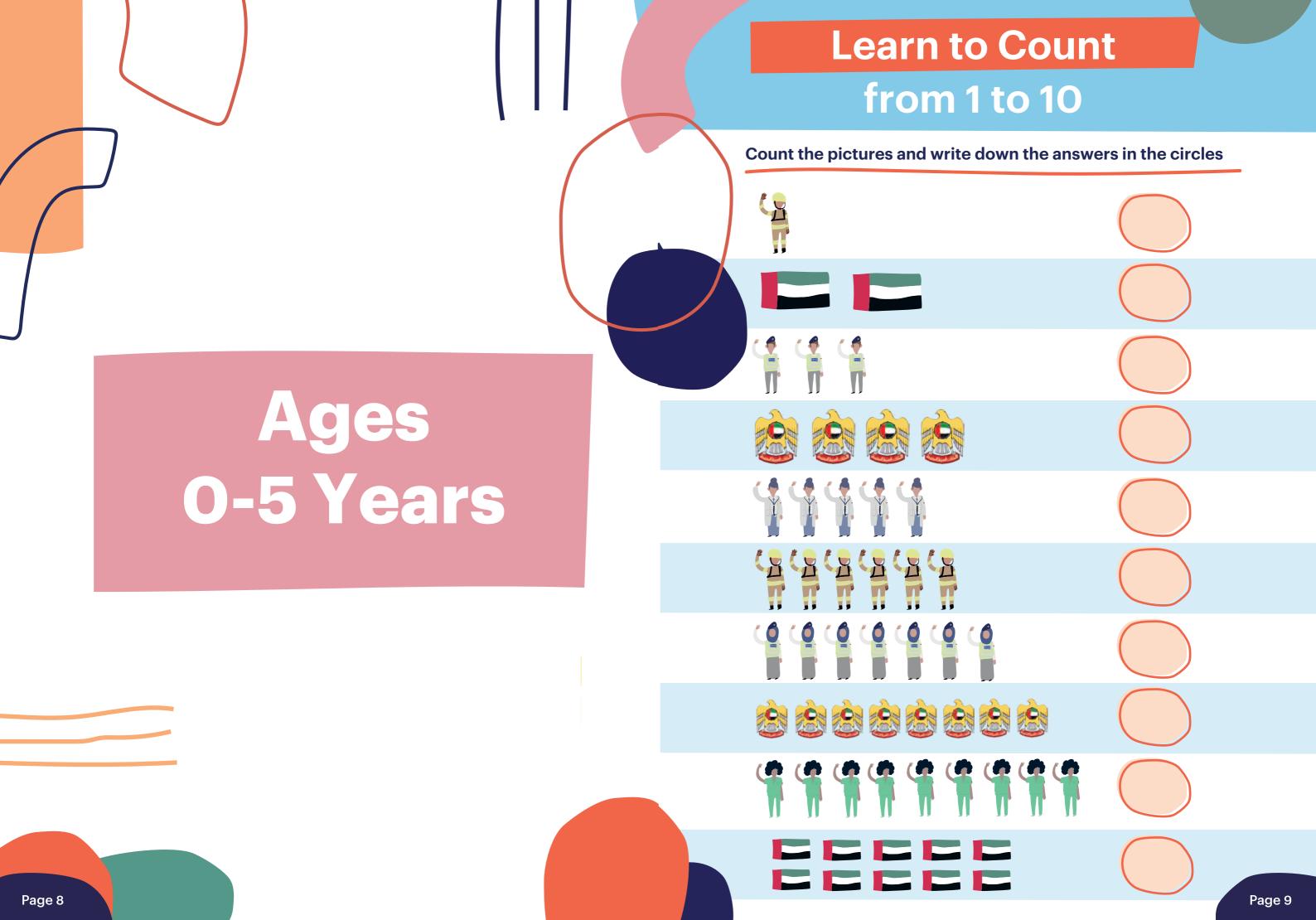
- Bottle or jar
- Funnel
- Vinegar
- Water
- Food coloring
- Sodium bicarbonate (baking soda)

How to do it:

- Clean out your bottle or jar. Fill it 1/2 with vinegar and 1/2 with water.
- Add a few drops of food coloring. They will slowly travel through the vinegar and will mix with the water.
- 3 With the help of an adult, add in a small amount of sodium bicarbonate and watch what happens! Keep adding more to create a cool bubbling effect.
- ⁴ This experiment works because the sodium bicarbonate releases gas when it comes in contact with the water. This gas is less dense than the vinegar, so it creates bubbles that travel upward. Since the food coloring is dissolved in the vinegar you can see the bubbles, creating a fun lava effect.







I Spy with My Little Eye Checklist

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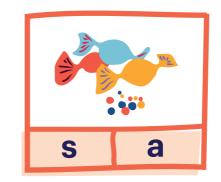


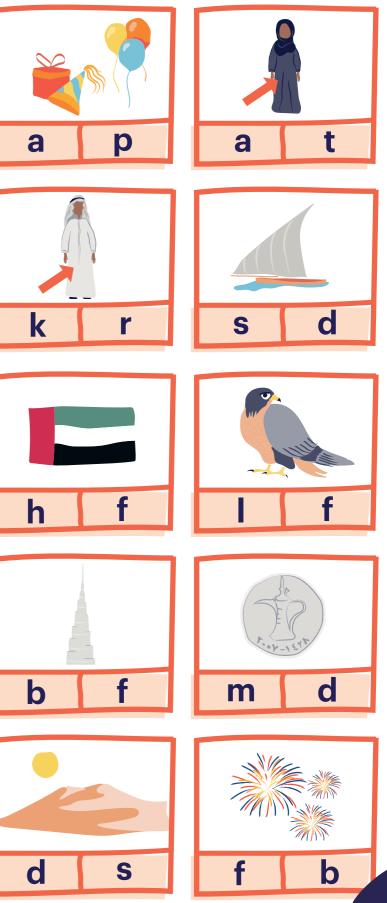
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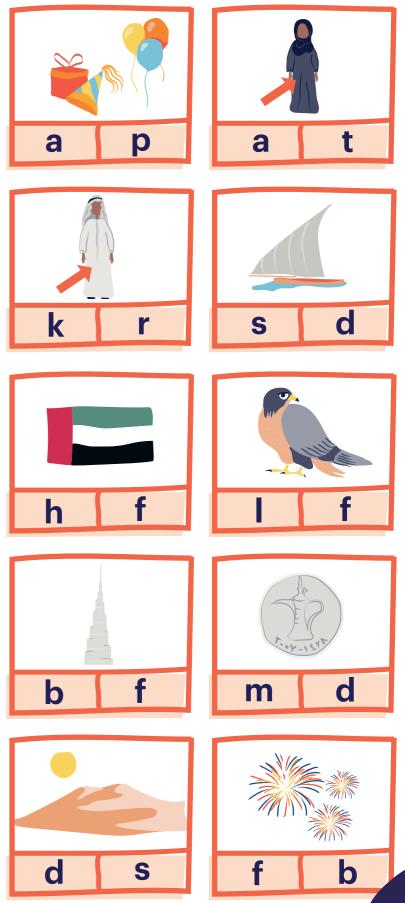
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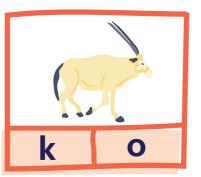


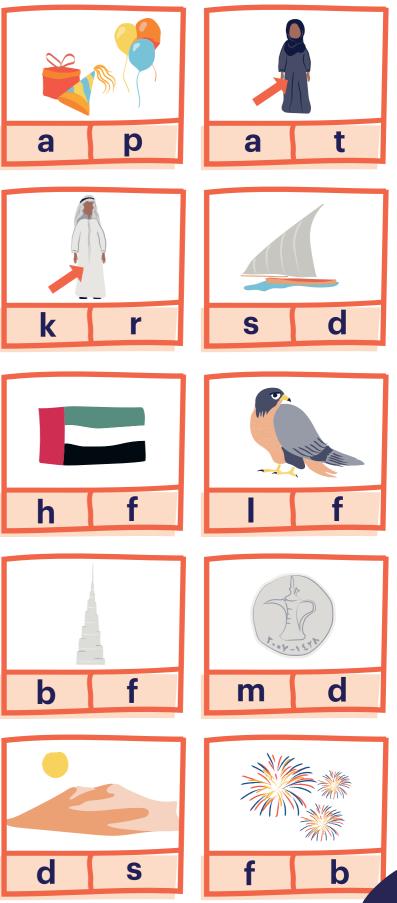


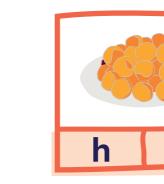


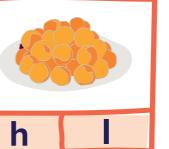


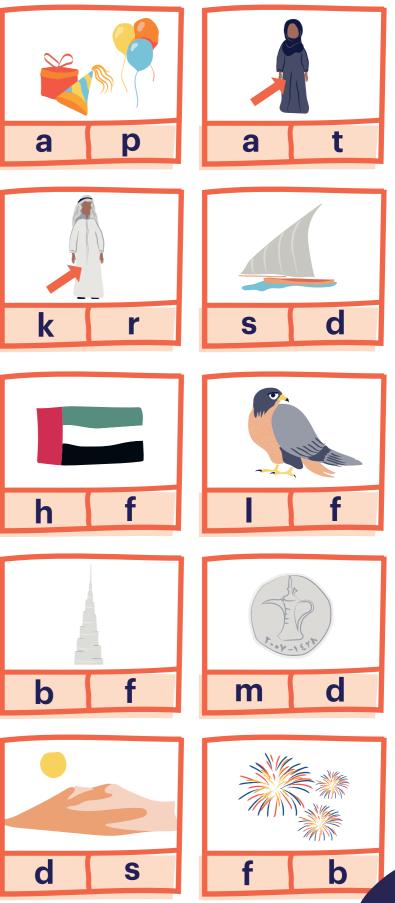


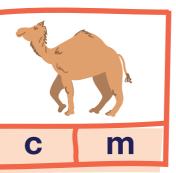


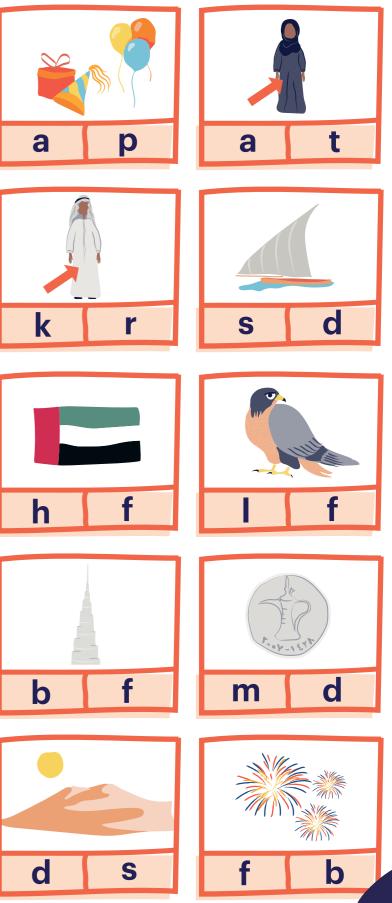




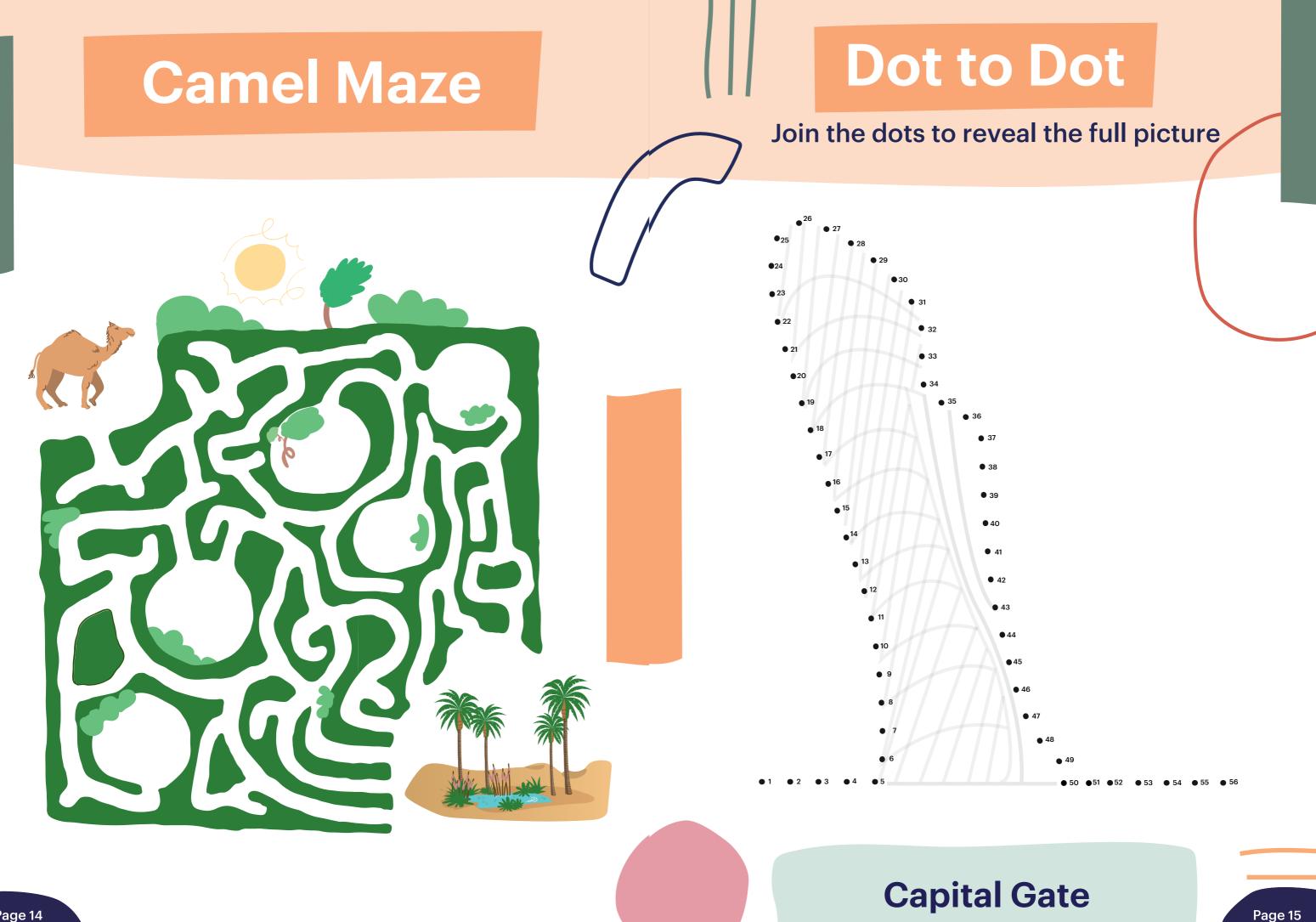








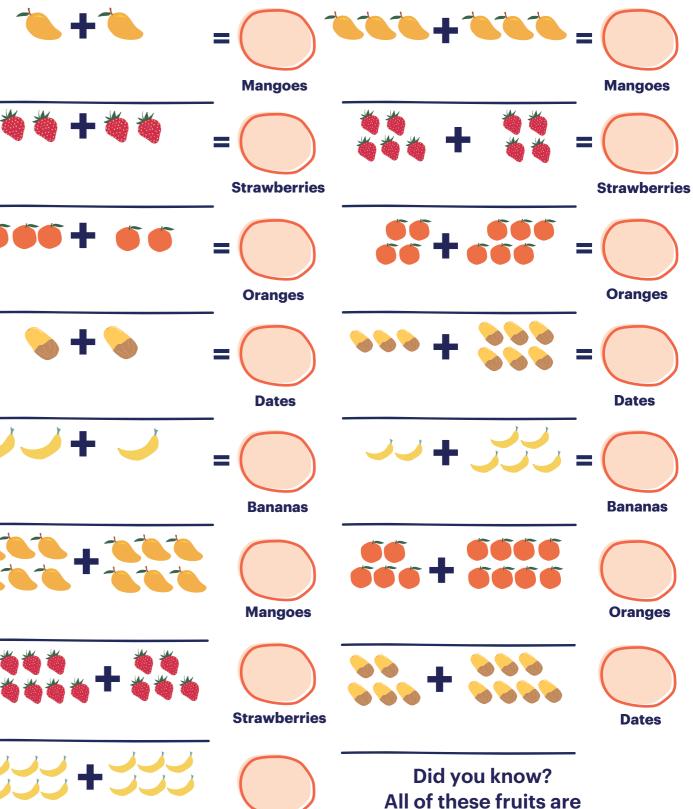
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Fruit Addition

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Ages 5 Years and Older







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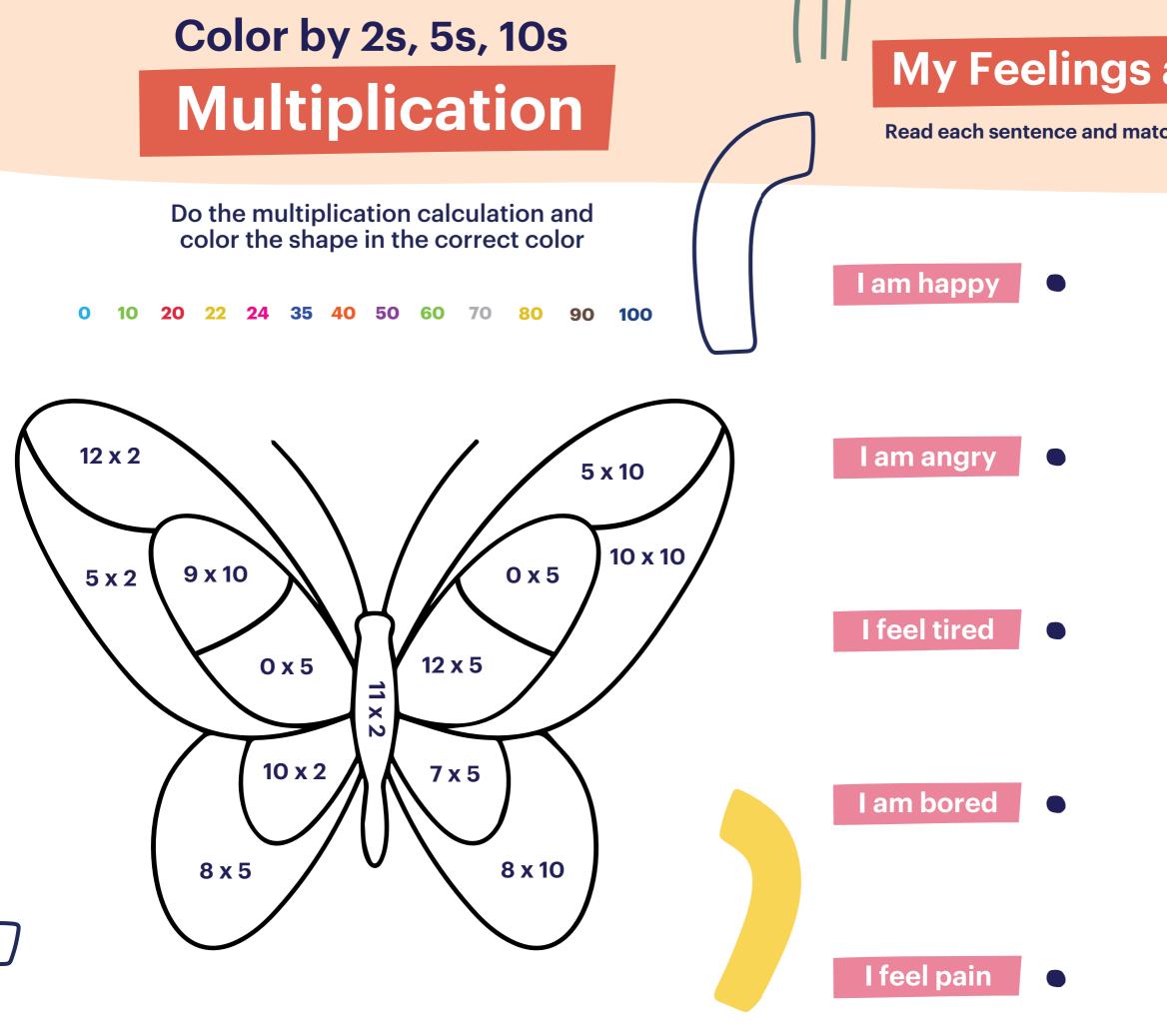
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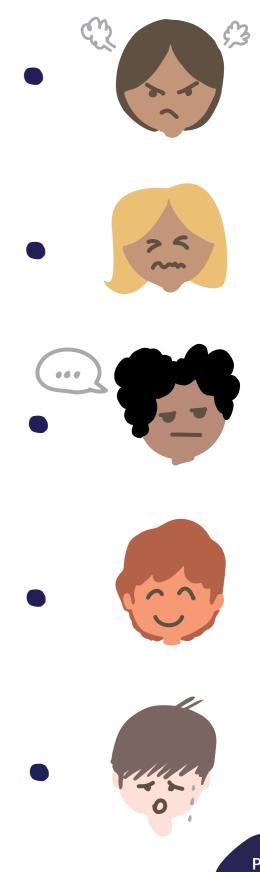
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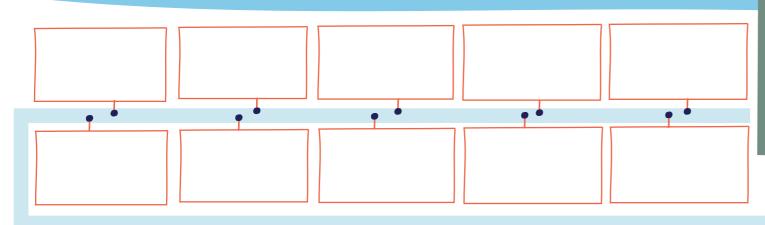


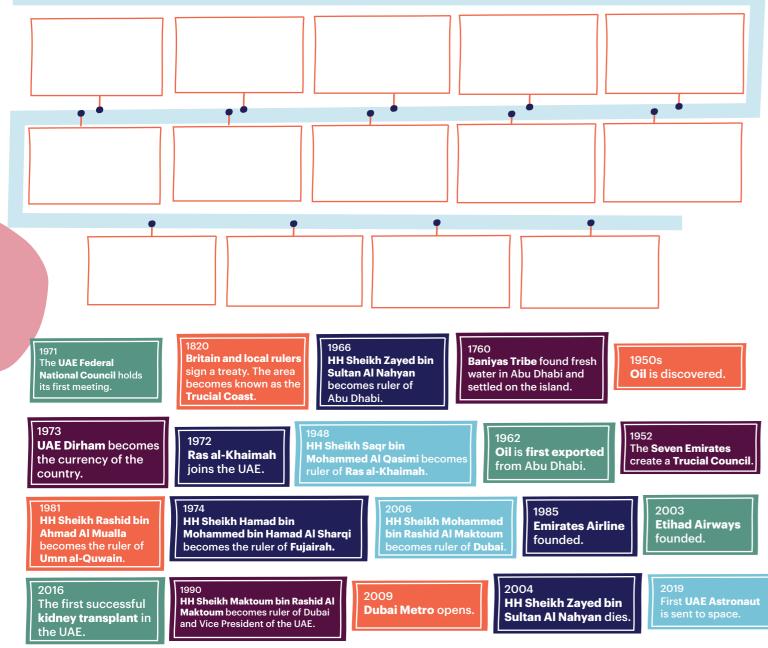
My Feelings and Emotions

Read each sentence and match it to the corresponding image



UAE Timeline





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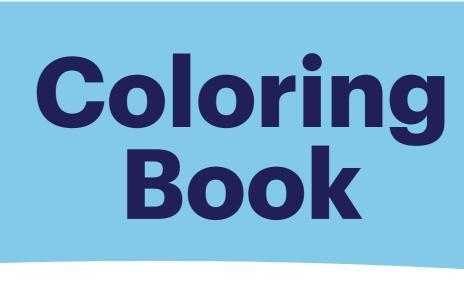
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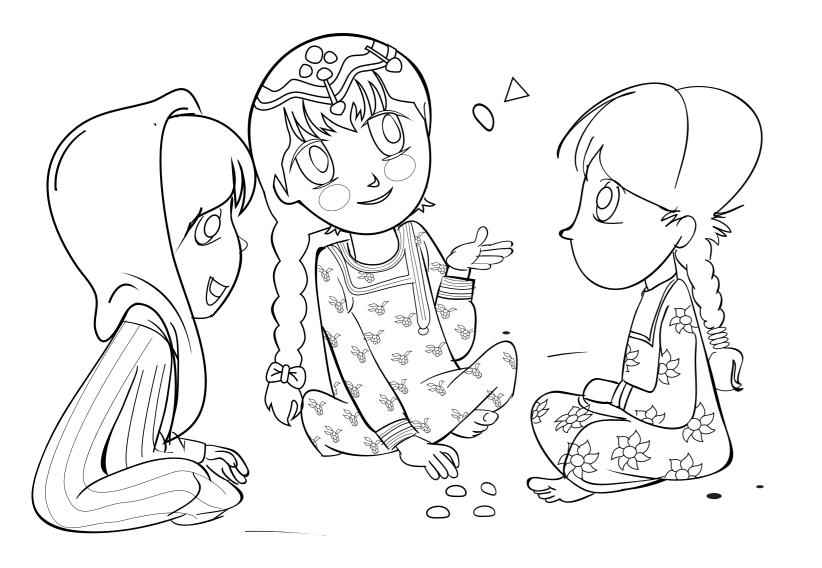
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