

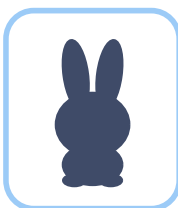
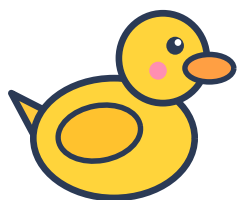
Shadow Matching

Activity Book

Ages
3-6

Match every picture to its shadow

Which shadow matches?



✓ Look ✓ Match ✓ Cut and Glue ✓ Have Fun!

Name: _____





Welcome, Parents & Teachers!

Matching a picture to its shadow looks like a game, and it is one. It also asks your child to do something important: study an outline and ignore the colors and details inside it. This book has 33 pages of shadow puzzles that start with three big pictures and grow into twins, odd ones out, cut-and-glue pages and shadows that face the other way.

How to use this book

- 1 Print at 100% (Actual size), not "Fit to page". This is the US Letter edition. Pencils, crayons and washable markers all work well.
- 2 Begin with First Shadows. Each page has only three pairs, so your child can match every one. Move on when the matches feel easy.
- 3 Talk about the shape out loud: "This one has long ears. Which shadow has long ears?" Naming the parts helps children see what makes shapes different.
- 4 On the line pages, let your child start from either side and draw from dot to dot. Lines may cross, and that is fine.
- 5 Cut and Glue (pages 29 to 32) needs scissors and a glue stick. Help with the first cut, then let your child choose where each shadow goes.
- 6 The Answer Key is on pages 38-40. Let your child try first, then check together and look again at any match that is off.

What your child practices

- ✓ Telling shapes apart by their outline
- ✓ Matching a picture to its shadow
- ✓ Noticing small differences
- ✓ Which way something faces
- ✓ Big, medium and small
- ✓ Drawing lines and circling with a pencil
- ✓ Cutting and gluing (scissor skills)
- ✓ Thinking "What made this shadow?"

This book belongs to:



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Start at the beginning. Each part asks for a little more careful looking.

First Shadows

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Three big pictures to match with their shadows



Color and Match

Pages 8-9

Color each outline picture, then match it to its shadow



Draw the Line

Pages 10-14

Draw lines with four and five pairs on a page



Circle the Shadow

Pages 15-20

Circle the one shadow that matches the picture



Whose Shadow Is It?

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Start with a shadow and find the picture that made it



Spot the Shadows

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Find the twin shadows and the odd shadow out



Cut and Glue

Pages 29-32

Cut out the shadows and glue them next to their pictures



Look Closely

Pages 33-36

Big, medium and small shadows, and which way a shadow faces



Shadow Fun at Home

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Six easy games with a flashlight, the sun and real toys



Answer Key and Certificate

Pages 38-41

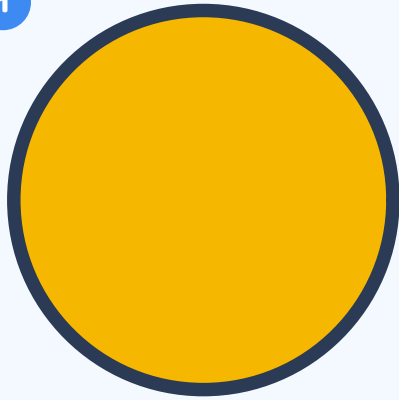
Answers for every page, then a certificate to color and sign



Match the Shapes

Draw a line from each shape to its shadow.

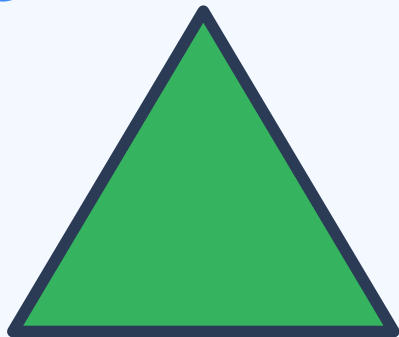
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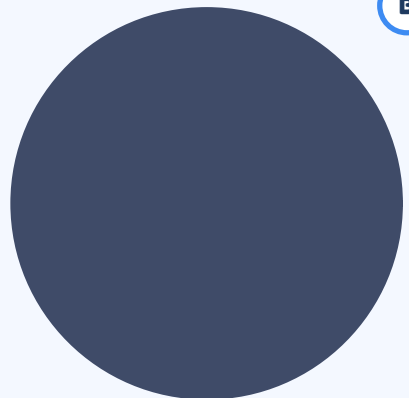
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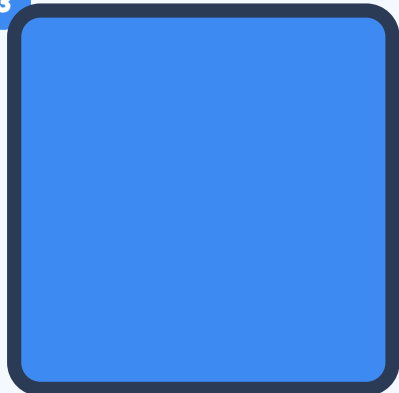
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Match the Treats

Draw a line from each picture to its shadow.

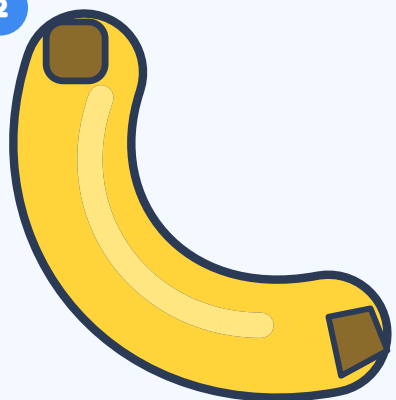
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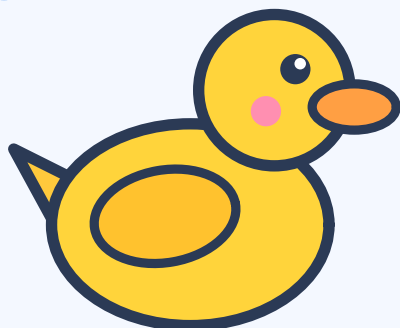
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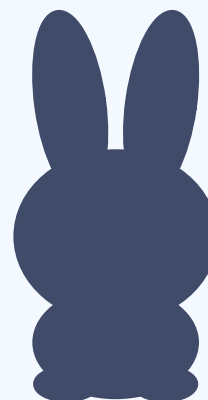
Match the Animals

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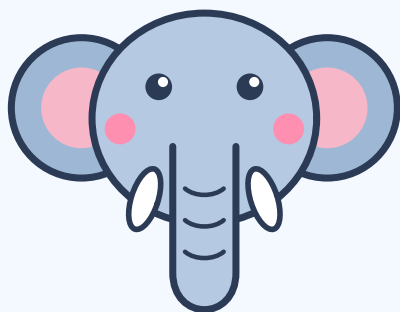
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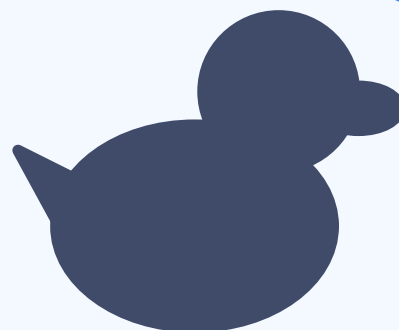
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Match the Toys

Draw a line from each toy to its shadow.

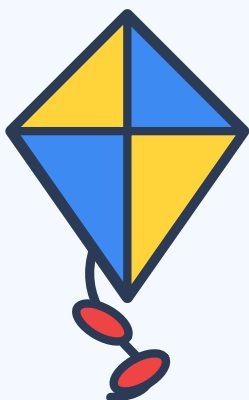
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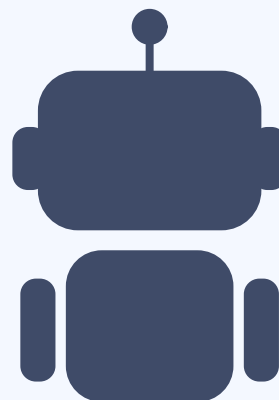
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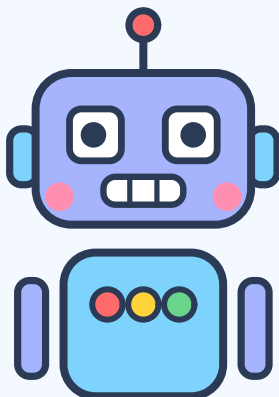
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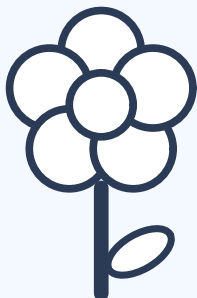
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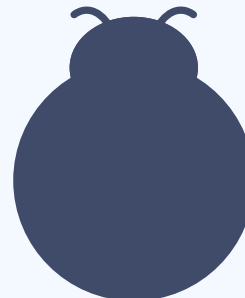
Color and Match: Garden

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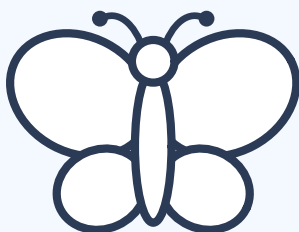
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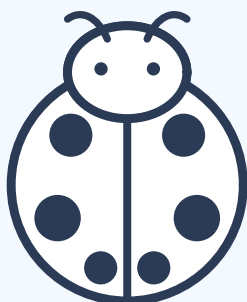
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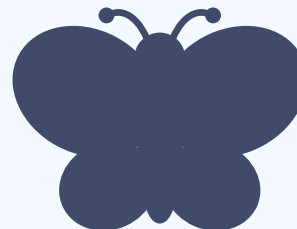
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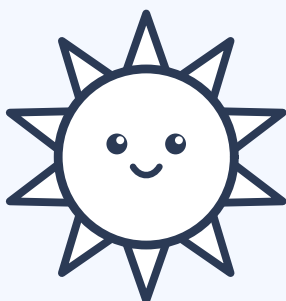
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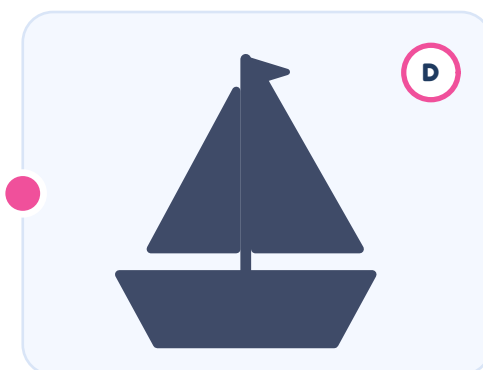
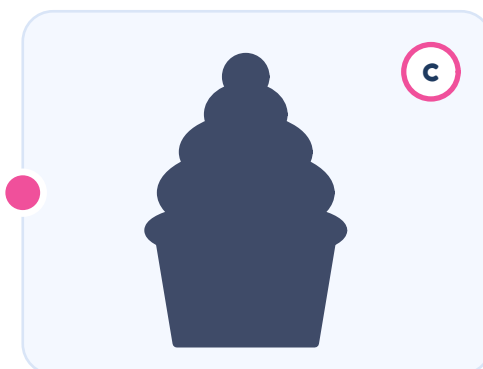
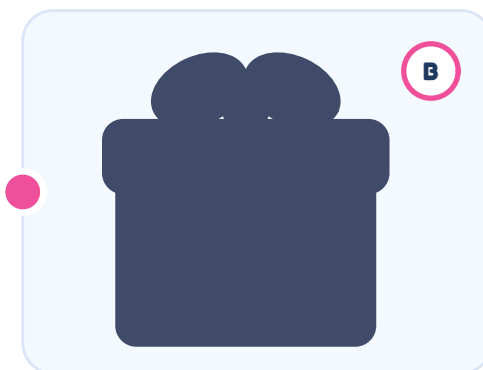
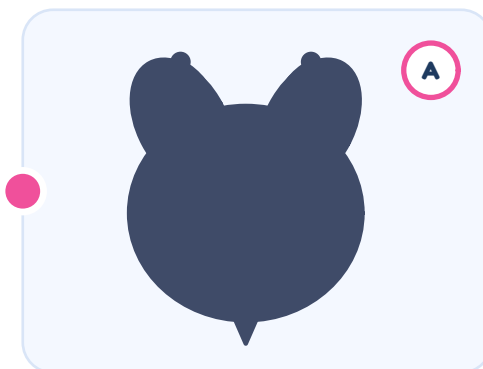
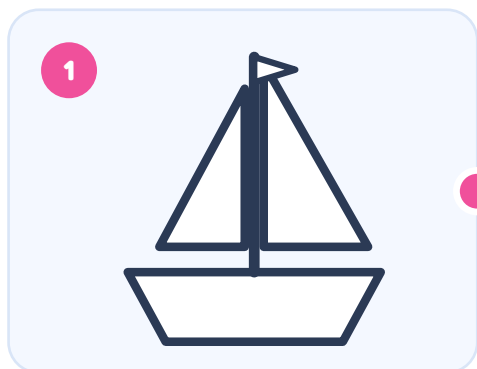


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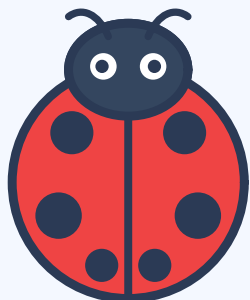
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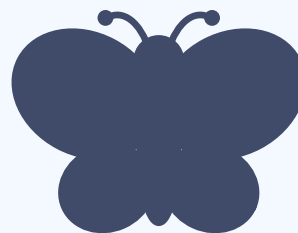
Garden Friends

Draw a line from each picture to its shadow.

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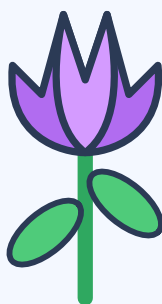
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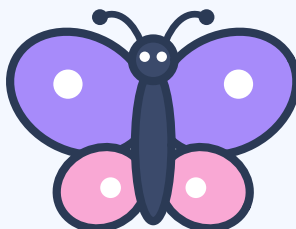
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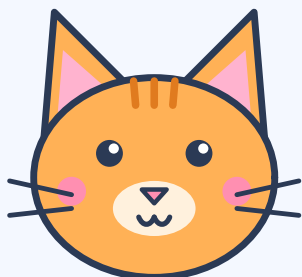
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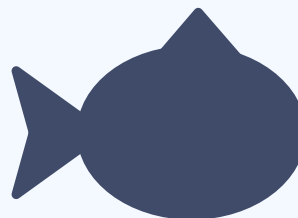
Animal Friends

Draw a line from each animal to its shadow.

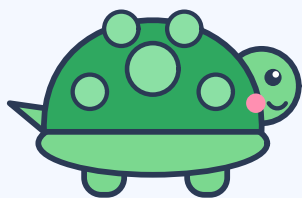
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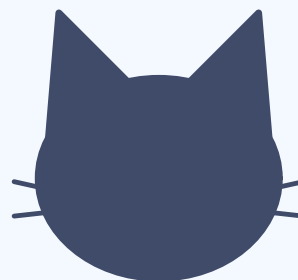
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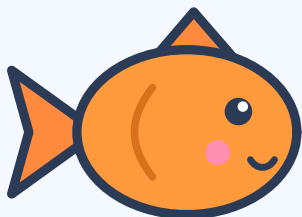
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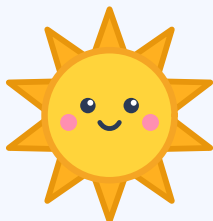
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Sunny Day

Draw a line from each picture to its shadow.

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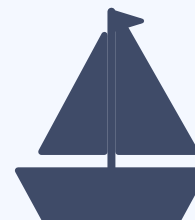
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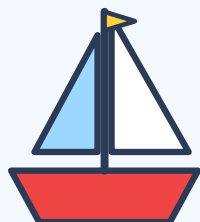
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Yummy Things

Draw a line from each picture to its shadow.

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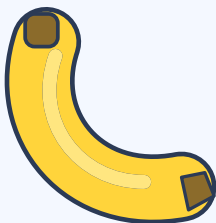
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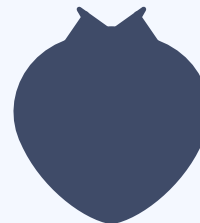
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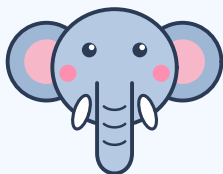
Wild and Wonderful

Draw a line from each animal to its shadow.

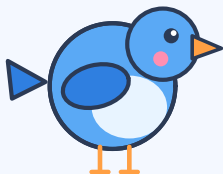
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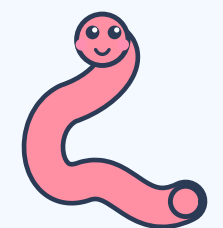
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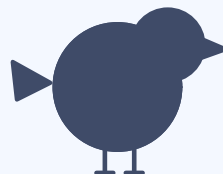
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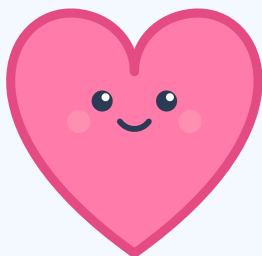
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Circle the Right Shadow 1

Look at the picture. Circle the shadow that matches it.

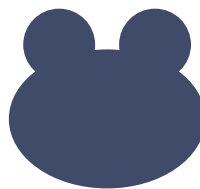
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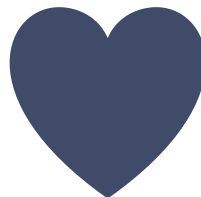
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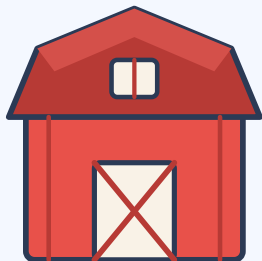
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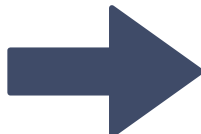
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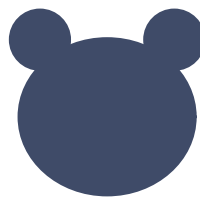
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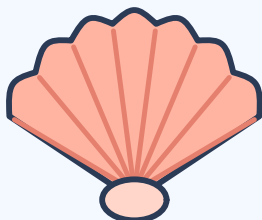
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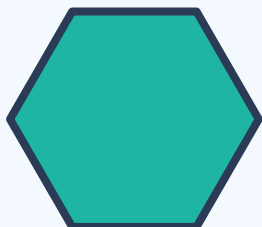
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Circle the Right Shadow 2

Look at the picture. Circle the shadow that matches it.

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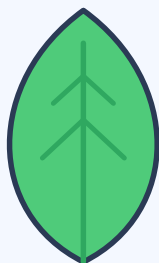
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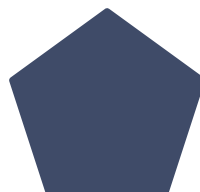
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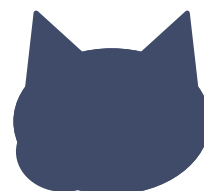
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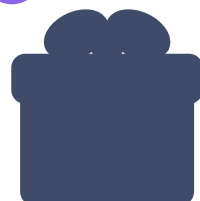
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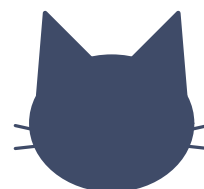
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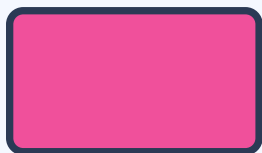
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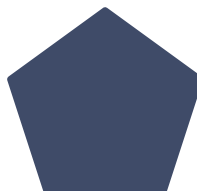
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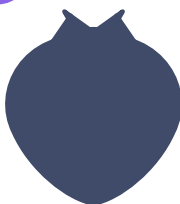
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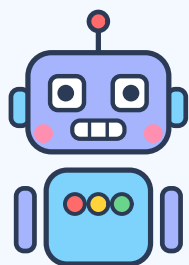
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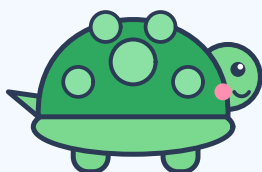
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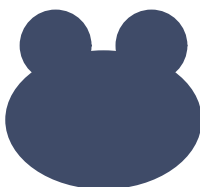
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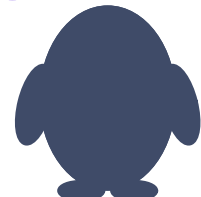
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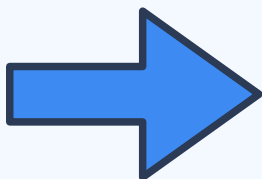
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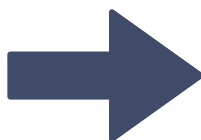
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Look at the picture. Circle the shadow that matches it.

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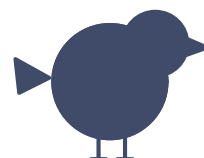
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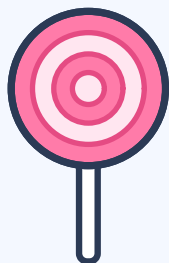
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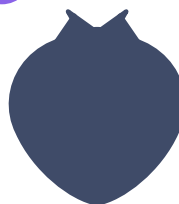
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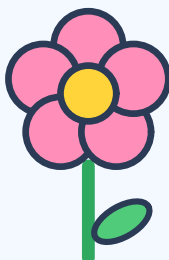
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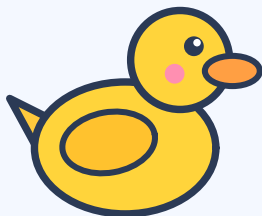
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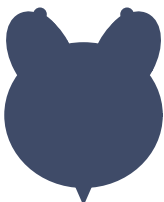
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Look closely at every shadow. Circle the one that matches.

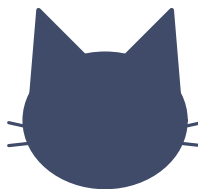
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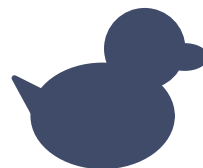
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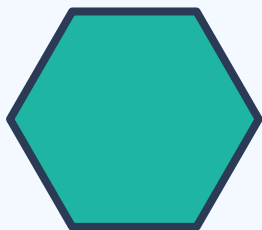
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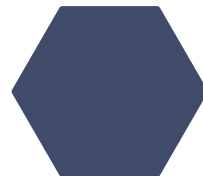
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Look closely at every shadow. Circle the one that matches.

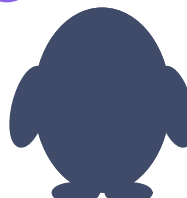
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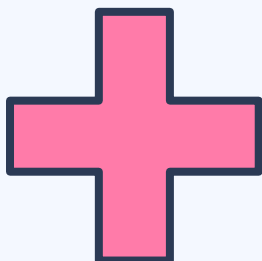
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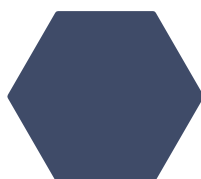
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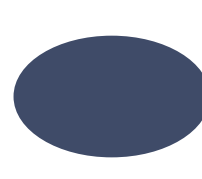
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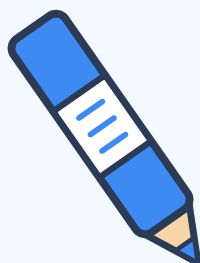
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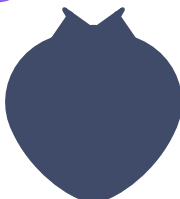
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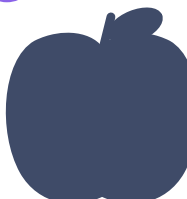
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A



B



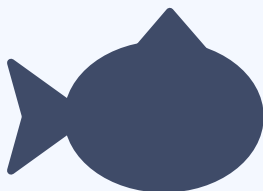
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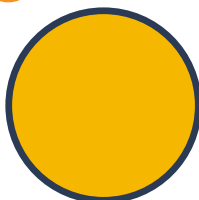
Whose Shadow Is It? 1

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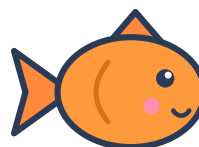
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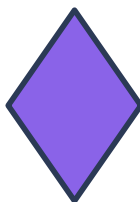
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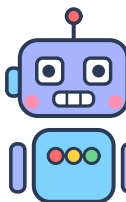
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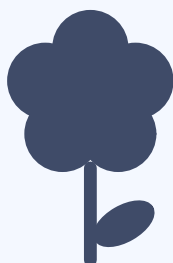
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C



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A



B



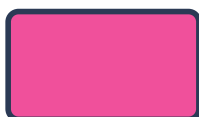
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B



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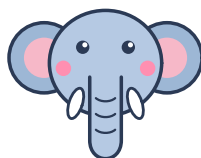
Whose Shadow Is It? 2

Look at the shadow. Circle the picture that made it.

1



A



B



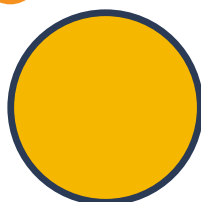
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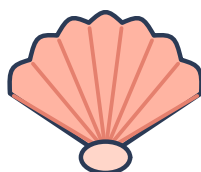
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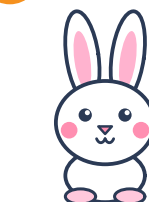
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A



B



C



4



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B



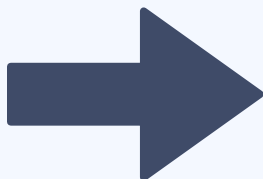
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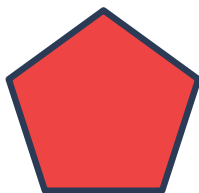
Whose Shadow Is It? 3

Look at the shadow. Circle the picture that made it.

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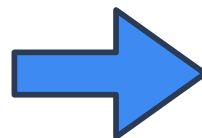
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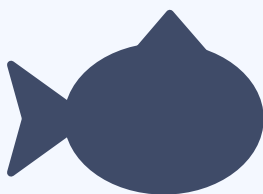
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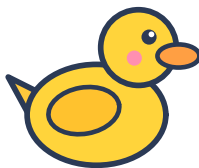
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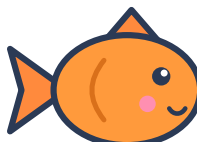
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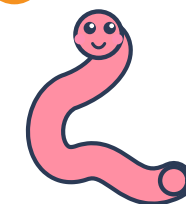
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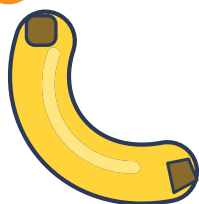
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A



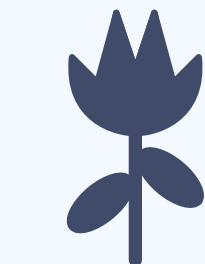
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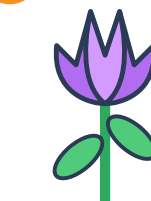
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A



B



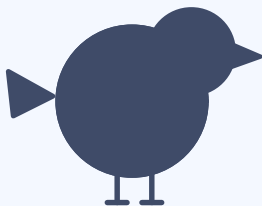
C



Whose Shadow Is It? 4

Look at the shadow. Circle the picture that made it.

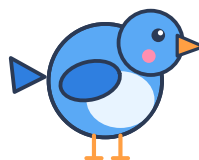
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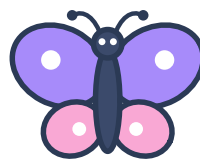
A



B



C



2



A



B



C



3



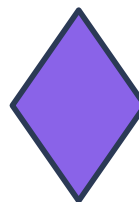
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B



C



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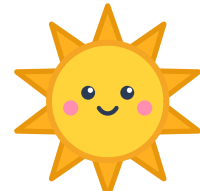
A



B



C



Twin Shadows 1

Two shadows in each row are twins. Circle both of them.

1



A



B



C



D



E

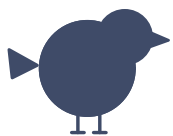


F

2



A



B



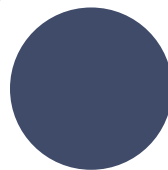
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A



B



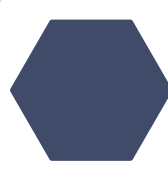
C



D



E



F

4



A



B



C



D



E



F

5



A



B



C



D



E



F

Twin Shadows 2

Two shadows in each row are twins. Circle both of them.

1



A



B



C



D



E



F

2



A



B



C



D



E



F

3



A



B



C



D



E



F

4



A



B



C



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E



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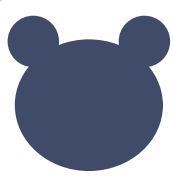
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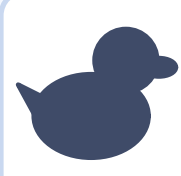
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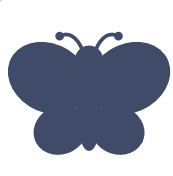
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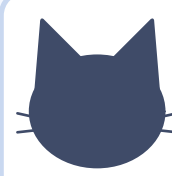
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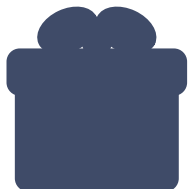


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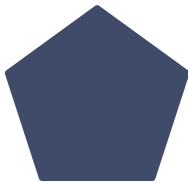
Odd Shadow Out 1

Three shadows are the same. Circle the one that is different.

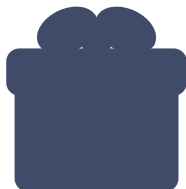
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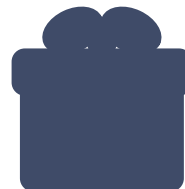
A



B

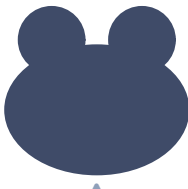


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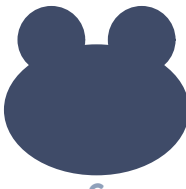
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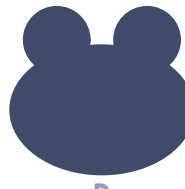
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B

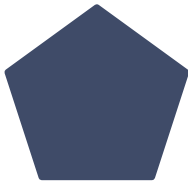


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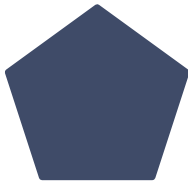


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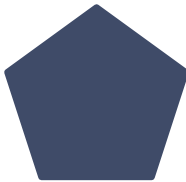
3



A



B

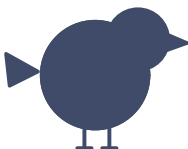


C



D

4



A



B



C



D

5



A



B



C



D

Odd Shadow Out 2

Four shadows look alike, but one faces the other way. Circle it.

1



A



B



C



D

2



A



B



C



D

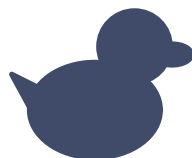
3



A



B



C



D

4



A



B



C



D

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A



B



C



D

Cut and Glue 1: Pictures

Cut out the shadows on the next page. Glue each one next to the picture it matches.

1



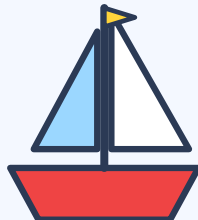
glue here

2



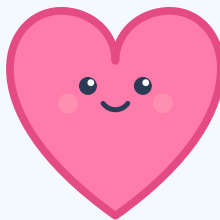
glue here

3



glue here

4



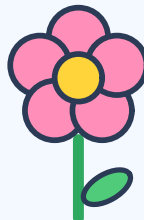
glue here

5



glue here

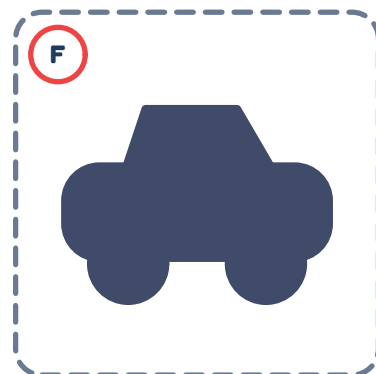
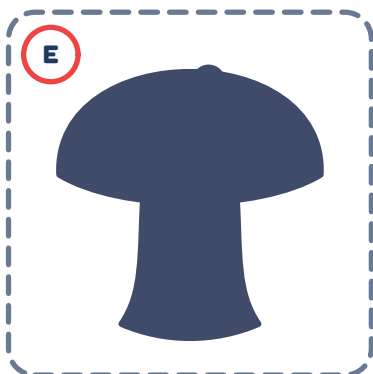
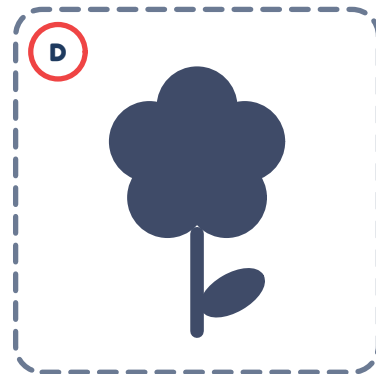
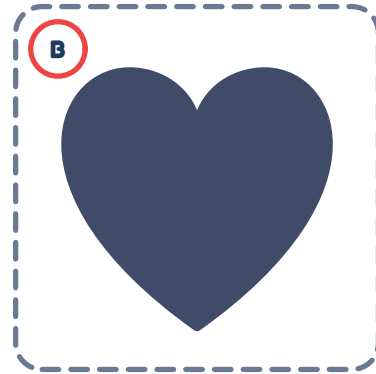
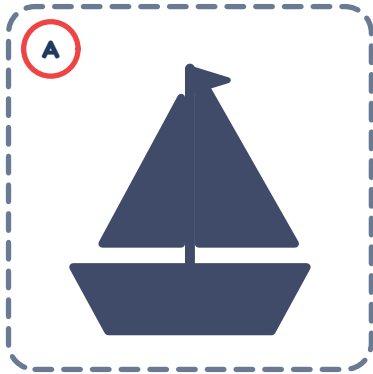
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glue here

Cut and Glue 1: Shadows

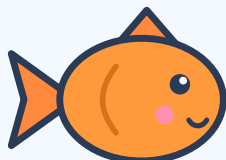
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Cut and Glue 2: Pictures

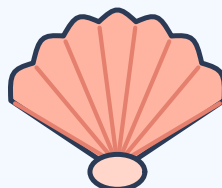
Cut out the shadows on the next page. Glue each one next to the picture it matches.

1



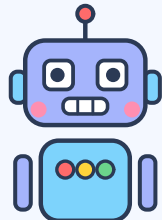
glue here

2



glue here

3



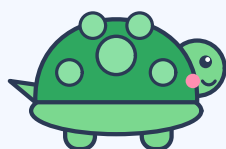
glue here

4



glue here

5



glue here

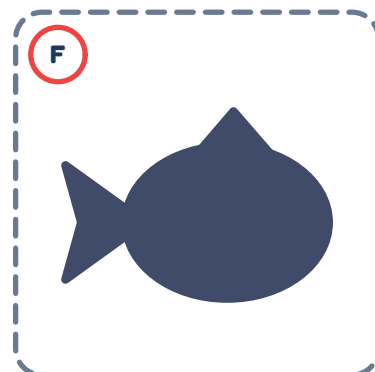
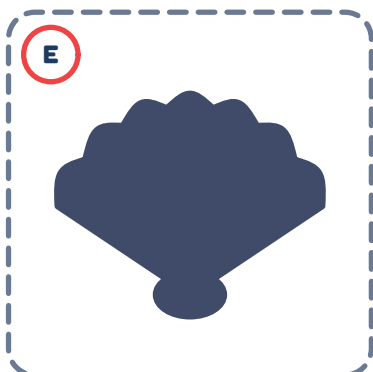
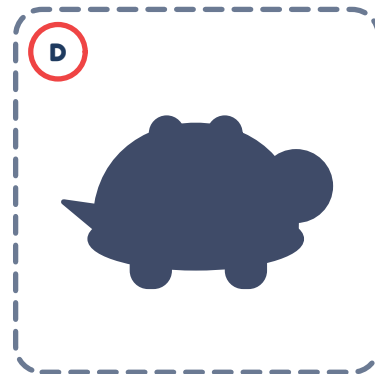
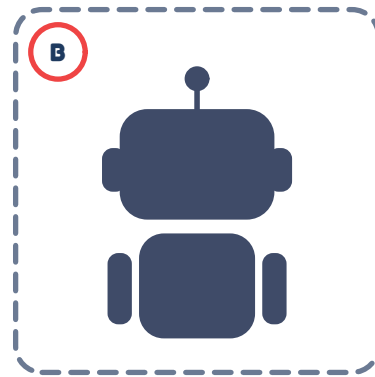
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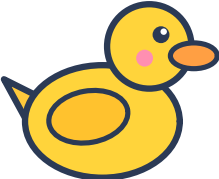
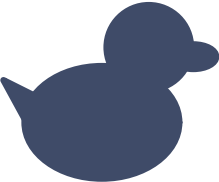
Cut and Glue 2: Shadows

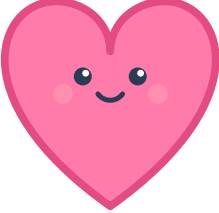
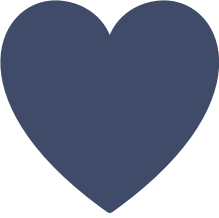
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Big, Medium and Small 1

Match each picture to the shadow that is the same size.

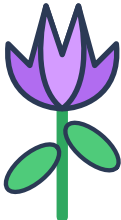
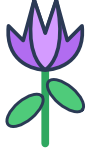
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2				B
3				C

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2				B
3				C

Big, Medium and Small 2

Match each picture to the shadow that is the same size.

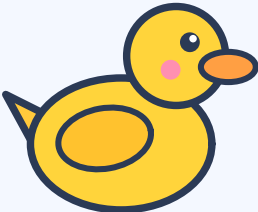
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1				A
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3				C

Which Way Does It Face? 1

The shadow must face the same way as the picture. Circle it.

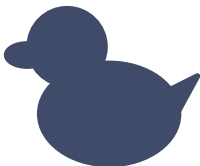
1



A



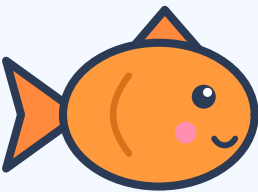
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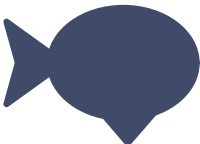
C



2



A



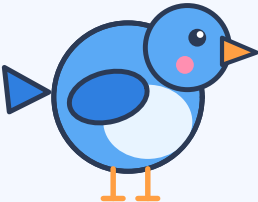
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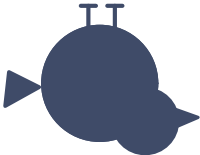
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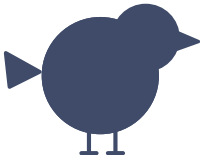
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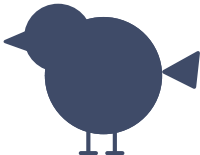
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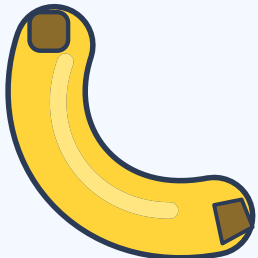
B



C



4



A



B



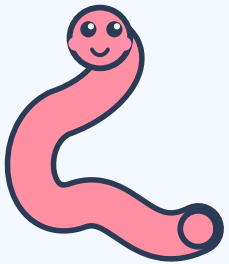
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Which Way Does It Face? 2

The shadow must face the same way as the picture. Circle it.

1



A



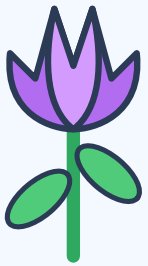
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C



2



A



B



C



3



A



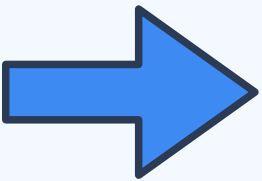
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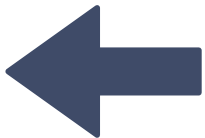
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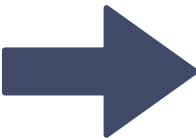
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A



B



C





Shadow Fun at Home

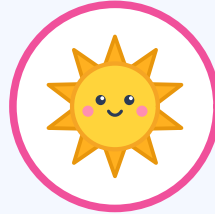
Real shadows are the best teachers. Try a game between pages.



Game 1

Flashlight Show

In a dark room, shine a flashlight on a toy so its shadow lands on a wall. Ask "What is it?" before you let your child look at the toy.



Game 2

Trace a Shadow

On a sunny day, set a toy on a big sheet of paper. Trace its shadow with a pencil, then color it in. Never look straight at the sun.



Game 3

Shadow Hunt

Take a walk and spot shadows of a tree, a fence, a bike and your own. Point to each one and name the thing that made it.



Game 4

Bigger, Smaller

Hold a toy close to the flashlight and the shadow grows. Move it back and the shadow shrinks. Can your child make it small?



Game 5

Shadow Chase

Outside in the sun, try to step on a friend's shadow while they step on yours. Wave, jump and watch your shadow copy you.



Game 6

Morning to Afternoon

Trace the shadow of a bucket with chalk in the morning, at noon and in the afternoon. The shadow moves as the sun does.



Answer Key

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Page 4 Match the Shapes

1 **B** 2 **C** 3 **A**

Page 5 Match the Treats

1 **C** 2 **A** 3 **B**

Page 6 Match the Animals

1 **B** 2 **C** 3 **A**

Page 7 Match the Toys

1 **C** 2 **A** 3 **B**

Page 8 Color and Match: Garden

1 **D** 2 **C** 3 **A** 4 **B**

Page 9 Color and Match: Fun

1 **D** 2 **C** 3 **A** 4 **B**

Page 10 Garden Friends

1 **B** 2 **C** 3 **D** 4 **A**

Page 11 Animal Friends

1 **B** 2 **D** 3 **A** 4 **C**

Page 12 Sunny Day

1 **C** 2 **E** 3 **A** 4 **B** 5 **D**

Page 13 Yummy Things

1 **D** 2 **A** 3 **E** 4 **C** 5 **B**

Page 14 Wild and Wonderful

1 **E** 2 **D** 3 **B** 4 **C** 5 **A**

Page 15 Circle the Right Shadow 1

1 **C** 2 **A** 3 **B** 4 **C**

Page 16 Circle the Right Shadow 2

1 **A** 2 **A** 3 **C** 4 **B**

Page 17 Circle the Right Shadow 3

1 **C** 2 **A** 3 **C** 4 **B**



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Page 18 Circle the Right Shadow 4

1 **A** 2 **A** 3 **C** 4 **B**

Page 19 Circle the Right Shadow 5

1 **C** 2 **C** 3 **A** 4 **B**

Page 20 Circle the Right Shadow 6

1 **A** 2 **B** 3 **A** 4 **C**

Page 21 Whose Shadow Is It? 1

1 **B** 2 **A** 3 **B** 4 **C**

Page 22 Whose Shadow Is It? 2

1 **A** 2 **B** 3 **A** 4 **C**

Page 23 Whose Shadow Is It? 3

1 **C** 2 **B** 3 **A** 4 **B**

Page 24 Whose Shadow Is It? 4

1 **B** 2 **C** 3 **C** 4 **A**

Page 25 Twin Shadows 1

Row 1 **A, E** Row 2 **A, E** Row 3 **B, D**
Row 4 **C, E** Row 5 **A, E**

Page 26 Twin Shadows 2

Row 1 **B, E** Row 2 **B, E** Row 3 **A, C**
Row 4 **C, E** Row 5 **A, F**

Page 27 Odd Shadow Out 1

Row 1 **B** Row 2 **B** Row 3 **D** Row 4 **A**
Row 5 **C**

Page 28 Odd Shadow Out 2

Row 1 **D** Row 2 **B** Row 3 **A** Row 4 **C**
Row 5 **B**

Page 29 Cut and Glue 1

1 **C** 2 **E** 3 **A** 4 **B** 5 **F** 6 **D**

Page 31 Cut and Glue 2

1 **F** 2 **E** 3 **B** 4 **C** 5 **D** 6 **A**



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Page 33 Big, Medium and Small 1

Set 1 big **B** Set 1 medium **C** Set 1 small **A**
Set 2 big **B** Set 2 medium **C** Set 2 small **A**

Page 34 Big, Medium and Small 2

Set 1 big **B** Set 1 medium **C** Set 1 small **A**
Set 2 big **B** Set 2 medium **C** Set 2 small **A**

Page 35 Which Way Does It Face? 1

1 **C** 2 **C** 3 **B** 4 **A**

Page 36 Which Way Does It Face? 2

1 **A** 2 **C** 3 **B** 4 **B**

The cut and glue pages (29 to 32) use the same letters: the key for Cut and Glue 1 and 2 shows which shadow goes next to each picture.



Certificate of Achievement

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Great looking, careful thinking and lots of practice!



Date

Parent / Teacher



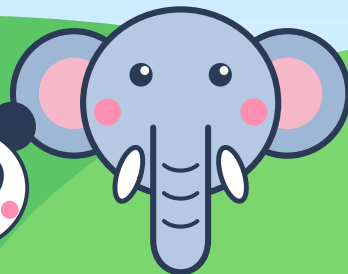


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