



About the Book

Learning to listen and listening to learn - a combination that is hard to beat! While practising listening skills, your students will learn about new topics and will even learn some unusual bits of information about things that are very common in their everyday lives. Each lesson begins with the characters being placed in a situation in which many children may find themselves. The lesson itself provides information and requires that the students listen carefully and follow specific directions. At the conclusion of the class listening lesson, you may wish to use the mini-independent activity which reviews or reinforces basic comprehension skills. After completing all of the listening lessons, reward your students with one of two special award certificates found in the back of the book.

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How to Use the Book

Be as flexible and varied in the use of this book as you are in your teaching and your classroom. Adjust it to meet your needs.

A definite time may be scheduled for a class listening lesson. Or, perhaps it could be more effective to use these exercises with a smaller number of students as in a reading group.



As you read through the lessons, you may find some that will correlate directly with other areas you are studying in class. If so, use the listening lessons to introduce, supplement or even culminate the related unit.

These lessons can also be easily adapted for a listening centre. Tape the lessons on a cassette. Place copies of the student pages, pencils and crayons in the centre. (Provide a laminated answer key for the students to use to mark and/or correct their own papers.) And what an easy, no-more-work way to update a student who was absent on the day the lesson was assigned!

Younger students look up to, and are shy or hesitant to talk to, older students. Use this as an opportunity to encourage rapport between the different year levels by asking an older student to read the lesson to your students.

Don't overlook a most valuable and eager resource - parent and/or grandparent volunteers. They may read the lesson to the students or prepare the tapes for your listening centre. It will be a rewarding time for all!



The skill-based mini-activities can be easily used as supplemental activities for a related topic of study in other areas of the curriculum. These are also appropriate as classroom assignments, brief 'activities for the day', activities for those students who arrive to school early or must stay inside during recess or as a part of learning centre.

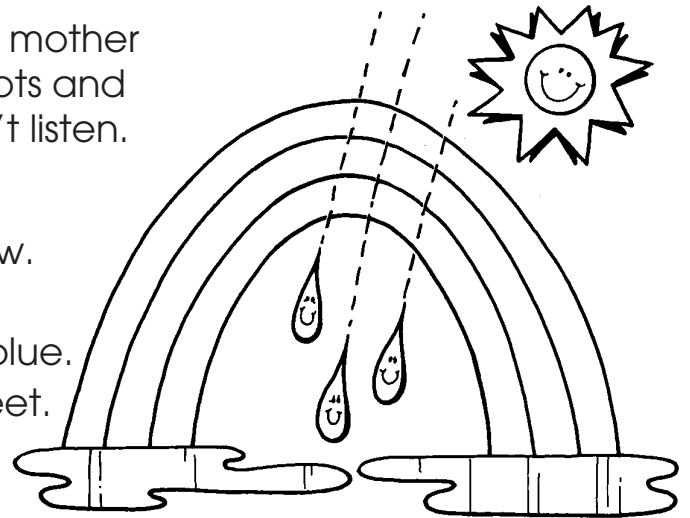
No matter how you choose to use these lessons and mini-activities, may you and your students find them beneficial, exciting and fun!



A Very Rainy Day!

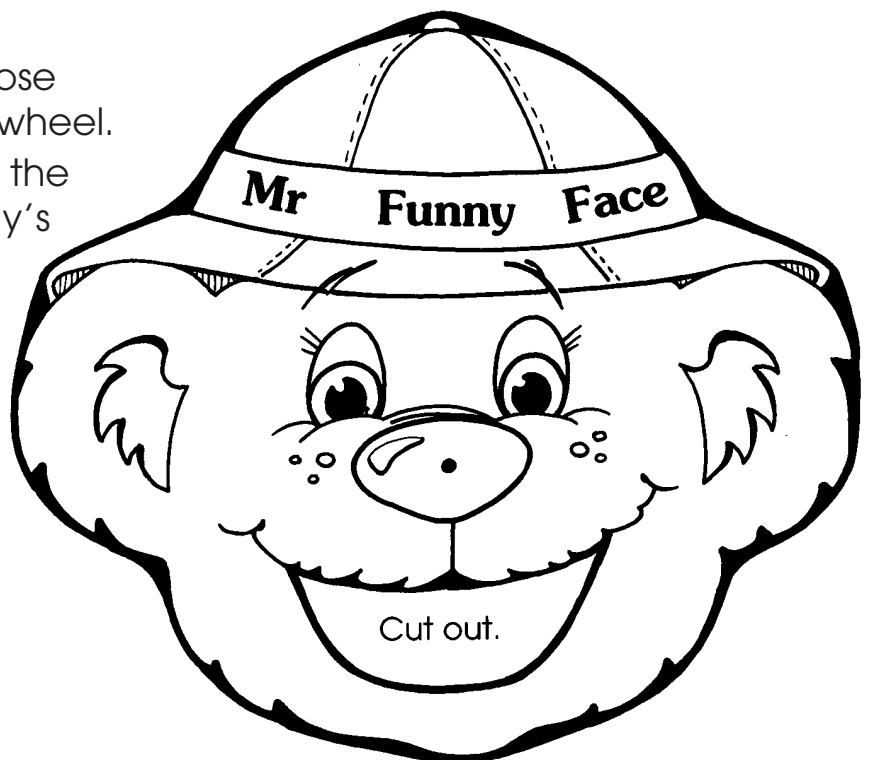
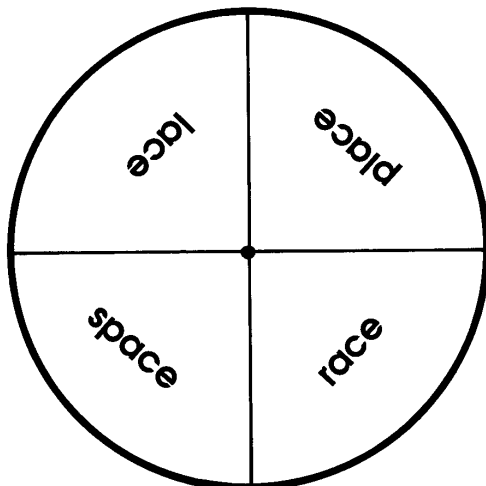
When Buddy left for school today, his mother told him to wear his raincoat and boots and to bring his umbrella, but Buddy didn't listen.

1. Colour five raindrops red.
2. Draw an umbrella in Buddy's paw.
3. Colour the puddles blue.
4. Colour the rest of the raindrops blue.
5. Draw yellow boots on Buddy's feet.
6. Buddy is all wet. Draw a yellow raincoat on him.
7. Draw a yellow sun in the top left corner so that maybe the rain will stop.
8. Count the number of puddles. Write that number on Buddy's other paw.
9. To cheer Buddy up, draw a rainbow with lots of colours behind him.
10. Colour Buddy brown.



Mr Funny Face

1. Colour and cut out Mr Funny Face, his mouth and the wheel.
2. Put a pin through his nose and the centre of the wheel.
3. Turn the wheel to read the rhyming words in Buddy's mouth.

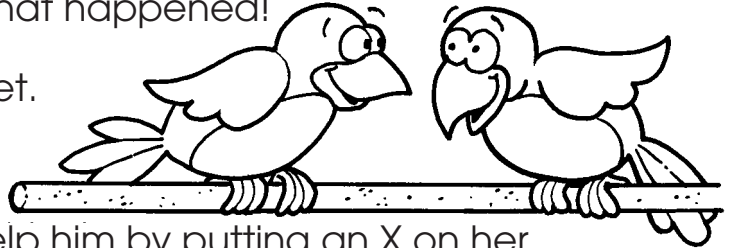




Buddy's Pet Bird

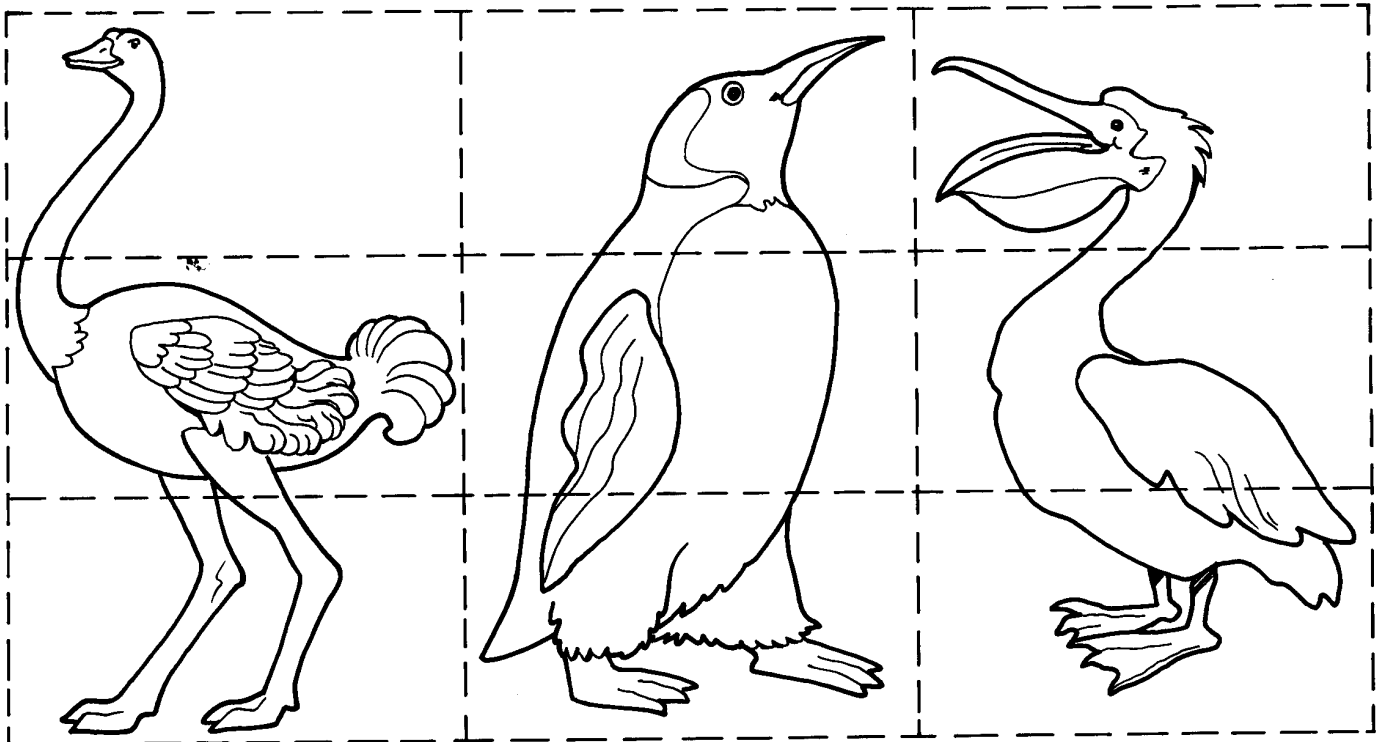
Buddy has a pet bird named Bernice. Buddy's mum says to remember to keep the cage door closed or Bernice will fly out. Worse yet, Clancy Cat may try to catch the bird. Guess what happened!

1. Draw three balls by Buddy's feet.
2. Colour Buddy's shirt yellow.
3. Colour Clancy orange.
4. Buddy cannot find Bernice. Help him by putting an X on her.
5. Buddy is sad about losing Bernice. Colour his shorts blue.
6. Clancy is hiding! Colour the curtain orange so it's hard to see Clancy.
7. Colour Buddy brown.
8. Draw two balls under the birdcage. Colour one ball red and the other blue.
9. Colour the birdcage yellow and the table orange.
10. Draw a picture of your favourite kind of bird in the frame on the wall.



All About Birds

Cut out the nine boxes below. On a separate sheet of paper, place the boxes together in groups of three to make three different birds. Paste and colour each bird.





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