

A little color detective

Find one safe object in each color. Draw it in the matching space. Name its color together.

YOU WILL NEED · Crayons, paper, and three safe objects chosen by a grown-up.

Something pink

Something blue

Something yellow

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. Look carefully

2. Remember the porch

3. Find the bucket

A little moment together.

Choose one special place for a favorite toy. Put the toy away together, then describe where it belongs.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

Invent a search for a missing purple mitten. Who helps, and where do they look?

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...

My gentle listening walk

Listen with a grown-up. Draw a sound you hear in each box. It is fine if one sound fits more than one box.

YOU WILL NEED · Paper, a pencil, and a quiet place beside a grown-up.

A soft sound

A nearby sound

A faraway sound

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. Hear a sound

2. Stop and listen

3. Find the hen

A little moment together.

Take turns making a gentle clap, tap, or hum. Close your eyes only while sitting safely. Guess the sound, then switch roles.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

Imagine a tiny rustle outside the barn. What friendly animal might be making it?

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...

Count each apple once

Draw one mark in the first box, two in the second, and five in the third. Touch each mark once as you count.

YOU WILL NEED • Five large safe objects, a towel or mat, and a grown-up.

One object

Two objects

Five objects

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. One apple rolls

2. Count all five

3. Put them away

A little moment together.

Count five large toys. Spread them out, then move them closer together. Count again. The number stays five.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

Make up a story about five leaves. One blows onto a bench. How do your friends find all five?

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...

My turn, your turn

Draw yourself, your grown-up, and something you can take turns using. No names are needed.

YOU WILL NEED • A soft toy, two paper turn cards, and a grown-up.

My turn

Your turn

Something we share

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

TAKING TURNS • PUT THE STORY IN ORDER

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. Choose an order

2. Take one turn

3. Pass to a friend

A little moment together.

Pass a soft toy back and forth. Say “my turn” and “your turn.” A short turn makes it easier for everyone to practice waiting.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

Two friends want to use the same crayon. Draw a kind way for them to take turns.

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...

A trail of big and small

Draw around two shoes with a grown-up. Compare them side by side. Use the boxes for small sketches or notes.

YOU WILL NEED · Paper, crayons, and two different-sized shoes with a grown-up.

A smaller print

A bigger print

What is different?

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. Notice the tracks

2. Compare the sizes

3. Clean up together

A little moment together.

Choose two safe objects. Put them side by side. Talk about bigger and smaller without changing how far away they are.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

A pretend path has a tiny print and a huge print. Invent two friendly creatures who left them.

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...

Notice, check, and care

Observe the same plant on two days. Draw what you see. It is okay if the plant looks the same. Ask a grown-up before watering.

YOU WILL NEED • Paper, crayons, a plant to observe, and a grown-up.

Today

Tomorrow

What do you notice?

Enjoy with a grown-up. There is more than one wonderful way to draw.

First. Next. Last.

Draw each moment. Tell a grown-up how one moment leads to the next.

1. Notice the plant

2. Ask and check

3. Care, then wait

A little moment together.

Choose a small caring job with a grown-up. Ask what is needed before helping. Look again later and talk about what changed.

Draw what you tried

What did you notice? A grown-up can write your words.

Your imagination belongs here.

Invent a story about helping a tiny seed grow. Show what happens first and much later.

Our story begins...

Then something happens...

Our happy ending...