

Rainbows & Stars

Rhymes & Resources

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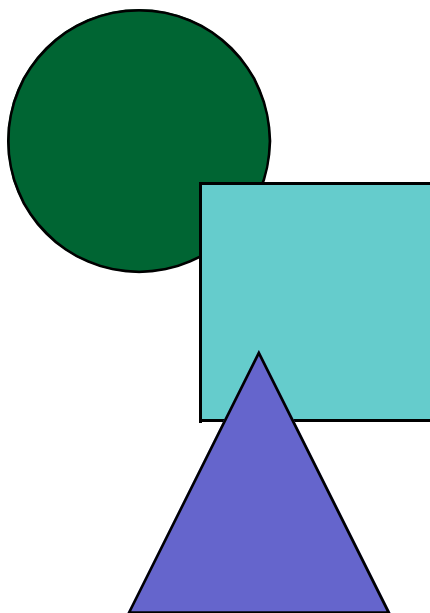


The Shape Song

(Stetson/ Little Hands Fingerplays & Action Songs)
Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Put your circle in the air,
Hold it high and keep it there.
Put your square behind your back
Now please hold it in your lap.
Put your triangle on your toes,
Now please hold it on your nose.
Hold your circle in your hand.
Now it's time for you to stand.
Wave your triangle at the door.
Now please put it on the floor.
Hold your square and jump, jump, jump.
Now throw your square up, up, up!

Give the children different shapes to use with the song.



Jessie Wore Her Blue Dress

(McKinnon/ Busy Bees Summer)
Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

Oh, Jessie wore her blue dress, her blue dress, her blue dress.
Oh, Jessie wore her blue dress to school today.
Her blue dress, her blue dress, her blue dress, her blue dress.
Oh, Jessie wore her blue dress to school today.

*Sing the song for each child naming the different color
and the different item of clothing he/she is wearing.*



Stand Up for Yellow

(McKinnon/ Busy Bees Summer)
Tune: "London Bridge"

Kevin has a yellow shirt,
Yellow shirt, yellow shirt.
Kevin has a yellow shirt,
Stand up Kevin.

*Repeat for each child, substituting
the name of the child, the color,
and the item of clothing.*

If You Are Wearing Black

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Fall*, adapted by Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)

Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you are wearing black, pat your back.

If you are wearing black, pat your back.

If you are wearing black, then please pat your back.

If you are wearing black, pat your back.

If you are wearing red, touch your head.

If you are wearing red, touch your head.

If you are wearing red, then please touch your head.

If you are wearing red, touch your head.

If you are wearing blue, touch your shoe.

If you are wearing blue, touch your shoe.

If you are wearing blue, then please touch your shoe.

If you are wearing blue, touch your shoe.

If you are wearing yellow, shake like Jello.

If you are wearing yellow, shake like Jello.

If you are wearing yellow, then please shake like Jello.

If you are wearing yellow, shake like Jello.

If you are wearing brown, turn around.

If you are wearing brown, turn around.

If you are wearing brown, then please turn around.

If you are wearing brown, turn around.

If you are wearing white, show your might.

If you are wearing white, show your might.

If you are wearing white, then please show your might.

If you are wearing white, show your might.

If you are wearing pink, give a wink.

If you are wearing pink, give a wink.

If you are wearing pink, then please give a wink.

If you are wearing pink, give a wink.



The Guessing Game

(Patti's Preschool Resources)
Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

My friend has a green shirt on,
Green shirt on, green shirt on.
My friend has a green shirt on.
Can you name my friend?

Pick another friend with another shirt, pants, etc.



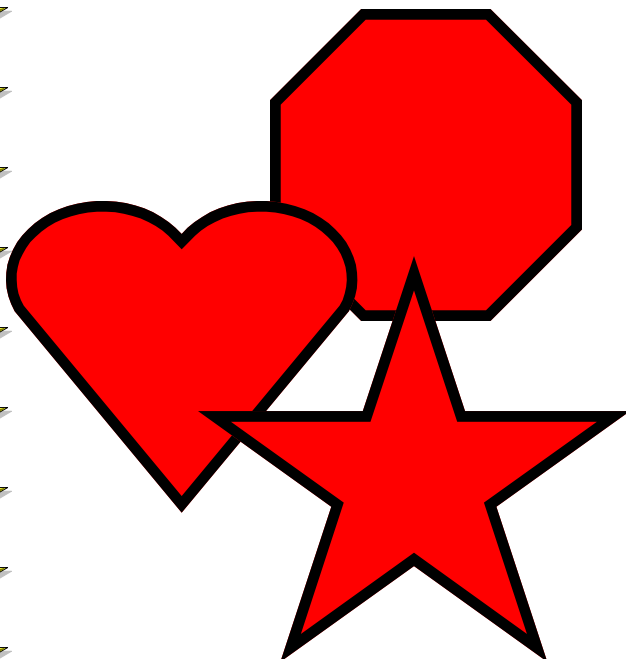
Find the Color

(Silberg/ 300 Three Minute Games)

Many colors, many hues
Which bright color shall I choose?
I choose red!

Many colors, many hues
Which bright color shall I choose?
I choose blue!

*Look around and find things that are
different colors. Say the rhyme, and have
the child touch things that are that color.*



Color/Shape Song

(Warren/ More Piggyback Songs)
Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Put your red shape in the air.
Hold it high and leave it there.
Put your red shape on your back.
Now please lay it in your lap.
Wave your red shape at the door.
Now please lay it on the floor.
Hold you red shape and jump, jump, jump.
Throw your red shape way, way up.

Repeat with different colors.

The Wheels of a Bus

(Brennan/ *Treasured Time with Your Toddler*)
Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"

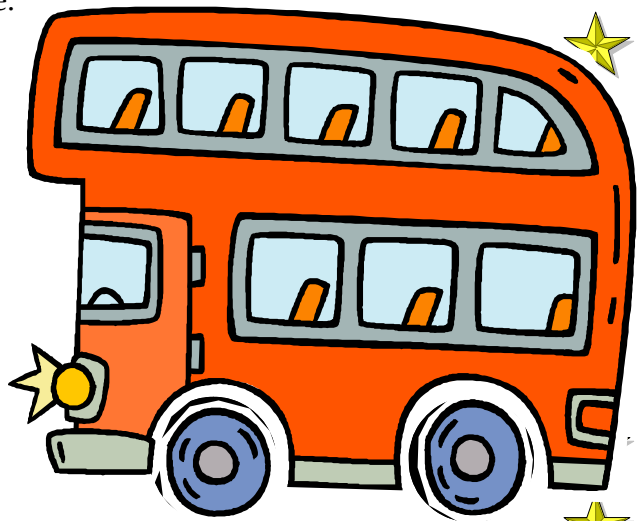
The wheels of a bus are round, round, round,
Round, round, round, round, round, round.
The wheels of a bus are round, round, round.
Wheels are round.

The windows of a bus are square, square, square.
Square, square, square, square, square, square,
The windows of a bus are square, square, square.
Windows are square.

The keys of a bus are triangles,
Triangles, triangles.
The keys of a bus are triangles.
Keys are triangles.

The seats of a bus are rectangles,
Rectangles, rectangles,
The seats of a bus are rectangles.
Seats are rectangles.

*Give the children these shapes to hold up during
the appropriate portion of the song.*



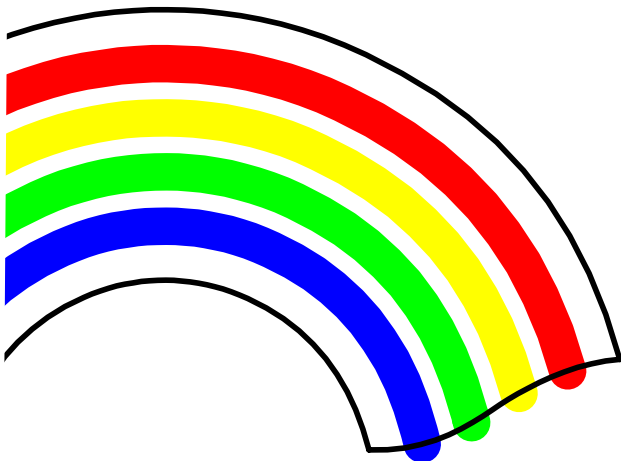
Rainbow Colors

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Spring*)

Rainbow purple,
Rainbow blue,
Rainbow green,
And yellow, too.
Rainbow orange,
Rainbow red.
Rainbow smiling
Overhead.

Come and count the colors with me.
How many colors can you see?
One, two three, up to green.
Four, five, six colors can be seen.

*Use a flannel board with different arcs of color
that fit together to form a rainbow.*



Our Shapes

(Warren/ *The Best of Totline*)

Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

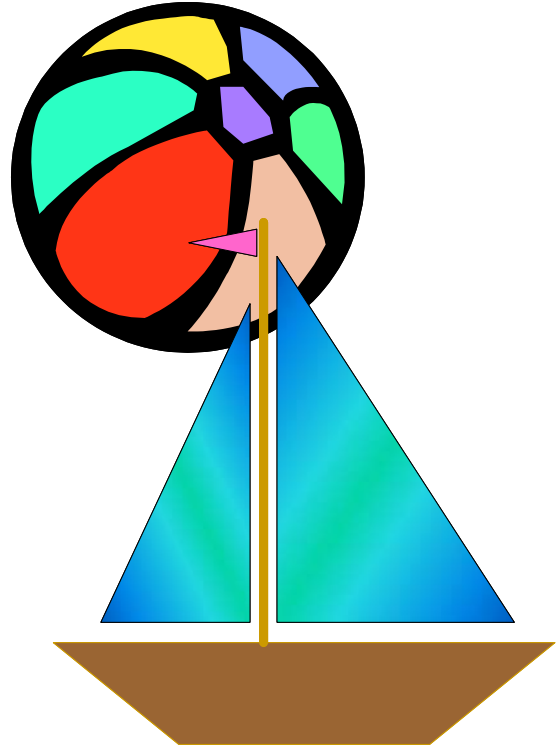
Did you ever see a circle, a circle, a circle?
Did you ever see a circle?
It looks like a ball.

Did you ever see a rectangle,
Rectangle, rectangle?
Did you ever see a rectangle?
It looks like a door.

Did you ever see a triangle,
Triangle, triangle?
Did you ever see a triangle?
It looks like a sail.

Did you ever see a square,
A square, a square?
Did you ever see a square?
It looks like a box.

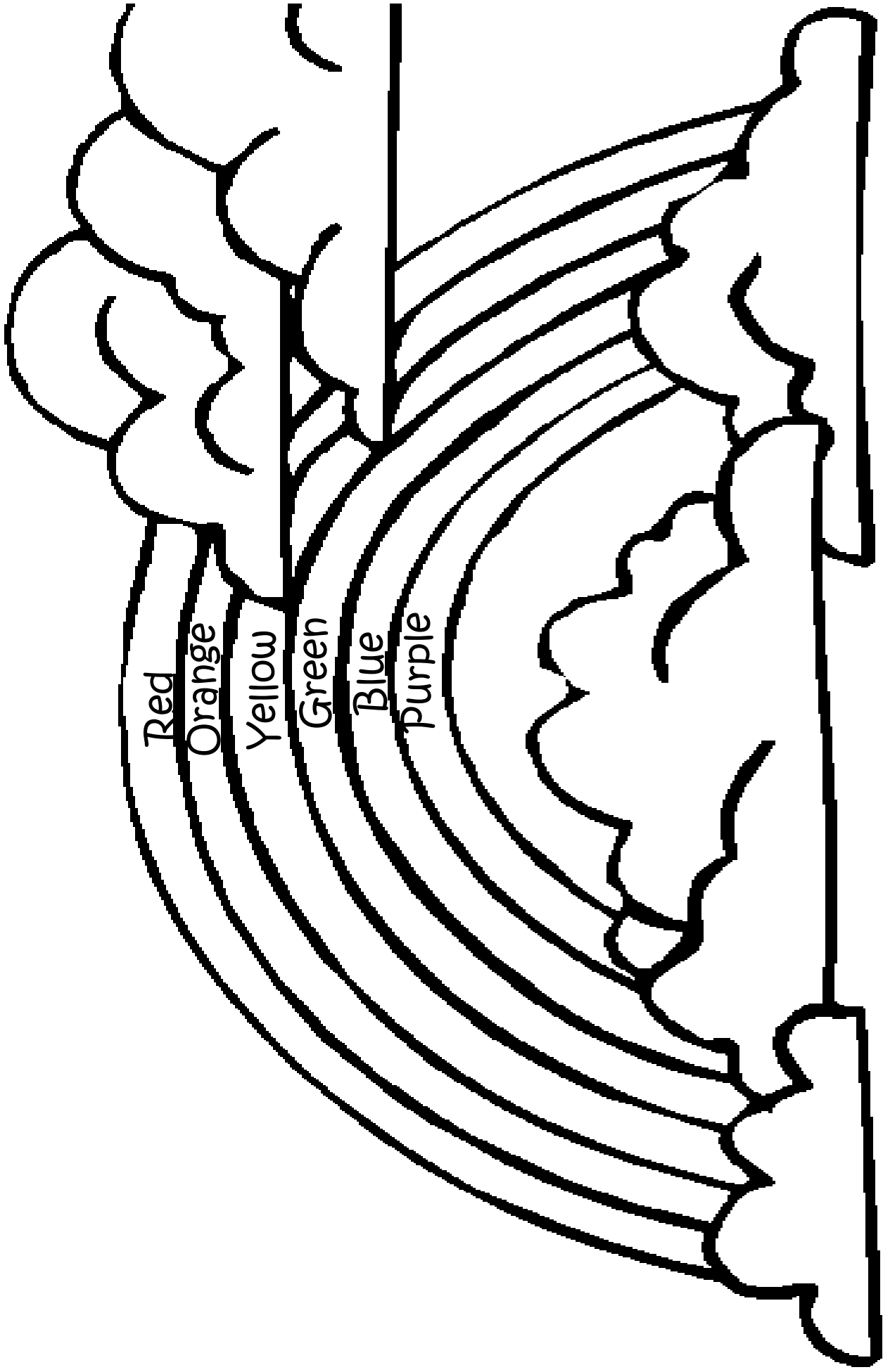
*Make the different shapes: plain on one side and
with a picture of that shaped object on the other.
Use the appropriate shape for each verse,
beginning with the plain side and ending with
the picture of the object that shape.*



White Things

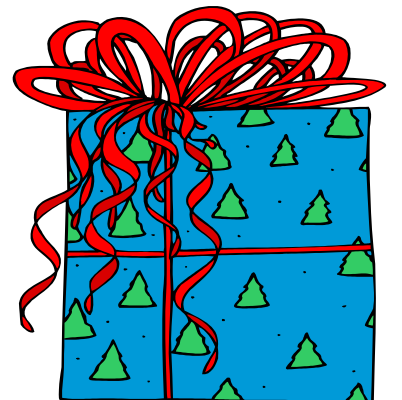
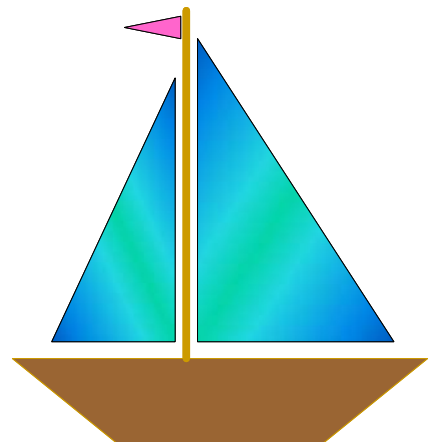
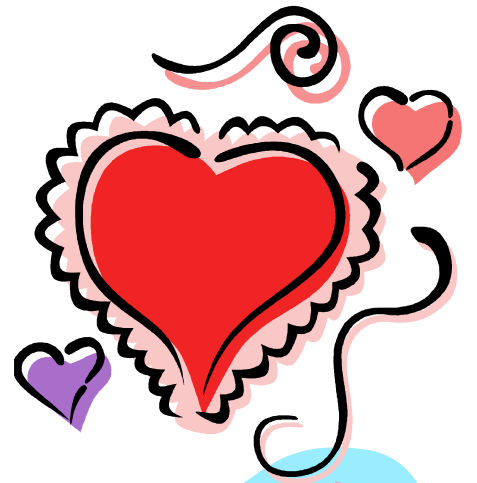
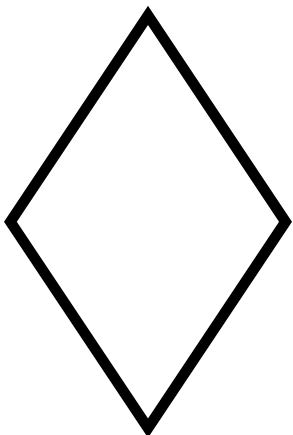
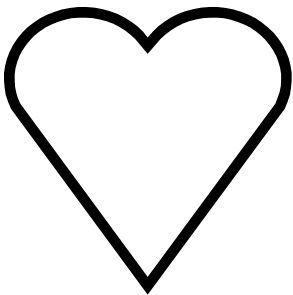
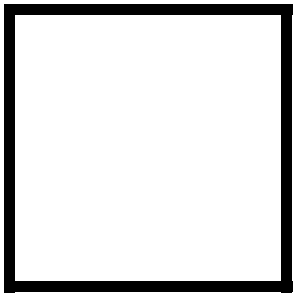
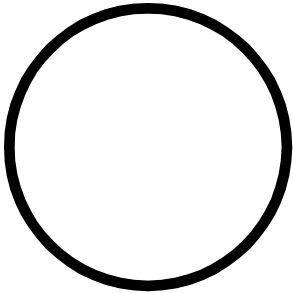
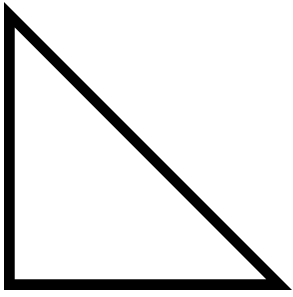
(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Winter*)

Clouds, milk,
And cotton,
Snow, and teeth
So bright.
How are these
Things the same?
They all are
Colored white.



Use the word clues to color the rainbow.

Match the Shapes

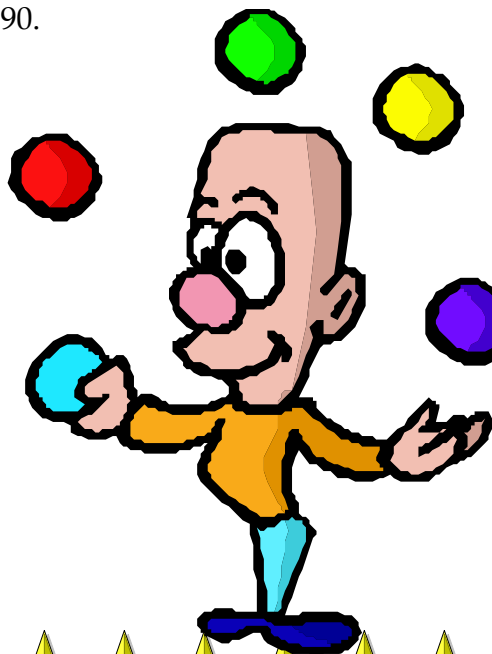


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Puzzles, & Music

- 25 Fun Learning Songs CD (Kim Thompson)
- Colors & Themes CD
- Piggyback Songs CD
- Shapes Puzzle (9 pieces)





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Story Totes

Animals for All Seasons [seasons & different animals]

"B" Is for Building [building & construction machines]

Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]

Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]

Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]

Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]

Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]

Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]

Fabulous Food [food and eating]

Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]

Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]

Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]

Monster Mania [monsters]

Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]

Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]

Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]

Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]

Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]

Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]

Trips Around Town [places to visit]

Wacky Weather [all types of weather]

Wonderful World of Wheels [transportation]

Zoo-rific [zoos & zoo animals]

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