

A FREE RESOURCE PACK FROM EDMENTUM

Back to School

PreK - 6th

Grade
Range

Back to School Elementary Teaching Resources

What Does This Pack Include?

This pack has been created by teachers, for teachers. In it you'll find high quality teaching resources to support your students during their back to school period.

To go directly to the content, simply click on the title in the index below:

FACT SHEETS:			
Pre-K – Grade 2	Pre-K – Grade 2	Grades 3-6	Grades 3-6
Discuss the many new things your students will learn during the year.	Discover other countries school traditions, including France, Japan and Australia.	Discuss what students might learn during the year and how our senses help us take in new information.	Discover how school traditions differ in different countries.

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS:			
Pre-K – Grade 2	Pre-K – Grade 2	Grades 3-6	Grades 3-6
Discuss what students put in their backpacks for school.	What are your students' favourite things about the first day of school?	Discuss why school buses are painted yellow.	Ask students what their best study tips are for setting up a studying area at home.

ACTIVITY SHEETS AND ANSWERS:			
Pre-K – Grade 2	Grades 3-6		
Students are to circle the items that should stay in Sten's backpack ready for school.	Ask students to list five study tips and write a paragraph explaining how to study for a test.		

PROFILE:			
Student Profile			
Encourage students to create an 'About You' profile.			

POSTERS:			
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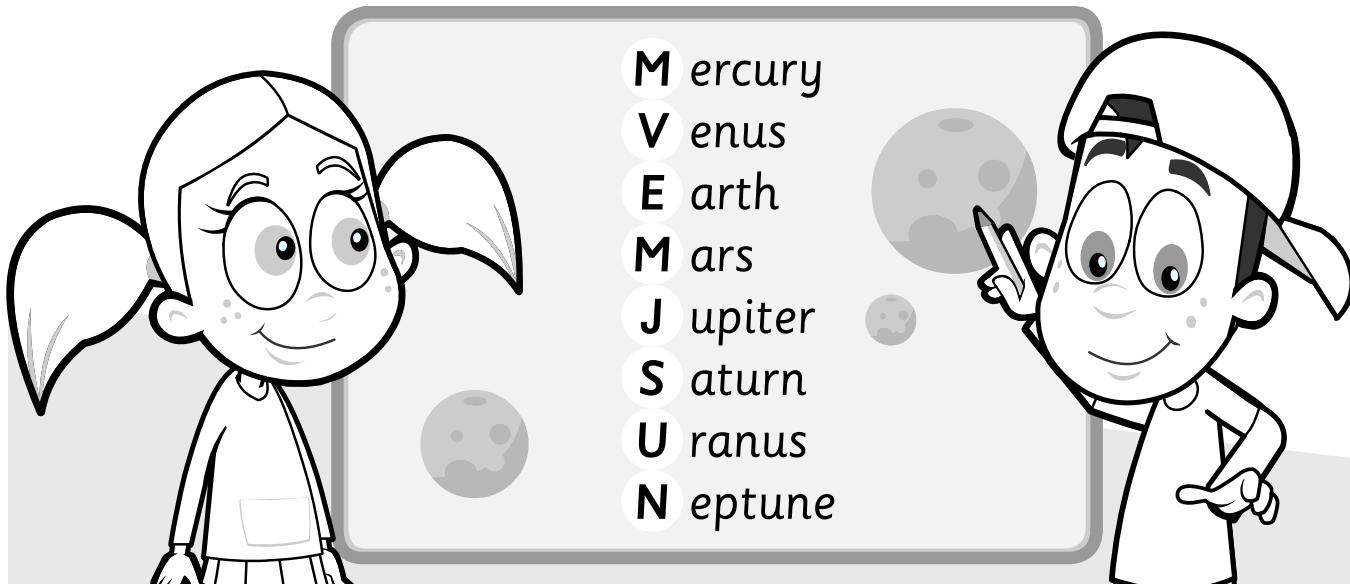
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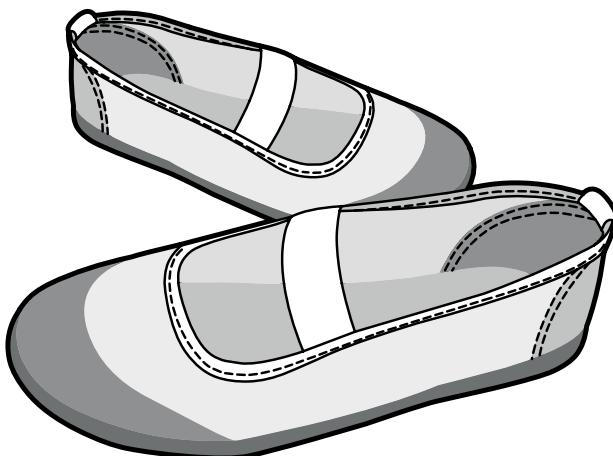
It is time to go back to school! You will learn many new things this year.

- There are many ways to learn new things. You can read, write, and even move. Try practicing different ways to see which works best for you.
- If you are stuck on a math problem, take a break and shoot some hoops for awhile, then try solving the problem again. When you exercise, your body makes a chemical that helps you learn better.
- Practice really does help. The more times you do something, the more you remember. Practice your math facts every night to help you memorize them.
- Make sure you get enough sleep. Your brain stores things in your memory and makes connections while you sleep.
- Does your teacher use different colors on her posters? Does she ever have you highlight text? That is because your brain remembers words written in colors such as red, orange, and yellow better than print written in plain black.
- Some foods such as blueberries and strawberries can help improve your memory.
- Your brain looks for patterns and connections. You can make up a story to help you remember things. For example, to remember the order of the planets (**M**ercury, **V**enus, **E**arth, **M**ars, **J**upiter, **S**aturn, **U**ranus, and **N**eptune), you could say **M**y **V**ery **E**ducated **M**other **J**ust **S**erved **U**s **N**achos.

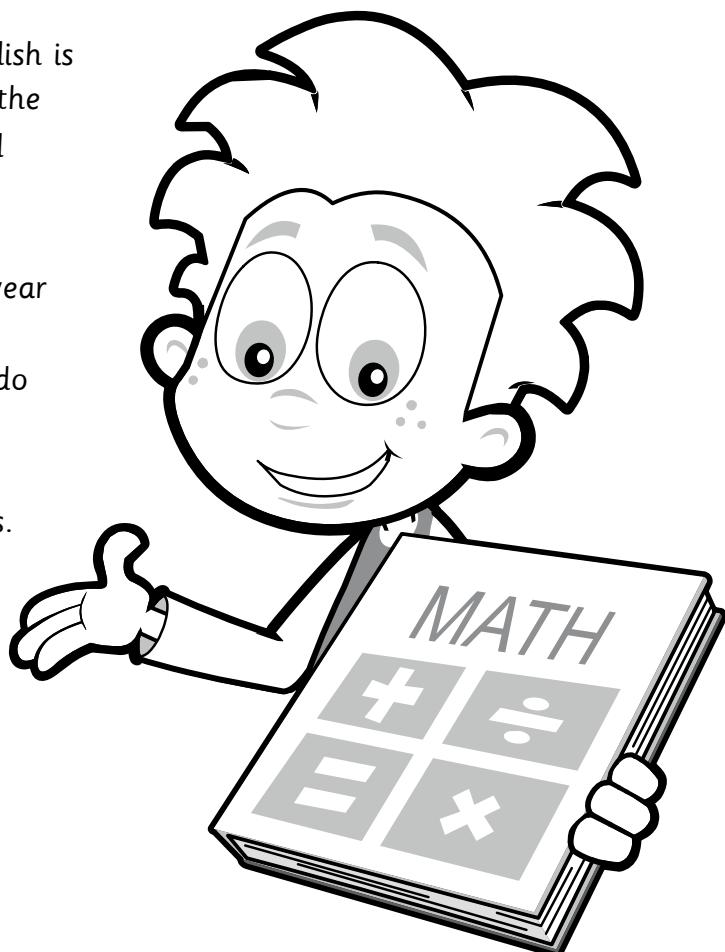




- In Finland, children get about 75 minutes of recess per day. Children in the United States, get about 27 minutes. Most children in South Korea don't get any recess.
- In France, school lunch is a time for learning about healthy eating. Children get a salad, bread, the main course, cheese, and dessert. They get water to drink.
- In Japan, children wear special shoes inside the school. They are called uwabaki.
- In many Australian schools, there is a "no hat, no play" rule. Children have to wear hats that protect them from the sun in order to play outside.
- In most schools across the world, English is the most-taught second language. In the United States, the most-taught second language is Spanish.
- Children in China, Japan, and India wear a school uniform. In France, Spain, and the United States, most children do not have to wear uniforms.
- Japan does not have any school buses. In the United States, all school buses are painted National School Bus Glossy Yellow.



Uwabaki





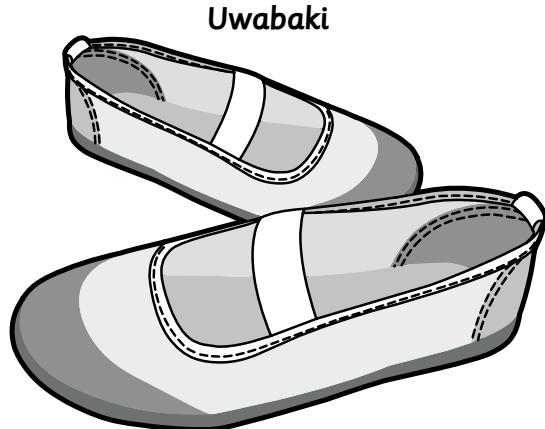
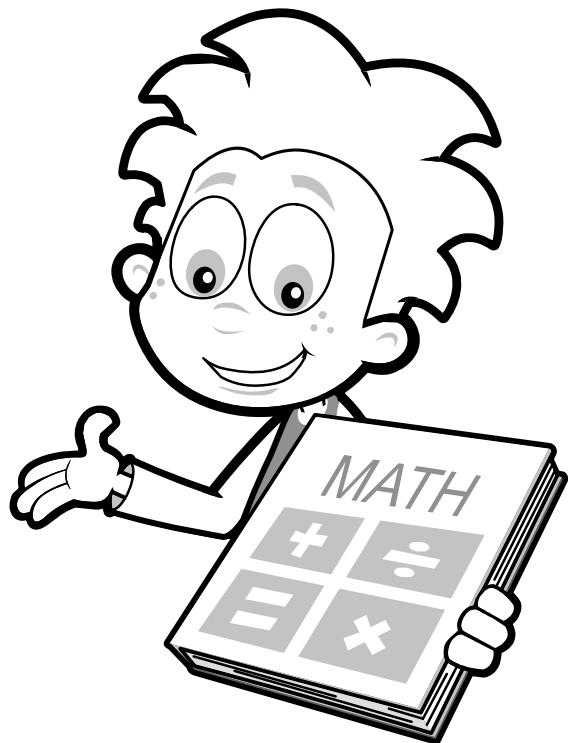
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- We learn by taking in information from our senses. When you see, hear, smell, taste, and feel things, that information goes to your brain.
- Your brain only weighs about 3 pounds, but it has a big job.
- The brain receives lots of information. It sends lots of messages too. It sends more messages than all the phones in the world do every day.
- Your brain remembers important things. Some things are remembered only a short time, like the time that you see on a clock. Others are remembered for a long time, like a story your teacher tells. Your brain tends to save things in long term memory that are creative, useful, or emotional.
- The brain makes pathways so information can be easily recalled. The more times you do something, like ride your bike or practice math flash cards, the stronger the pathways become.
- Some people have a photographic memory. They can remember an entire page or more of a text or the order of all the cards in a deck after only seeing them once.
- Did you know moving can help you learn more? When you exercise, your brain releases chemicals that help you learn.





- In Finland, elementary students get an average of 75 minutes of recess per day. In the United States, the average is 27 minutes. Most children in South Korea don't get any recess time for play.
- In France, school lunch is a time for learning about healthy eating. Lunch includes four courses: salad, the main course, cheese, and dessert. Children also get fresh bread and water with their meals.
- Russian elementary students attend school for about 470 hours per year. In the United States, the average is 943 hours. In Chile, it is 1007 hours.
- In Japan, students take off their outdoor shoes and put them into a locker when they enter the school building. Then they put on their indoor shoes, called uwabaki. Uwabaki are light shoes with flexible soles. Because they are worn only indoors, the soles stay clean, which means less vacuuming or sweeping to keep the floors clean.
- In many Australian schools, there is a “no hat, no play” rule. Because the climate is so harsh, students must wear hats that protect them from the sun in order to play outside.
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I am so excited to go back to school!
I am getting my backpack ready.
What do you put in your backpack?



You can put notebooks, pencils, crayons, lunch, phone, calculators, and highlighters in your backpack.



How do the things in your backpack help you learn?

Critical Thinking Question





**What's your favorite thing about
the first day of school?**

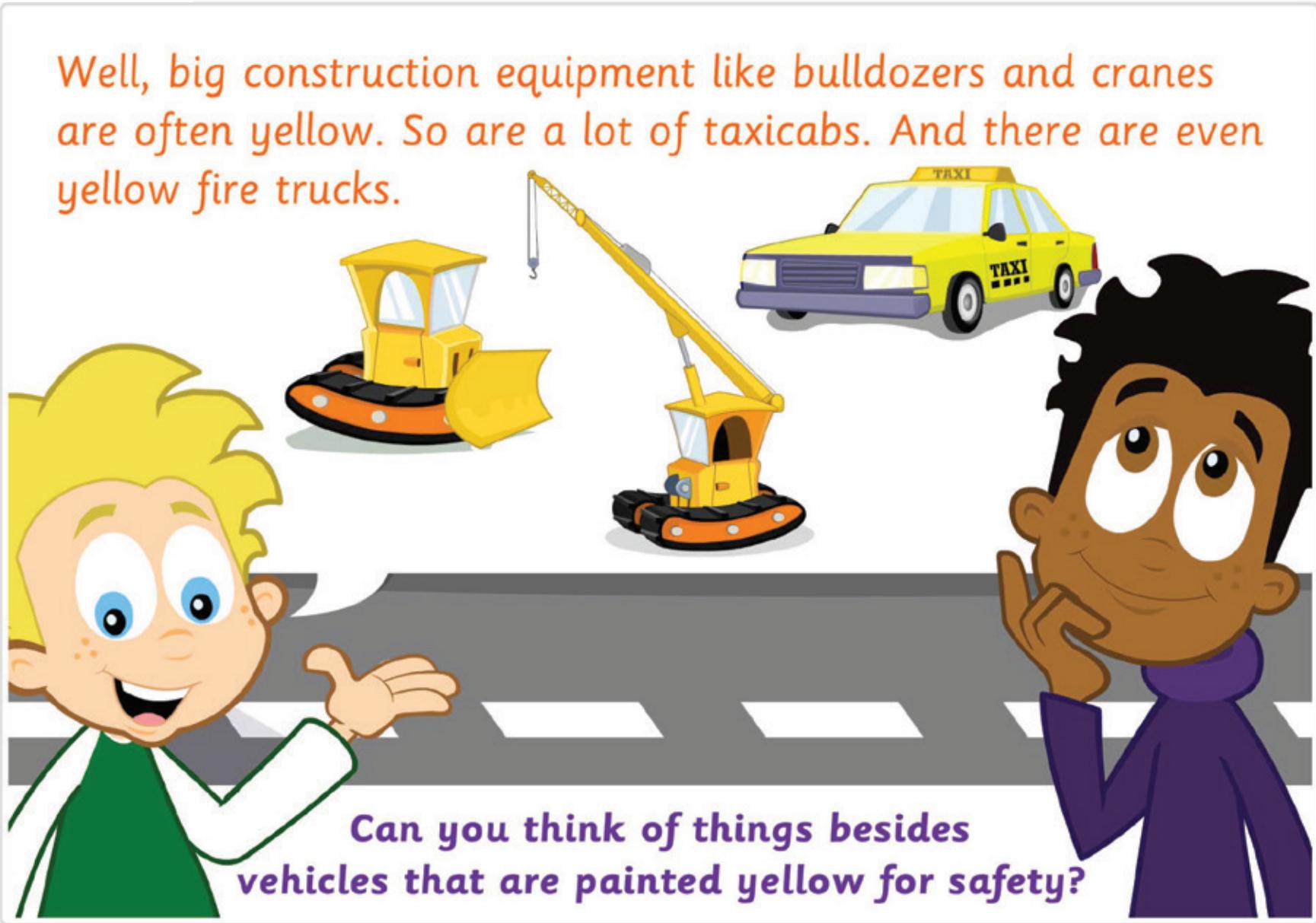
Hey, Manu, I've always wondered why all school buses are yellow. Do you know?



I just read something about that. Experts say that yellow gets your attention faster than any other color. That means a bus painted yellow is safer to ride in than one painted any other color.

Can you think of other vehicles that are painted yellow for safety?

Well, big construction equipment like bulldozers and cranes are often yellow. So are a lot of taxicabs. And there are even yellow fire trucks.



Can you think of things besides vehicles that are painted yellow for safety?

I am so excited to go back to school! I want to do my best in all my subjects. I'm going to set up a study area at home. What should I include?



A lamp, pencils, paper, and a calculator are good things to have in a study area.



What are your best study tips?



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Activity Sheet

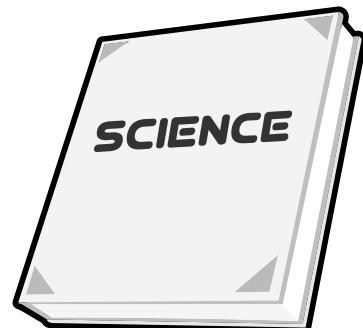
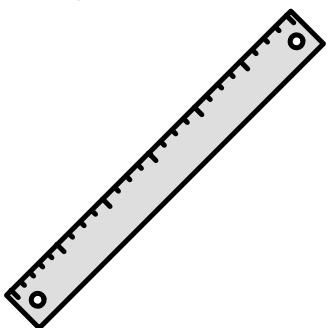
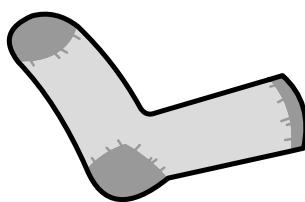
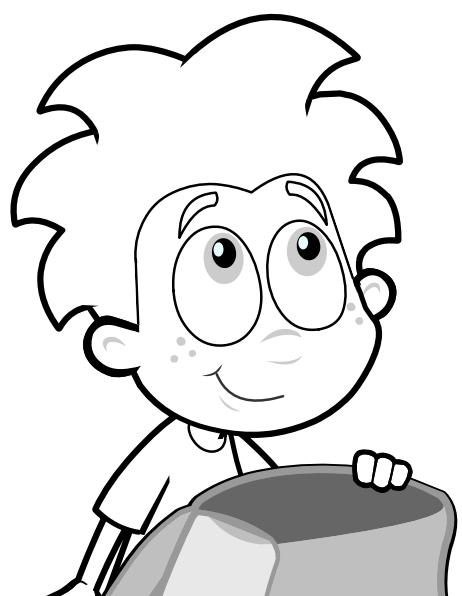
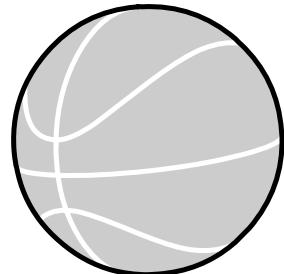
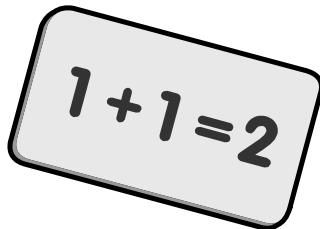
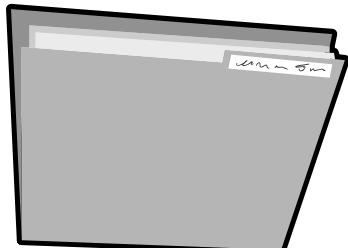
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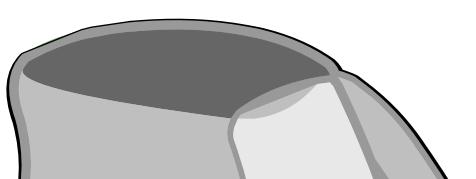
Sten is cleaning out his backpack to get ready for school.

Circle the things that should stay in the backpack.

X the things he should take out.



Draw a picture of what you put in your school backpack.





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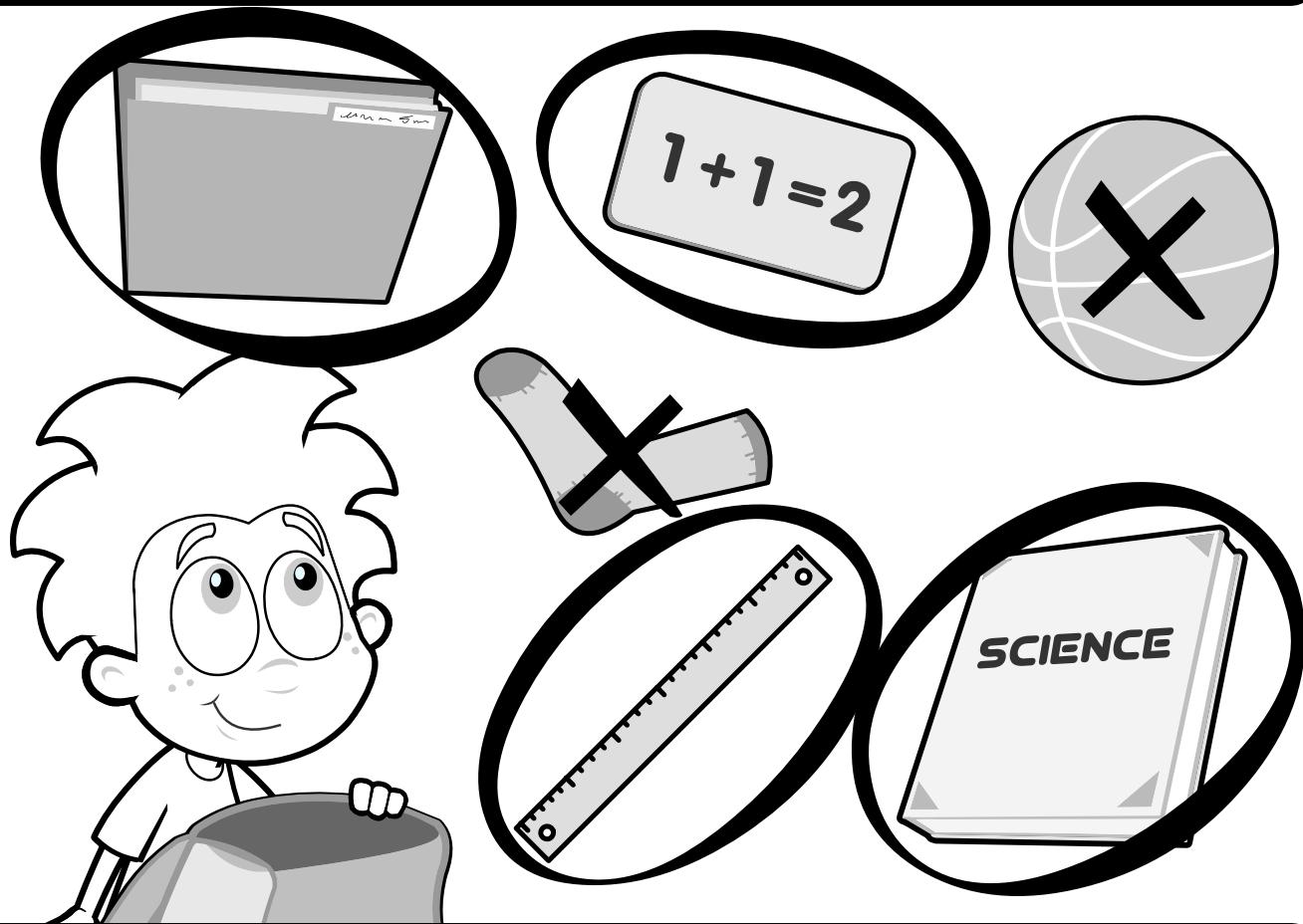
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Accept all reasonable responses



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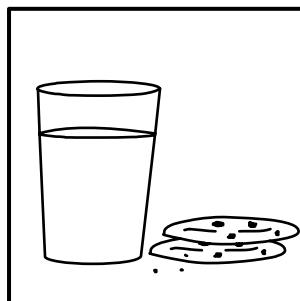
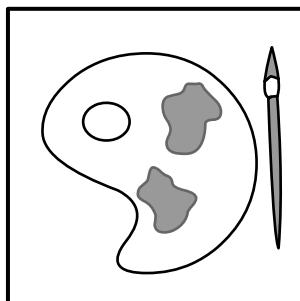
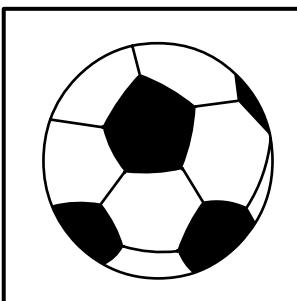
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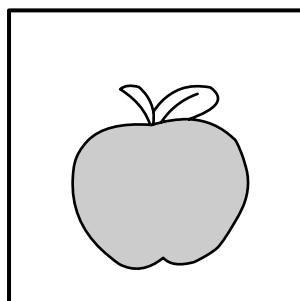
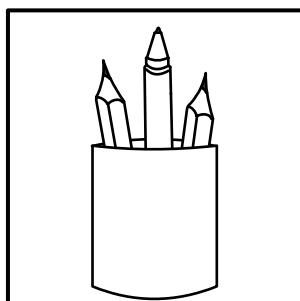
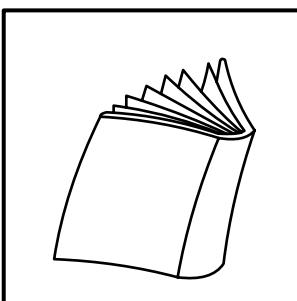
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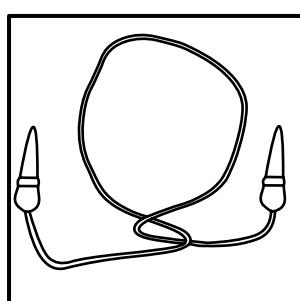
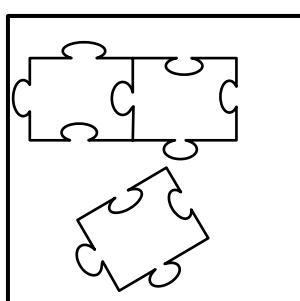
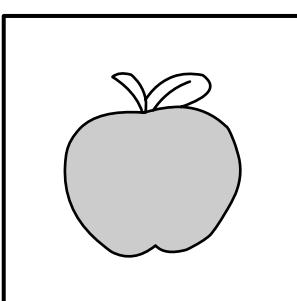
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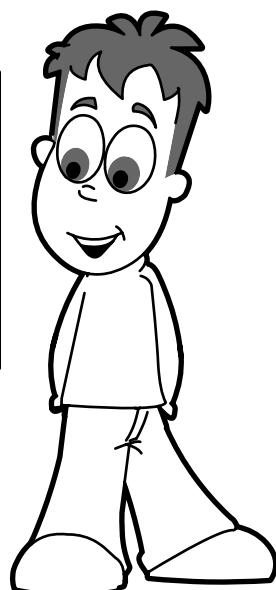
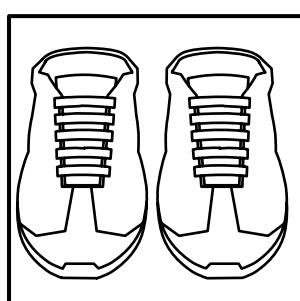
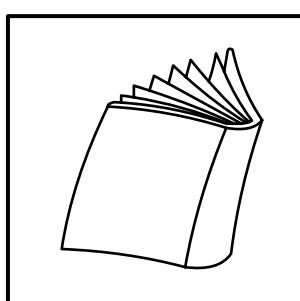
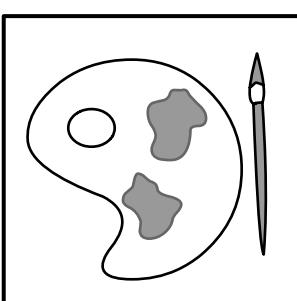
- 2 It's story time, what do the children need?



- 3 It's snack time, what do the children need?



- 4 It's time for PE, what do the children need?



On the back of the sheet, draw a picture of your favourite time at school.



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Name: _____

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Class: _____

List five study tips.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Write a paragraph explaining to a younger student how to study for a test.





Name: _____

Class: _____

List five study tips.

- make flash cards

Suggested answers

- highlight important information

- ask yourself questions

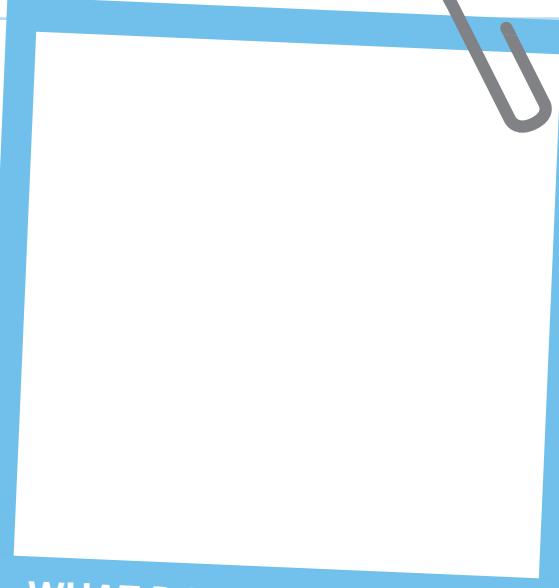
- make diagrams

- summarize what you know

Write a paragraph explaining to a younger student how to study for a test.

It is important to study for a test. First, make sure you know what is covered on the test. Then, read your notes or the text. Highlight any important words. Divide the notes or text into sections. Write a question about each section and use that to quiz yourself. Take breaks and move a little. Study a little each night instead of trying to study everything the night before. These tips will help you be successful on the test.

Accept all reasonable responses



WHAT DO YOU LOOK LIKE?
(Draw a picture of yourself.)

Name:

Surname:

Age:

Class:

What is your favourite subject?

What is your favourite colour?

What is your favourite animal?

What is your favourite food?

What is your favourite thing to do?

What is the most exciting thing that happened over the holidays?

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