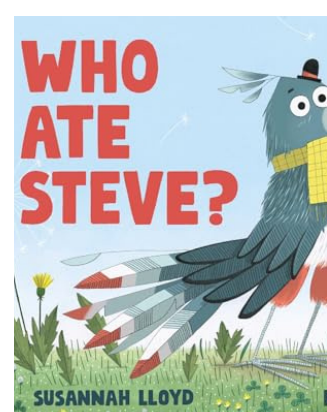
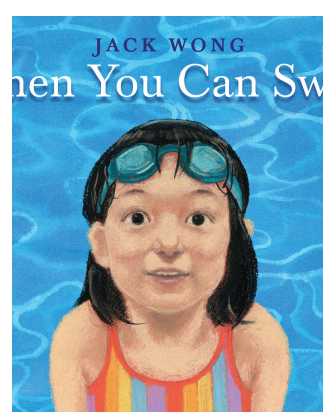
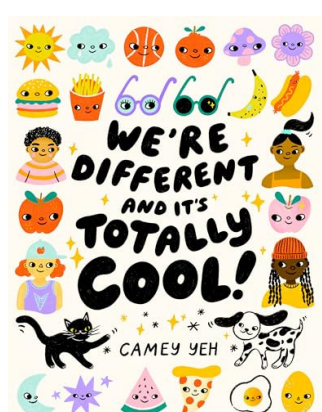
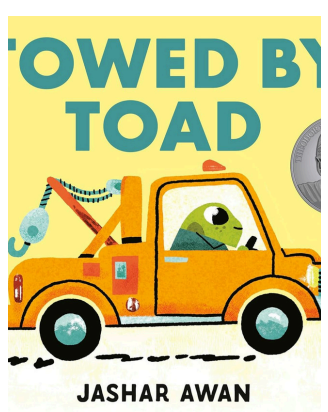
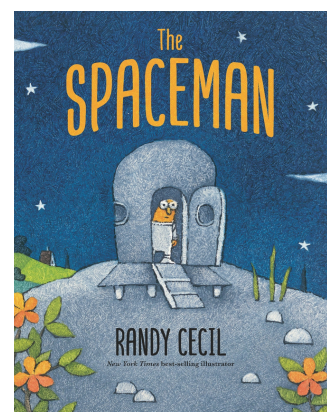
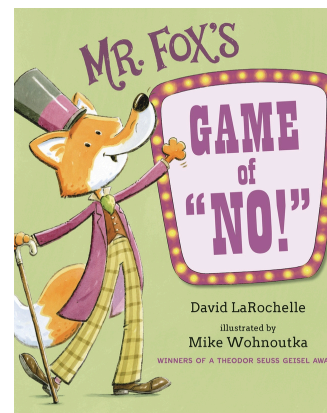
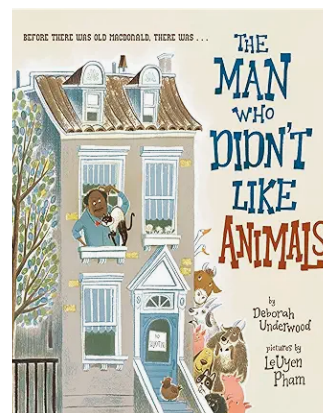
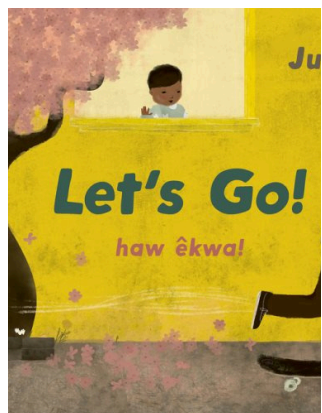
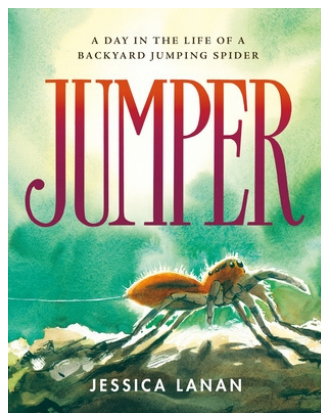
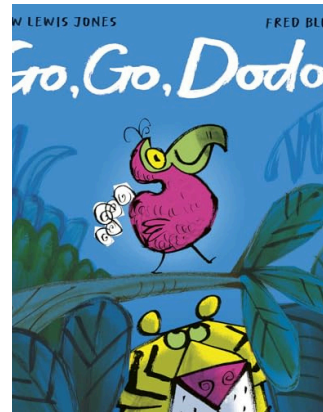
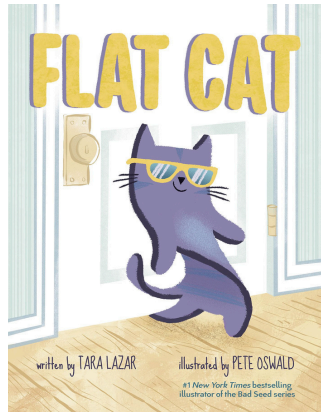
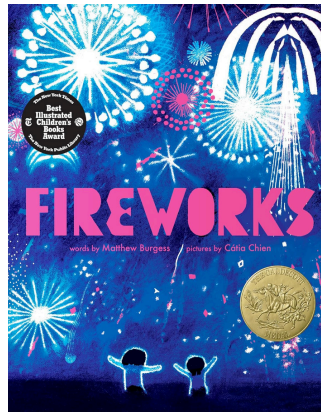
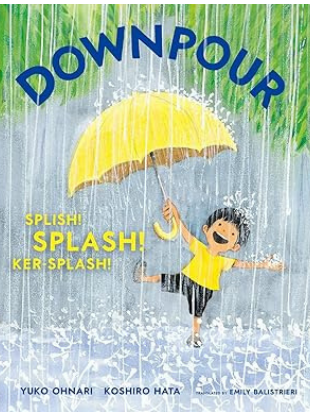
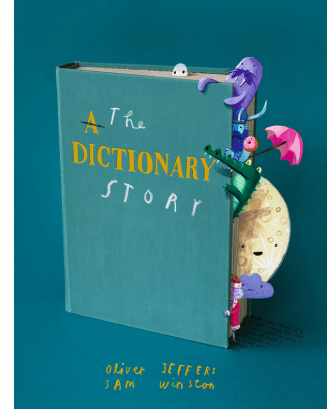
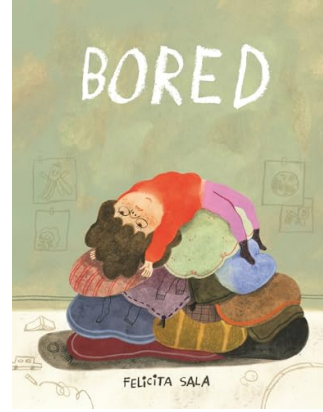
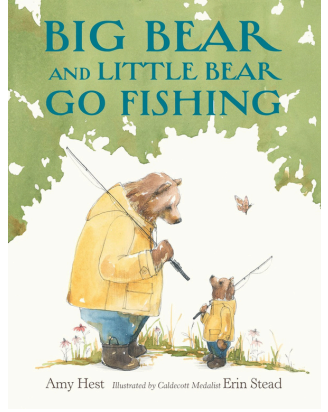
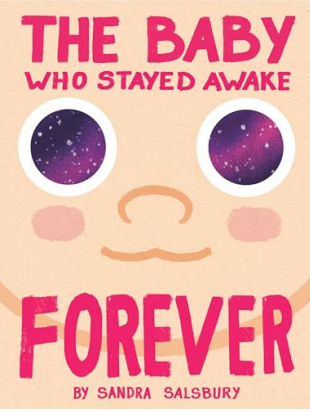
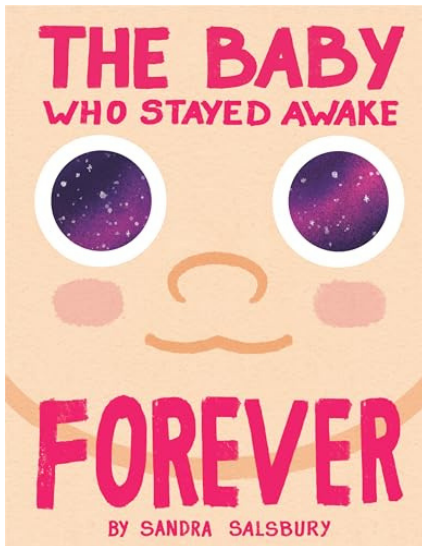


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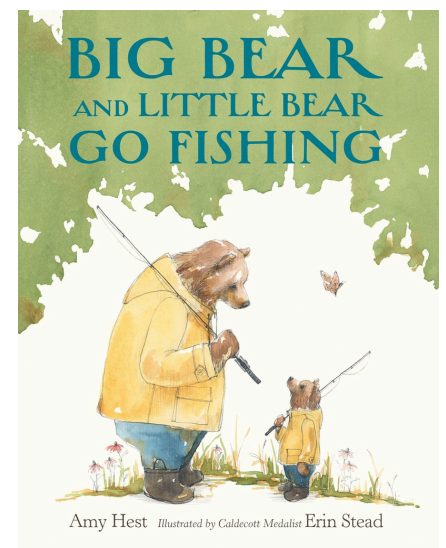


The Baby Who Stayed Awake Forever by Sandra Salsbury

They tried lullabies, they tried cuddles, they tried soothing words. But now it's 3 a.m. and the baby has achieved a new level of consciousness. Throwing binkies, climbing the crib... Is this baby going to stay awake forever?!? (Even the neighbor would like to know.)

Big Bear and Little Bear Go Fishing by Amy Hest, illustrated by Erin Stead

*One day Big Bear says to Little Bear,
I'm just in the mood for fishing.
Me, too, says Little Bear. Just in the mood.*

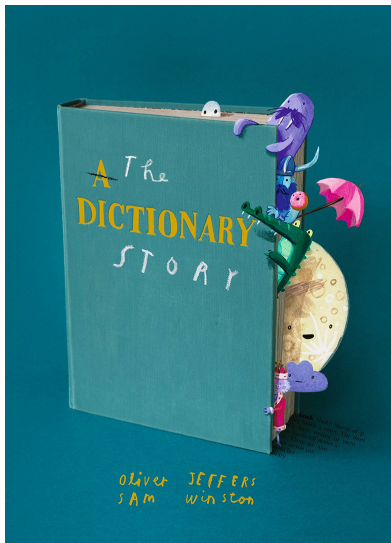
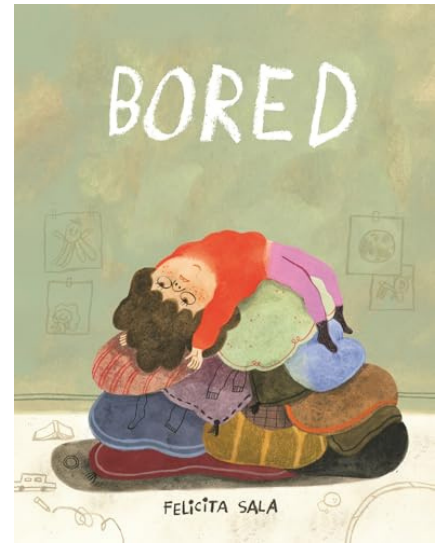


Big Family Beach Day by Nina Crews

Every summer, Maya goes to the beach with her mom, grandma, aunts, uncles, and cousins. There are a lot of them. It's a big family beach day! Full of sand, sun, splashing, sandwiches, swimming, and (of course) sunblock, Maya loves every moment of it.

Bored by Felicita Sala

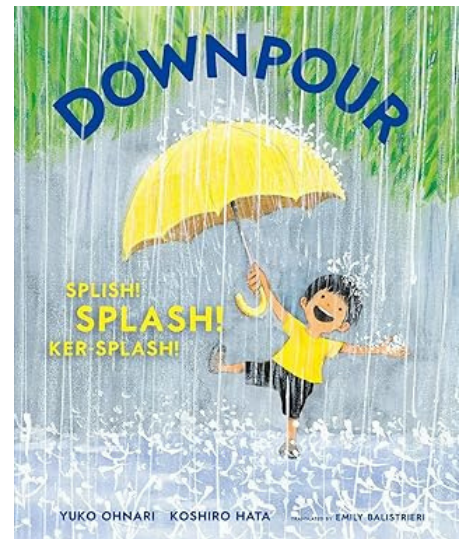
Rita is bored. So, so, so bored. In her tragic and weakened state, her mind drifts to the beginning of a daydream. What if all the bored people in the world gathered together and got onto a bus? What if the boredom filled them up like balloons, with tiny heads and arms sticking out?

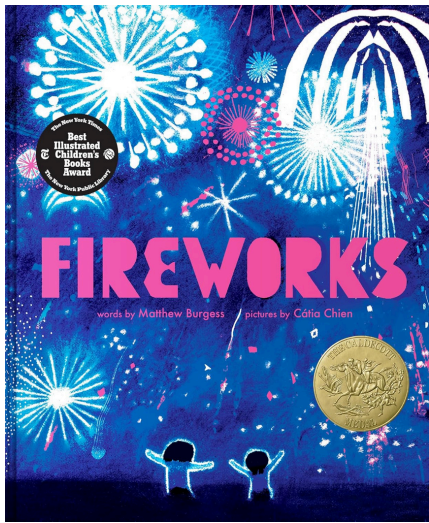


The Dictionary Story by Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston
Dictionary wishes she could tell a story like other books. So one day, she decides to bring her words to life. How exciting it is to finally have an adventure on her very own pages! But what will she do when her characters collide and everything gets all in a jumble, causing the most enormous tantrum to explode? This isn't what she wanted at all!

Downpour: Splish! Splash! Ker-Splash! by Yuko Ohnari, illustrated by Koshiro Hata

A boy looks up at the sky and smells the air as the first raindrops hit the ground. He listens as it begins to pour, observing all the symphony of sound this welcome downpour makes.



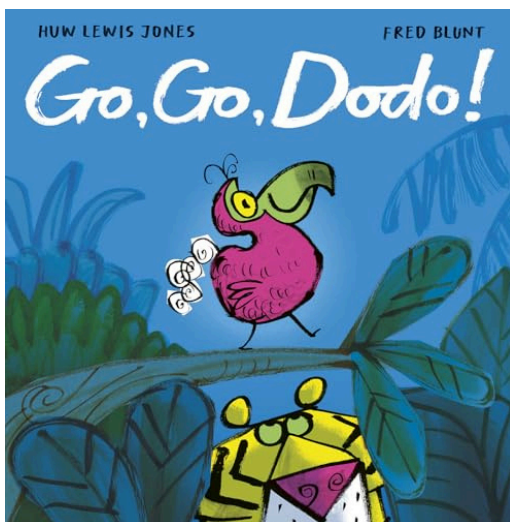
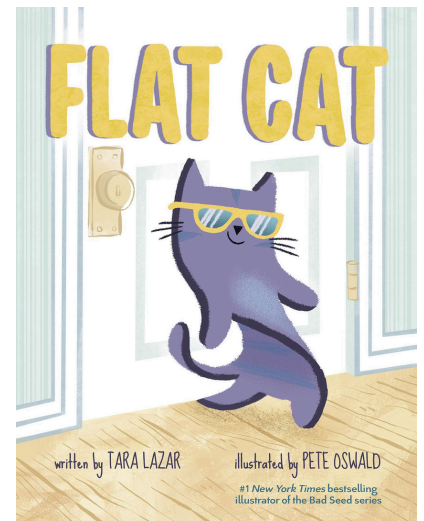


Fireworks by Matthew Burgess, illustrated by Cátia Chien

As a hot day sizzles into evening, everyone on stoops and sidewalks looks skyward on this special summer night—the Fourth of July! Words and art blossom into flowers of fire across the sky, making this a perfect read for firework enthusiasts in cities and suburbs everywhere.

Flat Cat by Tara Lazar, illustrated by Pete Oswald

Flat Cat was born flat. He wasn't squashed by an out-of-control ice cream truck, or smushed in a waffle iron. He was just flat. That is until one day, when Flat Cat accidentally fell *splish splosh* right in the wash. And when he emerged from the dryer, Flat Cat wasn't flat at all. He was adorably puffy and downright fluffy! And Flat Cat wasn't sure how he felt about that.



Go, Go, Dodo! by Huw Lewis Jones, illustrated by Fred Blunt

A carefree dodo takes a gentle stroll through a very friendly jungle, across a very peaceful swamp, and over a very gentle sea... completely unaware that not only is the journey full of peril, but that a VERY hungry tiger is following close behind! What will happen when they enter the very dangerous grass?

Hen in the Bed by Katrina Charman, illustrated by Guilherme Karsten

There were 10 in the bed and the speckled hen said, "Roll over! Roll over!" Count the funny animal friends as they noisily roll, flop, and tumble out of bed, one by one, in this clever split-page picture book. As the bed gets emptier, bedtime gets more and more chaotic. Will anyone EVER get any sleep?



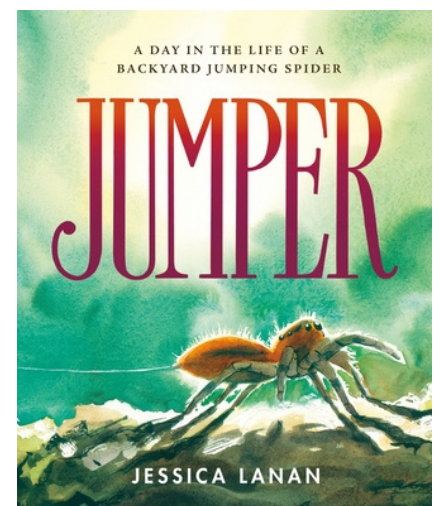
Hot Dog by Doug Salati

This hot dog has had enough of summer in the city! Enough of sizzling sidewalks, enough of wailing sirens, enough of people's feet right in his face. When he plops down in the middle of a crosswalk, his owner endeavors to get him the breath of fresh air he needs. She hails a taxi, hops a train, and ferries out to the beach. Here, a pup can *run!*

Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider

by Jessica Lanan

*What if you were small as a bean,
Could walk on the walls and ceiling,
Sense vibrations through your elbows,
And jump five times your body length?
That is Jumper's world.*



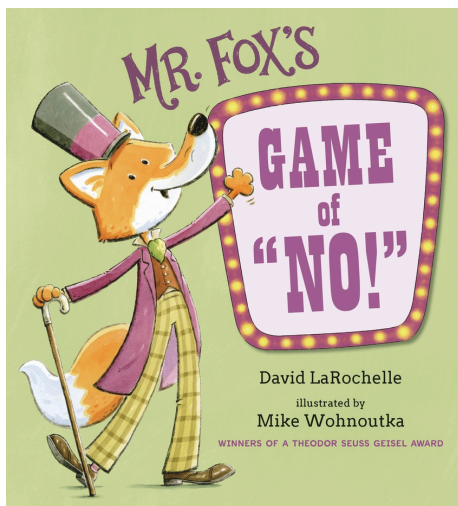
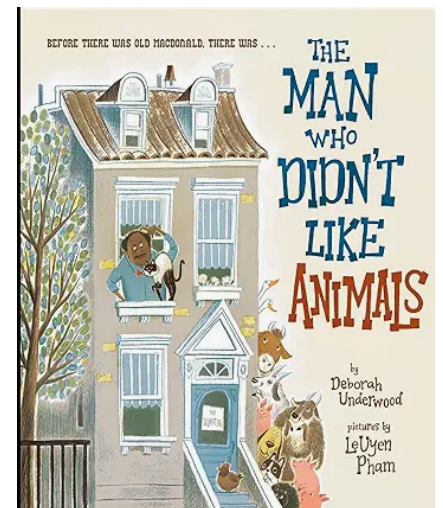


Let's Go! by Julie Flett

Every day, a little boy watches kids pass by on skateboards, and dreams of joining them. One day, his mother brings a surprise: her old skateboard, just for him! haw êkwa! *Let's go!* Together, they practice on the sidewalk, at the park, in Auntie's yard—everywhere. But when it comes time to try the skatepark, the skateboarders crash down like a waterfall. Can he find the confidence to join them?

The Man Who Didn't Like Animals by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

There once was a man who loved his tidy home and who *didn't* like animals. Then, one day, a cat appeared. The man and the cat both liked napping and watching the rain and eating dinner precisely at six. Well, maybe this *one* animal could stay. Next came a dog...

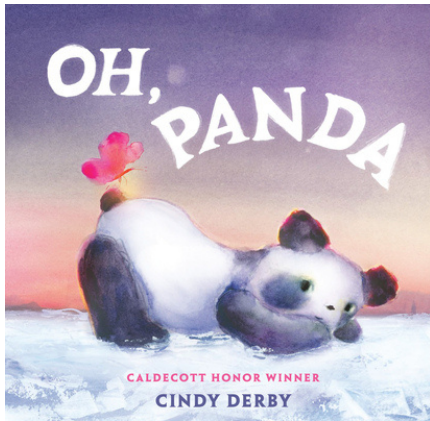


Mr. Fox's Game of No! by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

Can you beat Mr. Fox at his Game of No? The rules are simple: every time he asks a question, you must respond with "NO." If you accidentally say "YES," then it's back to the beginning of the book for you, where you must start all over again. Are you ready? (Oops!) Do you live on planet Earth?

Mother of Sharks by Melissa Cristina Márquez, illustrated by Devin Elle Kurtz

At la Playita del Condado in Puerto Rico, Meli meets a crab, Jaiba, who takes her on a dreamlike underwater adventure, teaches her about the importance of shark conservation, and reveals Meli's ultimate destiny--to become the Mother of Sharks.



Oh, Panda by Cindy Derby

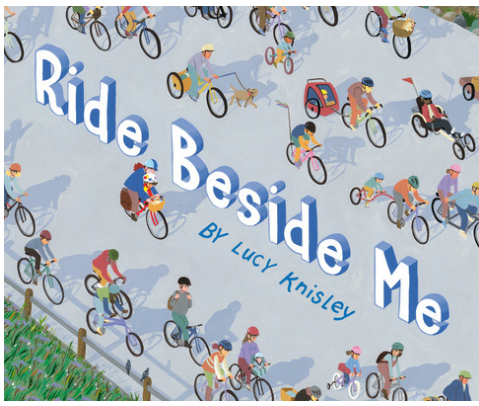
Look! A butterfly! Up, up, and away it flutters, flying high above a large snowy mountain. But Panda wants to play, and that mountain is *clearly* in their way. To reach their new friend, Panda will just have to climb it!

Unfortunately, it's very slippery...and very steep...and little Panda keeps tumbling to the bottom. Oh, Panda. Just how will they reach the peak?!

Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta by Aimee Lucido, illustrated by Mavisu Demirag

Nonna Ana from Catania only likes to eat lasagna. But Nonno Titi from Tahiti only eats his spaghetti! Zio Tony wants ravioli, Zia Trini wants rotini, the cugini want tortellini... Family dinners can be tricky when the guests are oh-so-picky!



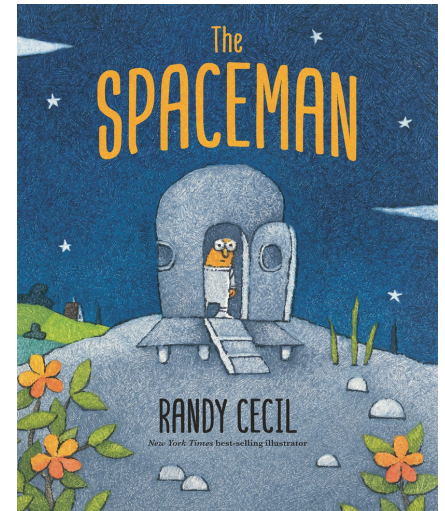


Ride Beside Me by Lucy Knisley

A mother and son hop on their bike for a ride through the neighborhood, joining friends and neighbors along the way. There are people on unicycles and tandem bikes, tricycles and recumbents—all kinds of bikes for all kinds of riders.

The Spaceman by Randy Cecil

Arriving on a new planet, a tiny Spaceman is ready to perform his boring tasks: collecting soil samples, labeling soil samples, and filing soil samples. But this time, he is distracted by his surroundings's beauty, and his ship is stolen by a large bird. Now, the Spaceman is forced to venture out on foot into this new world- the planet Earth.

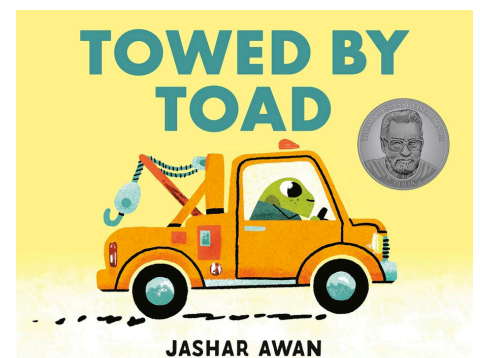


Summer Is For Cousins by Rajani LaRocca, illustrated by Abhi Alwar

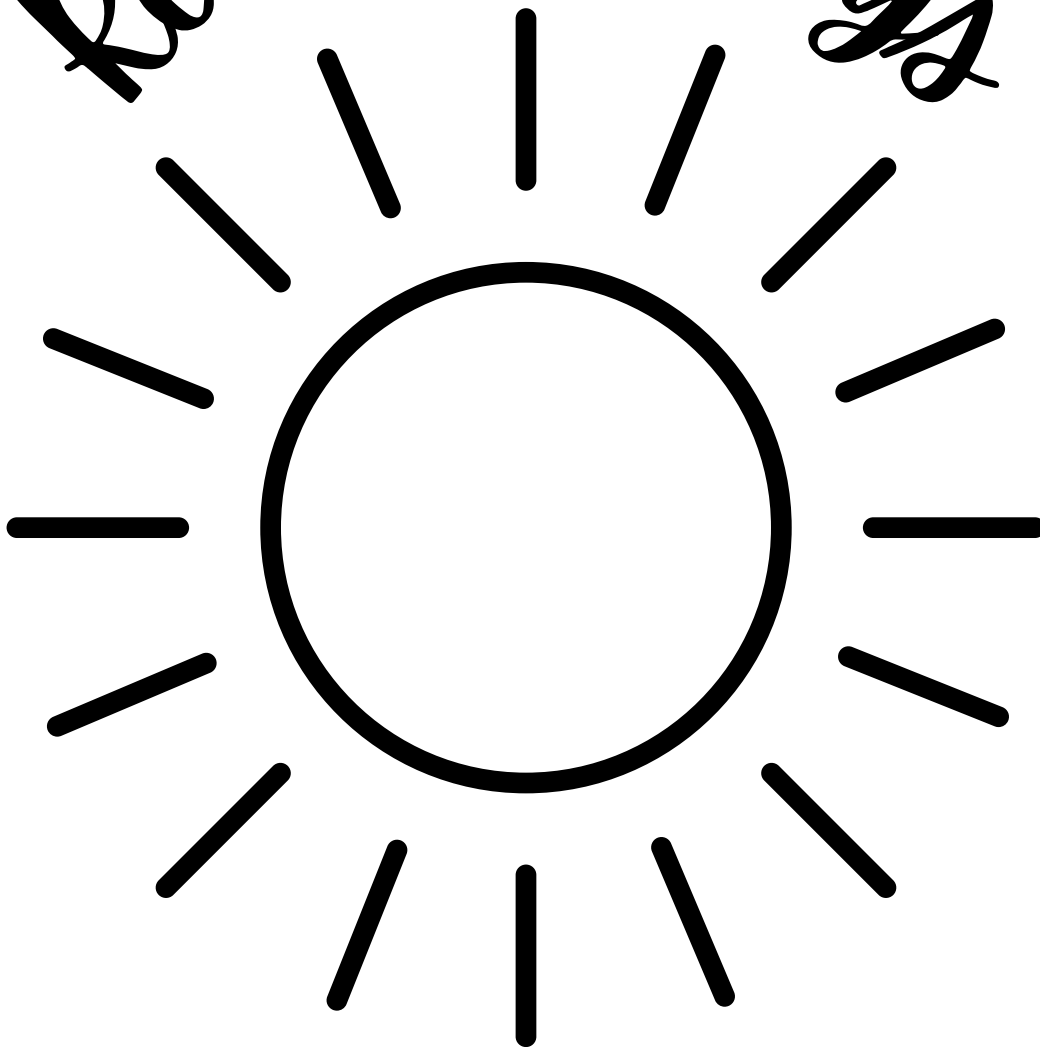
Summer is for cousins. Mom and Dad, two uncles, two aunties, Thatha and Pati, seven cousins, all of us are together.

Towed by Toad by Jashar Awan

"No time, Pop! Can't stop!" Toad and his tow truck are always on the move to lend a hand to anyone who needs help. Pop does his best to try to get Toad to slow down and take care of himself, but there always seems to be someone else who needs to be towed by Toad. How can he say no?



Reading Logs

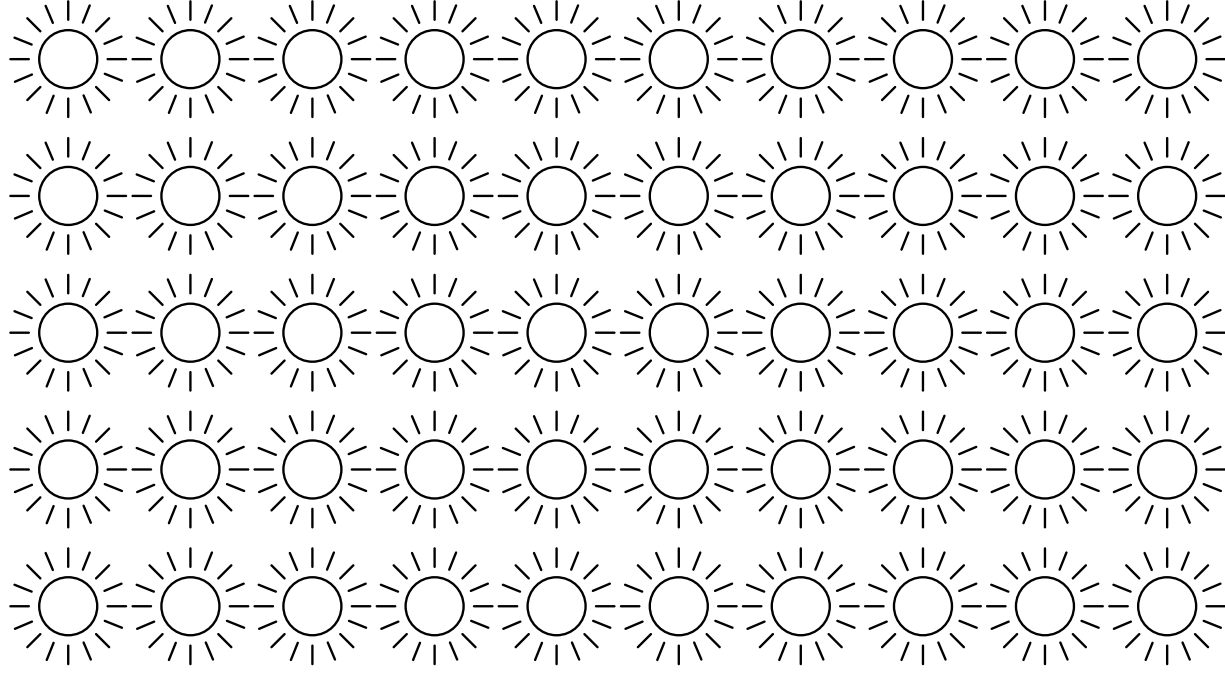


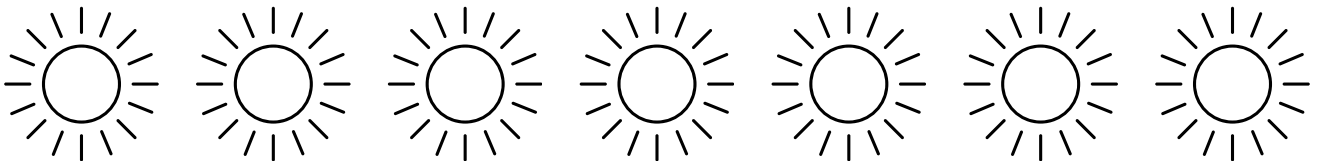
SUMMER READING LOG

Keep track of all the great books you read this summer and rate how much you loved them!

Title

Rating



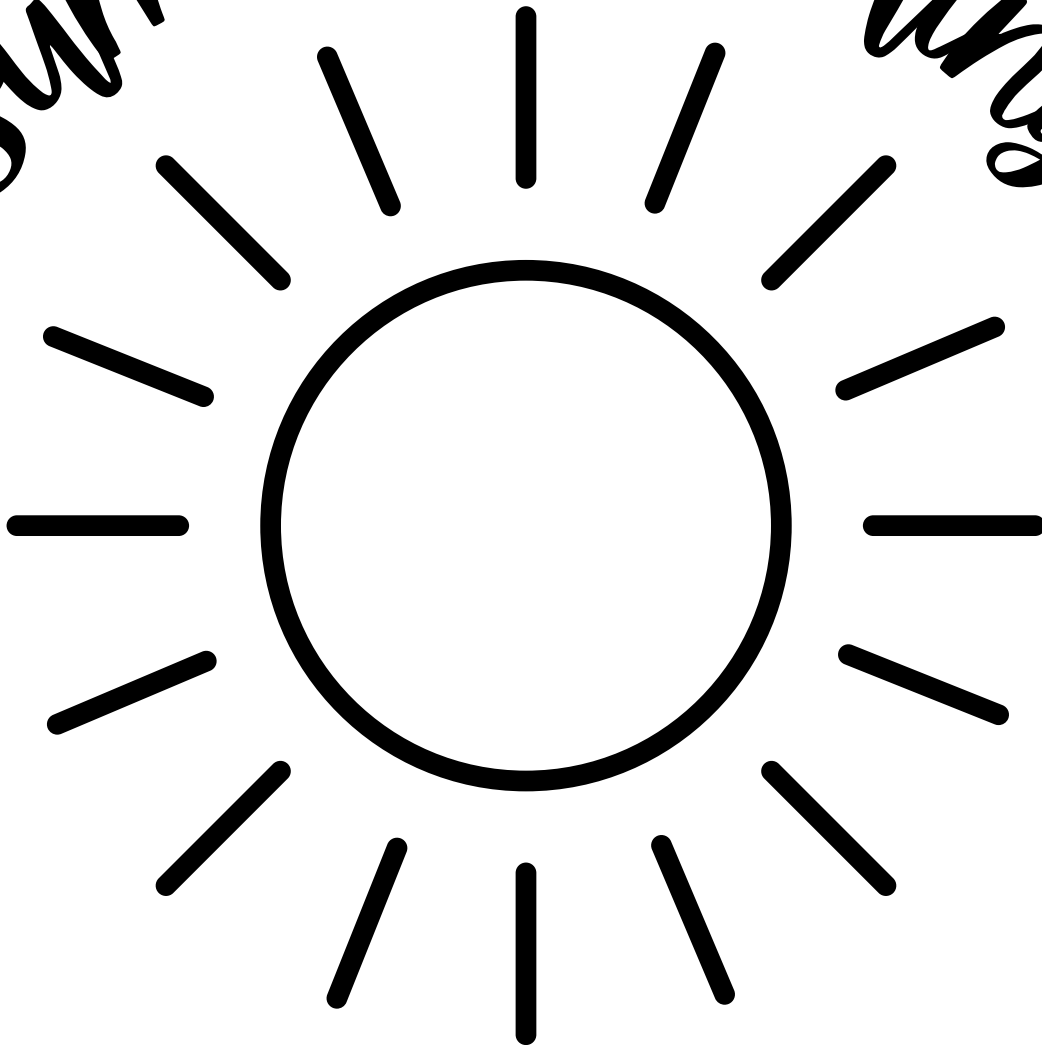


GOAL: 25 BOOKS

Why not try reading all 25 books in the Literacious Summer Reading Guide!
Color in a box for each title you read this summer!

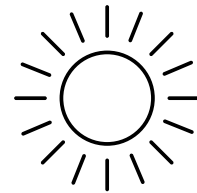
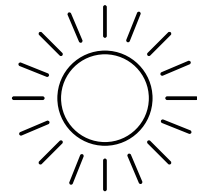
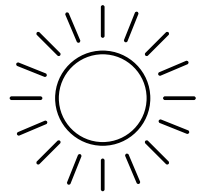
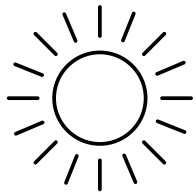
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Summer Reading



Activities

SUMMER BINGO




SEND A LETTER TO A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND	READ A BOOK SET IN THE DESERT	READ A BOOK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP	READ A STORY ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL
RIDE YOUR BIKE OR TAKE A WALK AROUND TOWN	READ A BOOK ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL	DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT VACATION	READ A BOOK WITH A YELLOW COVER
SPEND SOME TIME READING OUTSIDE	DRAW A SUMMER PICTURE	READ A BOOK ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE SPORT	READ A BOOK ABOUT A SUMMER HOLIDAY
READ A BOOK ABOUT CAMPING	READ A BOOK SET NEAR WATER	PLAY OUTSIDE TODAY	COOK A SUMMER INSPIRED RECIPE

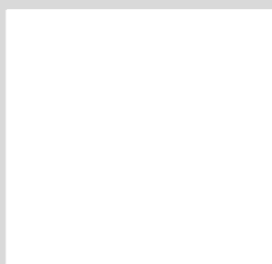
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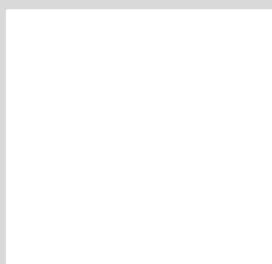
Read the rainbow and choose books with covers that are each color of the rainbow. You can color in each square and also write down the titles too!



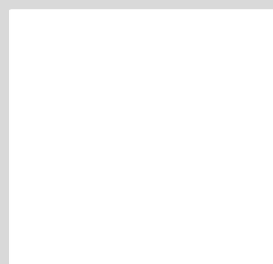
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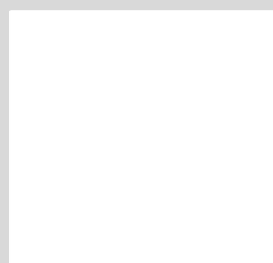
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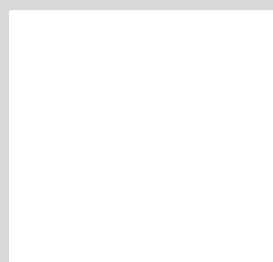
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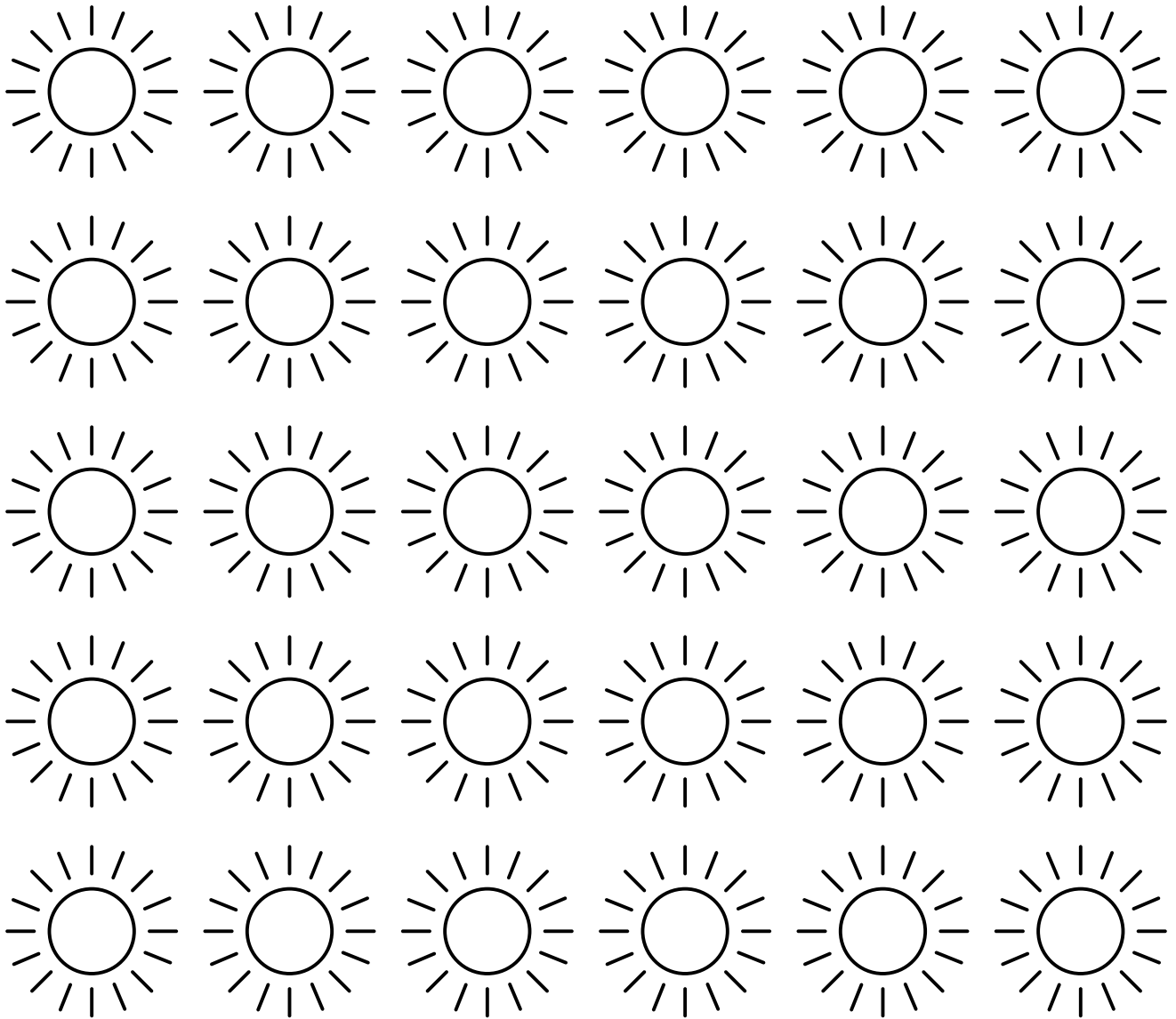


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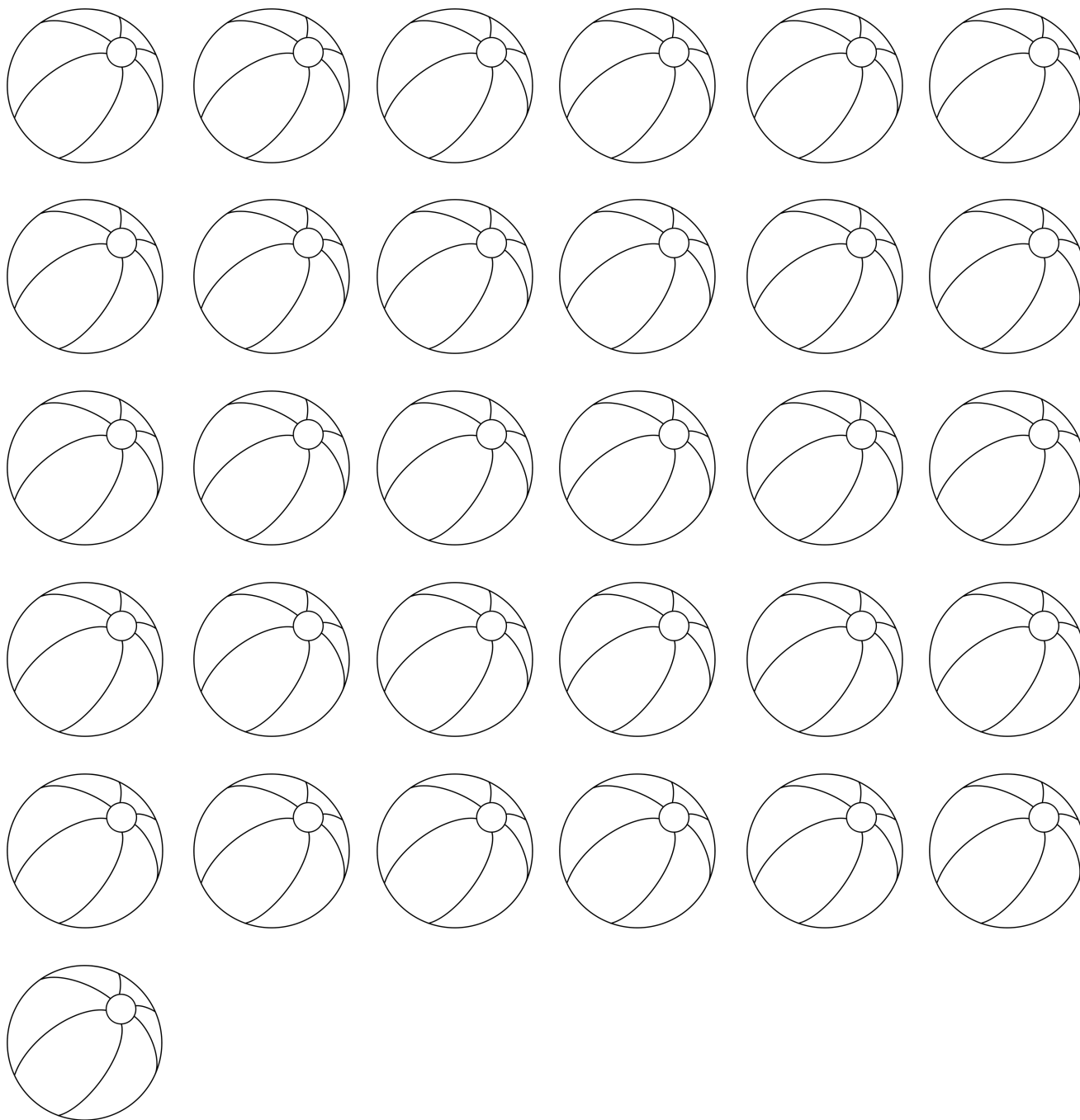
Read for 20 minutes each day in June. Track your progress by coloring in a sun for each day you read.



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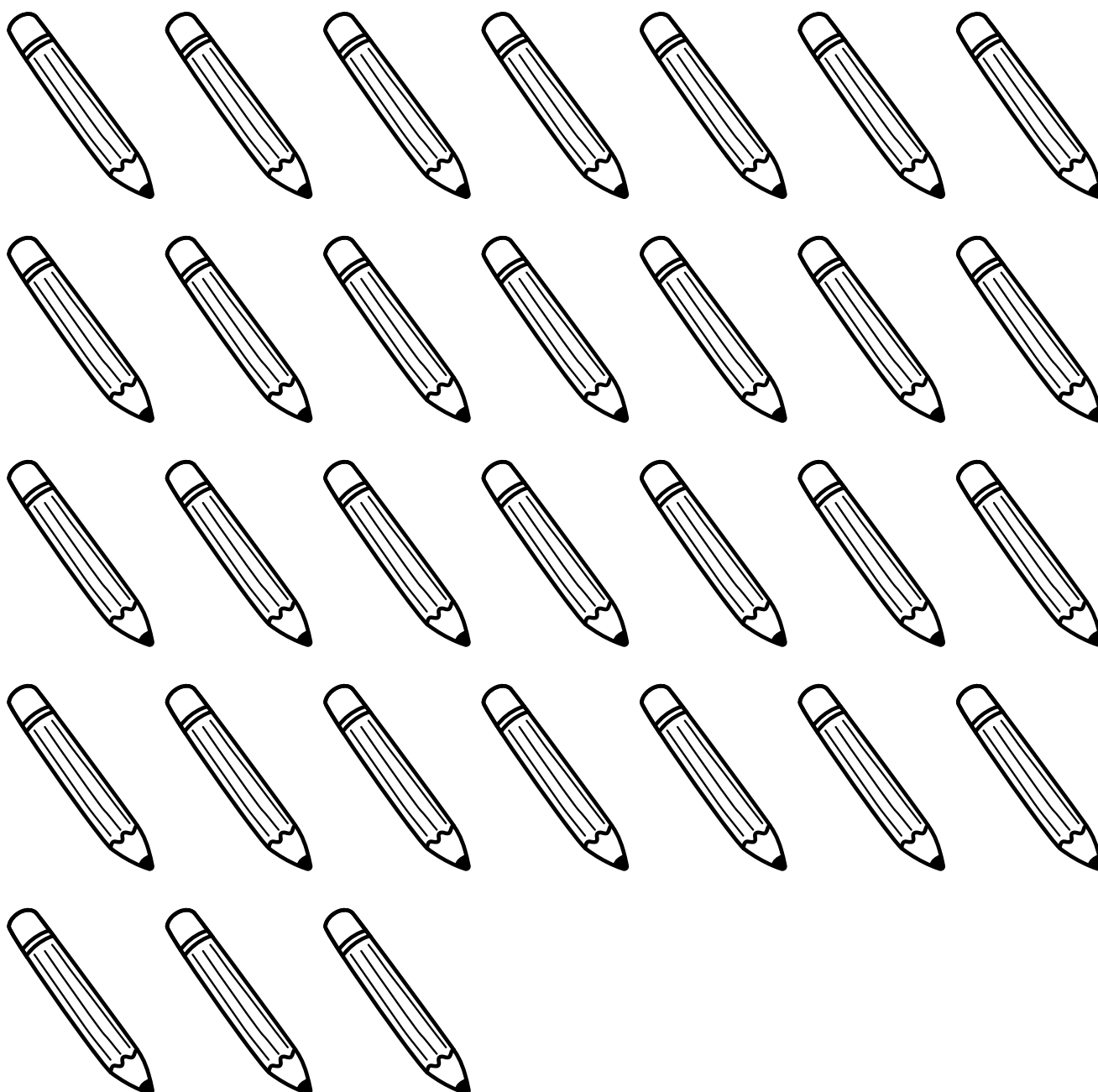
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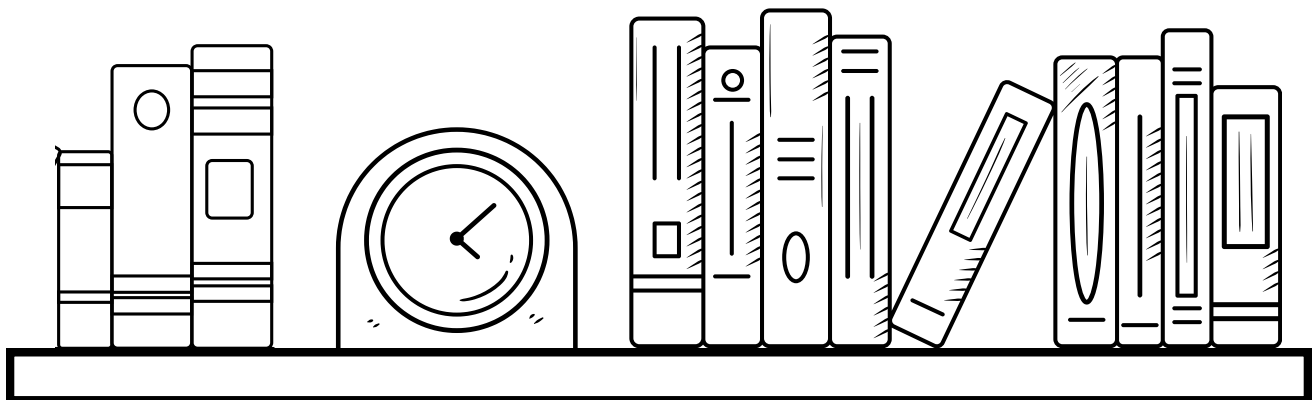
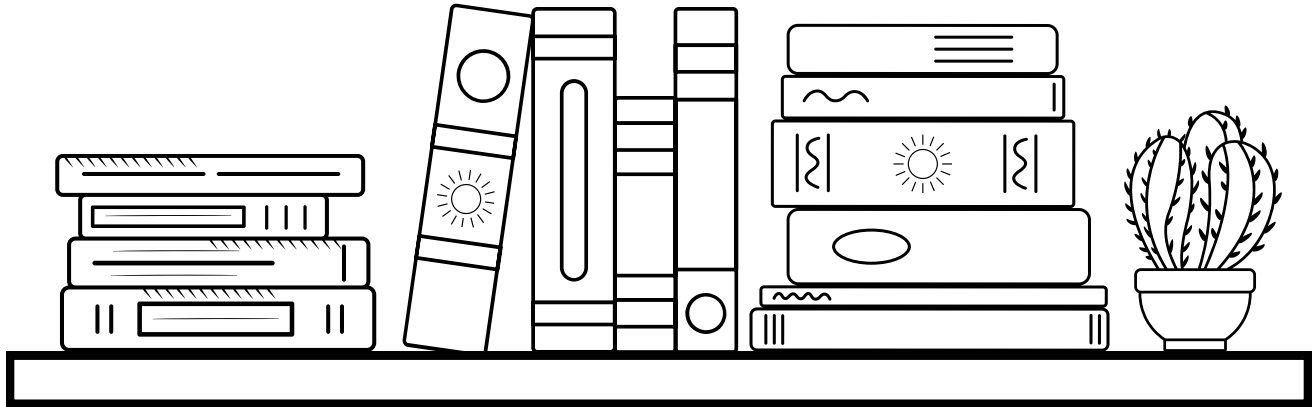
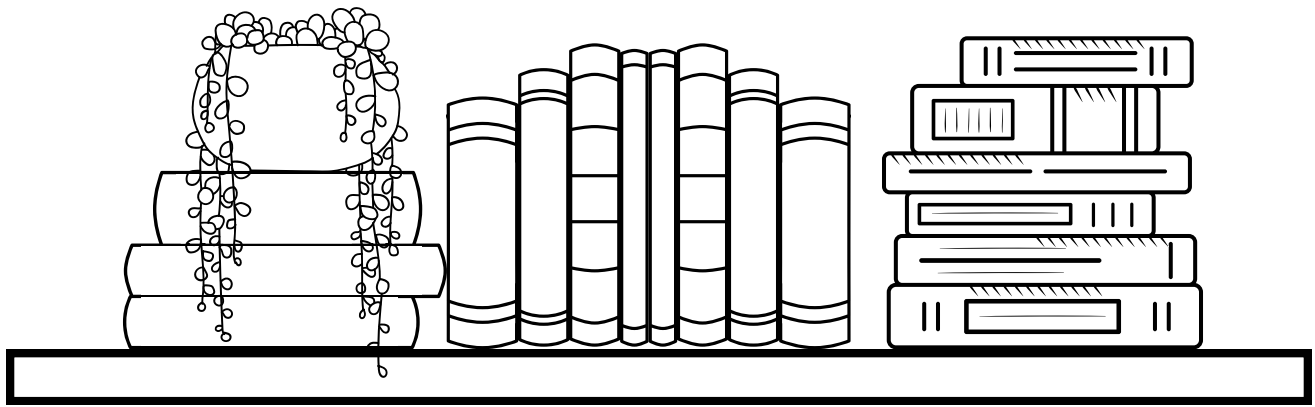
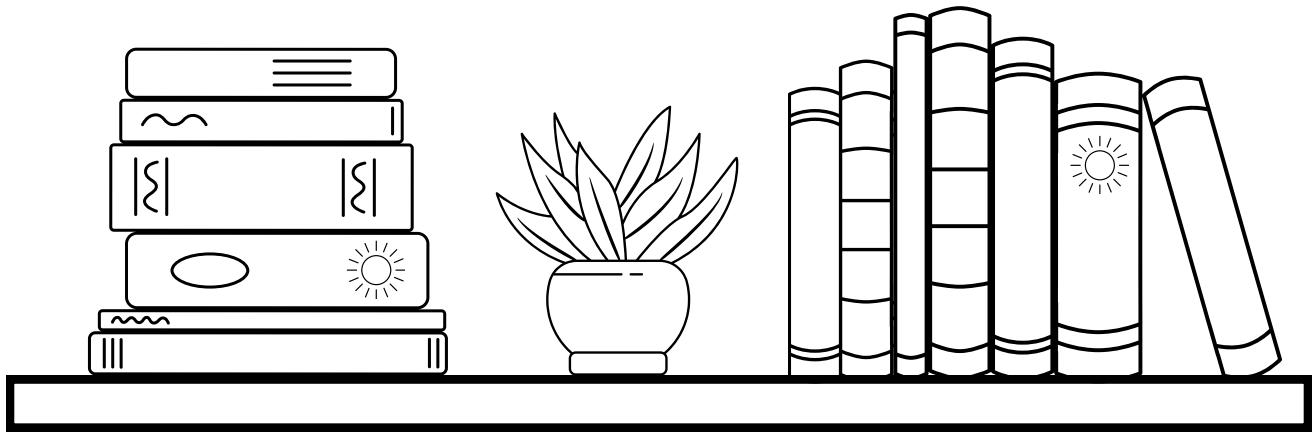
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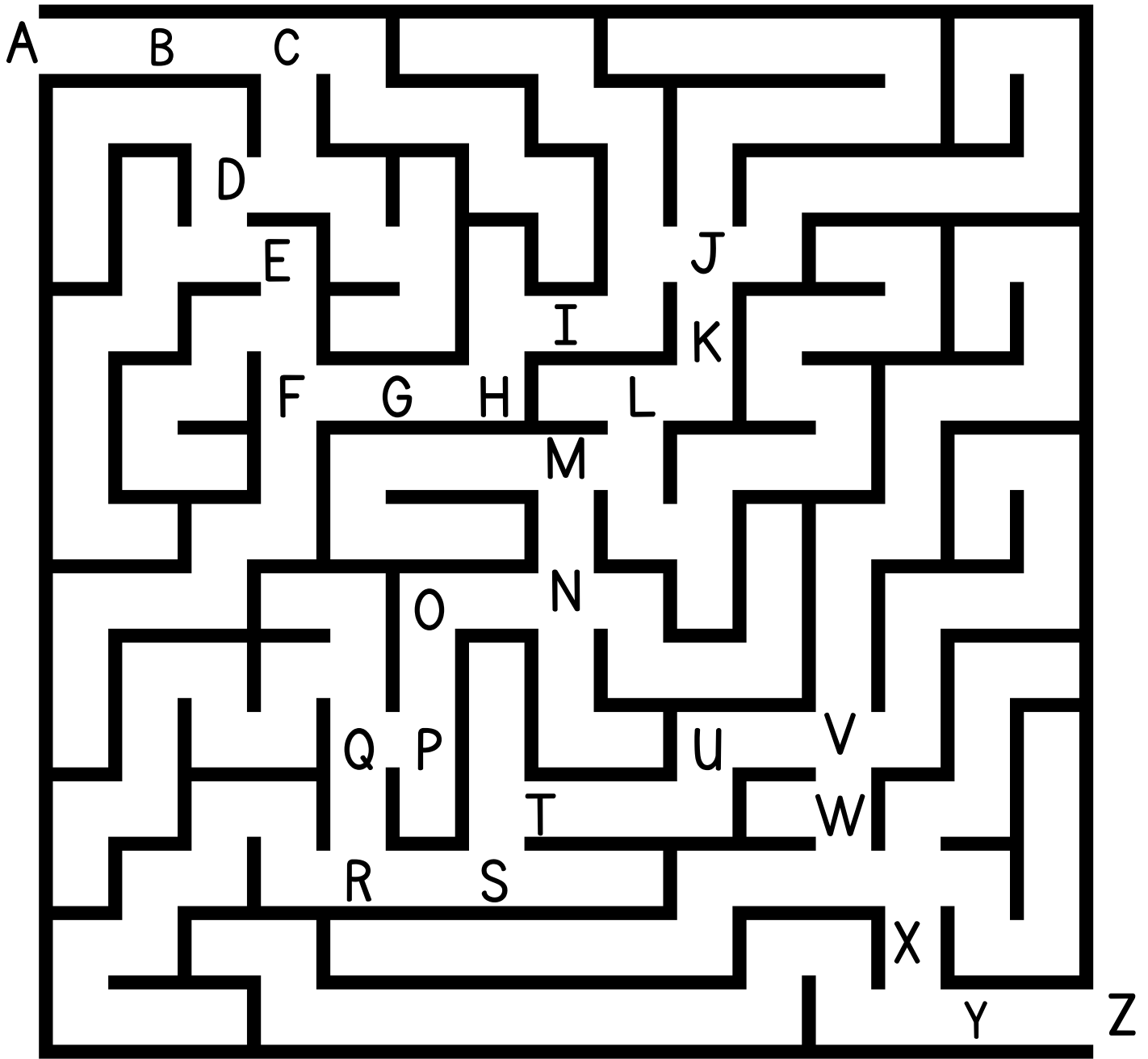


My Bookshelf



ALPHABET MAZE

FOLLOW THE ALPHABET TO GET THROUGH THE WHOLE MAZE
FROM LETTER A TO LETTER Z.



ALPHABET FILL IN THE BLANK

SOME LETTERS ARE MISSING! FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS WITH
THE NEXT LETTER IN THE ALPHABET!

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I _ K L _ _ O P

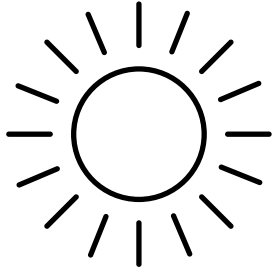
Q _ S _ U V _

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ALPHABET FILL IN THE BLANK

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS - CREATE YOUR OWN MISSING LETTERS WORKSHEET USING BOTH CAPITAL AND LOWERCASE LETTERS WITH THE EMPTY BLANKS BELOW.

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