



Punctuation Paddle Directions

Run off templates on a variety of colored construction paper, or if you want your students to color them, run off on white.

Some of the punctuation paddles look better if they are 3 different colors, or 3 different shades.

For example, I like to teach my Y5's that apples come in 3 colors, so I chose red, green, and yellow paper to run the template off on.

I also used 3 shades of green for the shamrocks.

This not only serves a learning purpose (the colors of apples) and looks a bit nicer, but when you are assessing as a whole group, a mistake will really stand out.

Rough cut the templates so that students can trim.

Make sure each student gets one of every color.

Children cut out their 3 pattern pieces.

When there are things sticking out such as the apple's leaf and stem, tree trunk, pumpkin stem, etc. students only leave the parts on one of the templates. They cut them off the other 2.

Because the apple's leaves are green, they should leave the stem and leaf on the green apple.

Demonstrate how students fold the pieces gently in half so they don't make too much of a crease.

Children rub glue on 1/2 of let's say the green apple, and then rub glue on 1/2 of the red apple and press the two together, lining up edges as best as they can.

This leaves the yellow apple.

Rub glue on the end of both sides of the Popsicle stick.

Rub glue on the yellow apple.

Press the Popsicle stick to the edge of 1 side of the yellow apple.

Students rub glue on the green and red remaining apple 1/2's, and press them on top of the yellow apple and Popsicle.

This will give you a tri-fold apple.

Remind students before hand to make sure they are not gluing their pieces upside down.

Students can add pizzazz to the Punctuation Paddles by adding a bit of color with a crayon, as I did to the pumpkin, turkey and penguin.

You can also buy some press on rhinestones and have students decorate their tree with them.

A dab of glitter on each ball looks nice too. You could also use buttons or sequins.

I added tiny wiggle eyes to the frog for that extra special touch.

When everyone is done, gather students on the carpet.

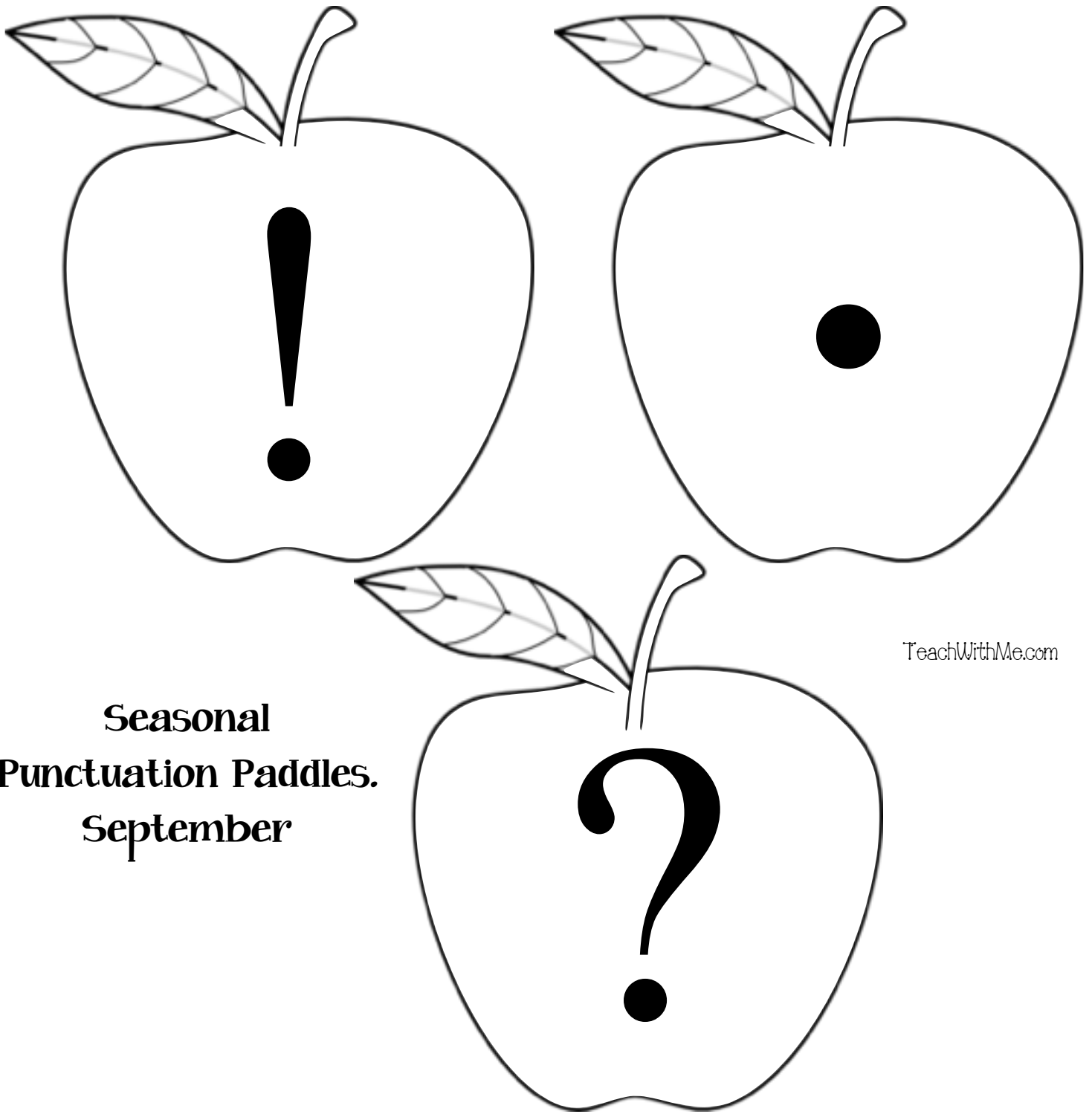
Teacher shares seasonal-themed sentences and has students hold up the end punctuation as she reads them.

One of the pieces will always be a bit flat, and the others folded.

When they want to show the folded pieces better, in order to show the punctuation, students need to open up that section so it's flat.

This is a fun way to practice end punctuation, and a quick and easy way to whole-group assess this Common Core State Standard.

You can make just the apple paddle and use it all year, own make one each month to match the sentences.



Seasonal Punctuation Paddles. September

Run off on red, green and yellow construction paper, or if you want your students to color them, run off on white. Make sure each student gets one of every color.

Children cut out their apples. They only leave the leaf and stem on the GREEN one. They cut them off the other 2.

Gently fold the apples in half, being careful not to crease them.

Glue 1/2 of the green apple to 1/2 of the red apple.

Glue the green and red remaining apple 1/2's to the whole yellow apple.

This will give you a tri-fold apple.

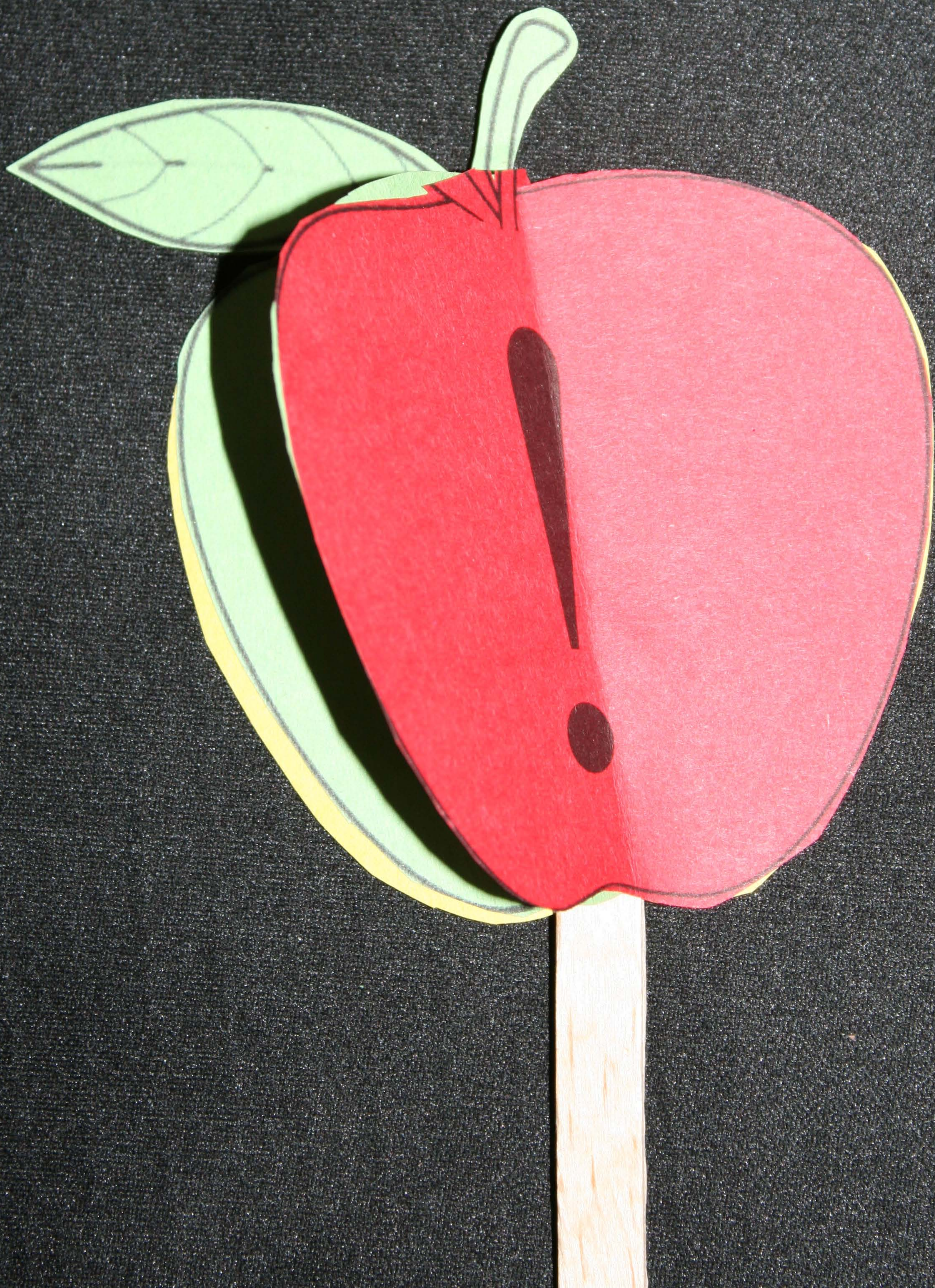
Slide a Popsicle stick through the bottom of the yellow apple and glue down.

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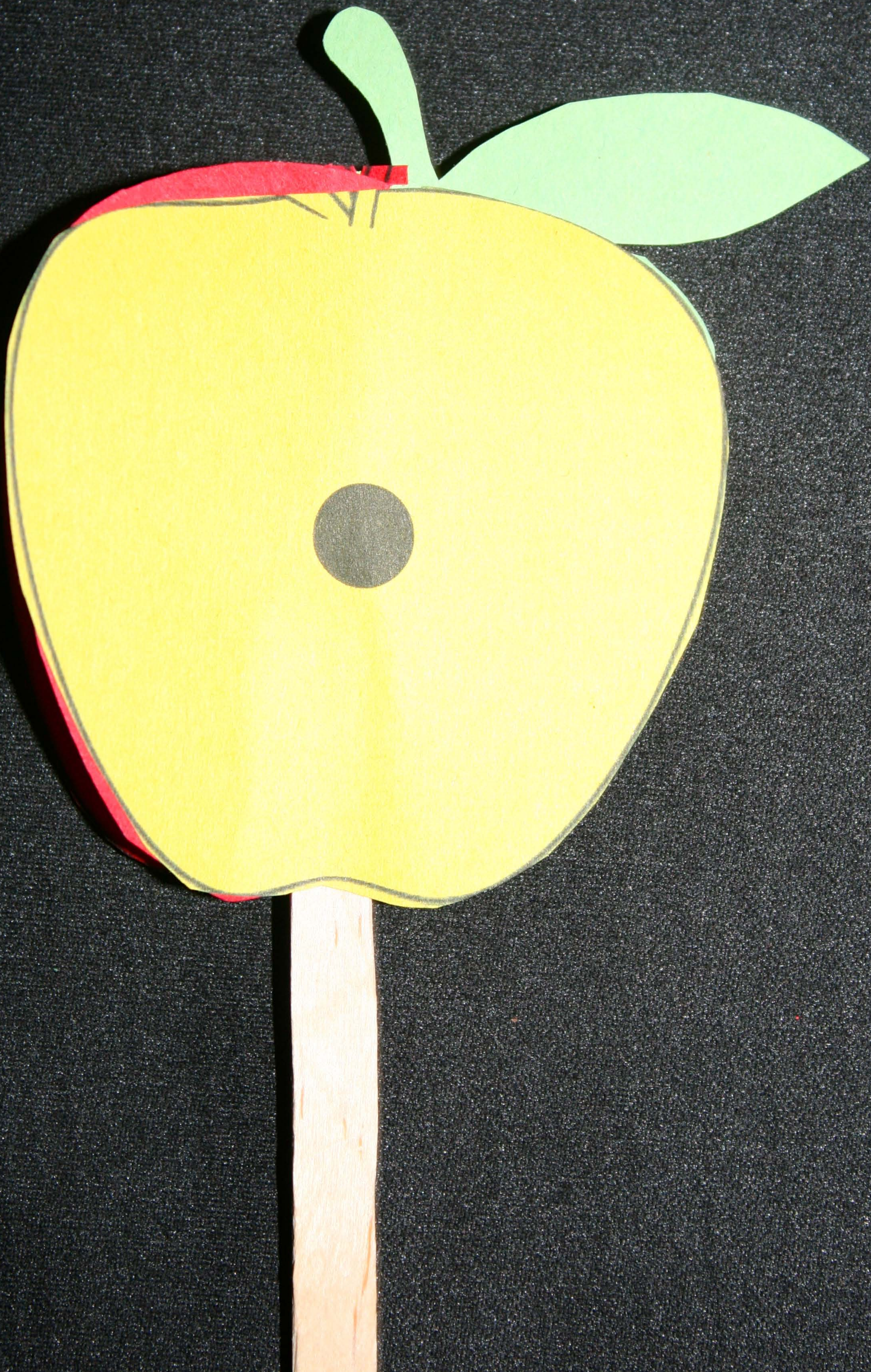
The yellow one will be flat, the red and green will be a bit folded.


When they want to show the red or green apple, they need to open it up so it's flat.

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 apples are red, yellow and green

which is your favorite   

 oh no there's a worm in mine

i like apples do you   



apples grow in an orchard

Read the sentences. Students hold up their punctuation paddles. Afterwards, have different children come up and add capital letters and end punctuation.

**Seasonal
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October**





this pumpkin is orange

are you going to carve one



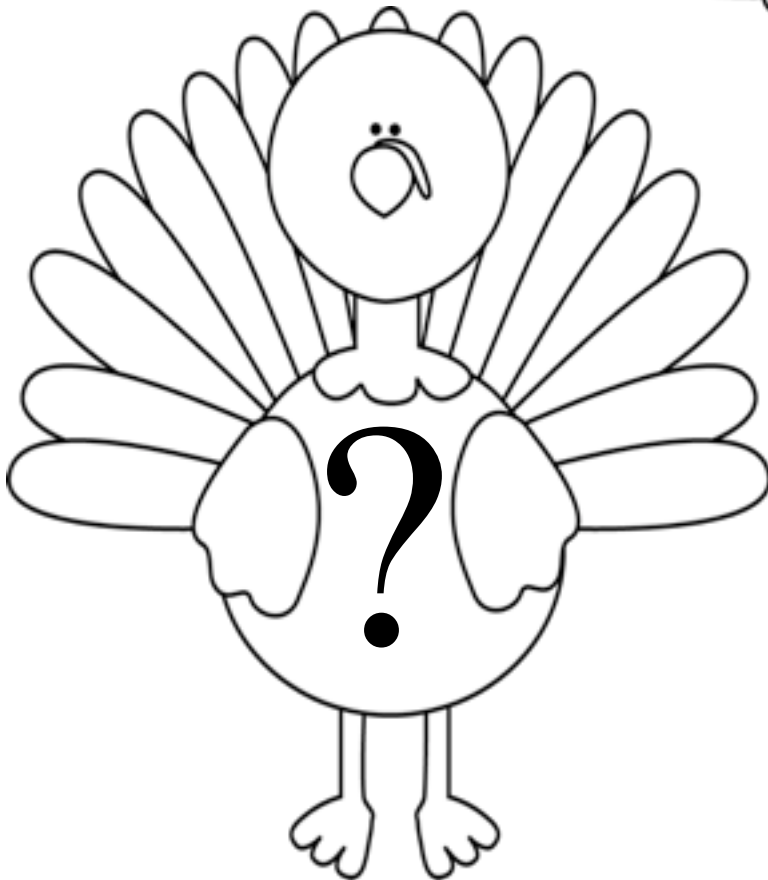
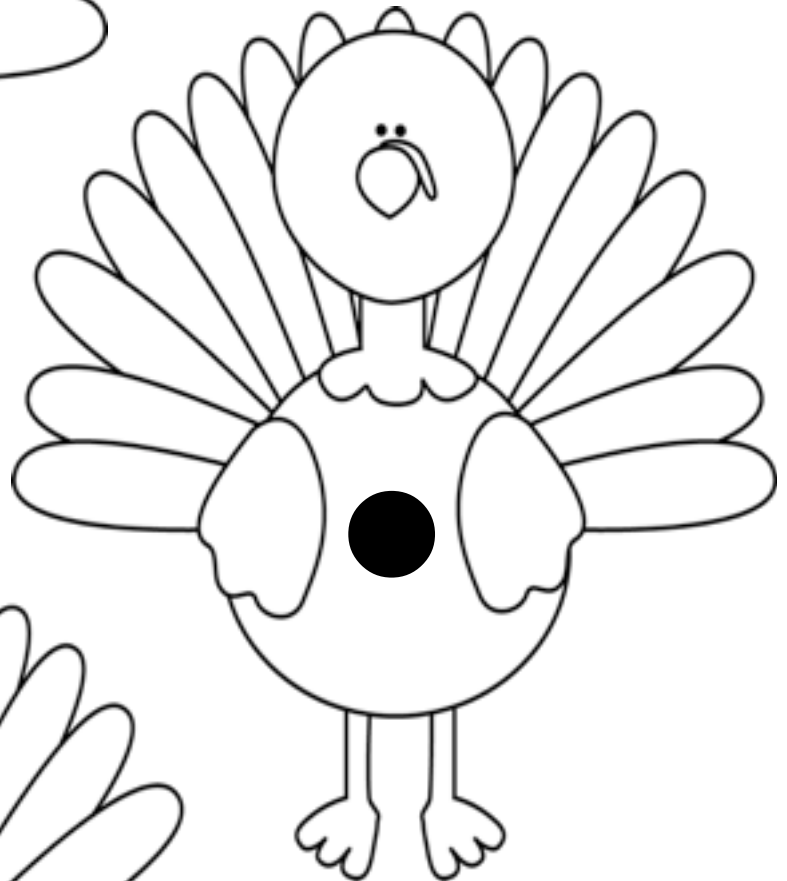
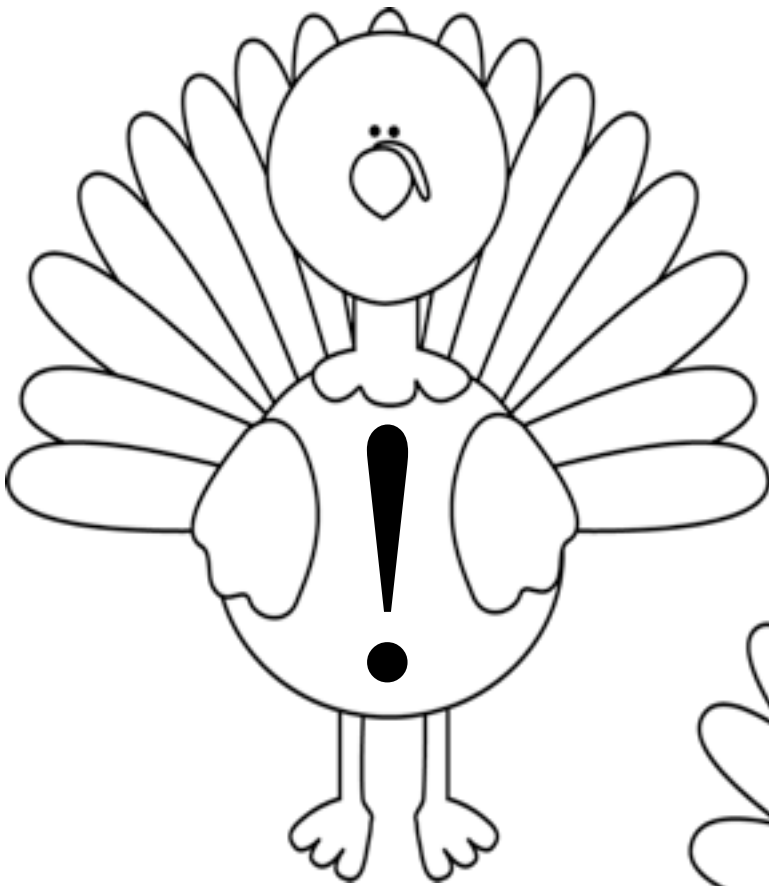
look that jack-o-lantern is spooky

i went to the pumpkin patch



do pumpkins have flowers

**Seasonal
Punctuation Paddles.
November**





what color is the turkey

the turkey says gobble gobble



bang i hear a hunter's shot

the pilgrims ate turkeys



have you ever seen a turkey

**Seasonal
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December**







let's trim the tree

do you like the popcorn garland



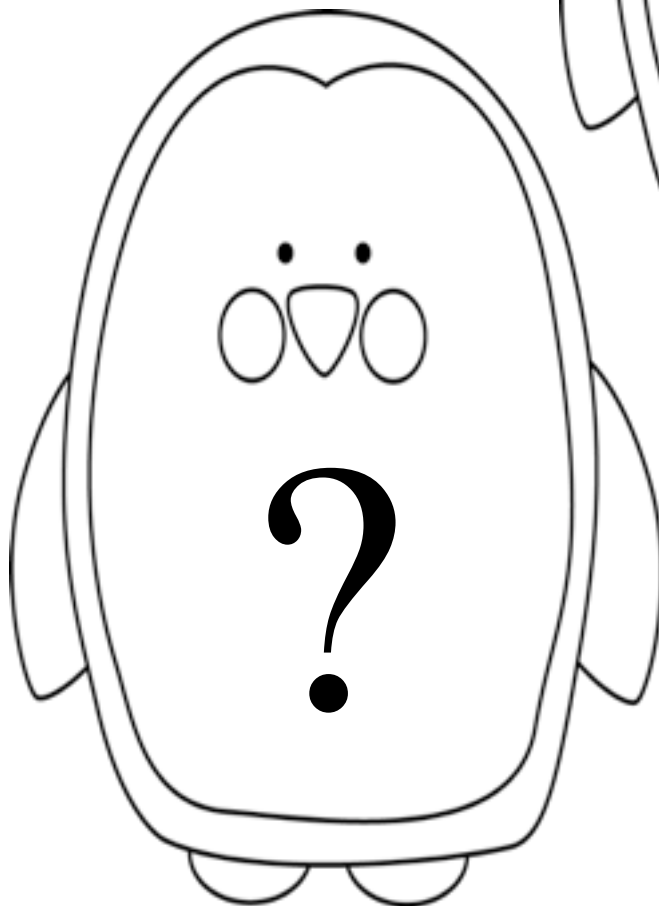
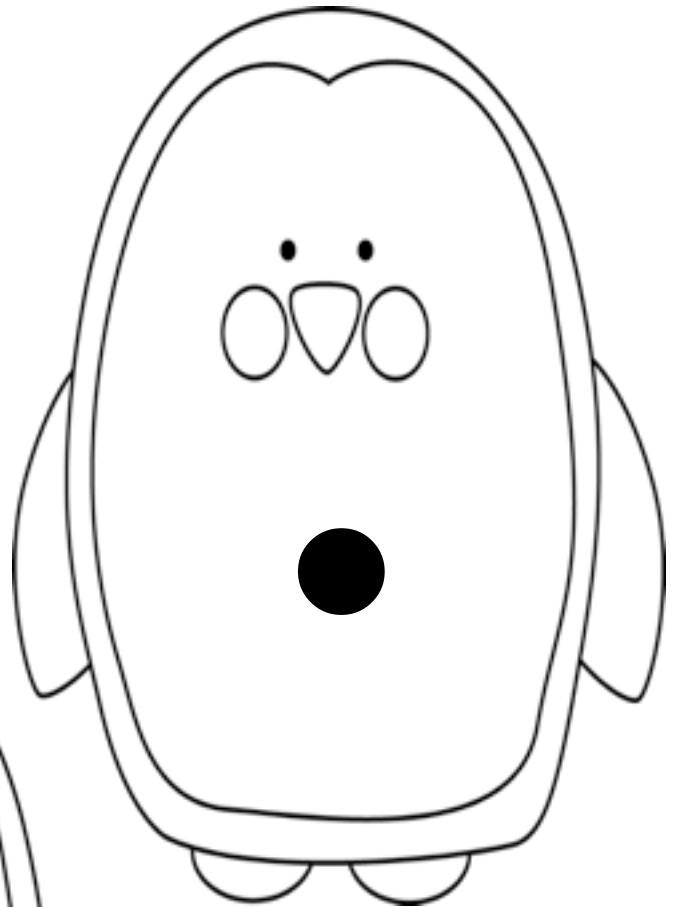
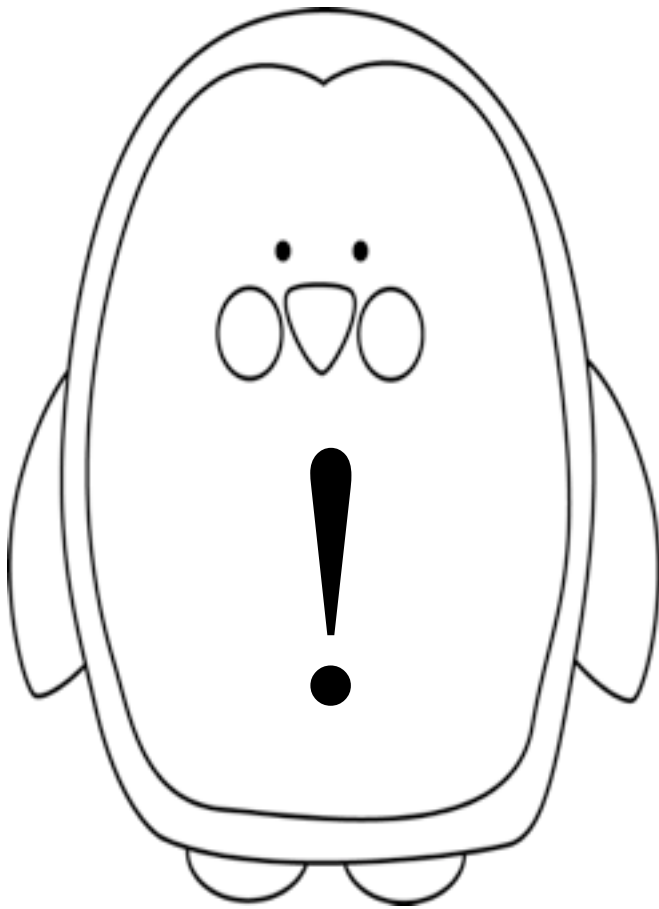
wow i smell pine

we decorate outside too



i have an artificial tree

**Seasonal
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January**







look it's a penguin

i can see him waddle



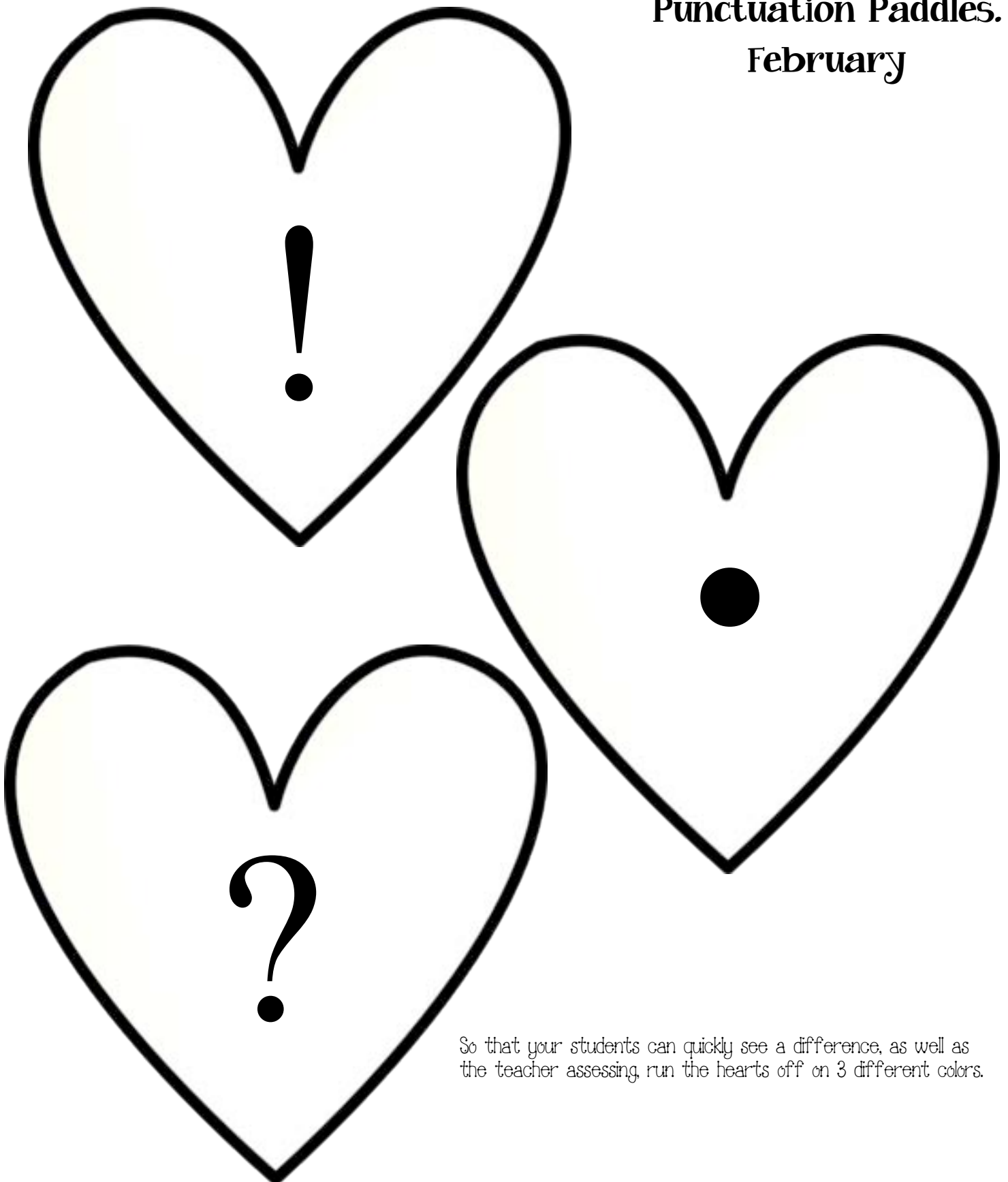
what do penguins eat

this penguin is black and white



have you seen one at the zoo

**Seasonal
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February**



So that your students can quickly see a difference, as well as the teacher assessing, run the hearts off on 3 different colors.



wow what a pretty valentine

i love valentine's day



will you send me one

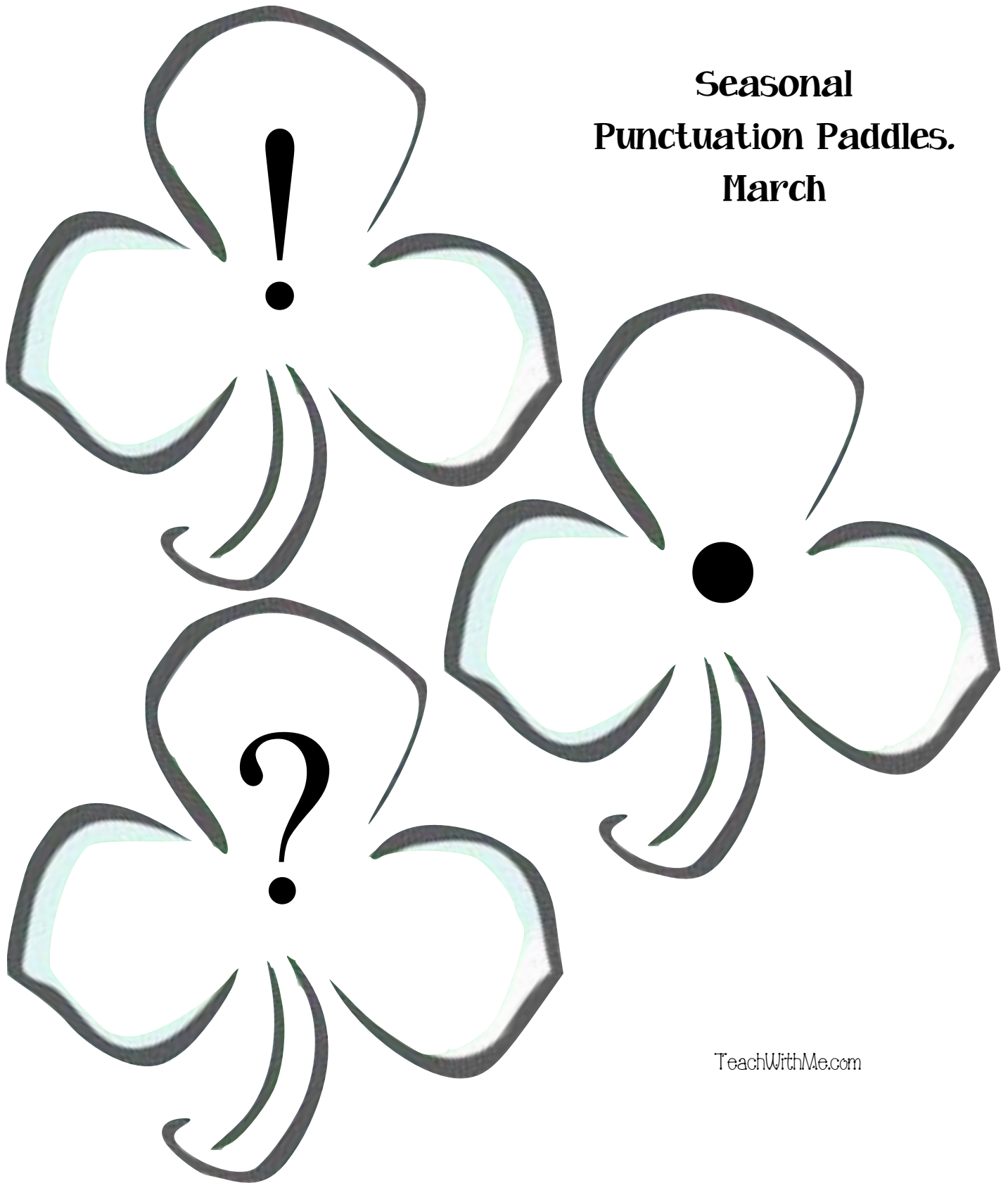
i'm going to make my valentines



how many are you giving

So that your students can quickly see a difference, as well as the teacher assessing, run the shamrocks off on 3 shades of green. Leave the stem on only one shamrock. Insert the Popsicle stick into all of the shamrocks making sure it is glued to the stem.

**Seasonal
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March**



yay i saw a leprechaun



have you ever seen a real shamrock

happy st. patty's day



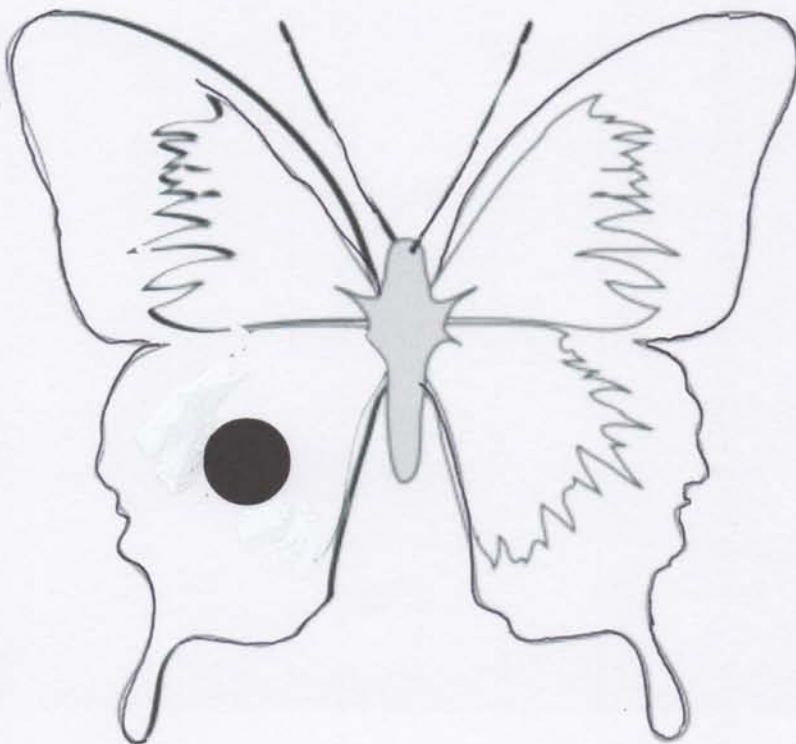
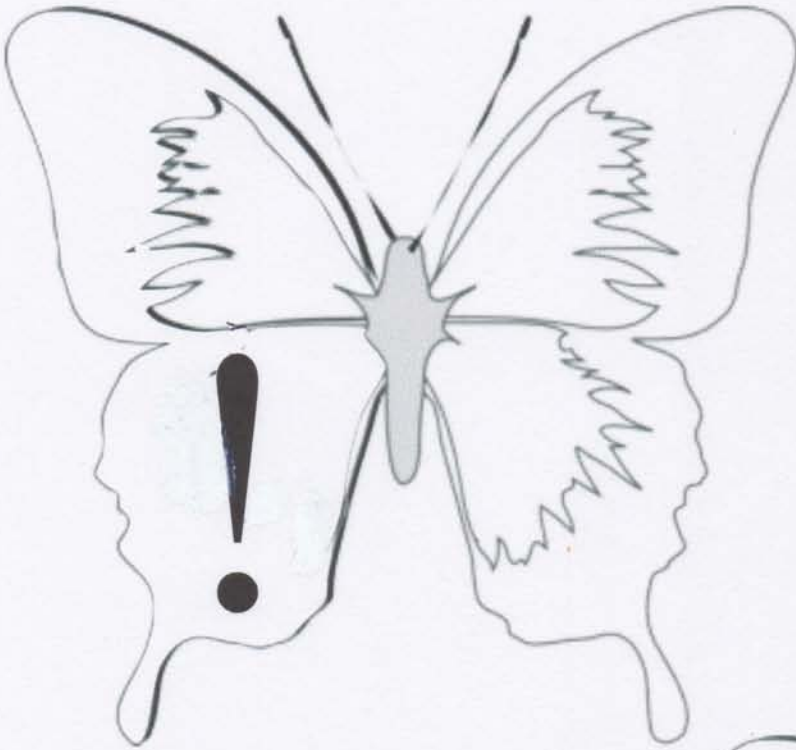
these shamrocks are green



i like march

So that your students can quickly see a difference, as well as the teacher assessing, run the butterflies off on 3 different colors.

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April**



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look it's a butterfly



the caterpillar turned into a butterfly



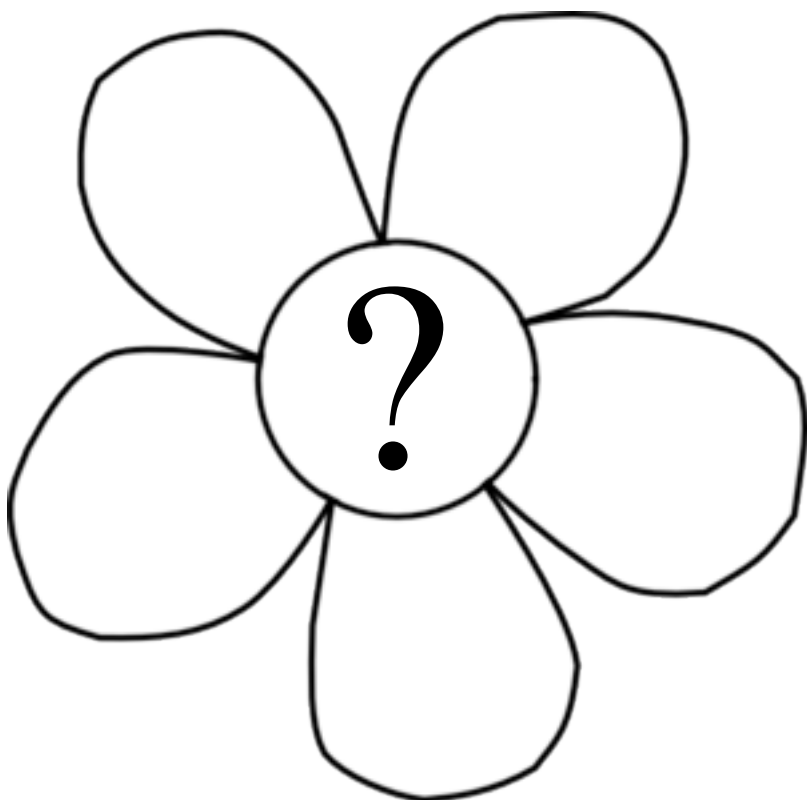
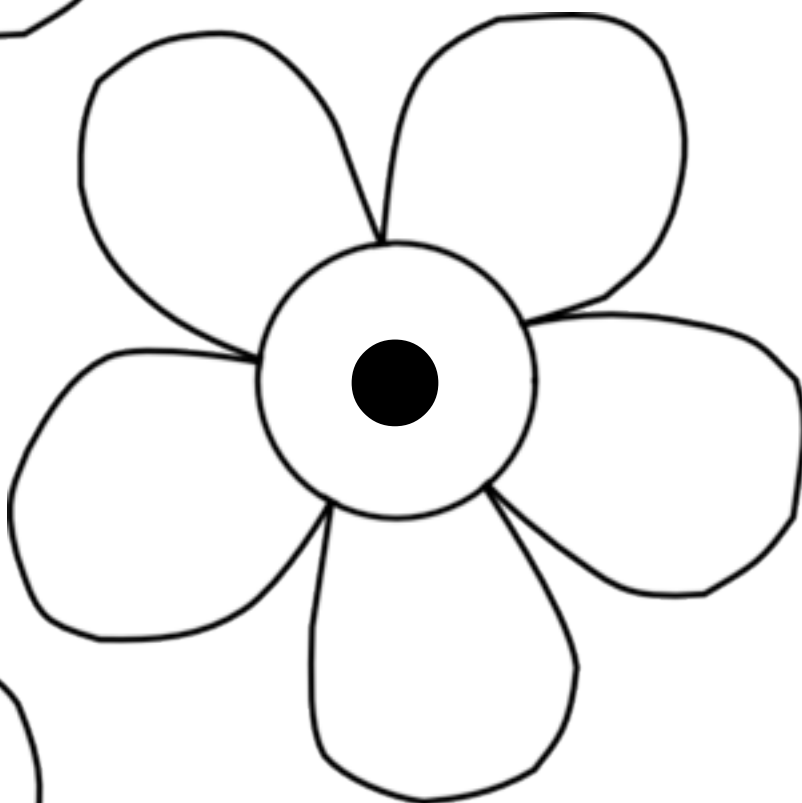
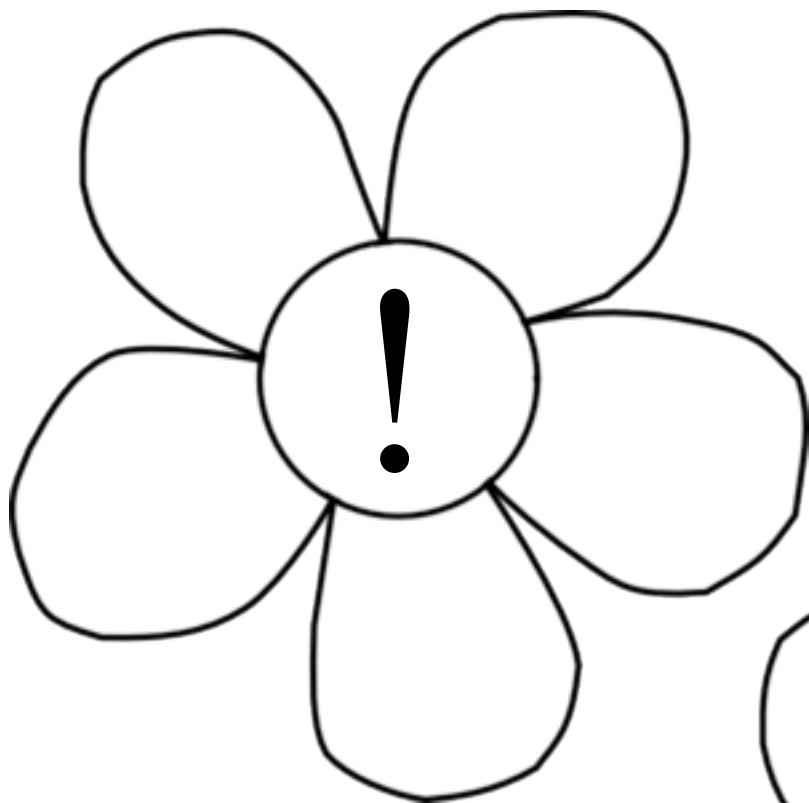
do butterflies lay eggs

i wish i could fly



what color is this butterfly

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May**





oh what pretty flowers

who are they for



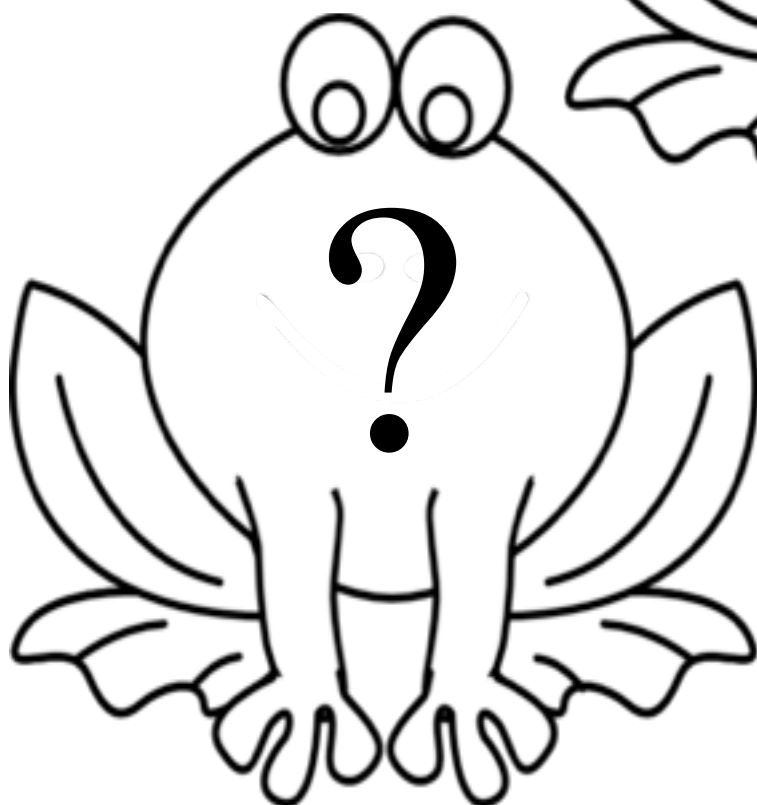
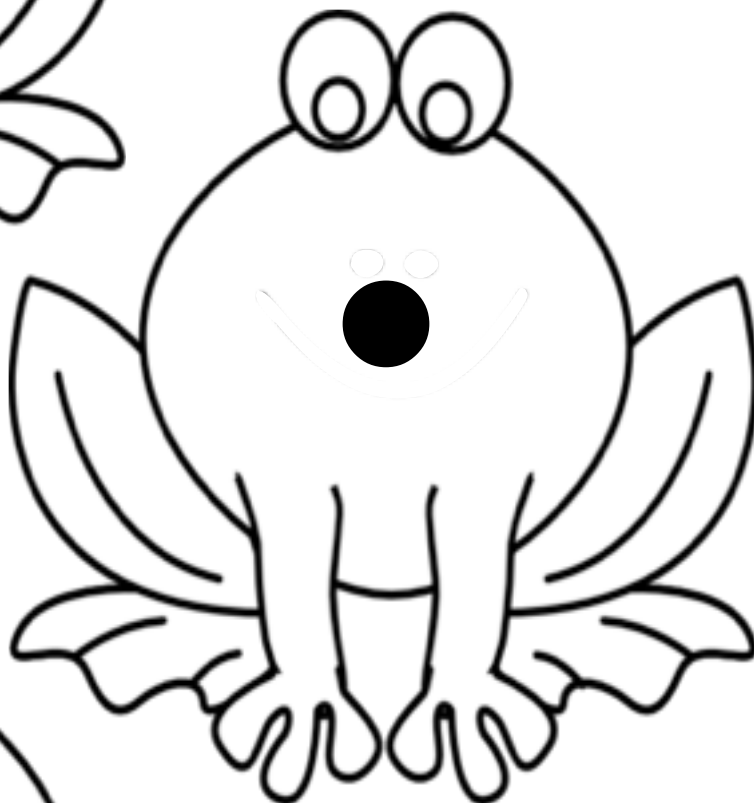
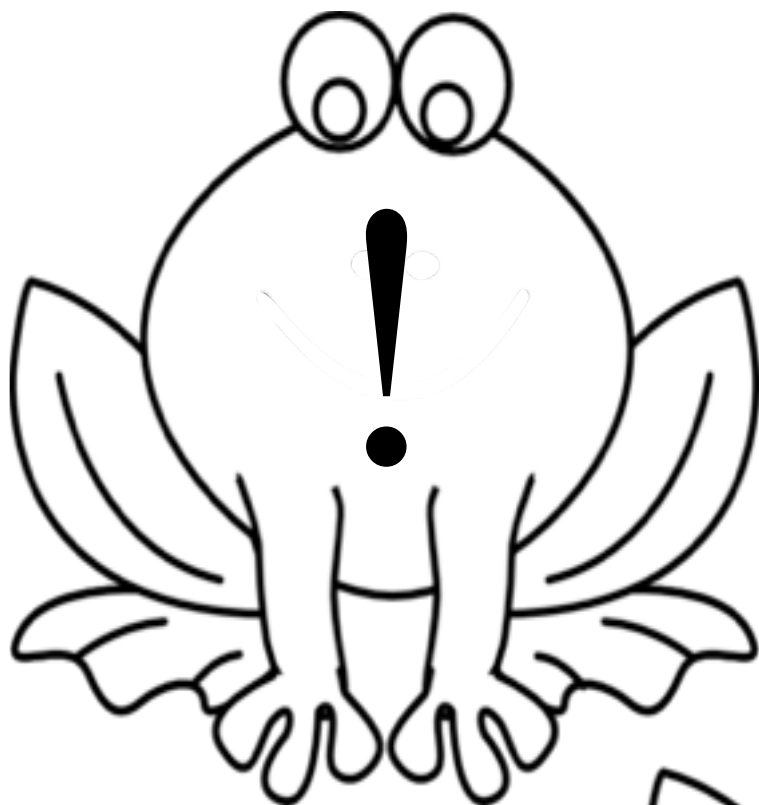
happy mother's day

my mom loves flowers



what are you giving your mom

**Seasonal
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June**





yuk holding a frog is gross



yikes the frog got away

quick grab him before he hops away



can i keep him for a pet

these frogs are green

