

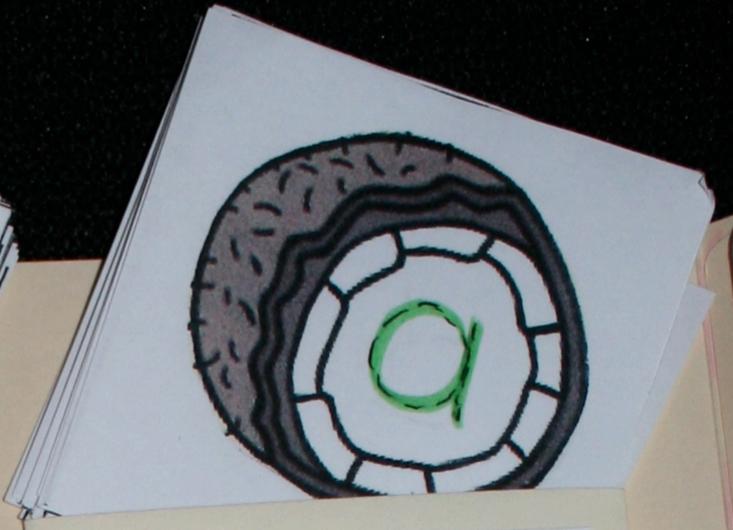
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A Student's Lap Office



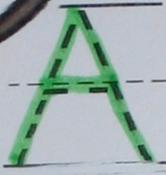
Pick a Chicka
Activity file folder:

Diane

Student Lap Office



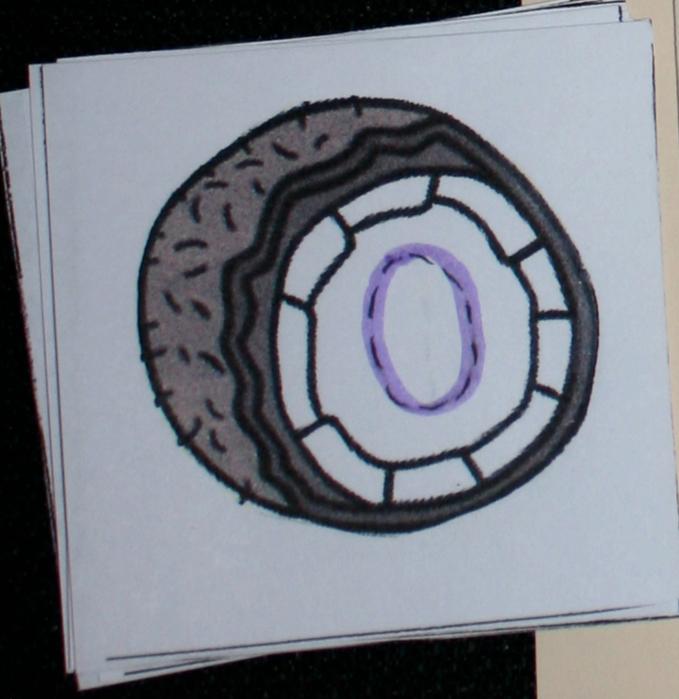
Uppercase

Letters 

A card with a donut illustration. The word "Uppercase" is written inside the donut's hole. Below the donut, the word "Letters" is written, followed by a green uppercase letter 'A' on a three-line grid for tracing.

Lowercase

Letters 

A card with a donut illustration. The word "Lowercase" is written inside the donut's hole. Below the donut, the word "Letters" is written, followed by a green lowercase letter 'a' on a three-line grid for tracing.

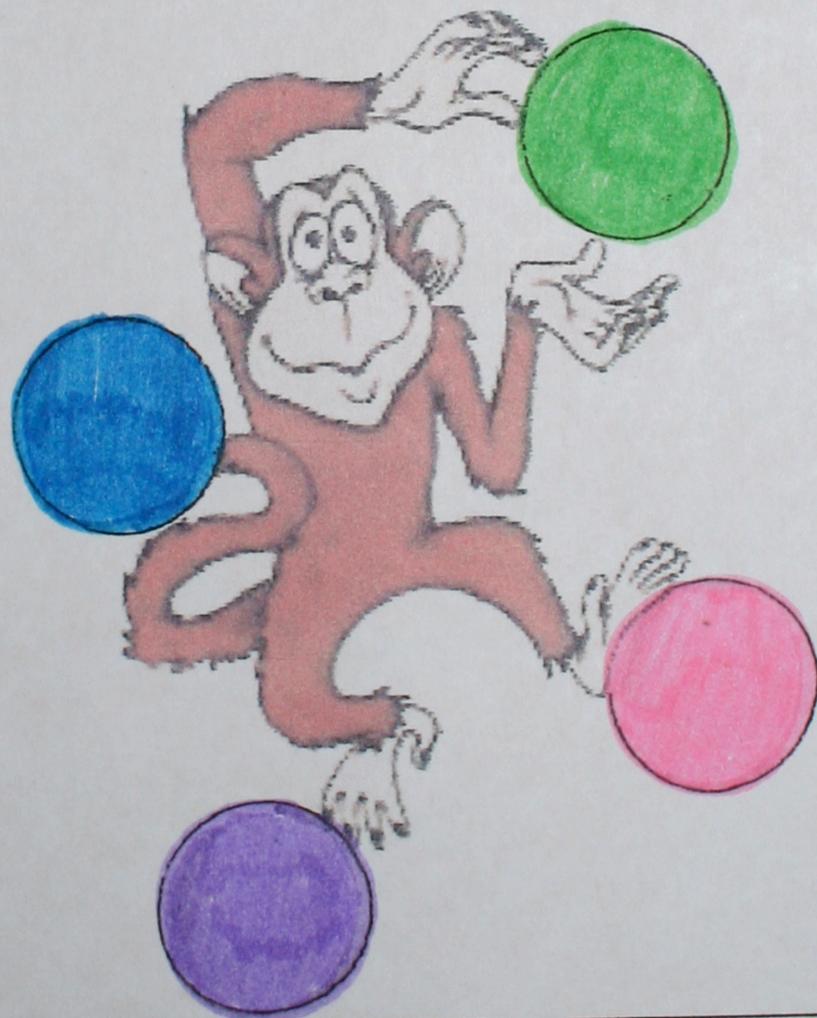
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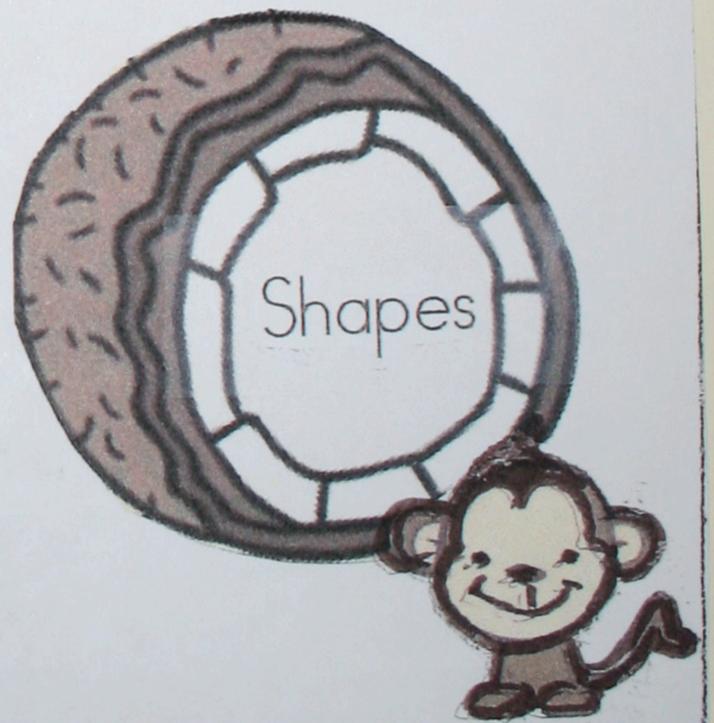
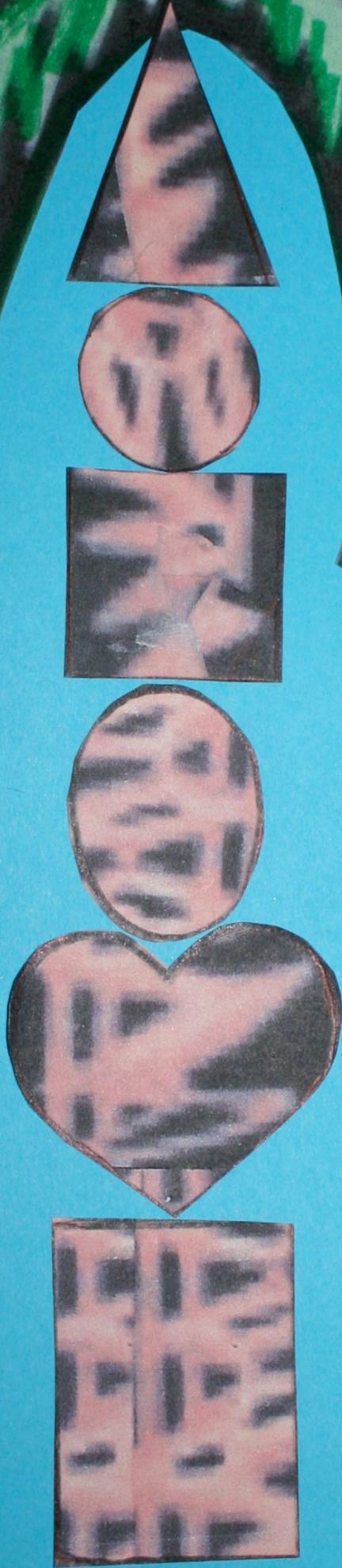
A card with a donut illustration. The word "Numbers" is written inside the donut's hole. Below the donut, the numbers "1 2 3" are written in green on a three-line grid for tracing.

My Name

A card with a donut illustration. The words "My Name" are written inside the donut's hole. To the right of the donut is a small, cartoonish illustration of a smiling monkey.



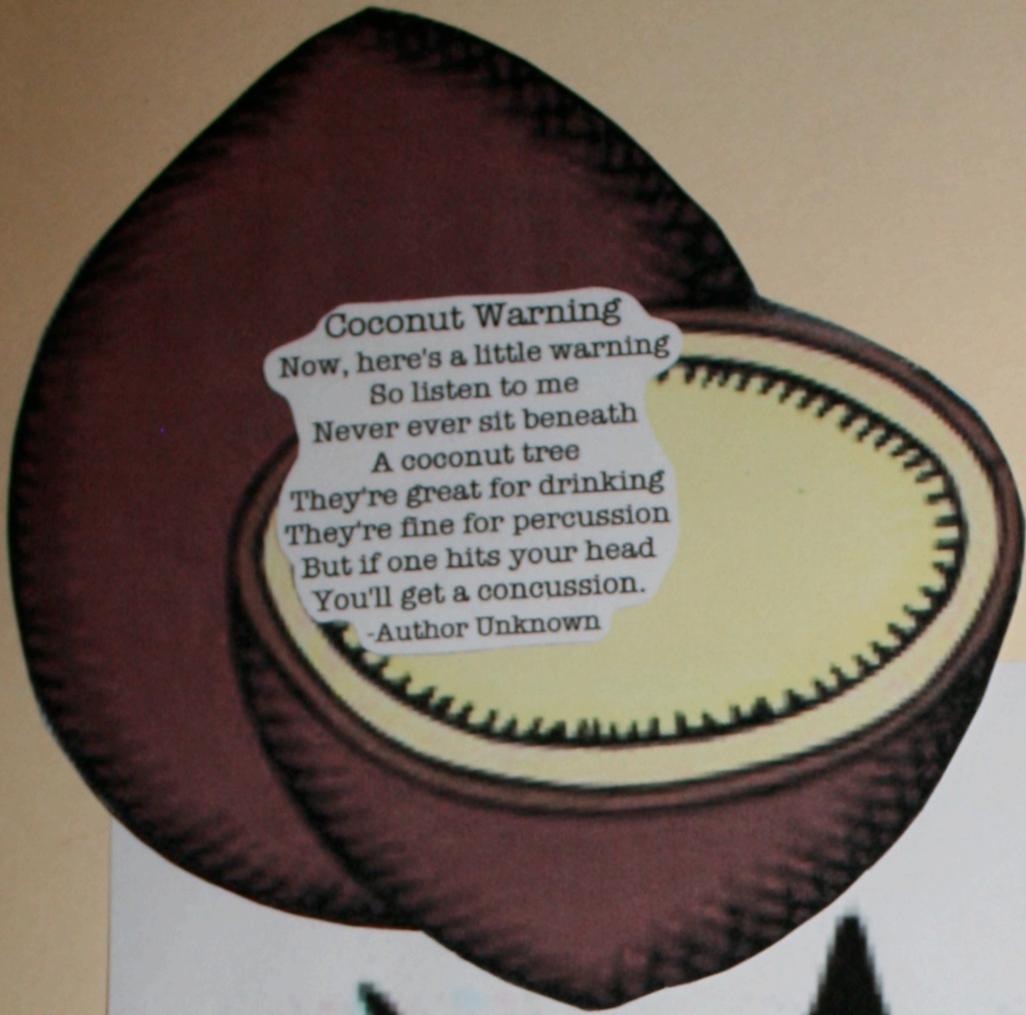
Coconut Colors





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Peek and see
who is hiding
in my
coconut tree.

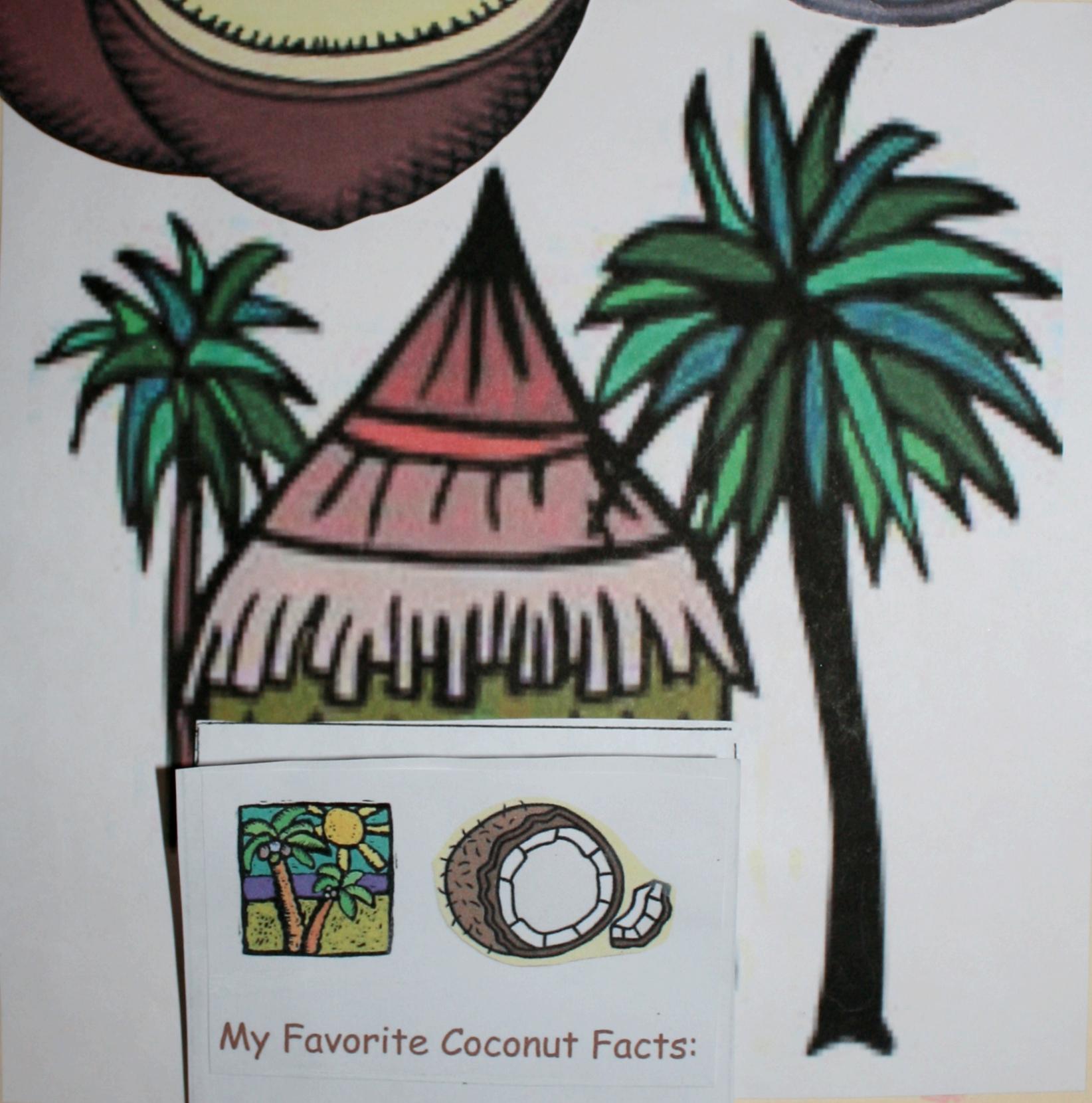


Coconut Warning
Now, here's a little warning
So listen to me
Never ever sit beneath
A coconut tree
They're great for drinking
They're fine for percussion
But if one hits your head
You'll get a concussion.
-Author Unknown



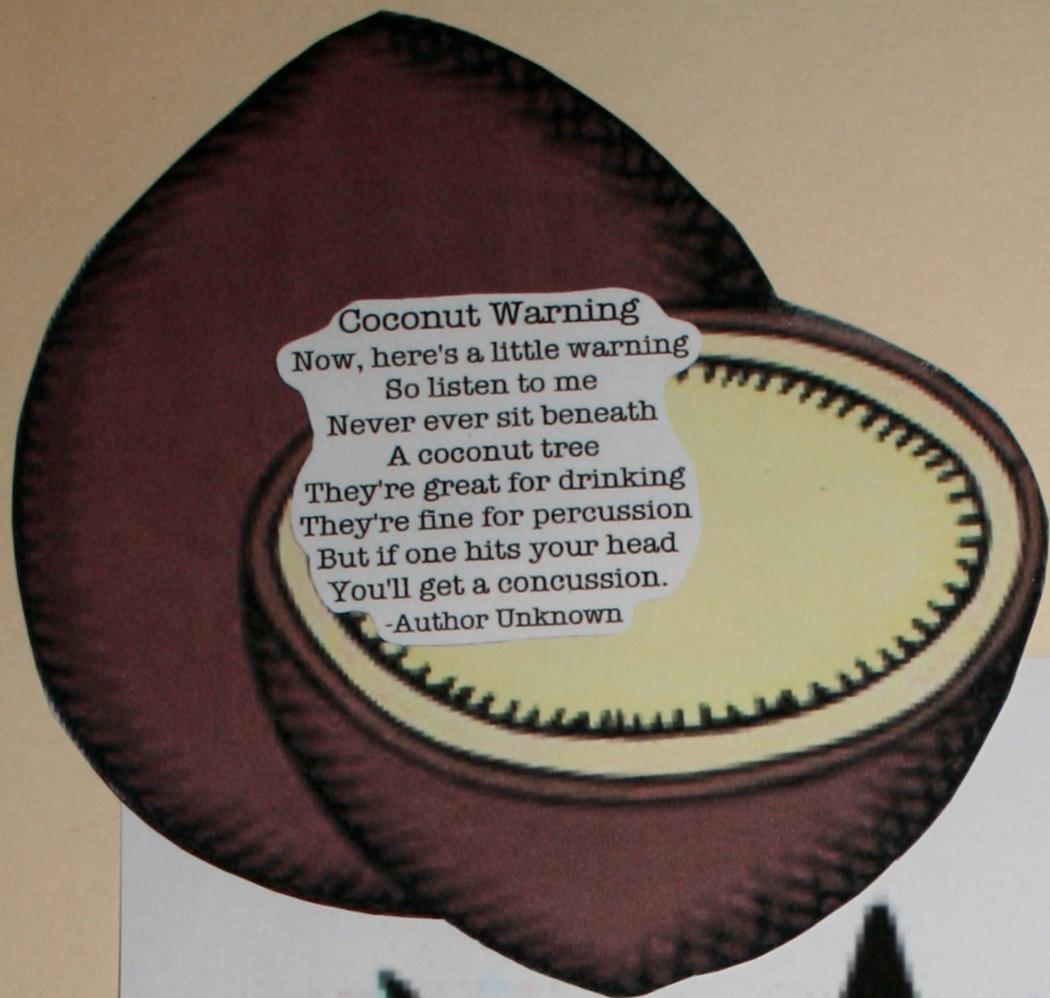
Chicka Boom!
I'm in
Mrs. Henderson's
Room!

Kelli



My Favorite Coconut Facts:

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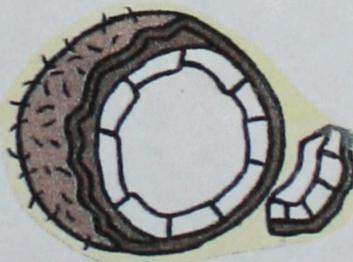
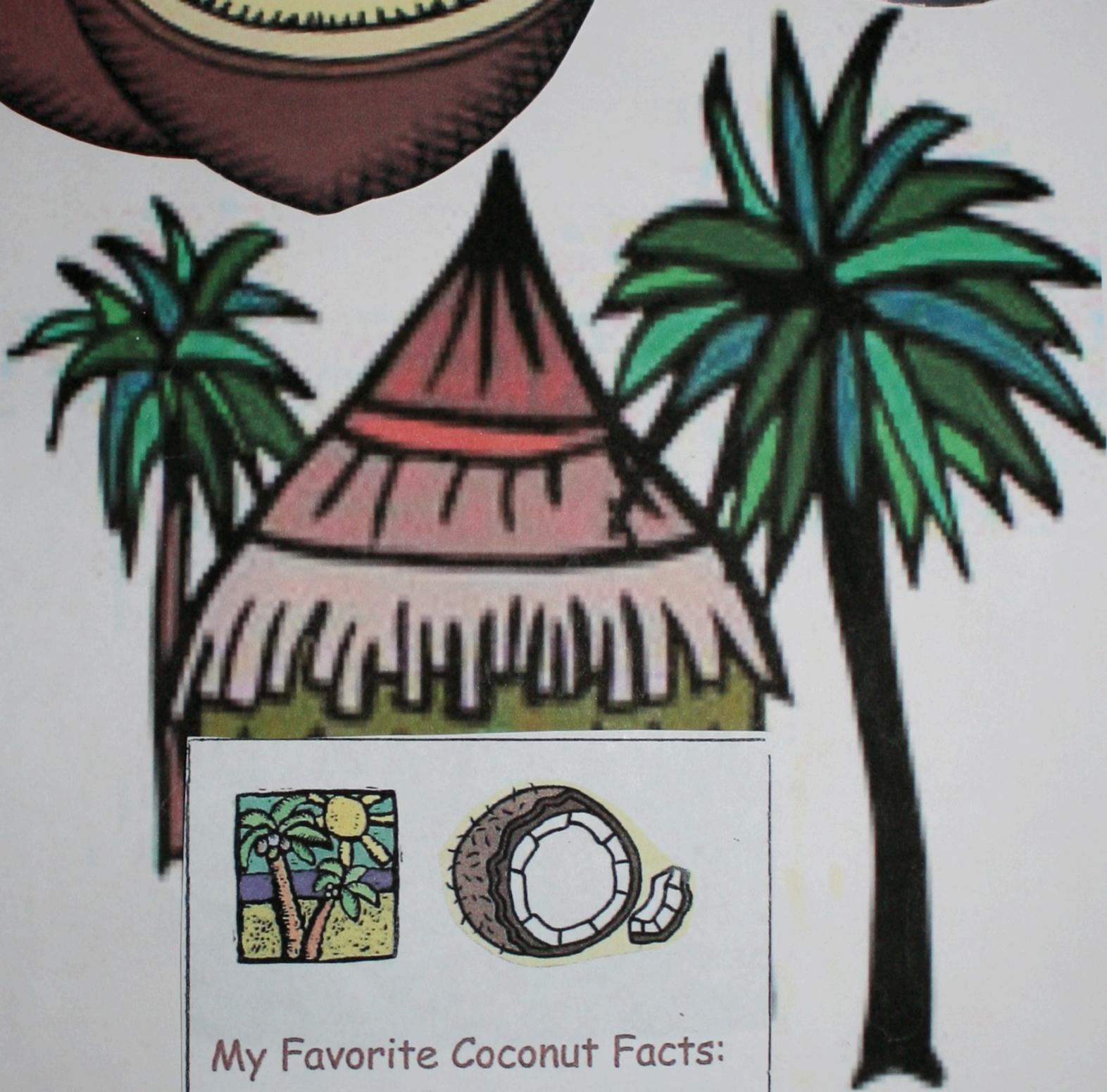


Chicka Boom!

I'm in

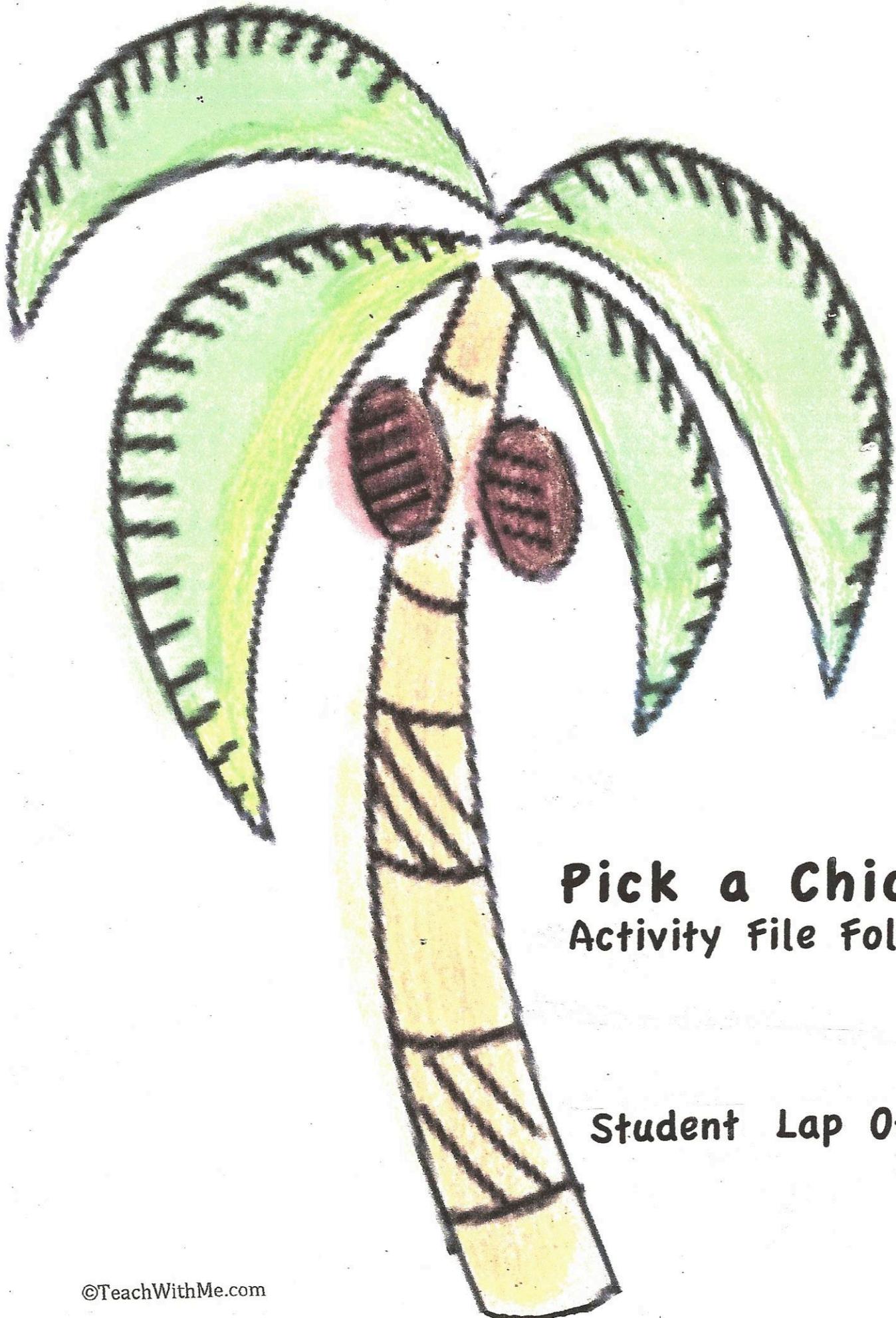
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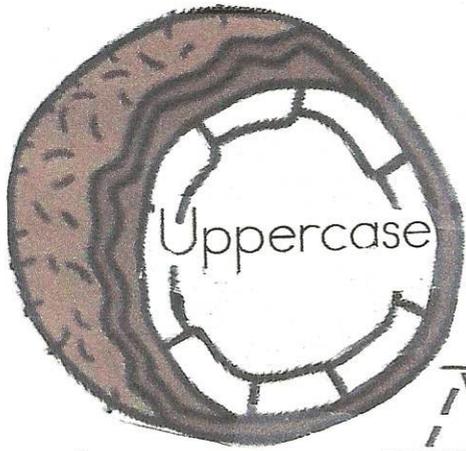
My Favorite Coconut Facts:

1. The coconut got its name from Spanish, Portuguese and Italian explorers. *Coco/choco* meant "spooky" or "monkey" face.
2. Coconuts kill 150 people a year. That's 10 times more than sharks do!
3. Coconuts are used in 100's of products, from building a hut to saving a life, to face cream and fuel.



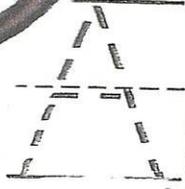
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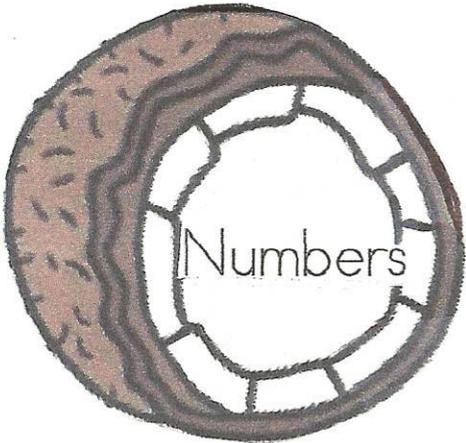
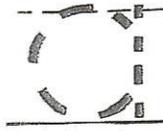
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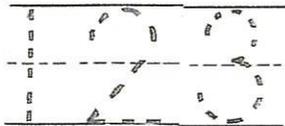


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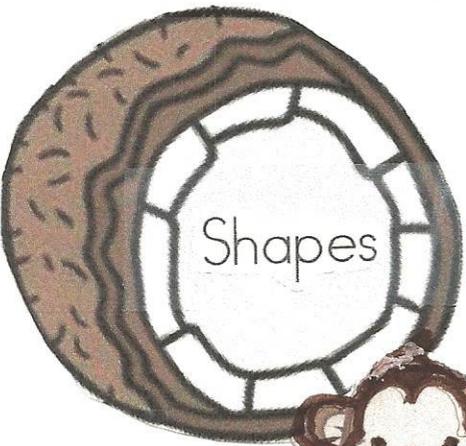
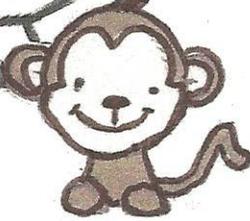
Letters



Numbers

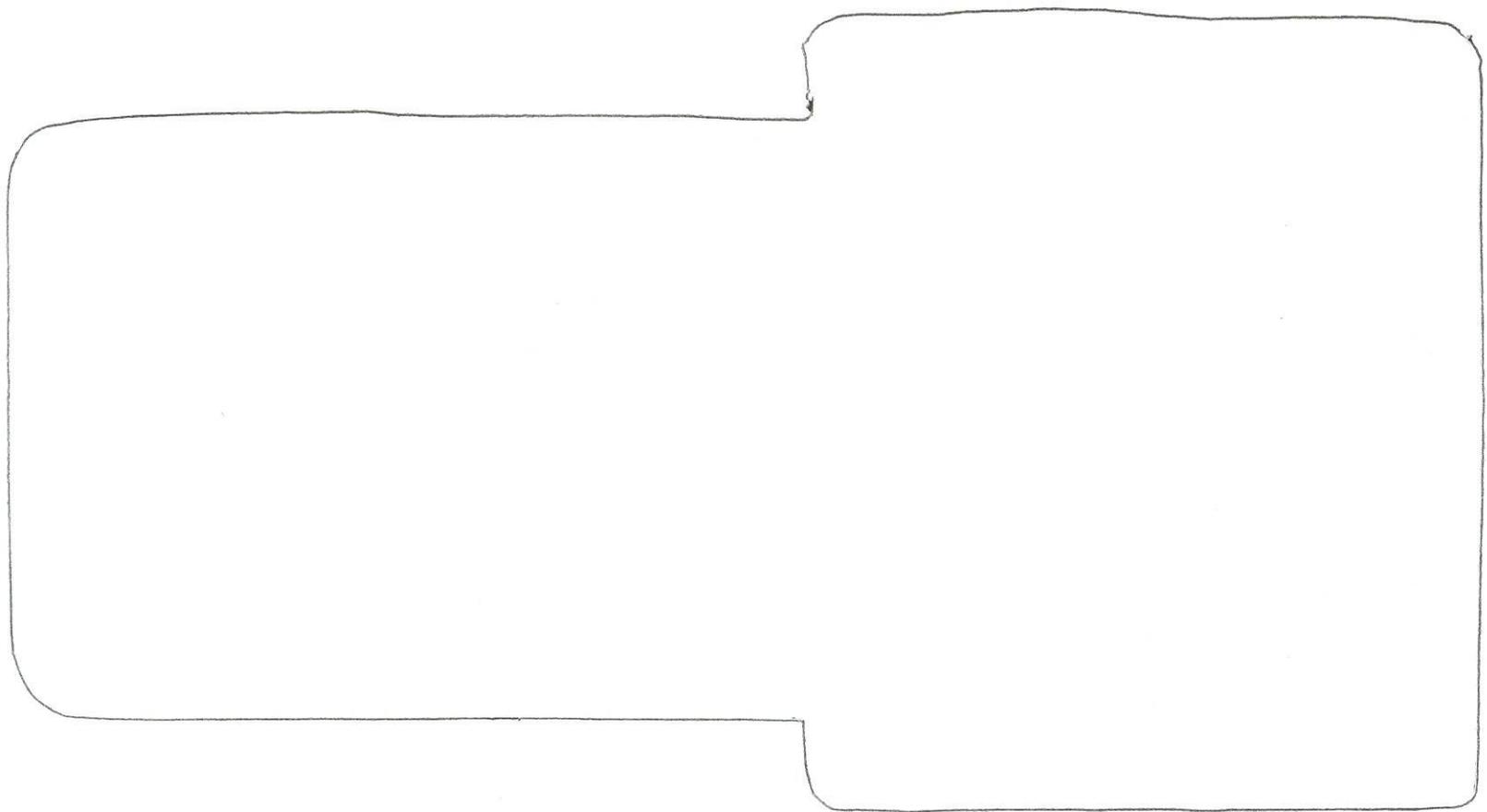
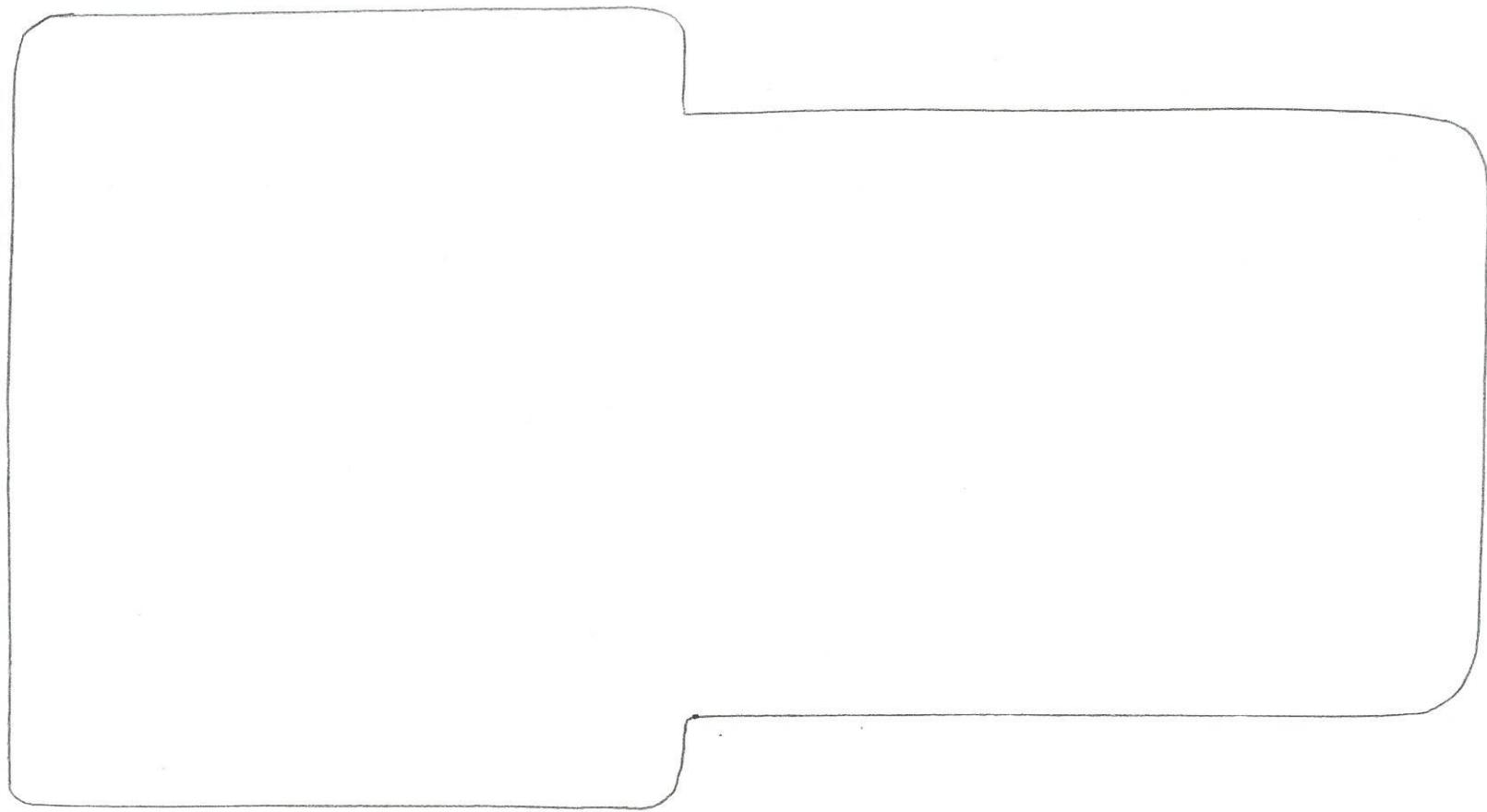


My
Name



Shapes

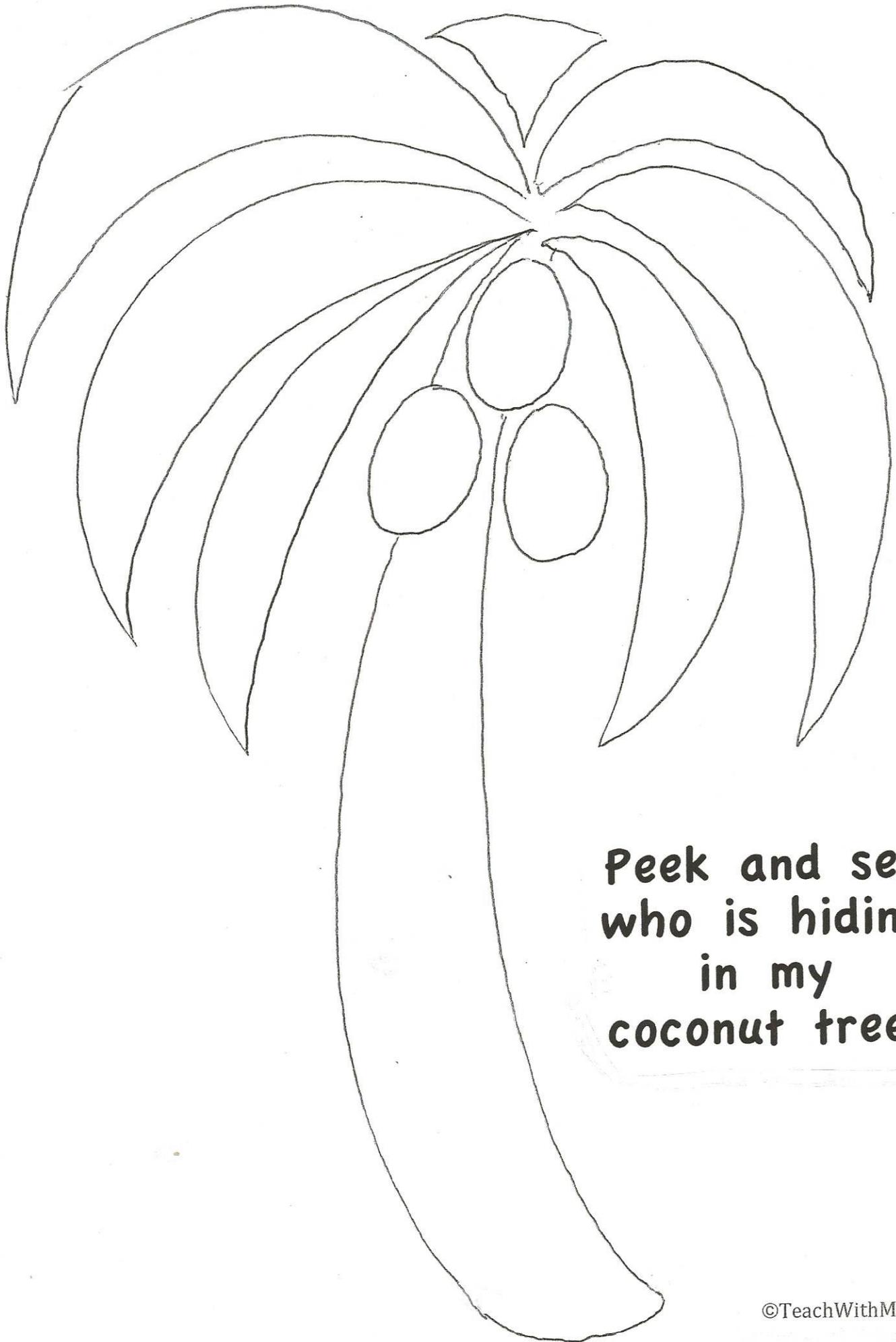




Pocket cards





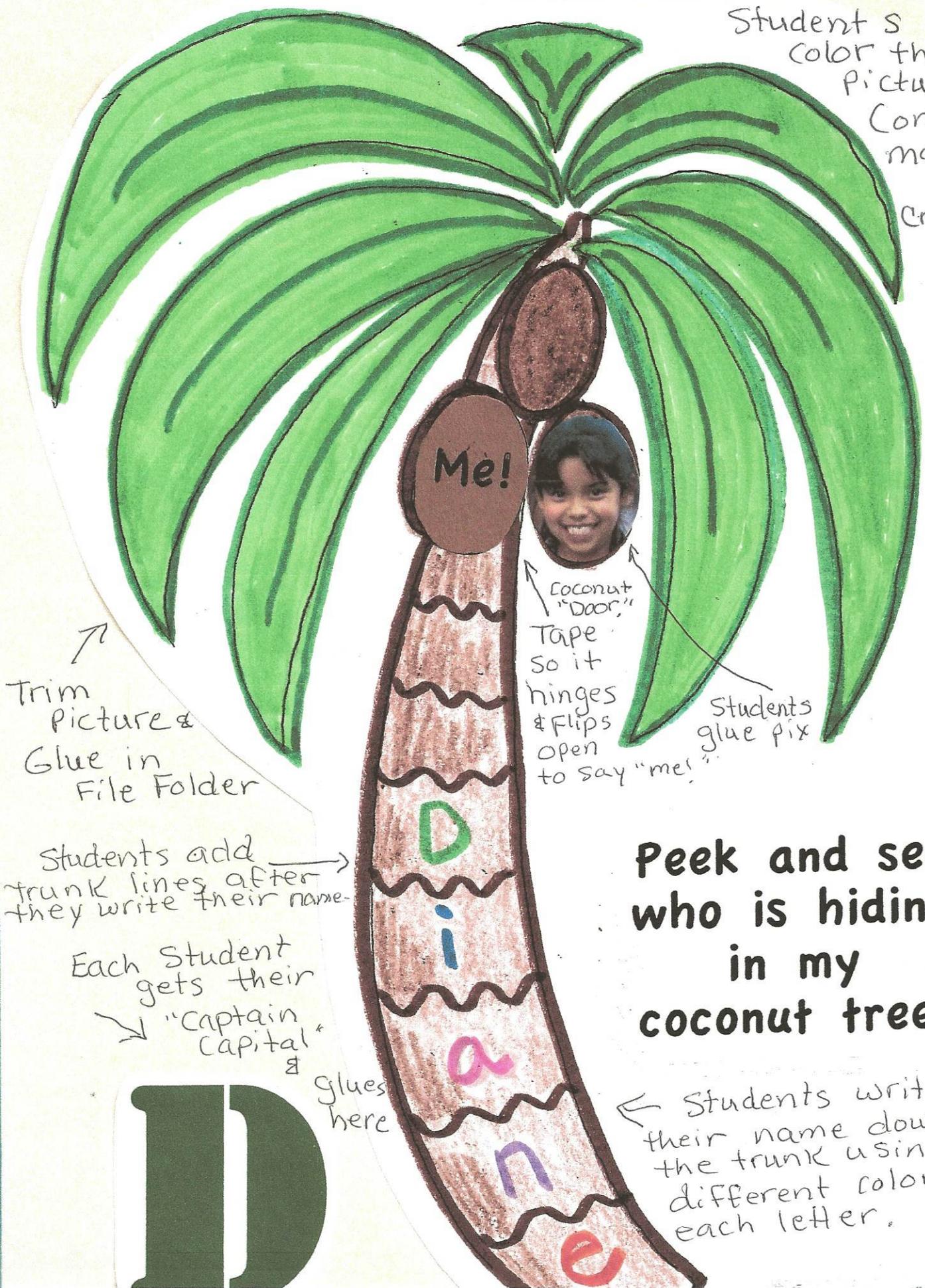


**Peek and see
who is hiding
in my
coconut tree.**

Me! Me! Me! Me! Me!

Mei

Students
color their
picture
Combo
markers
&
Crayons



Trim
Picture &
Glue in
File Folder

Students add
trunk lines after
they write their name.

Each Student
gets their
"Captain
Capital"
&

glues
here

D

Coconut
"Door"
Tape
so it
hinges
& flips
open
to say "me!"

Students
glue fix

**Peek and see
who is hiding
in my
coconut tree.**

Students write
their name down
the trunk using a
different color for
each letter.

A D G

B E H

C F I X

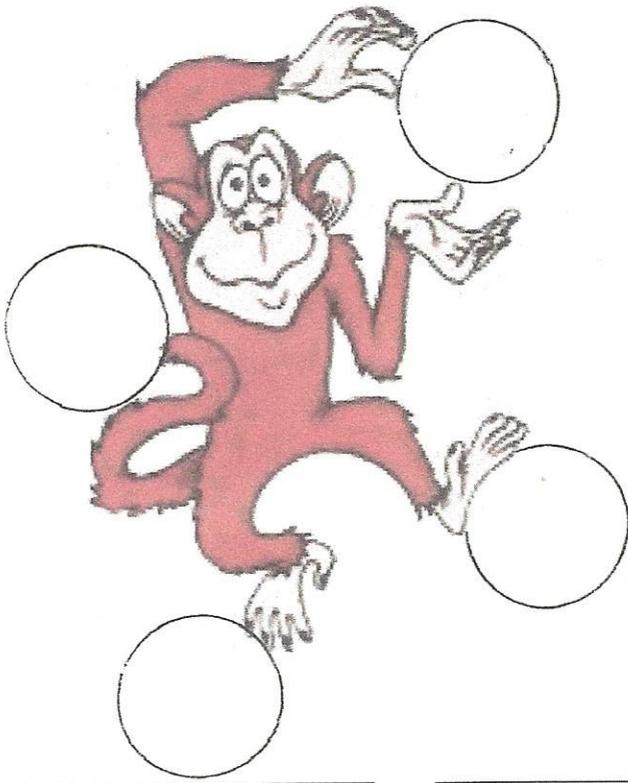
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K N Q

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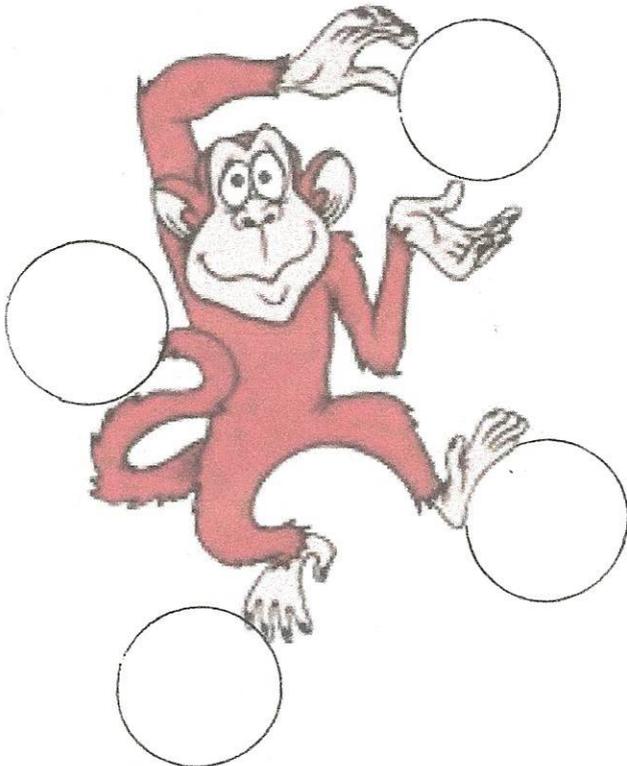
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T W Z



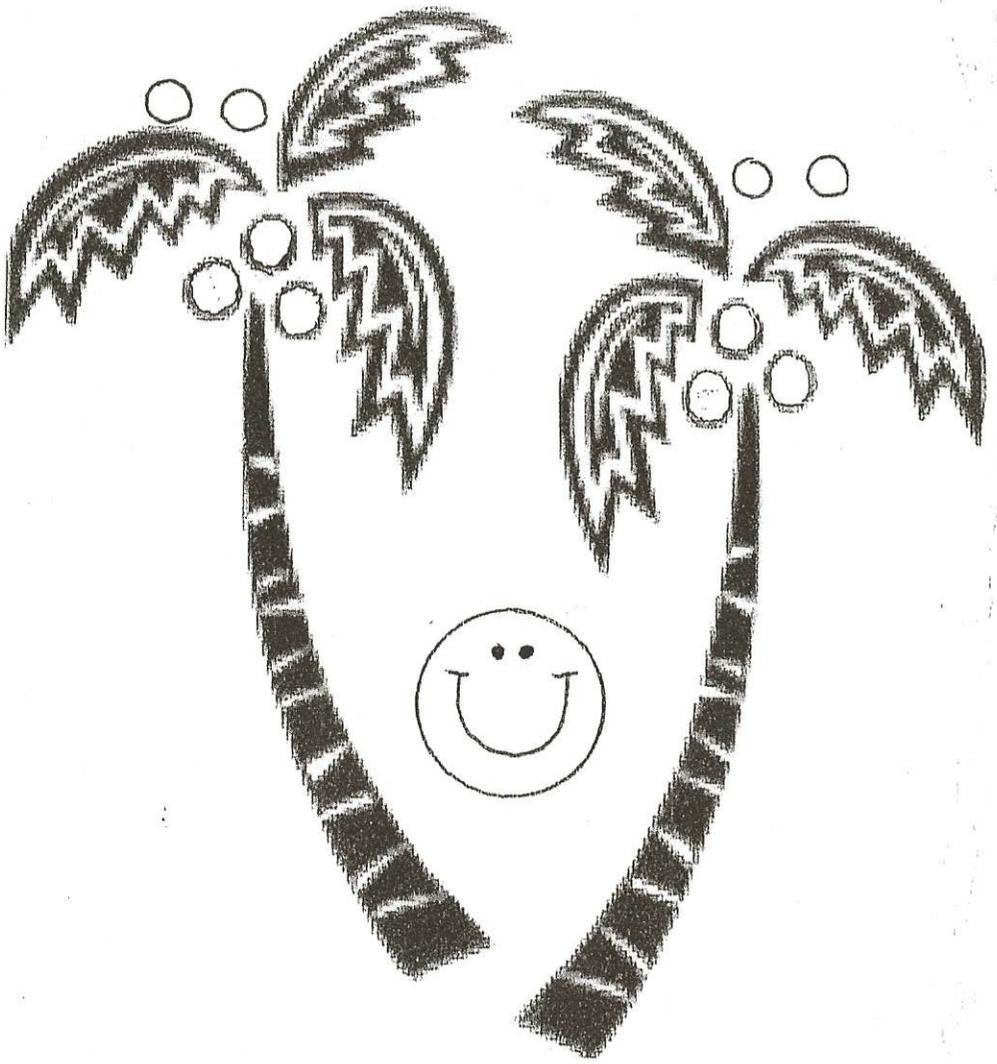
Coconut

Colors



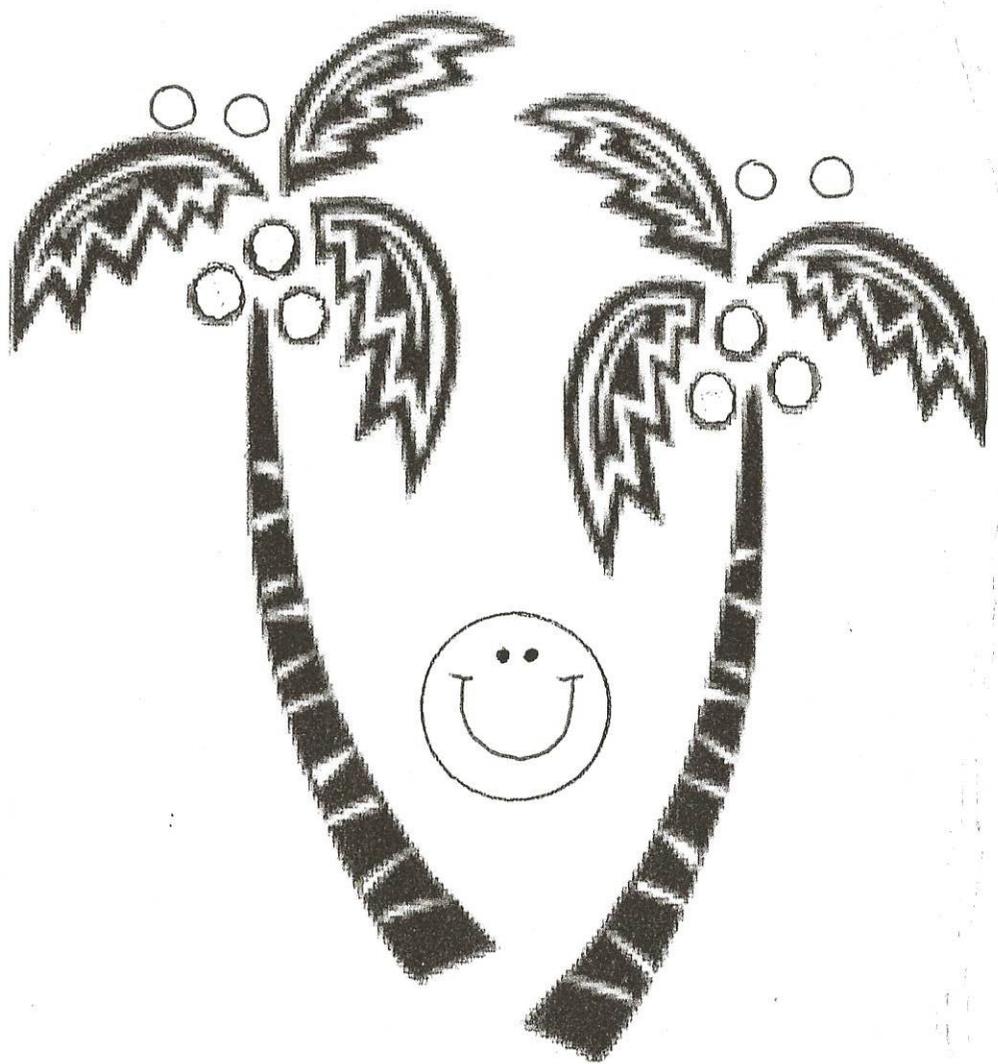
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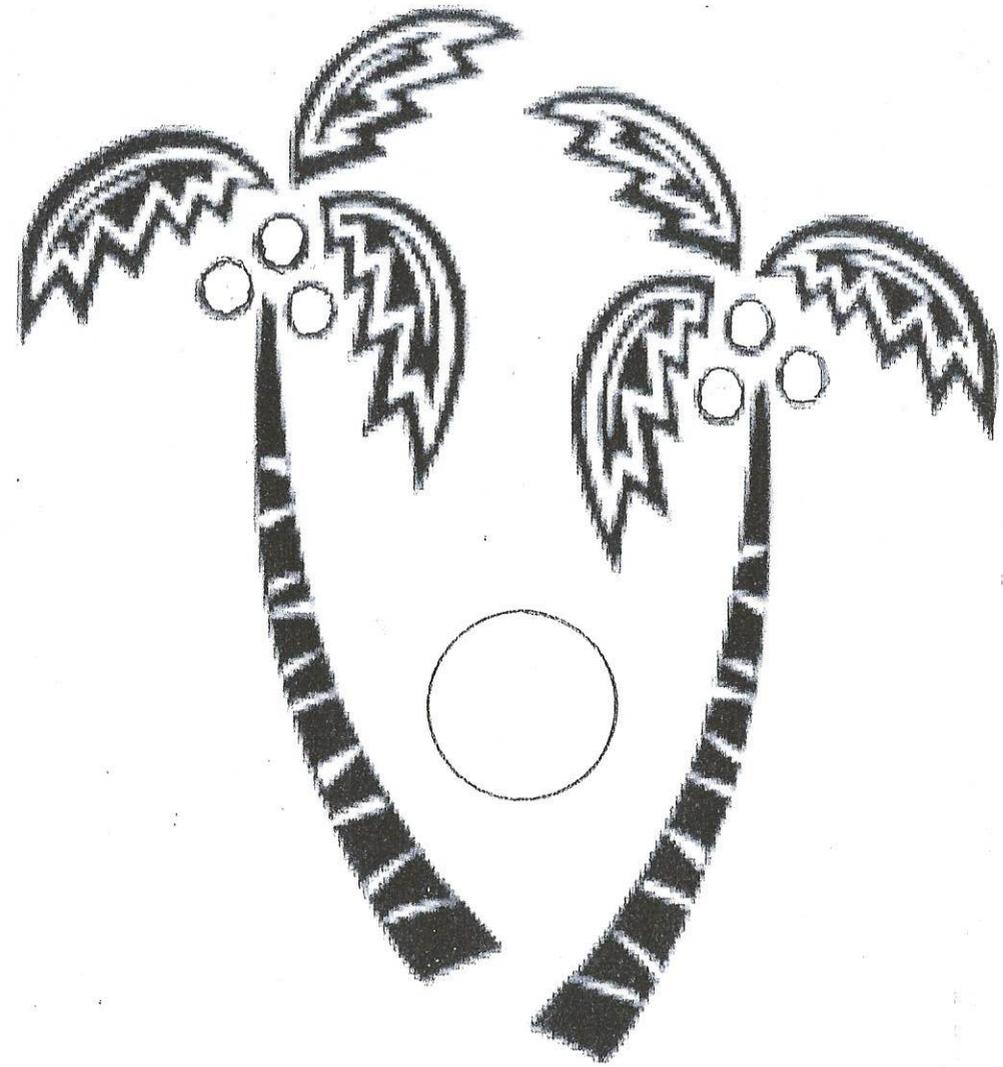
What Color Are The Coconuts?

Coconut Colors



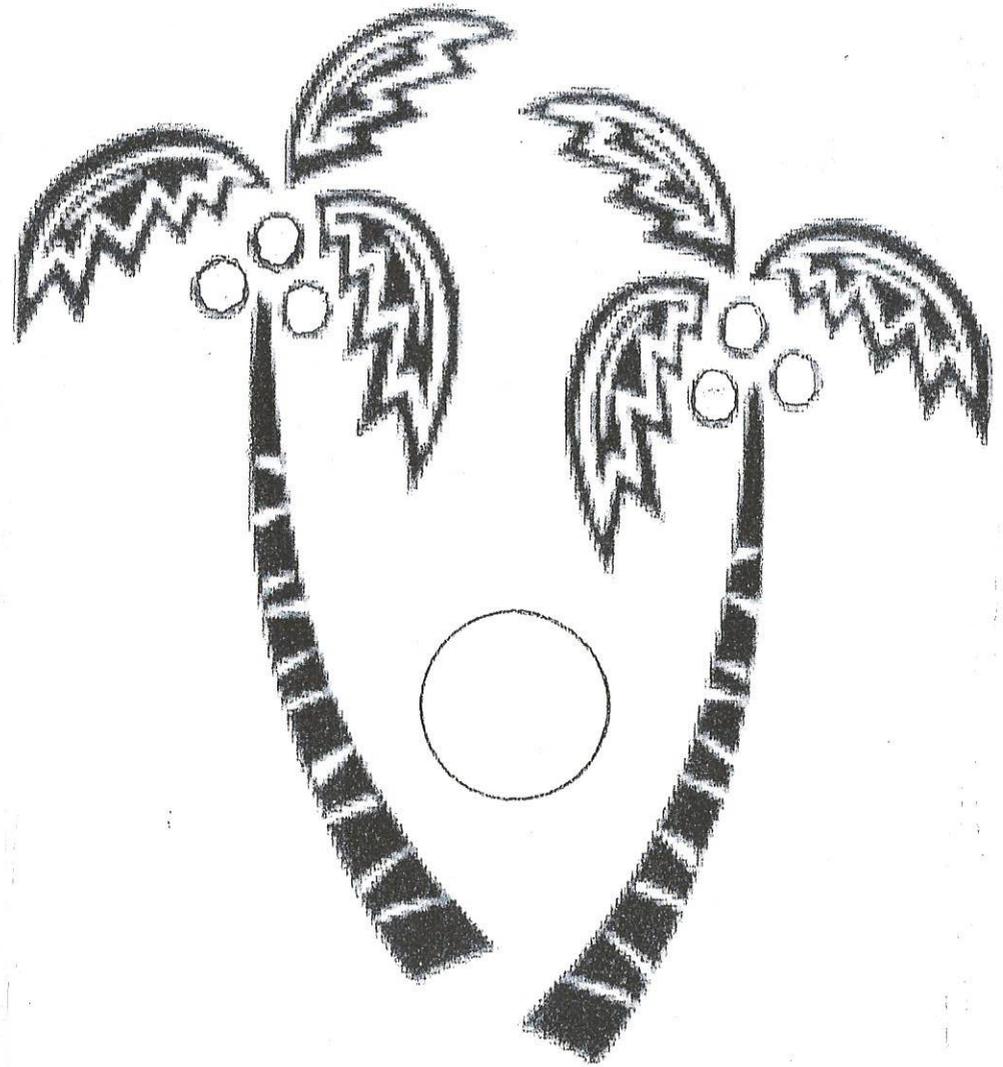
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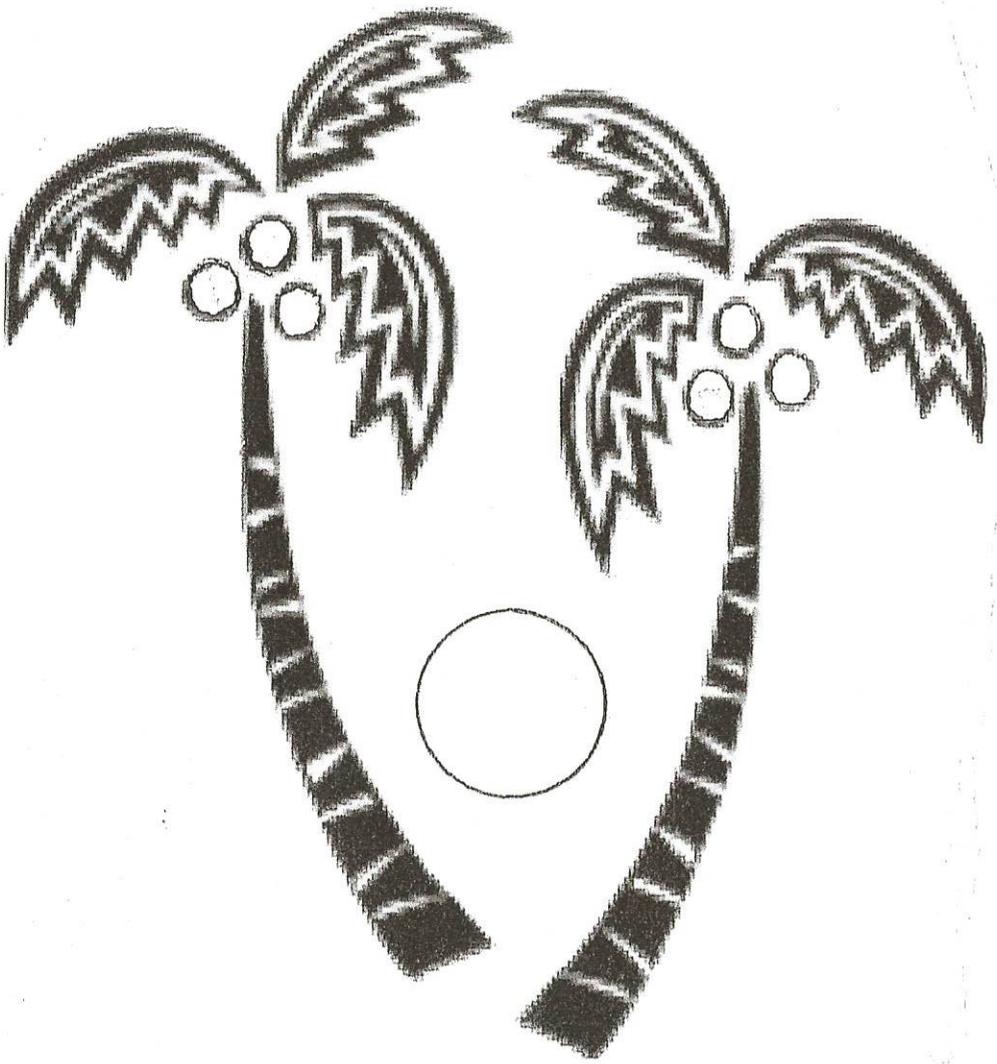
The coconuts on this tree are brown.

brown



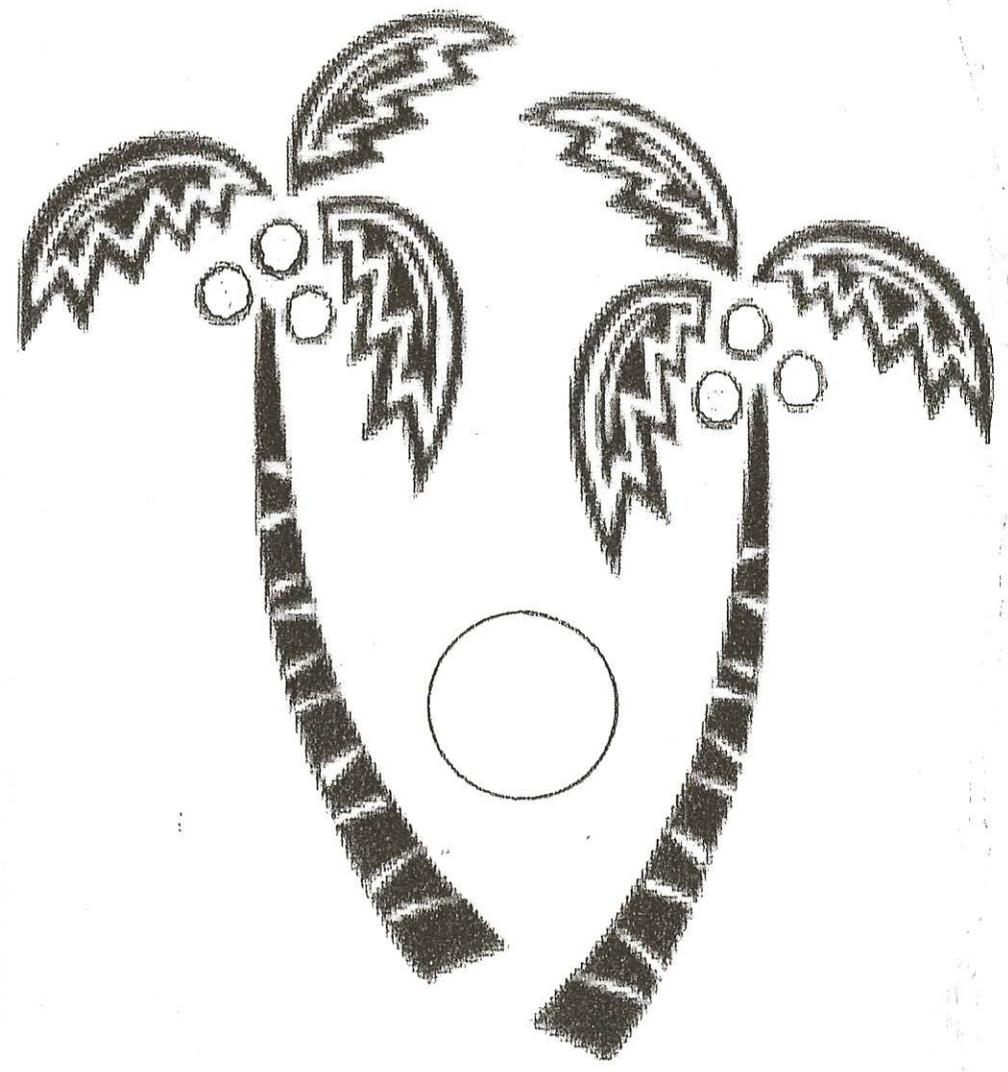
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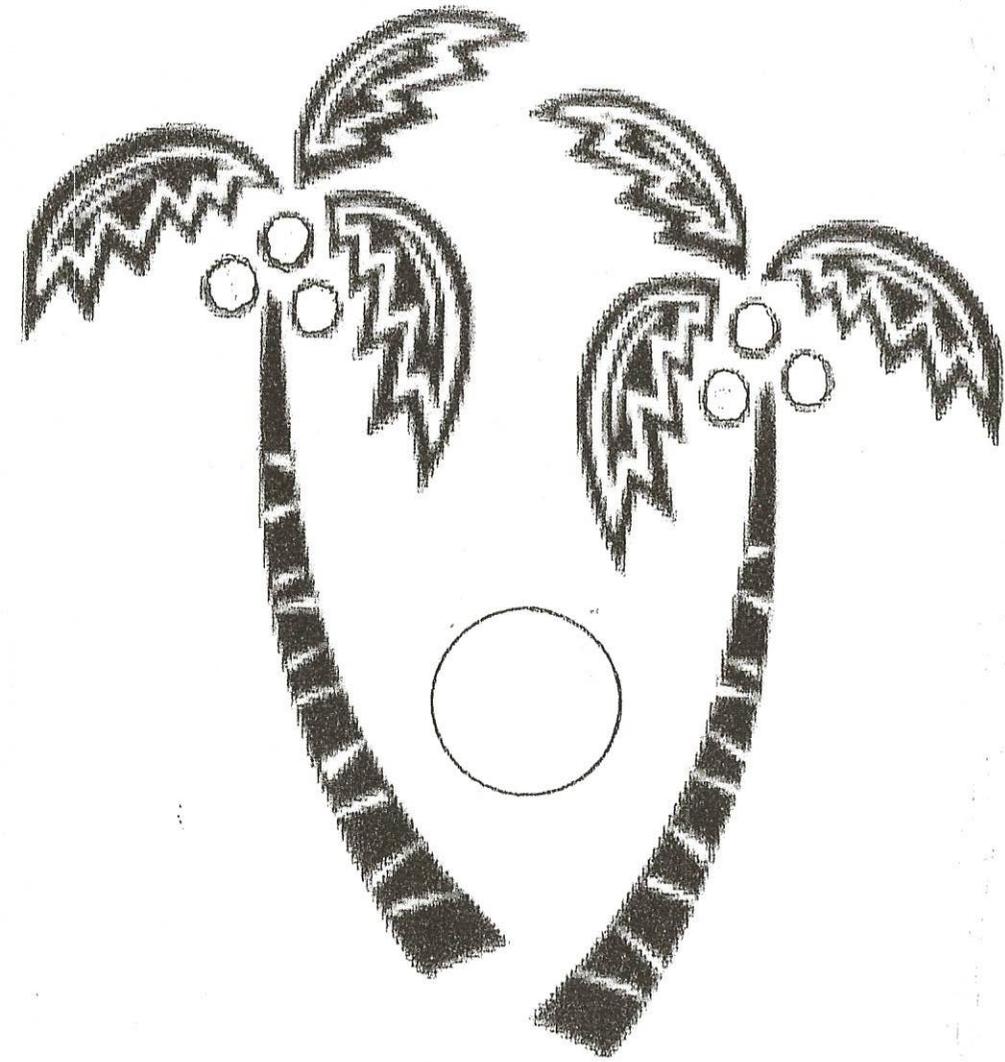
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red _____



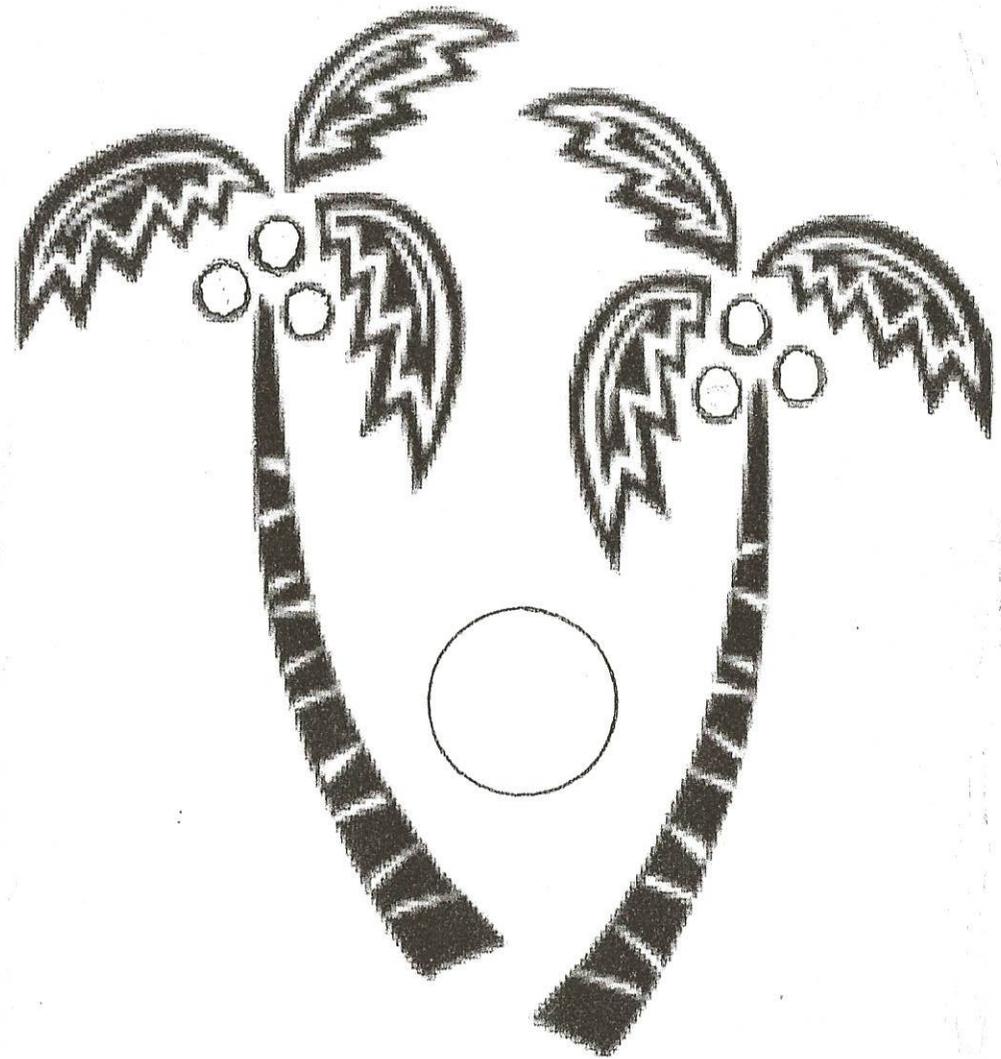
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red _____



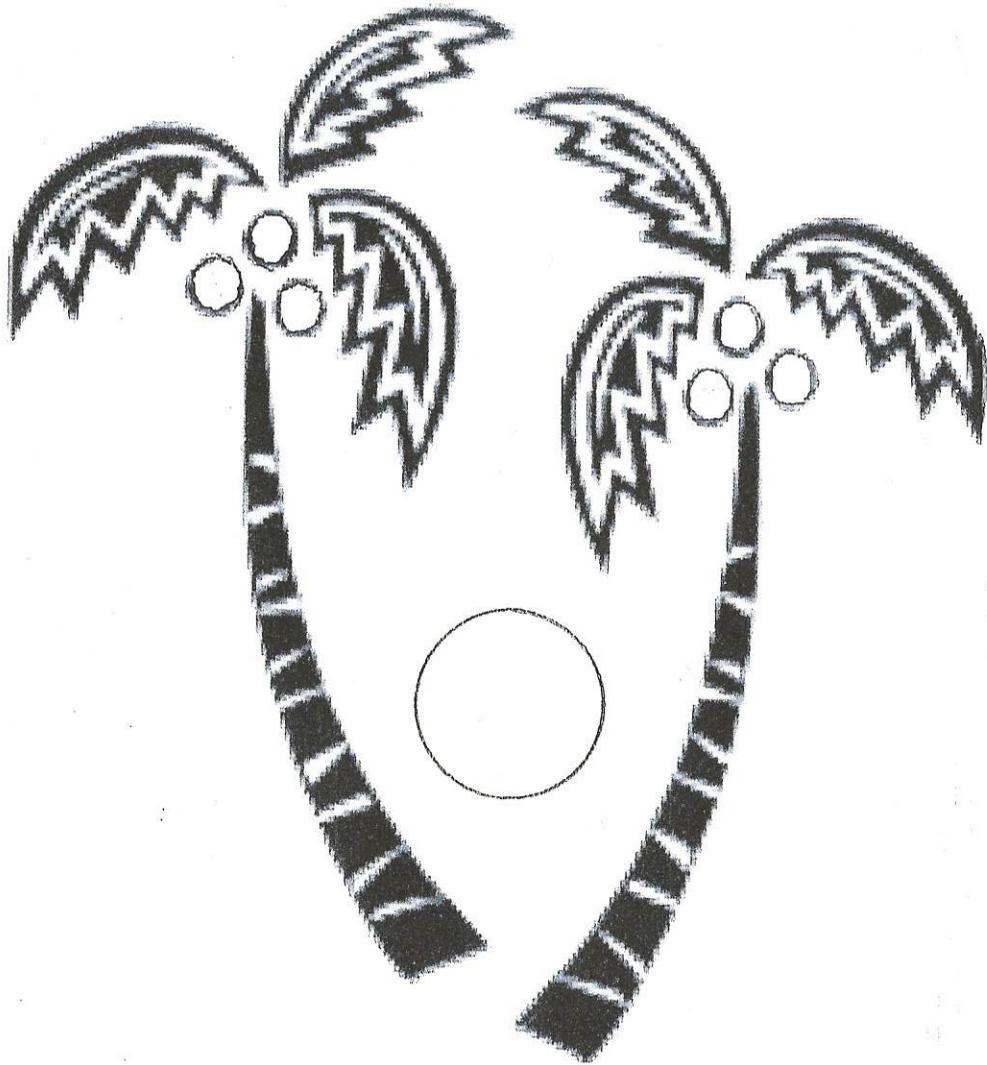
The coconuts on this tree are orange.

orange



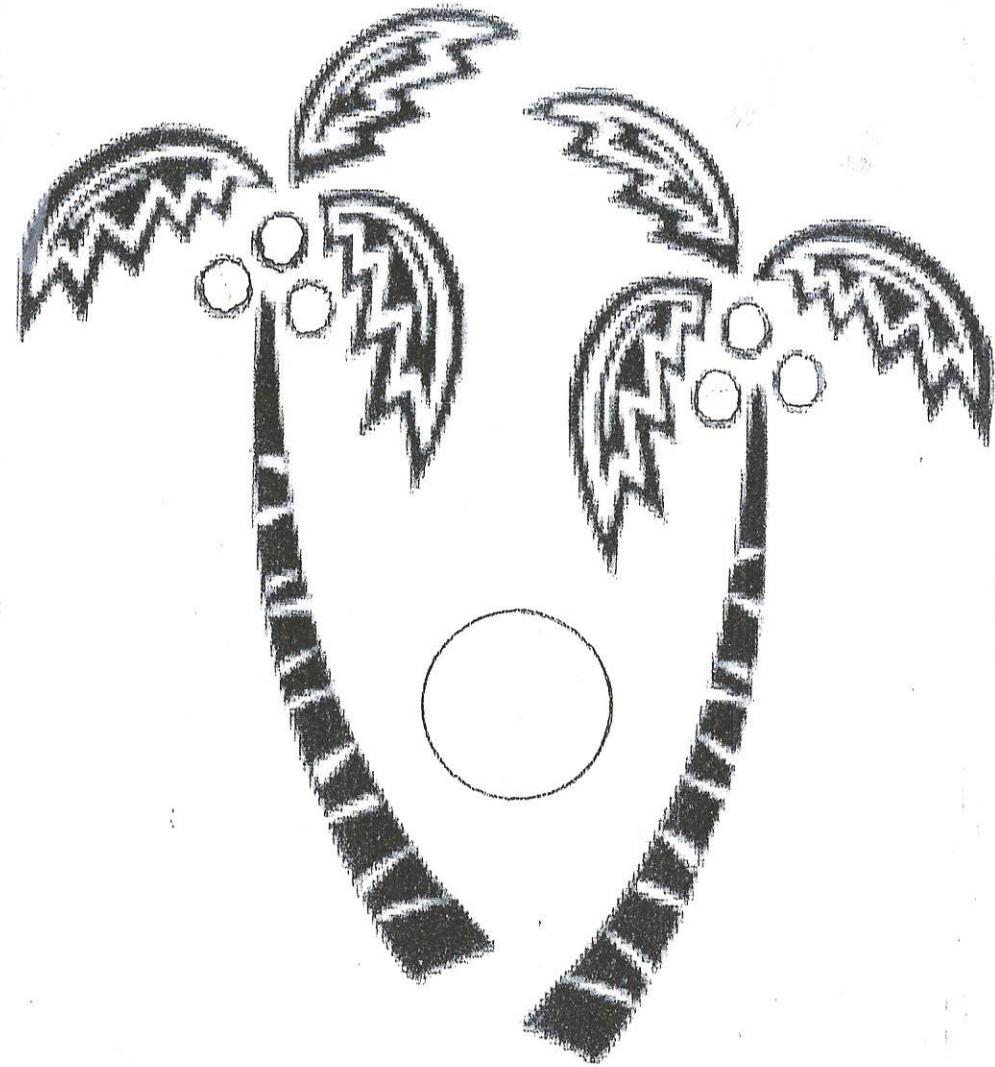
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orange



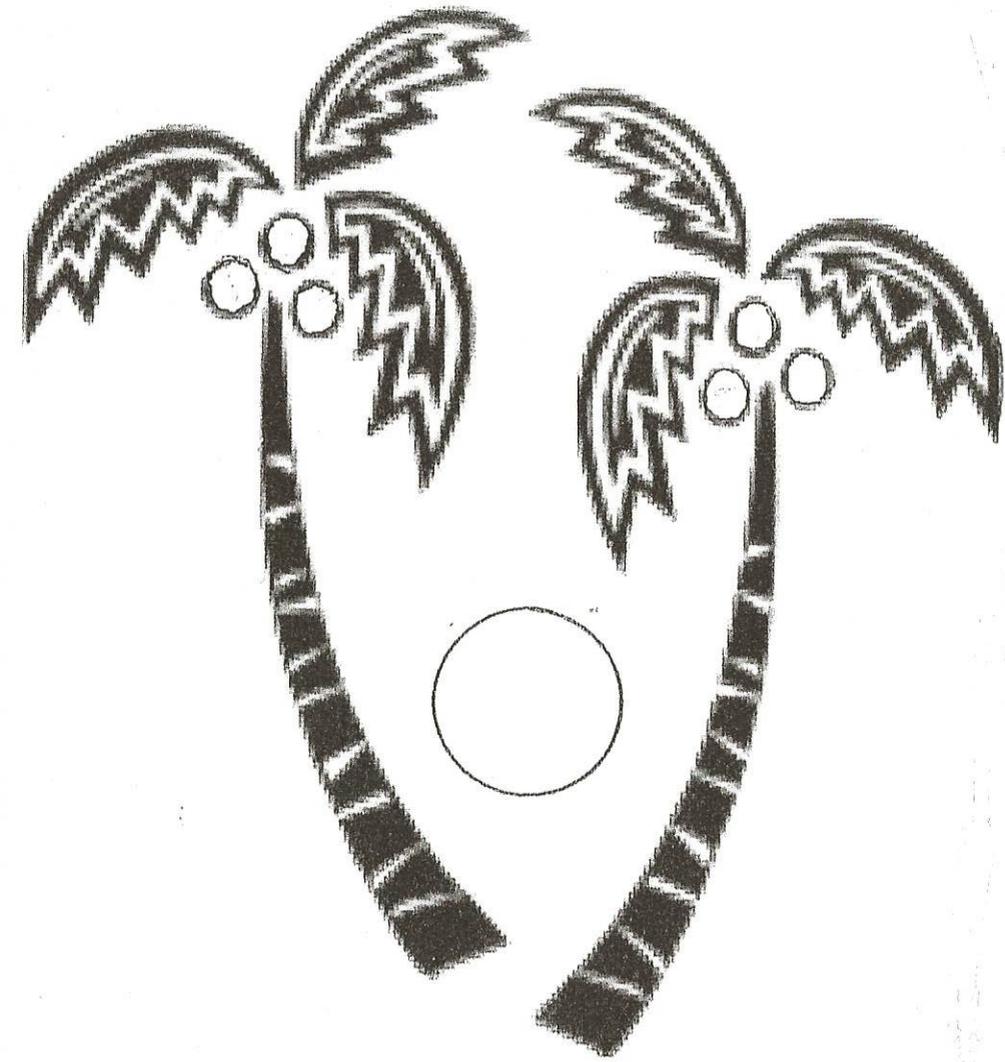
The coconuts on this tree are yellow.

yellow



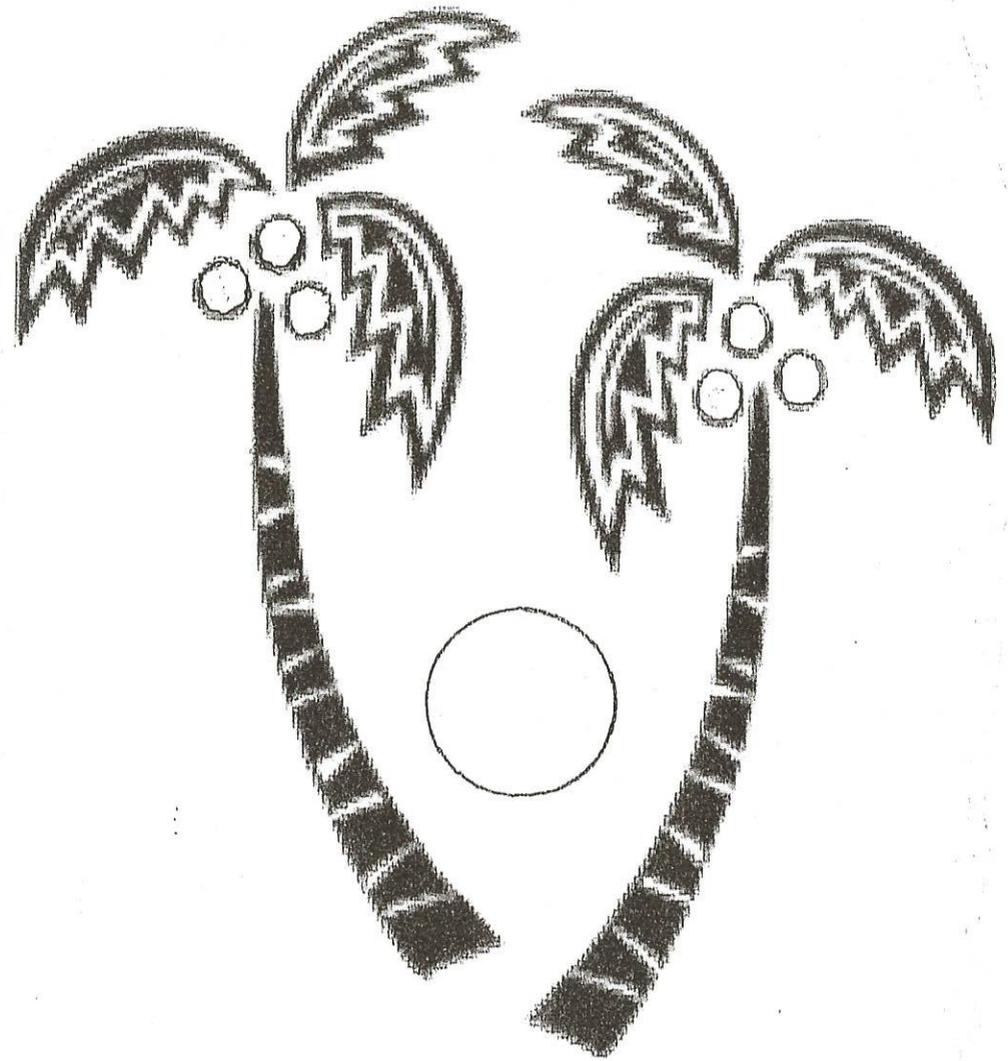
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yellow



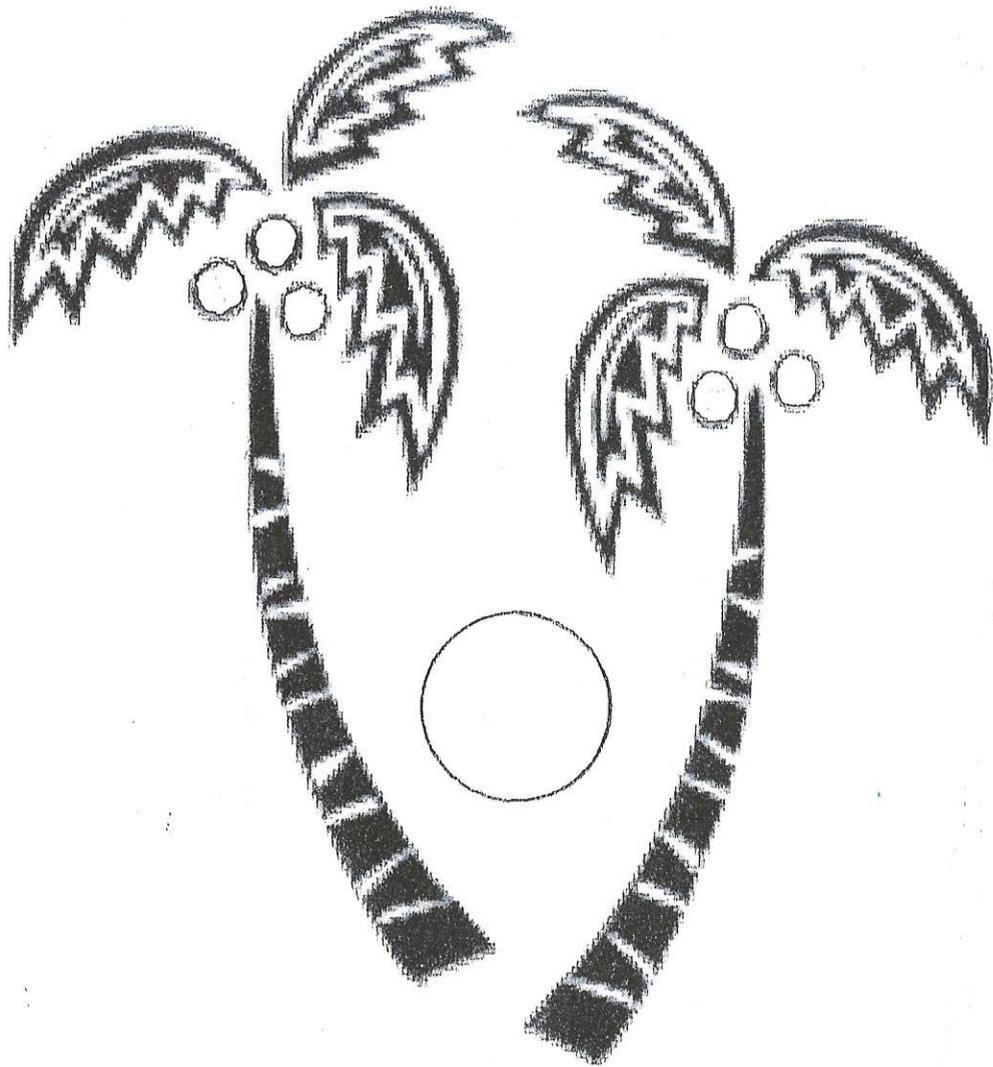
The coconuts on this tree are green.

green



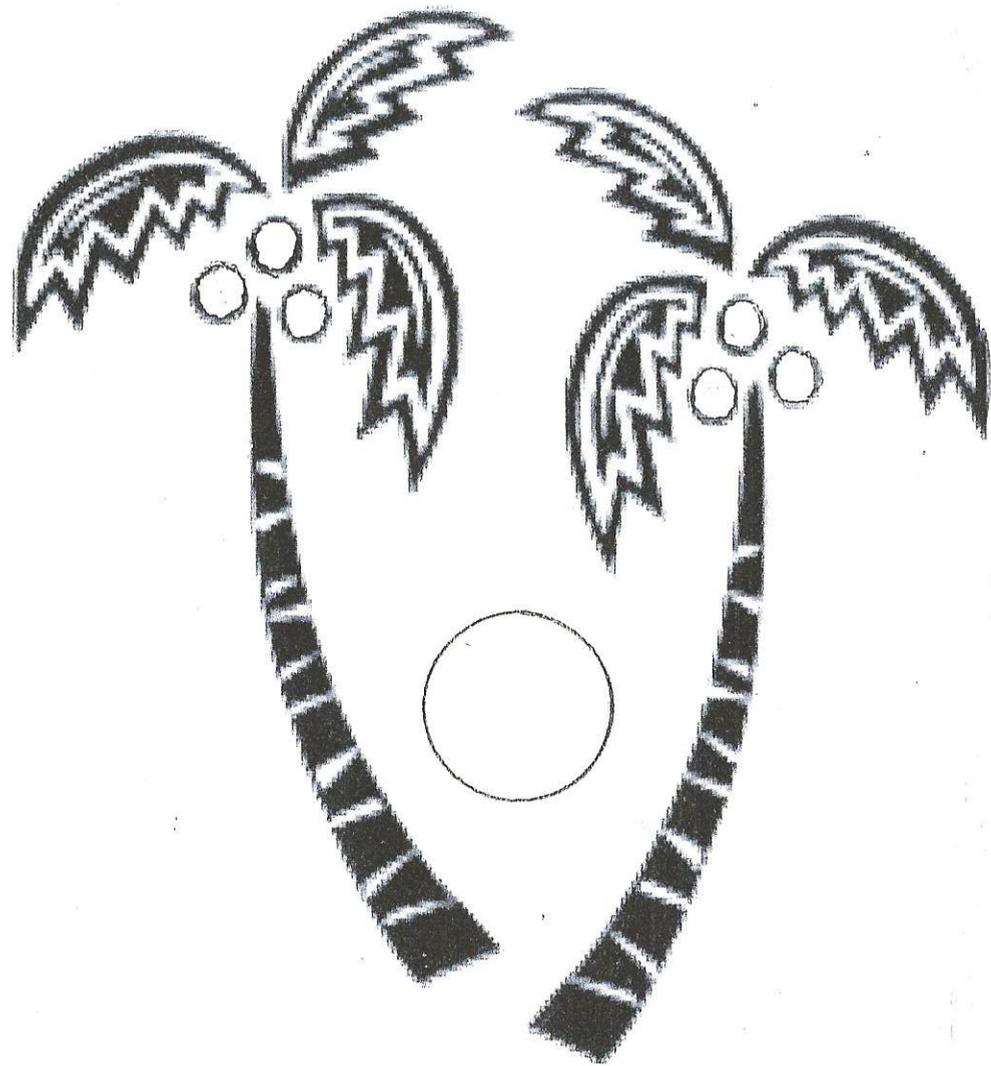
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green



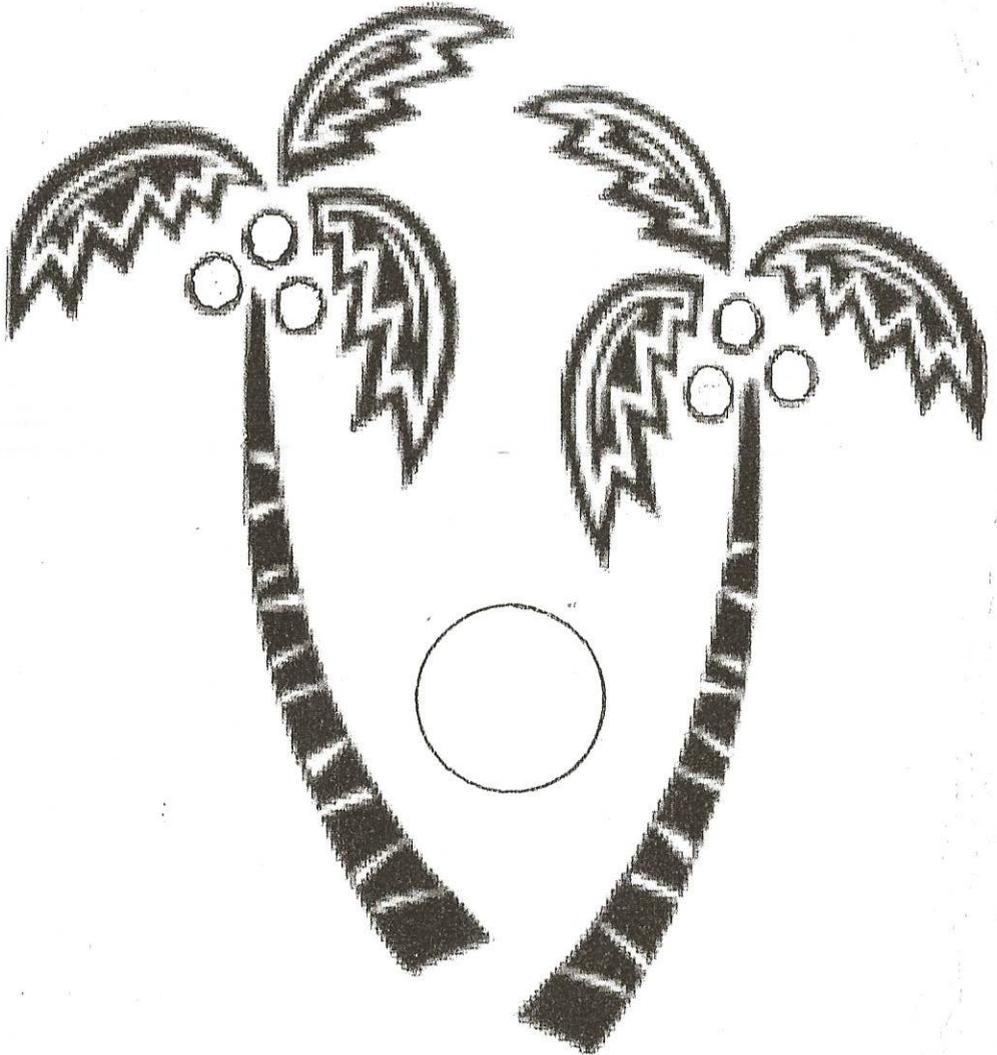
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blue _____



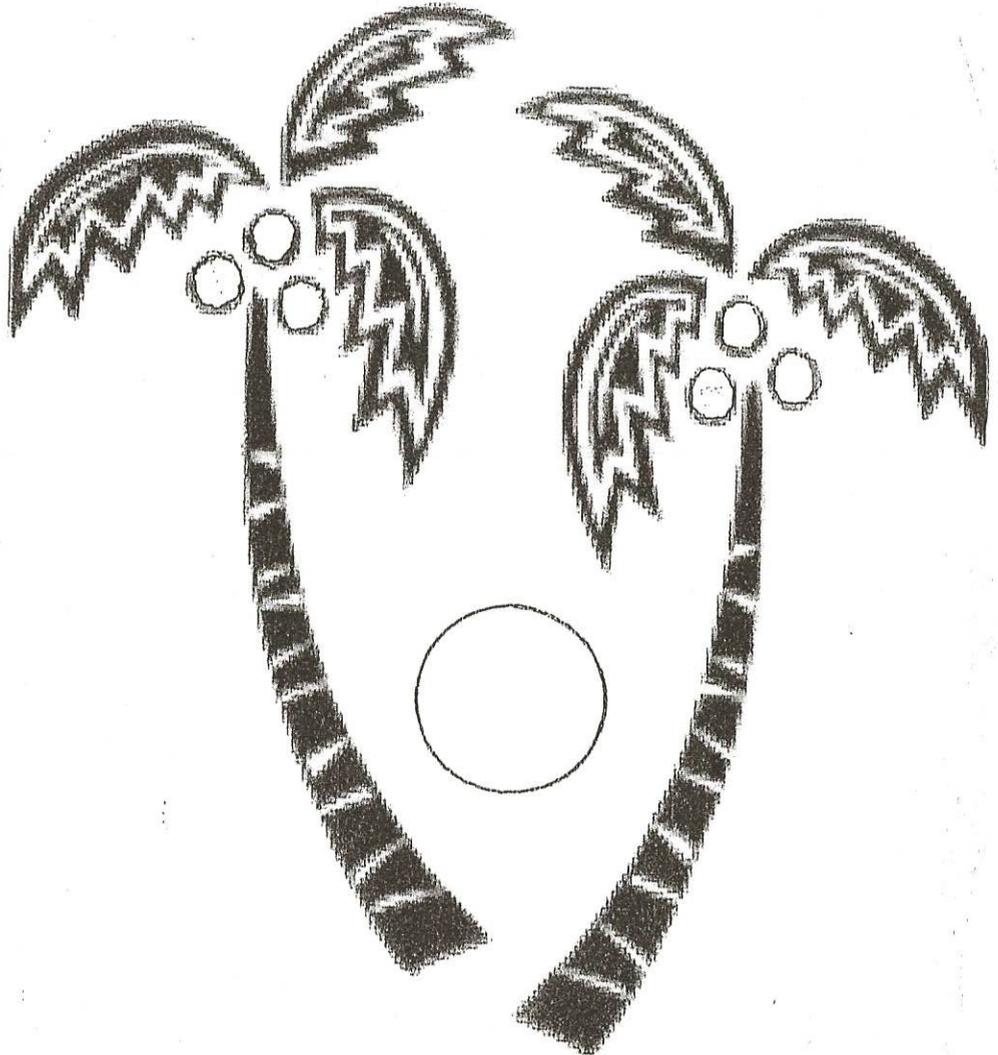
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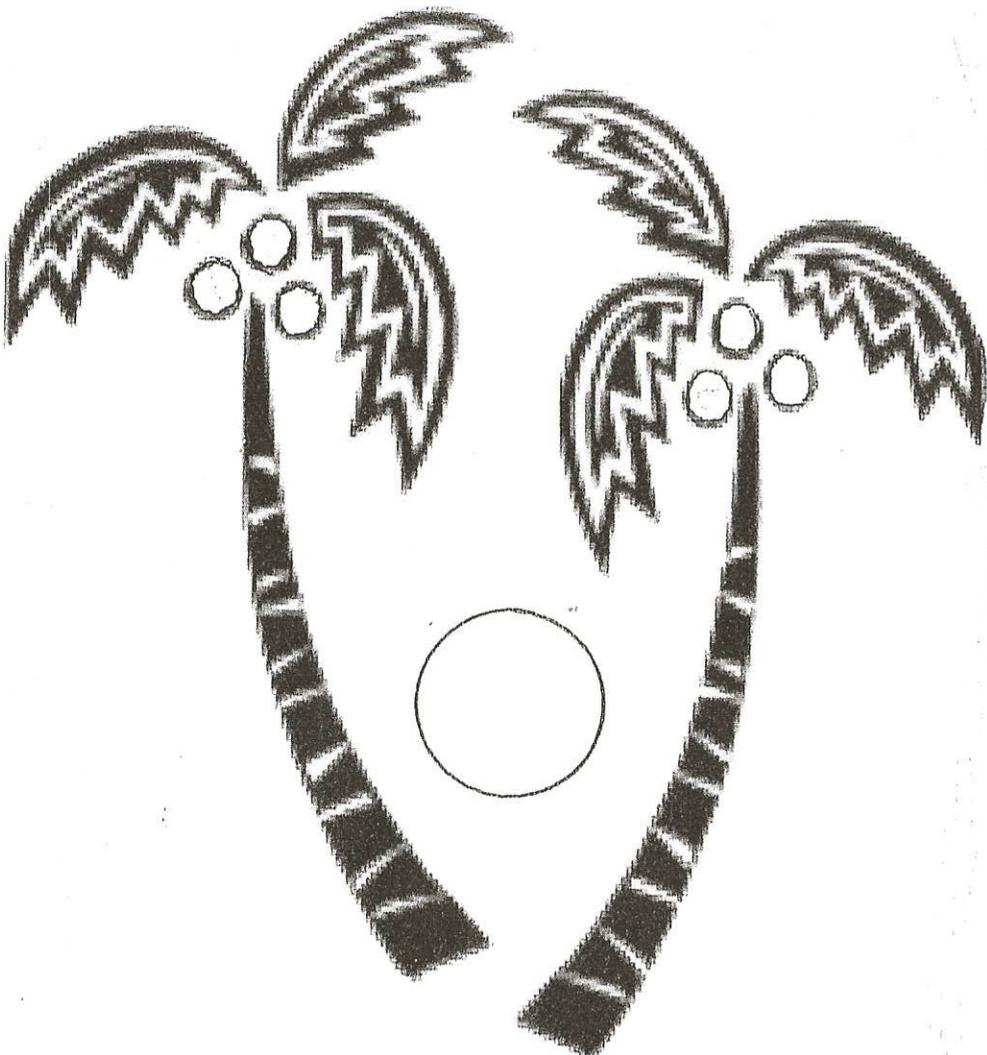
The coconuts on this tree are purple.

purple



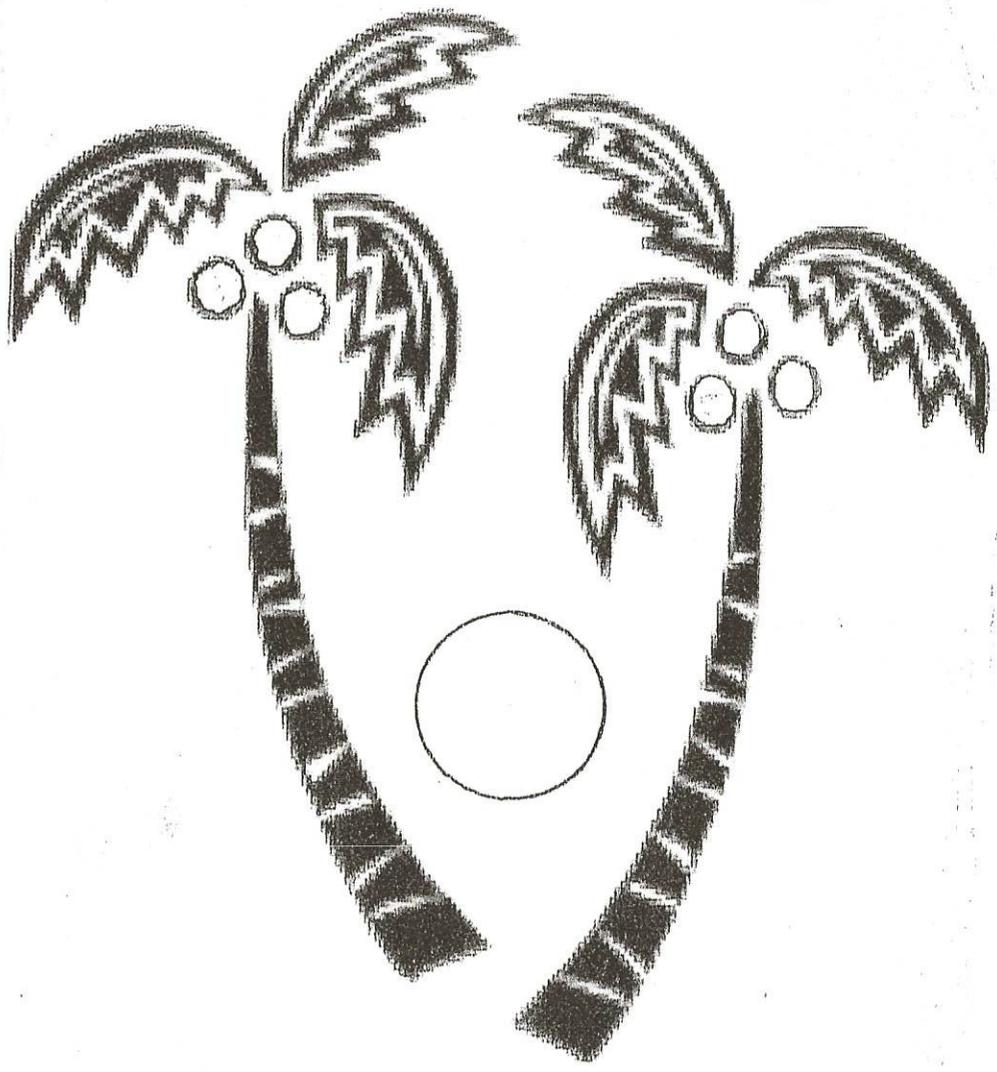
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purple



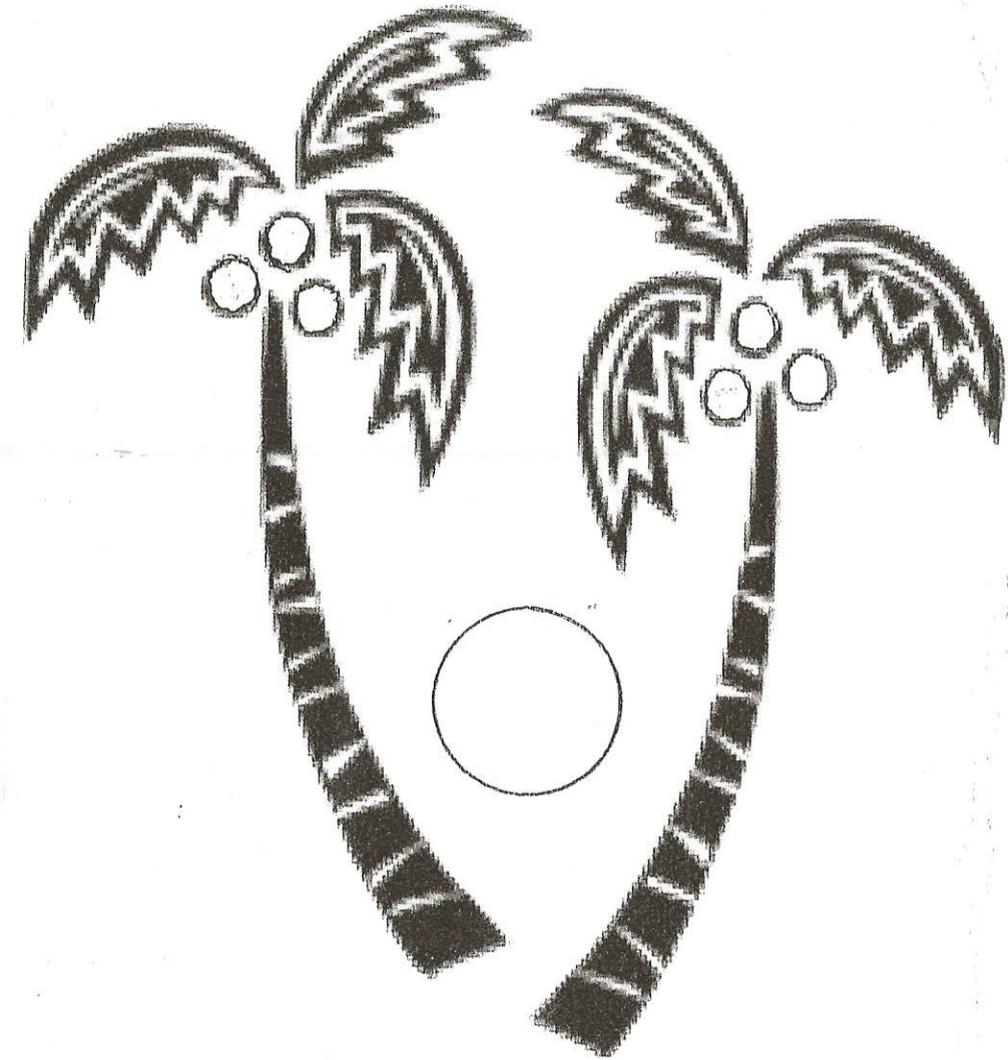
The coconuts on this tree are pink.

pink _____



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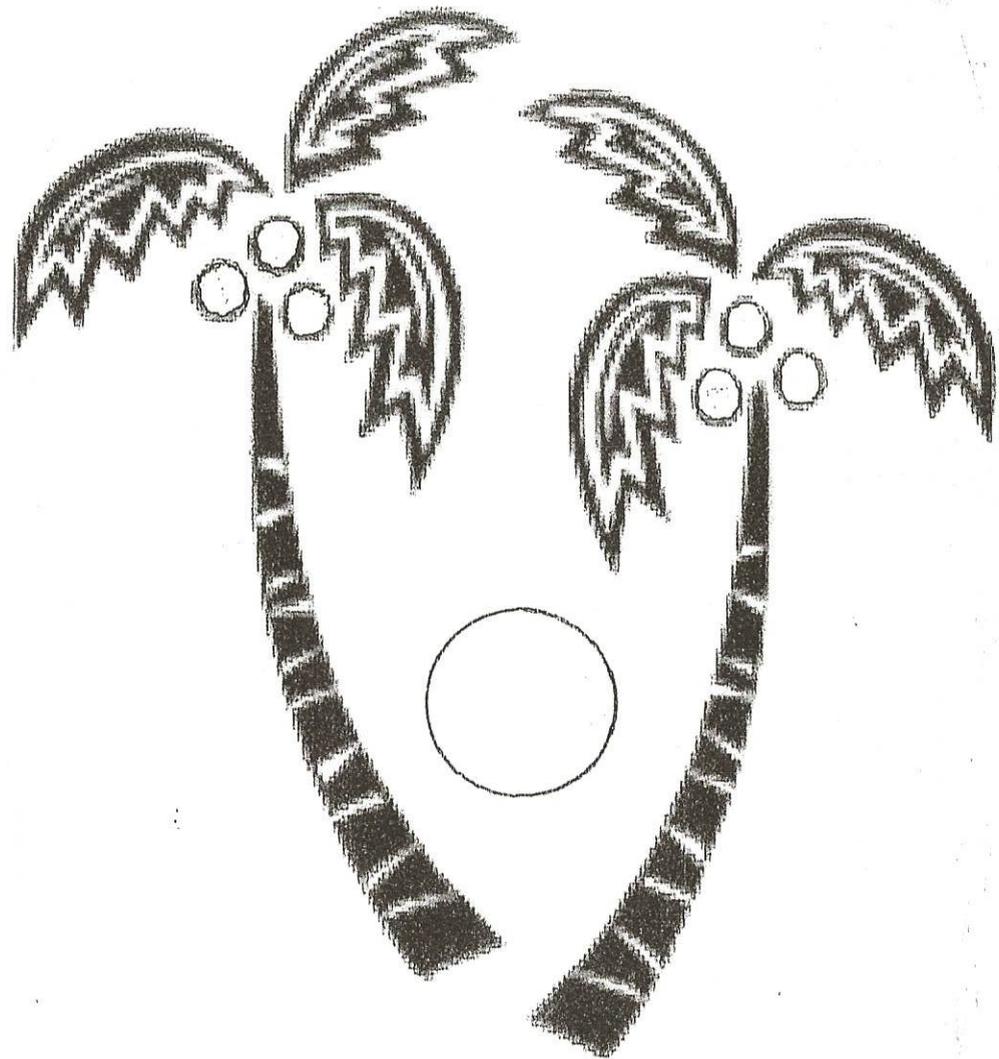
pink _____



The coconuts on this tree are white.

white

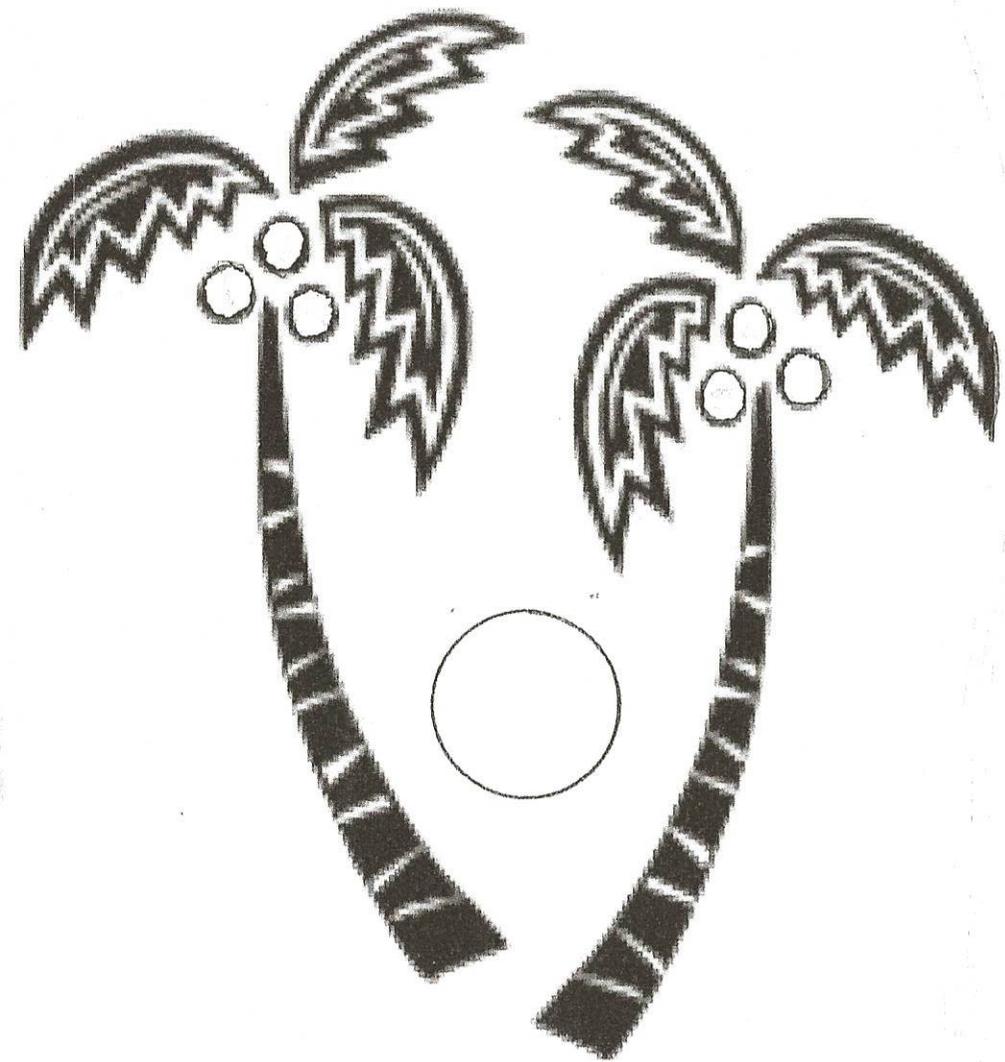
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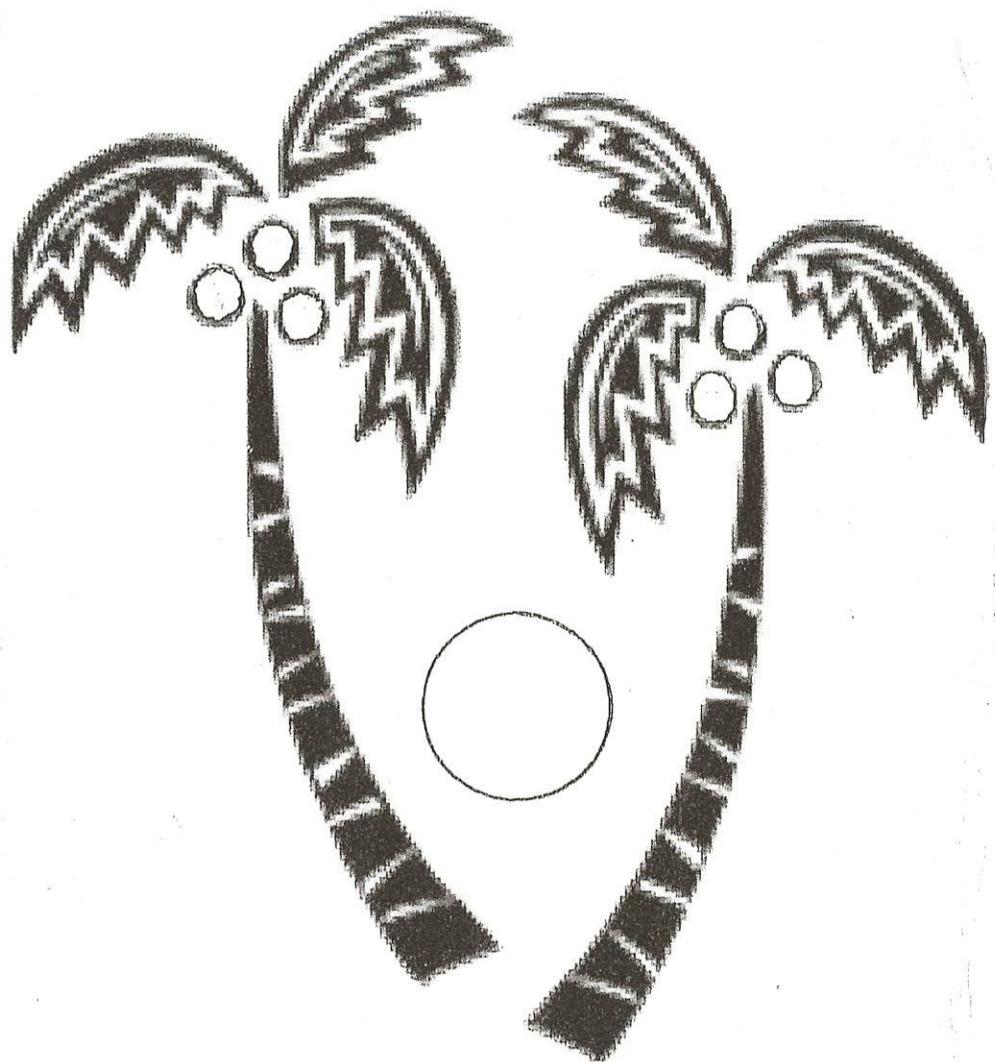
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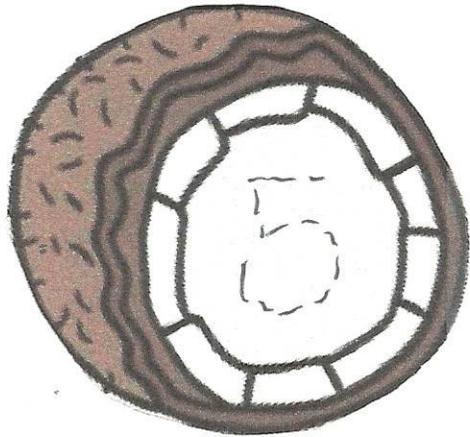
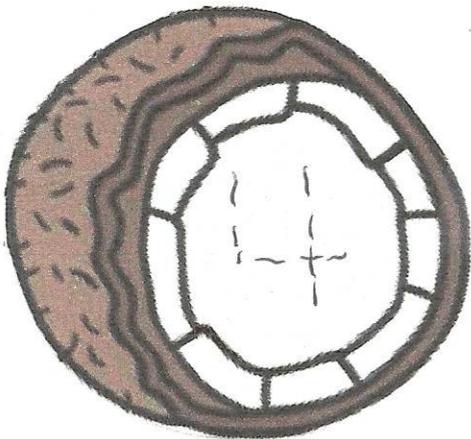
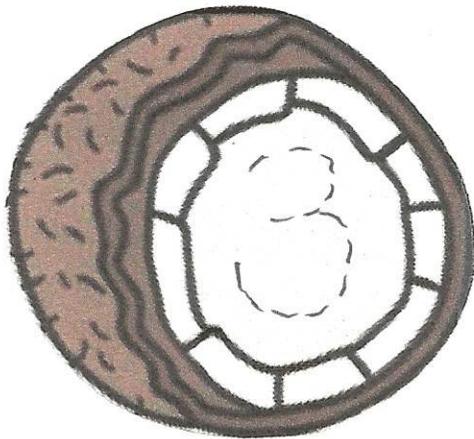
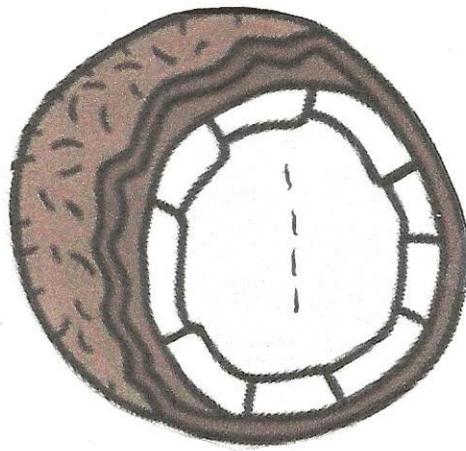
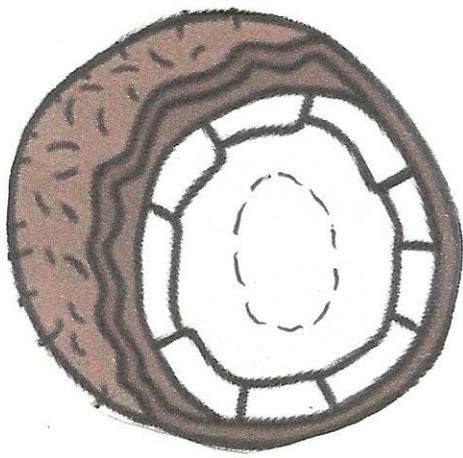
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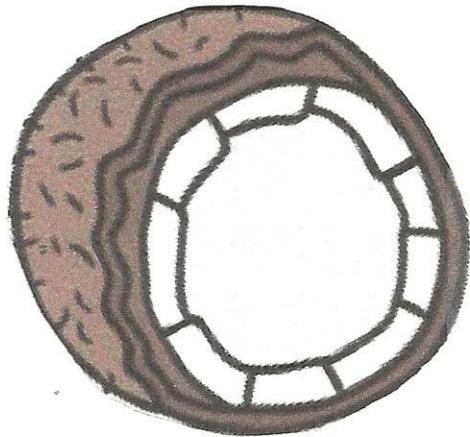
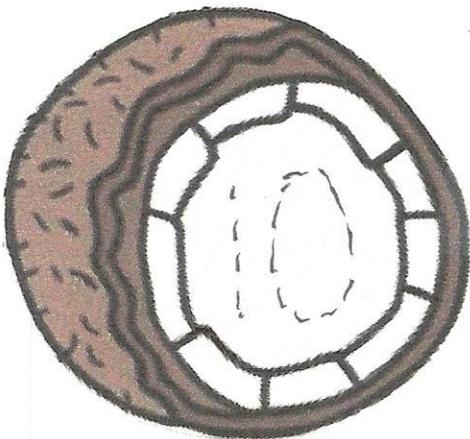
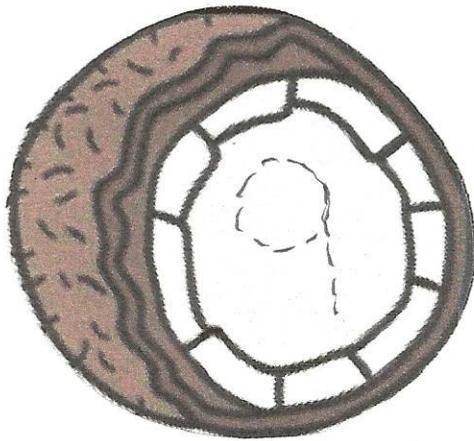
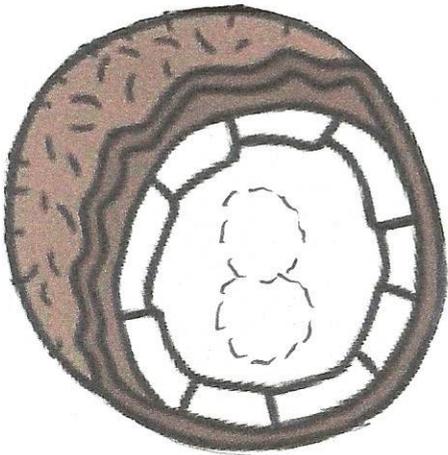
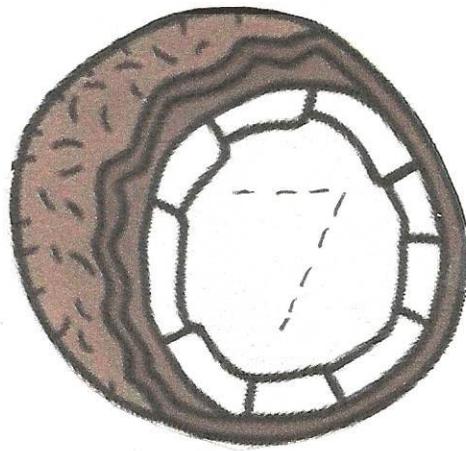
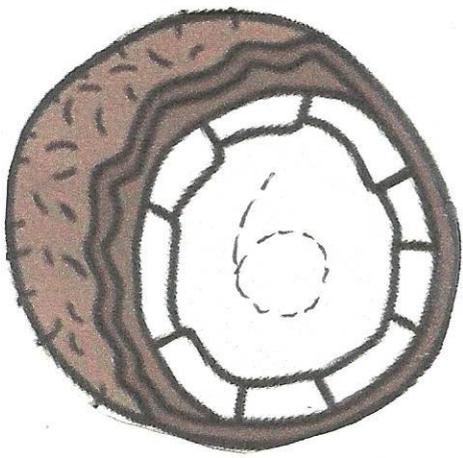
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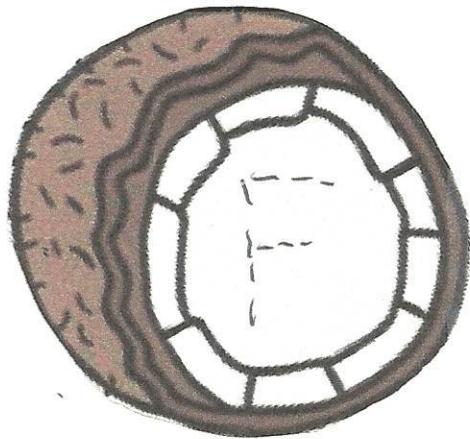
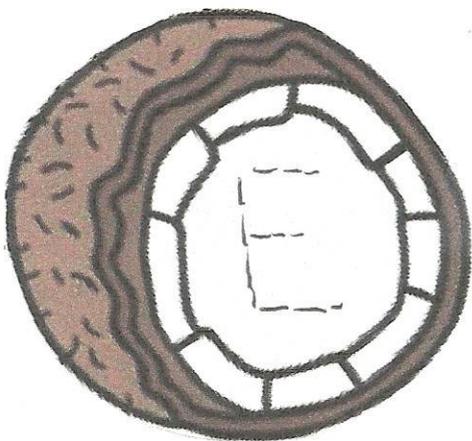
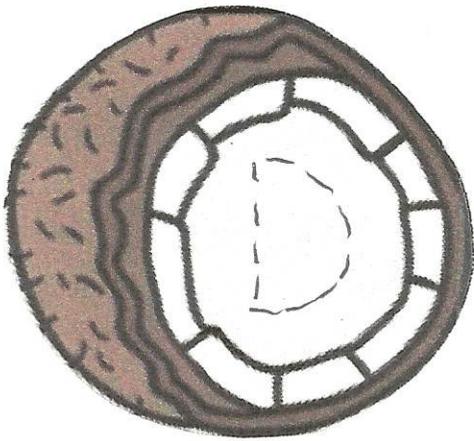
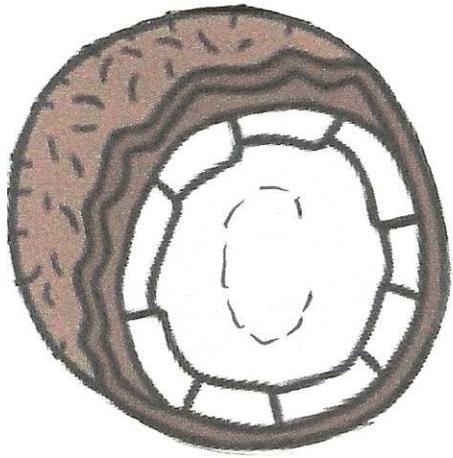
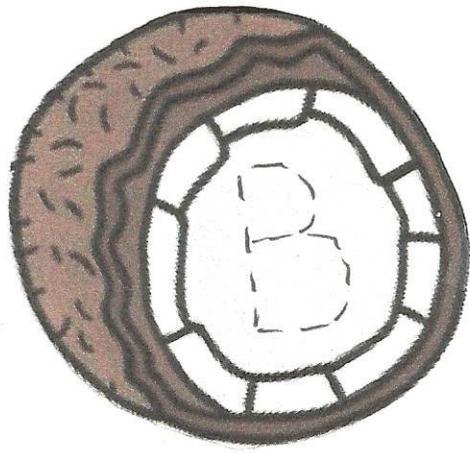
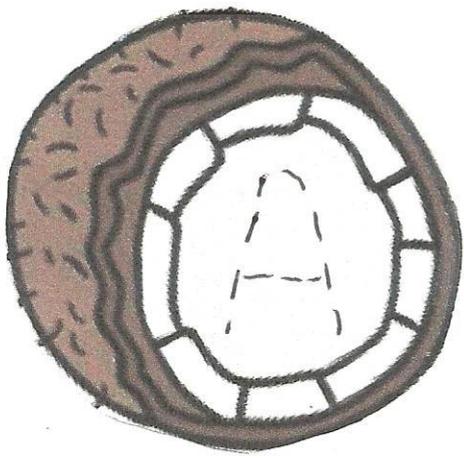


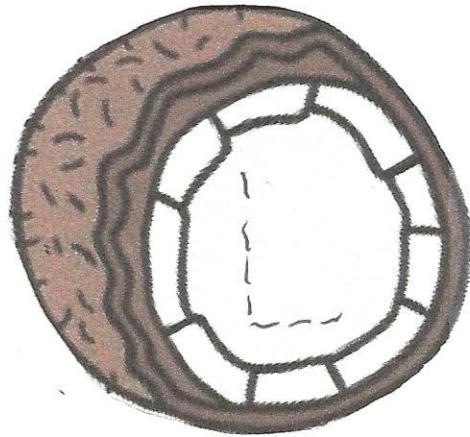
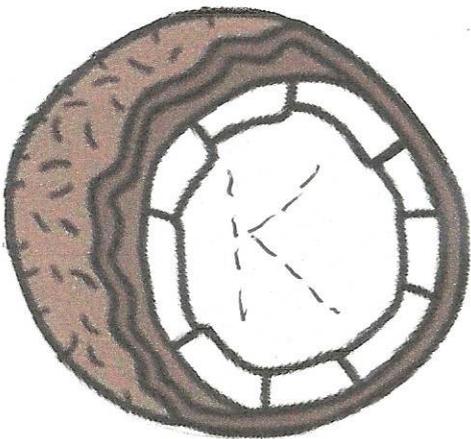
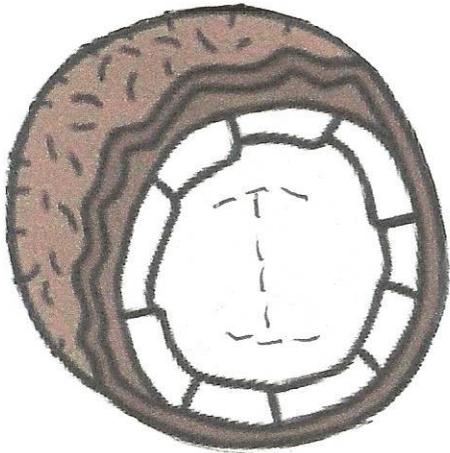
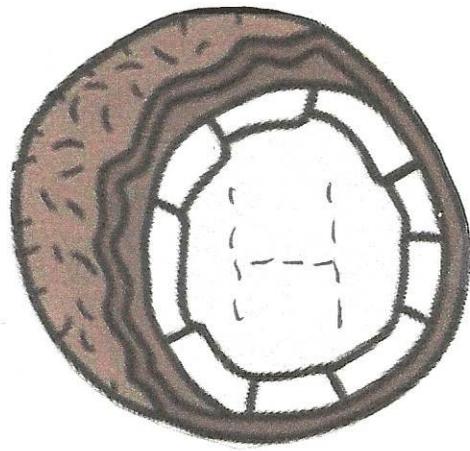
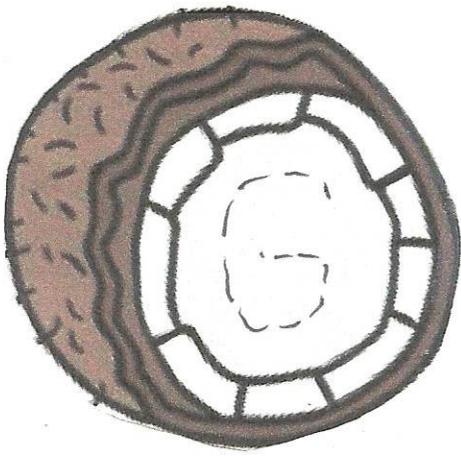
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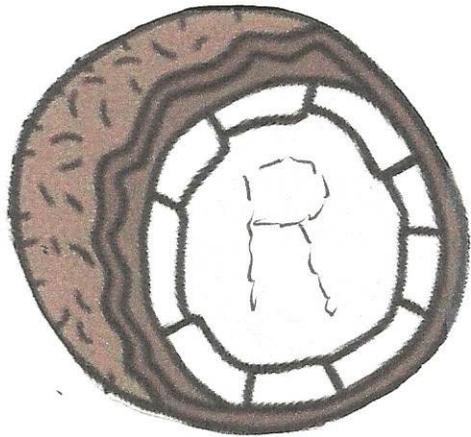
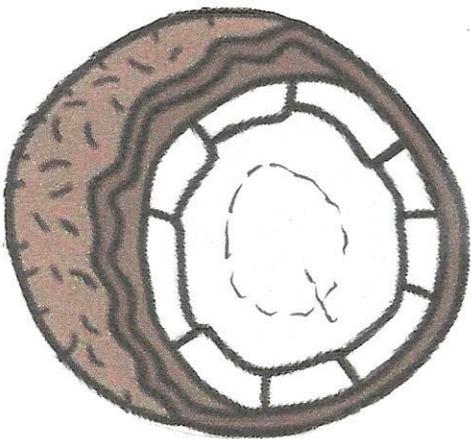
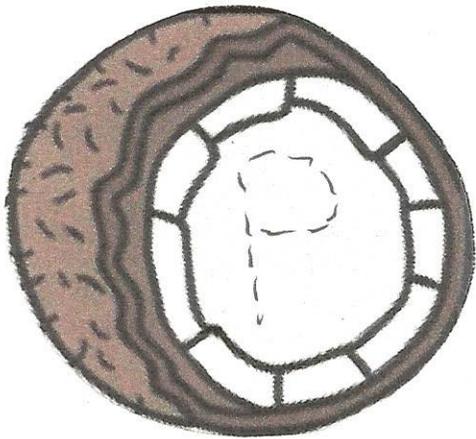
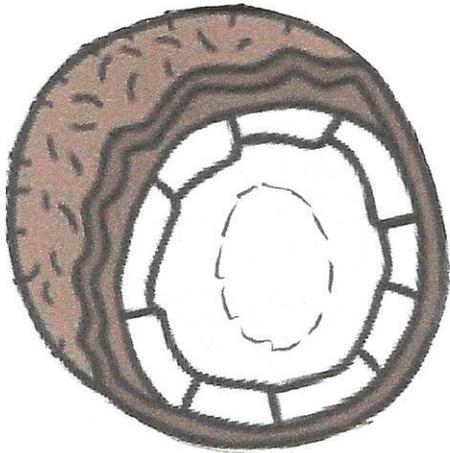
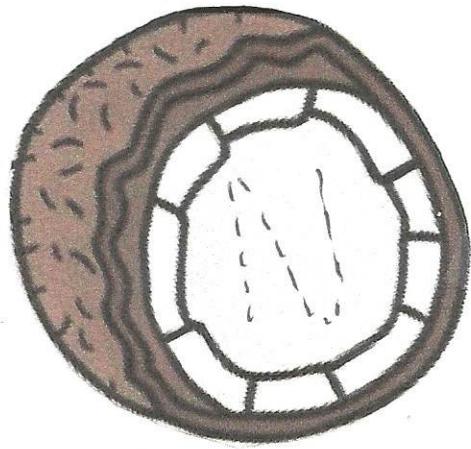
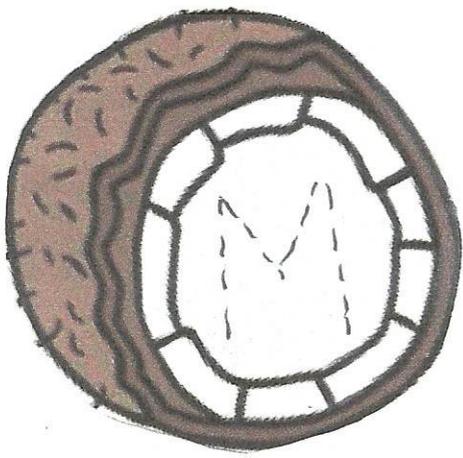
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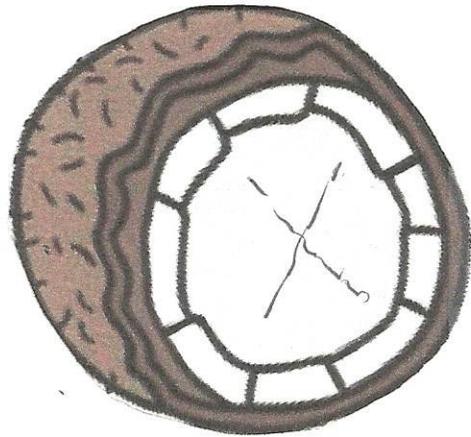
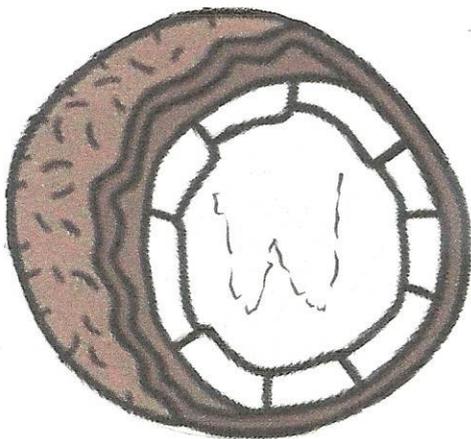
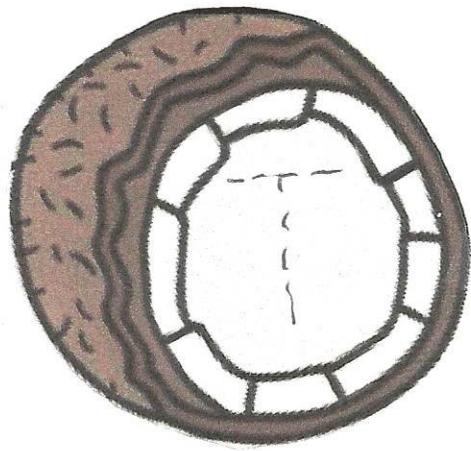
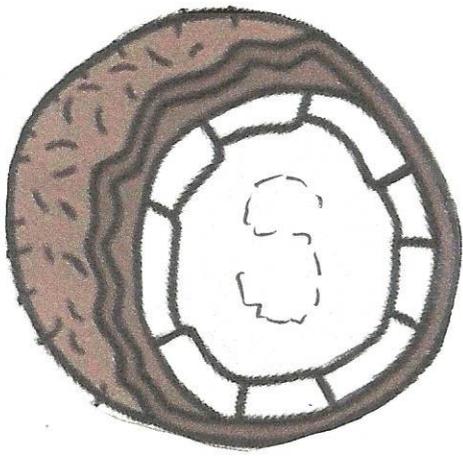


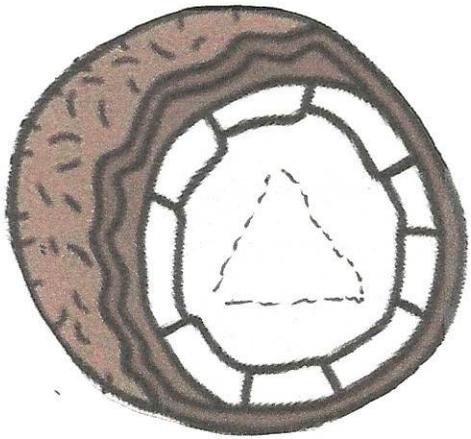
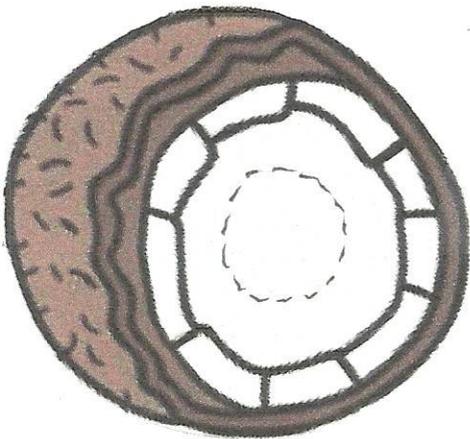
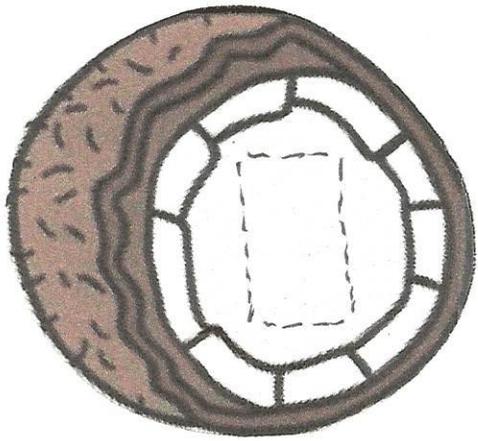
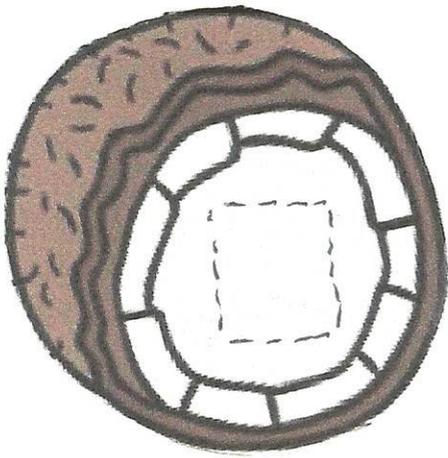
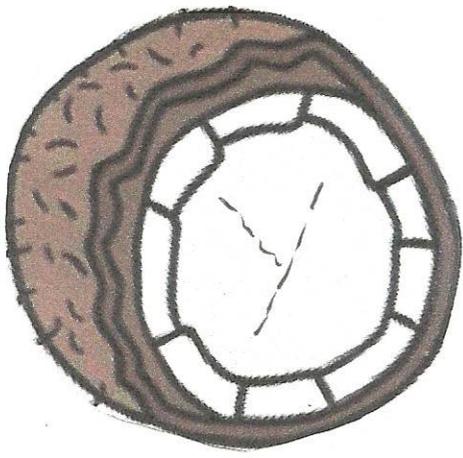


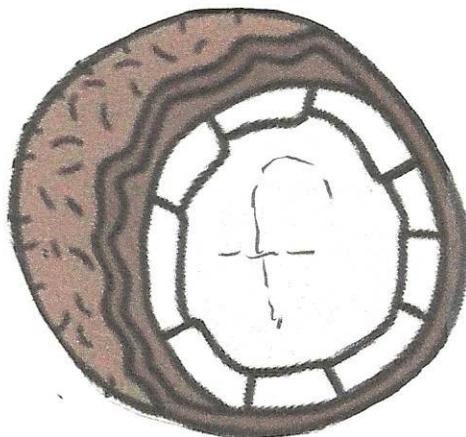
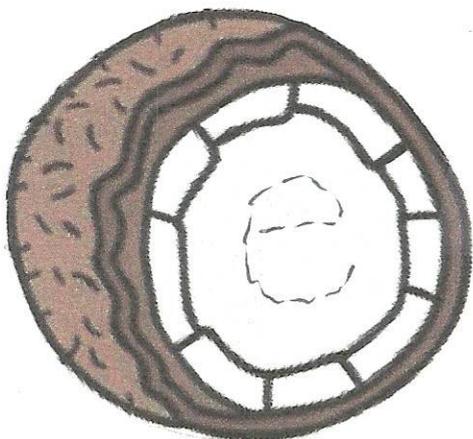
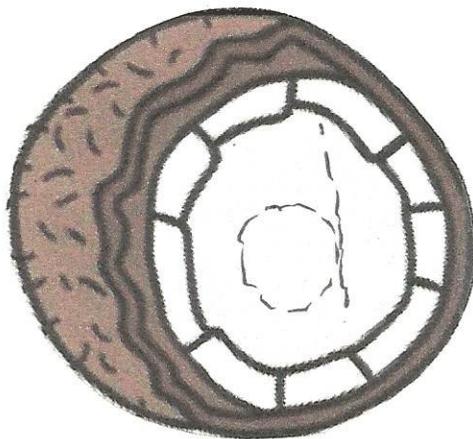
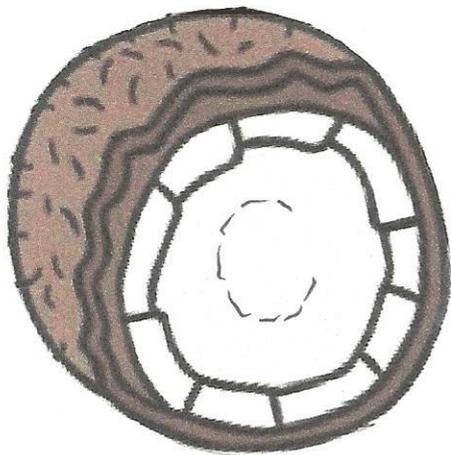
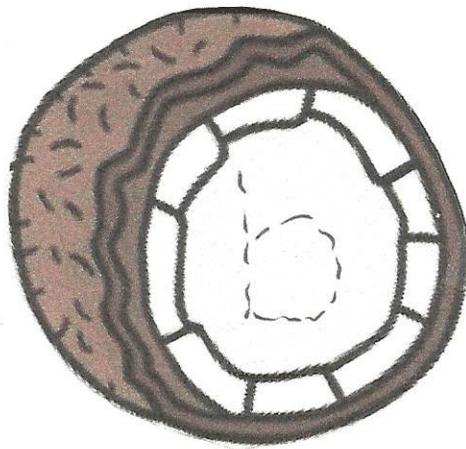
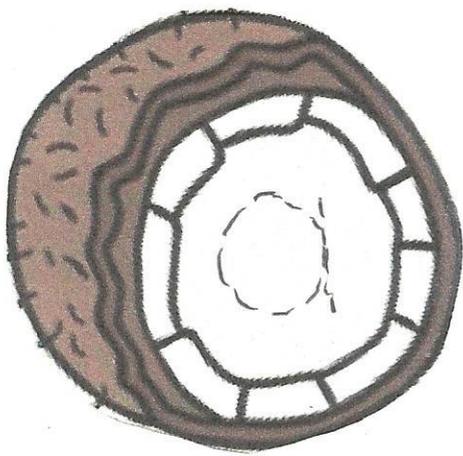


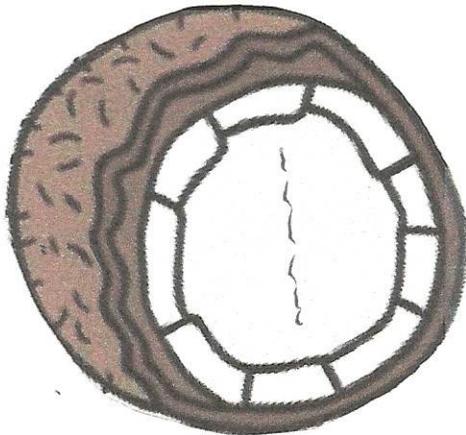
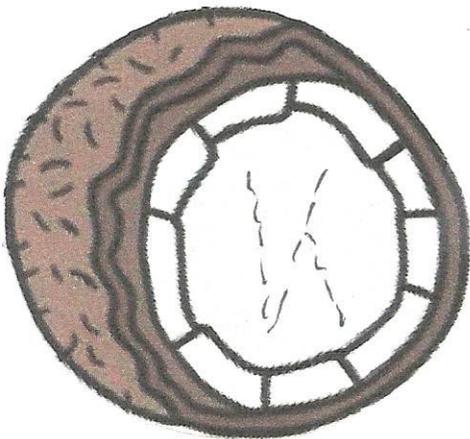
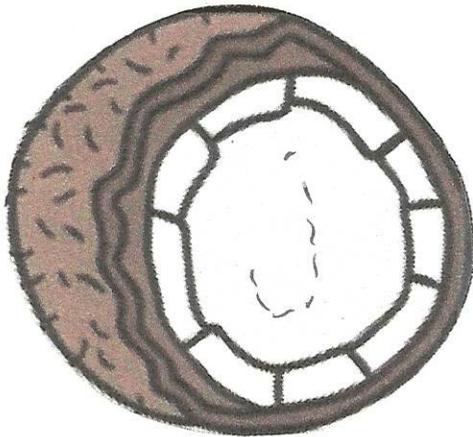
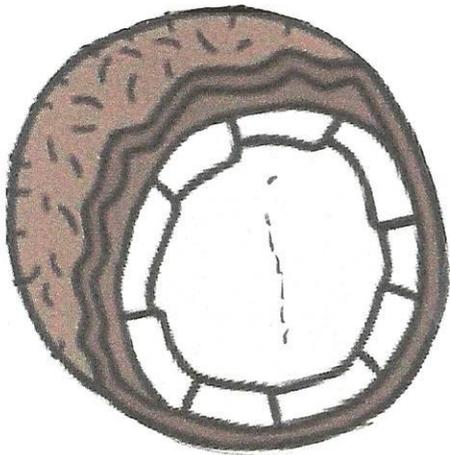
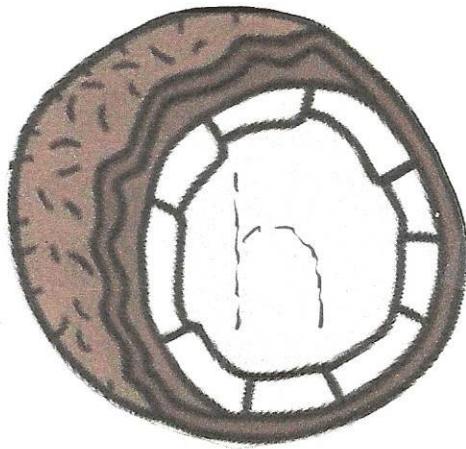
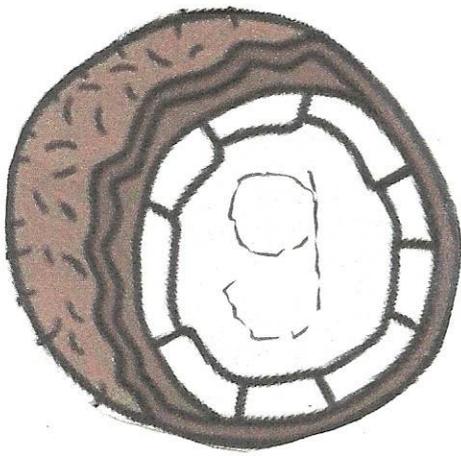


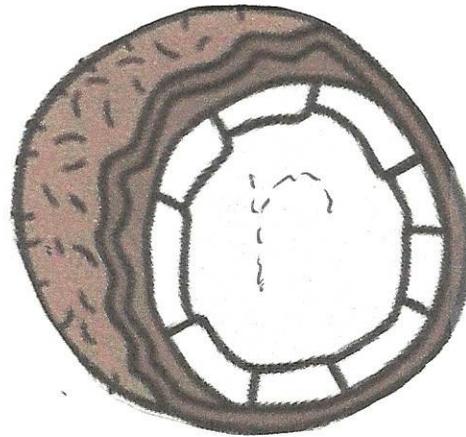
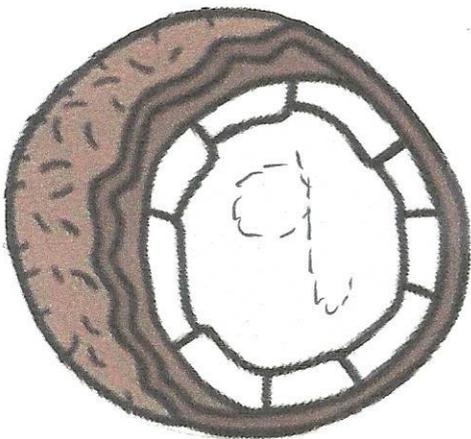
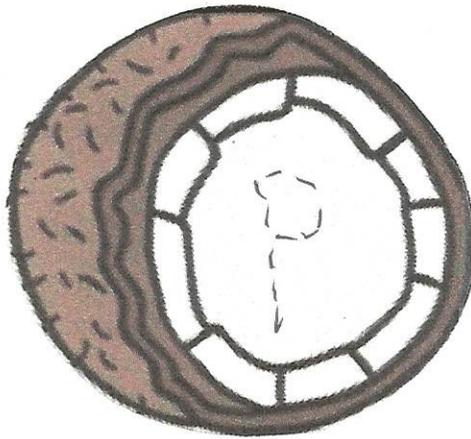
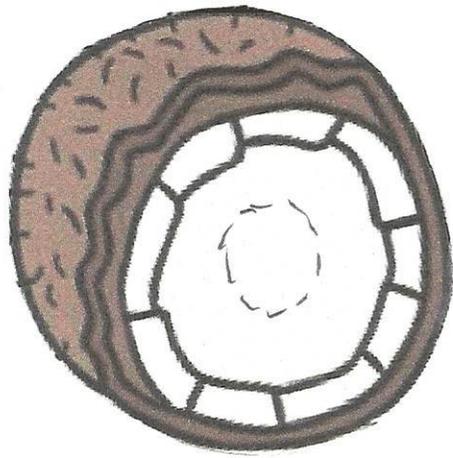
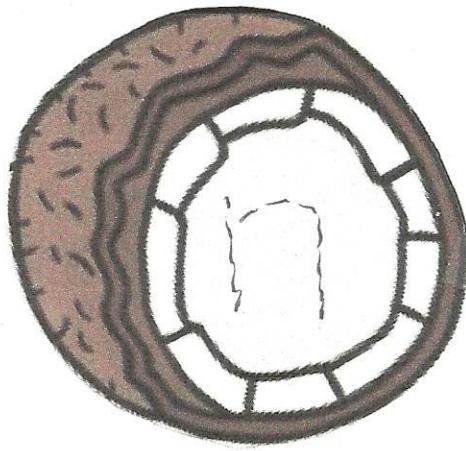
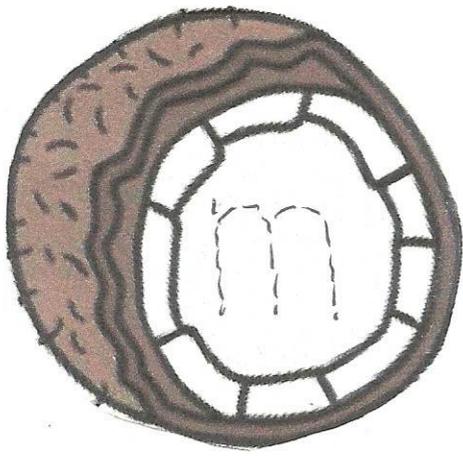


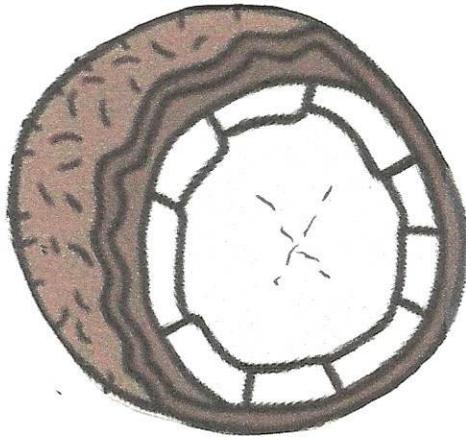
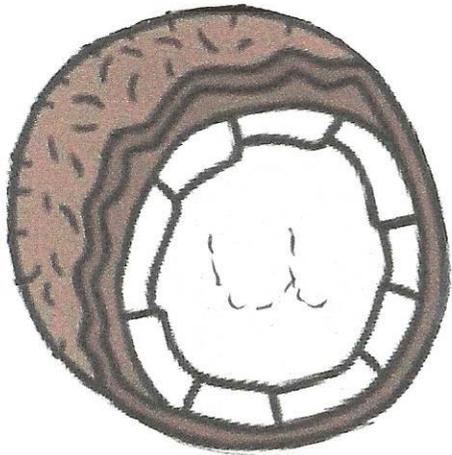
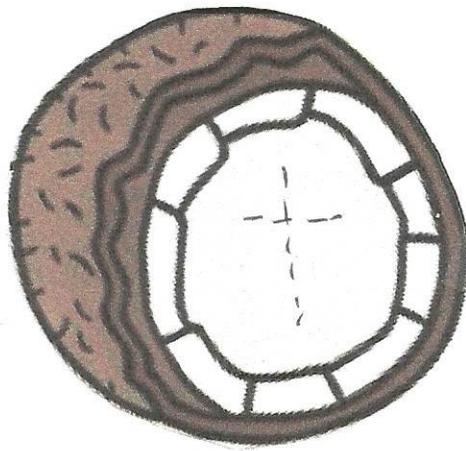
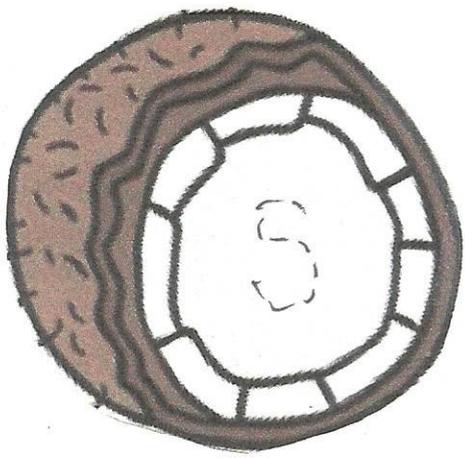


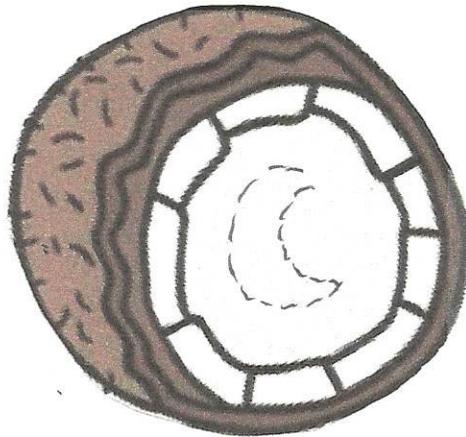
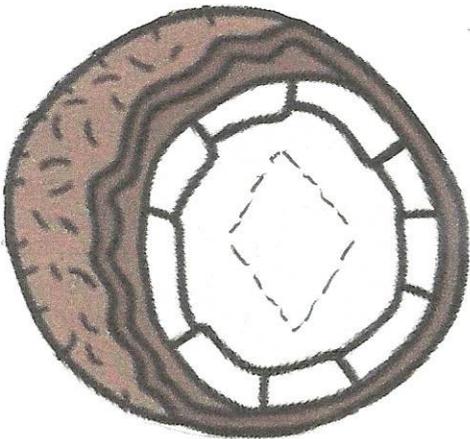
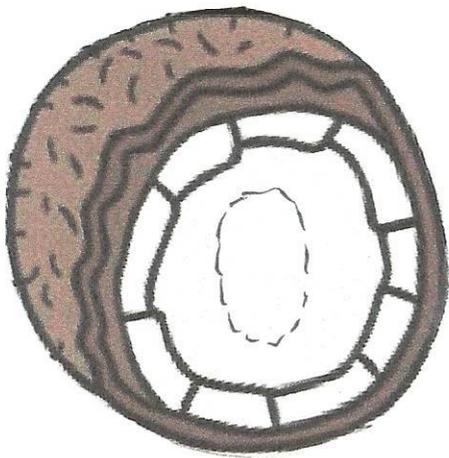


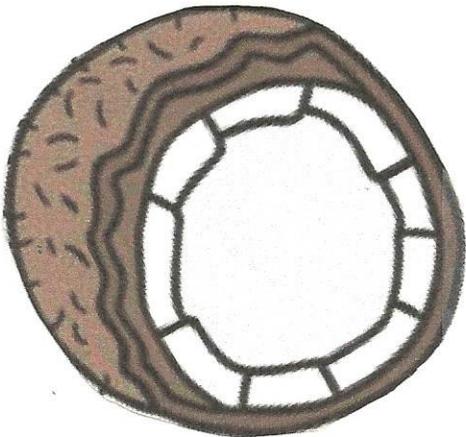
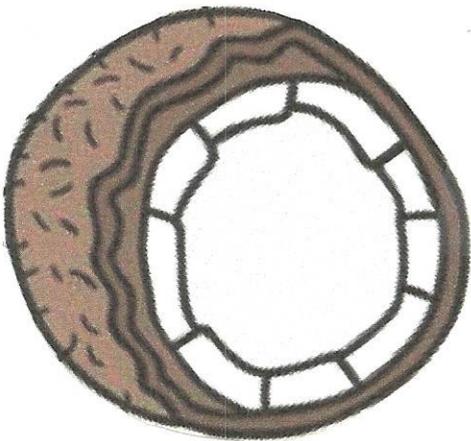
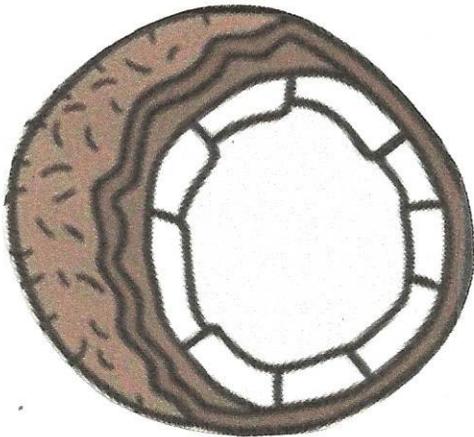
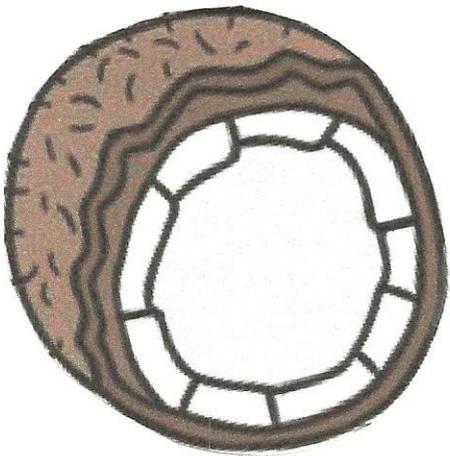
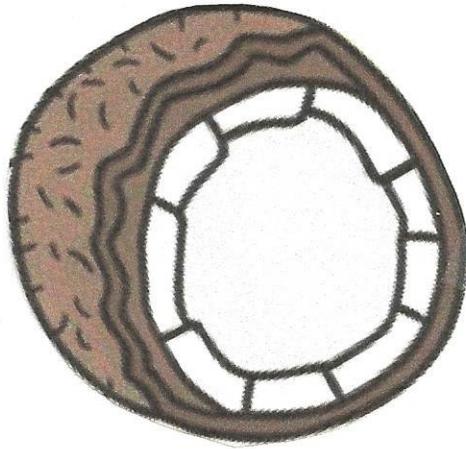
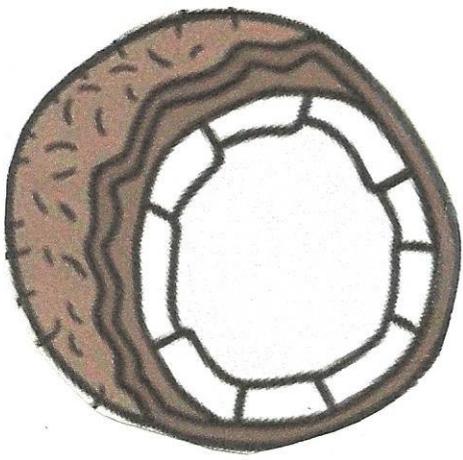












For Names



Fun With Coconuts

I had fun learning about coconuts.

Including the fact sheet in the *Chicka Picka File Folder* allows you some great extensions of other subjects.

Involve Geography:

- This is a great opportunity to toss in some **geography** lessons.
- Locate the places that produce coconuts on a map.
- Ask students similarities that these countries have. (They are all hot and afford the palm tree a lot of water. Two things that are needed for a coconut tree.)

Involve Writing:

- Read the facts and star the ones you want to share with your students.
- Have students choose their 3 favorite facts and write them on the "My Coconut Facts" list and glue it to the hut.

Involve Technology:

- Have them go on a Web Quest to the listed sites or include them as a class extension.
- They'll find the minute-long video of a man climbing a coconut tree in Hawaii interesting.
- You could also use this as a discussion and then graph the results.
- A human climbing the tree makes a nice "go-along" with the letters climbing the trees in the *Chicka Boom* story.
- You could even introduce the story with the video:
"And now we will read about how the alphabet climbed the coconut tree and see what happened."

Involve Science:

- Studying a coconut and then opening it and giving students a taste of the water and meat is also a great way to toss in some science exploration.
- Show the video *"How to open a coconut"* or visit the written directions and then do it with your class.

- Pre-discussion could be passing the coconut around and asking students to describe it. To see if they can see the “monkey face” or “spooky man” so they can understand how the coconut got its name.
- Then have them predict what they think will be inside the coconut.
- Most of my Y5’s had never seen, much less tasted a whole coconut before!
- You could also compare and contrast the coconut with an apple during your apple studies and make a Venn Diagram.



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How to open a coconut written version

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/coconut.html>

Parts of a coconut; includes helpful diagrams and interesting facts.

http://www.thepanamanews.com/pn/v_12/issue_16/science_01.html

Where do coconuts come from? Interesting facts about the origin.

<http://cookislands.bishopmuseum.org/showarticle.asp?id=15>

Interesting facts about the origin of coconut + the very interesting story and Polynesian legend of **Ina & Tuna**

Interesting You Tube Videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sfo5BYR9yE0&feature=related>

How to open a coconut

http://www.ehow.com/video_4952143_grow-palm-tree.html

How to grow a palm tree

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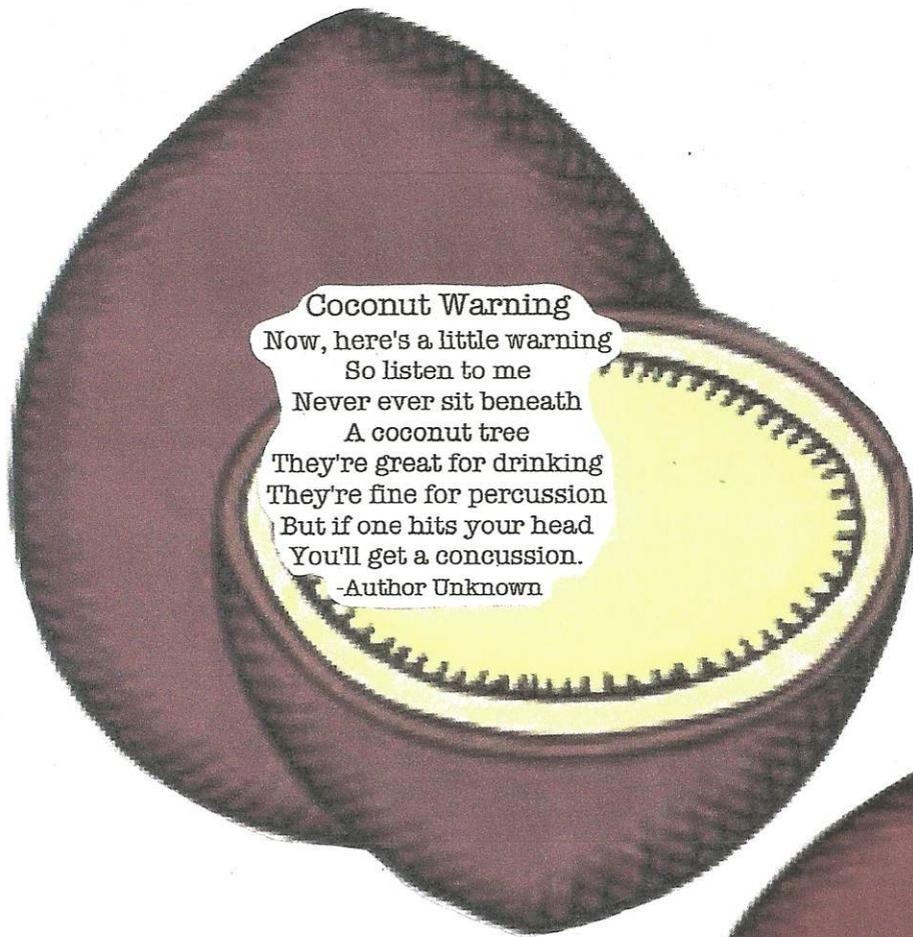
Step by step how to climb a coconut tree.

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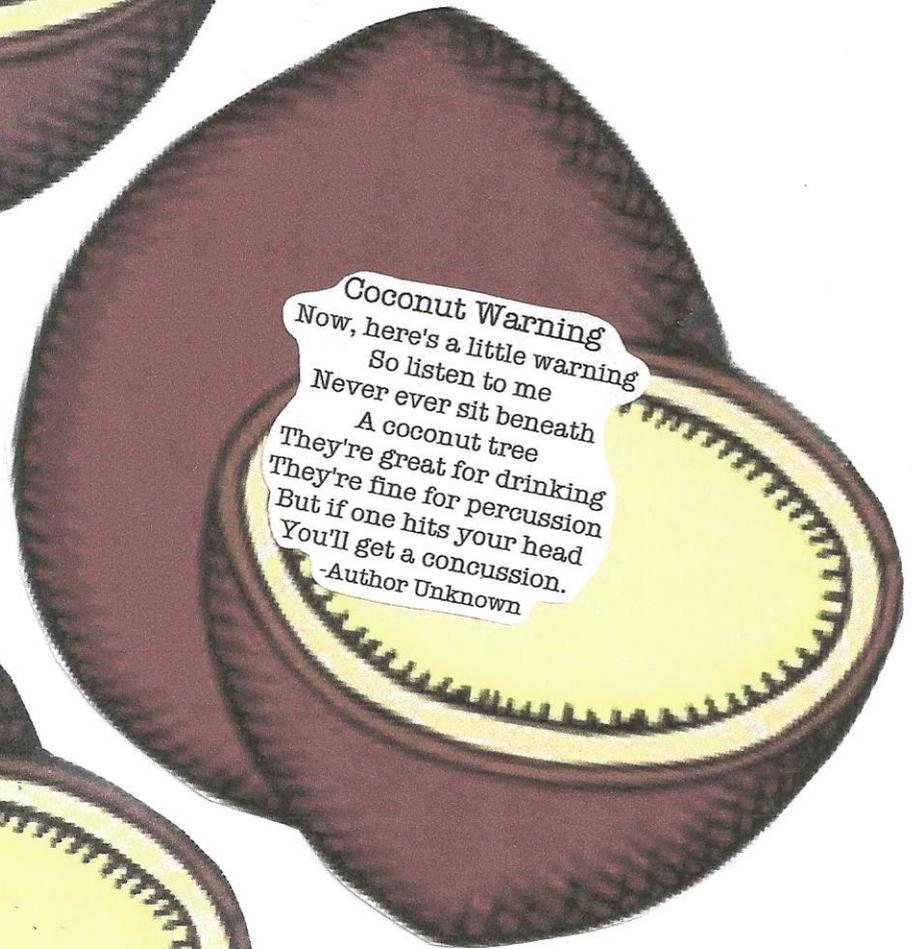
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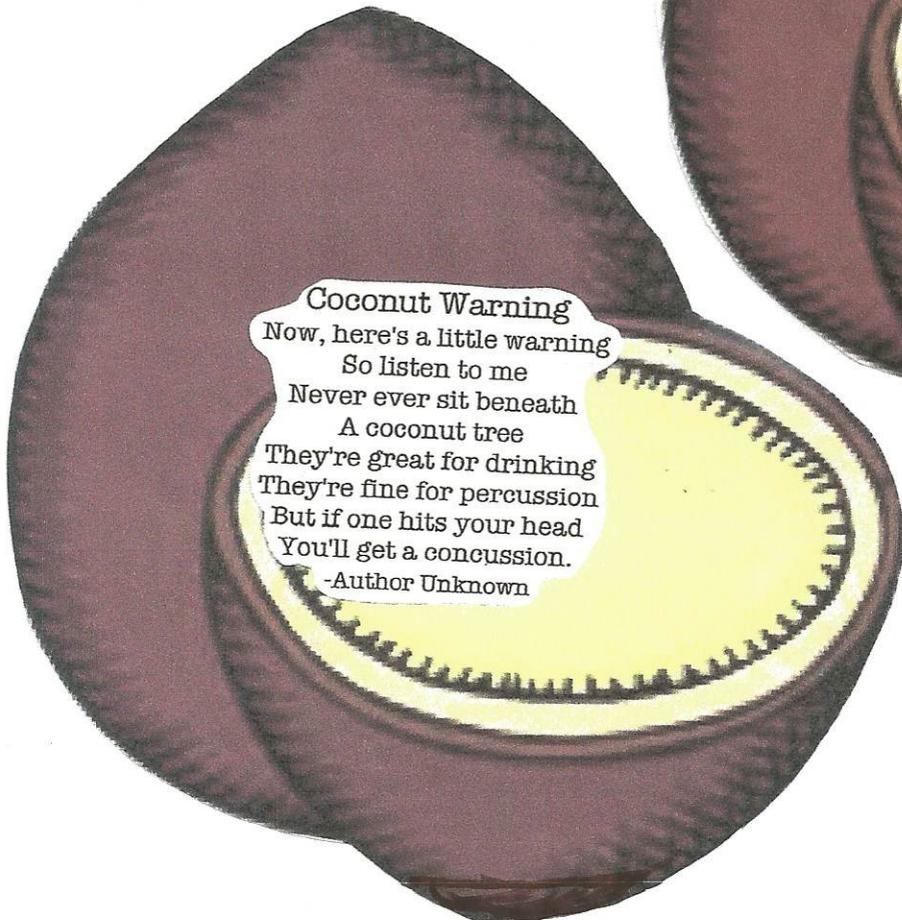
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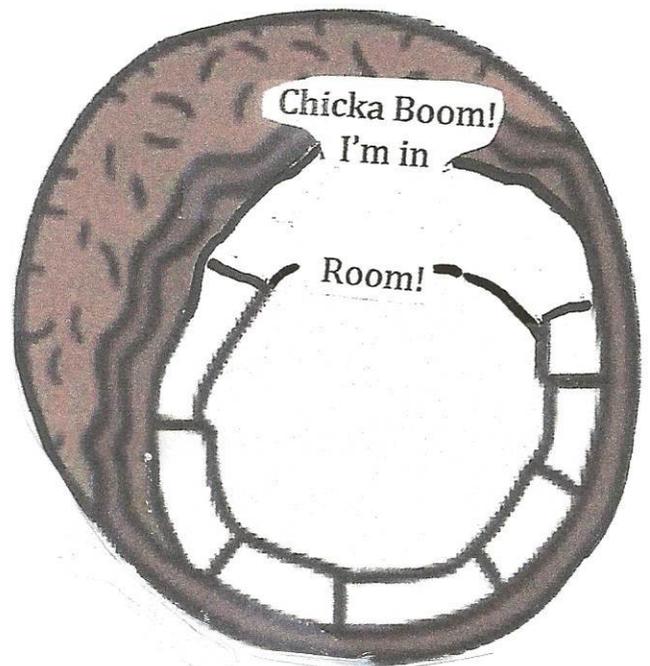
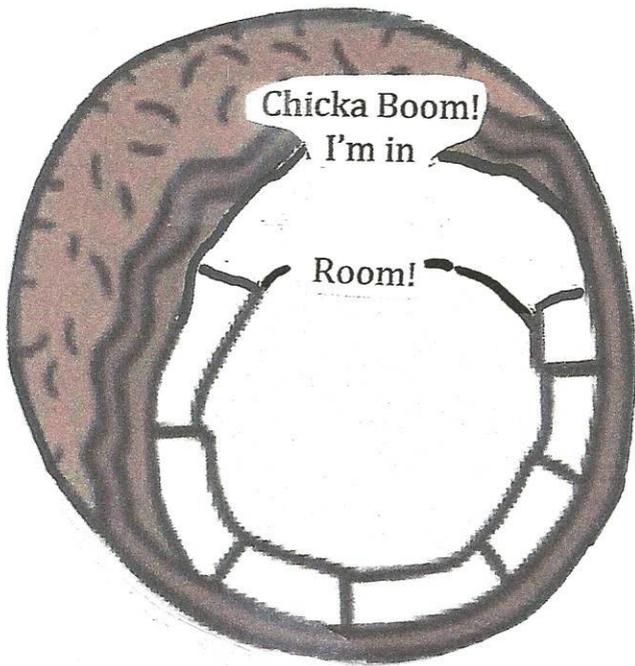
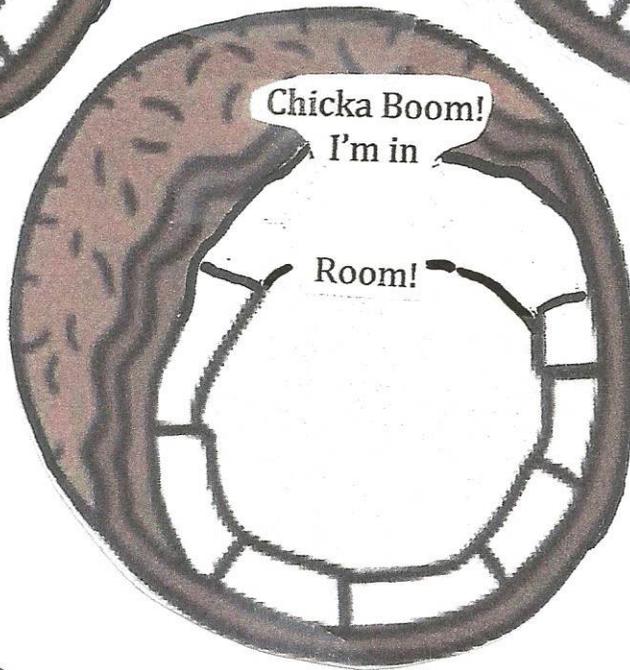
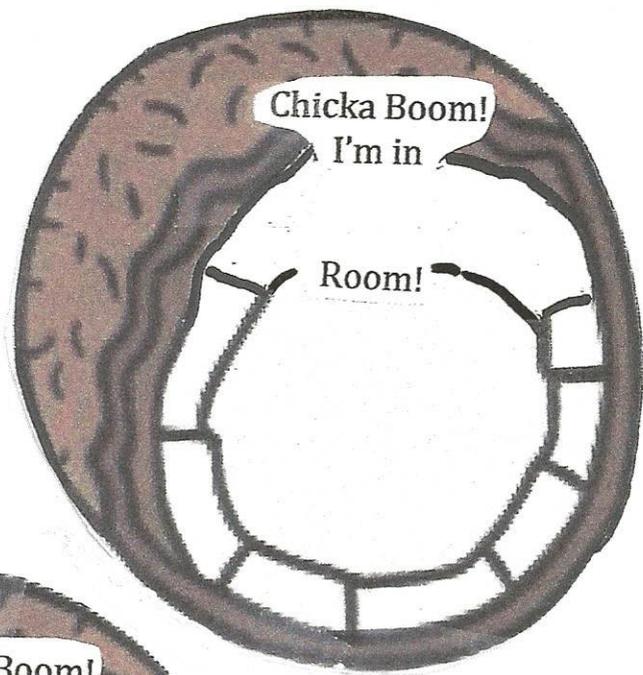
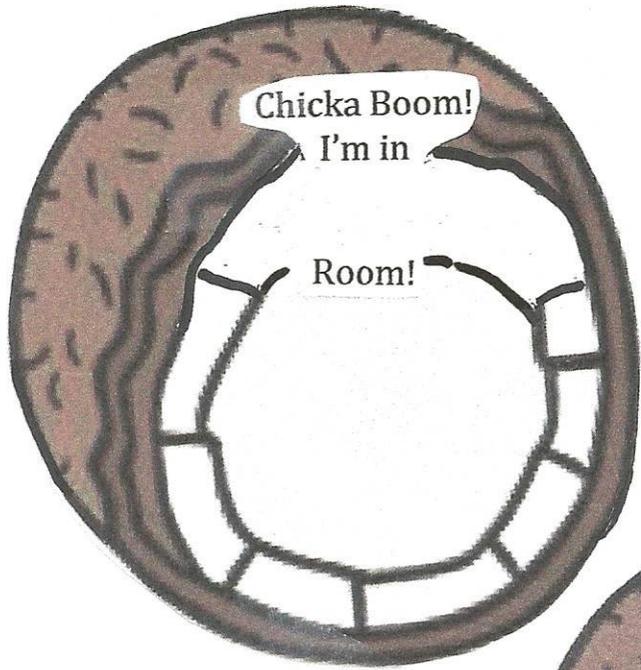
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So listen to me
Never ever sit beneath
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They're great for drinking
They're fine for percussion
But if one hits your head
You'll get a concussion.
-Author Unknown

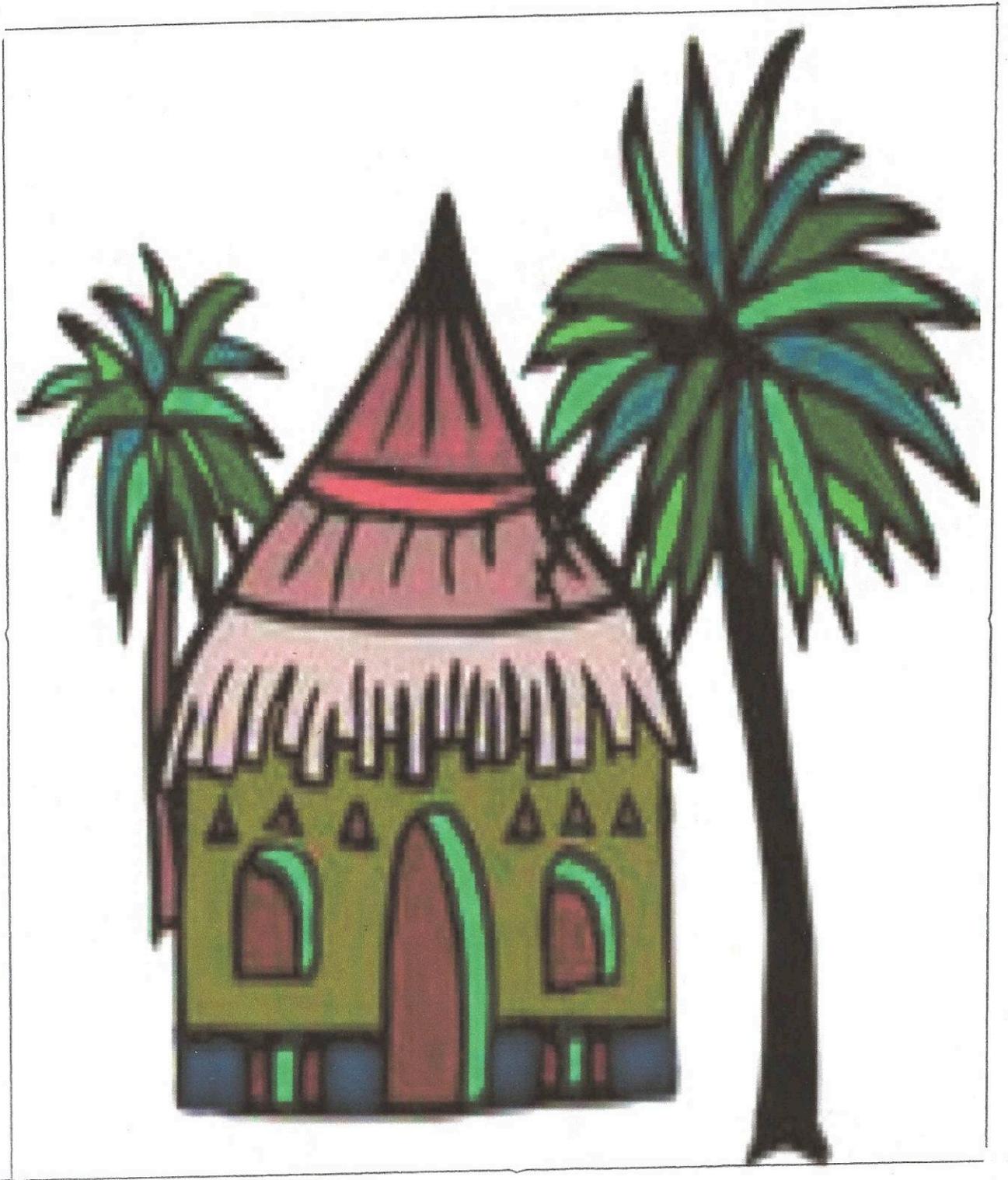


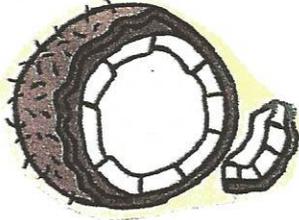
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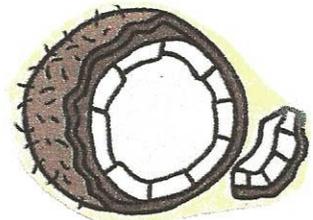


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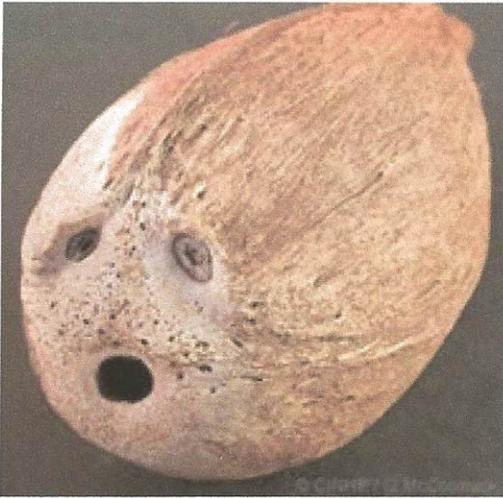


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The “monkey” or “spooky face” of the coconut, and the reason it got its name.

*Coconut Facts

- If you look at the end of the coconut you will see that it looks like a face. This is where the word coconut comes from.
- It is believed that Portuguese, Spanish and Italian explorers gave the coconut its name.
- In Spanish and Portuguese the word coco, which means, “*monkey face.*” In Italian cocho meant “*spooky man.*”
- The palm tree is a prehistoric plant that is said to have been around during the times of the dinosaurs.
- A palm tree grows in tropical places.
- Coconut growing regions are as far north as Hawaii and as far south as Madagascar.
- There is much debate as to the origin of the coconut.
- The coconut is the fruit of the palm tree.
- Botanists classify the coconut as a **seed** known as a drupe
- Coconuts grow in clusters.
- A coconut tree can grow as tall as ninety feet. (This is a little shorter than 3 school buses long.)
- It takes 7 to 8 years for a tree to start producing coconuts.
- A healthy tree produces about 100 coconuts a year.

- It takes 11 to 12 months for a coconut to ripen.
- A young green coconut (6 months) is filled with liquid and has very little meat; a fully ripe coconut only has a small amount of liquid, but a thick hard layer of meat.
- The name for coconut meat after it has been dried is "Copra".
- The brown shell is not the only protective covering for the coconut. When it is on the tree it has a green protective husk called the "coir". This is removed before they are shipped.
- The coconut has 3 layers.
- The liquid found in the coconut is not milk, it is very pure water.
- Coconut is used in many foods especially deserts.
- Because the coconut tree has so many uses, it is often called the "*tree of life.*"
- The entire coconut tree is used for different purposes.
- Besides food and drink, the coconut tree provides fiber and building materials to make huts.
- The oil is used for human consumption, and as a fuel and in skin and hair products.
- It is often made into feed for livestock.
- Other products made out of a coconut tree include furniture, mats, clothing, baskets, hats, brooms, containers, and musical instruments.
- When a coconut is ripe, it falls from the tree.
- It is dangerous to sit or stand under a coconut tree.
- Some statistics say that a falling coconut kills 150 people a year. That is not very many, but in comparison, that is 10 times the number of people killed by sharks.



***More Facts:**

- The Asian-Pacific region produces 90% of the world's coconuts.
- The largest coconut producing countries are: Indonesia, India, Philippines, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and Vietnam. (For a geography extension, find these places on the map.)
- Different sites listed the various countries in different order, but the 1st three were always in the top 3.
- There are more than 20 billion coconuts produced each year.
- There are about 90 countries that grow coconuts.
- Around 10 million families make their entire income from growing coconuts. Average sale is .25 cents each.
- The origin of the coconut tree has been hotly disputed, and is basically unknown. The most popular thought is that it came from the western Pacific and then spread because of humans and ocean currents. (Because the coconut is so buoyant.) Some say it originated somewhere around New Guinea in the Pacific Ocean and then was distributed throughout the Pacific from Southeast Asia to Africa. Some feel the Europeans introduced it to the Caribbean from Africa.
- The coconut became known to the western world in the 6th century. It came to Egypt via the Indian Ocean.
- Marco Polo called the coconut the "Pharaoh's nut" as he traveled through India.
- The water is so pure inside a coconut that it was used for blood transfusions.
- This sterile water has the highest concentration of electrolytes

of anything else found in nature, so it is an excellent source of hydration.

- Coconut milk has to be made. It is made by combing hot water with fresh grated or packaged unsweetened coconut resulting in a milky-white substance with a sweet taste.
- The coconut we buy in the store does not resemble the coconut you find growing on a coconut palm. An untouched coconut has three layers. The outermost layer, which is typically smooth with a greenish color, is called the exocarp. The next layer is the fibrous husk, or mesocarp, which ultimately surrounds the hard woody layer called the endocarp. The endocarp surrounds the seed. Generally speaking, when you buy a coconut at the supermarket the exocarp and the mesocarp are removed and what you see is the endocarp.
- A typical coconut palm in the Philippines produces a bunch each month. That's about **140** coconuts per year, per tree.
- Botanists classify the coconut as a fibrous one-seeded drupe, also known as a dry drupe.
- Columbia has the richest collection of different kinds of palms. It is said they have 44 genera with 227 species there.

*I visited over 30 sites and found the above information.



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Would you like to climb a coconut tree?



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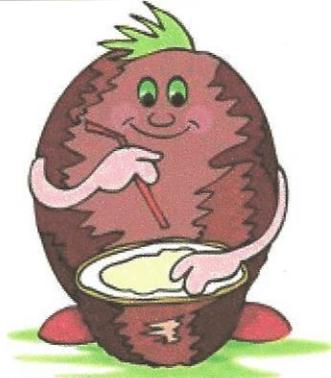


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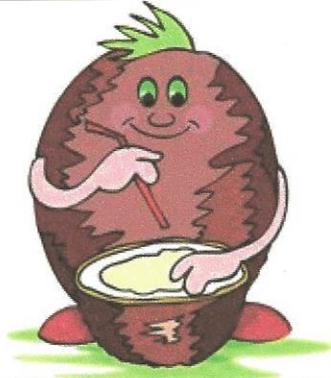
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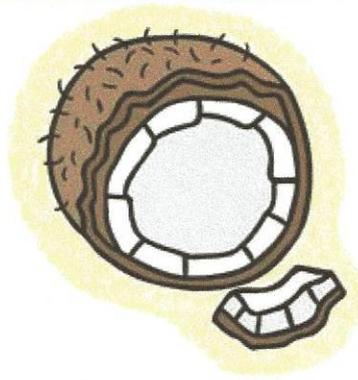


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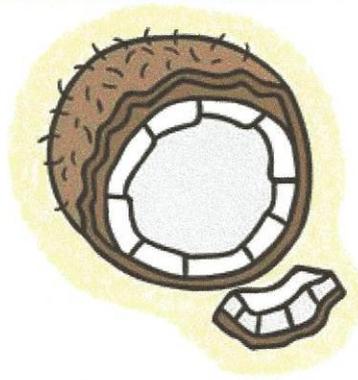
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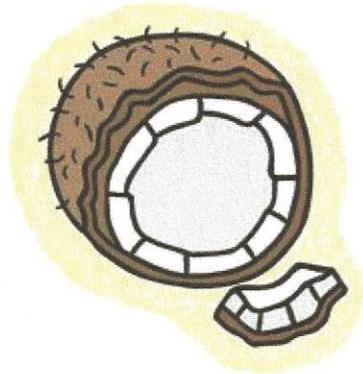
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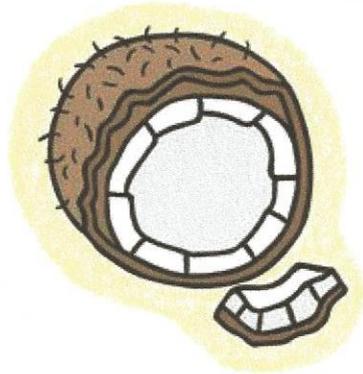
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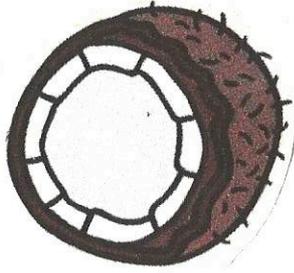
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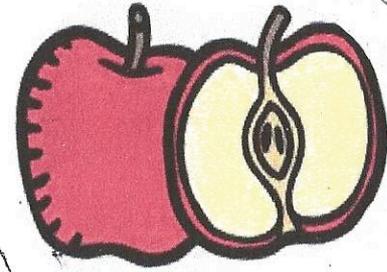
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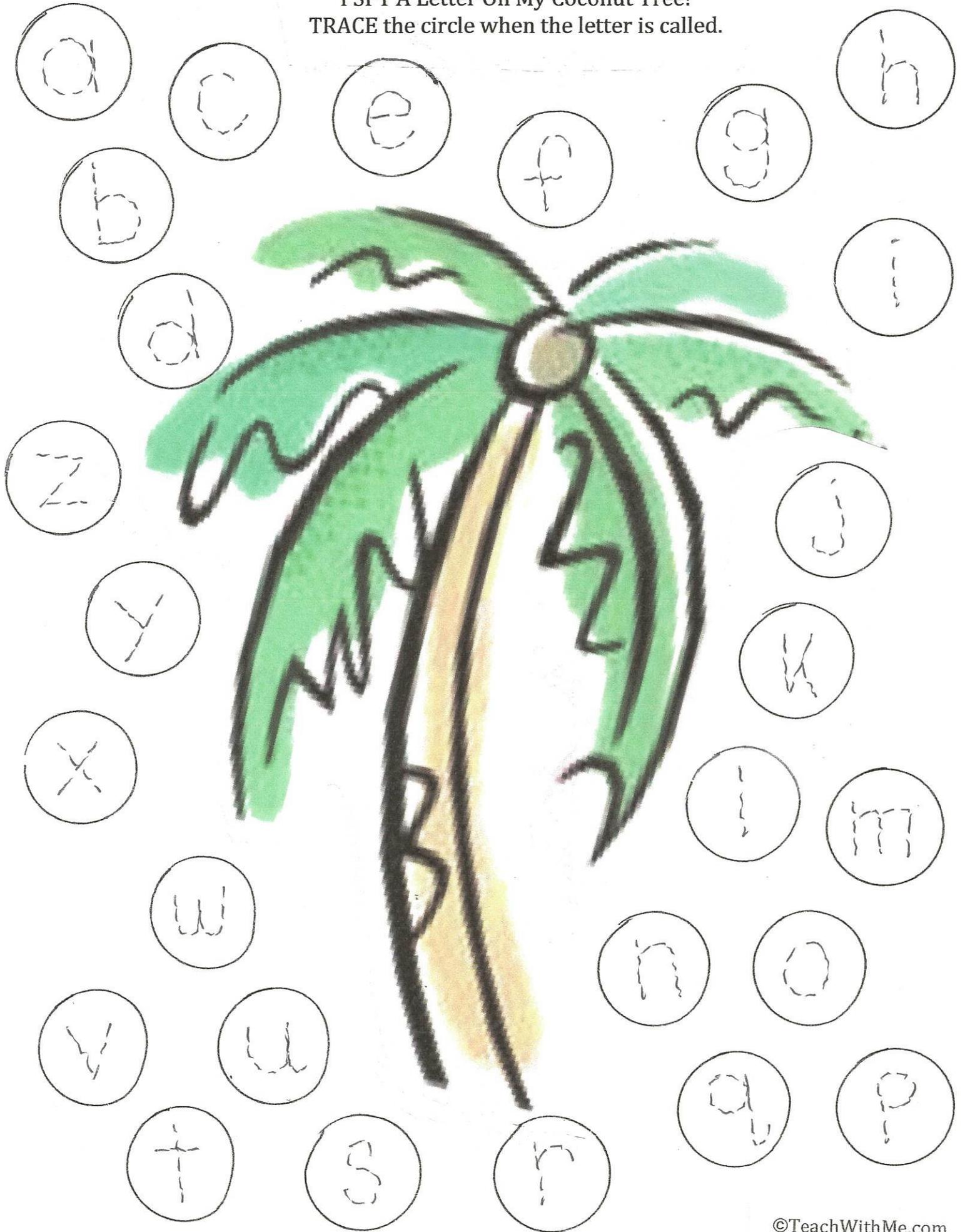
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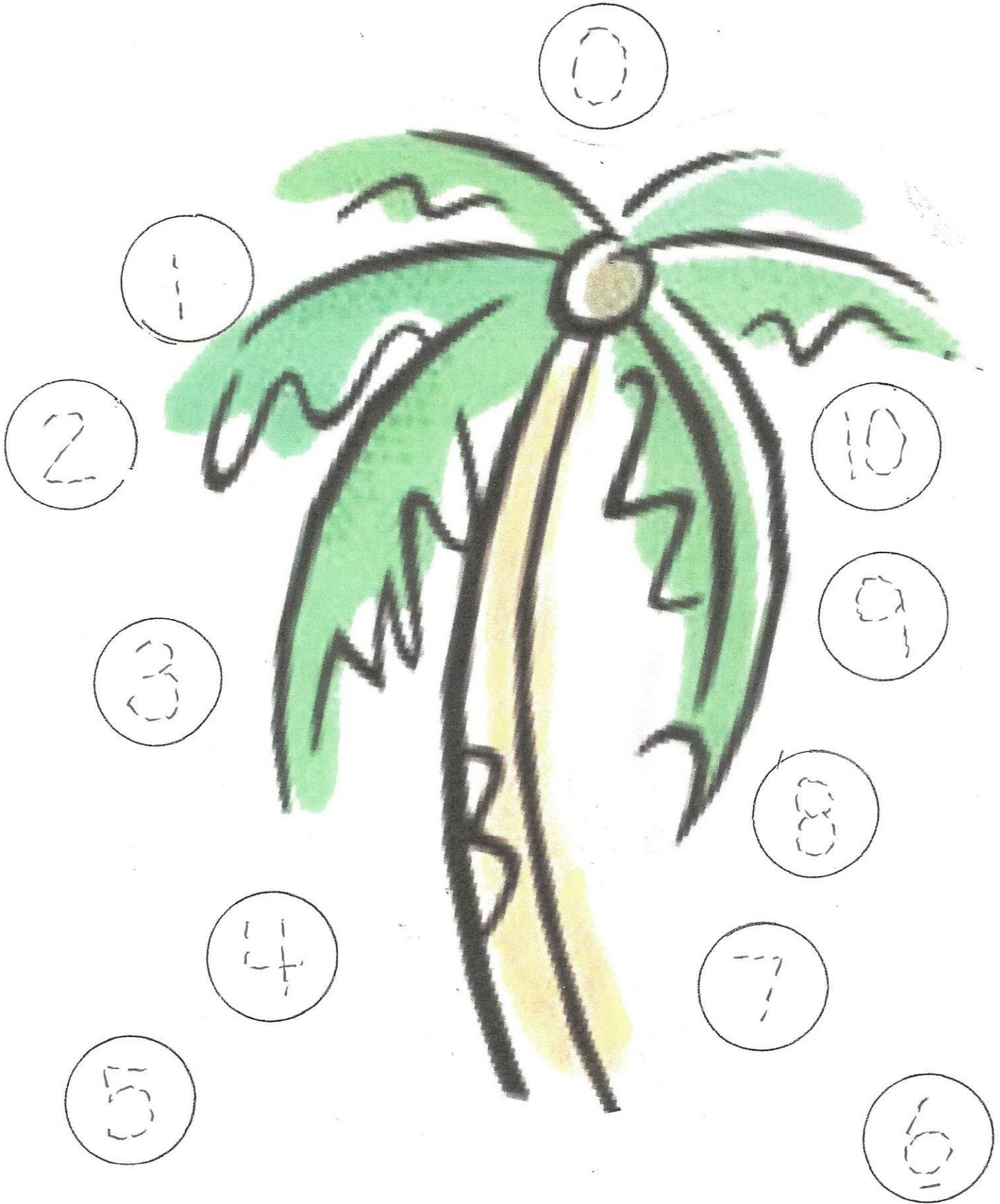
I SPY A Letter On My Coconut Tree!
TRACE the circle when the letter is called.

A large illustration of a coconut tree with a brown trunk and green fronds. The tree is the central focus of the page. Surrounding the tree are 26 circles, each containing a letter of the alphabet from A to Z. The letters are arranged in a roughly circular pattern around the tree. Each letter is drawn with dashed lines, indicating that it is intended to be traced. The letters are: A, Z, Y, X, W, V, B, C, U, D, T, E, S, F, R, Q, G, P, O, H, J, M, N, I, K, L.

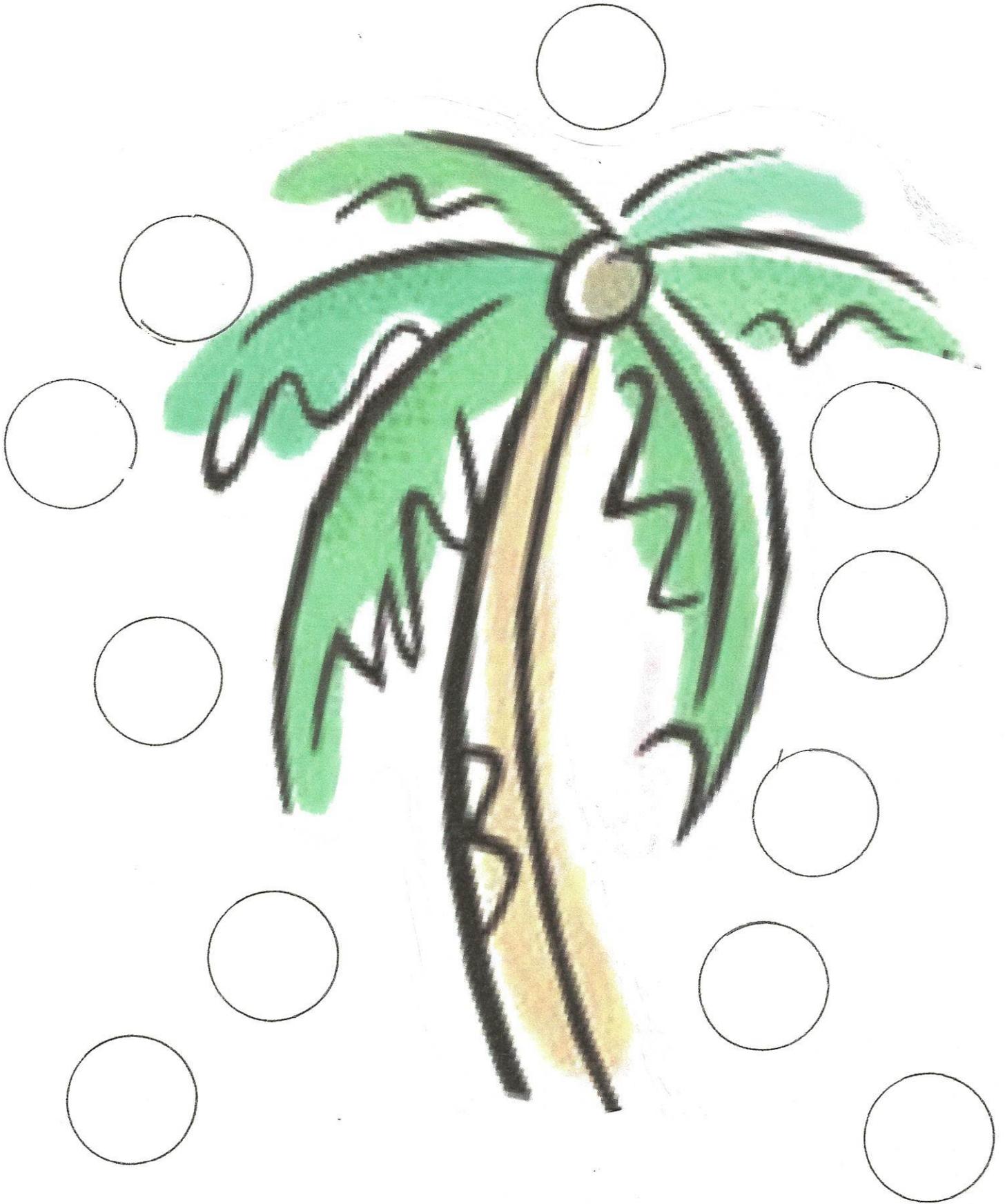
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Congratulations!

has successfully completed their
Chicka Picka Folder.

You Rock!



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