



# Apple Subtraction Song

## Border Booklet + ...

### Background:

- I was at the Dollar Store™ and they had adorable apple border (14 strips in a pack). My b. boards were up so what could I use this for? It's ONLY a dollar with 8 apples on a sheet times 14, that's 112 apples! So of course I had to buy it.
- I designed a rebus reader for my students based on the song 5 Little Apples On The Apple Tree. I made it 4 little apples so I could cut each sheet in half.
- The border is the cover of the book. In case you can't find a border, I've made a cover sheet for you with the 4 numbered apples. If you do get the border, have your students number the apples.

### Materials:

- Scissors
- Laminator
- Black markers
- Stapler

### Directions:

#### Prep

- Cut your apple border strips so that each child has a cover with 4 apples on it, or simply run off the rebus booklet.

#### The next day...

1. Children CUT the strips.
2. Children SEQUENCE the strips.
3. Teacher staples the booklet.
4. Read the rebus reader aloud as a whole group.
5. I read it through twice and encourage my students to read and share it with their family when they get home as a "Look! I CAN read!" big deal thing.

6. I also mention the booklets we've done each week in my newsletter and ask families to reinforce lessons by having them share their booklets when they get home.
7. I also suggest that they keep them in a plastic shoebox-size tub so they can re-read them throughout the year. Since many have their drawings and photo in, they make great keepsakes and they're already in a nice tub for safe keeping!
8. I had extra strips so I wrote numbers 1-10 on the apples, laminated the strip, put magnets on the back and have it as a reference chart on my board for a nice review after singing the song or reading an apple story.
9. I also made you a copy of the original song, it's been around forever so I don't know who the author is, and a large apple tree. Laminate it along with the numbered apples on the 1<sup>st</sup> strip and when you are singing the song you can subtract the apples. I put the scratchy Velcro dots on the apple tree and the soft dots on the apples.
10. Enjoy! ☺
11. Of course I didn't want to stop with numbers. After all, I had extra strips, just enough to make the ABC's so I made Apple Annie With An Awesome Appetite for of course letters and numbers.





1

I learned a subtraction song today.  
Ask me to sing it to you.

3

4 little



in the



4

4 little



down at me.

5

I shook that



as hard as I could.

6

Down came the



Mmmm- mmmm good!



= apples



= tree



= smiled

5 little



in the



5 little



down at me.

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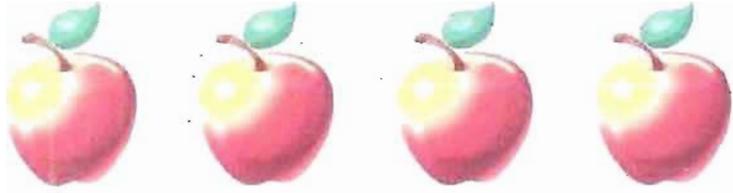
### Directions for how to do the finger-plays

- I teach my students simple sign language.
- This is a great song for that.
- The sign for apple is to make a fist with your index finger knuckle sticking out.
- Rub your cheek with that knuckle/fist and that's apple.
- The sign for tree is to bend your left arm up in front of you at the elbow and spread all of your fingers.
- For smile, simply smile and take both index fingers and put them on either side of your smile.
- We flash 5 fingers, then 4 etc.
- My students pretend to hold a tree and shake it.
- And they raise their hands in the air and wiggle all of their fingers in a downward motion when the apples fall from the tree.
- We pretend to pick one up and eat it and rub our tummies for "mmm-mmm good."
- I take an apple off the tree point to the  $5-1=4$  equation and then we do it all over again 'til we get to zero little apples on the apple tree.
- "Oooo Oooo tummy ache because that tree I really did shake." (We rub our tummies and look in pain.)





$5-1=$



4

$4-1=$



3

$3-1=$



2

$2-1=$



1

$1-1=0$

# 5 Little Apples On The Apple Tree



5

5 - 1 =



4

4 - 1 =



3

3 - 1 =



2

2 - 1 =



1

1 - 1 = 0



## Apple Annie Has An Awesome Appetite

### Directions:

1. Using a black marker write one letter of the alphabet on each apple on the border.
2. Laminate the strips then cut out the apples.
3. Make a set of upper and lowercase, or expedite a reading of Apple Annie and write the upper and lowercase letter together on one apple.
4. Write numbers 0-10 on a set of apples as well.
5. Read the introduction to the story and then "feed" Apple Annie.
6. When my Y5's are first learning, they don't know who has an "A" because they don't know what an "A" is, so I refer to the entire alphabet apple strip that I laminated and say: *"Who has the letter A? This letter (I point to the apple strip chart)."* And they come and feed Annie. 😊 I do the same thing with the numbers.
7. Run off a copy of Annie, laminate her, cut a slit in her mouth, put a baggie in the back to catch the letters/numbers and you're all set. Enjoy! 😊



Apple Annie  
Has An Awesome Appetite

Apple Annie has an awesome  
appetite. She likes to munch and  
crunch a bunch of letters for lunch!

Numbers are tasty too! She likes  
them the most with jam on toast.

Will you help feed Apple Annie with  
me?

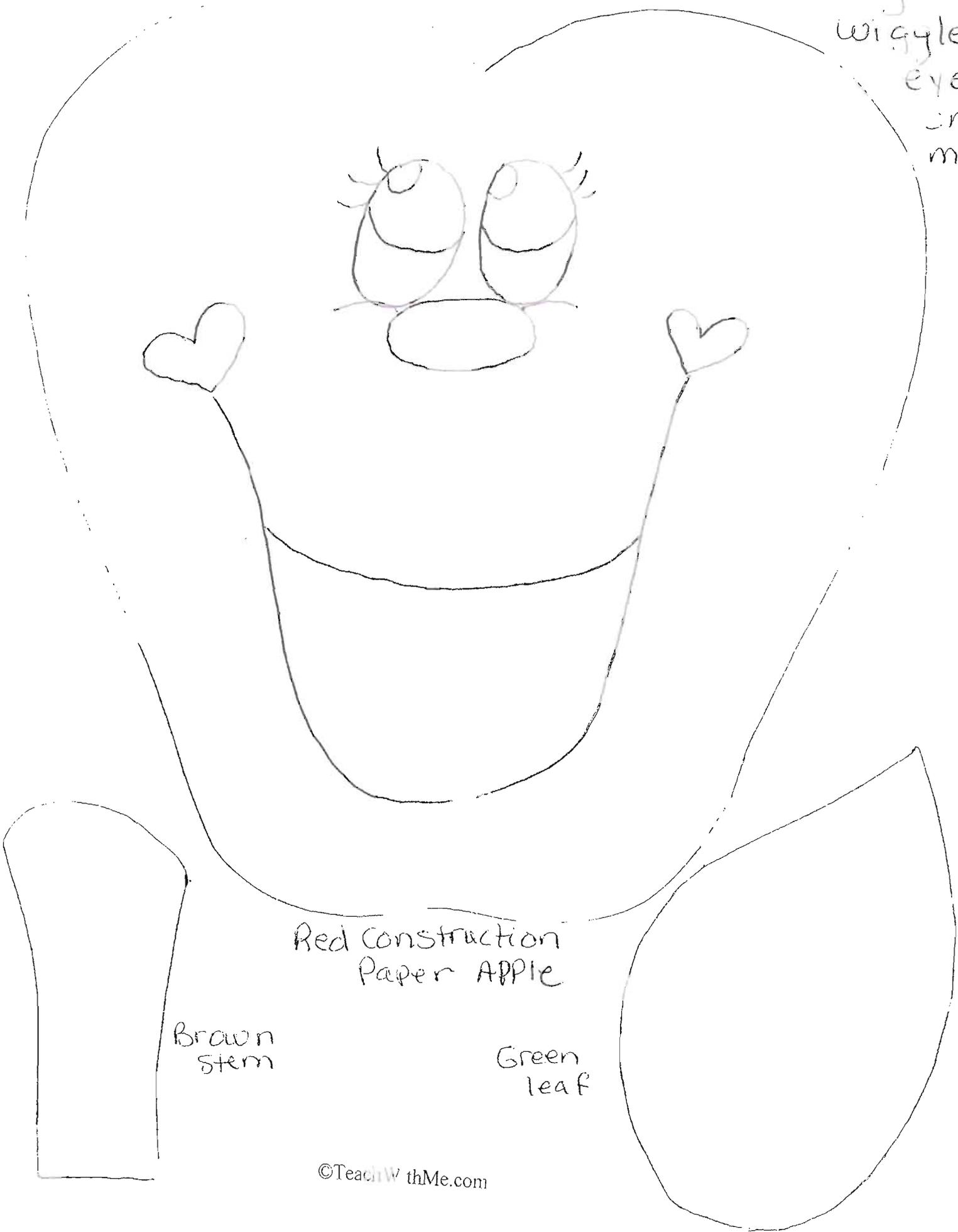
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and a 123... 

Apple Annie

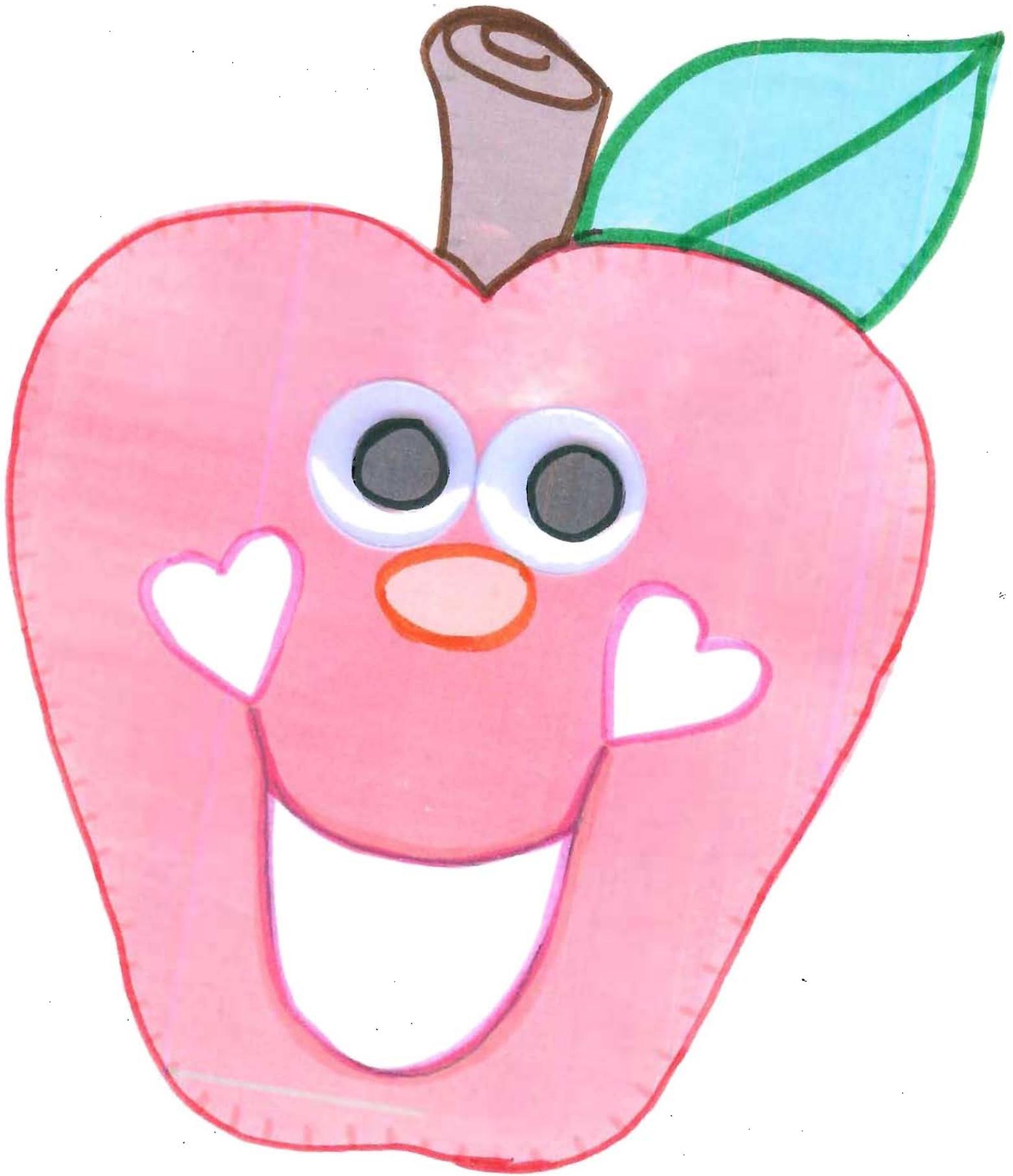
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mine

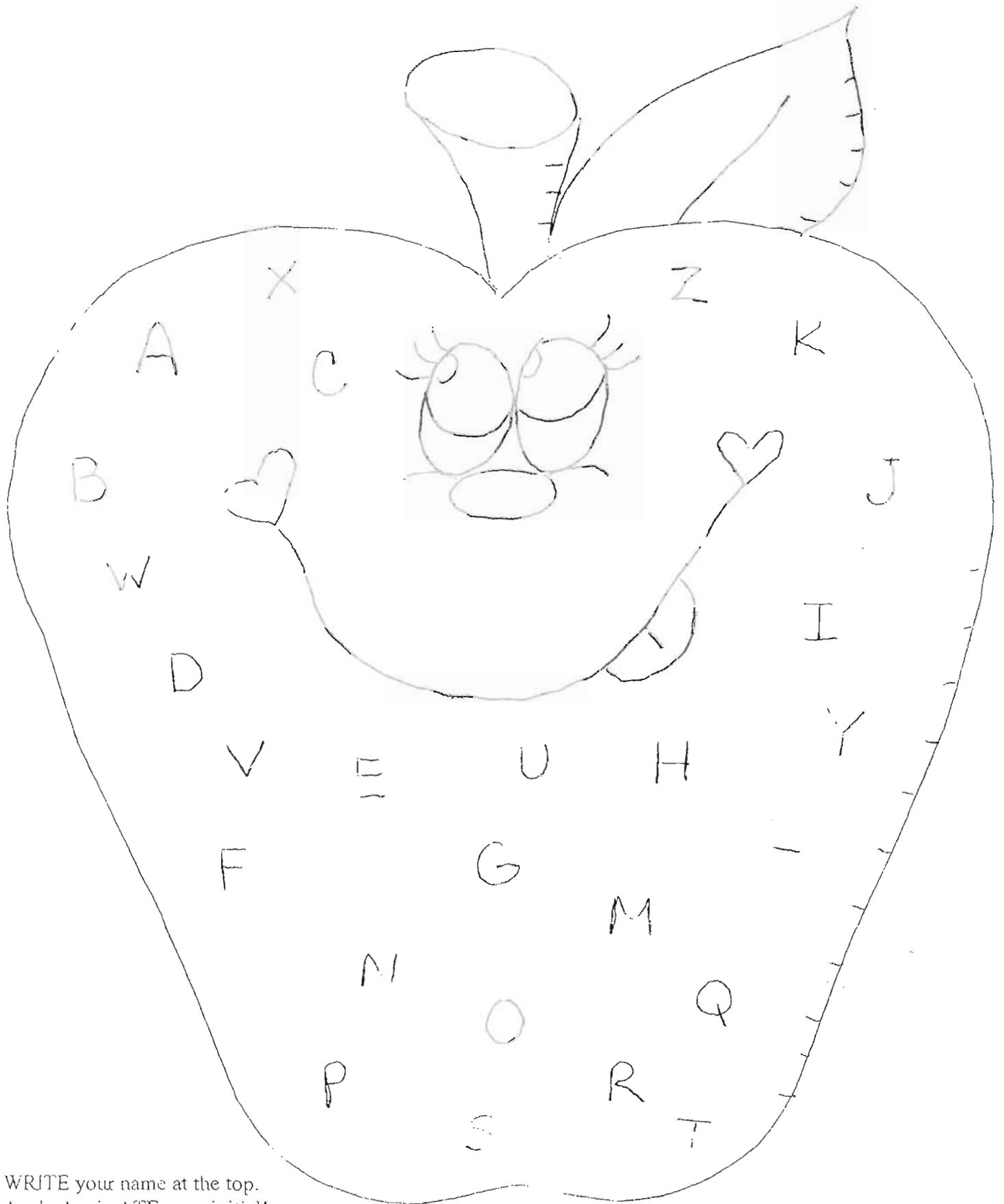


Red construction  
Paper Apple

Brown  
stem

Green  
leaf





WRITE your name at the top.  
Apple Annie ATE your initial!  
FIND your Captain Capital and CIRCLE it.