

**Polly
Wants A
Letter
Cracker**

Aa _____
Aa _____
Bb _____
Bb _____

Yy _____
Yy _____
Zz _____
Zz _____

I've completed my ABC booklet
and that's worth squawking about!

Polly's been fed
and this is what she said:

"I'm never better,
than when I eat a letter!"
Thank you.

Make &
attach Polly
to a
container.
Cut out her
mouth
section.
Students
"feed" her
crackers.

**Polly Wants A Cracker
Alphabet Packet**





Polly Wants A Cracker Parrot

Print Polly's head on white card stock.

Glue the wings and body pieces on, then laminate and trim.

Cut out the inside of Polly's mouth so that children can "feed" her their alphabet cracker cards.

Attach a Baggie or container to the back of Polly's head to catch the cards.



Polly Wants A Cracker
Polly's Body

Print on card stock.
Glue Polly's head and
other wing on.
Laminate and trim.

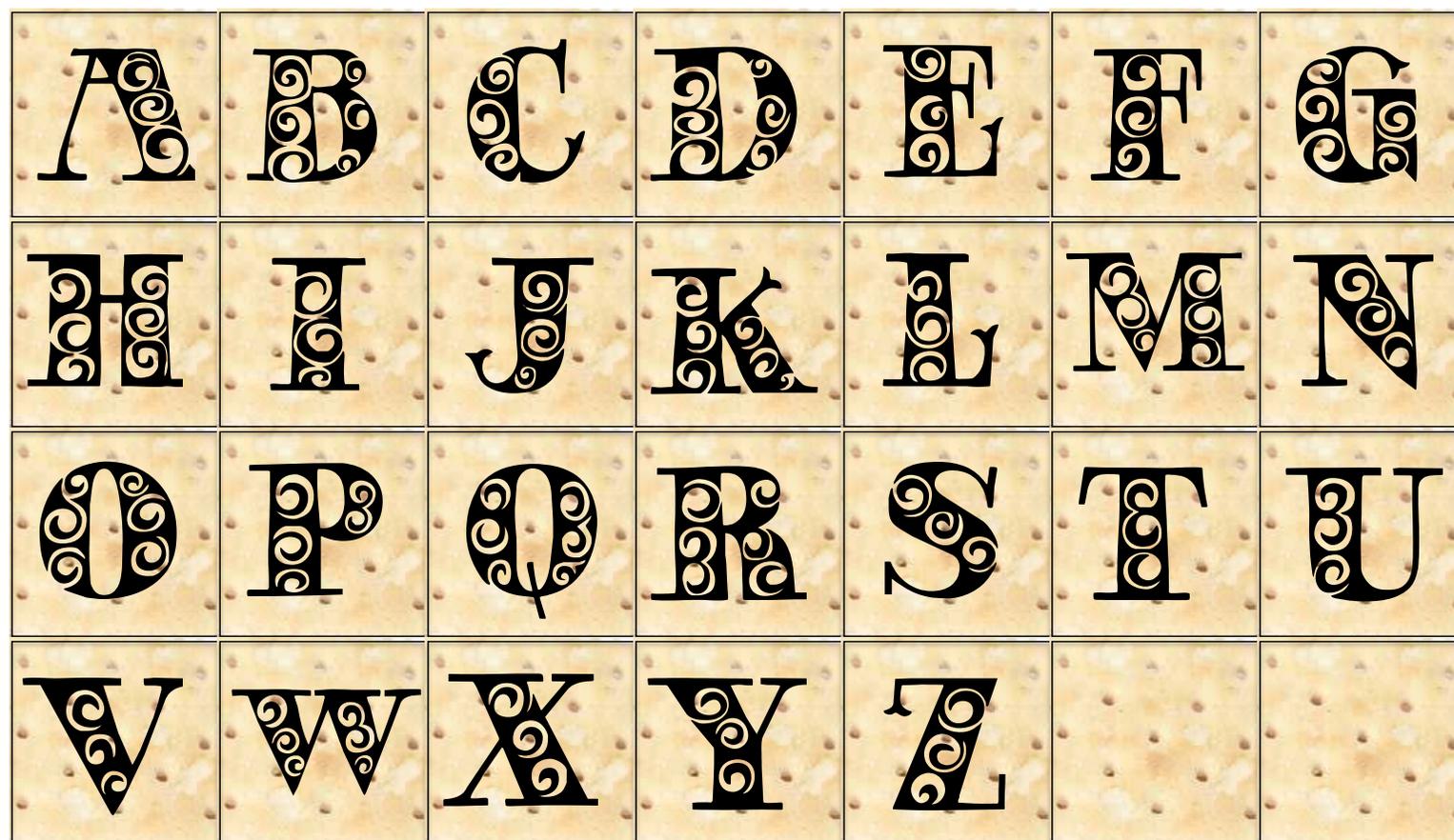
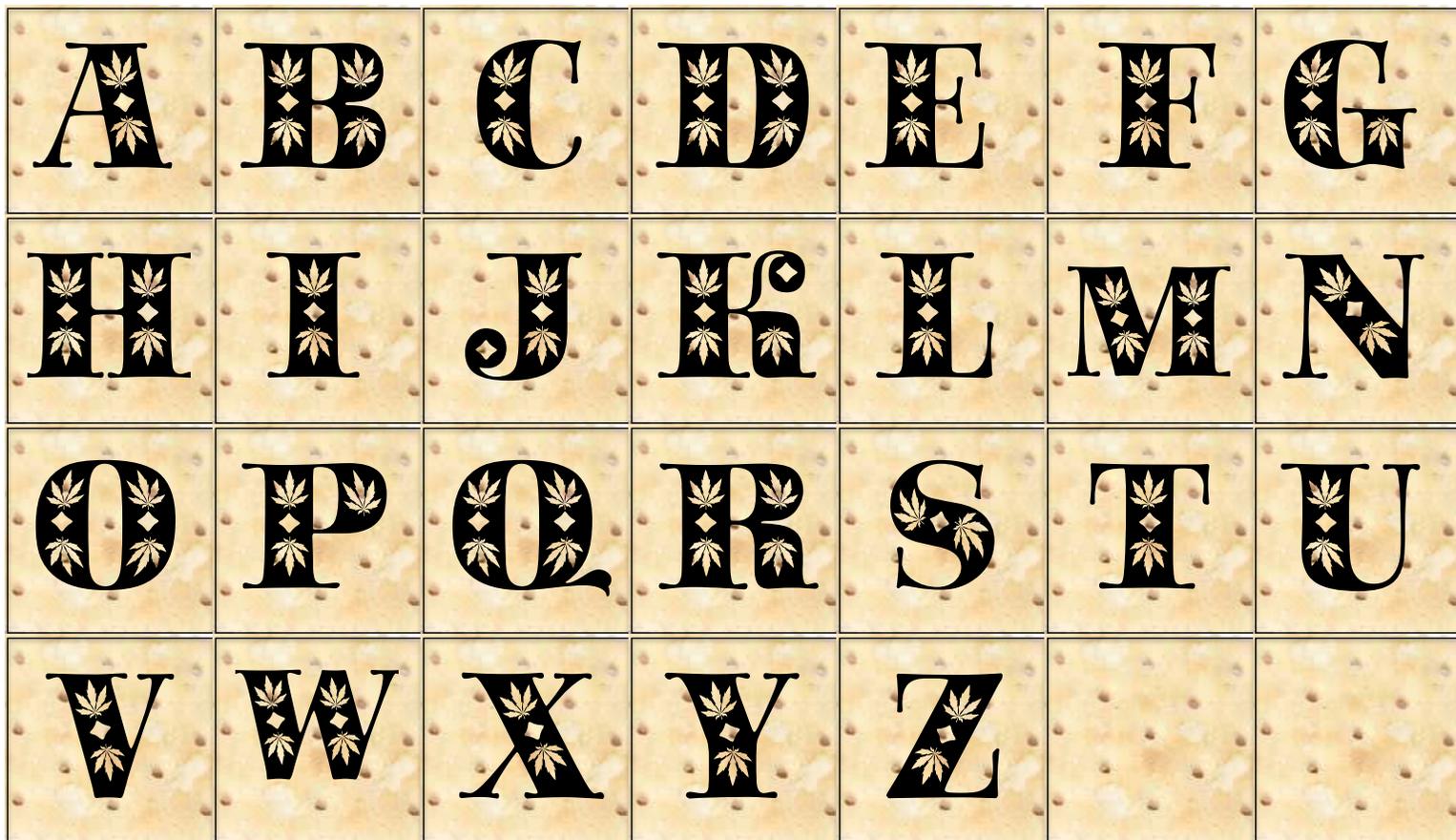
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Polly Wants A Cracker
Polly's wing

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Glue to Polly's body.
Laminate and trim.

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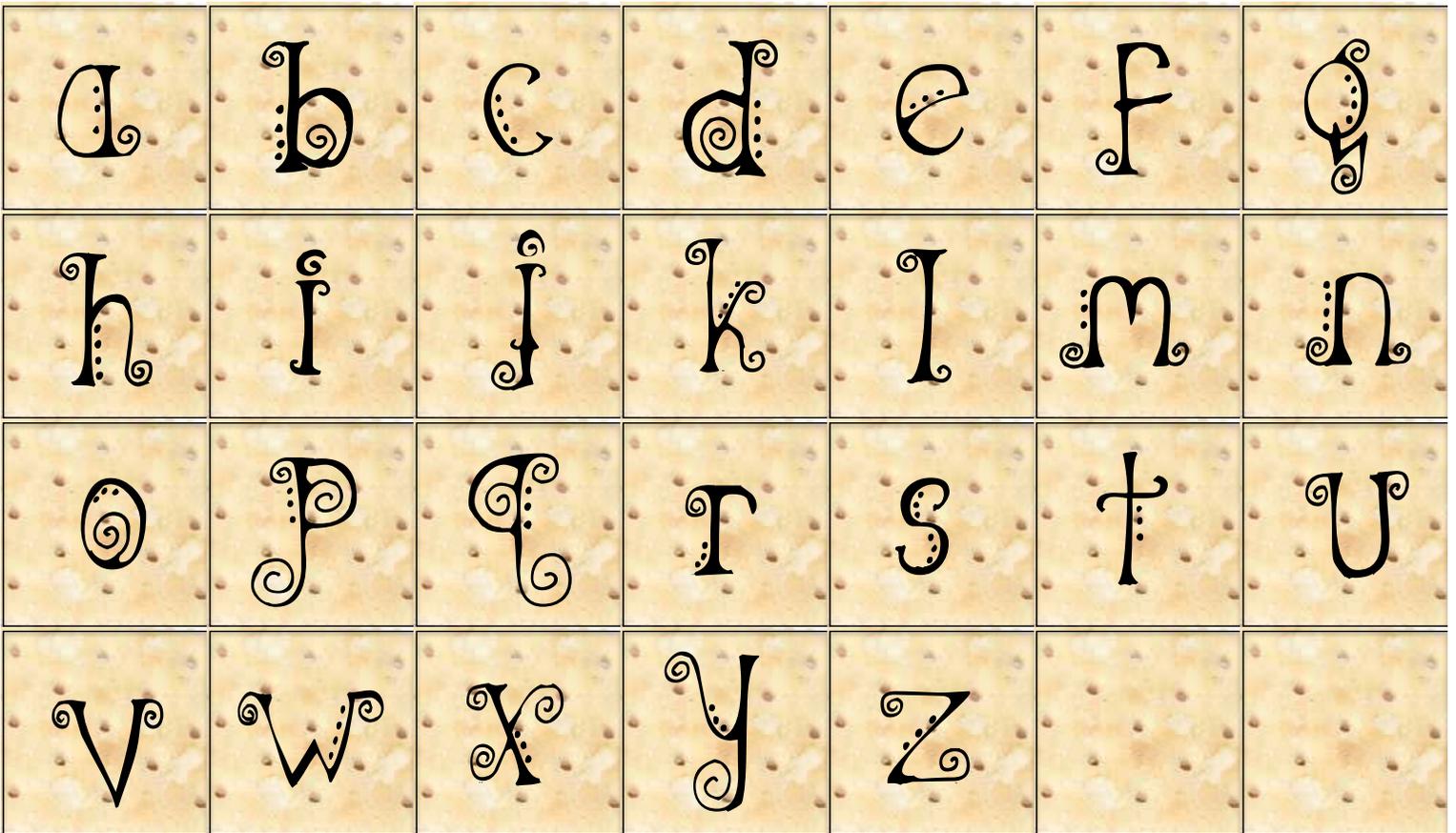
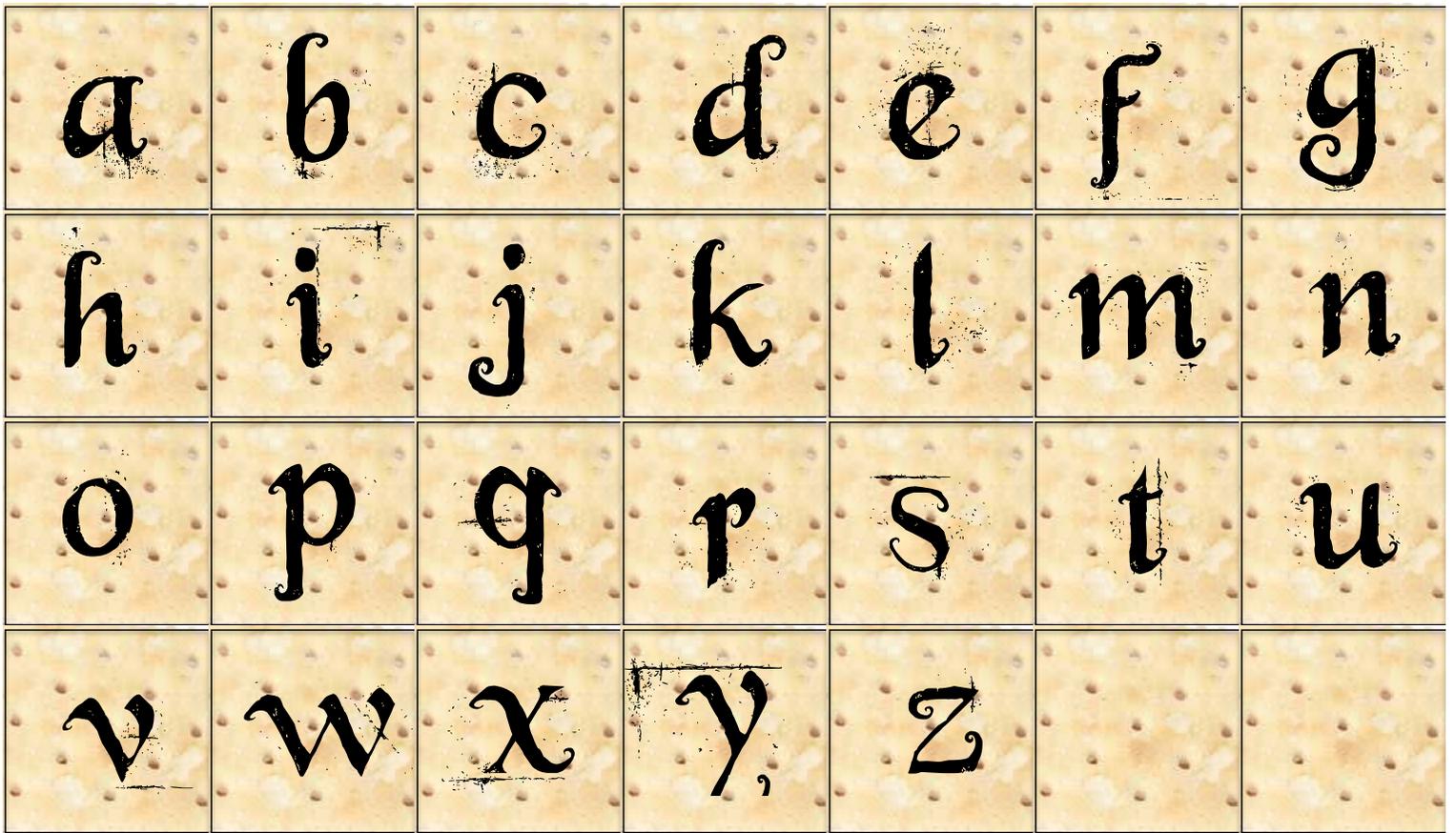


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Print on card stock; laminate and trim.

Pass the letters out to students and have them "feed" the crackers to the parrot in ABC order.

Make extra sets to play "Memory Match" and "I Have; Who Has?" games.

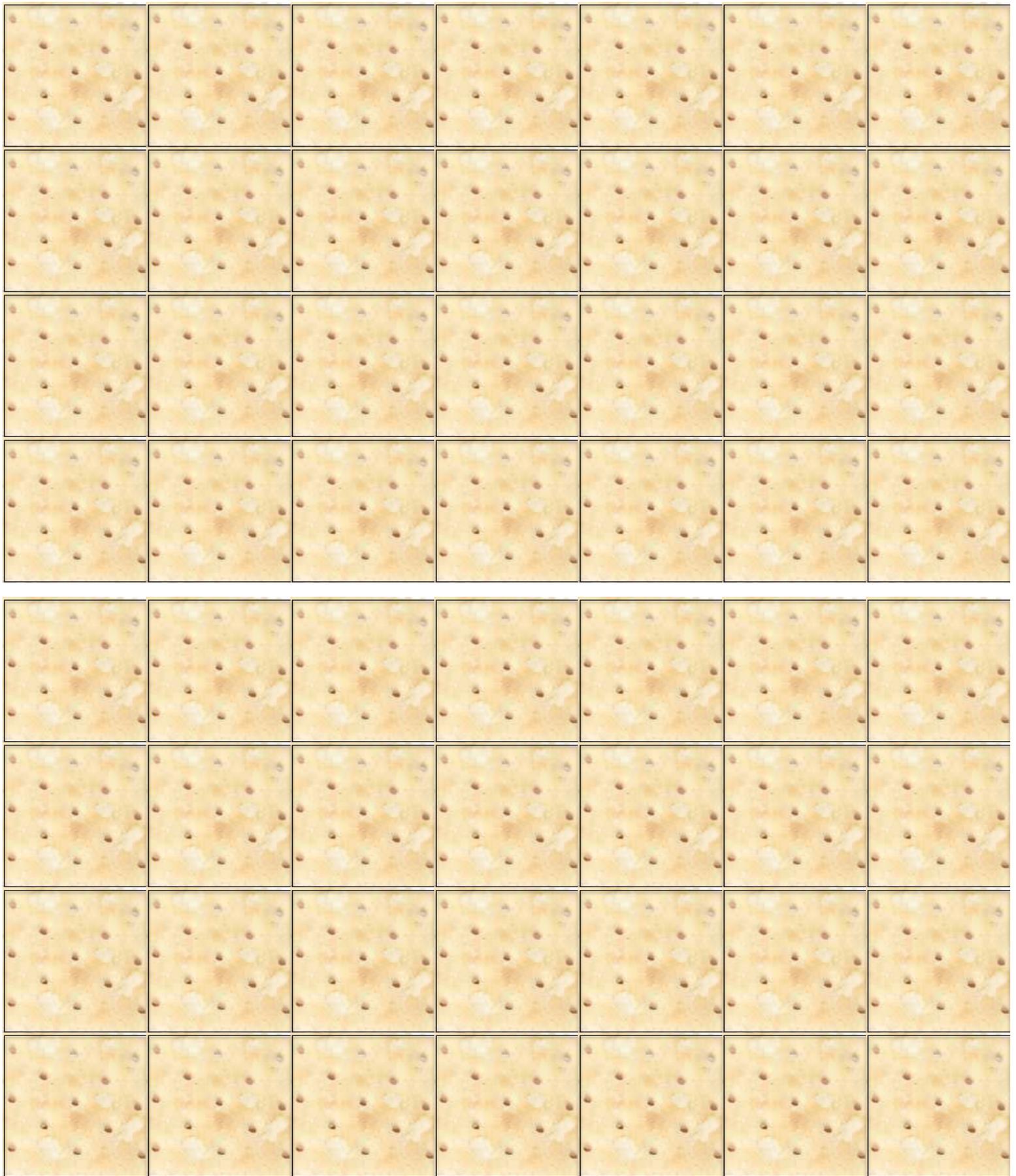


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Print on card stock; laminate and trim.

Pass the "crackers" out to students and have them "feed" the parrot in ABC order.

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Use to program with whatever.
For example, words, students' names etc.



Alphabet Cards

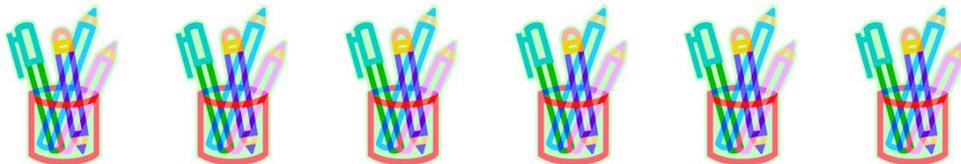
What else can you do with alphabet cards?

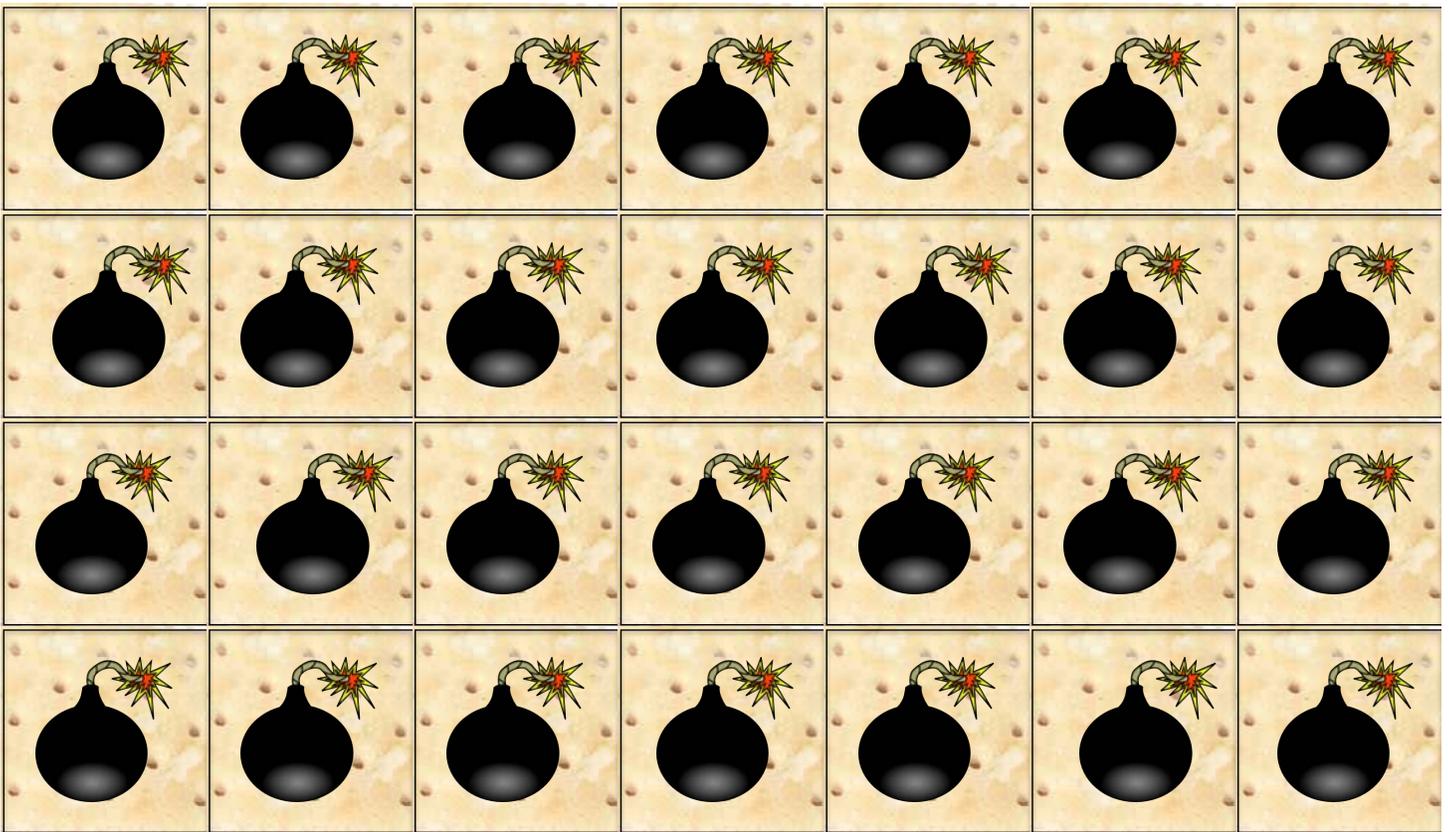
- Cut them up and use them as puzzles.
- Print and laminate and put on a split ring and use as flashcards for your students.
- Print and laminate and sprinkle them on the floor. Have students collect the cards before the timer rings. After the timer rings, have students gather on the carpet and sequence the cards. You can put upper and lowercase letters together, or sequence 2 separate lines. To reinforce recognition, call on children to share a letter that they found.
- Run off sets on two different colors of paper so that you can make **Memory Match** games. This will make the game easier to play and expedite time.
- Students can either match lowercase letters to uppercase letters or upper to upper and lower-to-lower.
- Put a set in a bag, basket or box and have students pull out a card and read the letter. If they can't, they are out of the game.
- You can also have them start saying the ABC's from that letter.
- They can pick a card and tell if it is a consonant or vowel.
- They can pick a card and give a word that starts with that letter.
- They can pick a card and give a student's name that starts with that letter. If there are none, they say zero.

- They can pick a card and give the sound(s) the letter makes.
- Put some Kaboom bomb cards in the container along with a set of upper and lowercase letter cards.
- Children take 2 cards out of the basket. Teacher calls on the student who has the uppercase letter A to start the game, that child reads their letter card and asks for the lowercase matching card.
- That child with that card reads it and gives their card to that child. They then read their other card and ask for their match.
- Play continues 'til all of the cards are gone.
- When the bomb cards are added, a child must use the bomb Kaboom card when they are called on for a match.
- They show the bomb card, everyone yells "Kaboom" and both children are out of the game.
- Run off copies of the cards. Students cut out the cards, put them in order, and staple on a construction paper cover, to make an Itty Bitty flip booklet, that they can share them with their families to reinforce lessons learned at school.
- Collating their books is a great way to sequence the letters.
- Play *"I Have, Who Has?"*
- Make sure you have only enough pairs of cards so that things come out equal to the number of students present that day.
- One student starts and says: *"I have "uppercase A" who has lowercase a?"* The child with the lowercase letter card gives that child their card.
- Play continues 'til all of the cards are gone.

- You can spice this game up by adding the "Kaboom" cards to this game as well.
- Have students choose a partner and play "Speed" against them.
- Each student mixes up their cards. Together they say, *"Ready-Set-Go!"*
- Each student puts their cards in ABC order. The 1st one to do so is the winner.
- Another version of "Speed" is the following: Each child has a set of cards that is in the same order as their partner's. They place them face down. They say 1-2 flip and then flip a card over. The first one to read the card takes the cards. The student with the most cards wins.
- Students mix up their pack of cards, and reinforce vowels and consonants.
- Students take turns flipping over cards. The first one to say whether it is a vowel or consonant gets the card.
- You could also play that they have to give a word that begins with that letter. i.e. A student flips over the B card, one of the children exclaims: "Boy!" they get the card.
- Display the cards on the wall in ABC order. Each day take a "mystery" letter away. Choose a different child each day to guess which letter is missing.
- As students become familiar with the letters, jumble them up instead of keeping them in ABC order.
- Use them as flashcards.
- Use them as pocket cards.
- Place a card behind a seasonal shape on your white board and choose a child to guess what letter the mouse has stolen today.
- Sort vowels and consonants.

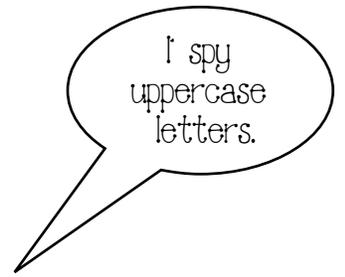
- Sort upper and lowercase letters.
- Use them in **Daily 5** for "Word Work" & have students make CVC words, word wall words, spelling words, spell their name etc.
- Pass them out and have students "feed" them to a container of some sort.
- I've given you a blank template so that you can program it with whatever else you may think of: numbers, shapes, equations etc.
- Label a set of clothespins (You can buy them at The Dollar Store) with upper and lowercase letters. For great fine motor fun, have students clip the matching letter clothespin to the corresponding alphabet card.
- Students can clip uppercase letter clothespins to uppercase letter alphabet cards, or have them clip the lowercase clothespins to the uppercase alphabet cards, and the uppercase clothespins to the lowercase alphabet cards.
- Make a double set of cards. Cut one set in half vertically, and another set in half horizontally. Students put the puzzles together and decide if that letter is symmetrical.
- Use the above cards and have students draw in the missing half.
- If you think of more ideas, I'd enjoy hearing from you: diane@teachwithme.com





Use these Kaboom cracker cards to make games even more fun.
Print, laminate and trim. Toss them into a container with the other cracker
cards.

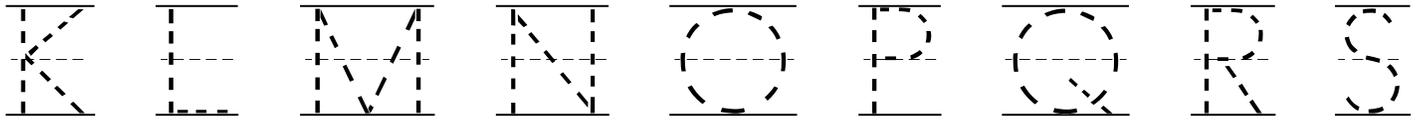
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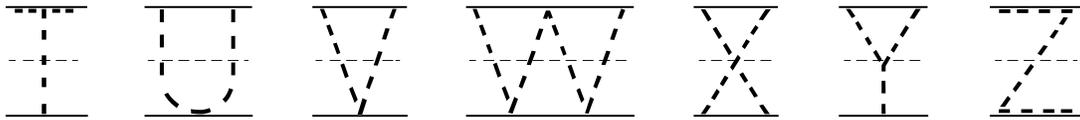


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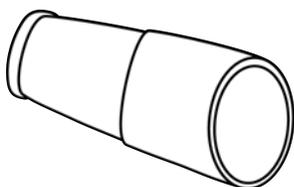
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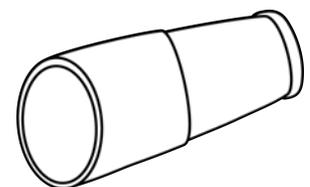






I spy my favorite letter.





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X

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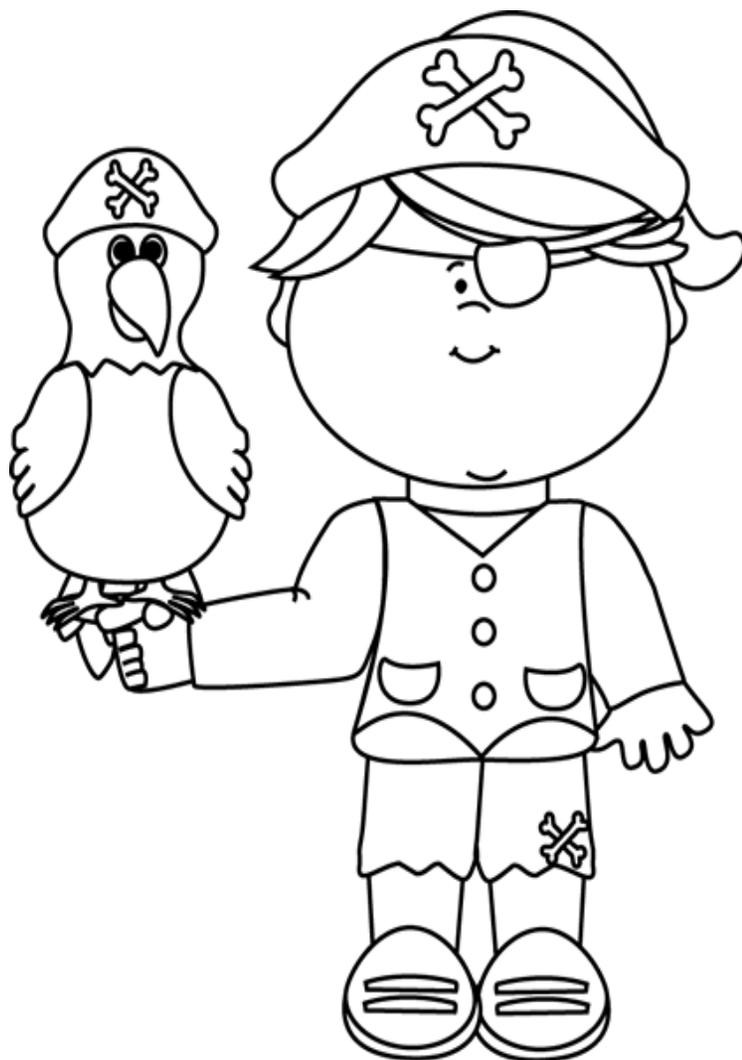
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I SPY Game.
 As students call out a
 letter you trace it.
 When you are done,
 raise your hand.

B

K

Q

I

C

D

P



You can have the student point to the letters identifying the 1st, 2nd and 3rd rows.

You can also ask students to point to the **A** then the **B** etc.

Circle the correct letters on your recording sheet and write any incorrect letter next to it.
i.e. Jon says the Q is an O.

You can run off a copy, to send home to parents, so they can work one-on-one with a struggling student.

S Q D N Y W G P

B F X J A L O Z E

T H U R V I M C K

Uppercase Letter Assessment.

Knows the UPPERCASE LETTERS that are circled. If not, write the incorrect letter next to it.

Name: _____

Date:

Date:

Date:

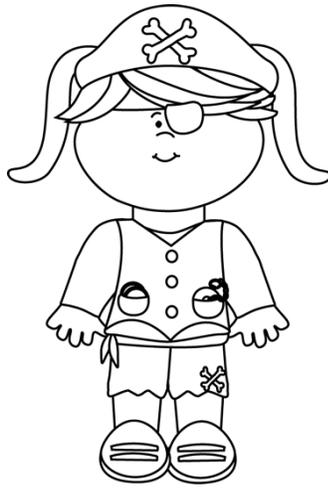
Date:

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B	V	B	V	B	V	B	V
C	W	C	W	C	W	C	W
D	X	D	X	D	X	D	X
E	Y	E	Y	E	Y	E	Y
F	Z	F	Z	F	Z	F	Z
G		G		G		G	
H		H		H		H	
I		I		I		I	
J		J		J		J	
K		K		K		K	
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M		M		M		M	
N		N		N		N	
O		O		O		O	
P		P		P		P	
Q		Q		Q		Q	
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Match the lowercase letter to the uppercase letter.

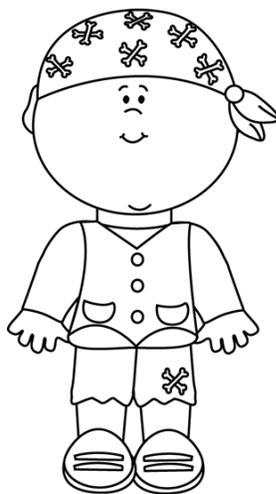
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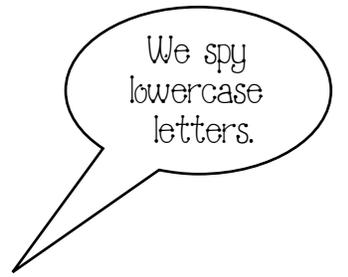
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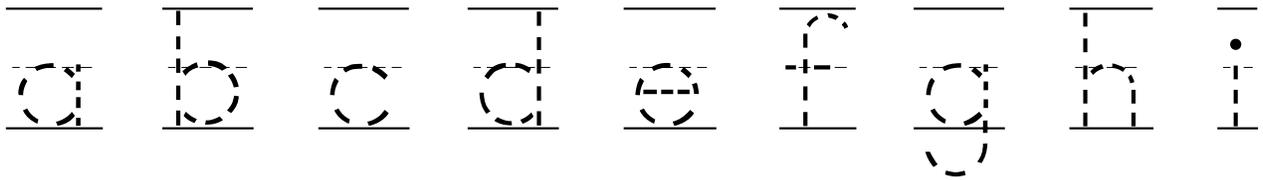




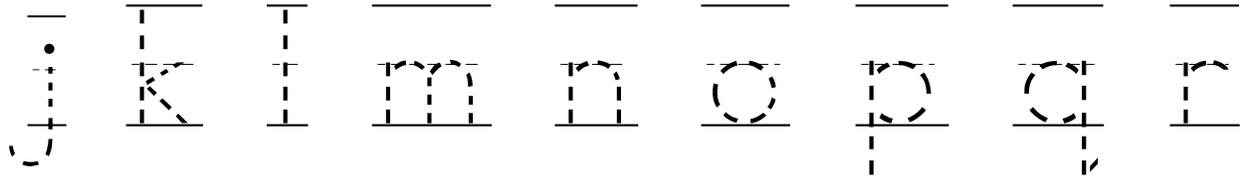
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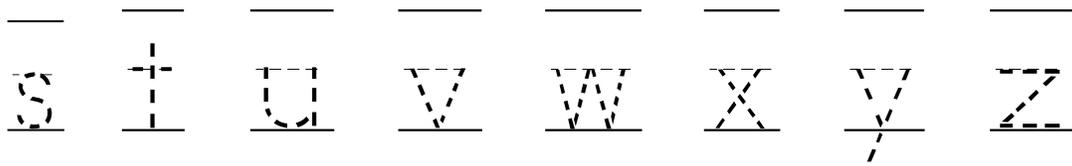
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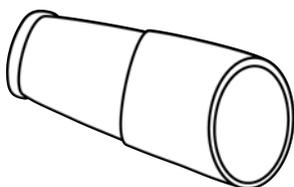


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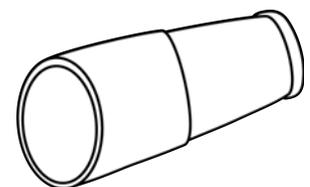


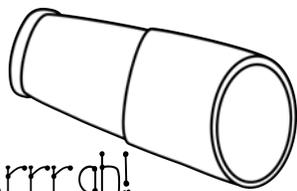
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I spy my favorite letter.

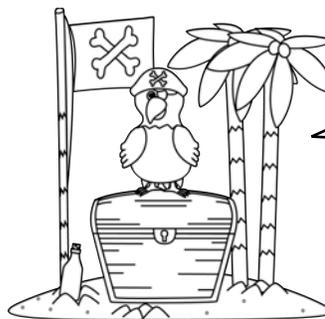


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Arrrrgh!



I spy lowercase letters.

Trace and then write the letters.

I spy my name:

a b c d e f g h i j

k l m n o p q r s

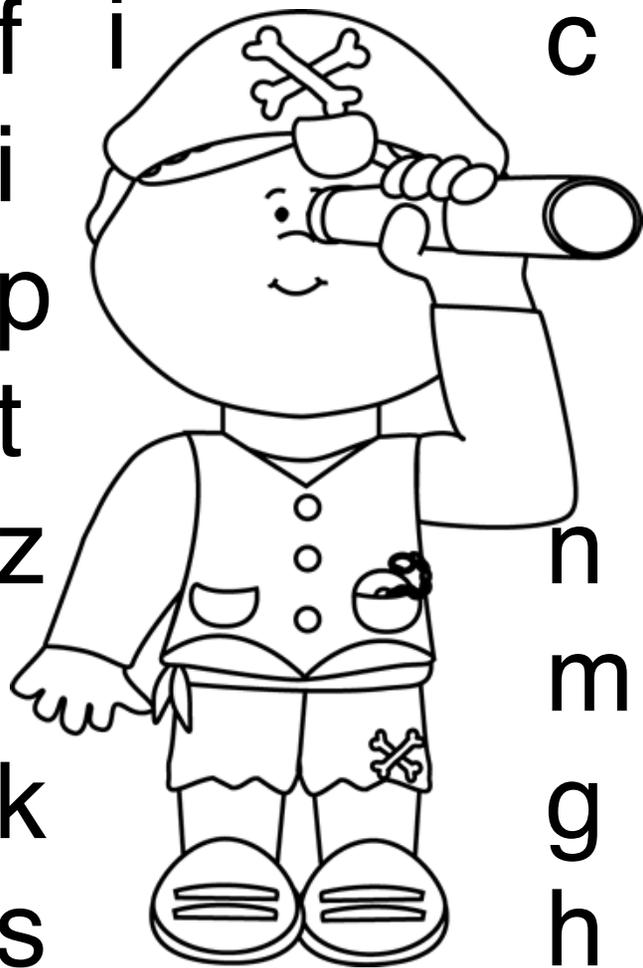
t u v w x y z



I spy my favorite letter.



y	a	m	s	a	e	z	m	c	d	m	y	a	p	m
z	b	n	a	b	f	i			c	n	z	b	l	n
a	c	o	b	c	i					o				
b	d	p	e	d	p									
c	e	q	d	e	t					q				
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f	h	t	x	h	k				g	t	f	h	t	u
g	i	u	z	i	s				h	u	g	i	w	v
h	j	v	a	j	t	p	w	b	j	v	h	j	z	w
i	k	w	b	k	w	a	l	d	i	w	i	k	m	x
j	l	x	c	l	d	r	f	y	k	x	j	l	n	s



I SPY the letter _____

n
x
e
o
z
r

s
u
w
t
f
j
v
a



l
g
m
y

I SPY Game.
As students call out a letter you trace it. When you are done, raise your hand.

b
k
q
c
h
i
d
p

Spy Some Letters Assessment Mat



b d a c f h e g i

k j n l o m p t s

q u r v z w y x

Lowercase Letter Assessment.

Knows the LOWERCASE LETTERS that are circled. If not, write the incorrect letter next to it.

Name: _____

Date:

Date:

Date:

Date:

a	u	a	u	a	u	a	u
b	v	b	v	b	v	b	v
c	w	c	w	c	w	c	w
d	x	d	x	d	x	d	x
e	y	e	y	e	y	e	y
f	z	f	z	f	z	f	z
g		g		g		g	
h		h		h		h	
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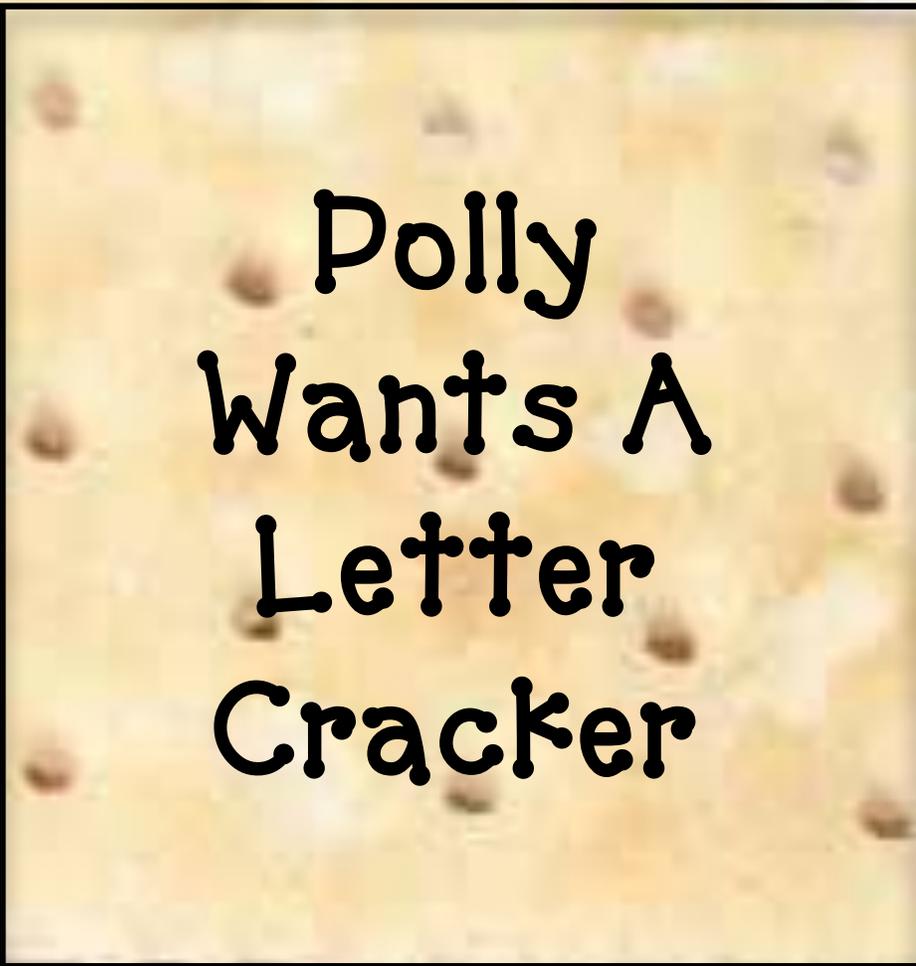


While doing research, I came across several wonderful pirate alphabet books, perfect to read before and/or after feeding Polly.

Shiver Me Letters by June Sobel, Pirate's Alphabet by Patti Wigington, A Is For Arrr! by Laura Purdie Salas, Twenty-six Pirates by Dave Horowitz, An A to Z of Pirates by Caroline Stills and Pirates of the Alphabet by Tim Whitney, are all worth taking a peek at.

If you're into Aps you may like Pirate Phonics: Blackbeard's Alphabet. It's just \$1.99





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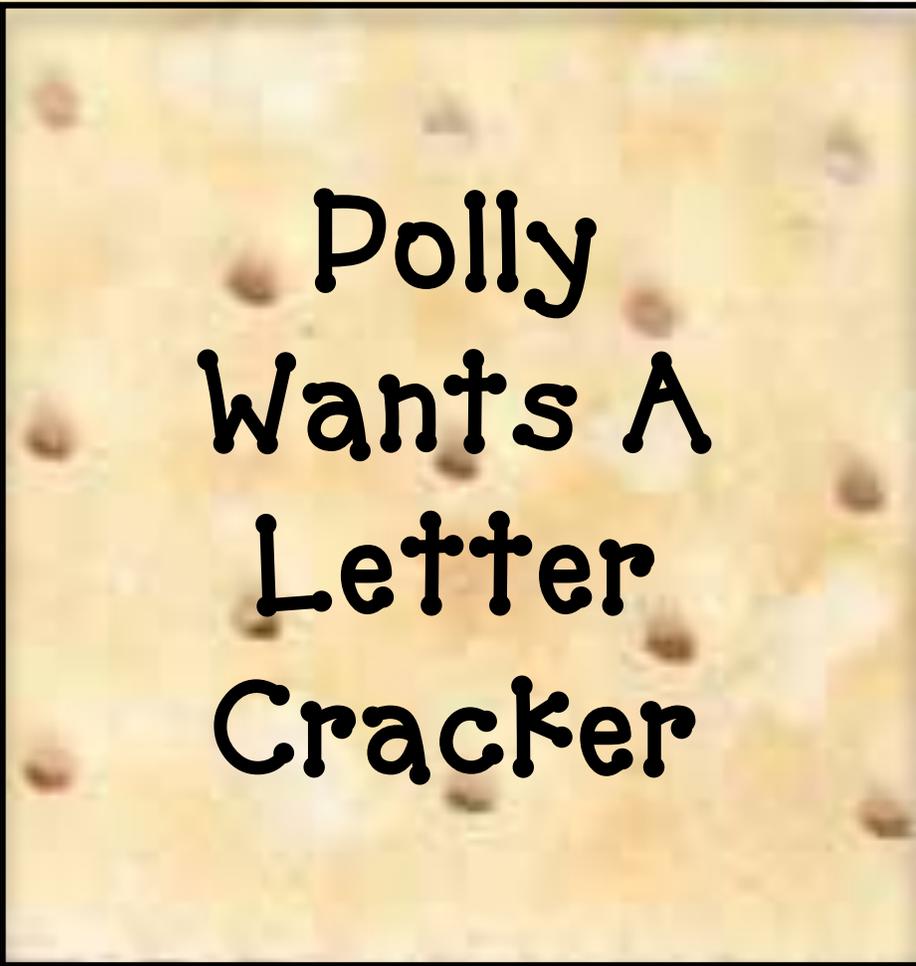
This is the cover to a child's mini ABC booklet.

Students write their name under the title.

They trace, write and color the letters on the inside pages.

Older students can write a word that begins with that letter.

I have an alphabetical list of pirate words if you want students to use those.



Polly Wants A Letter Cracker

Aa

Aa

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Bb

Bb

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Cc

Cc

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Dd

Dd

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Run these off on copy paper.

These are the pages that get stapled under the cracker cover.

Students color, trace, and write the letters on the page.

Next to the letters that they color, older students can write a word that begins with that letter.

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Cut squares of construction paper for the back cover.

Students cut out their pages, collate in alphabetical order and staple on the front and back covers.

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Ee

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Ff

Ff

Gg

Gg

Hh

Hh

I i

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J j

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K k

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L l

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Nn

Nn

Oo

Oo

Pp

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Ss

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Tt

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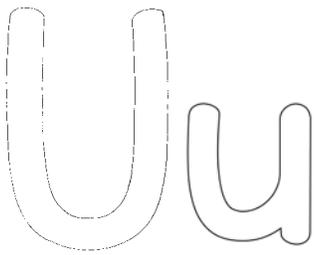
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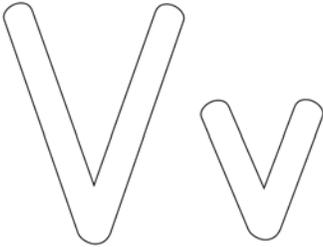
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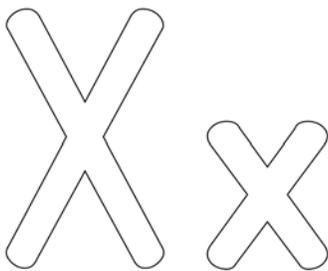
Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



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Y y

Y y

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Z z

Z z

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and that's worth squawking about!

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and this is what she said:

"I'm never better,
than when I eat a letter!"
Thank you.



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alphabetical order and
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back covers.

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This is the back cover
page.

Cut these out of a
variety of colors of
construction paper.



An Alphabetical List Of 794 Pirate-Related Words and Phrases.

A

abaft

abandon

aboard

addle

addle brained

addled

Admiral of the Black

adrift

advantage

adventure

afeard

affidavit

affy Davey

Africa

aft

ahoy

alas

albatross

alliance

aloft

alongside

ambush

amidship

anchor

armada

armed

arrgh

articles of agreement

ashore

athwartships

Atlantic

at sea

attack

aurora

avast

aye aye

B

back-o-beyond

ballast

bam

bandana

bar silver

Barbary Coast

baring irons

barkadeer

barker

barnacles

barque

barrack stanchion

barrel

batten down the hatches

battle

be

beach

bearings

beauty

becalmed

belay

belaying pin

bell

bellow

below decks

bilboes

bilge

bilge rat

bilge water

billowing

binnacle

bite the bullet

Black Bart

black jack

black spot

Blackbeard

blackguard

blackheart

blaggards

blast

bleached bones

blighter

blimey

blithering

blockhouse

bloody

blow

blow the gaff

blubbering

blunderbuss

boarded

boatswain
bones
boom
boots
booty
boreas
bosun
bottle
bound
bounty
bow
bow chasers
bowsprit
brawl
Brazil
brethren
bridge
brig
brigantine
brine
britches
British
broadside
buccaneers
buck oh
bucket
buckle
bulkhead
bullyrag
bumbo
bungling

burgoo
buried treasure
bury
by the wind
by thunder

C

cabin
cable
cable's length
cackle fruit
Caesar's penny
cage
calaloo
"Calico Jack" Rackham
canister shot
cannon
cannon ball
cannonballs
canvas
capsize
capstan
captain
capture
captured
cardinal points
careen
careening
cargo
Caribbean
carouse

carouser
carpenter
cask
cast
castaway
castoff
cat o' nine tails
catch
caulking
chain shot
chains
chandler
chantey
chart
chart a course
chase guns
chest
chivey
chowder
clap of thunder
climb
clinch
clipper
close hauled
close to the wind
coaming
cocked hat
cocoa
coconuts
cod line
code

codger
coffer
coiled
coins
colors
colours
come about
come around
command
commandeer
compass
confiscate
contraband
convoy
cooper
coral
cordage
cork
corsair
cot
course
cove
cowardly
coxswain
crow's nest
crown
cully
curse
cursed
cutlass
cutthroat

D

dagger
dance
dance the hempen
danger
daring
Davy Jones' locker
dead man's chest
dead men
Dead men tell no tales
dead reckoning
deadlights
deck
deckhand
deep
degrees
depth
desert island
dig
dinghy
direct hit
directions
ditty bag
divvied up
dock
dog
dog watch
dog's body
don't be in a fright
doomed
double Dutch

doublons
doughboy
down the hatch
draft
draught
dread
drink
drivelswigger
drowned
drunken
duds
duff
duffle

E

earring
east
easterly
enemy
escape
escudo
Europe
Execution Dock
explore
eye of the wind
eye patch

F

fabric
fair winds
fasten

fathom
fearsome
feed the fish
fight
figurehead
filibuster
first mate
fish
flag
flagship
fleet
flint
flog
flotsam
flounder
Flying Dutchman
fore
forecastle
foremast
fortune
France
freeboard
freebooter
French
French leave
from stem to stern
furl
futtock

G

gab

gabion
gaff
gale
galleon
galley
gallows
gangplank
gangway
get me bearings
ghost ship
gibbit
gig
gold
Golden Age
grapeshot
grapple
grasp
grog
grub
guinea
gun walls
gunner
gunpowder
guns
gunwale
gust

H

hail
hail shot
halyard

hammock
hands
handsomely
hang
harbor
hardtack
hatch
have the wind of
hawsehole
hazard
he be in Davy's grip
he has the Davies
head
heart
heartily
heave
heave ho
heave to
heel
helm
helmsman
hemp
hempen halter
hide
high seas
hogshead
hoist
hoist the colors
hold
hold fast
holystone

honest air
hook
horizon
hornpipe
hornswoggle
hornswoggled
hornswoggler
hove to
hulk
hull
hurricane
impress

I

India
Indian Ocean
in irons
irons
island
" it's a pirate's life for me."
Ivory Coast

J

jack
Jack Ketch
Jack Sparrow
jack staff
Jack Tar
Jacob's ladder
jellyfish
jetsam

jettison

jewels

jig

jolly boat

Jolly Roger

junk

jury rig

K

keel

keg

keys

killick

kin

king

King's shilling

kiss the gunners daughter

knave

knot

knots

kraken

L

lad

ladder well

land ho

landlubber

lanyard

larboard

lash

lashes

lass

lassie

leagues

leather

lee

leeward

leg irons

letter of marque

liberty

lightning

lights

line

list

liver

loaded to the gunnels

log

log line

London

long boat

long clothes

look alive

lookout

loot

lot

lubber

lugger

lugsail

M

Madagascar

magistrate

maiden
maiden voyage
mainbrace
mainmast
make fast
make sail
make terms
Man-O-War
map
marauder
marked
marlinspike
maroon
marooned
mast
mate
matey
me
me beauty
me hearties
Mediterranean
merchant
merchant ship
mermaid
merriment
merry
messmate
methinks
midday
mind your business
mischief

mizzens
mizzen mast
monkey cannon
monkey jacket
motto:
" *A merry life and a short
one shall be my motto.*"
-*Bartholomew "Black Bart"*
Roberts
musket
mutiny

N
name calling
nautical
navigator
nay
net
New World
nigh
nipper
no quarter
North
North America

O
oakum
oars
oath
ocean
octopus

oggin
old salt
Old World
onboard
on deck
on the account
orders
orlop
outcasts
overboard

P

Pacific
palm trees
pardon
parley
parrel
parrot
payment
pearls
peg leg
pewter
picaroon
pieces of eight
pillage
pinnacle
piracy
pirated
pirates
pistol
pistol proof

pitch
plague
plank
plunder
poop cabin
poop deck
port
porthole
powder chest
powder monkey
powers
poxed
prepare
prepare to be boarded
pressgang
privateer
prize
propelled
provisions
provost
prow
purser
put your back into it

Q

quadrant
quarterdeck
quartermaster
queen
quest

R

raid
raider
railing
ram
ramming speed
ramshackle
ransack
rapscallion
ratline
rats
real
reales
reef
regale
repairs
reward
rig
rigging
roam
rob
rope
rope's end
round shot
route
rover
rudder
rulloch
rum
rumfustian

rutters

S

saber
sail
sail ho
sail the seven seas
sailor
Saint Elmo's Fire
salmagundi
salt
sand
sash
satiety
sauce
scabbards
scalawags
scallywags
scar
schooner
scoundrel
scourge
scourge of the seven seas
scrape
scuppers
scurvy
scuttle
scuttlebutt
sea
sea bandit
sea dog

sea legs
sea rat
sea rover
seafaring
seagoing
seagull
seaman
seashells
seashore
seaweed
seaworthy
secured
sequin
shallows
shanty
shark
shark bait
sheet
shells
ship
ship's log
shipboard
shipmate
shipshape
shipwreck
shipwrecked
shiver me timbers
shoot
shot
shrouds
sidearm

sign in blood
signal
silver
sing
sink
sink me
six pounders
skeleton crew
skiff
skipper
skull
skull and bones
skull and crossbones
skysail
slake
sloop
slow match
smart as paint
smartly
snoring
sounding line
Spain
spanker
spar
speed
spirits
splice
splice the mainbrace
spoils
sprawl
spread eagle

spy
spyglass
squall
square
square-rigged
squid
squiffy
stagger
starboard
stars
stay the course
steer
stem
stern
stern chaser
sternpost
storage
stormy
stow
stowaway
strike the colors
sun
sunk
sunny
superstitious
supplies
surrender
sutler
swab
swag
swagger

swallow the anchor
swashbuckler
swashbuckling
swasher
sweet trade
swing
swivel gun
sword
swordsmen
sworn oath

T

tack
tall ship
tankard
tar
target
tarpaulin
telescope
tell tale
tender
terms
thar
there will be the devil to pay
thin commons
thirteen guns
three of a trade can never
agree
three sheets in the wind
thunder
tides

tis
titivate
togs
top sails
topmast
topsail
tow
trade
transom
treasure
Treasure Island
trim the sails
tropical
truce
trysail
turtles

U

under
underway
unscrupulous
upper deck

V

vanquish
vast
vent
venture
vessel
volley
voyage

voyager

W

walk the plank
wanderer
warm
watch
watch glass
watches
water
waterproof
wave
waves
weapons
weather
weigh anchor
well blow me down
wench
west
wheel
whip
winch
wind
windlass
wood
wooden
wooden leg
wound

X

X marks the spot

Y

yar

yardarm

yawl

ye

yell

yellow fever

yellow jack

yer

yo ho ho

yo ho ho and a bottle of rum

your word

Z

zenith

zig zag (*Known as "beating:" sailing towards the wind in a zig zag line.*)

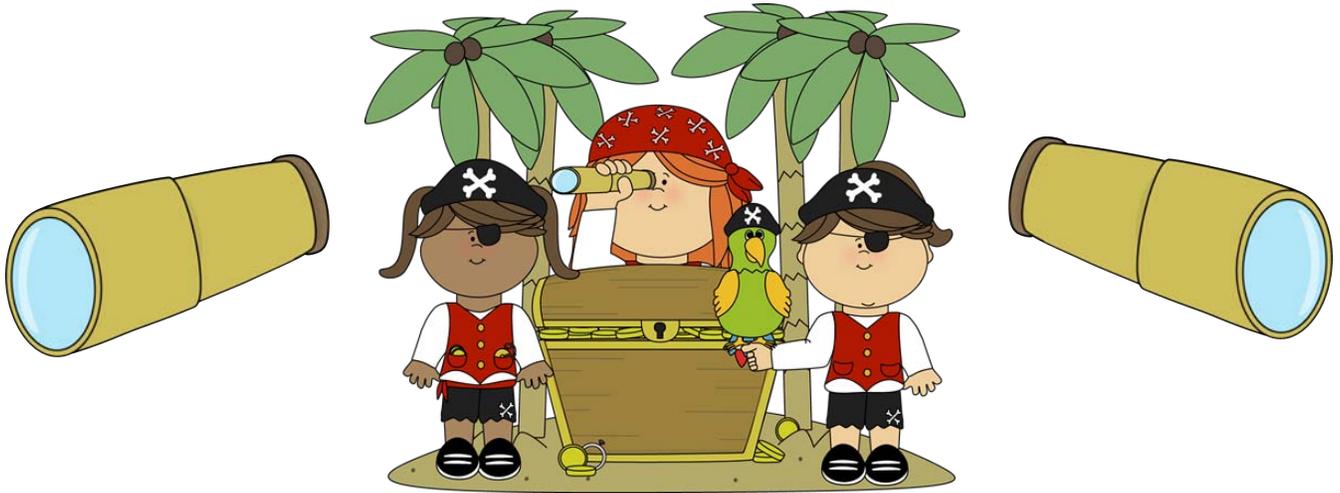
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