

Classroom Discussion and Activity Guide

Extension Activity: Reflection—Text-to-Self; Text-to-World

Extension Activity: Self-Awareness and Identity—I in Image

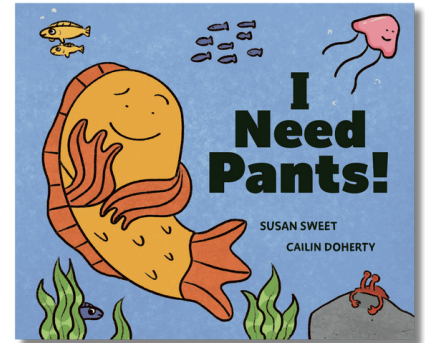
Extension Activity: Visual Arts—Popsicle Stick Puppet

I Need Pants!

by Susan Sweet, illustrated by Cailin Doherty

**A laugh-out-loud ode to following your heart—
and supporting your friends in following theirs.**

A determined, fashion-forward fish sets an example in
appreciating the joys of self-expression.



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Ages 3 to 7, Grade: K-2

Before Reading:

- Look at the cover and title. Have you seen an animal wearing clothes? Describe what you saw.
- As a class, make a list of pieces of clothing and accessories. Think about what you wear on different parts of your body.

After Reading:

Reflection—Text-to-Self

- Fish finds joy in dressing up. What makes you happy? Why?
- Octopus's opinion changes through the story after listening to Fish. Can you think of a time when you changed your mind about something? (e.g. clothing, food, activity, place, etc.)

Reflection—Text-to-World

- How would our community be different if everyone dressed and acted exactly the same? Why is it important for us to be unique?

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Text Forms: Comedic Text

Language Arts: Making Connections; Dialog; Voice

Social-Emotional Learning: Self-Awareness; Social Awareness; Belonging; Relationship Skills

Character Education: Courage; Perseverance; Respect

Health and Phys Ed.: Mental Health Literacy

READING LEVELS

Reading Recovery: 8

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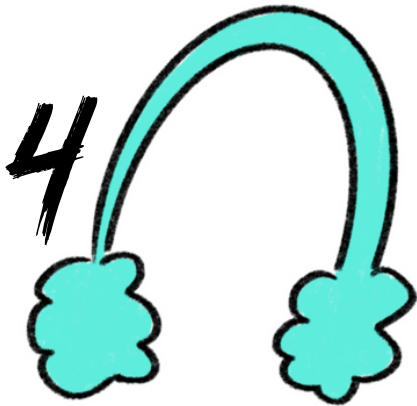
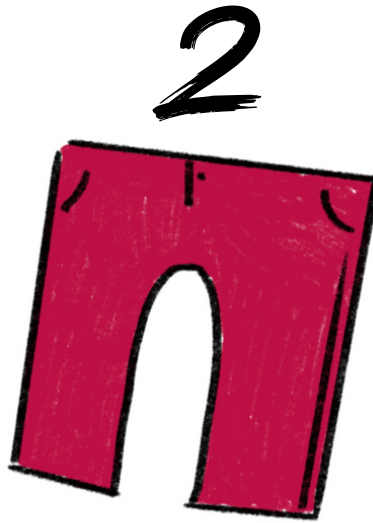
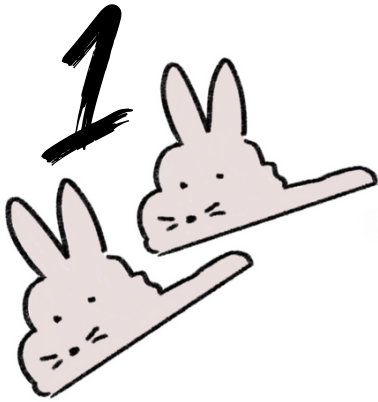
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Common Core: RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1



Self-Awareness and Identity: I in Image

Fish tried on many items in the story. Look through the images and choose one that you relate to, or that you are interested in. Share your choice and reasoning with your classmates.



Visual Arts: Popsicle Stick Puppet

It's time to draw and dress up your own character!

1. Draw your own animal or use the step-by-step instructions below to draw Fish or Octopus. Your character should be big enough to stick clothes on it.
2. Color your animal and cut it out.
3. Glue your drawing onto a popsicle stick. Make sure you leave some stick at the bottom for you to hold your puppet.
4. Time to draw accessories! Grab different materials (e.g. construction paper, felt, patterned paper) to create accessories for your puppet. Be creative with their design!
5. Cut out your accessories and put a loop of tape on the back.
6. Stick your accessories on your puppet! It doesn't have to look perfect. Just have fun!



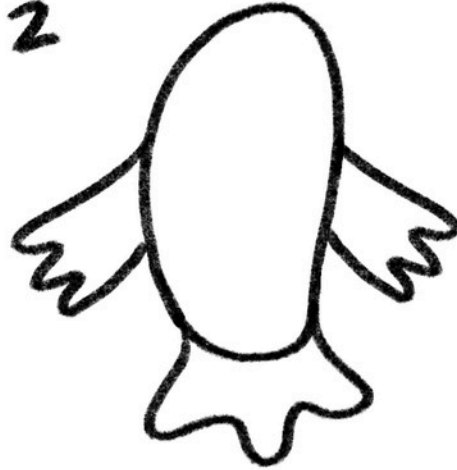
How to draw Fish!

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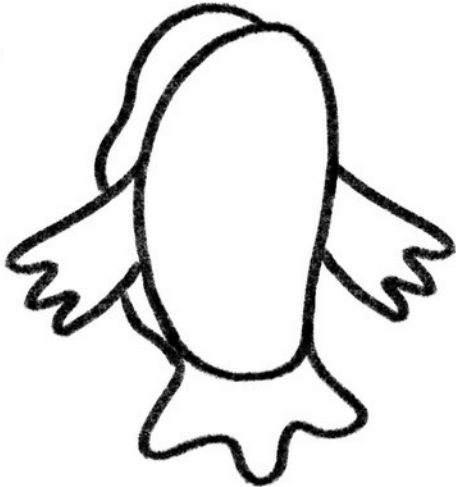
Start with a potato shape.

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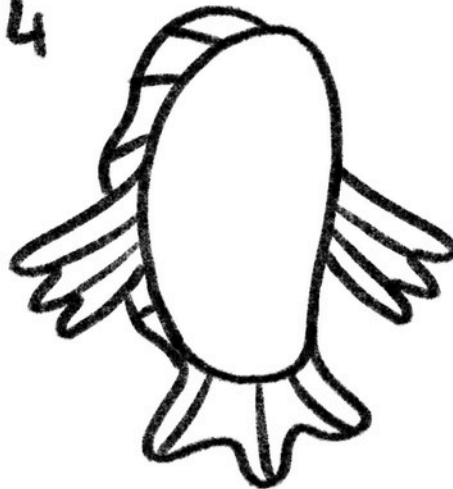
Add Fish's hands and tail.

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Add Fish's back fin...

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... and then some lines on Fish's fins.

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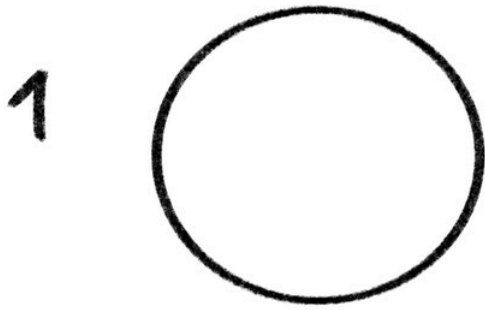
Fish needs gills and scales to help them breathe and swim underwater!

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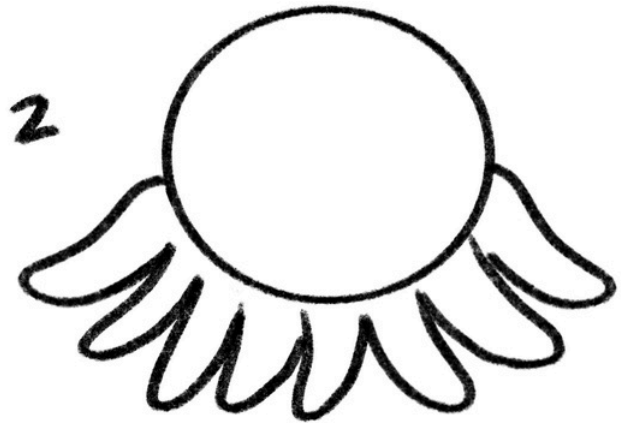


Fish is happy and ready to try new things!

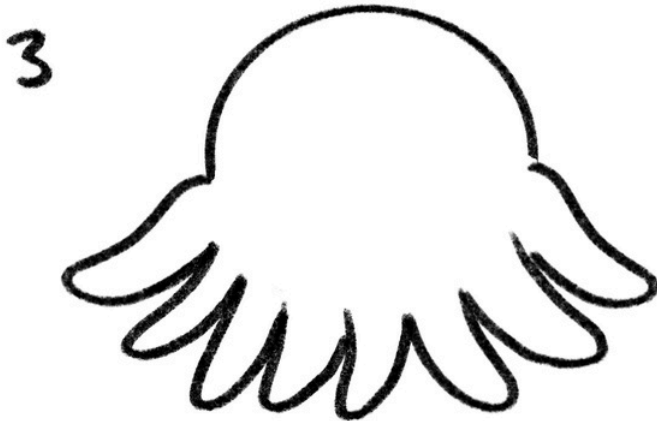
How to draw Octopus!



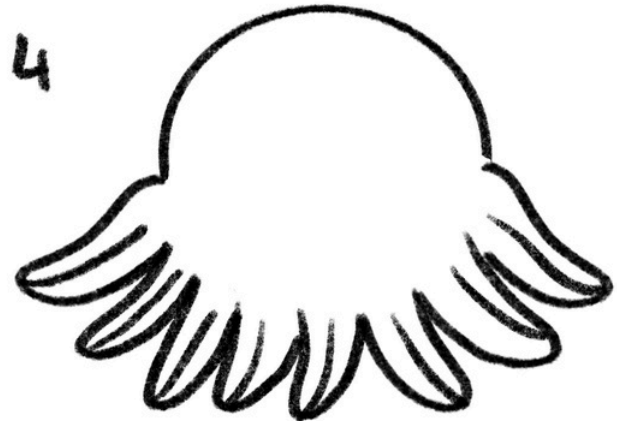
Start with a circular shape, it doesn't have to be perfect!



Octopus needs some tentacles. There are 8 of them!



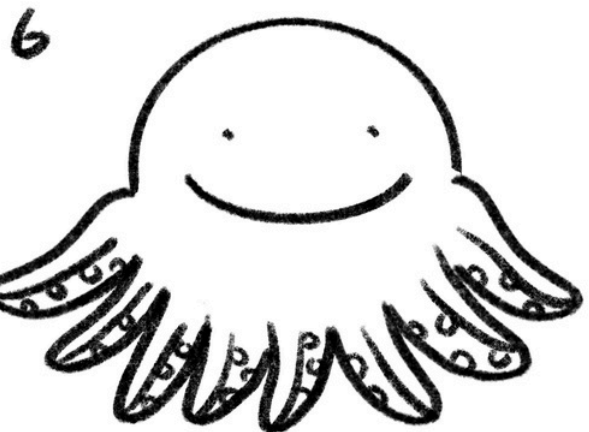
You can erase the bottom half of the circle after adding the tentacles.



Next, we'll add a line down the centre of every tentacle.



Let's add some suction cups to the tentacles.



Octopus is happy and ready to try new things!