

Grades 3-6

# 7 Fun Creative and Critical Thinking Activities



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# Another Look at Jack and Jill



Use your imagination to answer each question about the Nursery Rhyme *Jack and Jill*.

1. What did Jack and Jill need a pail of water for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. List 12 different things you can do with water:

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|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1) _____ | 5) _____ | 9) _____  |
| 2) _____ | 6) _____ | 10) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 7) _____ | 11) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 8) _____ | 12) _____ |

3. What are three things Jack and Jill could have used to get the water if they did not have a pail?

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1) _____ | 2) _____ | 3) _____ |
|----------|----------|----------|

4. What happened after they tumbled to the bottom of the hill? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Finish this rewrite of the rhyme. It must rhyme and it may not contain the words *water* or *pail*. Illustrate in the box.

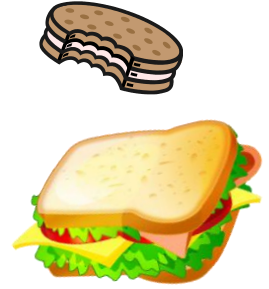
Doug and Dee \_\_\_\_\_  
Went \_\_\_\_\_  
To fetch \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug \_\_\_\_\_  
And broke \_\_\_\_\_  
And Dee \_\_\_\_\_



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# Add 2 More



Look at the words in each group. Figure out what they all have in common and then add 2 more words.

1. apple, banana, mango, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
2. sock, hat, mitten, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
3. sandwich, milk, cookie, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
5. pencil, crayon, chalk, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
6. pencil, needle, thorn, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
7. wagon, car, bike, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
8. snow, popsicles, the North Pole, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
9. snakes, spaghetti, extension cords, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
10. pancakes, cookie sheets, paper, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
11. candle, firefly, flashlight, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
12. oatmeal, mud, cake batter, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
13. envelope, sock, drawer, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
14. cave, nest, igloo, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
15. golf ball, Earth, orange, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
16. clouds, swimming pools, ice cubes, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
17. jar, door, store, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
18. pillow, marshmallow, towel, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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# 3 2 6 Number Maze 7 4 5

Can you make it through this number maze? Start in the square in the upper left corner with the "3". You can then move 3 squares in a straight line in any direction. When you get to the next square you must move that many squares in a straight line - you pick the direction. Can you color a path that will get you to the star?

3	6	5	2	4	3	1	3	6	3	5
1	5	4	7	2	1	5	4	5	1	3
4	2	5	4	5	2	3	2	5	4	2
2	1	4	1	2	7	4	2	1	7	1
6	5	2	6	1	3	5	1	2	5	3
2	4	6	3	5	2	4	5	4	2	3
4	1	5	7	4	6	6	1	5	4	4
8	4	3	1	3	5	3	3	5	2	1
1	4	9	2	5	2	4	2	2	7	6
3	7	2	2	1	3	7	6	6	4	2
6	1	2	3	4	3	1	4	1	2	1
7	2	8	3	1	3	4	3	2	1	★

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# Class Seating Chart

The teacher has given you the job of assigning seats, but she has also given you a list of rules to follow. Use the rules to fill in the seating chart.



Front

## Students

Amber  
Amy  
Elly  
Joy  
Katie  
Kayla  
Kristin  
Kimmy  
Mary  
Melody  
Rachel  
Talia





Back

## Rules

- There must be three boys and three girls in each group.
- No one whose name begins with the same letter can sit in the same group.
- No one whose name ends with a 'n' may sit in the same group.
- No one with three letters in their name can sit together.
- Jimmy, Katie, Todd, and Cody, must all be in separate groups.

Allen  
Ben  
Brad  
Carl  
Cody  
Collin  
Jake  
Jimmy  
Josh  
Tad  
Todd  
Travis

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Four Spring Challenges



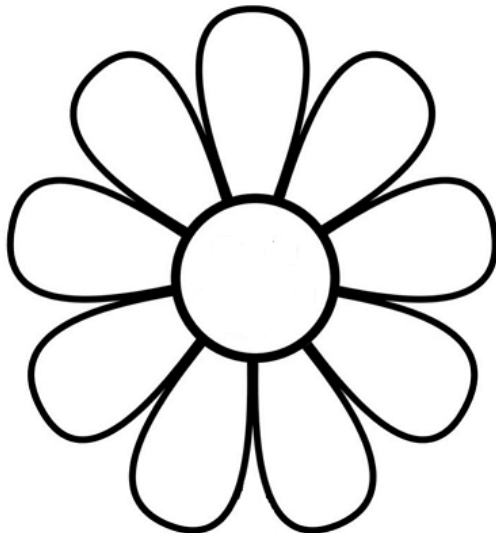
Use the clues to fill in the correct word. Each word will rhyme with the word: **spring**.

1. **bird part** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **bell sound** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **make music** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **thin rope** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **ruler** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **throw** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **back and forth** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **ouch!** \_\_\_\_\_

Draw the other half of this butterfly. Be sure to make it symmetrical.



Color the petals of this flower in a pattern using 2 colors. The pattern must go all the way around the flower evenly. Plan your pattern before you start to color.



Amber's family went on a picnic. Amber flew her kite after she played Frisbee with her dad. She ate lunch before she flew her kite. The whole family went on a walk before they ate lunch. Amber played Frisbee with her dad after she ate lunch.

**Put the four underlined events in order according to when they happened.**

First \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth \_\_\_\_\_

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# Word Puzzles 2

Example:

**BAN ANA**

*banana split*

Solve each puzzle to find a simple phrase.

*Calm***STORM**

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**LUN CH**

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thanks thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks  
 thanks thanks thanks

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**BE***sick***D**

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**easy**

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**LANG**~~4~~**UAG**

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hands hands  
 hands hands

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**DECK**

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chair

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**LINE**  
 read  
**LINE**

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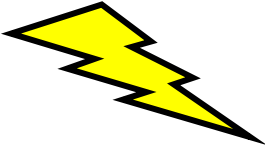
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# Category Brainstorm!

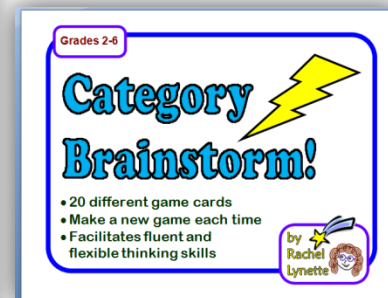
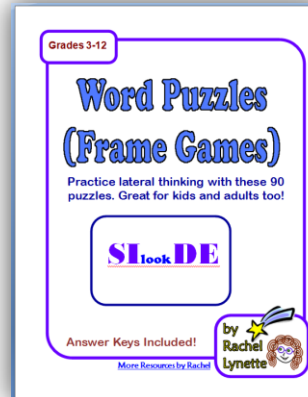
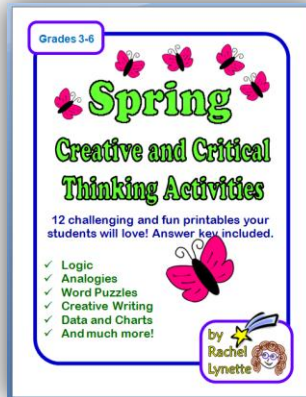
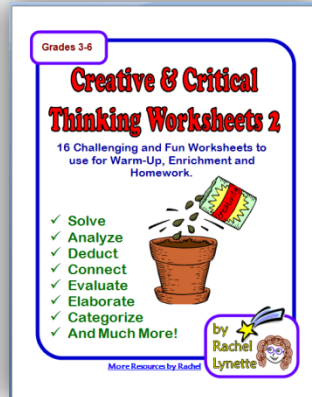
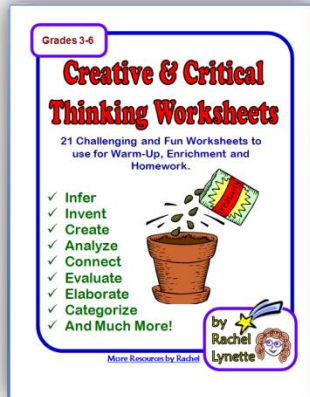
Choose a four letter word and put one letter in each box at the top of the chart. Then use the letters at the top of the chart to come up with things to fit each category.



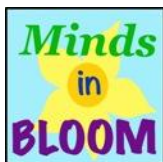
Mammals				
Fictional Characters				
Fruits and Vegetables				
Things at the Beach				



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# Answer Keys

## Another Look at Jack and Jill

Answers will vary

## Add 2 More

Answers will vary

## Class Seating Chart

(one possible solution of several)

Katie	Mary	Rachel	Joy	Kimmy	Melody
Allen	Tad	Jake	Collin	Todd	Brad
Kayla	Amber	Talia	Kristin	Amy	Elly
Ben	Cody	Josh	Jimmy	Carl	Travis

## Four Spring Challenges

1. wing
2. ring (or ding)
3. sing
4. string
5. king
6. fling
7. swing
8. sting

Butterfly should be symmetrical

One possible answer



First: walk  
Second: lunch  
Third: Frisbee  
Fourth: Kite

## Number Maze

(one possible solution of many)

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## Word Puzzles 2

calm before the storm	lunch break	thanks a lot
sick in bed	easy on the eyes	foreign language
all hands on deck	high chair	read between the lines