

Got Game?

Jesse had fun at his birthday party. Each of his four friends brought a different game. Jesse decided to thank each of them using a different method. Using the clues below, can you figure out what game each friend brought and how Jesse thanked each one?



Use the chart to keep track of your answers.
Put an **X** in each box that can't be true and an **O** in boxes that match.

1. Ethan enjoyed getting Jesse's email, but he didn't bring a video game.
2. Grace's game is usually played outdoors.
3. The girl who brought a deck of cards loves to add greeting cards to her collection.
4. Jesse decided to call Austin to thank him.

	GRACE	AUSTIN	MARIA	ETHAN
CHECKERS				
CARDS				
HORSESHOES				
VIDEO GAME				
GREETING CARD				
EMAIL				
PHONE CALL				
HIGH FIVE				

Comet Craze Party

Can you find these hidden objects? Once you solve the Hidden Pictures puzzle, use the object names to complete the Silly Fill-In Story.



banana



sailboat



tack



pennant



leaf



toothbrush



baseball cap



crescent moon



cherry



light bulb



button



drum



watermelon



flashlight



paper clip



magnet

Comet Craze Party: A Hidden Pictures Silly Fill-In Story

Write the names of 12 of the objects you found in the "Comet Craze Party" puzzle in the blank spaces to complete the story. When all of the spaces are filled, read the silly story aloud.

Some kids on my block started a dance club. They call it the Awesome _____ Party. Every Saturday, they pick a different theme for the _____. Everyone wears a fun _____. The kids put on some catchy _____ music and everyone starts moving. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun. For the first couple of times, I just watched from the _____. But when I noticed my _____ was always tapping to the tunes, I walked closer. The kids play all sorts of music, everything from Electronic _____ Beats, to Rock and _____, to New _____ Pop. I decided that today was the day I was going to get out there when they announced that the theme would be Comet Craze _____. When I heard my favorite song, "The _____ Boogie," I joined in. It was so much fun that I didn't even mind when a little kid's _____ hit into me. I can't wait to do it again next week!

Ready, Set, . . . Squiggle

Try this fast, fun way to activate your brain! Grab something to draw with and something to draw on. Use whatever you have on hand—crayons, markers, a paper napkin, an old flyer, even cardboard.



Squiggle by Yourself

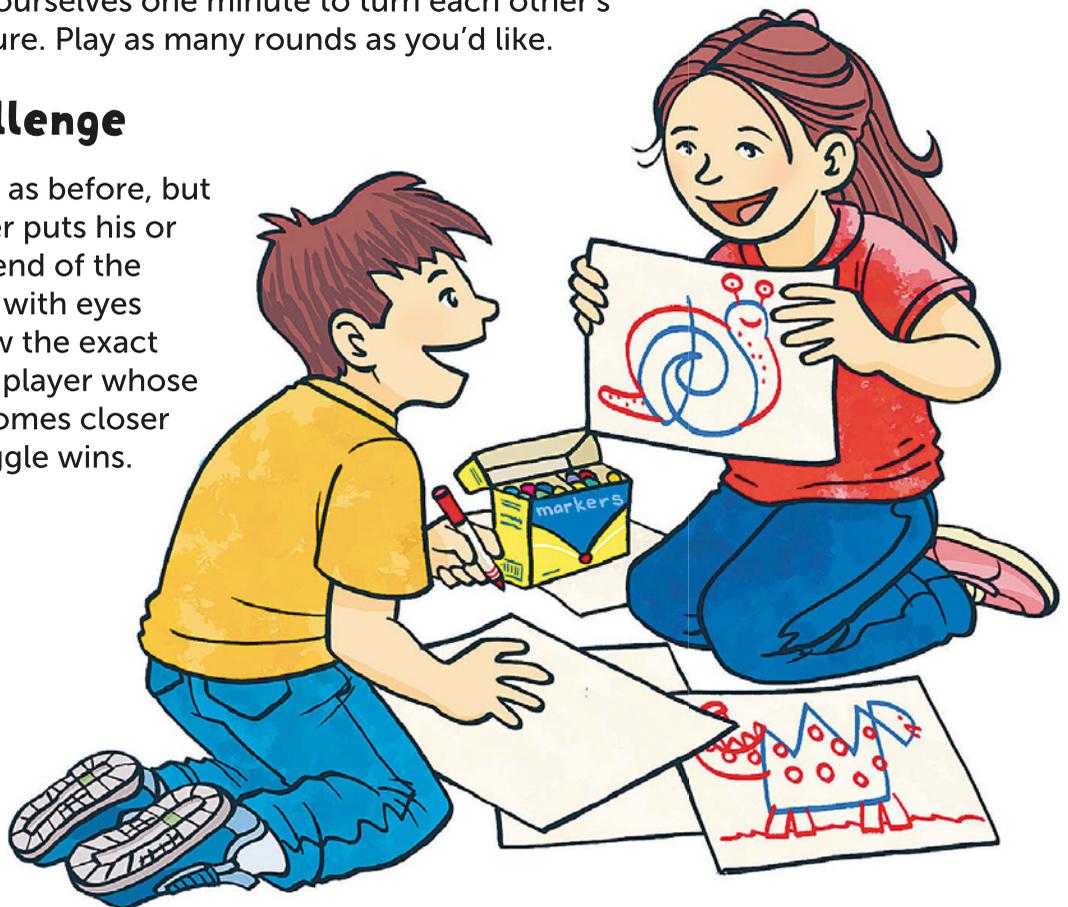
Quickly draw a squiggle—a jagged or curvy mark—without looking. Then look at the squiggle and see what you can turn it into: a kid jumping rope, a mountain, a dragon—whatever you think it could be!

Squiggle with a Friend or Family Member

Each player draws a squiggle on his or her own paper. Exchange papers. Then give yourselves one minute to turn each other's squiggle into a picture. Play as many rounds as you'd like.

Squiggle Challenge

Exchange squiggles as before, but this time each player puts his or her pen tip on one end of the squiggle line. Then, with eyes closed, try to redraw the exact same squiggle! The player whose redrawn squiggle comes closer to the original squiggle wins.



Write Sidewalk Sayings

Brighten someone's day by leaving positive messages on a sidewalk or driveway. Use chalk or make your own pavement paint and mix as many colors as you'd like.

You Need

- Water
- Small, recyclable plastic containers
- Cornstarch
- Food coloring
- Old paintbrush or foam brush



1. Make sure it's okay to paint on the sidewalks, rocks, or driveways of your choosing. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting **food coloring** on.
2. Pour $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of **water** into the **container**.
3. Slowly stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plus 2 teaspoons of **cornstarch** until it's dissolved.
4. Add a few drops of **food coloring** and stir until it's blended well. You'll need to stir the paint often to keep it smooth.
5. Repeat the steps above to make different colors. Try mixing multiple colors of food coloring together.
6. Begin painting! Pavement paint appears watery when you first brush it on, but the color darkens and looks more chalklike as it dries.
7. When you're done, clean the containers and brushes outdoors with water.

Here are some ideas to inspire you:

Positive Message: Think of a message that will make people smile. You could share some advice, like: *Spread happiness. Be kind to everyone!* or *Make this day your best one yet!*

Funny Message: Write or draw something unexpected in someone's path, like *Nice shoes!* Or write *Warning: Worm!* Then draw a worm.

Encouraging Message: Write a sentence to boost your readers' spirits, like *You can do it!* Your message could also make readers feel good about themselves, like *You are AWESOME!*

Colorful Art: You can also make people smile with just a drawing. Draw a big smiley face or a cute puppy. Or look for a crack in the sidewalk, maybe with some weeds peeking through, and make it part of your drawing.

