

350 Questions to Build Your Toddler's Word Skills



DECK 1

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What is this called?



a clock

Which one is awake?



Max

What is Max putting on his feet?



He is putting on his slippers.



# GETTING DRESSED



What do you see in Max's closet? Where are his hats? His shoes? Where do you keep your clothes? What are these called?



overalls

What is Max doing?

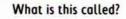


He is putting on his shirt.

What color are these overalls?



blue

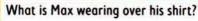




What is Max doing?



He is buttoning his shirt.





a sweater

What is this called?



a dress

What is the girl monkey doing?



She is putting on her socks.

What color is this skirt?



yellow

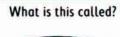




What does Max eat for breakfast? Point to the cereal.

The pancakes. The bananas. What do you eat for breakfast?







a bowl

What is Max pouring onto his cereal?

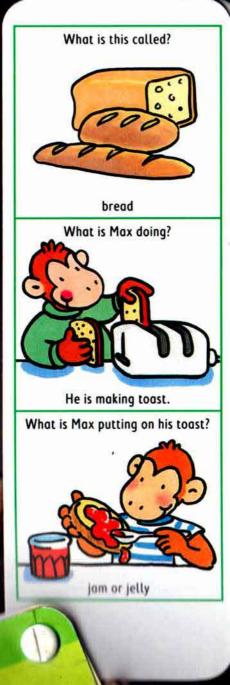


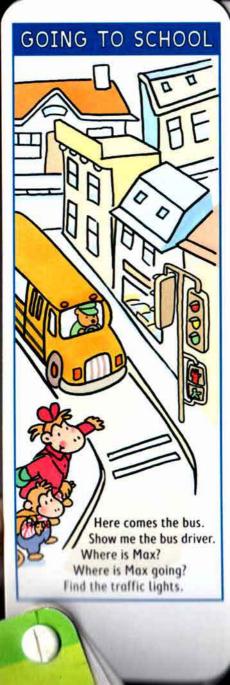
He is pouring milk.

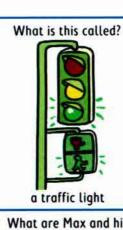
What will Max use to eat his cereal?



a spoon









They are crossing the street.

Is the light red or green?



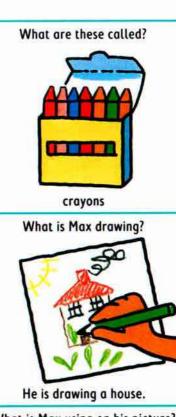


# AT SCHOOL



Who is listening to a story?
Who is playing with blocks?

What else can you do at school?







#### What is this called?



a book

What is Miss Mouse doing?



She is reading a book.

Which book is open?



Let's make up a story together about a bear family.



# MUSIC LESSONS



Can you find the little dancing mouse? Which instruments do you shake? Which would you like to play?



What is this called?



a tambourine

What is Max doing while the music is playing?



He is dancing.

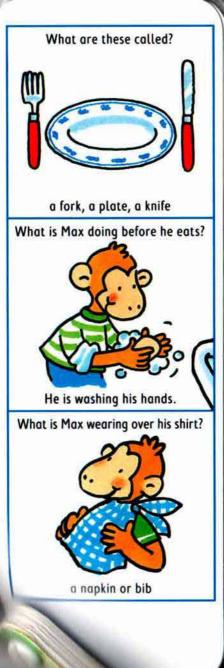
What is Max playing now?

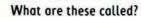






Let's pretend. What would you like for lunch? For dessert? What do you want to drink?







a cup, a saucer

What is Max doing?



He is drinking.

Show me the glass of milk.



What do you like to drink?

What are these called?



a cup, a saucer

What is Max doing?



He is drinking.

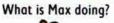
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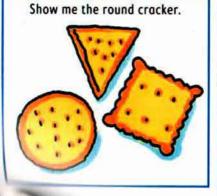
What do you like to drink?



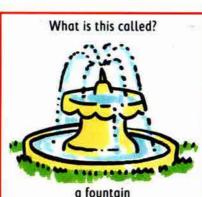
### French fries











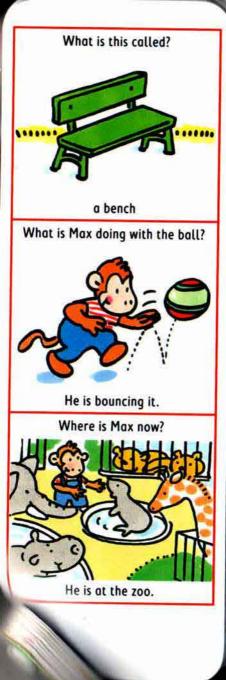
a fountain



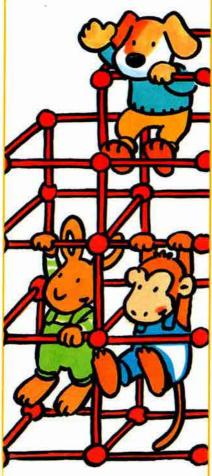
What is floating in the pool?



a boat or sailboat



# AT THE PLAYGROUND



Which one is Max? Who is on top? Would you like to play too?





a tricycle

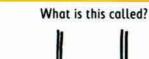
### What is Max doing?



He is running.

## Who is going up the ladder?







a swing

What is Max doing?



He is jumping.

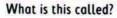
Who is pushing Max on the swing?

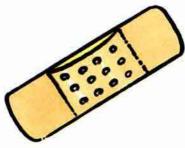


the rabbit



Which one is the doctor?
Why is Max sticking out his tongue?
Show me Nurse Cat.
Why do you go to the doctor?





a Band-Aid

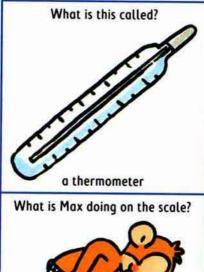
Can you stick out your tongue like Max?



Where did Max hurt himself?



on his knee





He is weighing himself.







a chair

What is Max doing?



He is watching television.

What is Max wearing on his head?





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headphones

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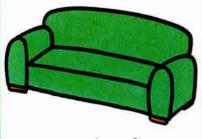
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a couch or sofa

What are they doing?

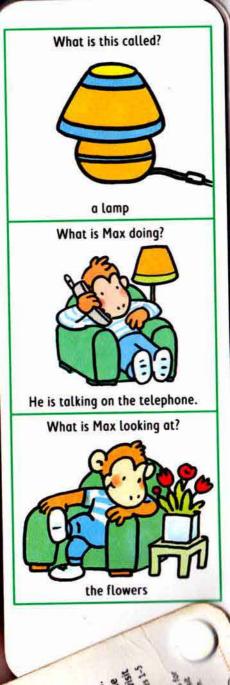


They are reading.

What is hanging above the sofa?



a picture or painting



## IN THE KITCHEN









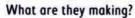


Where are the pots? I pan? What do you us the table? Where is the

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a stove or oven





What do you cover a pot with?





a frying pan

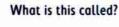
Is he frying chicken or eggs?

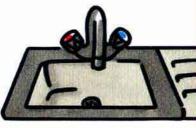


Why is Max blowing on his food?



It is hot.





a sink

What is Max doing?



He is washing the dishes.

What is Max using to dry the plate?



a towel or dish towel





What are these called?



a toothbrush toothpaste

What is Max doing?



He is brushing his teeth.

Count his teeth: one or two?





a comb

What is Max doing?



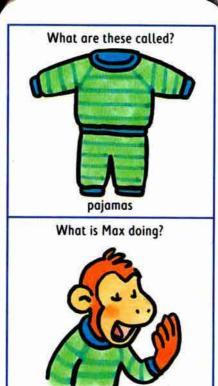
He is brushing his hair.

What is Max looking at?

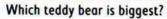


himself in a mirror

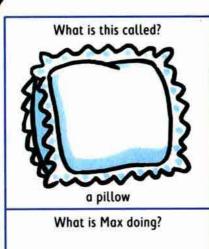




He is yawning.

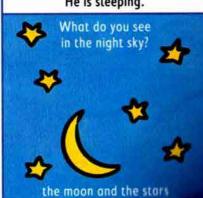








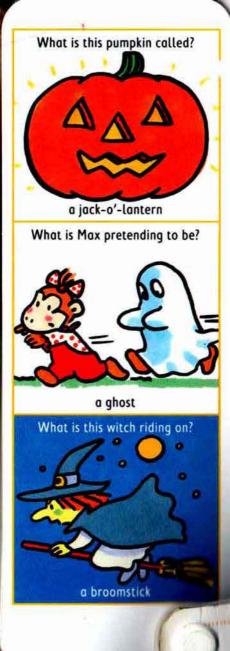
He is sleeping.











### TOYS



What toys do you see? Which toys can you ride? Which toy can you pull? Cuddle with in bed? What are these called?



dolls

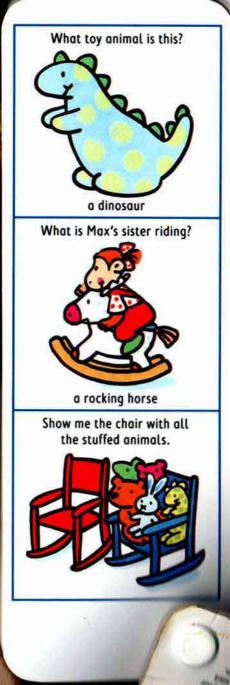
What is Max doing?



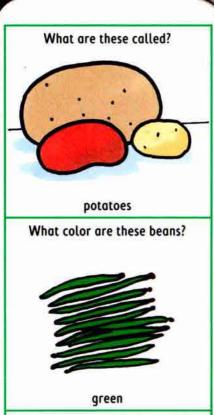
He is brushing the doll's hair.

What does Max have on his hand?





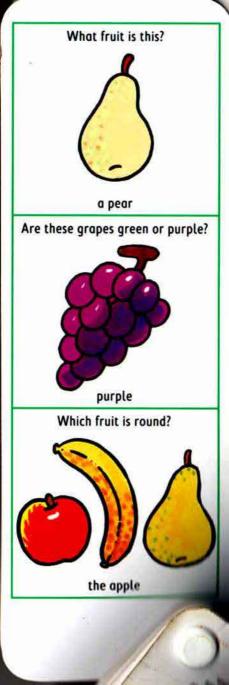




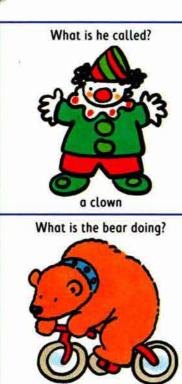
Is the cabbage on the scale or off the scale?



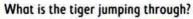
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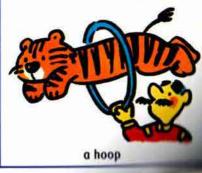






He is riding a bike or bicycle.





What are these performers called?



What is Max doing?



He is clapping or applauding.

What is the seal balancing on its nose?





## CHRISTMAS



How many angels? Bells?





a stocking



a Christmas ornament

Which gift is wrapped with a bow?



Let's pretend. What is in the gift boxes?



Santa Claus

What is Max giving his friend?



a gift or present

What is Max tugging?





What are these called?



a raincoat boots

What keeps Max dry in the rain?



an umbrella

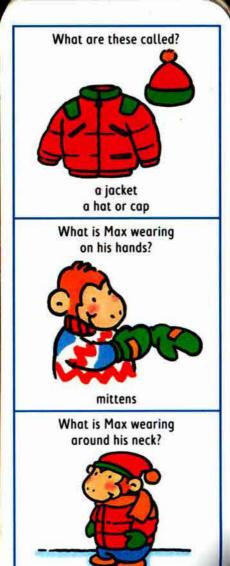
Which umbrella is open?



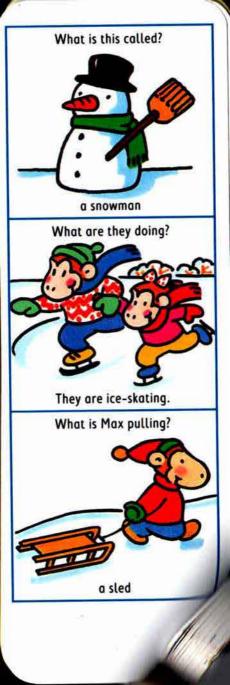
Show me the hearts.



What do you do on a snowy day?



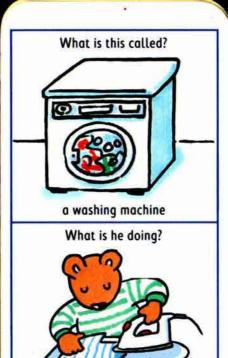
a scarf











He is ironing.

Show me the folded towel.



When do you use a towel?

# BRAIN QUEST

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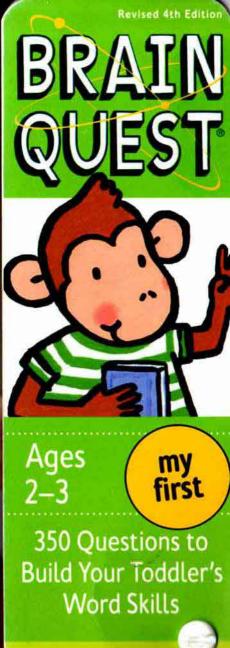
#### Plau and Learn

- Questions are arranged in color-coded categories of two to three cards each.
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## SPRING



What is Max doing?
What is his sister doing?
Let's find the birds and their nest.
What can you see and do in
the springtime?







a rake

What is Max doing?



He is watering the plants.

Show me the blue flower.



Let's pretend to smell the flowers.









## AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK



Which is the ice-cream cart? Where can you go for a ride? What else can you do at the amusement park?





a merry-go-round

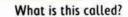
What is Max's sister riding?



a giraffe

What is Max riding?







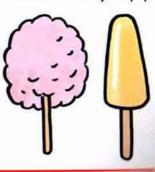
a hot dog

What is Max eating?



an ice-cream cone

Which one is the juice pop?



## A BIRTHDAY PARTY

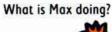


Guess what kind of party this is. Who put on a funny red nose? Can you find all the balloons?





a birthday cake

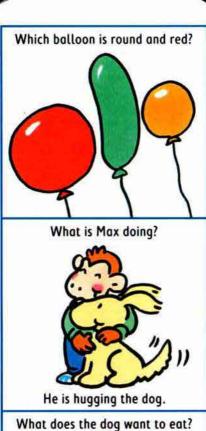




He is blowing out the candles.

Who has the small piece of cake?











## GOING ON VACATION





a motorcycle

What is Max carrying?



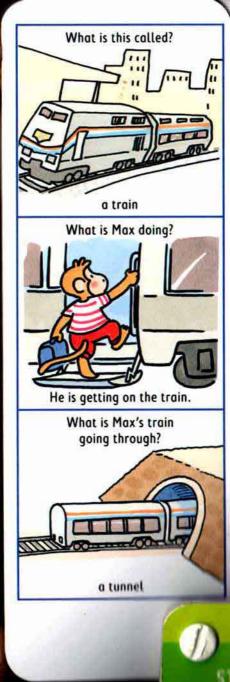
a suitcase

Where does the suitcase go?



in the trunk of the car







an airplane

What is Max pushing?



a luggage cart

What is Max taking on his trip?

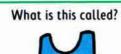


a camera

## AT THE BEACH



What are Max and his friends building? How many buckets do they have? Show me the red flug





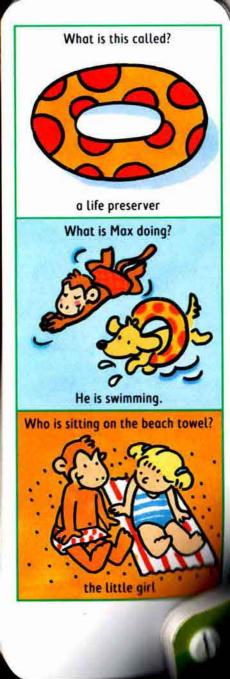
a swimsuit or bathing suit

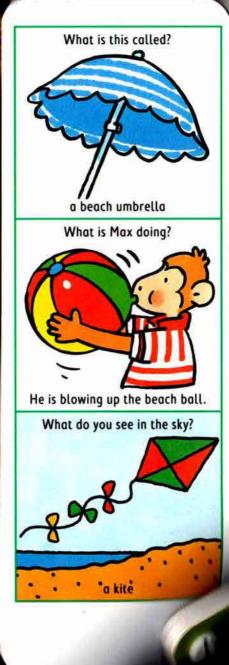
What is Max putting on his feet?



What keeps the sun out of Max's eyes?







## THE NEW BABY



Where is the baby standing?
Where is the dog?
What color are the little birds?
What animal does the baby was



What is the baby doing?



He is crying.

What is outside of the baby's crib?



a ball



a bottle
What is Max doing?



He is feeding the baby.

What color is the fish on the bib?



red



a diaper

What is Max doing?



He is dressing the baby.

What is the baby sitting on?



a potty



a nipple for a bottle

Where is the baby sleeping?



in a carriage or stroller

What is he putting in his mouth?



his thumb

### IN THE CAR



Where are Max and his family?
Who is driving?
Show me the dog.
Where can you go in a conf



#### What is this called?



#### a truck

What is the man doing?



### He is driving.

What animal is riding in the back of this truck?



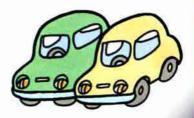


What are the men doing?



They are washing the car.

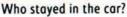
Show me the yellow car.



Let's think of some other colors for cars.









What is this called?



a shopping cart

Where is Max's mother shopping?



in a supermarket or grocery store

Where do the shopping bags go?



in the trunk of the car



What is a baby dog called?



и рарру



What is around the dog's neck?



a collar

What is a baby cat called?



a kitten

What is the kitten playing with?



a ball of yarn

Show me the white kitten.



What baby animals do you like? Why?



a bird

Where does the pet bird live?



in a birdcage

What did the bird lose?



a feather

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# What pet is this? a fish Where do pet fish live? in a fishbowl or aquarium What color is the fish? red

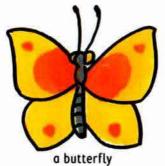


What insect is this?

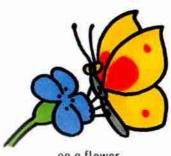


a grasshopper

What insect is this?

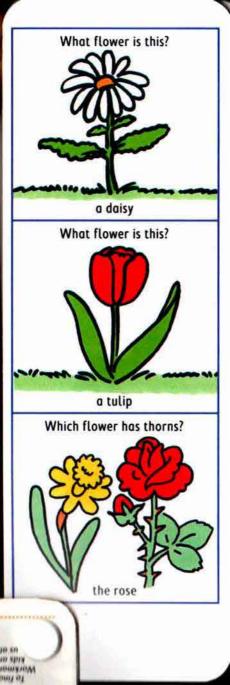


Where did the butterfly land?



on a flower

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What insect is this?



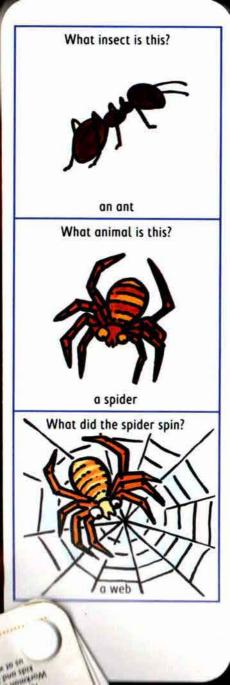
a fly

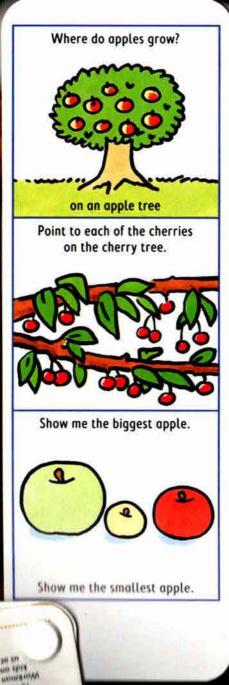
What landed on Max's hand?



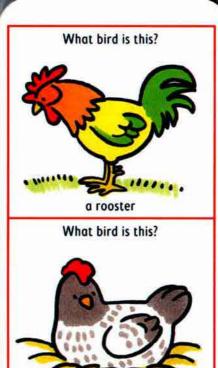


the ladybug

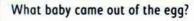




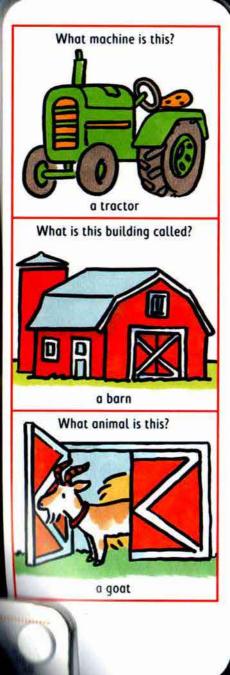


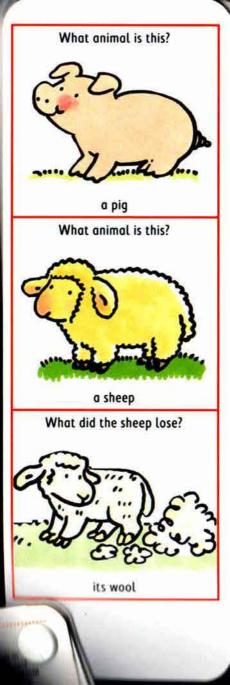


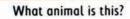
a hen

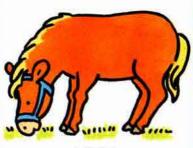












a horse



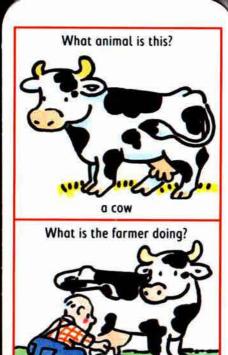


a donkey

Is Max standing on or riding the horse?



He is riding the horse.



He is milking the cow.

Show me the empty bucket.

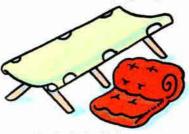




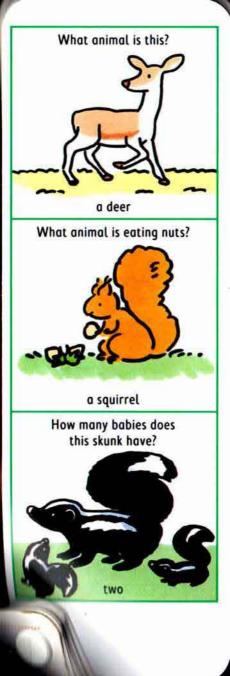


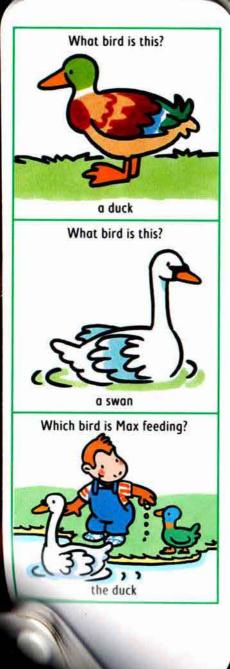


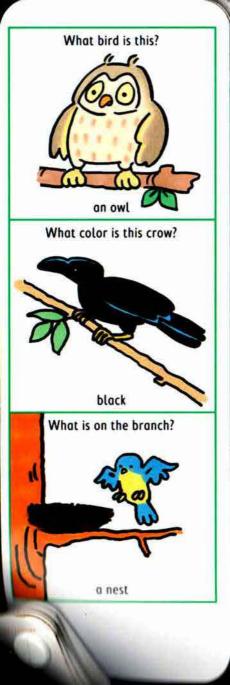
Show me the sleeping bag.

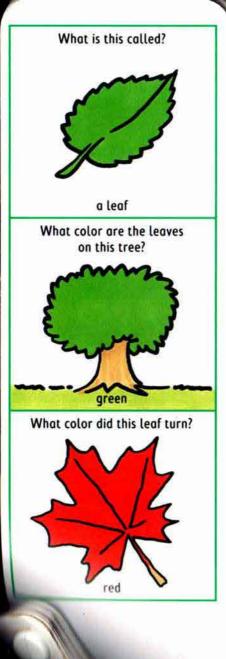


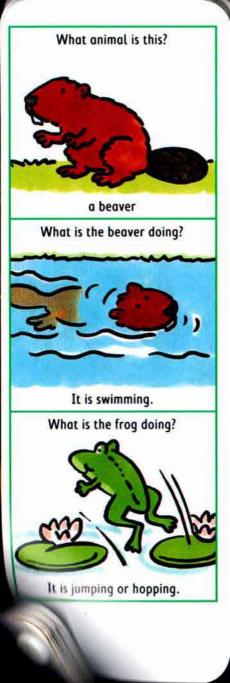
Let's think of places where you sleep.

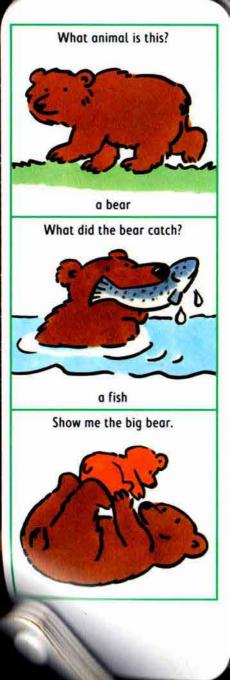




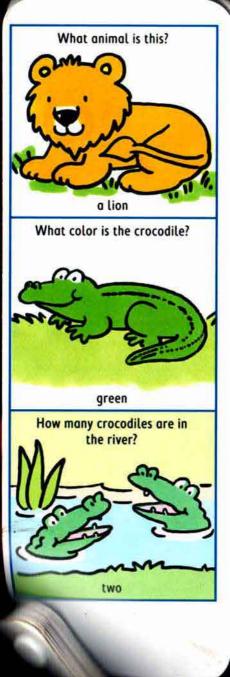


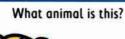


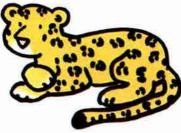












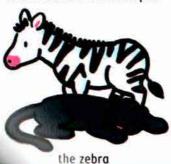
a leopard

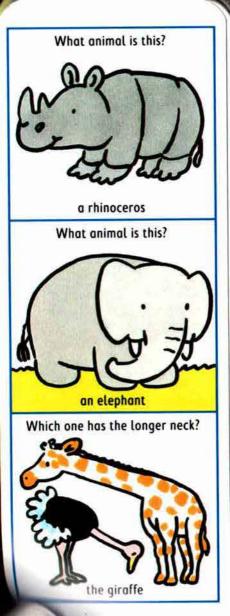
What animal is this?



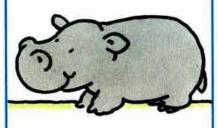
a tiger

Which one has black stripes?





What animal is this?



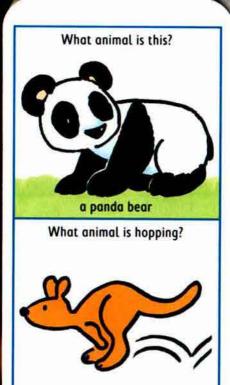
a hippopotamus

What color is the flamingo?



What animal is eating a banana?

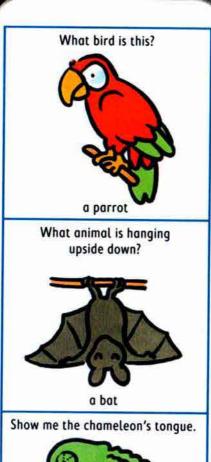




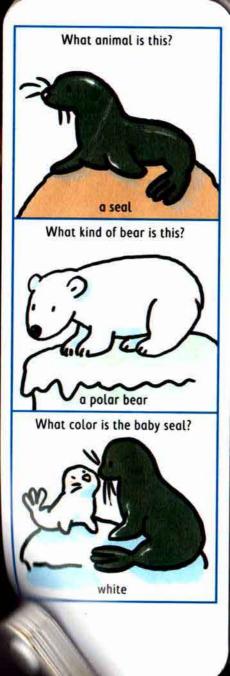
a kangaroo

Show me the baby kangaroo.







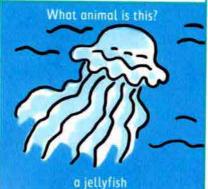








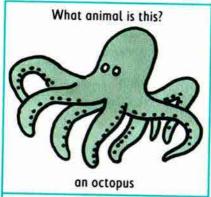
a crab



## What does a lobster pinch with?



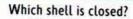
its pincers or claws

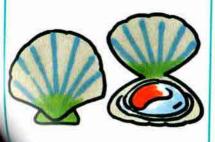


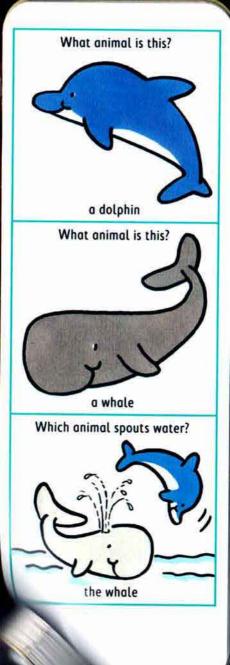
What animal looks like a star?

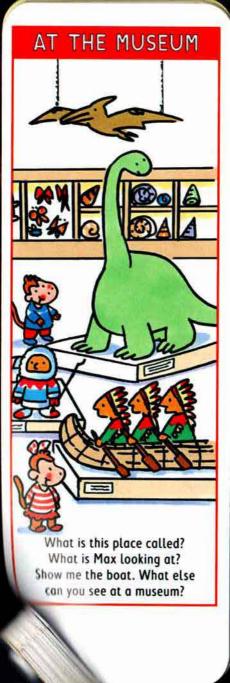


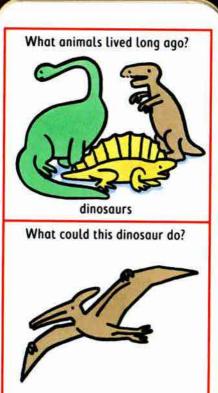
a starfish





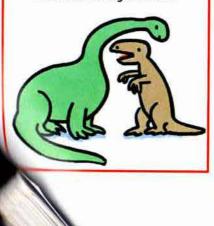






It could fly.

Show me the big dinosaur.



What is this house made of?



snow or ice

What is this called?



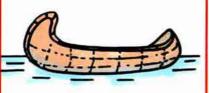
a sled

What animals pull the sled over the snow?



dogs

What is this boat called?



a canoe

What is he doing?



He is paddling the canoe.

Show me the feathers.



## BRAIN QUEST

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- Play each deck sequentially, or spread the cards and let the child choose the questions. See the Guide for Parents card for more ideas on how to play.
  - Questions are meant to encourage further discussion of each category.
     There are no answer cards.
  - Let the child point, answer verbally, or both. Be sure to allow his or her interest and attention span to dictate the length of the game.
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