# Pond PRESCHOOL

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## Introduction

#### About this book

This book contains a collection of Pirate themed printable activities for use with children in Preschool and Kindergarten.

#### Directions for use

Following is an outline of the activities included in this unit and suggestions for preparation and use.

#### 1. Pond animals fine motor practice mats (5 mats)

To prepare the mats for use, print and then laminate them for durability. You will need to supply children with pom-poms, gems, buttons, beads, beans or other small objects that will fit inside the circles.

Children will place a small object in each of the circles.

#### 2. Pond animals pre-writing tracing practice (9 cards)

To prepare the pre-writing tracing cards for use, print and then laminate them for durability. The cards can be kept in a book-like format by making a hole in the top left corner and securing together with a key ring or a pipe-cleaner.

Using a white board (dry-erase) marker, children will trace the lines on the card starting on the left and progressing towards the right.

Other ideas: have children trace the path on a given card using play dough, pipe cleaners, yarn or sequins.

#### 3. Pond alphabet tracing practice - upper and lower case

To prepare the alphabet tracing cards for use, print and then laminate them for durability. The cards can be kept in a book-like format by making a hole in the top left corner and securing together with a key ring or a pipe-cleaner.

Children will use a white board (dry-erase) marker to trace the letters on the card, following the directional arrows.

Other ideas: have children trace the letters on a given card using, play dough, pipe cleaners, yarn or sequins.

#### 4. Frog and lilypad alphabet match

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will match the frog to the correct lilypad.

#### 5. Ducks in the pond beginning sounds match

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will say the name of each picture and identify the beginning sound. They will then sort the ducks to the matching pond.

#### 6. Fish rhyming match activity (10 rhyming pairs)

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will match the two fish that rhyme.

Other ideas: Attach paper clips to each fish and give children a homemade fishing rod, which can be made by attaching a magnet to the end of a stick or dowel. Scatter the fish in a shallow container or on a mat. Children use the rod to catch two fish, then identify the names on the pictures. If the words rhyme, they keep the pair; if not, they return the fish to the "pond" and try again. The game continues until all rhyming pairs are caught.

#### 7. Pond puzzles with CVC words (3 puzzles)

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces. Store each puzzle base with the corresponding puzzle pieces in a bag. Children will read the first word on the puzzle base. They will then find the puzzle piece with the matching picture and place it on the base. They continue reading and matching until the puzzle is complete.

#### 8. Fish sight word matching game (40 pre-primer sight words cards)

To prepare the activity for use, print all the pages, laminate them for durability and then cut out the cards.

Children will match the two fish with the same sight word.

Other ideas 1: Children can spell the words using Scrabble letters, magnetic letters, mini alphabet erasers, play dough, or simply trace the word with an erasable marker.

Other ideas s: Attach paper clips to each fish and give children a homemade fishing rod, which can be made by attaching a magnet to the end of a stick or dowel. Scatter the fish in a shallow container or on a mat. Children use the rod to catch two matching fish, then read the word. The game continues until all rhyming pairs are caught.

#### 9. Pond number tracing cards 1-10

To prepare the number tracing cards for use, print and then laminate them for durability. The cards can be kept in a book-like format by making a hole in the top left corner and securing together with a key ring or a pipe-cleaner.

Children will use a white board (dry-erase) marker to trace the number on the card, following the directional arrows.

Other ideas: have children trace the numbers on a given card using play dough, pipe cleaners, yarn or sequins. Use the cards as counting cards: make a hole at the bottom of each card and thread a pipe cleaner through; have children string beads on the pipe cleaner to show how many. Children could also use play dough to make the corresponding number of dragonflies.

#### 10. Frogs on a lilypad counting 1-10

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will count out and place the correct number of frogs for each lilypad.

#### 11. Fish and pond number sense 1-10

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will identify and match all the number representations on the fish to the correct pond. Introduce only a couple of numbers to begin with and, once children are familiar with the activity and have gained confidence, more numbers can be added.

Other ideas: Attach paper clips to each fish and give children a homemade fishing rod, which can be made by attaching a magnet to the end of a stick or dowel. Scatter the fish in a shallow container or on a mat. Children use the rod to catch a fish, then sort it to the correct pond. The game continues until all fish have been sorted.

#### 12. Pond animals sorting by size: small, medium, large

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the page for durability. Cut out all the pieces. Attach transparent velcro to the objects to make it easier for children to keep the pictures on the mats (optional).

Children will determine the size of each item and sort it to the corresponding mat.

#### 13. Ducks and pond shape match (10 shapes)

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will identify and match all the ducks to the correct pond.

Other ideas: glue the ducks on to clothes pegs/pins to make it a fine motor building activity.

#### 14. Frogs on a lilypad color match (11 colors)

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces.

Children will match the frogs to the matching colored lilypad. You may also like to provide children with objects from your home or classroom and ask them sort them to the corresponding colors. Make it a fine motor activity by gluing the frogs on the clothes pegs.

#### 15. Which picture is different? Pond theme (4 cards)

To prepare the cards for use, print, laminate them for durability and then cut them apart. You will need to supply children with clothes pegs or paper clips for this activity in order for them to show their answers.

Children will clip a peg on the picture that is different.

#### 16. What doesn't belong? Pond theme (4 cards)

To prepare the cards for use, print, laminate them for durability and then cut them apart. You will need to supply children with clothes pegs or paper clips for this activity in order for them to show their answers.

The aim of this activity is for children to clip a peg on the picture that doesn't belong.

#### 17. Sorting pond and ocean animals

To prepare the activity for use, print and then laminate the pages for durability. Cut out all the pieces. Attach transparent velcro to the back of each gem to make it easier for children to keep the treasure chests (optional).

Children will identify and match all the animals to the correct habitat.

#### 18. Frog life cycle sequencing cards (4-part sequencing)

To prepare the cards for use, print, laminate them for durability and then cut them apart. Attach velcro to the back of each picture and box (optional).

Children will order the cards to show the sequence of the life cycle of a frog.

#### 19. Pond AB patterns (5 cards)

To prepare the cards for use, print, laminate them for durability and then cut them apart. Attach the pictures cut out from the bottom of the page to the end of a clothes peg/pin using a hot glue gun to make this a fine motor building activity. Alternatively, you can use velcro.

Children will identify the pattern on the cards and will clip the correct picture in the empty box to complete the pattern.

#### 20. Pond animals shadow matching (12 card pairs)

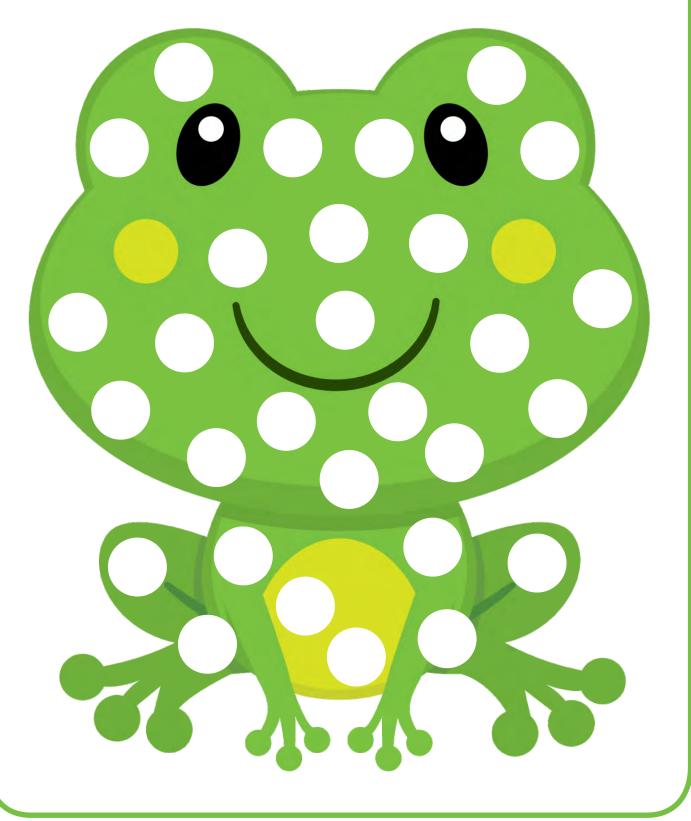
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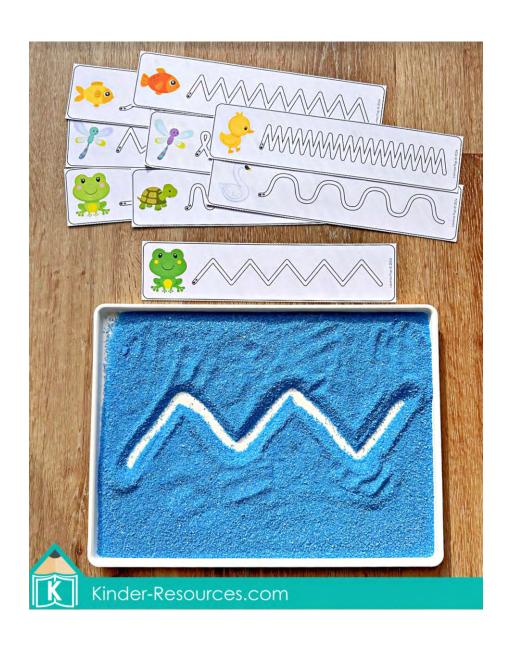
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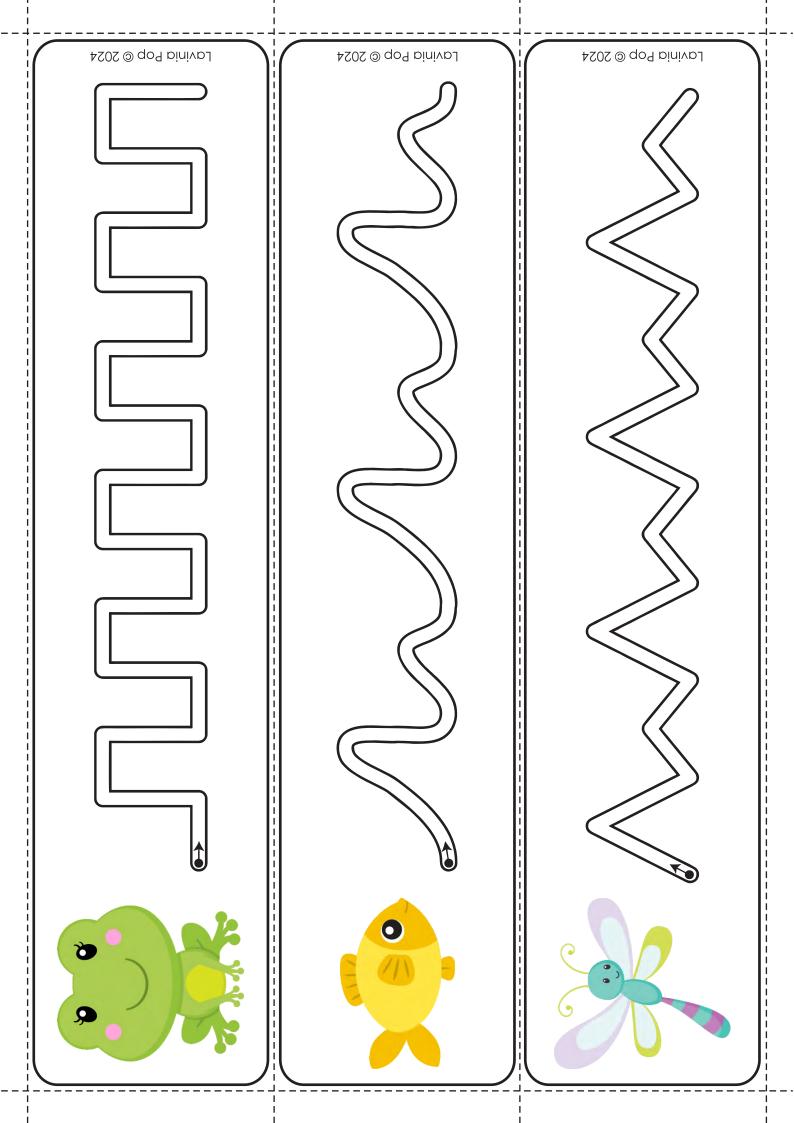
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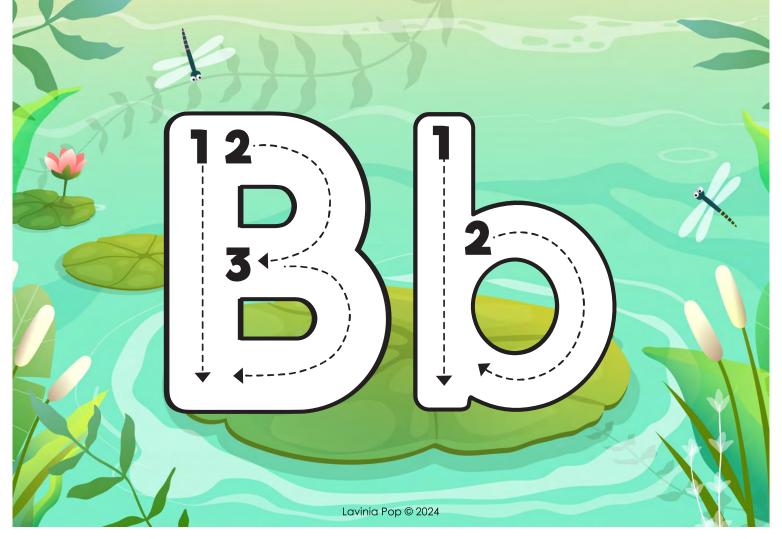


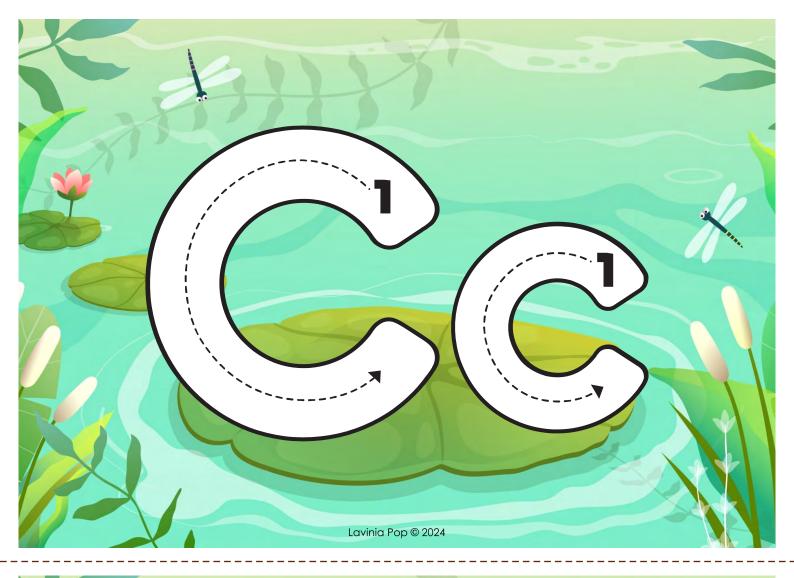


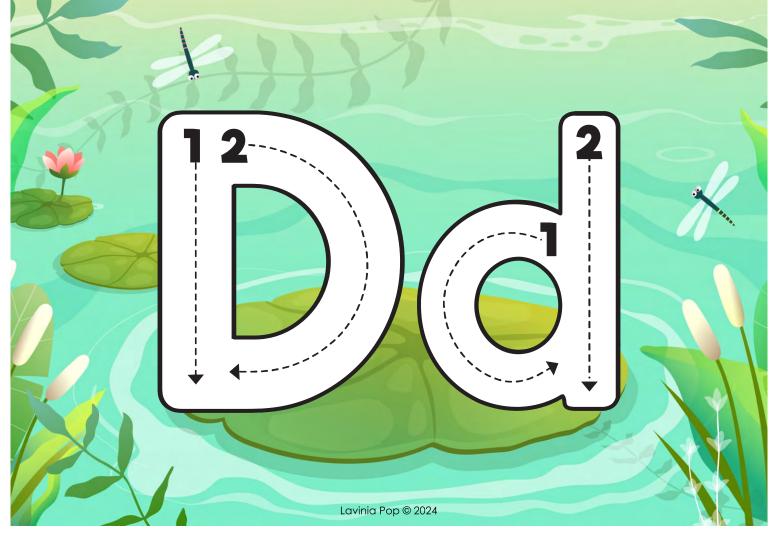








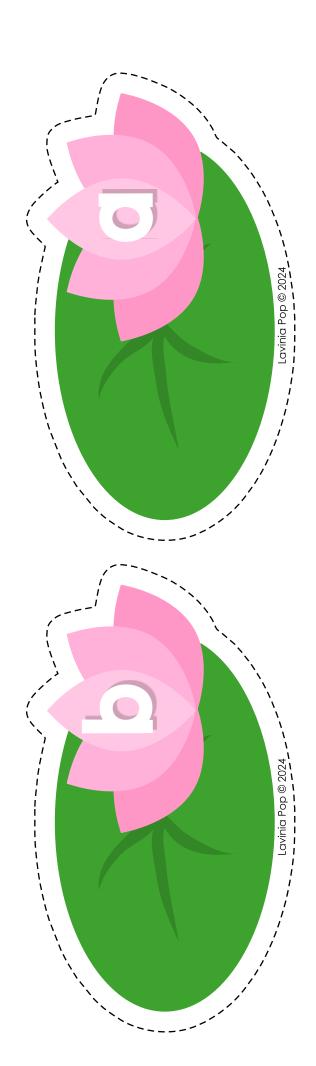






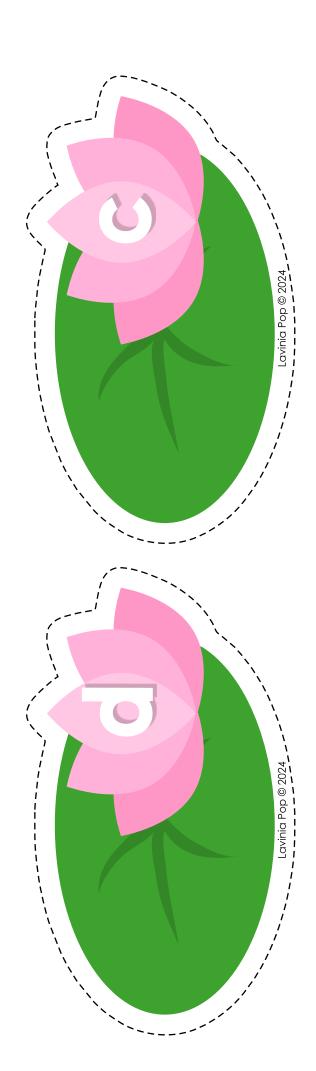




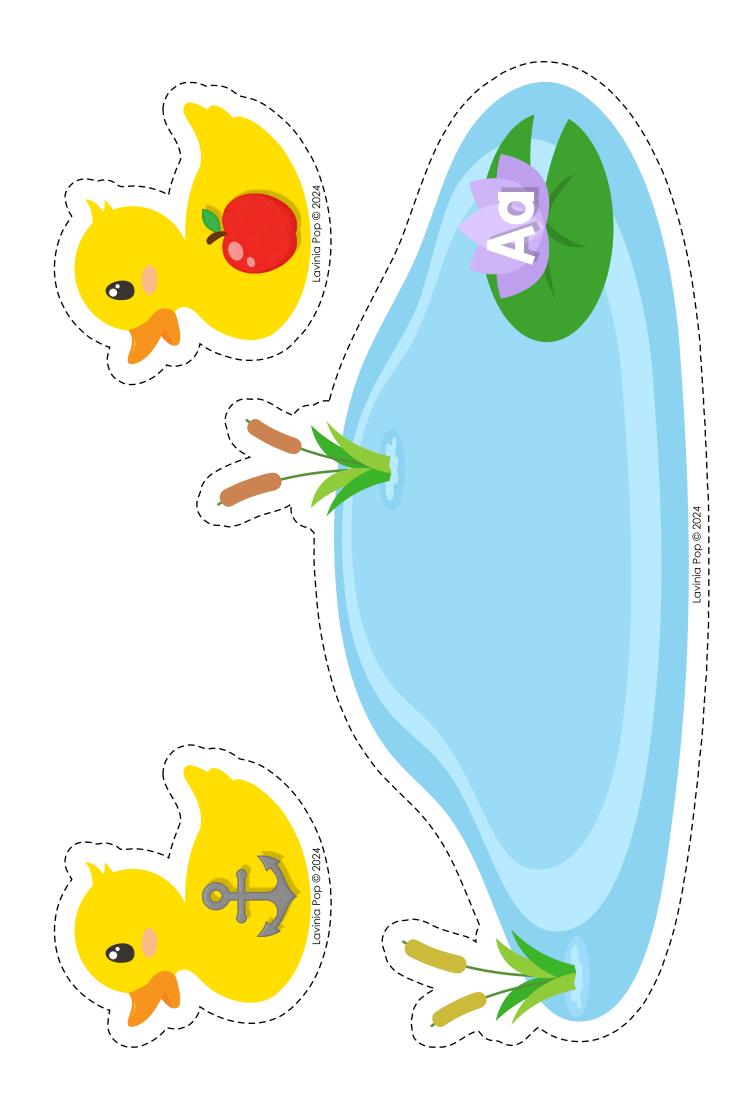


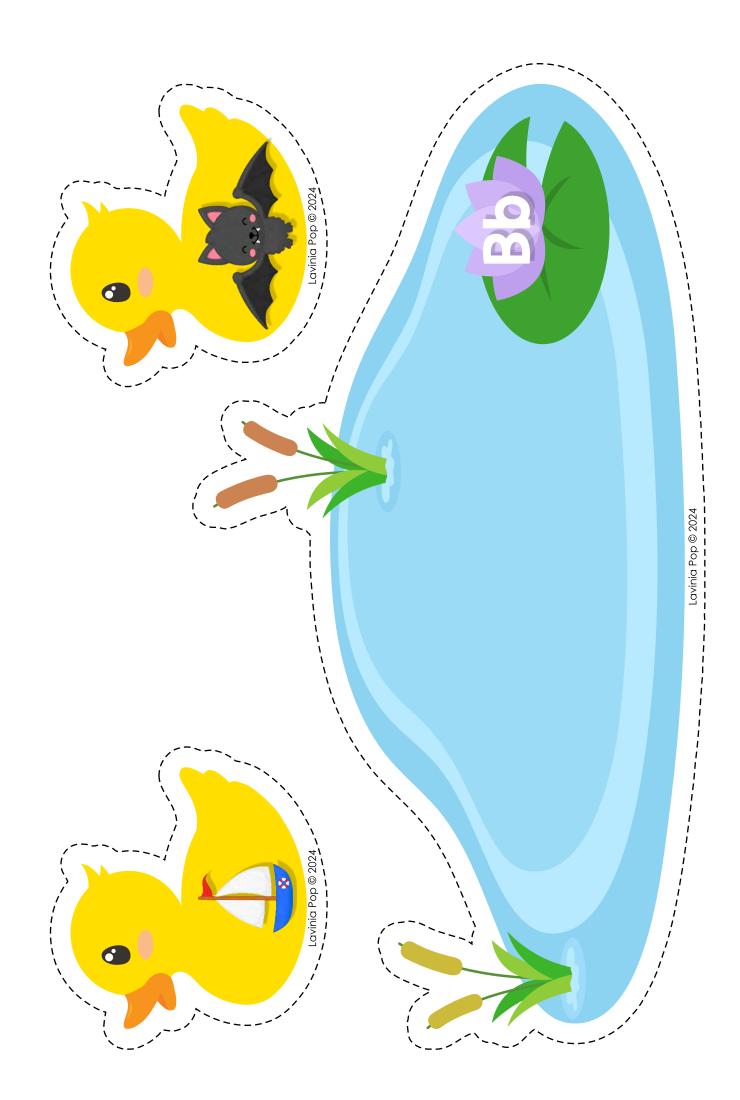








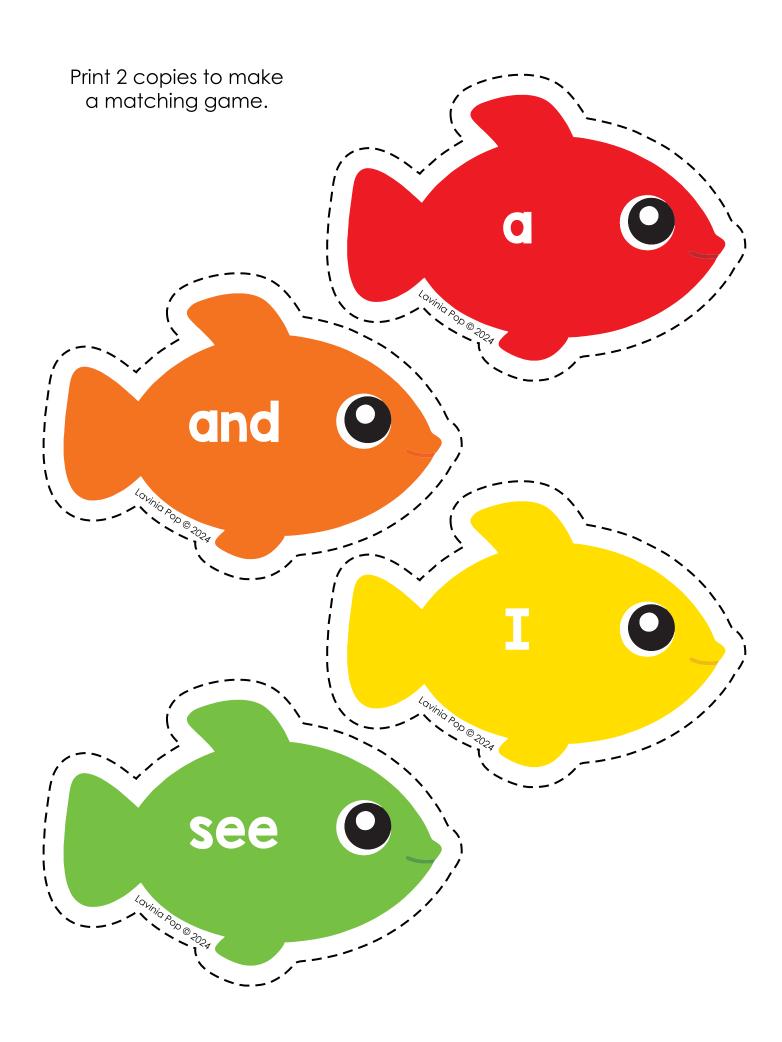




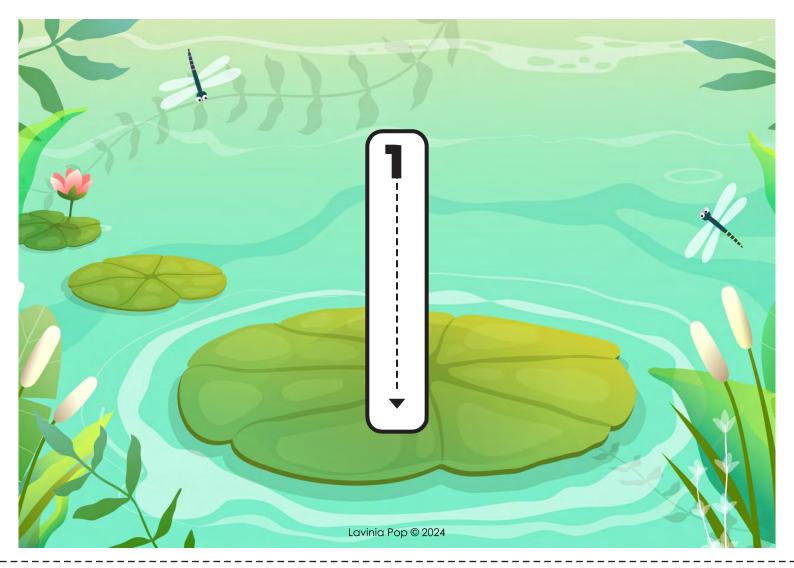






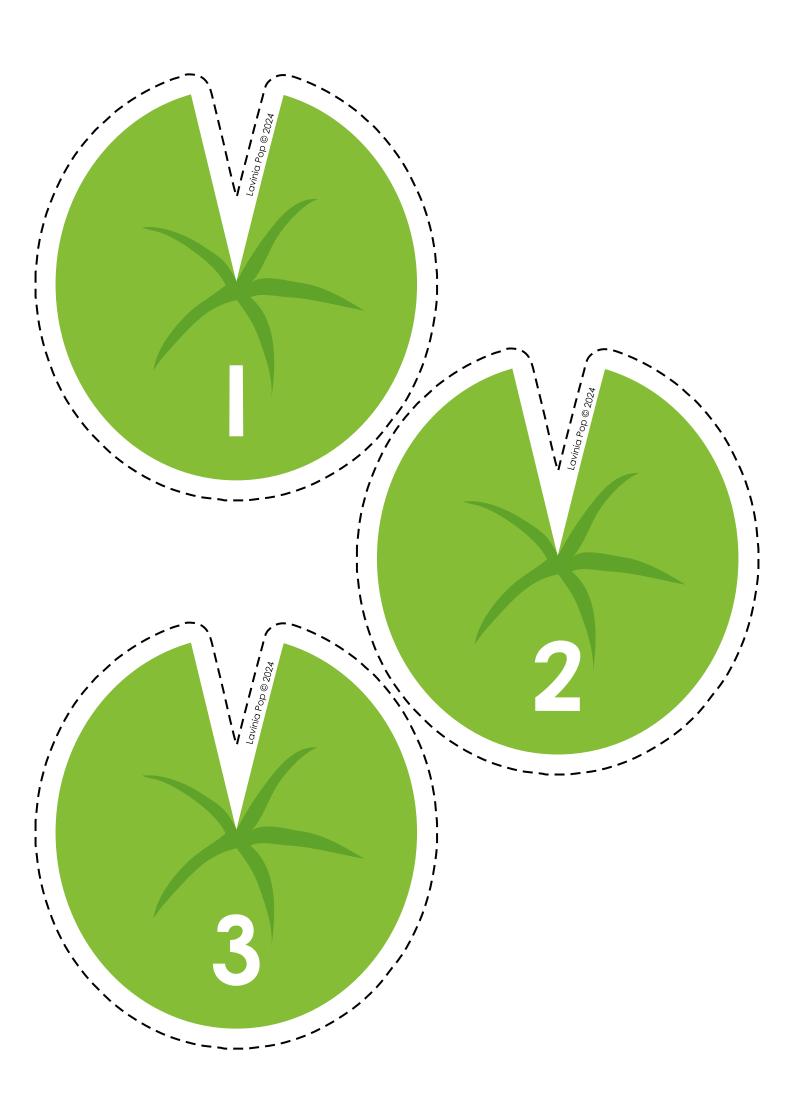


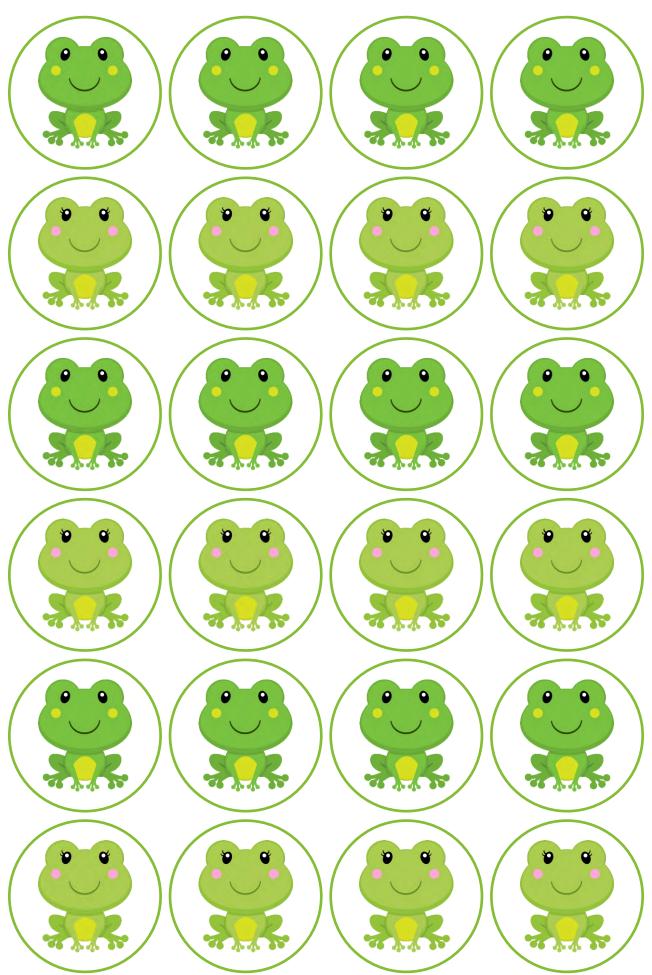












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