

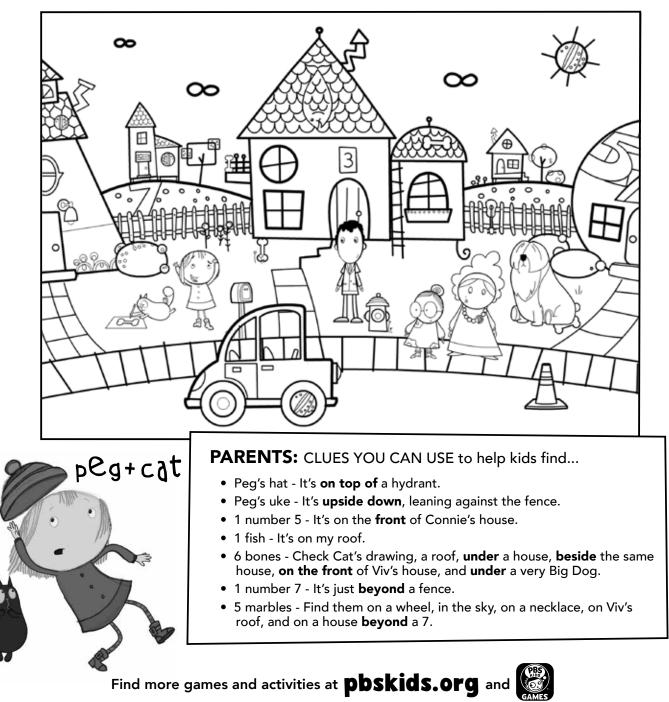




We were having fun in the yard until the wind blew our stuff all over the place! Now I can't find my hat! My uke! And all this other random stuff! Help me find:



As you find things, number them so we can see they're all there. Then color the whole scene.



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Make Leaf and Bark Rubbings

Instructions

- **1.** You'll need one or more crayons with the labels removed, some cardboard or a clip board and some masking tape to help hold leaves or bark in place.
- **2.** When you're walking outside, collect a few fallen leaves, some bark or other natural materials. It's best if you find leaves or bark where you can feel bumps or ridges.

Once you've found your leaves, bark or other items, use tape to secure the edges of the leaves, bark or other materials to the clipboard or cardboard so that they will stay in place while you make your rubbing.

4. Place this paper over the leaves and bark and lightly rub the side of the crayon over the surface of the paper, just hard enough so that the texture shows.



- Trees
- Plain white paper
- Crayons with label removed
- Masking tape (optional)
- Cardboard or clipboard
- Paper bag for collecting leaves

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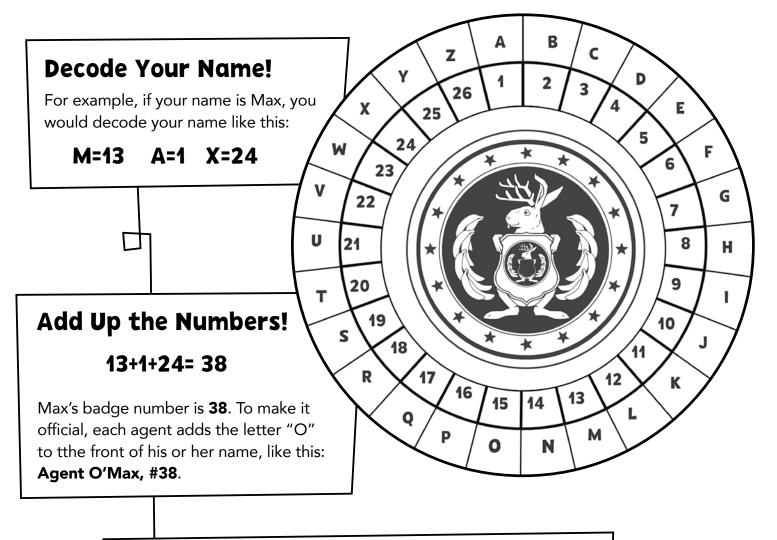


Find Your Badge Number



Figure Out Your Agent ID Number!

Odd Squad agents have a special number on their badges. The number comes from the letters in the agent's name. How does it work? Just follow these steps to find your own agent number.

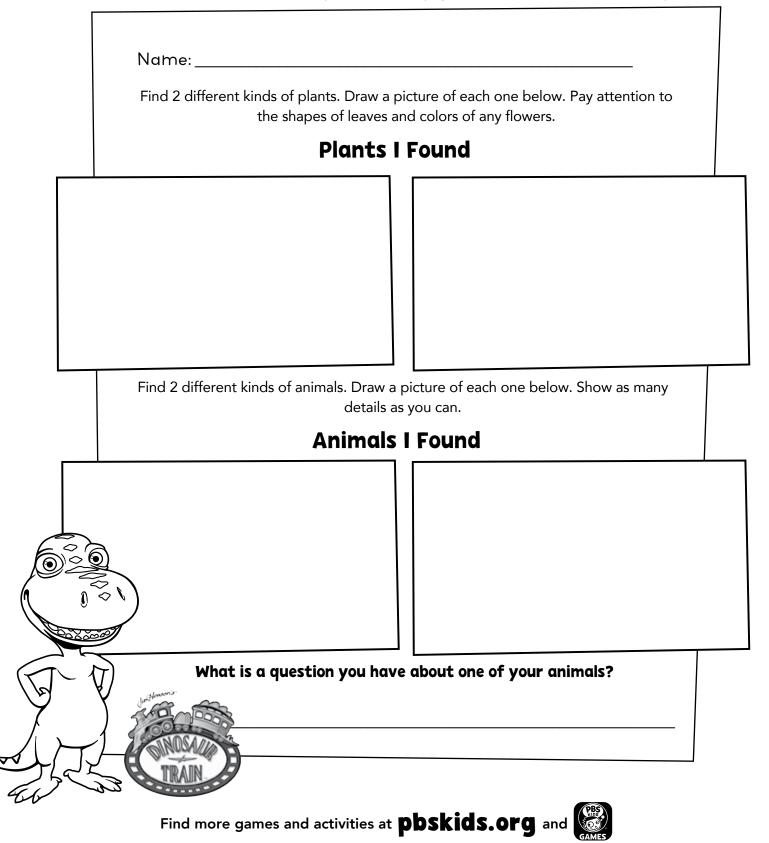


Now use the letters in your name and join Odd Squad!



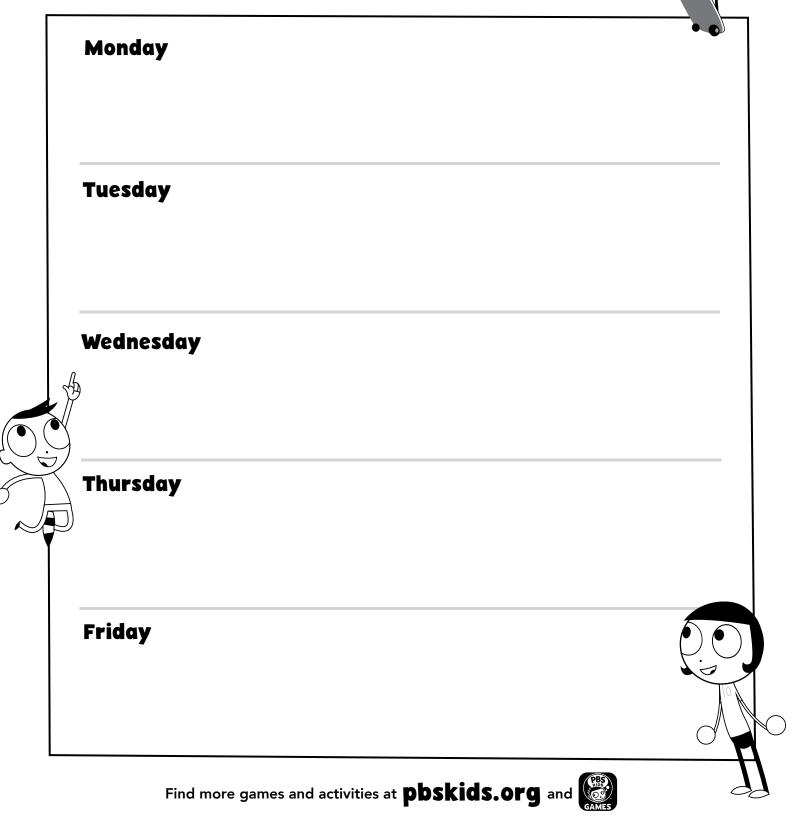


(Note: Draw the answers to the questions on this page, or have an adult or older child help.)





Use this calendar to write or draw the important things that are happening each day of your busy week. Are you planning any special play dates? Will you have any activities this week?





Create a reading list by asking your child to come up with some topics and types of stories that interest them. When you get to the library ask your librarian to help you find books based on your list. Since you can't take all the books home now, work with your child to make a list of books that you want to come back and check out another day.

Genres: I'm interested in learning more about topics like: (A genre is a category or type of literature.) Drama: A drama usually refers to a serious story. **Comedy:** A comedy usually refers to a funny story. Poetry: Poems tell a story or describe a person, place, thing or idea. Poems are usually shorter than stories and often rhyme. Science-fiction: Science-fiction stories are imaginary stories that often take place in the future or in space. Biography: Biographies are true stories about real people. Non-fiction: Non-fiction books are about some-I'm interested in genres like: thing that really happened. Non-fiction can be about the past (history) or the present. My reading list: CIR



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Let's Build a Bird Feeder

Encourage curiosity and build skills at home with this fun Bird Feeder activity. Work together to follow the plan below and build your bird feeder. Then watch to see what happens!

MATERIALS:

Parts

- 2-liter plastic bottle
- 1 set of chopsticks
- birdseed

DIRECTIONS:

Tools

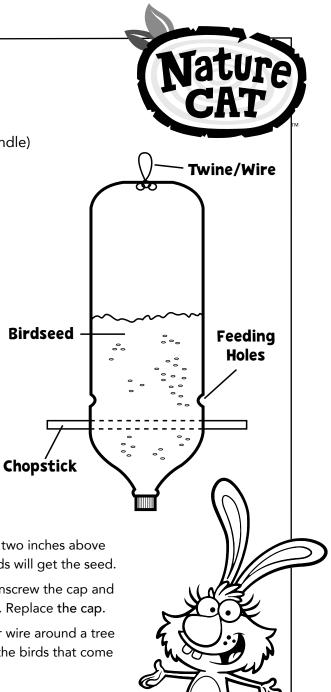
- twine or wire
- scissors/knife (only adults handle)
- funnel
- Ask your child to help you divide the materials into parts and tools. Then, wash the bottle to remove all labels. Dry it with a towel.
- 2. Turn the bottle over. Ask your child which tool you should use to cut or poke two small holes in the bottom of the bottle (scissors/knife). When done, thread twine or wire through one hole and out the other. Loosely tie the twine or wire together to make a loop for hanging. The bottom of the bottle will become the top of the feeder.
- **3.** Cut or poke two holes on opposite sides of the bottle, three inches from the bottle cap. Make the holes just large enough for a chopstick to fit through. Ask your child

which part should go through the holes

(chopstick). Insert the chopstick; this will serve as a perch for the birds to sit on.

- **4.** Cut or poke one-third-inch holes two inches above the perch. This is where the birds will get the seed.
- **5.** Turn the bottle right-side up. Unscrew the cap and fill half the bottle with birdseed. Replace **the cap**.

6. Turn the bottle over. Tie the twine or wire around a tree limb or hang outside a window. Watch the birds that come to your feeder.





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Big Summer Tips

Go on a learning adventure this summer! Here are some tips to help you play, learn and explore with your family all summer long.

- **1 Share stories!** Share a story with your child and ask him/her to share one with you you'll build valuable literacy skills.
- **2 It all adds up!** You can build math skills during everyday errands like counting apples at the grocery store.
- **3 Take advantage of the great outdoors.** Have your child record observations and build science and language skills at the same time!
- **4 Build a collection.** You can practice categorizing, sorting and counting the items and writing labels for a display or scrapbook.
- **5 Make something.** Building anything, from a windsock to a play fort helps your child develop early engineering skills.
 - **6 Use mealtime.** Find letters and words on menus or compare prices.

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