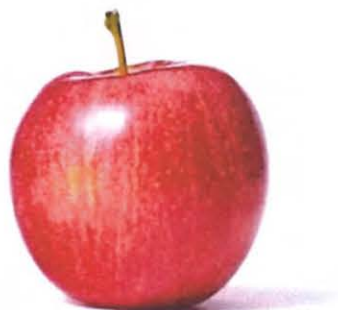


**A a**



## *Aa*

A is an astronaut, proud in its stance.

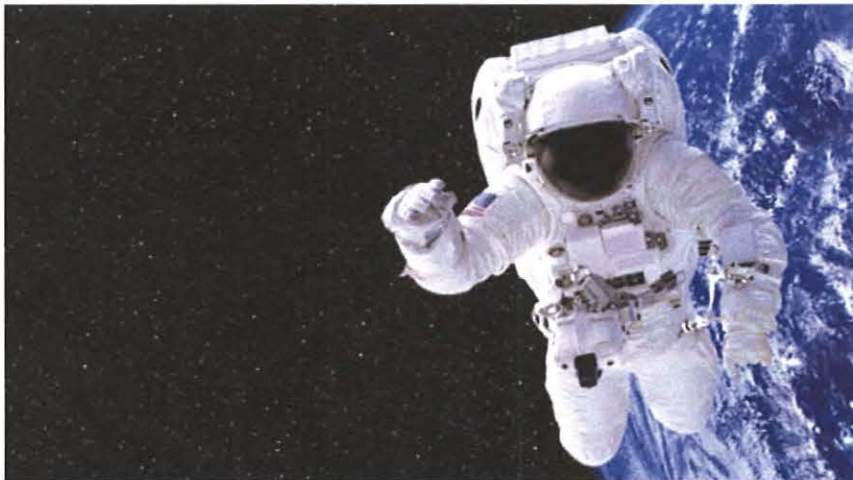
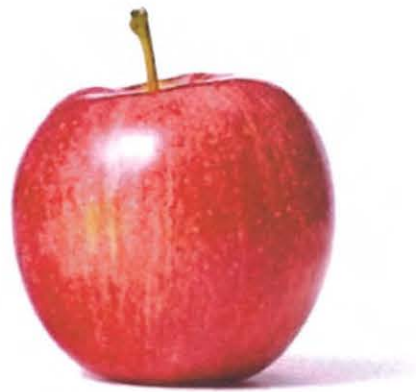
It is the tartness of apples and the act of a dance.

It often shows up just a few minutes late

But it always makes sure that it shuts your front gate.

A is in apple, alligator, and ant

It makes an “aaa” sound like a just-watered plant.



apple

ants

astronaut

**B b**



## *Bb*

B is a bear with a honey-filled belly.

It's the bread and the butter beneath the jelly.

B blows the best bubbles and bakes the best  
buns—

Wherever it goes, it has the most fun.

B makes a /b//b/ /b/ like a fish out of water.

It's in buddy and brother but never in daughter.



basketball

butterfly

banana



C c



## *Cc*

C curls its back like a cat on a rug.

It's as sweet as it sounds—like cocoa in a mug.

C enjoys candy, cookies and cakes

But it also eats carrots to avoid stomach aches.

C sounds like ice when it breaks in the Spring

A delicate “ccc”—then the water's flowing!



cat

COW

carrots

**D d**



## *Dd*

D is a doorway to dungeons down deep

Where there's dragons and danger—

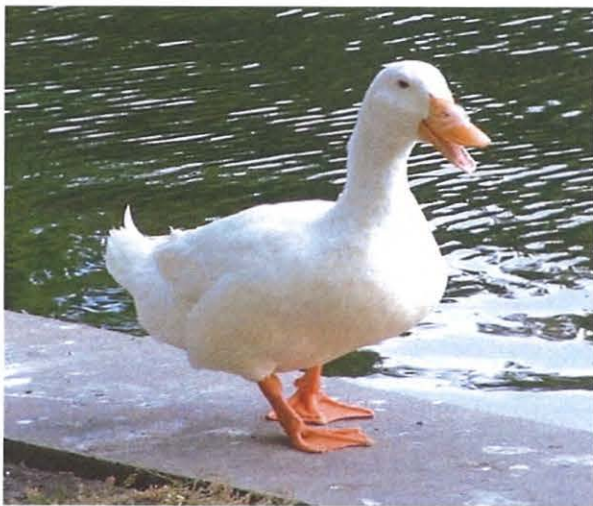
So don't make a peep!

D is quite daring and explores without fear

It's in donut and daisy and even in deer.

D makes a sound that starts in your throat.

A rumbling /d/ /d/ /d/ like a heavy drum note.



dog

dinosaur

duck



E e



## *Ee*

E is the shape of teeth in a smile

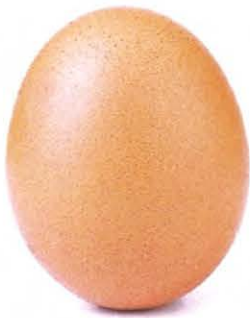
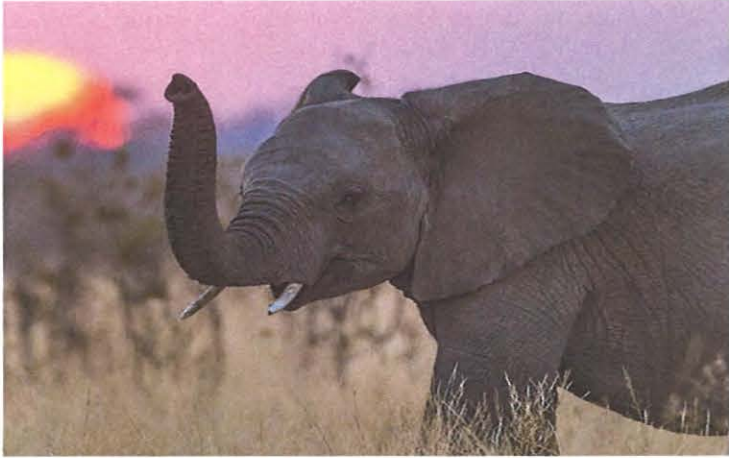
Pearly white rows that can take you for miles!

E is in eggs and in elephant too

It is enormously useful in most words you can choose.

E makes the sound that resembles exhaling

A delicate “ehh”—you’re off if you’re wailing.



elephant

egg

edge

**F f**



## *Ff*

F is a fence built up around forests

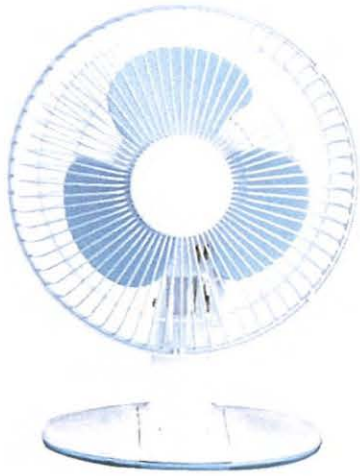
Full of fairies and ferns—just ask Uncle Horace.

F plays the fiddle and focuses well

It is often forgotten which never feels swell.

F makes the sound of air leaving a tire

A whispering /f/ /f/ /f/ like the start of a fire.



feet

fan

fish





G

g

## *Gg*

G makes the shape of a door with a handle

Or a curved candlestick minus the candle.

It is goofy good and giggly too

It is found in good goats at the zoo!

G sounds like the glugging of water in boots

Sloshing about—a wet /g/ /g/ /g/ at your roots.



gorilla

goat

gum

H h



## *Hh*

H is a home with two walls and a bridge.

It likes humming and trimming its pretty hedge.

H is in honey and holiday, too!

It gives a firm handshake and asks: “how do you do?”

H makes the sound of a tired exhale.

A breathy /h/ /h/ /h/ like the spout of a whale.



hippo

hamburger

horse



I i



## *Ii*

I is impressive—imagine life without I!

We wouldn't have igloos or ink

Ayiyi!

I makes the shape of an insect we like:

The dragonfly's body is the shape of an I.

I makes the sound of a note you can sing.

A rumbling /iiiiiii/ while the instruments ring.



iguana

itch

igloo

J j



## *Jj*

J is the shape of a jolly fish hook

It curls up at the end which makes the fish look!

J is a jokester who joyfully juggles

It likes jelly and jumping and handstands with  
no struggle.

J makes a sound like jiggling jam

A wiggling /j/ /j/ /j/ of jam in your hand.



jellybeans

jacket

jet



**K k**



## ***Kk***

K is the shape of a kingly throne

With two legs and two arms it takes a royal home.

K blows kisses to strangers and keeps kangaroos.

It is not a musician, though it plays the kazoo.

K makes the sound like the kick of a ball

A solid /k/ /k/ /k/ like soccer in fall.



keys

kite

kangaroo

L I



## *Ll*

L's shaped like a person that's sitting up straight

Not lazy or lolling—its posture is great!

L likes to lick lollipops and listen to tunes

It can roar like a lion or whistle like a loon.

L makes the sound of a bubble in water

A gentle /l/ /l/ /l/ sound as the bubbling gets stronger.



lions

lightening

ladybug



M m



## *Mm*

M is a mountain with two mighty peaks.

It moves its whole mouth whenever it speaks.

M does not mumble or mutter or meow.

It's in mouse and in man and the "moo" of a cow.

M is the sound that you make when you eat—  
a long buzzing "mmm" when a meal is complete.



mountain

moon

mouse

N n



## *Nn*

N is a noodle—it zigs and it zags

It nods when it's nervous and has been known  
to nag.

N is noble; it does what is right

It's in noisy and nickel and in starry night

N sounds like /n/ /n/ /n/ on the tip of your  
tongue

The beginning of “no” or a song yet to be sung.

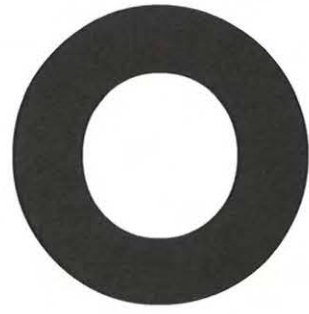


nest

noodles

nuts





## *Oo*

O is an octopus, so wiggly and sweet.

It blows a quick kiss to whoever it meets.

O is also an Otter, Ox, and Ostridge.

And it makes a round shape of a soft tangy  
olive.

O is the sound you make when you learn—

A confident “/o/” as your thinking gears turn.



octopus

otter

olives

P p



## *Pp*

P is a tongue sticking out between lips

It is proud as a peacock and when it dances it dips

It pickles for pleasure and pinches for fun

P is a trickster—a pretty good one!

P makes the sound of popping bubblegum

A sudden /p/as your tongue goes a bit numb.



pig

peach

penny



Q q



## *Qq*

Q is round with a curl like a tail

It is regal and gentle like a queen or a quail.

Q has a close friend—the letter u—

Which follows it everywhere, old and new.

Q makes the sound of a quick-moving snap

A quiet /qu/ like your hands as they clap.



queen

quilt

quail

**R r**



## *Rr*

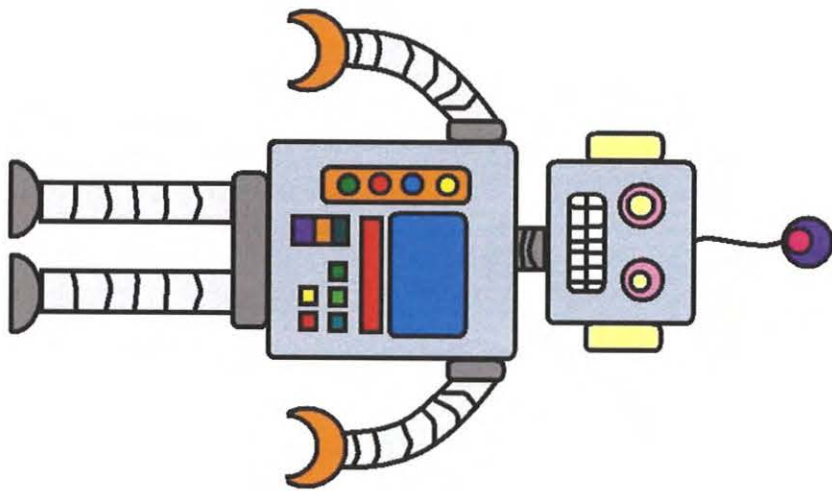
R looks strong in a stance that is planted  
It likes rock and roll music and is rarely  
enchanted.

R roams through ravines and rides horses  
through ranches

It loves good adventure and takes lots of  
chances.

R makes the sound of a purring cat

A rumbling “rrr” as it curls on its back.



rainbow

ring

robot



S s



## *Ss*

S makes the shape of a slithering snake.

It feels good on your tongue like a smoothie or shake.

S can be silky—so smooth and so soft.

It's in sneeze and in sleepy but never in cough.

S is a sound which you push through your teeth—

A simmering “sss” like the wind on a leaf.



sunflower

seahorse

snake

T t



## *Tt*

T stands up tall, with arms like a tree.

It takes its sweet time when it prepares tea.

T is in tiny, tower, and torch

But would never cause trouble out on your front porch.

T makes a sound like a tractor that's starting.

With a tough /t/ /t/ /t/ the engine is running



turtle

toothbrush

tiger



U

U



## *Uu*

U is a letter that scoops up from the ground

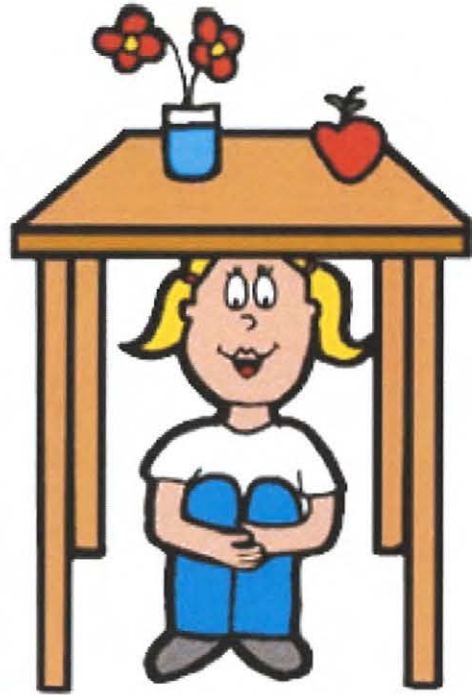
If you've lost it just check after T and it's found!

U is the umbrella keeping everyone dry

It understands how you're feeling and wipes your tears when you cry

U is a sound you make when unsure

A wavering "uhh" until the answer occurs.



umbrella

under

up

V

v



## Vv

V makes the shape of a sloping green valley

Tumble down if you must—don't dilly dally!

V plays violin and checks its face in the mirror

It's vain about looks and fluffs its hair when  
you're near.

V makes the sound of a car that is veering

A powerful /v/ /v/ /v/ as the driver is steering.



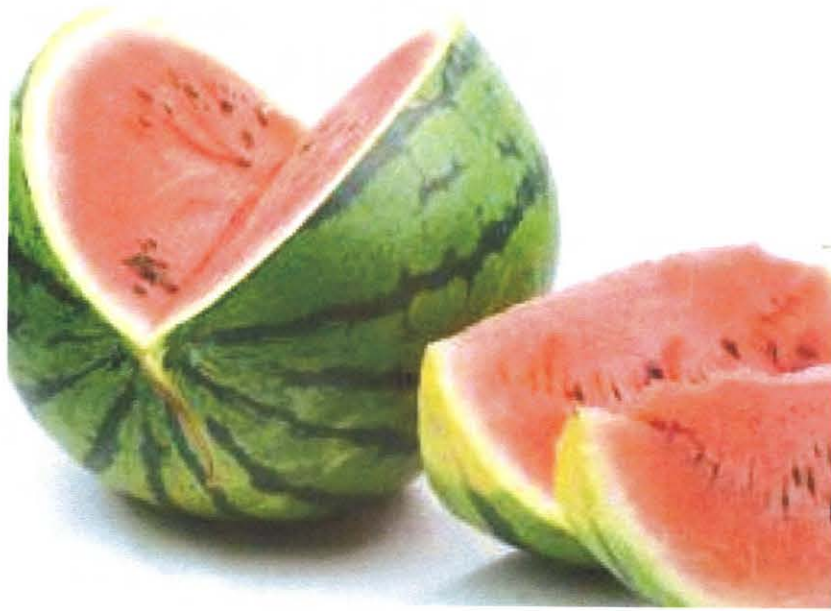
violin

vase

violet



**W w**



## *Ww*

W makes the shape of salt-water waves

It whines and it whistles as it crashes into caves.

W waltzes and wears fairy wings.

On its birthday, it wishes for wonderful things.

W sounds like the wind through the air

Weather that whips with a /w/ /w/ /w/ through  
your hair.



watermelon

window

watch

X x



## Xx

X is the shape of two crossing tracks

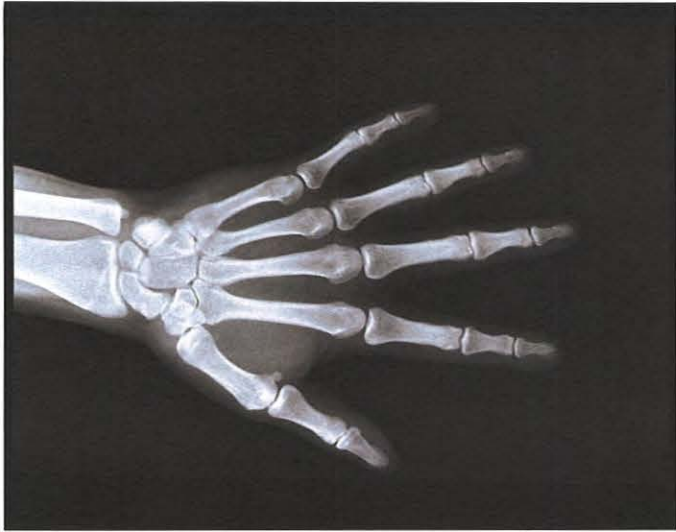
Down each there roam oxen with loads on their backs.

X is a letter that likes to hide out

It's in axe and in box and the pixies among the sprouts.

X makes a sound like a jump in a puddle

A splashing /ksssss/, then relax without trouble.



x-ray

xylophone

x-ray fish



Y y



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## Yy

Y is the shape of a figure reaching up

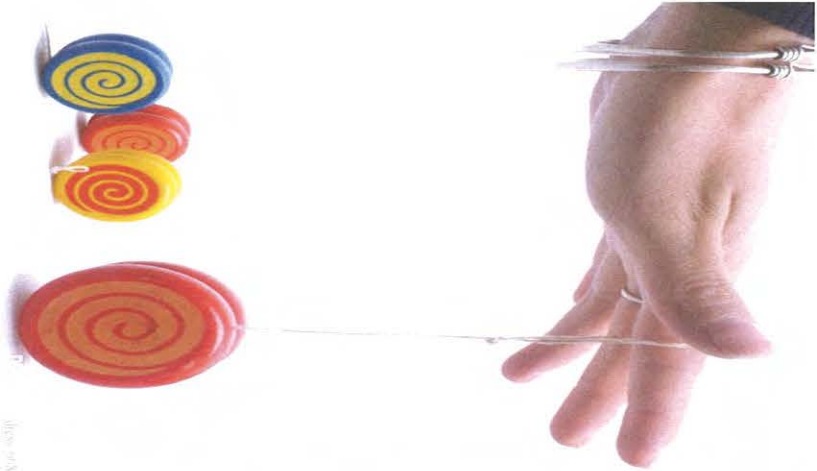
Two arms spread wide open in a shape like a cup.

Y plays with yo-yos and eats yogurt for dinner

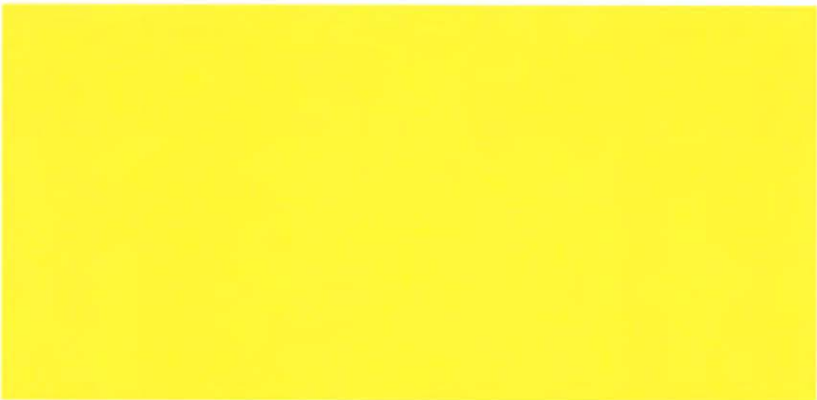
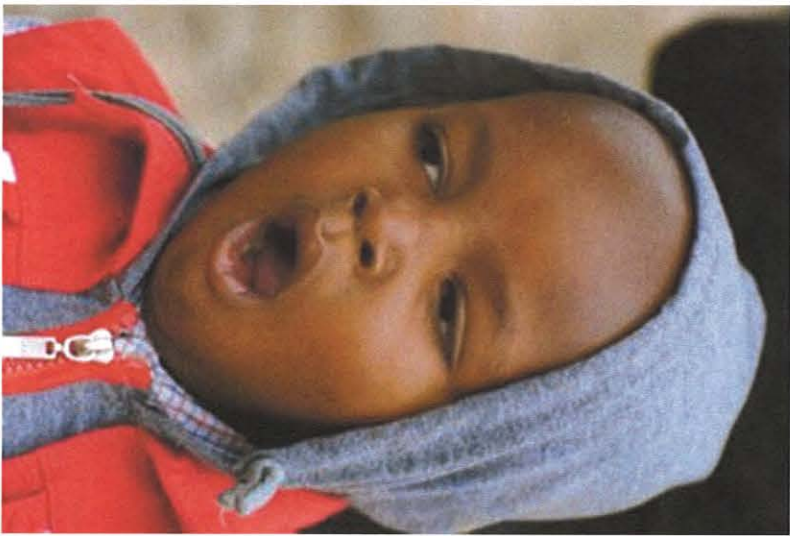
It competes with its yodeling and is often the winner.

Y makes the sound of a person agreeing

A positive /y/ /y/ and some nodding for meaning.



Wendy



yo-yo

yawn

yellow

Z z



## Zz

Z makes the shape of a sharp lightning bolt.

It's bright and it's zippy; it moves with a jolt.

Z is for zebra, all covered in stripes

They are found at the zoo eating plants of all types.

Z makes the sound of a passing-by fly

A loud busy /z/ /z/ /z/ as the bug buzzes by.



zebra

zipper

zookeeper