

ZOONI TALES



ACTIVITY KIT

MEET Zooni: a fuzzy, four-legged, irresistible pooch that goes on adventures! Join Zooni and friends in this rhyming early graphic novel series with loads of laughs and silly gaffes. A perfect fit for read-alouds and newly independent readers.



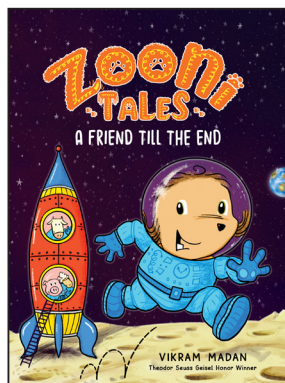
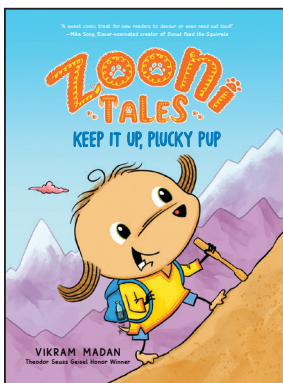
“The graphic format and rhyming text will engage young readers.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- A New Zooni Adventure
- Animal Friends
- Cavern Maze
- Zooni Loves Pancakes
- Boating Day
- Enjoying the Colors of Spring
- Perfect Pairs
- Zooni's Improv Poetry
- Zooni in Space
- Follow Your Nose
- Zooni Sticker Sheet

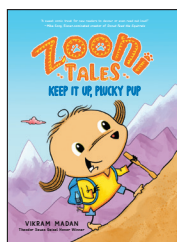
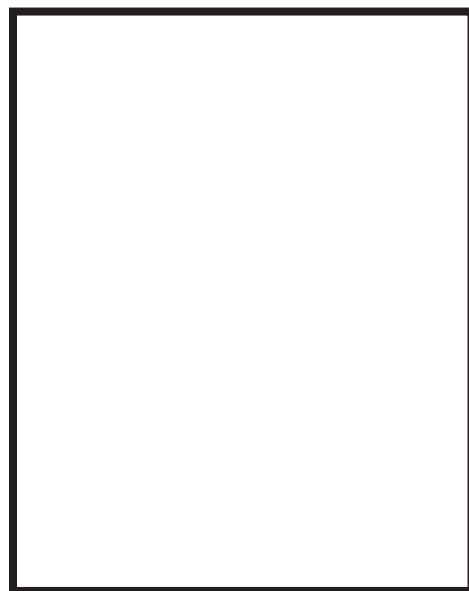
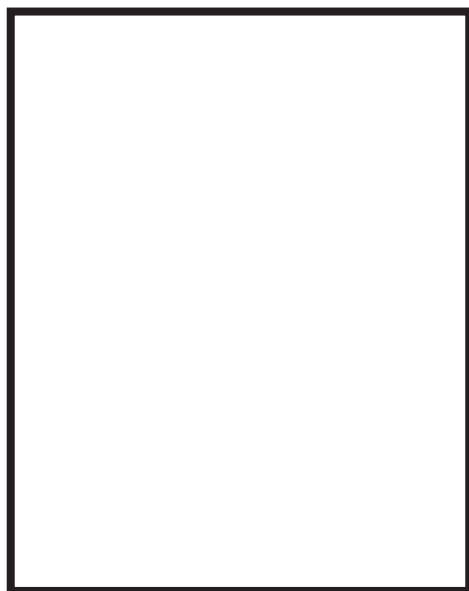
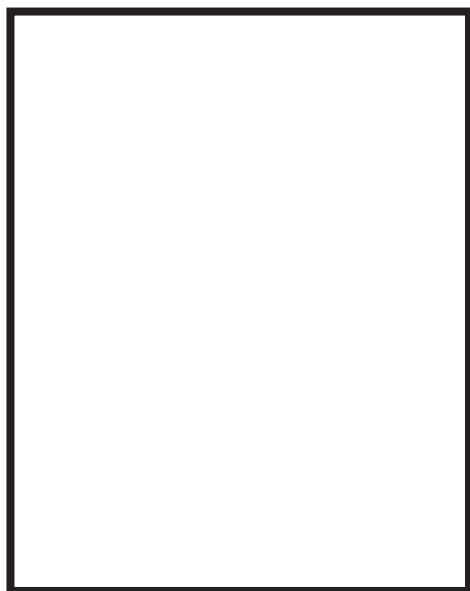
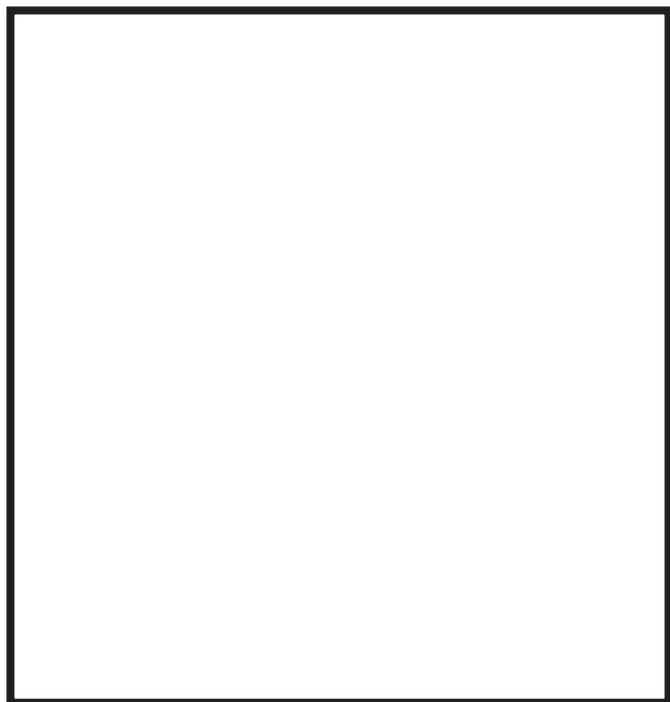
MEET THE CREATOR

VIKRAM MADAN grew up in India, where he really wanted to be a cartoonist but ended up an engineer. After many years of working in the tech industry, he came to his senses and followed his heart into storytelling. He is the author/illustrator of *Owl and Penguin*, a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor book and Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, and *A Hatful of Dragons*, which received a starred review in *Kirkus*, was a *Kirkus* Best Book, and was named to the Texas Bluebonnet Master List and the NYPL Best Books List.



A NEW ZOONI ADVENTURE

Make your own comic about Zooni's next adventure!



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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Find all of Zooni's animal friends in the word search.



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KANGAROO

EMU

BIRD

COW

COCKATOO

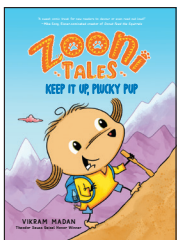
SHREW

MONKEY

GNU

EWE

CARIBOU



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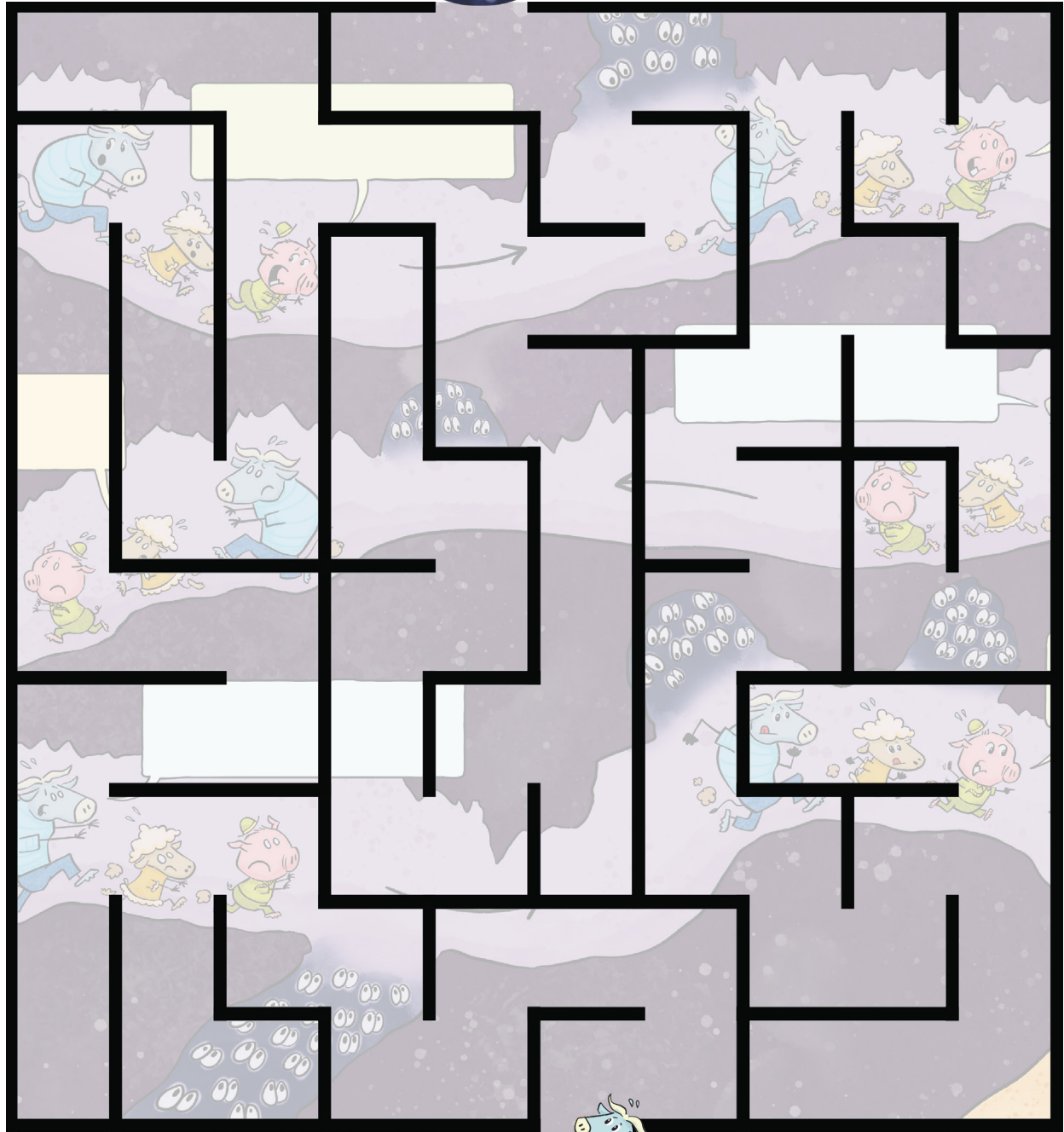
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CAVERN MAZE

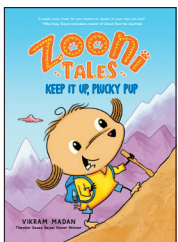
Help Zooni and friends find their way out of the cavern!



START



FINISH



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ZOONI LOVES PANCAKES



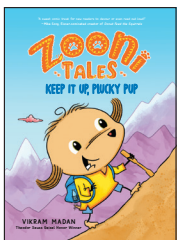
INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg, beaten

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients.
2. Make a well in the center, and pour in the wet ingredients. Mix until smooth.
3. With the help of an adult, heat a lightly oiled griddle or pan over medium-high heat.
4. Pour or scoop batter onto the griddle or pan, using about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on top and edges are dry, about 1–2 minutes. Flip and cook until browned on the other side.
5. Repeat with remaining batter.
6. Top pancakes with berries, cherries, and syrup. Enjoy!

Source: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/45396/easy-pancakes/>



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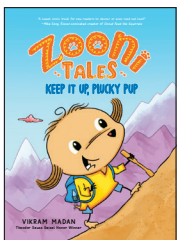
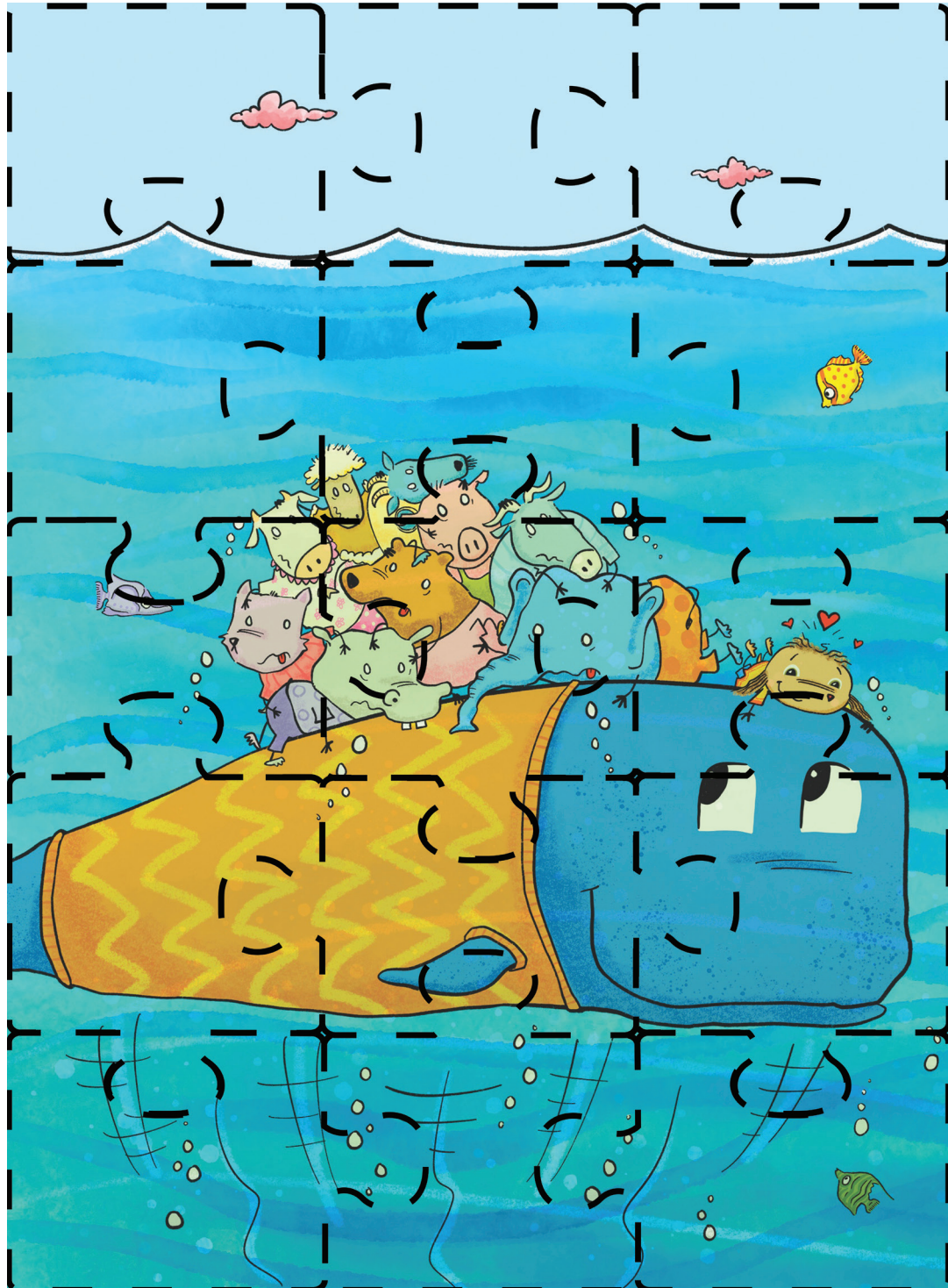
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BOATING DAY

Good thing Whale was there to rescue Zooni and friends from their sinking boat! To make this puzzle, cut along the dotted lines. Mix up the pieces, then put the puzzle back together with your best friend.

Ask an adult for help using scissors!



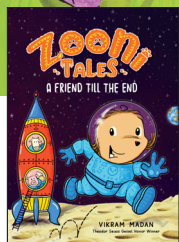
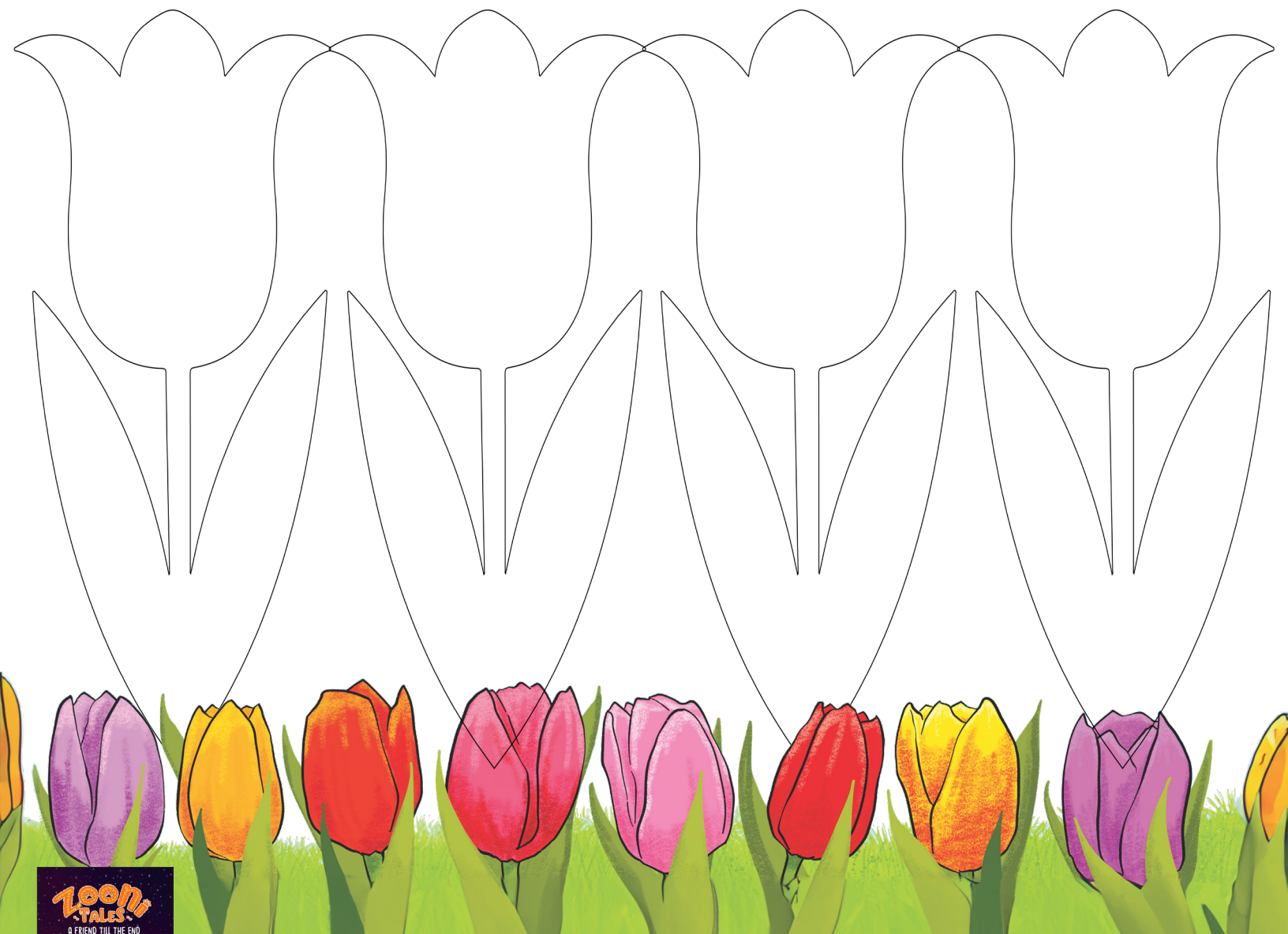
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ENJOYING THE COLORS OF SPRING

Zooni loves the bright colors of spring! Use watercolors to paint these beautiful tulips.



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PERFECT PAIRS

Zooni has a lot of friends!
Can you match them all?

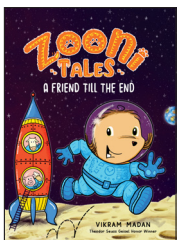
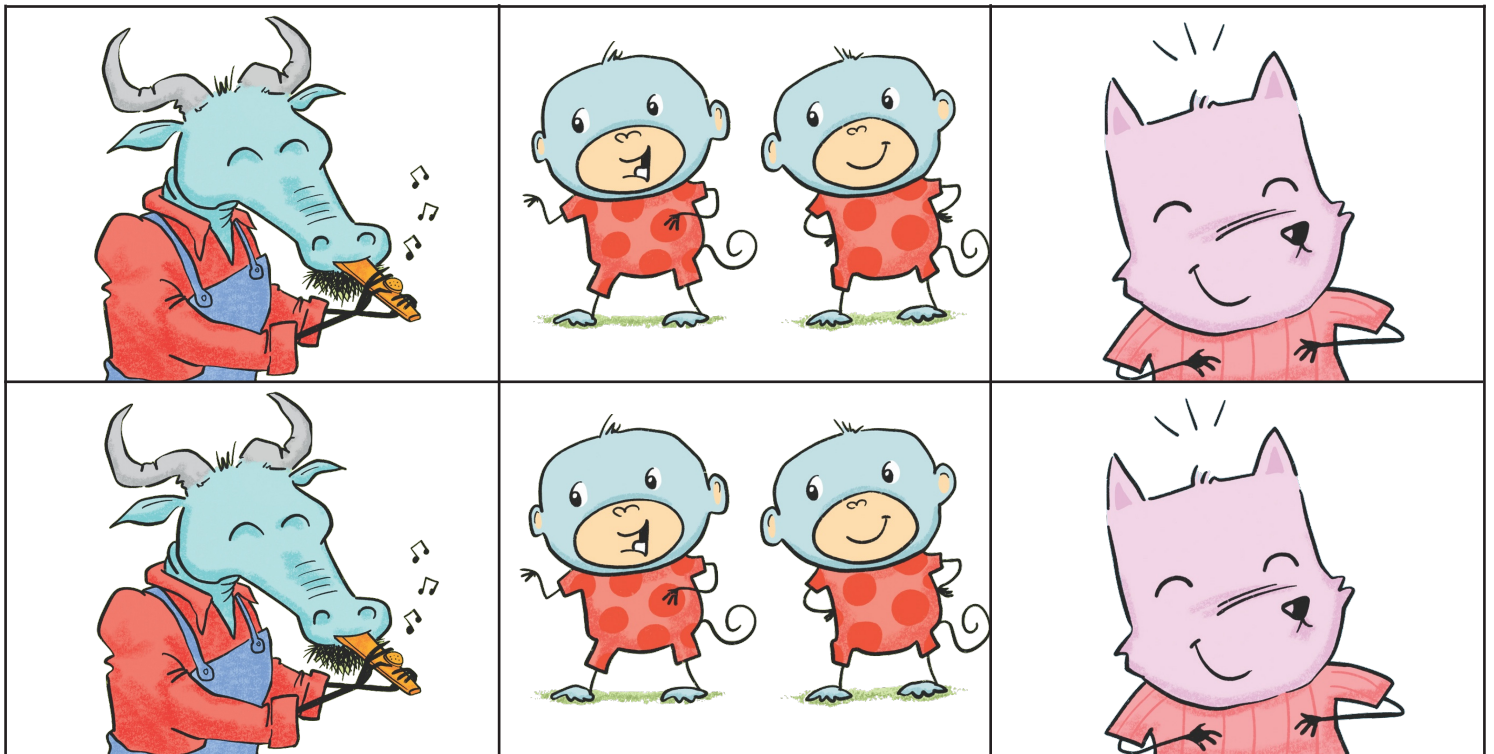


INSTRUCTIONS:

With the help of an adult, cut out the cards on the next two pages.

TO PLAY:

Shuffle the cards and lay them face down in rows on the table. The first player turns over two cards. If the pictures match, the player keeps the cards and tries again for another match. If they do not match, the cards are turned over again and the player to the left takes a turn. Each player must try to remember where they have seen cards, so they can use them to make a match. When all of the cards have been matched, players count their pairs. The one with the most wins.



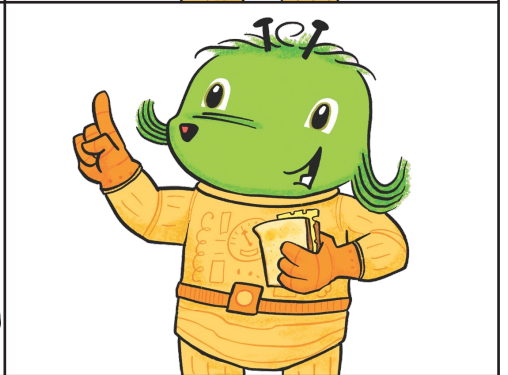
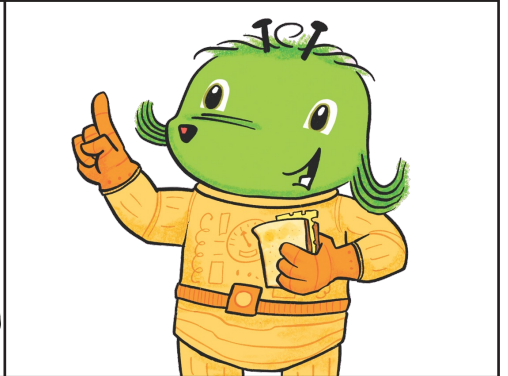
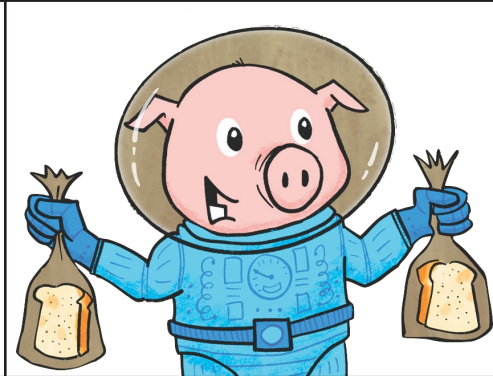
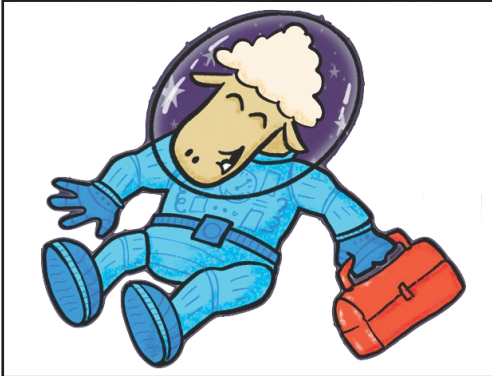
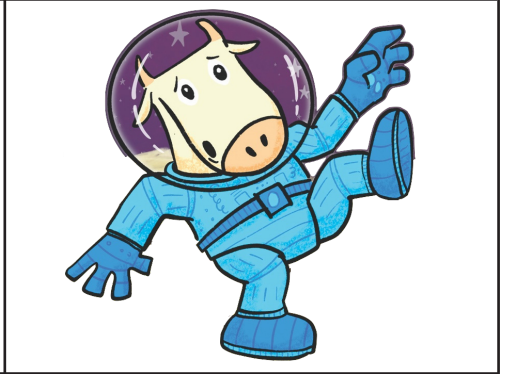
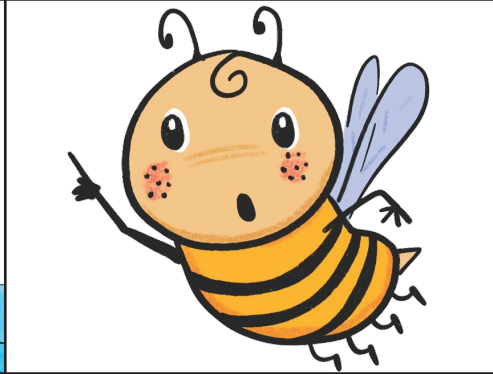
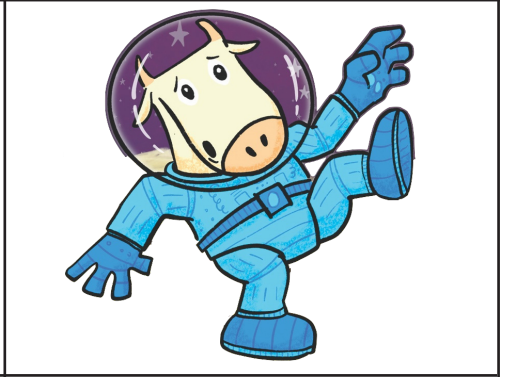
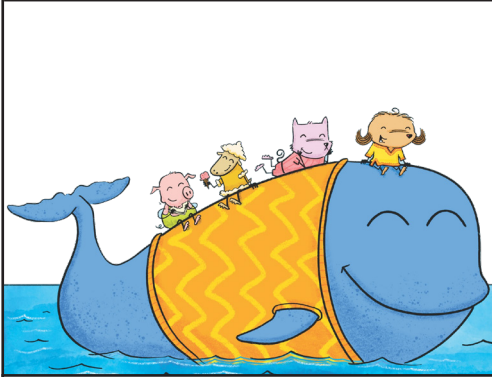
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ZOONI'S IMPROV POETRY

Zooni is great at rhyming! Choose a word for each of the blanks below and then create your own rhyme on the next page.



1: _____
animal

2: _____
verb

3: _____
object

4: _____
same animal as 1, plural

5: _____
verb

6: _____
object that rhymes with 3

7: _____
same animal as 1, plural

8: _____
verb

9: _____
object

10: _____
same animal as 1, plural

11: _____
verb

12: _____
object that rhymes with 9

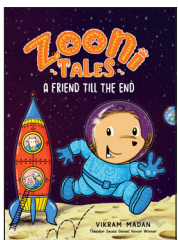
13: _____
same animal as 1, plural

14: _____
verb

15: _____
object

16: _____
same animal as 1, plural

17: _____
verb that rhymes with 15



ZOONI'S IMPROV POETRY

Fill in the blanks using your words from the previous page create your own rhyme below.



One little _____ (1) _____ (2) ing from

a _____ (3) . Two little _____ (4) ,

_____ (5) ing like a _____ (6) .

Three little _____ (7) _____ (8) ing in

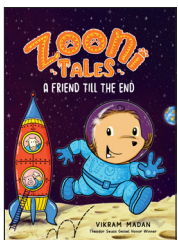
a _____ (9) . Four little _____ (10) ,

_____ (11) ing on a _____ (12) .

Five little _____ (13) _____ (14) ing with

a _____ (15) . One million _____ (16) ?

Time to _____ (17) !



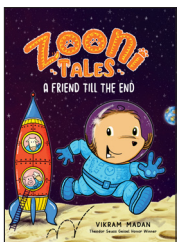
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ZOONI IN SPACE

Which friends would you bring to space? In the rocket windows below, draw pictures of some of your friends.



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FOLLOW YOUR NOSE

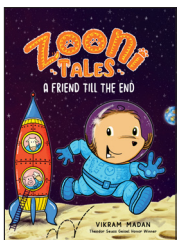
Zooni is great at using their sense of smell! How good is your sense of smell? Make a game for you and your friends to test your skills.



Collect five different objects that have a strong smell; there are some ideas below. Place them all on a table and hide them under cardboard boxes. Blindfold the players, and one at a time, lift the box to have each player smell the object. See how many they can guess correctly!

SOME IDEAS:

- A shoe
- Flowers
- Chocolate chip cookies
- A book
- A strong-smelling cheese
- Coffee beans
- Pickles
- A jar of tuna
- Dirt
- Peppermint



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