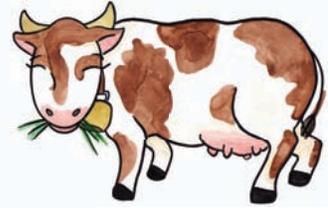


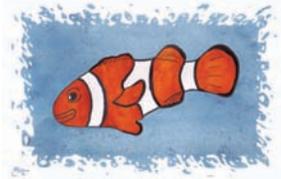
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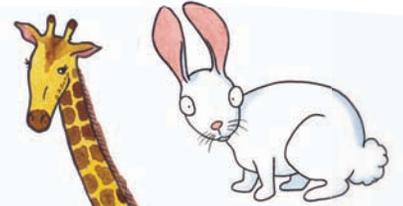
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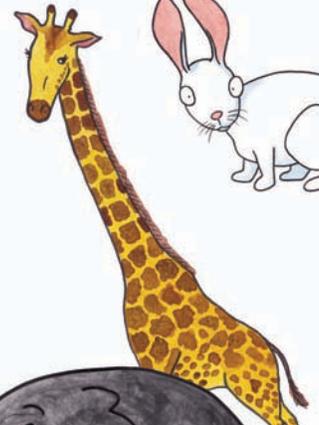
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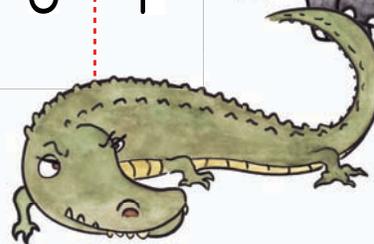
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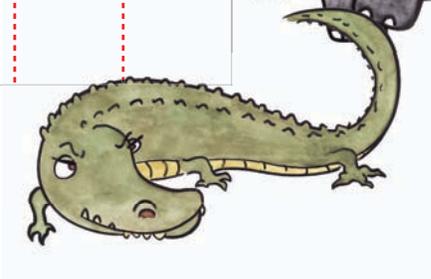
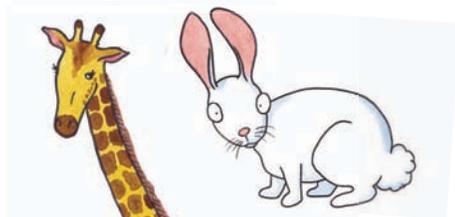
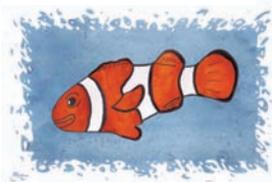


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# ANIMAL BASKETBALL



# Horse



## **The Game**

This is a classic basketball game. Players take shots trying to make baskets. Each successful basket counts as a letter. The goal is to keep making baskets until you spell the word horse. As you make a basket you move to a new location on the court or in the room to make the next basket. The first basket being the closest and the easiest to make and getting progressively harder as you move on.

## **Adapting it for the classroom**

... is pretty easy. Get a big basket or bin and chuck a ball in there. For little kids you can use a plush ball or even an animal. For older kids make it harder by using a smaller basket or bucket and an odd ball like a plastic block or one of those crazy balls with the small weight in them that roll all over.

I just use a plastic bouncy ball.

## **Who is it for?**

Because the game is so easy it works great with little kids but because it's basically a variation on basketball older kids still have fun with it.

## **Why is it good?**

The goal here is to have fun spelling words. Kids can play on on one or in teams. But in order to throw they have to say the next letter in the word. Start with simple words and build up to longer ones to make each level a bigger challenge.

For example I have my kids spell things like, cow, fish, horse, rabbit, giraffe, elephant, alligator. The words you use can vary from topic to topic but animals are a fun one especially for the little ones and the game is called horse so, you know, it's got that going for it.

## **Using the worksheets**

You can do this without using the worksheets at all but you've got some room for variation here. You could use the first page with counters or with crayons to have kids tick off the letters they've done. Or you could use the second page and have kids write in the letters for the words and have them practice using those words for writing or spelling practice later on.

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