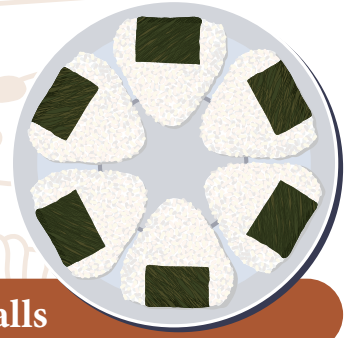


# Rr



## Real-life experience activity – Making rice balls

- Tell children that you are hungry.
- Invite Big Letter R to provide children with rice.
- Show other materials needed to make rice balls: seaweed, a mould, a spoon, a small bowl and a plate.
- Invite Big Letter R to demonstrate how to make rice balls.
- Invite children to make their own rice balls by guiding them to:
  - put some rice and seaweed into the bowl.
  - mix the rice and seaweed together.
  - put the mixed rice into a mould with a spoon.
  - close the lid of the mould and then shake it.
  - open the lid and take out the rice ball.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: rice and rice ball.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., rice, rice ball).
- Invite Big Letter R to eat the rice balls with children.



## Storytelling – Small Letter r Meets a Rabbit

One day, Big Letter R made lots of rice balls. He wanted to give some to his friend, Rabbit, but he did not feel well, so he invited his brother Small Letter r to help. Small Letter r did not know what his brother's friend Rabbit looked like. Big Letter R said to his brother, 'When an animal passes by you, you can ask that animal if it is Rabbit.' Then, Big Letter R put the rice balls into Small Letter r's bag.

Small Letter r walked and walked. He arrived at the park. He saw a cat and asked, '**Hello! Are you Rabbit?**' The cat answered, 'No, I'm not Rabbit. Rabbit has long ears.'

Small Letter r continued to walk. He saw a horse and asked, '**Hello! Are you Rabbit?**' The horse replied, 'No, I'm not Rabbit. Rabbit has a short tail.'

Then, Small Letter r saw a pig and asked, '**Hello! Are you Rabbit?**' The pig replied, 'No, I'm not Rabbit. Rabbit has white hair.'

Small Letter r kept walking. He saw an animal which has long ears, white hair and a short tail. He was so happy and asked, '**Hello! Are you Rabbit?**' The animal said, 'Yes, I'm Rabbit! Who are you?' Small Letter r said, 'Hello Rabbit! I'm Small Letter r. Big Letter R is my brother. He has made some rice balls for you.' Rabbit took the rice balls and said, 'Rice balls! I like rice balls! Thank you, Small Letter r! Oh, please say thank you to Big Letter R for me.'

Small Letter r said, 'Okay! I will tell my brother. Enjoy the rice balls! Goodbye!'

### Extended activities related to the story

- Game: Roll and race
  - Prepare hula hoops and form two lines.
  - Invite two children to be rabbits and stand at the beginning of the two lines.
  - Invite two other children to stand at the end of the two lines. One child holds the stick puppet of Big Letter R and one child holds the stick puppet of Small Letter r.
  - Show a dice which shows the letter R or r on each side. Invite children to take turns rolling the dice and naming the letter being shown when landed.
  - Invite each rabbit to jump forward a step if his/her corresponding letter name is called. The faster rabbit reaching the corresponding stick puppet wins.
  - Repeat the game if time allows.
- Art-and-craft activity: Making a rabbit
  - Give each child a template of the letter r.
  - Invite children to glue on a pair of ears, eyes, a nose, a mouth, a tail, and some whiskers on the letter r to make a rabbit.

### Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Making a rabbit mask with a paper plate
- Making a robot with boxes and straws
- Preparing paint of different colours and making a rainbow painting with hand prints
- Making raspberry or raisin cookies
- Playing a game: What's missing?
  - Show four picture cards (e.g., rabbit, rice balls, robot, and rainbow).
  - Invite children to name the pictures.
  - Use a cloth to cover the cards and take away one of them.
  - Ask children: What is missing?
  - Invite children to say the name of the missing picture.
  - Repeat the game if time allows.



### Suggested books



Book Title	Author(s)	ISBN
1. <i>Duck! Rabbit!</i>	Amy Krouse Rosenthal	9781452137339
2. <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>	James Marshall	9780140546934
3. <i>Rain</i>	Robert Kalan	9780688104795
4. <i>Row, Row, Row your Boat</i>	Iza Trapani	9781580890779