

# OUR FRIEND GUS



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Marco and his friend, Fai, were playing basketball. Their ball bounced into the corner of the court. Marco heard a sound when he went over to pick it up. He looked over to a bush and saw a boy curled up. It was an alien boy.



“Are you okay?” Marco asked. He could see that the alien boy was crying. Marco did not like to see anyone sad.

“Why are you upset?” Marco asked.

The little green boy had covered his face with his long arms. All six of them.

“You can come out from there,” Marco said.



One by one, the green hands came down.  
Marco saw that his face was filled with  
yellow spots and he had red tears. His  
head was shaped like a big ball.  
“Nobody likes me,” the alien boy said.  
“Are you sure?” Marco asked. “I like you.  
What is your name?”



The alien boy jumped to his feet. "You do?" he asked.  
"My name is Gus."

Marco smiled and held out his hand. "Hi, Gus. My  
name is Marco. Do you want to be my friend?"

"Friend? I have never had a friend before," Gus said.

"Well, now you do", said Marco.



Marco threw his ball to Gus and he caught it easily. After all, he had six hands.

“Why don’t you have friends?” Marco asked.

Gus looked sad again. He said, “because I am not the same as everyone else. I am from a different planet.”

“That doesn’t matter. We are all different in some way. That is what makes us special,” Marco said.

Marco and Gus started to play with the ball, but then they heard a loud scream.





“Help, help!” The children shouted.

“What’s that?” Gus asked.

Marco ran and Gus followed.

They saw a young girl sitting on the tree looking scared. Fai and some other children were standing under the tree and holding out their hands.

“Reena climbed up the tree to get her kite, but she got stuck there. Now she is going to fall!” They shouted.

Zala, a tall girl, had already tried to jump up and save her friend Reena, but she couldn’t reach her.



Marco knew that Reena would get hurt. "Gus, you have long arms, you can take her down," he said.

Gus had long arms and he was strong.

Gus stepped back. He was shy.

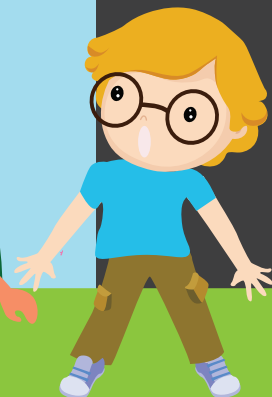
"No, Marco," he said. "I don't want to.

Everyone will laugh at my long arms."

Marco went to stand beside him.

"No, they won't," he said. "They need your help."

"Yes, please help Reena," Fai shouted.



Gus did not want the girl to fall.  
He went under the tree and stretched out  
his long arms. He held onto the girl's waist  
and pulled her down. He then pulled the kite  
free.



“Yay! You saved her!” Everyone shouted in excitement.  
“Let’s all cheer for our friend, Gus!” The children  
hugged Gus.

“Thank you for saving me,” said Reena. “You even  
got the kite for me. You are very special to  
me. Will you be my friend?”

“See?” Marco said. “Now you have two  
friends.”

The other kids surrounded him.



“You are so lucky to have so many long arms,” Zala said. “I wish I had arms like those.”  
“His arms saved Reena,” Fai said. “They are so cool.”  
Gus felt special. The kids looked at his arms and he made them glow.  
“Do you really like them?” He asked. The children nodded. “I can do a lot of fun things with them.”  
Gus spent the rest of the day with his new friends. They loved him for who he was.  
He would never feel sad and lonely again.



# ACTIVITY 1: I Spy

Match the words to the correct pictures.



Bush

Ball

Kite

Tears

Branch

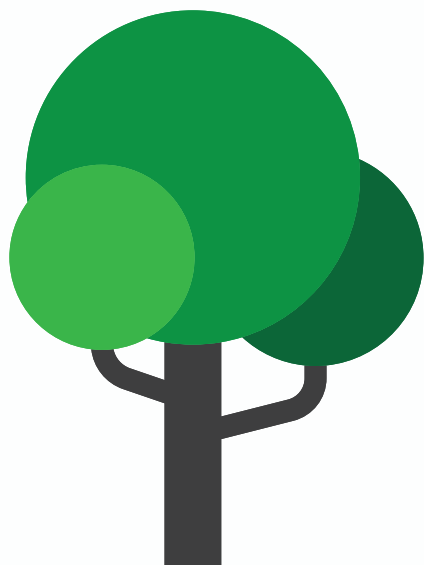
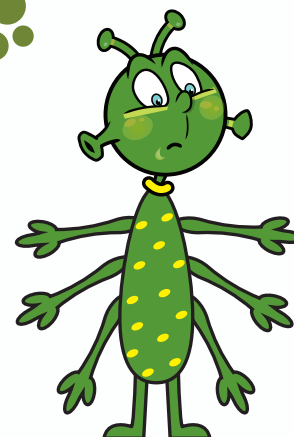
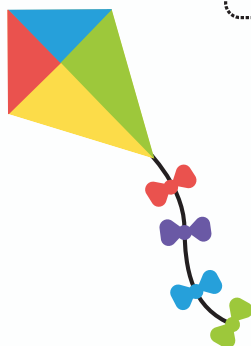
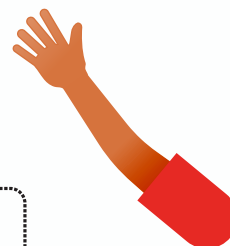
Boy

Alien

Tree

Arm

Girl



# ACTIVITY 2: Word Detective

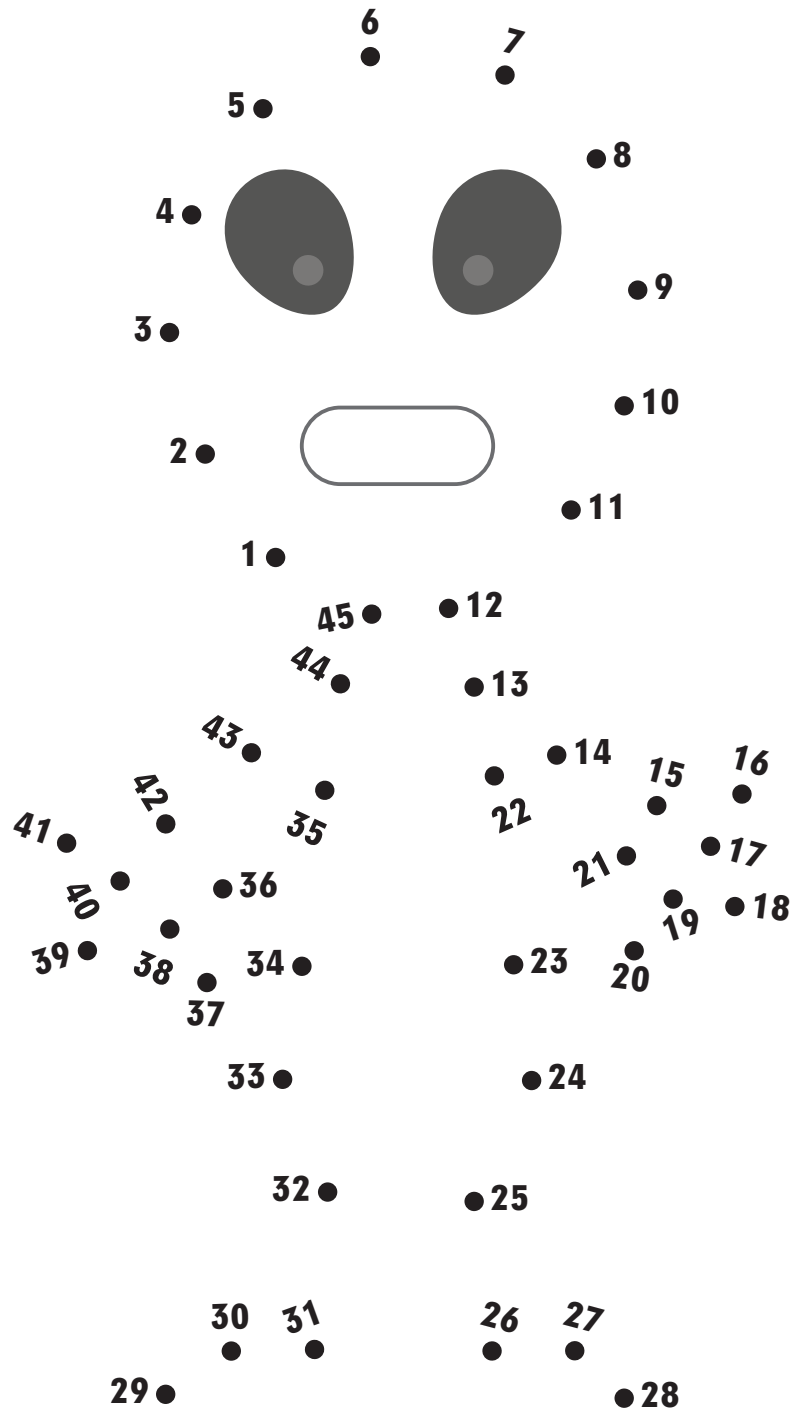
Find the correct letter for each number to make words.

A <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>8</sub>	N <sub>14</sub>	P <sub>16</sub>	F <sub>6</sub>	K <sub>11</sub>	I <sub>9</sub>
X <sub>24</sub>	J <sub>10</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>12</sub>	R <sub>18</sub>	V <sub>22</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>
G <sub>7</sub>	M <sub>13</sub>	W <sub>23</sub>	O <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	Z <sub>26</sub>	Q <sub>17</sub>
	E <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>25</sub>	S <sub>19</sub>	U <sub>21</sub>	

	Clue	Word
	Example: 2, 9, 7	Big
1	19, 9, 24	
2	2, 21,19, 8	
3	3, 15,13, 5	
4	16, 9, 3, 11	
5	1, 12, 9, 5, 14	
6	7, 18, 5, 5, 14	
7	1, 19, 11, 5, 4	
8	3, 15, 18, 14, 5, 18	
9	19, 1, 22, 5, 4	
10	10, 21, 13, 16, 5, 4	

## ACTIVITY 3: My Alien - 1

Connect the dots from 1- 45 and fill the picture with colours.





## ACTIVITY 4: My Alien - 2

Draw your own alien friend in the box below and introduce your alien friend to everyone.

Draw your own alien friend here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Favourite food: \_\_\_\_\_

Favourite game: \_\_\_\_\_

Favourite colour: \_\_\_\_\_

My alien friend likes to:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITY 5: Colour the Opposites

Help Zala find circles with opposite words and colour the circles with the same colour.



## ACTIVITY 6: Word Building

Help Reena and Fai build new words using the letters in the words 'Friend' and 'Excitement'.

Can you make some new words from the word 'friend'?  
Find them in the bush.

1. \_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_

Make some new words from the word 'Excitement.'

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



Dine

in

Fried

Fine

Rid

Ride

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Fire

Den

if

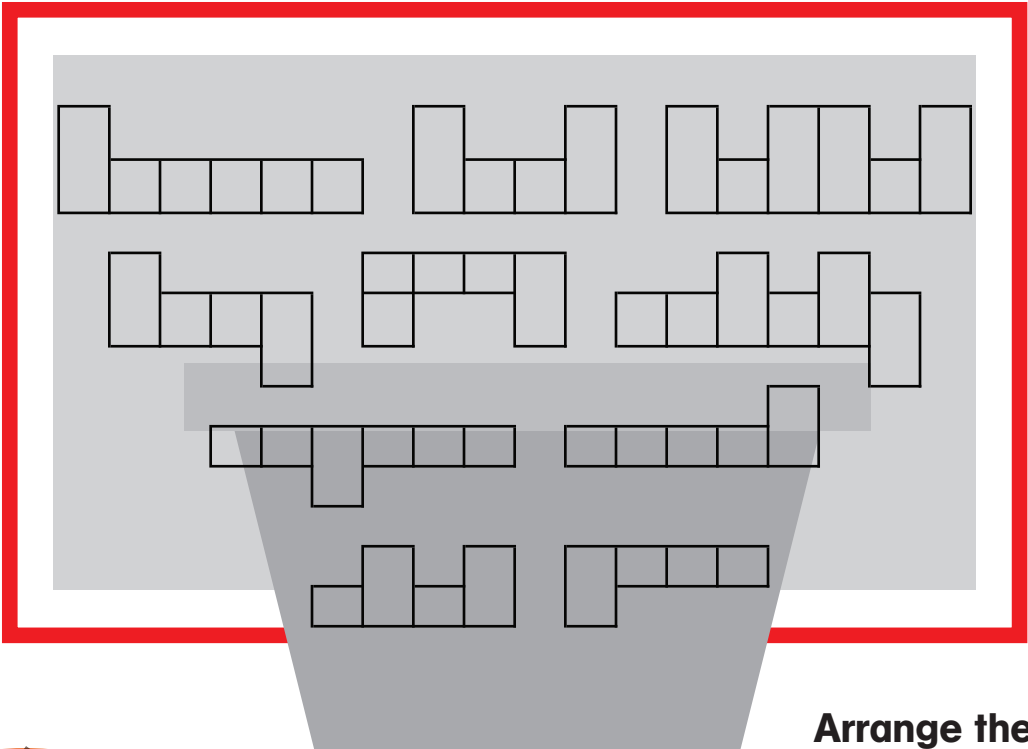
Fin

Red

End

# ACTIVITY 7: Word Puzzle

Use the words from the ball to fill in the boxes in the basketball stand.



Arrange the words from the ball in ABC order below:

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

## ACTIVITY 8: Rhyming Words

Choose the words from the kite that rhyme with the words in the cloud and write them in the box inside the cloud.

**Clouds with words and blank boxes for rhyming words:**


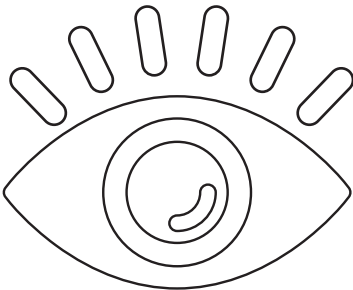
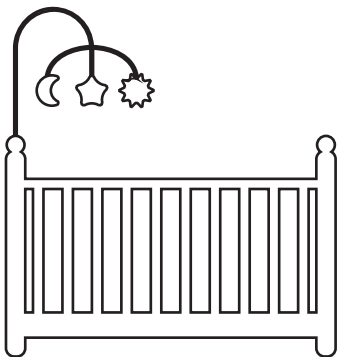
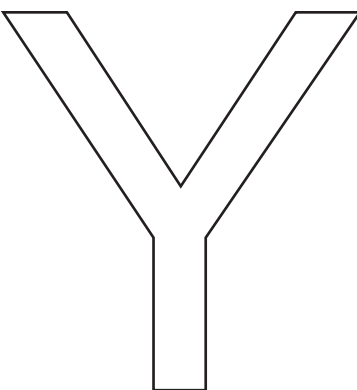


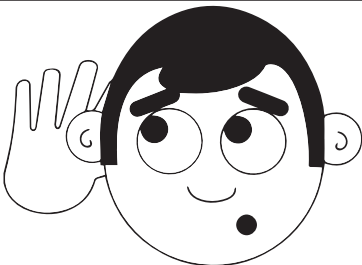
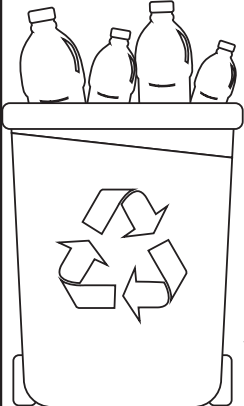

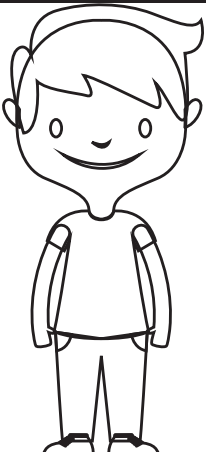
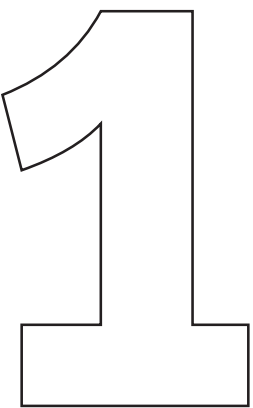
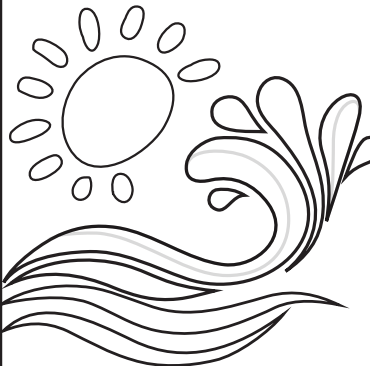
- Heard
- Ball
- Sound
- Face
- Boy
- Went
- Looked
- Hand
- Caught
- Screamed
- Ran
- Reach
- Waist
- Cheer

**Kite Sail Words:**

- Dear Word Bent
- Taste Bought
- Lace Band Toy
- Teach Tall Van
- Round Dream
- Booked

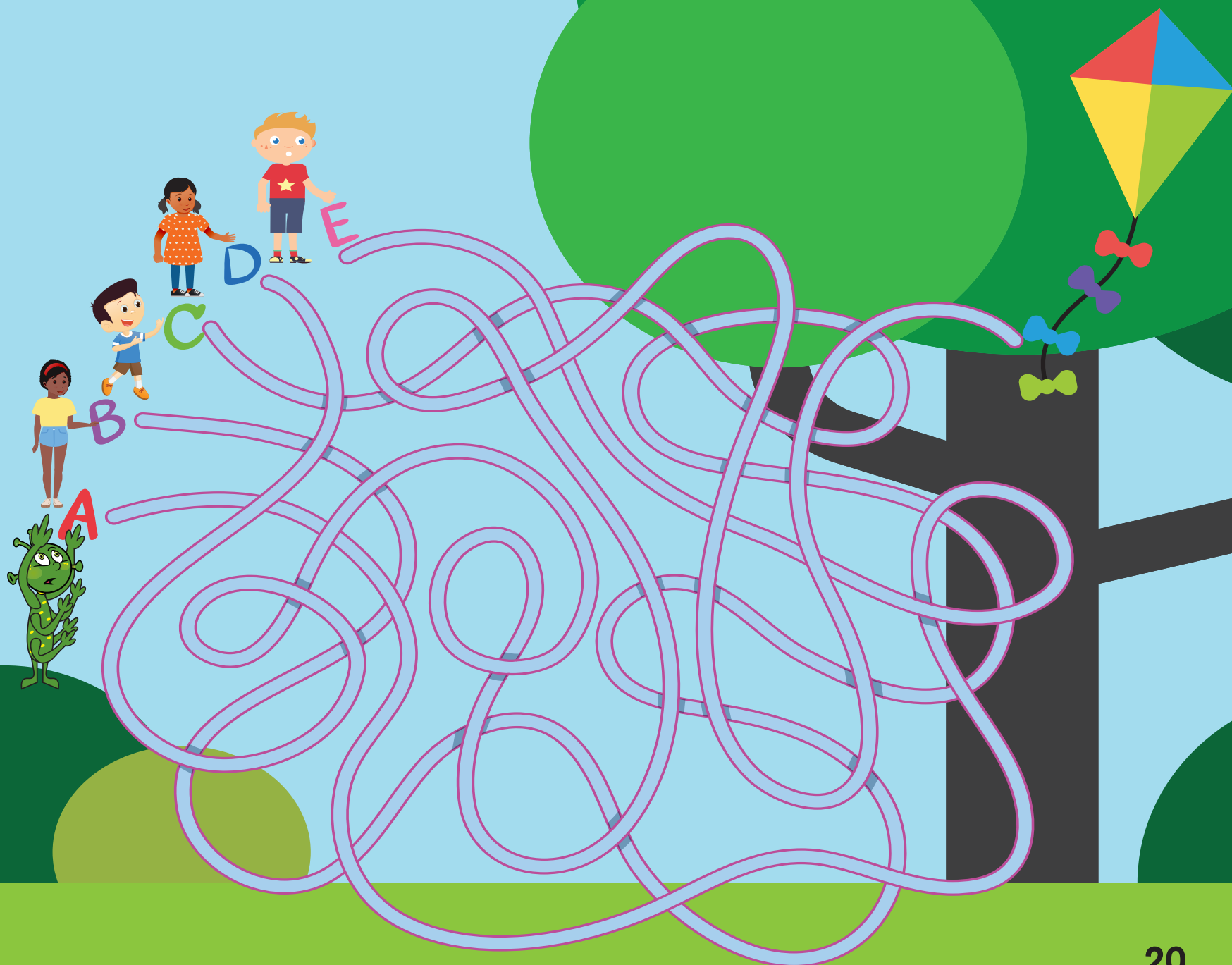
## ACTIVITY 9: Homophone Colouring Activity

Colour the picture, match it to the correct word and circle the word that sounds similar.

 <p>Court Coat Cold</p>	 <p>Eye I Tie</p>	 <p>Cost Cot Caught</p>	 <p>Y Whey Why</p>
 <p>Two Tow Too</p>	 <p>Bean Bee Be</p>	 <p>Hear Here Her</p>	 <p>Wait Waist Waste</p>
 <p>Knew New Knee</p>	 <p>Boy Bye Buoy</p>	 <p>One Own Won</p>	 <p>She Sea See</p>

## ACTIVITY 10: Kite Puzzle

Who is holding the right string for the kite - Marco, Reena, Fai, Zala or Gus?





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