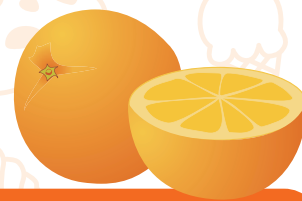


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Storytelling – Big Letter O Wants Some Oranges

Big Letter O went to pick oranges to make orange juice for the teacher. There were many kinds of fruit trees in the forest, like apple trees, pear trees and orange trees. It took him some time to find an orange tree. He picked five oranges from an orange tree and put them into his bag.

Big Letter O went home with the oranges. On his way home, Big Letter O tripped over a stone. He dropped his bag and all the oranges rolled into the sea. Big Letter O wanted to pick up the oranges from the sea but he could not swim. At this moment, Big Letter O saw an octopus in the sea. The octopus swam very well, so Big Letter O asked the octopus to help him pick up the oranges from the sea.

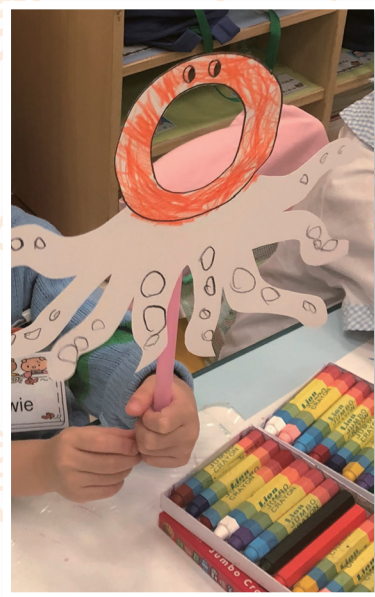
The octopus could not see the oranges. What would Big Letter O do? Big Letter O pointed to one of the oranges and shouted, **‘Octopus, Octopus, an orange there!’** He told the octopus where the orange was in the sea. The octopus picked up one orange with one of his long arms and gave the orange to Big Letter O. Big Letter O said ‘thank you’ to the octopus.

Big Letter O shouted, **‘Octopus, Octopus, an orange there’** again and again until all the oranges were picked up from the sea. Big Letter O thanked the octopus for his help and said goodbye. Big Letter O brought the oranges home and made orange juice for the teacher.



Extended activities related to the story

- Game: Picking oranges
 - Make use of the fruit trees used in the story above by putting them on the board.
 - Allow each child 10 seconds (counting from 1 to 10) to pick as many oranges (cutouts) as he/she can from the orange tree.
 - Guide the class to count the number of oranges each child has picked each round.
- Art-and-craft activity: Making a paper octopus
 - Give each child a pre-cut octopus-shaped template.
 - Colour the letter O.
 - Have children draw circles (like the letter o) on the tentacles of the octopus.
 - Let children stick movable eyes on the octopus (optional).



Real-life experience activity – Making orange juice

- Tell children that you want to make orange juice with them today.
- Invite Small Letter o to provide children with oranges for making orange juice.
- Invite Small Letter o to teach children how to make orange juice with the oranges.
- Invite children to make orange juice by guiding them to:
 - take half of an orange (which is cut by the teacher in front of the children).
 - squeeze the orange on the juice squeezer.
 - pour the orange juice into a cup.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: orange, orange juice.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., orange, orange juice).
- Invite Small Letter o to drink the orange juice with children.



Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Making edible Os using cookie dough and sharing the letter O cookies with others
- Dipping Oreo cookies in warm milk and eating them as snacks
- Organising An Orange Day
 - Have children wear something orange to school.
 - Have children show and talk about a belonging that is orange.
 - Let children have orange flavoured snacks such as orange jelly.
- Singing a song
Squeeze The Oranges (Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
 Squeeze, squeeze, squeeze the oranges,
 Squeeze them all this way.
 We can have some orange juice
 on a sunny/cloudy/rainy day.

Suggested books



| Book Title | Author(s) | ISBN |
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| 1. <i>ABC of Orange Things : A Rhyming Children's Picture Book</i> | Alexander Jordan | 9798722550897 |
| 2. <i>AlphaTales (Letter O: Olive the Octopus's Day of Juggling)</i> | Liza Charlesworth | 9780439165389 |
| 3. <i>I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean!</i> | Kevin Sherry | 9780803735293 |
| 4. <i>The Big O Book</i> | Jacque Lynne Hawkins | 9781499792669 |