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THEATER IN EDUCATION
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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THEATER

DEAR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS,

Welcome to First Stage's online Education resource page. Every Tuesday, First Stage's Education Department will upload new content based on past First Stage productions for families to explore together. Each week we will include games and activities meant to spark imagination and dramatic play in new and engaging ways. These resources are free for you to use, and we encourage you to share these activities with others who you think would like to play along! Share your dramatic play shots with us at **#FSathome**

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Sally and her brother are home alone and stuck inside on a rainy day. They are bored and don't know what to do. But then, the Cat in the Hat arrives! He is always up to mischief and turns Sally and her brother's house upside down with his wacky adventures! The Cat in the Hat's has crazy antics, speaks only in rhyme, and teaches Sally and her brother that "it's fun to have fun, but you have to know how!"



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- The story of The Cat in the Hat takes place on a rainy day. What kinds of activities do you like to do when it rains?
- The Cat in the Hat has a lot of rhyming words. What words rhyme with CAT? Do any words rhyme with your name?
- The Cat in the Hat says, "it's fun to have fun, but you have to know how." How do you have fun with your friends and family?

CATS PATTERNED CAP

ACTOR TOOLS: Body, Imagination

TIME: 10-15 minutes

MATERIALS: Coloring Sheet (on next page)

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 1+

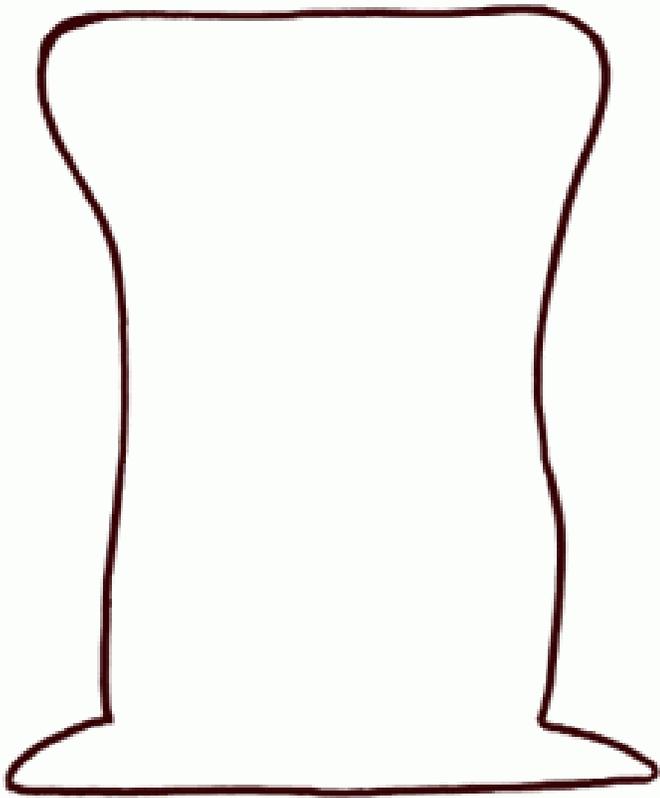


Everyone always immediately recognizes the red-and-white striped hat worn by The Cat in the Hat! When you see that hat, you know some silly fun is coming your way! Did you ever notice that the stripes on his hat are a pattern? A pattern is an order that is repeated at least twice. The Cat wears a striped hat that has a color pattern of red, white, red, white. Can you find any patterns in the room around you? Do any of your clothes have patterns? What animals have patterns? On the sheet below you will see a few of Cat's hats, but they are missing a design. OH NO! That is where you come in. You get to be the designer! Can you create a pattern for Cat's hats? You can use any colors or shapes you want!

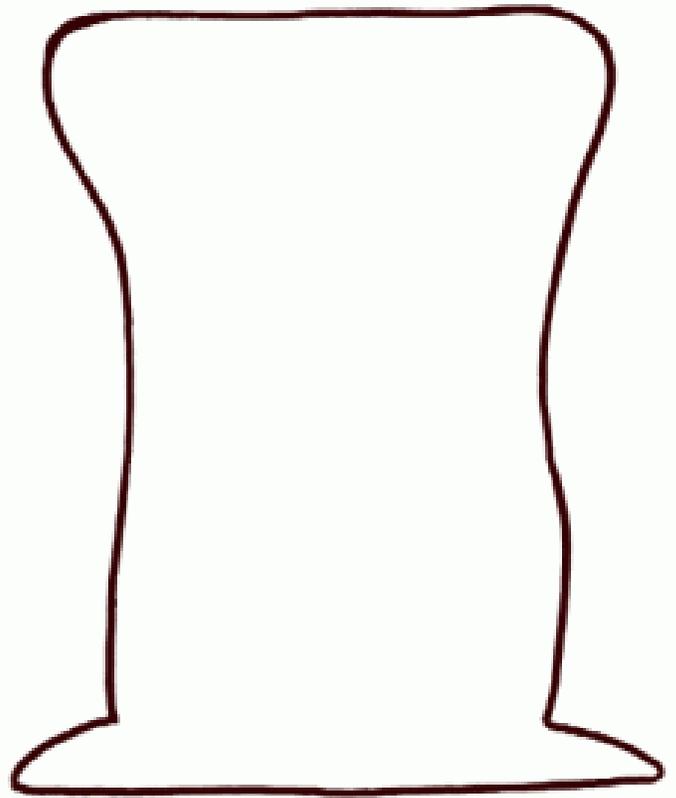
***BONUS CHALLENGE:** can you create movement patterns: walk, run, walk, run; skip, turn, hop, skip, turn, hop.

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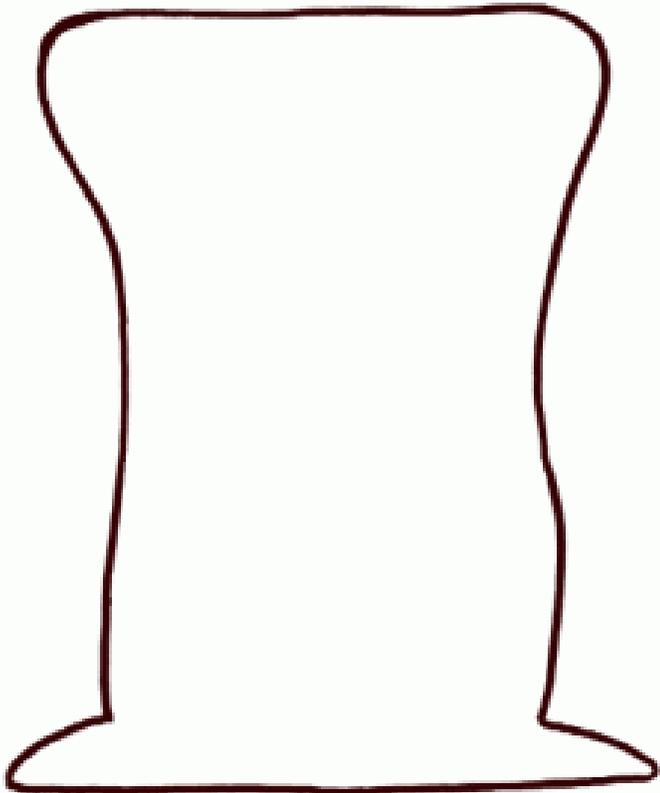
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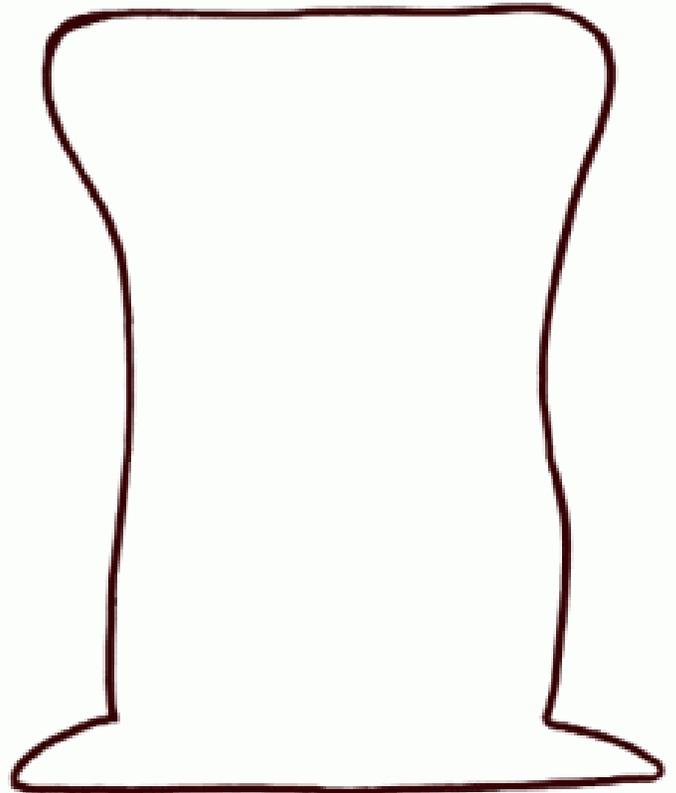
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GAMES CHARADES

ACTOR TOOLS: Body, Imagination

TIME: 5-10 minutes

MATERIALS: None!

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2+

Sally and her brother are stuck inside on a rainy day. They are feeling bored! The Cat in the Hat arrives, and he knows a lot of fun games to play! Sally and her brother think some of his games are a little silly, but they are definitely not bored anymore! Can you think of a few games you like to play? What toys do you like to play with on a rainy day? What do you like to play outside on a sunny day? DON'T TELL US! Get a partner or a group of players together and we will play Games Charades!

DIRECTIONS:

- Pick someone who will start the game as the actor. Everyone else playing will be a guesser.
- The actor will think of a game or toy they like to play with and begin to pantomime it. Pantomime is when we act something out without the use of words or props.
- The guessers will try and guess what game you are playing or what toy you are using.
- After the guessers have correctly guessed your game, then someone else gets a turn to be the actor!
- Here are some ideas to get you started:
 - Playing Basketball
 - Hula Hooping
 - Blowing Bubbles
 - Playing with a yo-yo
 - Riding your bike

RHYME TIME



ACTOR TOOLS: Concentration, Imagination

TIME: 5-10 minutes

MATERIALS: None!

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2+

The Cat and the Hat loves to rhyme! Rhyming is when two words have similar sounds in them. We can find rhymes all throughout our story. Even his name rhymes: Cat and Hat both end with the -at sound. You know what else often has a lot of rhyming words? SONGS! You are going to take the rhymes you discover and put them in a song!

- Come up with a rhyme. Can you think of a rhyming word for any of these words: dog, whale, fish, or fox.
- Watch the video and one of our Teaching Artists will teach you the melody of the song! Here are the words:

Oh, a-hunting we will go, a-hunting we will go.

We'll take a _____ and put it in a _____. **(pause)**

And then will let it go.

- Sing the song and add in your rhyming words into the blank spaces
- Some of your songs may sound silly! But that is okay. The Cat in the Hat LOVES to be silly!
- See how many different rhyming pairs you can create. If you have a super good one, share it with us on social media with [#FSathome](#)

POP UP STORY



ACTOR TOOLS: Imagination, Body, Concentration

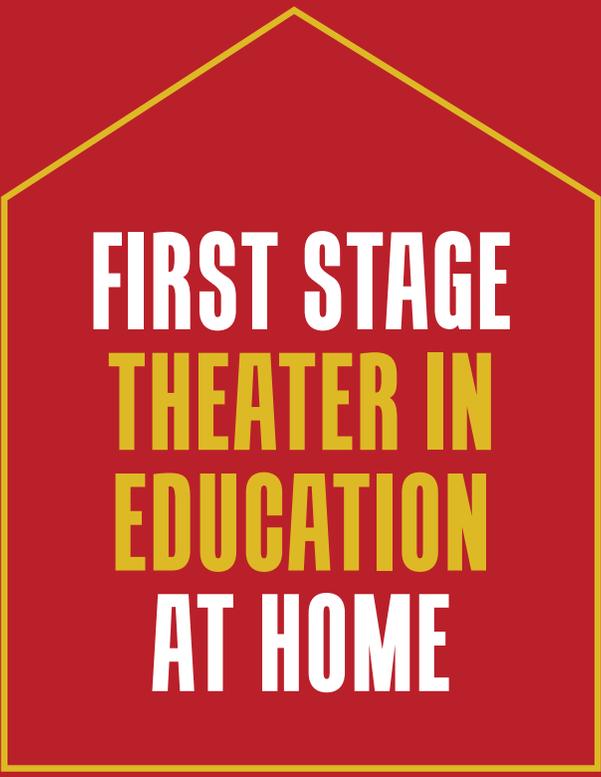
TIME: 5-10 minutes

MATERIALS: None!

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2+

The Cat in the Hat is a very exciting story! The Cat does a balancing act that's incredible but scary, too. A box is delivered with Thing 1 and Thing 2. Cat makes a big mess which makes them all blue. Mom is coming home, and they don't know what to do! Cat comes in and cleans, which saves the day. Mom asks, "What happened?", but they decide not to say! So many fun images and activities you wish you could be right there in the story. NOW YOU CAN! You are going to POP-UP and use your body and imagination to become a 3D picture that matches the story, just like in a pop-up storybook!

- Watch the video of the Teaching Artist and follow along with the prompts for this POP-UP storybook activity.
- Start by sitting criss-cross applesauce.
- Our Teaching Artist will give you a sentence from the story. Pay attention because you will need to create a picture based on this sentence.
- The Teaching Artist will yell "POP-UP!".
- You jump up and create a picture with your body as the Teaching Artist counts down 3-2-1 FREEZE! Make sure you are totally frozen like a storybook picture until the Teaching Artist says you can sit back down.
- Sit down and get ready for the next round of POP-UP!
- Are there other parts of the story you for which you would like to create a POP-UP picture? We would love to see them! Take a picture of your most creative POP-UP picture and share it with us on social media by using [#FSathome](#)



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