



Long Activity
Ages 6–12
10–40 minutes

Puzzle and Challenge Printables

Description

A series of challenges, including word searches, a crossword puzzle, a silly story, and tongue twisters

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

Any type of space where participants can be seated to do a worksheet

Competencies

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Letter recognition
- Understanding and appreciation of Indigenous languages
- Written communication skills

Materials

- Printouts of the puzzle and challenge worksheets
- Pencils or pens
- Crayons, pencil crayons, or markers

Implementation

These worksheets can be included as part of a scheduled program or can be used as a passive activity in which you leave the printouts out for kids to complete at any time.

Print the desired number of worksheets:

- [Dinosaur Word Search](#)

Instructions: Participants search for and circle the dinosaur names in the jumble of letters. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards

- [Storyteller Skye: Ojibway Word Search](#)

Instructions: Participants search for and circle the Ojibway words in the jumble of letters. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards

- [Animal Crossword Puzzle](#)

Instructions: Participants read the numbered clues and write the answer in the spot marked by that number in the crossword puzzle. Clues are marked as either across or down

- [Silly Story: How Do Dinosaurs Use the Library?](#)

Instructions: This worksheet should be printed double-sided. Participants fill in words based on the prompts on the first side of the sheet. Next, they flip the page over and write their word choices in the corresponding boxes and then read the story. This activity can be done individually or in pairs.

- [Tongue Twisters](#)

Instructions: Kids try to say these tongue twisters, and the faster they try to say them, the harder it gets! The tongue twisters can be read aloud by one person for another person to try.

Accessibility Considerations

- The worksheets contain large font
- We have included a variety of worksheet options so staff and participants can pick whatever is most appealing and/or suitable for them
- Kids can be encouraged to work in teams if desired; for example, while working on the crossword puzzle, it is not necessary for all participants to write, but everyone can contribute guesses to the clues
- Consider using the tongue twisters as an alternative for children who may have difficulty with completing pencil-and-paper worksheets; the tongue twisters can be read aloud a single time slowly by one person for another person to try multiple times quickly

Book Suggestions

Big as a Giant Snail: Discovering the World's Most Gigantic Animals by Jess Keating and David DeGrand

Extremely Gross Animals: Stinky, Slimy and Strange Animal Adaptations by Claire Eamer

Set Your Alarm, Sloth!: More Advice for Troubled Animals from Dr. Glider by Jess Keating and Pete Oswald

Storyteller Skye: Teachings from My Ojibway Grandfather by Lindsay Christina King and Carolyn Frank

That's No Dino! Or is it?: What Makes a Dinosaur a Dinosaur by Helaine Becker and Marie-Ève Tremblay

Wow in the Wild: The Amazing World of Animals by Mindy Thomas, Guy Raz, and Jack Teagle

Download Links

Full Activity PDF

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