

Perky Pets

Kitty's Dinner

Passing

For this whole-group activity, partially fill a small plastic bowl with cereal pieces (cat food). Have youngsters sit in a circle. Then hand the bowl to a child. Prompt him to meow and then pass the bowl to his neighbor, who meows in return. Have students continue passing the bowl until it makes a complete revolution around the circle.



In Fishy's Bowl

Traveling

Invite each youngster to pretend she is a fish who is enjoying a pleasant swim around her fishbowl. Announce a direction—such as forward, backward, to the side, or in circles—and instruct her to swim in the stated direction. Play continues for several rounds.

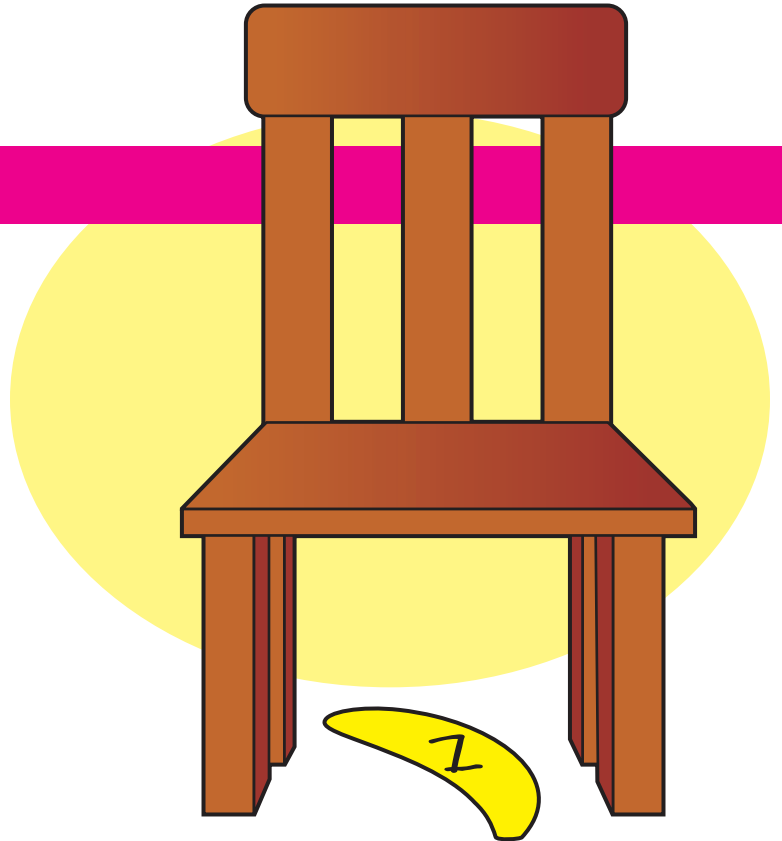
Zoo Fun!



Monkey Munch

Multiple movements

Arrange chairs in a large square (cage) with the seats facing in. Place a banana cutout labeled with a desired letter under each chair. Gather youngsters in the cage. Have each child pretend to be a monkey using movements such as jumping, hopping, bending, swaying, and moving her arms up and down. Next, chant, "Monkey munch! It's time for lunch!" Then have each child take a seat and remove the banana from under her chair. In turn, have each student identify the letter and then place the banana back under the chair.



Peanut Pass

Passing

Divide the students into two teams. Then have team members stand side by side with space between them. Place an equal number of large craft foam peanut cutouts at one end of each line and a pail at the opposite end. Have each student pretend to be an elephant by extending his arms forward so they resemble a trunk. On your signal, have the elephants use their trunks to pass the peanut down the line. Then have the last elephant in line drop the peanut in the pail. Continue until each team has all of its peanuts in its pail.

