



About the Book

Learning how to follow directions, a skill essential to learning and daily living, requires practice. And what better way to help students feel confident than to provide them with opportunities to read and complete tasks on their own!

Every activity in this book requires the student to be a careful and critical reader. Directional words, colour words, number words and basic instructional words are stressed throughout the book. Most of the activities include a picture, pertinent information and directions for the student to follow in order to complete and/or enhance the picture.

Since the underlying theme used throughout the book is different cultures, we hope that you and your students will enjoy following the directions to learn more about holidays, customs and children in other countries.

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How to Use the Book

The first step in being able to follow written directions is the ability to read the words. You may wish to read over each activity before assigning it to your students. Determine if there are any words your students may have difficulty reading or comprehending. Introduce these words to the students so that they will feel more confident when doing the page independently.



Adapt the way you use these activities to meet your needs. You may use them as assignments for the entire class, small groups or individuals. The topics of the activities allow for flexibility and are easily used as supplementary material with any reading series.

As you are fully aware, grade three and four students have a very diverse and broad span of reading abilities and skill levels. You might wish to try assigning the pages to cooperative learning groups. Have the students take turns reading the sentences aloud as each student in the group then completes the tasks. Or, perhaps have the members of each group work independently with a strong reader assigned to the group to help the other children with any difficult words.

Many classrooms have students for which English is a second language. Ask an older student, who is proficient in English, to help the ESL students pronounce the words and discuss the pictures. This would be an ideal opportunity for the students to increase their English vocabulary and to even learn a little more about the way of life in our country.



These pages may also be used in learning stations, as quiet activities before school for those students who arrive early at school or for students who must stay inside during recess. Included here are only a few suggestions of how to use this book in your classroom. Do not, by any means, feel limited to these suggestions. Rather, use the activities in a way that best meets the needs of you and your students.



Algeria



This African country has some areas that are dry desert and some areas where water is available. In these areas where water prevails, trees are grown for shade, leaves and food. Many children work to collect dates that fall from these trees. Then, they use them to make 'Ka'k Tamr' (nutty date delight). Here's how you can make it too!

1. Gather the ingredients listed:

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. butter	1 c. flour
1 c. sugar	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
3 eggs	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. dates (chopped)
1 tsp. vanilla	1 c. walnuts (chopped)
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 c. almonds (chopped)
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt	

2. Preheat oven to 180°.
3. Wash your hands.
4. Place the first 6 ingredients in a bowl. Mix well.
5. Add the flour and baking powder. Mix again.
6. Add dates and nuts. Mix again.
7. Grease a 20cm x 30cm pan.
8. Pour mixture in a pan and bake for 30 minutes.
9. Cut into squares and cool.
10. Enjoy!



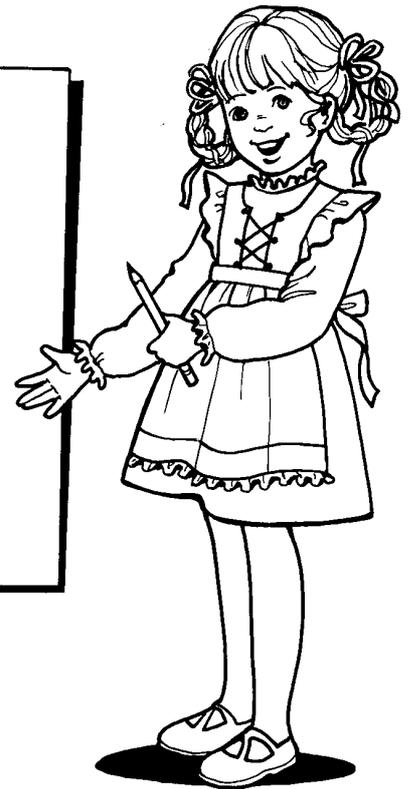
*Teachers: This may be a homework project with the whole family!



Austria



1 eins	6 sechs
2 zwei	7 sieben
3 drei	8 acht
4 vier	9 neun
5 funf	10 zehn



Hans lives in northern Austria. He goes to school all year long. Every three months he gets a three-week holiday. His class studies the same subjects that you do, including maths. However, their numbers are written in their language, German. Follow the directions below using the German words.

1. List the even numbers. _____

2. Write an addition problem including the answer. _____

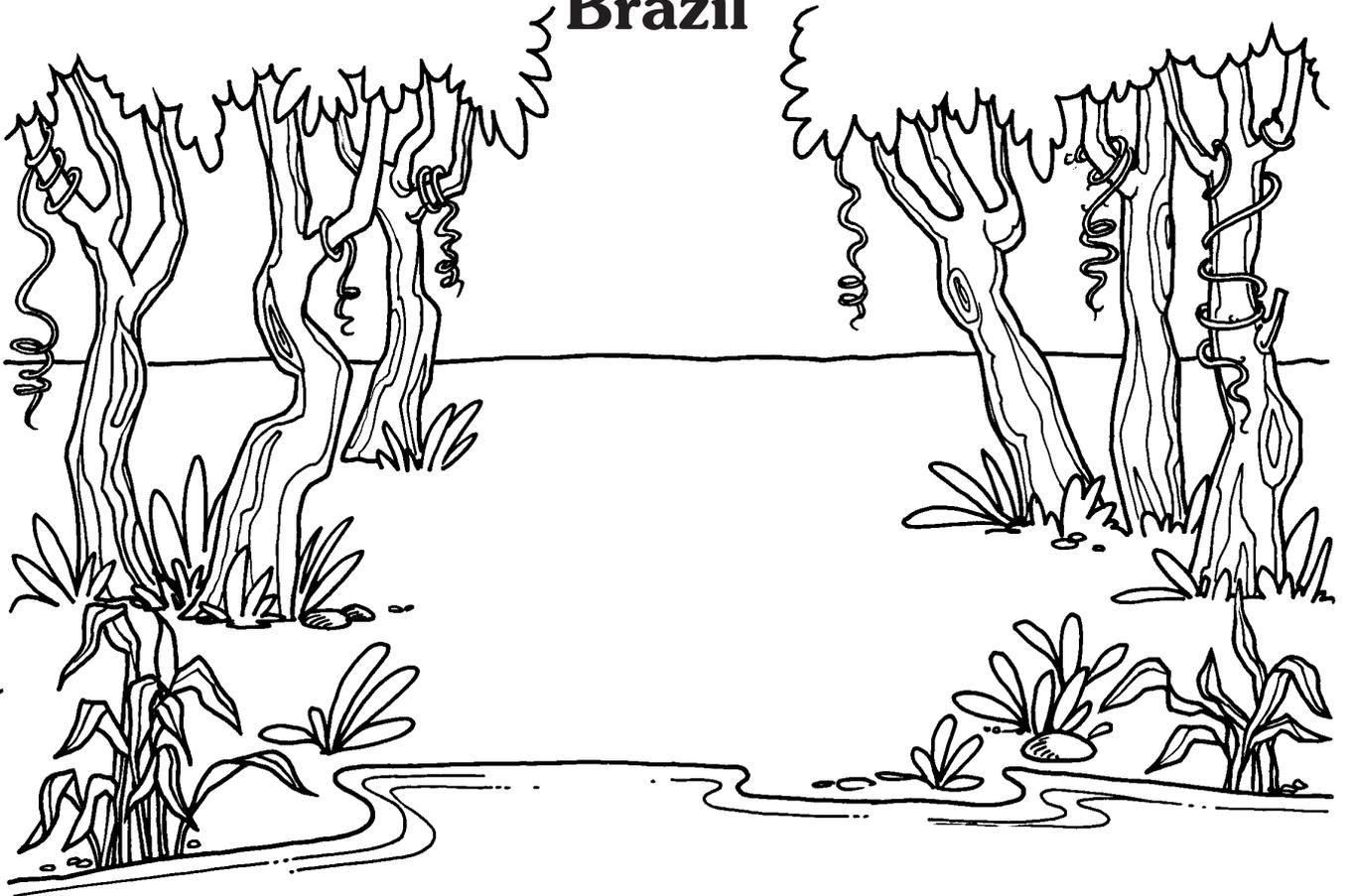
3. Write your age. _____
4. Circle the numbers with three vowels. _____
5. Write the number of family members you have. _____
6. Write the number in your street address. _____

7. Draw a box around the numbers in today's date including month and year.
8. Write the odd numbers in order from the largest number. _____

9. Answer: vier x zwei = _____
10. Write your phone number. _____



Brazil



Brazil is located in South America. It is the fifth largest country in the world. This country is partially covered by rainforests in which thousands of different plants and animals live. However, many of these animals could become extinct because of the greedy people destroying the rainforests for their timber. Follow the directions below to discover some of the animals that live in the rainforest.

1. Draw a jungle pig (called a tapir) hiding in the leaves.
2. Draw a jaguar lying on the ground.
3. Draw a parrot in the trees.
4. Draw an anaconda snake on the riverbank.
5. Draw spiders on the trees and on the ground.
6. Draw fish in the river.
7. Draw an alligator in the river.
8. Draw butterflies in the air.
9. Draw an Indian in the trees.
10. Colour your rainforest and its animals.

