Surf’s Up!

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** Award-Winning Fun **

Special SUMMER Edition

Can you find two bananas?

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Surf’s Up!
If this bear could talk, what do you think it would be saying?

I’m beary wet. Pass me a towel.

Brrr, that water is cold!

Oh, no! I lost my swim trunks.

Scan this code to vote for your favorite saying.

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Shark Bites

Use the clues to figure out which shark is named Sidney.

1. Sammy has a big mouth.
2. Sherri is a lemon shark.
3. Sidney does not have stripes.
4. Sidney does not have a pointy snout.

Look Again
How many sharks can you count?
Look-Alikes

What do these animals have in common?
They all are named after the thing they look like.

A parrotfish uses its parrot-like beak to bite and crush pieces of coral.

A sea star lives on the bottom of the ocean. But it’s shaped like the stars in the sky.

A spoonbill stirs up dinner with its spoon-like bill. It’s the perfect shape for scooping up fish.
Get out your pencils!
Guess each animal’s name. If you need help, look at the objects shown across the bottom of the page.

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_________ spider  __________ bug  __________ grasshopper

___________ slug

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NAME
GAME

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Find a friend and race to see who will come in first on the Snail Trail.

**Snail Trail**

1. You'll need a coin and two game markers. (Buttons work well.)
2. Decide who will be Rocket and who will be Speedy. Place a marker on each snail.
3. Take turns flipping the coin. Heads moves two spaces; tails moves one space.
4. If you land on a space with instructions, do what it says.
5. The first snail to make it to the finish line wins.

**How to Play**

**Stop to nibble on a leaf. Lose one turn.**

**Creep past a hungry box turtle. Go forward two spaces.**

**Spot a tasty lettuce leaf. Go forward one space.**

**Wait for a toad to hop away. Lose one turn.**

**The coast is clear. Take an extra turn.**

**Hide from a hedgehog. Go back one space.**

ILLUSTRATION BY ANDY J. SMITH
Move Like an Animal

Hop like a kangaroo.

Wiggle like a seal.

Waddle like a penguin.

Slither like a snake.

Watch other animals move, and move like them, too!
My Favorite WILD SPOT

You can see more on our website: RangerRick.org/rickysmail.

Check out some of the outdoor places our readers like to go.

A field of sunflowers —Isaisha

The beach in Florida —Jeffrey

Up in a tree —Benji

The woods near my house —Lily

Wherever I’m fishing with my daddy —Isabella

Bonita Peak in Colorado —John

The fort I built with branches —William

Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska —Brook and Rowan

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A-Mazing Sea Creatures
Wind your way through the sea creatures to reach the treasure at the bottom of the ocean.

Can you find the green octopus?

TO MAKE THIS BOOK:
1. Cut along the red dotted lines so you have three panels.
2. Fold each panel along the solid blue line.
3. Place the panels inside each other so that the page numbers read from 1 to 10.
4. Once the pages are in order, staple the outside of the book so the panels do not fall out.
5. Have your child write his or her name on the cover.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ALTON LANGFORD

SUMMERTIME

It's a good time to go swimming.

It's a good time to stay up late.

It's a good time to dig in the sand.

It's a good time to pick berries.

ILLUSTRATION BY BARBARA GIBSON

My Little Book

This Little Book belongs to
Ricky’s Walk
Fill in the blanks to finish the story.

Ricky Raccoon and Flora Skunk were taking a walk on a ___________ day.

“Look,” said Flora. She pointed to a ___________. The animal was ___________ and smelled like ___________.

“That’s really cool,” said Ricky. “Let’s keep walking to see what else we can find.”

Ricky and Flora stopped to smell some flowers. A ___________ jumped out of the bushes and landed on Flora’s ___________. “Yikes!” she yelled.

Flora’s scream startled the animal. It let out a loud ___________ and then it ___________ away.

“Let’s follow it and see where it is going,” said Ricky. The friends ran as fast as they could, but they couldn’t catch up.

“Oh, well,” said Flora. “Let’s go get some ___________. I’m hungry.”

“OK,” said Ricky. “I’m hungry, too.” The friends walked along until they came to a ___________.

“Hey, look who’s here!” said Flora. The two animals they had seen earlier were eating ___________ and ___________.

“I guess we weren’t the only ones who were hungry!” said Ricky with a giggle.
Both of these animals have long snouts and love to slurp up ants. But they aren’t related.

Look at their fur coats. An anteater has a shaggy tail and more hair.

Look at their ears. An aardvark has much bigger ears.

Anteaters live in South America. Aardvarks live in Africa.
Ladybug Pals

What you need
- medium-size pom-poms (red, orange, and yellow)
- small black pom-poms
- black felt
- black pipe cleaners
- googly eyes (two for each ladybug)
- craft glue
- scissors

Some people think that ladybugs bring good luck. See how lucky you are when you make a whole bunch of ladybugs.

What you do
1. Cut a pipe cleaner so that you have a 3-inch-long piece. Bend the cut piece into a “V” shape.
2. Glue the bottom of the “V” shape between one medium pom-pom and one small black pom-pom. Hold together for 60 seconds to allow the glue to stick.
3. Cut tiny circles out of the black felt to make spots. Glue the spots onto the ladybug’s back.
4. Glue two googly eyes onto the ladybug’s face.
5. Bend tops of pipe cleaner to make antennas.

Ladybug Match

Look closely at each row of ladybugs. Find the two ladybugs that are the same in each row.
Go wild this summer and spend a night outside—in your backyard, a nearby campground, or the woods.

**Pitch a tent.**

**Take a hike.**

**Cook over a campfire.**

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**CAMPFIRE Banana Boats**

**What you need**
- bananas
- pieces of chocolate
- mini marshmallows
- foil

**What you do**
1. With the peel still on, cut a slit lengthwise along the inside curve of a banana. Do not cut all the way through.
2. Open the slit to form a pocket and fill the banana with pieces of chocolate and mini marshmallows.
3. Wrap the banana with a piece of foil, making sure the opening is on top.
4. Grill over your campfire for about five minutes or until the toppings are melted.
5. Grab a spoon and dig in!

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**Shadow Puppets**

**What you need**
- animal shapes pattern (Go to RangerRick.org/shadowpuppet to download a pattern.)
- construction paper
- wooden craft sticks
- scissors, glue, and a hole punch
- flashlight

**What you do**
1. Use the pattern to cut animal shapes out of construction paper.
2. Use the hole punch to give the animals eyes or a design.
3. Glue the animals onto the craft sticks.
4. Hold the puppets in front of the flashlight so they cast shadows on the inside of your tent. Act out a story with the shadows.

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**Have fun making this easy campfire treat.**
Put a chill into summer with these icy treats.

What you do
1. Make snow-cone juice. (See recipes.)
2. Crush ice using a blender or food processor.
3. Fill cup with crushed ice. Pour juice over the ice.

Snow-Cone Juice
1. Pick a recipe.
2. Combine all the ingredients in a blender.
3. Blend on slow, steady speed to make juice.

Enjoy!

Blueberry/Pineapple/Grape
- 1/3 cup blueberries
- canned pineapple (4–5 chunks and 1/3 cup juice)
- 1 cup grape juice

Strawberry/Pineapple/Orange
- 5–6 fresh strawberries
- canned pineapple (4–5 chunks and 1/3 cup juice)
- 1 cup orange juice

Game Answers

Enjoy!
Hyena Cubs

By Jennifer Bové

We played all day.
Now we need a nap.
The ground is hard and dusty.
Can we climb in your lap?