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WITH JAY!  
FUN AND GAMES  
FOR LITTLE  
READERS

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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- *Play With Jay!* contains 21 fun activities that promote curiosity and imagination.
- Monsters, magic and mazes...there's something for everyone in this creative conversation starter.
- Early learning concepts include letters, numbers, shapes, comparisons and feelings.
- With no answer key, the open-ended prompts leave room for discussion and creativity.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR



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**Pascale Bonenfant** uses drawing, collage, watercolors and sometimes screen printing to create her playful works of art. Her work has appeared in a wide range of exhibitions and publications, including more than a dozen books. Her first book, *Le parapluie jaune*, written by Lili Chartrand, won third prize in the prestigious Concours Lux 2011 (Livre Jeunesse). Originally from Rimouski, Quebec, Pascale now teaches graphic design in Quebec City.

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# PLAY WITH JAY!

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For my three darlings, Mati, Jo and Frigou

I'm Jay the bear.  
Here are my friends  
Nora the bunny and  
Clementine the bird.



Would you like to play with us?

# YUM!

Where do all these delicious foods come from?





An animal? A plant? A tree?  
Do they grow under the ground or above it?

# LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET





Can you help our friends put  
the letters in the right order?  
Can you find the letters of your name?

# EMOTIONS

How do you think Jay is feeling?  
What about Nora? Sad, silly, calm,  
happy, mad, surprised, tired?



How are you feeling today?



# WHAT DID YOU SAY ?



Can you tell the nice words from the not-so-nice words?



Nora is with Flora, her *almost* identical twin sister.  
Can you spot their differences?

# PAIRING UP

Some things are made to be used together.





All the objects on the left-hand page (except one!) are meant to be used with an object on the right-hand page. Can you find the matches?

# JUNK DRAWER

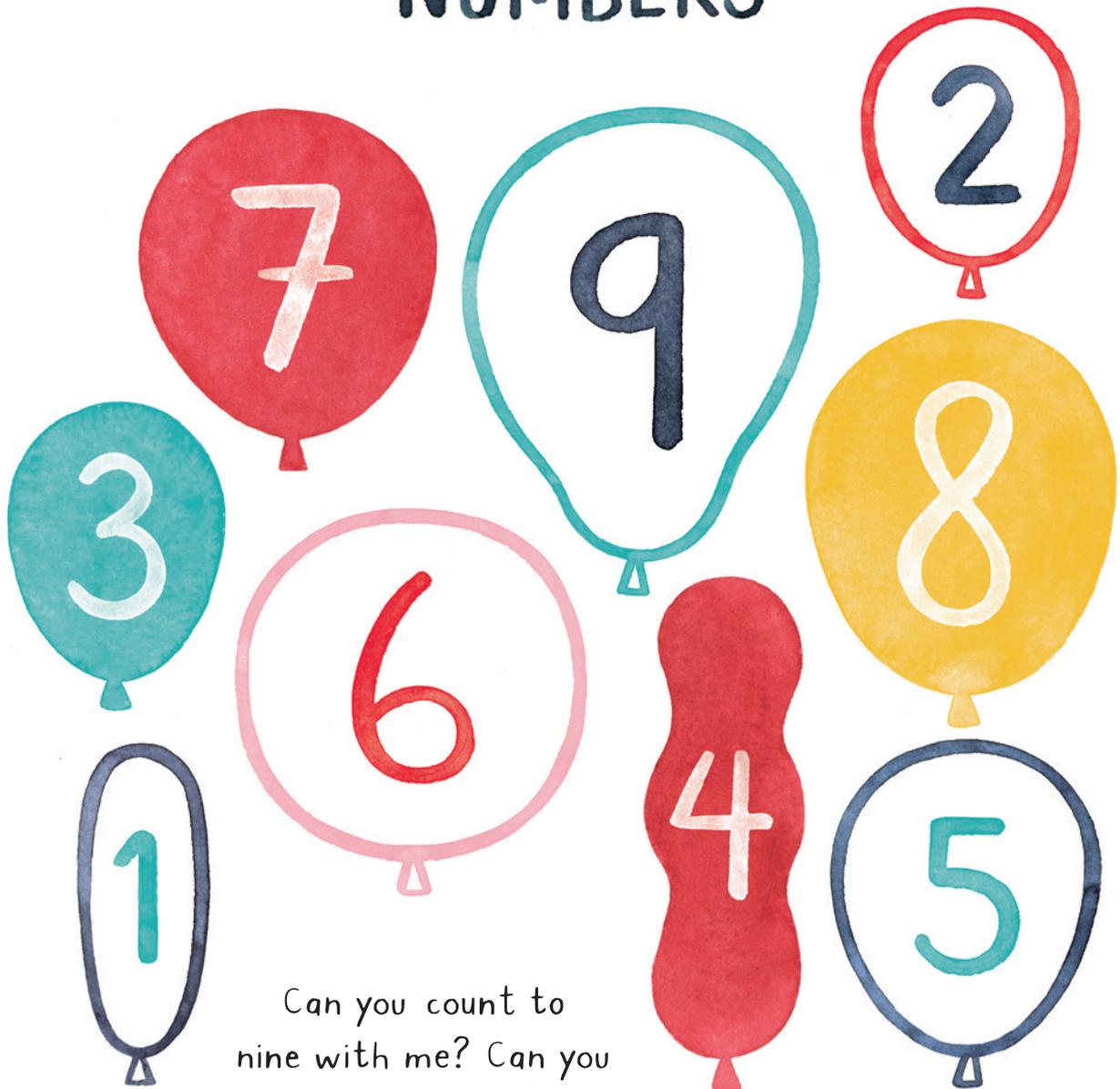
How could these objects be used?





Do you have any of these  
things in your home?  
Where do you keep them?

## NUMBERS



Can you count to  
nine with me? Can you  
count higher?



How old is Jay?  
Count the candles on his birthday cake.



How many gifts have his snail friends brought him?



# MONSTERS



Which of these monsters looks the scariest?



Can you give each one a name?

# BIG OR SMALL

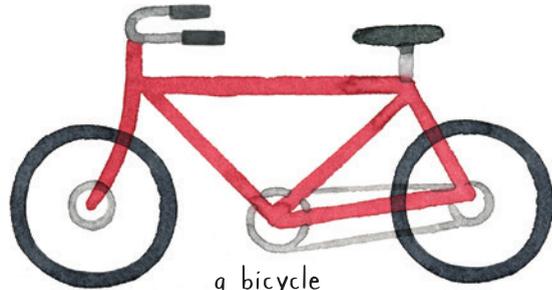
Are these objects bigger or smaller than your belly button?



a postage stamp



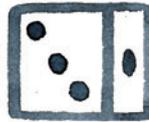
a piece of popcorn



a bicycle



a blueberry



a die



a snowflake



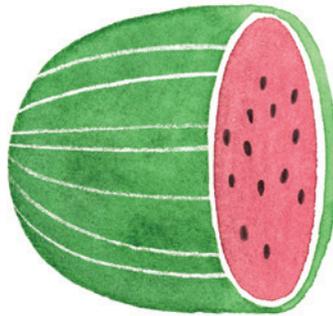
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a pair of glasses for a mouse



a clover



a watermelon



a forget-me-not



an apple seed



a house

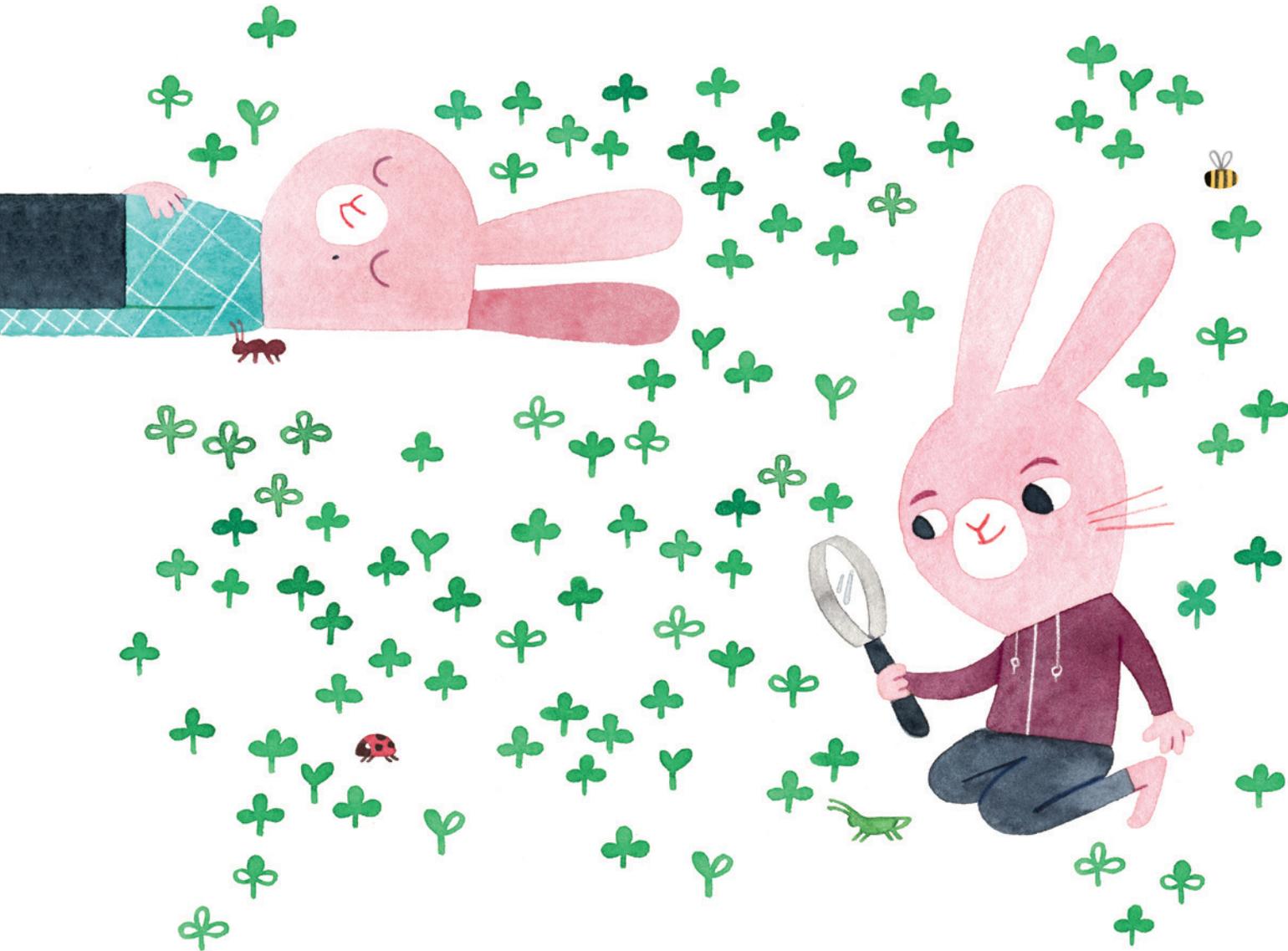


a hair



an earring

# HIDDEN TREASURE



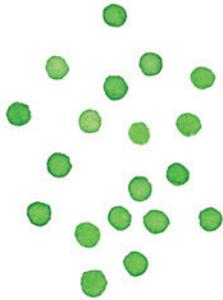
Can you help Nora find the four-leaf clover?

# OPPOSITES

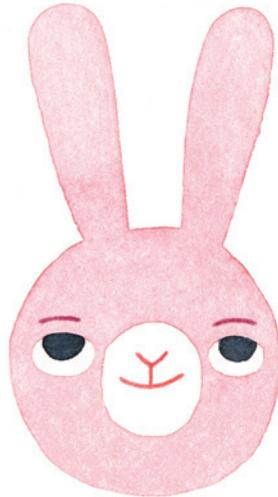
Can you name other opposites?



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lots



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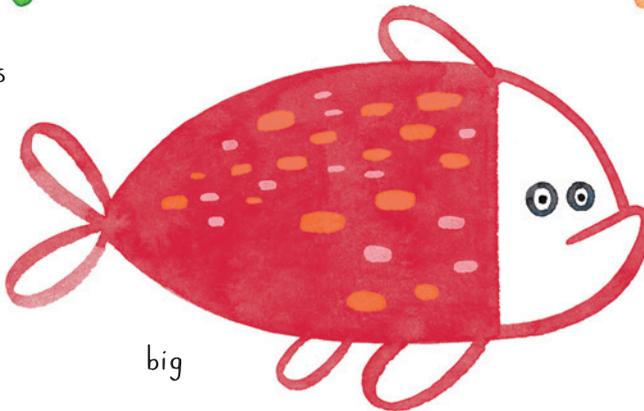
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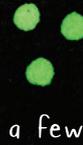
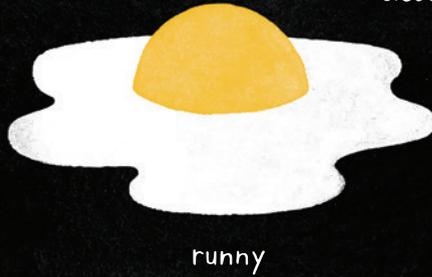
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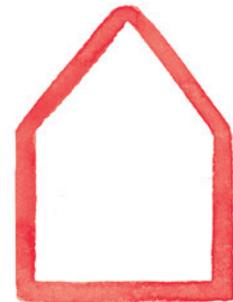
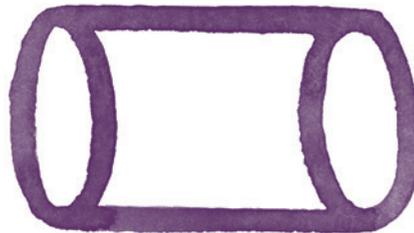
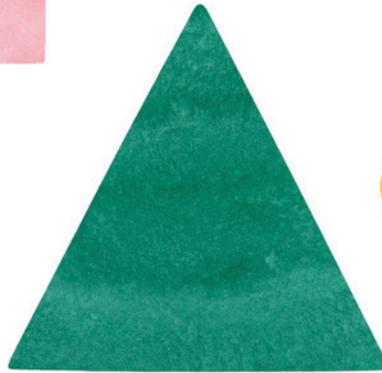
hot



# SHAPES

Do you know the names of all these shapes?  
If not, can you make up names for them?





Can you think of objects around you that look like these shapes?

# CLOTHING



Each member of Jay's family is dressed for their favorite activity.  
Can you guess what each of them likes to do?



# IN THE AIR

Which of these things can fly?



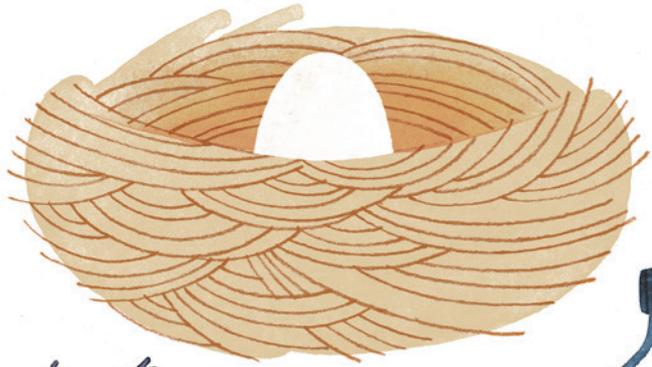


# HIDING SPOTS



What do you think is hidden in each of these items?

And in these?



# MAGIC!

Nora has collected all the things she needs to create magic!





Can you help her make a potion?  
 What ingredients would you need to make  
 a potion that lets you

- fly?
- see in the dark?
- scare monsters away?

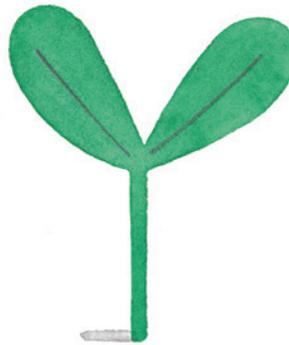


# TRANSFORMATIONS

"It's hard to believe you  
will grow into a tree!"



"Ha! Pretty soon you are  
going to grow wings!"



Some things in nature transform or change their appearance.

Can you match the items in the BEFORE group with what  
they become in the AFTER group?

# BEFORE



# AFTER



# LAND AND WATER

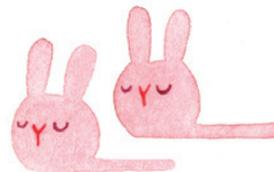
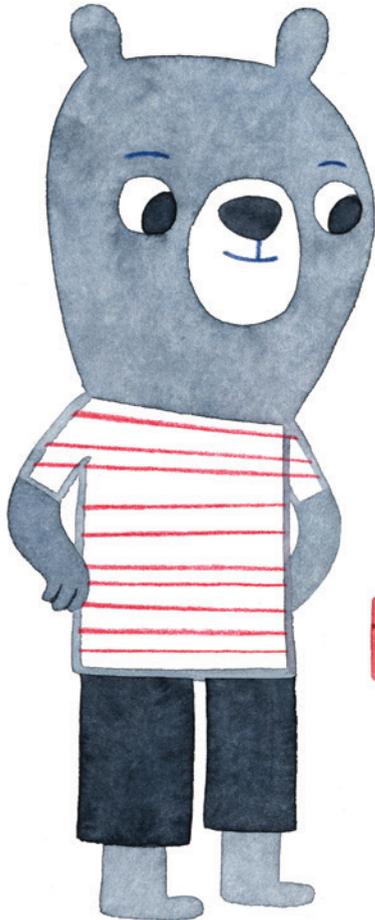




Which of these things do you find on the land and which do you find in the water?

# SUITCASE

Jay is going for a sleepover with Grandma Rose and Grandpa Fig tonight.





What should he pack in his suitcase?

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# LET'S PLAY!

Join Jay and friends in this interactive picture book that inspires curiosity, imagination and play. Jay the bear, Nora the rabbit and Clementine the bird invite little readers to have fun seeking treasure, spotting differences and matching pairs. With unique prompts and questions on each page, young readers can engage with activities in their own way, whether it's inventing names for their favorite monsters, choosing what to pack in a suitcase or imagining combinations of magic potions.

Part picture book, part multi-use activity book, the delightful and interactive artwork in *Play With Jay!* will spark inquiry, discussion and creativity in readers.

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