



PLAY 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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- Print and online advertising campaigns
- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Extensive ARC distribution, including NetGalley
- Blog and social media promotion
- Outreach in Orca newsletters

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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

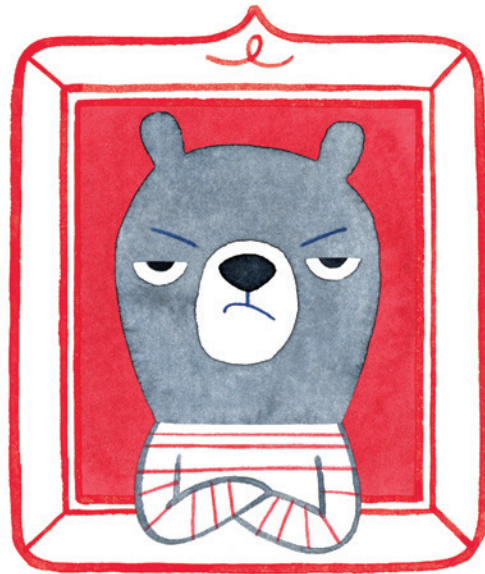
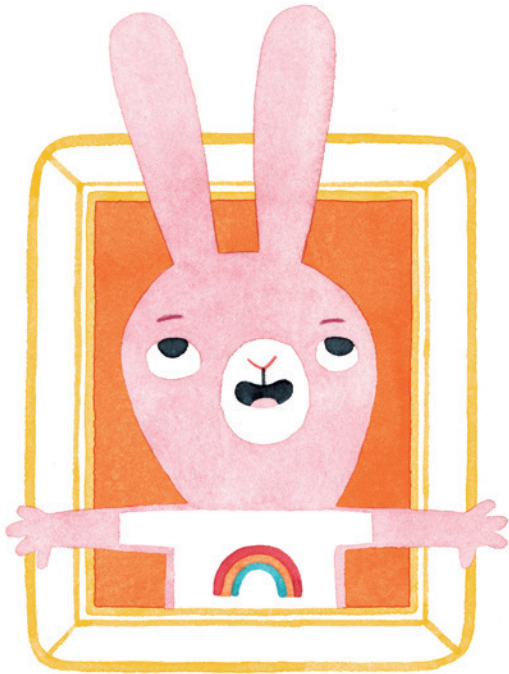




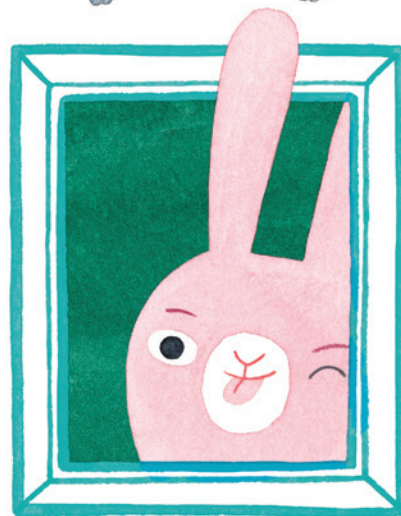
Can you help our friends put
the letters in the right order?
Can you find the letters of your name?

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

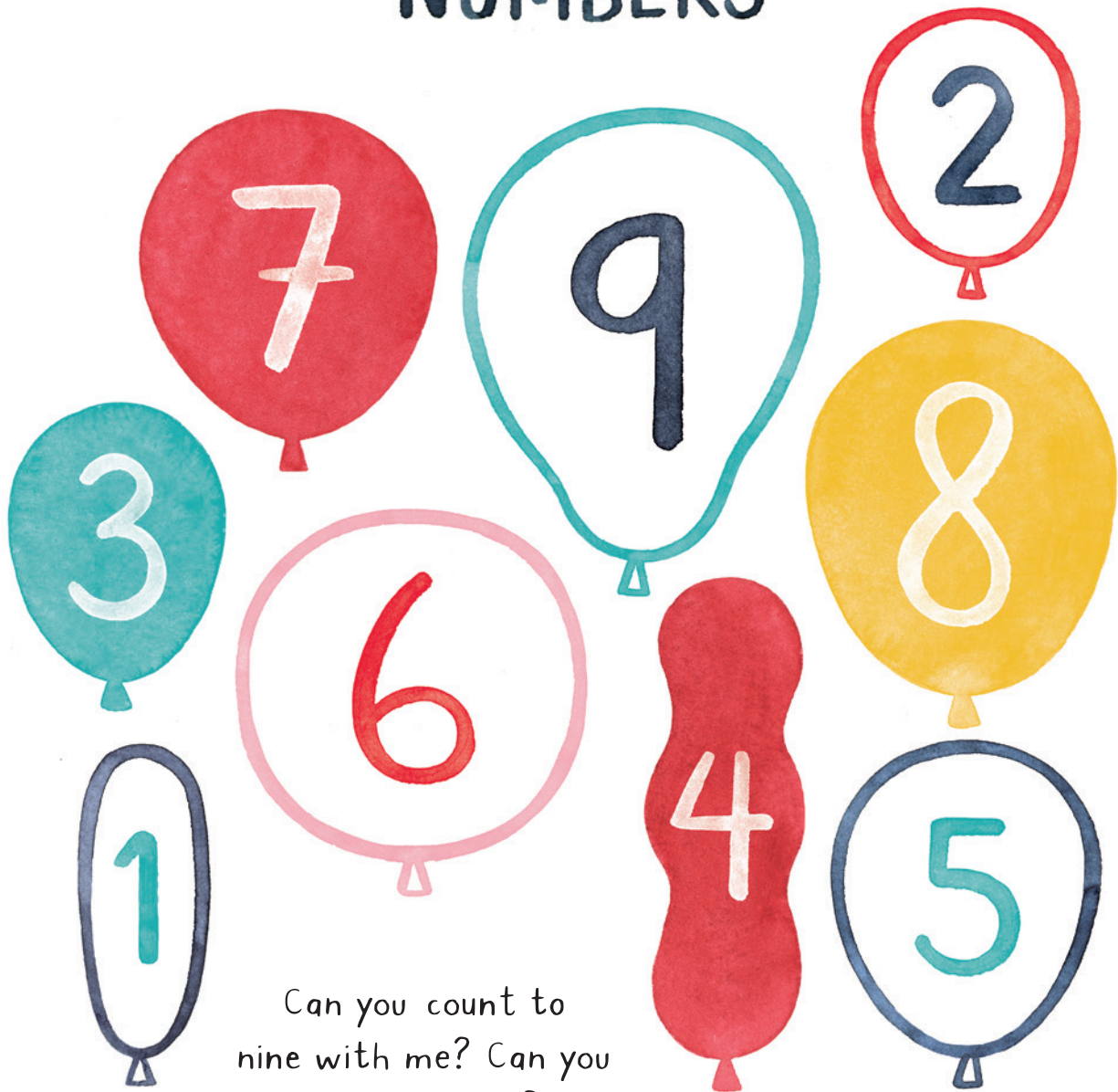
How could these objects be used?





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

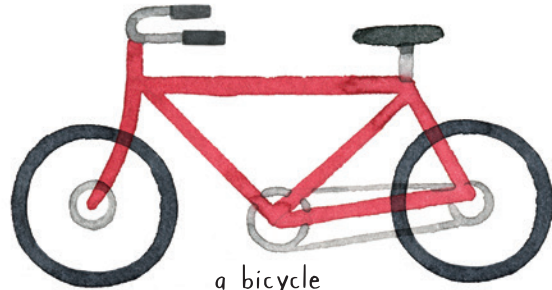
Are these objects bigger or smaller than your belly button?



a postage
stamp



a piece of
popcorn



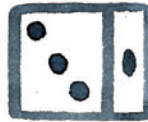
a bicycle



a snowflake



a blueberry



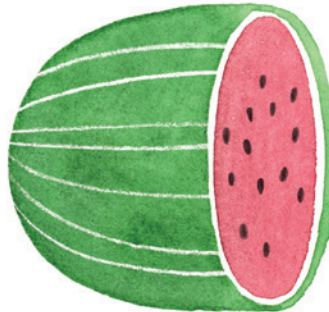
a die



a clover



a pair of glasses
for a mouse



a watermelon



a doughnut



a forget-me-not



an apple seed



a house

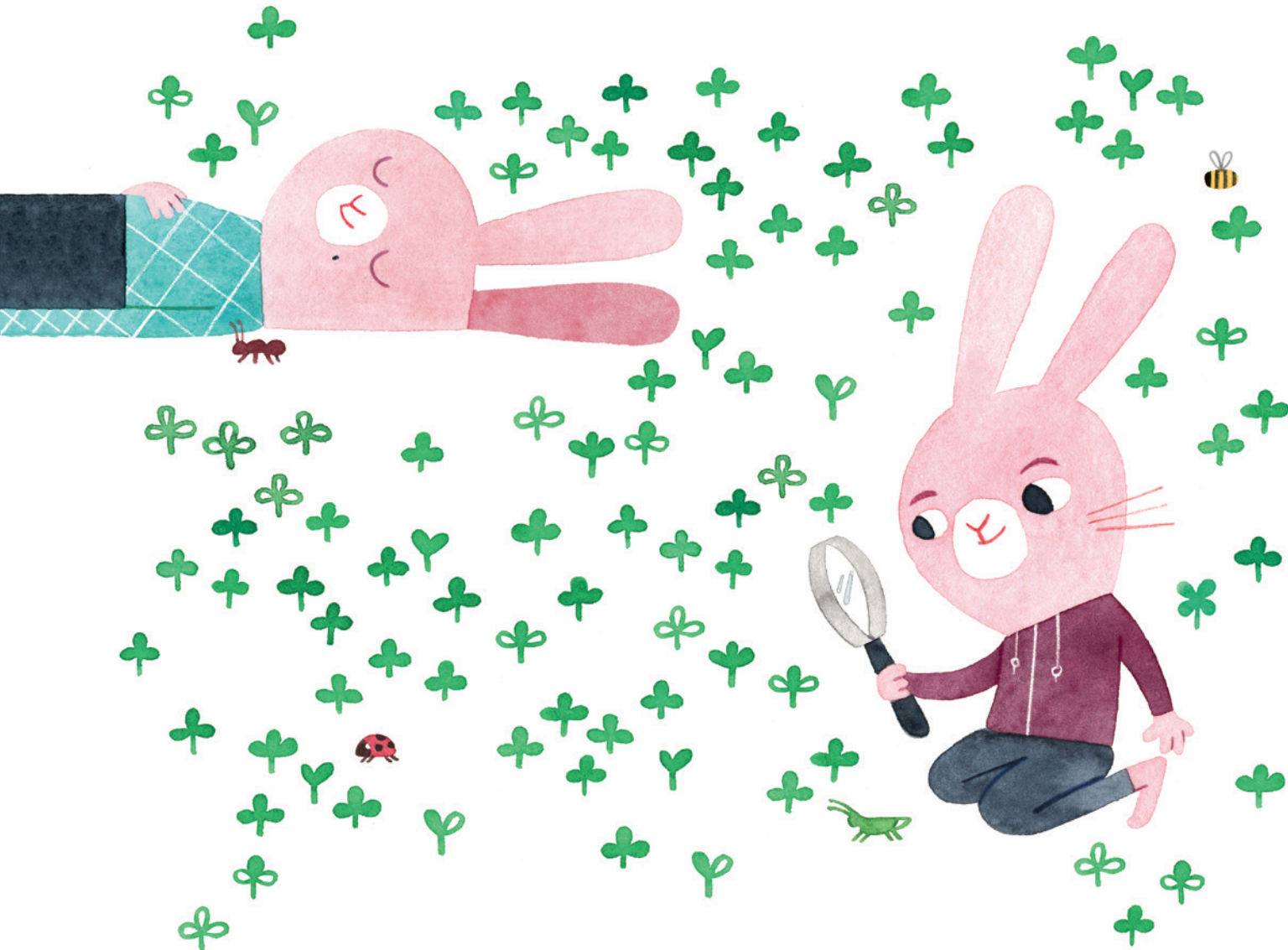


a hair



an earring

HIDDEN TREASURE



Can you help Nora find the four-leaf clover?

OPPOSITES

Can you name other opposites?



sun



lots



open



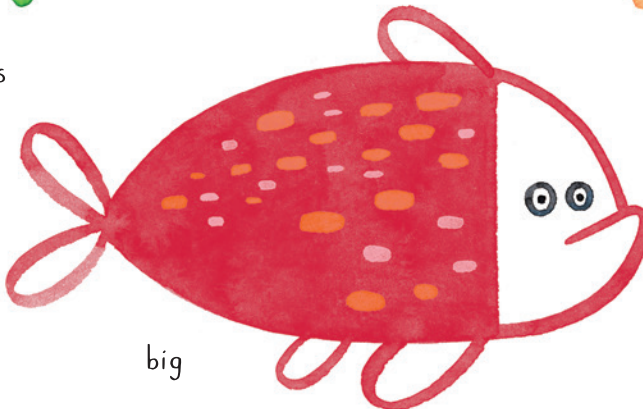
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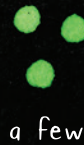
hard



big



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?



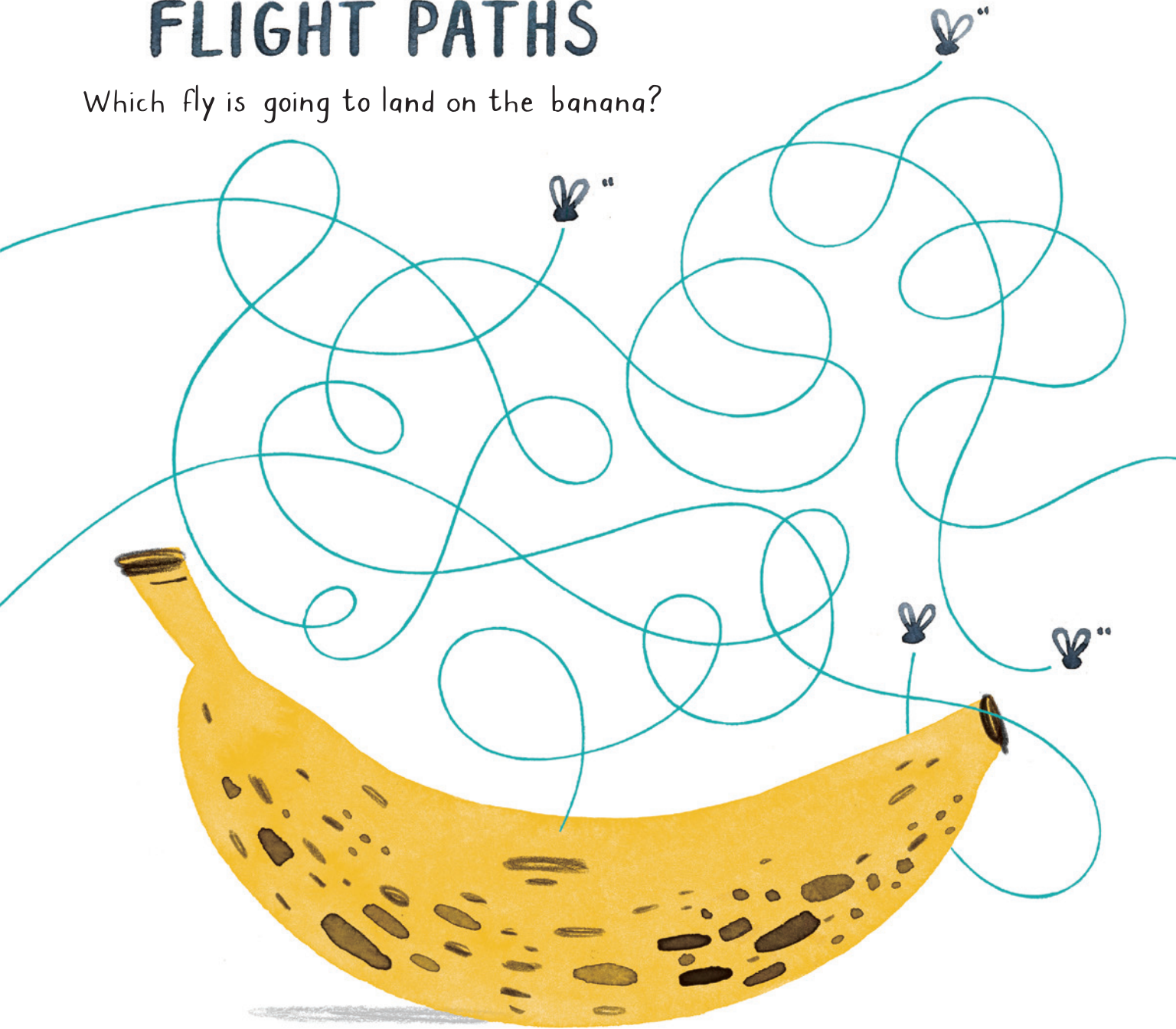
IN THE AIR

Which of these things can fly?



FLIGHT PATHS

Which fly is going to land on the banana?

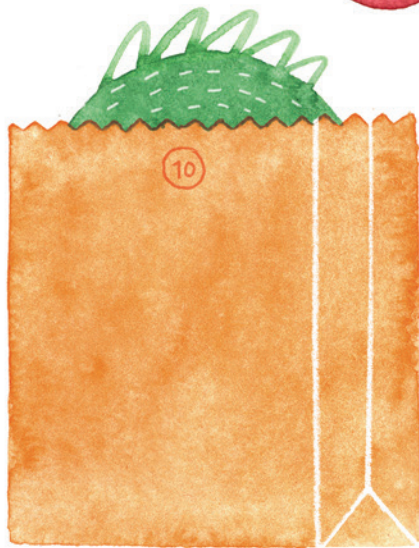


HIDING SPOTS



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

And in these?



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

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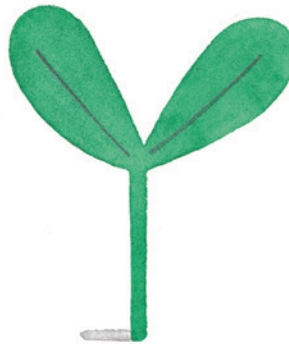


TRANSFORMATIONS

"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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