

Dancing Giraffe Activities
(brainstorming)

Uses

How many uses can you think of for a:

brick
noodle
one shoe
wig
mountain
trombone
baby's pacifier
blank flag
ladder with the middle three rungs missing
blind horse
long piece of spaghetti
feather
old sheet or blanket
milk carton
soup can
one die
playing card
drinking straw
fork
cup of sand
paper towel tube
pipe cleaner
toothbrush
Lifesaver candy
beanbag
hair ribbon
empty aspirin bottle
M & M
snow
garbage can lid
balloon
baby's bib
rubber band
piece of toast
empty snail shell
postage stamp
raisin
ice cube
staple
grain of sand

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Uses (cont.)

How many uses can you think of for a:

ashes from a fireplace
empty egg shell
windshield wiper
recipe file box
pencil
toothpick
the cardboard under pizza
pie pan
shingle from a roof
screwdriver
Q-tip
wooden clothes pin
string of pearls
funnel
old map
jigsaw puzzle
iron
zipper tab
tissue
straight pin
tongue depressor
paper napkin
charcoal
spool from thread
top of a turtle shell
nail
CD
marble
blank piece of paper
button
light bulb
belt
cup of water
ten inch piece of rope
book
penny
chalkboard eraser
half a tennis ball
key
comb

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Uses (cont.)

How many uses can you think of for a:

bar of soap
sandpaper
old picture frame
umbrella
match
sawdust
pillow
paintbrush
cotton ball
china dinner plate
wrapping paper
bookbag
tennis racket
sponge
golf ball
old calendar
domino
sock
bottle cap
hub cap
candle stick
paper doily
flyswatter
cookie cutter
knee pads
hat
ear muffs
pan lid
old bathtub
paddle
strainer
yo yo
twelve inch ruler
shoestring
stone
nutcracker
old license plate
hands on a clock paper towel
coffee can lid
plastic garbage bag

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Uses (cont.)

How many uses can you think of for a:

pair of pliers
envelope
doorknob
window screen
baseball cap
bead
wire
crutch
dandelion
flower pot
ping pong ball
piece of hose
long piece of spaghetti
pillow case
carpet square
front door
sheet of paper
bandaid
golf tee
marshmallow
fingernail file
man's necktie
towel
old sweat shirt
grass clippings
Frisbee
shoe box
gravel from a fish tank
eye patch
cork
telephone book
crochet hook
elephant tusk
tea bag
three minute egg timer
nail polish

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Ways To

How many ways can you think to:

- put out a fire
- catch a mouse gently
- get across a river
- stay dry when it rains
- propel a word
- make something cooler
- fill a pool with water
- keep a dog from biting you
- keep a younger sibling out of your room
- keep from being blown away in a hurricane
- reach the top of a tree
- travel in deep snow

Naming

Name things:

- you might do on a day when school is cancelled
- with holes in them
- you might find in a pond
- that live on a farm
- that people do for a living
- that are car parts
- that live in a jungle
- animals you might find in a house
- you can open
- you can wear on your head
- made of cloth
- that are tools used for work
- that are sandwiches
- that are fun to do
- you use in school
- you might find in a lunchbox
- that go bump in the night
- you could do with your feet
- that hold food
- that are white
- that grow

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Naming (cont.)

Name things:

you can do that your parents can't
your parents can do that you can't
that cause a person to worry

Substitutes

How many things can you think of:

to use as a footrest
that you could use to fell a tree
that you could use as a bookmark
that you could use to leave a message
that you could use as a shoelace
that you could use to cut out cookies
that you could use as the finish line of a race
that you could use to flip pancakes
that you could use as a disguise
that you could use to find something you lost
that you could use as a fishbowl
that you could use to eat spaghetti

Consequences

What would the consequences be if:

the moon were made of cheese
everyone always lied
there was only one flavor of ice cream
broccoli tasted better than candy
people were magnetic
everyone always told the truth except you
everyone had their name tattooed on their forehead
pizza was illegal
you had to move each year on the birthday of the oldest person in the house
you had to pay teachers for lessons the way you pay for your lunch
couldn't go home from school until all of your work was done correctly
if gravity didn't work on Saturdays and Sundays

Dancing Frog Activities

Naming (cont.)

Name things:

you can juggle
you might find in a treasure chest
that you eat for breakfast
that the wind can blow
you might find in a basement
you would see in a parade
you would find in a picnic basket
you can wash
that stretch
that are square
in the house that hold other things
that are wild animals
you consider beautiful
that are sounds you hear every day
that are salty
that are sweet
you might bring to school
that are snacks
that have wheels
that crawl
that fly
that are warm to the touch
that are operated by a battery
that are white
that leave a mark
you can catch
you can make music with
you might put in your backpack for a 2 mile hike
that are song titles
that are animals with a tail
that are cold
that float
that are dog breeds
that you would take camping
that are boys' names
that are girls' names
that are cookie ingredients
you might put in a salad
that are blue
you can squeeze