

There was an old lady who swallowed a fly

Activity Pack



Learning language
through stories
and craft

Use with the
story OR on
its own

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Possible language focus

This pack is designed to complement the story 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly'. The main discrete items focused on are animals, numbers and colours but the language practised should not be limited to these discrete items. The activities that follow could incorporate a wide variety of language practice that moves beyond word level. There are also activities which would be suited to older children and/or children whose first language is English. This pack could also be used to teach other languages apart from English. Of course, if you intend to teach literacy in another language, the text can be easily edited.

- **Animals:**

fly, spider, cat, dog, cow, horse, lady/woman/granny

- **Numbers 1-10**

- **Colours:**

blue, green, orange, purple, white, pink, yellow

- **Phrases and vocabulary from the song:**

Actions:

swallowed, catch, wriggled, jiggled, tickled

Exclamations:

How absurd! Fancy that! What a hog!

Common phrases:

There was (an old lady...)

I don't know why

I don't know how

- **Infinitive of purpose**

She swallowed the bird to catch the spider

(Kids could invent their own version of the song. Why does she swallow the animals?)

- **Craft/Game instructions and play:**

Fold the paper. Turn it over. Fold it back.

Choose a colour. Choose a number. Choose an animal.

Roll the dice. Spin.

Colour ___(blue)

Can I have (the frog)? Can I have number (4)?

I'm finished. Can I have...? Yes, you can. Here you are. Thank you. You're welcome.

Can you see? I can see...

Where's the? Here it is. Over there. It's here.

It's my turn. It's your turn. Are you finished? I'm finished.

How many.....have you got? I've got.....

How many.....are there? There are/ There is....

What is it? It's a... / What are they? They're

This song could also be nicely adapted to practise other language you're working on:

e.g.

I woke up to get up, I got up to get dressed, I got dressed to have breakfast, I had breakfast to get energy, I got energy to go to the park, I went to the park to see my friends, I saw my friends to play football, I played football to have fun!

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1 2 3 4 9 10 1 2 3 4 9 10 1 2 3 4 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Jigsaws

There was an old lady who Stick and count craft

cream 1
coat 2
dog 3
cat 4
bird 5
spider 6
fly 7

Stick and count craft

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How many...
dog? ___
coat? ___
bird? ___

There was a Spinner

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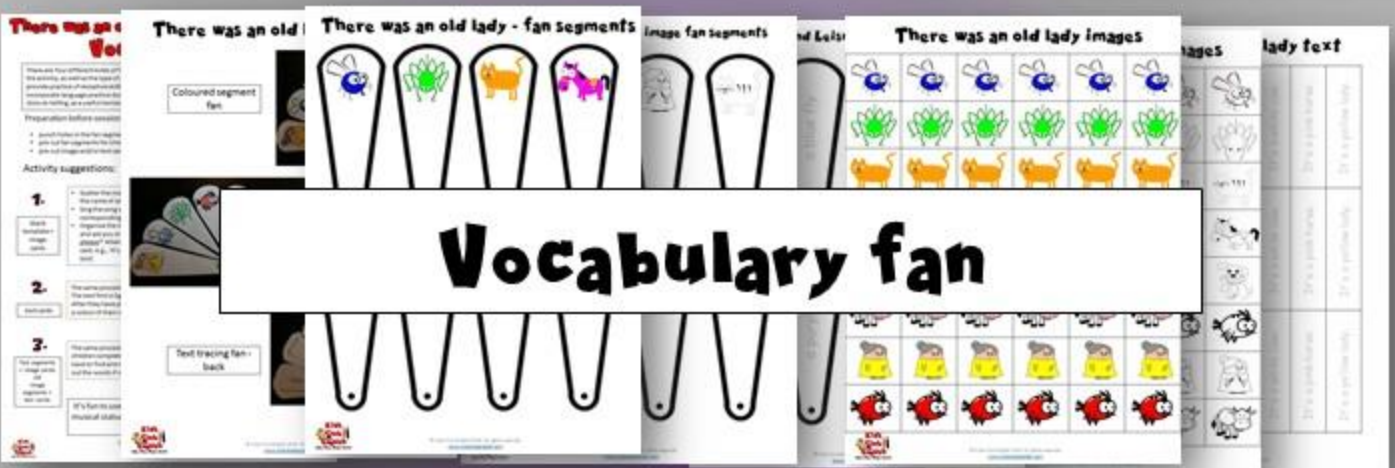
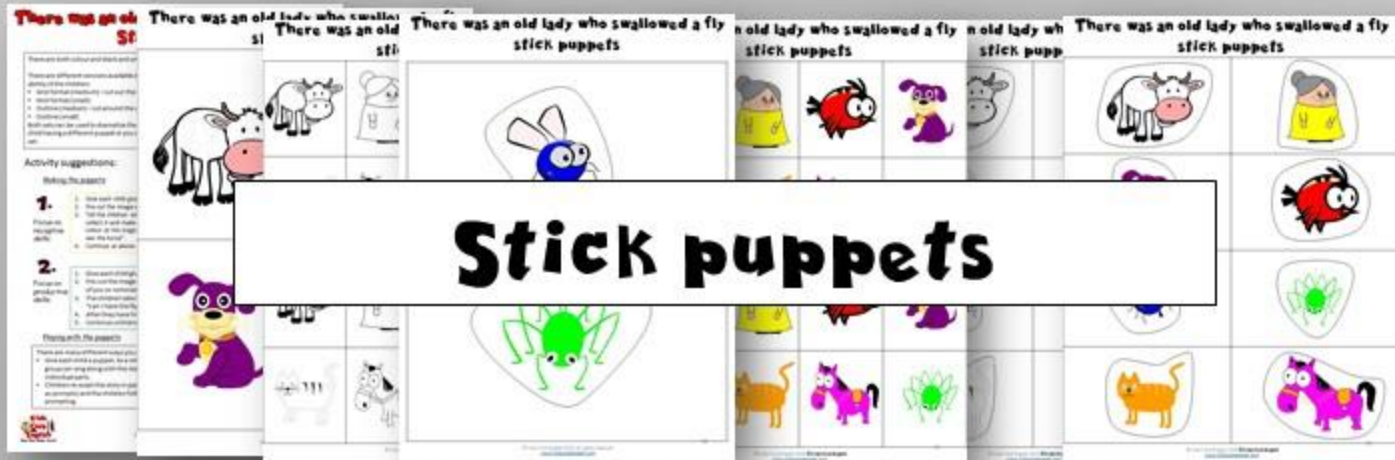
Spinner craft

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Find and stick craft

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There was an old lady who swallowed a **mini-cards**

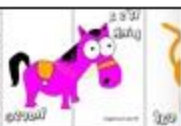


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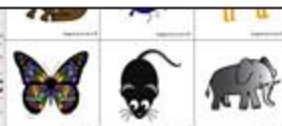


Matching cards and mini-cards

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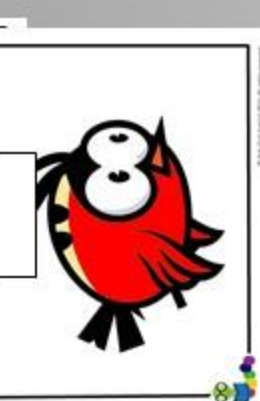
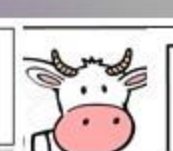
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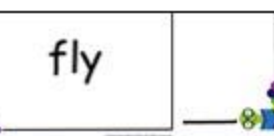
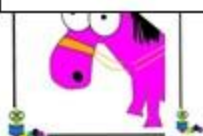
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There was an old lady who swallowed a **FLASHCARD**



Flashcards



Detailed activity suggestions for every craft.

Black and white versions included.

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