

# Language Arts

## Don't Eat Cactus Cookies!

### Materials:

- ♥ alphabet poster – included
- ♥ *Don't Eat Cactus Cookies* lyrics – included

One of the biggest challenges young learners face is learning a sufficient number of word meanings for successful reading comprehension. Creating vocabulary-learning opportunities for children in the early years is one of adults' most critical responsibilities. *Don't Eat Cactus Cookies!* is an alphabet song that begs young children to laugh at word combinations and think about the meanings of new words.

1. Use the alphabet poster that is included to present and clarify some of the vocabulary words that may be new to them.
2. Read the lyrics that are included and discuss how the words were used.
3. Encourage your learners to use new words and to ask for definitions if they don't understand a word that is used by someone else.





# Don't Eat Cactus Cookies!

Don't tease angry animals.  
 Don't wrestle big bears  
 Don't eat cactus cookies  
 Don't take dangerous dares  
 Don't swim with electric eels  
 Don't share a festering flu  
 Don't chew garbage gumdrops  
 No No No No There are better things to do

Don't heist hieroglyphics  
 Don't lick icy igloos  
 Don't hunt jumbo jaguars  
 Don't kick kung fu kangaroos  
 Don't dine with lean leeches  
 Don't whack a monster moose  
 Don't pick nasty noses  
 No No No No There are better things to do

Don't make the ocean oily  
 Don't burn the piñon pines  
 Don't quiet quadruplets  
 Don't avoid ridiculous rhymes  
 Don't slurp sour seaweed  
 Don't sing terrible tunes  
 Don't wear ugly undies  
 No No No No There are better things to do

Don't drink venomous vinegar  
 Don't trash wishing wells  
 Don't explode the experiment  
 Don't prevent yahoo yells  
 Don't wake zombie zebras  
 And don't think we're through  
 It's time to start over  
 With better things to do

Do create an awesome animation  
 Do blow big bubbles  
 Do play with curious cousins  
 Do jump-rope dorky doubles  
 Do eat exotic eggplant  
 Do allow fuchsia froufrou  
 Do give goofy gifts  
 Yes Yes Yes There ARE better things to do

Do pet a happy hound dog  
 Do drink icy Icees  
 Do tell jolly jokes  
 Do try kosher kiwis  
 Do lick lollipops  
 Do enjoy the marvelous moon  
 Do be a nice neighbor  
 Yes Yes Yes There ARE better things to do

Do outrageous origami  
 Do perform piano  
 Do quit quarreling  
 Do admire radiant rainbows  
 Do take a safe safari  
 Do love the terrible twos  
 Do use unique umbrellas  
 Yes Yes Yes There ARE better things to do

Do view Van Gogh  
 Do smell a waffle waft  
 Do exit exuberantly  
 Do paint a yellow yak  
 Do make your zipper zip  
 Before the day is through  
 Have fun with crazy words  
 Yes Yes Yes There ARE better things to do

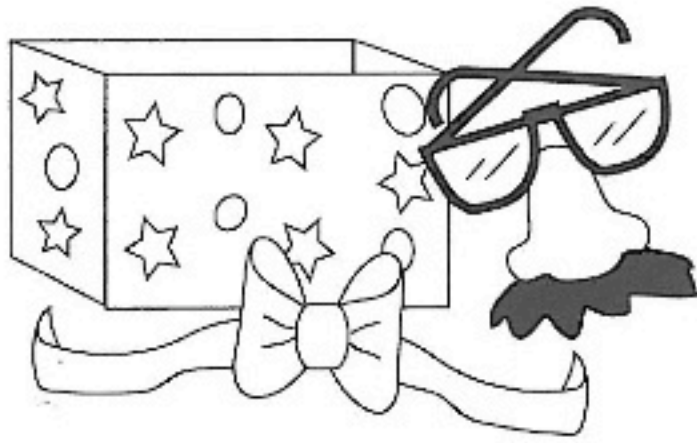
# My Alphabet Poster



<p>angry animal</p> <p><b>Aa</b></p>	<p>big bubbles</p> <p><b>Bb</b></p>	<p>cookies</p> <p><b>Cc</b></p>	<p>doubles</p> <p><b>Dd</b></p>
<p>eel</p> <p><b>Ee</b></p>	<p>festering flu</p> <p><b>Ff</b></p>	<p>goofy gift</p> <p><b>Gg</b></p>	<p>hieroglyphics</p> <p><b>Hh</b></p>
<p>icy igloos</p> <p><b>Ii</b></p>	<p>jaguar</p> <p><b>Jj</b></p>	<p>kiwi</p> <p><b>Kk</b></p>	<p>lollipops</p> <p><b>Ll</b></p>
<p>moon</p> <p><b>Mm</b></p>	<p>nose</p> <p><b>Nn</b></p>	<p>origami</p> <p><b>Oo</b></p>	<p>piano</p> <p><b>Pp</b></p>
<p>quadruplets</p> <p><b>Qq</b></p>	<p>rainbow</p> <p><b>Rr</b></p>	<p>seaweed</p> <p><b>Ss</b></p>	<p>tune</p> <p><b>Tt</b></p>
<p>umbrella</p> <p><b>Uu</b></p>	<p>vinegar</p> <p><b>Vv</b></p>	<p>wishing well</p> <p><b>Ww</b></p>	<p>experiment</p> <p><b>Xx</b></p>
<p>yak</p> <p><b>Yy</b></p>	<p>zebra</p> <p><b>Zz</b></p>		

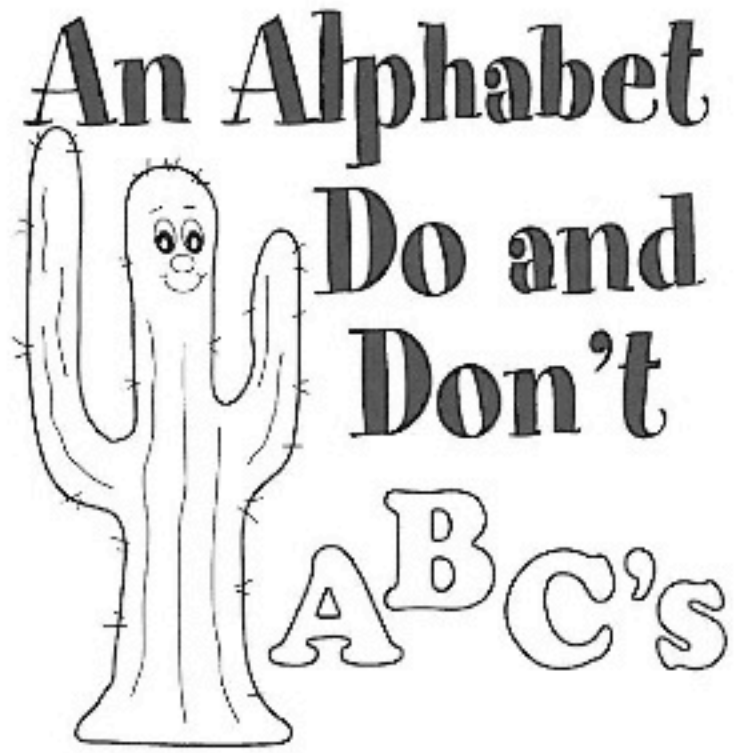


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G is for goofy and gifts.  
Do give goofy gifts.  
It's a better thing to do.

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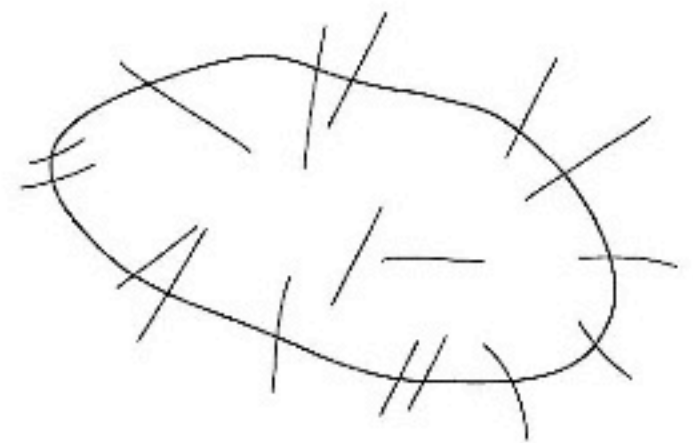


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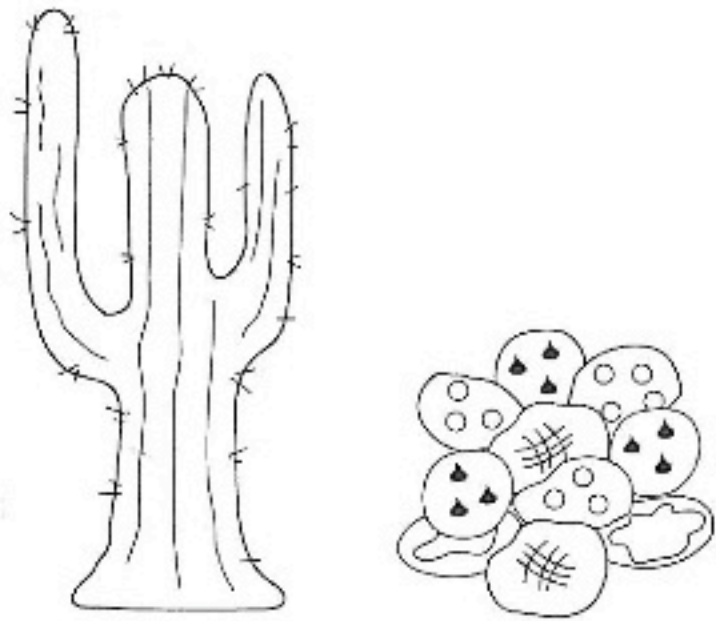
G is for garbage  
and gumdrops.

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Don't eat a cactus cookie.

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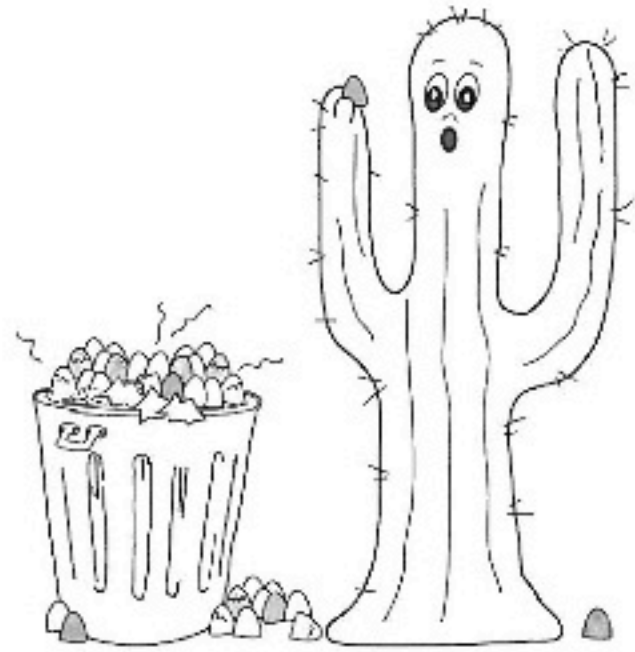


C is for cactus  
and cookies.

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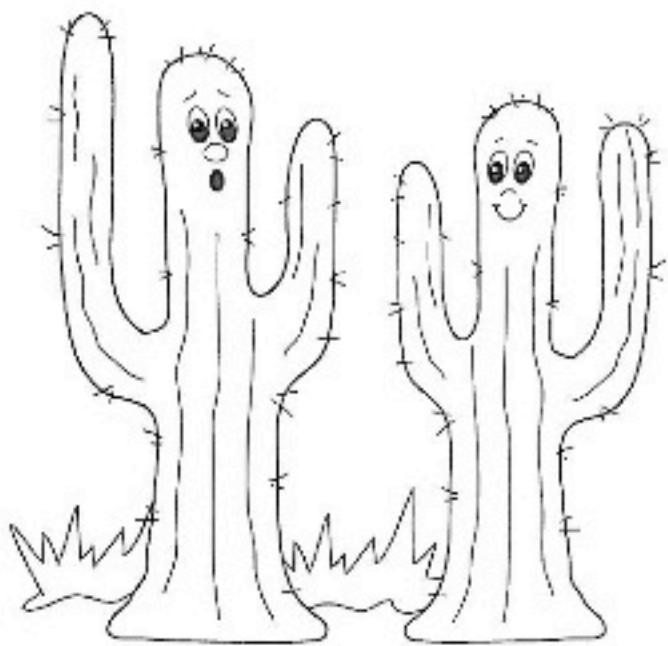
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Don't eat  
garbage gumdrops.

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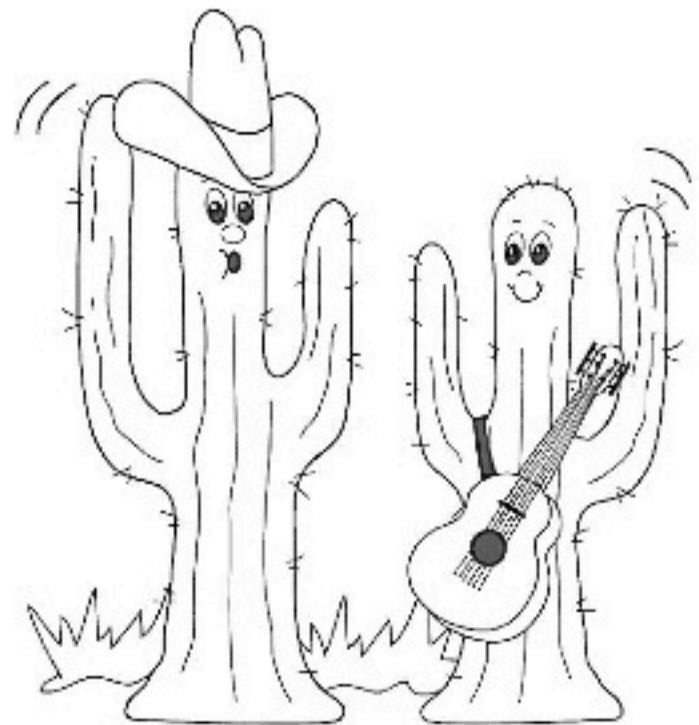


C is for curious  
and cousins.

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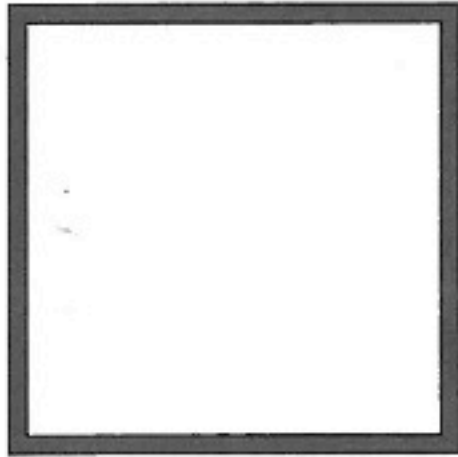


Do play with  
curious cousins.  
It's a better thing to do.

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# Alphabet Do and Don't



Pick a letter.

Write it in the box.

Then draw a do and a don't.

Do \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_.