

It's a Pajama Party!



Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy
We're having a pajama party—so get READY!

Where: _____

When: _____

Time _____

For more information, call _____



How to Plan an Amazing Pajama Party Event

HERE ARE SOME TIPS for planning a most memorable Pajama Party event:

4-6 weeks ahead

SETTLE THE DETAILS

- **PICK** a date and time. Keep in mind that you will most likely be hosting children from pre-school to second grade.

3-4 weeks ahead

SPREAD THE WORD

- **DISPLAY** the enclosed Pajama Party announcement poster with upcoming event details.
- **ADVERTISE** the event in your newsletter, bulletin boards, or local newspaper.
- **MAIL OUT** or **DISTRIBUTE** the enclosed reproducible invitations and pajama party checklist.

1-2 weeks ahead

GET READY

- Make sure you **HAVE ALL NECESSARY SUPPLIES**, i.e. crayons, pencils, items for planned activities (see enclosed Suggestion Sheets).
- **PHOTOCOPY REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITIES** for event day.
- **FINALIZE EVENT ITINERARY** for the big day.

EVENT DAY

- Make sure all **PROPS ARE IN PLACE** (chairs, books, etc.)
- Have all photocopied **ACTIVITIES** and **GIVEAWAYS ORGANIZED**.
- **HAVE FUN!**

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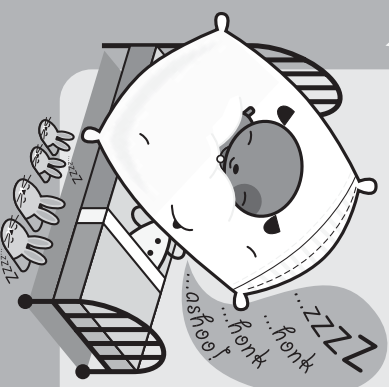
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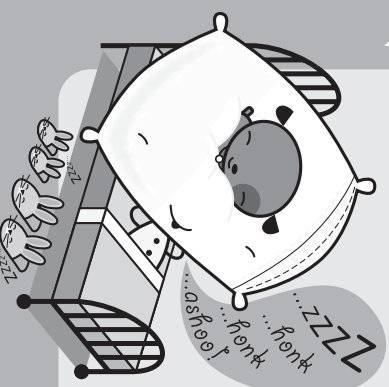
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Pajama Party

Activity Suggestions (PAGE 1)



Now that you've planned for an amazing Pajama Party event, here are some **ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS** that will be a sure-fire hit with your crowd.

Alarm Clock Hide-n-Seek

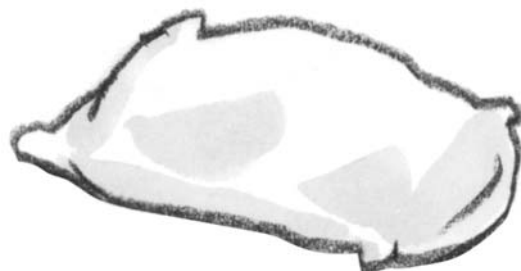
USING A compact alarm clock, set the timer for 3-5 minutes and hide it (behind books, under a table, under a blanket, behind the door, etc.) The child or children who can find the clock before the alarm goes off wins the game.

Pajama Parade

WHAT'S MORE fun than watching a parade? Participating in one, of course! Have the children line up and perform a pajama parade to show off their cool pajamas to everyone. If you have a Polaroid camera, you can take a picture of each child for them to bring home as a remembrance of their exciting day!

Pillowcase Art

HAVE KIDS bring in a pillowcase from home (plain white cotton would work perfectly). Using fabric markers or puff paint, the children can decorate their own pillowcases with drawings of their favorite characters, shapes, toys, etc.



Sleep Buddy Show-and-Tell

HAVE THE CHILDREN bring in their favorite sleeping companion such as dolls, stuffed animals, toys, books, or even a favorite pillow. One by one, each child can show his/her sleep buddy to the group and tell why it's his/her favorite companion, i.e. does it have sentimental value?



"So Long, Farewell, Good Night" Show

FORGET TELEVISION. The children can perform in their own show using their favorite sleeping companions, either in small groups, as individual performances, or as a whole. Whether it is a musical act or a comedy, children will enjoy inventing their own stories and going wild with their imaginations.



Pajama Party Activity Suggestions (PAGE 2)

Dreamy Recipes*

WANT TO make snack time more fun? Have the children try these simple recipes to make and enjoy before “bedtime”:

MOONCAKE — Start with a foil cupcake liner (because they’re sturdier). Place a vanilla wafer cookie at the bottom; this is the moon. Add a scoop of instant chocolate pudding; this is the sky. Top with a spoonful of whipped cream (cloud) and sprinkles (stars).

BEARS IN A BED SNACK — Use one whole graham cracker for the bed. Add three mini marshmallow pillows and tuck in three teddy grahams. Decorate a cracker with icing for the quilt to cover the bears.

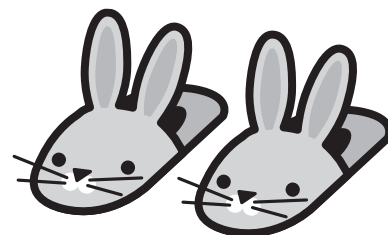
Memory Pillowcase Game

GATHER SOME or all of the following items and put them in a pillowcase. Then lay them out in front of the kids. Explain that they have one minute to look at all the items and try to remember as many as they can. After one minute, remove all the items and have the kids write down as many of the things as they can remember. The person with the most correct items on their list gets to keep the items.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PUT IN PILLOWCASE:

Alarm clock
Cup
Nightlight
Sleep cap
Soap
Stuffed animals
Toothpaste

Book
Floss
Pint of milk (can be empty)
Slippers
Socks
Toothbrush



SEE THE ENCLOSED REPRODUCIBLES FOR EVEN MORE FUN ACTIVITIES!

- Design Your Own Sleep Mask Sheet
- Froggy Goes to Bed Maze Sheet
- “What’s Missing?” Sheet
- Dream Bubble Drawing Sheet
- Pajama’s Anytime Coloring Sheet
- Hand the Toothbrush to Froggy Sheet



Dream Bubble Drawing

WHAT DID YOU DREAM ABOUT LAST NIGHT?

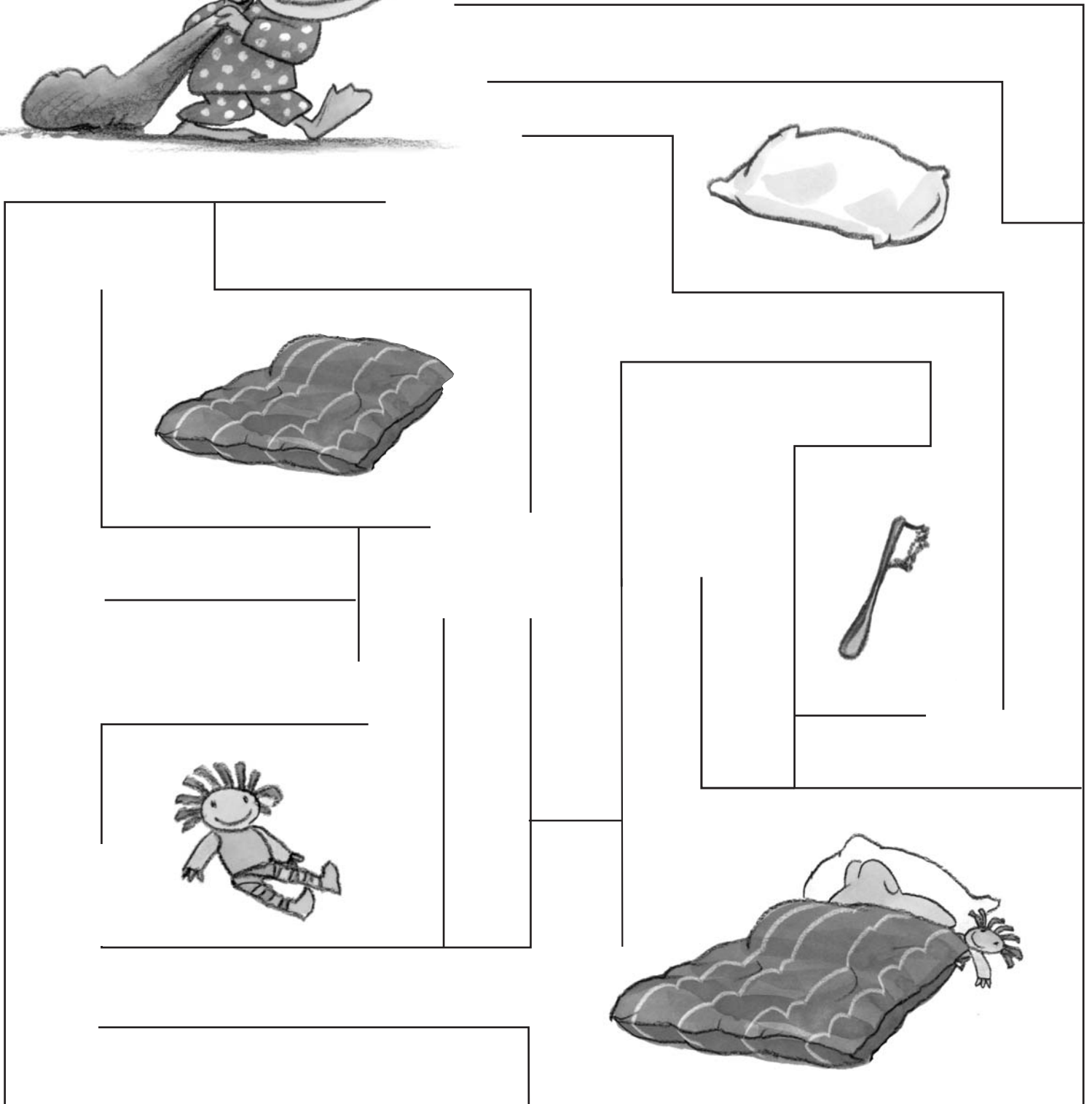
Draw and color in your dream in the dream bubble below.





Froggy Goes to Bed Maze

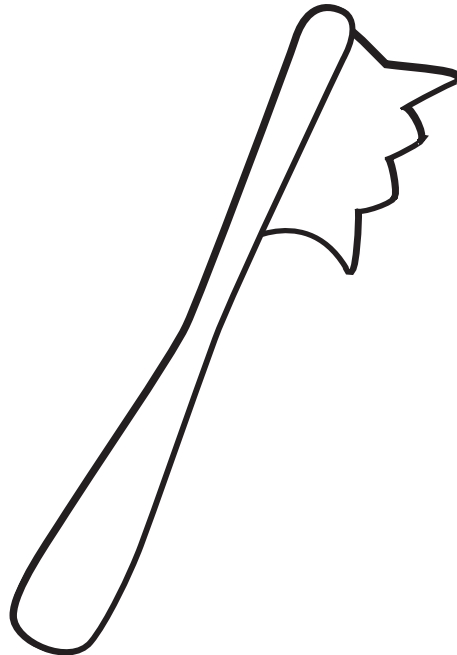
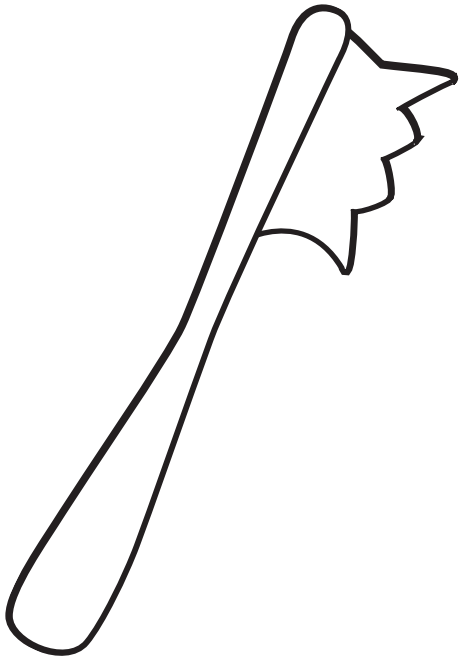
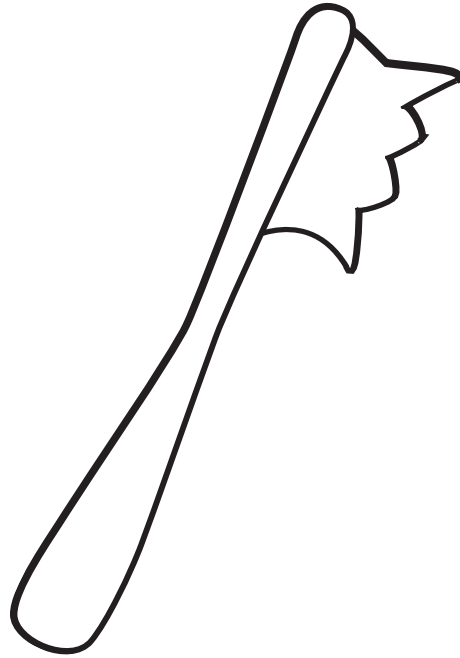
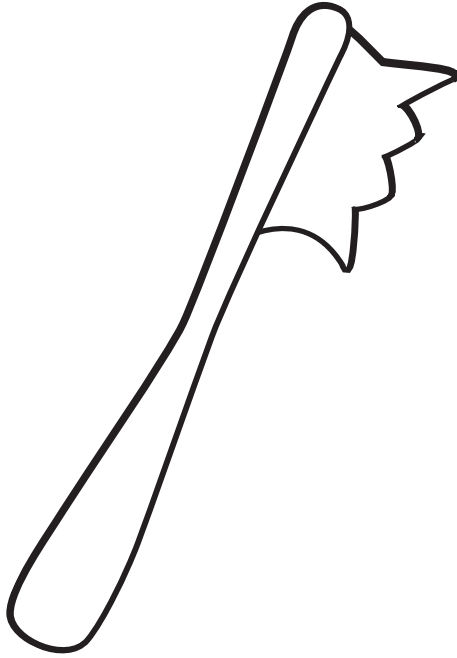
HELP FROGGY find his way to bed. Follow the maze, making sure Froggy picks up all the things he needs before he goes to sleep.





Hand the Toothbrush to Froggy

PHOTOCOPY page and cut toothbrushes so every child gets one. Have them color in before playing game.

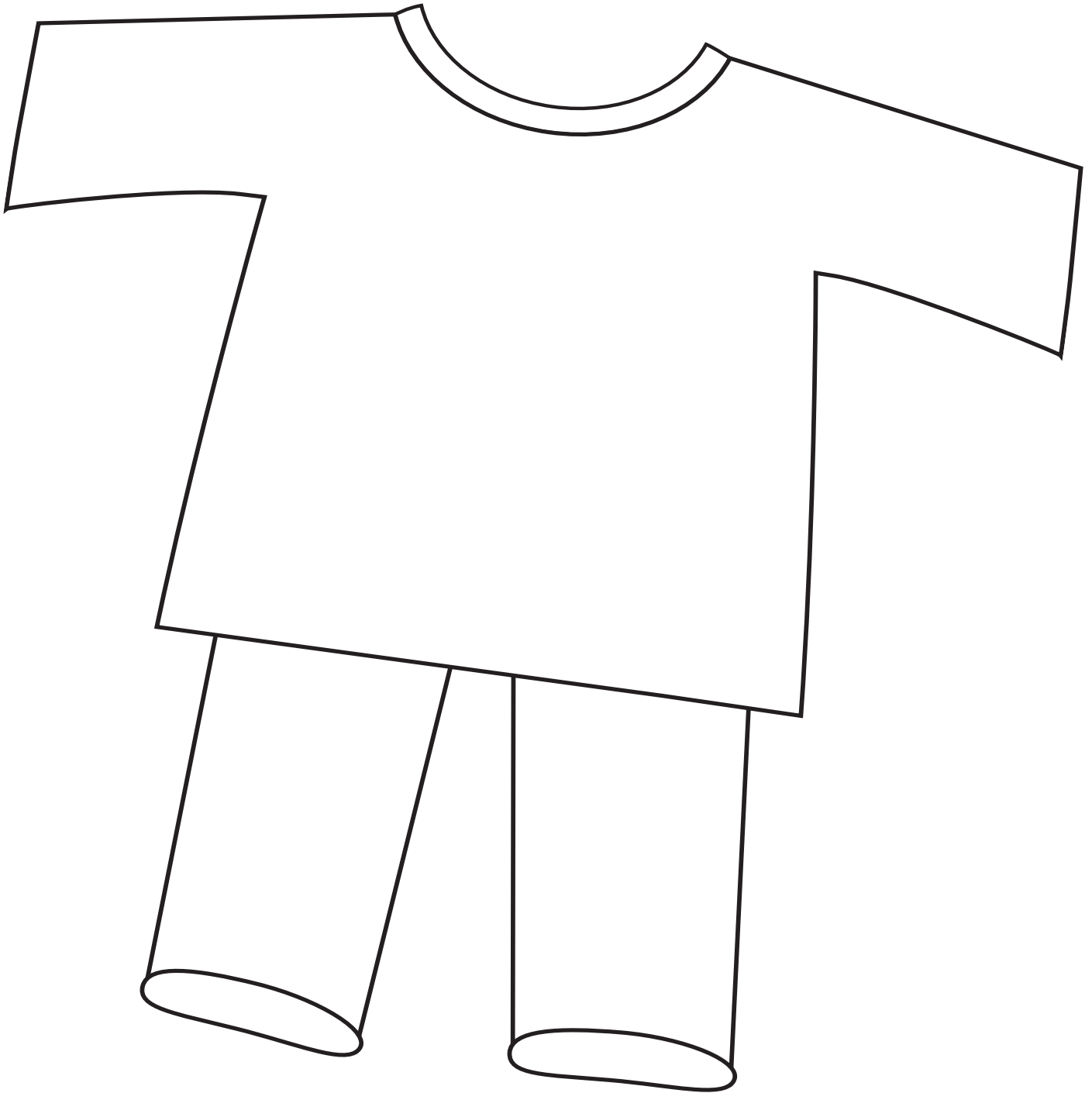




Pajamas Anytime Coloring Sheet



DESIGN YOUR OWN PAJAMAS! Photocopy this picture of a pajama set. Have the kids color in, decorate, and cut out their pictures. Then hang them up on a "clothesline," using string and paperclips.





Slippers Matching Game

OH NO! All the slippers have gotten mixed up. Can you pair them back together?
Drawn a line from each slipper to its match.



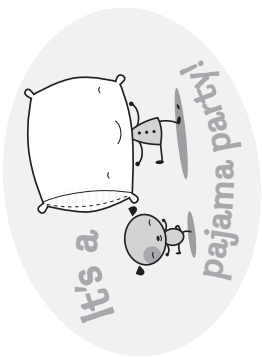


How Many Frogs?

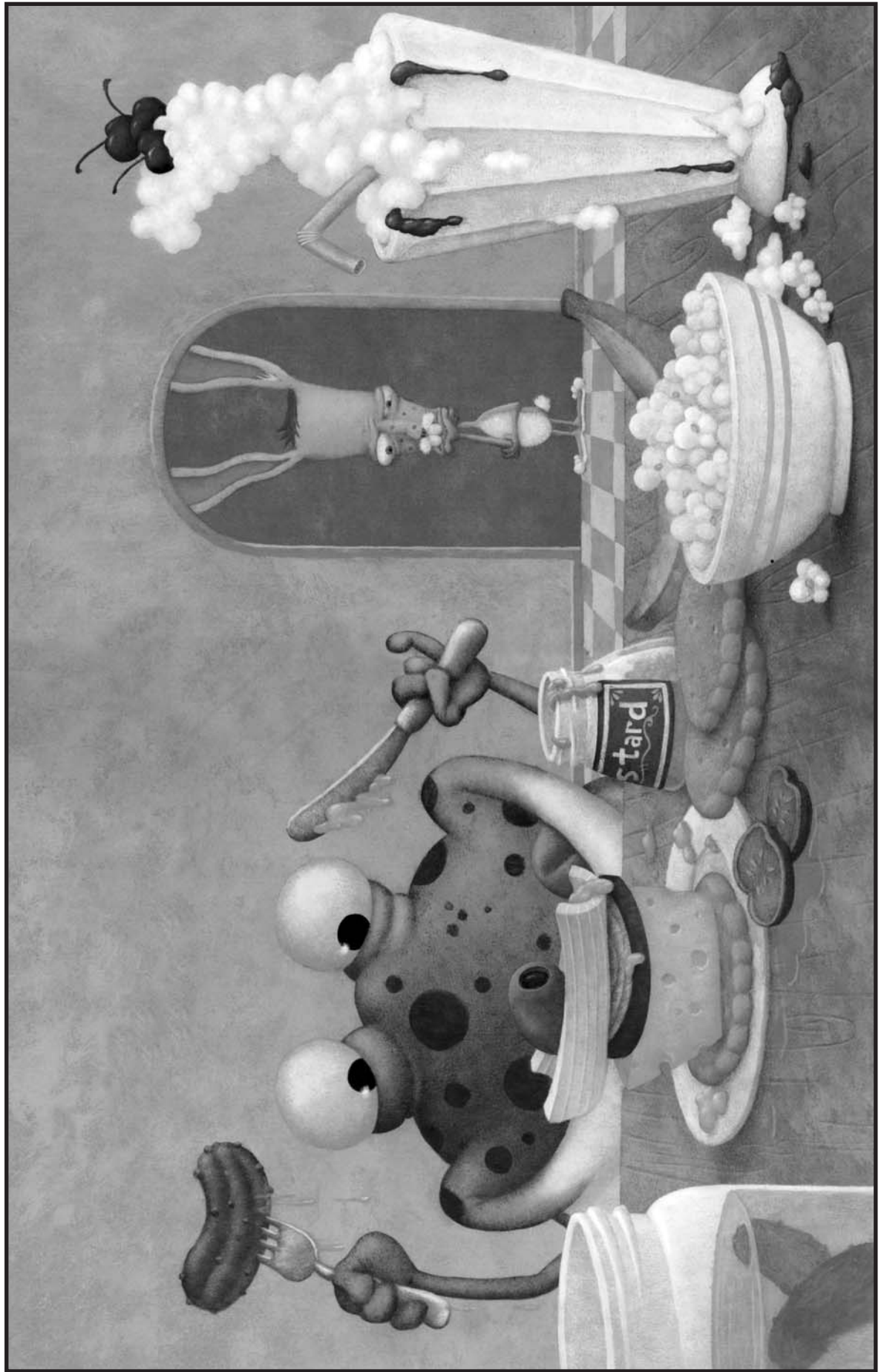
HOW MANY of Froggie's family members can you find in this picture?

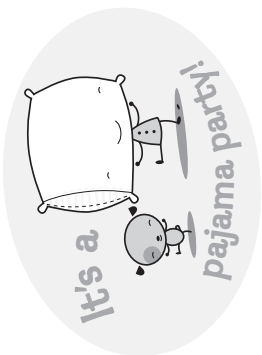


There are 29 frogs in this picture.



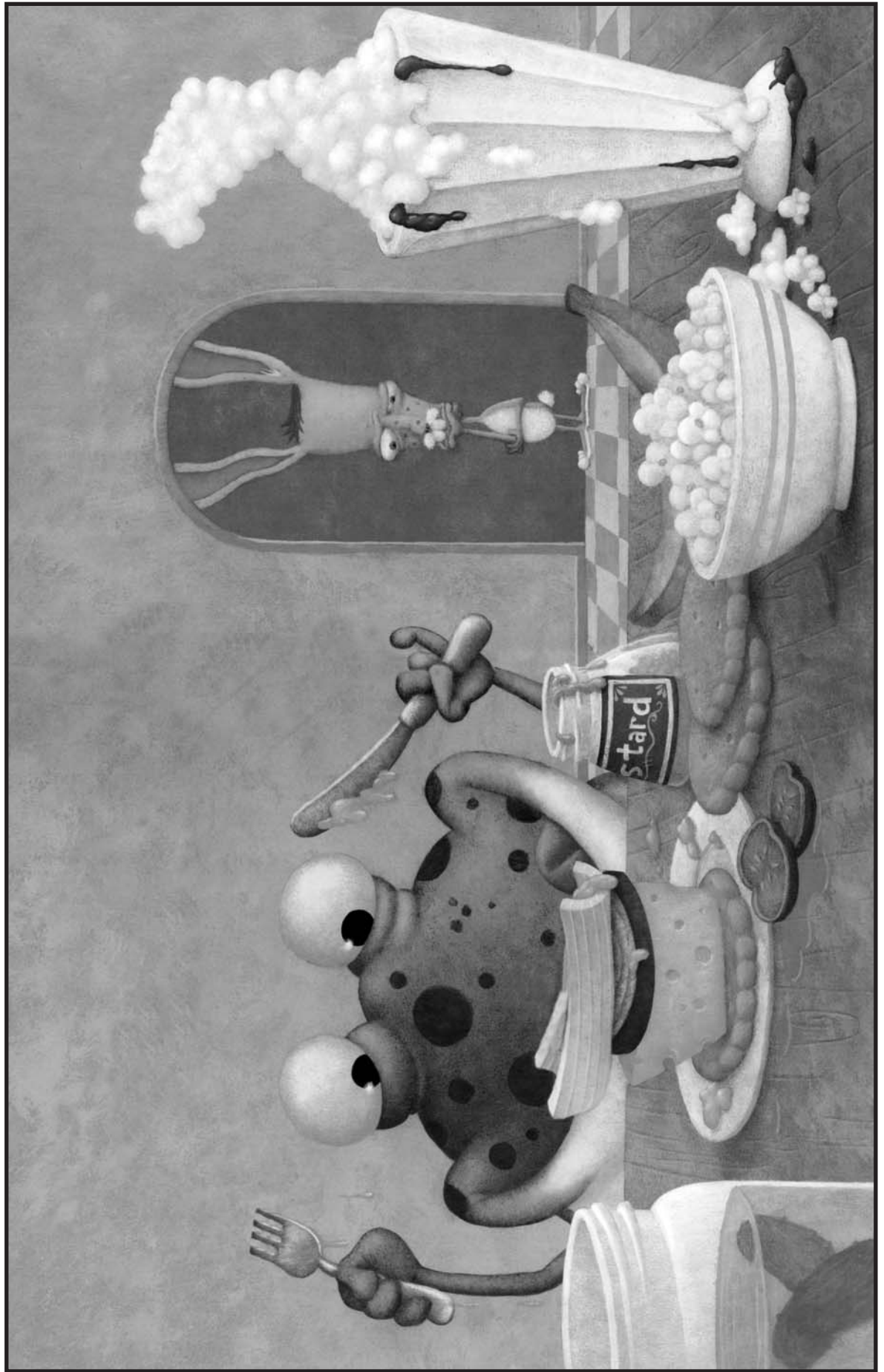
What's Missing? (PAGE 1) Take a careful look at this picture.

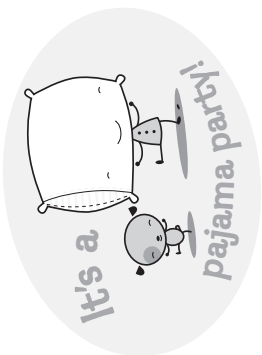




What's Missing? (PAGE 2)

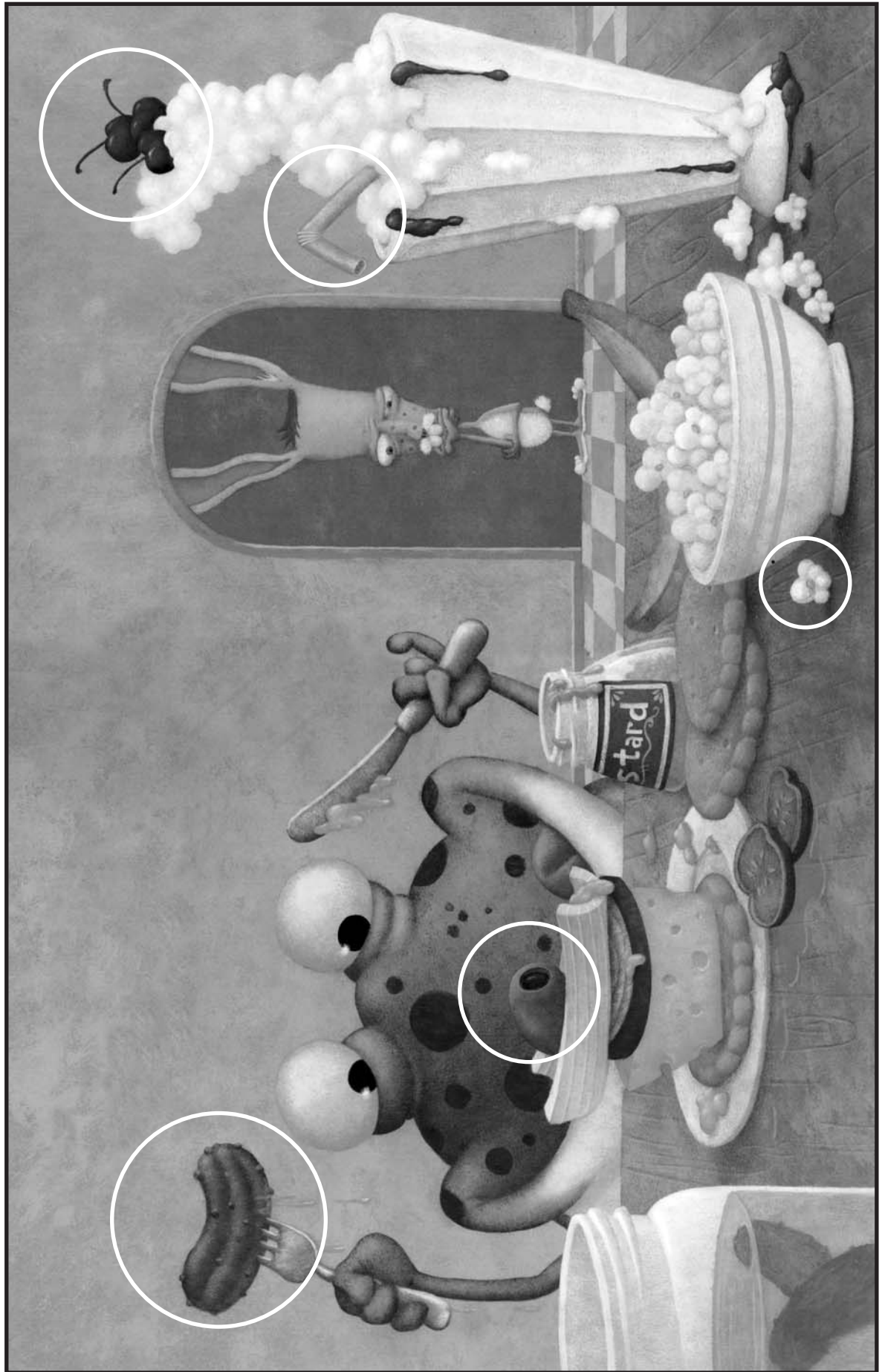
Can you find the five things missing from Rabbit's kitchen table?





What's Missing?

(PAGE 3) ANSWER KEY





Design Your Own Sleep Mask! (PAGE 1)

You'll need:

- Crayons/ Markers
- Glitter
- Glue
- Miscellaneous decorations (i.e., construction paper, sequins, pom poms, buttons, feathers)
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- 2 rubber bands per mask

Directions:

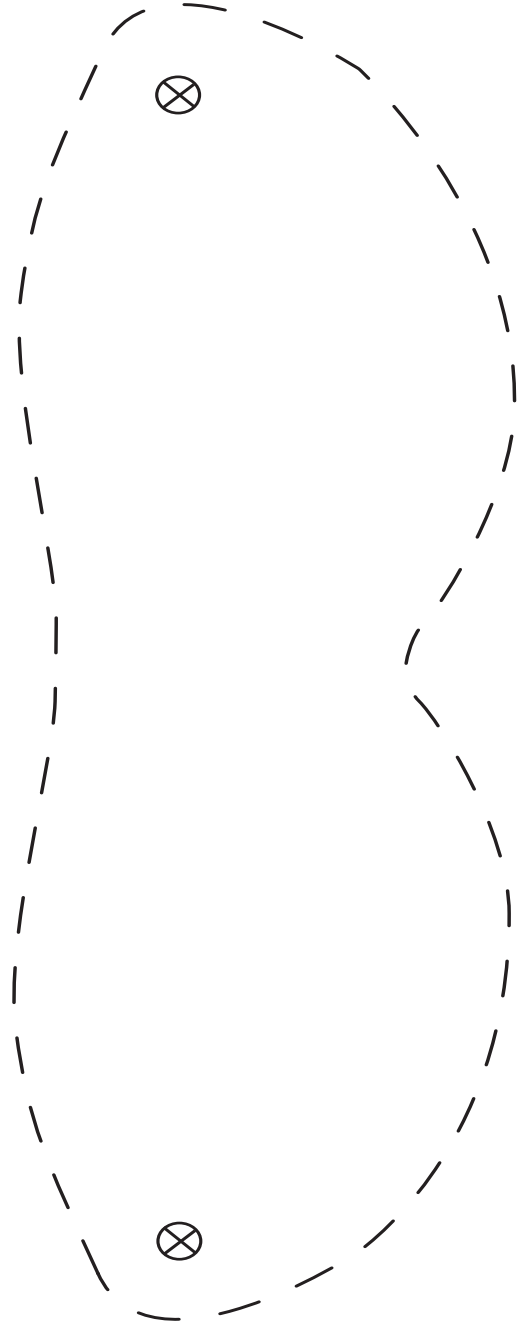
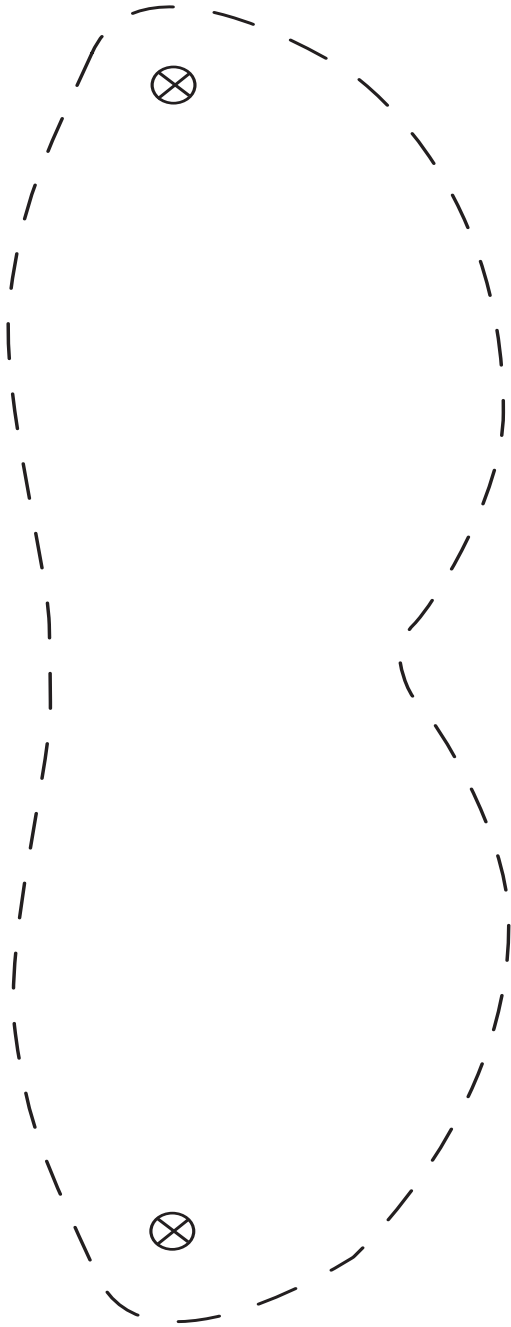
1. Photocopy mask template (enclosed) onto sturdy paper stock (or use as a pattern to cut fabric masks).
2. Have each child color and decorate his/her own mask.
3. When finished, have an adult cut out each mask along the dotted lines, and hole punch the side tabs for proper head fitting.
4. Take one rubber band and put it halfway through the hole. Then take the short end and loop it through the longer end, creating a knot.
5. Do the same on the other side.
6. Now each child is ready to wear his/her own personalized sleep mask for a pretend sleep-time!

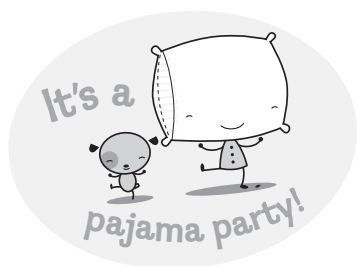




Design Your Own Sleep Mask!

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Storytelling Time!



AFTER READING each of these stories to your group, use these starter sentences to allow kids to create a fun filled story of their own. Sit participants in a circle. Read the first sentence aloud and have the next person in the circle add onto the sentence. By the end of the activity kids will have created their own perfect ending to these incredible stories!

AFTER READING

FROGGY'S SLEEPOVER

by Jonathan London • Illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz

It was Friday, and school was out. Froggy flopped home from the school bus—flop flop flop—singing “Hurray! Hurray! It’s Friday! Friday! I’m going to Max’s for a sleepover.”

STUMPED? TRY THIS: Have students plan their own sleepover. Imagine what Froggy will pack in his overnight bag, what games they will play, etc.

AFTER READING

PAJAMA DAY

by Lynn Plourde • Illustrated by Thor Wickstorm

It was Pajama Day at school, and everyone in Mrs. Sheperd’s class arrived wearing their favorite fuzzy-wuzzy PJ’s. Everyone, that is, except . . .

STUMPED? TRY THIS: Have students come up with their own substitutes for sleepover apparel just as Drew A. Blank did in the story.

AFTER READING

PAJAMAS ANYTIME

by Marsha Hayles • Illustrated by Hiroe Nakata

If January’s snow closes school for the day . . .
Or my February cold keeps me sofa’d from play . . .

STUMPED? TRY THIS: Have students go through the calendar months and think of fun activities that they can do while in their pajamas.

AFTER READING

TOO MANY FROGS!

by Sandy Asher • Illustrated by Keith Graves

Rabbit lived by himself in the hollow of an old tree. He cooked for himself. He tidied up after himself. And at the end of each and every day, he read himself a story. It was a simple way of life—no fuss, no clutter. And rabbit liked it. But one rainy evening, he heard a knock-knockety at his door . . .

STUMPED? TRY THIS: Have students imagine who or what is behind the closed door. How will this change rabbit’s lonely life? What adventures will they be able to encounter together?

AFTER READING

THE STORY OF HONK-HONK ASHOO & SWELLA-BOW-WOW

by Ralph Cosentino

There once was a pillow head who snored his name: Honk-Honk-Ashoo . . .

STUMPED? TRY THIS: Have students put together an amazing adventure for Honk-Honk-Ashoo by referring to some of his favorite daily activities.





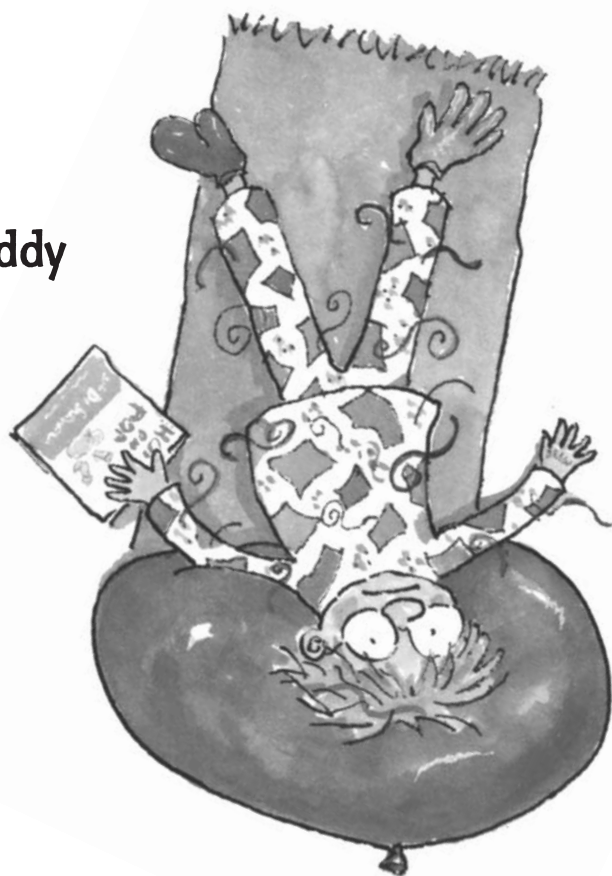
Pajama Party Event Checklist

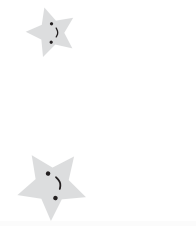
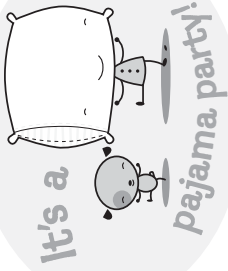


HERE'S A CHECKLIST FOR KIDS to share with their parents so that they don't forget their own sleepover necessities like Drew A. Blank did in *Pajama Day*!

DON'T FORGET . . .

- ☐ Favorite comfy pajamas
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Dental floss
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Favorite stuffed animal/sleeping buddy
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Slippers
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Snack
- ☐ Favorite bedtime story
- ☐ Overnight bag
- ☐ Extra clothes
- ☐ Invitation





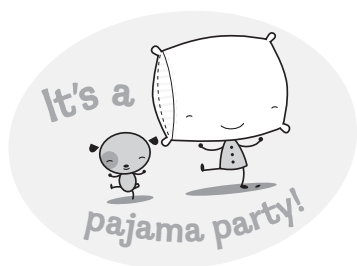
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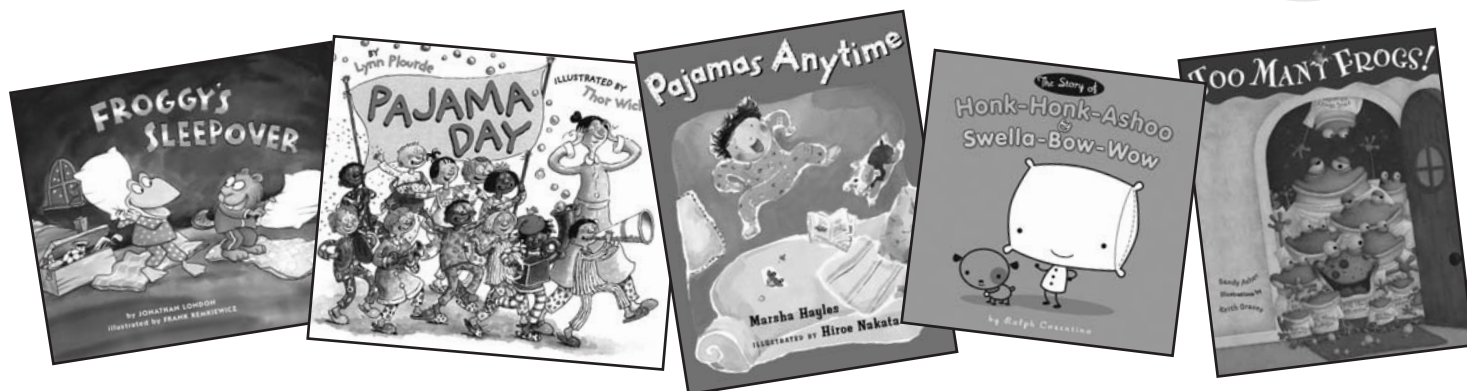
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Suggested "Pajama Party" Reading List (PAGE 1)

FROM PENGUIN YOUNG READERS GROUP

NEW
FOR SPRING
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For ages 4 up / Grades PreSchool up

Froggy's Sleepover

Jonathan London
illus. by Frank Remkiewicz
HC 0-670-06004-6 • \$15.99

It's Froggy's first sleepover! He packs his sleeping bag, his pillow, his pajamas, and even his toothbrush. Now, he's ready to go. But his first sleepover doesn't quite go as planned.

Pajama Day

Lynn Plourde
illus. by Thor Wickstrom
HC 0-525-47355-6 • \$16.99

It's Pajama Day at school! Everyone's ready except for Drew A. Blank. Drew has forgotten his slippers, his snack, his teddy bear, and his pillow—he even forgot to wear pajamas! He doesn't want to be the odd man out, so he comes up with all kinds of ingenious ways to join in the day's events.

Pajamas Anytime

Marsha Hayles
HC 0-399-23871-9 • \$15.99

You can't help but have comfy fun in pajamas all year round. And not just when you're sleeping! If January's snow closes school for the day or a February cold keeps you sofa'd from play, it's time for pajamas!

The Story of Honk-Honk-Ashoo & Swella-Bow-Wow

Ralph Cosentino
HC 0-670-05997-8 • \$14.99

One morning, Honk-Honk-Ashoo is awakened not by his alarm clock but by the sound of barking at his front door. It's a little dog and she's in big trouble. Honk-Honk-Ashoo decides to take her in and learns that a life shared is twice the fun.

Too Many Frogs

Sandy Asher
illus. by Keith Graves
HC 0-399-23978-2 • \$15.99

Rabbit lives a simple life alone and he likes it that way. One day, Froggie shows up at his door and makes himself at home. When Rabbit has finally had enough, he says Froggie has to go. Until one night when Rabbit realizes something is missing.





SUGGESTED "PAJAMA PARTY" READING LIST (PAGE 2)



AGES 1-4

Good Night, Spot: Little Board Book

Eric Hill
BB 0-399-24319-4 • \$3.99

Goodnight Max

Rosemary Wells
BB 0-670-88707-2 • \$10.99

The Little Sleepyhead

Fran Manushkin
illus. by Leonid Gore
HC 0-525-46956-7 • \$16.99

My Good Night Book

Mary Morgan
HC 0-525-46987-7 • \$12.99

AGES 5-8

Emily's First Sleepover

Claire Masurel
illus. by Susan Calitri
PB 0-448-43128-9 • \$3.99

Good Night, Good Knight

Shelley Moore Thomas
illus. by Jennifer Plecas
PB 0-14-230201-5 • \$3.99
HC 0-525-46326-7 • \$13.99

Good Night, Gorilla

Peggy Rathmann
PB 0-698-11649-6 • \$5.99
HC 0-399-22445-9 • \$14.99
BB 0-399-23003-3 • \$7.99
BB 0-399-24260-0 • \$11.99 (oversized)

Lil' Bratz

Beauty Sleepover Bash!

PB 0-448-43730-9 • \$3.99

My Teacher

Sleeps in School

Leatie Weiss, illus. by Ellen Weiss
PB 0-14-050559-8 • \$5.99

Pajama Party

Joan Holub, illus. by Julie Durrell
PB 0-448-41739-1 • \$3.99

Sarah's Sleepover

Bobbie Rodriguez
illus. by Mark Graham
HC 0-670-87750-6 • \$15.99

Sleepy Bear

Lydia Dabovich
PB 0-14-054785-1 • \$6.99

Spot Sleeps Over

Eric Hill
PB 0-14-055301-0 • \$6.99

Strawberry Shortcake Sleeps Over

PB 0-448-43516-0 • \$4.99

Time to Sleep, Alfie Bear

Catherine Walters
HC 0-525-47204-5 • \$15.99

Tomie dePaola's

The Barker Twins: The Big Sleepover

Gail Herman, illus. by Emilie Kong
PB 0-448-43482-2 • \$3.99

When I'm Sleepy

Jane R. Howard
illus. by Lynn Cherry
PB 0-14-056759-3 • \$5.99

AGES 8-12

Pajama Party Under Cover

Cylin Busby
illus. by Jamie Bennett
PB 0-448-42855-5 • \$6.99

Llama, Llama Red Pajama

Anna Dewdney
HC 0-670-05983-8 • \$15.99

Bedtime!

Christine Anderson
illus. by Steven Salerno
HC 0-399-24004-7 • \$15.99

*Prices subject to change without notice.

**COMING
IN SUMMER
2005!**





It's a pajama party!

BELOW is a list of items contained in this Pajama Party Event Kit. Each activity is guaranteed to help your event go off like a dream and keep your party from being a snore!

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS KIT ARE:

- * How to Plan an Amazing Pajama Party Event Sheet
- * Event Poster
- * Pajama Party Event invitation Sheet
- * Pajama Party Activity Suggestions Sheets
- * Dream Bubble Drawing Activity Sheet
- * Froggy Goes to Bed Maze Activity Sheet
- * Hand the Toothbrush to Froggy Game Sheets
- * Pajamas Anytime Coloring Sheet
- * Slippers Matching Game Sheet
- * How Many Frogs? Activity Sheet
- * What's Missing? Activity and Answer Sheets
- * Design Your Own Sleep Mask Activity Sheets
- * Storytelling Time! Activity Sheet
- * Pajama Party Event Checklist
- * Certificate of Participation Sheet
- * Suggested "Pajama Party" Reading List Sheets
- * Stickers for Giveaways

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