

Digby's Moon Mission

Free Educational Literacy Activities

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Digby's Moon Mission

One night, Digby Fixit wakes to find his room in too much darkness!
Discovering the moon in a frightful state, he plans a clever mission
to bring back the light of night.

Children's book age range 2-7 years.

**Click on the link below to buy your own copy of
Digby's Moon Mission**

<http://www.amazon.com/Digbys-Moon-Mission-Renee-Price/dp/064692771X>

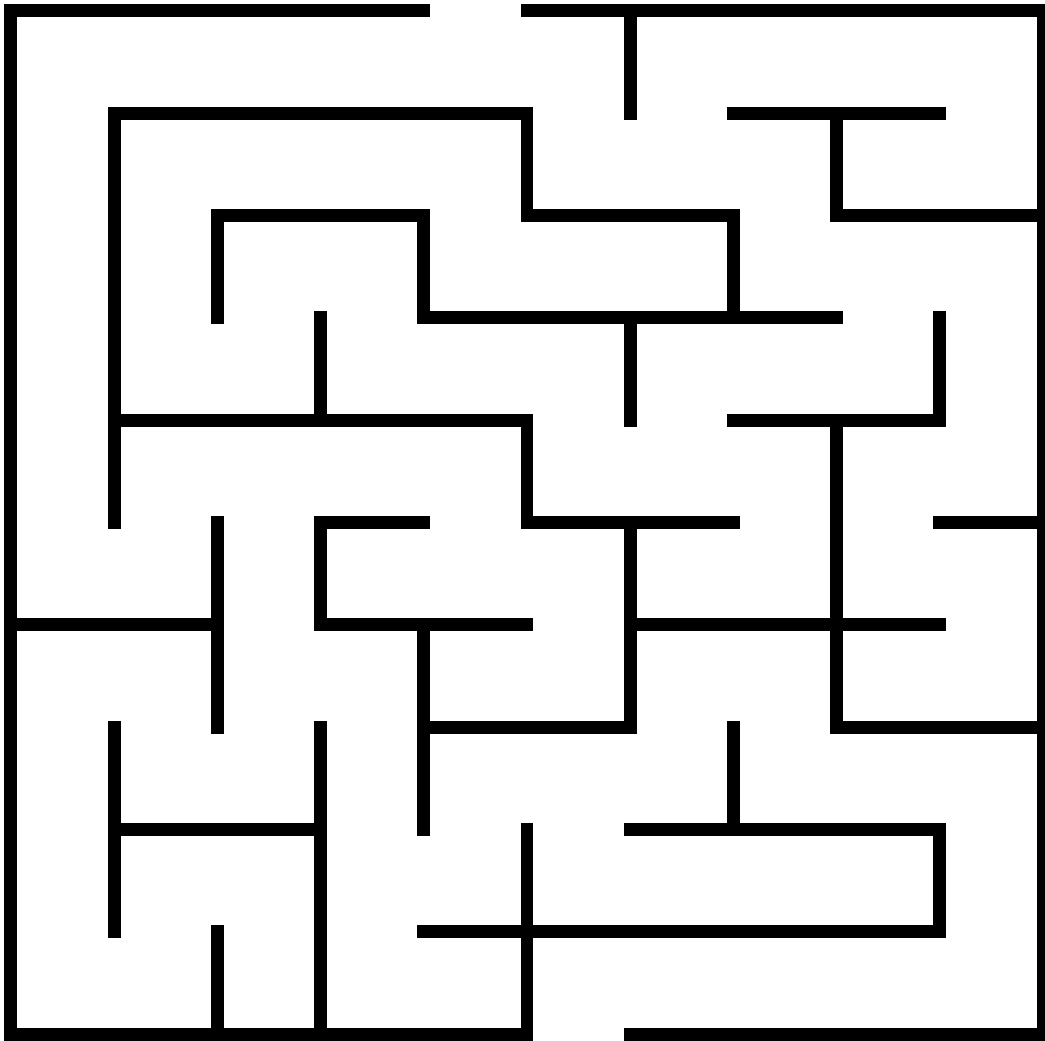
Digby's maze to the Moon

Activity

Help the food reach the moon by tracing your finger or drawing a line through the maze from the food to the moon.

Educational Benefit

To complete a maze children need to stay between the lines. This helps strengthen their hand muscles which are important in handwriting.



Digby starts with D.

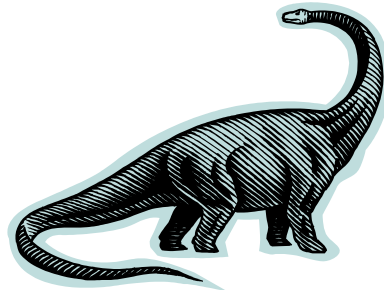
Activity

Trace over the letter Dd with your finger or a pencil. Circle all the pictures beginning with the sound /d/

Educational Benefit

Children learn to read by recognising the letter and connecting it to the sound it makes. The letter d makes the sound /d/ as in dog.

D d



Moon Word Search

Activity

How many times can you find the word moon in the below word search?

Educational Benefit

A word search gives a child a chance to match letters. Matching is important when children begin to read as they need to match the letters they know with the letters on the page.

moon

c	d	m	o	o	n	c
m	o	o	n	y	u	l
f	l	r	m	o	o	n
b	m	o	o	n	d	f
s	r	a	c	a	t	g

Rhyming words

Activity

Cross out the word in each line that does not rhyme. Parents may need to read the words to their child.

Educational Benefit

The author, Renee Price, used rhyming as part of the text in Digby's Moon Mission. Teaching children to listen for rhyming words will help with their reading and spelling.

cat mat dog hat sat

moon spoon Digby soon

eat sky meat seat

Golden Words

Activity

Count all the times you can find the Golden Words in the book Digby's Moon Mission. The first one is done for you.

Educational Benefit

Golden Words are the 12 words which make up about a quarter of all written words in the English language. The 12 Golden Words are: I, of, and, was, the, is, it, in, be, of, to, that.

Golden Words	How many times are they written in Digby's Moon Mission?	Golden Words	How many times are they written in Digby's Moon Mission?
to		in	4
I		was	
a		be	
and		the	
is		that	
it		of	

Shared Reading

Once your child can recognise the Golden Words you can begin Shared Reading. Point to each word as you read it, when you get to a Golden Word, stop and let your child read the word. A great confidence booster.

Comprehension Activities

Activity

Discuss with your child the answers to the following questions.

Educational Benefit

Comprehension or understanding of text is an important skill in reading. Asking questions before, during and after reading is a great way for children to learn to comprehend what they are reading. Exposing children to new language helps children with their comprehension of future books.

Pre-Reading

Look at the front cover of Digby's Moon Mission. Ask your child:

Who do you think Digby is?

What do you think his Mission might be?

Do you think Digby travels to the moon?

During Reading

Ask your child words they may not know the meaning of. For example 'sliver'. Look at the illustrations, other words such as 'banana-thin' to try to make meaning of the word 'sliver.'

Do this for any words your child is not familiar with.

During reading is also a chance to ask the question 'What do you think happens next?' This gives you a chance to see if they have understood what you have been reading. It also fosters your child's imagination.

Post Reading

Anil Tortop the illustrator of Digby's Moon Mission has created wonderful pictures. While reading the book discuss the images you see on each page. Once you have read the book a few times, your child may begin to tell you what each page is about. This is the beginning of the skill, 'retelling.' They do not need to read the words to retell.

Also ask questions such as:

What was your favourite page?

Think of a different ending to the book.

Can you think of anything else Digby Fixit could fix?

Letters and sounds

Activity

Draw a line from the letter to the food which starts with that letter.

Educational Benefit

Digby's friends loved helping Digby out. The author used this as a chance to reinforce letter and sound connections.

Reading is all about matching letters to the sounds they make. This activity helps children recognise a letter and think about the main sound it makes.

Saturday



Monday



Tuesday



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