

More Elementary Ideas

- ◆ **Picture Search:** Look through the newspaper and find pictures of 10 things you have in your house. Cut out these pictures and paste on paper.
- ◆ **Name Game:** Cut out letters of the alphabet from the newspaper headlines to spell both your first and last name. Mount them on paper.
- ◆ **Electricity Search:** Find pictures of things that run on electricity (need to be plugged in). Cut them out and paste onto paper. How many did you find? How many of these things do you have in your house? Can you write the names of any of them?
- ◆ **Happy or Sad?** How many happy people can you find in the newspaper? Cut out all the pictures of happy people you find and paste them on your paper. Do the same for all the sad people in the newspaper. Why do you think these people look happy or sad?
- ◆ **The ABCs:** Look through the newspaper and cut out all of the letters of the alphabet. Paste them in alphabetical order.
- ◆ **What's for dinner?** Draw three circles the size of dinner plates. Using the newspaper, cut out foods you would eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Paste the foods you have cut out on your dinner plate.
- ◆ **Getting warmer:** Some people live where it is warm all year long. They live in a warm climate. Cut out four pictures of clothes you would wear in this warm place. Now, cut out four pictures of clothes you would not wear in this warm place. Paste them on your paper. Write a sentence about why you would or would not like to live in a warm climate.
- ◆ **All your favorites:** Look at the food ads. Find the names of eight things you can eat or drink. Cut these names or items out of the newspaper and paste them into one of each of eight boxes you have drawn on a piece of paper. Put a happy face on your favorite foods.
- ◆ **Circle or square?** Can you find the shapes? Cut out five pictures from your newspaper. Paste these pictures onto a piece of paper. In each picture, see if you can find squares, triangles, rectangles, circles, or ovals. Use a crayon to go over any shape you find.
- ◆ **What time is it?** Find and clip numbers of the same size and paste them to a paper plate to make a face clock. Can you find any examples of numbers used to tell time in the newspaper?
- ◆ **What's the punch line?** Find the comics section in the index of the newspaper. Turn to the comics and cut out two cartoons. Paste the cartoons on paper and erase the words. Write your own words in the balloons. Have a friend read your cartoon.
- ◆ **From here to there:** Find pictures of transportation and cut them out. Paste them on paper and label each picture. Can you think of any other kind of transportation? If so, list them and draw pictures of them.
- ◆ **Danger! Danger!** As part of a lesson on safety, clip 10 newspaper pictures of things that can be dangerous (scissors, knives, ropes, power tools, etc.).
- ◆ **What's the size?** Look through the newspaper and cut out as many words as you can find that describe size. Paste these onto your paper.
- ◆ **Long & Short Vowels:** Look through the newspaper and find one example of a long vowel and a short vowel sound for each of the five vowels. Clip these words from the newspaper and paste them onto your paper.
- ◆ **Stop the pollution:** Find five pictures of things that cause pollution. Cut them out and paste them on your paper. Write two or three sentences on how you can stop pollution. Can you label each kind of pollution you have found?
- ◆ **Punctuation!** Choose a newspaper article and paste onto your paper. Now, circle all the different punctuation marks used in the story. Make a list of each of the punctuation marks used.
- ◆ **Presidential Descriptions:** Who is the President of the United States? Try to find a picture of the President in the newspaper. Cut out any pictures of the President as well as any words that refer to the President. Paste these pictures on to your paper.
- ◆ **§ How is the weather?** Find as many weather words as you can and clip them from the newspaper. Illustrate or draw a picture for each word you have cut out.
- ◆ **Double Vowels:** Using the newspaper, cut out 10 words that have double vowels. Paste these onto your paper. Do the same for 10 words that have blends.