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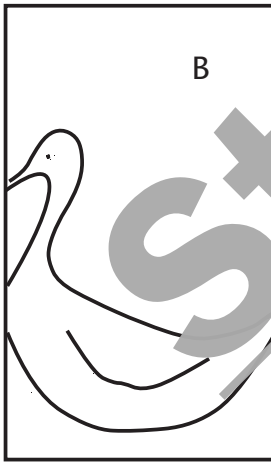
Activity: To follow directions

Two By Two

"The mother swan ...stepped into the water and called her little ones. The cygnets gazed for a second at the water, then tottered forward, gave a jump, and were afloat." (page 31)

To make some attached paper swans you will need paper, scissors and crayons.

1. Fold a sheet of paper accordion fashion.
See Illustration A.
2. With paper folded, take a crayon and draw a swan on one side, making sure that part of the head, body and tail are on the folds of the paper. (See illustration B.)



3. Use the scissors to cut along the lines that you have made. DO NOT CUT ON THE FOLDS OF THE PAPER.
4. Open up the paper. Use your swans for decoration, for part of a picture, for a story, or for something else.

Variation: After you have had some practice making the swans, make several of them by cutting a long strip of newspaper and using the paper of the project.

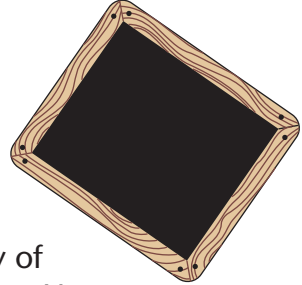


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Activity: To identify reasons for communication

Lessons

"All birds and animals talk to one another—they really have to, in order to get along." (page 58, Sam to Mrs. Hammerbotham)



Birds, animals, and humans communicate with one another for many of the same reasons. Why do you communicate with others? List reasons. Use the letters of the word *communicate* and think of a word, phrase, or sentence that begins with the letter on each line. Each line should be a reason or a way to communicate.

C _____

O _____

M _____

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What do you think is the most important use of communication? Why?

Student Worksheets

Name _____

Activity: To advertise

"I Love You"

"Once, in desperation, Louis swam up to Serena, his beloved, and made a bow. His slate, as usual, was around his neck. Taking the chalk pencil in his mouth, he wrote 'I love you' on the slate and showed it to her." (page 72)

Imagine that Serena is able to read. Help Louis conduct an aquatic advertising campaign for himself! (Father Swan tells of some of Louis' many good qualities on page 74.)



Create a floating billboard for Louis.

As the base, use a styrofoam plate, tray, or something similar that will float.

Make a sign and add the billboard to the base. Will your creation float? Try it.

Draw a picture of your floating billboard below. Make a list of the materials you used.