

## ABCDe-tectives

### Directions for the Find & Circle Craftivity.

Print off the fall-themed templates. Cut out; trace onto an old file folder and then trim. Make several templates to expedite tracing by students.

Allow students to choose a shape and trace it on a page of the newspaper that has plenty of writing on it.

Children cut out their shape.

Students fill out the prediction part of the data on the matching worksheet.

Students find and circle the upper and lowercase letters that the shape starts with. i.e. apple: Aa's, pumpkin Pp's, leaf Ll's, football, Ff's.

To make this a bit more difficult for older students, have them search and circle all of the letters that are in the word and then tally or total, how many of each letter they found.

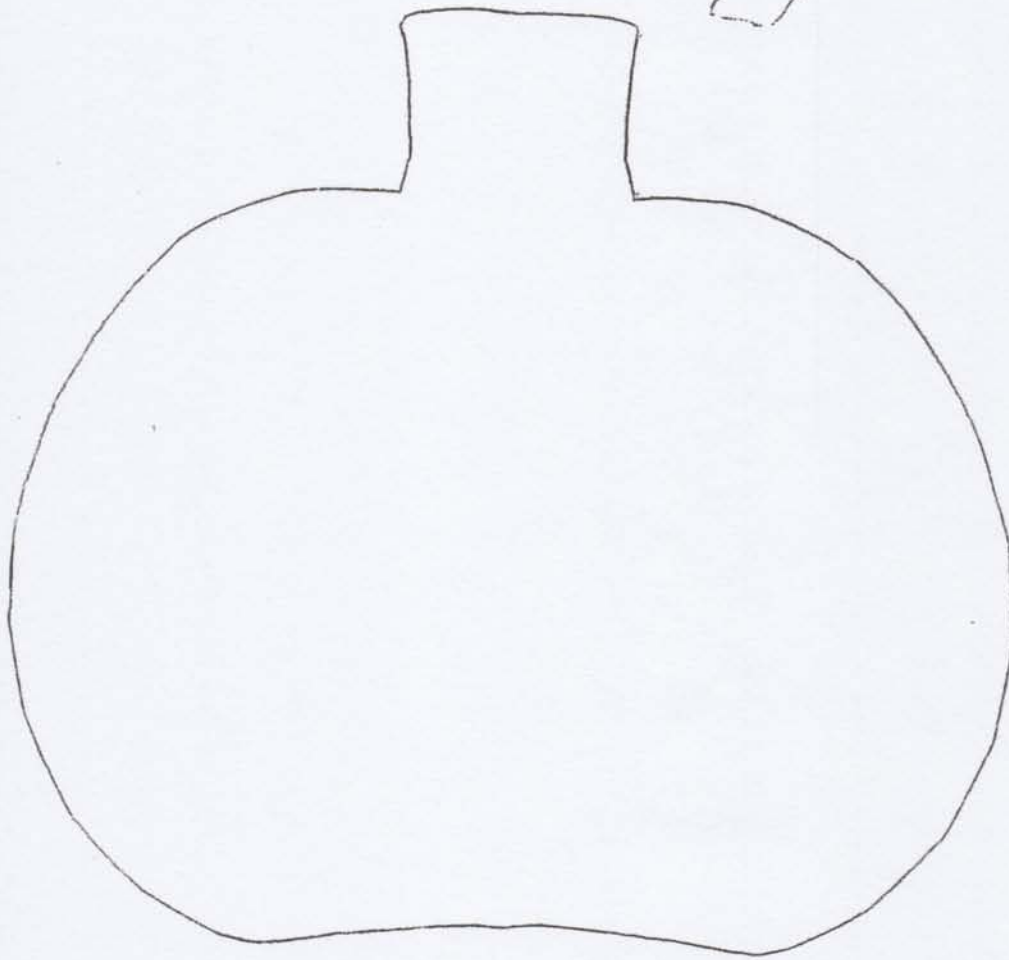
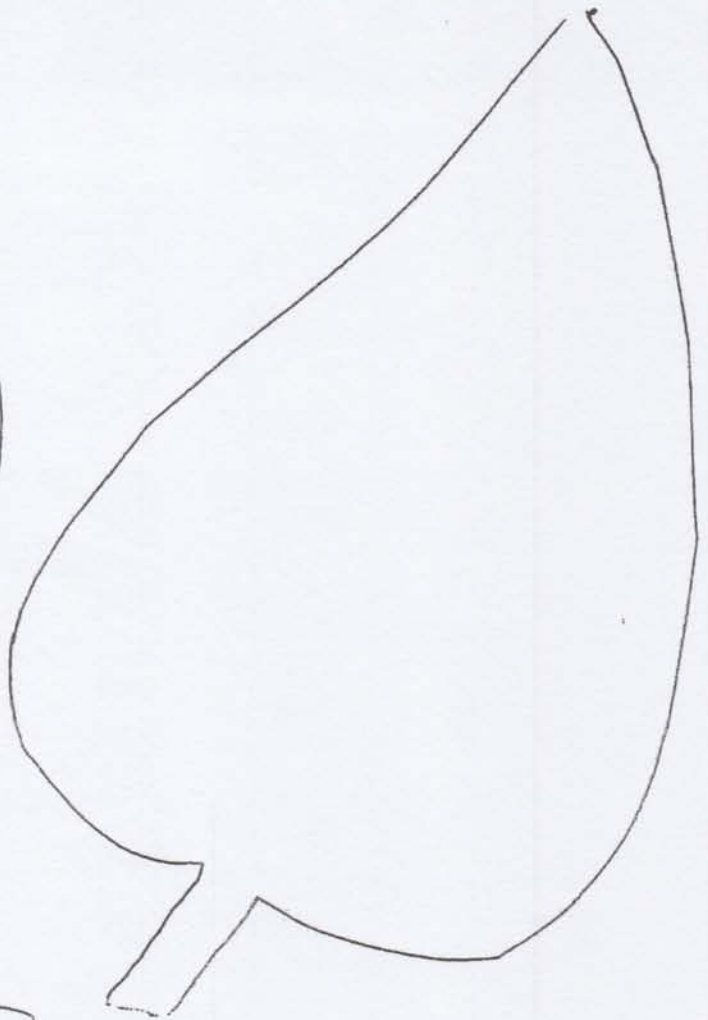
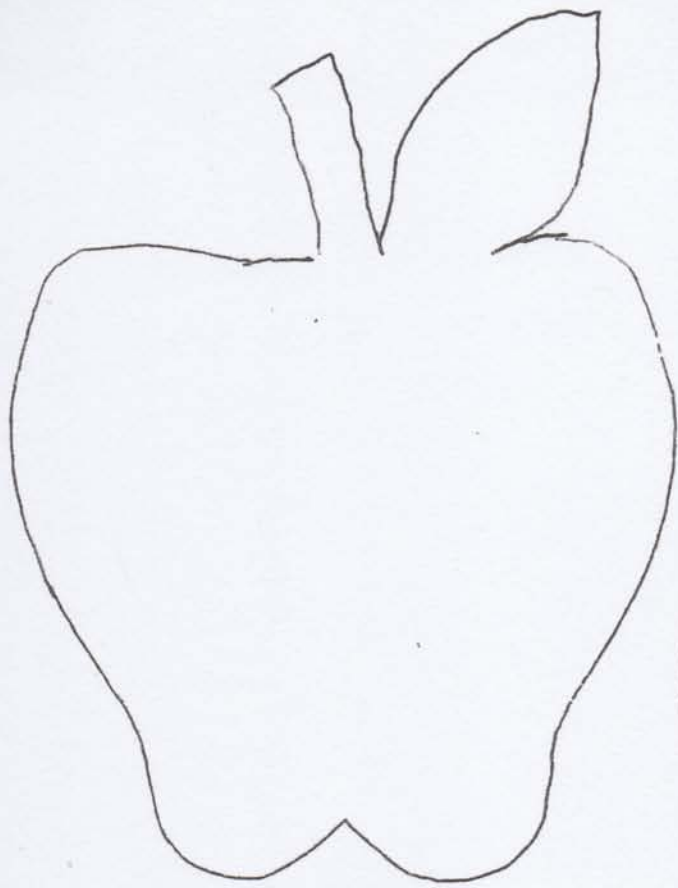
When they are done, they color their newsprint craftivity with a watercolor marker or highlighter, so that the newsprint still shows through.

Students glue their work to the matching worksheet and fill in the data. Older students can use the greater, less than, or equals symbol, to show their answer to the correct answer.

When everyone is done, you can graph how many of each beginning letter that your class found, counting by 10's.

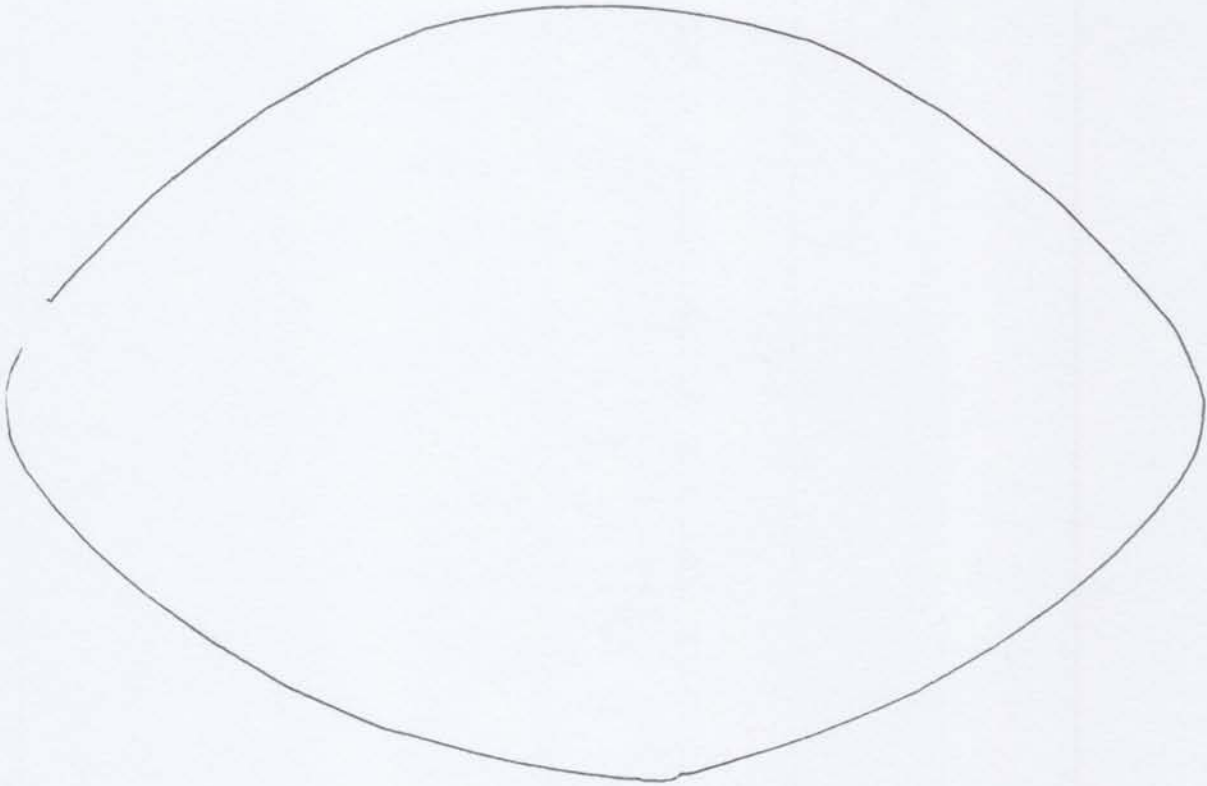
Write each child's amount on the board and show the addition, one step at a time, to get to a grand total.

Before graphing, have students predict which letter they think students will find the most of and why.

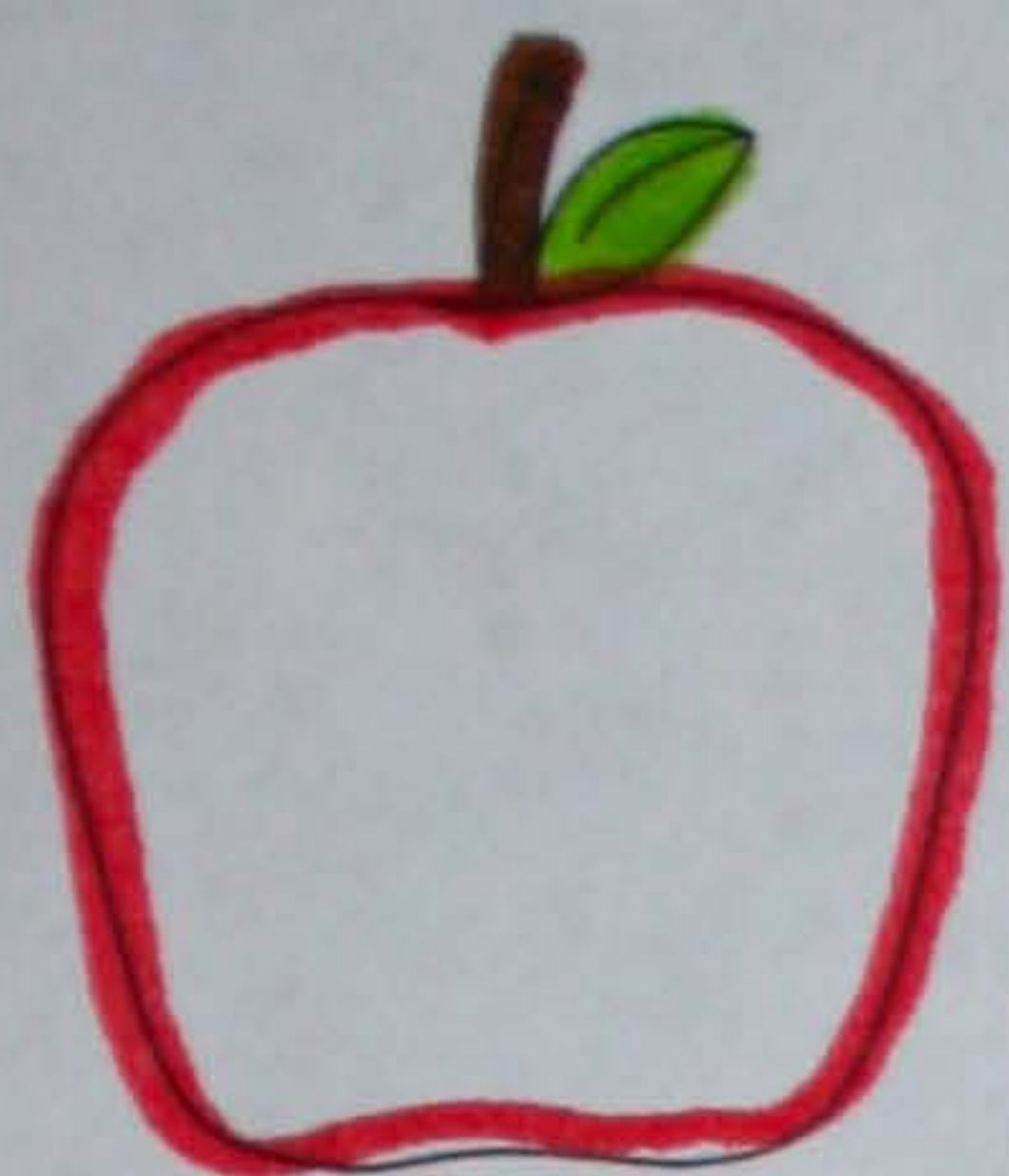


## Search and Find Templates

Print, cut out, trace onto old file folders to make a template for students to easily trace onto a newspaper page.







Aa is for apple!

Aa

Aa

Aa

Aa

Aa

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Aa

Aa

Aa

Aa

apple

apple

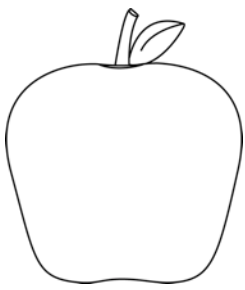
I predict I'll find a total of 50 Aa's.

I found 2 uppercase A's and 53 lowercase a's for a total of 55 letter Aa's.

I guessed correctly / incorrectly







Aa is for apple!

Aa

Aa

Aa

Aa

Aa

apple

I predict I'll find a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Aa's.

I found \_\_\_\_\_ uppercase A's and \_\_\_\_\_ lowercase a's for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ letter Aa's.

I guessed correctly / incorrectly





Pp is for pumpkin!

Pp Pp Pp Pp Pp

Pp Pp Pp Pp Pp

pumpkin

pumpkin

I predict I'll find a total of 30 Pp's.

I found 1 uppercase P's and 26 lowercase p's for a total of 27 letter Pp's.

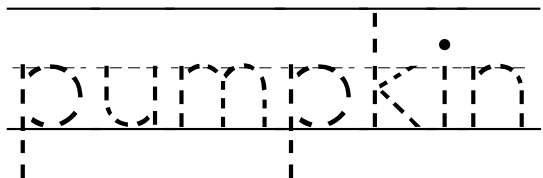
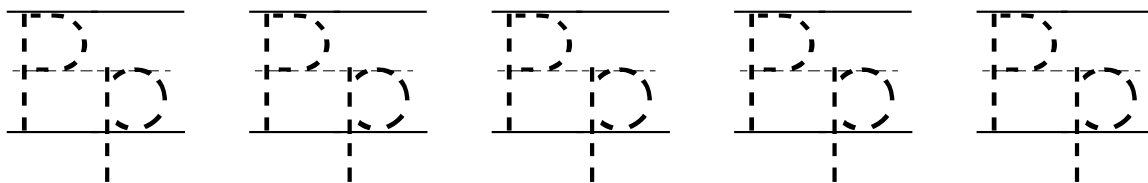
I guessed correctly / incorrectly







Pp is for pumpkin!



I predict I'll find a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Pp's.

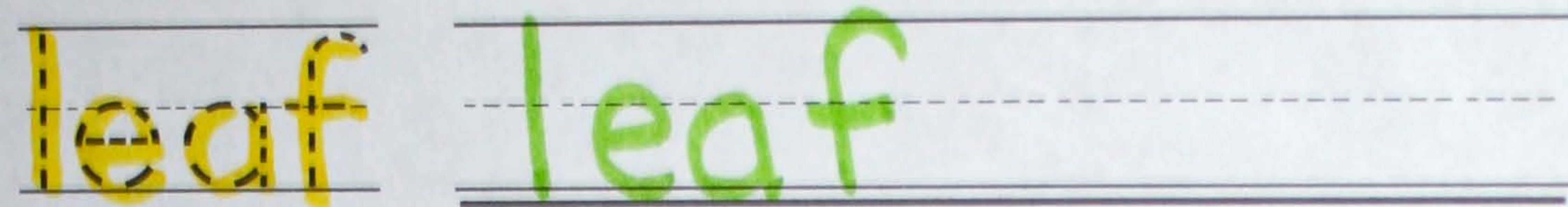
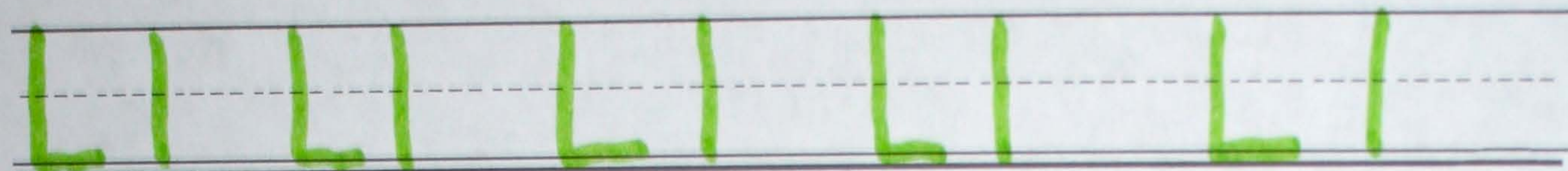
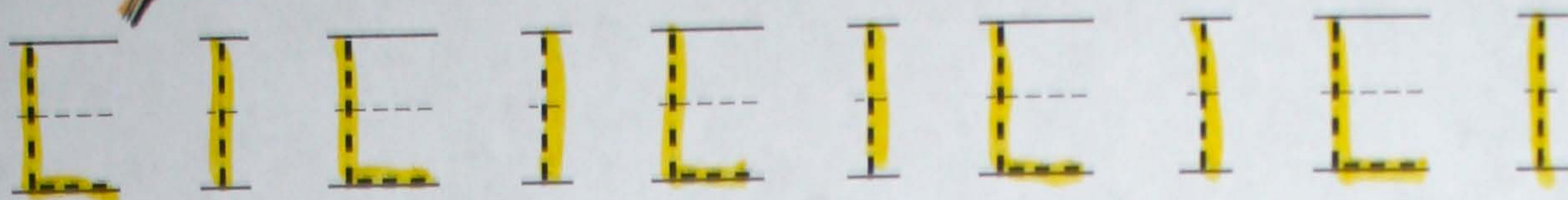
I found \_\_\_\_\_ uppercase P's and \_\_\_\_\_ lowercase p's for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ letter Pp's.

I guessed correctly / incorrectly





L I is for leaf!



I predict I'll find a total of 20 L's.

I found 1 uppercase L's and 15 lowercase l's for a total of 16 letter L's.

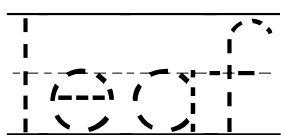
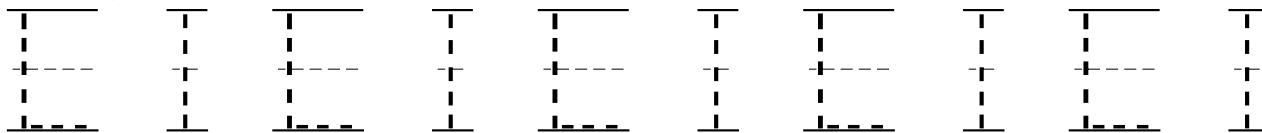
I guessed correctly / incorrectly







L I is for leaf!



I predict I'll find a total of \_\_\_\_\_ L's.

I found \_\_\_\_\_ uppercase L's and \_\_\_\_\_ lowercase l's for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ letter L's.

I guessed correctly / incorrectly



Ff Ff Ff Ff Ff

Ff Ff Ff Ff

football

I found 1 uppercase F's and 9 lowercase f's for a total of 11 letter Ff's.

I guessed correctly / incorrectly

stork that was in Egypt late last year under suspicion of being a winged spy, then it has been killed and eaten, according to the countering conservation group. "Menes" after initially being tracked, the stork was carrying a electronic tracking device that wildlife researchers were not its migration. Nature Egypt (NCE) soon confirmed in the Qena governorate northeast of Cairo, to a falcon. But with Aswan had no records have thousands of birds.

precisely and safety, according to the report.

"Collaboration is now the rule, not the exception," David Grizzle, chief operating officer of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization, said in the report. "We've gone from counting errors to identifying and mitigating safety risk."

The most high-risk incidents, those that came closest to an accident such as a mid-air collision, declined as a percentage of total incidents. This shows risks in the system have declined, according to a presentation Thursday by Joseph Teixeira, vice president of the air traffic unit.

The results continue a trend of increasing air-traffic controller errors logged by the FAA since 2009, when it began a series of efforts to encourage

were reported to the report.

Incidents that came closest to a collision between two planes, or a plane and ground equipment, totaled 18 last year, more than twice the seven that occurred in 2011.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office and the Transportation Department's inspector general each have found evidence that at least some of the increase in near-misses was due to factors other than more complete reporting.

Errors at centers guiding high-altitude flights rose 39 percent from 2009 to 2010, an inspector general report found. Those centers had the same computerized error-monitoring systems during that time frame, so the increase was due to factors other than

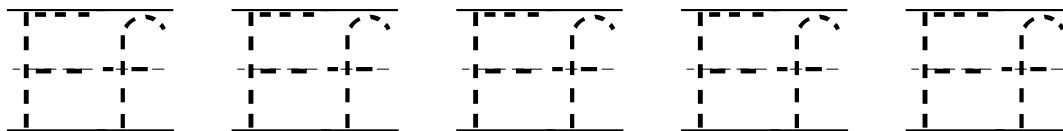
the definition of incidents, to compare previous year. Instead of ranking all incidents, this year identified 41 incidents called "high risk," according to the report. That category didn't exist in previous years.

The data doesn't include any mid-air collisions or other accidents. The report found five





Ff is for football.



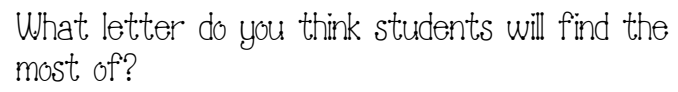
football

I predict I'll find a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Ff's.

I found \_\_\_\_\_ uppercase F's and \_\_\_\_\_ lowercase f's for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ letter Ff's.

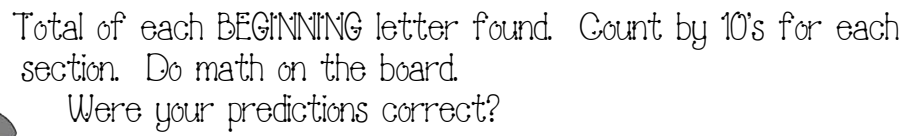
I guessed correctly / incorrectly





Aa's	F's	L's	P's
Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:





Aa's	F's	L's	P's
Total:	Total:	Total:	Total: