

The Midnight Ball

Literacy Matching Game—3 Ways to Play!

1 *Face-Up Sound Game*

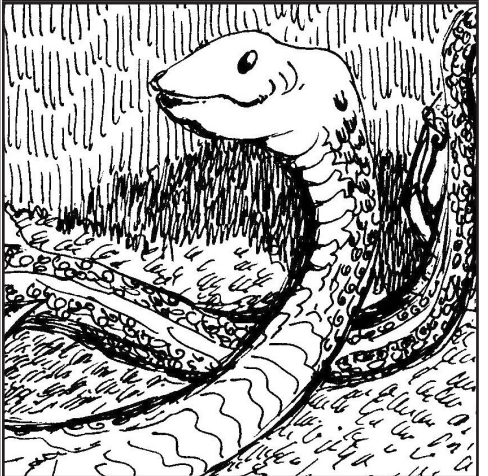
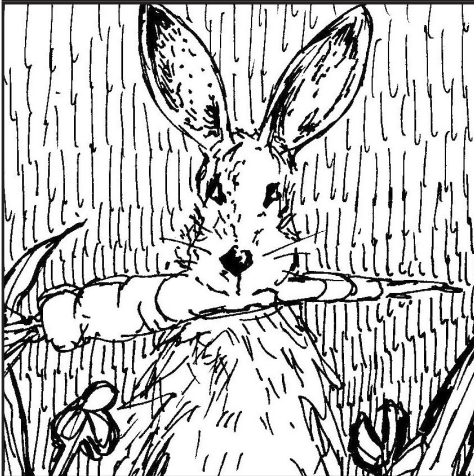
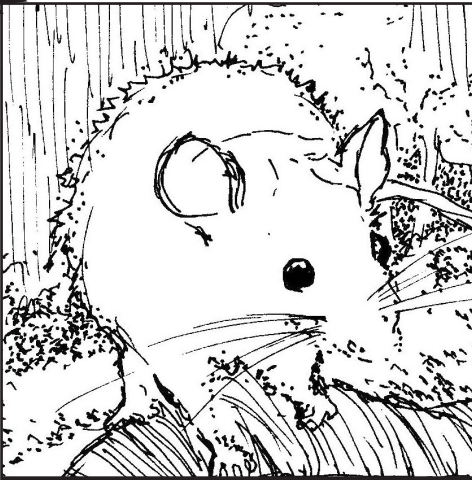
Read the book aloud first, to familiarize the child with various characters like the “cordial crow” and the “bundly bat.” Keeping the cards face up, have the child try to match picture cards with word cards. Go ahead and read the words aloud and identify the pictures aloud, as the child begins searching for a match. This game is about **initial sound association**, not primarily word or picture identification. Encourage the child to make the sounds as she makes the match.

2 *Face-Down Memory Sound Game*

A variation on game 1, this requires higher level skill. Turning the cards face down, have the child try to match picture cards with word cards, by remembering where they are on the table and turning just two cards face up during her turn. If the child doesn't find a match, she turns her two choices back face down, and you take a turn. Go ahead and read the words aloud and identify the pictures aloud, as you and the child turn cards over to search for a match. This game is still about **initial sound association**, not primarily word or picture identification, with the added complexity of trying to remember where the face down matches might be on the table. Whoever makes a match keeps the cards. To win, collect the most cards.

3 *Face-Down Memory Word Identification Game*

A variation on game 2, this requires higher level skill. Play the same way, except do not read the words or identify the pictures aloud for the child.



mannerly

smiling

curious



ruffly

cordial

softhearted

welcoming

bundly

outgoing

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