

# The Story About Ping

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## **Language Arts: Copywork**

Copy the quote in your best handwriting.

## **Social Studies: Flag of China**

Color the flag and paste it inside the mini-book.

## **Social Studies: Map of China**

Cut out the map and paste it inside the mini-book. If desired, use our China Lapbook to learn more about the country of China.

## **Social Studies: Geography-The Yangtze River**

Learn about the Yangtze River in China.

Complete the Where Does Ping Live? envelope fold mini-book by pasting the map of China in the book. Label the Yangtze River on the map.

Complete the How Long Is the Yangtze River? simple fold book.

## **Science: Types of Ducks**

Use the duck shape book to display the images of different types of ducks. What type of duck is Ping? If desired, use our Ducks Lapbook to learn more this type of waterfowl.

## **Math: Ping's Family**

Use the printable page provided to map out Ping's family. When you are finished, count them (or use them for math problems). You can ask your student to analyze the data: How many brothers and sister does Ping have in total? Does Ping have more cousins or aunts? How many more?

Another activity with story problems is included for older or more advanced students.

## **Language Arts and Art: Illustrate a Poem**

Read the poem together and encourage your student to illustrate it.

### Language Arts (and fun!): Hurry, Ping! Game

This game will be a fun addition to your readings of *The Story About Ping*. Your student will use recall and comprehension skills to play the game.

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Draw and label the Yangtze River on the map.

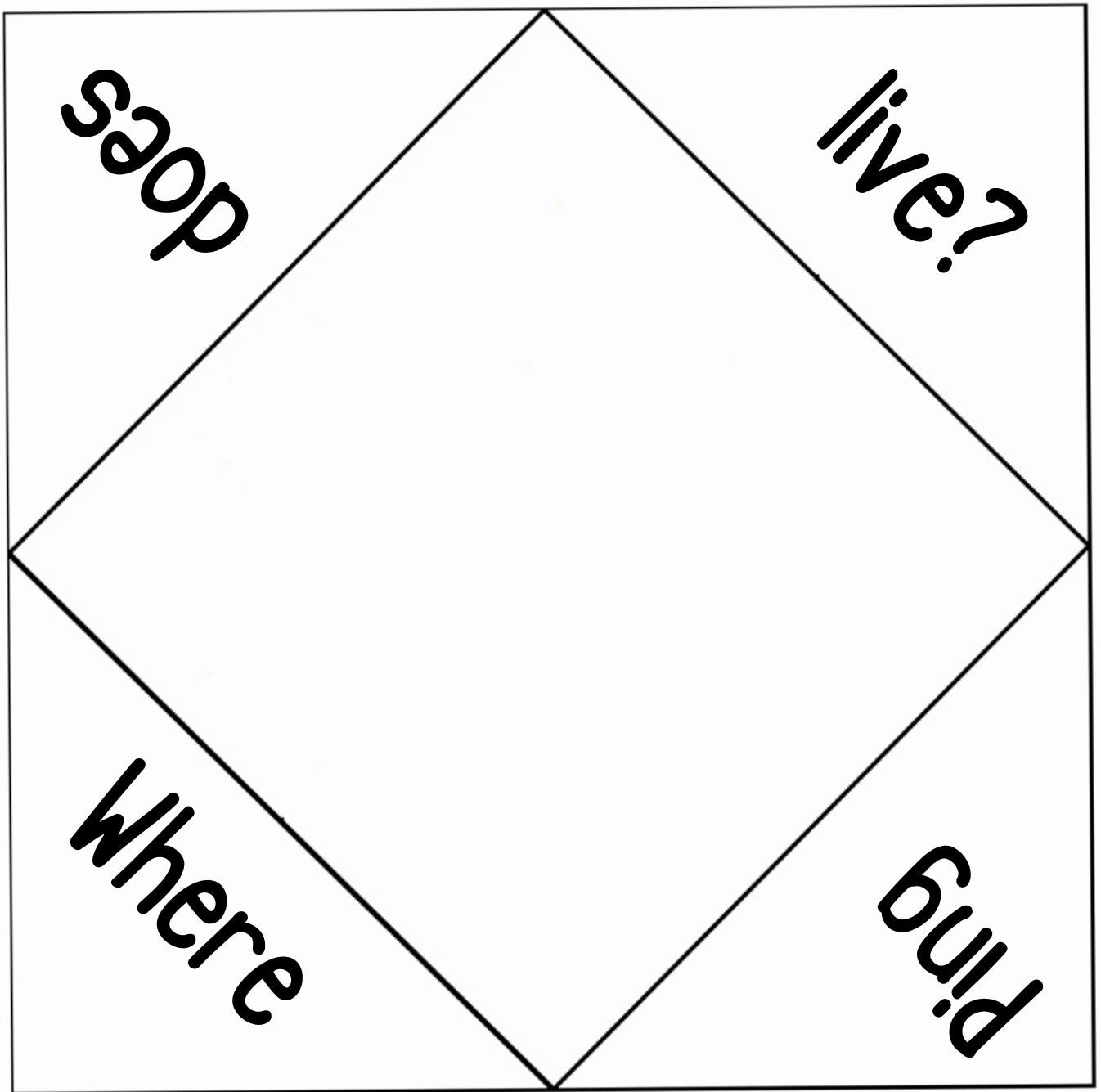


Color picture and use as desired. You could use it as the  
cover page for a minit book about Chinese culture.

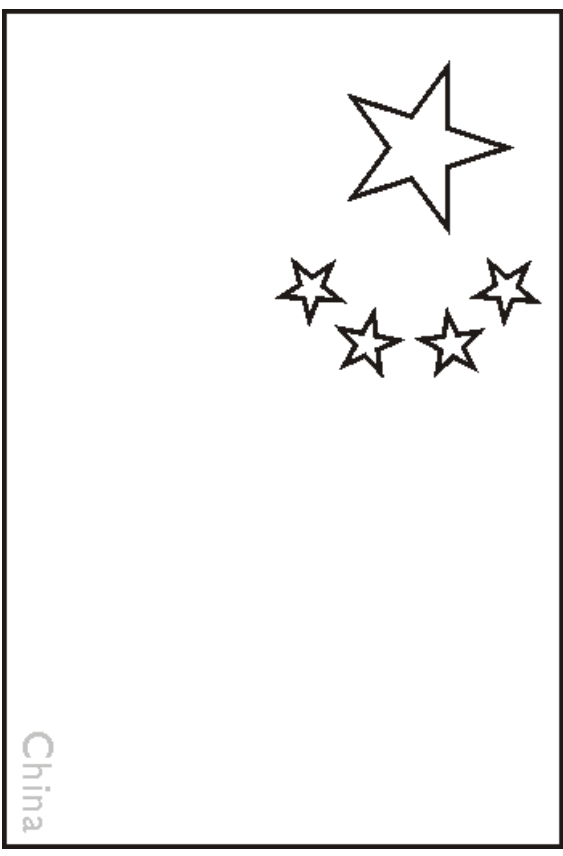
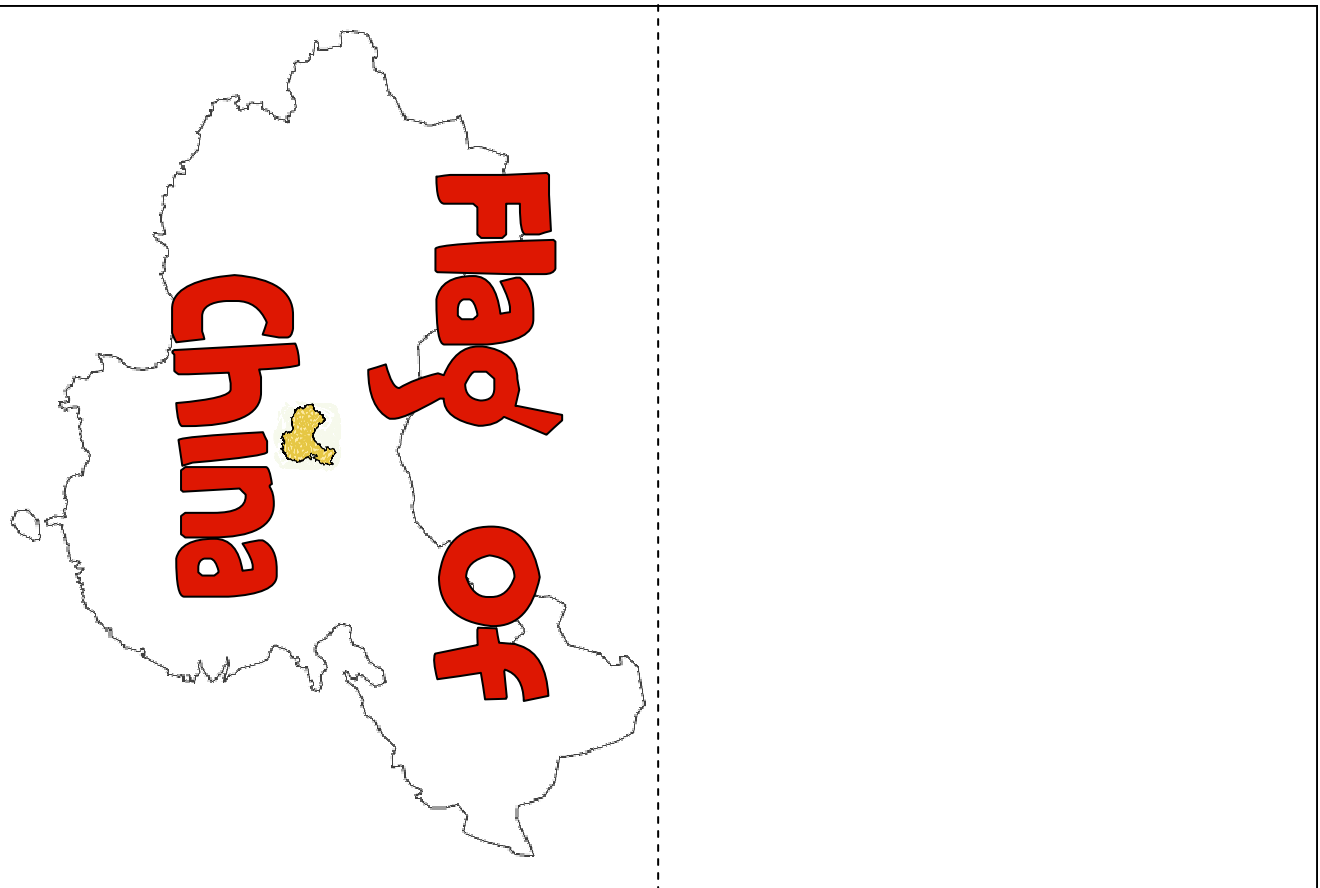


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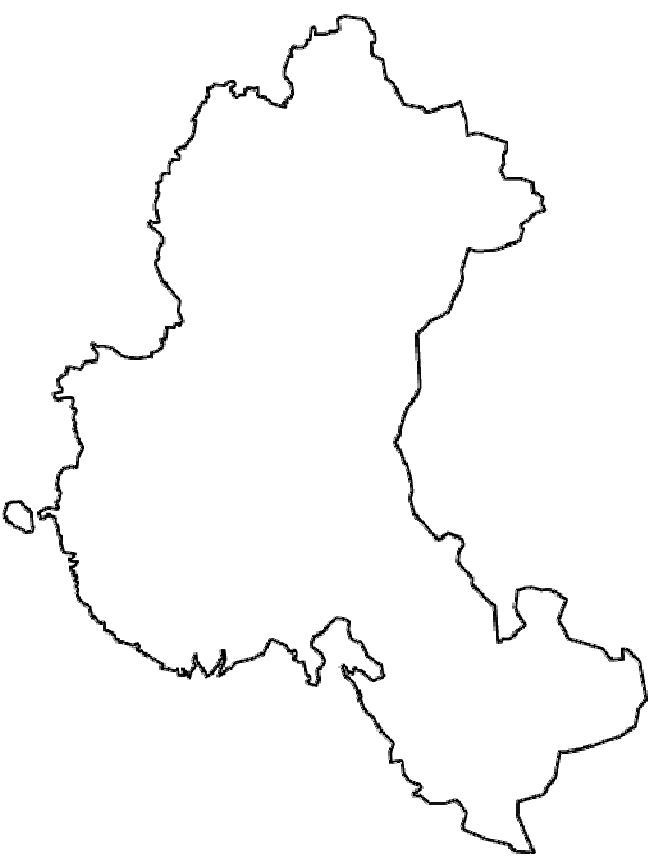
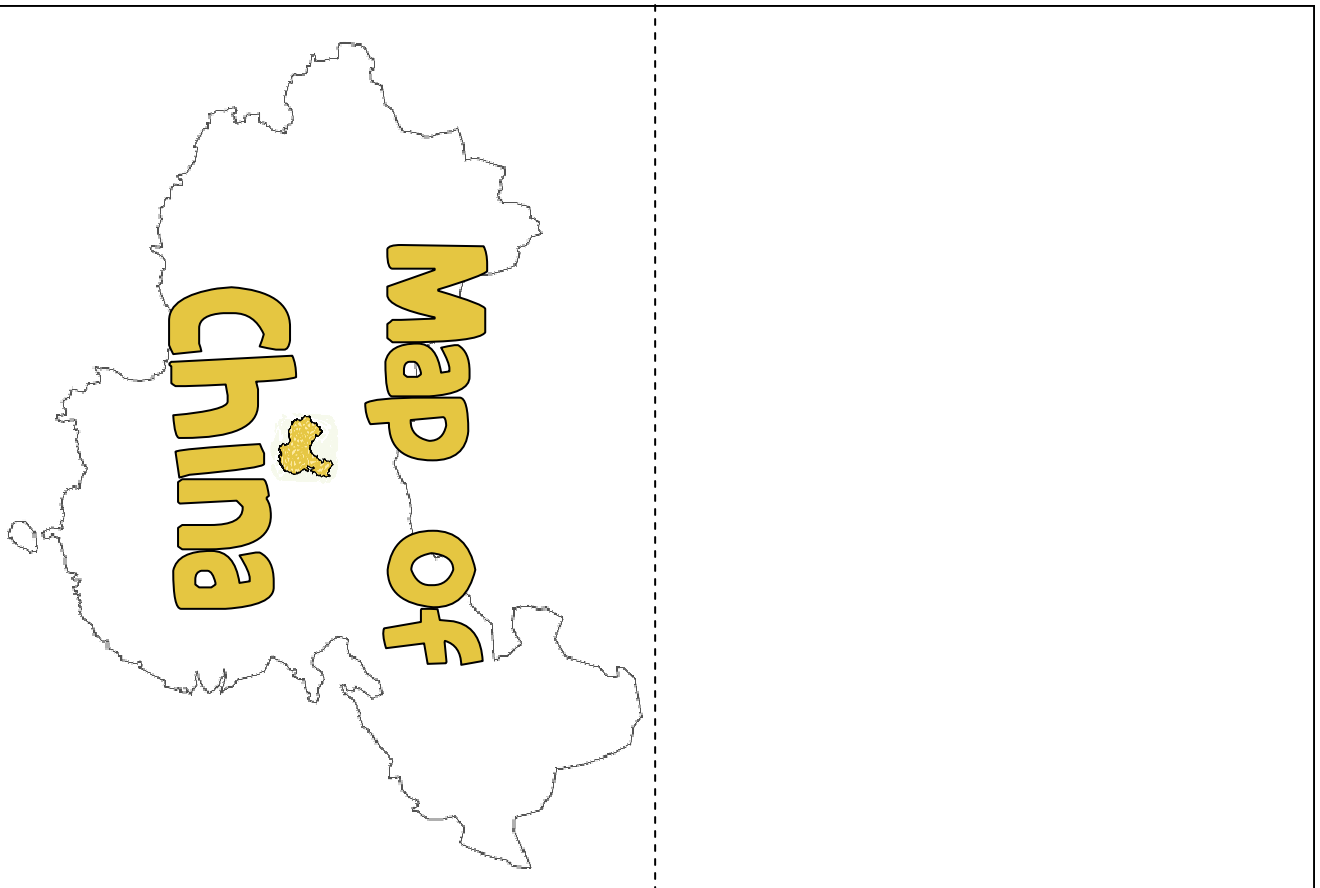


Cut out book as one piece. Fold each triangle to the inside. Paste map of China to the inside. Label it as desired.



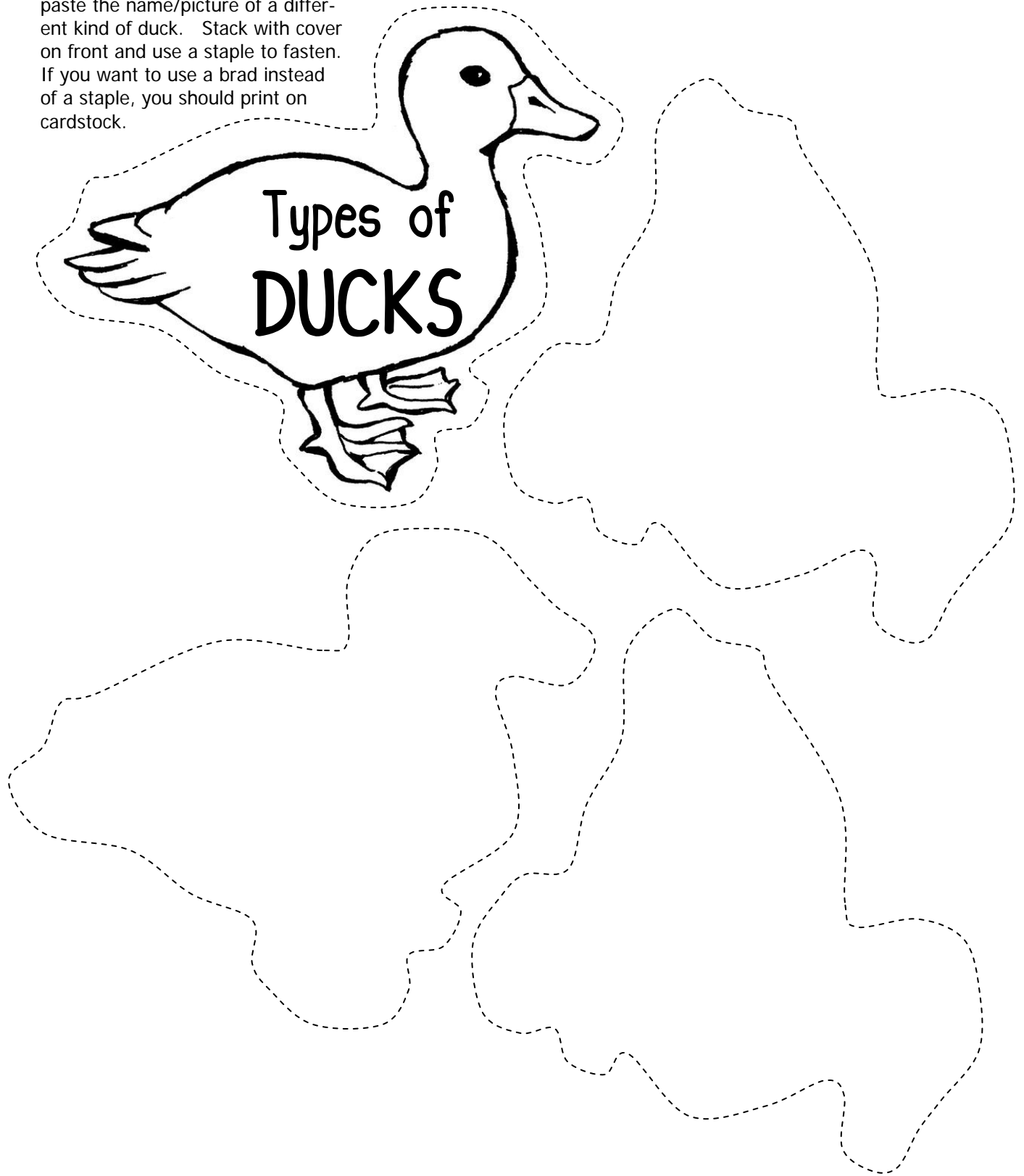
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Color the flag. Paste to the inside of the minit  
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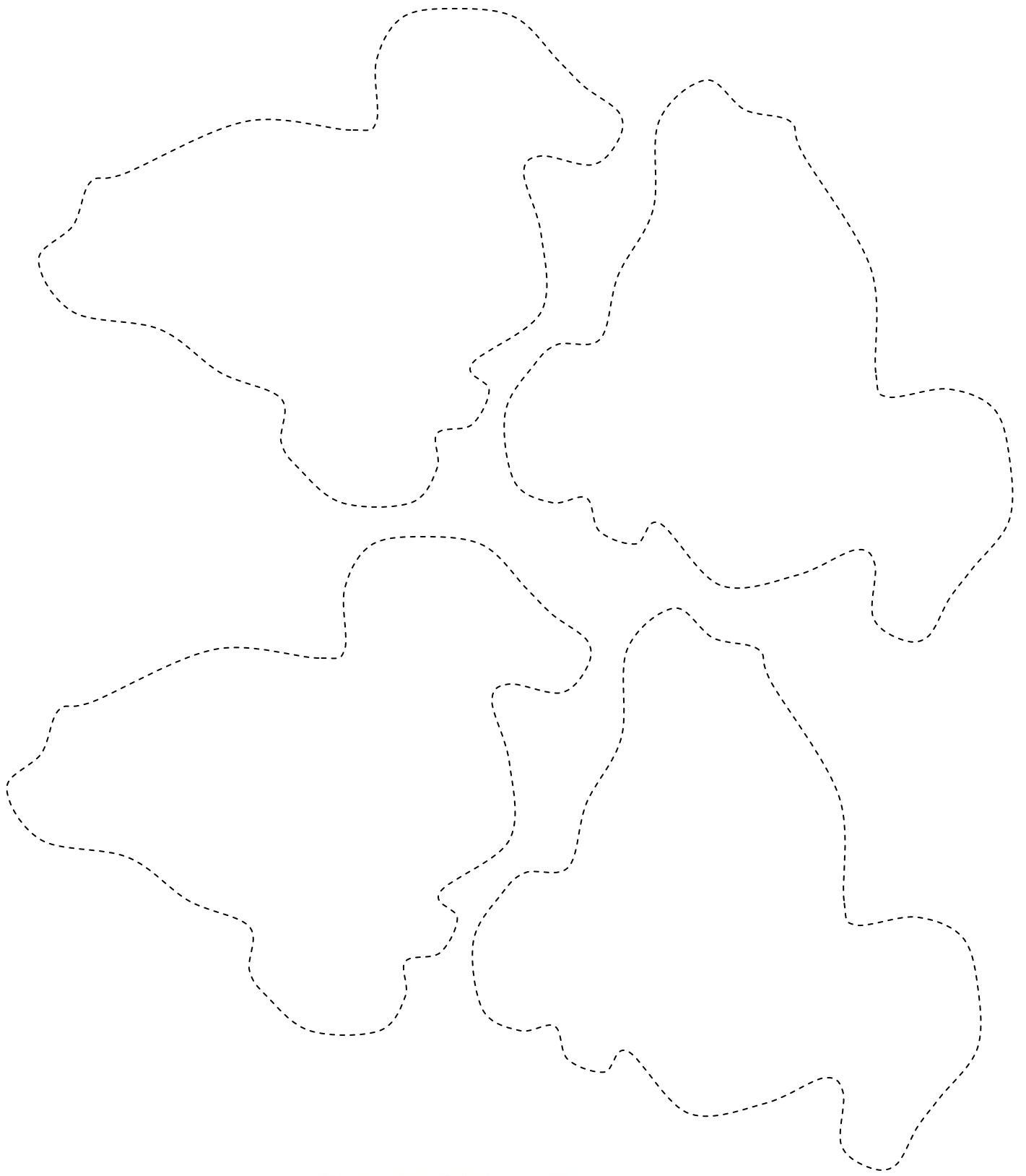
Cut out book as one piece and fold in half. Label the map as desired (major cities, rivers, etc. depending on your student's ability and interest). Paste to the inside of the minit book.

Cut out shapes. Use each one to paste the name/picture of a different kind of duck. Stack with cover on front and use a staple to fasten. If you want to use a brad instead of a staple, you should print on cardstock.



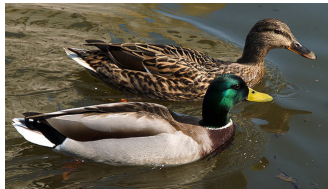
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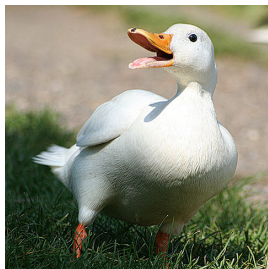
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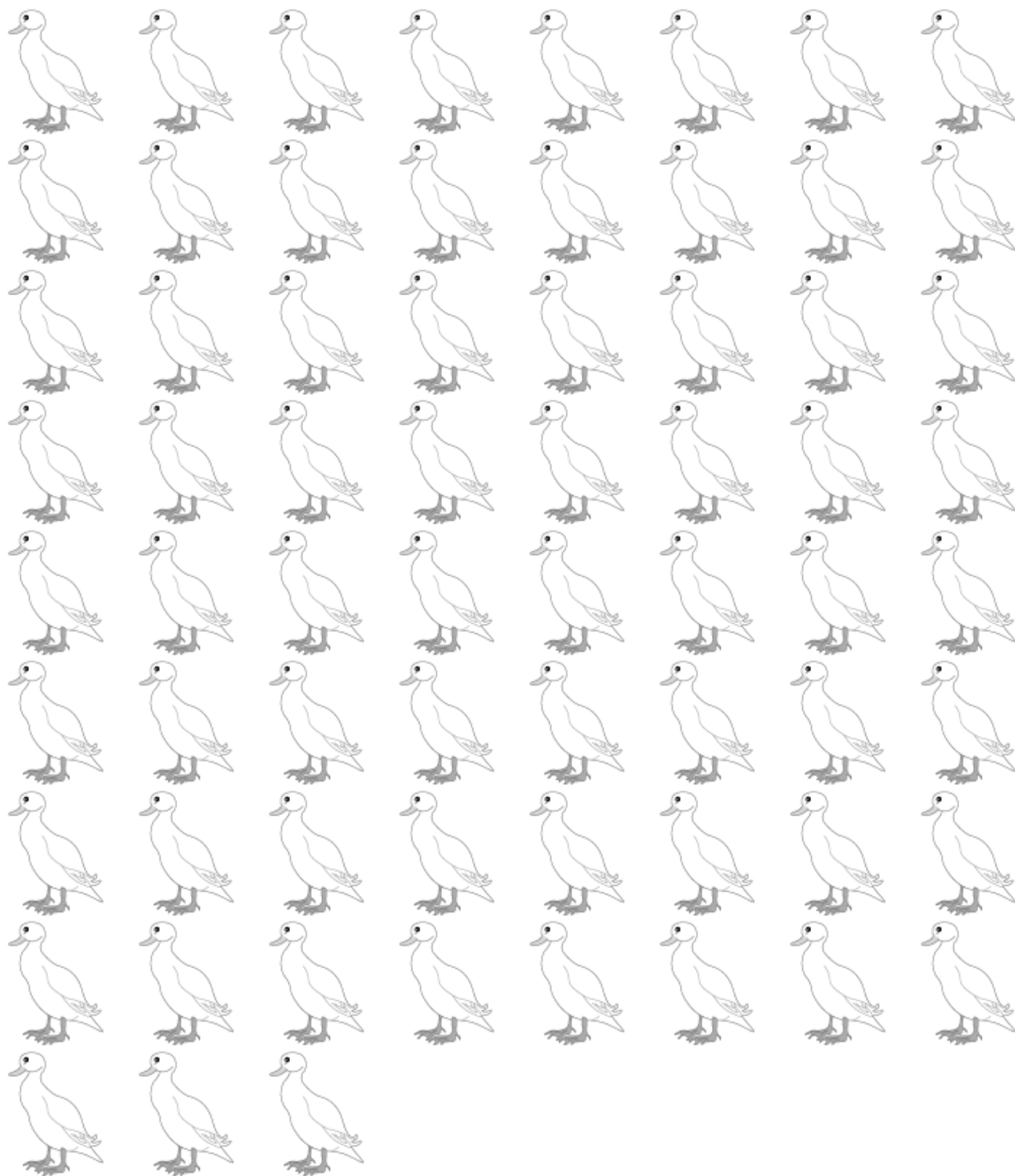
Comb Duck



Pekin Duck



Bufflehead



# Ping's Family

Color Ping's father blue.  
Color Ping's mother pink.  
Color Ping's sisters red.  
Color Ping's brothers green.  
Color Ping's uncles orange.  
Color Ping's aunt's purple.  
Color Ping's cousins brown.  
Color Ping yellow.



# The Story of Ping

## Instructions

Have child(ren) find the part of the story where it says how many family members Ping has and write the numbers on the blanks under the boat. Then, have child(ren) cut the ducks into the appropriate groups. (1 Ping, 2 sisters, 7 uncles, etc.).

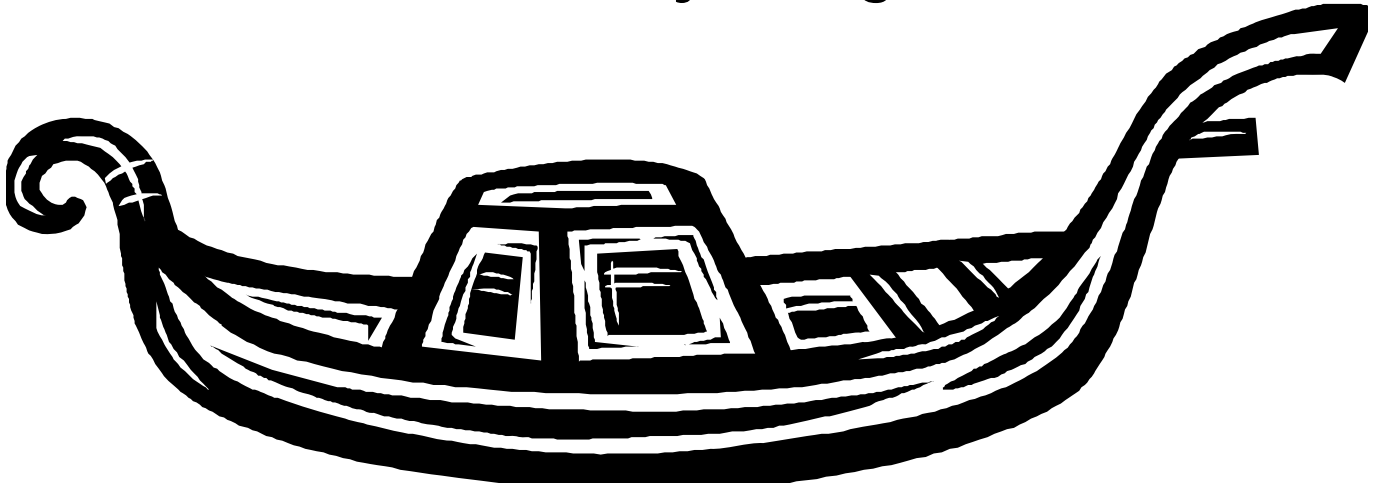
This is a good exercise to practice using bundles of 10 (40 is 4 tens). Place each group in the boxes next to the names. They can be used as counters for the story problems on page 2.

When they have finished the problems, they can color the boat and glue all of the ducks onto it.

Math concepts used are:

- concept of 10 and bundles of 10
- adding within 100
- word problems
- sums of multiple whole numbers

# The Story of Ping




Ping\_\_\_\_\_

Mother\_\_\_\_\_

Father\_\_\_\_\_

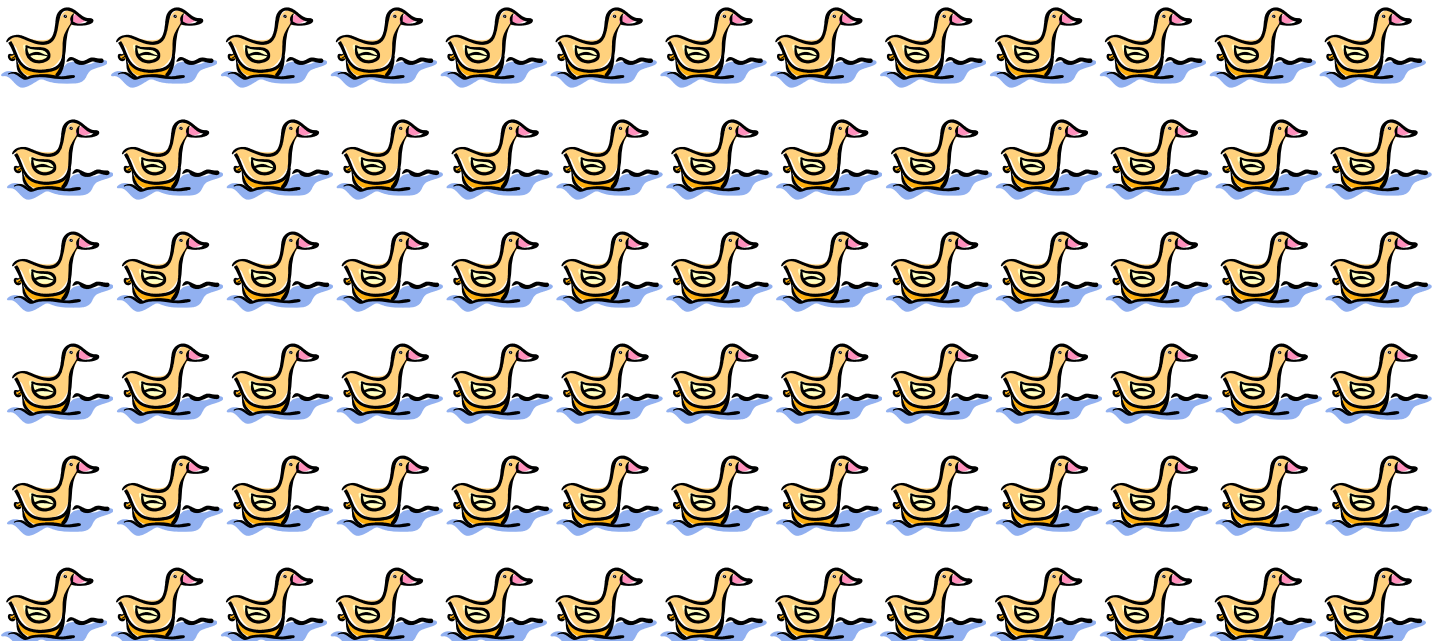
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Brothers\_\_\_\_\_

Aunts\_\_\_\_\_

Uncles\_\_\_\_\_

Cousins\_\_\_\_\_

# The Story of Ping

1. Ping lived on a boat with his mother and father and sisters and brothers and aunts and uncles and cousins.

How many ducks were in Pings family? (Don't forget to include Ping).

\_\_\_\_\_ Ping

+ \_\_\_\_\_ mother

+ \_\_\_\_\_ father

+ \_\_\_\_\_ sisters

+ \_\_\_\_\_ brothers

+ \_\_\_\_\_ aunts

+ \_\_\_\_\_ uncles

+ \_\_\_\_\_ cousins

\_\_\_\_\_

2. One afternoon, Ping didn't hear the master call, because he was wrong side up. By the time he was right side up, his mother and father and aunts were already marching up over the bridge.

How many of Ping's family were already marching up over the bridge?

\_\_\_\_\_ mother

+ \_\_\_\_\_ father

+ \_\_\_\_\_ aunts

\_\_\_\_\_

3. By the time Ping neared the shore, his uncles and his cousins were marching over the bridge.

How many of Ping's family were marching over the bridge now?

\_\_\_\_\_ uncles

+ \_\_\_\_\_ cousins

\_\_\_\_\_

**Illustrate a Poem** (next page)

Read the poem together. Can you find the illustration in *The Story About Ping* that relates to this poem by Odgen Nash?

Ask your student to illustrate the poem.

## **The Duck**

**Behold the duck.**

**It does not cluck.**

**A cluck it lacks.**

**It quacks.**

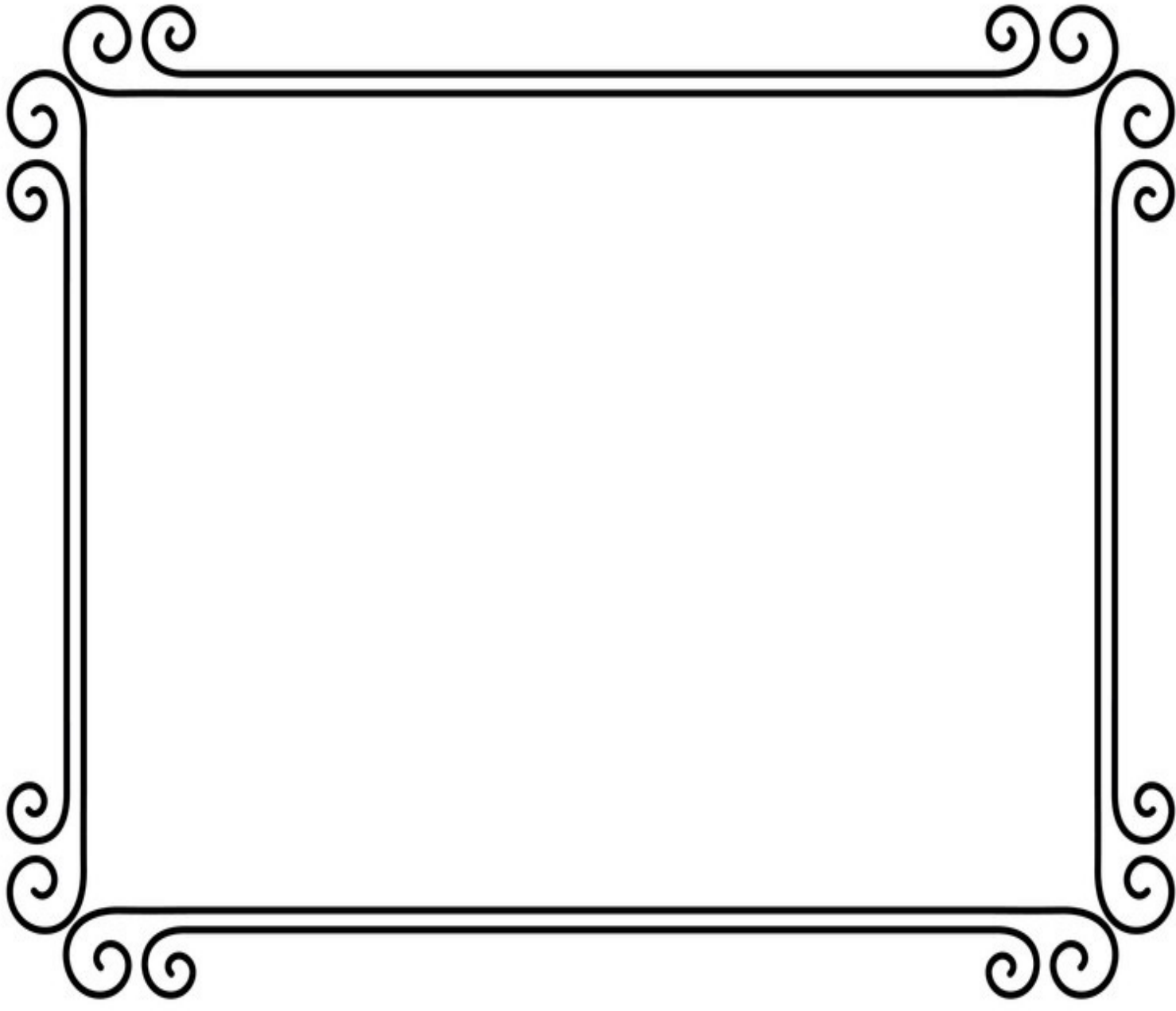
**It is specially fond**

**Of a puddle or pond.**

**When it dines or sups,**

**It bottoms ups.**

**Ogden Nash**





# Hurry, Ping! Game Board

## Object of Game:

Answer the questions correctly and be the first one to help Ping get back to his Wise-Eyed Boat.

**Pieces:** 46 Question Cards + 3 extra (yellow border), 13 Large Picture Cards (yellow border), 1 sheet of Pings, 1 large Wise-Eyed Boat card for the finish, 1 large Ping card for the start, 13 small picture cards, 17 small blank cards, 1 Hurry Ping label, Question card answers for reference. (phew!)

## What You will Need:

1 piece of poster board

Markers, crayons or paint

Glue

**What to Do for Set-Up:** (lots of cutting - sorry!) I glued down each entire sheet to another piece of paper first so there would be no seeing what's on the other side, then cut out and laminated. It was easier than cutting out each square first and gluing on a backing. Another idea is to print it out onto colored paper?

1. Cut out the Hurry, Ping! Label and glue somewhere onto the poster board.
2. Draw a wavy line (with your markers, crayons or paint) onto poster board that swirls around any which way you would like. Color it yellow. This will be the Yangtze River. You can decorate the land if you want.
3. Cut out question cards, picture cards (yellow border)- shuffle, put into pile (face-down) near the board. (You might want to glue printed sheet of them onto colored paper before cutting out so you don't sneak a peek through the paper.)
4. Cut out the large Ping and large Wise-Eyed Boat (with dark blue border) and glue onto the beginning and ending of your Yangtze river.
5. Cut out small picture cards and small blank cards. (blue border) Color the blank cards in different colors if you want. Glue them down (in chronological order) along the river. Intersperse with the small blank cards. (for example, Ping and family walking down bridge, then 2 blank cards, then Ping searching for fish, then 3 blank cards, etc. all the way to the Wise-Eyed Boat card.)
6. Cut out as many small Pings as you want (or just use game pieces borrowed from another game - or maybe use some little ducks as game pieces!)

## Rules

Put your Pings game pieces onto the large Start Ping.

Youngest player goes first.

Pick a card and read it (or have someone read it to you). If you guess correctly, move ahead 2 spaces. (If you land on a space with a picture on it, do nothing - this is just for show) If you guess incorrectly, stay where you are.

If you pick a card with a picture on it, you will go directly to the corresponding picture on the game board. (This can be to your advantage if you're lagging behind or to your disadvantage if you're in the lead!)

First little Ping piece to get to the Wise-Eyed Boat is safe! (game over or you can continue playing until all the Pings have made it safely to the boat.)

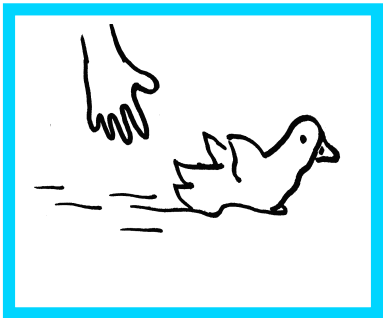
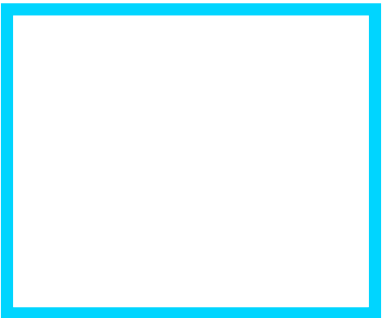
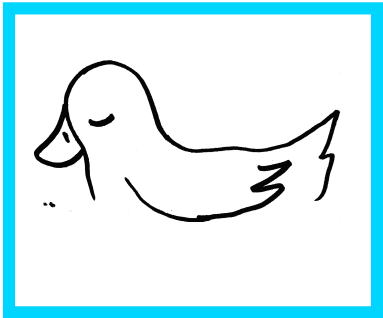
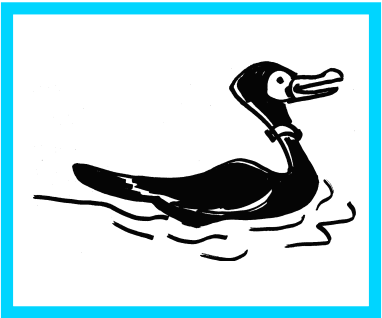
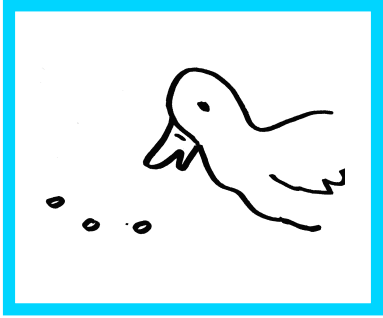
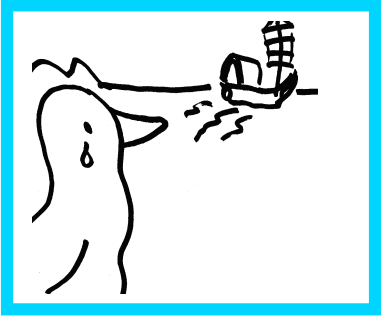
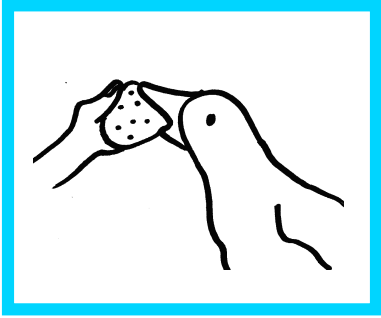
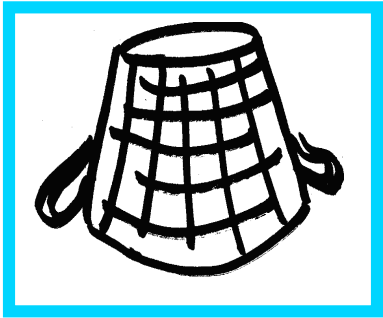
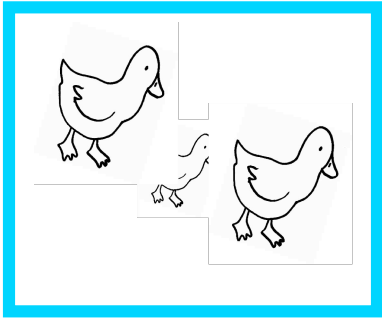
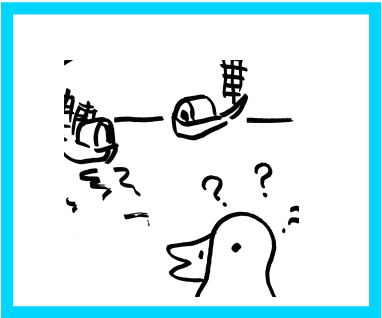
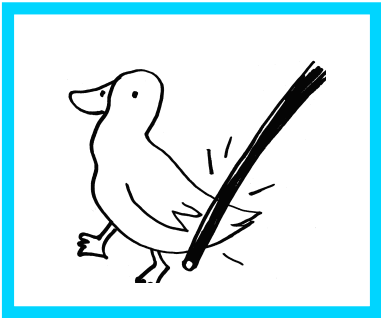
You can always vary the rules and come up with new games.

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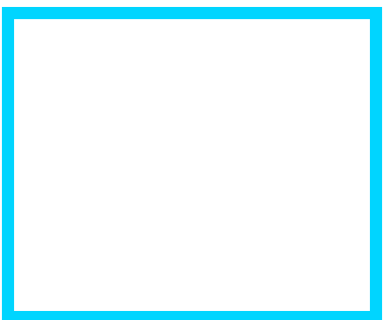
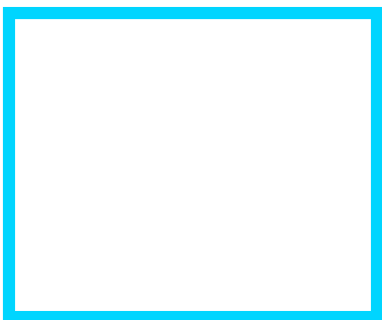
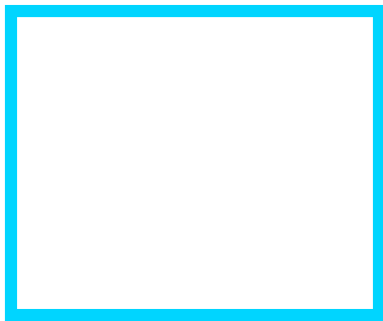
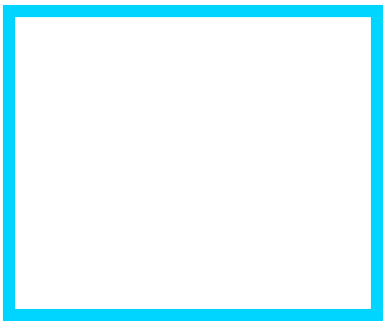
## Question Card Answers

1. What country does Ping live in? **China**
2. Who wrote The Story About Ping? **Marjorie Flack**
3. How many cousins does Ping have? **42**
4. What is the name of the river in the story? **Yangtze River**
5. What did the boat have painted on it? **2 wise eyes**
6. What did the Master of the boat say to call back his ducks? **La-la-la-lei**
7. What type of bird is Ping? **duck**
8. What happens to the bird who is last getting back to the boat? **He receives a spanking.**
9. Why didn't Ping hear his Master calling him back to the boat?  
**He was searching for fish with his head underwater.**
10. What color are the waters of the river? **yellow**
11. Name two of the types of boats that were on the river.  
**Big boats, little boats, fishing boats, beggars' boats, house boats, raft boats**
12. What did the black birds have around their necks? **rings**
13. Why did the black birds have rings around their necks? **To keep them from swallowing the fish they caught.**
14. What did Ping find floating in the water? **Rice cake crumbs**
15. What did Ping try to eat from the boy's hand? **A rice cake.**
16. What did the boy have on his back? **A barrel tied to a piece of rope.**
17. Why do you think the boy had a barrel tied to his back?  
**So he wouldn't float away from his boat too far and to keep him from drowning.**
18. How many people were in the little boy's family (including the little boy)? **5**
19. What does a duck say? **quack**
20. How did the little boy and Ping get into the boat?  
**His father, mother, sister and brother pulled him up by the rope.**
21. Who grabbed Ping? **The little boy.**
22. What did the little boy's father do to Ping? **He placed Ping under a basket.**
23. What did the little boy's mother say she would do to Ping? **I will cook him with rice at sunset tonight.**
24. Complete the Sentence:  
The little boy said that Ping was too \_\_\_\_\_ to eat. **Beautiful**
25. Was Ping happy or sad under the basket? **Very sad.**
26. How many days was Ping on the little boy's boat? **Less than 1 day**  
**Less than 1 day, 1 whole day, More than 1 day**
27. Who freed Ping? **The little boy.**
28. Why do you think the little boy let Ping go instead of eating him?  
**He liked him too much and thought he was too beautiful to eat.**
29. How do you think Ping felt when he saw his wise-eyed boat again? **Very happy, excited, joyful**
30. What happened to Ping when he was the last one up the bridge? **Ping received a spanking on his back.**
31. After he returned, do you think Ping minded getting a spank on his back?  
**No. He was just happy to be back with his family.**
32. Describe how Ping felt being with his family again. **He was happy and comfortable and safe.**
33. How many sisters does Ping have? **2**
34. How many brothers does Ping have? **3**
35. How many aunts does Ping have? **11**
36. How many uncles does Ping have? **7**
37. What color is Ping? **Yellow with an orange bill.**
38. What does the Master carry in his hand? **A switch or stick to spank the ducks.**
39. What does the Master wear on his head? **A yellow straw hat.**
40. How do you think Ping felt when he watched his wise-eyed boat sail away?  
**Upset, sad, frightened, scared, sorry**
41. What two types of things would the ducks hunt for during the day? **Snails and little fish**
42. What is the type of boat that Ping lives on called? **A house boat or junk boat.**
43. Why did Ping have to hurry? **Because he really wanted to get back to his family and catch up to his boat.**
44. What continent is China in? **Asia**
45. Who says, "La-la-la-la-lei !" ? **Ping's master**
46. Why didn't Ping swim back quickly when he first saw his family going up the little bridge?  
**He didn't want to get a spanking, so he stayed behind.**

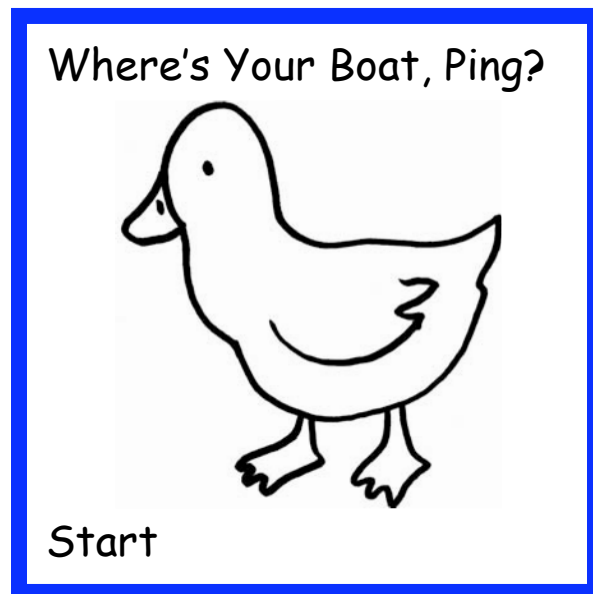
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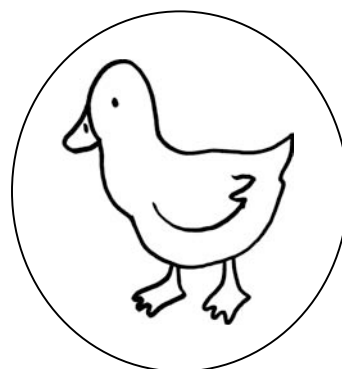
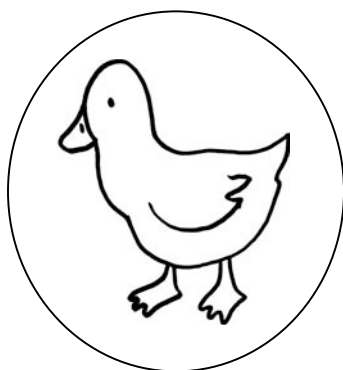
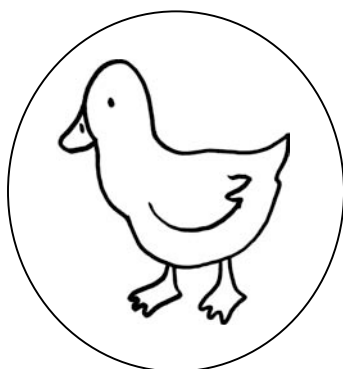
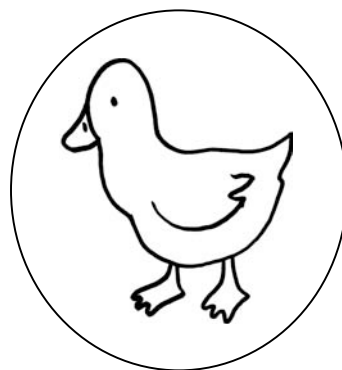
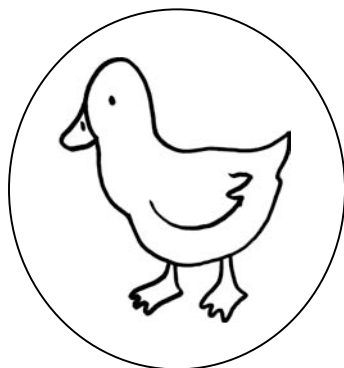
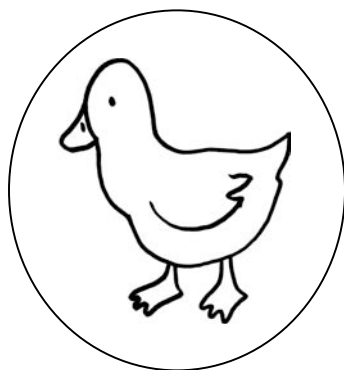
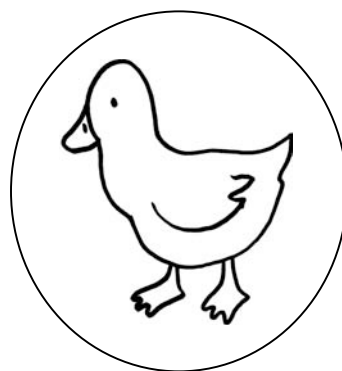
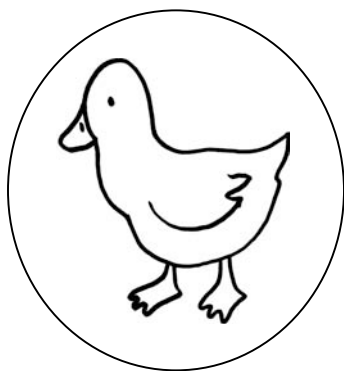
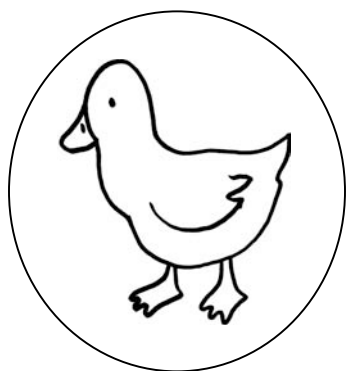


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Hurry, Ping!

Ping Game Pieces - cut out and color as many as you want (or use existing game pieces borrowed from another game or use little plastic ducks)



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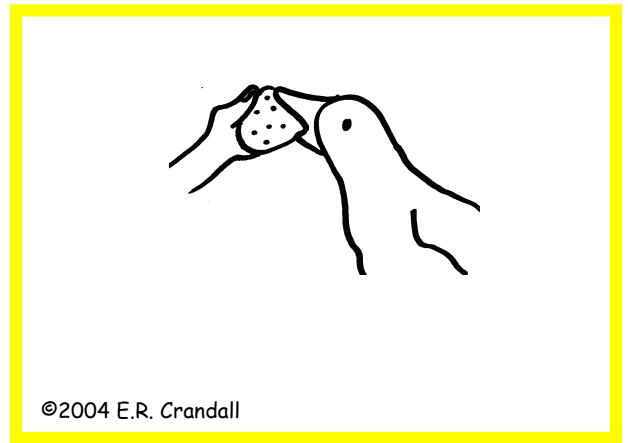
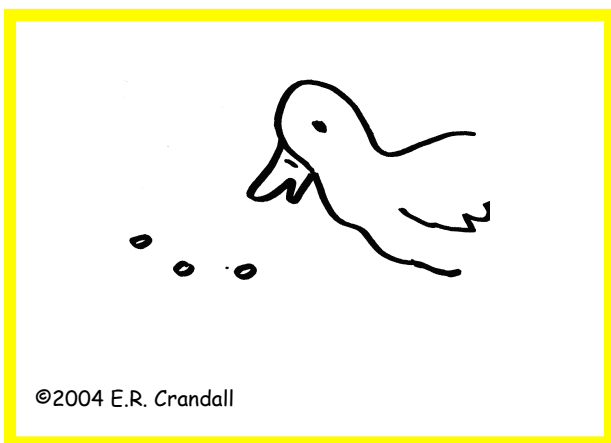
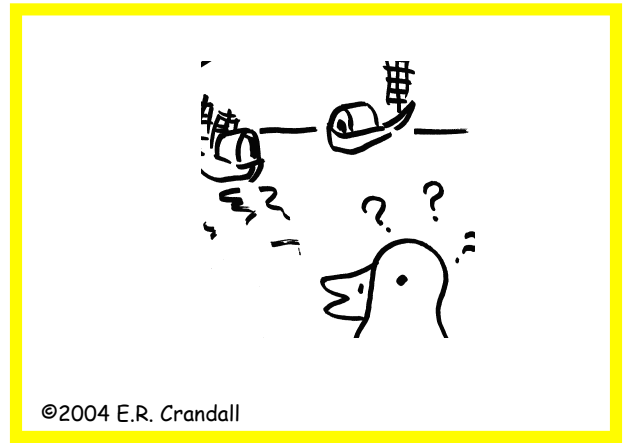
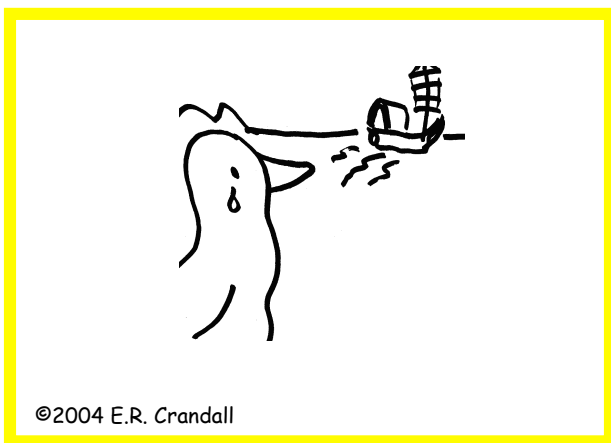
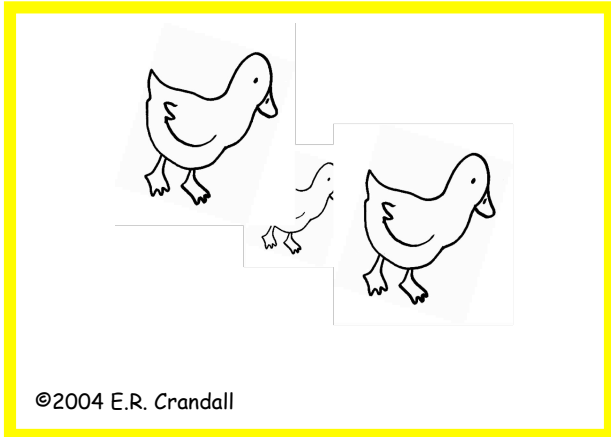
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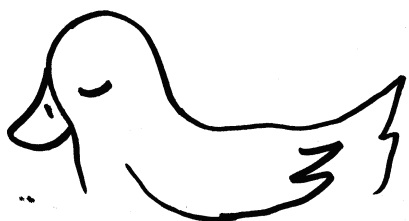




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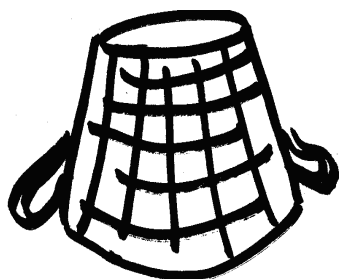
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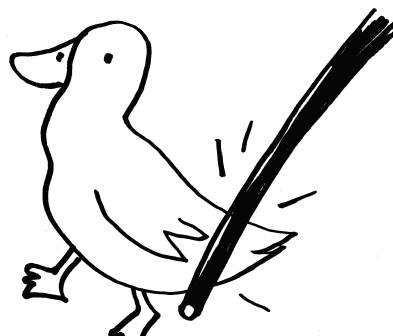


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