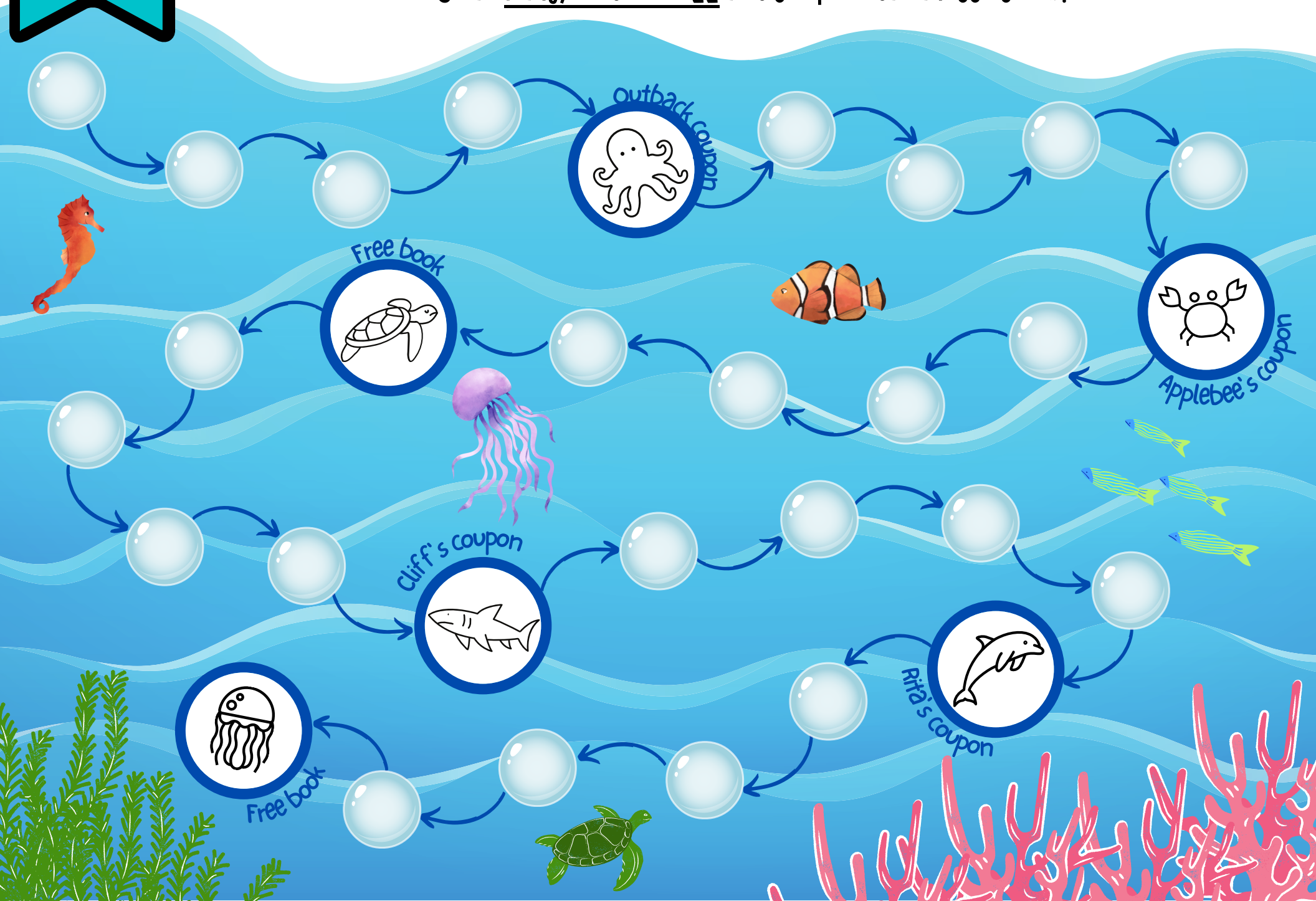


Ages
0-4

Jump into an ocean adventure! Swim along with the sea creatures to earn prizes.
Color in a bubble when you do an activity on the back of this sheet. When you reach a sea creature, you
can stop by the library to choose a prize, get a coupon or free book, and enter a raffle!
Go to bit.ly/roxsummer22 to sign up and start logging now!



Reading

- Choose a book YOU enjoy and read it to your child. They'll pick up on your feelings about reading it.
- Let your child choose their favorite book and read it as many times as they want. Repetition is key to learning at this age!
- Read a nonfiction board book to your baby so they can attach words to everyday objects. Try to find one of those objects in your house!
- Share a board book with your baby and allow them to turn the pages.
- Look at a newspaper, magazine, or book and see how many numbers you can find.
- Share your favorite book with your child and tell them what you like about it. Ask about their favorite books.
- Read print everywhere you go. Print on a cereal box or a road sign can show your child that words have meaning outside of the context of books.
- Declare a letter of the day and point out things that start with that letter.
- Ask "what do you think will happen next?" before turning the page in a book.

Writing

- Scribbling and finger painting help develop fine motor skills. Try chunky crayons - they're perfect for babies' fingers to grasp!
- Allow your baby to pick up finger foods and other small objects using thumb and forefinger to practice precise hand movements.
- Use shaving cream or finger paint for your child to trace and make letters. Focus on the letters in their name.
- Have your child practice tracing around shapes. Can covers, cookie cutters, blocks, etc. work well.
- Make an alphabet book. Cut out pictures from food boxes and magazines for each letter.
- Send a card to a friend or family member by writing down what your child would like to say.
- Write a short story with your child and have them be the illustrator.
- Sing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and show your baby how to do the finger movements. This helps build dexterity used for writing!

Bonus Tank

Attend a story time or other library program

Read to your child for 15 minutes.

Activities in lighter color bubbles are great for babies. Activities in darker color bubbles are great for toddlers and preschoolers. But feel free to do any activity with any age child!

Talking

- Respond to your babbling baby. This will teach them how conversations work and encourage their noises!
- Talk with your baby about what you are doing throughout the day to develop vocabulary.
- Read a book about animals. Talk about the sounds each animal makes and try to have your baby repeat them.
- Before you begin a book, look at the cover and predict what it is about. Ask questions as you read.
- Have your child help retell a familiar picture book or fairy tale.
- Play with words and rhymes by playing "I Spy" as you wait somewhere or when driving.
- Chat with your child about the first letter of their first name. Then try to find other words that start with that letter.
- Play little games to build vocabulary. Ask your baby to point out body parts.

Singing

- Sing the alphabet song with your child.
- Have a family dance party! Clap, sing, and dance along with the music.
- Try clapping or dancing to the beat of a favorite song. Song rhythms can help your child learn that words are made up of syllables.
- Recite a nursery rhyme together and add some actions.
- Make up a tune to your everyday tasks. Use "If You're Happy and You Know It" when washing dishes or cleaning. Have your child chime in.
- Sing a song as part of a bedtime routine. It helps signal that it's time to sleep.
- Introduce simple instruments, such as a shaker or wooden spoon, to follow the beat in songs.

Playing

- Try using a scarf or washcloth to play peek-a-boo with your baby to help them learn cause and effect.
- Go to the park or anywhere outside - it's a great opportunity for your baby to learn about the outside world.
- Blow bubbles with your baby. Babies follow the movement of the bubbles, which helps with eye tracking.
- Blow bubbles with your child - it's fun, and popping them helps with hand-eye coordination.
- Have your child jump the ABCs - one jump for each letter as you recite them together!
- Read a story featuring an animal and pretend to be that animal by walking, talking, and eating like it does.
- Use a large empty box as a playhouse to act out a story or play! This helps build vocabulary and storytelling skills.
- Let your baby play with different kinds of books: board books, touch and feel books, and lift the flap books.