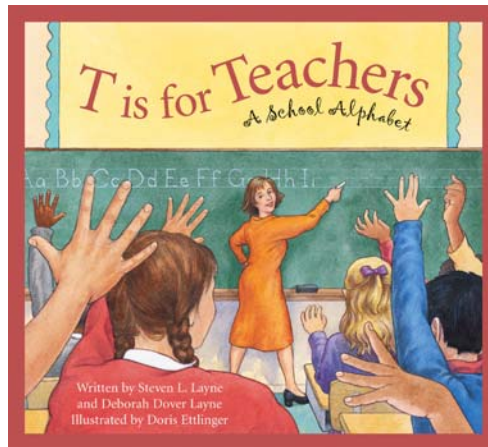


Teacher's Guide



T is for Teachers A School Alphabet

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It Takes a Village



School is a wonderful place where children go to learn how to be productive citizens in our society. In many cultures throughout the world people say, “It takes a village to raise a child.” It also takes a school full of caring people to educate a child.

T is for Teachers describes many of the important people it takes to help run a school.

Make a list of the jobs in a school. Write one sentence explaining why each one is important.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____



Is it Fiction or Nonfiction?

Books are wonderful!



They can transport you to different times and different places. They can help you learn how to train your dog or pronounce a difficult word. On the B page of *T is for Teachers* look carefully at the titles of the books on the shelves.

Put each of the following titles in the correct column.

Babar

African Folk Tales

Many Moons

World Atlas

Robin Hood

Dogs

Dictionary

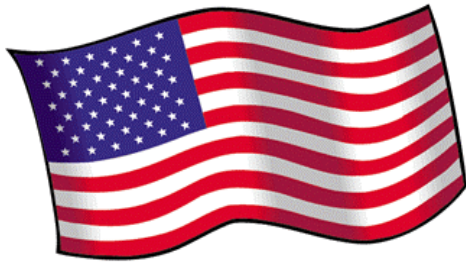
Speak Japanese

Charlotte's Web

Fiction

Nonfiction





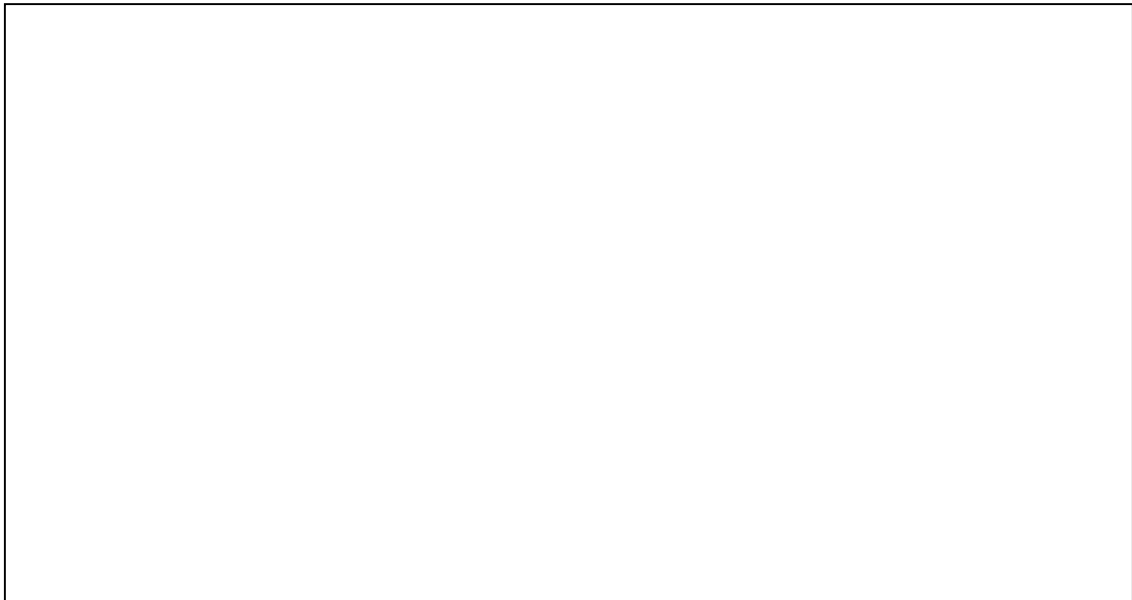
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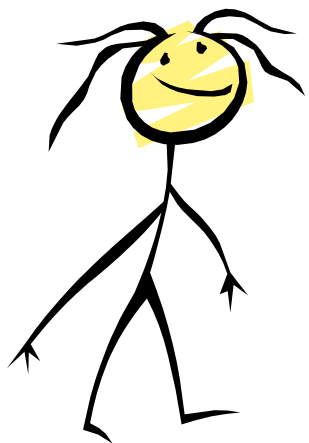
Each country in the world has its own unique flag to represent it. The colors and symbols on a flag have special meaning. Learn about what makes the American flag special in *T is for Teachers*.

Answer the following questions about the American flag.

1. Blue stands for _____
2. Red stands for _____
3. White stands for _____
4. 50 stars represent _____
5. 13 stripes represent _____

Draw and color the American flag





Where Are the Vowels?

You learn about vowels early in your reading journey. Words need both consonants and vowels. Refresh your memory about vowels and their use in *T is for Teachers*.

Add the missing vowels.

- __ ggs
- __ mbr __ ll __
- q __ __ z
- J __ p __ t __ r
- c __ st __ d __ __ n
- d __ ct __ __ n __ ry
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- __ d __ c __ t __ __ n
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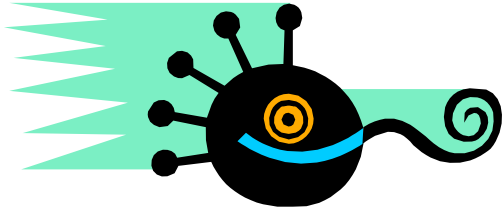
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Do You Know?

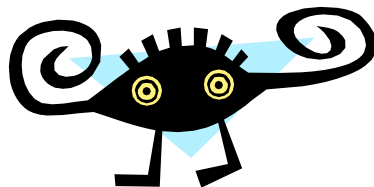
Find the answers to these questions in *T is for Teachers*. You can also find more interesting information as you search for these answers.

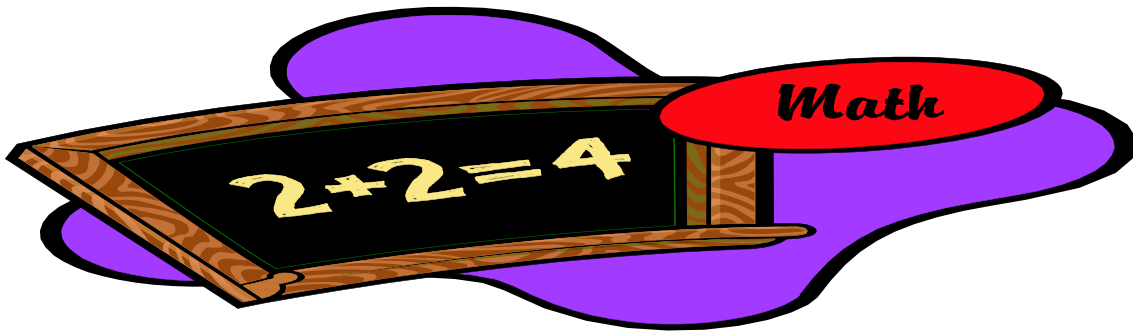
1. The English alphabet came from which other alphabet?

2. A book written by a person about himself is called an
_____.
3. Which book would you use to try to learn the meaning of a word? _____
4. Three types of schools are public, home-school, and
_____.
5. Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance? _____
6. Who started the first kindergarten in America?

7. Purple, orange, and green are what type of colors?

8. Another name for a librarian is _____.
9. A short test is called a _____.
10. The leader of the school is the _____.





Math is a subject that a person needs to understand to be able to solve the number situations they face daily. Discover the origin of the word arithmetic in *T is for Teachers*.

These problems require careful reading and thinking to solve.

1. In Mr. Chin's class there are 19 girls and 13 boys. How many more girls than boys are in the class? _____
2. Coach Jones has 40 students in gym class. She wants to form basketball teams with 5 members on each team. How many teams will she have? _____
3. Ms. Gomez's class is baking cookies for the school bake sale. There are 19 students in the class. If each student makes 2 dozen cookies, how many total cookies will they have?

4. The science class went insect hunting this spring. They collected 153 insects. There are 21 students in the class. What is the average number of insects collected? _____



Teacher's Crossword

Discover the answers to this puzzle throughout the pages
of *T is for Teachers*.

1. _____ t _____
2. _____ e _____
3. _____ a _____
4. _____ c _____
5. _____ h _____
6. _____ e _____
7. _____ r _____
8. _____ s _____

1. In your journal you must
2. These letters are either long or short
3. What we pledge our allegiance to
4. Guides at the zoo are called
5. This type of education is for your body
6. The color of most school buses
7. Events in the past are part of
8. The person at school that helps you if you don't feel well

An Illustrated Alphabet



Each letter in the alphabet represents the beginning letter of hundreds of words. Find an excellent example of an illustrated alphabet on the A page of *T is for Teachers*. Doesn't that look like fun?

Draw an illustrated alphabet

1. Take seven sheets of plain paper and divide each sheet into four sections.
2. Decide on a theme for your alphabet. Example: flowers, sports, animals, etc.
3. In each square put one alphabet letter. Make sure you put your letters in alphabetical order.
4. Draw a picture of a word that starts with the letter and is in your theme.
5. Color both your letter and picture.
6. Make a front and back cover for your book.

An Artist in the Making



Illustration is a skill that can be learned in art class. Learn the difference between media and tools in *T is for Teachers*. One of the artists mentioned is Walt Disney. Walt Disney created many different cartoon characters.



Create your own cartoon character. Draw it large and colorful and name it. Be original and don't copy any existing cartoon characters.

Process Writing Brainstorm

Process writing starts with an idea and ends with a published work of writing. Learn the steps in process writing in *T is for Teachers*.



On this page brainstorm topics you would like to write about. Your list should have at least 10 ideas.

Choose one of your ideas and write a rough draft of a story on a separate piece of paper.



Custodians at Work

Who unlocks the school building each morning? Who makes sure the floors are swept, carpets vacuumed, and baskets emptied? Who replaces burned out lightbulbs? These are just a few of the responsibilities of the school custodian. Learn more responsibilities your custodian may have in *T is for Teachers*. How often do you thank the custodians for their hard work?

Write a thank you letter to your favorite custodian. Think of specific jobs the custodian has done for you or your class. Be sure to sign your name

Dear

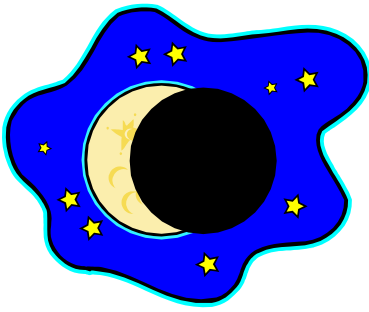


Dictionary Drill

As you read and encounter a word you don't know, what do you do? If you skip over the word, the rest of the sentence may not make sense. The sentence could mean something totally different without the difficult word. Your best bet is to go to the dictionary and look up the word. *T is for Teachers* will teach you all of the information a dictionary has about each word.

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each of the following words found in *T is for Teachers*.

1. communicate _____
2. thesaurus _____
3. allegiance _____
4. civilizations _____
5. inhabit _____
6. environment _____



Make a Solar Eclipse

Every morning the sun rises and every evening it sets. What makes this happen? Why do we have seasons? These events are related to the planets. Learn the names of the planets in *T is for Teachers*.

Try this experiment to see how a solar eclipse happens.

Materials: a coin

1. Close one eye and look at any object larger than you in the distance. For example, the bookcase.
2. Hold coin at arms length, in front of your open eye, and look at the object.
3. Bring the coin closer so that it is directly in front of your open eye.

Write your results using complete sentences and proper punctuation and capital letters:

When the moon passes between the sun and the earth it blocks out light just like the coin blocked your view. This is a solar eclipse.

I Just Loved This Book

One of the most important skills you will ever learn is the ability to read. Think of everything you'd be missing if you weren't able to read. You'd miss all the fun facts in *T is for Teachers*.

Name your favorite book _____

Write a paragraph explaining why you chose this as your favorite book.

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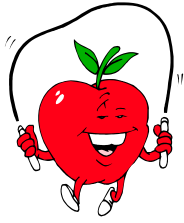


Field trips are fun, exciting, and educational. In the book *T is for Teachers* you can learn about a field trip to the zoo.

Have you ever wanted to plan a field trip? Now is your chance!

Research the attractions in your area that would make a good destination for a field trip. Make sure they are educational. Find the cost.

Make a poster convincing your teacher this would be a good field trip. Make your poster colorful and easy to read. You should include pictures of what is at the attraction. Be prepared to answer questions about your proposed field trip.



How I Stay Fit

The physical education teacher helps you keep your mind and body fit. P.E. gives you a chance to move your body and use your voice. *T is for Teachers* contains additional information about this important class.

Make a daily plan with the food and exercise you need to keep fit.

Monday

Food:

Exercise:

Tuesday

Food:

Exercise:

Wednesday

Food:

Exercise:

How I Stay Fit *continued*

Thursday

Food:

Exercise:

Friday

Food:

Exercise:

Saturday

Food:

Exercise:

Sunday

Food:

Exercise:

My Favorite Subject is ...

Graphing



Everyone has a favorite subject. *T is for Teachers* reminds us of the fun we can have as we learn.

Survey your class and another class to find which of the following is each student's favorite.

READING

MATH

SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES

Use this data to make a pie graph.



Life in a One-Room School

Can you imagine a school with only one classroom? Do you think they still exist today? Actually there are still one-room schools in use today. Discover what a one-room school was like on the O page of *T is for Teachers*.

Pretend you are a student in a one-room schoolhouse. Write a journal entry about an exciting event happening at school today.

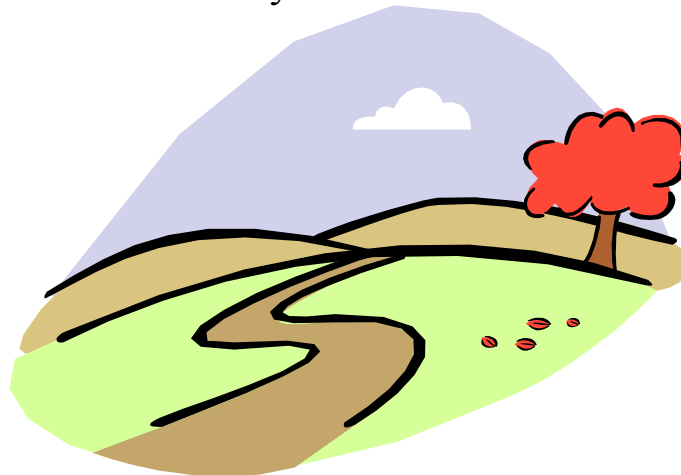
The Wheels on the Bus



Many students take the bus to and from school. Other students walk or are driven to school. Learn about bus rules and why they are important in *T is for Teachers*.

On a large sheet of plain paper draw a map showing the route you travel from your home to school. Remember to:

- ◆ Include a compass rose.
- ◆ Include street names, houses, stop signs, and traffic lights.
- ◆ Include any important buildings.
- ◆ Use a ruler to help you draw lines.
- ◆ Make your map colorful.
- ◆ Include the distance you live from the school.





Create a Living Museum

History explains who we are and where we came from. We study history throughout our years in school. Make history come alive by creating a Living Museum.

Have each student choose his or her favorite historical figure.

Make sure there are no duplicates.

Students should research the following aspects of their figure.

1. personal characteristics and qualities
2. talents
3. milestones in their life
4. career choices
5. hardships and accomplishments
6. historically correct costume
7. props
8. background

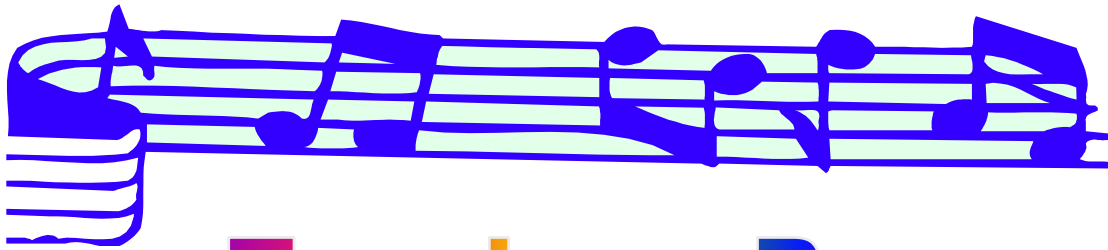
Review speech making techniques with students.

Students should write a monologue about their person.

Emphasize the necessity to speak in the first person (this is sometimes difficult for students).

Present your Living Museum to parents and other classes.

Have fun!



Teachers Rap

Music class teaches a variety of important and fun skills for life. Learn about a few of the skills in *T is for Teachers*. One of the skills discussed is learning to keep a beat. When you rap you must keep a beat.

Write a rap or a poem about school and teachers. Make sure it has a definite beat.

Rebus Writing

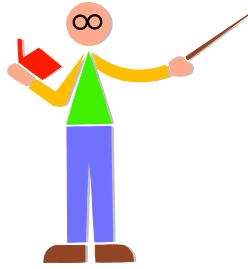
T is for Teachers is a great book that gives information about many interesting subjects. It describes the earliest form of writing as being pictures sketched on cave walls.

Rebus writing involves using pictures to help tell a story. Part of your story is in words and part in pictures. If your story includes a dog you would draw a picture of a dog instead of writing the word.

Fun to do!

Use your imagination and write a rebus story. Exchange your story with a friend and have fun reading his or her story.

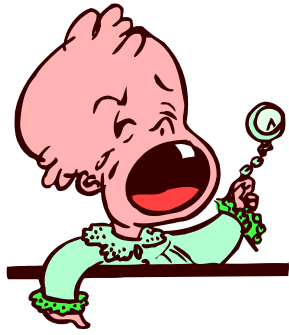
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Teachers Are SPECIAL People

The book *T is for Teachers* is full of the wonderful ways teachers help their students learn. Remember each teacher you have had in school. Think about what you learned and what made that teacher special. Make a list of each teacher and why they are special.

Draw a picture of your favorite teacher. Write a list of all of the things that made the teacher special. Surprise the teacher with the picture and list.



Make a Personal Timeline

A timeline portrays a series of events over time. A timeline can be made for any period of time. You will find timelines showing everything from inventions to music. Read about some historical events you will study in school in *T is for Teachers*.

Make a timeline showing your life and the important things that have happened to you.

Start with your birth and continue to the present.

T if for Teachers Answer Sheet

It Takes a Village- custodian, librarian, nurse, principal, secretary, teacher, crossing guard

Fiction or Nonfiction- Fiction- *Babar, African Folk Tales, Many Moons, Robin Hood, Charlotte's Web*
Nonfiction-- *World Atlas, Dogs, Dictionary, Speak Japanese*

The Power of Our Flag- 1) truth and loyalty 2) courage and bravery 3) purity and innocence 4) each state 5) original 13 colonies

The Missing Vowel- 1) eggs 2) umbrella 3) quiz 4) Jupiter 5) dictionary
6) custodian 7) flag 8) education 9) teacher 10) student

Do You Know- 1) Roman 2) autobiography 3) dictionary 4) private 5) Francis Bellamy 6) Margarethe Meyer Schurz 7) secondary 8) media specialist 9) quiz
10) principal

Numbers Count- 1) 6 2) 8 3) 456 4) 7 (7.28)

Crossword- 1) write 2) vowels 3) flag 4) docents 5) physical 6) yellow
7) history 8) nurse