

# Parent's Guide

## Nursery pre-writing activity: In and Out!

### **Objective:**

- Your child will be able to practice pre-writing skills with lacing and drawing.

### **Materials required:**

1. Pipe cleaner
2. 2 to 3 shoelaces
3. Printed out words (provided on the website)
4. Printed out animal characters and house (provided on the website)
5. Hole puncher
6. Coloured markers
7. (Optional) Laminator

### **Material set-up:**

#### **[Level 1 set-up]**

1. Print the word cards (cow, sheep, pig, chick)
2. Laminate the word cards (optional)

#### **[Level 2 set-up]**

1. Print the animal illustrations (cow, sheep, pig, chick)
2. Cut the shape of the animals out, ensure that there is a thick border outlining the animals
3. Laminate the illustrations/paste illustrations on a cardboard
4. Punch holes around the outline of the animals

#### **[Level 3 set-up]**

1. Print the house template
2. Cut the shape of the house out, ensure that there is a thick border outlining the house
3. Laminate the house/paste it on a cardboard
4. Punch holes around the outline of the house

### **How is the activity carried out?**

There are 3 levels to this activity, catering to different levels of learning abilities.

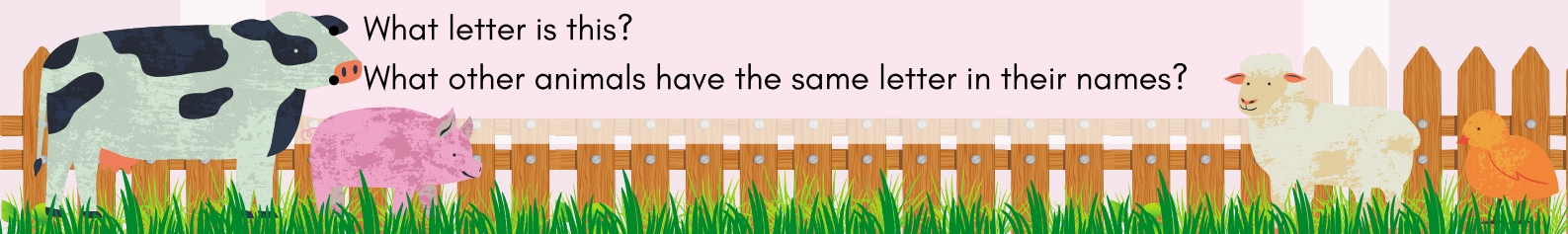
#### **[Level 1]**

1. Allow your child to bend the pipe cleaners according to the shape of the letters
2. Start with the word "cow", followed by "pig", then "chick", and lastly "sheep".

#### **Guiding question(s)**

What letter is this?

What other animals have the same letter in their names?



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### [Level 2]

1. Using the animal characters with holes punched around it, allow your child to lace around the animals with a shoelace.
2. Start with the chick, followed by the cow, then the pig, and lastly the sheep.

#### Guiding question(s)

- Was that an "in" or "out" action?

### [Level 3]

1. Task your child to draw an animal of their choice inside the house
2. Task your child to lace along the outline of the house using a shoelace to "build a house" for the animal that they have drawn.

#### Guiding question(s)

- What animal did you draw? Can you spell it's name?

### How the activity enhance your child's literacy development?

1. Pre-writing skills are essential for the child to be able to develop the ability to hold and move a pencil fluently and effectively and therefore produce legible writing (Kid Sense, n.d.).
2. Lacing activities help children develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, motor planning and visual perceptual skills.

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