

Design Your Own Cold Winter Surviving Animal

Ask students to design their own wild animal, with characteristics that would help it survive through a cold winter. They will need to decide if their animal will migrate, hibernate or adapt to the cold weather that's coming. Have students draw a picture of what their animal would look like, give it a name, and write about its fall and winter behavior. Use the questions below as a guide.

An animal who <u>migrates</u> travels during winter to a place where there's more food.

- 1. How will your animal survive the winter?
- 2. How will your animal travel?
- 3. Where will your animal go?
- 4. How will your animal find food during the trip?
- 5. How will it protect itself from predators while traveling?

<u>Hibernating</u> animals sleep during the winter months, needing little or no food.

- 1. How will your animal survive the winter?
- 2. Where will your animal sleep?
- 3. What is your animal's body covering?
- 4. How will it survive the winter without eating?
- 5. How will it protect itself from predators while sleeping?

Animals who stays active in winter need to <u>adapt</u> to colder weather.

- 1. How will your animal prepare for the long, cold winter?
- 2. Where will it sleep at night?
- 3. What is your animal's body covering?
- 4. How will it find food when the ground is covered with snow?
- 5. How will it protect itself from hungry predators?



Lily created a **Fluffy Fluffernutter**, a very furry, ground dwelling, hibernating mammal living deep in the forest. To survive the Ohio winter, **Fluffy Fluffernutters** eat a lot in the fall, dig a deep burrow, and grow a thick undercoat, before nodding off sometime before Thanksgiving.



Grandma Ruth's Finger Food Puppets

We've got the recipe for some pre-Thanksgiving fun!







Directions for Making Grandma Ruth's Finger Puppets:

Color the finger food puppets (on page 3). Cut out the puppets along the outer black line. Wrap the rectangle around your finger and secure with a piece of tape.



Finger Puppet Fun:

- I. Use the rhyme (on page 2) to introduce the finger foods and put on a show about the yummy treats that Grandma Ruth makes for her family and friends. To use the rhyme, fill in the blanks with the name and the description of each type of finger food.
- 2. Use the Danny, Bee, and Grandma Ruth puppets to reenact scenes from one of the Danny and Grandma Ruth books.
- 3. Can you match each finger food to the correct Danny and Grandma Ruth book?
- 4. Create your own story about Grandma Ruth, her friends, and her food with the puppets.

Grandma Ruth's Finger Food Puppets

Color the finger food puppets. **Cut** out the puppets along the outer black line. Wrap the rectangle around your finger and secure with a piece of **tape**. Then, use the rhyme below to introduce the finger foods and **put on a show** about all of the yummy treats that Grandma Ruth makes for her family and friends. To use the rhyme, fill in the blanks with the name and the description of each type of finger food. We have included some examples below, but feel free to change the words to make them your own. We have also included a blank finger food puppet.

Have	You	Ever Se	een a			?
Sung	to the t	une, "Hav	re You Ever	Seen a	Lassie?"	

Have you ev	er seen a	, a	, a <u>:</u>	,
Have you ev	er seen a	that	in/on a	?
A	one, a	one, a	one, a	one?
Have you ev	er seen a	that	in/on a	?

Examples:

Have you ever seen an apple, an apple, an apple? Have you ever seen an apple that grows on a tree? A red one, a yellow one, a green one, a rotten one? Have you ever seen an apple that grows on a tree?

Have you ever seen a carrot, a carrot, a carrot? Have you ever seen a carrot that grows in a garden? An orange one, a short one, a long one, a yellow one? Have you ever seen a carrot that grows in a garden?

Have you ever seen a cookie, a cookie, a cookie? Have you ever seen a cookie that's baked in an oven? A round one, a chocolate one, a striped one, a burnt one? Have you ever seen a cookie that's baked in an oven?

Have you ever seen lettuce, lettuce, lettuce?
Have you ever seen lettuce that comes from a store?
A green one, a purple one, a wavy one, a crunchy one?
Have you ever seen lettuce that comes from a store?

Have you ever seen maple syrup, maple syrup, maple syrup? Have you ever seen maple syrup that comes from a tree? A brown one, a sweet one, a sticky one, a runny one? Have you ever seen maple syrup that comes from a tree?

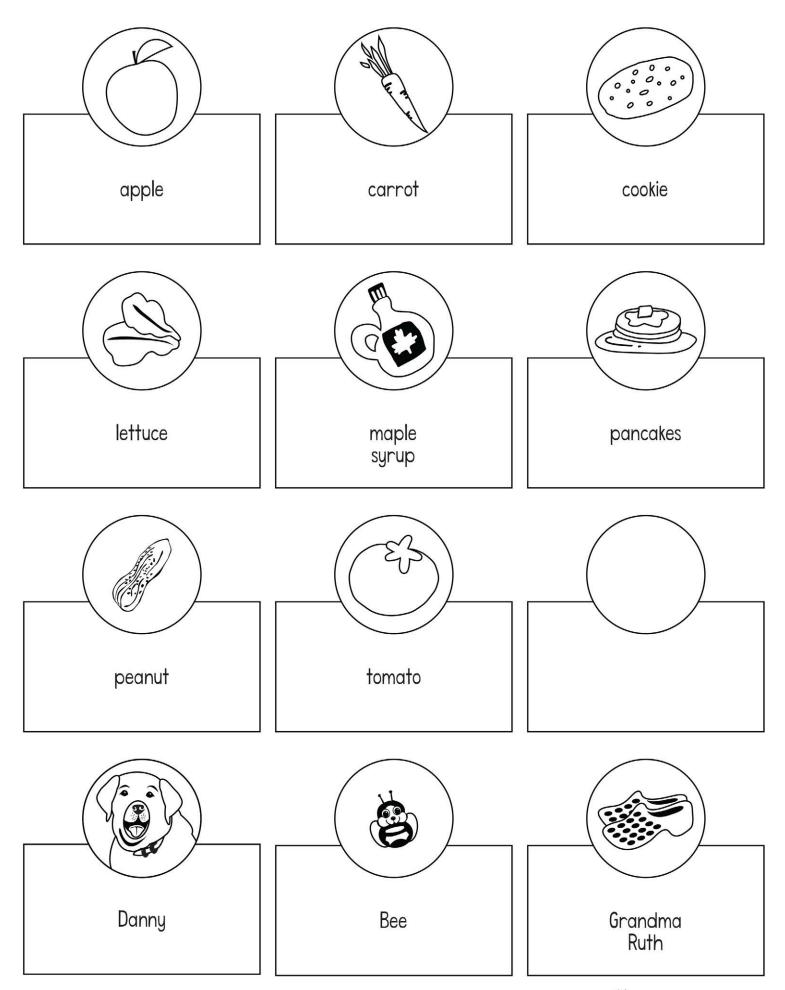
Have you ever seen a pancake, a pancake, a pancake? Have you ever seen a pancake that's fried in a pan? A brown one, a fluffy one, a buttery one, a round one? Have you ever seen a pancake that's fried in a pan?

Have you ever seen a peanut, a peanut?
Have you ever seen a peanut that grows under ground?
A tan one, a crunchy one, a nutty one, a brown one?
Have you ever seen a peanut that grows under ground?

Have you ever seen a tomato, a tomato, a tomato? Have you ever seen a tomato that grows on a vine? A red one, a green one, a big one, a small one? Have you ever seen a tomato that grows on a vine?

Extras:

- Use the Danny, Bee, and Grandma Ruth puppets to reenact scenes from one of the *Danny* and *Grandma Ruth* books.
- Create a different story with the puppets about Grandma Ruth, her friends, and her food.
- Can you match each finger food to the correct Danny and Grandma Ruth book?
 Answers: Grandma Ruth's Garden (carrot, lettuce, tomato), Cookies for Danny (cookies), Grandma Ruth Feeds Her Friends (apple), A Peanut for the Little Chipmunk (peanut), A Week at Grandma Ruth's (pancakes and maple syrup)



Danny's Give Thanks for Thanksgiving Word Ladder

Start at the bottom with the word give. Read and follow the directions beside each rung to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word. Write the new word on the line. Work your way up the ladder to get to the word **thanks**.



thanks	Add a letter at the end. We give thanks for our friends, for teachers, and for you!
	Change two letters at the beginning. To show gratitude to someone.
	Add a letter at the beginning. An old way to start a car.
	Add a letter at the end. To put things in order from worst to best.
	Change a letter at the end. What you did during a race.
	Change one letter at the beginning. An animal with curly horns on its head.
	Take away two letters and add one letter at the end. Lunchmeat that is served with cheese between two slices of bread.
	Change a letter in the middle. Another name for a rabbit.
	Change a letter in the middle. To give somebody a job.
	Change a letter at the beginning. Where bees live and make their honey.
give	Start here! "It's not what you got, it's what you give."
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MaryRuth Use the turkey body and feathers templates to make your own Thankful Turkey.

