

# The Electric Company

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## Open Up, Turn It On!

- \*Play Games
- \*Solve Mysteries
- \*Outsmart the Pranksters
- \*Stick Sticky Stickers
- ...and Much More!



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# WATCH EVERY WEEKDAY on **PBS KIDS GO!**



LOOK  
FOR THESE  
WORDS!

## GLOSSARY

**chart:** a graph or picture that shows information

**complete:** when you complete something, you finish it

**contest:** a competition

**courageous:** brave

**ingredients:** things you need to make something

**mysterious:** strange or difficult to understand

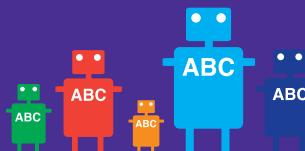
**perform:** to share your talent in front of an audience,

**pleasant:** nice

**pretend:** make believe

**skill:** a talent or ability

**unsure:** not certain, doubtful



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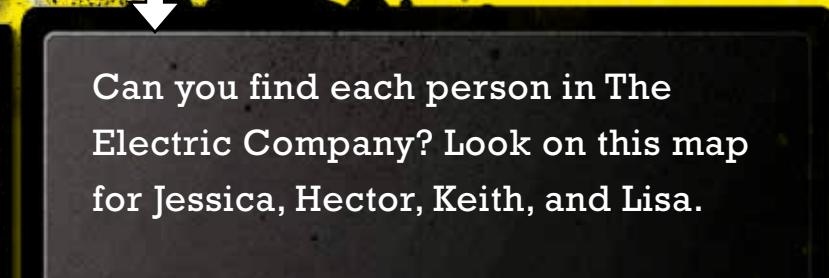
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Can you find each person in The  
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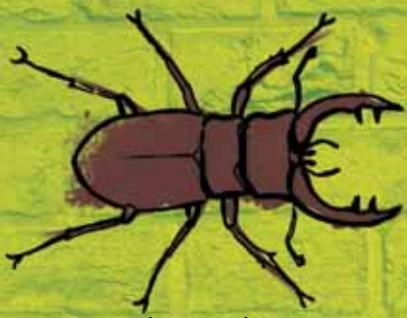


# PICTURE DICTIONARY

These are all pictures of things you will find in Electric City. Try this game.

1. Hold up one finger on each hand.
2. Close your eyes.
3. Put your fingers down anywhere on the pictures on the page.
4. Open your eyes.
5. Make up a story about the things you pointed to.
6. Draw a picture of your story.





beetle



book



chess



soccer ball



microscope



Paul the gorilla



friends



meteorite

## CHECK IT OUT

Lisa is making the “ch” sound. Can you find three “ch” words on these pages? Read each one out loud. Make your mouth look just like Lisa’s.

“ch”



# READ ALL ABOUT US

This is where we make history.

The Electric Company can do anything. Now you are part of our team. Show us what you can do. Try each challenge on this page.

Hector has great aim.  
Pretend to make a shot.  
Before you do, repeat these words:  
"I accept the challenge!"

Pretend to bounce a ball three times. Then shoot!



Lisa is an actress.  
Can you make these faces?



wicked



friendly



unsure



Keith is great with words.  
Can you say each of these  
phrases five times in a row?

- buggy beetle
- lazy lizard



### YOUR TURN

Think of something you are really good at. Show a friend how you do it, and have your friend try it. Then ask your friend to show you how to do something.

Jessica has  
great dance skills.  
Can you move  
like Jessica?

Make up  
your own  
dance.



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# LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

This is where we hang out.

It's movie night, but we don't know what movie is playing! Manny's Little Mean Robot has taken letters from the movie posters.

1. Fill in the missing vowels. Choose from these letters:

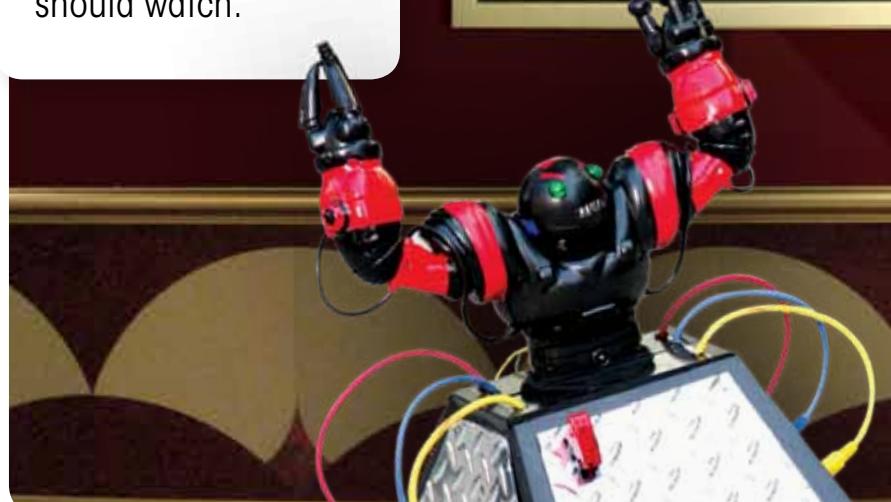
A E I O U

2. Draw your own movie poster.

3. Circle the movie that you think we should watch.

CH\_CK\_N  
S\_ST\_RS

THE  
B\_D  
CR\_B



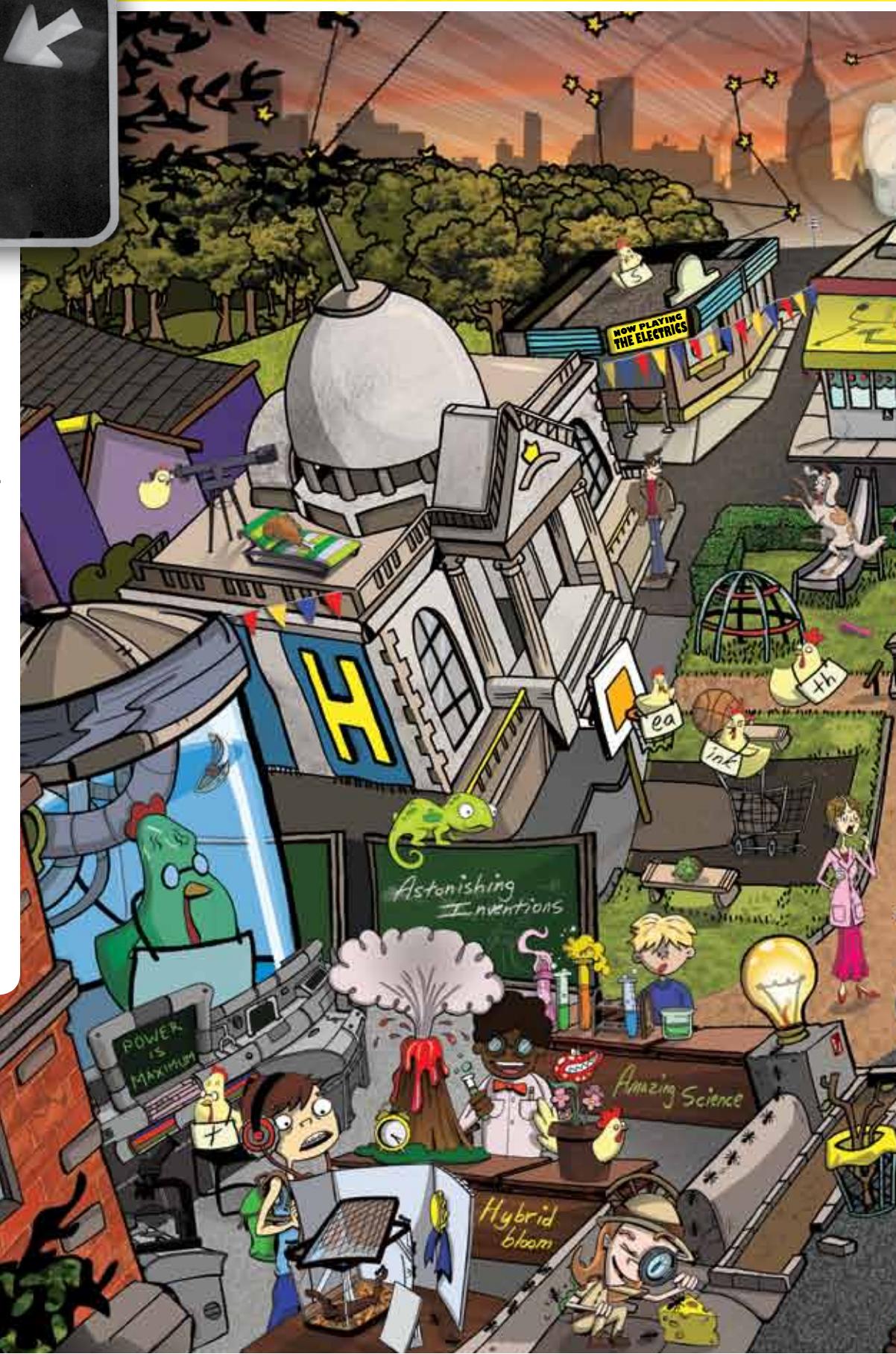
# THEATERS 9~14



**YOUR TURN**

What do you think these movies are about? What happens in them? With a friend, act out a scene from one of these movies.

# ASK AWAY



This is where we wait.

The chickens are waiting for their bus. They're playing a guessing game. You can play, too!

1. Look at the picture.
2. Choose something you see but don't say it out loud.
3. Have a friend ask you questions to try to figure out what you are thinking of.
4. Take turns. Now you ask the questions.



**YOUR TURN**

Try this game with things you see in  
your own neighborhood.

# READ IT! DO IT!

This is where we perform.

1. Together with a friend, read one of these stories.
2. Silently choose an ending at the bottom of each page and act it out. Can your friend guess which ending you chose?
3. Take turns. Now let your friend act out an ending, and you guess.



"UN"  
means  
"NOT"!



Pick an ending.  
Jessica decided to:

A) Make funny faces at Lisa until she started acting nice.



B) Feed Lisa a bun that would turn her back into her usual self.



C) Change Lisa into a chicken.



Lisa was always friendly.  
Lisa was always pleasant.  
Lisa was always helpful.  
Everyone loved Lisa!

But one day Lisa ate an unmuffin.  
It made her act mean and unfriendly.  
It made her unpleasant to be around.  
It made her unhelpful.

The Electric Company was in big trouble without Lisa.

Jessica had to do something!

# GRAVITY GROOVE

There was a dance contest.  
 Shock and Lisa knew they would win.  
 They were a good team.  
 They had great moves.  
 They practiced and practiced.

But before the contest,  
 Manny sprayed their feet.  
 He made their feet heavy, like rocks.  
 They could not lift their legs.  
 They could not do their moves.  
 They could not dance!

Pick an ending.  
 Hector decided to:

A) Teach them how to  
 dance with heavy feet.



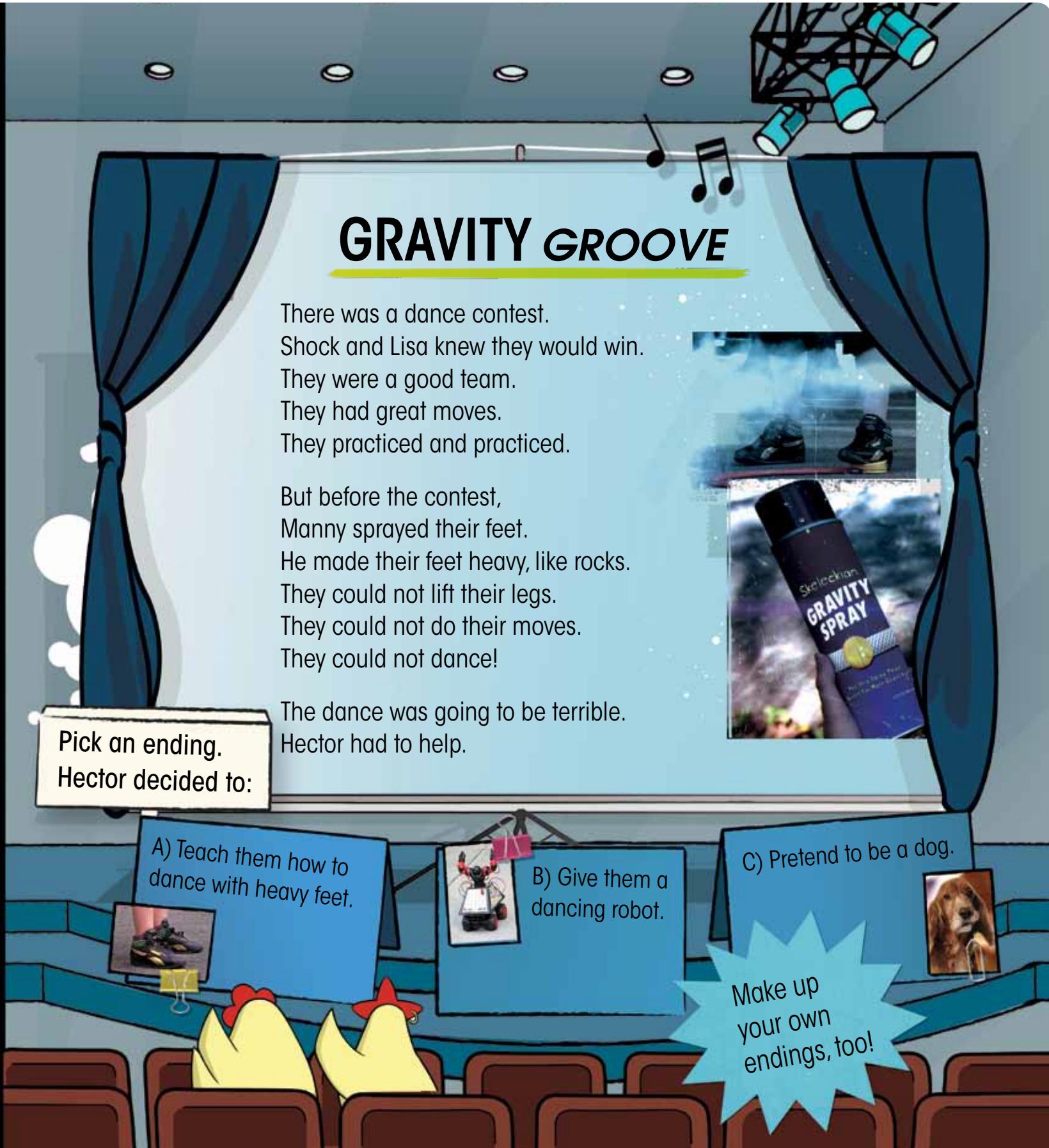
B) Give them a  
 dancing robot.



C) Pretend to be a dog.



Make up  
 your own  
 endings, too!



# READ IT! DO IT!

## The MIGHTY **BRIGHT** FIGHT

Jessica and Manny worked together on a project.  
 They acted out scenes from a book.  
 Everything was going well.  
 Before it was over, Manny quit.  
 He left Jessica.  
 She had no one to act with.



Pick an ending.  
 Hector decided to:

Jessica felt sad.  
 Jessica felt mad.  
 Jessica did not know what to do!  
 Hector had to help.

A) Eat a banana.



B) Talk to Manny.

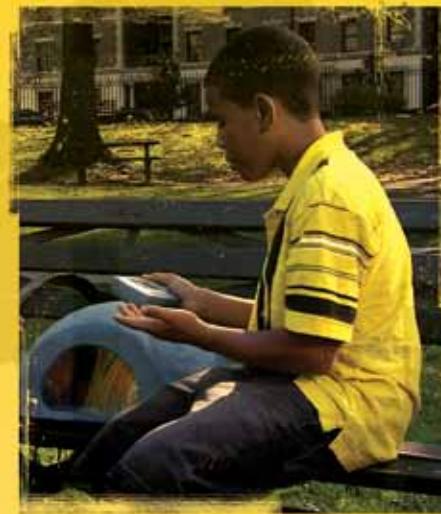


C) Take Manny's place  
 and act with Jessica.



# THE FLUBE WHISPERER

Keith had a pet called a Flube.  
 Keith's pet Flube was sick.  
 Keith needed to help his pet.  
 But Keith's pet was hard to help.  
 His pet lived inside a small box.  
 The box had no doors.  
 The box had no windows.  
 How did Keith help his pet?



Pick an ending.  
 Keith decided to:

A) Make himself small  
 and go inside the box.

B) Drop food  
 in the box.

C) Sing to his pet.

**YOUR TURN**

Create your own Electric Company story. Go to [pbskidsgo.org/electriccompany](http://pbskidsgo.org/electriccompany) and make a smashup of your favorite scenes. Then send The Electric Company your smashup!

# GAME NIGHT



This is where we play.

Try each game.



## LISA'S PUZZLE

Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

### ACROSS

- 2.
- 3.
- 5.
- 6.

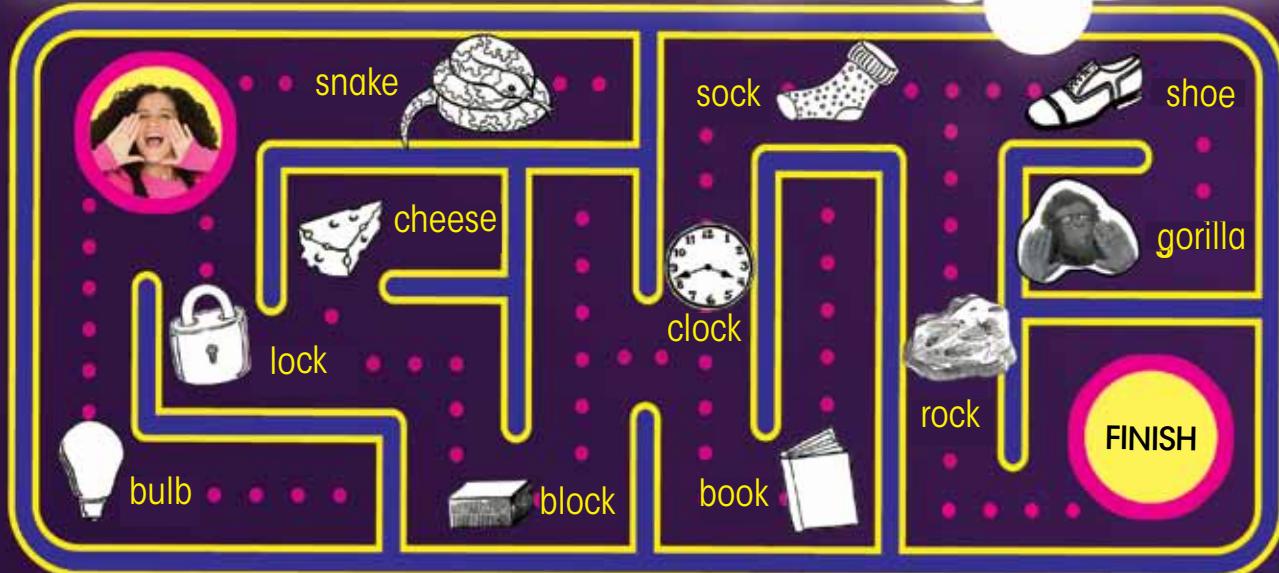
### DOWN

- 1.
- 2.
- 4.



## GO, JESSICA!

Help Jessica find her way.  
Follow the path of things whose names rhyme.



## READ HECTOR'S MIND

1. Connect the letters to show what Hector is thinking.
2. Write your answer on the lines.



P i g

p u x  
h i g

**CHECK IT OUT**



m a l  
h u p



z u b  
c y p

b u c  
p e d

"th"

Lisa is making the "th" sound. Practice saying these "th" words: bath, math, thick, thin, thumb, think. Make your mouth look just like Lisa's.



# WHO DID IT?

This is where things get mysterious.

Keith is on the **case**. Someone has taken all of his Casey Calloway books. He needs to find out who did it! The thief left clues around Jessica's grandmother's living room.

1. Read the clues on the next page and help Keith **chase** the thief.
2. Pick up a letter with each clue and write it in the matching numbered space. You will see the name of the thief!



## CLUES

Letter 1 is on the can that you **sip**.

Pick up letter 2 on the sail of the **ship**.

Letter 3 is hanging from the **cart**.

To get letter 4, go check out the **chart**.

Find Letter 5 at the clock that goes **tick**.

Then get letter 6 on the book that is **thick**.

You'll find letter 7 riding the **cow**.

To get letter 8, go eat some **chow**.

— — — — — — — —

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8

### Grocery List

leche / **milk**  
 huevos / **eggs**  
 pan / **bread**  
 mantequilla / **butter**  
 manzanas / **apples**  
 arroz / **rice**

### YOUR TURN

Look at all of the pairs of red words on this page. There is only one letter that is different between them. What letter is it? Can you think of any other word pairs like this?

# LUNCH TIME

This is where we eat.

Danny Rebus has taken over the diner! If we want lunch, we have to figure out his picture puzzles.

1. Look at each puzzle.
2. Write your answer on the line below.



## TODAY'S SPECIALS



+ shake

mango shake



r + and beans



pine + salsa

fried pl +  + ain

vege +  taco

 + f chili



### YOUR TURN

Pretend to take a friend's order. Show your friend this menu and ask, "What would you like for lunch?" Talk together about what ingredients you would need to make that meal.

# TALK ABOUT IT

This is where we go to school.

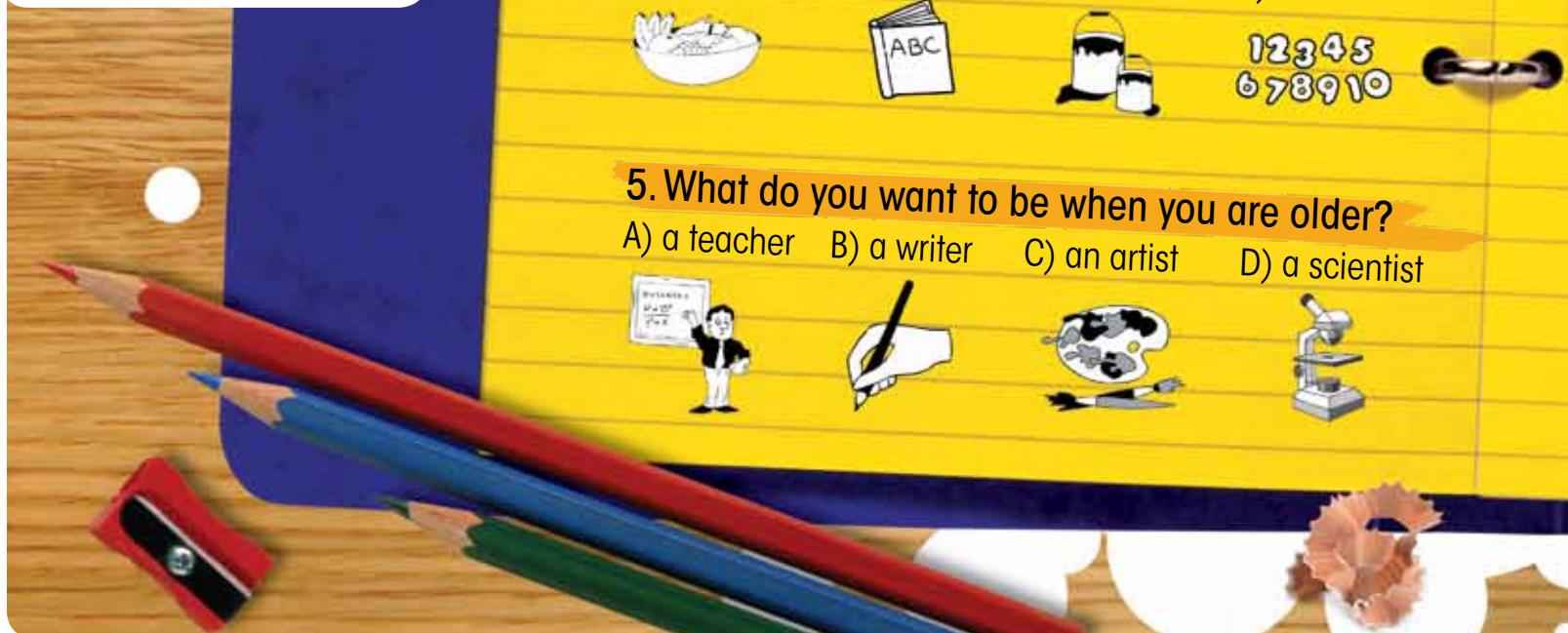
Here is a quiz you will want to take.

1. Find a friend.

2. Ask your friend these questions.

3. Circle the answers to learn which person in The Electric Company your friend is most like.

4. Now switch!



1. What is your favorite food?

- A) pancakes      B) turkey sandwich



- C) fruit smoothie      D) pizza



2. What is your favorite color?

- A) blue      B) red      C) pink      D) yellow

3. How would you spend the perfect day?

- A) playing Ping-Pong      B) writing stories



- C) rapping      D) playing basketball



4. What is your favorite subject in school?

- A) health      B) English      C) art      D) math



1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

5. What do you want to be when you are older?

- A) a teacher      B) a writer      C) an artist      D) a scientist



6. What is your favorite thing to do?

- A) camping 
- B) reading 
- C) playing chess 
- D) writing music 

7. What power would you like to have?

- A) the power to remember anything you see
- B) the power to figure out any word puzzle
- C) the power to remember anything people say
- D) the power to turn words into pictures

## WHO ARE YOU LIKE?

How many times did you answer A? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered A most, you are like Hector.

How many times did you answer B? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered B most, you are like Lisa.

How many times did you answer C? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered C most, you are like Jessica.

How many times did you answer D? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered D most, you are like Keith.

## CHECK IT OUT

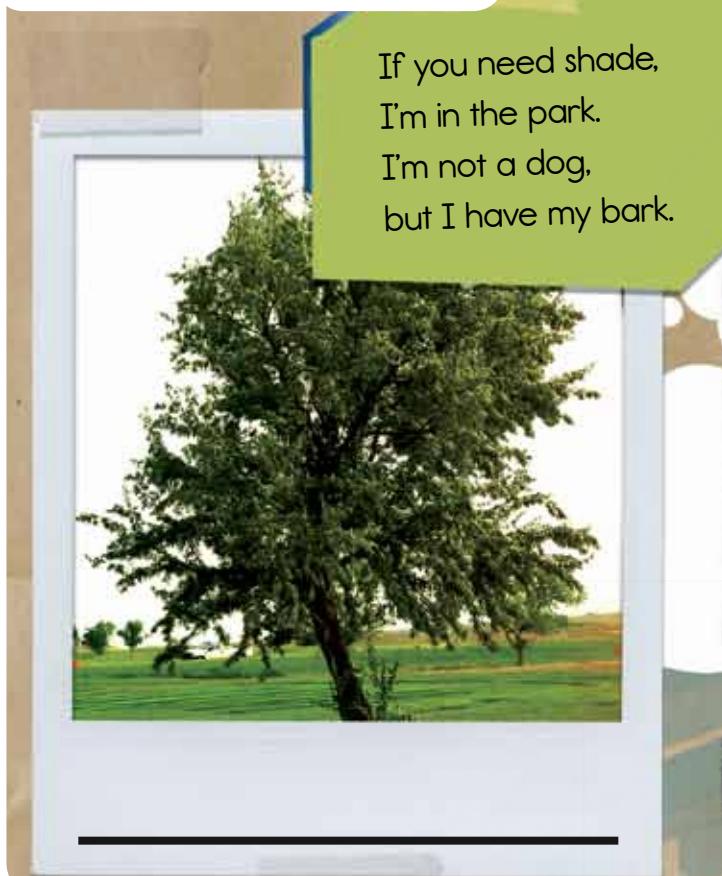
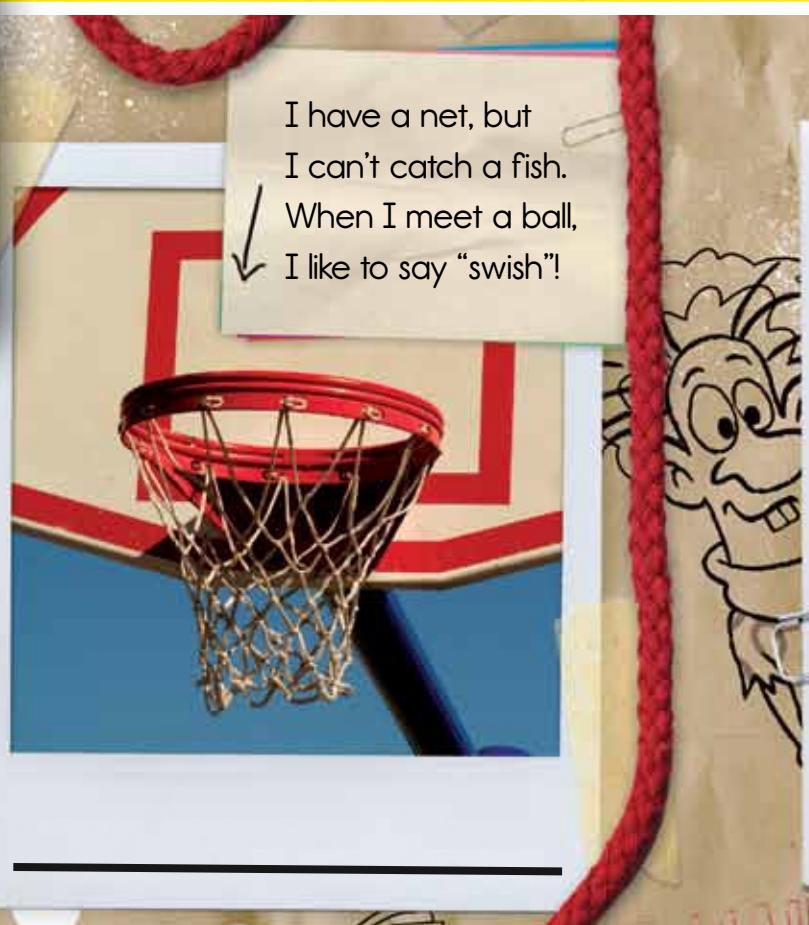
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to play games for your favorite character.



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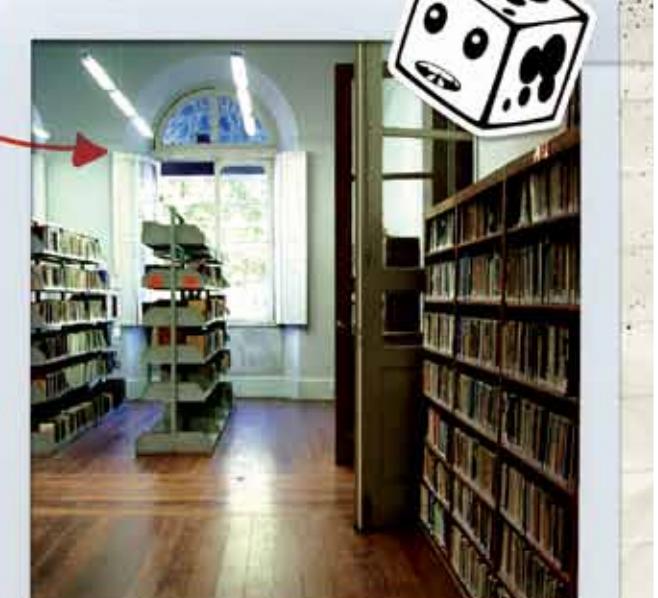
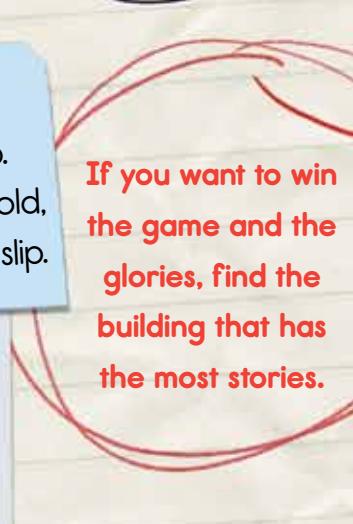
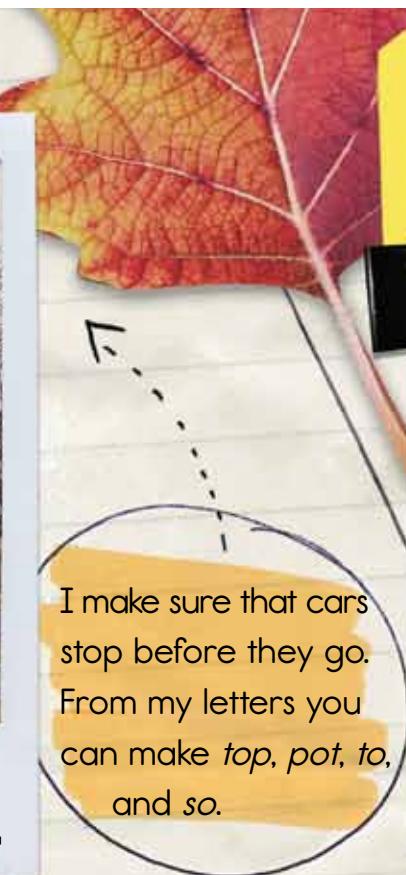
Now that you've seen our neighborhood, look around yours. These riddles will take you all around town.

1. Read each riddle.
2. Write or draw your answers on the lines below.



If you need shade,  
I'm in the park.  
I'm not a dog,  
but I have my bark.





## CHECK IT OUT

The red riddle is from the episode “The Mighty Bright Knight.” Go to [pbskidsgo.org/electriccompany](http://pbskidsgo.org/electriccompany) and watch the episode to find out the answer to this riddle—and hear more riddles!

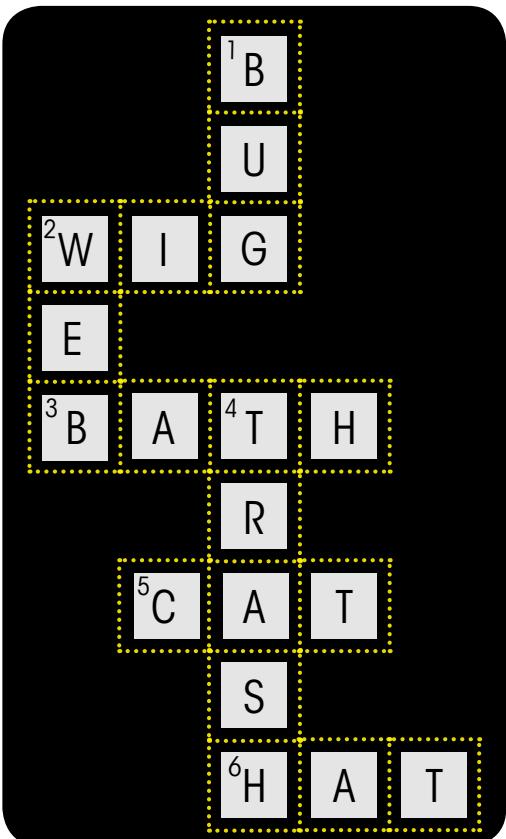
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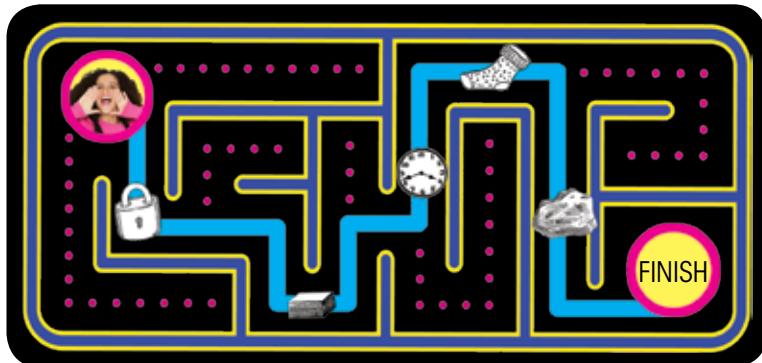
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Crab, Jumping Pet

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Lisa's Puzzle:



Go, Jessica!



Read Hector's Mind: pig, map, bed, cup

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Francine

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mango shake, rice and beans, pineapple salsa, fried plantain, vegetable taco, beef chili, pancakes

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basketball hoop, tree, mailbox, stop sign, bench, water, library



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