

WHAT IS A PROPER NOUN?



MAKING GRAMMAR ACCESSIBLE TO ALL LEARNERS



For students who:

- are emerging or non-readers
- take alternate assessments
- are in special education
- short-attention span
- lack pre-requisite skills
- benefit from the use of pictures for support

Proper Nouns

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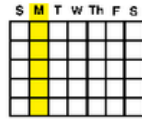


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Also included in this resource as separate files:

- Lesson plans
- PowerPoint (**this is the book in the lesson plan**)
- Voice recorded PowerPoint
- Links to digital activities
- Activities in black and white

This unit contains 6 days of material, but don't worry! I have included a lesson plan to help you make the most of it.

Quick Look

Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Introduce a vocabulary board • Group Activity • Circle map
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Group Activity • Sorting
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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Group Activity • Writing Prompt
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Bingo • Quiz

Note: the same PowerPoint is reviewed at the start of each lesson.

There is a detailed lesson plan with:

- suggestions
- overview
- daily step-by-step guide

Day 3

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read or listen to a recording of the PowerPoint: What is a Proper Noun? (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read through the story, asking lots of questions • Continue to make connections between the book and the vocabulary board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint • Vocabulary board
Group Activity (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do one of the group activities. There are 5 to choose from. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for group activity (see pdf)
Sorting review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the worksheet completed yesterday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity and worksheet completed yesterday
Sorting activity (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will sort common nouns and proper nouns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use color-coding as needed for more support • Make connections to real-world examples of nouns, that are common or proper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksheet • Scissors • Glue
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each student shares their finished worksheet with the group using the communication method of their choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed worksheet • Communication devices

**Lesson
plan**

A proper noun names a **specific** person, place, or thing. Let's look at some examples.



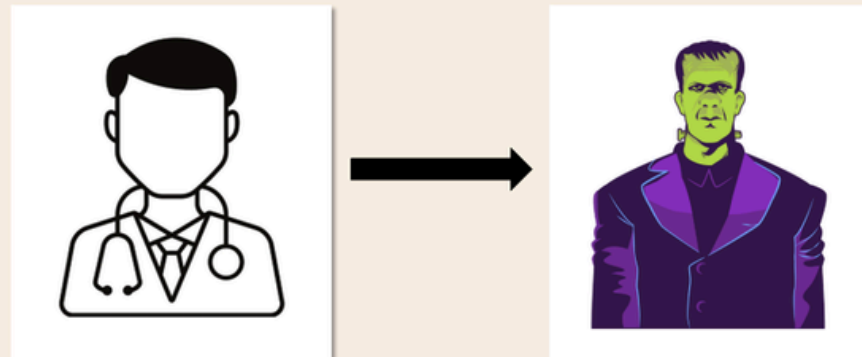
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There is a PowerPoint to review the concepts needed to complete the activities.

Included as a:

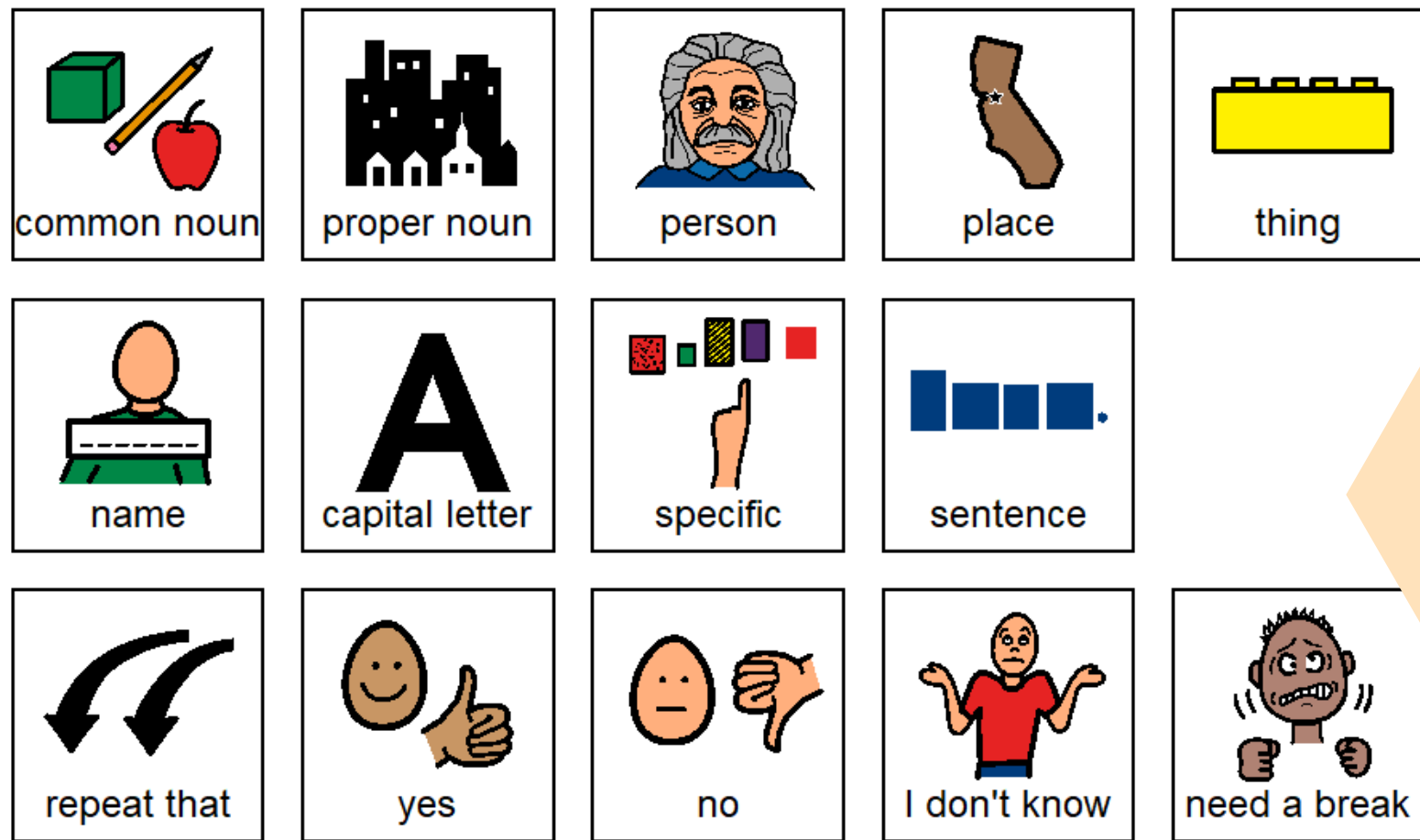
- PowerPoint
- recorded PPT show
- mp4 (movie) file

“I saw the doctor” today uses the common noun “doctor.” But if you name the specific doctor, then you will need a proper noun.



I saw Dr. Frankenstein today. Dr. Frankenstein is a proper noun. It names a specific person or doctor.

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This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to **assist with participation and engagement** in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

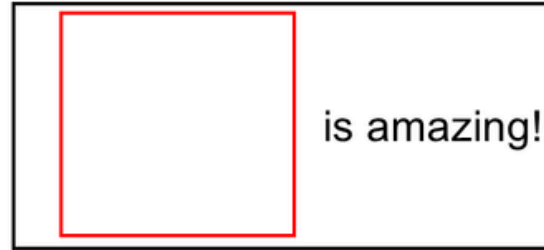
There are no vocabulary cards in this unit

Proper Nouns: Group Activities

#3 Build a Sentence

- **Scenario:** Students will create a sentence by adding a proper noun.
- **Materials:**
 - Sentence mat
 - Proper noun cards from activity #2
- **Activity:**
 - Students will choose a proper noun and add it to the space in the sentence mat.
 - Read the sentence aloud using the communication mode of their choice.
 - Does it make sense? If not, choose a different proper noun to create a sentence that makes sense.

Sentence Mats



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Group Activities

There are five hands-on activities working with proper nouns.

1. Scavenger hunt
2. Sorting
3. Collage
4. Make a proper noun
5. Build a sentence










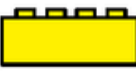


Bingo cards



- Included are 10 Bingo cards in color and 10 Bingo cards in BW.
- Place the cards in page protectors or laminate for long term use.
- **Calling cards are included.**
- This is a great way to practice the new vocabulary included in this unit.
- Cut apart a set of the vocabulary cards to use as the calling cards.
- Options:
 - Show students the picture for them to match
 - Read the definition and see if students can find the matching picture
 - Work as teams
 - Vary the "winning" patterns.
 - Cover all
 - Cover corners
 - Row across or down
 - Cover the edges
 - Vary the ways to mark the card
 - Place in page protector or laminate and use dry erase markers
 - Stickers
 - Post-it notes
 - Dot markers

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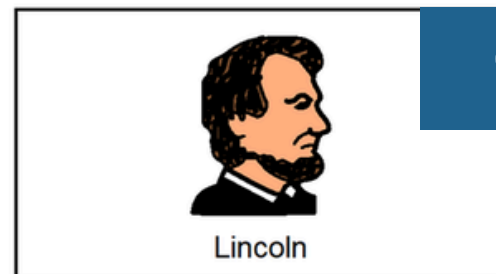
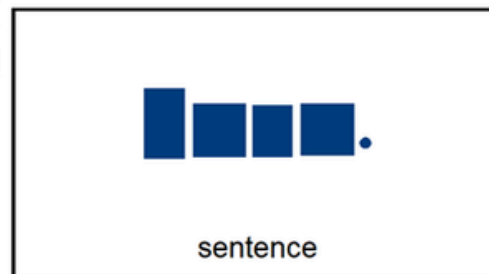
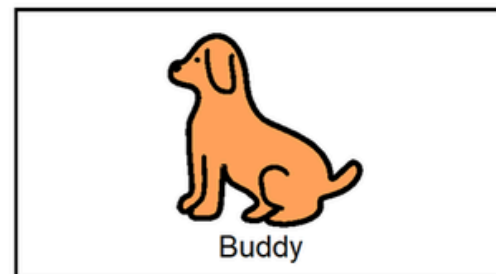
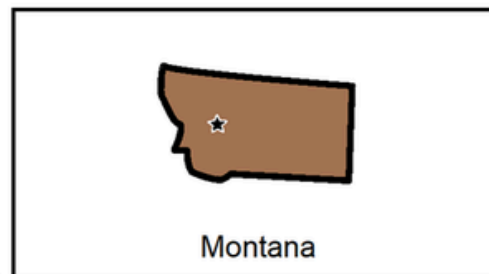
 Burger King	 person	FREE	 Mr. Potato Head
 sentence	 proper nouns	 specific	 Washington
 Lincoln	 Montana	 name	 Disneyworld
A capital	 thing	 place	 Buddy

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Bingo cards are used to practice identifying vocabulary related to proper nouns.

They are in color and black and white.

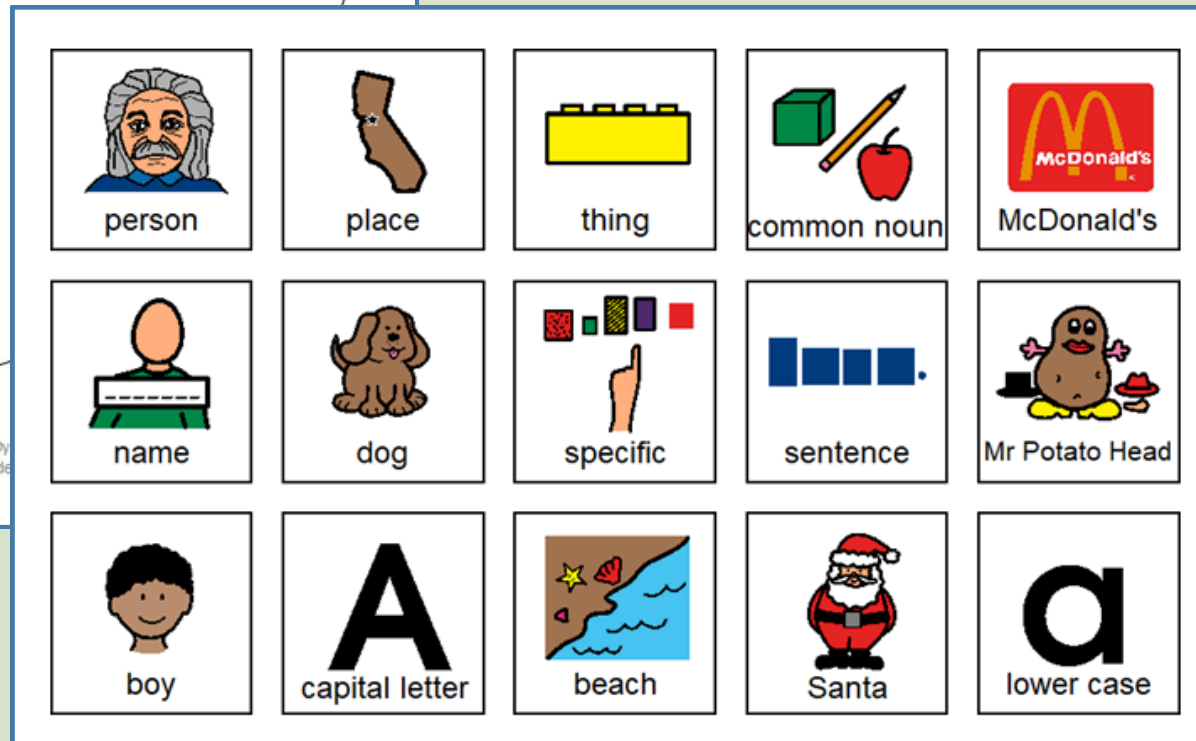
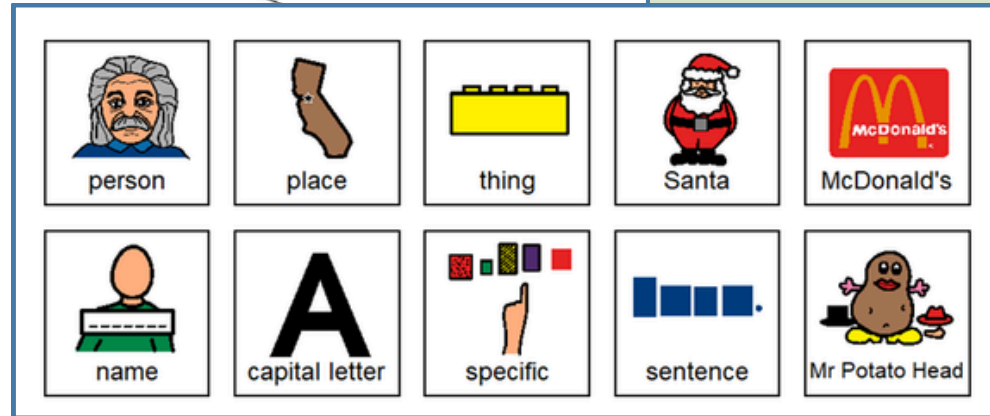
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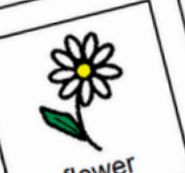


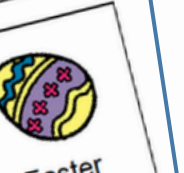
Circle map on proper nouns

- Errorless version
- Challenge version (wrong answers mixed in)







CHALLENGE VERSION

Students will sort types of nouns.

 common noun	 proper noun		
 Barbie	 haunted house	 Monday	 vampire
 ghost	 elf	 Play-Doh	 Franklin
 Halloween	 Loch Ness Monster	 snake	 kitten
 flower	 April	 bumble bee	 Easter

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 common noun	 proper noun		
 Legos	 Slinky	 pizza	 Aunt Monica
 Canada	 Jefferson	 milkshake	 pond
 teddy bear	 turtle	 Humpty Dumpty	 dinner
 London Bridge	 muffin	 cookies	 Pizza Hut

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR
DIFFERENTIATION**

Students will identify nouns and proper nouns in a sentence.

- Using pictures
- Using words

Circle the noun and put a box around each proper noun in each sentence. There might be more than one in each sentence.

Mr. Jones is the teacher.

Daffodils grow in the garden.

Lincoln and Jefferson were presidents of the United States.

The bus went to Maine and Vermont.

Einstein was a scientist.

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Circle the noun and put a box around each proper noun in each sentence. There might be more than one in each sentence.

This pizza is from Pizza Hut.

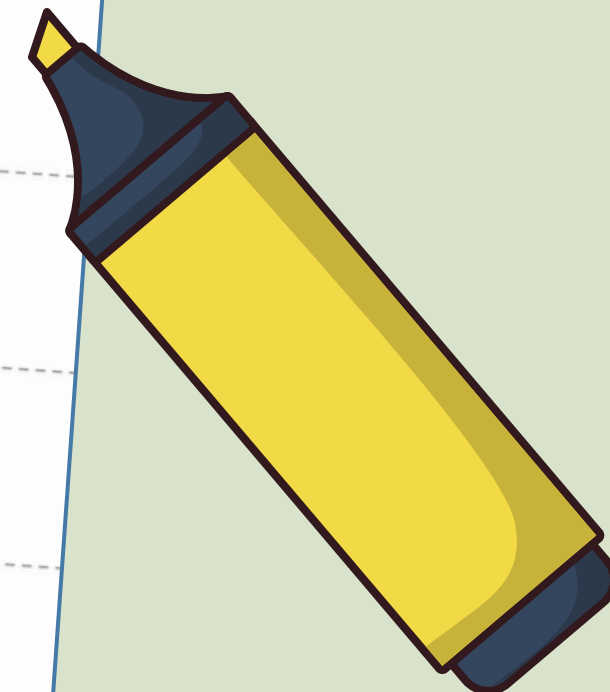
Grace is my dog.

My favorite toy is an Etch a Sketch.

The map is Florida.

The tickets are for Taylor Swift.

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Students will write a story using proper nouns.

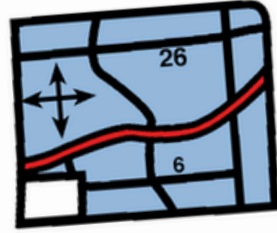
- Errorless activity
- Works like a Mad Lab



My trip

I decided to take a trip to

went with me.



We also went to see the

We stayed at the

We also had an amazing dinner at

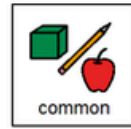
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Alaska	Texas	North Dakota	Hawaii	Florida
Mom	Dad	Grandma	Grandpa	Mrs. Brick
Smokey National Park	Glory Art Museum	Smith Sciene Museum	Roy Railroad	Sue's Bakery
Old Glory Motel	Frontier Campground	Red Roof Inn	Marriot Hotel	Sunny Trailer Park
Hungry Jack's	Red Rooster	Sizzler	Denny's	Jack in the Box

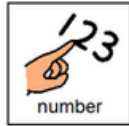
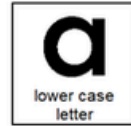
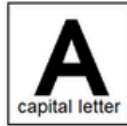
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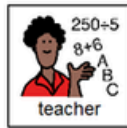
1. Proper nouns name a _____ thing.



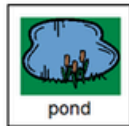
2. Proper nouns always start with a _____.



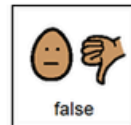
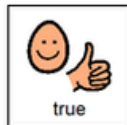
3. How could you change the common noun, woman to a proper noun?



4. Circle the proper noun.



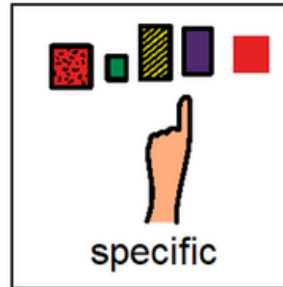
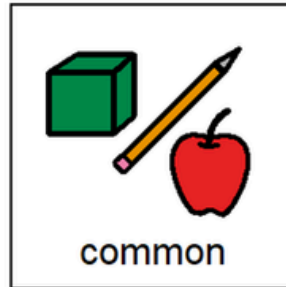
5. True or False. There can be common and proper nouns in a sentence.



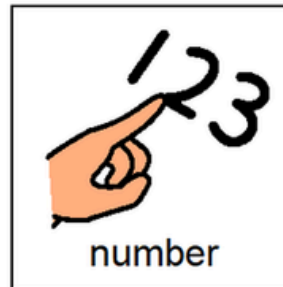
Quiz

Print onto cardstock or mount on index cards. Cut pictures apart and show student answer choices for each question.

Q1

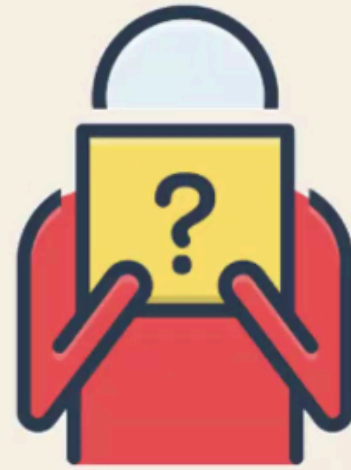


Q2



Finally, there is a 5-question assessment. This is given 1:1 and read aloud to the student.

What is a proper noun?



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of the activities.

It includes a movie
version of the
PowerPoint.

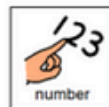
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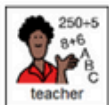
Circle the correct answer.



2. Proper nouns always start with a _____.



3. How could you change the common noun, woman to a proper noun?





4. Circle the proper noun.



5. True or False. There can be common and proper nouns in a sentence.



There are 2 sets of google slides.
They are click and drag,
no typing required.

 common noun	 proper noun

Sort the nouns into the correct column.

 Barbie	 haunted house	 Monday	 vampire
 ghost	 elf	 Play-Doh	 Franklin
 Halloween	 Loch Ness Monster	 snake	 kitten
 flower	 April	 bumble bee	 Easter

differentiated set