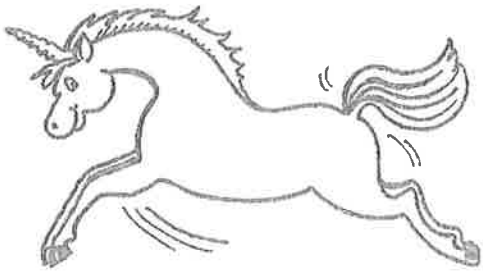
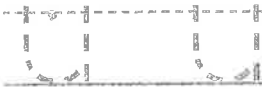
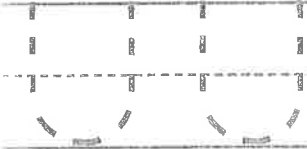


My Alphabet Book



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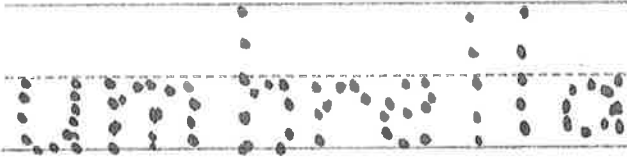
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This is how I write it:



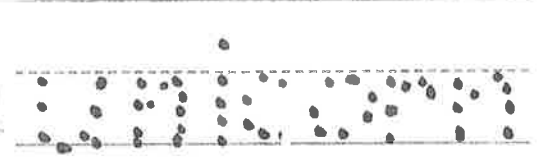
Here are some words that start with the letter U u:



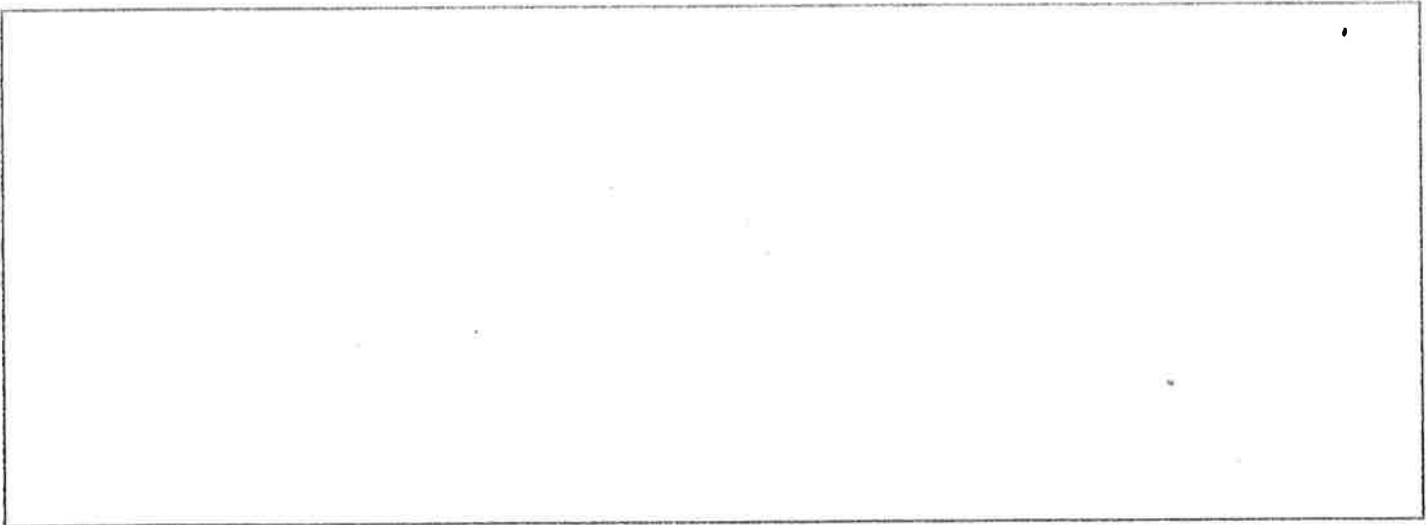
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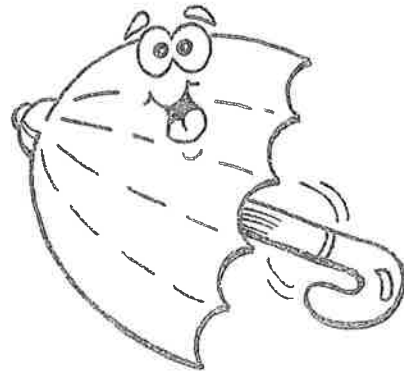
This is my picture of an _____.



Trace and Write

Trace and write the letters. Color the picture.

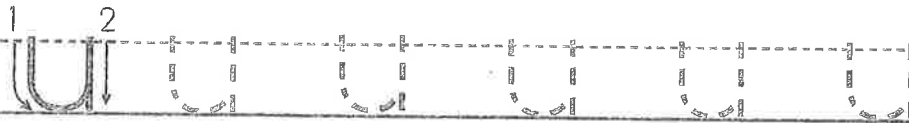
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Uppercase U



Lowercase u





U

is for umbrella

Open an umbrella full of letter *U* doings.

Umbrella Poem

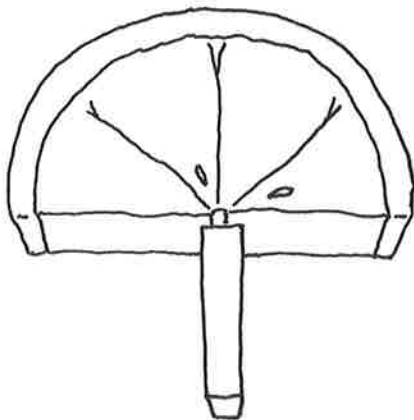
Use the construction-paper umbrellas from the "Ultimate Umbrellas" activity on this page as props to accompany this poem.

Umbrellas go up
When the rain falls down,
When the rain falls down on me.
Umbrellas go up
When the weather's wet
To keep the rain off me!

Umbrellas go up
When the sun shines down
On a hot day by the sea.
Umbrellas go up
When the weather's hot
To keep the sun off me!

Orangey Umbrellas

Slice oranges into 1/4-inch-thick round slices. Cut each round slice in half to form a half-round umbrella shape. Place each orange umbrella on a small plate or napkin. Let each child choose an umbrella handle garnish from a selection of thin-sliced cheese, pretzel sticks, thin celery sticks, or thin apple slices.



Umbrella Song

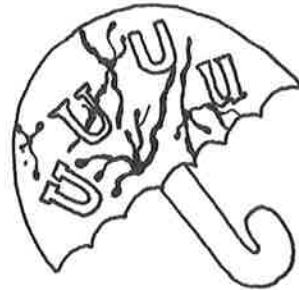
Sing to the tune of "I'm A Little Teapot."

Here's my new umbrella.
Wide and high.
It keeps me cozy, warm, and dry.
If the rain starts falling from the sky
Just open me up and you'll stay dry!



Umbrella Booklet Page

Use the *U* booklet page on page 146 as directed for previous letters. Have each youngster draw something or someone underneath the beach umbrella. Write each child's dictation within the space provided to complete the sentence starter.

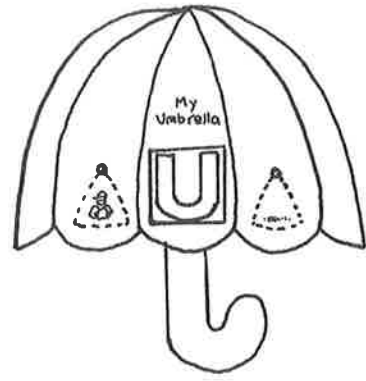


Ultimate Umbrellas

Use the patterns on pages 147 and 148 to create unique umbrellas for a bulletin-board display or to accompany the "Umbrella Poem" activity on this page. Trace the umbrella top on folded tagboard; then cut it out to make a tracer. Trace around the umbrella-top tracer on white construction paper. Have students dribble tempera paint thinned with water onto their umbrellas and quickly blow the dribbled paint, using drinking straws, to create a spattered rain pattern. Let these dry. Have your youngsters color their handle and letter patterns, then cut out all of the project pieces. Glue the handle and letters to each umbrella top. Write each child's name on her handle.

Short U Umbrellas

Set up some umbrella learning fun with the patterns on pages 149 and 150. Reproduce the patterns on white construction paper. Cut out the triangle shapes on the umbrella top along the dotted lines. Have your youngsters color all of their pattern pieces and cut them out. Punch holes in the umbrella top and the wheels where indicated. Attach each wheel to the umbrella with a brad. Glue the *U* and the handle to the umbrella. Have your students turn the wheels to match each picture to a word.



Umbrella

by Taro Yashima

- Momo loved her rainy-day birthday presents. Have your youngsters speculate on who gave the little girl her very own rain gear. Ask them to decide why she got an umbrella and boots rather than a doll or other toys.
- Momo was very creative with her ideas for the need to use her umbrella even though it wasn't raining. Ask your youngsters to think of some different ways to use an umbrella. Have each student dictate a short story titled "How To Use An Umbrella." Write each child's story on a construction-paper umbrella shape.
- Have your youngsters think about the sound that rain makes when it bounces off an umbrella. Have them make up sound effect words for bouncing raindrops. Let each child hold a large umbrella over his head; then sprinkle the umbrella with raindrops from a hose!



Some Umbrella Stories

Mr. Digby's Bad Day by Jerry Smath and Valerie Smath

Sally Sky Diver by Polly Noakes

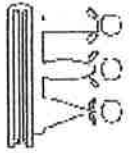
The Umbrella Day by Nancy Evans Cooney

Umbrella Parade by Kathy Feczko



More Umbrella and U Activities

- Cut a three-dimensional *U* from a large sponge and introduce your children to the word under. Explain that this is your *under* sponge and you will place it under a new object each morning for them to discover when they arrive at school.
- Have some fun introducing the prefix *un*. Bring in a zipper and zip it up asking the children what we call this. Then unzip it and ask what we call it. Explain to the children that putting the prefix *un* in front of a word makes it mean the opposite such as zip/unzip, knot/unknot, and tie/untie. Work together to list other *un* words.
- Introduce students to synonyms for umbrella such as parasol and bumpershoot. A parasol was originally used to shade ladies from the sun but evolved into the waterproof version we have today. Help students brainstorm new synonyms for umbrella such as a *rainyday* or a *dropper stopper*.
- Write on raindrop-shaped cards the names of items that might go *up* and items you might find *under*. Hang a small open umbrella from the ceiling and attach these cards to the outside perimeter with string.
- Set up a large beach umbrella and place small pillows or carpet pieces underneath. Let students take turns using this special area for a quiet reading center. Post a sign stating "Shh! We Are Under The Umbrella!"
- Bake an upside-down cake (pineapple) and share it with your students for a super *U* snack. Have the children try to draw a picture or write their name upside down.

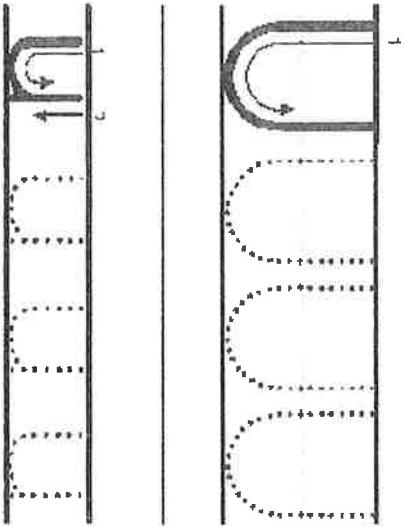


My First

Letter U Book

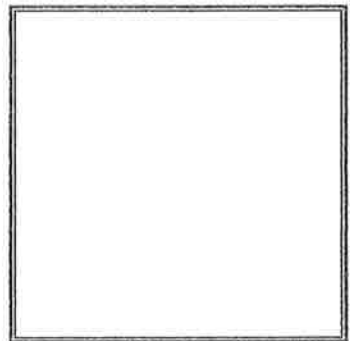
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I can trace the letter U!



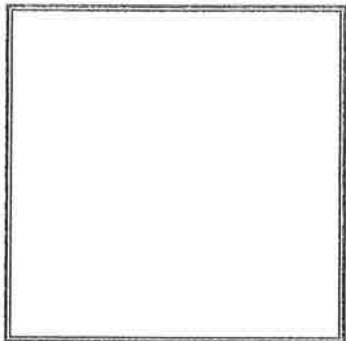
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Alphabet Letter U Mini Book Long U Sound Page 1 Preschool Print...



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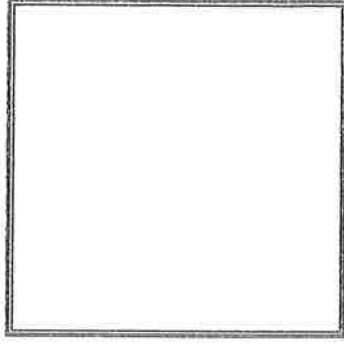
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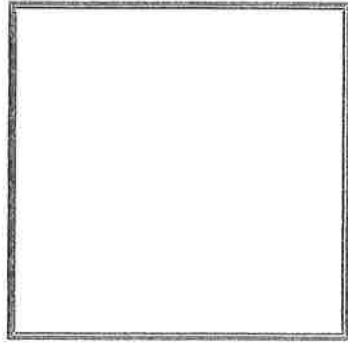
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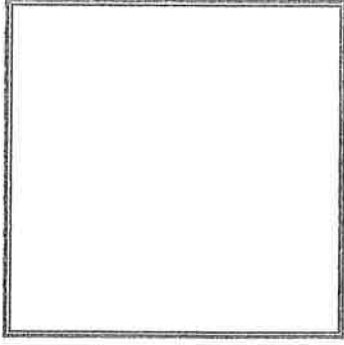
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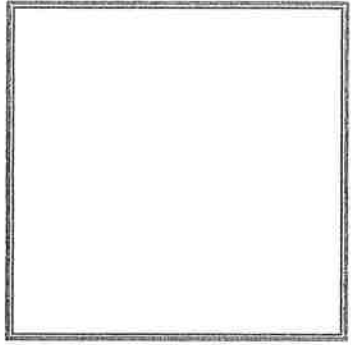
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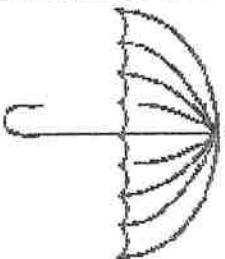


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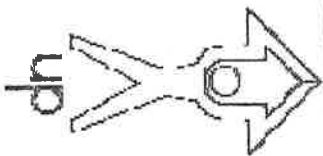
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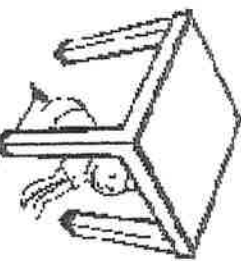
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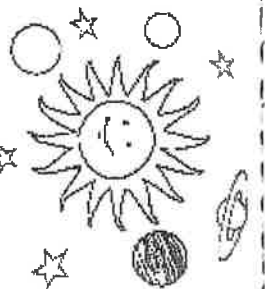
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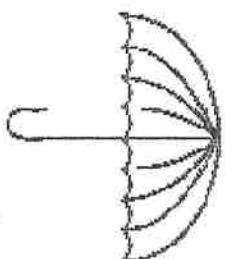
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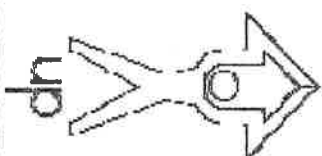
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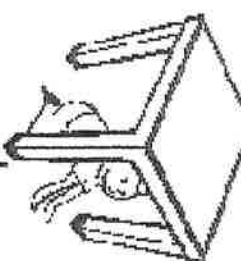
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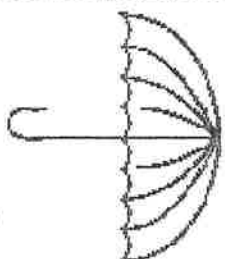
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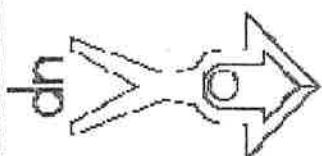
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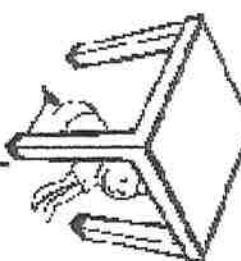
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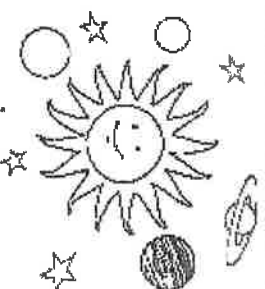
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Uncle Utz

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*



Uncle Utz was a klutz. He was not unkind, unfriendly, or unhappy. He was just uncoordinated. No matter where he was, Uncle Utz was sure to bump into or break something.

Being clumsy upset Uncle Utz. One day, for the umpteenth time, he tripped and upset Aunt Una's teacup. "That's it!" he announced. "I don't understand why I'm so clumsy, but I'm going to do something about it!"

So Uncle Utz enrolled in a dance class. *Now I'll become graceful*, he thought.

In class, the students reached up, up, up. They twisted over and under. They balanced on one foot. Uncle Utz practiced in secret. He didn't show Aunt Una what he was learning.

Finally, the day of the dance recital arrived. Aunt Una sat in the front row. She was unusually worried. She was afraid that Uncle Utz would dance like a klutz.

When the curtain rose, the dancers pranced onto the stage. Aunt Una was surprised by what she saw. Uncle Utz was dressed as a butterfly. For the dance, he uncoiled his butterfly wings and bent and unbent his butterfly legs. In the finale, Uncle Utz danced while balancing a teacup on the tip of an umbrella. Uncle Utz was the most graceful dancer on the stage! Everyone applauded.

Nowadays, Uncle Utz is not nearly the klutz he used to be. And if he does suddenly become a klutz, Aunt Una just hums a tune. Uncle Utz instantly starts to dance and becomes graceful once again.





Stick Puppet Pattern

Directions: Color and cut out the puppet pattern.
Glue a craft-stick handle to the back. Use the puppet
as a storytelling prop.



Back of Uncle Utz puppet

