

CLOVERBUDDIES

**A 4-H EXPLORATION ACTIVITY SERIES FOR
CLOVERBUD MEMBERS**



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PROJECT EXPLORATION:

**VISUAL &
COMMUNICATION ARTS**





THE 4-H PLEDGE

Have you ever seen anyone talk with their hands or use a lot of gestures when they talked? They may have been using sign language, which is a way to communicate without having to speak. Not a lot of people are fluent in sign language, but let's "try our hand" at it! Follow the "handout" below to learn the 4-H pledge in sign language.

I PLEDGE

MY HEART TO CLARE THIN

MY HEART TO GRATER LOYALTY

MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE

MY HEART TO BETTER LIVINGS

FORTH MY CLUB MY COMMUNITY

MY COURTESY AND MY WORLD

listening vs hearing

Have you ever seen the words “hearing” and “listening”? They may seem like the same thing, but they are different. Hearing is using one of your five senses to pick up sounds. Listening is when you think about those sounds and understand what someone is saying. An important part of being a good communicator is not just being able to hear, but to be able to listen. Try the exercise below to see how well you listen!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

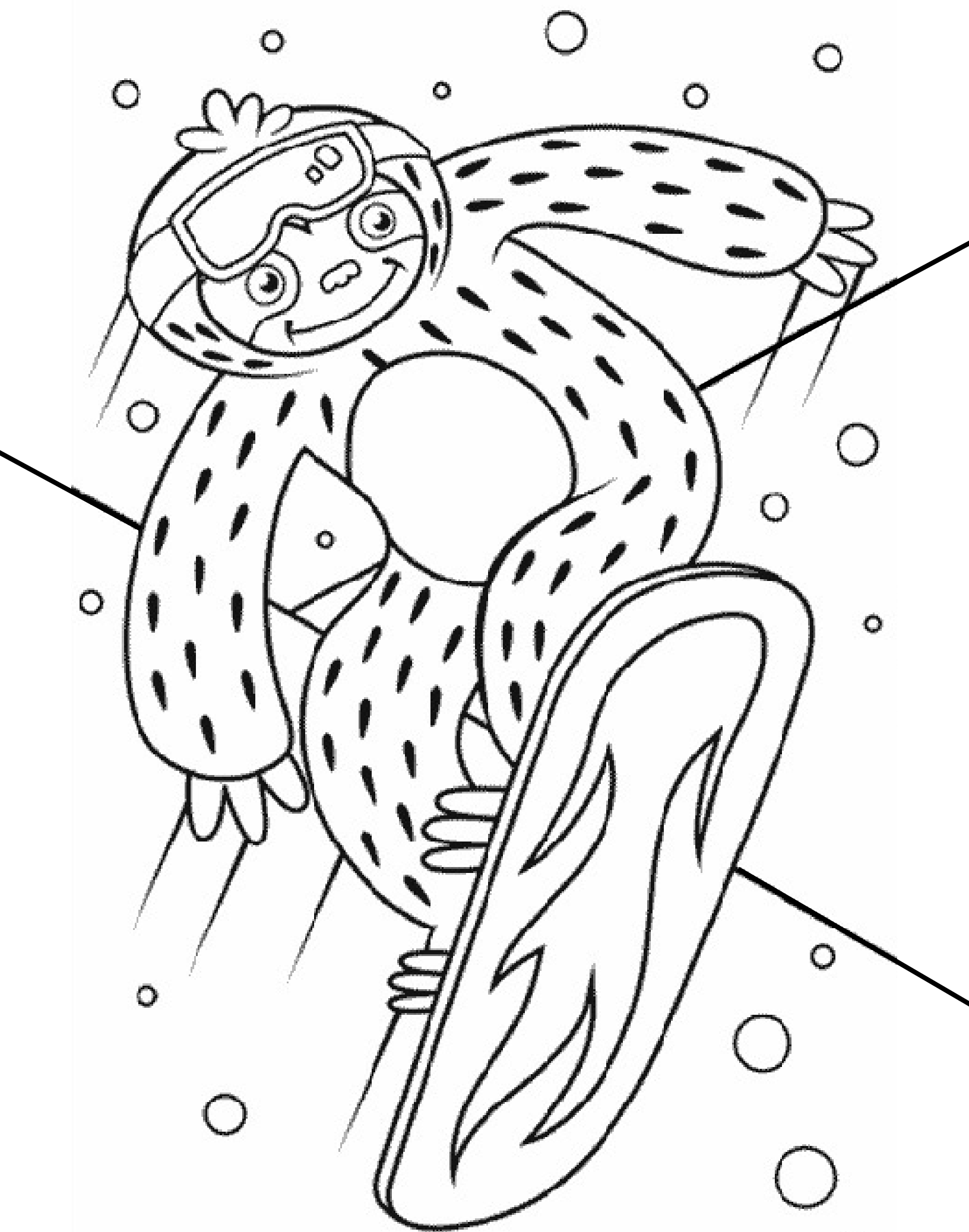
- A **red**, **orange**, **yellow**, **green**, **blue**, **purple**, **brown**, **gray**, and **black** coloring utensil.

WHAT TO DO:

- Have someone read you each direction below about The Shopping Trip.
- Follow the directions by listening to what the person is telling you do.
- Check your picture and see how you did!

COLORING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color the sloth's fingers and toes black.
2. The sloth has spots around its eyes – color these black.
3. Fill in the sloth's stomach and face with a light gray, and the rest of its fur dark gray.
4. On the sloth's snowboard, fill in the flame yellow.
5. Fill in the rest of the snowboard orange.
6. Fill in the strap of the goggles green, and the rim of the goggles blue.
7. Now color the lenses of the goggles black, while leaving the little boxes inside the lenses white.
8. Color the sloth's nose pink.
9. The background is split into three triangles, color the top triangle blue. Color the middle triangle purple. Color the bottom triangle purple.
10. Finally sign your name in the lower left corner in whatever color you want!



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Why give a speech? Learning to communicate and speak in front of people are important life skills that you can learn in 4-H. Did you know that speaking face-to-face is one of the oldest forms of communication? It is also the most effective. Speaking in front of others is a warm, personal way of communicating. Let's practice our speech writing skills together!



PARTS OF A SPEECH:

AN INTRODUCTION...

- Gets attention
- Shares main idea



A BODY...

- Supports the main idea
- Is interesting and organized



A CONCLUSION...

- Restates the main idea
- Wraps up the speech

- 1.** Pick a topic for your speech. It can be anything - cars, cookies, or even frogs!
My topic is _____.
- 2.** Work with a teen or adult leader to write a speech on your topic.
The name of my speech is _____.
- 3.** Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice, the less nervous you'll be.
I practiced my speech _____ times.
- 4.** Present your speech. Start somewhere small, like in front of your family or club.
I think my speech went _____.

Q-TIP PAINTING

Pointillism is a technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of color are applied in patterns to form an image. An easy way to learn this technique is to use a Q-tip to make the dots for an image. Use Q-tips to paint the picture below!

Materials:

- Q-tips
- Colored Paint
- The Picture Below Printed
- Paper Towel (for clean up)



PINECONE SNOWY OWL

Owls communicate in the same way we do - with sounds! The Snowy Owl blends in the best in locations with snow - which is why you might not see it in Wisconsin unless it's during the winter, and we have snow on the ground. Follow the directions below to create your own baby snowy owl!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- **Pinecones (one for each owl you want to make)**
- **Black, yellow, and white felt (if you don't have felt – you can use colored construction paper)**
- **Googly eyes (if you don't have any – you can color on the felt!)**
- **Cotton balls (about 15 per owl)**
- **Hot glue or Tacky Glue**
- **Sharpie or black marker**



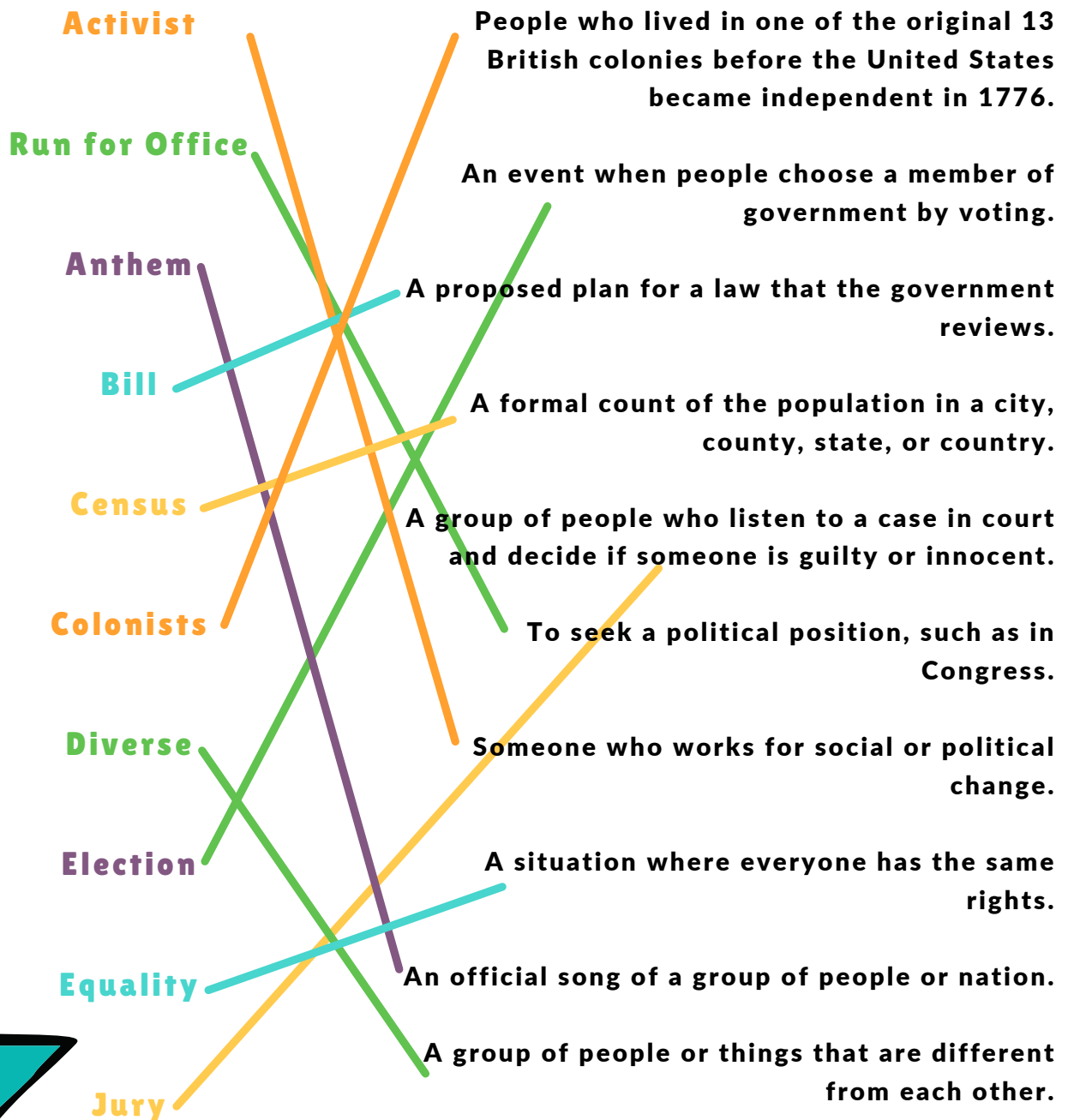
COLORING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Pull apart your cotton balls into smaller, fluffier pieces – these will fit into your pinecone better. Stuff your smaller pieces of cotton into your pinecone until it is “snowy” enough!**
2. **Cut wings out from the white felt, and draw some wing patterns.**
3. **Cut out a beak from black felt, and two circles of yellow felt for the eyes (slightly larger than your googly eyes). If you don't have felt or googly eyes – you can do these steps with colored construction paper.**
4. **Glue the wings, beak, and eye felt plus googly eyes to your pinecone (make sure to glue to both cotton and pinecone or these can come off pretty easily).**

NOVEMBER ANSWER KEYS

Answers to all Cloverbuddies activities will appear on the back cover of the following month's issue. For answers to this issue, watch for next month's installment of Cloverbuddies!

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