

Activity of the Month

March 2024

Decorating a Cardboard Box

Are you looking for an easy, indoor activity?

Find an empty cardboard box and decorate it!
Gather markers, crayons, and other craft supplies
and talk about what you are doing.



TASL Level 1

(single words and word combinations)

A box (noun)
a big box (adjective-noun)
Open the box. (verb-noun)
Mom opens the box. (noun-verb)
Push the box. (verb-noun)
Sit in the box. (verb-noun)
Close the box. (verb-noun)
Peak-a-boo! (expression)
Where is the crayon? (interrogative)
Mommy has a crayon. (noun-noun)
a red crayon (adjective-noun)
Color the box. (verb-noun)
Daddy colors the box. (noun-verb)
a purple crayon (adjective-noun)
two crayons (adjective-noun)
a green crayon (adjective-noun)
Where is the blue crayon? (interrogative)
The blue crayon is in the box. (noun-noun)
All done (expression)
clean up (expression)



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TASL Level 2

(simple sentences of at least 3 words)

- Can I decorate a box? (interrogative)
- Where are the boxes? (interrogative)
- I want the big box. (subject-verb-object)
- Toys were in the box. (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- The box is empty. (subject-verb-adjective)
- Where are the markers? (interrogative)
- They are in the drawer. (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- What color do you want? (interrogative)
- Mom wants the blue marker. (subject-verb-object)
- I am coloring the box. (subject-verb-object)
- Marker is on the box! (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- Draw stars on the box. (subject-verb-object-prepositional phrase)
- Can I sit in it? (interrogative)
- I sit in the box. (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- I will draw a circle. (subject-verb-object)
- I made four circles. (subject-verb-object)
- Dad is coloring the box. (subject-verb-object)
- I am coloring the star. (subject-verb-object)
- My box is pretty! (subject-verb-adjective)
- It's time to clean up. (subject-verb-object)



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TASL Level 3

(simple and complex sentences of at least 6 words)

- I can play with the box. (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- Can I have the big box? (interrogative)
- Mom said, "You can have it." (direct discourse)
- I want to make a car. (one clause + an infinitive)
- Should we use paint or markers? (interrogative)
- Use markers because we're out of paint. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- The markers are in the drawer. (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- I am opening the box of markers. (subject-verb-object)
- I want to draw the wheels first. (one clause + an infinitive)
- How many wheels should I make? (interrogative)
- Dad said, "You need four wheels." (direct discourse)
- I made wheels and Dad drew windows. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- Use a paper plate for the steering wheel. (subject-verb-object-prepositional phrase)
- I am sitting in my car! (subject-verb-prepositional phrase)
- Can we decorate one more box? (interrogative)
- Mom has another box in the garage. (subject-verb-object-prepositional phrase)
- This box is smaller than that box. (subject-verb-object)
- I'll draw my family on this box. (subject-verb-object-prepositional phrase)
- I'm making happy faces on this side. (subject-verb-object-prepositional phrase)
- Dad said, "It's time for lunch." (direct discourse)
- We need to pick up the markers. (one clause + an infinitive)



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TASL Level 4

(complex sentences of at least 8 words containing 2 verb forms)

- I asked if I could play with the box. (indirect discourse)
- Mom said, "Yes, you can play with it." (direct discourse)
- What should we do with this huge box? (interrogative)
- "Can I make it into a house?" I asked. (indirect discourse)
- Mom wants to help me make a house. (one clause + an infinitive)
- We need markers so we can make the house. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- I am making windows and Mom is making a door. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- Should we cut out a door with scissors? (interrogative)
- Dad told me that he liked my idea. (indirect discourse)
- Mom is going to cut the door and windows. (one clause + an infinitive)
- I am watching you while you cut the box. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- Can I open the door and go inside? (interrogative)
- Dad's trying to go inside but he's too big. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- I am inside the house, but you are outside. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- I need to get the crayons from the drawer. (one clause + an infinitive)
- Mom asked me why I need the crayons. (indirect discourse)
- I need them so I can color the house. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- Close the top so I can have a roof. (two clauses + a conjunction)
- Can I make a car with another box? (interrogative)
- Mom said, "I'll look for a box after lunch." (direct discourse)
- I need to clean up the markers and crayons. (one clause + an infinitive)



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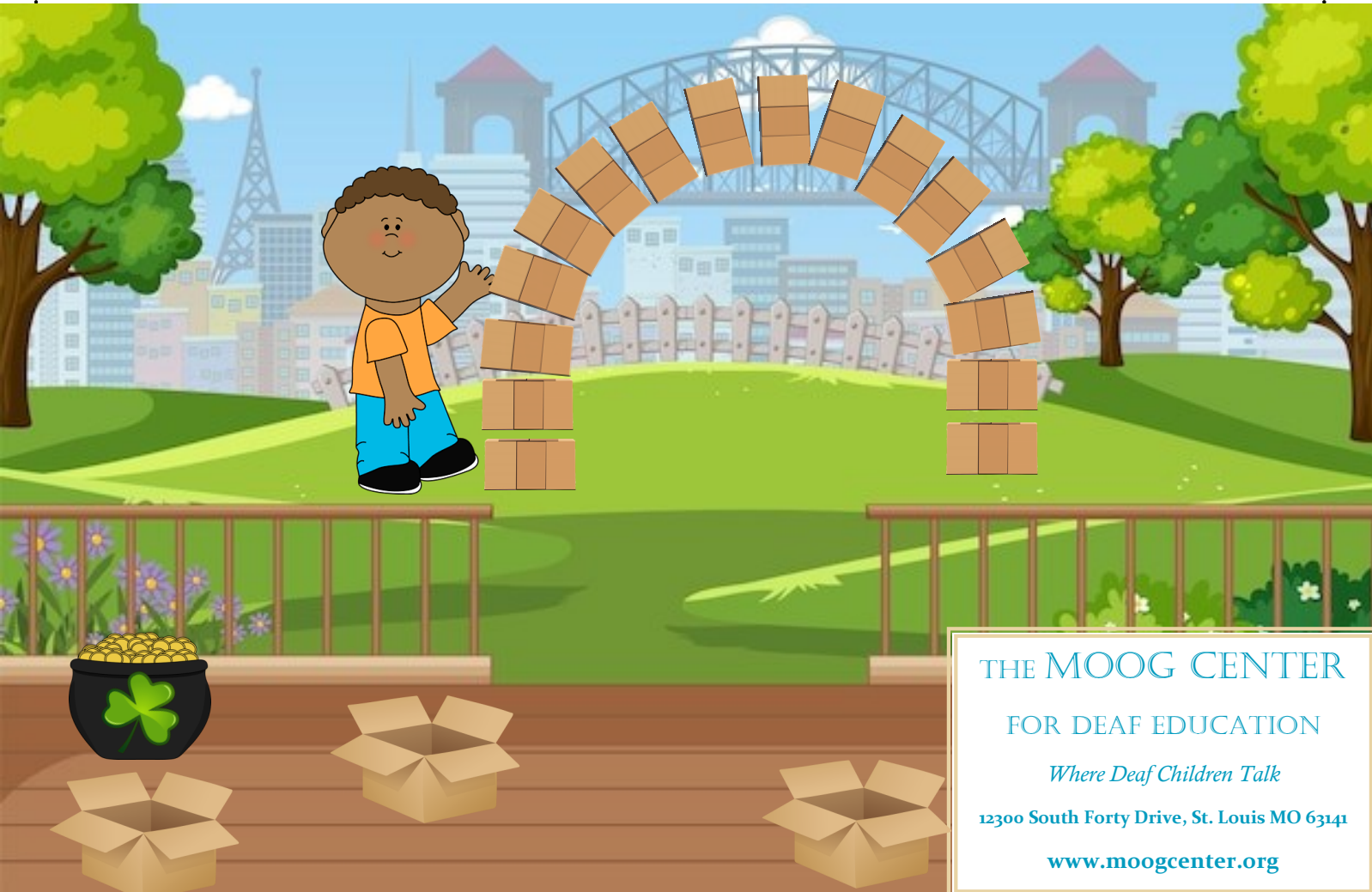
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TASL Level 5

(very complex sentences of at least 10 words containing 3 verb forms)

- What can we do since it's too cold to play outside? (interrogative)
- Mom said, "You can have that empty box and decorate it." (direct discourse)
- I am not sure how I want to decorate it. (two clause + a secondary verb)
- Dad told me I could make a house or turn it into a castle. (indirect discourse)
- I think I am going to make it into a house. (two clauses + secondary verb)
- Before I start coloring, I'll see if we have any markers. (three clauses + two conjunctions)
- I want to cut out windows instead of drawing them. (two clauses + a secondary verb)?
- Cutting cardboard is hard, so Dad said he'll cut it for me. (indirect discourse)
- I need to draw rectangles on top, so they look like shingles. (two clauses + a secondary verb)
- Would you like it if I put a blanket inside the house? (interrogative)
- Mom said, "That will make your house feel so cozy!" (direct discourse)
- Dad told me I should find a smaller box and make a car. (indirect discourse)
- Do we have any smaller boxes sitting in the garage? (interrogative)
- Mom checked but didn't see any, so she looked in the basement. (three clauses + two conjunctions)
- She found two boxes and asked me which one I wanted. (indirect discourse)
- I chose the large one so I could sit and stretch my legs. (three clauses + two conjunctions)
- Can I have four paper plates to make the wheels? (interrogative)
- What do you think I should use for the steering wheel? (interrogative)
- Dad said we have one more paper plate that I can use. (indirect discourse)
- After I make the steering wheel, I'll attach it and drive the car. (three clauses + two conjunctions)
- I said, "I am going to park my car next to my house." (direct discourse)



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