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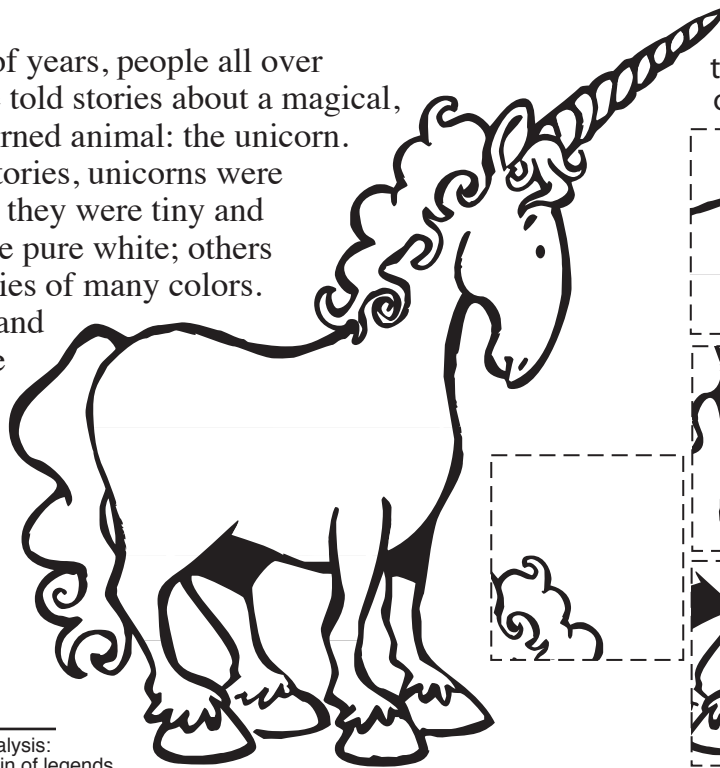
Puzzle of the Unicorn

Did unicorns ever exist? Explore the mystery with these puzzling Kid Scoop activity pages!

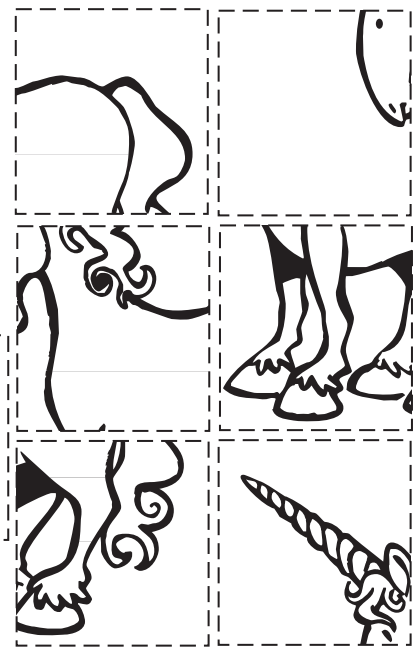
For thousands of years, people all over the world have told stories about a magical, mysterious one-horned animal: the unicorn. In some of these stories, unicorns were huge and in others they were tiny and playful. Some were pure white; others had horns and bodies of many colors. Some were fierce and brave. Others were peaceful.

Some people think that unicorn stories started from sightings of a one-horned rhinoceros or a gazelle in profile.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Students understand the origin of legends.



Cut out these boxes. Put them together in the correct order and color the unicorn.



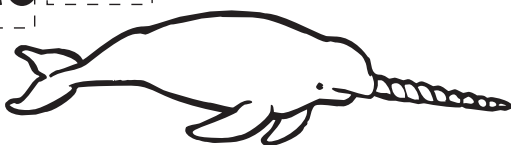
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Put the Puzzle Together

Several hundred years ago, people sold mysterious horns that were said to be unicorn horns. These horns were straight; most animal horns are curved. Some were more than seven feet long and had spirals running down the entire length.

Today we know that many of those horns were from a shy sea animal called a **narwhal**. Cut out and assemble the puzzle pieces to learn a surprising fact about these “unicorns of the sea.”

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have features that help in survival.



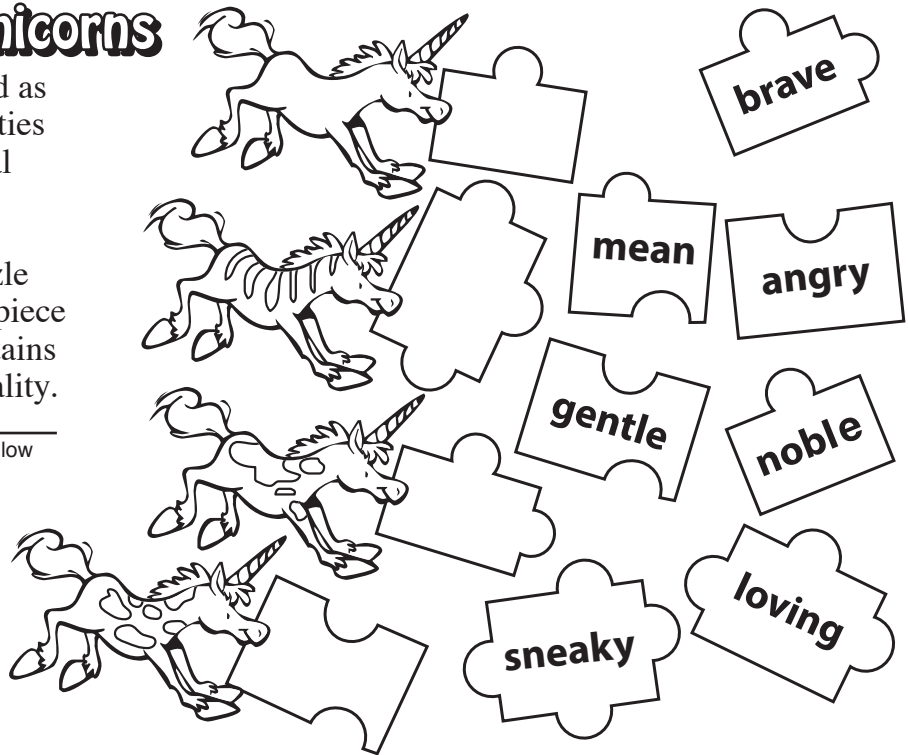
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The Truth About Unicorns

The unicorn is usually described as an ideal being, possessing qualities people admire. While the animal does not exist, the qualities do.

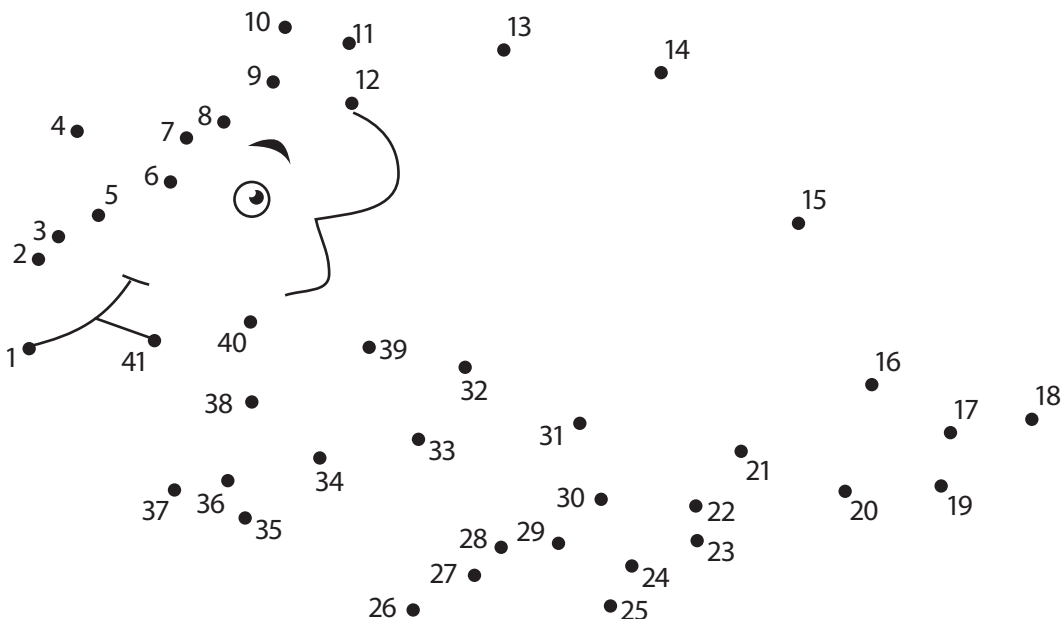
Each unicorn at right has a puzzle piece in its mouth. Match each piece with an identical piece that contains a word describing a unicorn quality.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Unicorn Bones

Scientists have found the bones of a “dinosaur unicorn.” The **bagaceratops** was a small, plant-eating dinosaur that was about three feet (1m) long and lived in Asia about 80 million years ago. The name bagaceratops means “small horned face.” Connect the dots to see what bagaceratops looked like.



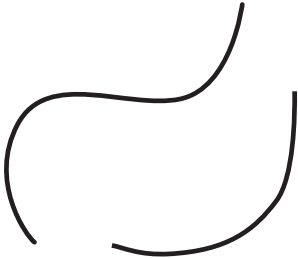
Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that some animals that once lived on Earth have completely disappeared.



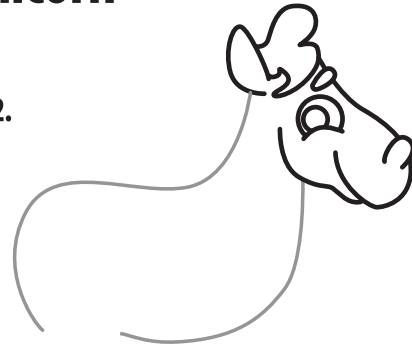
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How to Draw a Unicorn

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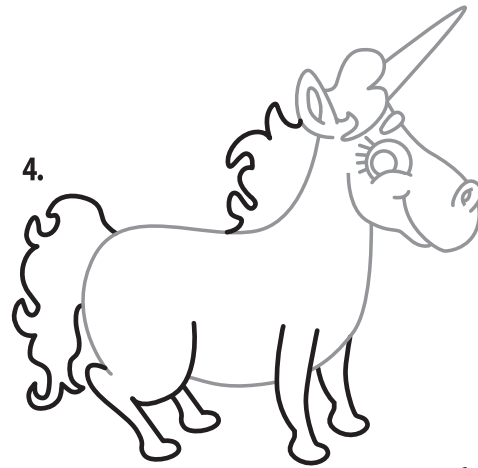
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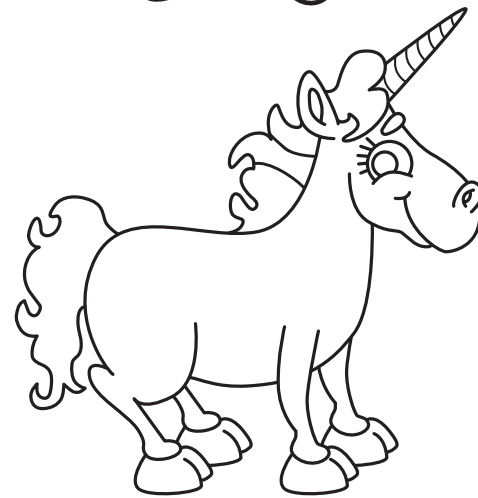
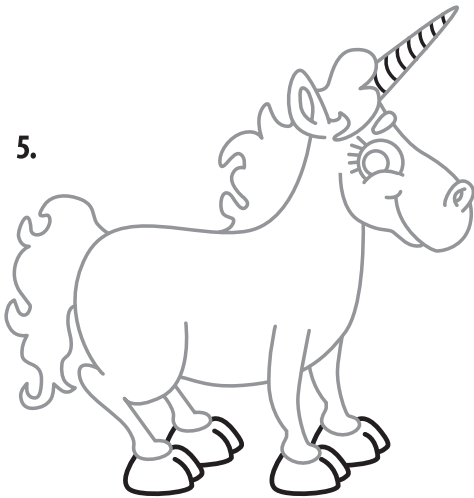
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Unicorn People

Can you find a person in the newspaper who demonstrates the qualities people associate with unicorns?

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify positive character traits in others.



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Puzzler



In 1968, *The Unicorn Song* became a top ten hit on the radio. The song, written by children's book author Shel Silverstein, told a story about the unicorn playing when he should have been boarding Noah's ark.



Find the two dancing unicorns that are identical.

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

IDEAL

The adjective **ideal** means something that is perfect or the absolute best.

Katie's volcano project featured an **ideal** use of baking soda and vinegar.

Try to use the word **ideal** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family.



How do you stop a rhino from charging?



ANSWER: Take away his credit cards.



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Write On!



Best Book of the Summer

Tell other kids about a book you think they should read this summer. Have fun describing the book, but don't give away the ending.

Magic Headlines

Abracadabra! You can be a magician by changing a **factual** headline into an **opinion** statement. Can you find a headline that expresses an opinion? Change it into a factual headline.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish facts from opinion.



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Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

- UNICORN
- DINOSAUR
- NARWHAL
- MAGICIAN
- SNEAKY
- FIERCE
- RADIO
- PEACEFUL
- PEOPLE
- HORNS
- SPIRALS
- MEAN
- FACE
- PIECE
- HUGE

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.