

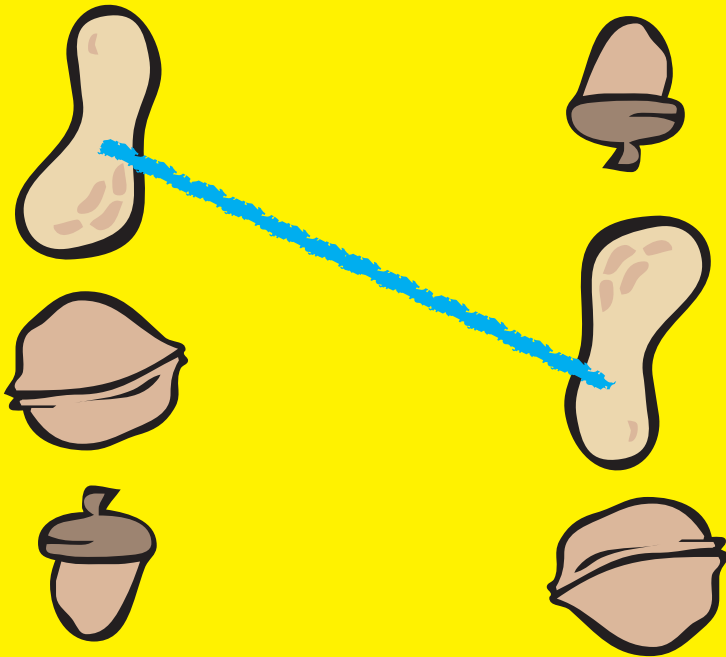
**My name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

## Upside-down Nuts

Draw a line connecting each upside-down and right-side-up pair of nuts. One has been done for you.



## My Rhyme Time

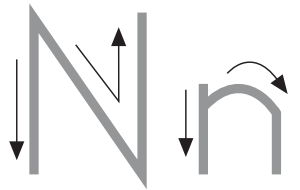
I had a little nut tree,  
Nothing would it bear  
But a silver nutmeg  
And a golden pear.



## My Letters

**N** is for **Nut**

**n** is for **nut**



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter N. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter N makes in the word **nut**?

## My Numbers

How many **9**?

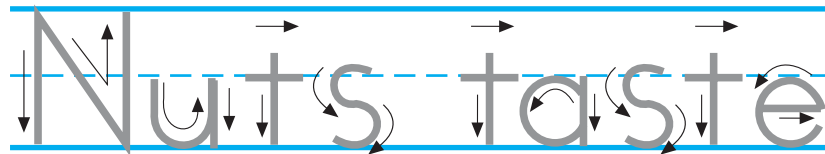
How many  ?



**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

## My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



### Sunday

#### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound the letter N makes in the word **nut**.

### Monday

#### Math Play

Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

#### On the Lines

Turn one page of the classified ads to a horizontal position. Use the lines that divide the columns as guides for early writing practice. Have your child draw an uppercase N, using the lines of type as guides.

### Wednesday

#### Upper and Lowercase

With your child, find and circle an uppercase letter N. Then, on the same page, find and circle a lowercase letter n. Connect the two with a line.

### Thursday

#### Nine Noses

Find and cut out nine noses from the newspaper. Glue the nine noses onto one sheet of paper. Find and cut out a large number 9 and glue it on the paper, too.

### Friday

#### Upside-down Art

With your child, find a large letter N in a headline. Cut out the letter and glue it on the top part of a piece of paper. Have your child draw an upside-down mirror image of the letter directly under it. Repeat with all of the letters in his or her name.

### Saturday

#### Tear It Up

The simplest small motor exercise you can do with your child is tearing the newspaper. Let your child tear out shapes and then glue the torn shapes onto a piece of paper to make a picture. Black construction paper makes a good background.

**Learning Buddies!**

**My Kid Scoop** comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

**Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.