

Listen. 

Lesson 1

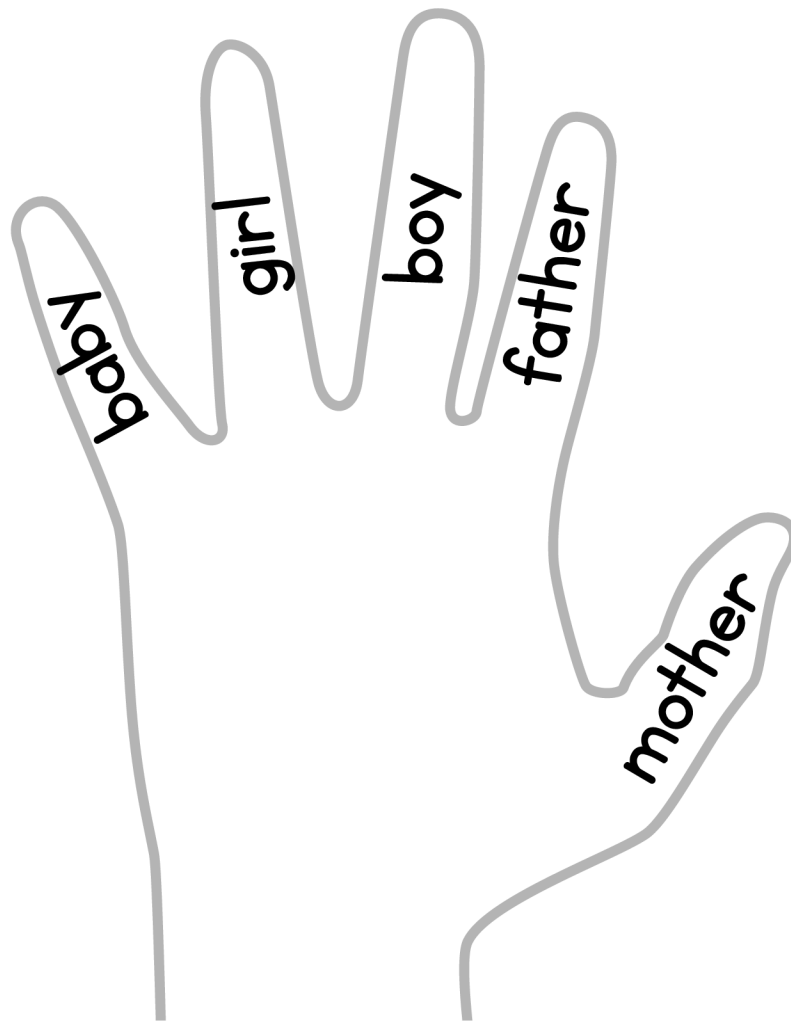
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Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

*This is the mother good and dear,
This is the father full of cheer,
This is the boy so strong and tall,
This is the girl who plays with her doll,
This is the baby, the pet of all,
See the whole family, great and small.*

FROEBEL





Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

HOW THE HOUSE WAS BUILT

Once there was a dear family—a father, a mother, a big boy named Tom, a little girl called Polly, and a dear little baby. Can you guess what they wanted most of all?

They moved from home to home that they rented, and what they wanted most of all was a home all of their very own, with a sunny room for Father, Mother, and Baby, a big room for big Tom, a little room for little Polly, a room for cooking and eating, and a cozy little sitting room.

One day when Mother was sewing, Tom was reading, and Polly and Baby were playing, Father came into the room and sat down. "Draw your chairs closer to me," he said. "I have something to tell you. What do we all want more than anything else in the world?"

"A home!" said Mother and Tom. "A home!" said little Polly.

"Well," said Father, "I think we shall have it, if each one will help. I am going away to the forest. All winter I must chop down the trees, and when spring comes I shall be paid in lumber. We can use the lumber in building the house."

"What can I do to help?" asked Mother.

"You will be very busy while I am away," said Father, "for you must fill my place as well as your own. You must go to market, and pay the bills, as well as cook, wash, and sew."

"What can I do?" asked Tom.

Father answered, "You may work in a carpenter shop where you can learn to saw, hammer, and plane, so you can help build the house. Now, who will take care of Baby?"

"I will, I will!" cried Polly.

"All right," said Father. "Let us go to work."

After Father and Tom had stored away the wood for the fire, put up the stoves, and made everything ready for winter, Father bade them all good-bye and went away to the woods.

There he worked every day all winter, and when spring came and the snow was melting, the river dashed along and took the logs with it down to the sawmill, where they were to be sawed into lumber.

Then Father hurried home to his family. Polly saw him first and cried, "Oh, there is Father!"

"We are so glad to see you," said Tom.

"Has everyone been helping while I have been away?" asked Father.

"Yes," said Mother. "Polly took care of the baby; Tom worked in the carpenter shop; I have gone to market, and sewed, cooked, and washed."

"I must get this dear family into its home. Come, Tom, we must go to work," said Father; and he and Tom went to work. The home was built with a sunny room for Father, Mother, and Baby, a big room for big Tom, a little room for little Polly, a room for cooking and eating, and a cozy little sitting room. Then they all moved into the house, and how happy they were!

—MAUD LINDSAY in *Mother Stories*.

Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.

These children have listened to the story you just did and are making a play about it.

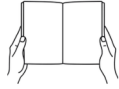


What do you see in the photograph?

It is more than 100 years old!

What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

boy

girl

tree

house

find

the

Find the tree.

Find the house.

Find the boy and the girl.

Write.



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Answer the questions with the words from the word bank about the passage.

WORD BANK

mill trees house

1. What did Father cut down in the forest?

2. Where did Father take the trees?

the

3. What did Father and Tom build?

a

Write.



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end



Write the words.

boy

girl

tree

forest

find
