

How to Make Your ZOOMerang

You can print out your ZOOMerang and make it into a little booklet.

Here's how:

- Print all the ZOOMerang pages.
- Cut out each page along the dotted lines.
- Tape pages 1–6 together from end to end so that you have a long row.
- Tape pages A–F together to make a second long row.
- Lay one row face down on a table and put some glue on the back of the pages.
- Place the second row on top of the first row. The printed part of the second row should face you.
- Smooth out the glue with your hand.
- Let it dry and then fold your ZOOMerang where the pages join together.



What You Need

- scissors
- tape
- glue

Voilà!

Flinker

What's a Flinker? It's something that doesn't float or sink in water but just "flinks" in the middle!

What You Need

- foam peanut
- washers or paper clips
- 12 inches of string
- clear container that's filled with water (like a soda bottle with the top cut off)



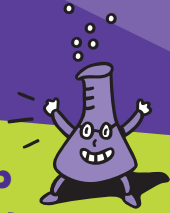
Fill a clear container with water. **Place** a foam peanut in the water. **What happens?** What can you do to make the peanut flink (neither float nor sink)? Here are some ideas:

Attach washers or paper clips to your peanut with string. Or **change the shape** of the peanut. **Experiment!** Keep changing the design of your Flinker until it **flinks** for 10 seconds.



Try making **different objects** flink, like a small sponge or a penny. **Predict** what you think will happen, and **test it**. Then send your results to ZOOM, Box 350, Boston, MA 02134 or pbskids.org/zoom

Sent in by Sarah P. of Maribel, WI



Science Scoop

When you put a foam peanut in water, the water “pushes up” on the peanut. (This is called a *buoyant force*.) At the same time, the weight of the peanut “pushes down” on the water. If the “pushing down force” of the peanut is less than the “pushing up force” of the water, the peanut floats. If the “pushing down force” of the peanut is greater than the “pushing up force” of the water, the peanut sinks. If both forces are exactly equal, the peanut neither floats nor sinks—it flinks!



- What You Need**
- old photos of family or friends
 - old magazines
 - scissors
 - glue
 - cardboard
 - magnets (You can find these at an office supply store.)

Spice up your kitchen with zany magnets!

FUNNY FRIDGE MAGNETS



Cut a face out of a photo. **Search** in old magazines for a body that looks funny with the face. **Cut** out the body. **Glue** the face and body to the cardboard. Let the glue **dry**. Then **trim** the cardboard around the new body. **Glue** a magnet to the back of the cardboard. Now you have a funny magnet to **stick** on your fridge!

What kinds of funny combinations did you make? **Tell us** by writing or sending drawings or photos to ZOOM, Box 350, Boston, MA 02134 or pbskids.org/zoom

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and Lara & Jack W. of Wellesley, MA



Find more fun ways
to **decorate your house**,
like Bulletin Board
and Junk Picture Frame, at
pbskids.org/zoom/zoomdo

My Super Sub



Sent in by Trevor W. of Ulysses, KS

Pile on the lettuce.
Pile on the cheese.
Where's the peas?
Ice cream, ham,
Even a little Spam™.
To make it sweet
Chocolate is a treat.
Top it off with a rubber shoe.
Don't forget the mustard,
Ketchup, and pickles too.
Gee I'm hungry
How about you?



How to Speak **Ubbi Dubbi**

Just add "ub" before each vowel sound. Accent the "ub" each time it comes up. Cuban yubou nubame uball thube ZubOOMubers?

Use the Ubbi Dubbi translator on ZOOM's Web site to turn Ubbi Dubbi into English, uband UbEnglish ubintubo Ububbubi Dububbubi.



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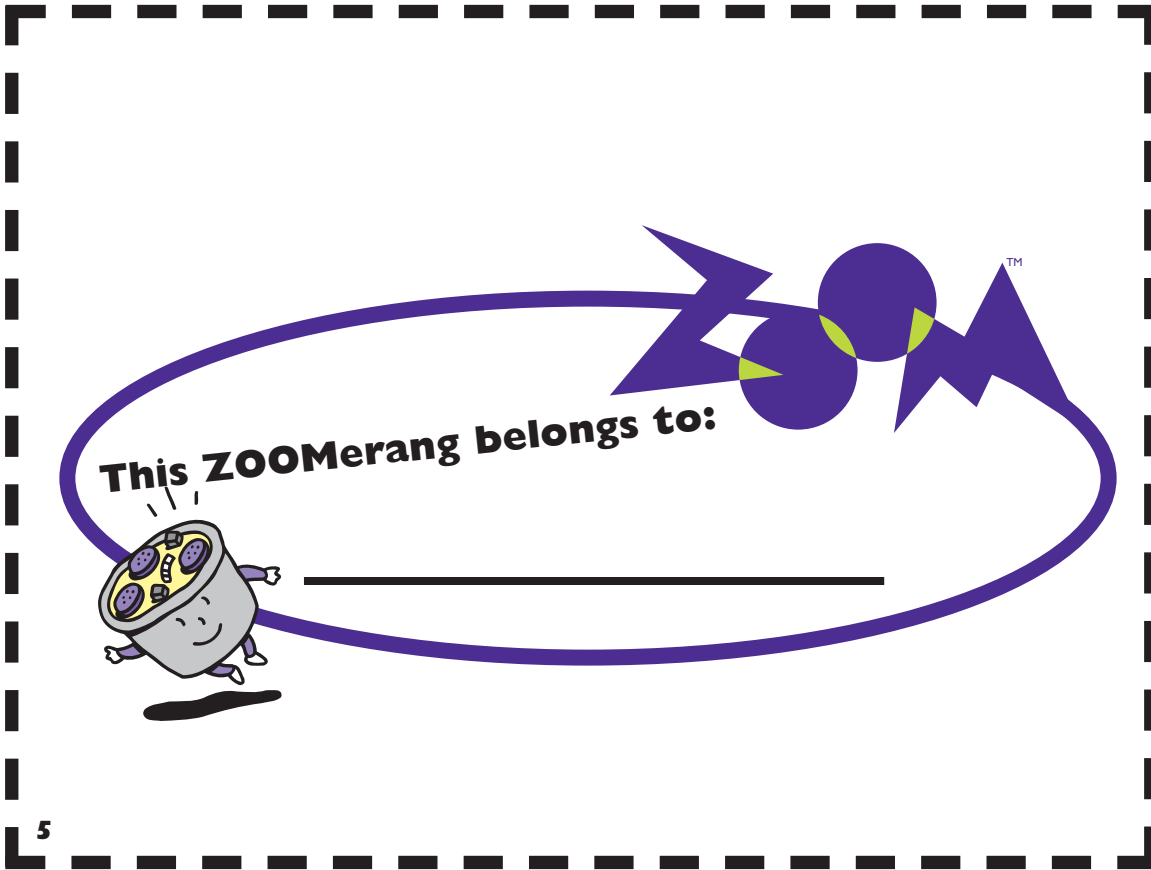
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Listen Up!



What You Need

- metal coat hanger
- two 12-inch pieces of string
- table

Tie a piece of string to each corner of a coat hanger. **Loop** the string around your index fingers. Then **swing** the hanger so it **taps** against the side of a table. What do you **hear**?

Now, **put** your index fingers (with the string attached) in your ears. **Tap** the hanger again. How do the sounds **compare**?

What happens if you **replace** the string with sewing thread or fishing line? What happens if you hang **different objects** from the string, like a metal spoon or a sneaker?

Stereo Hanger

Sent in by Stephen H. of Germantown, TN

A



Change one thing (that's the variable), and **predict** what you think will happen. Then **test it** and send your results to ZOOM, Box 350, Boston, MA 02134 or pbskids.org/zoom



Science Scoop

Sounds are made by vibrations. When you tap the hanger, it vibrates (moves back and forth). This makes the air around it vibrate. When these vibrations travel into your ear, you hear them as sound. If you listen to the hanger with your fingers in your ears, the vibrations travel through the string and into your ears. It sounds different because sound travels differently through string (a solid) than through air (a gas).

FOOTSIE

Advanced Footsie
Try using a **small ball**, like a baseball or a tennis ball.

Get a **rubber ball** (like a kick ball) and at least **three** friends. Have everyone **lie down** on their backs in a circle and put their **legs up** in the air. One player **puts** the ball between his or her feet and **passes** it to the next player. Whoever **drops** the ball is out. The last player on the floor **wins!**

What other games can you play with your feet? Send your ideas to pbskids.org/zoom



How quick are your feet?



Sent in by Hannah A. of Salt Lake City, UT

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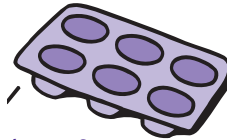
What You Need

- muffin tin
- cooking spray
- pizza dough (store-bought or homemade)
- tomato sauce
- shredded cheese
- your favorite toppings (like chopped veggies or pepperoni)



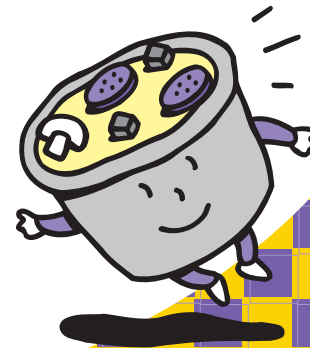
Sent in by Lily P. of Albany, NY

Mini **DEEP DISH** Pizzas



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. (**Check** with an adult before you use the oven.) **Spray** the muffin tin with cooking spray. **Flatten** small pieces of dough and **put** a piece in each muffin cup. **Press** the dough along the bottom and sides of each cup. **Spread** some sauce on top of the dough. **Sprinkle** on some cheese. **Add** your favorite toppings. **Bake** for 15 to 20 minutes. Using an oven mitt, **take** the tin out of the oven and let it **cool**. Then use a fork to **pop** out the pizzas and **enjoy!**

What's your favorite food? **Tell us** how to make it by sending the recipe to ZOOM, Box 350, Boston, MA 02134 or pbskids.org/zoom



What's a dog's favorite pizza topping?
Pepperoni!
E-mailed by
Branna E.

D

Ray's Home

What's your favorite food?

Bacon-double-cheeseburgers and New York-style pizza.

What things do you like to do?

I love sports and acting.

What's your favorite thing about school?

I see all of my friends and learn new things.

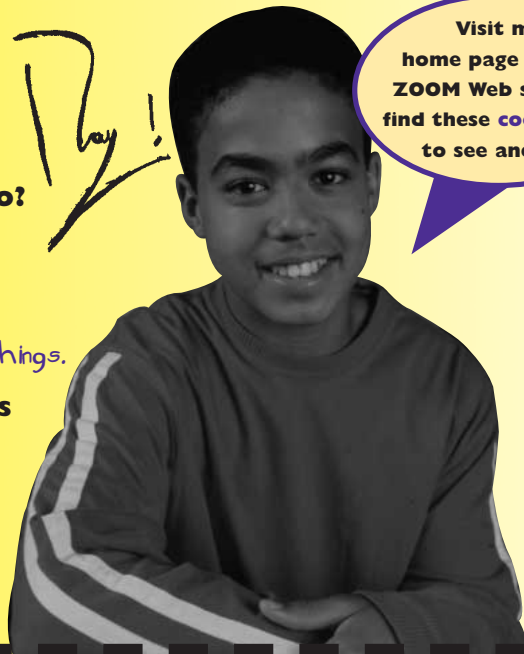
Do you cook at home? What's your specialty?

I can make a superb pecan pie.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I hope to be an actor.

E



Visit my home page on the ZOOM Web site and find these cool things to see and do!

Page

If you don't have Web access at home, you can probably find it at your school, public library, or local community center.



at pbskids.org/zoom



ZOOMsci

Test out these cool science activities.



Whose Chair?

Who works behind the scenes making ZOOM?
Take this quiz to find out!



ZOOMdo

Make the arts and crafts activities you see on ZOOM.



Poems & Tales

Get your poems or stories published here.

What does the grip do?

- a. I'm the setter-up of lights and the maker of shadows.
- b. I keep everyone in line when we're shooting.
- c. I grip things very tightly, to make sure they don't break easily.

Visit *Whose Chair?* to find the answer!