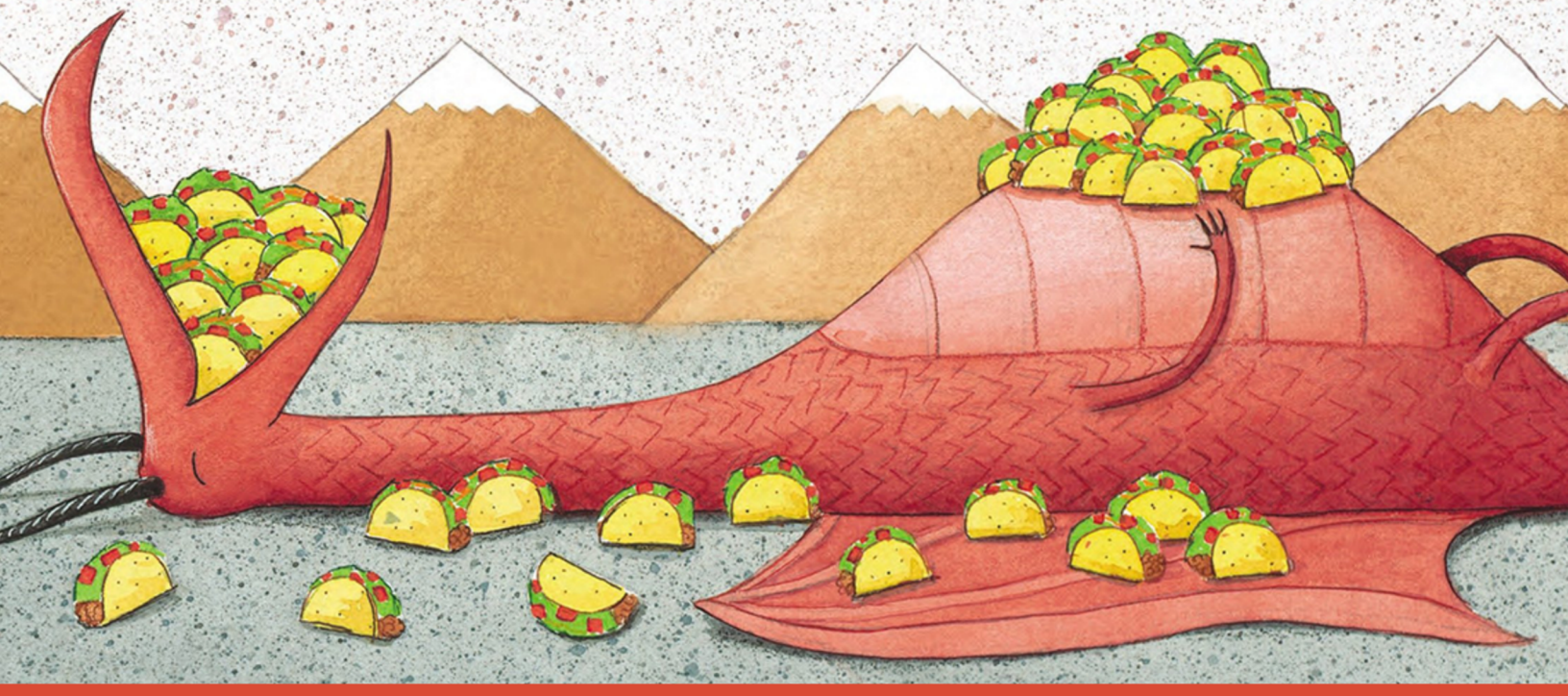
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DRAGONS LOVE TACOS

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With music composed by Chris LaPorte.



ACTIVITY GUIDE



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SHOW SYNOPSIS

The people who made this production possible.

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Prop Designer: Lucian Hernandez
Costume Designer: Sarah Steele
Lighting Designer: Thaddeus Morris
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Dragon Designer: Lucian Hernandez

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ABOUT *DRAGONS LOVE TACOS*

You know what dragons really love? Tacos, of course! They love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. While a boy and his dog are watching TV, they unexpectedly learn the 'do's and don'ts' of what kinds of tacos to serve dragons. Unfortunately, when the boy throws his new dragon friends a spicy salsa taco party, red-hot trouble ensues! Discover the dietary delights and dilemmas of dragons in this fun-filled production, adapted from the New York Times best-selling book Dragons Love Tacos. It's a sizzling story full of fiery fun!

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Based on the book by Adam Rubin and illustrated by Daniel Salmieri.
Produced by special arrangement with Plays for Young Audiences.



READ ALONG

Follow this link to watch a read-along video of *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin, read by Buddy Son Storytime!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7TY3D4mqL8



EMOTION TACO!

Let's Make Our Own Emotion Taco!

Take a look at all the ingredients and choose which emotions you've felt today, or are feeling right now! Your taco can be simple with just one or two ingredients, or piled high with lots of toppings. There's no wrong way to build your Emotion Taco!



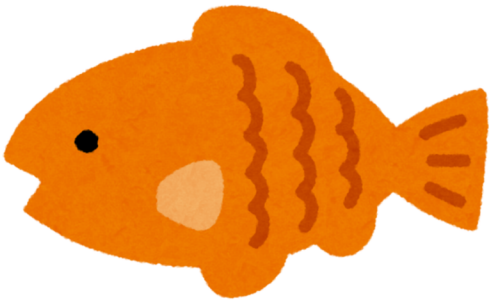
Instructions: Begin by cutting out all the ingredients. Then, fold your tortilla in half and follow the prompt to select your ingredients and build your very own Emotion Taco! You can keep your taco ingredients in a folder or sandwich bags to use again anytime. Each time you make an Emotion Taco, it might look the same, or totally different, and either way is A-OK!

Ingredients

ZONE 1:
(NO SPICE)

Avocado = calm 😌
Fish = sad 😢
Lettuce = overwhelmed 😩
Tomato = bored 🥱
Cheese = disappointed 😔
Sour Cream = content 🙂
Queso Fresco = relaxed 😎



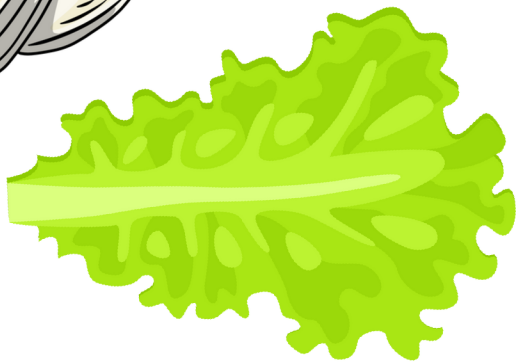












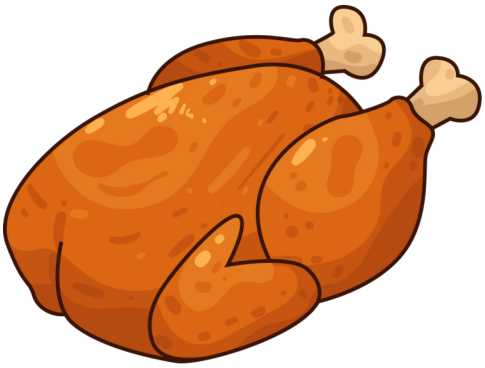
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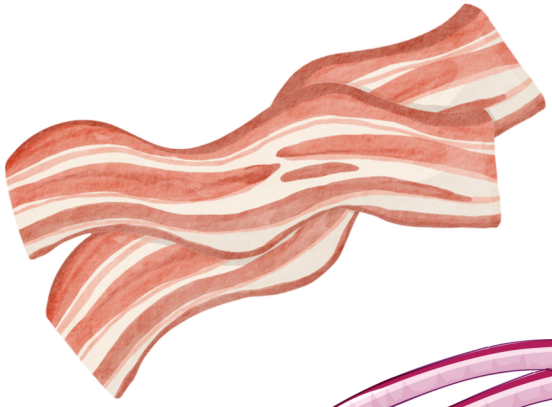
Make Your Own Emotion Taco!

ZONE 2:
(MILD = 1 🔥)

Chicken = surprised 😟
Pork = happy 😄
Onion = nervous 😬
Bell Pepper = annoyed 🙄

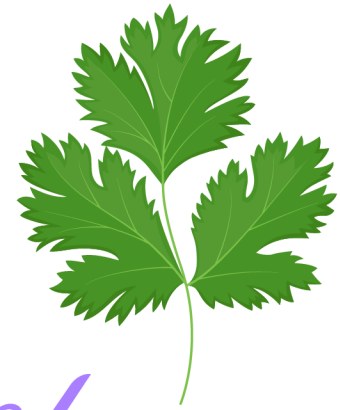
Cilantro = proud 😊
Lime = excited 😆
Guacamole = unsure 🤔

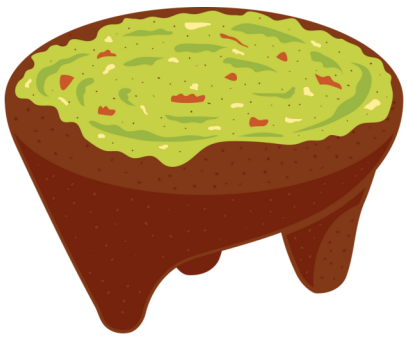
















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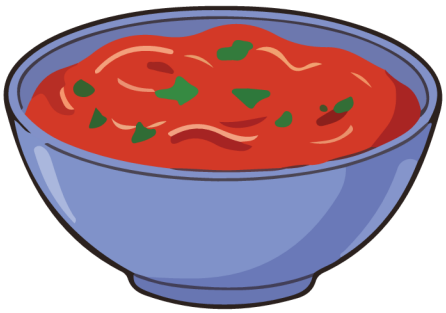
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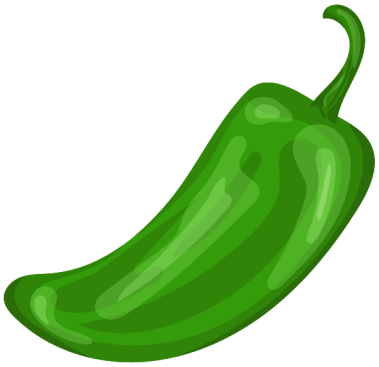
ZONE 3:
(SPICY = 3 🔥)

Beef = angry 😡
Jalapeno Pepper = furious 😡
Pico de Gallo = ecstatic 😁

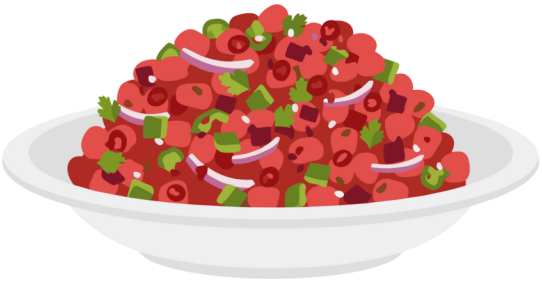
Salsa = terrified 😱
Cabbage Slaw = panicked 😰





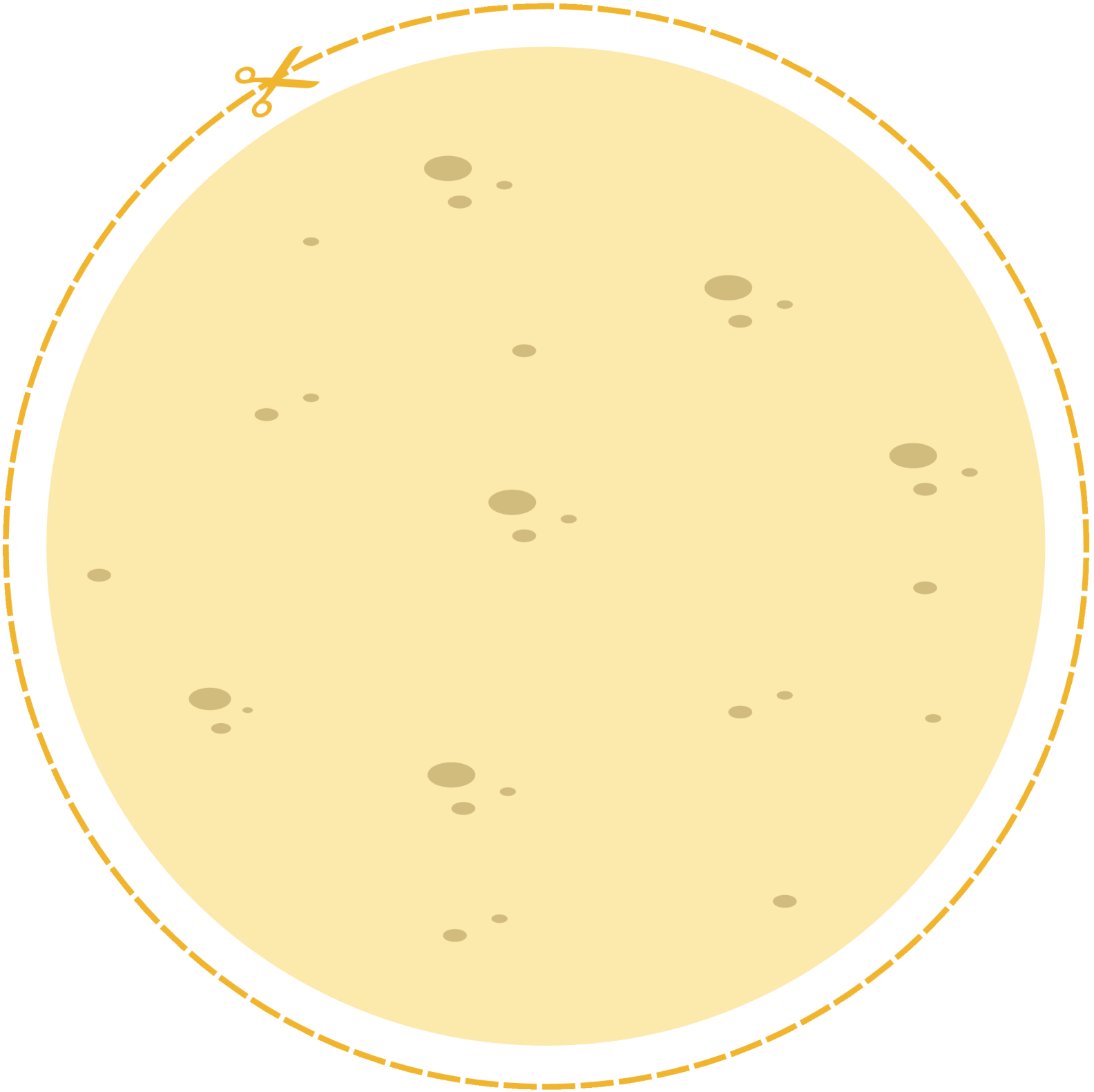






EMOTION TACO!

Make Your Own Emotion Taco!



EMOTION TACO!

Once you've identified how you feel, selecting emotions to create your very own taco, let's determine how **spicy** we are feeling.

Each ingredient has a spice level (always read the fine print!). Let's look at all the ingredients you have selected and put in your taco and add how many 🔥 symbols you see.

You can add in your head or grab a scrap piece of paper to work it out. Once you've done the math, use the Spice-Meter to help you determine whether or not to finish the exercise with some fire breathing!

🔥 SPICE-METER 🔥

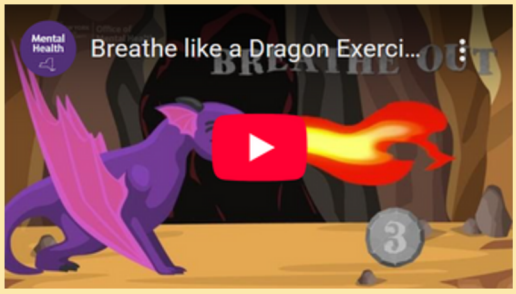
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FIRE BREATHING TECHNIQUES

If you're feeling spicy and need to release some fire, watch the videos below! They'll guide you through some fire-breathing exercises that will help you breathing like a dragon!









SPICE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!



Objective: The dragons love tacos, but not the super spicy kind! Let's learn where some of the world's hottest peppers come from. Read each pepper's description, then use the map to show where each pepper comes from! Draw a line from each pepper name to its home country or state.

PEPPER PROFILES

PEPPER X

Created by the Pucker Butt Pepper Company in South Carolina, USA, this lime-green pepper is the hottest in the world, reaching 2.69 million Scoville Heat Units (SHU)! It even beat the famous Carolina Reaper!



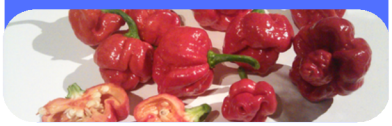
KOMODO DRAGON

Grown in the United Kingdom, this bright red pepper can reach 2.2 million SHU! It starts off with a sweet flavor, but after a few seconds, watch out! The heat kicks in strong!



TRINIDAD MORUGA SCORPION

From Trinidad and Tobago, this fiery pepper tastes fruity and sweet before turning super spicy, reaching 2 million SHU!



NAGA MORICH

Originally from Bangladesh, this orange-red, teardrop-shaped pepper takes about 30 seconds for its heat to build up, then the fire hits! It's about 1.25 million SHU.



TRINIDAD SCORPION "BUTCH T"

First found in Trinidad and Tobago, then grown in Australia, this pepper has a pointed "scorpion tail" and used to hold the world record for hottest pepper at 1.31 million SHU!



7 POT PRIMO

Created in Louisiana, USA, by Troy Primeaux (who used to be a rock guitarist!), this pepper has a sharp tail and measures around 1.03 million SHU.



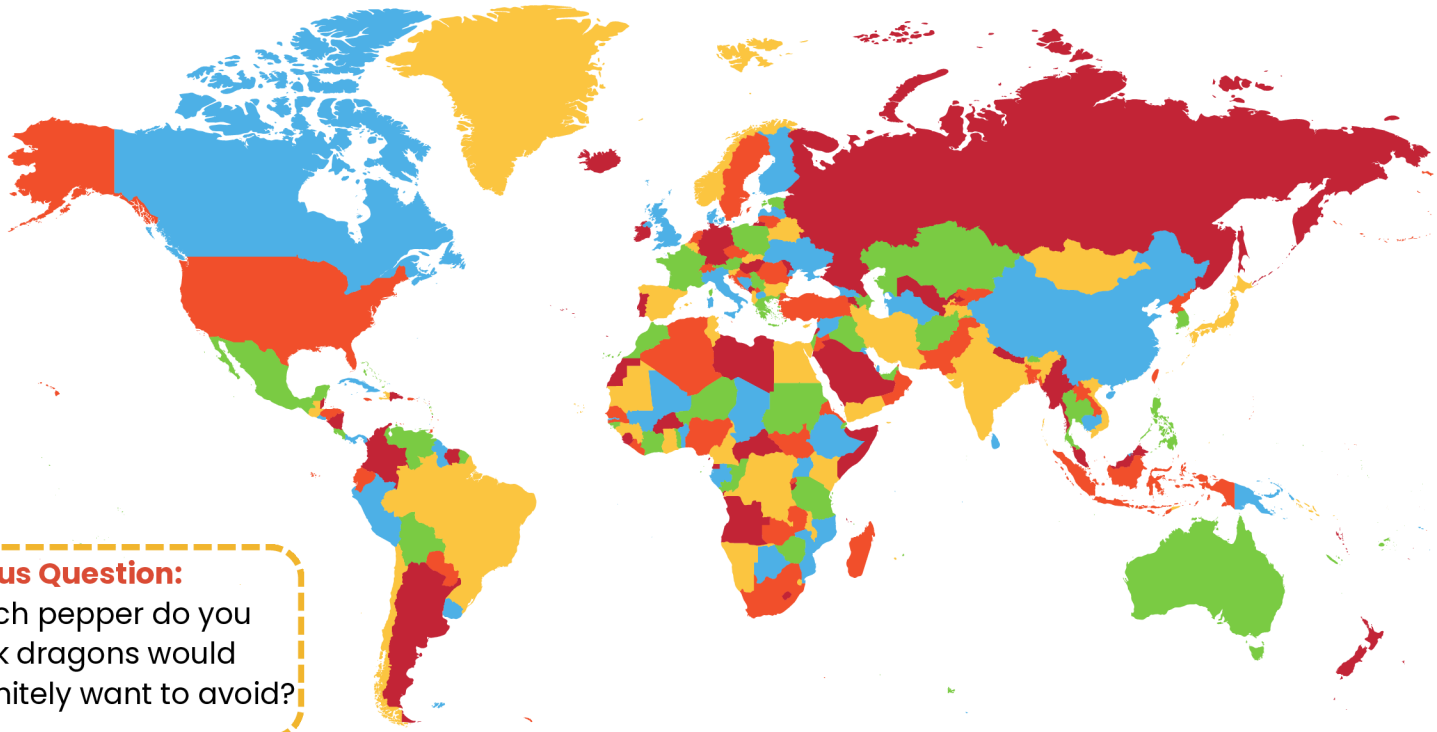
GHOST PEPPER

Known for its sneaky, slow burn, this famous pepper comes from Northeast India (Assam, Nagaland, and Manipur). It's about 946,000 SHU and is super popular in hot sauces!



Learn more about the worlds hottest peppers here:

https://pepperscale.com/hottest-peppers/



Bonus Question:
Which pepper do you think dragons would definitely want to avoid?

DESIGN SALSA PACKAGING

Make Your Own Salsa Label

Uh-oh! In *Dragons Love Tacos*, the dragons accidentally ate super spicy salsa! The label said "Totally Mild Salsa," but in teeny-tiny fine print, it actually had jalapeño peppers! Let's make sure that never happens again by designing our own salsa label.



Use the space below to create your salsa container and label! Grab your coloring supplies and use your imagination to make it fun, colorful, and clear for dragons everywhere.

Think about:

- What shape is your salsa container?
- What kind of lid does it have?
- Is your salsa really spicy or truly mild?
- Is it easy (or tricky!) to tell how spicy it is?
- Is your label simple or full of cool details?
- Would a dragon want to buy your salsa?

Materials:

- Coloring Supplies
- Pencil
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons



BUCKET, PANTS, BOAT

Objective: The dragons are throwing the biggest Taco Party ever, but we need to make sure there are enough tacos for everyone! Let's estimate how many tacos fit into a bucketload, a pantsload, and a boatload using some math and imagination!
You'll be using tacos as your **unit of measurement** to figure out how many tacos each container can hold. Then, decide how many of each you'll need for the big party!

🪣 Bucket of Tacos

A bucket is shaped like a cylinder; imagine two circles connected by a curved side. To find out how many tacos fit, we use this formula:

$$V = \pi \times r^2 \times h$$

That means:
Volume = pie (π) × radius × radius × height
Radius = 2 tacos
Height = 6 tacos



👖 Pants Full of Tacos

Each pant leg is like a cylinder, and the seat is a smaller one!

Pant Legs:
Radius = 1 taco
Height = 8 tacos

Pant Seat:
Radius = 2 tacos
Height = 2 tacos



You'll need to find the volume for both parts and then add them together to get one pantsload of tacos!

🚤 Boatload of Tacos

The boat is shaped like an elliptic cylinder; it's like a cylinder with oval ends!
To find the volume, use this formula:



$$V = \pi \times a \times b \times h$$

That means:
Volume = pie (π) × long radius × short radius × height
Long radius = 200 tacos
Short radius = 50 tacos
Height = 200 tacos

Materials:

- Pencil
- Calculator (optional)
- Coloring supplies for drawing your taco containers





Optional: Quick Math Challenge

If you don't want to do all the equations, you can estimate instead!

Imagine you already know how many tacos fit in each:

1 bucket = 75 tacos
1 pantsload = 250 tacos
1 boatload = 10,000 tacos
Now calculate for your order:
5 bucketloads + 3 pantsloads + 1 boatload = how many tacos total?

Bonus Challenge:
If you could invent your own taco container, what shape would it be and how many tacos would it hold?

CHARADES!

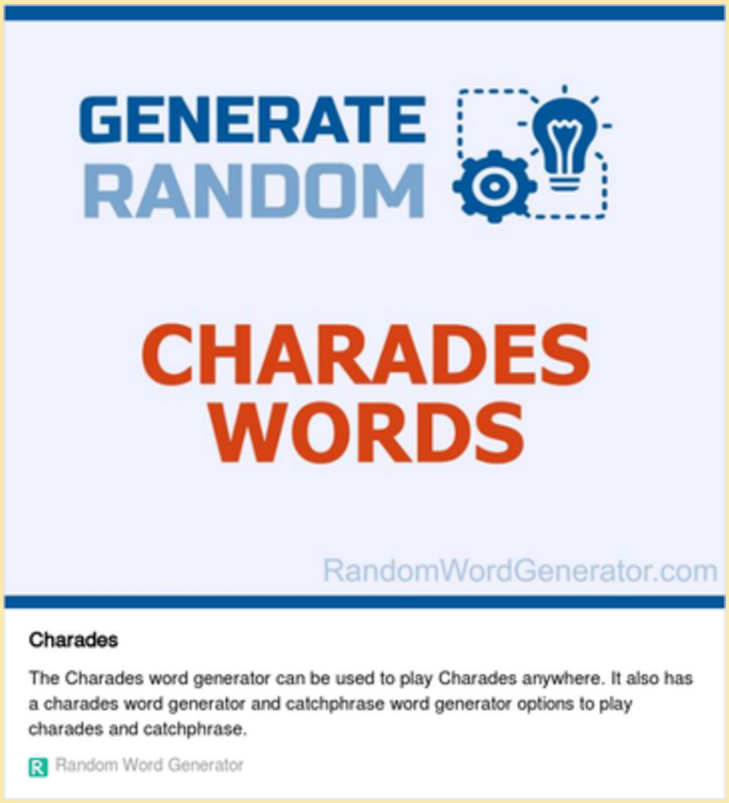


The dragons want to make the taco party extra fun with a game of charades!

Find a partner and take turns acting out the secret word or phrase, no talking allowed! Use your imagination, big movements, and silly faces to help your partner guess what you're pretending to be.

Instructions:

1. Use the charades generator to get your word or phrase.
2. Act it out using only your body, no words or sounds!
3. See if your partner can guess correctly before time runs out.
4. Want an extra challenge? Try setting a timer or choosing a harder level!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A Q+A or brief discussion will take place immediately following the performance.

At the end of the show, please remain seated as the cast will lead the audience through a talk back. Talk backs provide a further shared experience about the themes woven throughout the show.

Some questions you may hear are...

- Dragons love tacos! **What's your favorite food to share with friends?**
- In the story, the boy works hard to throw the perfect taco party for the dragons. **Have you ever planned or helped with a special party or event? What made it fun or challenging?**
- When things don't go as planned at the taco party, the boy and the dragons work together to fix the problem. **Can you think of a time when you had to work together with someone to come up with a solution to a problem?**
- Even after the big mix-up, the boy and the dragons stay friends. **Why do you think it's important to forgive each other when accidents happen?**
- At the end, the dragons help rebuild the boy's house. **How do you like to help your friends or family when something goes wrong?**



Think about some questions you'd like to ask about the show, like how or why we did something! We will give you the opportunity to ask some of those questions.

At Magik Theatre we seek to not only provide amazing theatrical experiences but also to educate about the artistic medium of theatre to our audiences. We look forward to seeing you at the theatre!

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED!

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TEKS REFERENCES:
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TEKS & INTEGRATION CHARTS

Activity 1: Emotion Taco!

	Health	Other
1st	1.2.A; 1.2.F; 1.2.G	1.2.A-D
2nd	2.3.B; 2.3.G; 2.5.E	2.2.A-D 2.2.A-D
3rd	3.3.A; 3.3.B	3.2.A-D
4th	4.5.A; 4.5.C; 4.5.E	4.2.A-D
5th	5.3.B	5.2.A-D

Activity 2: Spice From All Over the World!

	ELA	Social Studies
1st	1.6.A-I	1.5.A-B
2nd	2.6.A-I	2.3.A
3rd	3.10.A-E	3.4.A
4th	4.10.A-F	4.20.A
5th	5.10.A-F	5.24.A-B

Activity 3: Design Salsa Packaging

	Art	ELA
1st	1.2.A; 1.2.C	1.11.A; 1.11.D; 1.12.A
2nd	2.2.A-C	2.11.A; 2.11.C
3rd	3.2.A-B; 3.3.A; 3.4.A	3.10.D; 3.11.A
4th	4.2.A; 4.2.C; 4.3.A; 4.4.A	4.10.D; 4.11.A
5th	5.1.A-B; 5.2.A-B; 5.3.A; 5.4.A-E	5.10.D; 5.11.A

TEKS & INTEGRATION CHARTS

Activity 4: Bucket, Pants, Boat

	Math	ELA
1st	1.7.A-C	1.11.C
2nd	2.8.B	2.11.D
3rd	3.7.A	3.11.A
4th	4.7.A	4.11.A
5th	5.6.A-B; 5.7.A	5.11.A

Activity 5: Charades!

	Fine Arts	Physical Education
1st	1.1.A	1.1.B
2nd	2.1.A	2.1.B
3rd	3.1.A	3.3.A
4th	4.1.A	4.3.A
5th	5.1.A	5.3.A

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