

**Teacher's Guide \***

# A PACIFIC ALPHABET

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**Before reading** have students:

1. Locate the Pacific ocean on a map. List the states and provinces that border the Pacific.
2. Brainstorm some things/animals that you might find in the Pacific and on the coast. These can be listed on the board or students can use the attached alphabet sheet to work in small groups or as a class to see if they can name at least one thing or animal for each letter. If they get stuck they might try to think of verbs or adjectives that begin with that letter. Use this list to compare with the book as each page is read.

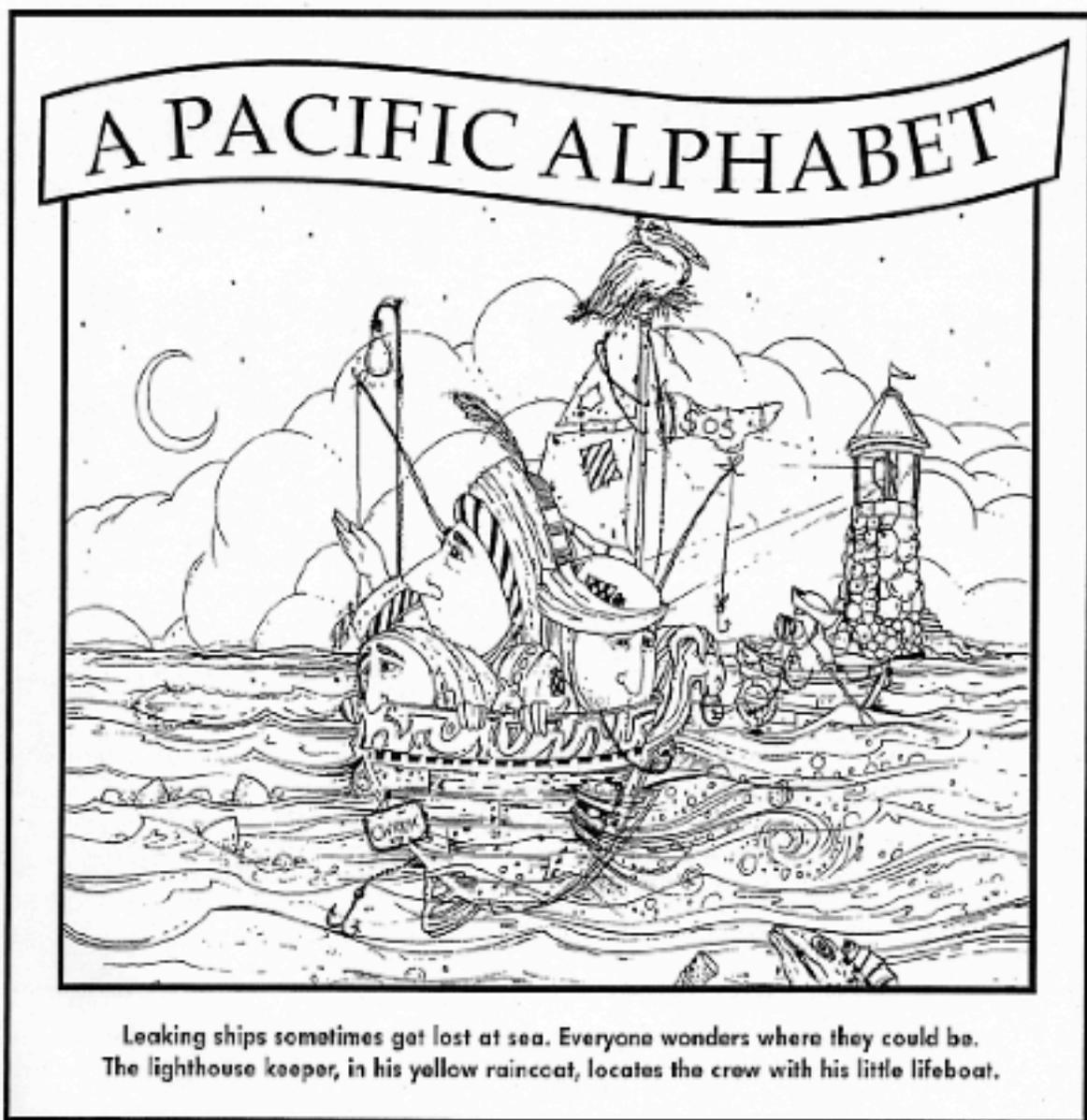
**After reading** have students:

3. read *A Mountain Alphabet* by the same author. Compare text and art work.
4. Discuss alliteration. Notice how much alliteration is used in this book. Look at other alphabet books such as *Anamalia*, *Aster Aardvark's Alphabet Adventures* and *Aligator Arrived with Apples*. Notice how some alliteration makes tongue twisters.
5. Choose a letter and write an alliterative sentence or tongue twister.
6. Use the attached coloring sheet.
7. Have students draw their own illustration for the poem of their choice. Have them hide a letter in their drawing. See if others can find it.
8. Choose a topic other than the ocean. Write a class alphabet book about the topic of your choice.
9. Write an Ocean poem. Decorate poems with real sea shells.
10. Make a sand drawing: spread white glue on a sheet of paper. Sprinkle with clean sand and shake off. Draw of picture in the sand before the glue dries.
11. Draw a mermaid or other fictional ocean character.
12. Select and study a variety of ocean animals: whales, octopus, dolphins, plankton and more.

\* Activities courtesy of Karen Antikajian

# COLOUR AND FIND

HERE IS A PICTURE FROM "A PACIFIC ALPHABET" JUST FOR YOU!  
COLOUR IN THE PICTURE WITH YOUR FAVORITE CRAYONS/PENCIL CRAYONS, ETC.  
AND THEN SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ALL THE THINGS THAT BEGIN WITH THE LETTER "L".



Leaking ships sometimes get lost at sea. Everyone wonders where they could be.  
The lighthouse keeper, in his yellow raincoat, locates the crew with his little lifeboat.

HEY KIDS! CAN YOU FIND THESE ITEMS IN THE PICTURE?

LEMONS LIMES LOCK LURES LING COD(TYPE OF FISH) LIGHTBULB LIFEGUARD  
LANTERN LENS LIFEBOAT LIGHTHOUSE LINE (FISHING)

**Alphabet Chart for  
A Pacific Alphabet**

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*Student or Group Name(s)*

C	D	E	F	
G	H	I	J	
K	L	M	N	
O	P	Q	R	
S	T	U	V	
W	X	Y	Z	