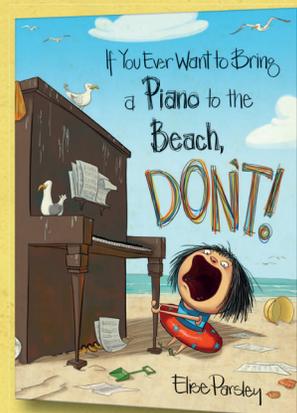


If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, DON'T! Storytime Kit



IF YOU EVER WANT TO HOST A STORYTIME...



Magnolia is a little girl with BIG ideas! Sometimes those ideas don't go according to plan, but the ideas below are a great start to a very Magnolia storytime.

I'm Going to the Beach

Magnolia's mom says to get ready to play at the beach, but she does NOT mean with the piano. Or an alligator. What would you bring to the beach? In this variation of the classic word pattern game, players should think of the silliest items that would not belong at the beach. The first player says, "I'm going to the beach and I'm bringing an ALLIGATOR!" The next player repeats the sentence but must think of something that starts with the letter B, and so on.

Pause the Piano

Power up the piano (or radio or speaker) and get dancing. When Magnolia gets to the beach, she must make sure the piano works! Play piano music and have everyone show off their best dance moves. When the music stops, FREEZE! and show your best Magnolia expression.



Magnolia May I...

In "Mother May I?" players gather in a line and ask the leader if they may take steps forward or back. But Magnolia is one determined heroine, so she announces what she will do instead of asking. In another Magnolia-inspired twist on a classic game, designate a Magnolia as the leader. He or she will face away from the rest of the players as they line up 15 feet away. Each player, in turn, announces what kind of steps he or she will take to reach Magnolia (even better if the steps include alligator jumps!). Magnolia then shouts "DO!" or "DON'T!" The first person to reach Magnolia wins and becomes the new Magnolia.

Bait for Books

It's just as hard to pick the next storytime book as it is to pick what to take to the beach, so this time, go fish for one! Set out an ocean of possible picks, and use a pretend fishing pole to cast out your line for your next great read. You can create a fake fishing pole using a ruler, string and tape, and wherever the tape sticks that's your catch of the day!



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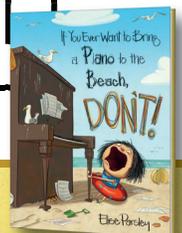
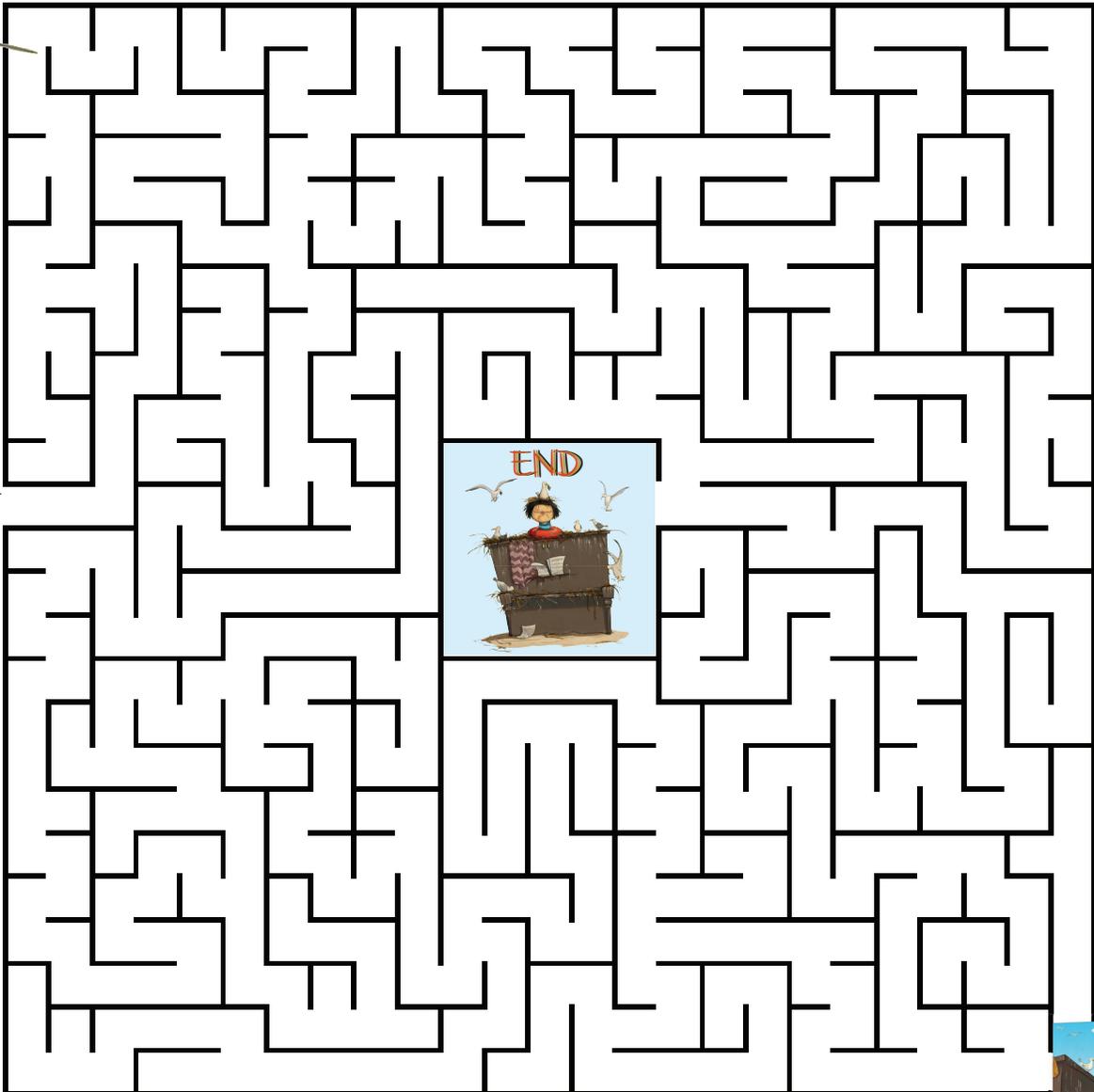
Maze

Magnolia promises to push the piano to the beach herself, but she might need a little help.

GUIDE MAGNOLIA AND HER PIANO TO THE BEACH!



START



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Spot the Difference



CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO IMAGES BELOW?
 There are five changes between the two pictures.
 Circle each one as you find it, and then check the answer key.



ANSWER KEY: 1. Missing names on piano; 2. Only one snack box on the blanket; 3. Mother's beach hat; 4. Sandals; 5. Seagull on piano facing opposite

