

SYNECTICS

An Activity Book

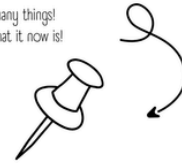
20 fun activity sheets
to explore and expand student creative thinking



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IT'S NOT A PUSH PIN!

A push pin can be so many things!
Draw and write about what it now is!



IT'S A _____!

Name: _____

IT'S NOT A TISSUE!

A tissue can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your tissue now is!



IT'S A _____!



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SYNECTICS

Synectics is an instructional model designed to activate students' creativity and help them see old ideas in new ways through metaphorical thinking. Take an ordinary object and transform it.

Students can ...

Substitute

Combine

Adapt

Repurpose

Modify

Eliminate

Reverse



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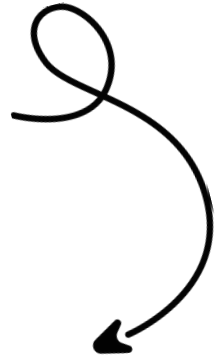
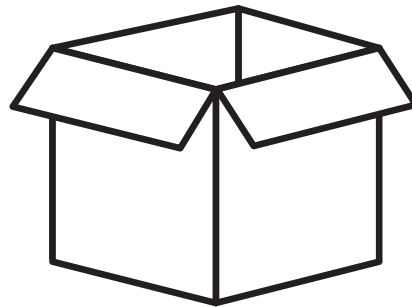
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- **Substitute something:** What can I substitute to make an improvement? What if I swap this for that and see what happens? How can I substitute the place, time, materials or people?
- **Combine it with something else:** What materials, features, processes, people, products or components can I combine?
- **Adapt something to it:** What part of the product could I change? And in exchange for what? What if I were to change the characteristics of a component?
- **Modify or Magnify it:** What happens if I warp or exaggerate a feature or component? What will happen if I modify the process in some way?
- **Repurpose or put it to another use:** What other market could I use this product in? Who or what else might be able to use it?
- **Eliminate something:** What would happen if I removed a component or part of it? How else would I achieve the solution without the normal way of doing it?
- **Reverse or Rearrange it:** What if I did it the other way round? What if I reverse the order it is done or the way it is used? How would I achieve the opposite effect?

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IT'S NOT A BOX!

A box can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your box now is!



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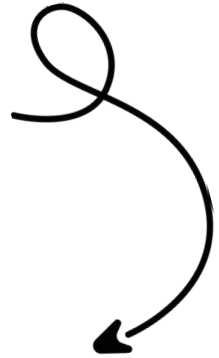
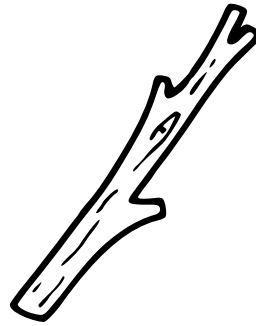
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IT'S NOT A STICK!

A stick can be so many things!
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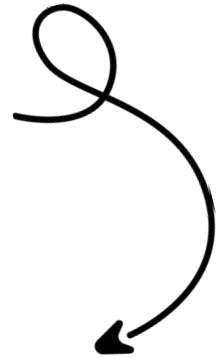
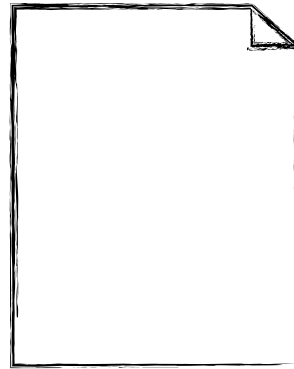
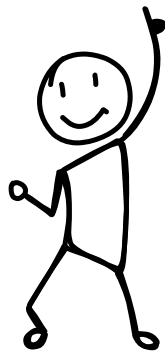
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IT'S NOT A PIECE OF PAPER!

A piece of paper can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your piece of paper now is!



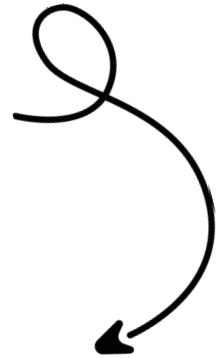
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IT'S NOT A CUP!

A cup can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your cup now is!



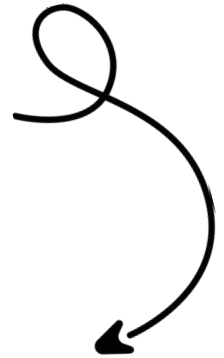
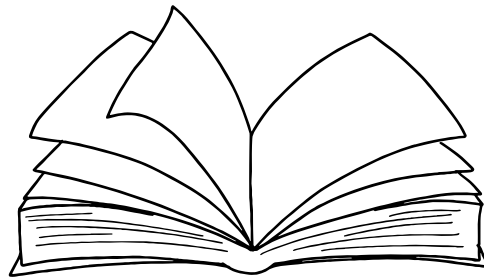
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IT'S NOT A BOOK!

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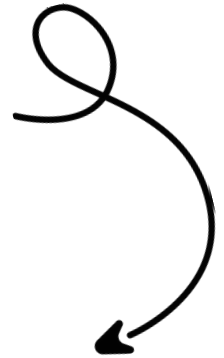
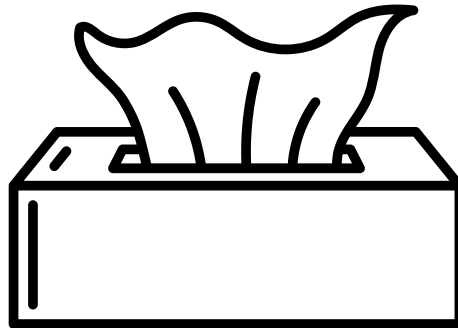
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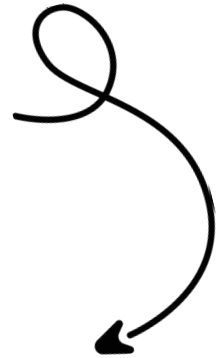
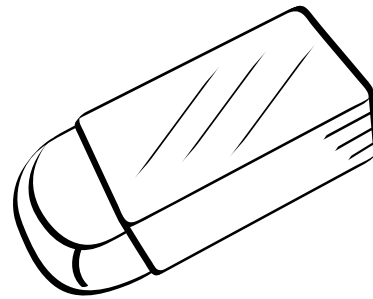
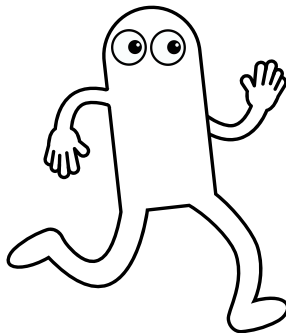
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IT'S NOT AN ERASER!

An eraser can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your eraser now is!



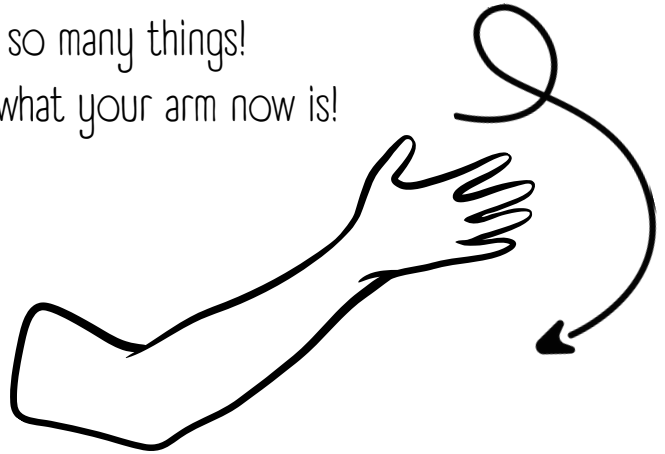
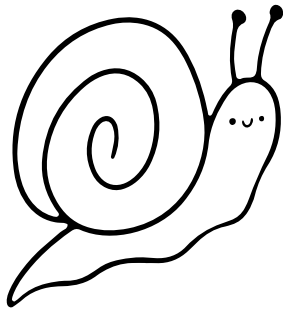
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IT'S NOT MY ARM!

Your arm can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your arm now is!



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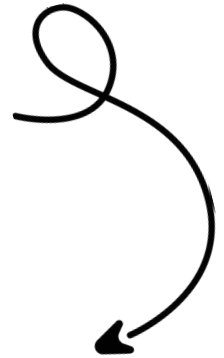
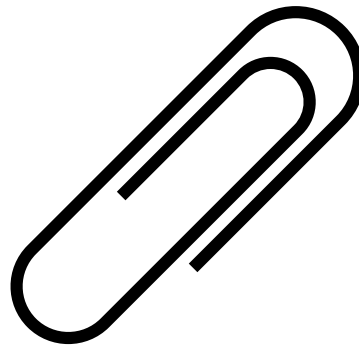
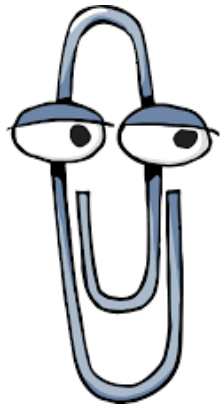
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IT'S NOT A PAPER CLIP!

A paper clip can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your paper clip now is!



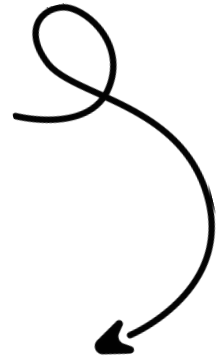
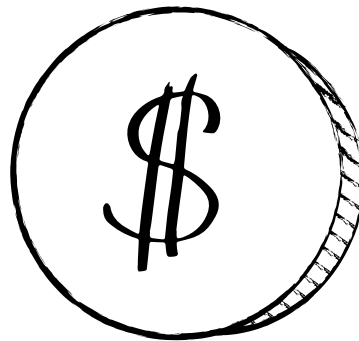
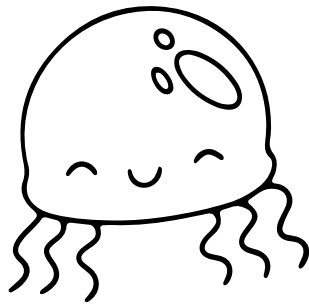
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IT'S NOT A COIN!

A coin can be so many things!
Draw and write about what your coin now is!



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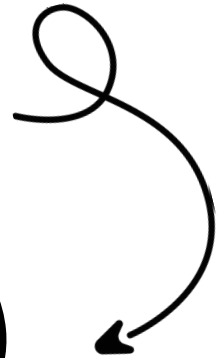
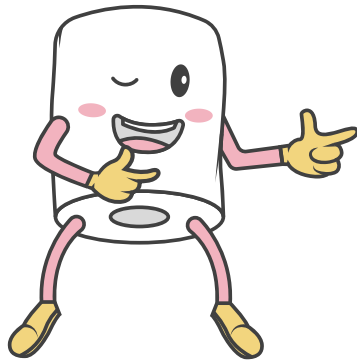
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IT'S NOT A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER!

A roll of toilet paper can be so many things!
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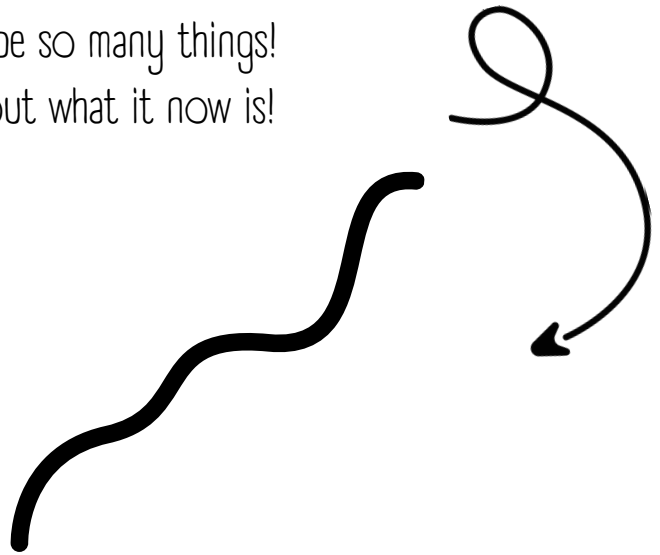
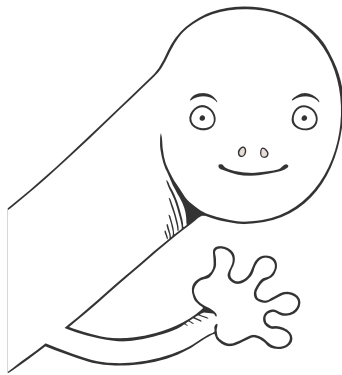
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IT'S NOT A PIPE CLEANER!

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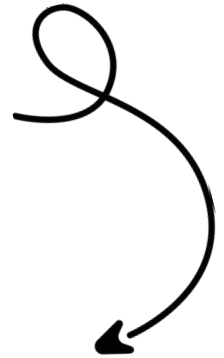
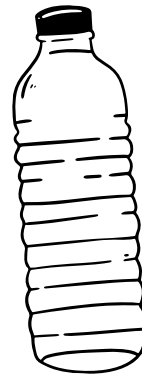
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IT'S NOT A WATER BOTTLE!

A water bottle can be so many things!
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IT'S NOT A MARKER!

A marker can be so many things!
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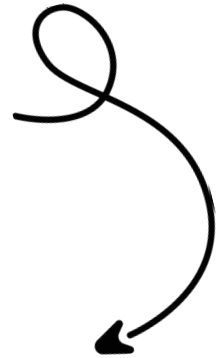
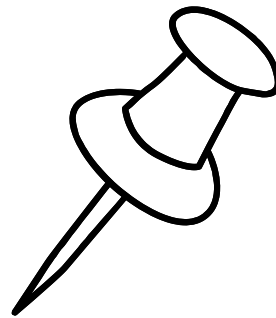
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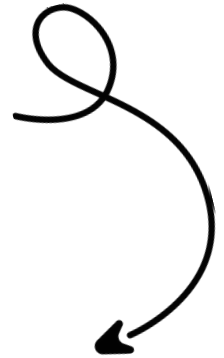
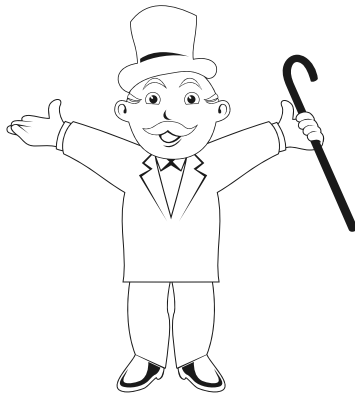
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IT'S NOT A SHOE!

A shoe can be so many things!
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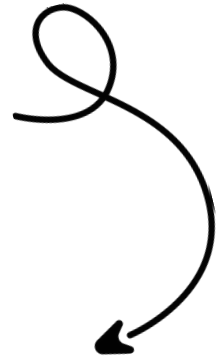
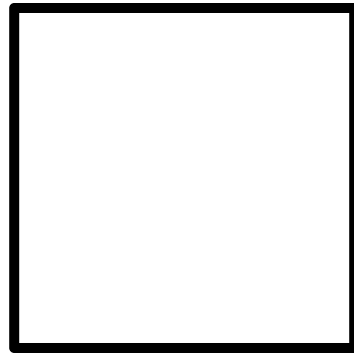


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