

TESSA TIGER'S ACTIVITIES

PLAY T-BALL WITH TESSA TIGER!

- 🌰 Arrange four pieces of paper in a large square on the floor. (You can use papers from the recycling bin!) The papers will be first base, second base, third base, and home plate.
- 🌰 The “pitcher” (someone who can read) reads a word from the word bank below to the “batter,” who stands in front of home plate. The batter has to say whether the word has the **t** sound at the beginning, middle, or end of the word.
- 🌰 If the batter answers correctly, he or she moves to first base and is given another word. If the batter makes it around all the bases to home plate, a “run” is scored! (If the batter does not answer correctly, it’s the next person’s turn.)



WORD BANK

tack motor bat baton tennis knot hotel belt
boot tadpole water heart boat scooter teacup
tap attic cat taco table hotel tag glitter net

THE “POOR SPORT” / “GOOD SPORT” T-CHART

- 🌰 Print page 3, the “Poor Sport” / “Good Sport” T-Chart.
- 🌰 First, write or dictate words that describe a POOR sport on the “Poor Sport” side of the T-chart.
- 🌰 Next, write or dictate words that describe a GOOD sport on the “Good Sport” side of the T-chart.



Now put on your “thinking cap”!

- 🌰 Do you think Tessa Tiger would agree with your descriptions?
- 🌰 Give some examples of times you saw someone being a POOR sport. Also give some examples of times you saw someone being a GOOD sport! Who do you think has more fun—poor sports or good sports? Why?
- 🌰 If you see someone being a good sport the next time you play a game, tell them, “Thanks for being such a good sport!” Do you think you were being a good sport, too? Then give yourself a pat on the back!

(Save your T-chart for further discussion when needed!)



For use with THE “POOR SPORT” / “GOOD SPORT” T-CHART



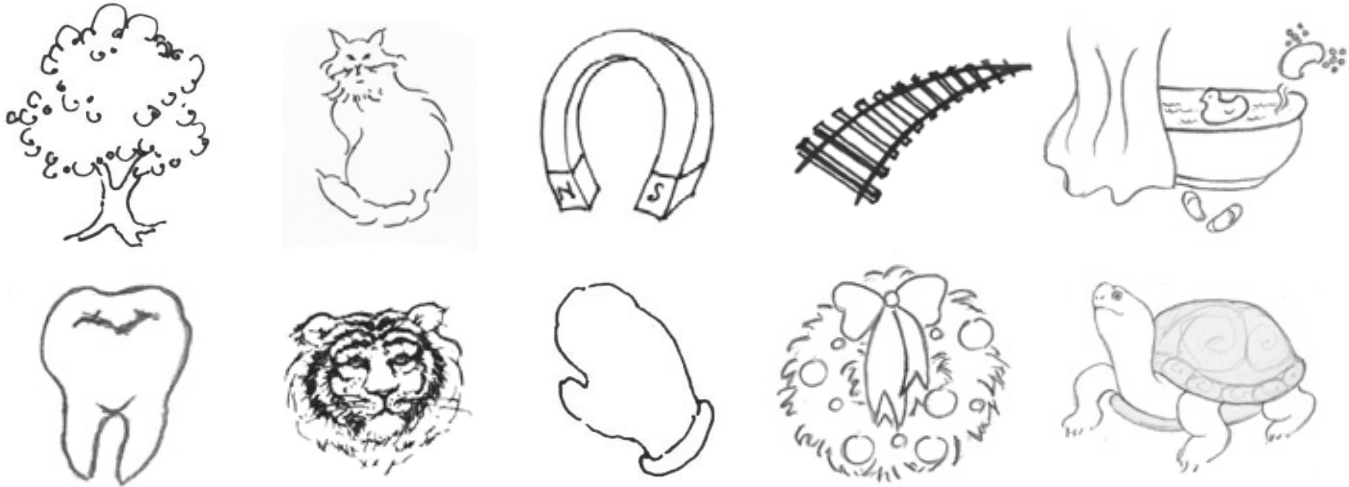
POOR SPORT



GOOD SPORT

POINT TO THE PICTURE!

Point to the pictures with the **t** sound at the beginning of the word.



(Pictures: tree, cat, magnet, track, bath, tooth, tiger, mitten, wreath, turtle)

Point to the pictures with the **th** sound at the beginning of the word.



(Pictures: bath, thermos, three, tiger, tree, thorn, wreath, thermometer, turtle, throne)

Point to the pictures with the **th** sound at the end of the word.



(Pictures: math, moth, throne, cat, magnet, thermometer, wreath, turtle, bath, tooth)



Hi, kids!

Try this tasty taco dip after a game of T-ball. It will tickle your tummy!

Your pal,
Tessa Tiger



TESSA TIGER'S TASTY TACO DIP

This recipe makes 10–12 servings.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Oil or spray a 9 x 13 inch ovenproof casserole dish.

Prepare layers:

1. Heat 1 can (16 oz.) fat-free refried beans with green chiles, just until softened.
2. Set aside 1 cup red salsa.
3. Brown 1 lb. ground turkey meat (or ground beef). Add 1 package (1 oz.) dry taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Mix thoroughly.
4. Grate 2 cups cheddar cheese.
5. Whisk 1 cup fat-free sour cream until light and fluffy.
6. Slice black olives in circles to make 1/2 cup.

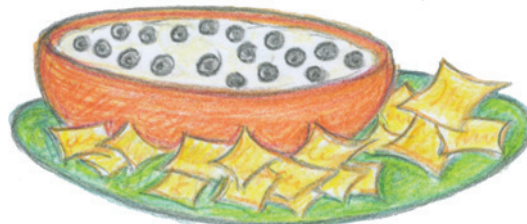
Assemble the first 4 layers as follows:

- 🥄 Spread 1/2 of refried beans on bottom of dish.
- 🥄 Spread 1/2 of red salsa on top of beans.
- 🥄 Spread 1/2 of ground meat mixture on top of red salsa.
- 🥄 Spread 1/2 of cheese on top of meat.
- 🥄 Repeat layers.

Watching carefully, heat casserole dish in oven until mixture is bubbly and cheese is melted (about 15–20 minutes).

Now the spread a final layer of sour cream over the casserole, and sprinkle olives over the top of the sour cream.

Serve with tortilla chips for dipping!



Be sure to put this recipe in your Animal Antics recipe folder!

NOTE TO PARENT/TEACHER: Make sure children are not allergic to any of the ingredients in this recipe.