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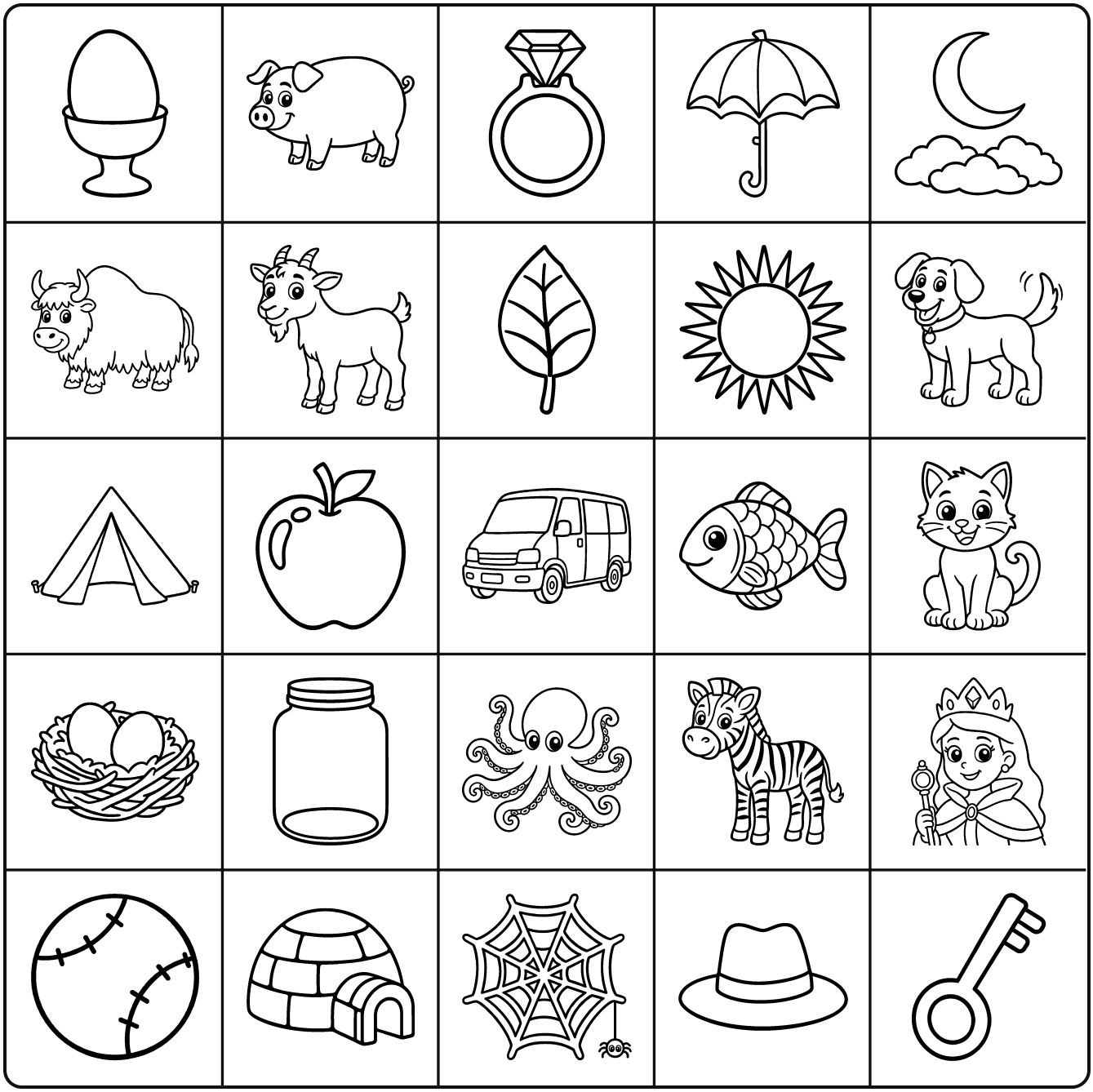

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Letter Bingo: Board 2

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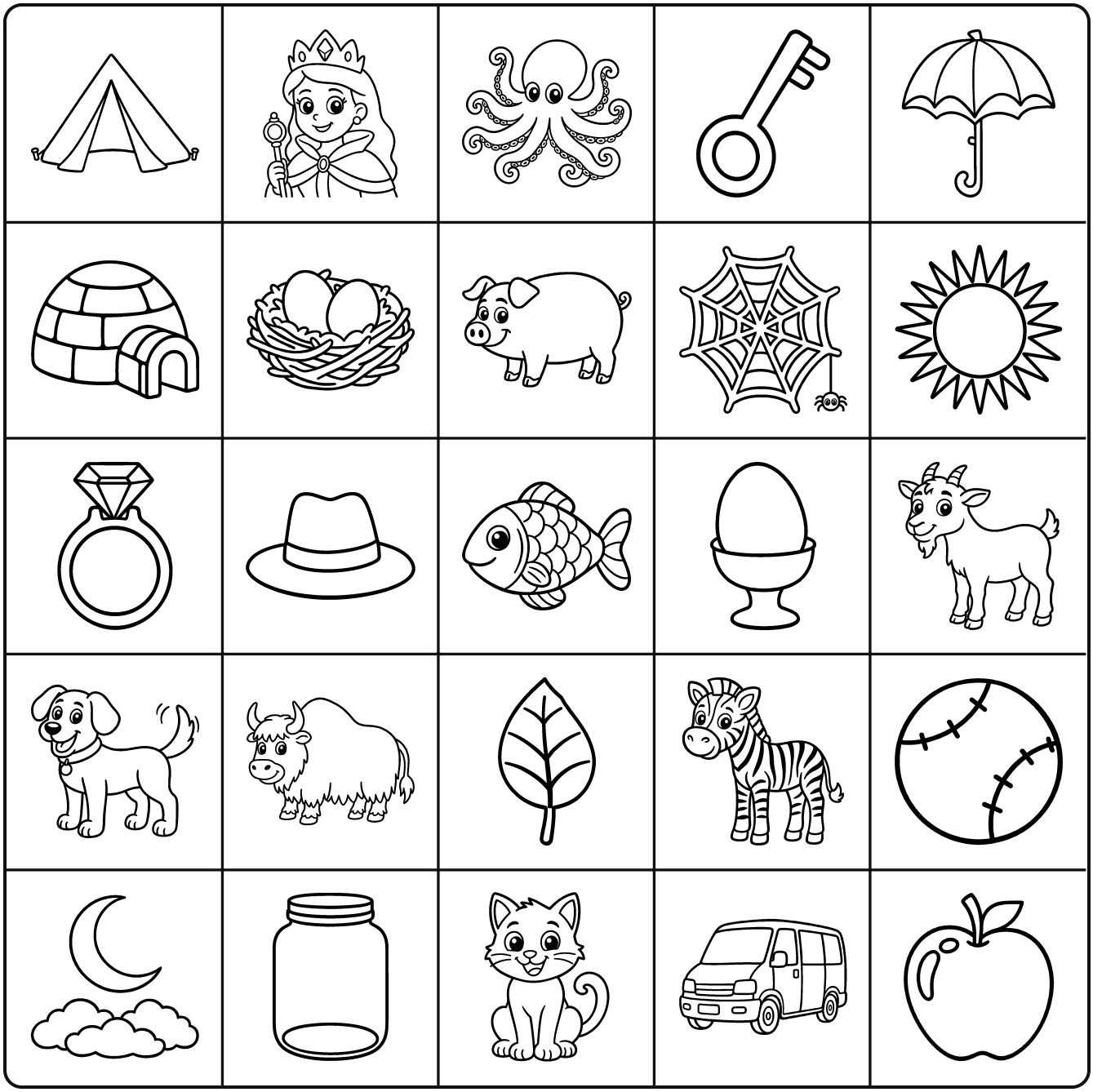

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Letter Bingo: Board 3

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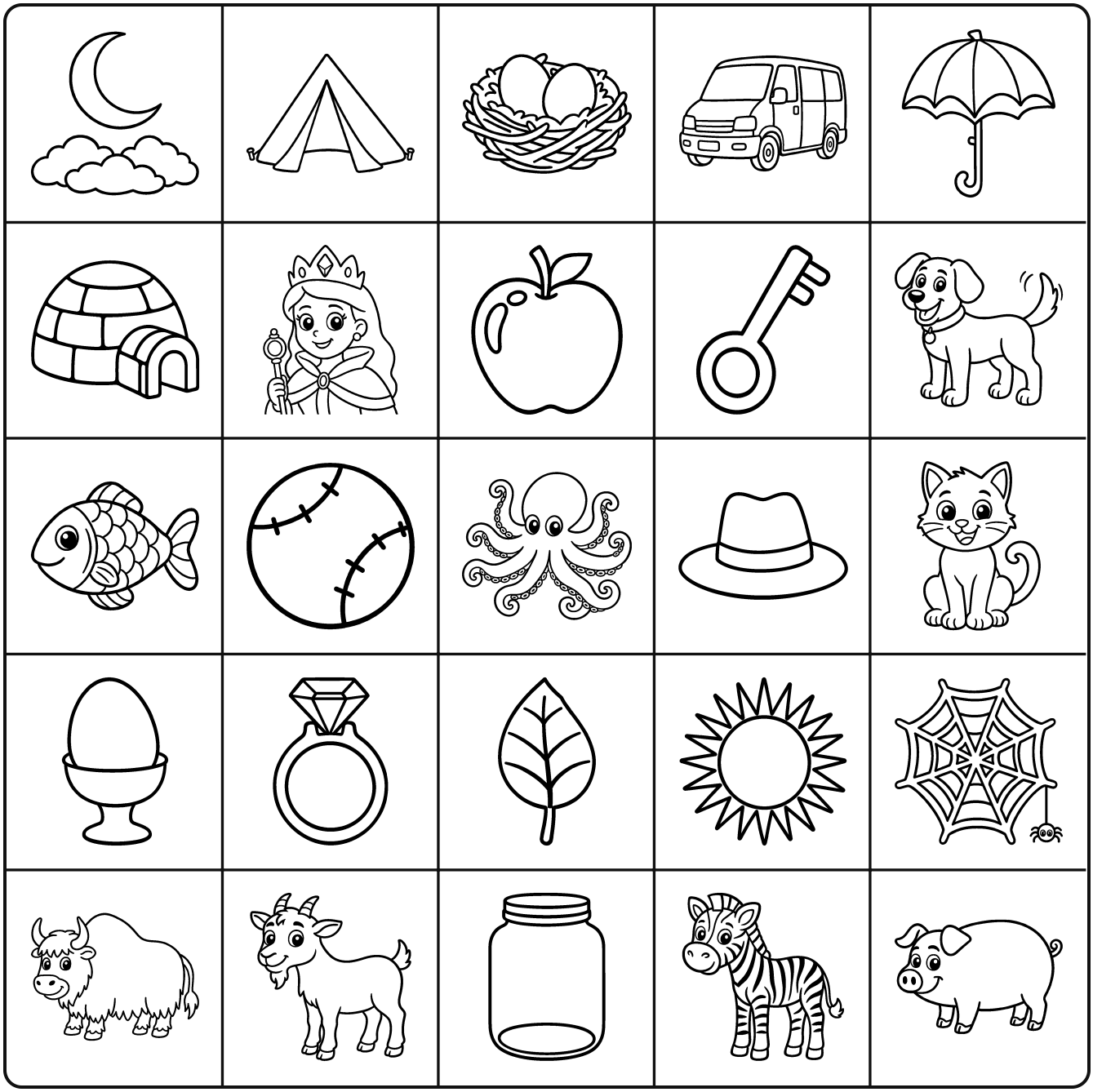

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Letter Bingo: Caller Cards

Cut them out and shuffle them. Each card prints its sound, so you never have to remember one.

a **/a/** apple	**b** **/b/** ball	**c** **/k/** cat	**d** **/d/** dog	**e** **/e/** egg
f **/f/** fish	**g** **/g/** goat	**h** **/h/** hat	**i** **/i/** igloo	**j** **/j/** jar
k **/k/** key	**l** **/l/** leaf	**m** **/m/** moon	**n** **/n/** nest	**o** **/o/** octopus
p **/p/** pig	**q** **/kw/** queen	**r** **/r/** ring	**s** **/s/** sun	**t** **/t/** tent
u **/u/** umbrella	**v** **/v/** van	**w** **/w/** web	**y** **/y/** yak	**z** **/z/** zebra

Letter Bingo: How to Play

For the grown-up. One line and five minutes beats a full board and a lost afternoon.

ADULT **Say the SOUND on every card, never the letter's name**

Turn over b and say /b/, not 'bee'. The name is what the alphabet song already teaches and it is the part that does not help with reading. Every caller card prints the sound under the letter, so you do not have to remember it.

KID **Name the picture, then listen to its first sound**

That is the whole game. Say 'ball' out loud, hear the /b/ at the front, and cover the ball. A child who covers without saying the word has practised looking rather than listening.

ADULT AND CHILD **c and k say the same sound, and both covers are right**

If you call c and your child covers the key, they are correct. Cat and key both start with /k/, and English really does spell that sound two ways. Say so out loud rather than correcting it, and cover the other picture when the other card turns up.

ADULT **Start with one line, not a full board**

First to cover a whole row, column or diagonal wins. A full board is twenty-five calls and a long sit; one line is a few minutes and a win, and you can keep playing from where you stopped.

ADULT **There is no x, and that is not a misprint**

No English word a child knows starts with the sound x makes, which is why the alphabet chart pictures a fox for it. Asking a child to find a picture that starts with /ks/ would be asking for something the language does not offer.

ADULT AND CHILD **Keep the boards and the cards**

An envelope or a sandwich bag. The same pack is a game on a rainy afternoon and a five-minute check on which sounds have stuck, and neither is worth cutting out twice.