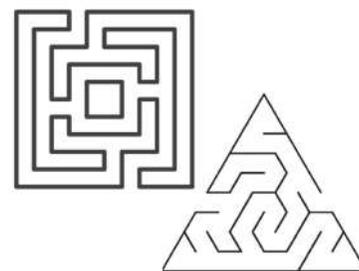


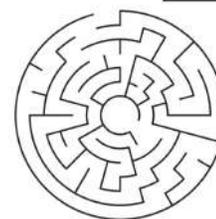
A New Twist on an Old Tale

Build It: Labyrinth

Prehistoric labyrinths were used to trap malevolent spirits or for religious rituals. In Greek mythology, Daedalus constructed an elaborate labyrinth for King Menos of Crete to hold the Minotaur, a half-man, half-bull. Daedalus almost got trapped in his own labyrinth (which was really more like a maze), but Ariadne provided him with thread that he used to wind his way back out again.

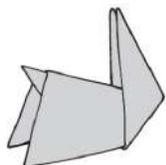


Do you know the difference between a maze and a labyrinth? A maze is a complex branching puzzle through which the solver must find a route. This is different from a labyrinth, which has a clear path and is not meant to be difficult to navigate. Labyrinths have only one exit and entry; mazes might have several.



Make your own labyrinth by gluing cut up straws to a paper plate. You could also use string or yarn instead of straws. You can design it like a maze, but remember that a labyrinth only has one exit. When your pieces are dry, try going through your labyrinth with a marble or small ball. If you're not sure what kind of a design you would like, there are samples attached.

Create It: Origami Rabbit



In origami, we take one piece of paper and fold it into being a new shape, just like an author can take an old story and add changes to make it a new story.

Try your hand at origami with the attached Instruction sheet.

Write It: Fractured Tale

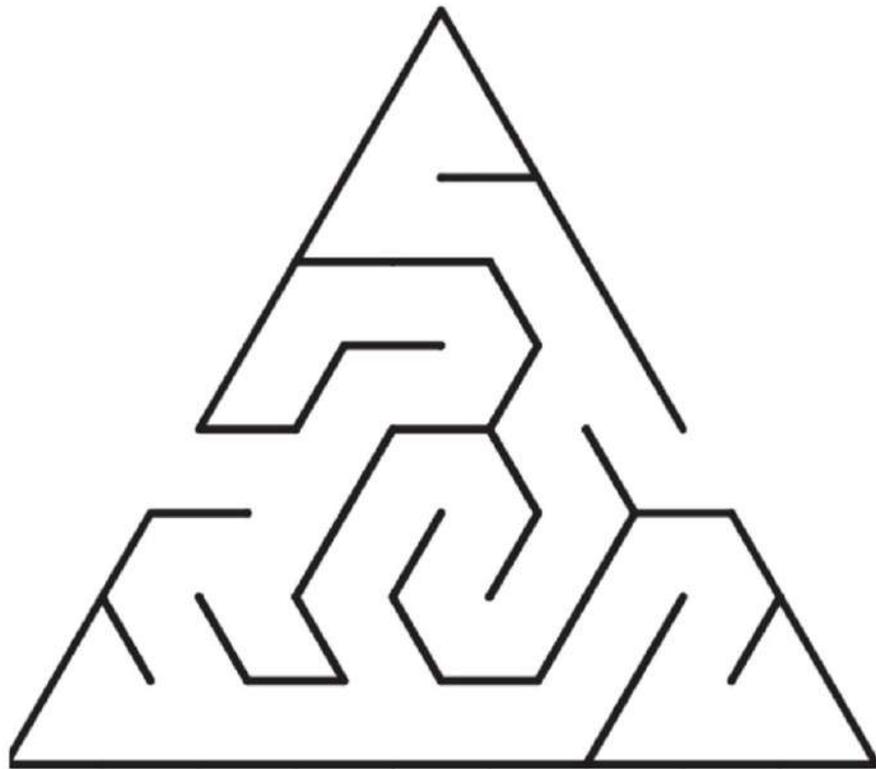
What is your favorite fairy tale or folk tale? Three little pigs? Cinderella? The Gingerbread Man? Pick your favorite and rewrite it as if you were the main character. What would you do differently? Would it still be in the same place, like a castle, or would it be at your house or apartment? Will the ending be the same?

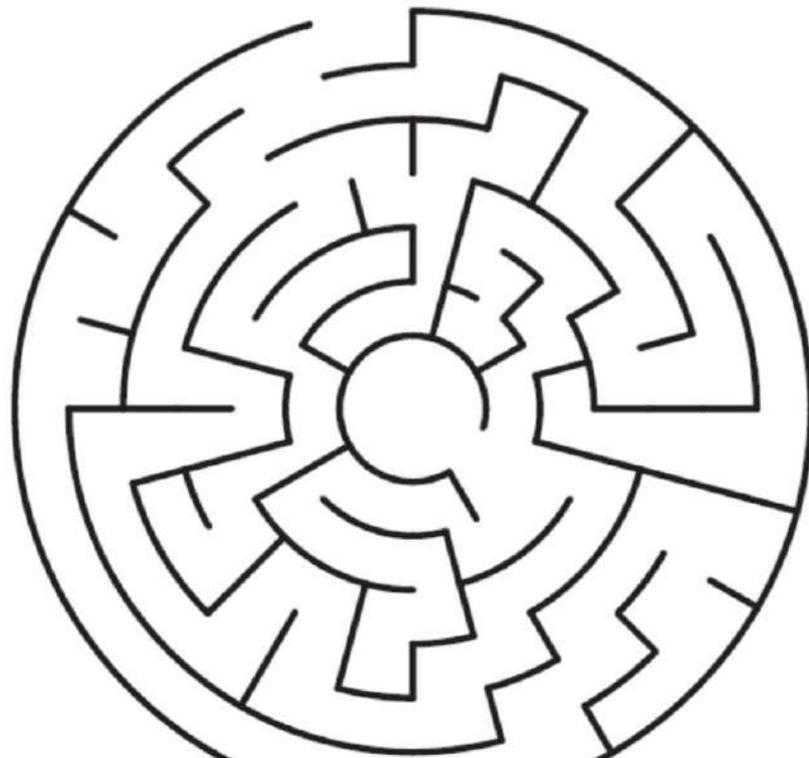
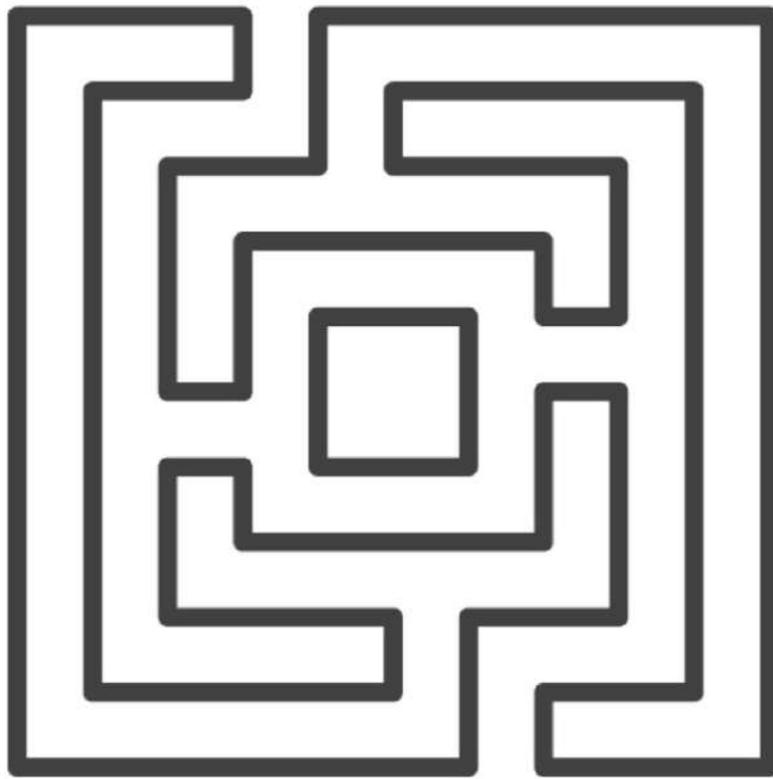
Read It: Tall Tale Mad Lib

Fill in your own words on the blanks of this story to create a new one. Ask your family for the words without telling them the story to see how silly it turns out! Use the attached sheet for your story.

Play It: Hoodman's Blind

In this game one player knows what will happen and the other does not, just like the author and reader of a fractured fairy tale! To play, Use a bandana or another piece of cloth as a blind fold. This is a game where trust is involved to follow directions. You will need a friend or family member to play this game with you. One person wears a blindfold while another gives directions that lead around the room. Go over how big a step is and possible directions: up, down, left, right, etc. What else can help you find your way? What can you hear? Smell? Feel? How do these help you get to the destination?





Make an Origami Rabbit

What you need:

- square piece of origami paper
- scissors

What you do:

1. Start with a square of origami paper, pattern side facing down. Fold the paper on the diagonal as shown. Then unfold.
2. Take the right corner and fold it to the middle crease as shown.
3. Repeat on the left side, folding the left corner and fold it to the middle crease.
4. Take the top corner and fold it down.
5. Take the triangle-shaped flap and fold it partway back up. This makes the rabbit's tail.
6. Turn it over. The tail should be at the top.
7. Take the bottom corner and fold it part of the way back up as shown.
8. Cut the top flap from the tip to the fold. This makes the rabbit's ears.
9. Turn it to the side and fold it in half so that the ears are on the outside.
10. Refold the ears slightly so that the ears stick up.

