

# ARCTIC TERN ACTIVITY PACKET

**25 Fun and Educational  
Arctic Tern Activities**

For preschool and elementary grades



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## ***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

Memory Activity for Younger Children



### **Introduction:**

*Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern* by Constance Taylor takes children through the hatching and growth of a baby Arctic Tern.

### **Instructions:**

- Print two copies of the next page and cut out the individual pictures so you have two sets of six pictures. You may want to glue them onto a sturdy cardstock.
- Play a simple Memory game with the pictures mixed up and turned over. Children get to turn over two pictures at a time and try to find the matches.

***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

Memory Activity for Younger Children





## ***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

What Doesn't Belong?

Circle the pictures that belong in each section below.  
Put an X over the pictures that do not belong.

This is an Arctic Tern:



Arctic Terns like to eat:



Arctic Terns are covered with:



Arctic Terns move around using these:

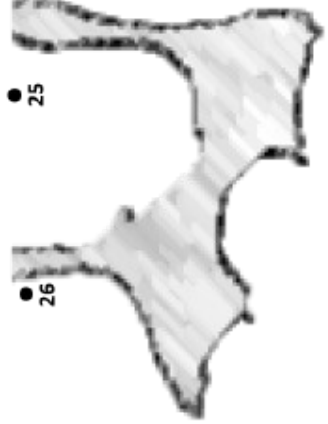






# Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern

## Dot-to-Dot



## ***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

Arctic Tern Craft



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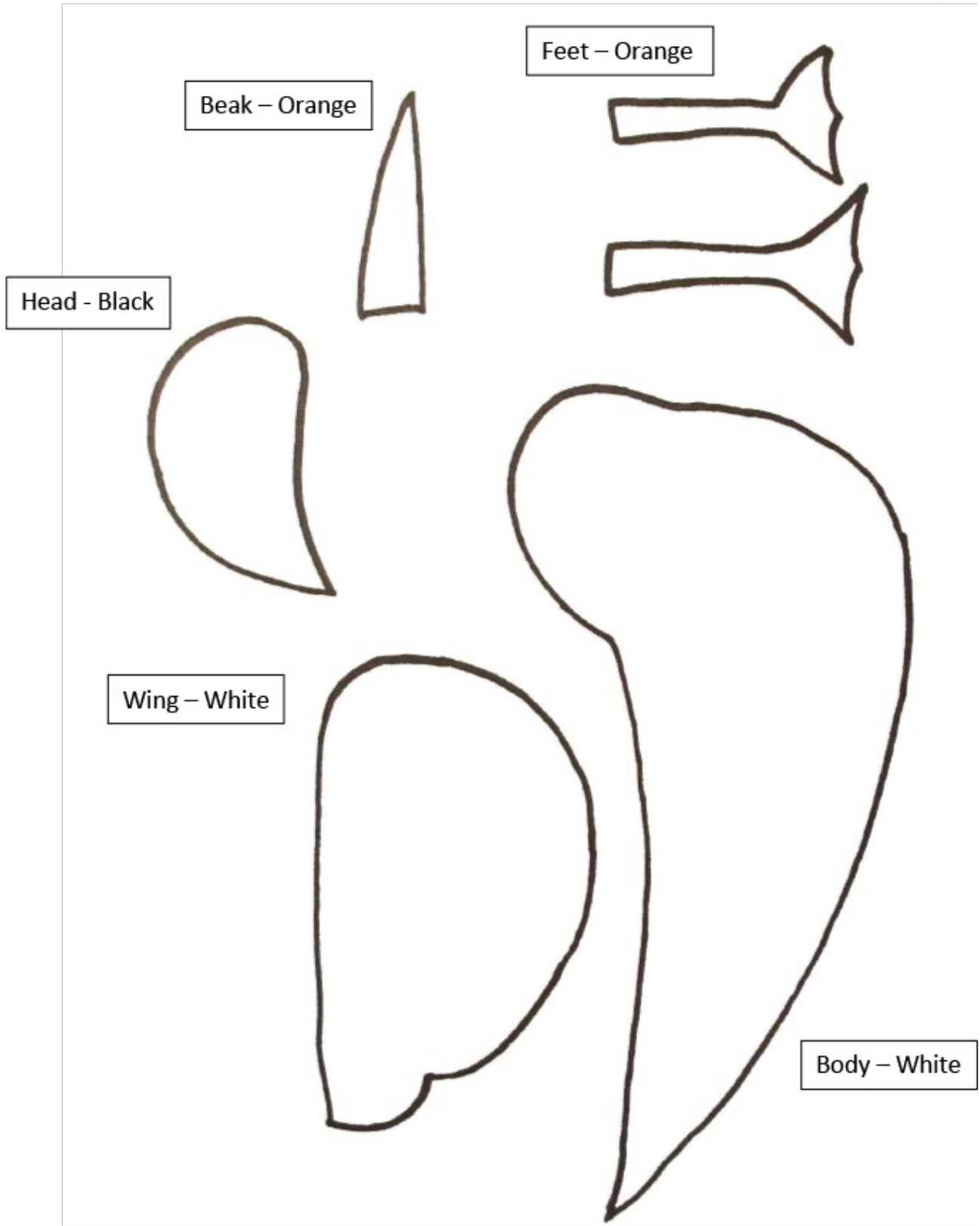
After reading the book, children can make their own picture of an Arctic Tern using this simple template. Let children use their imagination to create their own background for the Tern.

### **Finished Example:**



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Arctic Tern Craft



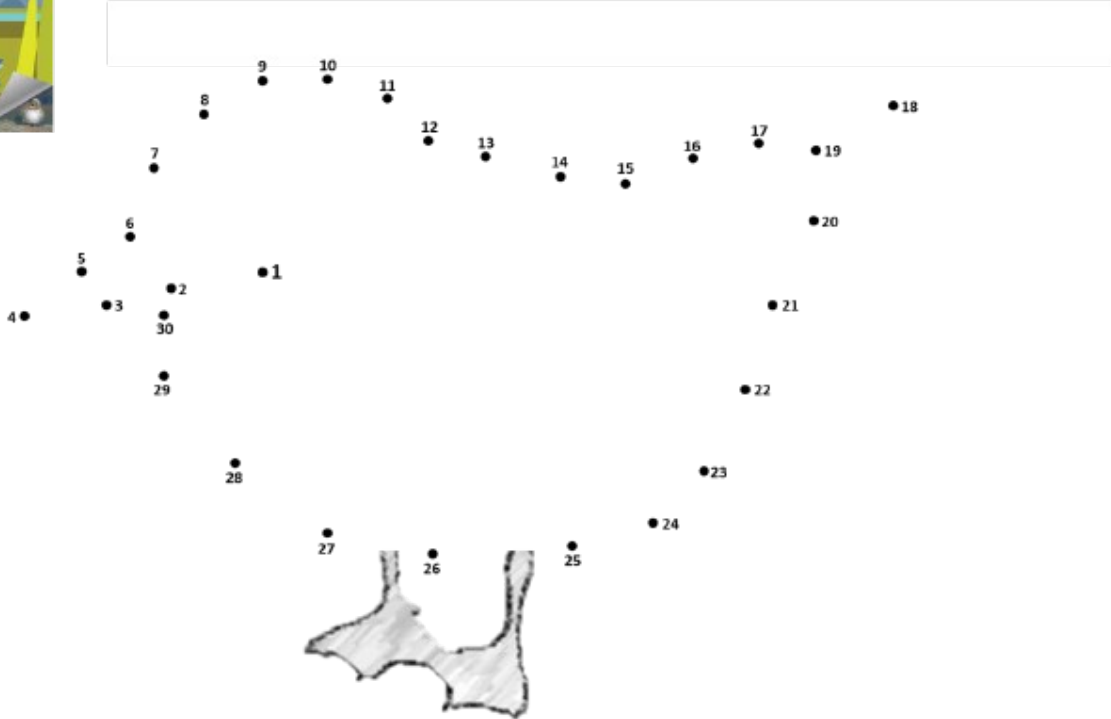


Growing up in Alaska  
A Baby Arctic Tern



## Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern

Handwriting Practice



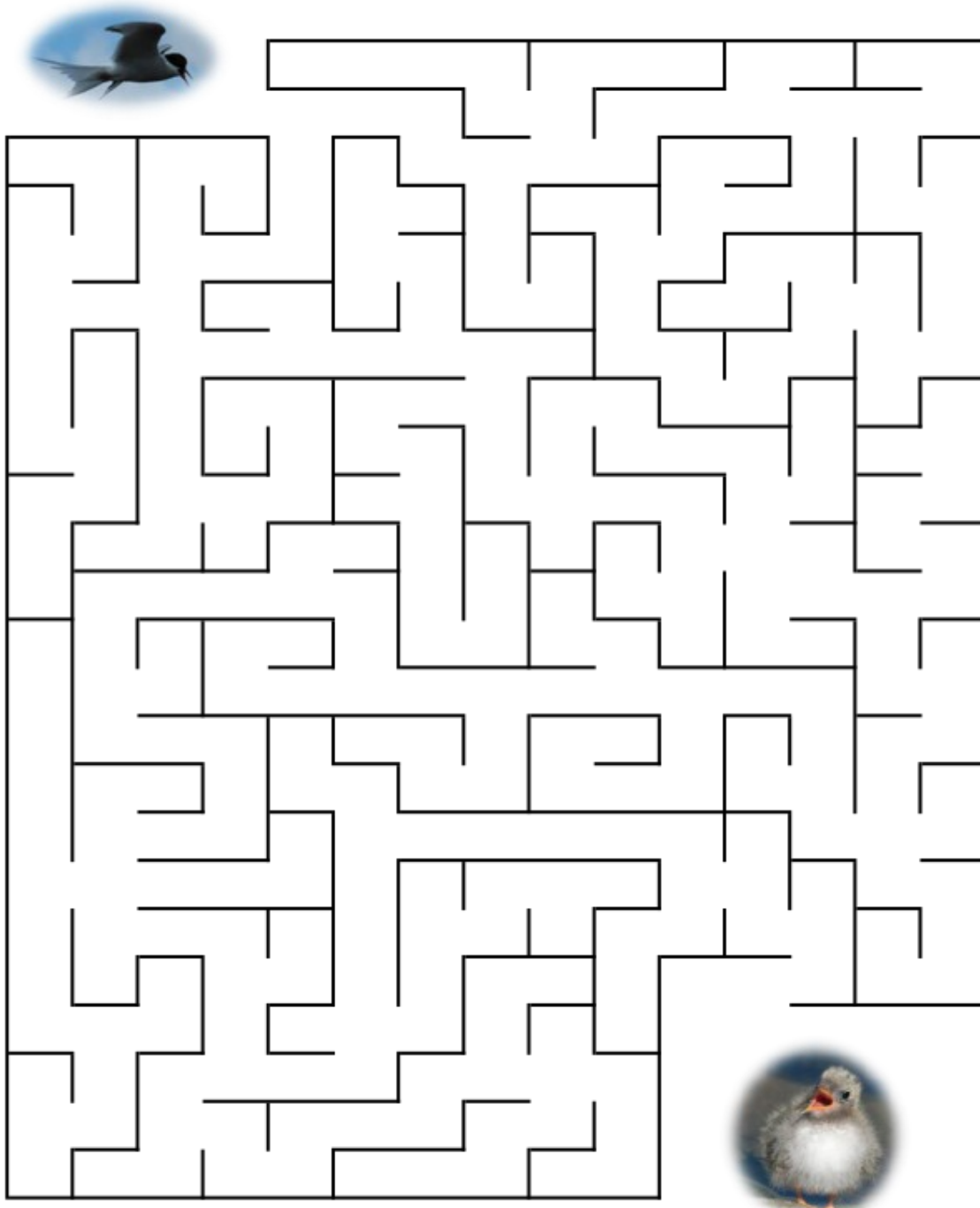
**T** is for **T**ern

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are four sets of these lines provided for practice.



## Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern Maze

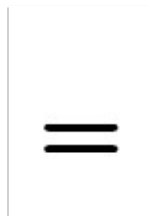
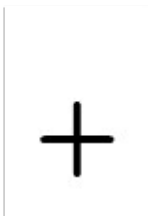
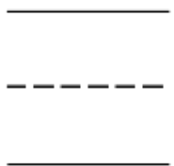
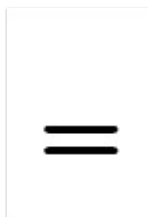
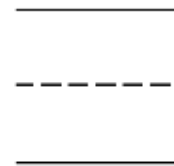
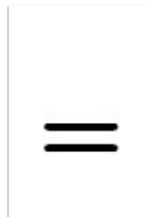
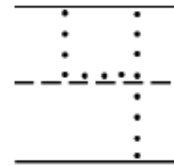
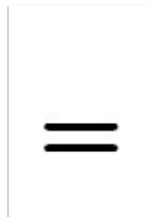
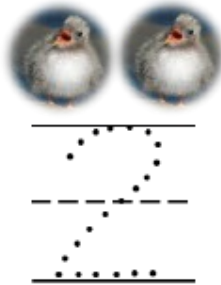
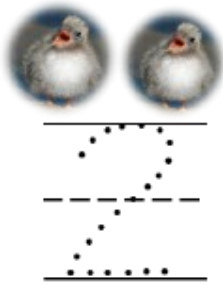
The Baby Tern is hungry!  
Help Mama Tern find her way back to feed Baby.





# Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern Math Worksheet

Practice counting and adding with the Baby Tern!





# A Baby Arctic Tern

## Sequencing Activity



### Introduction:

*Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern* by Constance Taylor takes children through the hatching and growth of a baby Arctic Tern. With this activity, they can practice sequencing, reading comprehension and observation skills.

### Goal:

Correctly sequence eight pictures of the baby Arctic Tern in chronological order as it grows.

### Activity:

- Option 1 – print the page and cut out the pictures. You may want to glue the pictures to index cards. Mix the pictures up and let the children try to sequence them correctly.
- Option 2 – print the page and let the children number the pictures in the correct chronological order.

### Correct Order:

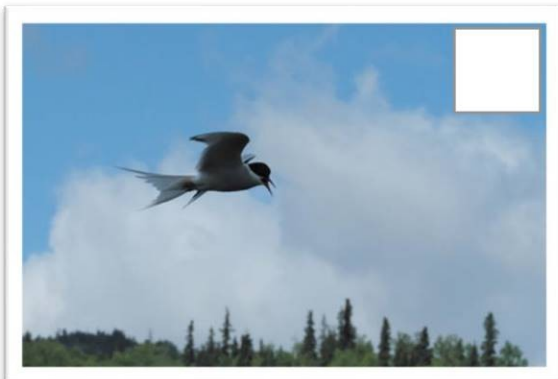


***A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Sequencing Activity – option 1

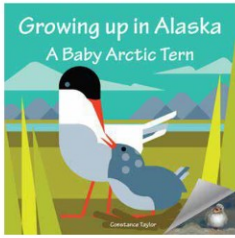




***A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Sequencing Activity – Option 2







**Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern**  
Word Search

Find these words that were in the book *Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern*.

BABY \* BIRD \* BUG \* EGG \* FISH \* FLY \* NEST \* TERN \* SWIM

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L	Z	Q	E	G	G	Y	F
Y	R	O	R	P	C	Q	B
I	Y	C	N	E	S	T	D
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## ***Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

### Fill-in-the-Blanks

Complete the sentences with the words below.

**PREEN**

**BLEND**

**ALASKA**

**SWIM**

**FLY**

**FISH**

**EGG**

**BUGS**

The baby Arctic Tern hatched out of an \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Arctic Tern grew up in \_\_\_\_\_ .

The colors of the Arctic Tern's baby down helped it \_\_\_\_\_  
in with the color of the grass and rocks.

The Arctic Tern liked to eat \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Arctic Tern had to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ to keep its  
feathers clean.

The Arctic Tern liked to \_\_\_\_\_ in the water.

At the end of the book the Arctic Tern learned how to \_\_\_\_\_ .



***Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Comprehension Activity

Draw a picture of an Arctic Tern in the box and answer the questions below.

What color was the baby Arctic Tern when it hatched?

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What did the Arctic Tern like to eat?

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What did the Arctic Tern like to do?

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What did the Arctic Tern learn to do at the end of the book?

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**Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern**  
Math Worksheet

Solve these word problems. Show your work.

There are 8 Tern eggs in Potter Marsh. 5 baby Terns hatch. How many eggs are left?



The baby Tern ate 2 fish, 1 dragonfly, and 4 beetles. How many things did baby Tern eat?

The baby Tern eats 2 fish every day. The mama Tern eats 3 fish every day. How many fish does the mama Tern need to catch every day?

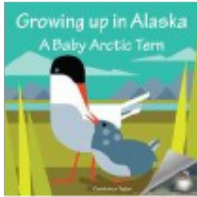


How many fish does mama Tern need to catch in 2 days?

Baby Tern's rock is 10 feet from shore. How far will he swim if he swims to his rock and back to shore again?

There are 3 eggs in one nest, 2 eggs in another nest, and 1 egg in another nest. How many eggs are there in all?





***Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Creative Writing Activity

Write your own short story about the picture below.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, providing space for writing a short story.

## ***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***

Observation and Memory Activity



### **Introduction:**

*Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern* by Constance Taylor takes children through the hatching and growth of a baby Arctic Tern.

With this activity, using scenes from the book, older children will practice observation and short-term memory.

### **Instructions:**

- Give the children a specific amount of time to study the picture on the next page, perhaps 30 or 60 seconds.
- At the end of the time, cover the picture.
- Ask children to write their own detailed description of everything they can remember, or use questions to test their memory.

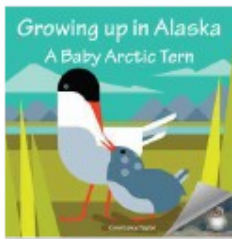
### **Sample Questions:**

- How many pictures are there?
- How many pictures of a baby tern and how many pictures of a grown tern are there?
- Describe the different things the tern is doing in the pictures.
- Describe what the tern is eating.
- Describe the different places where you see the tern.



***Growing Up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Memory Activity





## Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern Word Search

See how many of the words from *Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern* you can find hidden below. Words may be up to down, left to right, or diagonally.

### Words:

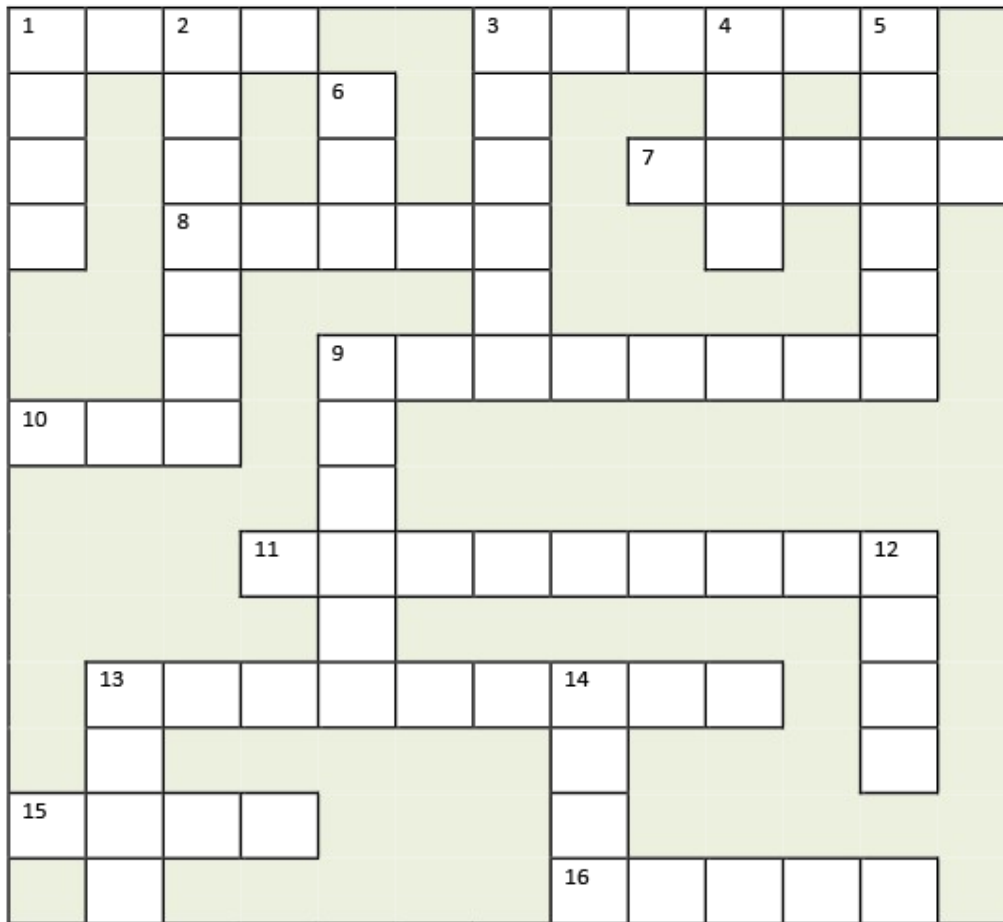
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Fly  
Hatch  
Hide  
Island  
Marsh  
Nest  
Potter  
Preen  
Reeds  
Rock  
Safe  
Shell  
Swim  
Wings  
Yolk

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## Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword using things you remember from reading *Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern*.



### Across

1. A favorite food of Arctic Terns
3. The bird in the story was an \_\_\_\_ Tern.
7. Birds do this to straighten and clean feathers.
8. Birds don't have arms, they have \_\_\_\_.
9. The baby tern had to learn how to keep these neatly arranged.
10. The baby Tern hatched out of this.
11. When animals move a long way from one region to another.
13. The first food the baby tern ate.
15. The baby tern discovered he could do this in the water.
16. Baby birds \_\_\_\_ out of their eggs.

### Down

1. A bird's mouth.
2. \_\_\_\_ up in Alaska.
3. The state where the book takes place.
4. This book was about an Arctic \_\_\_\_.
5. The baby tern \_\_\_\_ when it is hungry.
6. Flying was the most \_\_\_\_ the baby tern had ever had.
9. The fastest way for a bird to get around.
12. A home for an egg.
13. Fine feathers covering the baby tern's body.
14. Food that birds catch in water.



***Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern***  
Math Worksheet

Solve these word problems. Show your work.

If the baby Tern eats 5 fish every day, how many fish do the parents need to catch for the baby in 1 week?

There are 3 baby Terns to feed. The parents bring 3 fish, 6 dragonflies, and 9 beetles. How many items will each baby get?



If the distance flown between Potter Marsh and Antarctica is 15,000 miles one way, how many miles will the Terns fly to get there and back in 1 year?

How many miles in 2 years?

There were many Arctic Terns at Potter Marsh on Monday. By Friday, 58 of them had flown away, and only 11 were still there. How many Terns were there on Monday?

There are 4 eggs in the nest. If 3 eggs hatch, what fraction of eggs are left?







# Arctic Tern Code Breaker

See if you can break the code and discover an amazing fact about Arctic Terns.

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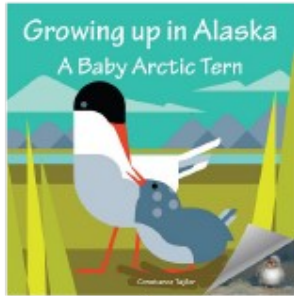
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## FUN FACTS

- Arctic terns have the **longest migration** route of any bird.
- Every year, they fly from their **Arctic** breeding grounds down to **Antarctica** and back again.
- In their lifetime, Arctic terns can fly far enough to make three round trips to the moon.
- Arctic tern chicks can make their first long flight south a month or two after they hatch.

Look for the children's book *Growing up in Alaska: A Baby Arctic Tern* and find more fun activities and videos at [www.arctictern.fathompublishing.com](http://www.arctictern.fathompublishing.com)



# Arctic Tern Word Search

Find and circle the words about Arctic Terns.  
Words may be forward or backward, up or down,  
side to side, or diagonal.

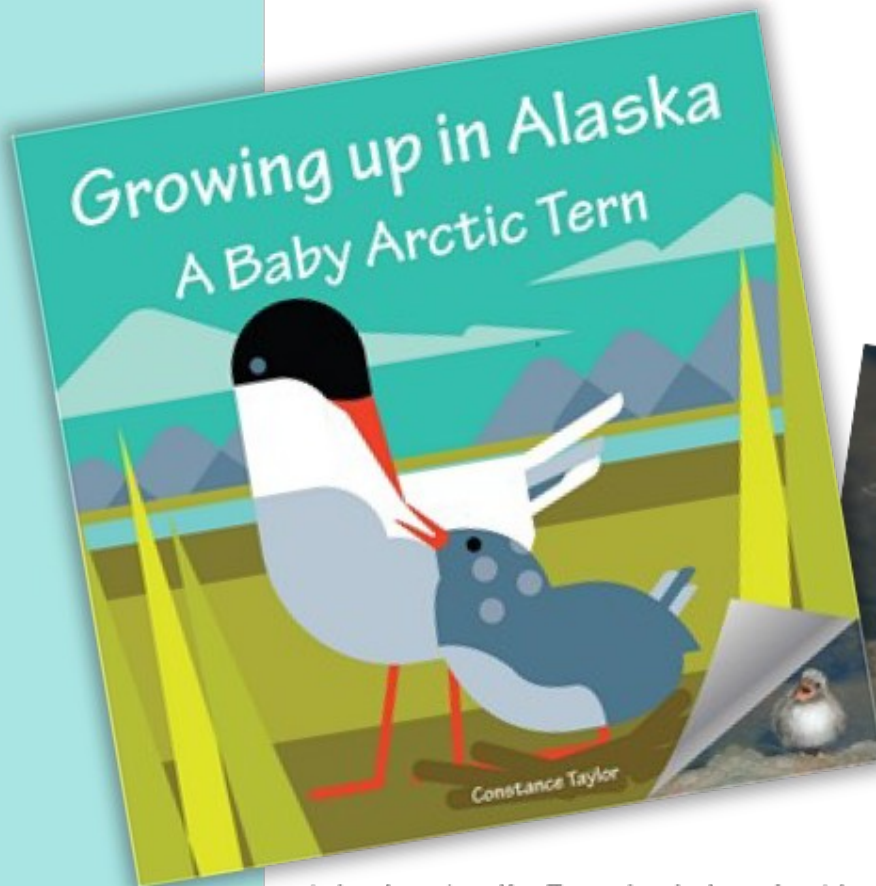
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- Some Arctic terns have been tracked flying 60,000 miles in one year!
- Arctic tern **chicks** can make their first long flight south a month or two after they **hatch**.

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Read the book that inspired these activities and learn more about Arctic Terns.



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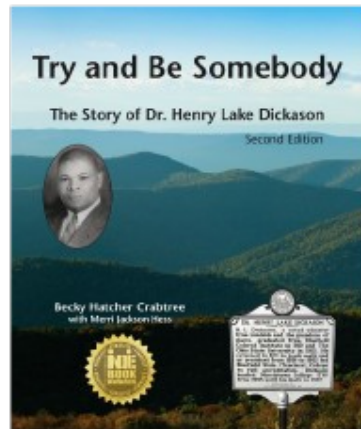


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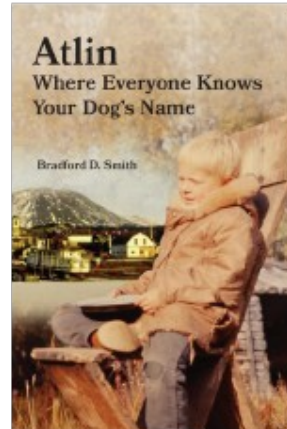


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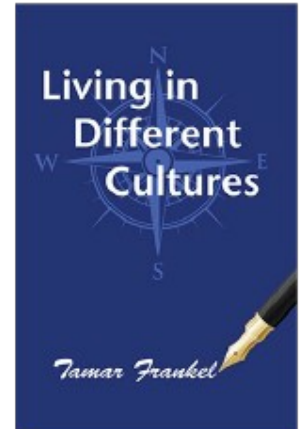


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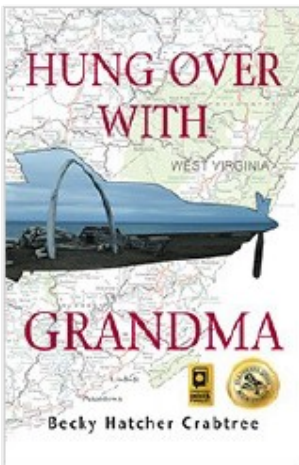


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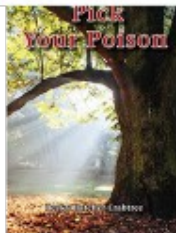
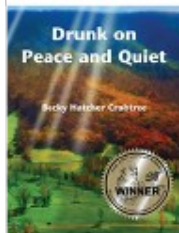
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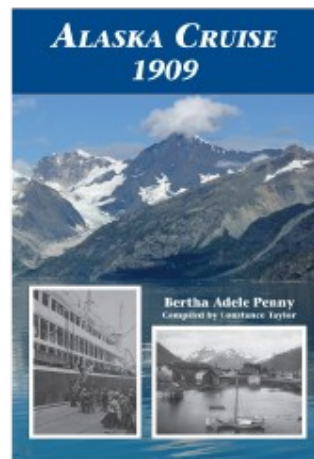


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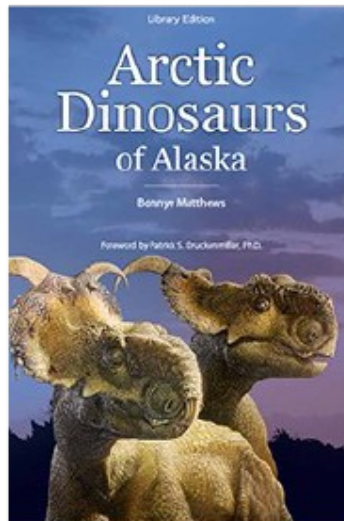
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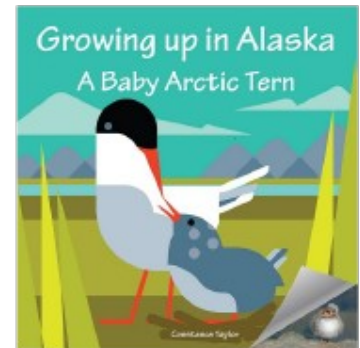


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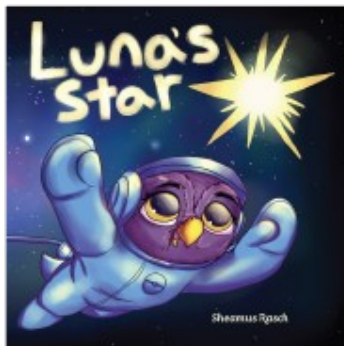
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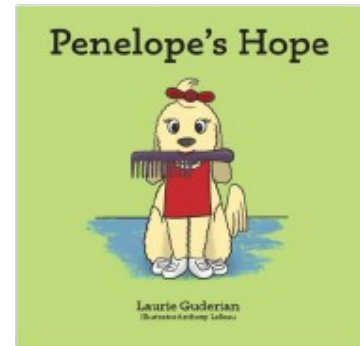
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