

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: aw

"This story focuses on the 'aw' sound as in 'draw.' Watch for words like 'draw,' 'paw,' and 'saw' as you read!"



How to Draw Animals

Drawing animals is a fun way to show creativity. All you need is a pencil, paper, and a little time to practice.

Start by drawing simple shapes. A circle can be the head, and a small oval can be the paw.

If you want to draw a cat, add two small triangles for the ears and a curvy tail.

Don't worry if it isn't perfect! Every time you draw, you get better. Soon, you'll be able to draw animals that make people say, "Wow!"

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

draw

paw

saw

yawn

flaw



Name: _____

How to Draw Animals

1. What do you need to start drawing animals?

- A. A camera and a notebook
- B. Pencil, paper, and practice
- C. Paint and a big wall
- D. Markers and a ruler

2. What shape can you use to draw a paw?

- A. A triangle
- B. A square
- C. An oval
- D. A star

3. Fill in the blank:

Every time you draw, you get _____.

4. Why do you think practice is important when learning to draw?

5. If you could draw any animal, which one would you choose and why?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'aw' (as in "draw")

Genre: Nonfiction – Arts & Crafts

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, you, it

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for 'aw' words that say the /aw/ sound, like in 'draw.'"
 2. Have you ever tried drawing an animal before?
 3. What do you think makes animal drawings fun to look at?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'aw' makes the /aw/ sound. Try that sound first when seeing this pattern.
 2. Watch for 'aw' words and stretch them out carefully.
 3. What shapes do you start with when drawing animals?
 4. Try reading the last line like you're proudly showing your drawing!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell the steps for starting an animal drawing?
 2. Why does practicing help you become a better artist?
 3. If you could teach someone to draw, what would you show them first?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'aw' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're teaching a fun art class!
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Activity Idea

Draw a simple animal using circles, ovals, and triangles. Label the parts using at least three 'aw' words. Then write a short sentence about why your animal drawing makes you proud.

Coaching Tip

Celebrate creative thinking and remind readers that every artist starts with simple steps!

