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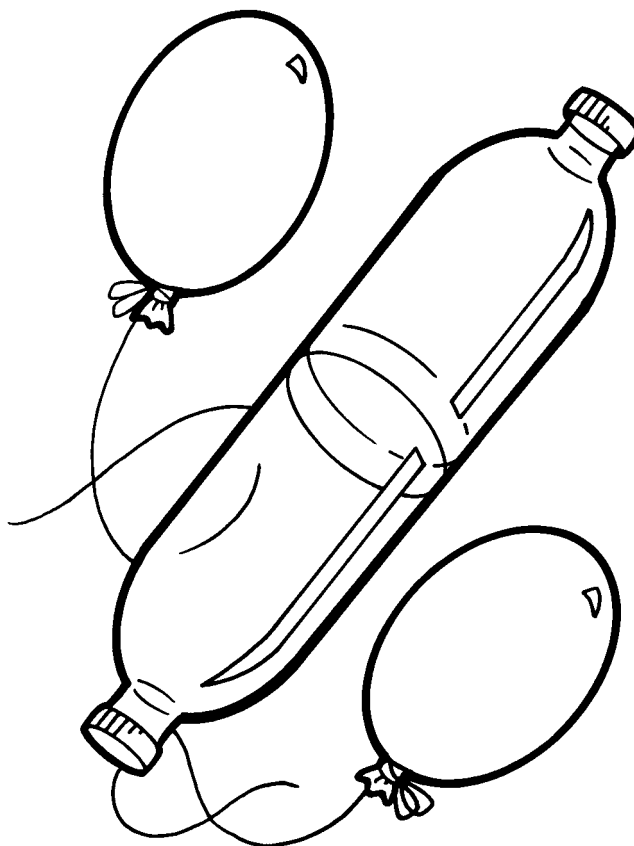
# Batting *(cont.)*

## Materials:

- two-handed bat (1 per child, see below for directions)
- 1 balloon

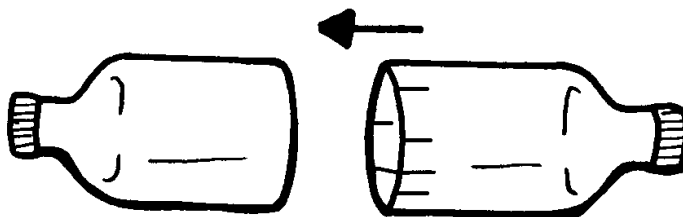
## Balloon Bop

Arrange the students in groups of four. Have one student from each group lie on his or her stomach in a circle with his or her head pointed inward. (The students should be about 2' [61 cm] apart from each other.) Each student holds a two-handed bat. Toss a balloon into the center of the circle. Using the two-handed bat, the student hits the balloon. The object of the game is to keep the balloon in the circle.



## Materials:

- two 8 oz (225 g) empty water bottles
- clear plastic wrapping tape (such as book tape)



## Directions for Making a Two-Handed Bat

Cut the bottoms off two empty water bottles. Cut six  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (3.84 cm) slits in the bottom of one bottle. Push the cut ends together. Wrap with clear wrapping tape where the ends are joined together.

# Painting Activities

## Materials:

- empty containers
- paintbrushes
- water



## Water Painting

Painting with water is an activity that can provide hours of good, clean fun. It is easy and it can be done anywhere you have a stretch of cement, sidewalk, fence, or a wall.

Find an outdoor space for the children to work. Fill an empty container or bucket with water. Demonstrate how to dip a paint brush and paint with the water. The water will make a nice painted surface, and children will be able to see the areas they have already painted. On a hot day, the painted area will dry very quickly. Some children think it is magic!

Encourage children to make designs, draw shapes, write letters and numbers, practice spelling words, and explore all of the different things that can be done with the water paint. Be prepared for children to get wet. This is a great activity to do on a very hot day.

As an alternative, use paint rollers instead of brushes. Rollers often encourage children to use a full range of arm motions. Encourage them to reach as high as they can, on tiptoes, when painting walls.

