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This Month's New Resources

In honor of Earth Day, 54 new Science resources were added this month to our Environmental topic.

To access these resources, login to your teacher account and click the search tab. Then click "Search for resources by grade, subject, and topic." Select a Grade. Select Science. Then select Environmental.



Help Gus clean up the park by sorting all of the trash.

Choose your transportation to complete your errands while polluting as little as possible.



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Total Tutor Education Radio Show

StarrMatica's CEO, Emily Starr, has been a contributor to the Total Tutor Education Radio Show for the past several months. Neil Haley, a former teacher and the show's host, discusses diverse educational topics with interesting guests from all walks of life. Listen online or download a show and check it out for yourself! You can listen to the shows Emily contributed to by clicking the links below:

- [StarrMatica Spotlight](#)
- [Interactive Whiteboard Basics](#)
- [Web Tools Everyone Should Know](#)



StarrMatica's Featured Content

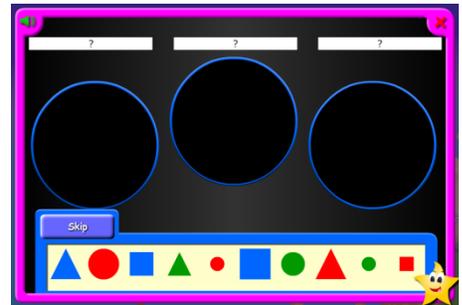
Enrichment: Guess The Category

The new K-2 *Classifying, Comparing, and Ordering* lesson includes a challenging Enrichment activity that really gets students thinking. In the words of one of our teacher members, when her students are using *Guess the Category*, she can smell their brains smoking, because they are thinking so much!

In *Guess the Category* the name of each category is hidden. Students must test items to see which will “stick” in each category. Students must then guess how the items are being categorized before the name of each category is revealed.

Students can choose from three levels of difficulty—two categories, three categories, and a venn diagram. They can also choose from many sets of items to categorize.

Guess the Category is an engaging whole class activity for kindergarten and first graders or a challenging center and individual activity for second graders.



Cool Web Tool: Disapainted

[DisaPainted](#) is a cool web tool to use with your artistic (and non artistic!) students. [DisaPainted](#) gives students a glimpse into the process of animations by allowing them to animate a series of their drawings.

[DisaPainted](#) is an excellent tool to help students understand a variety of reading comprehension concepts:

1. Create your own animation or have students create an animation for a concrete example of the concept of sequencing.
2. Have your students use drawings to tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end to help them think about the important parts that would need to be included in a story summary.
3. Have students create an animation that includes the story elements of setting, character, problem, and solution.

Classroom Management Help Videos

Help videos for StarrMatica's new classroom management system are now available on our [Professional Development Page](#).

Reminder: Past issues of our resource packed newsletter can be [viewed here](#).