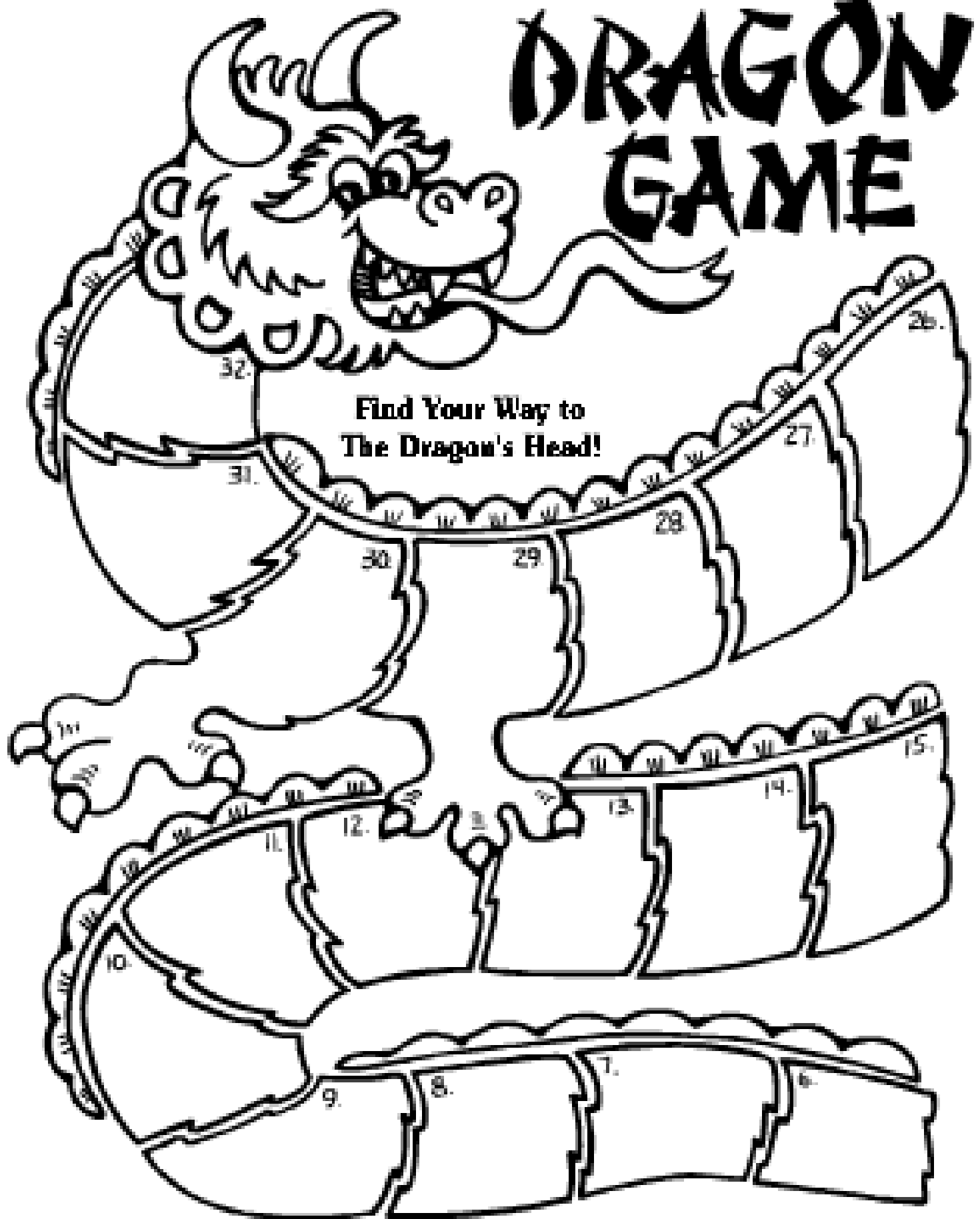
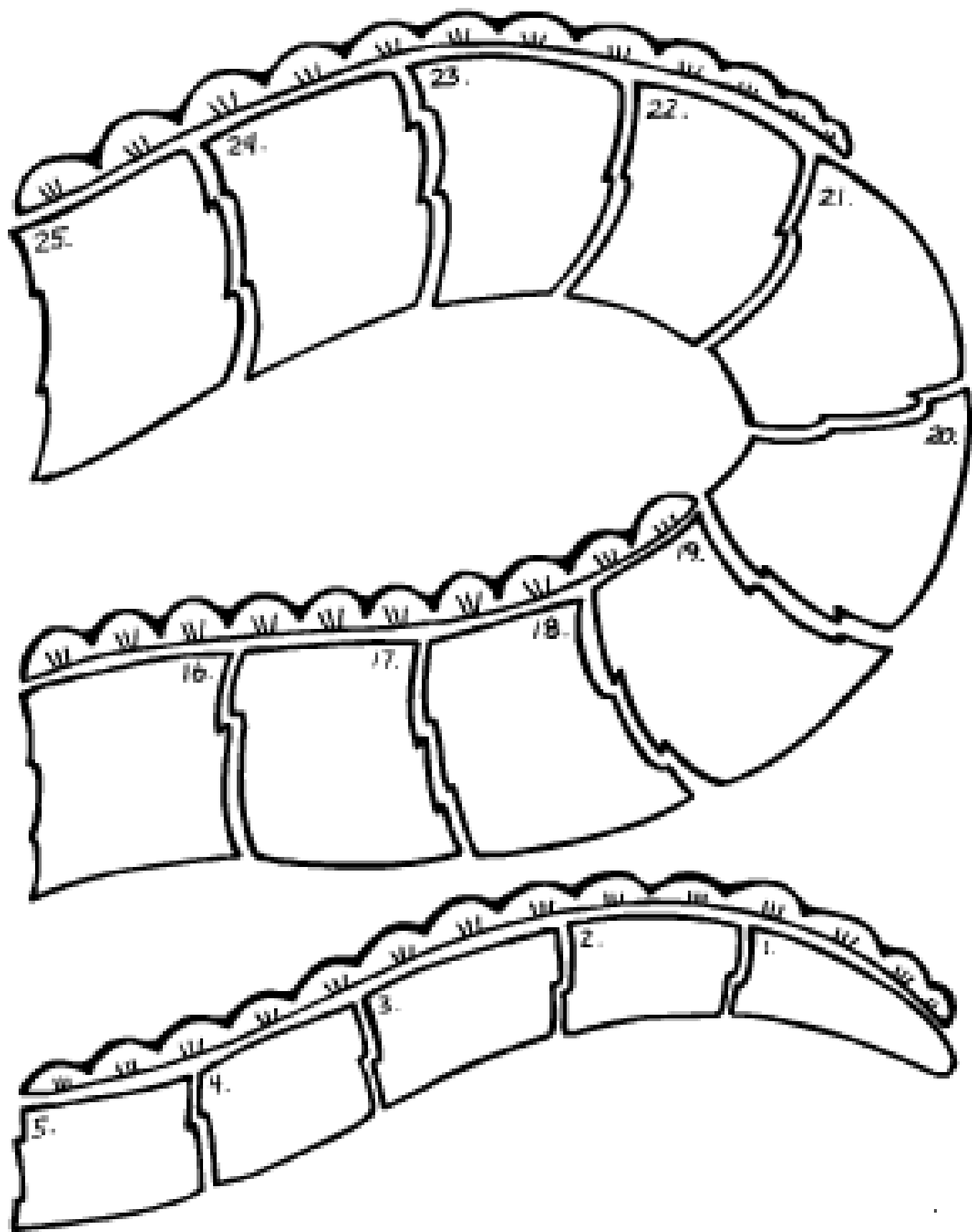


DRAGON GAME





Instructions

Directions: Print out the game board on pages 1 and 2 and tape together. Choose three or four sounds to write into the squares of the dragon; repeat those sounds over and over again. In the Dragon's head, write all the sounds you have chosen. Print out page 3 on cardstock, write in three or four sounds/characters that your child is struggling with, and then cut them out. Shuffle the cards and lay them face down in a pile. Have each player pick a small object to represent him/herself on the board (my kids use different colored Legos) and place the pieces at the tail of the Dragon. The first player picks the top card and moves his/her piece to the first square containing that sound. A player wins when s/he reaches the head of the Dragon.

Note: Challenge the player to say the sound before moving his/her piece on the board. If that's too easy, ask the player to think of a Chinese word that has that sound in it (This may be easier for some sounds compared with others. For example, “ㄗ/ch” and “ㄕ/sh” begin words whereas “ㄙ/s” and “ㄣ/en” typically end words).

Remember to make it fun and interesting. If a child is not ready to memorize and say the sounds, ask them to trace the sound on a piece of paper with their finger while they say it a few times. Repeat the sound often for the new player.