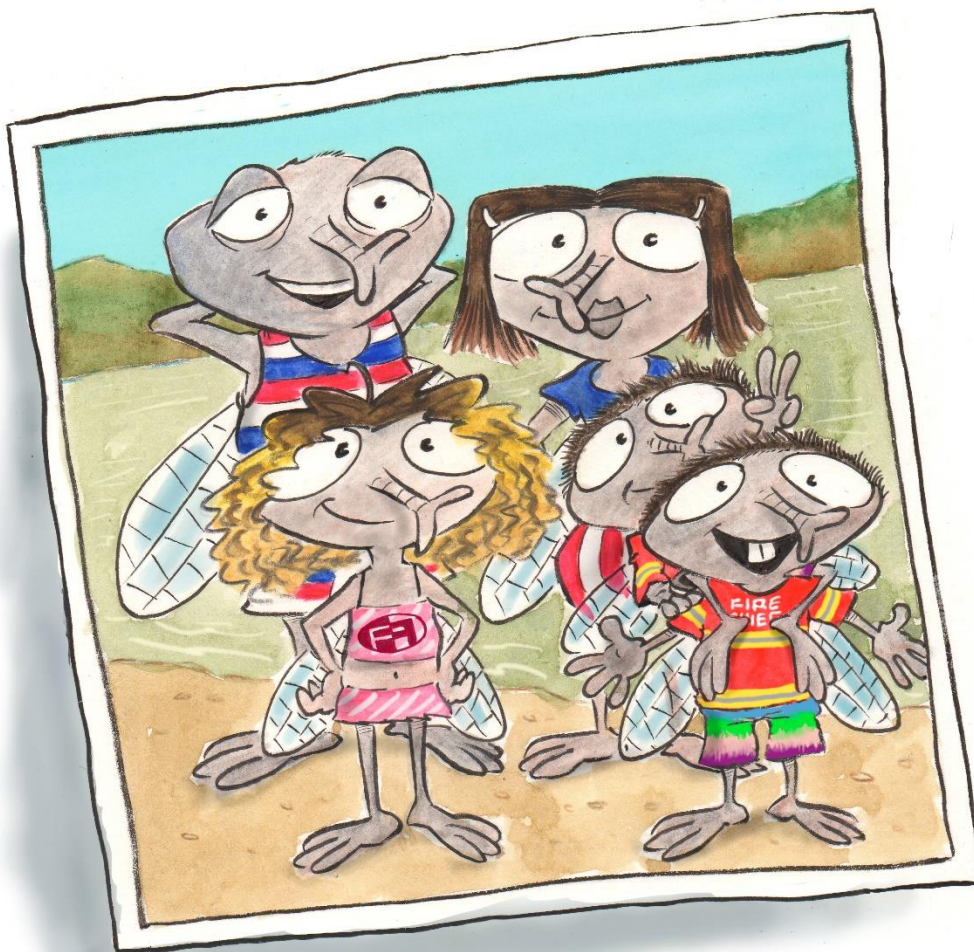


# The Fly Family Activity Packet Answer Key



## Meet The Fly Family!

The Fly family is a children's literature series created by Meagan F. Clements. The books feature a family of anthropomorphic house flies — that means they have humanlike characteristics — who learn lessons about self-love, the healing power of rock and roll music, and the importance of chasing your dreams, igniting a passion for all of life's adventures and everything you do!

House flies are insects! Did you know that the average speed of a house fly is 4.5 miles per hour? Before I get into any more riveting facts — riveting means exciting — let me introduce you to the family members. First, there's Frederick Fly, the dad. Frederick is a competitive gymnast who earns a living for his family by competing all over the United States in fitness championships. He wins lots of medals!

Next, there's Fiona Fly, the mom. Fiona is sweet and kind as most moms are. She loves to cook delicious meals and tasty desserts in the kitchen for her wonderful family. Secretly, she would love for her darling daughter to meet a nice boy fly and preferably, not a radical musician. Radical means edgy and cool.

Then, there's the twins, Fonzy and Fillmore Fly. Fonzy wears a shirt with the number 16 on it and is an aspiring theatre actor. That means he loves to act in school plays and plans to be a famous actor one day. On the other hand, Fillmore Fly loves anything country western, especially country western superstar, Billy Ray Flyrus! Fillmore, who wears a

shirt with the number 5 on it, wants to be a cowboy when he grows up.

Finally, meet Franny Fly, a rock and roll loving princess! Franny is a sassy fly who loves reading music magazines and especially LOVES The Fussy Finches, a blues/rock band. The Fly family lives in beautiful, scenic Southern California in a town called Palm Springs. Palm Springs is a desert town that is mostly hot and sunny. Palm Springs has lots of cactus plants and marigold flowers that bloom in the great weather!

Although the flies love their hometown, they were excited to take a trip over Fourth of July to Lake Fishimento!

The Fly family lives next door to the Feldmans. The Feldman family is human! There's Finny Feldman, an 8-year-old boy who is best friends with Fonzy and Fillmore. There's Mr. and Mrs. Feldman — Mrs. Feldman always bakes delicious cherry pies that Frederick loves to share with his best friend Felix who lives in the neighborhood — and Frances the Foodle, a toy fox terrier mixed with a poodle. Everyone loves Frances! Did you know that a dog's average body temperature is 101 degrees Fahrenheit?! Now, that's awesome!

1. What type of fly is each character from the Fly family book series?

A. House fly

B. Fruit fly

C. Blow fly

2. What is the average speed of a house fly?

A. 4.5 miles per hour

B. 45 miles per hour

C. 8 miles per hour

3. What breed of dog is Frances, who lives next door to the Fly family?

A. German Shepard

B. Shetland sheepdog

C. Foodle

4. What is the average body temperature of a dog?

A. 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit

B. 101 degrees Fahrenheit

C. 72 degrees Fahrenheit

5. What is Fonzy Fly's number?

A. 25

B. 16

C. 8

6. What is Fillmore Fly's number?

A. 5

B. 19

C. 2

7. What signature item is on the front of Franny Fly's dress?

A. Star 🌟

B. Sunglasses

C. Guitar 🎸

8. What is Frederick Fly's favorite dessert?

A. Mud pie

B. Cherry pie 🍒

C. Water bug biscuits and gravy

9. Where did the Fly family go on vacation for the Fourth of July?

A. Hawaii

B. An Aerofly concert

C. Lake Fishimento

10. Where does the Fly family live?

A. Memphis, Tennessee

B. Palm Springs, California

C. San Francisco, California

11. What does Frederick Fly do for a living?

- A. He is a carpenter
- B. He is a police fly
- C. He is a competitive gymnast

12. Who is Fonzy and Fillmore Fly's best friend?

- A. Their next-door neighbor, Finny Feldman
- B. Felix Fly
- C. Cousin Fifi

13. Who is Frederick Fly's best friend?

- A. Felix Fly
- B. His brothers Fergus and Flemming
- C. His sister Fayette

14. What is Franny Fly's favorite band?

- A. Joan Frett and the Freckles
- B. The Fussy Finches
- C. Cindi Flauper

15. Which adjective(s) describes Fiona Fly best?

- A. Sweet and kind
- B. Bossy
- C. Adventurous

16. Flies fall under what animal classification?

- A. Amphibians
- B. Reptiles
- C. Insects

17. What is Fiona Fly's favorite hobby?

- A. Knitting
- B. Cooking
- C. Running

18. What is the weather usually like where the Fly family lives?

- A. It rains a lot
- B. It is mostly hot and sunny
- C. It is cold and windy

19. In what biome does the Fly Family live?

- A. The desert biome 🌵
- B. The rain forest biome
- C. The ocean biome

20. What does the word radical (like Franny's favorite musicians) mean?

- A. Polite
- B. Respectful
- C. Edgy, cool

21. What does the word riveting mean?

- A. Scary
- B. Beautiful
- C. Exciting

22. What does the word anthropomorphic mean?

- A. Ancient, old
- B. Interesting, fascinating
- C. Has humanlike characteristics

23. What does Fillmore want to be when he grows up?

- A. Fire chief
- B. Police fly
- C. A cowboy

24. Name one popular plant or flower that is often found where the Fly family lives.

Answer: Cactus, marigolds

25. If you were to write another book in the Fly family series, what would it be called?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



26. Write a complete sentence describing Frederick Fly.

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27. Write a complete sentence describing Fiona Fly.

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28. Write a complete sentence describing Fonzy Fly.

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29. Write a complete sentence describing Fillmore Fly.

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30. Write a complete sentence describing Franny Fly.

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31. Write a complete sentence describing Frances the Foodle dog.

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32. If you were a fly on an adventure, how would you spend your day?

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33. **True** or **False**: Fonzy Fly wants to be an actor when he grows up.

34. **True** or **False**: Fiona Fly hopes her daughter will marry a musician.

35. Can you unscramble the word PLMA SGPIRNS?

Answer: Palm Springs

36. Can you unscramble the word LEISF?

Answer: flies

37. Can you unscramble the word ILMOFLER?

Answer: Fillmore

38. Can you unscramble the word YFRNNA?

Answer: Franny

39. Can you unscramble the word GIURAT?

Answer: guitar

40. Can you unscramble the word UCSMIINA?

Answer: musician

41. Can you unscramble the word HERCYR PEI?

Answer: cherry pie

42. Can you unscramble the word OOLEDF?

Answer: foodle

Palm Springs, flies, Fillmore, Franny, guitar, foodle, cherry pie, musician

## Did YOU know? FUN FLY FACTS



- House flies actually live on a liquid-only diet
- Flies can taste with their feet
- House flies poop...a LOT!
- House flies can walk upside down
- Flies can see behind them
- On average, the lifespan of a house fly is 30 days
- Your brain can process about 60 images in a second whereas a house fly can process as many as 250 images in a second!
- Flies often lay their eggs on poop and rotting food
- Male house flies are constantly looking for a date
- House flies regurgitate (throw up) digestive juices onto solid foods and these juices help break the food into smaller pieces

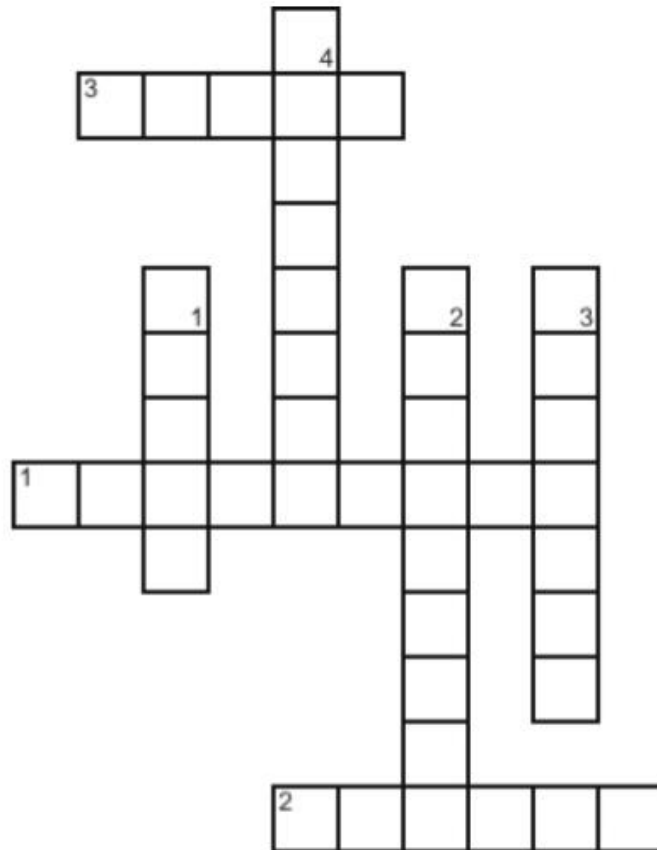
## The Fly Family

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FREDERICK KIND  
FIONA RADICAL  
FOODLE SASSY  
CHERRY INSECTS  
PIE BIOME  
MUSICIAN SIXTEEN  
GYMNAST MRS  
ACTOR FELDMAN  
FINCHES MR  
PALM FINNY  
SPRINGS FELIX  
CACTUS CALIFORNIA  
MARIGOLDS

**Backwards, forwards, vertical, horizontal, diagonal**

# The Fly Family



## Across

1. loves cherry pie
2. hot and dry biome
3. Frederick's best friend

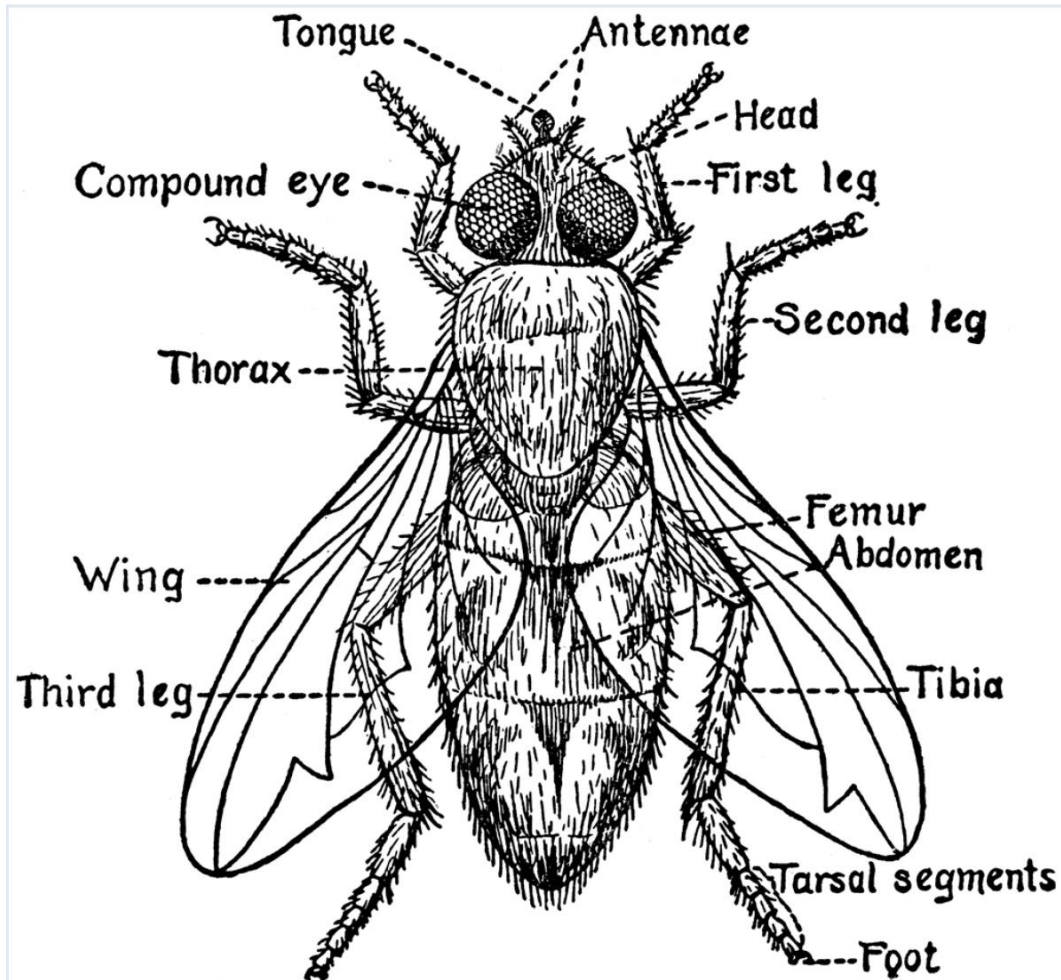
## Down

1. type of insects
2. Franny loves to read about
3. Fiona's favorite hobby
4. wears the number five

Frederick (1 across) Felix (3 across) musicians (2 down) Fillmore (4 down)  
 desert (2 across) flies (1 down) cooking (3 down)

Draw your favorite fly from the Fly family in the space below. The Fly family is shown on the cover of this packet! Have fun!

# Parts of a house fly



It looks like a lot, but you only need to remember **THREE** main parts:

1. head
2. thorax
3. abdomen

It's not **just** flies; **ALL** insects have these same, three body parts!

What's **YOUR** favorite part of a fly? \_\_\_\_\_



Flies

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Franny

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Fonzy

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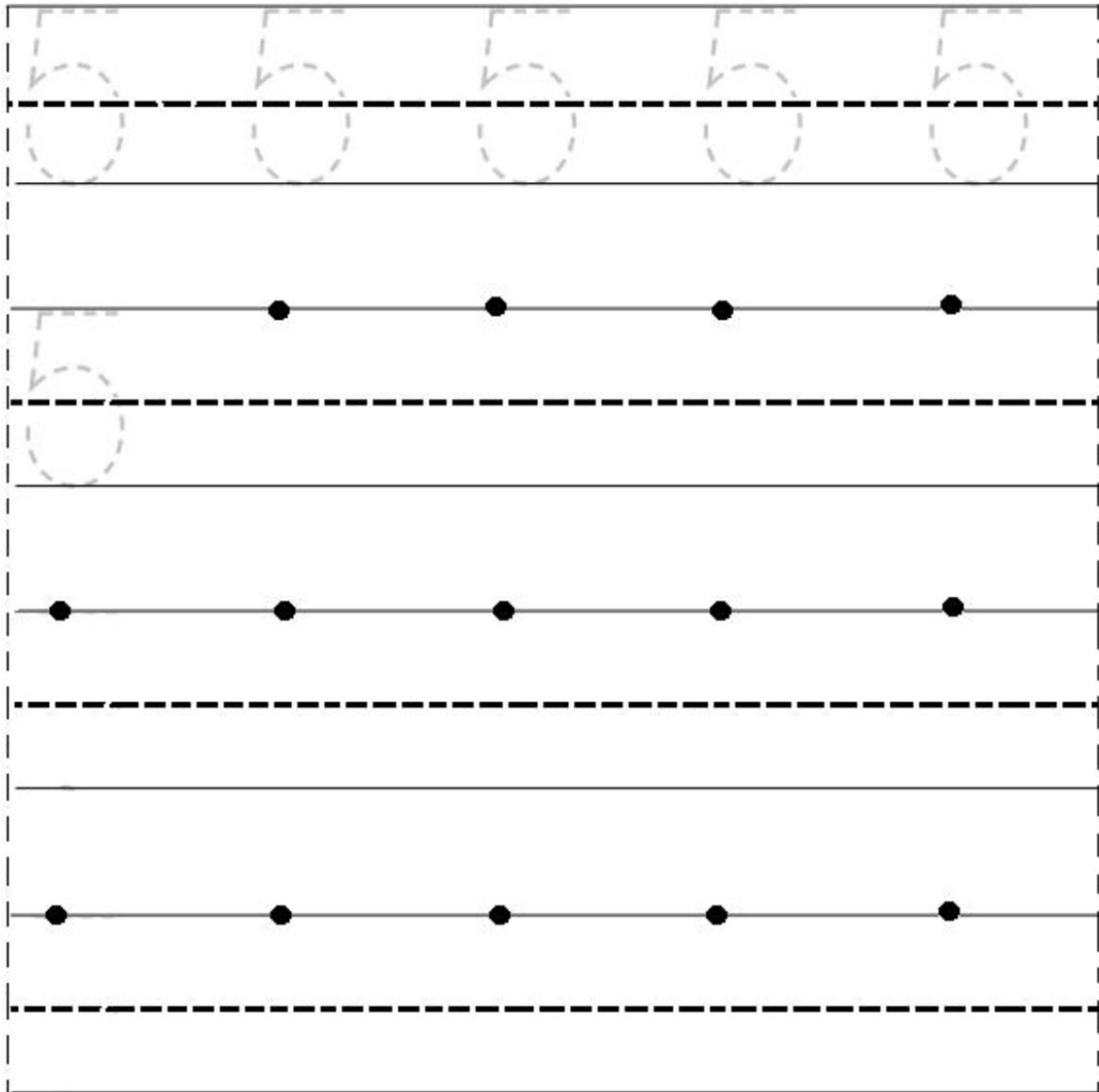
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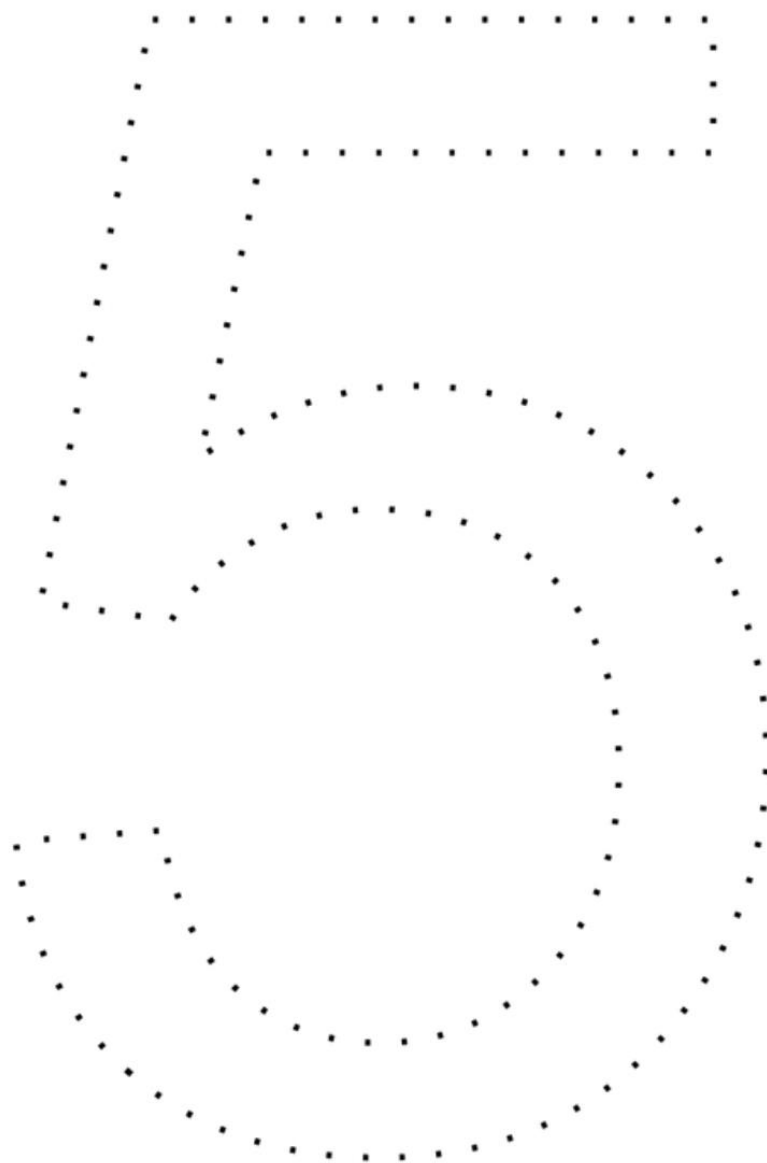
Fiona

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Fillmore Fly wears a sports jersey with the number 5 on it! Can YOU practice writing the number 5????? It's a really, fun number to write!



Trace and color the number 5.





Fonzy Fly wears a sports jersey with the number 16 on it! Can YOU trace AND color the number 16????? It's a totally, awesome number to color!

Trace and color the number 16.

