TREAT YOUR YOUNG READERS TO A
BRAIN-TEASING DAY OF FUN AND GAMES
WITH THIS ACTIVITY AND EVENT BROCHURE
FOR YOUR STORE OR LIBRARY, INCLUDING:
• GROUP TRIVIA GAMES
• SCAVENGER HUNT INSTRUCTIONS
• PUZZLE ACTIVITIES
MATCH THE BUTTONS

Have all the kids at your event sit in a circle. Take the buttons included in the kit and show the characters to the kids in your group. Note that all of them have doubles except for the one smelly ninja. Place every button face down and shuffle them around so no one can tell which button belongs to which character.

One by one, allow each kid to pick up two buttons. If the two buttons match, the player should keep the two buttons. If they do not match, the player must return the buttons to where they were and give the next player a turn. If a kid picks up the smelly ninja, they lose their next turn. This should be repeated until the pairs are found. The kid with the most matched buttons wins the game. The winner also gets to keep button(s) they want and give the rest to the other players. When possible, each player should receive at least one button to take home.

TRIVIA

Separate the attendees into two to four teams (depending on how many kids attend the event). The group leader should instruct the kids to raise their hands if they know the answer. If more than one kid raises their hand, the leader should call on the kid who raised their hand first. If that kid answers correctly, their team gets a point. If they answer incorrectly, the members of the other team have

1. WHICH COUNTRY IS HOME TO THE KANGAROO?
2. WHICH PLANET IS CLOSEST TO THE SUN?
3. WHAT IS THE TOP COLOR IN A RAINBOW?
4. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CAPTAIN PIRATE IN PETER PAN?
5. ACCORDING TO THE DR. SEUSS BOOK, WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS?
6. WHAT FOOD DO GIANT PANDAS EAT?
7. HOW MANY SIDES DOES A TRIANGLE HAVE?
8. WHICH COUNTRY IS PARIS THE CAPITAL OF?
9. IN WHICH COUNTRY WOULD YOU FIND THE PYRAMIDS?
10. CAN YOU NAME ANY THREE OF THE FIVE OCEANS?
11. DOES THE SUN REVOLVE AROUND THE EARTH OR DOES THE EARTH REVOLVE AROUND THE SUN?
12. HOW MANY ARE IN A DOZEN?
13. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE DESERT IN PATRIALLY LOCATED IN EGYPT?
14. WHAT TYPE OF DOCTOR TREATS PETS?
15. WHICH PLANET IS FAMOUS FOR ITS RINGS?
In the Samantha Spinner series, Samantha, Nipper, and Dennis are always on the hunt for clues! Figuring out the meaning behind the pictures on the red umbrella, finding the secret messages using special sunglasses, and discovering passageways and methods of transportation hidden in plain sight have helped Samantha and her friends appreciate the importance of small details. Now you can join in on the finding fun in this Samantha-Spinner-inspired scavenger hunt!

You have fifteen minutes to find books that contain the items on the checklist below. You will earn two points for each book collected that fits the description. When you have finished, use the box below to tally-up your points. The person with the most points wins!

- A LIGHT BLUE COVER
- A DARK BLUE COVER
- A YELLOW COVER
- AN ORANGE COVER
- SOMETHING RED
- A DOG
- A CAT
- A CAR
- SOMETHING YOU WOULD FIND IN A CLASSROOM
- A BANANA
- A TRAIN
- A SWORD
- SOMETHING YOU MIGHT SEE IN A PARK
- A BUG, INSECT, OR ARACHNID
- WATER

Note to group leaders: You can make this easier or harder by limiting the sections of your store or library in which kids are allowed to search.
CAN YOU HELP
Samantha Spinner
SOLVE THESE PUZZLES?

FOLLOW THAT PUG
Dennis snatched Samantha’s umbrella and ran. Cross out all the letters in P-U-G to find out where he’s taking it:

Answer: Italy

WHERE ARE MY UNICORN?
Samantha’s sister is shopping for a pair of rainbow unicorns. But what will she name them?

Sparkle  Fuzz
Fluffy    Bubbles  Sugartoes
Diamond   Sweetypie

Use these rules to find out the two magical names:
1) Combined, the names have 14 letters
2) Neither name has an F
3) Both names have an A

Answer: SparkleDiamond

CRYPTIC COUNTRIES
Samantha and Nipper spotted 14 countries on their umbrella... but the vowels are missing! Can you identify all the nations?

Answer Key: Mexico, Afghanistan, Norway, Venezuela, Finland, Mongolia, Argentina, South Africa, Pakistan, Morocco, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Indonesia, Russia

PARA-SOLVE IT
Look carefully. How many umbrellas do you see?

Answer: 6

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