



# LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY



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Dear Teacher,

Thank you for downloading the Primary 1 and 2 Canal Activity Sheets before your class's visit to Linlithgow Canal Centre.

**It would be helpful if, before your visit you could,**

- Reinforce the importance of safety near water to your class
- photocopy the Canal Activity Sheets as required
- Arrange pupils into groups of not more than ten with an adult in charge of each group.

**Please on the day of your visit**

- Bring confirmation of your booking.

**After your visit**

- Please could you complete the Evaluation Form at the end of the pack. It is important to learn from you of any aspects of the visit we can improve.

Linlithgow Union Canal Society wishes you and your class an enjoyable and educational visit.

Yours sincerely,

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**THE LINLITHGOW CANAL CENTRE**

# Union Canal Activity Sheet

## Discussion Ideas for Infant Canal Cruise

The headings below provide topics suitable for simple discussion and explanation with young children during the twenty minute cruise.

Boat description

Doocot

Crane Pillar

Mooring Rings

Basin Shape

Towpath

Bridges

Wildlife

Cargo

A game of I-spy

# Union Canal Activity Sheet

## Games Ideas for Infant Classes

### **Tunnels and Barges**

This is a simple game of tig. Choose one child to be the lock-keeper (to be 'it'). The rest of the children are barges. When a child has been tagged he/she becomes a tunnel by standing still with his/her legs apart until freed by a barge. A barge travelling through the legs of the tunnel allows the tunnel to join in again with the game.

### **Glasgow to Edinburgh**

This is an instruction game based on Port/Starboard. Name two opposite areas Glasgow and Edinburgh with Linlithgow placed in the middle which the children run to as the name is called. The children can also carry out some of the following actions (choose 3-4):

Captain's coming - children stand to attention and salute.

Scrub the deck - children mime scrubbing the deck.

Giddy-up - children trot or gallop.

Man the tiller - children mime steering the boat.

Fishy, fishy - children mime fishing with a rod.

Move the cargo - children mime shifting boxes.

Tunnel ahead - children duck down covering their heads.

Ducks in the water - children flap wings and quack.

### **Bridges and Tunnels**

This game is a simple race between two teams. Split children into two teams, each standing one behind the other. The child at the front of each team is given a ball. The ball has to be passed from person to person to the back of the line going between their legs (the tunnel). Once the ball reaches the end of the line it is passed overhead to the front of the line by each person in turn. The first team to complete this five times is the winner.

### **Barge Race**

This is a game for two teams. Split the children into two teams, each standing one behind the other. In front of each team place an equal quantity of 'cargo' (enough cargo for each child in the team). The object of the game is to transport the cargo a piece at a time to a designated point named Glasgow/Edinburgh/Linlithgow... The winning team is the first to transport all of the cargo.

# Union Canal Activity Sheet

Complete the wordsearch.

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Words

|       |       |      |       |
|-------|-------|------|-------|
| canal | jim   | duck | can   |
| boat  | barge | swan | rosie |

# Union Canal Activity Sheet

Draw a circle around the things that you saw at the canal.

swan

tiger

tree

clown

train

castle

canal

duck

cat

boat

beach

fish

desk

man

log

sheep

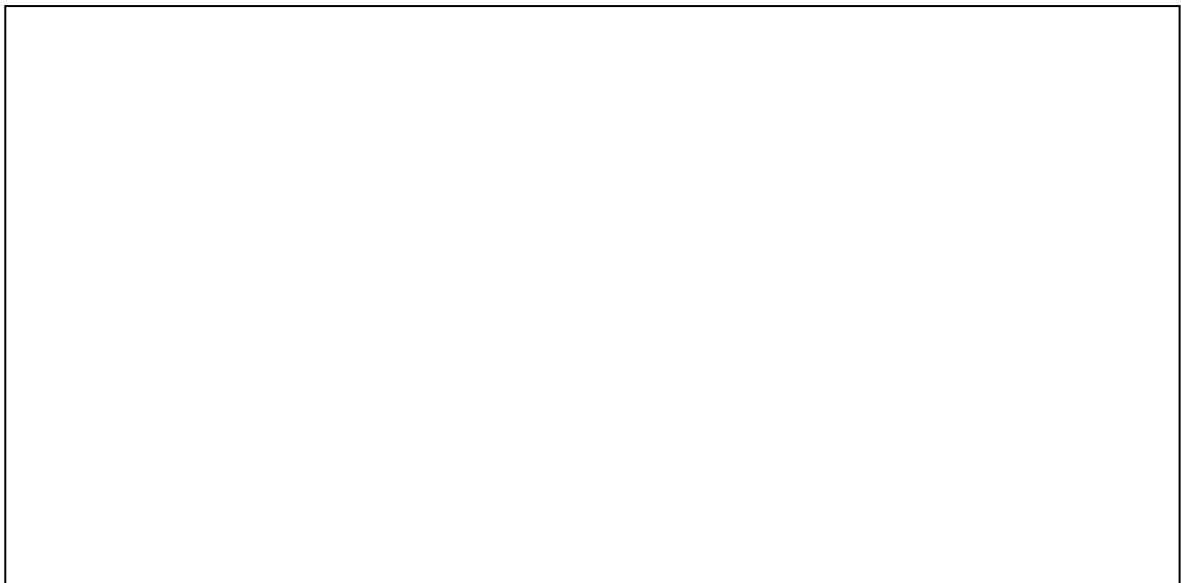
water

horse

bridge

apple

Draw one of the things you saw.



# Union Canal Activity Sheet

Write yes or no.

I saw a duck. \_\_\_\_\_

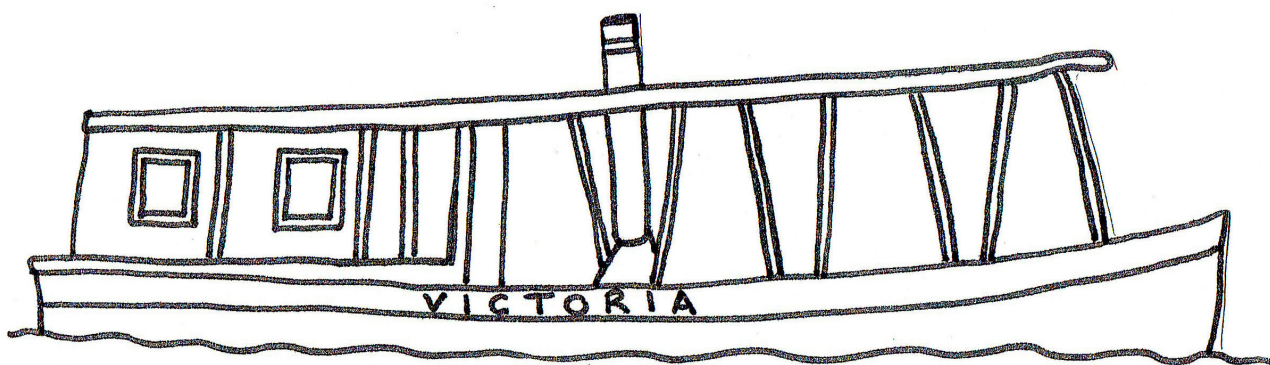
I saw a barge. \_\_\_\_\_

I saw a tiger. \_\_\_\_\_

I saw water. \_\_\_\_\_

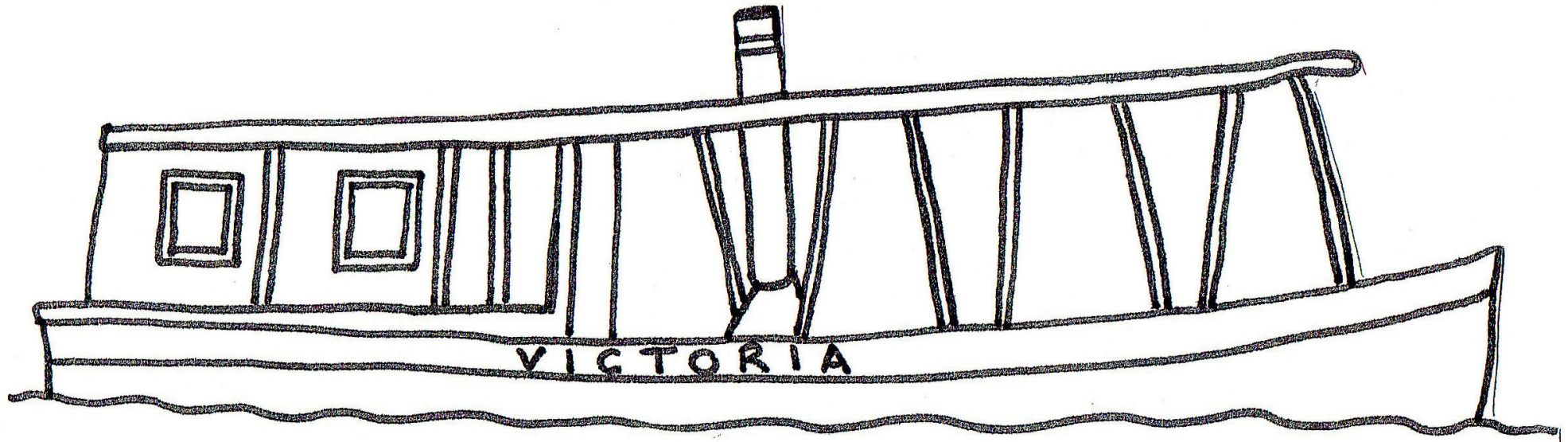
I saw a clown. \_\_\_\_\_

Colour the picture of Victoria.



# Union Canal Activity Sheet

## VICTORIA



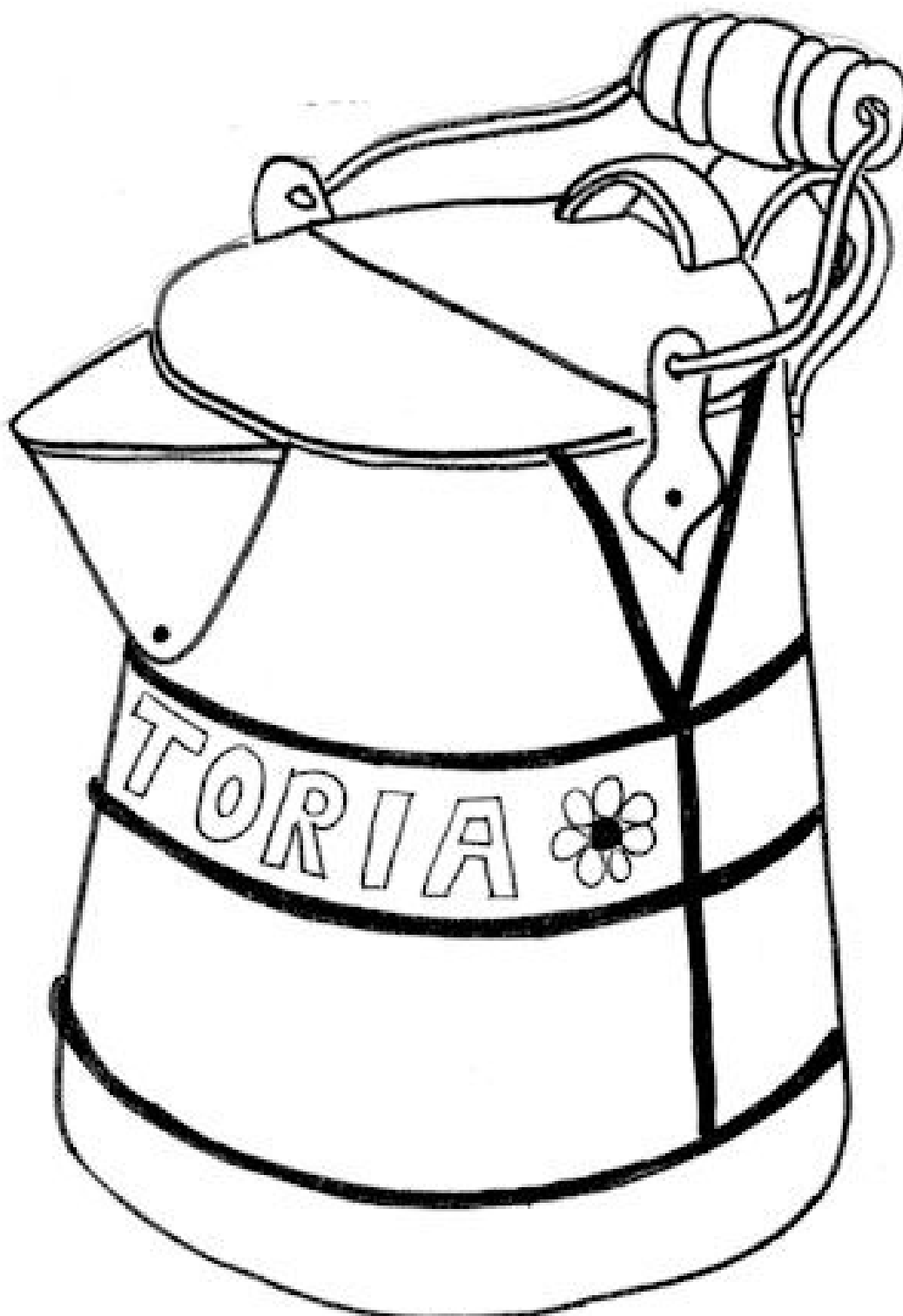
Draw

- the captain steering the boat
- Three people on the boat
- a duck and four ducklings in the water
- a swan swimming in front of the boat

Now colour the picture.

# Union Canal Activity Sheet

Colour in the water can.



What is the name of the boat that this can is from ?

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## Teacher Evaluation Form

Name of School: .....

Date of visit: .....

Please circle

Did the booking leaflet provide all the information you required? Yes No

What have we missed? .....

Was the resource pack useful? Yes No

Should we have included anything else? .....

Was the boat trip an interesting experience? Yes No

Was the talk and/or video appropriate for your pupils? Yes No

How can we improve? .....

Were the canal activities/games appropriate for your pupils? Yes No

Would you recommend a LUCS visit to others ? Yes No

Please comment on any aspect of your visit.

LUCS values your feedback and will endeavour to use the information to make a future visit to the Union Canal as relevant as possible to the needs of children.

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Please either hand the completed form to the LUCS member who looked after your class or scan it and email to [bookings@lucs.org.uk](mailto:bookings@lucs.org.uk)