Activities to enjoy

Up! Up! Up! Skyscraper
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About the Book

Snappy rhymes invite young readers to watch workers dig, pour, pound, and bolt a skyscraper into existence. Simple yet satisfying sidebars provide further information about each step in the construction process. Perfect for preschoolers and all those who dig diggers.

Quirky, colorful art enhances the appeal of a construction site with all the equipment and sounds of building.

The 2017 Summer Reading Theme:
Build a Better World

About the Author & Illustrator

Anastasia Suen loves to write, write, write about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). She has written more than 250 books for children, teens, and adults, including Wired, Subway (Penguin Young Readers), and the Robot and Rico series (Stone Arch Books). She is also a Booklist columnist, a children’s literature consultant, a freelance editor, and a teacher. Anastasia lives in Northern California.

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Common Core Alignment for Grades K-1

Grade K: ELA. RI.K.1-8, 10
Grade 1: ELA. RI.1.1-4, 7, 8, 10

Build your vocabulary!

Across
1. What we call a very tall building
3. Tall and made of steel; it supports a building
4. Bars of steel used to make a building’s bones
6. How you make a hole in the ground
8. You pour it wet, and it hardens like a rock

Down
1. The pointy decoration at the top of a building
2. How you get concrete to stay in place
3. Equipment used to lift heavy things
5. The solid rock underground
7. The deep hole all around a construction site

Arrange these building activities in the correct order!

_______ Pound the concrete piles
_______ Put on your hard hat
_______ Sign your name on the final beam
_______ Lift the Beams into place
_______ Dig a trench around the construction site
_______ Bolt the columns
_______ Pour the concrete

Answer key: 4, 1, 7, 6, 2, 5, 3

Match the word to the picture!

Drilling Rig  Dump Truck  Excavator  Rebar Cage  Tower Crane  Rooftop Spire

Answer key, pictured left to right: Dump Truck, Excavator, Rooftop Spire, Tower Crane, Drilling Rig, Rebar Cage
Build your own flipbook!

Cut out the pieces below and on the following pages. Stack them in order, the first image on the top and the last image at the bottom. Staple your pages together on the left side. Then flip the pages with your thumb and watch the skyscraper go up, up, up!