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Taurus Challenge



Taurus, a trustworthy and tenacious Earth sign

The second astrological sign of the zodiac that lies between the 20th April and 20th May. You won't bull-ieve the activities inside...

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Taurus' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

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Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK - solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

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Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

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HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

Age 3 - 5							Craft	Food	Games	Other	PICK
Age 5 - 7											
Age 7 - 11		+									
Age 11 - 14		+									
Age 14 - 18		+									
Age 18+		+									

Leaders, Teachers & Parents
Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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Craft

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- ♉ The symbolic animal of the Zodiac sign Taurus is a bull. Transform your own hand print into a bull, using coloured paint and paper of your choice.
- ♉ A Taurus' lucky colour is said to be green and Taurus is an Earth sign. Have a go at green bubble art and paint your creation to look like the Earth.
- ♉ Bulls are male cattle and cows are female cattle. Although bulls do not have udders, cows do! Have a go at making your own cow udder.

How?

Use permanent markers to colour a white rubber/washing glove with black spots like a Holstein-Friesian cow. Prick a hole in each end of each finger with a pin and fill with water over the sink. Tie the top and milk away! Is there a specific cow milking technique that you can learn and practise for this activity? Have a look online!

- ♉ Check out our 'Taurus' Pinterest board and use up your old toilet roll tubes by re-modelling them into toilet roll bulls.
- ♉ Create your own hand-print Earth. Draw a circle on some paper and get messy by coating one hand in green paint and one in blue paint. Hand print within the circle and leave it to dry, then cut it out to finish.
- ♉ Raid your recycling bin for a spare tin can and transform it into a tin can cow bell. Leave your tin plain for a more rustic look or decorate it with craft materials of your choice.
- ♉ Re-create the mythological story of Zeus' transformation into a bull through art. Draw, paint, or construct this moment with materials of your choice.

Why?

According to Greek mythology, Zeus, the god of the sky and thunder, transformed himself into a beautiful bull to impress Europa, a Phoenician princess. Some people believe that the constellation, Taurus, is named after this mythological moment.

- ♉ Gather only green coloured natural materials from your garden or local park and collage your own natural picture. Why not create a butterfly, a landscape scene, or go all out Taurus and compose a picture of a bull?
- ♉ Create an abstract piece of art that represents Taurus. Why not use different coloured shapes to create a bull picture or the Taurus symbol. Get creative!
- ♉ Print a line drawing of the Earth as a template and tear up bits of blue and green paper or old magazines/leaflets to collage your own Earth.



Food

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- ♉ Make some bull-themed party food. You could bake white chocolate cornflake cakes as hay bails, milk chocolate crispy cakes as cow poops and use oreos as tractor tyres for an 'on the farm' feel to your bull buffet.
 - ♉ Green is supposedly the lucky colour of a Taurus. Put together your own healthy buffet board using only green foods. An easy idea is to chop sticks of cucumber, celery, and green pepper that can be dunked in something refreshing like a sour cream and chive dip!
 - ♉ Decorate cupcakes to look like bulls or cows.
 - ♉ Prepare your own green summer rolls or otherwise named, green Vietnamese spring rolls.
 - ♉ Decorate biscuits, cakes, or tray bakes with the Taurus constellation. Use edible pearls and royal icing to create your constellation on top!
 - ♉ Whip up a green coloured smoothie. Most smoothie recipes that contain a lot of spinach mixed with mango or pineapple will blend to a bright green colour. Find some green smoothie recipes on our 'Taurus' Pinterest board.
 - ♉ On the topic of green foods... Take a browse online for a pistachio cake recipe. Often these kind of cakes will come out bright green! If you don't like pistachios, bake a cake and dye the batter green with food colouring or use ingredients that are naturally bright green in colour.
 - ♉ Try a matcha tea or a green tea.
 - ♉ A Taurus is said to love Italian food. Make a traditional Italian dish of your choice. Pasta? Pizza? Both?! What's not to love?
- Make your own edible Emerald jelly sweets.
- ♉ **Why?**
Emeralds are said to be the lucky stone of a Taurus, symbolizing both love and wisdom.
- ♉ Have a go at making your own basil and parsley pesto - it's green in colour and a traditional Italian recipe. A Taurus is sure to love it!
 - ♉ Bake and decorate your own bull/cow cake pops.
 - ♉ See if you can whip up a tasty dish by combining 2 ingredients that start with the letter 'T' for 'Taurus'. You could use tomatoes and tagliatelle, toffee and treacle, or tabasco and tacos!



Games

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- ♉ Download the free 'Guess the Taurus' resource from our website. The aim of the game is to try and guess the famous people that are born between 20th April and 20th May, just from the cues that are given.
- ♉ Taurus are said to have a very strong memory. Put your memory to the test by playing the magic cup game. See who can correctly say which cup the ball is under after someone has shuffled them. Take it in turns with a partner - the first person to guess 3 correct wins.
- ♉ Play another memory game from the list below or one of your choice:
 - Remember the missing item in a pile of objects
 - "Today I went to the shop and bought a..."
 - Matching pairs
- ♉ For a more relaxing and calming Taurus-themed activity, complete the Taurus dot-to-dot. Head across to the Pawprint Family website to download this resource for free!
- ♉ Bulls are said to see danger when they see the colour red. Play a game where a large, opaque bag is full of different coloured items, but only one red item. Pass the bag around the circle, with each player taking one item out of the bag. The unlucky person to pull out the red item is out of the game. Continue playing until there is a winner.
- ♉ Take it in turns, with a partner, to think of objects beginning with each letter of 'TAURUS'. How many rounds can you complete? Can you think of enough objects to spell out 'Taurus' three times?!
- ♉ Play our 'Tell Us the Taurus' game. Download and print the free resource from our website.

What?

A question and answer 'Who am I?' style game. Cut out the cards with famous names on. Put them into a pile, face down, and choose one to stick on your head without peeking. Take it in turns with a partner to ask yes and no questions that will help you figure out which famous Taurus you have chosen. If the game is too challenging, ask your partner for a clue or two!

- ♉ Bull races! Transform a broomstick into a bull and hold a round of un-bull-ievable broomstick bull races with friends or family.
- ♉ If you're feeling brave enough, have a go at bull riding on a mechanical bull with adult supervision. But be warned, things could get rocky...



Other

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- ♉ Head across to Birmingham, UK and visit the Bull Ring shopping centre for a bit of Taurus-themed retail therapy. A Taurus is supposedly hard-working, they've got to reward their hard work somehow, right?
- ♉ Use non-fiction books, reliable websites, or documentaries to learn about the different breeds of cows and bulls. Compare their differences and look at what each breed is used for.
- ♉ 'Taurus' is the Latin word for 'bull'. Find out how to say 'bull' in other languages of your choice.
- ♉ Take a trip to your local farm or zoo and discover how they take care of their cattle. Why not ask to volunteer whilst you're there?
- ♉ Think up an acrostic (or more than one) to help you remember how to spell Taurus. For an extra challenge, try to use words that represent the personality traits of a Taurus too.
- ♉ Bulls aren't always the friendliest of animals and can be very dangerous. Learn about how to avoid, or escape, a bull safely.
- ♉ Find out the properties of a bull's horns and why they are so strong.
- ♉ Discover more about the story of Zeus and the bull in Greek mythology. Why did he want to impress the princess? Why did he think a bull would be more impressive than another animal? Find out as much as you can.
- ♉ Go on a bull/cow hunt. Enjoy a gentle stroll or a calm drive through the countryside to see these brilliant beasts in their natural habitat. If walking, be careful not to get too near to the cattle in case you frighten them.
- ♉ Cowboy Tuff Chex, a Texas Longhorn, is a Guinness World Record Holder. This bull had the longest recorded horn spread ever at a whopping length of 262.5 centimeters! Work out how many socks long that is.
- ♉ Discover which stars make up the Taurus constellation. For more of a challenge, find out as much as you can about these stars too.
- ♉ Try and find out why cattle are considered sacred in world religions such as Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and others.
- ♉ Create a fact poster full of everything you have learned about the zodiac sign, Taurus. Present your poster to your group or display somewhere special. Why not create a Zodiac fact file to keep it in?

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