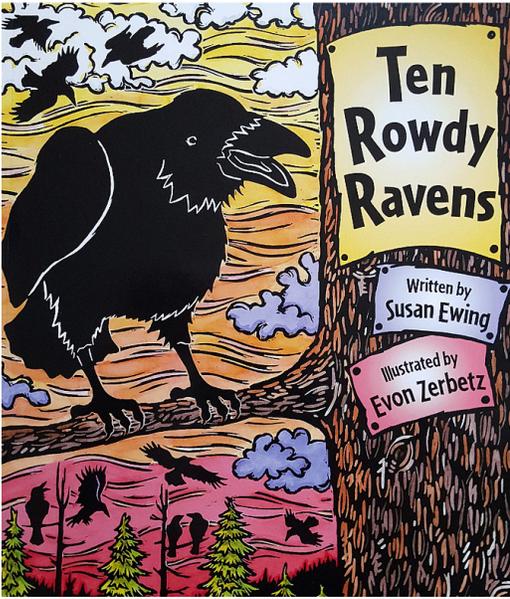


# Activity and Teacher's Guide



**Ten Rowdy Ravens** | Alaska Northwest Books

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**Ten Rowdy Ravens** introduces children 4 years and up to the rowdy and mischievous shenanigans of the popular raven! This fun “countdown from 10” book features 10 ravens in silly situations that gradually take their numbers down to one, where they eventually reunite to play all over again!

**Happy reading!**

## Reading/Writing/Language Arts

1. Read *Ten Rowdy Ravens* and answer the following questions:
  - a. How many ravens start out in the beginning of the game?
  - b. What happened to the pail of bait on the Corvid boat?
  - c. Eight roguish ravens pilfer piles of loot. What items can you see in the beaks of the ravens?
  - d. What happened at the Ravenous Dragon restaurant? What gives the ravens a bellyache?
  - e. What do the two remaining ravens do in the back of the pickup truck?
2. What is an adjective? What adjectives can you find in *Ten Rowdy Ravens* that describe the ravens? Are there some new words that you've never heard of? List them on a sheet of paper and define what they mean. Then list all adjectives that describe yourself. Do you share any similarities with ravens?
3. Create a list of characteristics of a raven using the letters RAVEN. For example:
  - R** - rambunctious
  - A** - adventurous
  - V** - victorious
  - E** - energetic
  - N** - nosy
4. At the end of the game the one remaining raven “kawed” for his friends to come and begin the game again. Write about the mischievous adventures you would have the ravens play. Come up with 10 difference scenarios.



## Raven Word Find!

C	H	O	P	S	U	E	Y	A
R	S	B	P	E	A	R	L	S
A	I	R	A	U	C	O	U	S
K	U	Y	D	W	O	R	R	E
I	G	P	C	T	D	E	N	L
S	O	R	R	F	Z	J	U	K
H	R	I	P	I	C	N	I	C
G	C	Z	C	R	A	Z	Y	E
K	H	E	I	N	E	V	A	R

Find these words from **Ten Rowdy Ravens!** They can be found across, down, diagonal, and backwards.

<b>CHOP-SUEY</b>	<b>RAUCOUS</b>
<b>CRAZY</b>	<b>RAVEN</b>
<b>LOOT</b>	<b>RECKLESS</b>
<b>PEARLS</b>	<b>ROGUISH</b>
<b>PICNIC</b>	<b>ROWDY</b>
<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>TRICK</b>
<b>RAKISH</b>	<b>UNRULY</b>

## Science/Natural History

1. What family does the raven belong to? What other birds belong to this family?
2. Are ravens and crows the same bird? If not, what are their differences? Do they have any similarities?
3. Where do ravens live? Do any ravens live near you?
4. What do ravens eat? Are there some foods you can't believe they actually eat? List them.
5. Do ravens migrate or stay year round in one place?
6. Do ravens like to be together in groups like in Ten Rowdy Ravens or do they like to be alone? Are they considered social birds?
7. Do you think ravens talk to one another? Why or why not? Do they sing?
8. Do you think ravens like to play like you? Do you think they are very smart? Can you think of any other animals that get into as much trouble as the ravens? List them. (Try researching these questions in the library or on the internet.)

## Math

1. Ravens love sparkly things! If a raven saw a jewelry box filled with 50 pretty pearls and stole 15 of them, how many pearls would be left? How many would be left if another raven took 7?

2. Ravens like to slide down snow hills, too! If one raven kaws for two of his friends to join him and then they each kaw for two of their friends, how many total will be sliding down the snow hill?

