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Holiday gatherings will soon be in full swing. With them come food, family, friends – and likely a dash of chaos during critical cooking times.

Hosts might need an activity to calm their stress. Guests might need a distraction while waiting for the turkey to come out of the oven.

The puzzles and comics regularly found in The Journal Gazette's Living section are a great start, and we've created some additional games to entertain children and the young at heart.

We are also asking children to design an ornament that might be shared with the community.

Solve the puzzles yourself or save the pages for an upcoming holiday gathering. Answers appear at the end of the PDF.

FESTIVE IN FORT WAYNE

See holiday coverage in the area, including an events guide, recipe ideas, games and more throughout the holiday season. Scan here or go to www.journalgazette.net/living and click Festive in Fort Wayne.



GUEST GUESS-OFF

Learn something new and test guests' holiday knowledge with these trivia questions. Who can guess the most right answers?

1 According to the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture, Indiana was the ranked second in the U.S. for acres of pumpkins harvested with more than 7,000 acres that year. What neighboring state ranked first with more than 18,000 acres harvested?

- A. Ohio
- B. Illinois
- C. Michigan
- D. Kentucky

2 Along its 3-mile route, Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights has more than 700 displays comprising how many scenes?

- A. 103
- B. 128
- C. 151
- D. 186

3 The Holiday Lights walk-through experience at Parkview Field includes more than how many lights and displays?

- A. 500,000
- B. 1 million
- C. 1.5 million
- D. 2.5 million

4 Which of these poinsettia facts are true, according to the 1-800-Flowers website?

- A. The common name was given in honor of Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico who is credited with introducing the plant to the U.S.
- B. Dec. 12 is known as Poinsettia Day.
- C. The brightly colored portions of the plant are known as bracts; the actual flower is the yellow bloom at the center of the bracts.
- D. All of the above

5 According to the Guinness World Records website, a new record for heaviest pumpkin was set this year by 64-year-old twin brothers Ian and Stuart Paton of Hampshire, United Kingdom. Nicknamed Maggie, their pumpkin also set a record for largest pumpkin by circumference at 255.8 inches. How much did it weigh?

- A. 1,962 pounds, 4 ounces
- B. 2,572 pounds, 4 ounces
- C. 2,819 pounds, 4 ounces
- D. 2,923 pounds, 4 ounces

6 About how many bulbs are in the Merry Christmas wreath light display at I&M Power Center Plaza?

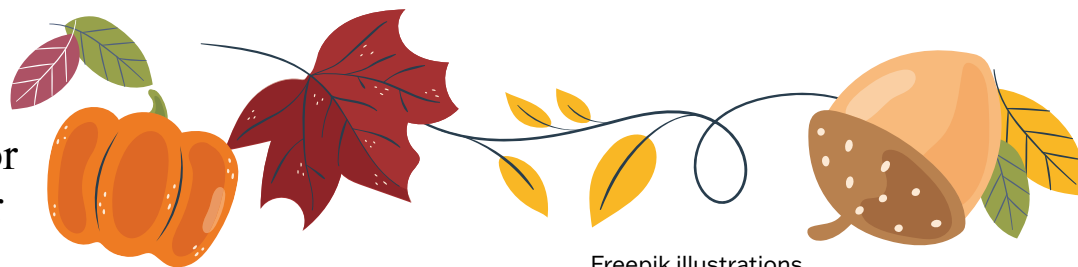
- A. 7,000
- B. 7,500
- C. 8,000
- D. 8,500

7 About how many bulbs are in the Santa and His Reindeer light display at PNC Plaza?

- A. 23,600
- B. 24,700
- C. 25,300
- D. 26,200

8 In 2024, Indiana raised more than 20 million turkeys, which ranks it third in turkey production in the U.S., according to data from the USDA analyzed by Trace One, a company specializing in regulatory compliance for the food and beverage industry. What percentage of America's turkeys are raised in Indiana?

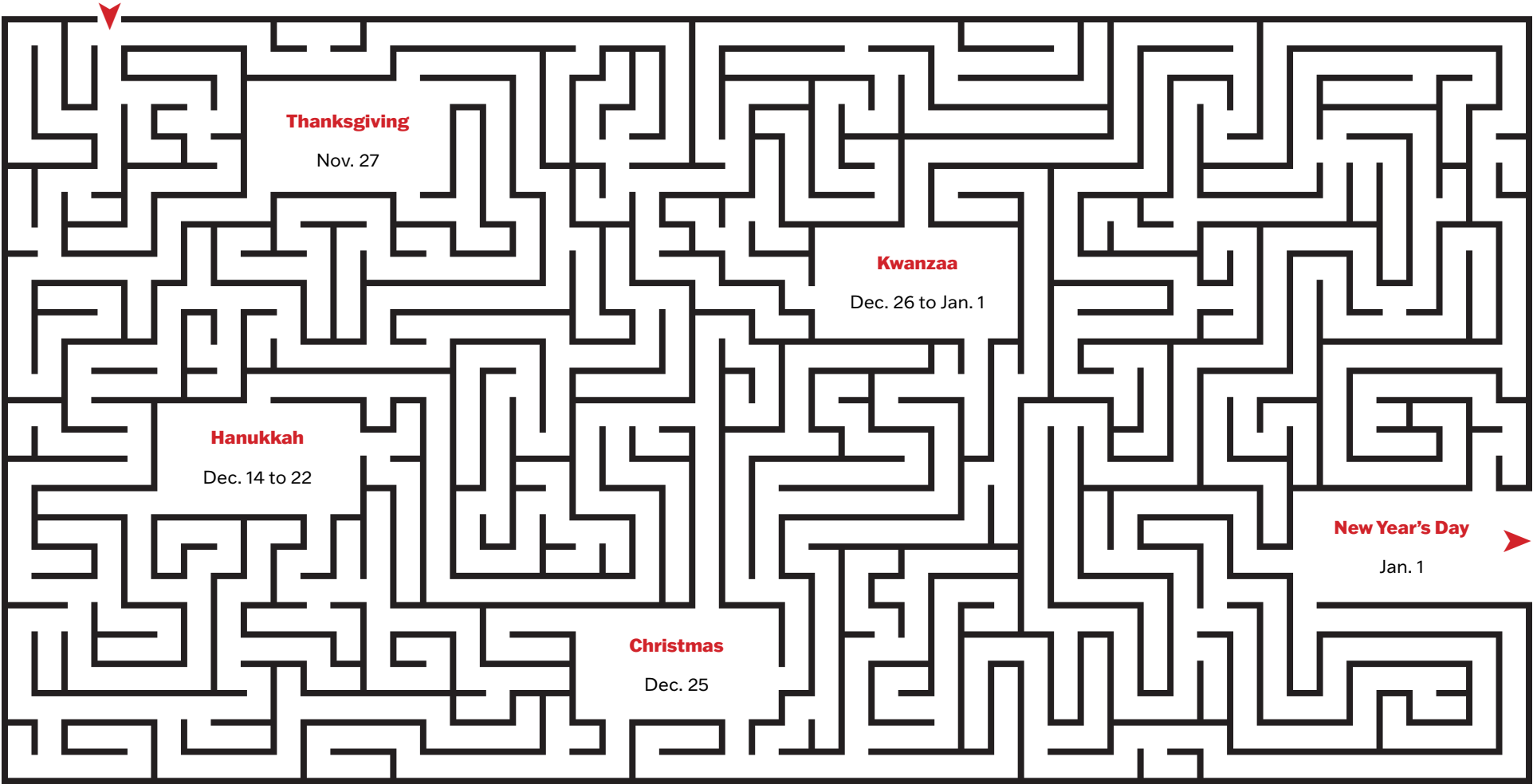
- A. 10%
- B. 12%
- C. 15%
- D. 17%



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MAZE IT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

To finish this maze and make it to the new year, you will need to pass through each of the listed holidays in the order that they fall on the 2025 calendar.



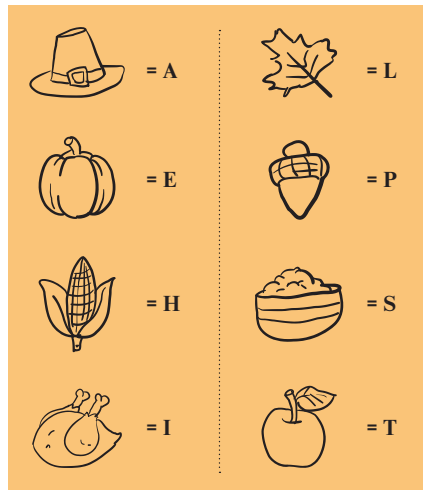
MENU SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these blocks of letters to reveal popular holiday foods and flavors.

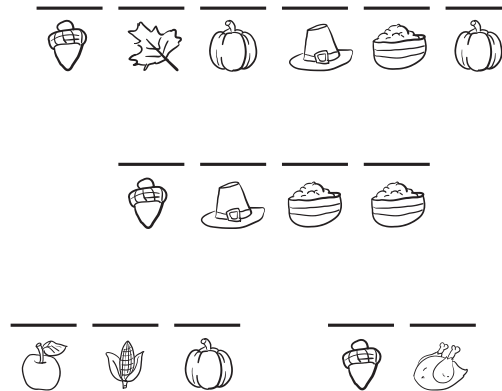
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|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. yerutk | 2. alket | 3. nrbrarcy | 4. ipkpmnu |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. kesoio | 6. gsuifntf | 7. ninaomnc | 8. rgebaenrdgi |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I'LL HAVE 3.14159 PIECES

Use the key to solve the coded Thanksgiving riddle.



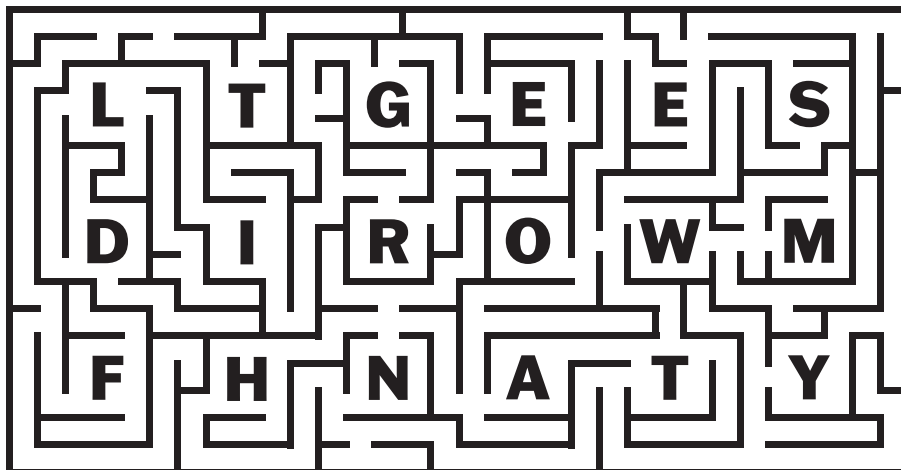
What did the mathematician say after finishing her turkey?



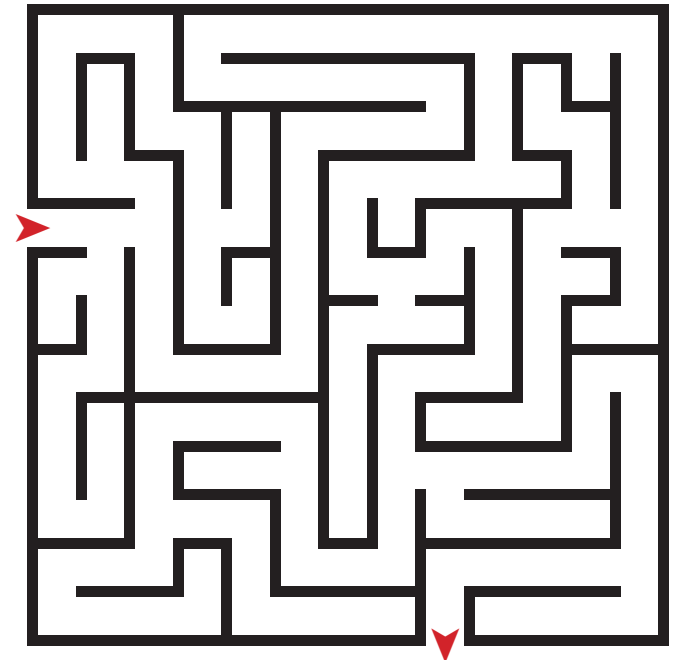
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STRINGING TOGETHER

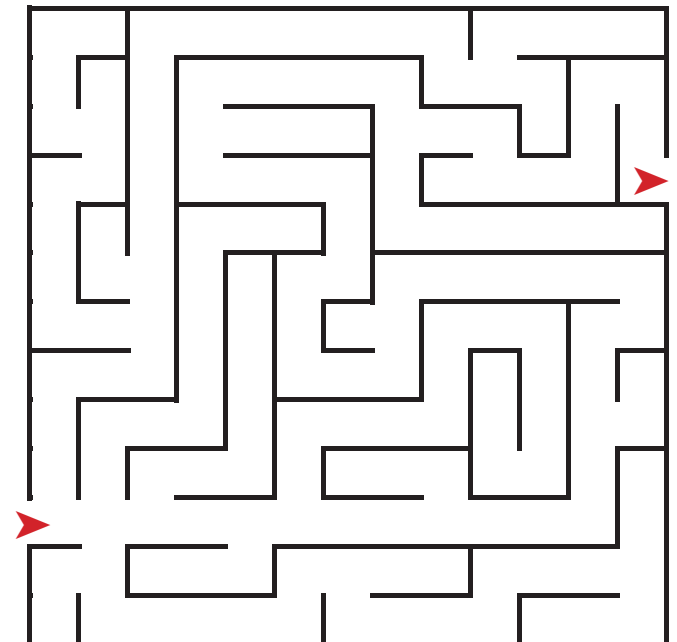
Pass through letters to connect the word for something you are sure to see this holiday season. If you pass through a letter square, you must collect that letter. You can only pass through each letter square once, and you must exit from a different route than you entered. The answer will be spelled in correct order. A hint is in the name of the puzzle.



MORE MAZES - #1



MORE MAZES - #2



DESIGN AN ORNAMENT

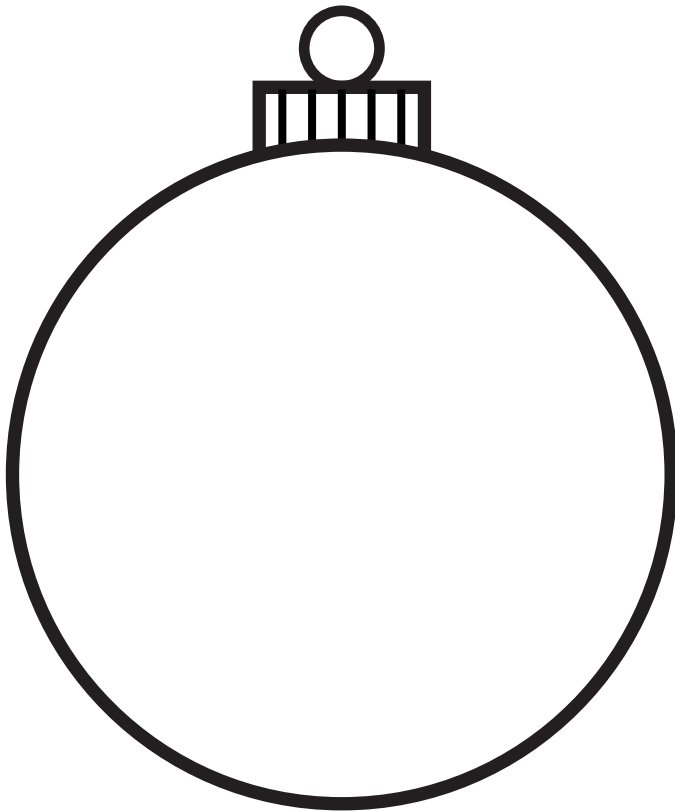
Children can draw an ornament to share with the community. Some of the best ornament designs will be printed in The Journal Gazette and posted online before Christmas!

The drawing must be original work, and only what is inside the large circle will be used. Please do not fold or crease the drawing. The original drawing must be submitted; no scans or photos will be accepted. One drawing allowed per person.

Drop off in the Fort Wayne Newspapers lobby, 600 W. Main St., between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays (closed Thanksgiving Day), or mail to: Corey McMaken, The Journal Gazette, 600 W. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN, 46802

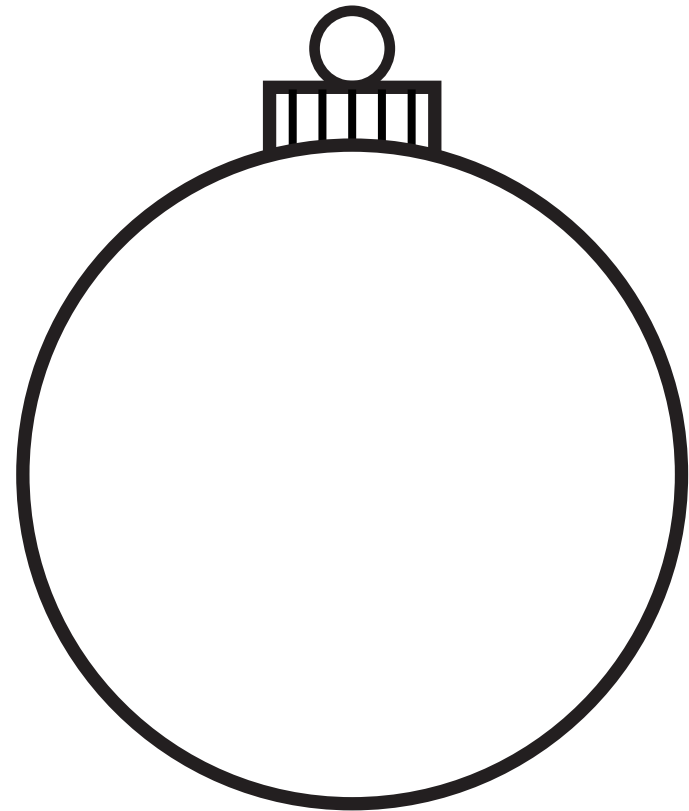
The creator's name and city must be included with submissions.

Deadline is 3 p.m. Dec. 5.



First/last name: _____

Age: _____ City/town of residence: _____



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ANSWERS

Guest guess-off

1. B; 2. D; 3. C; 4. D; 5. C; 6. D; 7. B; 8. A

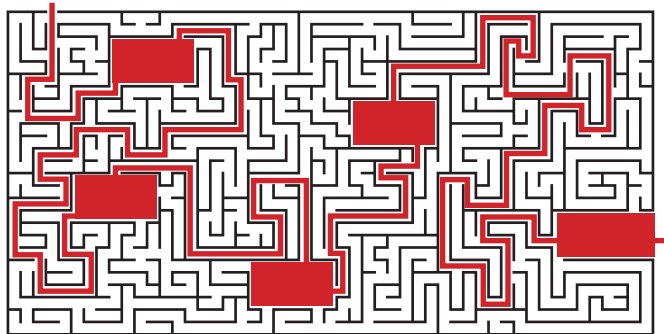
I'll take 3.14159 pieces

What did the mathematician say after finishing her turkey? Please pass the pi!

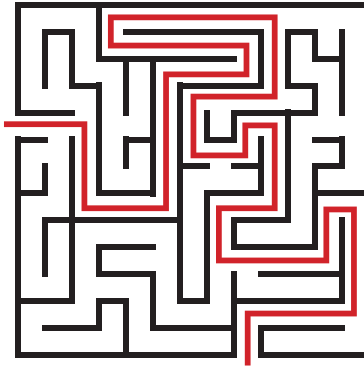
Menu scramble

1. turkey; 2. latke; 3. cranberry;
4. pumpkin; 5. cookies; 6. stuffing;
7. cinnamon; 8. gingerbread

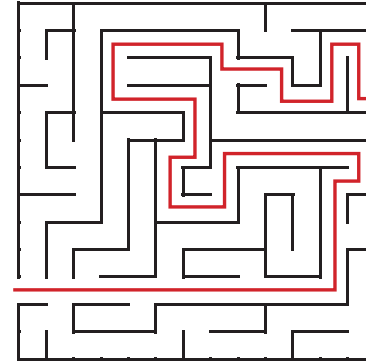
Maze it through the holidays



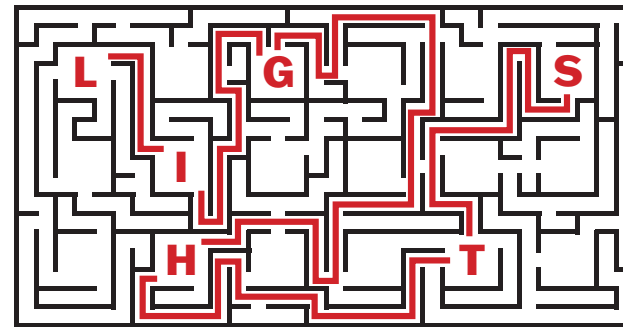
More mazes – #1



More mazes – #2



Stringing together



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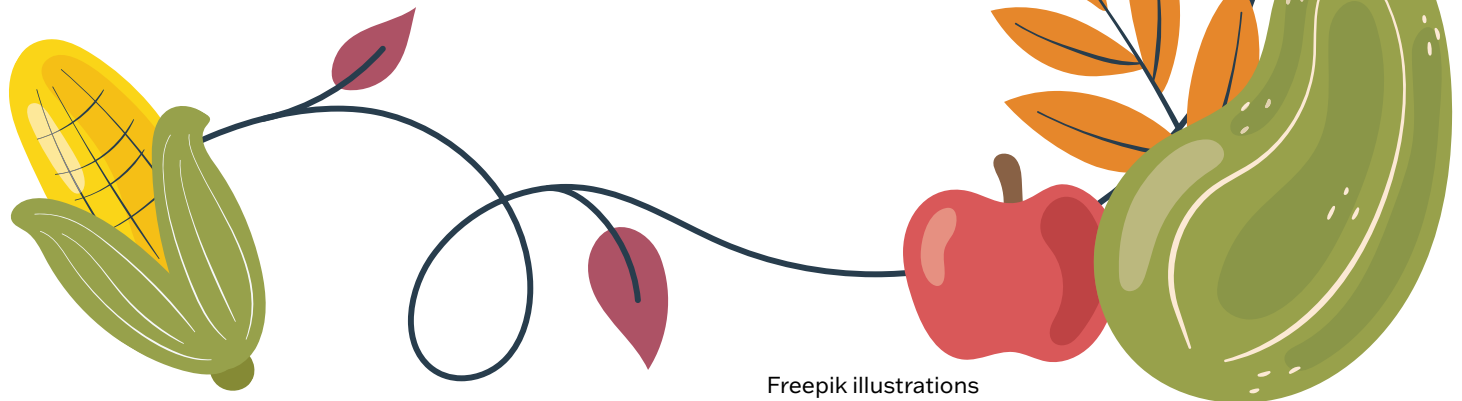
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