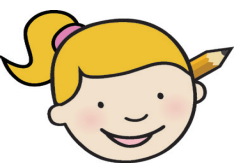
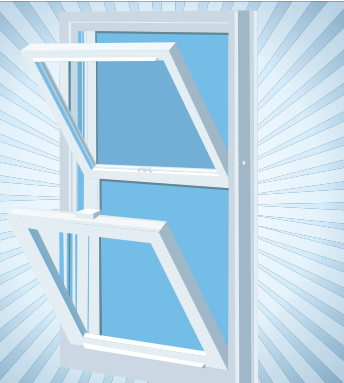


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Our Country's 9/11

Usually when we celebrate a 25th anniversary, it's a happy occasion — perhaps a wedding date or a milestone in a job. Sometimes, however, we are called to recognize events that have been difficult or painful.

This week, Americans are remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001 — 25 years ago. The Mini Page reminds us of what happened that day and why it's still important more than two decades later.

What happened?

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 members of a group called al-Qaida (al-KIE-duh) **hijacked*** four airplanes with many passengers and crew aboard. Some of these hijackers deliberately crashed two passenger planes into the two skyscrapers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Other hijackers crashed a jet plane into the Pentagon, the U.S. Department of Defense headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C.

Hijackers tried to crash a fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, into the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Brave passengers and crew on Flight 93 heard about the other attacks when they made calls from the jet. They decided to stop



photo by Phil Dolby

the hijackers before they could hurt more people.

Flight 93 crashed in an empty field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Those passengers and crew lost their own lives, but they saved people in Washington.

About 3,000 people were killed in the four attacks of that day.

Remembering the victims

Since the attacks in 2001, people have built memorials to those who lost their lives in three main places: the site of the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia, and the field in Pennsylvania where Flight 93 crashed.

It took less than two hours for the twin towers of the World Trade Center to collapse after they were struck by airplanes.



photo by Wally Gabetz

The **National 9/11 Memorial and Museum** in New York City includes objects found at the scene, wreckage of the buildings, and **oral histories**, or interviews with survivors and first responders, about what happened that day.

Each year, on Sept. 11, families of the victims gather at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza to read out loud the names of 2,983 people who lost their lives that day and in the 1993 bombing at the same site.



The Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, just after a plane crashed into it.

U.S. Navy Photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Bob Houllian

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of 9/11 are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

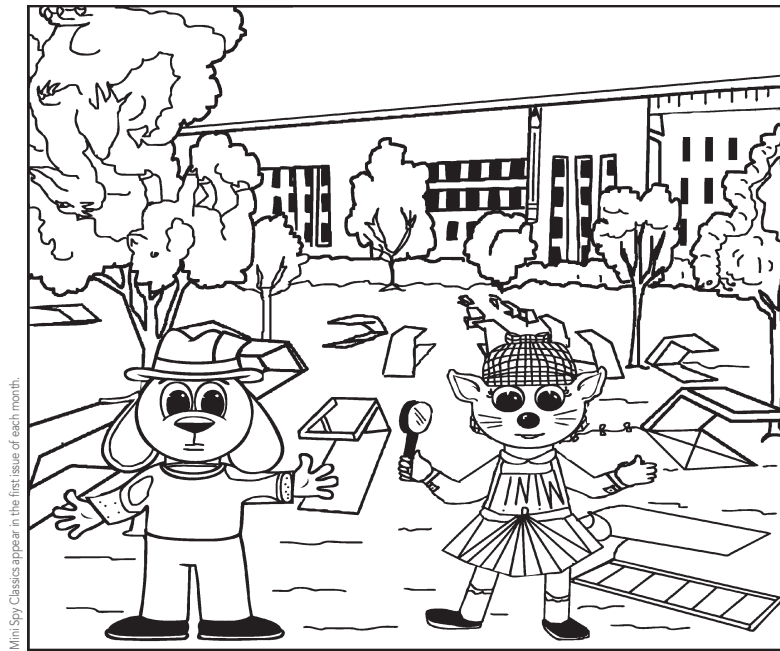
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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



Mini Spy Classics appear in the first issue of each month.

Based on materials originally produced and/or created by Betty Debnam.

- kite
- caterpillar
- pencil
- word MINI
- dragon
- sheep
- ruler
- fan
- ladder
- watering can
- letter A
- number 2
- basket

Mini Jokes



Frank: What's a firefighter's favorite snack?

Fran: Hot chips!

Felicia: What's on every fire department's dinner menu?

Fred: Five-Alarm Chili!



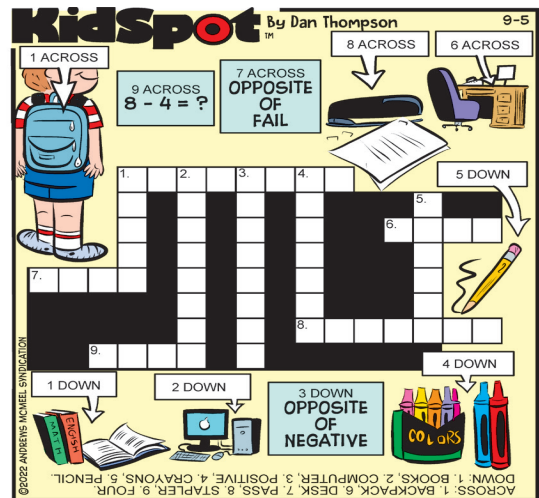
Eco Note

Climate change, habitat disruption and emerging diseases are creating new challenges for both snakes and the people who encounter them, according to two recent studies. Researchers led by the World Health Organization found that warming temperatures are driving some venomous snakes into new regions, potentially raising the risk of snakebites for people in parts of Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. At the same time, scientists studying wild snakes in the southeastern United States found that fungal, bacterial and parasitic infections are becoming increasingly common, with some rattlesnake species particularly vulnerable to serious illness.

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For later:

Look in your local newspaper for items about 9/11 anniversary remembrances.



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