

SMART FUN FOR COOL KIDS

# Kid Scoop News®

OCTOBER 2025

## HOW SCARY IS YOUR ROOM?

Count Alucard's niece and nephew are driving him batty with the mess they've made in the haunted house. Have fun helping them clean up and get tips for organizing YOUR room!

## PUMPKIN FITNESS

Pretend you are a pumpkin and giggle while you stay healthy with the Kid Scoop News Fit & Fun page!



**Try this!**

How many words can you make using the letters in the words PUMPKIN PATCH?

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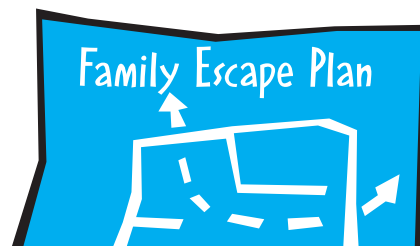
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### SCORE YOURSELF:

1-5 words: **Cool!**  
6-10 words: **Super!**  
11 or more words: **AMAZING!!!**



## SAFETY SIZZLES

October is Fire Prevention Month. Does your family have a safety plan?

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# On Track Reader 2025-26



During the 2025-26 school year, Book Mark & Nautical Yarn will provide **free tutoring** through their **ON TRACK READER Tutoring Program** held at Book Mark in downtown Ludington. With the help of volunteer tutors, students are assisted in foundational reading skills using a well-respected, research-based curriculum. Students may be in grades K - 3.

- Beginning this fall, the Literacy Team at Ludington Elementary School will administer assessments in reading skills to each student
- The Literacy Team will share results with K-3 teachers prior to Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 2025
- If assessments warrant intervention, teachers will encourage parents to enroll their children in the ON TRACK READER program
- Representatives of the ON TRACK READER program will be available on-site during conferences to collect permission slips (Actual tutoring sessions will begin the following Tuesday, October 21, 2025)
- Tutors will customize a tutorial program for each student based on the student's instructional needs
- Students will be tutored individually or in small-groups by volunteer tutors (frequently retired educators) trained in the science of reading

## Schedule for 2025-26

On Track Reader will meet 10-12 times in each Session.

- Session 1 (October 21 - December 4, 2025)
- Session 2 (January 13 - February 26, 2026)
- Session 3 (March 17 - April 30, 2026)

Tutoring sessions meet from 3:30 - 4:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Tutor Training and Tutor Training Dates

### Parent Training

If you would like to learn how to help your child improve their reading skills at home, On Track Reader will be offering parent training at Book Mark this fall.

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## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Which article of this month's *Kid Scoop News* will you read first?"

Send your answer to:

**KID SCOOP NEWS**  
181 Andrieux St. Suite 200  
Sonoma, CA 95476

First Name:

City:

School:

Grade:



# WOODWORD'S CORNER

## Dear Readers,

October is a time to talk about scary things like witches, ghosts and eating too much candy! But, you know what is really scary? Not knowing how to read!

Reading **Kid Scoop News** boosts your reading skills. The more time you spend reading, the better you will read. And, reading is fun! Enjoy my scavenger hunt game.

## October Scavenger Hunt Reading Game

- What are the names of Count Alucard's niece and nephew?
- What does bone marrow make?
- What was Jackie Robinson really good at?
- Find the page about a kid named Jason who had a goal. What was his goal?

## I want to hear from YOU!

Be sure to answer my Question of the Month next to this letter. If you want to tell me more, please write a letter and send it along with the answer to the Question of the Month.

*Woodward*

**Yikes!** Did you hear that creepy sound? Connect the dots on the moon and find out what made the noise.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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# Walk to School in October



Photo courtesy Walk to School USA

The idea of International Walk to School Week started with students in the United Kingdom.

**C**elebrate autumn by walking to school. With this simple, joyful act, you will be sharing an activity with thousands of other students around the world.

## Walking Around the Globe

In 1997, the Partnership for a Walkable America introduced the first National Walk Our Children to School Day in Chicago. Communities in the U.S. have continued to celebrate every year since then and slowly other countries joined in.

In 2006, the International Walk to School Committee established October as International Walk to School Month.

## Walking Adventures

Throughout the years, children around the world have had some Walk to School adventures. In the Philippines, kids had to avoid a typhoon on their journey. In Nigeria, children stopped at the zebra-crossing signs.

On the island of Fiji, pedestrians followed a police

band playing flutes. The men dressed in traditional skirts, and the students carried a sign written in English, “It’s cool to walk to school.”

In the Philippines, the kids had to avoid a typhoon on their journey.

“There was much excitement on Walk to School Day,” said a teacher in Victoria, Australia. “The children practiced road safety skills. We all felt healthier and fitter.”

In some schools, students use apps to count their steps.

Bus-riding kids aren’t left out of the walking parties. Some buses stop several blocks from school to let kids out so they can be part of the healthy fun! Good for the planet!

Walking to school is also good for the environment! When children walk instead of getting rides to school, there are fewer vehicles on the road. This makes for less noise, less traffic and less pollution!

## Let’s Talk

What do you like about walking to school? Make a list and share it with your family and friends. Did any of your family members walk to school when they were young? Ask them about that!

## Kid Scoop News® SCOOP THE NEWS GAME

Read the article on this page. Then answer the questions below!

What is this article about?

What started the event this article is about?

When does this happen?

Where does this happen?

Why is this important?



# COUNT ALUCARD\* IN HOW SCARY IS YOUR ROOM?

Learn some helpful tips for getting your room from a disorganized disaster to a lovable living space from Kid Scoop News!

(\*That's DRACULA spelled backwards!)

Count Alucard's niece and nephew are driving him batty by making a MESS of the castle ...

Rue! Muerto!  
This is a  
nightmare!  
You've made  
this castle  
unlivable!

Don't worry, Uncle!  
We'll get the place  
organized by **sunrise!**

## ROOM CLEANING TIP #1:

### Divide Cleaning A Big Mess Into Lots of Little Jobs!

One big messy room is really a lot of little messes to clean up. One day, clean one bookshelf, the next day, a drawer. Selecting one little mess a day until the entire room is picked up makes the chore a little less scary.

Help Rue  
sort out her  
stuffed  
animals.  
Find the two  
identical  
ones.



## ROOM CLEANING TIP #2:

### The Fastest Way To Make Your Room Look Cleaner!

Use Muerto's code to reveal the secret way to make your room look MUCH cleaner *instantly!*



### Storage Tip

Put small things into small containers and large things into large containers. That way small things don't get lost in the bottom of a box with lots of large objects.



Standards Link: Civics: Students know examples of situations that involve responsibility.



ROOM CLEANING TIP #3:

Make Space!

You need space to store stuff. If a lot of stuff is lying around on the floor and pouring out of your drawers, make space by storing things you aren't using right now. First, sort through your clothing and toys to get rid of anything you no longer use. Donate those items to a thrift center so they can be reused!

17 + 6



Things I Can Get Rid Of

Removing this stuff first clears a lot of space.

Things I Want To Keep In My Room

This should mainly be stuff that you use daily or quite often.

Things I Want To Keep, But Don't Need Right Now

These things can be boxed and stored in a garage, closet or other place.

29 - 8



54 + 11



32 + 9



42 - 13



39 + 8



51 - 19



22 + 7

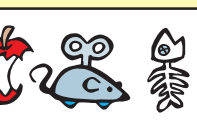
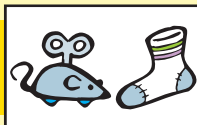


Which T-shirts will Muerto keep? Do the math. Even-numbered items stay, odd-numbered items will be donated.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using addition and subtraction.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Rue and Muerto left stuff all over the place. Circle the item that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Double Double Word Search

DISASTER  
ALUCARD  
SPACE  
SCARY  
CASTLE  
STUFF  
DONATE  
STORAGE  
UNCLE  
DRAWER  
SECRET  
LYING  
SORT  
DAILY  
LOST

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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| D | O | E | L | C | N | U | L | O | M |

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

# DEAD BONES

Your skeleton is like the poles of a tent. Without the poles, the tent would fall down into a heap. Without bones, you couldn't stand up!

Bones protect important organs inside your body. Tap your head. Can you feel your hard skull? It protects your brain. Your ribs protect your heart, lungs and stomach. Your spine protects your spinal cord.

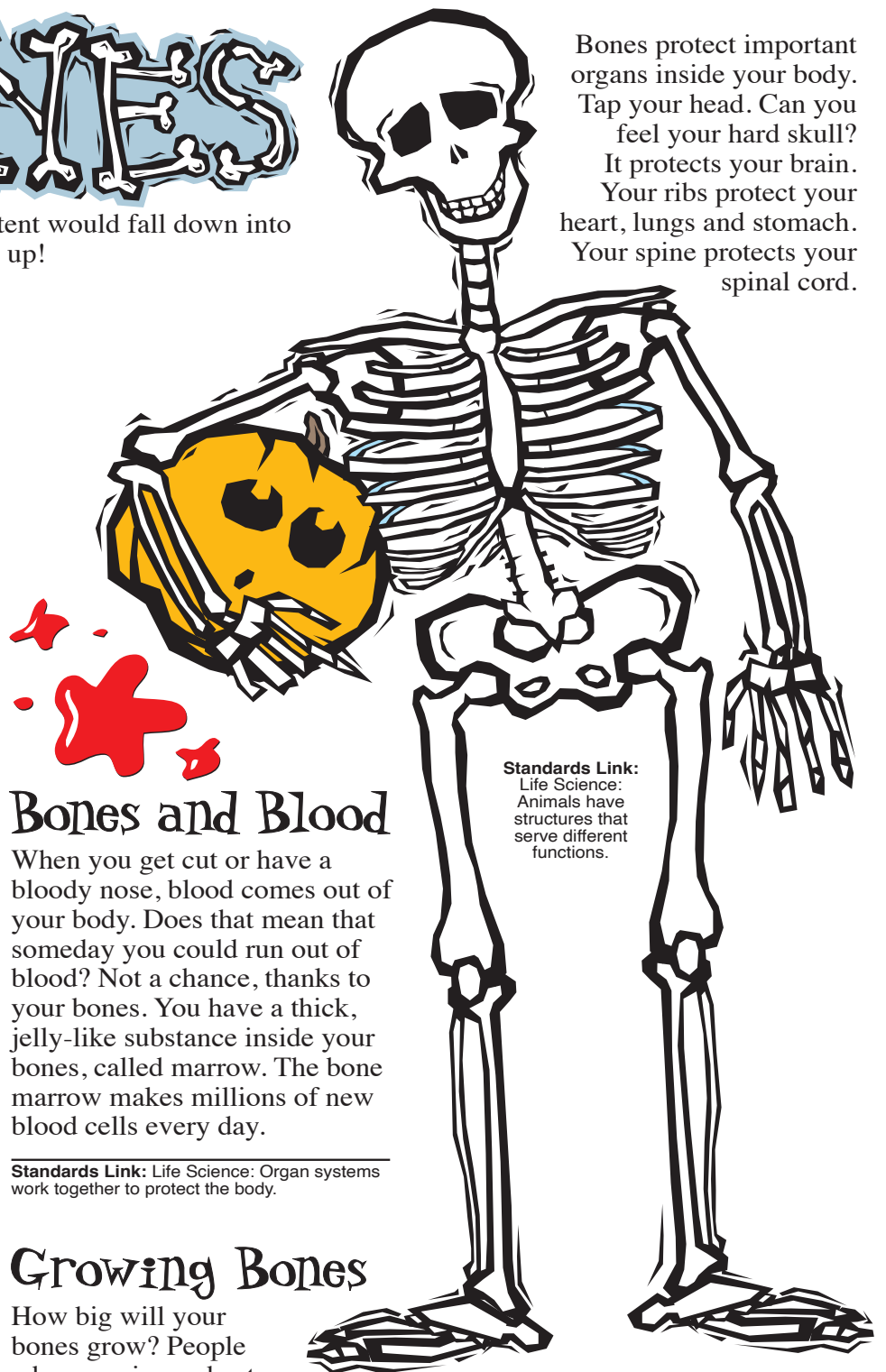


Around Halloween we see people dressed like skeletons and maybe even some hanging around as decorations. Are skeletons alive? While you are alive, your bones are also very much alive. They grow and change like other parts of your body.



**Can you find the two skulls that match?**

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Systems in the body are made up of living cells. Visual discrimination.



## Bones and Blood

When you get cut or have a bloody nose, blood comes out of your body. Does that mean that someday you could run out of blood? Not a chance, thanks to your bones. You have a thick, jelly-like substance inside your bones, called marrow. The bone marrow makes millions of new blood cells every day.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Organ systems work together to protect the body.

## Growing Bones

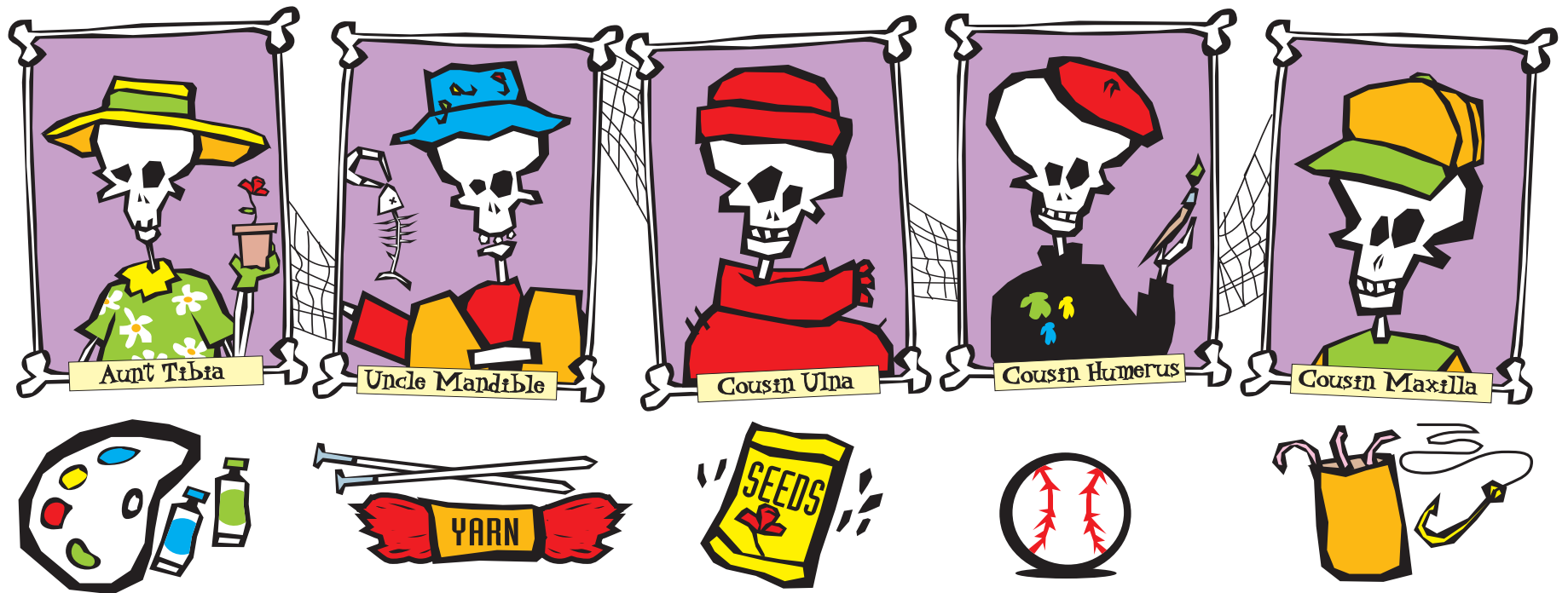
How big will your bones grow? People who exercise and eat right will tend to grow bigger. Scientists once took two groups of baby rats. They fed one group hard food and the other soft food. Both diets had the same amount of nourishment. The rats that ate hard food had to chew more and their heads and jaws grew larger, and their bones were heavier.

**Standards Link:** Health: Food choices affect health and well-being including body composition.



# Ghostly Gallery

When they were alive, each member of the Bones family had a favorite hobby. Can you match each portrait with a hobby?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler

### LARGEST & smallest

Use the code to find out more about your bones.



You have more than 200 bones in your body. The largest bone is in your leg. It is called the



The smallest bone in your body is in your ear. It is called a

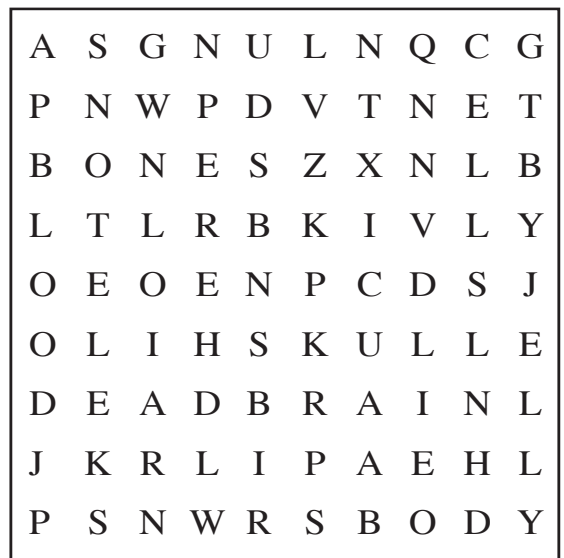


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

## Double Double Word Search

SKELETONS  
BONES  
BLOOD  
POLES  
TENT  
HEAP  
SKULL  
RIBS  
BRAIN  
SPINE  
BODY  
CELLS  
LUNGS  
DEAD  
JELLY

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

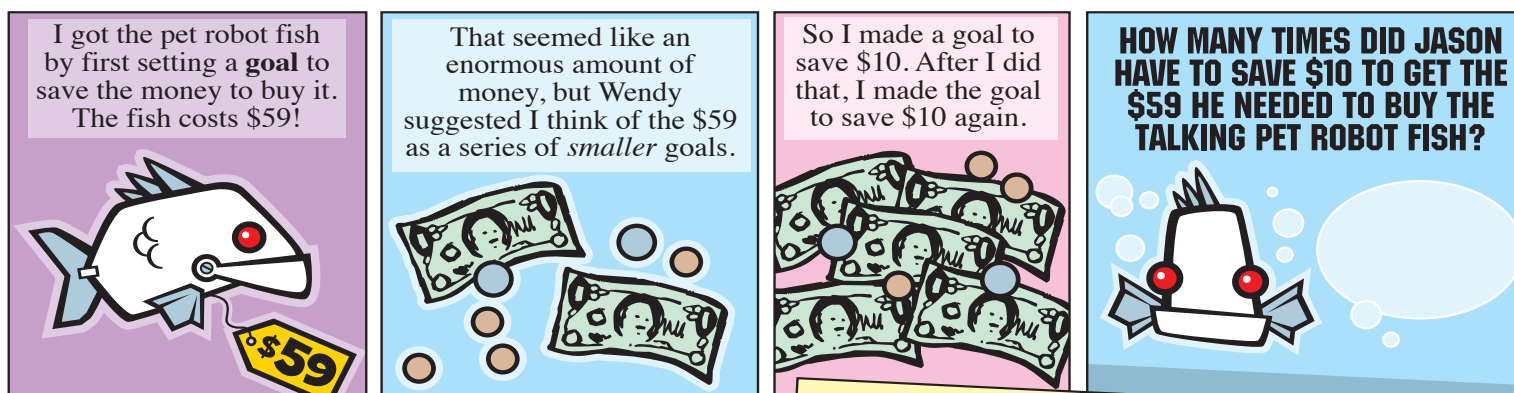


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# SETTING GOALS

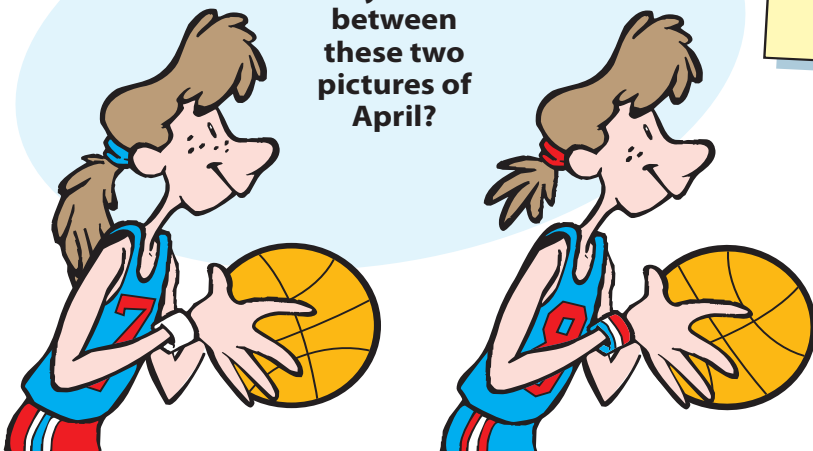


## How Jason Got the Robot Fish



**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures of April?



I worked hard for my money. Put a check in the box next to each job that I did. If you checked the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$10.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mowed the lawn .....                                         | \$3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Made my bed (mom expects me to do that every morning!) ..... | \$0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walked the dog .....                                         | \$2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Took out the trash one night .....                           | \$1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did the dinner dishes five nights .....                      | \$5 |

## My Basketball Goal

April wanted to be able to sink 25 baskets in a row. At first she could only sink about three in a row. Twenty-five was a big goal, but breaking it into smaller goals saved the day.

First, April set the goal of sinking five baskets in a row. Then 10, then 15, then 20 and finally — she did it! April sank 25 baskets in a row!

## MONEY FACT

What is a big goal you'd like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

You can do it by remembering this simple trick:

**BREAK YOUR GOAL INTO SMALLER GOALS.**

By doing that, a big, challenging project becomes a few simple, little projects instead!

It's like eating an apple. You can't stuff the whole thing in your mouth at once. But you can take a bite at a time.

I know you can't buy much these days with only a few pennies. But a few pennies dropped into a piggy bank day after day will really add up!



# Kid Scoop Puzzler

For centuries, humans have used camels as transportation and to carry goods across the desert. For this reason, they have earned a famous nickname. Use the code to reveal it.

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## SECRET CODE

|  |     |  |     |
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|  | = D |  | = O |
|  | = E |  | = P |
|  | = F |  | = R |
|  | = H |  | = S |
|  | = I |  | = T |

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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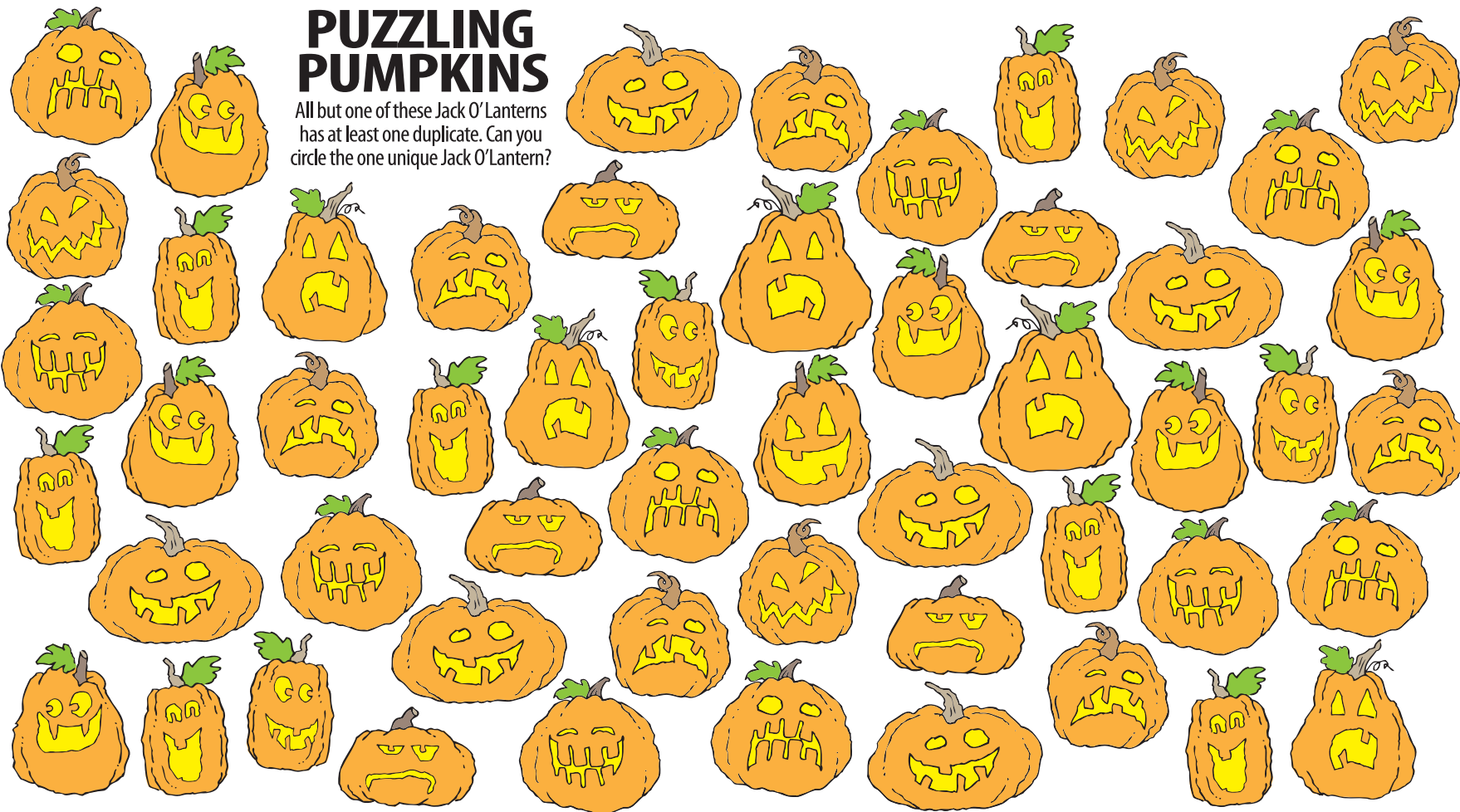
THE MIDDLE READ LAKESHORE

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# PUZZLING PUMPKINS

All but one of these Jack O' Lanterns has at least one duplicate. Can you circle the one unique Jack O' Lantern?



Q: Why did the vampire visit the library?

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| 26 = A | 20 = G | 16 = K | 12 = O | 9 = R | 6 = U |
| 25 = B | 19 = H | 15 = L | 11 = P | 8 = S | 5 = V |
| 24 = C | 18 = I | 14 = M | 10 = Q | 7 = T | 4 = W |
| 23 = D | 17 = J | 13 = N |        |       | 3 = X |
| 22 = E |        |        |        |       | 2 = Y |
| 21 = F |        |        |        |       | 1 = Z |



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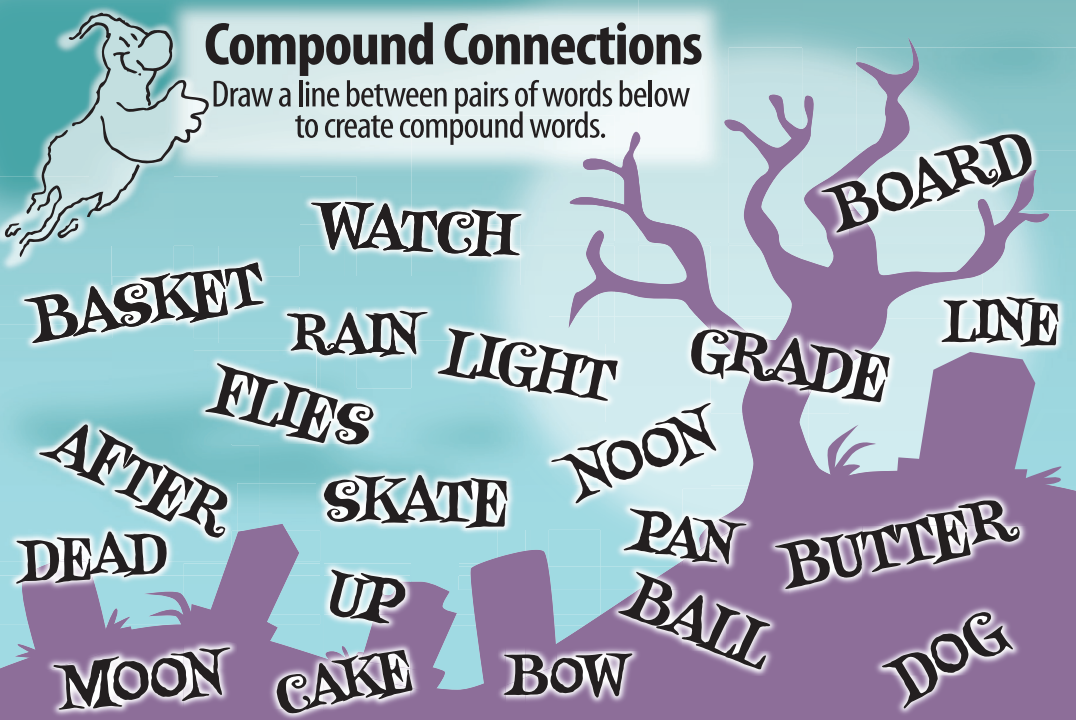
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## Compound Connections

Draw a line between pairs of words below to create compound words.

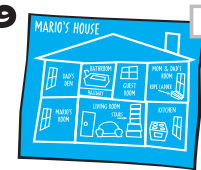






# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2025

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>THIS CALENDAR IS TOTALLY BATTY! HOW MANY BATS CAN YOU FIND ON THIS PAGE? CAN YOU FIND THE ONE BAT THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN ALL THE OTHERS?</p>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discuss what would make a healthy vegetarian meal.</p>  <p><b>World Vegetarian Day</b></p>                              | <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>How much do you know about farms and farming? Make a list of all the crops that are grown in your area.</p>   | <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Collect fall leaves, and with paper and white craft glue, use them to create colorful animals. Berries, grasses and flower petals will work too.</p>                                                  | <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>It's World Teachers' Day tomorrow—make a card for your teacher thanking them for their hard work and caring.</p>                                                                                                              |
| <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Honor your teacher today and thank them for all they do.</p>  <p><b>World Teachers' Day</b></p>    | <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Make a checklist of all the dangers in homes that cause fires. Then list the steps you can take to prevent fires.</p> <p><b>Fire Prevention Week</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>7 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start preparing for Halloween. Who will you be on Halloween—a pirate, a witch, a robot or a princess? Start preparing the costume you will need.</p>            | <p>8 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Encourage a safer environment and be healthy at the same time—join students around the world and celebrate</p> <p><b>International Walk to School Day</b></p>                                             | <p>9 <input type="checkbox"/></p>  <p>Make a map showing an escape route in your home in the event of a fire.</p>                                  | <p>10 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Read a bedtime story to a parent or sibling today.</p>                                                           | <p>11 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Type out the letters of the alphabet in the correct order on a computer keyboard. Can you say the letters of the alphabet in reverse order?</p>                                                                              |
| <p>12 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Using pictures cut from magazines, make a collage of a farm and all the animals and crops you might find on a farm in your area.</p> <p><b>Farmer's Day</b></p>                    | <p>13 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Draw a picture of the ship the Santa Maria to celebrate the day.</p>  <p><b>Columbus Day</b></p> <p>Or celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving today.</p>  <p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> | <p>14 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discuss with the class what can make you afraid and ways to overcome fear.</p> <p><b>National Face Your Fears Day</b></p>                                      | <p>15 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write a story about a treasure you might find hidden in a huge pile of leaves.</p>                                   | <p>16 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you know what these three words mean: pragmatic, peloton, provision? Look them up in a dictionary.</p> <p><b>Dictionary Day</b></p>                                                          | <p>17 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write a poem in honor of a classmate or friend. List lots of words you might use to describe the friend and then put them in your poem.</p>                                                          | <p>18 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Design a flag for your school or classroom? Do you have a mascot? Include your mascot in your flag design.</p>                          |
| <p>19 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Remember someone less fortunate than yourself today with a random act of kindness.</p>          | <p>20 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Diwali is the "festival of lights" and is important to Hindus throughout the world. Find out how it is celebrated in different parts of the world.</p> <p><b>Diwali</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>21 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discuss reptiles today—what might their skin feel like, how do they move, how long are their tongues?</p> <p><b>Reptile Awareness Day</b></p>                  | <p>22 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start by doing 20 jumping jacks. Increase the number by 5 every day until you can do 40.</p>                                                                                                             | <p>23 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Look through your newspaper for local events, seasonal concerts and celebrations.</p>                                                                                                           | <p>24 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Use a tortilla as a base and invent your own pizza. Have a parent help you cook it.</p> <p><b>Food Day</b></p>  | <p>25 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Make a Difference Day is celebrated each year over this weekend. Volunteer to help someone or check out the Make a Difference Day online project database.</p>                                                               |
| <p>26 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Go on a hike, collect leaves and then identify the tree using a tree identification guide.</p>  | <p>27 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>This is National Magic week. Find a magic trick online that you can perform for your family.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>28 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Rent a classic Halloween movie tonight. Try "Casper," "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," or "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Enjoy them with your family.</p> | <p>29 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Make sure you have something bright or reflective on your Halloween costume. Get batteries for your flashlight.</p>  | <p>30 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Carve a pumpkin today. Save the seeds and have a parent help you roast them. They make a tasty treat!</p>  | <p>31 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b></p>                                                                                      | <p>Tick the box on each day when you have completed 20 minutes of reading. Children who develop a love of reading will become better students and build a better future.</p>  |

# BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

# Jackie Robinson



Baseball Hall of Famer, **Jackie Robinson** probably changed baseball more than any other player – not by skill alone, but by who he was as a person.

## A Rough Beginning

Jack “Jackie” Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. His \_\_\_\_\_ were sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his enslaved grandparents.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother to \_\_\_\_\_ five children alone. His mother took the family and her \_\_\_\_\_ for a better life to Pasadena, CA, where her brother lived. But things weren’t always good there either.

Jackie could only go to the \_\_\_\_\_ pool one day a week. He had to sit in a segregated \_\_\_\_\_ at the movie theater. Their white neighbors cursed the Robisons and even threw rocks at them. Why? Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of their skin.

In Jackie Robinson’s life, he \_\_\_\_\_ many people who were \_\_\_\_\_ against black people. They felt that black people should not have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as white people.

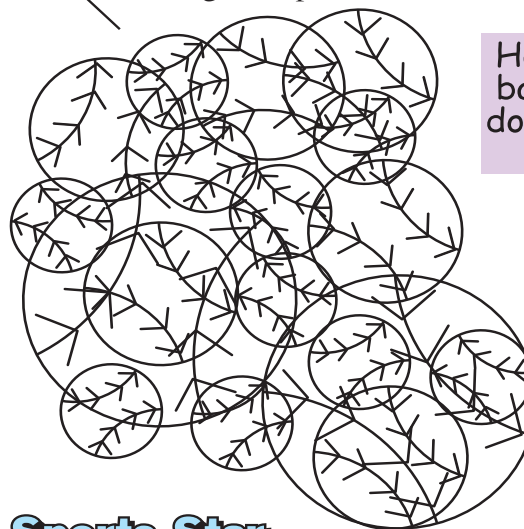
**The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.**

**ENCOUNTERED** **PREJUDICED** **HOPES**  
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**RAISE** **COLOR** **PARENTS** **FREEDOMS**

**Standards Link:** Civics: Know instances in which political conflict in the U.S. has been divisive and reasons for this division [e.g., civil rights struggles].

## Sports: A Path to Change

When Jackie started school he found something he was very good at—sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.



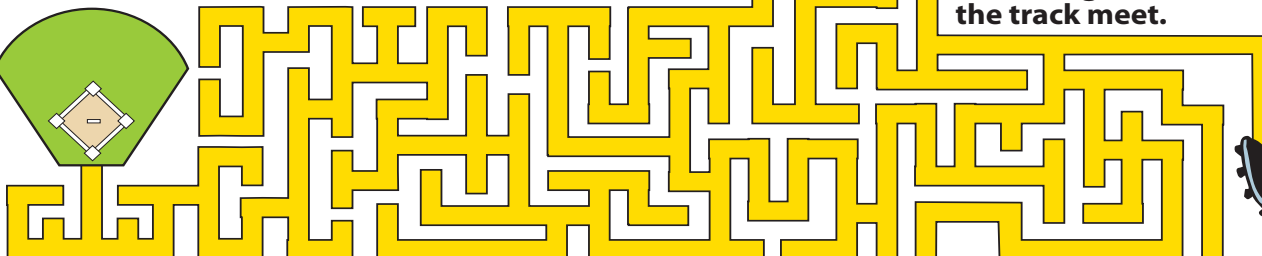
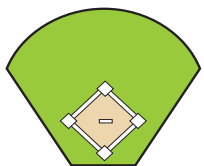
How many baseballs do you see here?



## Sports Star

By the time he was in high school, Jackie led the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. In 1938, when he was a student at Pasadena Junior College, Jackie led his college teammates to victory in a track meet and a baseball game held 40 miles apart on the same day!

**Help Jackie get to the baseball game from the track meet.**





## Breaking Baseball's Color Barrier

After college, Jackie went into the Army. When he got out, he signed on with a baseball team in the Negro Leagues. At that time, black players were not allowed in the all-white Major Leagues.

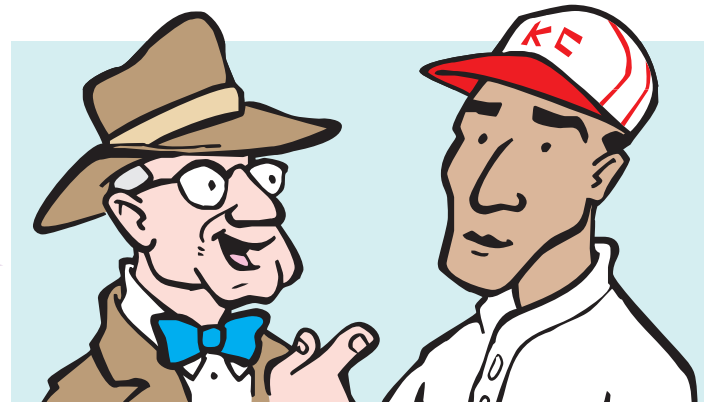
Then, on October 23, 1945, Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, asked Jackie Robinson to play for the Dodgers beginning in 1947. He said it would be difficult to be the first man to end segregation in Major League Baseball.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Know that civil rights efforts strived to reduce discrepancies between ideals and the reality of American public life.

Rickey said to Jackie ...

I'm looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back.

What do you think he meant by that?




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**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write responses to text.



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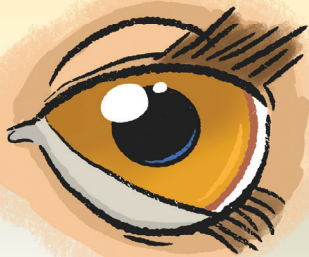
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# Puzzling Camels

Discover some surprising facts about camels by solving the puzzles on this page!

## Blink! Blink! Blink!

Camels have lovely, long lashes to help keep sand out of their eyes. But that's not all. Camels have another interesting eye feature that helps keep the sand out of their eyes. Circle every other letter to find out what it is.



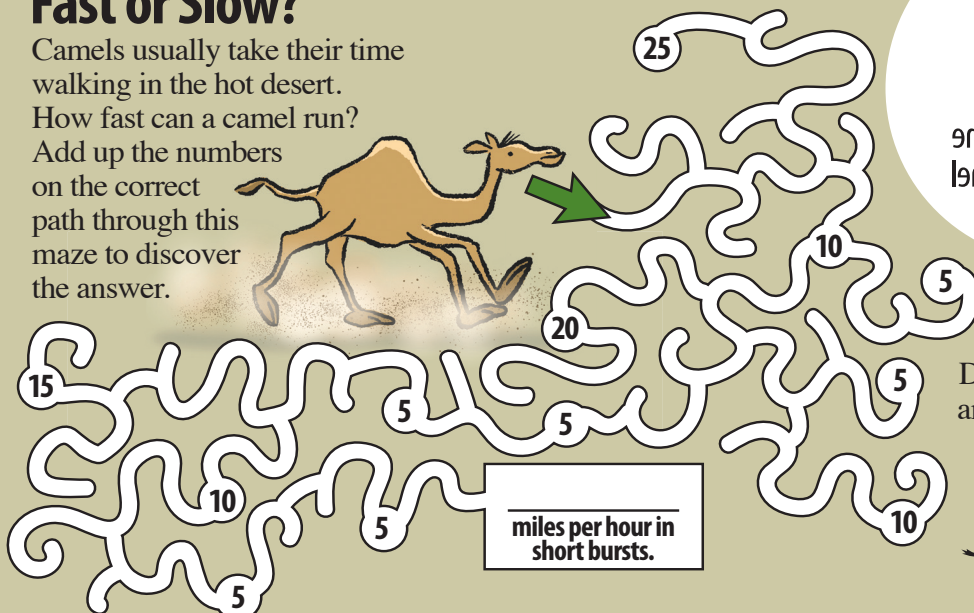
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Standards Link: Science: Animals have features that aid in survival.



## Fast or Slow?

Camels usually take their time walking in the hot desert. How fast can a camel run? Add up the numbers on the correct path through this maze to discover the answer.



## What's in the Hump?

A camel's hump is **not** filled with water. Hold this page up to a mirror to see what's inside a camel's hump.

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## One Hump, Two Humps

Do the math. The camel with an even-numbered answer is a BACTRIAN camel. The one with an odd-numbered answer is a DROMEDARY.



Standards Link: Science: Variations exist within a species.





# FIT & FUN™

Kid Scoop News believes that being active, preventing childhood obesity and eating healthy are all objectives we want to promote. Our Fit & Fun page will help you do just that. Join in and enjoy getting fit and having fun!

## Fall Fitness



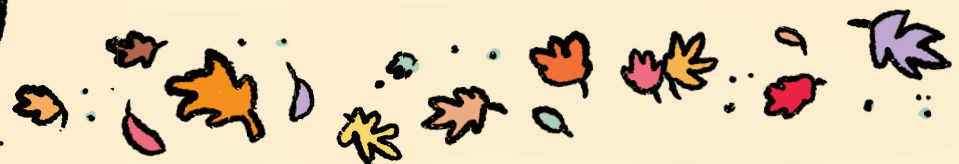
### Pumpkin Roll

Pretend you are a pumpkin growing in a field. Start as a tight little ball. Slowly stand up and stretch, stretch, stretch for the sun!



### Pumpkin Roll

Pretend you are a pumpkin rolling downhill. How many somersaults in a row can you do?



### Fallen Leaf Leap

1. Gather a whole bunch of fallen leaves.
2. Yell "Go!" and run across a grassy area, tossing the leaves as you run.
3. Stop. Leap from leaf to leaf to return to your starting point.



### Face Fitness

Give your face muscles a workout by making funny faces in the mirror.



**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

# Let's Draw!

Follow the steps to draw a bat.

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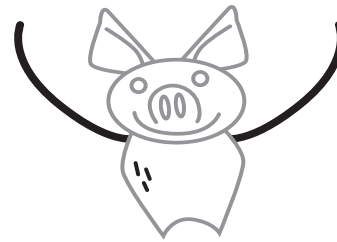
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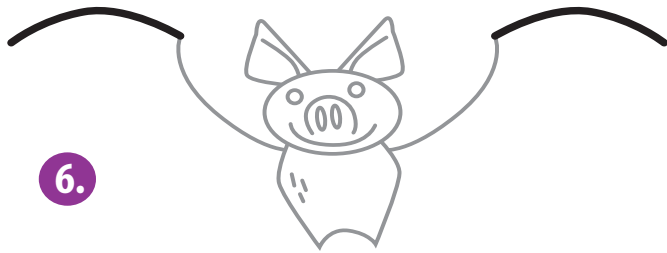
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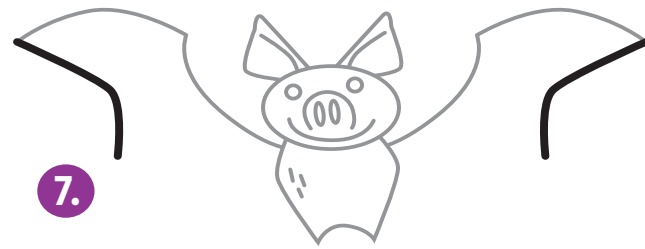
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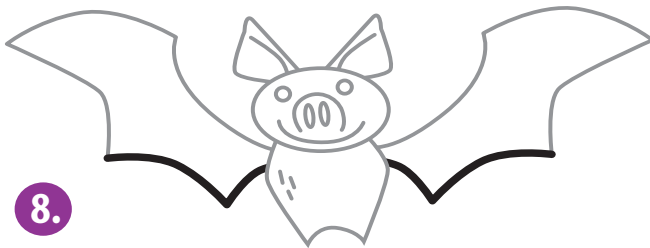
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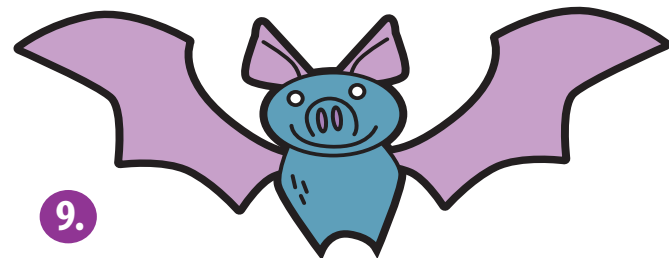
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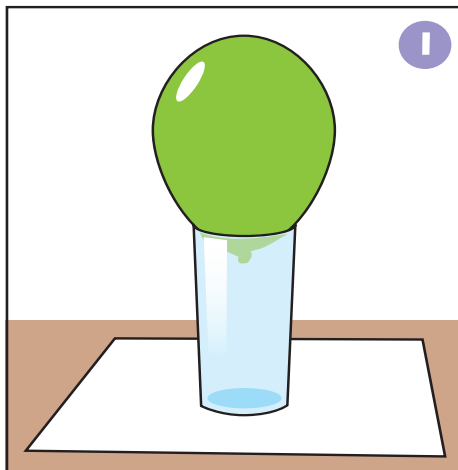
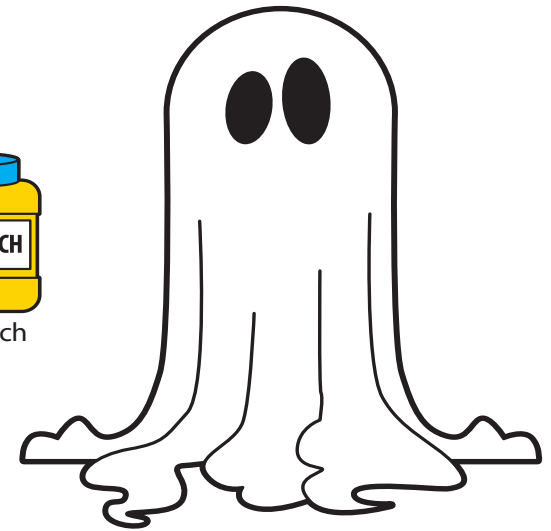
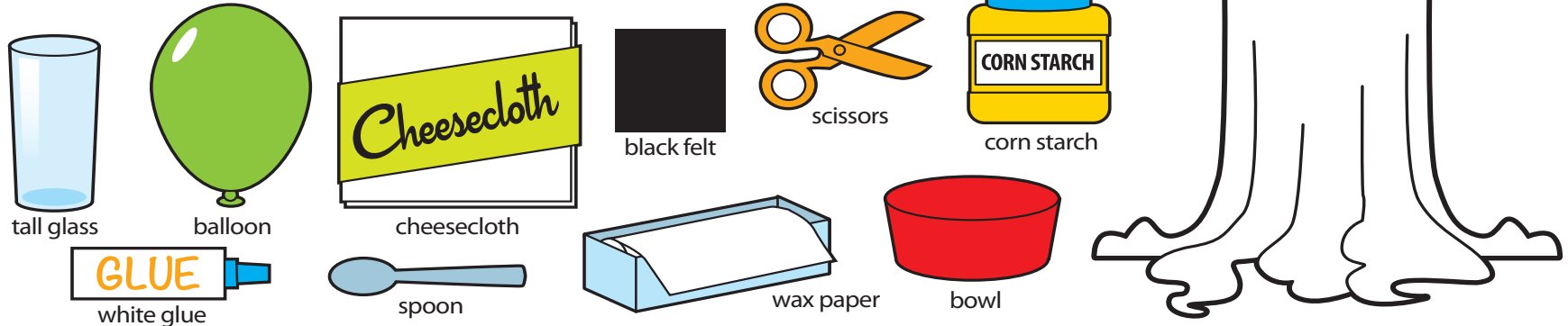
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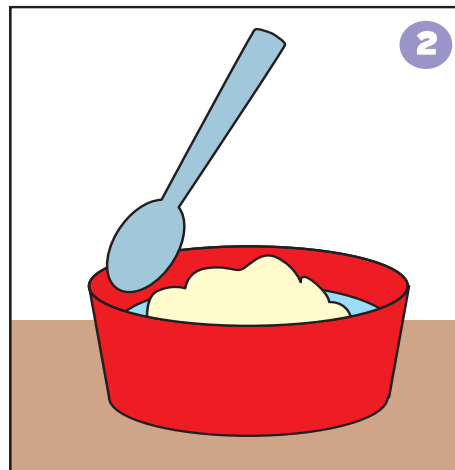


# Make a Ghost!

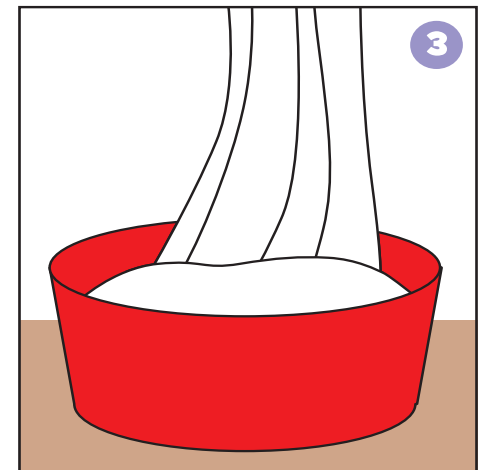
## STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



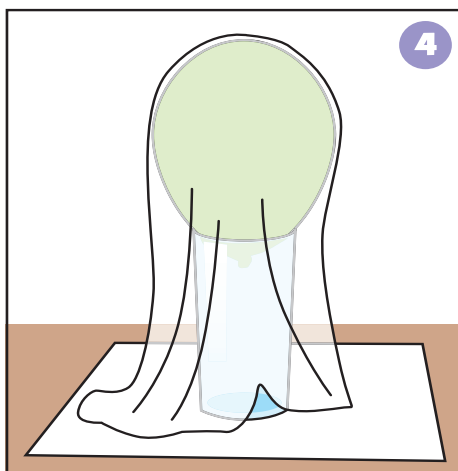
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Cover work surface with a sheet of wax paper. Place the balloon on the glass.



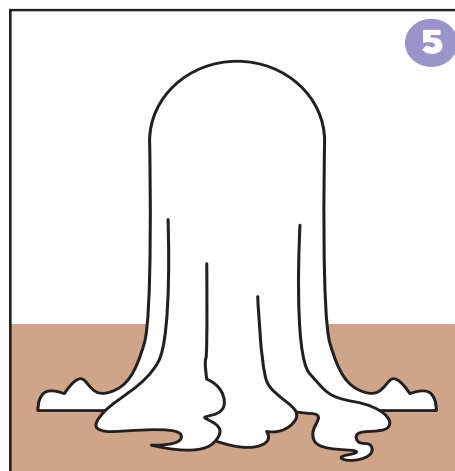
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Mix 2 cups of corn starch with 1 cup of water in bowl. Stir well. Heat in microwave for 15 seconds at a time, stirring until it is a thick paste. Let cool.



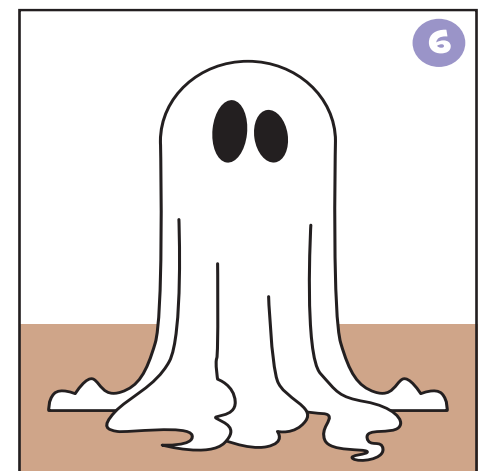
3  
When paste is cool enough to touch, dip sheet of cheesecloth into it. Coat cheesecloth completely, then squeeze out excess paste.



4  
Drape cheesecloth over balloon. Use a few sheets. Allow to dry completely.



5  
When dry, ghost can stand by itself. Remove from balloon/glass stand.



6  
Cut two eyes from black felt and attach with white glue.

# (Re)Think Halloween

This Halloween you can take action to help the environment and design a creative costume at the same time!

## Creative Costume

Halloween will be here soon. It's always fun to get dressed up in a costume for Halloween. Instead of buying a new costume (that you will probably only wear once), look through your closet and stuff you are going to put in the recycle bin for items to create a new and unique costume!



Look at the items here. Could you use some of them to create a cool robot Halloween costume? Maybe a witch? Or how about a super hero?

Draw your costume design in the box below.

Remember to recycle what is possible when you are done with your costume.

## Clothing Costs to the Planet

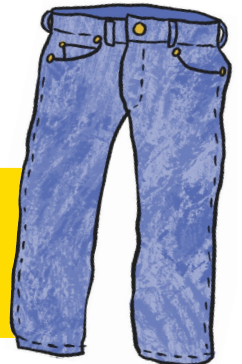
Did you know that clothing pollutes?



Garbologists discovered that inexpensive, trendy clothing sold in stores around the world is often only worn for a short time and then tossed out. **Our environment really pays the price!**

- 10% of the world's carbon emissions come from clothing production.

- It takes about 700 gallons of water to produce one cotton shirt.



- It takes about 2,000 gallons of water to produce a pair of jeans.

- Textile dyeing is the world's second-largest polluter of water, since the water leftover from the dyeing process is often dumped into ditches, streams, or rivers.

- A 2017 report estimates that 35% of all **microplastics** in the ocean — very small pieces of plastic that never biodegrade — came from the laundering of synthetic textiles like polyester.



## Be an Action Hero!

(Re)think the clothes in your closet! Pass along clothes you no longer wear to family, friends or thrift stores. Is there anything you could change up so you could wear it again?



**DO YOU READ THE KIDS SCOOP AT SCHOOL? AT HOME? LET OUR LIBRARIANS KNOW THAT YOU ENJOY IT!**  
**WE LOVE TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE READING!** The secret word for the month is Spookley.

## NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Coming November 15-16! Shop our gently used books to support programming at the Library, including book giveaways, Summer Reading, Crafts, and Trivia!



### Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am Ludington

Fridays 10am Scottville

Join us for a STEM-based Story time the first week of each month!

**1-2-3 Rhyme with Me on Mondays**

**10am in Ludington**

Ms. Emily rhymes and sings to build early literacy skills.

## TEEN EVENTS—6TH TO 12TH GRADERS



IN LUDINGTON:

- Study Hours every Monday 5-6:30pm
- Anime Club every Wednesday 3:30-8pm
- Teen Tuesday Oct. 7 : Jack-o-lantern crafts
- 3D Tinker Club Friday, Oct. 10 3:30-5pm
- Animation Club Friday, Oct. 17 3:30-5pm
- Trading Card Game Night Tuesday, Oct. 28 3:30-5pm
- Murder Mystery Costume Party for 13-18 year olds Friday, Oct. 24 6-8pm
- Movie Night in Ludington Friday, Oct. 31 6-8pm
- Tabletop Games every Saturday 11:30am-2:30pm

IN SCOTTVILLE:

- Switch Games Tuesday, Oct. 14 3:30-5pm
- Face Painting for the Homecoming game Oct. 17 3:30-5pm
- Halloween party Oct. 25 3:30-5:30pm
- Movie Night Oct. 29, 5:30pm



## DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 \* 2-4PM

Come and pick out a new book to take home from our Librarians! Book giveaways are sponsored by our Friends of the Library Book Sales.

## Family Bingo Night — Tuesday, October 7, and November 4 6-7pm in Scottville

Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us! A great time of family fun, complete with prizes for the winners!

All MCDL Programs are FREE. Children under 8 must be supervised.



Scottville Creative Kids \* 4-5:30pm on Monday & Wednesday

Ludington Creative Kids \* 4-5pm on Tuesday

Come for games, crafts, and snacks!

### Legos Out

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends!  
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