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THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Veterans Day is the day to say "Thank You!" to those who have served in our country's military. Find out more about this important day inside this issue of *Kid Scoop News!*

FALL LEAVES

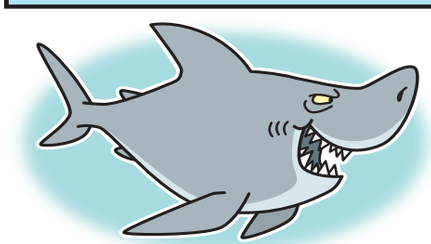
Red, yellow, orange, brown . . . fall leaves can be beautiful, but why do leaves change color in the fall? We've got the answer inside!

TURKEY DAY TOURNAMENT

Thanksgiving is a great time to challenge a family member to a little friendly competition. It's a great way to spend some quality family time at the holiday gathering!







ALL ABOUT SHARKS

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes and they have remarkable teeth. We will show you how to draw one, too!

This copy of Kid Scoop News belongs to:

_____

Who: Families with children in grades K-3
What: Books Bring Us Together!
When: October 2026 & January 2027
Where: Next Chapter Café
Why: Teach your child to LOVE to read!



All Ludington families of students in grades K-3 are invited to

Books Bring Us Together!

- Join us for ***Breakfast for Dinner*** at Next Chapter Cafe. Dinner will be prepared and served by staff of Next Chapter Café.
- Parents and ALL the children in the family will be included, for the first 20 families who respond by emailing RSVP with names and grade levels of family members and phone number to info@ontrackreader.com.
- Students do NOT need to be selected for **ON TRACK READER** Tutoring Program.
- **Parents:**
  Parents will receive training in the **Science of Reading for Parents** taught by nationally known educator, Marcia Kosanovich, PhD.
  Parents will receive training in the $FREE materials used in the ON TRACK READER tutoring program.
- **Children:**
  - After dinner at Next Chapter Café, we will have:
    - **Game Time** where children play reading games with tutors and other children.
    - **Story Time** with readings by talented, local authors, actors and puppets to generate an interest in reading and writing among attendees.
    - A **Free Book** will be given to each child.

ON TRACK READER Tutoring Program

During the 2026-27 school year, the **ON TRACK READER** Tutoring Program will provide free tutoring for children in grades 2 and 3 (sponsored by Book Mark, Nautical Yarn & Next Chapter Café). Students ride the school bus from Ludington Elementary School to Book Mark on Tuesdays and Thursdays for tutoring which includes:

- After-school Snack
- Tutoring (one-on-one or small group tutoring sessions with dedicated, experienced educators).
- Story Time

If you are interested in the ON TRACK READER tutoring program for second and third graders:

1. Download ***Parent Permission Slip*** at https://ontrackreader.com/documents/OTRPermissionSlipwithConsent.pdf
2. Download ***Transportation Permission Slip*** at https://ontrackreader.com/documents/TransportationPermissionSlip.pdf
3. Download the ***2026-27 Calendar*** at https://ontrackreader.com/documents/Calendar202627.pdf
4. ***Return both permission slips*** to Book Mark (Program limited to first 20 eligible students.)

Tutoring sessions will run from:

a. Fall Session Tuesday, October 20, 2026 through Thursday, December 10, 2026
b. Winter Session Tuesday, January 5, 2027 through Thursday, February 25, 2027
c. Spring Session Tuesday, March 2, 2027 through Thursday, April 29, 2027

Please email **info@ontrackreader.com** if you have any questions about the ***Books Bring Us Together!*** or the **ON TRACK READER** Tutoring Program.

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WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

November is a special month. Nights are longer, the air is cooler, leaves are falling from the trees and there's nothing better than curling up with a copy of **Kid Scoop News** to read.

And, this month we bring you a surprising scoop — **Elephants in America!** How can that be? Read on to find out.

The **Thanksgiving** holiday brings the family together for food and fun. This month we give you some games and puzzles to play with your family!

Have you ever made a pile of fallen leaves and then jumped into the middle of them? Have you also stopped to consider why leaves are different colors? This month's **Kid Scoop News** gives you the scoop! Can you find the answer?

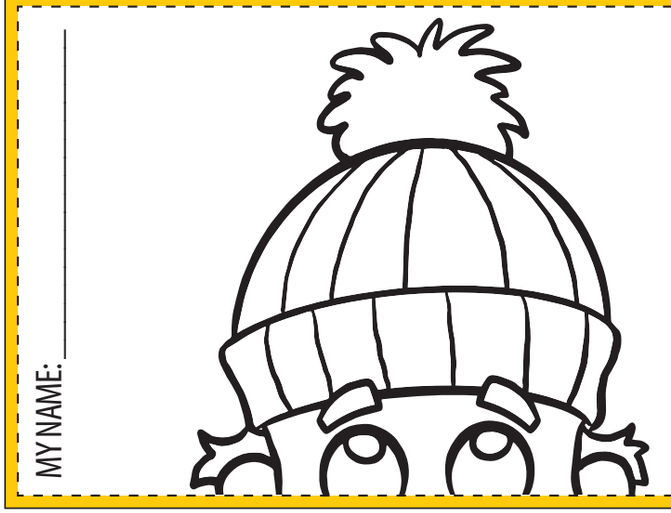
Let's not forget Veterans in November. **Veterans Day** is November 11. There will be parades in communities across America. If you know a veteran or the family of a veteran, tell them "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!"

November is a time to be thankful. I thank YOU for being a **Kid Scoop News** reader!

Woodword

Color It!

Color this artwork, then cut it out and display it in your classroom, at home or show it off on social media and tag *Kid Scoop News.*



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Elephants in America?



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Kid Scoop News® SCOOP THE NEWS GAME

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

What is this article about?

When did it happen?

What was the problem?

On July 4, 2024, in Newport, Rhode Island, something unusual happened: A herd of 100 very interesting elephants showed up.

It looked like these elephants were walking along the tops of cliffs overlooking the ocean.

These weren't real, live elephants. They were life-sized elephant sculptures made from a weed called **lantana**.

A Growing Problem

The story of these elephants starts in India, where Asian elephants live in the wild.

The Asian elephants there are facing a big problem. A weed called lantana is taking over forests. When the lantana plant takes over, there is nothing left for the elephants to eat.

People living near these elephants wanted to help them.

A Creative Idea

Dr. Tarsh Thekaekarais came up with an idea to turn the nasty weed into something beautiful.

He worked with local artists to use the weed to make life-sized elephant sculptures. His project removes the lantana from the forest, too. Making the sculptures are good, well-paying jobs for people living in the area.

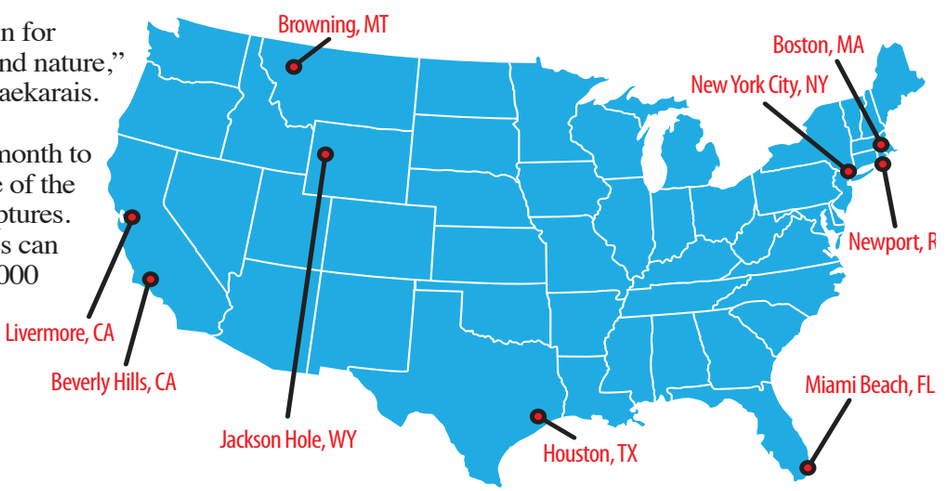
"It's a win-win for both people and nature," said Dr. Thekaekarais.

It can take a month to make just one of the elephant sculptures. The sculptures can cost from $8,000 to $22,000.

Back to America

One hundred of the lantana elephants started their trip, or **migration**, across the United States in Rhode Island. The elephants visited eight places. They ended their trip in Livermore, California, in October of 2026.

Look at the map to see all the places the elephants visited.

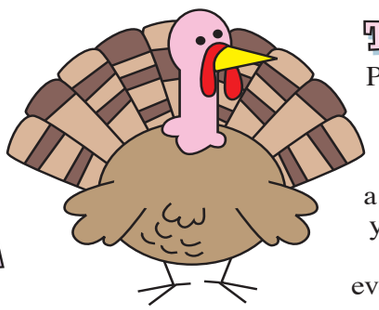


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Turkey Day Tournament

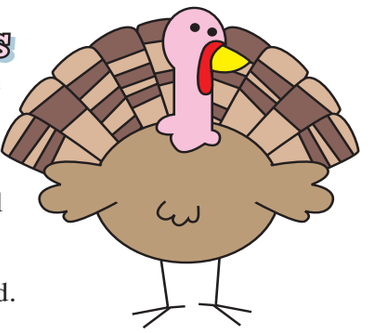
Challenge a friend or family member to these puzzles and brain twisters.

TALLY THE SCORE! PLAYER A: PLAYER B:

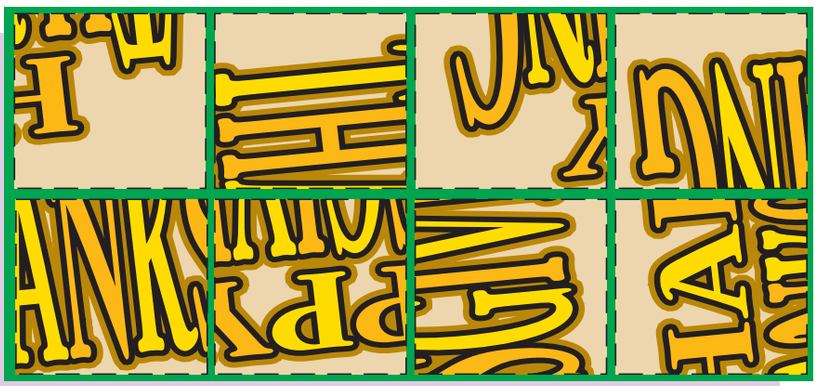


Tricky Turkeys

Player A points out one difference between these two turkeys. Then Player B takes a turn. Keep going until you've found them all, scoring 1 POINT for every difference you find.



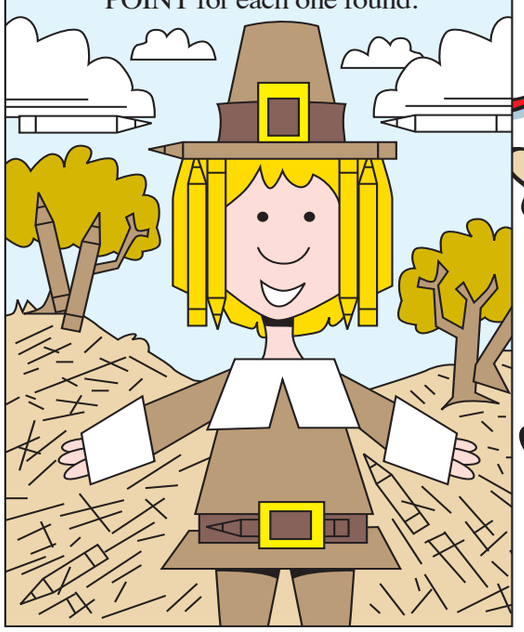




Cut out the above squares. The player who assembles their puzzle first wins 10 points.

Pilgrim Pencils

There are 12 pencils hidden in this picture. Each player has 60 seconds to find as many as they can. Score 1 POINT for each one found.



Leaf Links

Race to see who can do the math to match the leaves with the same answers. The faster player gets 5 POINTS, the slower player gets 2 POINTS.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.



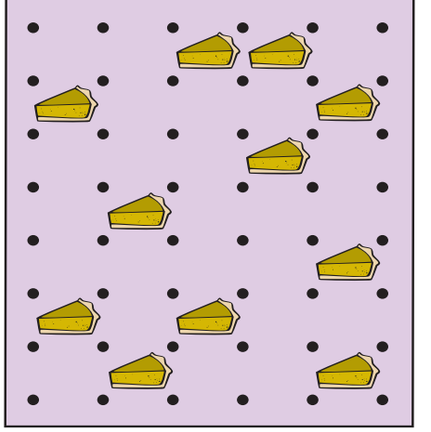
Word Stew

Who can make the most words using the letters in the word **THANKSGIVING**? Take turns, scoring 1 POINT for each word a player makes.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Hey, Dot's MY Pie!

Get two crayons. Take turns drawing a horizontal or vertical line between two dots. The player who draws the line that completes each square gets 1 POINT. If there is pumpkin pie in that square, the player earns 3 BONUS POINTS.



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Funny Filler

Pass the giggles! Ask a friend or family member to give you four nouns, four plural nouns, one verb and four adjectives. Then, fill in the blanks below and read the silly story aloud. Let the laughter begin!

Ted Turkey

Ted Turkey decided to _____ (VERB) to the island of _____ (ADJECTIVE) _____ (NOUN) during Thanksgiving vacation. But, being a turkey, he couldn't just buy an airline ticket. So, Ted made a boat using a _____ (NOUN) , a _____ (NOUN) and a _____ (NOUN) .

Ted set sail. But soon he was in rough _____ (PLURAL NOUN) and had to head back to shore. His boat was very _____ (ADJECTIVE) and Ted didn't dare try to sail it again.

Luckily, a _____ (ADJECTIVE) flock of _____ (PLURAL NOUN) landed on the beach. They offered to give Ted a lift to the island. Ted was thankful, and arrived on the island feeling very _____ (ADJECTIVE) .

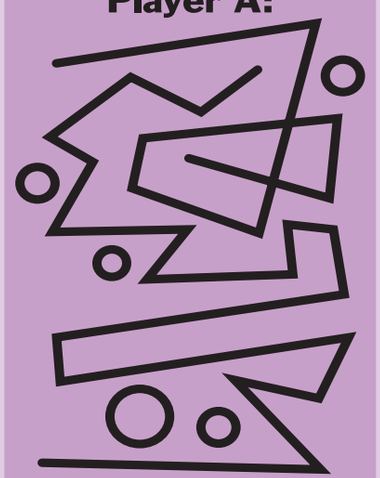
Ted still lives there to this day, in a hut made of _____ (PLURAL NOUN) and _____ (PLURAL NOUN) .

Standards Link: Grammar: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly in writing and speaking.

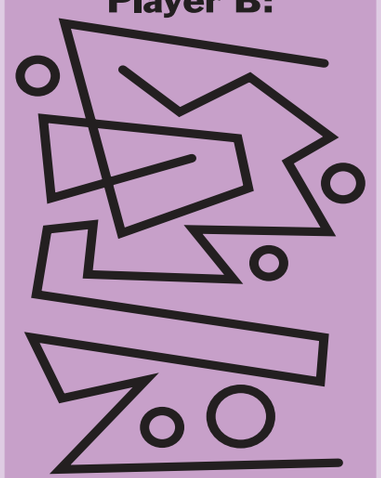
Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Drumstick Draw! Race to see who can draw their shape on another sheet of paper the fastest. The winner gets 3 POINTS.

Player A:



Player B:



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

CHALLENGE
PILGRIM
VERTICAL
PUMPKIN
TWISTERS
LEAVES
CRAYONS
TURKEY
RACE
BRAIN
DOTS
SKIP
PIE
LINE

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

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

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

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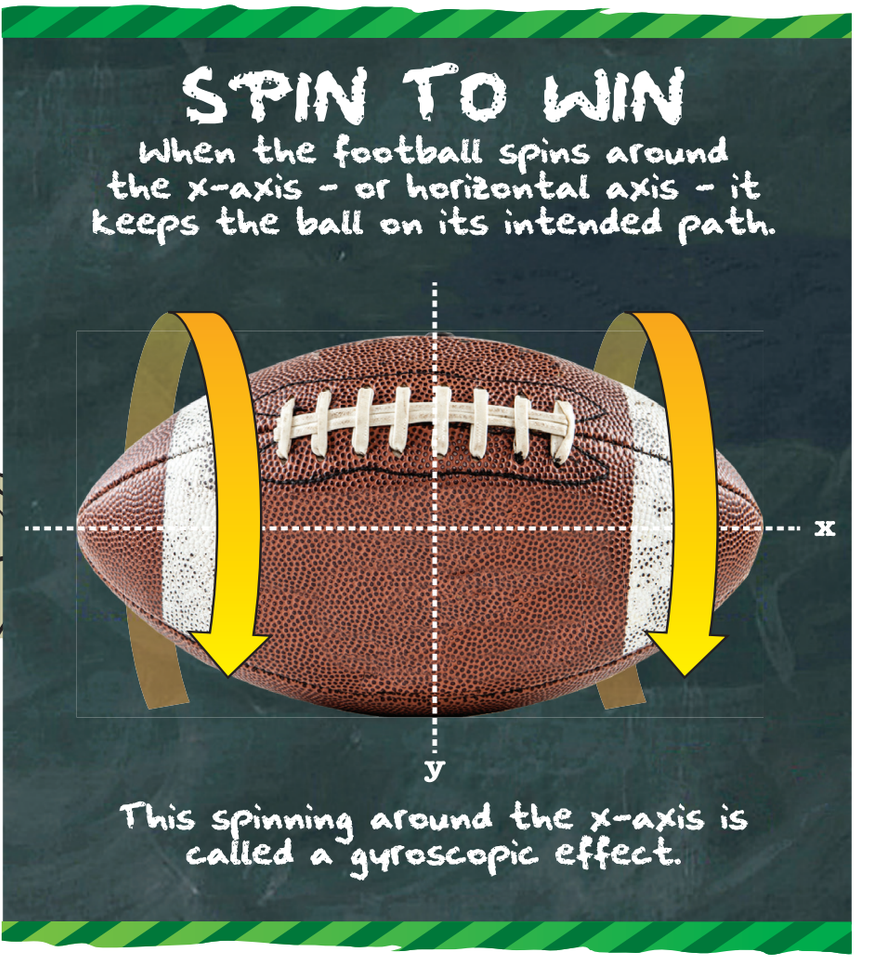
AERODYNAMICS IN **FOOTBALL**

The quarterback takes the snap and gets ready to throw the **prolate spheroid** to the open receiver downfield and …



Wait. What?

That strange football shape is called called a **prolate spheroid**. That shape lets football players put a spin on the ball when they throw it or kick it. This spin creates air flow over the ball while it travels. That matters because **gravity** is always trying to pull the ball down to the ground.



FUEL FOR THOUGHT

NEED A LIFT?

The word **aerodynamics** comes from two Greek words:

AEROS
(meaning 'of the air')
and
DYNAMIS
(power, strength, force)

Scientists use aerodynamics to make things go fast and far — like cars, jet planes and footballs.

The weight of an object makes it harder to lift. But knowing about aerodynamics keeps a 300,000 pound plane in the air!



GET A GRIP!

Quarterbacks grip the ball in different ways to create spin. And spin is how they get more lift on the ball. Air traveling above the ball is forced downward by the spin and the air below creates lift.

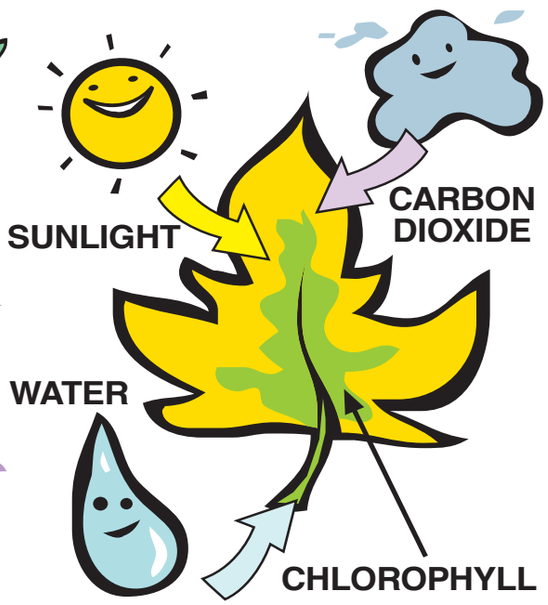


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WHY DO LEAVES CHANGE COLOR IN THE FALL?

Many plants stop making food in the fall. When they stop making food, the green color in their leaves starts to disappear.



Plants make their own food using these ingredients:

- ✔water
- ✔gas
- ✔sunlight

Trees take water from the ground through their roots. They take a gas called ***carbon dioxide*** from the air. They use the sunlight and something called ***chlorophyll*** (clor-oh-fill) to turn water and carbon dioxide into food. Chlorophyll is green. It gives leaves their green color.

Funny You Should Ask!

When the rain comes down, what goes up?

Find the answer in the fall leaf border! Start with the letter in the triangle. Then read every other letter as you move along the border.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

When winter days get short and there is less sunlight, the leaf makes less chlorophyll. Then we can see orange and yellow colors. These colors were in the leaves all summer, but the green covered them up.

Red leaves are another story. This color is made in the fall, from food trapped in the leaves.

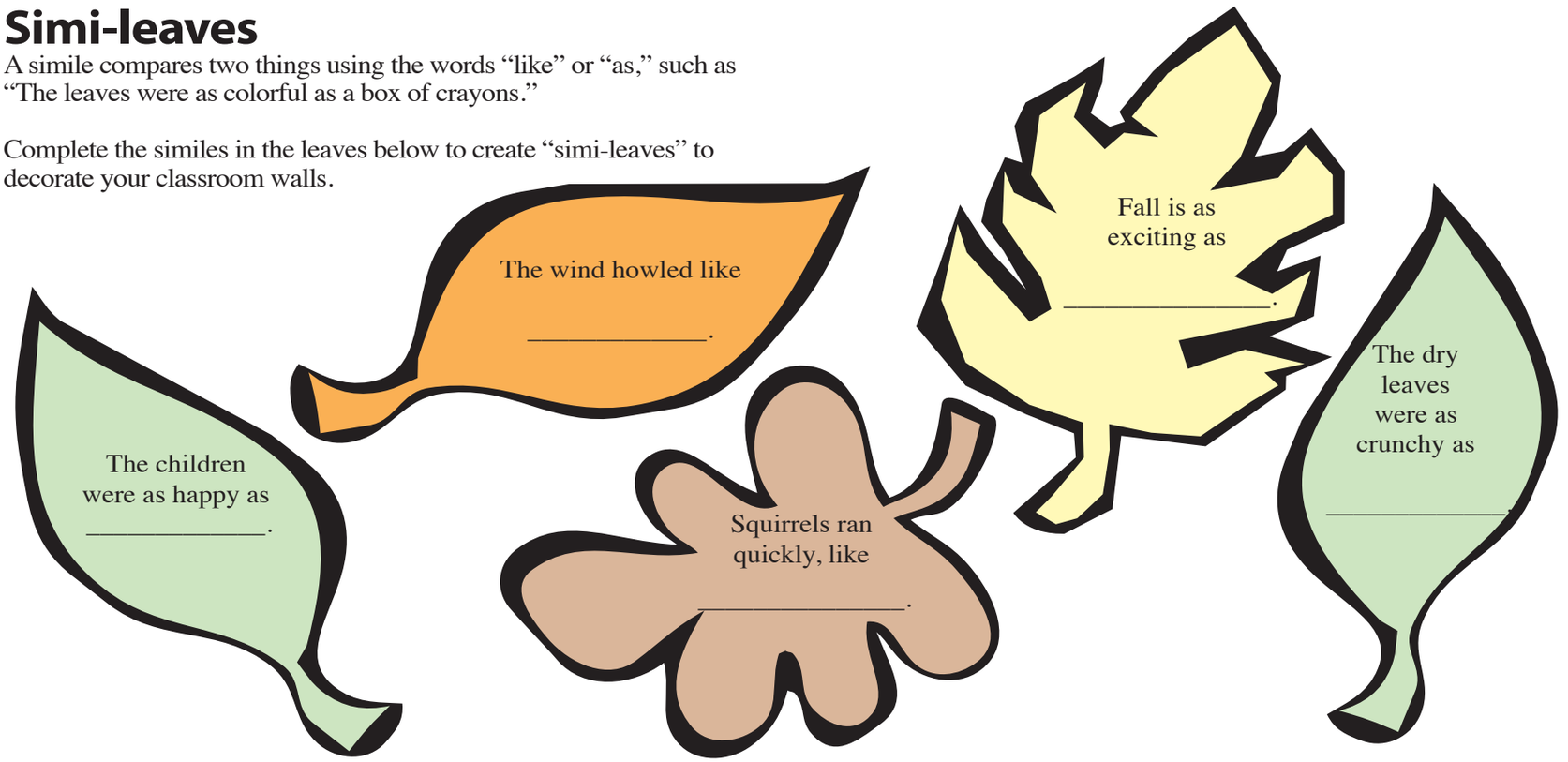
Standards Link: Life Science: Plants have structures that serve different functions in survival; plants use carbon dioxide and energy from sunlight to build sugar and release oxygen.

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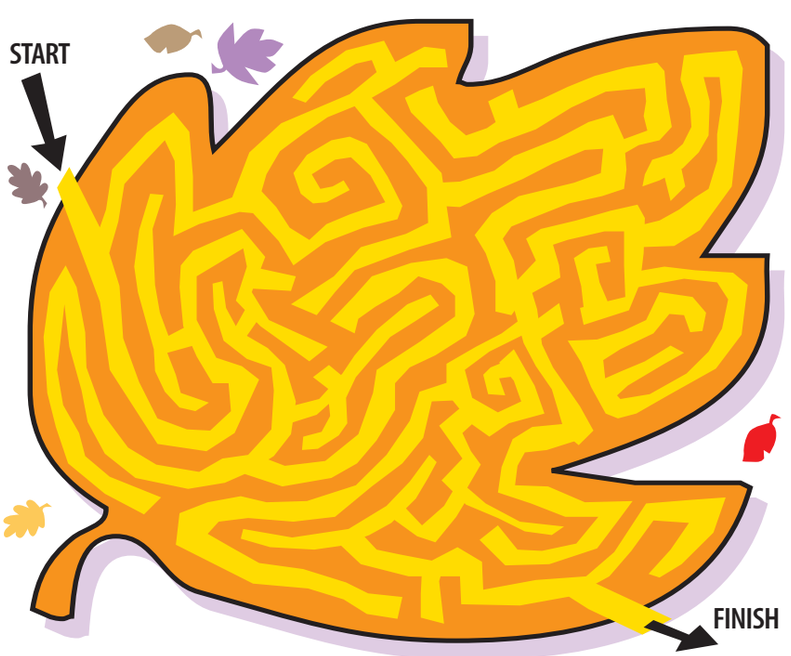
Simi-leaves

A simile compares two things using the words "like" or "as," such as "The leaves were as colorful as a box of crayons."

Complete the similes in the leaves below to create "simi-leaves" to decorate your classroom walls.



Kid Scoop® Puzzler



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

LEAVES
WATER
SYLLABLES
CARBON
SEASON
WINTER
SCENE
BORDER
CRISP
ACORN
GREEN
DISAPPEAR
ROOTS
FALL
DAYS

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

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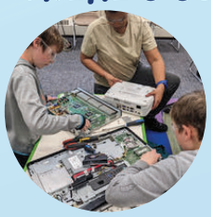
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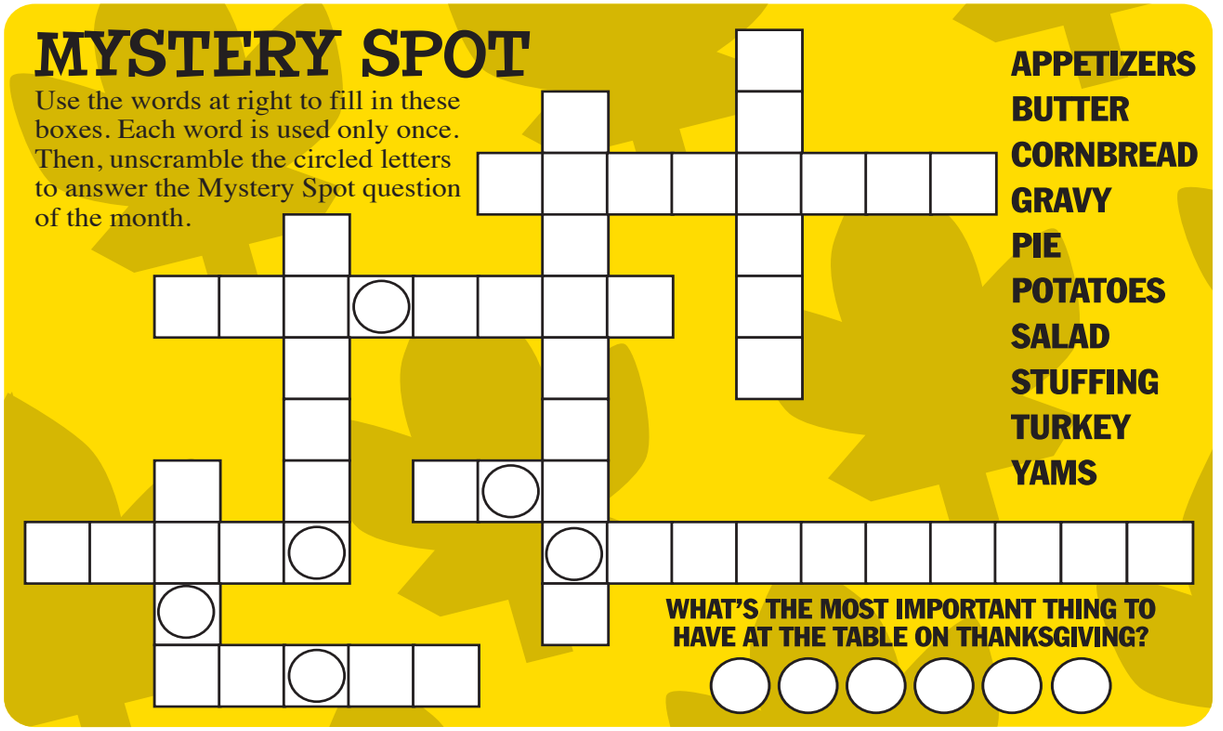


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& Nov 6-7
2:30PM
OCT 24-25, 31
Nov 1, & 7-8

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MYSTERY SPOT

Use the words at right to fill in these boxes. Each word is used only once. Then, unscramble the circled letters to answer the Mystery Spot question of the month.



APPETIZERS
BUTTER
CORNBREAD
GRAVY
PIE
POTATOES
SALAD
STUFFING
TURKEY
YAMS

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO HAVE AT THE TABLE ON THANKSGIVING?

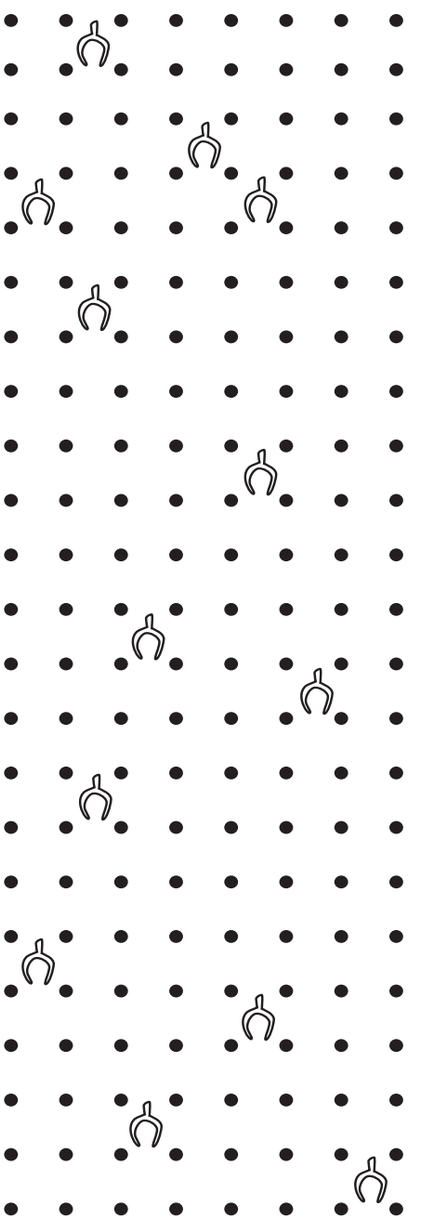


Crazy Quilt!

Grandma is working on a Thanksgiving quilt but she needs your help. Cut out these fabric shapes and assemble them so that they form a square.

WISHBONE WINNERS

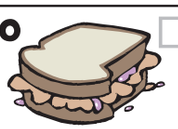
In this two-player game, Player A uses a BLUE crayon, Player B uses a RED crayon. Take turns drawing a horizontal or vertical line between two dots. The player who draws the line that completes each square gets 1 POINT. If there is a wishbone in that square, the player earns 3 BONUS POINTS.



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Kid Scoop® ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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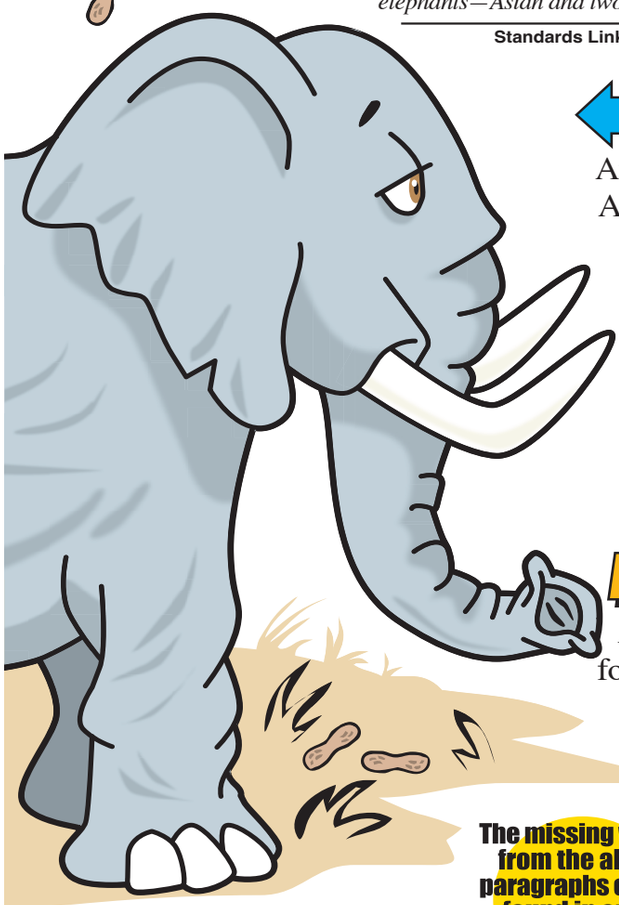
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ☐ Did you remember to move your clock back by one hour? **Daylight Savings Time Ends** 	**2** ☐  Start off the month with a resolution to eat right. **November is Eat Smart Month**	**3** ☐  **Election Day**	**4** ☐ **The sleepy giraffe for mayor** Choose words from the headlines of today's newspaper and create a funny title for a book.	**5** ☐ Bonfire Night in Great Britain. Learn about the plot to blow up Parliament. 	**6** ☐  Sit down with your favorite dog and read him or her a story.	**7** ☐ Enjoy a brisk walk or hike today. How many signs of the seasons can you spot along the way?
8 ☐ Ask a nearby veterans' hospital if you can send a card to a veteran to thank them for defending our country.  	**9** ☐ The Library of Congress has a site dedicated to Native American Heritage Month with exhibits and links. Check it out at *nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov*	**10** ☐ Use this day to write to a friend or relative that you have not seen in a while.  **Forget-Me-Not Day**	**11** ☐ At 11:11 a.m., pause for a moment of silence to honor the service men and women who risk or lose their lives in the service of their country. ★ **Veterans Day** ★	**12** ☐ Collect toys that you and your friends have outgrown and donate them to a homeless shelter. 	**13** ☐  Do something or say something kind to a friend or neighbor today. **World Kindness Day**	**14** ☐ Have a family story night. Turn off the TV and ask your mom or dad to tell you a story about their childhood.
15 ☐ Check on which items you are allowed to recycle and participate in your community. **America Recycles Day**	**16** ☐ Look at a map of the world and find: • Portugal • Mali • Peru • Fiji **Geography Awareness Week**	**17** ☐ The chrysanthemum is the November flower of the month. Draw one to decorate your room.	**18** ☐ Make a simple message to brighten the day of a soldier. Go to *amillionthanks.org*	**19** ☐ **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** Pop some popcorn and enjoy a movie at home.	**20** ☐ On this day, Mexico celebrates the anniversary of the revolution. **Viva Mexico!**	**21** ☐ **Hello!** To promote world peace, say "Hello" to at least ten people today. **World Hello Day**
22 ☐ Make a list of all the things you are thankful for to share with family and friends on Thanksgiving.	**23** ☐ Look through your newspaper for local events, season's concerts, plays and holiday celebrations.	**24** ☐ Say "Thank You" to your teachers today for all they do for you and your class.	**25** ☐ Ask if your family can donate some canned goods to a local shelter for their Thanksgiving meals. 	**26** ☐ Make a decoration for your Thanksgiving table.  **Thanksgiving**	**27** ☐ Today is the biggest shopping day of the year. Look in the paper for bargains; compare prices at different stores. **Black Friday**	**28** ☐ Clean out your backpack. Get rid of old pens that don't work and make sure everything is organized and ready to go.
29 ☐ The Christmas season will soon be here. Visit *toysfortots.org* to see how you can help a child in need. TOYS FOR TOTS	**30** ☐  Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches today for your entire family. **Peanut Butter Lovers Month**	**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.** ☑		How many leaves can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found more?		

MEET THE ELEPHANTS

Elephants are the largest land animals in the world. But not all elephants are the same. Most scientists divide elephants into two main groups: **African** elephants and **Asian** elephants.

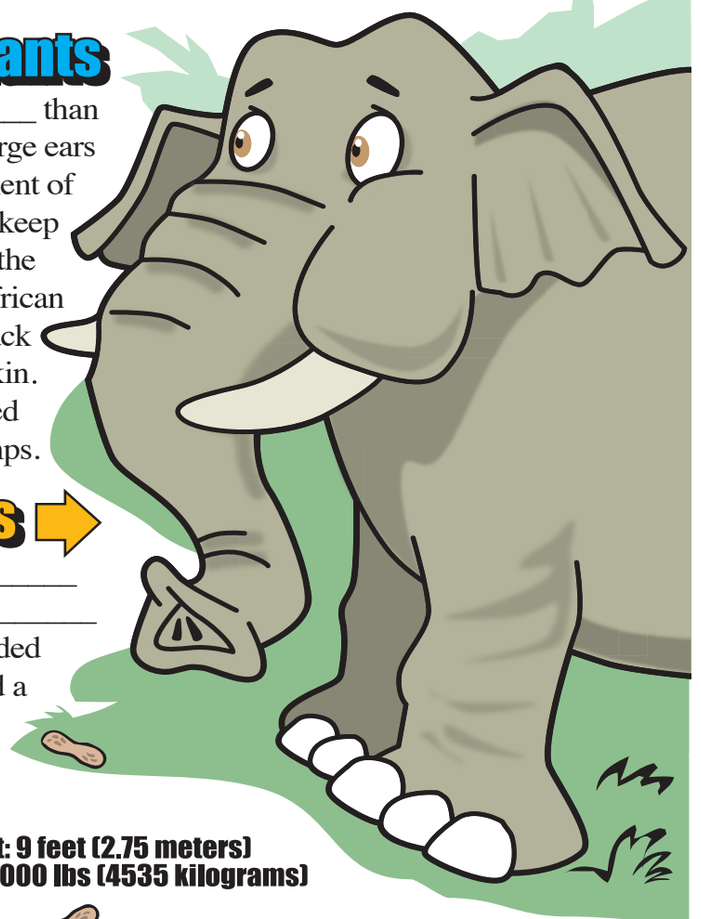
(Some scientists say that the forest and grassland elephants of Africa are so different that there should be three groups of elephants—Asian and two groups of African. What would you call the different African elephants?)

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know there is variation among populations.



African Elephants

African elephants are _____ than Asian elephants. They have large ears shaped a little like the continent of _____. Large ears help keep the elephant _____ on the _____ African plains. African elephants have a sway back and very _____ skin. They also have a rounded head without any big bumps.



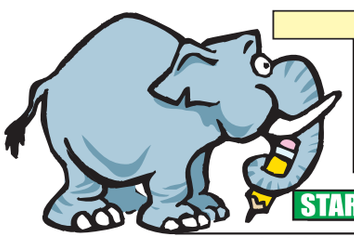
Asian Elephants

Asian elephants live in _____ forest areas and they have _____ ears. They also have rounded backs, smoother skin and a high forehead with two "bumps."

The missing words from the above paragraphs can be found in order along the correct path.

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Weight: 12,000 lbs (5443 kilograms)

Height: 9 feet (2.75 meters)
Weight: 10,000 lbs (4535 kilograms)

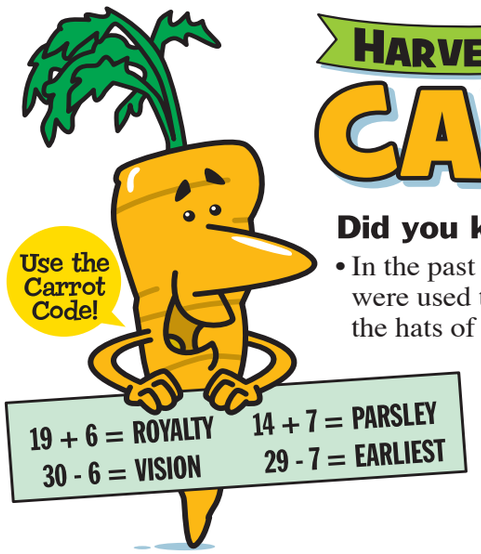


WARM
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AFRICA
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START
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PEANUTS
WARMER

How many peanuts can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that adaptations in physical structure may improve an animal's chance for survival; animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction. Height and weight are for the average male of each species.

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HARVEST OF THE MONTH

CARROTS

Did you know...

- In the past our leaves were used to decorate the hats of **25**.
- We were one of the **22** vegetables grown by humans.
- We're related to **21**. Don't our feathery green tops look similar?
- Doctors say that we improve **24** because of our very high level of vitamin A (carotene).

Root Vegetables

A carrot is a root vegetable. That means it grows underground and is part of the root of its plant.

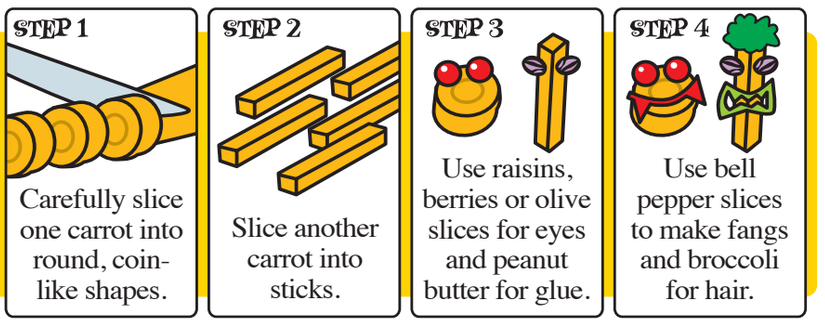


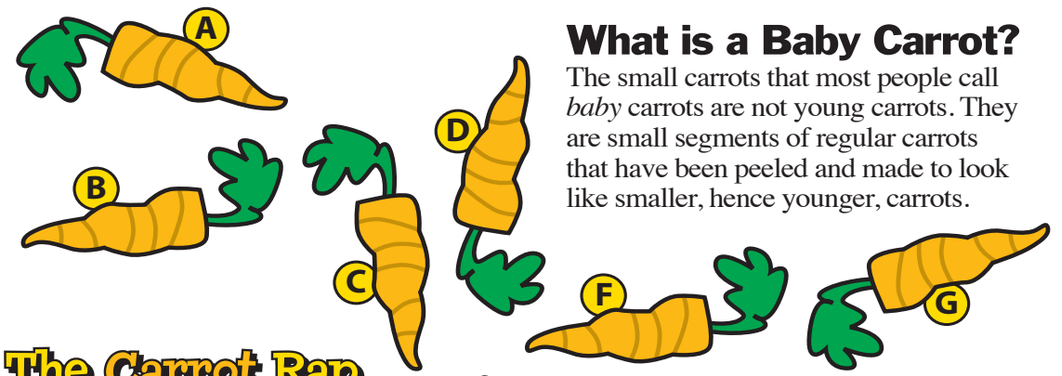
Cross out the word **CARROT** each time it appears in this box. Write down the remaining letters to discover some other root vegetables.

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CARROTEECARROTTCARROTS

CREATE A SCARROT!

Use carrots, fruits, vegetables and imagination to make creepy treats!





What is a Baby Carrot?

The small carrots that most people call *baby* carrots are not young carrots. They are small segments of regular carrots that have been peeled and made to look like smaller, hence younger, carrots.

Look carefully! Only one of these carrots is different than the others. Can you find it?

The Carrot Rap

Crunch 'em
Munch 'em
Eat 'em in a bunch-em
Carrots pulled up from the ground
Will make you healthy all around.
Vitamin A will feed your skin,
Sharper eyes are another win.
Delicious flavor, raw or cooked,
Carrots—an idea as bright as they look!

Fresh or Processed

Some food comes to us straight from the farm. These are known as fresh foods. Processed foods go to factories before the store. The food gets frozen, canned, cooked into meals or even dried.

WHOLE FOOD	PROCESSED FOOD
Apple	Fruit roll-up
Baked Potato	Potato Chips
Grilled Chicken Breast	Chicken Nuggets
Fresh Carrot	Canned Carrots

Look at the chart showing the fresh and processed foods. Can you add two or more fresh foods and then show how they are sold after being processed?

This can help make food last, but it isn't always the healthiest way to eat. Eating fresh, whole foods helps us be our best at everything we do and keeps us healthy far into the future.

Eating real food is also good for the earth. Foods that are unprocessed consume less energy as they go from farm to market than foods that take a side trip to be sliced, diced and rearranged in factories.

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VETERANS DAY

What is Veterans Day?

by I.M. Curious

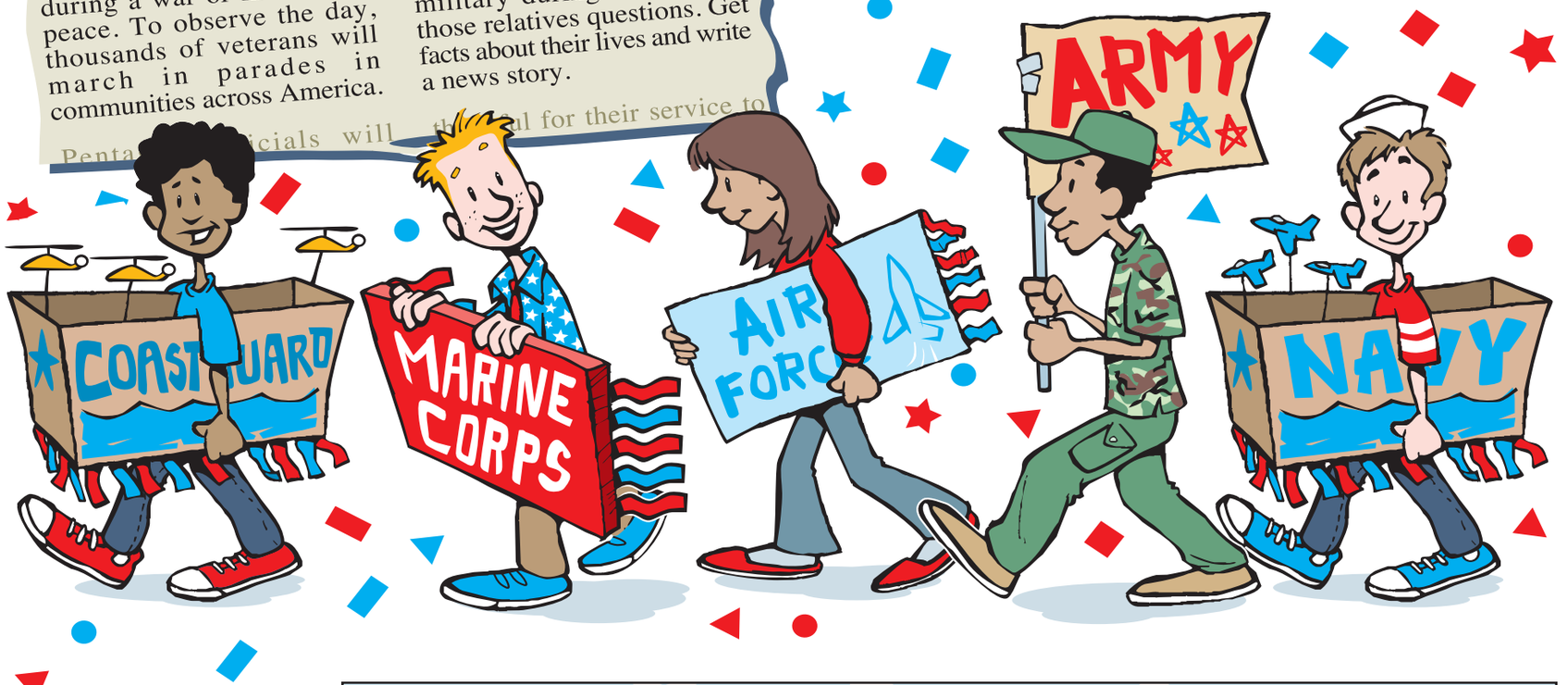
Veterans Day, November 11, is a day to honor people who have served in the military during a war or in times of peace. To observe the day, thousands of veterans will march in parades in communities across America.

You may have a veteran in your family. Ask your parents or grandparents which family members have served in the military during a war. Ask those relatives questions. Get facts about their lives and write a news story.

Penta[illegible]icials will th[illegible]al for their service to

The Parade Shapes Up

Find and count all the triangles, squares, circles and rectangles you can find in the kids' parade.



Super Stars

It's a tradition to display blue and gold stars in the homes of families of veterans. A blue star means the veteran in the family is living. A gold star means the veteran died.

Before 1954, Veterans Day was called Armistice Day. The first Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, marked the signing of the peace treaty that ended World War I. (An *armistice* is an agreement to stop fighting, and it's made just before the signing of a peace treaty.)

More soldiers had died in World War I than in any other war in history. An Australian journalist named George Honey started a practice that became a tradition. He asked people to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. as the treaty was signed, to remember the many fallen soldiers.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a law changing the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day, thereby extending the tribute to veterans of all wars.

The **best** title for this story would be:

- ☐ Peace Treaties
- ☐ How Veterans Day Began
- ☐ All About President Eisenhower

Standards Link: History: Students understand the reasons Americans observe certain national holidays.

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Who were the Founding Fathers?

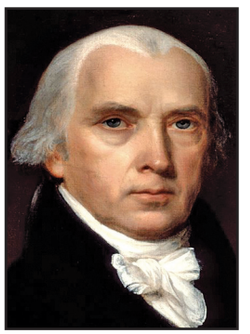
The Founding Fathers signed the Constitution of the United States into law in 1787. They were a group of men who organized the American colonists' revolution and formed an independent country—the United States of America.

They knew that after they won the war with England, they would need a Constitution to create laws for the new country. The men who led the revolution, worked on the Declaration of Independence and wrote the Constitution are known as the Founding Fathers.

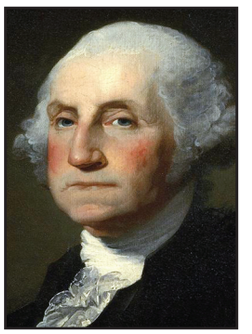
Seven of those men are considered key figures and students today study their lives and writings.



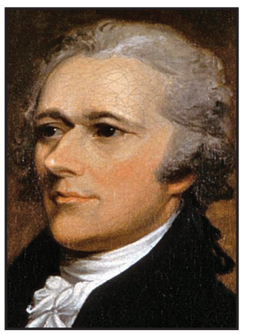
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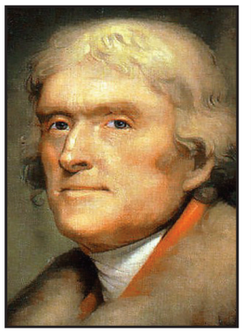


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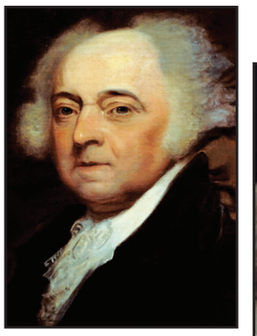
Do the math to label each Founding Father pictured.

17 + 17	=	Thomas Jefferson	24 - 7	=	Benjamin Franklin
13 -9	=	John Jay	13 + 5	=	Alexander Hamilton
14 - 7	=	George Washington	19 - 6	=	James Madison
16 + 12	=	John Adams			

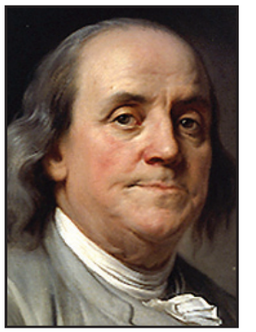
Thomas Jefferson was 33 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence; he was not part of the Constitutional Convention, as he was the minister to France at the time. Four years after the Constitution was written, he insisted that Ten Amendments be written up as The Bill of Rights to protect an individual's rights as a citizen.



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Heroic Homonyms

Benjamin Franklin used these words urging his fellow signers to be of the same mind. "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." This reveals two meanings of the word "hang"— *to stay together* and *to be killed by a rope tied around the neck*. Many homonyms have at least two different meanings. Write down another meaning for each word other than the one given.

BANK: The edge of a river or _____

BAT: A small flying animal or _____

LIGHT: Weighing very little or _____

RING: A sound made by a bell or _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students understand homonyms.

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SHARKS!



Which scares you more? A shark or a bee?

Most people are more afraid of sharks than bees. Yet bee stings have killed more people than sharks! Most of the more than 300 different kinds of sharks are not dangerous. The Great White shark is the most dangerous of all, but hardly anyone sees it. It likes to stay in deep ocean water where most people don't swim.

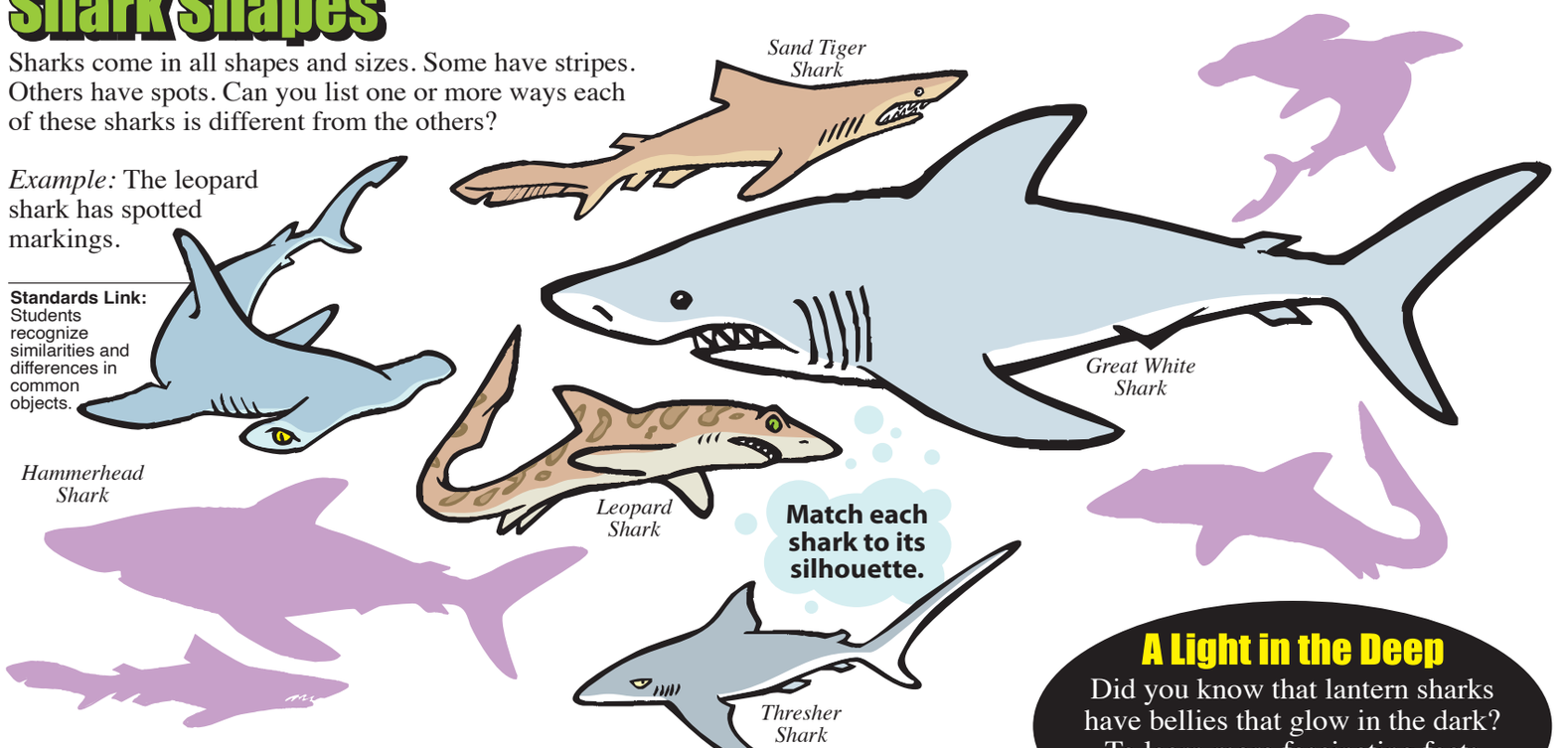
Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand that animals have different external features that help them survive in different habitats.

Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The leopard shark has spotted markings.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.



Match each shark to its silhouette.

A Light in the Deep

Did you know that lantern sharks have bellies that glow in the dark? To learn more fascinating facts about sharks, take a dive into your local library!

Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

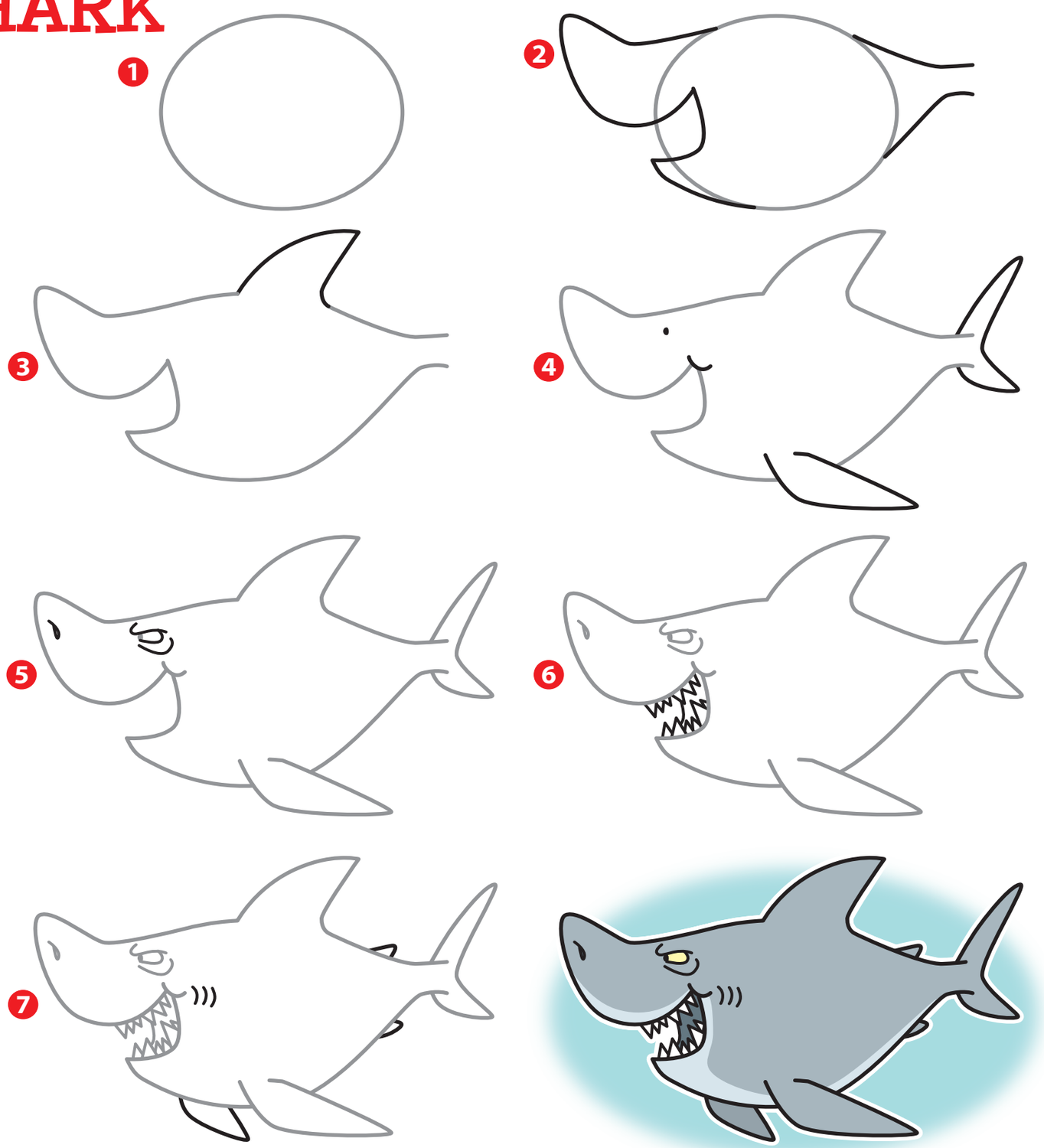
To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.



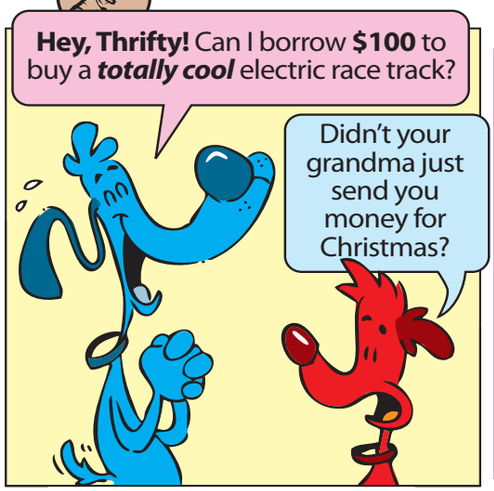
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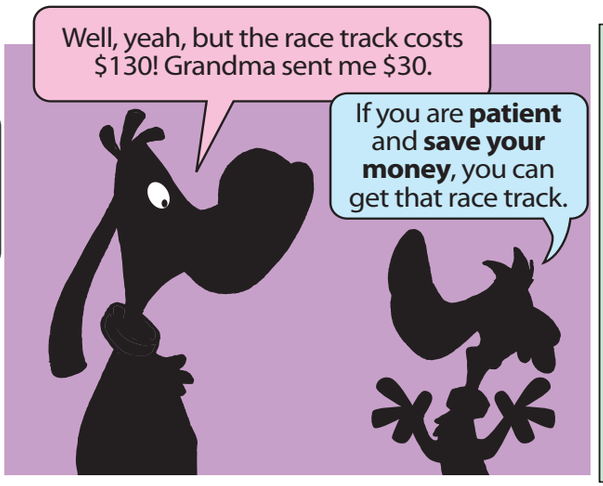
HOW TO DRAW A SHARK



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Thrifty & Fritter's The Joy of Saving







Standards Link: Economics: Students understand basic economic principles.



1. Set a Goal

How much money do you need to buy the thing you want? That's your **savings goal**. For extra inspiration, tape a picture of the thing you want to buy in a place where you'll see it everyday.

Fritter wants: Speedstar Raceway Cost: $130

You want: _____ Cost: _____



2. Watch Your Spending

Write down everything you spend money on. After a week or so, add up what you spent. Is there anything you could do without? How much would that save you?

What I Spent This Week

Fritter

Movie Ticket	$9.00
Large Popcorn	$5.50
4 Sodas	$12.00
3 Candy Bars	$6.75
Comic Book	$2.25

What I Spent This Week

_____

How much money did Fritter spend this week?	What things would you suggest Fritter do without to save for the race track?	How much money would he save by not buying those things?

Work with a parent to add up the value of the coins on this page!

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Lego Time!



Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends!

Thousands of Legos to choose from.

BOOK SALE!

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STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am Ludington

Fridays 10am Scottville



1-2-3 Rhyme with Me! on Mondays

10am in Ludington

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



Scottville Family Bingo – Tuesdays, November 3 & December 1, 6-7pm

Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us! We have some family fun, complete with prizes for the winners! All MCDL Programs are FREE. Children under 8 must be supervised.

****CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING NOV. 26****

JOIN A BOOK CLUB!

Scottville has a Homeschool Book Club on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am for ages 5-14.

Ludington has the Totally Super-Cool Book Club starting up next year, grades 3-6.

All materials provided. Free of charge.

Scottville Creative Kids * 3:30-5pm
Monday & Wednesday

Ludington Creative Kids * 3:30-5pm
Monday

Come for games, crafts, and snacks!

TEEN EVENTS – 3:30pm in LUDINGTON:

Anime Club (Mondays, 3:30pm Ludington)

Teen Tuesday (First Tuesday, 3:30pm Ludington)

Teen Thursday (Thursdays, 3pm Scottville)

Blind Pizza Taste Test (November 25, 12:30pm Scottville)

Bag It & Craft It (November 2, 12-2pm Scottville)

Lunch & Movie (November 6, 12:30pm Ludington)

Table Top Games (Saturdays, 11am-2:30pm Ludington)

After-Hours Movie (November 20, 6pm Ludington)

Friendsgiving (November 24, 12:30pm Ludington)

Celebrate Odd Socks Day November 16 & the secret word is CORNUCOPIA

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Smart Tips for Smart Parents

KIDS—SHARE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR PARENTS.

LEARNING TIP OF THE MONTH

Half Empty or Half Full?

Some people hate rainy weather. They complain about it and grumble beneath their umbrella. But other people enjoy the rain, knowing it provides fresh water, wildflowers in the spring and fills rivers and lakes. It's all a matter of one's **attitude**.

Attitudes are part of mental health. Take time to flip through a newspaper with your child and use the time to not only foster reading skills but also as an opportunity to start a discussion about attitudes.



THE HAPPY VALLEY HERALD

Berry Festival success: Over 30,000 visitors attend

MIDVALE: The annual Berry Festival saw record attendance over the weekend. Hotels and local restaurants did brisk business, increasing sales 23% higher than last year, on average. Rain didn't dampen spirits ... organizers provided plenty of awnings to



The Cranky Chronicle

Festival causes traffic mess

MIDVALE: Call it a strawberry jam. Crowds heading to the annual Berry Festival wound up in massive traffic jams all weekend. Rain only made the traffic worse, causing many out-of-town visitors to head for home. And hotels were completely booked, forcing some ... to drive miles away in search of places

Look through the newspaper to find examples of **optimistic** statements and **pessimistic** statements. Circle optimistic statements in green and pessimistic statements in red.

Ask your child to try turning one of the pessimistic statements into a positive one. Have them turn an optimisitic statement into a negative one.

Which was easier to do? It sometimes takes a lot of practice, and often a whole new attitude, to stay optimistic!

Making Hand Washing Fun



With the cold and flu season here, it is very important to talk with kids about why washing their hands matters. But they probably think that it's BORING. To make it more fun, learn the **Kid Scoop Scrub Squad Sing-a-Long Song!**

www.kidscoop.com/scrub-squad

Experts say that washing your hands for at least 20 seconds is the best way to make sure you remove germs and gunk. Help your kids memorize and sing one of the online Scrub Squad songs while you scrub to help you make sure that you wash long enough.

SUDSY STUDY: A comprehensive study by the University of Oregon revealed that ordinary bar soap is just as effective as antibacterial soaps in helping reduce instances of illness.

The way a movie vampire covers his face with his cape is a good way to stop the spread of germs. Teach your children how to do "The Vampire Cough."

Next time you need to cough or sneeze, cough into the inside of your elbow as shown.

If you cough into your hand, you'll spread germs as you touch things. Think about it: When was the last time you used the inside of your elbow to touch something?



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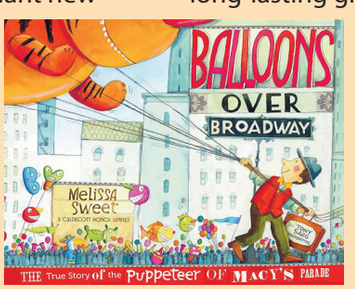


Balloons Over Broadway:

The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade

By Melissa Sweet

Everyone is a New Yorker on Thanksgiving Day, when young and old rise early to see what giant new balloons will fill the skies for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Who first invented these "upside-down puppets"?



In Melissa Sweet's award-winning book, readers meet Tony Sarg, puppeteer extraordinaire! In brilliant collage illustrations, the award-winning artist Melissa Sweet tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America—the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Parade.

This is a great book the whole family will enjoy, perfect to read before watching the big parade.

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