

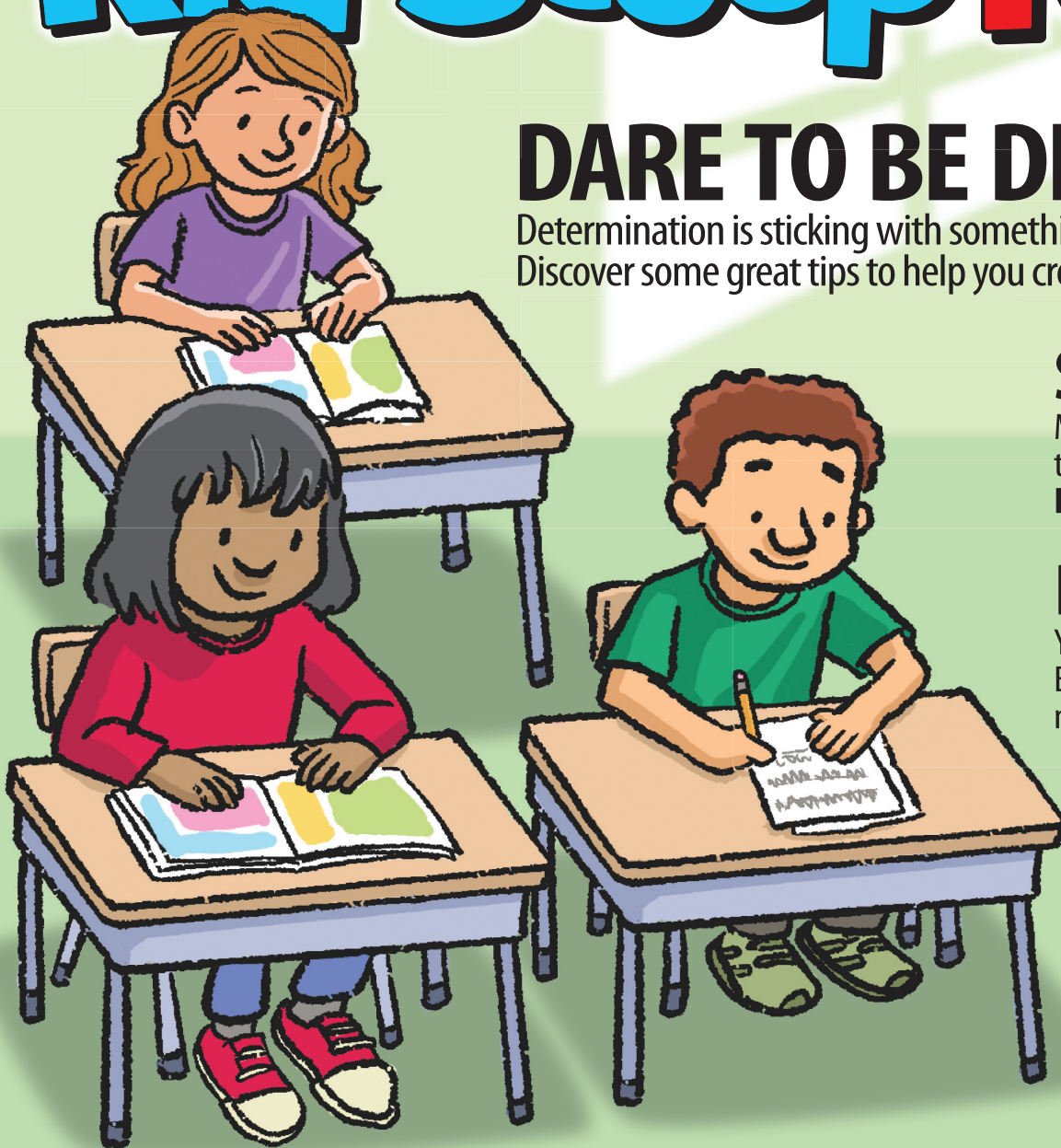
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Discover some great tips to help you create your own "I Can Do It" plan!



SPACE ROCKS

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BRAIN POWER

Your brain is an amazing computer.
Explore the parts of the brain and learn more about how it works.

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DIFN _ _ _ _ I _
LOOC C _ _ _ _
PHLE _ E _ _ _
YCPO _ _ _ P _

Can you unscramble these words?
Hint: They all can be found on this cover!



JUST PASSING THROUGH

It took creativity to come up with a way to help wildlife cross busy highways safely. Now, the number of accidents has been reduced thanks to highway overpasses and tunnels that blend into the forest.

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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

"Where do you like to read
Kid Scoop News?"

- ☐ At school
- ☐ At home
- ☐ In my room
- ☐ With my family
- ☐ Outdoors
- ☐ At recess
- ☐ With a friend

Check all that apply. Send your answer to:

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First Name: _____

City: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____



WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

Reading can really take you places. This month in **Kid Scoop News**, reading can take you from a national park in Canada to Outer Space!

While visiting **Banff National Park** this summer, I discovered how rangers protect animals from being hurt by cars on the roads in the park. Read the News Page to find out about this clever solution to a big problem.

Then we take off and learn about **space rocks!** Rocks traveling through outer space. How did they get there? What are they called? Turn the pages and find out.

And that's just a few of the interesting things you will learn by reading this month.

I want to hear from YOU!

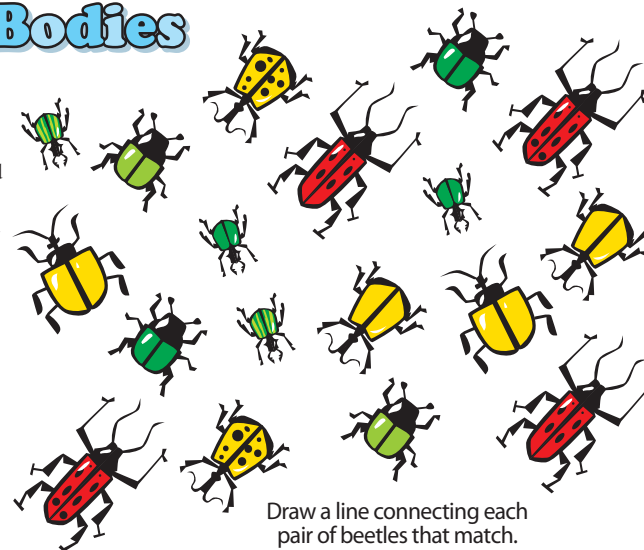
Be sure to answer my Question of the Month next to this letter.

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

Woodword

Beetle Bodies

Beetles have a special body part that makes them, well, beetles. This special body part is a hard exo-skeleton that covers their wings. Called **elytra** (El-ih-truh), these hard "wings" provide protection and more. Some beetles trap moisture on their wings, allowing them to survive in the desert. Other kinds of beetles are able to live under water because they trap air in their wings and keep it under the elytra.



Draw a line connecting each pair of beetles that match.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

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Safe Travels for Wildlife



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In Canada's Banff National Park, many animals used to get hurt or even killed trying to cross the busy highway that runs through the park.

Then, in the 1990s, people had a great idea to build special bridges and tunnels for animals to cross the road!

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The park built two kinds of crossings:

- **Overpasses:** These are bridges planted to look like the forest, so animals feel safe using them.
- **Underpasses:** These are tunnels that go under the road. They are quiet and dark, so animals feel safe.

Just Passing Through

Animals need to cross the road to search for food, water, or a place to sleep. Some animals travel to find a mate or take care of their young.

Banff National Park's wildlife crossing system now has six overpasses and 38 underpasses to help animals travel safely.

Since the park started building these crossings, car and animal accidents have gone down by over 80%. That means fewer animals are hurt, and people are safer, too.



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Walk This Way

It takes a while, but after some time animals learn that these bridges and tunnels are safe. Pictures taken from special cameras show animals safely using the crossings.



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Banff's animal bridges are famous and other countries are building their own.

In the United States, wildlife crossings can be found in California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and Florida.

Several other states are planning to add wildlife crossings to make travel safer for people and animals.

Kid Scoop News SCOOP THE NEWS GAME

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

What is this article about?

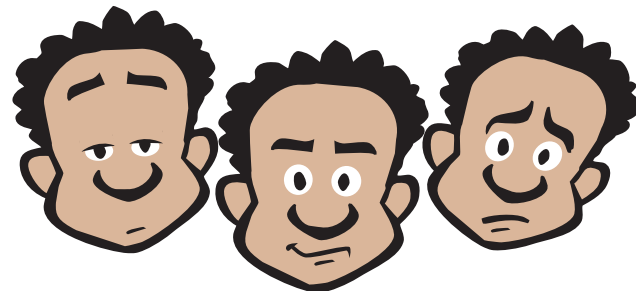
What did the people in this article do?

When did this happen?

Where did this happen?

Why is this important?

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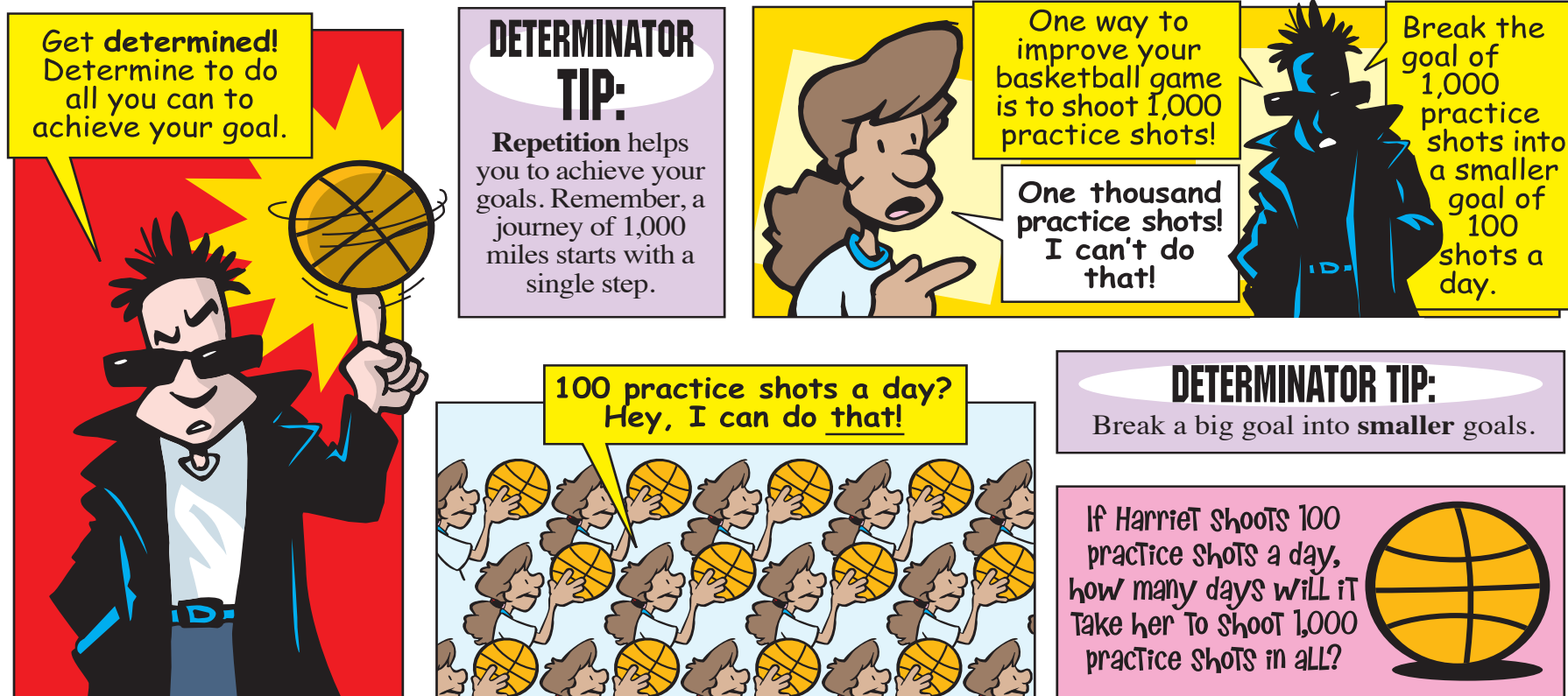
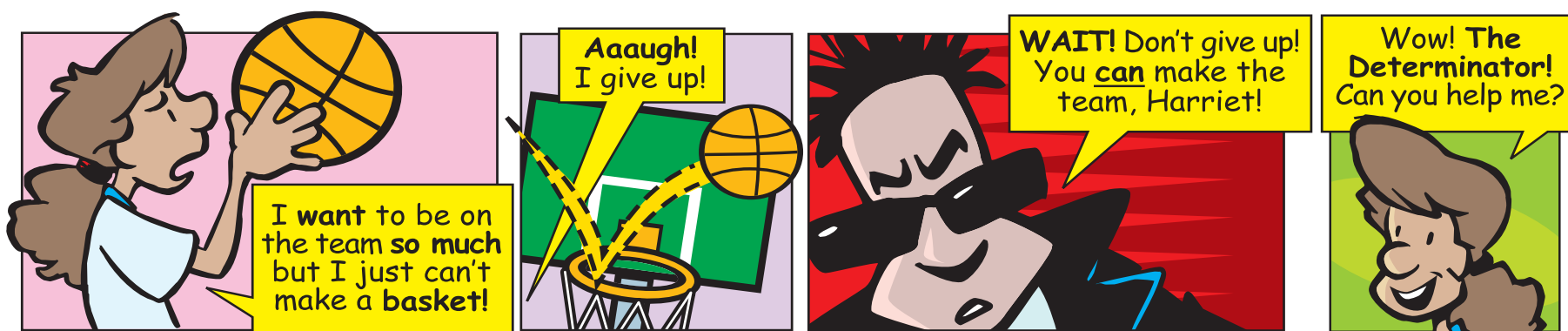


Determination is sticking with something until you reach a goal.

Look at the three faces. Circle the one that has the look of *determination*. Look in the mirror.

Say a goal you want to reach out loud, then make a very determined look on your face.

Did that make you feel more determined?



THE I-CAN-DO-IT PLAN



The first steps in achieving something are to have a goal and to believe in yourself. Studies show that you are more likely to achieve a **goal** if you write down both the goal and the plan to achieve it.

Look at Harriet's **I-Can-Do-It Plan**. Then think of a goal you would like to achieve and make your own **I-Can-Do-It-Plan**.

Harriet's I-Can-Do-It-Plan

Her Goal: Make one basket in every five tries.

Her Plan: Shoot 100 practice shots every day.

My I-Can-Do-It Plan

NAME: _____

MY GOAL: _____

MY PLAN: _____

Clip and save this plan. Tape it up somewhere where you'll see it every day.

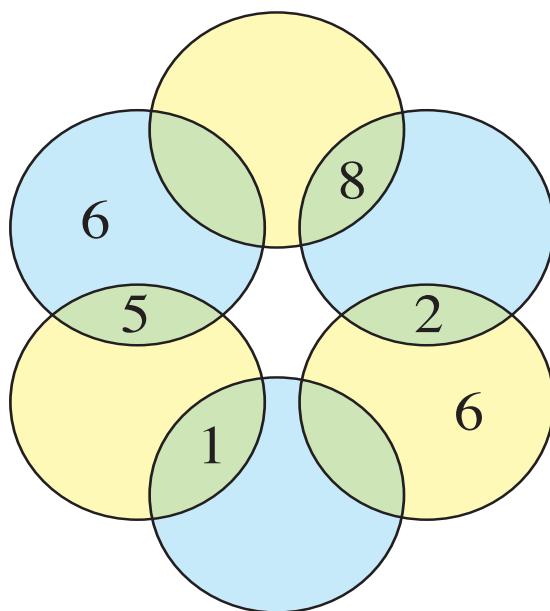
Standards Link: Health: Identify healthy practices; create a plan.

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DOZEN DOES IT!

GOAL: The three numbers within each circle need to equal 12.

PLAN: Using the numbers that are already in place, figure out which numbers are needed to make the sum of the three numbers in each circle equal 12. Then do the circle to the right. Keep moving to a new circle until all of them are done.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

DETERMINE
PRACTICE
REPETITION
ACHIEVE
EVERY
STEP
FACE
TRIES
PLAN
GOALS
WRITE
RESULT
LOUD
TEAM
POSTER

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

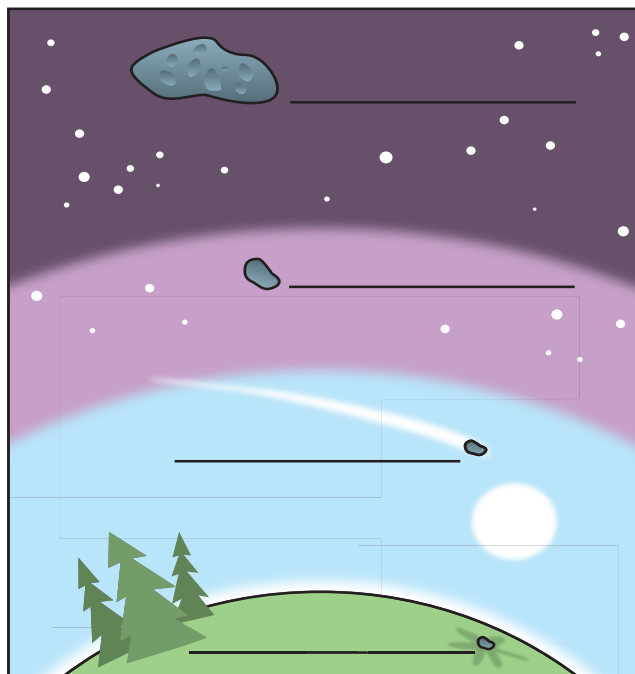
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

SPACE ROCKS

Meteors, asteroids, meteorites ... what's the difference?

Meteors, asteroids, meteorites and meteoroids are all names for space rocks. The rocks have different names depending on their location, whether they are hurtling through space or zooming through the atmosphere and hitting the Earth's surface.



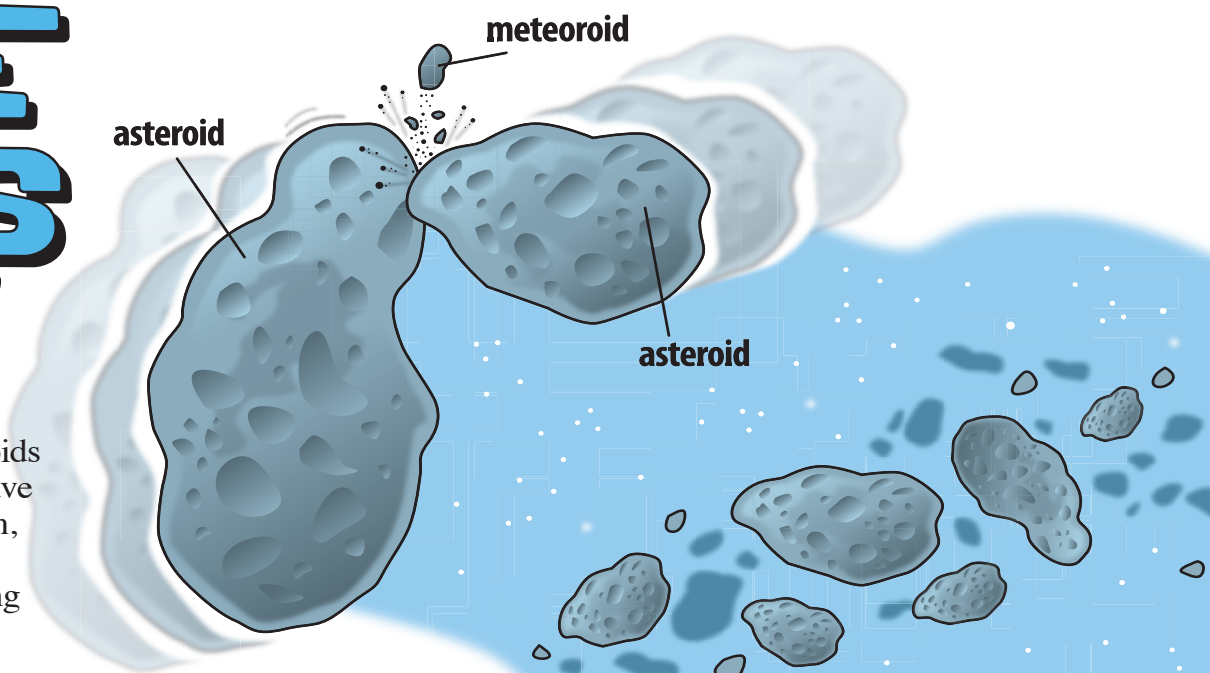
Read each description and label each item on the chart at left.

Asteroids are large rocks in space that orbit the sun. Most are found in the asteroid belt.

When two asteroids collide, the particles that break off are called **meteoroids**.

A meteoroid that enters Earth's atmosphere begins to vaporize, becoming a **meteor**.

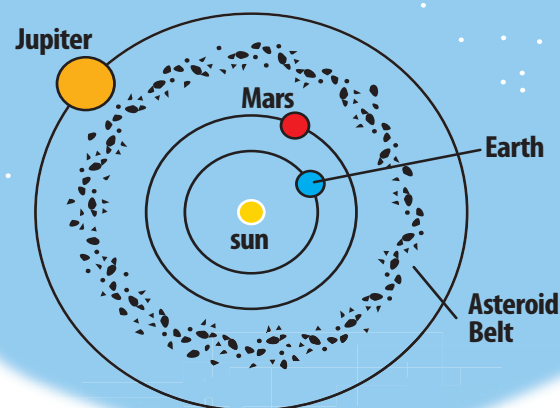
If a meteor survives its flaming trip through our atmosphere and lands on Earth's surface, it is called a **meteorite**.



Solar System Leftovers

Our solar system is made up of planets revolving around a sun. Strangely, between the planets Mars and Jupiter, there is a gap large enough for another planet, but there is not a planet there.

Instead there are millions of asteroids—small and large rocks that scientists believe are the leftover rocks from when the solar system formed. This zone is called the **asteroid belt**.



Circle every other letter to discover another name for meteors.

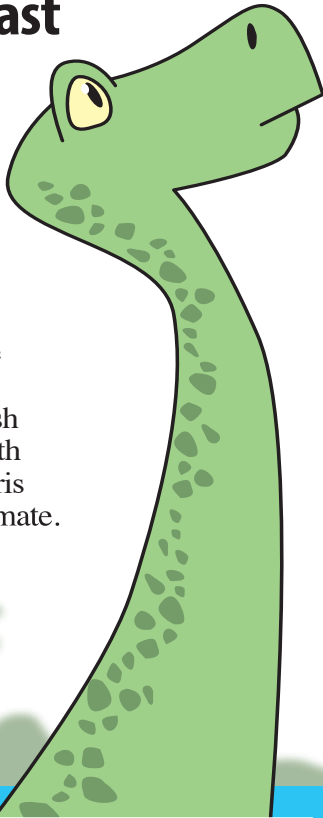
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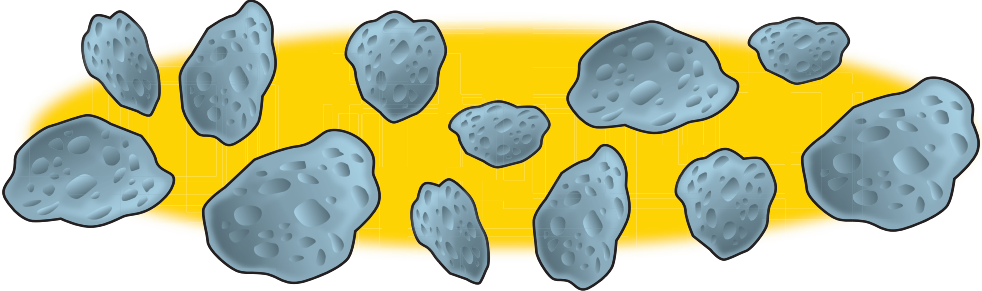
Blast from the Past

66 million years ago, dinosaurs had a really bad day. Scientists have a theory that a humongous asteroid hit the Earth. This event likely caused the end of dinosaurs and many other forms of life.

The asteroid that might have wiped out the dinosaurs was about 6 miles wide. The crash filled Earth’s atmosphere with huge clouds of dust and debris that changed the planet’s climate.



Each of these meteorites has an exact duplicate. Draw a line connecting each matching pair.



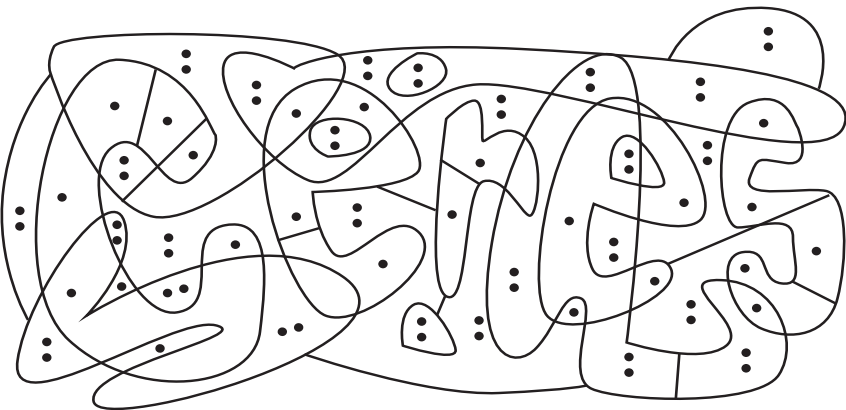
About 5,200 tons of this falls on Earth every year.
Use the code to discover the answer.

= D	= M	= R	= T		
= E	= O	= S	= U		

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The largest asteroid in the asteroid belt is about ¼ the size of the moon. It is so large that in 2006 it was decided it should be called a dwarf planet. This asteroid rotates very fast. One day on this asteroid is only 9 hours long. It takes it about five Earth years to orbit the sun.

To find out the name of this asteroid, color the spaces with one dot red and the spaces with two dots yellow.



Double Double Word Search

- DINOSAURS
- HUMONGOUS
- METEORS
- ASTEROID
- HURLING
- SYSTEM
- ROCKS
- SPACE
- CERES
- SOLAR
- BELT
- STAR
- MARS
- SUN
- GAP

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

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

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

Thrifty & Fritter™ in BIG BIRTHDAY SHOPPING SPREE

Fritter, we're NOT going to go totally crazy shopping for birthday gifts! We need to...



Oh, Thrifty! Just LOOK at all the sparkly lights and cool stuff they have in this store!



WAHOOOO!!! I'm gonna get THIS and THAT and THOSE and THESE and...

Fritter, you *really* need a BUDGET!



Okay, but can **you** carry the budget? My arms are full!



A **budget** is a plan that helps you spend **only** the amount of money you can **afford** to spend!



Thrifty's Budget

INCOME

Watchdog Duty\$15
Mowing Lawn\$20
Puppysitting\$15

TOTAL: \$ _____

EXPENSES

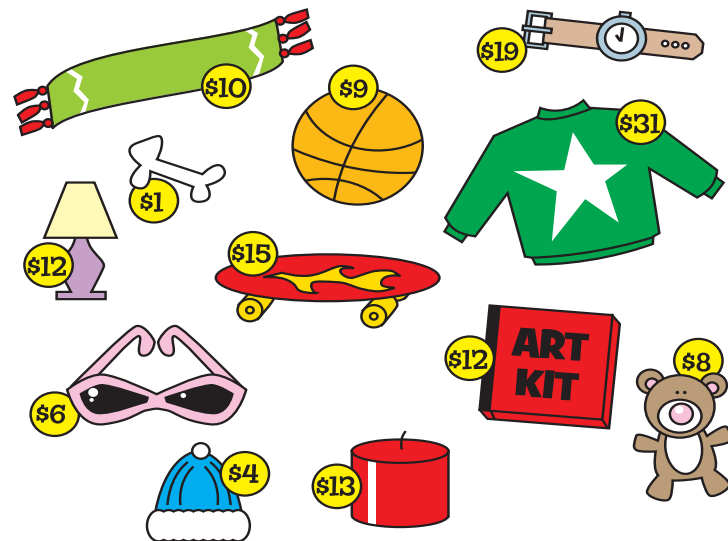
Kibble\$12
Rawhide Chews\$10
Crunchy Snacks ...\$10

TOTAL: \$ _____

DO THE MATH: How much does Thrifty have left over each week? \$ _____

Birthday Shopping on a Budget

Look at the things Thrifty and Fritter would like to buy for Fifi's birthday. They have \$50 budgeted for their birthday shopping. Make a list of the things they could buy on their budget without overspending.



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Let's Talk!

Talk with a parent about how they budget their money for groceries, clothing and other household expenses. How do they stay on budget each week? How do they budget for unexpected expenses like car repairs?



Smallest Brain, Big Body

There once was an animal that was 30 feet (9m) long and weighed about two tons. Yet, it had a brain that was about the size and weight of a chicken egg.

To find the name of the animal, write the letter that comes BEFORE each letter in the alphabet.

S

T

U

F

H

P

T

B

V

S

V

T



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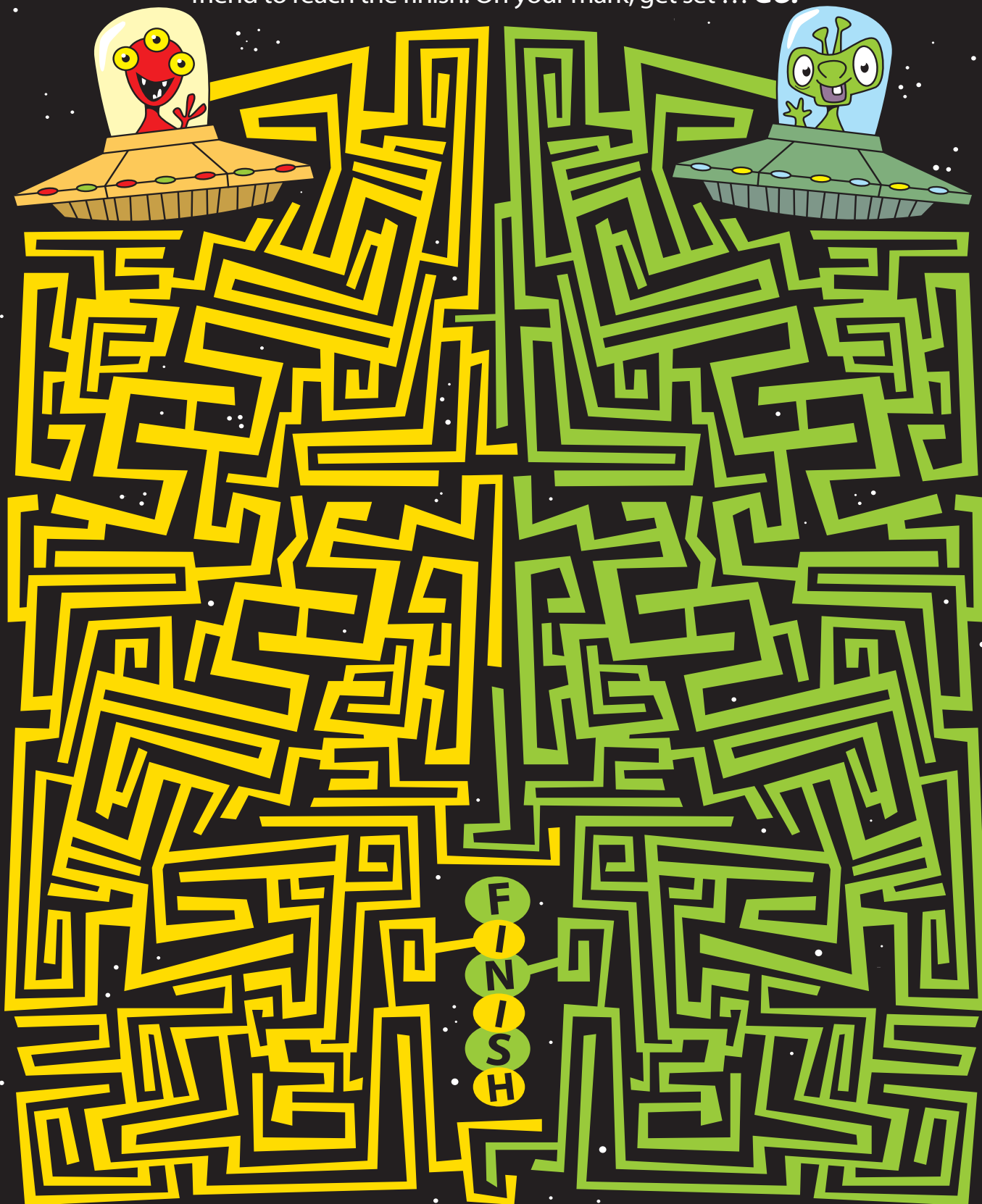
JOIN THE SQUAD

Readers know that every book is a power-up to defeat any demons that come your way!

Bestie, you've got this.



SPACE RACE: Choose a spacecraft and race against a friend to reach the finish. On your mark, get set ... **GO!**



What do you call a space magician?

To reveal the answer, circle every third letter.

R D A Q W
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 R Y C D I
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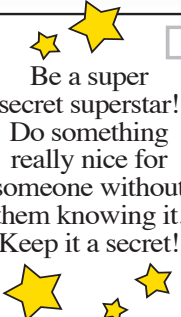
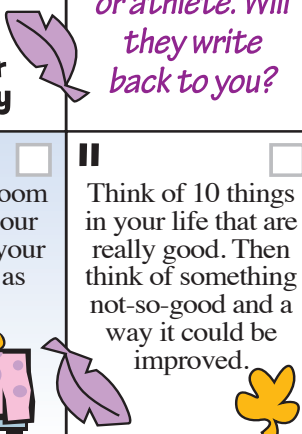
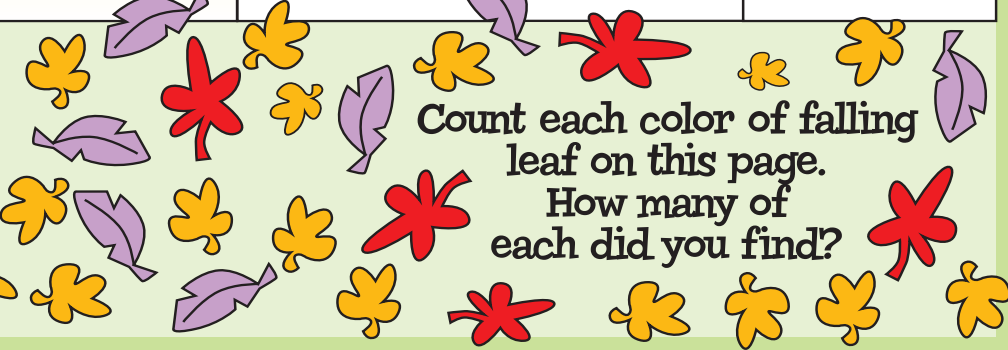
See how many words you can make using the letters in OUTER SPACE. Have a friend try. Who made more words?

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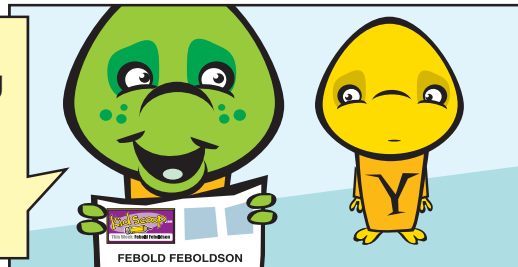


ACTIVITY CALENDAR

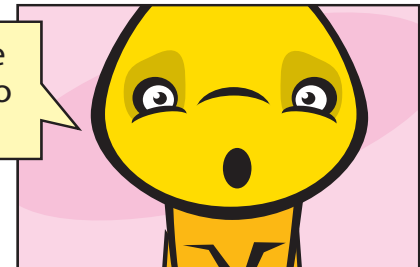
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tick the box on each day when you have completed 20 minutes of reading. Children who develop a love of reading will become better students and build a better future. ☒	1 ☐ Talk with your family about careers that interest you. What kind of education or training do those jobs require? Labor Day	2 ☐ FAMILY GAME NIGHT Gather the family for an evening of your favorite board or card games.	3 ☐ Gather up some newspapers today and make a craft using paper mache. Newspaper Carrier Day	4 ☐ <i>Write a letter or e-mail to your favorite actor or athlete. Will they write back to you?</i>	5 ☐ Check the batteries in your home smoke detectors today. Be sure to test them weekly. Child Injury Prevention Week	6 ☐ Do you have a library card? September is the perfect time to check out your local library, get your library card and check out a few books. Read a Book Day
7 ☐ Write a poem for a grandparent and draw a picture to go with it.  Grandparents Day	8 ☐ Discuss the services of your local library. Why are libraries important? International Literacy Day	9 ☐ Be a super secret superstar! Do something really nice for someone without them knowing it. Keep it a secret! 	10 ☐ Tidy your bedroom today. Make your bed and leave your room as nice as possible. 	11 ☐ Think of 10 things in your life that are really good. Then think of something not-so-good and a way it could be improved. 	12 ☐ Look for a recipe that uses citrus and ask if you can help prepare it. 	13 ☐ "Tremendous things are in store for you!" Look up the stories of Roald Dahl. Have you seen any of the movies of his books? Roald Dahl was born on this day in 1916.
14 ☐ FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Comedy tonight! Rent a funny movie for the whole family to watch.	15 ☐ Get some construction paper, scissors, and tape and cover your books for school. 	16 ☐ Help clean up in the garden today and think about planting something now that will bloom next year. 	17 ☐ Celebrate the signing of the Constitution by flying the flag and reciting the Preamble. Constitution Day 	18 ☐ Arrrrr! Look in books and online for some great pirate phrases to get ready for "Talk Like a Pirate Day!" 	19 ☐  Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 ☐ Look through your local newspaper for events in your area this weekend. If you can't find an event, plan a visit to a local museum or art gallery.
21 ☐  Make a miniature golf course using cleaned tin cans for holes. For ideas go to scoutlife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/718/fore/	22 ☐ This is the first day of autumn. Use a crayon and a sheet of blank paper to gently do some leaf rubbings. Ask a parent to help you. 	23 ☐ Build a backyard obstacle course. 	24 ☐ Tonight, see if you can write down all the names of the kids in your class from memory. Did you forget anyone?	25 ☐ What is your birthstone? If you were born in September, your birthstone is a sapphire. Find your birthstone online. 	26 ☐ Write about one great thing that happened to you this month. Show it to a teacher or parent.	27 ☐ Stand close to a friend and toss them a football. For each successful catch, both of you take one step backwards. How far apart will you go? 
28 ☐ A kind word, a chore, a helping hand — these things make good neighbors. Can you do something today to help a neighbor? National Good Neighbor Day	29 ☐ Take a hike to search for signs of autumn. 	30 ☐ Goals for October. Write down five things you would like to achieve in the coming month. 	Count each color of falling leaf on this page. How many of each did you find? 			

Earthlings have created some amazing characters, Yott. I'm reading about a giant farmer named Febold Feboldson!



Sounds like a **tall tale** to me, Zott!



K I D S C O O P N E W S A M E R I C A N L E G E N D S

FEBOLD FEBOLDSON

About 150 years ago, thousands of pioneers began heading for rich farmland in Oregon and, later, for gold in California. After crossing the Mississippi River, they came to the wide, flat prairie we now call the Great Plains. From these Great Plains have come tales of a giant Swedish farmer called Febold Feboldson.

Febold Brings Rain to the Plains

Read the story, then number the pictures in order.

The first year Febold Feboldson settled on the Great Plains, it was hot. And it got hotter every day: hotter and drier, drier and hotter. It was so hot that iron pots melted!

When the streams dried up and Febold Feboldson couldn't go fishing, he said, "Enough!"

Febold sat down and cupped his jaw in his giant hand and thought and thought — until suddenly he came up with a plan.

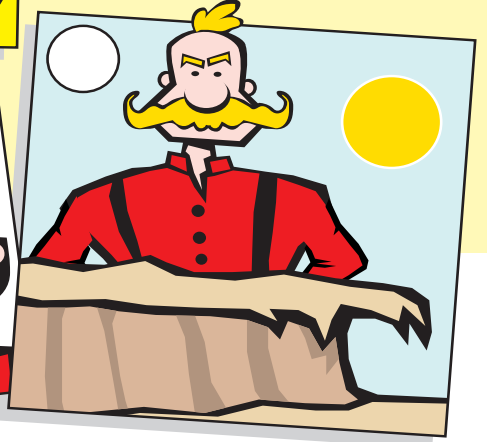
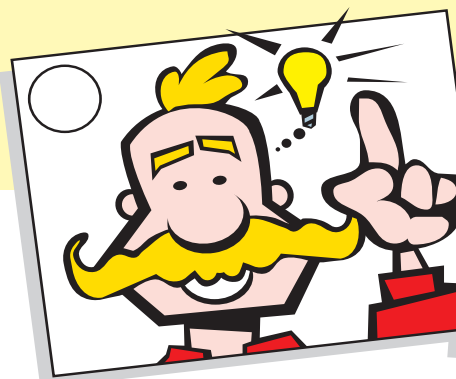
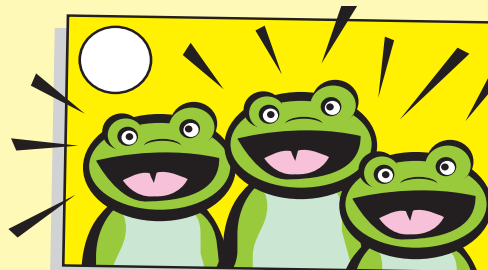
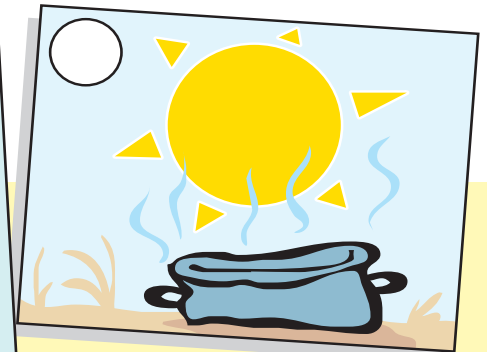
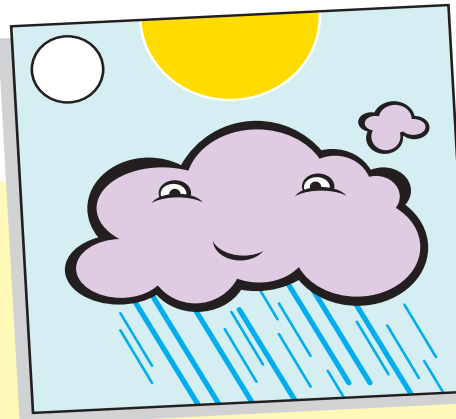
First he splashed some water on a hot and tired frog and whispered in its ear, "It's raining!"

The happy frog croaked the news to his frog friends. Soon more frogs joined in the song. They got so loud that it sounded like thunder!

Some clouds heard the noise and hurried to join the storm. Seeing there was no storm when they got to the Great Plains, the clouds went ahead and started their own, giving Febold Feboldson a rainstorm and a chance to get back to fishing.

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Understand the basic plots of fables.

Despite the weather, some pioneers settled in the plains. In the 1920s, a newspaper in Gothenburg, Nebraska, entertained readers with tales of Febold Feboldson, a giant farmer who loved the Great Plains and was determined to control the weather.

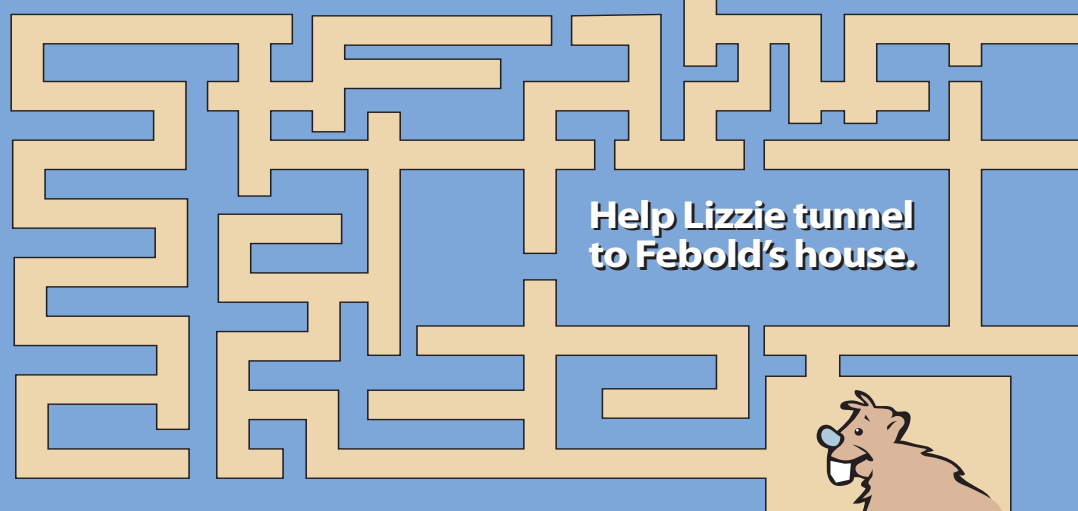


Febold Feboldson's Pets

Animals came into Febold's huge house because it offered the only shade around the Great Plains. Soon Febold had a houseful of pets, from rattlesnakes to buffaloes.

Febold had Lizzie the gopher dig tunnels under his house. Febold figured if he could trap the hot air of the summer into the tunnels, he could save it for winter when he would need the warmth.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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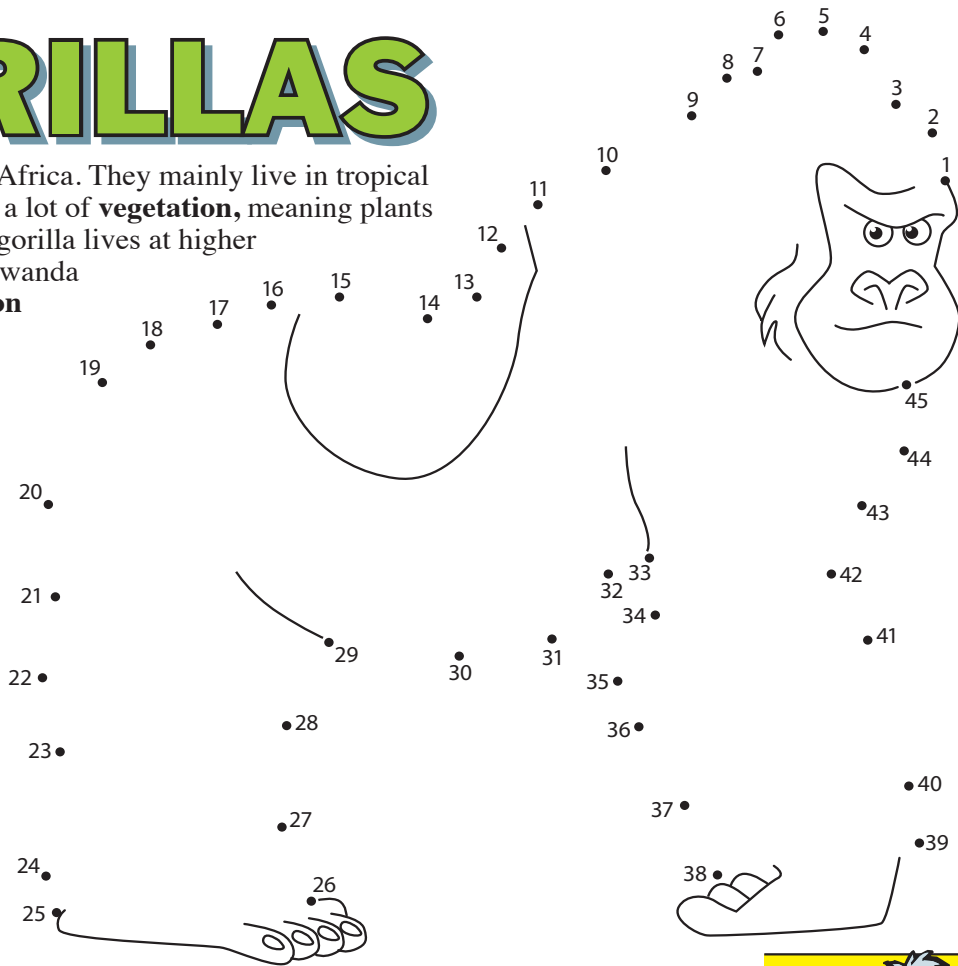


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GORILLAS

Gorillas are found in Africa. They mainly live in tropical forests where there is a lot of **vegetation**, meaning plants to eat. The mountain gorilla lives at higher elevations in Zaire, Rwanda and Uganda. **Elevation** means how high the land is above the surface of the sea.

Connect the dots to draw a gorilla.



Silverbacks

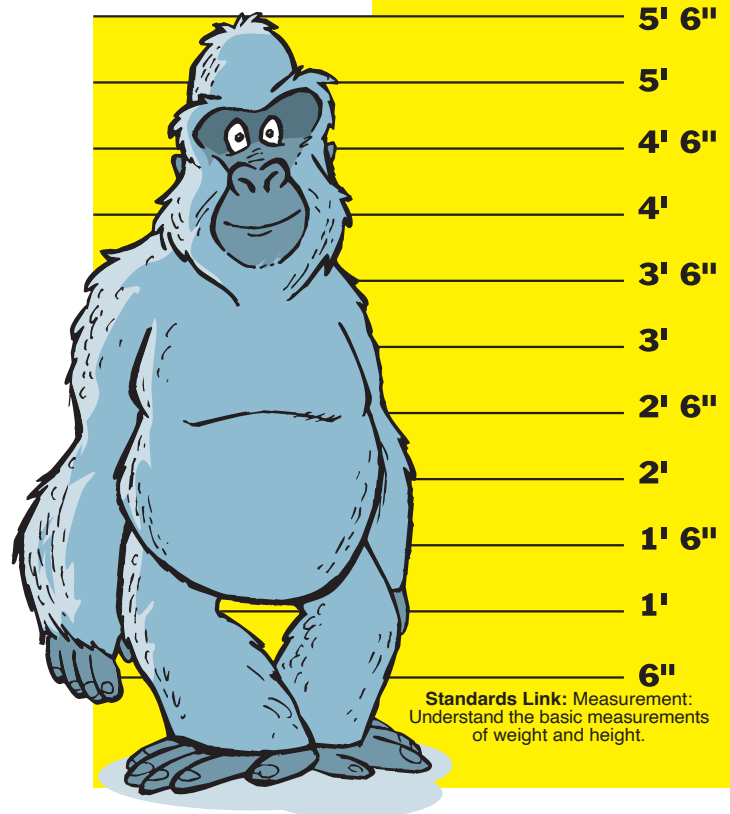
When a male gorilla is fully grown, he will start to grow silvery hair on his back in the shape of a saddle. This is why we call them **silverback** gorillas.

Are you taller than a gorilla?

Adult gorillas can weigh up to 440 pounds and, when they stand on their two legs, are about five-and-a-half feet tall.

How tall are you? Measure yourself, then draw yourself next to the gorilla.

	GORILLA	ME
WEIGHT	440 lbs.	
HEIGHT	5' 6"	



$$19 - 8 =$$

What do gorillas eat?

Along with their families, silverback gorillas are mostly **herbivorous**, which means that they usually eat plants and fruits.



$$28 - 19 =$$



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A silverback gorilla can eat up to forty-five pounds of food a day. That's a whole lot of food!

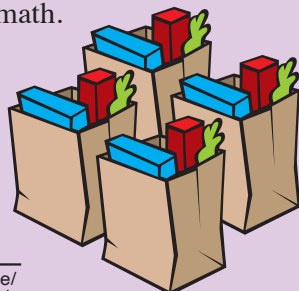
Which of these things do you think weigh around 45 pounds? Check your answers by doing the math.



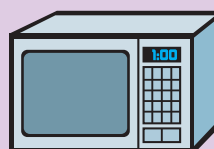
$$7 + 9 - 4 =$$



$$12 + 24 + 9 =$$



$$23 + 11 + 11 =$$



$$18 + 18 + 9 =$$

Standards Link: Number Sense/ Estimation: Students understand basic estimation strategies.

Gorilla Groups

Gorillas like to be around other gorillas, so they live in groups (sometimes called **troops**), as a big gorilla family. A troop can include more than 30 gorillas. Can you imagine having thirty people in your family?

A troop is led by one or more silverback gorillas. They decide where the troop will live, and when it will wake up, eat and go back to bed. They also make sure that no troop member hurts another. Know anyone like that?

Proof It!



Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **nine spelling errors** you find. The first one is done for you.

Gorilla Manners

If you ever ^{meet}~~meat~~ a gorilla, be sure to use gorilla manners. Just as when you encounter any animal, you should dew certain things to make the gorilla fool safe around you:

- When you first make eye contact with the gorilla, lowered your head and look away quickly.
- Stay quiet. Don’t move two quickly. Loud noises and suddenly movements scare gorillas!
- “Bow” to them. Made yourself shorter than the gorilla.
- Showing your teeths can be seen as a threat to a gorilla, so if you smile, make sure you don’t show your teeth!

Standards Link: Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

Kid Scoop[®] Puzzler



Gorillas are like people in a lot of ways. Use the code to find out a couple of ways they are similar to humans.

Gorillas have 1 16 11 3 14 11 21 16 24 7 and 1 16 11 1 2 16 7, just like us. Their 16 9 24 7 look just like ours. They even have the same number of 1 16 16 1 8 as people—32.

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 9 = A | 21 = G | 5 = M | 4 = P | 1 = T |
| 16 = E | 8 = H | 11 = N | 24 = R | 12 = U |
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

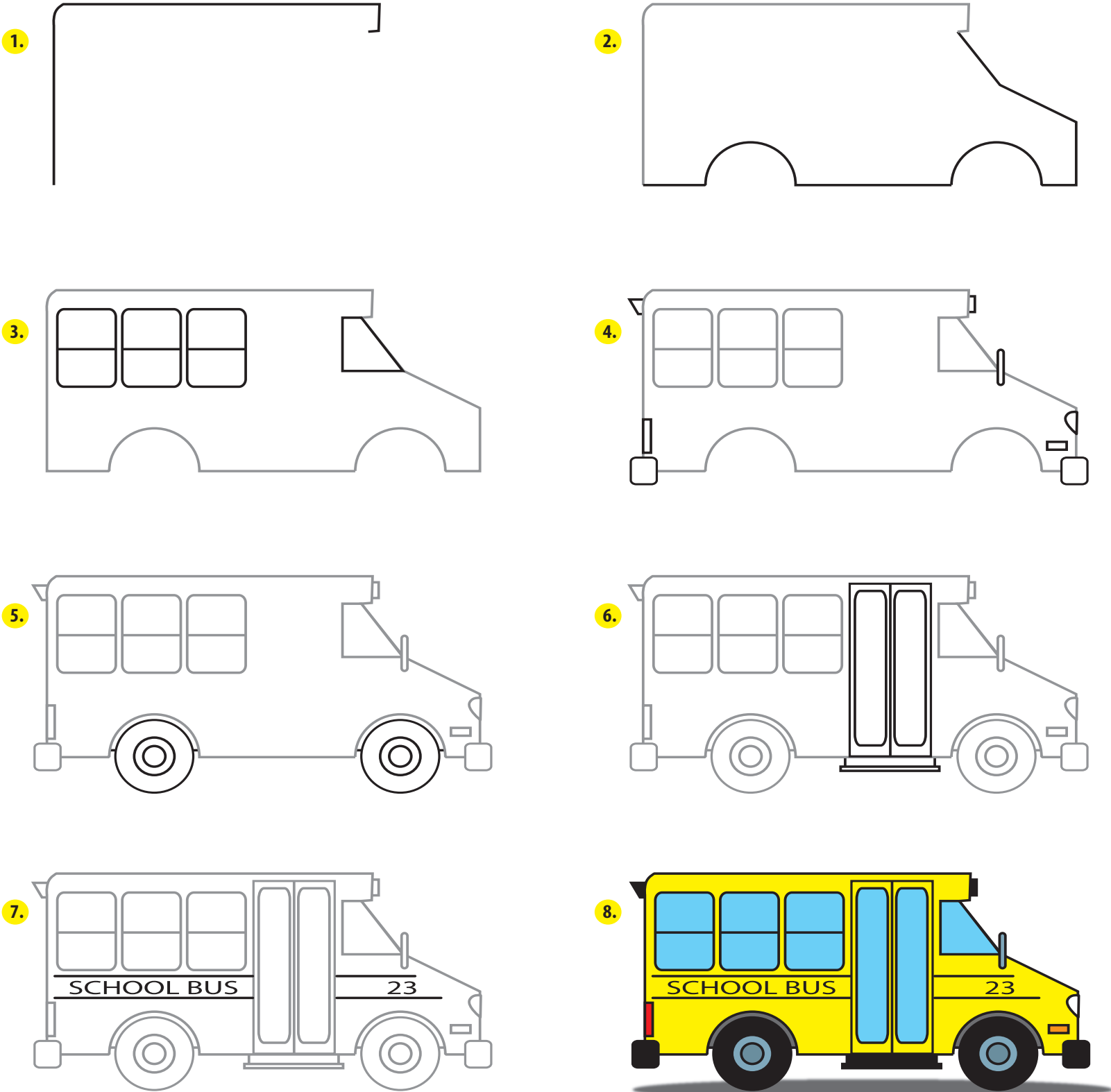
- GORILLAS
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- PRIMATE
- VEGETATION
- WEIGH
- FINGERS
- TOES
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- SHAPE
- HAIR
- WAKE
- WHOLE
- MALE

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

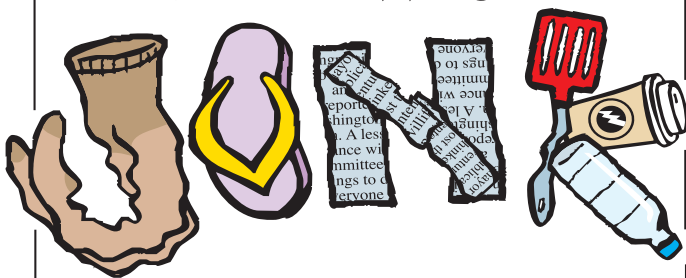
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S	O	F	E	L	A	M	T	M	A
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

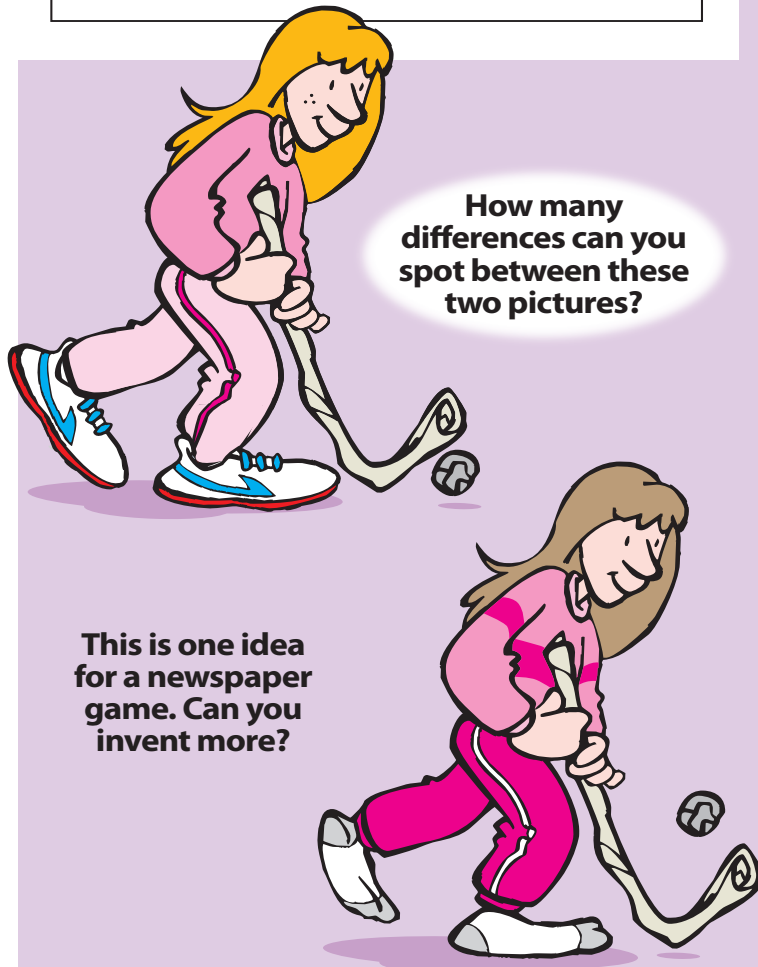
How to Draw a School Bus



Fun with



Games aren't just about playing organized sports. They're about making up your own. Bernie DeKoven, author of *Junkyard Sports*, shows us how we can make up whole new sports with an old newspaper, a little imagination and a few good friends.



This is one idea for a newspaper game. Can you invent more?

NEWSPAPER POLO

All you need is an old (already read) newspaper and a friend or two ... or twenty!

HOW TO PLAY:

- 1. PLAYERS:** At least 2 (for two teams).
- 2. WHERE TO PLAY:** Gyms, hallways, anywhere flat, smooth and a little slippery.
- 3. GETTING READY:** To make a polo mallet, roll several sheets of newspaper diagonally into a tube. Make the mallet head by either bending or tearing and creasing one end. Roll a sheet of newspaper into a ball. For goals, make two giant paper cones, each from one whole piece of newspaper, and place them mouth-down.
- 4. GOAL:** Knock over the other team's paper cone, using only paper mallets to move the ball, while standing on two sheets of newspaper.
- 5. PLAY:** Divide into two teams, and give each player a paper polo mallet. Set the big paper cones at either end of the playing area, with their points standing up. Players whack the paper ball with their mallets, trying to get the ball to hit the opponents' cone. All the while, each player stands on two pieces of newspaper, one for each foot. Players must shuffle around, keeping their feet on their newspapers for the whole game.



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



The activities on this page are adapted from the book *Junkyard Sports* by Bernie DeKoven. For more ideas, visit www.junkyardsports.com



The Brain

The brain is one of the heavier organs in your body. It has three main parts.

Cerebral cortex

The **cerebral cortex** (se-re-brell core-tex) has two parts, the left and right **cerebral hemispheres** (se-re-brell hem-iss-fears).

Your cerebral cortex is where you think, remember, solve problems, imagine, speak, listen, dream, read and learn.

Cerebellum

Your **cerebellum** (se-re-bell-um) is in charge of your movements. Thanks to your cerebellum, you can walk upright, touch your finger to your nose, jump rope and wink!

Brain stem

Your **brain stem** controls your breathing and heartbeat so that you don't have to think about them. Imagine what it would be like if you had to remember to tell your heart to beat! Thankfully, your brain stem takes care of that for you.

Are you left-brained or right-brained?

The brain has two halves or **hemispheres**. The right side of the brain controls the left side of your body, and the left side of your brain controls the body's right side.

Some people think that many of us have one hemisphere that is stronger than the other. Another way to say this is that many people have one side of the brain that is **dominant**.

Answer these questions: Which hand do you use to brush your teeth? Which hand do you use to throw a ball? Which foot do you use to kick a soccer ball?

If you use your right hand and foot, the left side of your brain may be dominant. Some people don't have a dominant hemisphere. They use both sides equally.

Growing a Brain

The brain of a newborn human weighs   to   ounces. (340–400 grams). In one year, the brain weighs   to   ounces (1,020–1,200 grams). By age five, the brain is nearly its adult size of  pounds (1,350 grams).

USE THE CODE:

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1 = 	4 = 	7 = 
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Race a friend to see who can find the most brains on this page in 60 seconds.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures that serve specific functions in growth and survival.

Celebrate the First Day of the New School Year with MCDL!

Tuesday, September 2 after school we'll have ice cream sandwiches (and gluten/dairy-free popsicles) outside of both libraries.



STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am Ludington

Fridays 10am Scottville

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

TEEN EVENTS:

- (L) Quiet Hours Mondays 3-6pm
- (L) Teen Tuesday from 3:30-5pm September 2 & October 7
- (L) Anime Club Wednesdays 3:30-6pm
- (L) Table-Top Game Time Saturdays 11:30am-2:30pm
- (L) Limelights Saturday, September 13 starting at 2:30pm
- (L) Animation Club Friday September 19, 3:30-5pm
- (S) Teen Movie Night Wednesday September 24, 6pm
- (L) Teen Movie Night Thursday September 25, 6-8pm
- (L) 3D Tinker Club Friday September 26, 3:30-5pm

Family Bingo Night in Scottville Tuesdays, September 2 & October 7, 6-7pm



Drop in and play a round of Bingo with us!

Family Bingo in Ludington Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-6:30pm

We are wrapping up our 2025 Summer Reading Program and are so happy that many of you participated! We gave out prizes along the way for readers who completed their time tracking sheets, and will be awarding Teens and Adults in September with their prizes, too. Kids, bring in your sheet the first week of September to make it into the Grand Prize drawing! Many thanks to our sponsors from the community: Culver's, Dairy Queen, House of Flavors, Hungry Howie's, Jaycees Mini Golf, Lake Michigan Carferry, the Lighthouse Keepers Association, Ponderosa, Sportsman's, Taco Bell., Walmart, Wesco



CULTURAL CORNERS * Friday, September 26, 5:30-7:30pm

Come to the Library as part of our cultural downtown, take a tour and play games, and see Ms. Emily outside for a craft and a book!

***** The secret word is: SUPERMAN *****

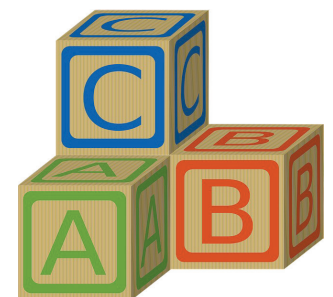
1-2-3 Rhyme with Me!

Mondays at 10:00 am

Join Ms. Emily for rhymes, songs, and early literacy skills!. Perfect for ages 0-3 with a caregiver.

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT SCOTTVILLE * RIVERSIDE PARK SEPTEMBER 13 * 12-4PM

BUBBLES, FREE BOOKS TO TAKE HOME, AND SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!



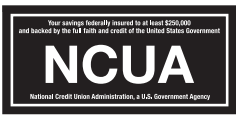
Creative Kids meet after school for games, crafts, and more. In Ludington on Tuesdays from 4-5pm, and in Scottville on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm.

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