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MARCH 2026

## BIRD IS THE WORD

Discover the meaning of the various tweets and chirps of the red-winged blackbird.

## WHAT A MESS!

Litter causes all kinds of problems, from clogged storm drains to harming wildlife. Read about how you can help stop it.

## ROSIE THE RIVETER

During World War II, these "We Can Do It" ladies stepped up to do jobs previously held by men. Those men had gone to war and the "Rosies" helped the war effort.



See how many words you can make using the letters in "BIRD FEATHERS"

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## Meet Sonia Sotomayor

It took hard work and determination for Sonia Sotomayor to achieve her goals. She became the first U.S. Supreme Court Justice of Hispanic heritage.

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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

"Is there something you would like us to add to *Kid Scoop News*?"

Send your answer to:

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City:

School:

Grade:



# WOODWORD'S CORNER

**Dear Readers,**

March blows in with the wind and announces the arrival of Spring! And a new issue of *Kid Scoop News*!

In March we celebrate **Women's History Month** with the story of **Sonia Sotomayor** who is the first Supreme Court Justice of Hispanic heritage. With hard work and determination, she was able to achieve her dreams. We also feature the "We Can Do It" ladies in the report on **Rosie the Riveter**. The "Rosies" as they were know stepped up to help win World War II.

And, of course, we can all have some fun in celebrating **St. Patrick's Day** on March 17. Learn about people's

ideas of how to have good luck – or bad luck on our **Luck o' the Irish** page!

Do you like to color and to draw. This month you can color in the beautiful illustration of a **Red-winged blackbird** and you can also learn **How to Draw a Pig!**

There is a lot to celebrate in March. What is your favorite thing about March?

Enjoy your **March Reading Adventure!**

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## Weird Dream

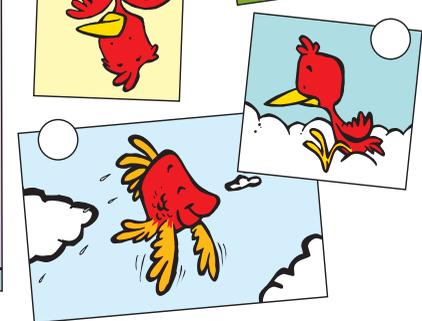
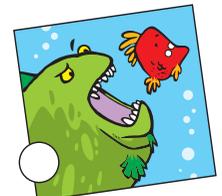
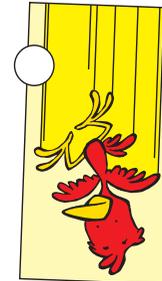
By Kevin Slumberton

Last night, I had a strange dream. I was walking to school in my pajamas but suddenly felt myself floating off the ground.

Next thing I knew, I had feathers and a beak. I was a bird! Flying was really fun but tiring. So, I sat on a cloud to rest.

I sank through the cloud and then fell through the sky. I splashed down into a pond.

I could swim really well because now I was a fish! A much bigger fish started chasing me. I jumped out of the water to escape and flew back to my room. I was a flying fish. Then my alarm went off and I woke up.



Read about Kevin's dream. Then number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: Health: Understand the influence of sleep. Reading Comprehension: Sort story into correct sequence.

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Look!  
Up in the sky!



Photo: ZullyCSP

# Leprechaun Planes?



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## It's a bird! It's a bug?

It's waaaay too small to hold a person. Who flies in these little planes? Leprechauns?

Actually, a **drone** is a flying gadget that is flown by remote control.

## Drones are not toys

While they are often small and cute, drones are **not** toys. Having a vehicle that can fly over the fence and see what's going on at a neighbor's home means you have to follow rules and think about privacy and safety. Be sure to check with your local government officials about drone laws in your area.

Learning to fly a drone requires learning to think and make decisions just like a pilot. It takes time and patience to master flying a drone safely and that means doing a lot of practice in an empty field.



Photo: Jason Tracewell

## Drones at work

Drones can hover like a hummingbird, swoop like a bat and fly backwards like a dragonfly! Small drones can carry tiny cameras and they can go places humans can't. There are a lot of useful ways drones are being used:

- Firefighters use them to watch forest fires.
- Wildlife biologists use them to study wild animals in their natural surroundings.
- Amazon.com has plans to use drones for same-day delivery of packages.
- Meteorologists use drones to track storms.

Drones come in a variety of shapes and sizes. This one is operated using a cell phone as a remote control.

## Let's Talk!

It is important that people who fly drones follow the laws. There are laws that protect privacy and also laws designed to keep drones out of the paths of airplanes. Why do you think these laws are important? Discuss it with a parent.

# Sonia Sotomayor

## Supreme Court Justice



Sonia Sotomayor grew up in a very poor neighborhood outside of New York City. But, with big dreams and hard work, she grew up to be one of the nine justices on the Supreme Court — the highest court in the United States of America.

She serves with justices John Roberts, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Neil M. Gorsuch, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel Alito, and Elena Kagan.

### Big Goals and Dreams

From a young age, Sonia wanted to help people. Because she spoke Spanish at home, she would translate for people at hospitals.

When Sonia decided to become a judge, she knew she would have to get good grades, really good grades.

Her hard work paid off. She graduated high school with an award for being the very top student at her school. She was accepted into one of the very best colleges in America: Princeton University. She worked hard there and then got into a top law school.



### Read! Read! Read!

As a child, Sonia loved to read. She read her school books, library books and the encyclopedias her mother bought. But her favorite books were Nancy Drew mysteries.

Nancy Drew is a girl detective that solves crimes. Sonia wanted to be like her!

Unscramble the titles of these Nancy Drew mysteries. Use the list at right for clues.

Replace the missing words in this article.

**SCHOOL HOURS RAISE SACRIFICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**ENCYCLOPEDIAS NURSE GRADE**

### A Mother's Love

Sonia's father died when she was nine years old. Sonia's mother had to work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ her children alone.

Sonia's mother worked long \_\_\_\_\_ so she could send Sonia and her brother to a private \_\_\_\_\_.

Sonia's father had only completed third \_\_\_\_\_ and her mother wanted her children to finish school so they could have better \_\_\_\_\_.

After the children went to bed, Sonia's mother studied to become a \_\_\_\_\_ so she could afford a better life for her children.

Sonia's mother taught her the importance of hard work, \_\_\_\_\_ and love.

Sonia's mother wanted her children to do well in school. She saved pennies, nickels and dimes to buy \_\_\_\_\_ to help her children.

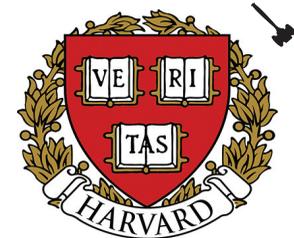
Do the math to see which law school Sonia Sotomayor attended. The answer is an even number.



$$29 + 16 =$$



$$33 + 71 =$$



$$55 + 64 =$$

**The Hidden Staircase**  
**The Secret of the Old Clock**  
**The Sky Phantom**  
**The Clue in the Diary**  
**The Haunted Bridge**  
**The Clue of the Black Keys**



Judges use a gavel, a small wooden mallet, to quiet courtrooms. How many can you find on this page?

**Proof It** 

Are you a careful reader? Read the article below and see if you can circle all six errors. Then, rewrite the article correctly on the blank lines.

**Judge At Last**

After working hard as an Associate District Attorney, Sonia Sotomayor finally did becomes a judge in Noo York.

Then in 2009, President Obama selected her to be a judge on the highest court in the land, the Supreme Quart.

Unlike many judges, Sonia came from a poor families. And she was a “Nuyorican”—a child off Puerto Rican parents living in New York. This made her not only one of the few womens to be appointed to the Supreme Court, she is also the first Latina.

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**Kid Scoop Puzzler** 

 Poverty was not Sonia’s only challenge growing up. When she was seven years old, the doctor told her she had a disease that meant she would need to take shots of medicine every day for the rest of her life. 

 Use the code to discover the name of this disease.

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SECRET CODE:

 = A  
  = B  
  = D  
  = E  
  = I  
 = K  
  = N  
  = S  
  = T  
  = U

**Double Double Word Search**

SOTOMAYOR  
 SACRIFICE  
 SUPREME  
 SPANISH   
 DREAMS  
 LAWYER   
 SONIA  
 COURT  
 ALONE   
 NURSE  
 DIMES  
 JUDGE  
 SHOWS   
 GOALS  
 HARD

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

E	W	R	E	Y	W	A	L	R	S
C	G	J	U	D	G	E	E	O	W
I	C	O	O	C	S	N	E	Y	O
F	D	O	A	R	O	M	R	A	H
I	R	K	U	L	E	U	E	M	S
R	E	N	A	R	S	D	R	O	D
C	A	H	P	A	T	R	N	T	R
A	M	U	S	E	M	I	D	O	A
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### \* Luck in School \*

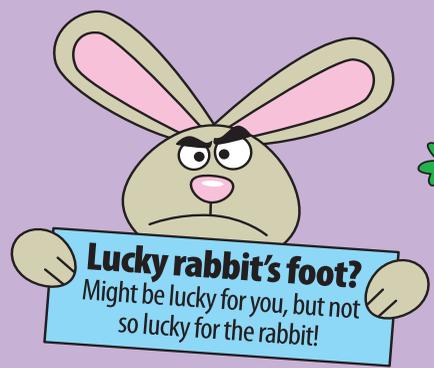
Below are some of the ideas kids around the world have come up with to be lucky in school.



Wear your sweater backward, or wrong side out, for luck during exams.



Some children believe if they use the same pencil they used when they did well on a previous test, it will help them pass a new test.



**Lucky rabbit's foot?**  
Might be lucky for you, but not so lucky for the rabbit!



Children almost everywhere say if you sleep with your book under your pillow, you will remember what is in it in the morning.

In England, some children say if you see a spotted dog on the way to school, cross your fingers and you will pass your exams.



If you want to live and thrive, Let the spider run alive!

### Best Lucky Charm for Tests

Circle every third letter to discover the best way to have good luck for any test at school.



### Kid Scoop® Puzzler

#### Lucky Leprechaun Patterns

Draw the coin, horseshoe, wishbone, clover or leprechaun that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students provide a context for action.

### Double Double Word Search

- BACKWARD
- SWEATER
- PATRICK
- CLOVER
- MIRROR
- CHARMS
- LADDER
- RABBIT
- GREEN
- CROSS
- BLACK
- PATH
- COIN
- LUCK
- WIN

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



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

# LUCK O' THE IRISH

**What is luck?** On St. Patrick's Day people like to talk about LUCK! Does wearing green bring you luck that day? Or are four-leaf clovers really lucky charms?

The idea of luck has been around for centuries. It is a marvel and mystery. And people all over the world have come up with ideas of what brings good luck and bad.



How many four-leaf clovers can you find?



## Mirrors and Luck

Many believe that breaking a mirror dooms you to seven years of bad luck. The superstition may come from the belief that mirrors don't just reflect your image, they hold bits of your soul. That belief led people in the old days of the American South to cover mirrors in a house when someone died, for fear that their soul was trapped inside. Yikes!

## Don't Walk Under a Ladder

Walking under a ladder is supposed to be bad luck. But this old superstition may just be a good safety tip!

Start

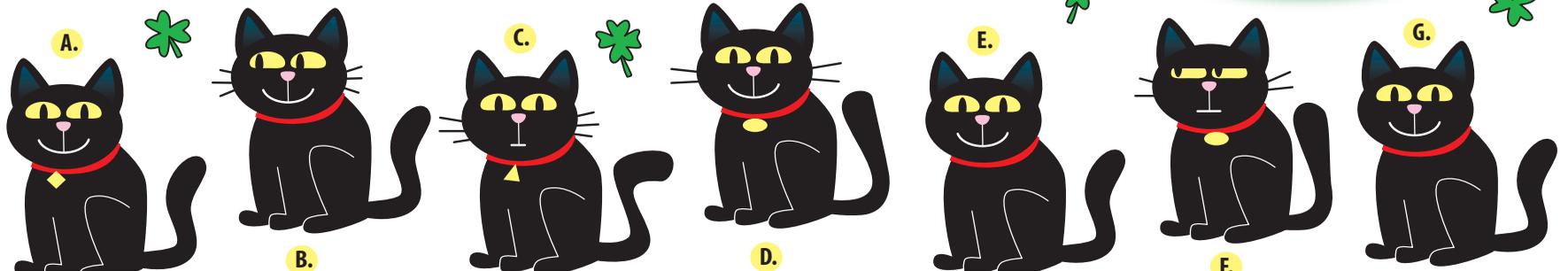
Can you get through this maze without walking under any ladders?



## Black Cats

Some people think it bad luck for a black cat to cross your path. But it is lucky to own a black cat and very lucky to sleep with one.

Can you find the two black cats that are exactly alike?



# Cecil Snoopston and the Cold Case

Cecil Snoopston, Junior Private Eye, has a spring cold.

I can't smell a thing! My mom is making dinner, but I can't tell what's cooking.



Use the Nose Code to help Cecil solve this mystery!



= AND



= MOM'S



= MAKING



= SPAGHETTI



= LEMON



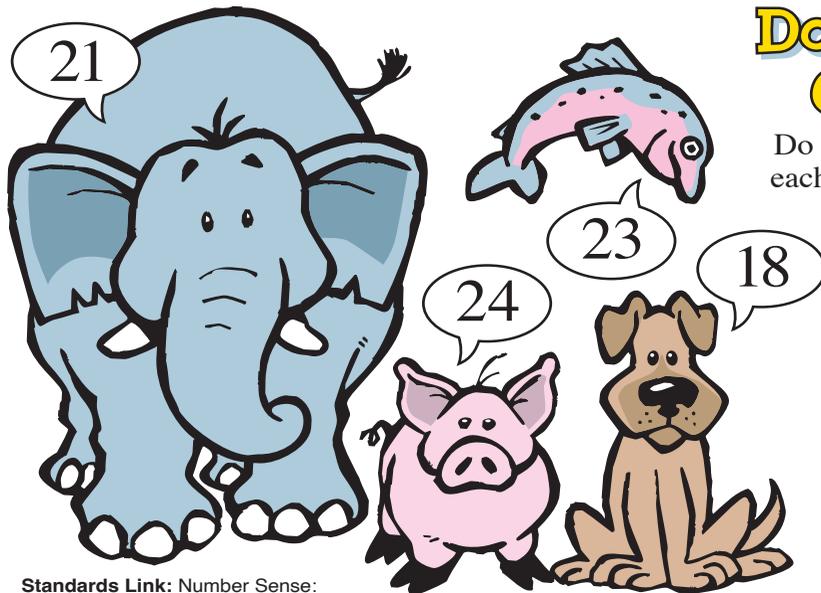
= GRILLED



= MEATBALLS



= PEPPER



Standards Link: Number Sense:  
Calculate sums and differences.

## Do you know noses like Cecil knows noses?

Do you know which amazing nose fact goes with each animal? Do the math to check your answers!

$$33 - 9 =$$

This animal can smell mushrooms underground.

$$8 + 6 + 4 =$$

This animal's sense of smell is 1,000 times better than humans.

$$9 + 8 + 6 =$$

This animal uses the smell of water to guide it back to the place it was born.

$$32 - 11 =$$

This animal has the longest nose of any animal.

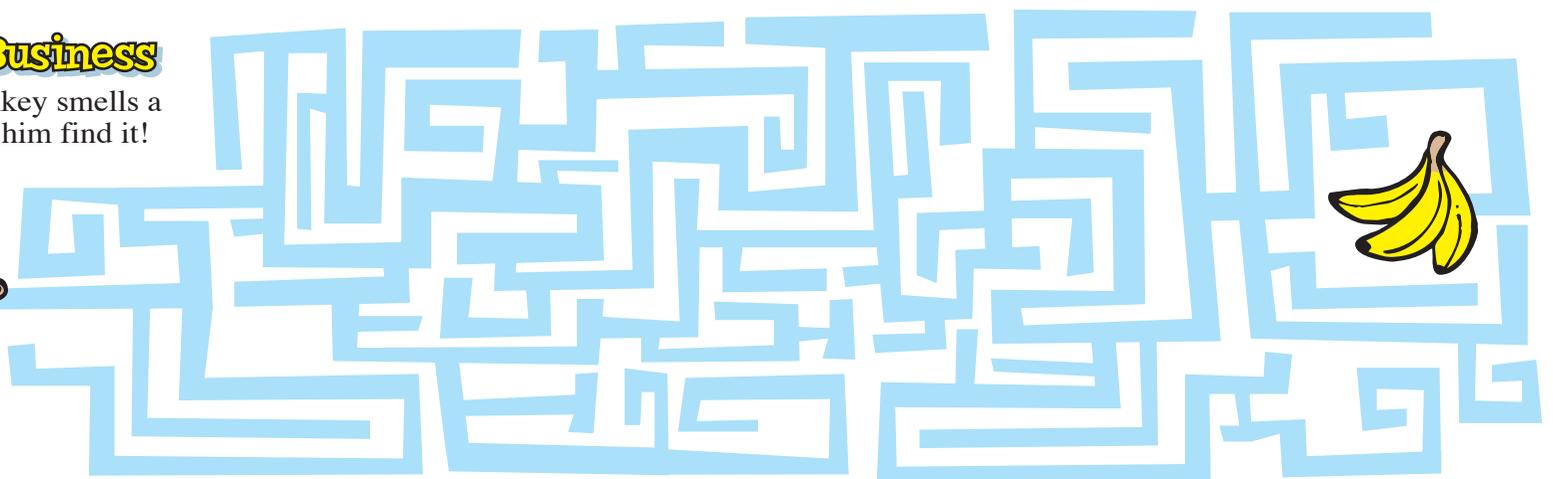
## Makes Scents

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing!



## Monkey Business

This little monkey smells a banana. Help him find it!



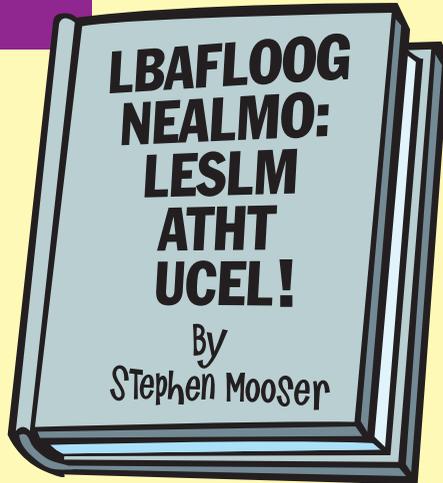
# Get a Clue

at Your Library

When his class wins a free trip to the circus, Goofball Malone gathers clues to track down the winning number his teacher must produce.

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm



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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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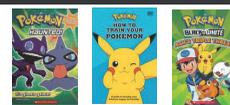
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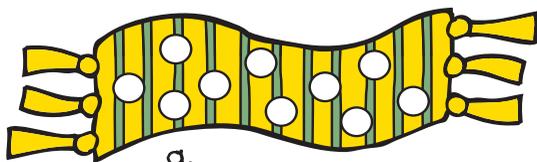
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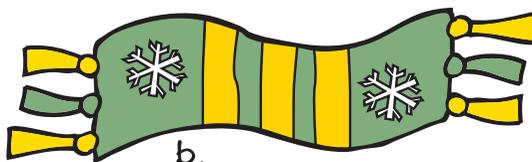
## Melody's Lost Scarf

Melody is looking for her lost scarf. There were several in the Lost and Found box at school. Read the description. Which scarf is hers?

My scarf has stripes, but not skinny ones. It is yellow and green. It has snowflakes on it, but not polka dots. The tassels are all the same color.



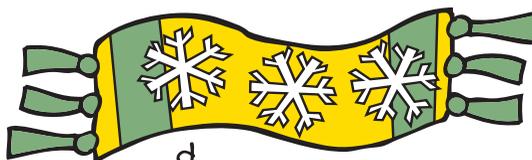
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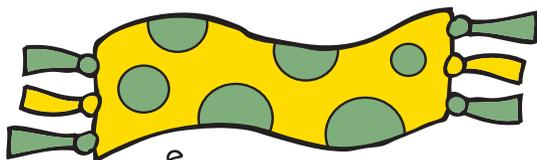
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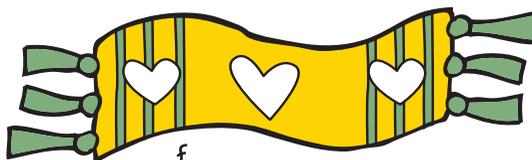
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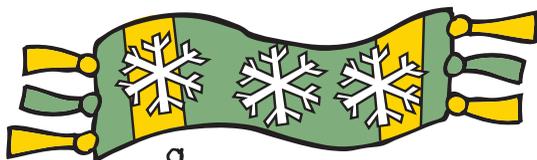
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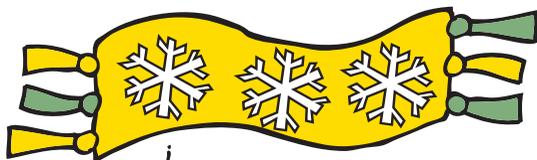
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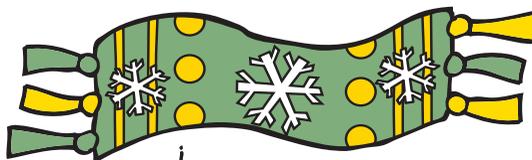
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## What is a shark's favorite game?



To reveal the answer, circle every other letter.

Q **S** T W R A M L  
B L Z O N W K T  
Y H J E V L W E  
N A B D P E D R

S

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Match each riddle with its punch line.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a ghost?

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark?

What do you call a snowman in June?

Where do snowmen keep their money?

IN SNOW BANKS!

ICE SCREAMS!

FROSTBITE!

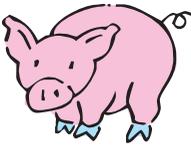
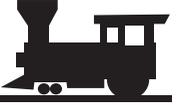
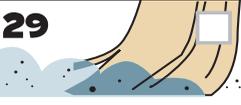
A PUDDLE!





# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Learn all you can about pigs today.  <b>National Pig Day</b>	<b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Read Across America celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Write a poem to honor Dr. Seuss. 	<b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Oh, say, do you know all the words to “The Star Spangled Banner”? Congress made it our national anthem in 1931. <b>National Anthem Day</b>	<b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Showcase talented students by putting on a concert today.  <b>Music in Our Schools Month</b>	<b>5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of the women who have made a difference in the world. <b>National Women’s History Month</b> 	<b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> When you brush your teeth today, make sure your brushing lasts for two minutes.  <b>Dentist’s Day</b>	<b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Iditarod sled dog race begins today in Alaska. Meet the mushers at <a href="http://www.iditarod.com">www.iditarod.com</a> 
<b>8</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Did you remember to move your clocks forward?  <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	<b>9</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cut a whole peanut shell in half. Remove the nut. Add hair and a hat to make your peanut puppet. <b>National Peanut Month</b>	<b>10</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gather some old magazines and make a collage today. Be creative.  <b>National Craft Month</b>	<b>11</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate today with lots of apples—fresh apples for lunch, applesauce or apple pie.  <b>Johnny Appleseed Day</b>	<b>12</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  The Girl Scouts were founded on this day in 1912. Find out if there’s a troop you could join in your area.	<b>13</b> <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean when someone says “Use your noodle!”?  <b>National Noodle Month</b>	<b>14</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Casey Jones was a train engineer who became a folk hero. He was born on this day in 1863. 
<b>15</b> <input type="checkbox"/> This is the middle of the month and a festive day in the Roman calendar. The day was dedicated to the Roman god, Mars. <b>Ides of March</b>	<b>16</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freedom of Information Day.</b> Discuss with a parent what this might mean.	<b>17</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wear green today. Write a story about finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.  <b>St. Patrick’s Day</b>	<b>18</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Today is the anniversary of the first walk in space in 1965. Can you find out something about space exploration today?	<b>19</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pour bubble solution in a large, shallow pan. Dip a new fly swatter into the liquid and make hundreds of tiny bubbles. <b>National Bubble Week</b>	<b>20</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  Go for a walk to find signs of spring, like new buds on trees or birds building nests. <b>First Day of Spring</b>	<b>21</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Write a poem today—see how many rhyming words you can include. <b>Children’s Poetry Day</b>
<b>22</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Randolph Caldecott was born on this day in 1846. The Caldecott Medal is awarded to children’s books with superior illustrations. Have you read any?	<b>23</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Get some aerobic exercise today. Ride your bike, take a fast walk or run around a park. Make sure you keep it up for at least 30 minutes.	<b>24</b> <input type="checkbox"/> With adult help, melt chocolate in the microwave. Dip strawberries, pretzels and raisins. Let harden on wax paper and enjoy.	<b>25</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  The famous cliff swallows of Mission San Juan Capistrano are returning from their winter vacation in Argentina.	<b>26</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The flower for the month of March is a daffodil. Draw your favorite flower today. 	<b>27</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone who hates his or her name can be called “Joe” today. <b>National “Joe” Day</b>	<b>28</b> <input type="checkbox"/> March is said to be a windy month. Go to the park or the beach to fly a kite today. 
<b>29</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  Do some spring cleaning. Clean out your closets, dust your dresser and donate your outgrown clothes.	<b>30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A walk in the park can be calming and re-energizing. Open your eyes and observe the wonders around you. <b>Take a Walk in the Park Day</b>	<b>31</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The first map of the United States was published this month in 1784. Can you draw a map of the area between your house and your school?	<b>31</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.			



Can you find the four-leaf clover on this page?

# ROSIE

## THE RIVETER

### WHO WAS ROSIE?

There was no one person named Rosie the Riveter. "Rosie the Riveter" was the name of a 1942 song about a hard-working woman in a factory. This popular tune soon had people calling any woman working in a factory by the nickname "Rosie the Riveter." Even today, the women who performed those jobs during WWII are known as "Rosies."

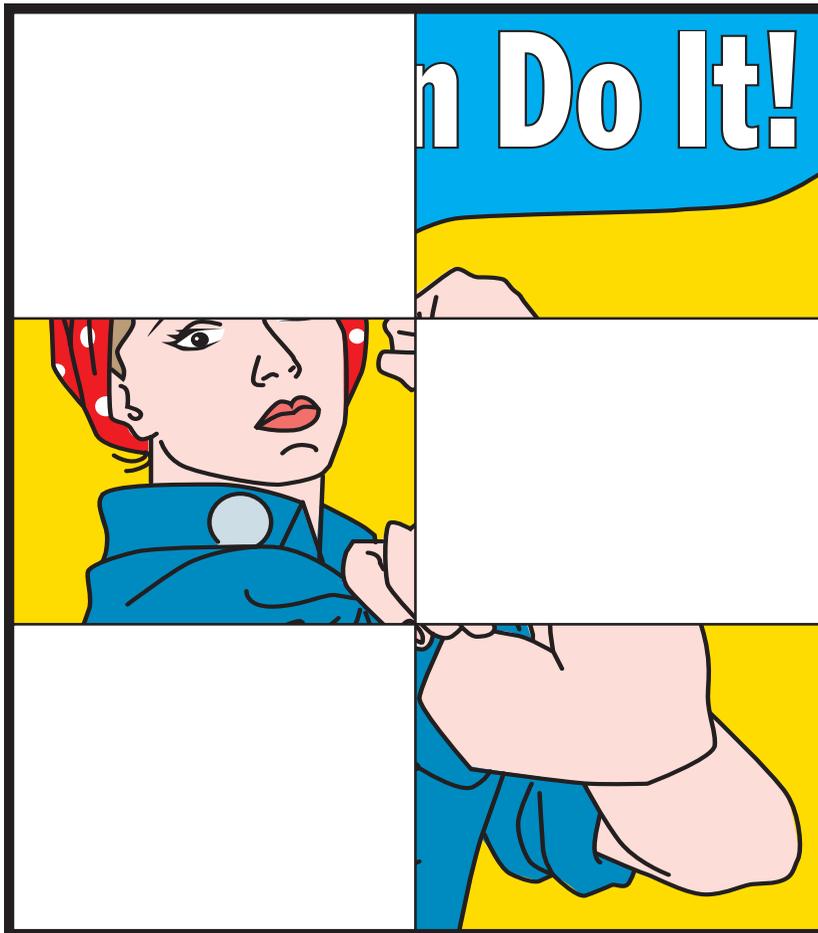
When America entered World War II, many men left their jobs to \_\_\_\_\_ in the armed forces. Factories that once produced cars and trucks, canned foods and appliances instead began to produce the airplanes, ships, \_\_\_\_\_ and weapons that would be needed.



**Help Rosie reassemble this article by filling in the missing words.**

During the World War II years (1941–1945), women changed \_\_\_\_\_ by taking on jobs that traditionally men had done. Women began to weld, operate heavy \_\_\_\_\_, work on assembly lines, perform other factory work and sometimes even \_\_\_\_\_ a plane.

**Standards Links:** History: Students understand the people, events, problems and ideas that were significant in creating the history of our country.



## WE CAN DO IT!

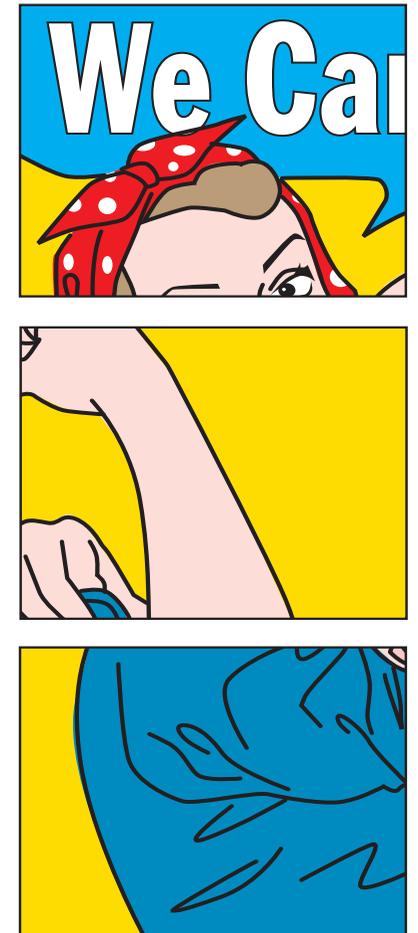
J. Howard Miller was an artist hired by the Westinghouse Company to produce a poster that would make Rosies feel proud and work hard. His poster has the headline "We Can Do It," meaning that together, the workers could help support the war effort and win.

In September of 1943, many major magazines created covers and advertisements featuring some version of Rosie the Riveter to encourage more women to enter the work force.

### ASSEMBLY LINES

Draw exactly what you see in each of the boxes at right in the empty boxes at left to recreate this famous poster.

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



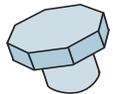
## RIVETING WORK

A rivet is a special kind of bolt used to fasten two pieces of metal together.



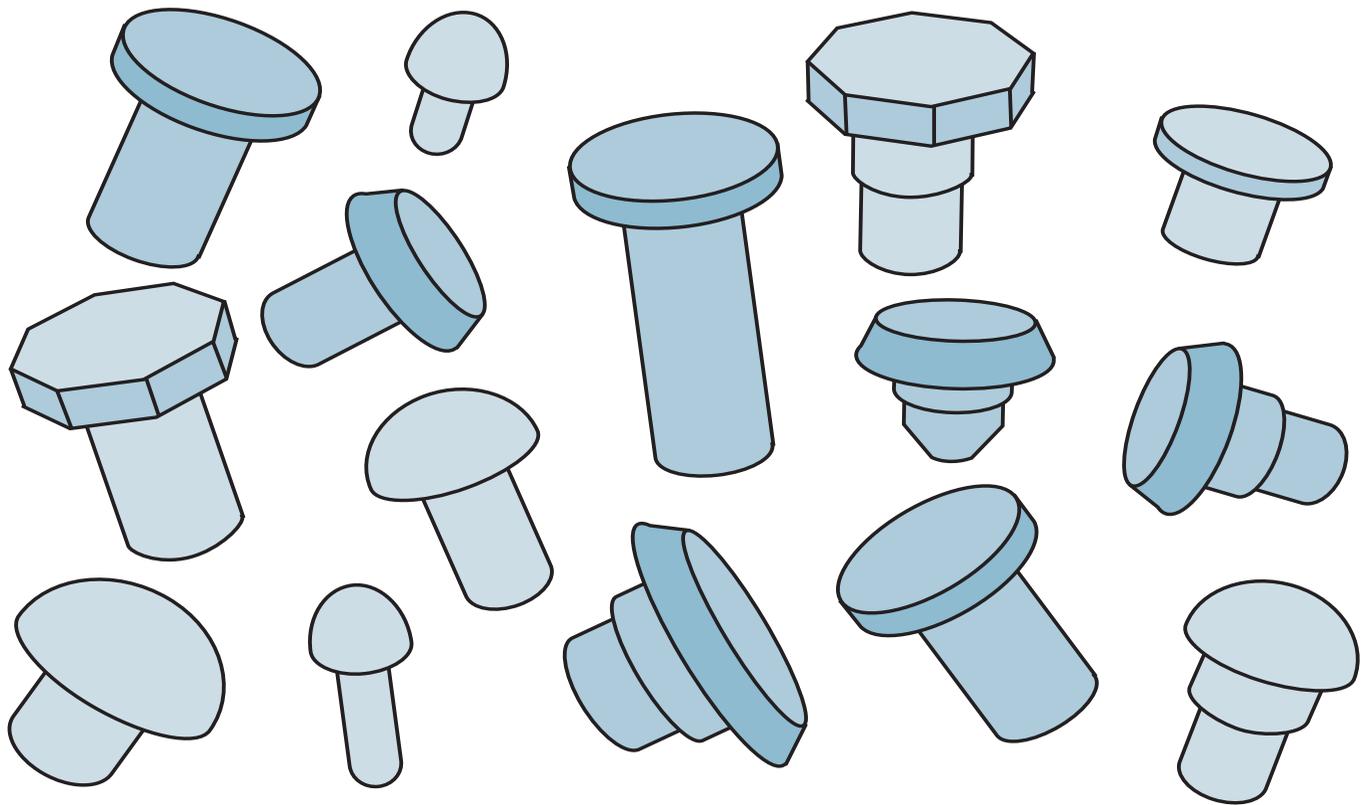
The most familiar kind is shaped a bit like a mushroom, but rivets come in many shapes and sizes.

Rivets are often heated to very high temperatures and then pressed through



pre-cut holes in the metal.

Then the flat end is hammered to create a seal. As the metal cools, it forms a tight closure.



Find the two identical rivets.



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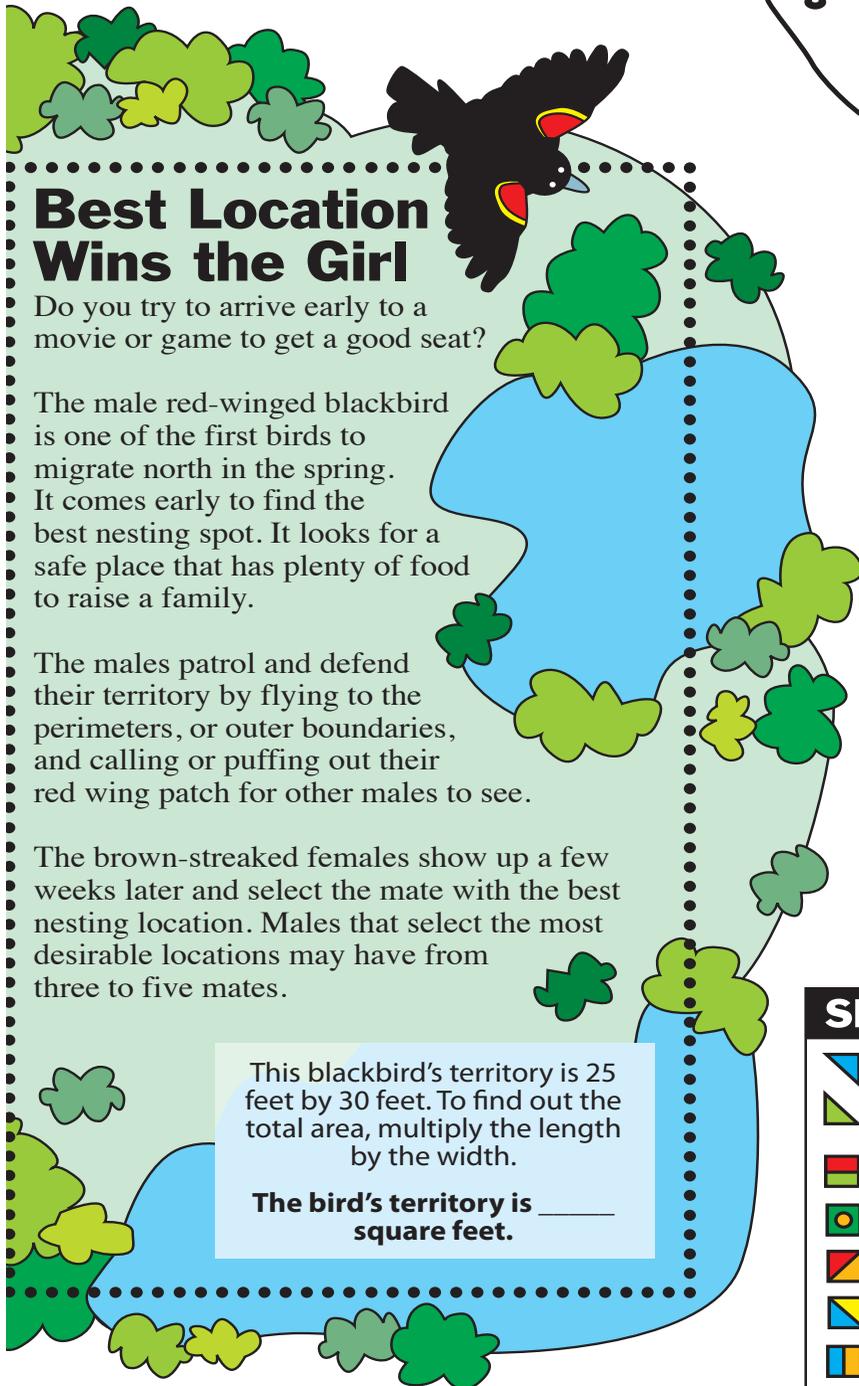


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# Red-winged Blackbirds

It looks like a little black bird, but suddenly you see a patch of brilliant red on its wing. Is it hurt?

No, it is a red-winged blackbird!



## Best Location Wins the Girl

Do you try to arrive early to a movie or game to get a good seat?

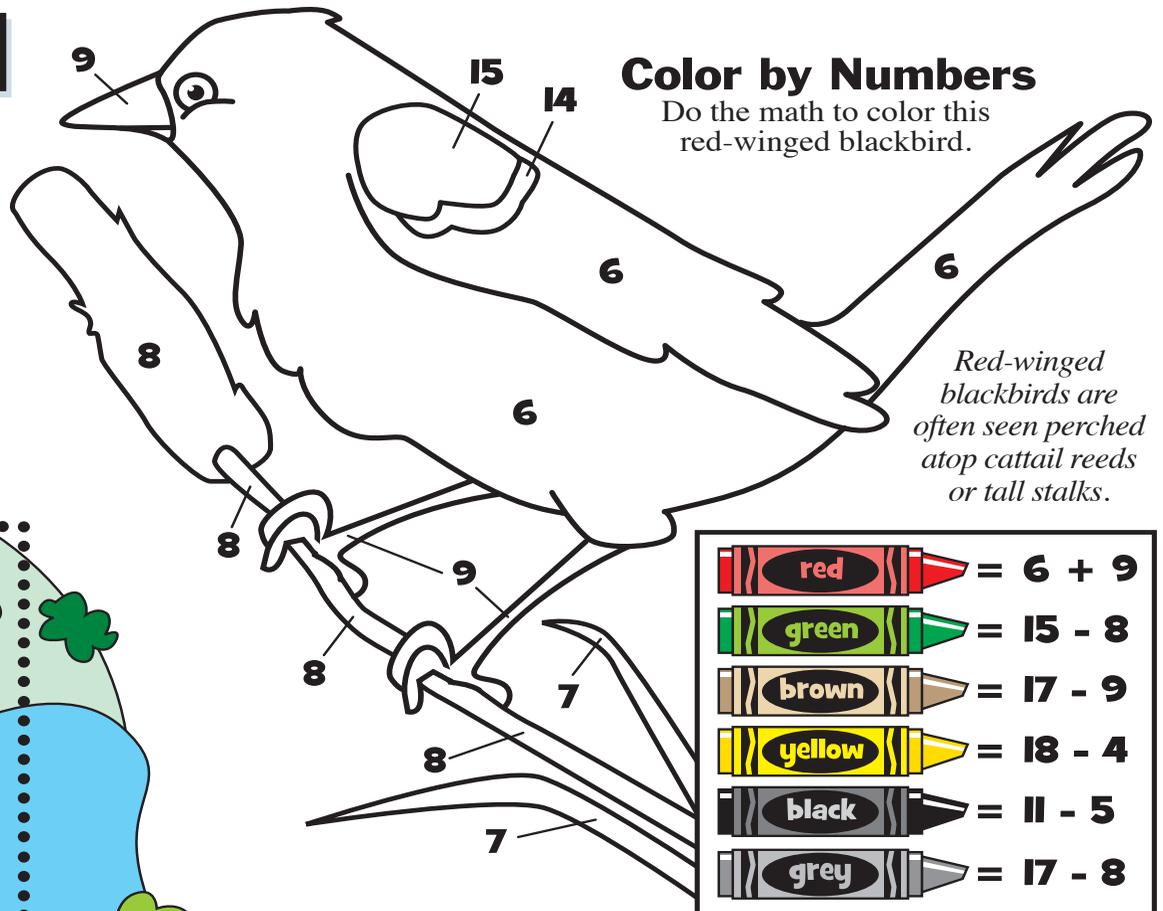
The male red-winged blackbird is one of the first birds to migrate north in the spring. It comes early to find the best nesting spot. It looks for a safe place that has plenty of food to raise a family.

The males patrol and defend their territory by flying to the perimeters, or outer boundaries, and calling or puffing out their red wing patch for other males to see.

The brown-streaked females show up a few weeks later and select the mate with the best nesting location. Males that select the most desirable locations may have from three to five mates.

This blackbird's territory is 25 feet by 30 feet. To find out the total area, multiply the length by the width.

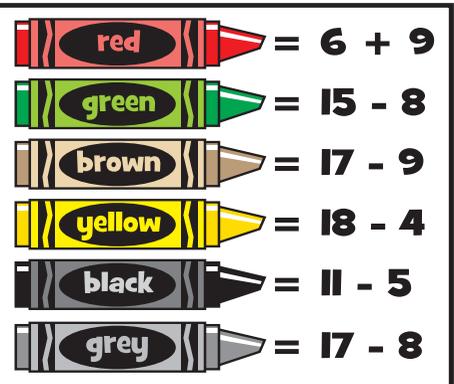
The bird's territory is \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.



## Color by Numbers

Do the math to color this red-winged blackbird.

*Red-winged blackbirds are often seen perched atop cattail reeds or tall stalks.*



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

## Bird Talk



Red-winged blackbirds are songbirds with a repertoire of several different songs.

The male red-winged blackbird's is a classic sound heard in wetlands. Males often sing this one-second song from a high perch while leaning forward, drooping their wings, spreading their tail feathers and fluffing their bright shoulder patches to show them off.

Males and females make a or sound.

If you hear a male make a or or maybe even sound, the male might be telling you that you're too close and he feels threatened by you. It is best to leave the area and come back another day.

is a series of high, short whistles that sound like whimpering. This is the courtship mating call of red-winged blackbirds.

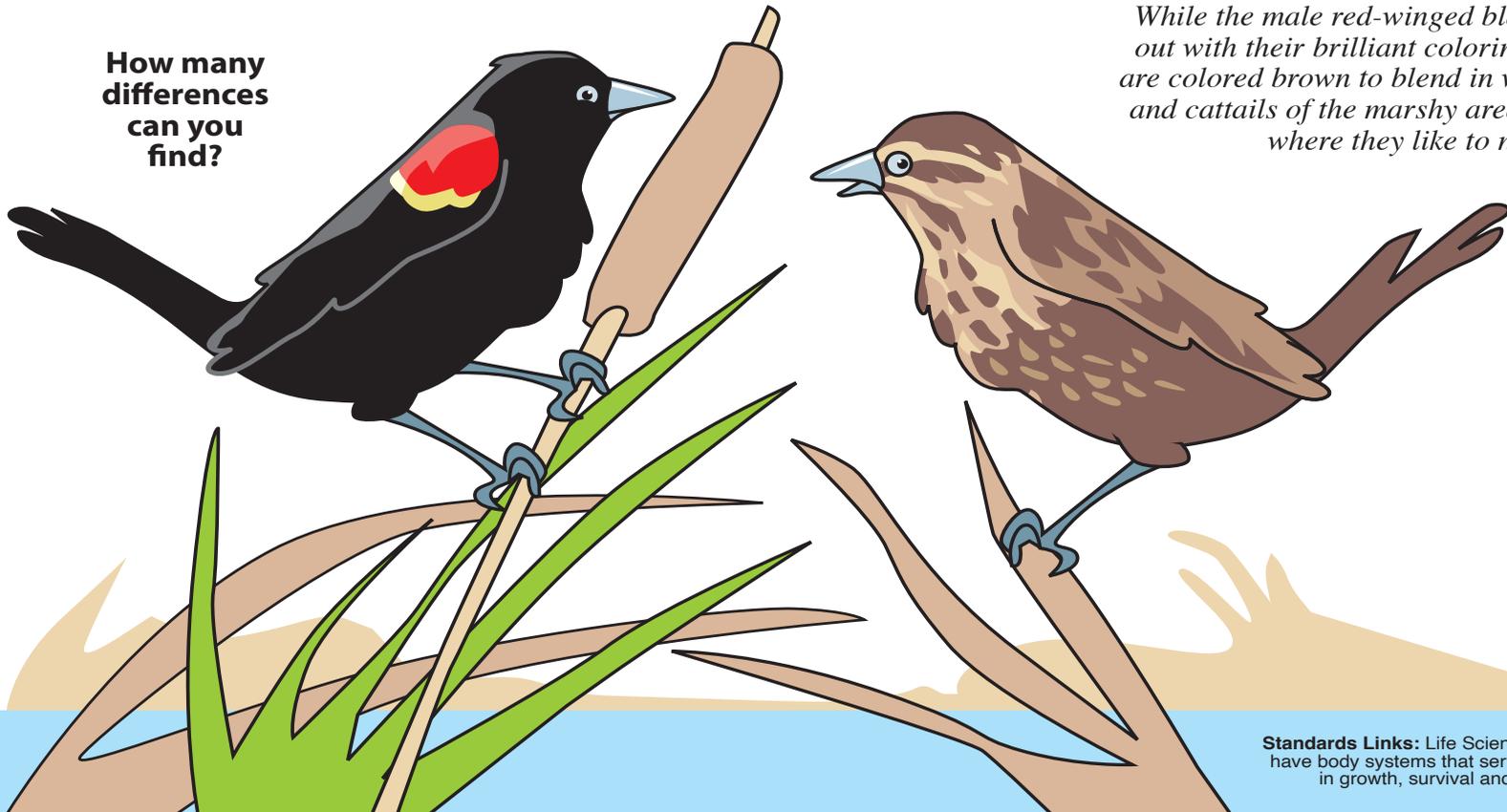
## Use the code to learn our language!



## SECRET CODE

- tsert
- tseejeet
- check
- conk-la-ree
- tseer
- chuck
- teeteeteete

How many differences can you find?



While the male red-winged blackbirds stand out with their brilliant coloring, the females are colored brown to blend in with the grasses and cattails of the marshy areas and streams where they like to nest.

**Standards Links:** Life Science: Living organisms have body systems that serve specific functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**Think it over!** Some of the following statements about red-winged blackbirds are true, but others are false. Circle the ones you believe in GREEN. Circle the ones you think are “for the birds” in RED. Check your answers below.

- ① Status: Nearly extinct
- ② Wingspan: 14 feet
- ③ Life span: 2 years
- ④ Length: 8 inches
- ⑤ Average number of eggs: 4
- ⑥ Habitat: Antarctica

**ANSWER:** 1. False, 2. False, Wingspan is 12 to 16 inches, 3. True, 4. True, 5. True, 6. False.

**Standards Links:** Reading Comprehension: Use logic to solve problems.

**Double Double Word Search**

- BLACKBIRD
- LOCATIONS
- TERRITORY
- BRILLIANT
- WHISTLES
- CLASSIC
- STREAMS
- PATROL
- PATCH
- PERCH
- BLEND
- WING
- SONG
- TINY

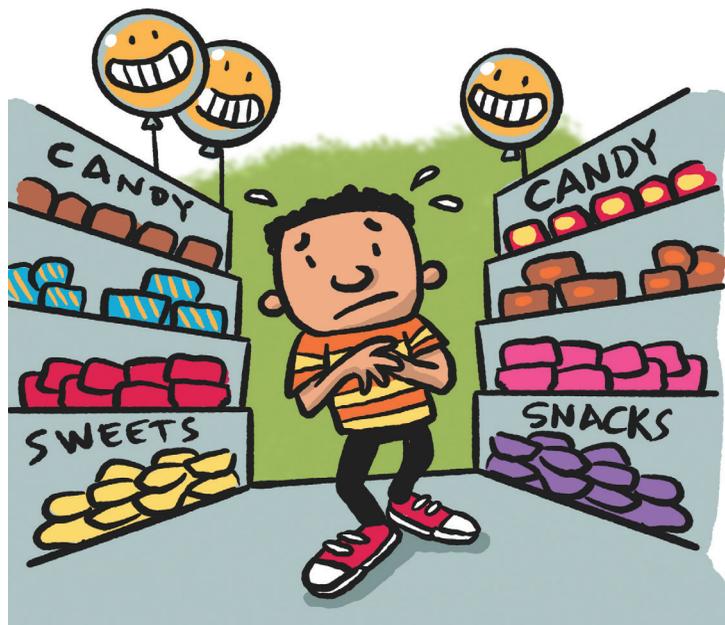
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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R	S	C	L	A	S	S	I	C	B
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

# Kids to the Rescue!

Life can be expensive at times. Families work hard and don't have money to waste. YOU can help keep your family from overspending on groceries, energy bills and more!



## Checkout Challenge

You're at the grocery store with your parents. Suddenly, you see something you'd *really* like to have! Snack food, candy bars, toys, magazines and more grab your attention.

What you are feeling is an **impulse** to buy something. An impulse is something you do without thinking about it. (The tempting items are displayed right at a kid's eye level for a reason!)

By skipping these items, you'll be healthier, and you'll save your family a LOT of money over time. It all adds up!

**Standards Link:** Economics: Students learn to differentiate between wants and needs.

### What would it cost?

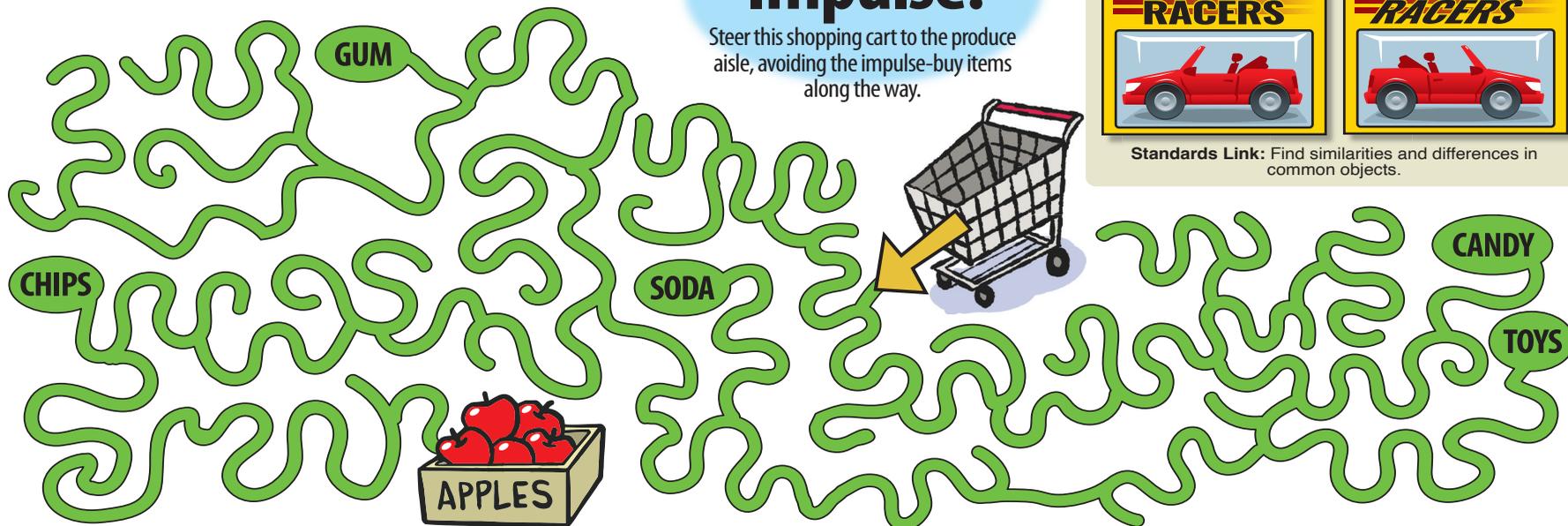
If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a month?

If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a year?

**Standards Link:** Math: Solve word problems in two or more steps.

## Avoid the Impulse!

Steer this shopping cart to the produce aisle, avoiding the impulse-buy items along the way.



## Staying on Track

Kevin loves collecting toy race cars. But the price of these little cars went up recently. His family is spending more on groceries, too. Kevin wanted to help.



He didn't ask his mom to buy him another car on this week's grocery shopping trip. Instead, Kevin traded some cars with his friends Evan and Oscar. Now all three have different cars to play with from time to time. For each of the boys, it's like getting a new car without spending any money at all!

### Find the two identical cars.



**Standards Link:** Find similarities and differences in common objects.

# LET'S STOP LITTERING!



Hi, Kids!

You know me — I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.



Your friend, **Earth**

## Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

1. What was the most common litter item found?

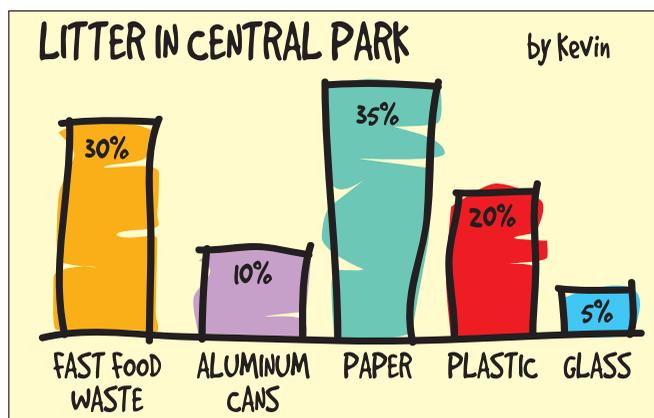
- fast food waste    plastic    paper

2. Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?

- glass    plastic

3. What percentage of litter was plastic and paper?

- 55%    45%    40%



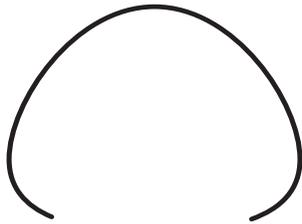
## Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

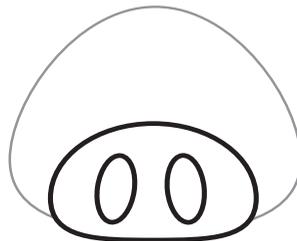
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- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

# How to Draw a PIG

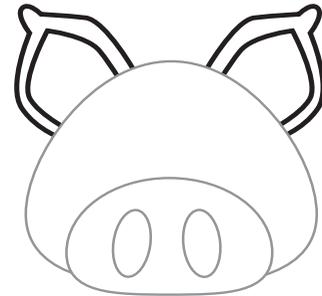
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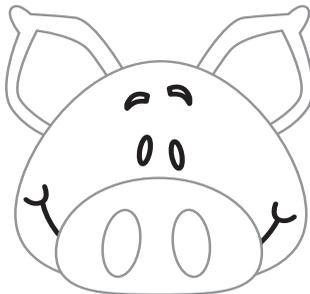
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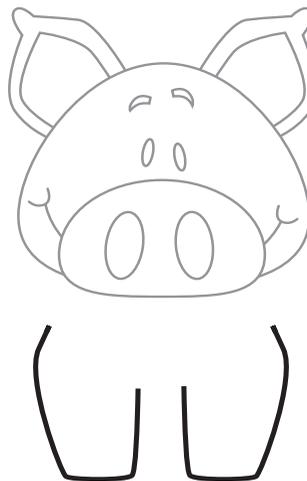
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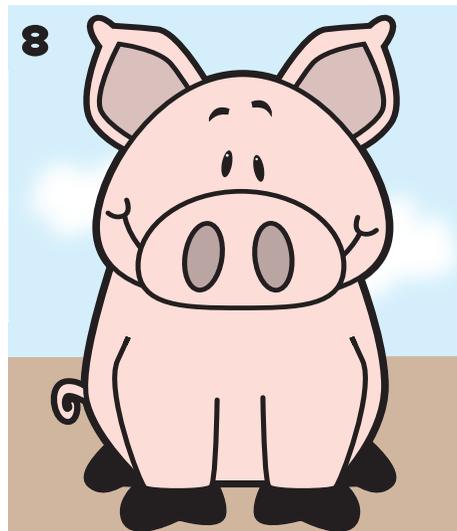
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## MARCH IS READING MONTH IN LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE

Get your copy of the Bookmark Contest form online or at either library, and color in a bookmark for our contest! Winners will have their bookmark printed & distributed.

### TEEN EVENTS – in Ludington

Escape Room Tuesday, March 3 from 3:30-5pm  
Half Day movies & lunch March 6, 12:30pm  
St. Patrick's Party March 17, 3:30-5:30pm  
Card Games: Yi-Gi-Oh March 25, 3:30pm  
Jackbox Games (13+) March 27, 6-8pm

### & in Scottville

Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-5pm  
Switch out March 5, 3:30-5pm  
& Green Food Fun, 3:30-5pm  
Teen Movie March 25, 5:30pm  
Yarn Mates (10+) Mar. 26, 4pm

**SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY MARCH 30-APRIL 3!**



### Scottville Bingo Night – Tuesday, March 3 & April 7, 6-7pm

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



## SPRING BREAK FOR FAMILIES IN LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE

Activities during Spring Break—March 30-31, April 1-3, & 6  
\* Call for every day's fun activity! We'll travel the world at the Library with special stories, snacks, guests, and movies! \*  
Our secret word this month is destination.

### Lego Time!

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends! Thousands of Legos to choose from.



### Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays 10am in Ludington

Fridays 10am in Scottville

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

Creative Kids meets every Monday & Wednesday in Scottville, from 4-5:30pm and in Ludington Tuesday 4-5pm. Come get creative with us!



### 1-2-3 RHYME WITH ME!

Every Monday at 10am

Children 0-3 and their caregiver are invited to come learn early literacy skills with songs, rhymes, and fun.

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