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EXPLORE A HAUNTED HOUSE

This haunted house required Math Explorers to decode secrets, investigate and decipher brain-bending puzzles!

FIRE SAFETY

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



How many words can you make using the letters in **HAUNTED HOUSE**?



KANGAROOS

They can stand upright, carry a young joey, box, swim, hop like a rabbit and be a world-famous jumper. We'll show you step-by-step 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 Café. 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:

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

Tutoring sessions will run from:

- Fall Session Tuesday, October 20, 2026 through Thursday, December 10, 2026
- Winter Session Tuesday, January 5, 2027 through Thursday, February 25, 2027
- 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.



WOODWORD'S CORNER

Dear Readers,

Do you love Halloween? Then this month's **Kid Scoop News** has loads of fun for you. Take a quick scan of the pages and count how many times you find the word **Halloween**.

Some people think Halloween is a bit scary. Certainly, some of the costumes are frightful. But, sometimes things that seem scary really aren't. In fact, there are animals that people think are very scary, and yet they are quite safe. Read about them on the **Scary or not?** page.

October is **Fire Safety** Month, so it is a good time to review important safety tips, including making sure your smoke alarm batteries are working.

After reading about Fire Safety, hop on over to

the page all about a **creature that can swim, hop, and even box**. Which animal do you think this is?

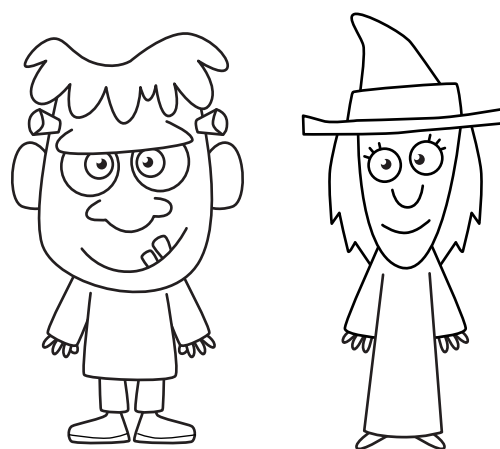
You probably know about pumpkins — pumpkin pies, jack-o'-lanterns and maybe even the pumpkin that became Cinderella's coach. But have you ever seen a pumpkin used as a boat? The news page reports on people who race boats made of pumpkins!

We hope this month's **Kid Scoop News** makes you smile, laugh, learn and read. Remember, when you can read, you can learn and grow!

Your Pal,

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**.



MY NAME: _____

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Pumpkins Afloat!

Pumpkins are great for soups, pies and Halloween jack-o'-lanterns. But giant pumpkins can also be boats!



Every fall, people in communities across the country climb into giant, hollowed-out pumpkins and paddle them like boats.

It all starts with a REALLY big pumpkin. Some giant pumpkins can weigh more than 2,000 pounds! These specially grown pumpkins need lots of care, water and space. They can take about 120 days to grow from seed to full size.

Making a Splash

Some people wear funny costumes while they compete in pumpkin boat races, which are also called *regattas*. Balance and skill are needed to keep these wobbly pumpkin boats from tipping over before paddling across the finish line.

During their fastest growth, some giant pumpkins can gain as much as 40 pounds in a single day!



Pumpkins Set Sail

The West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta began in 2004 in Tualatin, Oregon. In Maine, people paddle across a harbor in giant pumpkin boats for the Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta. And the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival in California features a giant pumpkin weigh-in, pumpkin car races and a fun-filled race across the river.

These fall events are all about celebrating farming, creativity, teamwork and family fun during the harvest season.

Would YOU like to be the captain of a giant pumpkin boat?



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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?

Where does it happen?

When does it happen?

How does it happen?

Math Explorers and The Haunted House

Help Gunther & Gordon,
the Math Explorers,
discover the secret code!

Dear Math Explorers,
Treasure is hidden in the old
deserted mansion. It is yours if you
can find it. TO get There, you must
find The path with numbers that
add up to 19. Use my secret
code to read the numbers along
the trails. Beware! The trail that
adds up to 16 is watched by a large,
evil spider. Signed,
MS. Quiz



Find the missing code
symbols by completing
activities on these two
pages!

MS. Quiz's Secret Code

= 7



= 1

= 5

= 4

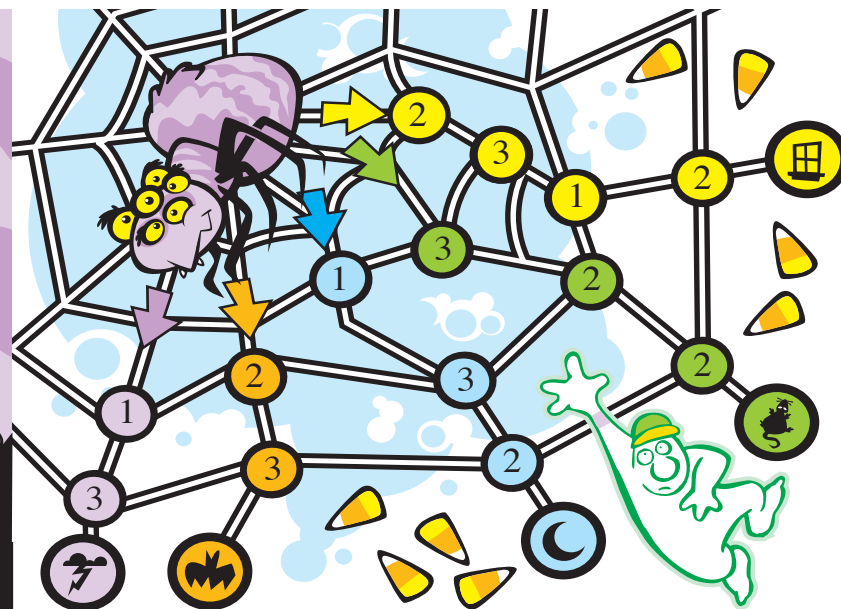
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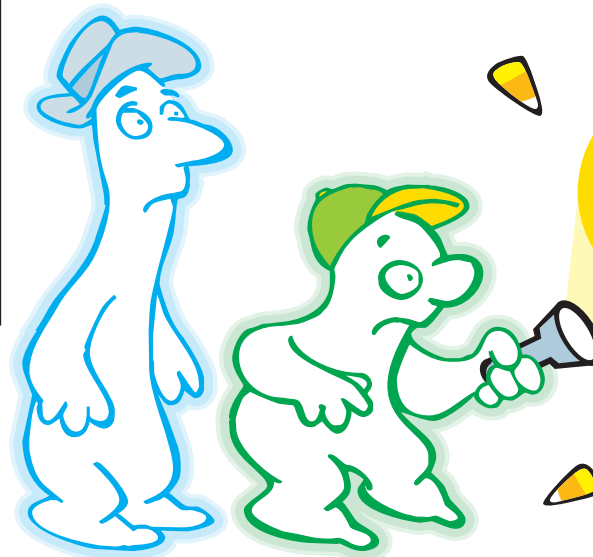
= 6

= 8



Hurry! Gunther is caught in the web! Add up the numbers
on each strand to free him. Then draw each symbol where
it belongs on the Secret Code.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums to 10.



How many
pieces of candy
corn can you
find on these
two pages in
one minute?

Mysterious Pattern Clues

Draw the symbol that comes next in each row below to complete the
pattern. Then draw each symbol where it belongs on the Secret Code.



= 2

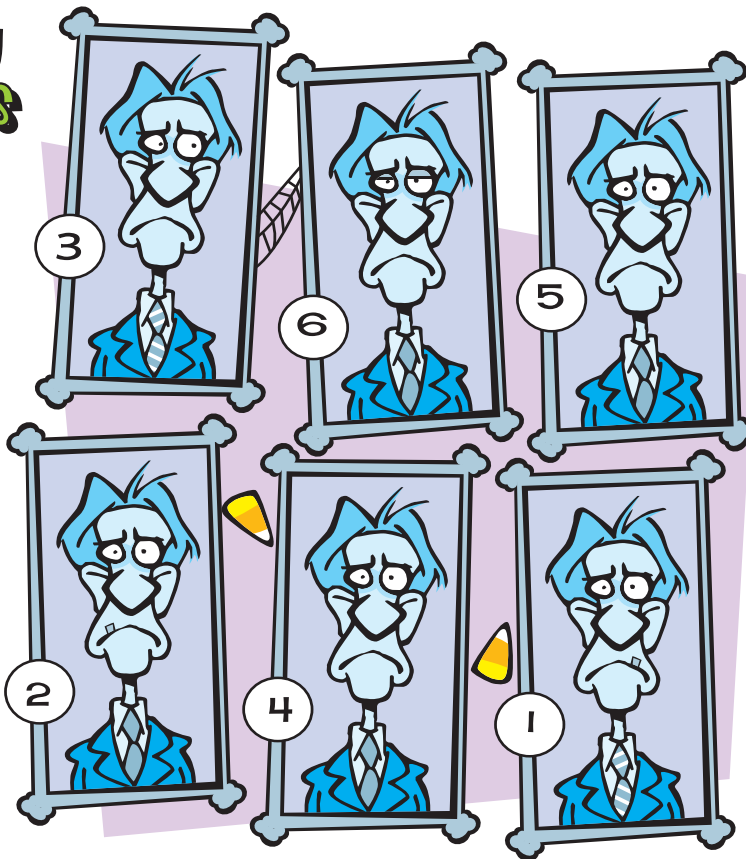


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Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify, describe and extend simple patterns.

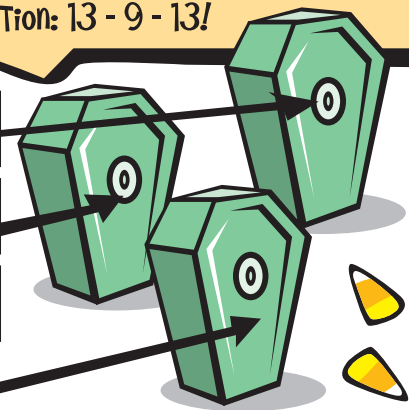
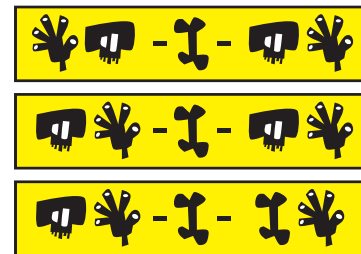
Puzzling Portraits

Find the two portraits of Uncle McCreaky that are identical. Add the numbers of those two portraits to discover this symbol:



Congratulations, Math Explorers. The fact that you have made it this far shows that you have great math abilities. Now you must tackle one last challenge — finding the combination to the lock on the treasure chest.

My grandfather brought three chests home from a trip to a strange count's castle in Transylvania. To discover which one holds the treasure, find the lock with the combination: 13 - 9 - 13!

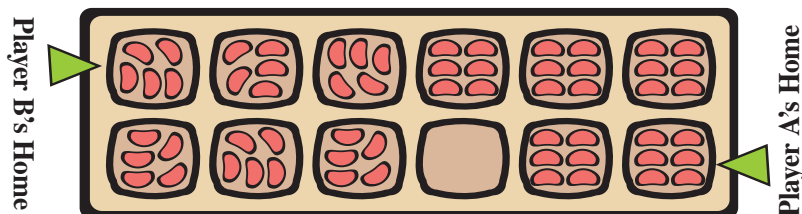


Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Ms. Quiz's Bean Game

How to Play

1. Put 5 beans in each empty egg cup of an egg carton.
2. Each player picks one cup at one end of the egg carton to be home.
3. Taking turns, players pick up all of the beans in one cup (never from the "home" cups, though). Put one bean in each space, moving counter-clockwise around the carton. If you pass either home cup, drop a bean in there.
4. The game is over when all of the beans are in the players' homes. The player with the most beans wins.



This is what the egg carton will look like after one turn.

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

Double Double Word Search

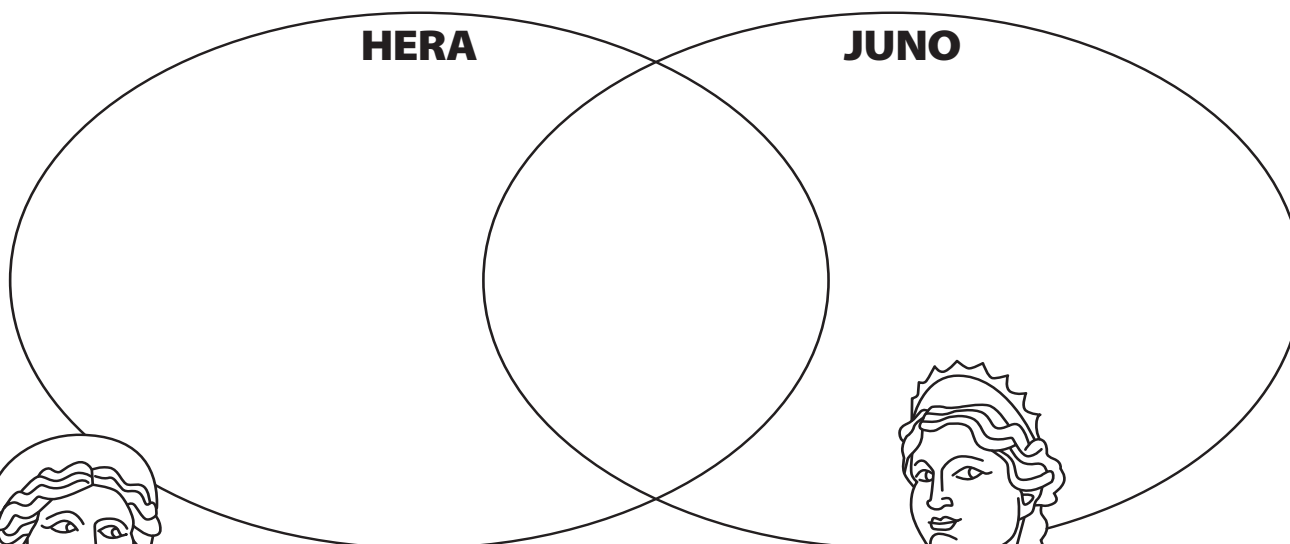
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HAUNTED
MANSION
SECRET
BEANS
MCCREAKY
MONEY
LOCK
SYMBOL
WEB
CHEST
CLUES
MATH
TRIP
TRAIL

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

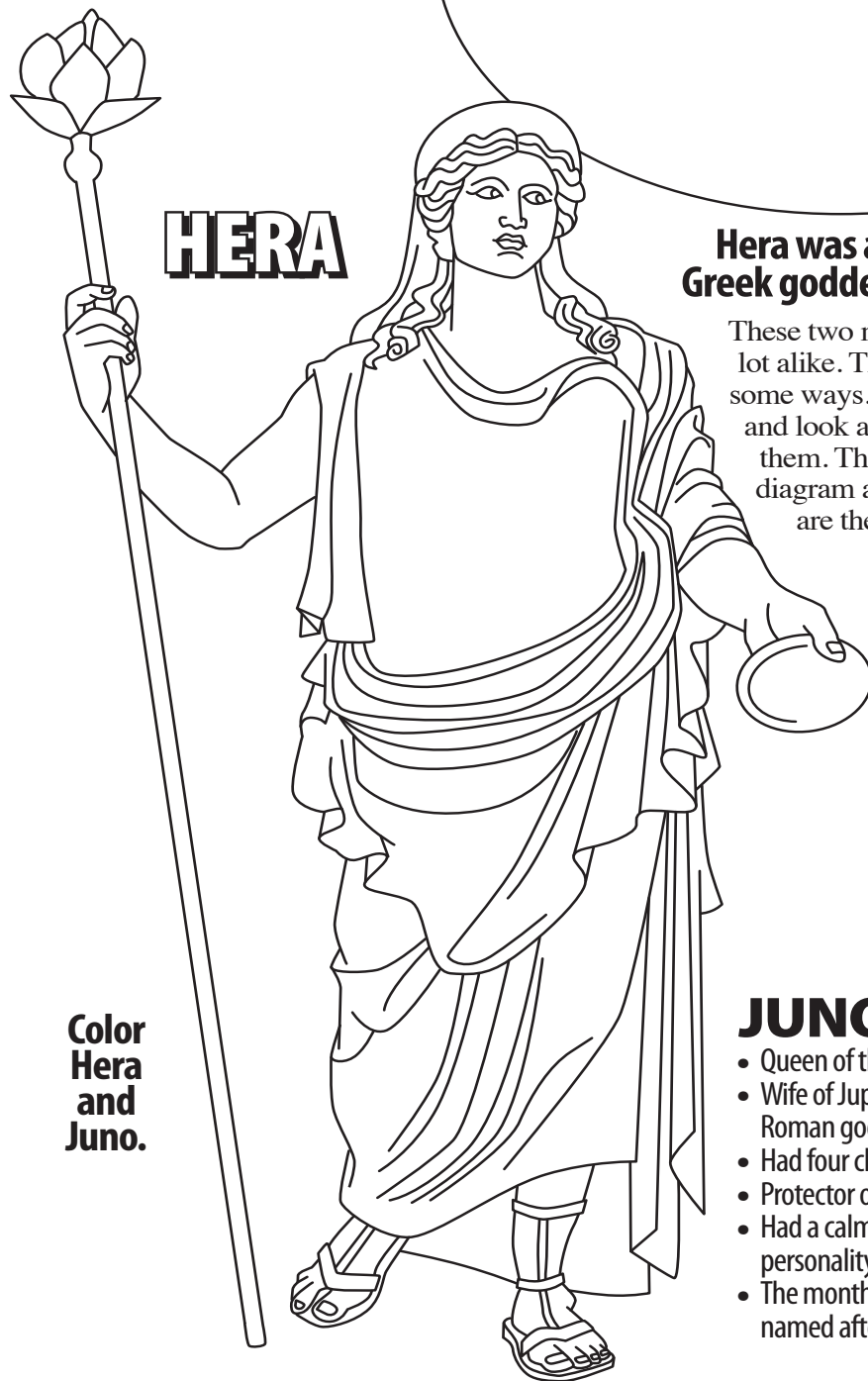


Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Hera and Juno



HERA



**Color
Hera
and
Juno.**

Hera was a Greek goddess. | Juno was a Roman goddess.

These two mythical goddesses were a lot alike. They were also different in some ways. Read about each goddess and look at the drawings of each of them. Then complete the VENN diagram above to show how they are the same and different.

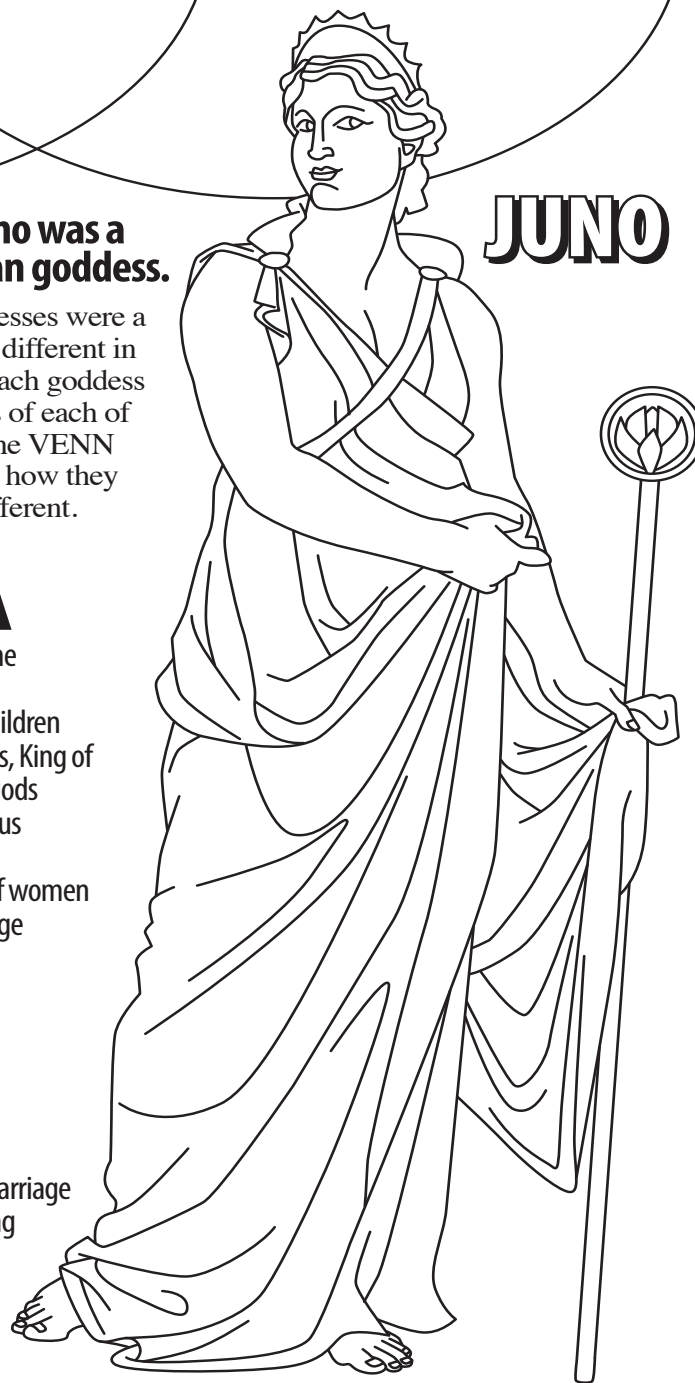
HERA

- Queen of the Greek gods
- Had two children
- Wife of Zeus, King of the Greek gods
- Had a jealous personality
- Protector of women and marriage

JUNO

- Queen of the Roman gods
- Wife of Jupiter, King of the Roman gods
- Had four children
- Protector of women and marriage
- Had a calm and encouraging personality
- The month of June is named after her

JUNO



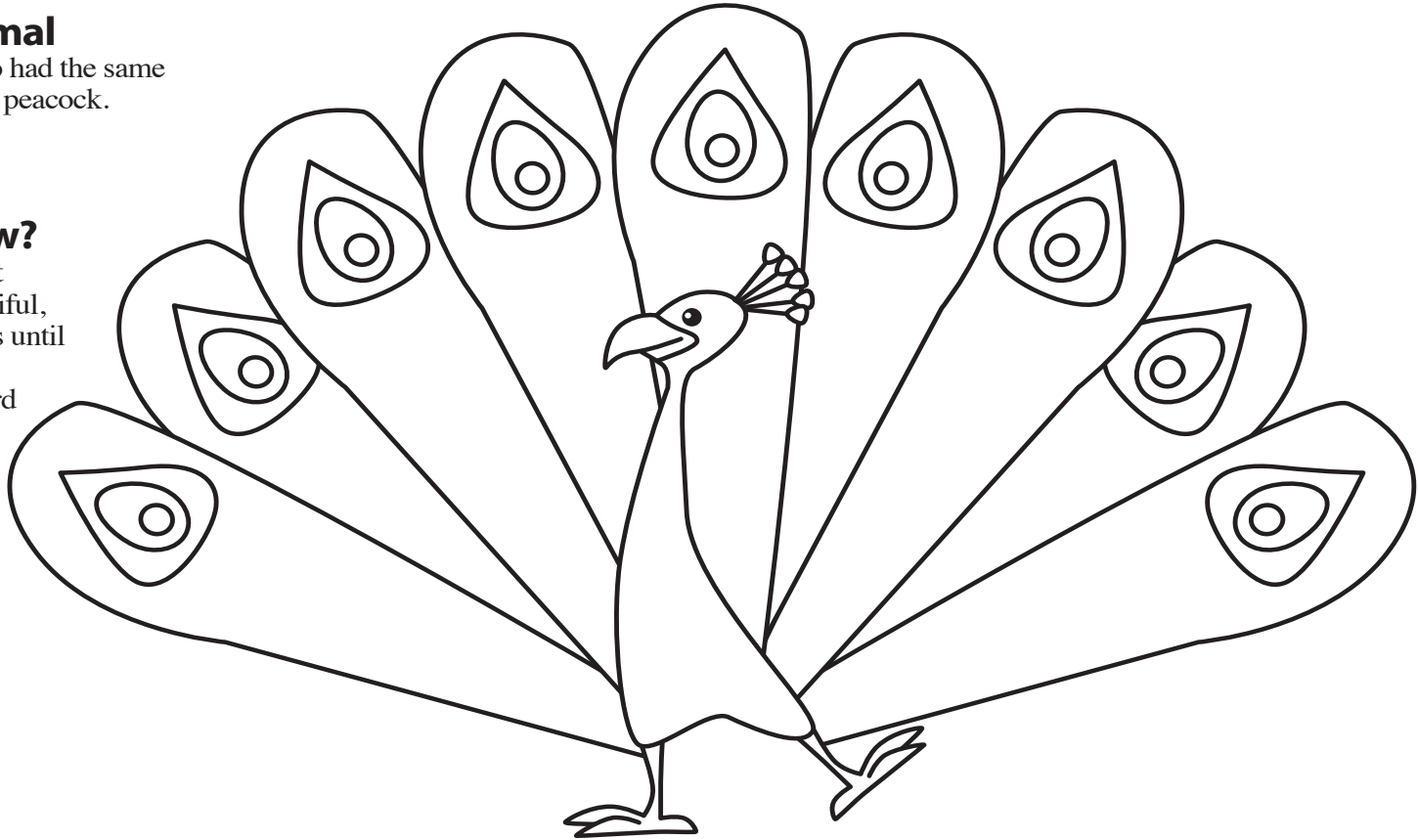
Favorite Animal

Both Hera and Juno had the same favorite animal: the peacock.

Color this peacock.

Did you know?

Peacocks don't start growing their beautiful, colorful tail feathers until they are about three years old. In this bird species, only males are called peacocks and females are called **peahens**.

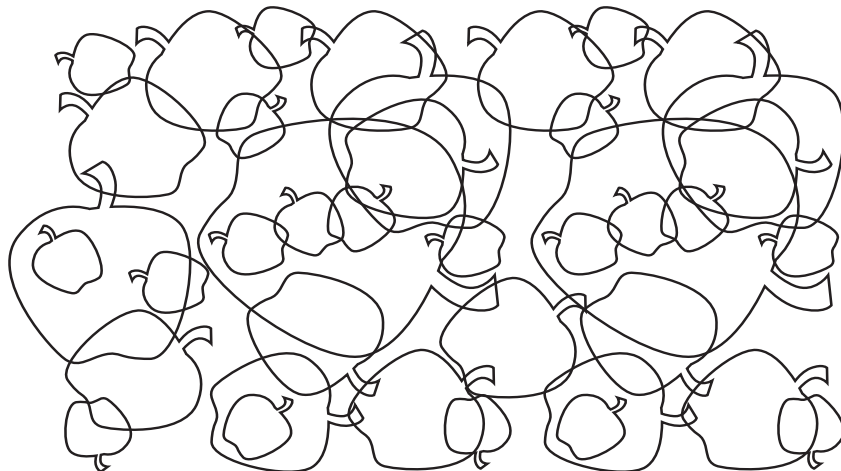


Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Hera's Golden Apple

A Greek myth says that Zeus gave Hera a golden apple tree. It is said that the apples on that tree were made of real gold. The precious tree was guarded by a dragon called Ladon.

How many apples can you count here?



Double Double Word Search

GODDESSES
JUPITER
SAME
APPLES
DRAGON
GOLDEN
GREEK
ROMAN
JUNO
HERA
BIRD
CALM
VENN
ENVY
SONG

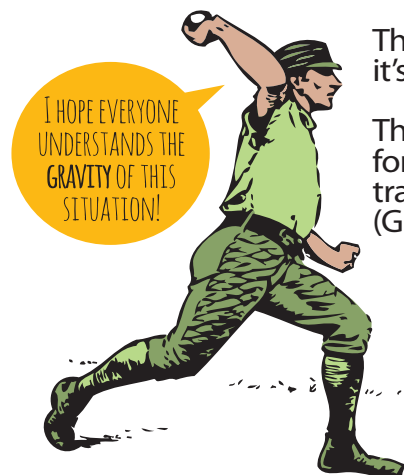
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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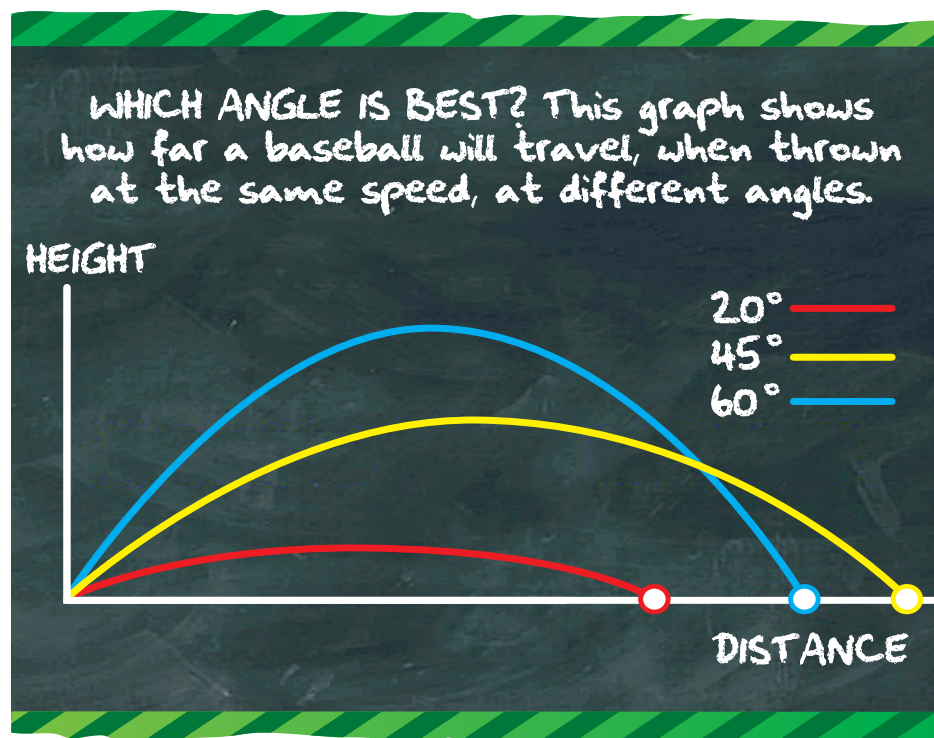
The center fielder can scoop up a ball hit deep into center field and throw it more than 200 feet to get a runner out at second base.



Throwing that far is no accident — it's **math** and **physics**!

The force of the throw gives a ball forward motion. But as the ball travels, gravity pulls it downward. (Gravity is *such* a downer!)

So, the ball must be thrown upwards and outwards at an **angle** so that it can travel the farthest before gravity pulls it to the ground.



Let's Talk Stats

Baseball fans use a lot of math when talking about their favorite players. Here's the scoop on how to calculate these key player statistics. Learn this and you'll sound like a big leaguer!

BATTING AVERAGE

This number gives you an idea of how well a batter hits. To figure out a person's batting average, divide the number of hits by the number of "at bats."

Josh hit the ball 3 times in 6 at-bats.

You can write it as a fraction:

HITS → $\frac{3}{6}$ ← AT BATS

That fraction can be reduced to

$\frac{1}{2}$

which is also

.500

Josh hits the ball half of the time he is at bat, so he has a .500 batting average.



EARNED RUN AVERAGE (ERA)

This math formula is used to find out how many runs a pitcher allows in nine innings of pitching. Pitchers want to keep this number as low as possible.

Sean allowed 7 runs in 34 innings pitched.

To calculate his ERA, multiply the number of earned runs X 9

$7 \times 9 = 63$

Divide that number by the number of innings pitched:

$63 \div 34 = 1.85$

Sean has an ERA of 1.85, which means he allows under 2 runs every 9 innings.

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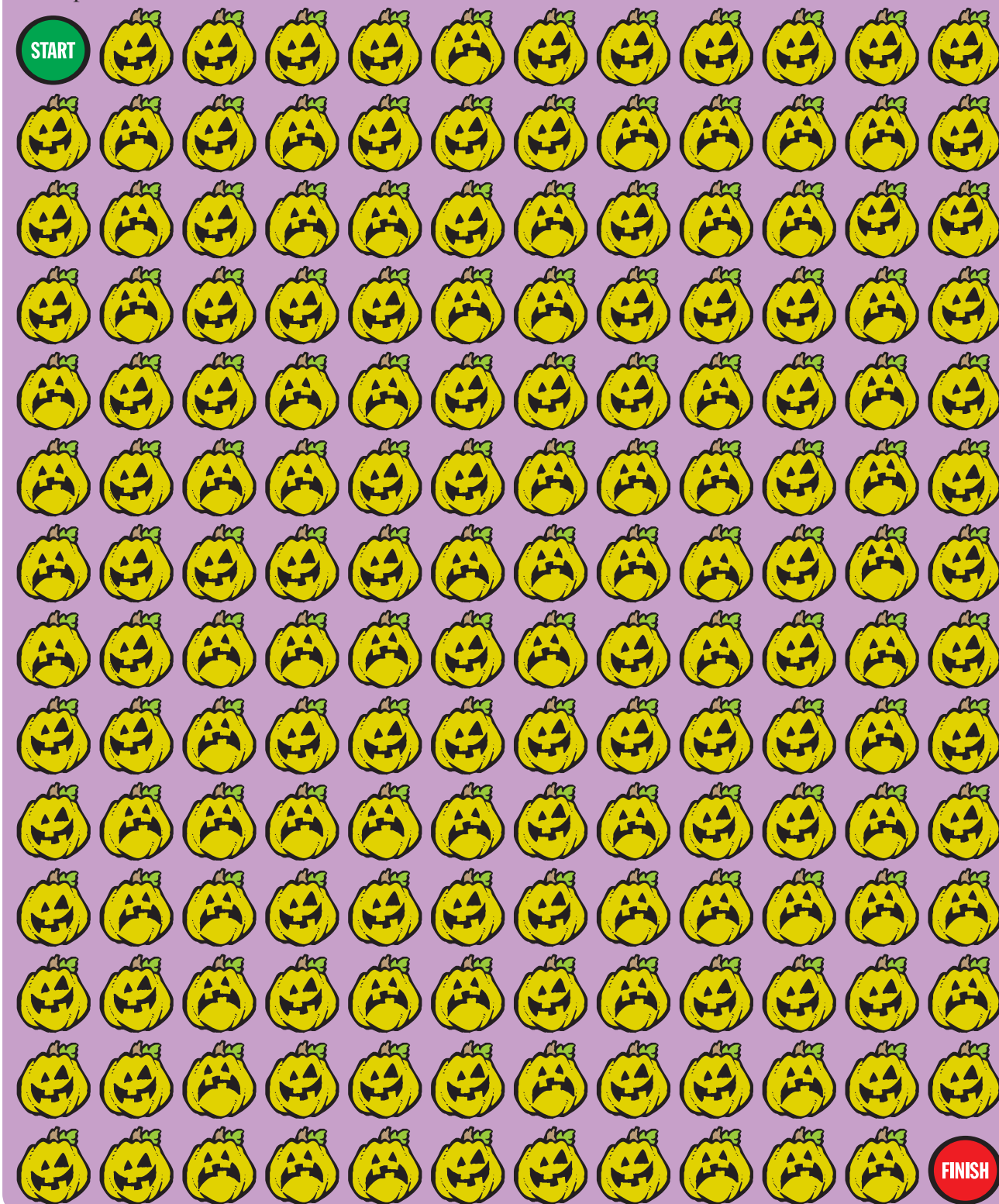
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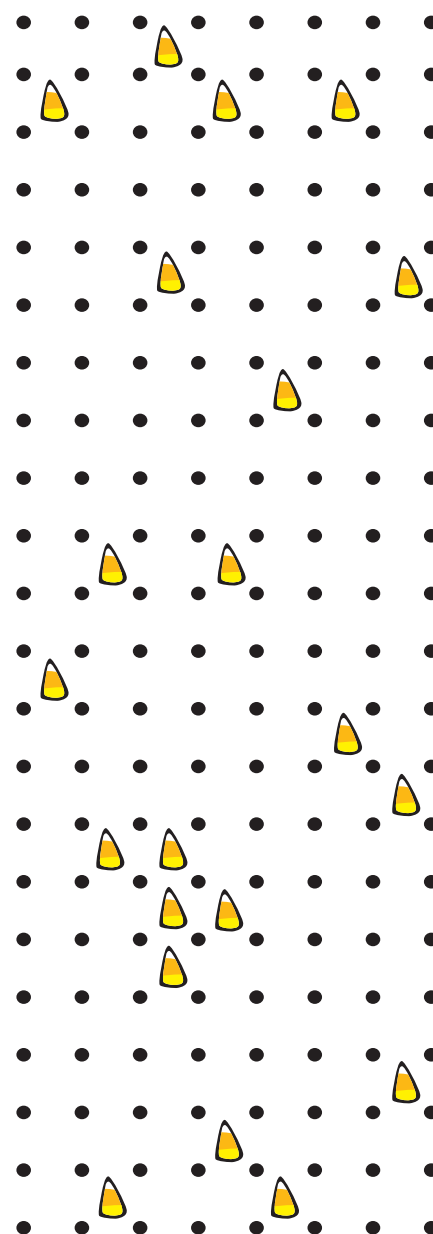
PUMPKIN PATHWAY

Find a path through these jack-o'-lanterns starting at the upper left corner and ending at the bottom right corner. You can move UP or DOWN, LEFT or RIGHT, moving from jack-o'-lanterns with a HAPPY face. You cannot move diagonally. Pumpkins with a SAD face are a DEAD END!



CANDY CORN CORNERS

In this two-player game, Player A uses a PURPLE crayon, Player B uses a GREEN 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 candy corn in that square, the player earns 3 BONUS POINTS.





ACTIVITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026



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. ☒	How many pumpkins can you find on this page?			1 ☐ Discuss what would make a healthy vegetarian meal. World Vegetarian Day	2 ☐ How much do you know about farms and farming? Make a list of all the crops that are grown in your area.	3 ☐ Collect fall leaves and with paper and white craft glue, use them to create colorful animals. Berries, grasses and flower petals will work too.
4 ☐ It's World Teachers' Day tomorrow. Make a card for your teacher thanking them for their hard work and caring.	5 ☐ Honor your teacher today and thank them for all they do. World Teachers' Day	6 ☐ Make a checklist of all the dangers in homes that cause fires. Then list the steps you can take to prevent fires. Fire Prevention Week	7 ☐ Start preparing for Halloween. Who will you be on Halloween—a pirate, a witch, a robot or a princess? Start preparing the costume you will need.	8 ☐ Draw a self-portrait today with colored pencils or markers. Look at Picasso's portraits and see if you can make draw your portrait in his style.	9 ☐ Make a map showing an escape route in your home in the event of a fire.	10 ☐ Read a bedtime story to a parent or sibling today.
11 ☐ Type out the letters of the alphabet in the correct order on a keyboard. Can you say the letters of the alphabet in reverse order?	12 ☐ With your family, call a local history organization or visit the library to find out which Native Americans are from where you live. Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 ☐ Discuss what can make you afraid and ways to overcome fear. National Face Your Fears Day	14 ☐ Look through your newspaper for local events, seasonal concerts and celebrations.	15 ☐ Write a poem in honor of a classmate or friend. List lots of words you might use to describe the friend and then put them in your poem.	16 ☐ Do you know what these three words mean: pragmatic, peloton, provision? Look them up in a dictionary. Dictionary Day	17 ☐ Write a story about a treasure you might find hidden in a huge pile of leaves.
18 ☐ Use a tortilla as a base and invent your own pizza. Have a parent help you cook it.	19 ☐ Remember someone less fortunate than yourself today with a random act of kindness.	20 ☐ Get your helmet, elbow and knee pads on today to celebrate Roller Skating Month	21 ☐ Discuss reptiles today—what might their skin feel like? How do they move? How long are their tongues? Reptile Awareness Day	22 ☐ Start by doing 20 jumping jacks. Increase the number by 5 every day until you can do 40.	23 ☐ The oldest and largest drug prevention campaign takes place this year from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. Red Ribbon Week	24 ☐ Make a Difference Day is celebrated each year over this weekend. Volunteer to help someone or check out the Make a Difference Day online project database.
25 ☐ Go on a hike, collect leaves and then identify the tree using a tree identification guide.	26 ☐ Design a flag for your school or classroom. Do you have a mascot? Include it in your flag design.	27 ☐ This is National Magic week. Find a magic trick online that you can perform for your family.	28 ☐ Rent a classic Halloween movie tonight. Try <i>Casper</i>, <i>Bedknobs and Broomsticks</i>, or <i>It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown</i>. Enjoy them with your family.	29 ☐ Make sure you have something bright or reflective on your Halloween costume. Get batteries for your flashlight.	30 ☐ Carve a pumpkin today. Save the seeds and have a parent help you roast them. They make a tasty treat!	31 ☐ HAPPY HALLOWEEN

What has a head like a deer but can hop like a rabbit? It can stand upright, swim and even box.

Kangaroos

Draw a line from each question to the answer that makes the most sense.

How many different kinds of kangaroos are there?

Which is the largest kangaroo?

Which is the smallest kangaroo?

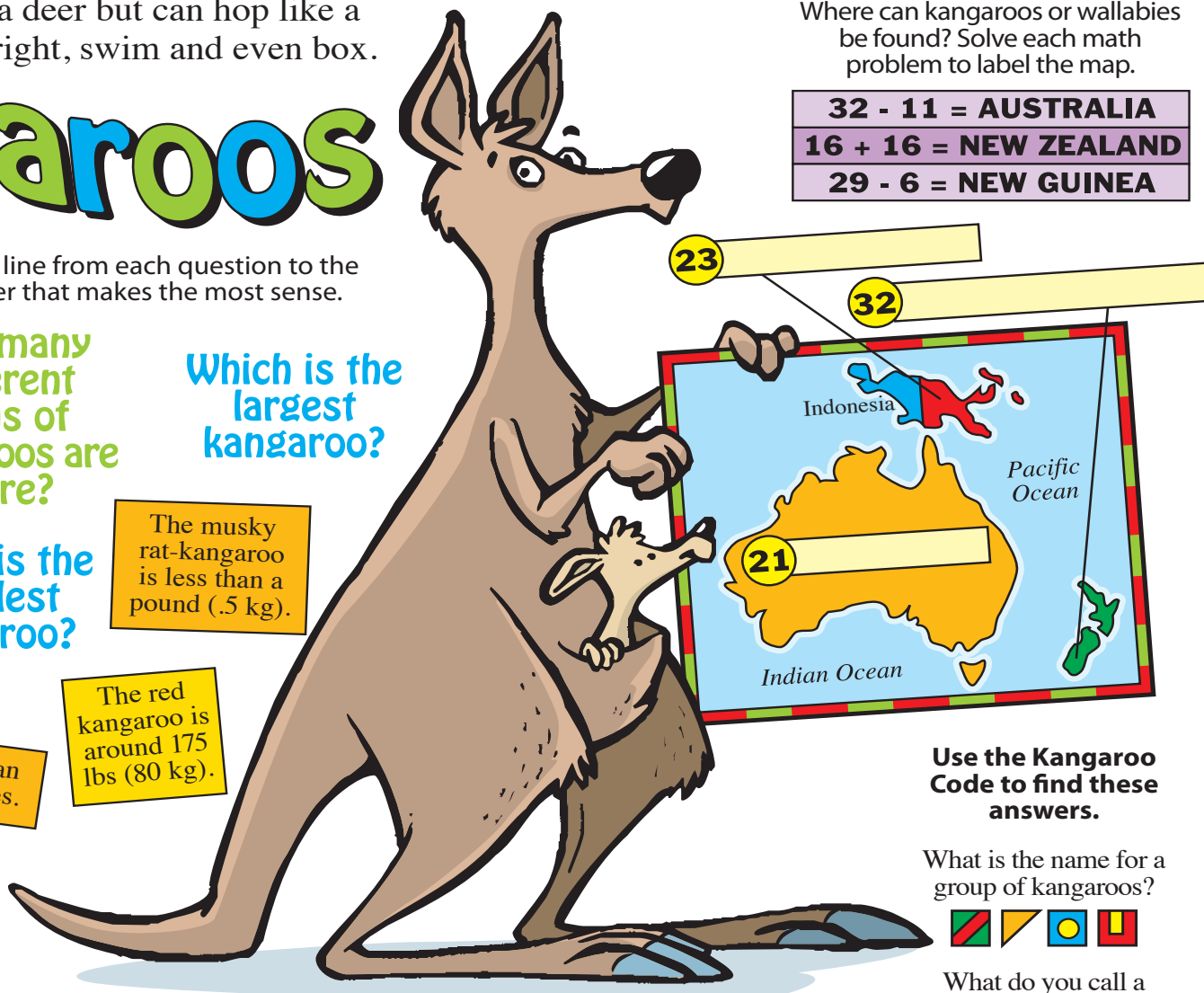
Kangaroos are **marsupials**, which means they are mammals that have an external pouch or pocket. Marsupials are different from most mammals because they give birth to very under-developed young. **Joeys** are born hairless and tiny, about the size of a bean and must climb their way up into their mother's pouch. They remain there to feed and sleep and grow—in six months they grow to be 2,000 times the size they were at birth.

Standards Link: Life Science: Know that animals progress through life cycles of birth, growth, development, reproduction and death.

The musky rat-kangaroo is less than a pound (.5 kg).

The red kangaroo is around 175 lbs (80 kg).

More than 60 species.



Where can kangaroos or wallabies be found? Solve each math problem to label the map.

$$32 - 11 = \text{AUSTRALIA}$$

$$16 + 16 = \text{NEW ZEALAND}$$

$$29 - 6 = \text{NEW GUINEA}$$

Use the Kangaroo Code to find these answers.

What is the name for a group of kangaroos?



What do you call a kangaroo that weighs less than 45 lbs (25 kg)?



What do you call a baby kangaroo?



Replace the words that this kangaroo knocked out.

SUPPORT

LARGE

Roo Features

A kangaroo, or roo, has _____ back legs, small front legs and a head shaped like that of a deer. Its well-developed _____ include excellent scanning eyesight and sharp _____ provided by large rabbit-like ears that can turn frontward or back. In a larger roo, the tail acts as a _____ for sitting, but also helps the animal _____ when hopping. Powerful back legs propel larger roos to speeds of up to 40 mph.

STEER

SENSES

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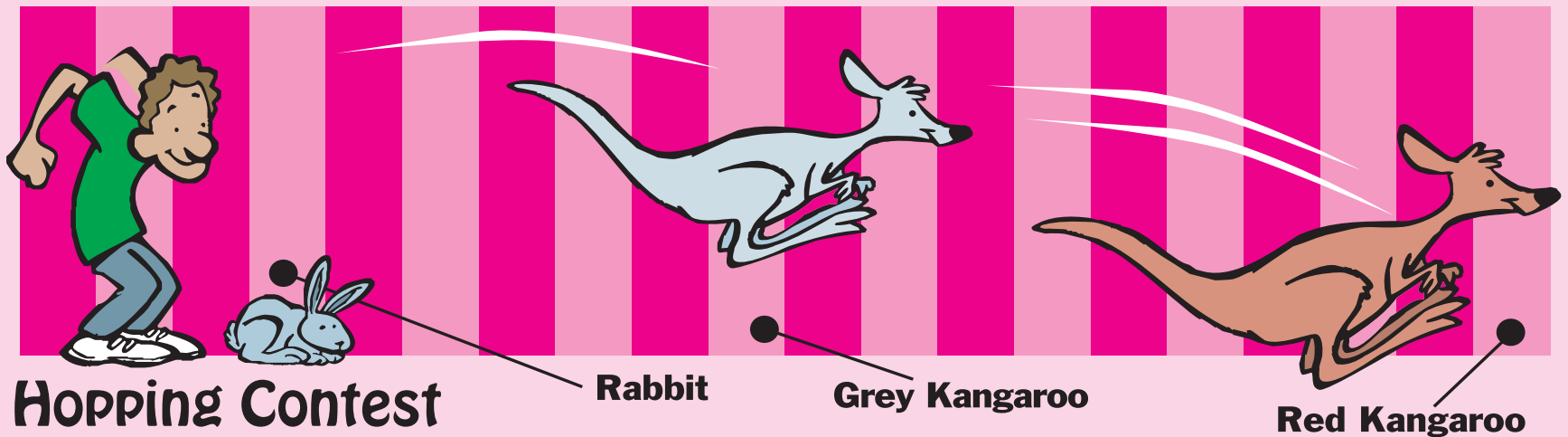
KANGAROO CODE		= A		= M
		= B		= O
		= E		= S
		= J		= W
		= L		= Y
		= K		= N

Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand the diversity of life.

World-famous Jumpers

Their strong back legs launch kangaroos into the air. And their tails help them balance as they hop great distances. When they hop, kangaroos use only their hind legs, which move together, much like those of a rabbit.

MEASURING BAR (Each stripe = 1 foot)



Hopping Contest

Stand in one spot with your feet together. Now make a giant hop. How far did you hop? Mark that distance on the above grid. Look how far a grey roo, a red roo and a rabbit can hop. How do you compare?

Standards Link: Measurement: Understand the basic measures of length.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Multiplication Boxes In the sample below, multiplying the first two numbers in each row gives the answer in the third row. This works both horizontally and vertically.

2	5	10
3	3	9
6	15	90

Now fill in the missing numbers in each multiplication box at right.

2	2	
		16
8		64

	1	2
4		
8		80

2		6
		12
8		72

2		6
10		120

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using multiplication.

Double Double Word Search

AUSTRALIA
EXTERNAL
MAMMALS
BALANCE
HOPPING
PROPEL
POUCH
JOEYS
SHARP
CLIMB
TINY
GROW
EARS
BEAN
KANGAROOS

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

K	H	O	P	P	I	N	G	M	O
L	A	B	S	R	A	E	B	S	O
E	F	N	K	A	A	A	N	P	S
P	T	G	G	C	L	H	A	O	L
O	A	I	L	A	R	T	S	U	A
R	R	I	N	G	R	O	W	C	M
P	M	C	O	Y	O	O	S	H	M
B	E	A	N	S	Y	E	O	J	A
L	A	N	R	E	T	X	E	S	M

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

Halloween at Home

It's a rainy, stormy Halloween night. But Drusilla and her brother Darius are still going to have some spooky fun at home!

How many pieces of candy corn can you find on this page?

Party Pattern

Darius made a string of Halloween decorations. Cross out the item that breaks the pattern.

Scary Movie Marathon

Drusilla and Darius settled in to watch some spooky movies, but they got way too scared. What did they do instead? Use the code to find out!

1 = A	8 = K
2 = C	9 = O
3 = D	10 = P
4 = E	11 = R
5 = G	12 = S
6 = H	13 = T
7 = I	14 = Y

13	6	4	14	11	4	1	3
13	6	4	7	11			
8	7	3	12	2	9	9	10
10	1	5	4				

Cross out each letter that appears three times. Unscramble the remaining letters to spell the name of Drusilla's cat.

S Y L N I C
B C M I L
L Y B
I S G Y
D C H
T B

GROUP 1



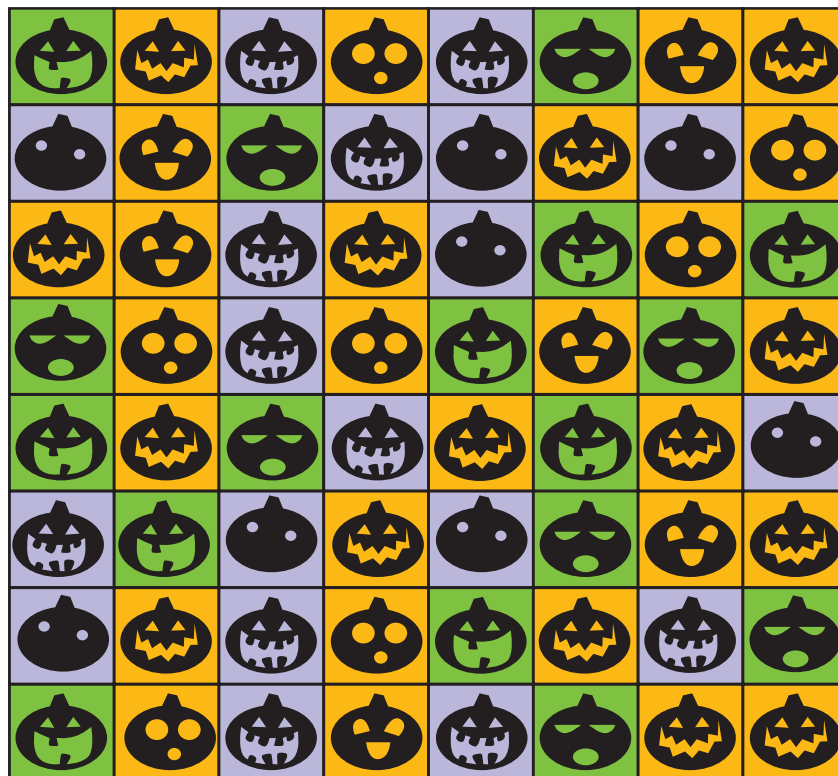
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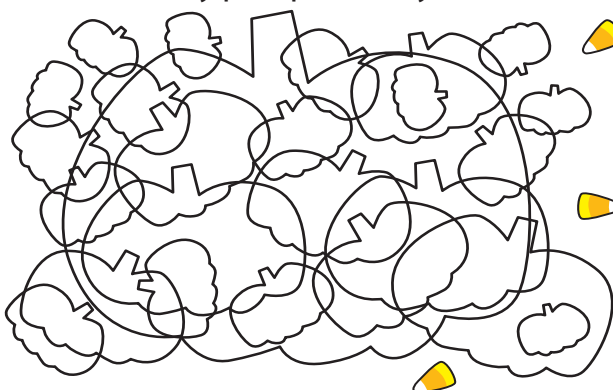
GROUP 3



Can you find all three of the groups at left on the larger grid below?



How many pumpkins do you see?



Shadow Play

Drusilla used a flashlight to make shadows on the wall.

Can you find each shadow's exact twin?



What's as big as Frankenstein's monster but weighs nothing?

Answer: HIS SHADOW

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Circle the rows of numbers on this ghastly tombstone that add up to 12. Look up, down, sideways and diagonally.

3 1 9 4
3 6 1 2
3 3 1 4
3 2 5 2

Standards Link: Mathematics: Add sums to 12.

Double Double Word Search

HALLOWEEN
MONSTER
PUMPKINS
POPCORN
STORMY
GHASTLY
FUN
SPOOKY
CAT
MOVIES
RAINY
CANDY
HOME
POEM
BIG

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

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

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

OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

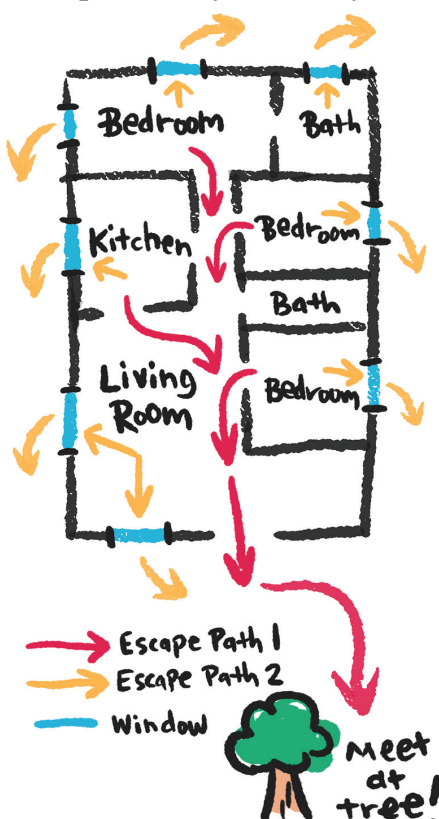
FIRE SAFETY 1, 2, 3

Here are three important fire safety rules to remember.

1

ALWAYS KNOW TWO WAYS OUT

You should know two ways out of every room. And you need to know where your family will meet outside. Practice this escape plan with your family.



2

HEAR THE ALARM? *GET OUT!*

When a smoke alarm sounds, leave right away. Go outside and **never** go back inside until a firefighter tells you it is safe.



How often should you test your smoke alarm?

Circle every other letter to reveal the answer.

A J T X L N E W A V S H
T J O S N M C P E Q A X
M N O M N C T Y H L

A T L _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _

3

FIRE IS NOT FOR KIDS TO FIGHT!

Kids should never try to put out a fire. Get outside, tell an adult and call **911** from a safe place.

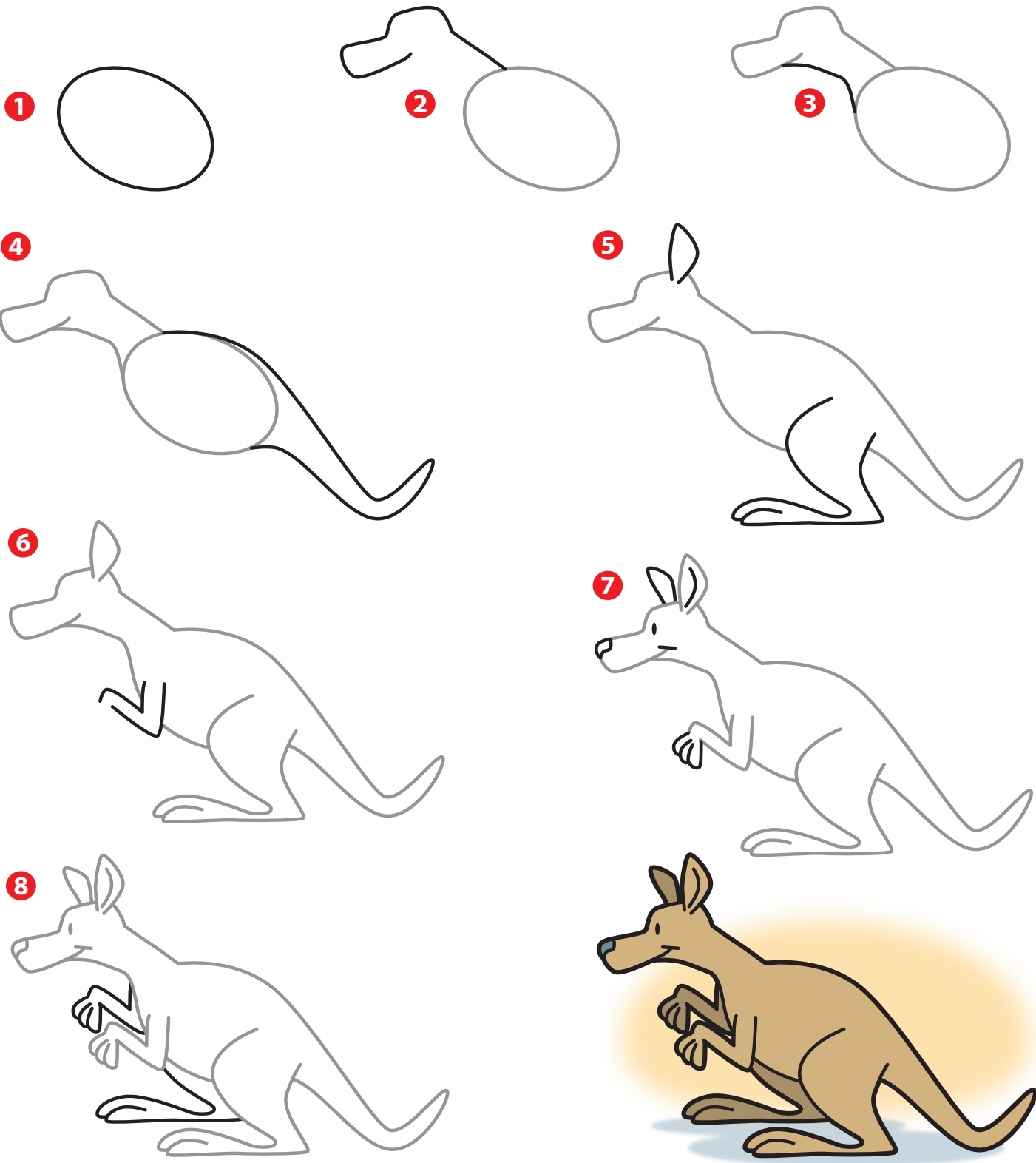


Choose a place outside your home to meet in an emergency.

Where will your family meet? Write it here and put it on your refrigerator door.

**In an emergency,
we will meet at:**

HOW TO DRAW A KANGAROO



MONEY MATTERS: What is a debit card?

You've probably seen a parent using a card to pay for groceries, gas or other items. A **debit card** is one of the ways to spend money you've saved.



Debit Cards vs. Credit Cards

A **debit card** takes money directly from your bank account now. What you buy is paid for right away.

A **credit card** allows you to buy something now, and pay for it later. You also can be charged **interest**—a fee added to the purchase price by the credit card company.

Shopping with a Debit Card

Many people find it more convenient to use a debit card to buy items rather than carrying a lot of cash. But it's important to remember that with a debit card, you are spending real money. You can't spend more than you have in your bank account.



If you had \$100 to spend, how many of these sweaters could you buy?

Standards Links: Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Can you keep a secret?

When you use a debit card, you also enter your secret code, called a **PIN**. Cross out the word PIN every time you see it below. The leftover letters tell you what PIN stands for.



PINPPINEPINRPINSPIN
OPINNPINAPINLPINIPIN
DPINEPINNPTINIPIN
FPINIPINCPINAPINTPIN
IPINOPINNPINNPINU
PINMPINBPINEPINR

P
I _____ N
_____ B _____

Homeschool Book Club meets in Scottville on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11am-noon. Ask for details!

NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Coming November 7-8! Shop our gently used books to support programming at the Library, including book giveaways, Summer Reading, Crafts, and Trivia!



LET OUR LIBRARIANS KNOW THAT YOU ENJOY IT!

The secret word for the month is Frankenstein.

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 — 6TH TO 12TH GRADERS



IN LUDINGTON:

- Anime Club every Monday 3:30pm
- Study Hours every Wednesday until 5:30pm
- Teen Tuesday Oct. 6 : Sock pumpkin crafts

- Lunch and a Movie Friday, Oct. 9, 12:30pm
- Jackbox Game Night Friday, Oct. 16, 6-7:30pm
- Oracle Decks & Tarot Friday, Oct. 23 3:30pm
- Murder Mystery Party for 13-18 year olds Friday, Oct. 30 6-8pm
- Tabletop Games every Saturday 11:30am-2:30pm

IN SCOTTVILLE:

- Paper Airplane Competition Thursday, Oct. 1, 3-5pm
- Tie-Dye Bandanas Thursday, Oct. 8, 3-5pm
- Creepy Crafts Thursday, Oct. 15, 3-5pm
- Lego Creations Thursday, Oct. 22, 3-5pm
- Costume Makeup Thursday, Oct. 29, 3-5pm
- PJ's & Waffles Friday, Oct. 2, noon-2pm



1-2-3 Rhyme with Me on Mondays

10am in Ludington

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



Family Bingo Night — Tuesday, October 6, and November 3 from 6-7pm in Scottville

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

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

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

Ludington Creative Kids * 3:30-5pm on Monday

Come for games, crafts, and snacks!

Legos Out

Saturdays, 11am-2pm

Come and build with your friends!
Choose from thousands of Legos.



Mason County District Library

217 E. Ludington Ave. Ludington 231-843-8465

www.MCDLibrary.org

204 E. State Street, Scottville

The Gift of Time is a Treat

Often for children, the biggest treat is to spend time with their parents. To have the undivided attention of a parent or grandparent is all too often a rare treat in these busy times.

Kid Scoop News can make it easier for you to come up with fun things to do together. Just take a look each month at the *Kid Scoop* Activity Calendar.

The calendar has a fun activity for every day of the month. Together, pick one activity a month to do one-on-one with each of the children in your family.

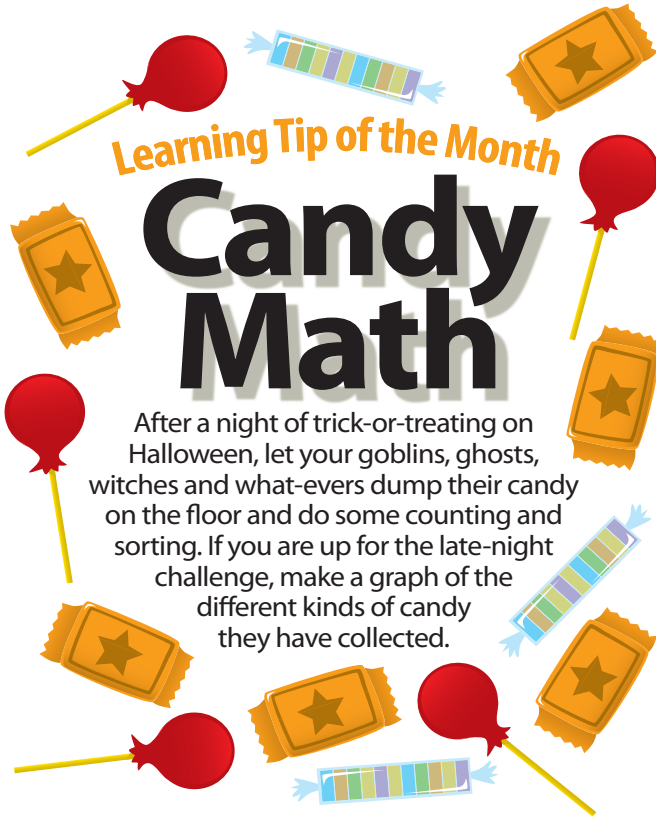


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Learning Tip of the Month

Candy Math

After a night of trick-or-treating on Halloween, let your goblins, ghosts, witches and what-ers dump their candy on the floor and do some counting and sorting. If you are up for the late-night challenge, make a graph of the different kinds of candy they have collected.



October is Fire Prevention Month



Be sure to test your smoke detector every month! Let your kids in on the fun, test it with them. This helps to build a habit they will take into their adulthood. It's also important to hold family fire drills often. Review this month's fire safety pages with your child, and talk about fire safety around the home and outdoors.

EDITOR'S PICK by Vicki Whiting, *Kid Scoop News*

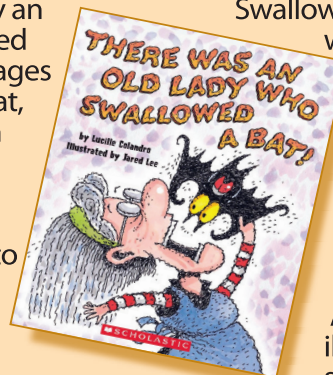
There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat!

By Lucille Colandro Illustrated by Jared Lee



In a Halloween-themed twist on the classic "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," the old lady manages to swallow a bat, owl, cat, ghost, goblin, and even a wizard.

If you enjoy this book, ask your local librarian to help you find and read the book that originally inspired it.



I read it to my students when I was teaching and to my own kids at home.

We would read the "Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" over and over until we could recite the entire book by heart. We would take turns reading about the different animals she swallowed and in chorus recite, "I don't know why she swallowed a fly. I guess she'll die."

Author Lucille Colandro and illustrator Jared Lee created several takes on this classic book. Kids will beg to hear them over and over again!

Let's LOOK in the LIBRARY!

This book and countless others are waiting for you at your local public library. Build a lifelong love of reading in your child with frequent family trips to the library!