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# Kid Scoop News<sup>®</sup>

APRIL 2026

## APRIL SHOWERS

It is said that April showers bring May flowers. But why exactly does it rain? We'll explore the science of *precipitation!*



## EASTER EGG SCIENCE

Here's a challenge — can you make an egg drop into an empty bottle if the neck is smaller than the egg?

## ASK A TASMANIAN DEVIL

They look like tiny bears, but these fierce creatures get their name from the sound they make.



See how many words you can make using the letters in **RAIN SHOWERS!**

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## FUN THINGS EVERY DAY!

Our April Activity Calendar is packed with stuff to do every single day this month. Some activities you can do by yourself, but they're even more fun when you do them with your family and friends!

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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.

Please email [info@ontrackreader.com](mailto:info@ontrackreader.com) to let us know that you are interested and we'll get back to you with date and time.

### Tutor Training

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### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Do you read *Kid Scoop News* with a parent or brother or sister? What do they like best about it?"

Send your answer to:

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# WOODWORD'S CORNER

## Dear Readers,

We here at Kid Scoop News like to think of the environment in April. From the saying that "April showers bring May flowers" to Earth Day and Arbor Day, we are nudged into feeling warmer weather and longer days are on their way. The word April comes from the Latin word **aperire** which means "to open." It indicates a season when flowers open and bloom and animals come out of hibernation.

Our animal this month is the **Tasmanian Devil**. They live a long way away from American shores, but they are fascinating creatures and do hide in dens during the day and come out to forage at night.

Have you heard of "raining cats and dogs"? Our **April Showers** feature has a puzzle based on a variation of that theme, but the page also explains why it rains.

Instead of dyeing eggs this year for Easter, try these eggstraordinary experiments — can you drop an egg into a bottle with a narrow neck, or make an egg float? Great scientific fun!

Let's stretch out our bodies, shake off those winter blues and welcome the month of April and the spring!

*Woodword*

## Who took Buzz's carrot?

One of the Bad Bunny Brothers gobbled up Buzz's carrot that he was planning to have for lunch. Use the clues to figure out who did it.



**The thief has stripes on his shirt, but not horizontal ones.  
He is looking at another bunny. He is not missing a front tooth.**

Standards Link: Problem Solving: Use deductive reasoning to determine outcome.

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# No More Pennies?

In November of 2025, the U.S. Mint stopped making new pennies. You will still see pennies around and can use them to buy things. But there will be no more new pennies made.

## Why Stop Making Pennies?

According to the United States Treasury Department, this decision makes a lot of cents.

For many years, it has cost way more than one cent to make a penny. In 2024, it cost \$3.69 to make one penny!

## What is the U.S. Mint?

The United States Mint is **not** a candy or breath freshener. The United States Mint is the government agency that makes coins.

**HOMOPHONE ALERT**  
 Cents and sense are homophones. Homophones sound the same but have different meanings and different spellings.

## History of the Penny

The U.S. penny has been around since 1792. It was one of America's first coins. The first pennies were larger than the ones we use today, and they were made of pure copper.



On one side of the first pennies is the face of a mythical goddess known as Libertas who represents freedom. Some people call this design "Lady Liberty."

In 1909, Abraham Lincoln became the first real person on the coin.

Today's pennies are smaller, made mostly of zinc.



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**SCOOP THE NEWS**  
 GAME

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

What organization is this article about?

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What did this organization do?

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When did it do this?

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Why did it do this?

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## Have You Ever Seen a Silver Penny?

In 1943, pennies were made using steel because of a copper shortage caused by World War II.



# April Showers

## Why does it rain?

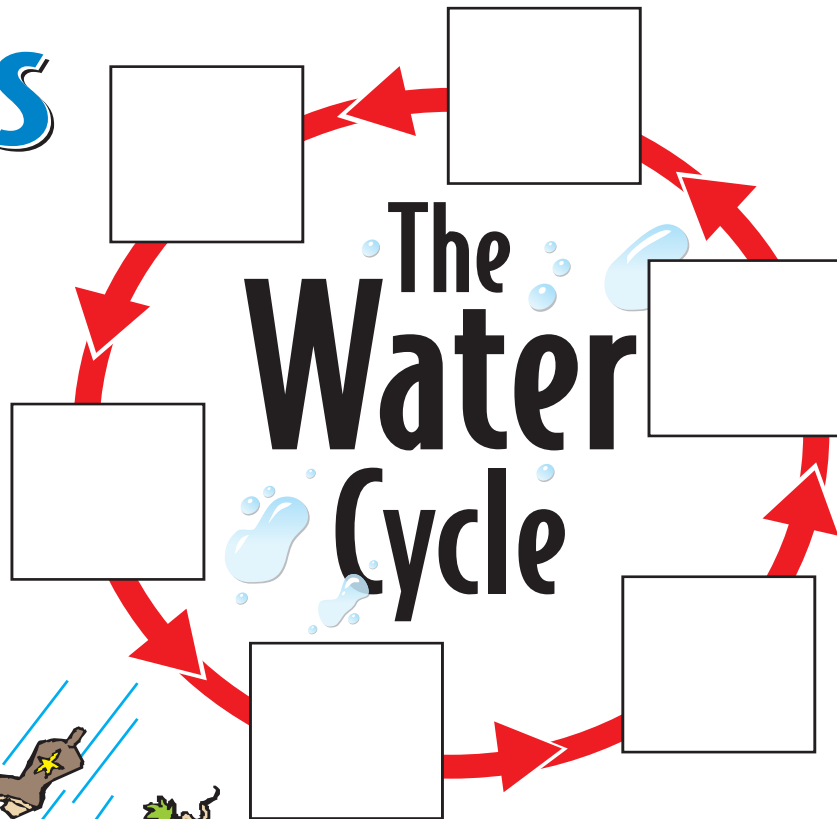
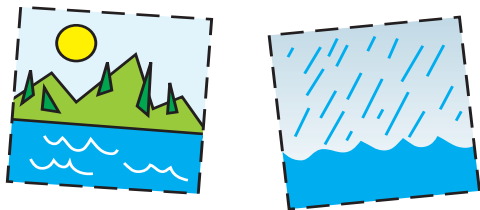
There is water all around us — on the land and in the sea. This water evaporates and rises into the sky as vapor. The vapor in the sky turns to water droplets and makes clouds. The water drops fall from the sky as rain. The rain goes into the ground and into the sea. Then, some of that water evaporates back to the sky and makes clouds again.

**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Water changes through the process of evaporation and condensation.



Cut out the pictures and put them in the correct order on the water cycle.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions; understand the water cycle.



What did one raindrop say to its friends? Two's a company. Three's a cloud. When is weather worst for mice? When it is raining cats and dogs.

Where is the ocean deepest? At the bottom.

## Whacky Weather

Great galoshes! Gregg is in a goofy storm. Can you find all the things that start with "G"? There are 12 of them in this picture.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions. Decoding and Word Recognition: Match initial consonant sound to letter.

What does the ocean do when it is leaving? It waves.

What is the difference between a lion with a toothache and a rainy day? One roars with pain and the other pours with rain.

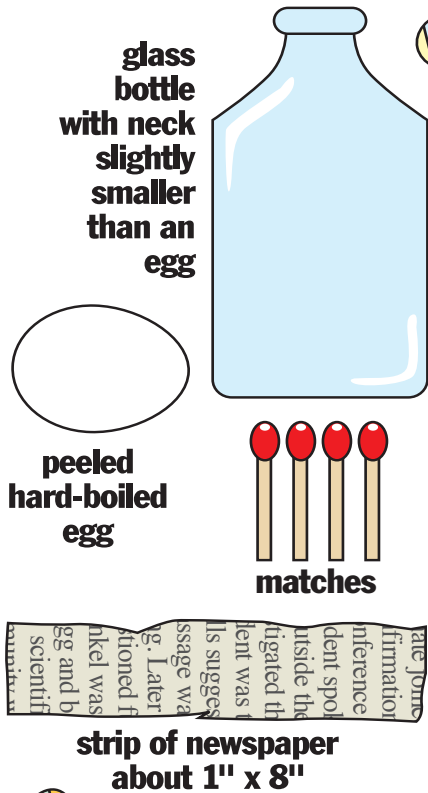
Kid Scoop News STEM Explorations

# EASTER EGG SCIENCE

Materials for Experiment:

## The Egg in the Bottle Trick!

Science is really EGGSciting!



glass bottle with neck slightly smaller than an egg

peeled hard-boiled egg

matches

strip of newspaper about 1" x 8"

### EASTER BUNNY SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

**NOTE:** This experiment requires an adult assistant!

**QUESTION:** Can you make an egg drop into an empty bottle if the neck is smaller than the egg?

**HYPOTHESIS:** What I think will happen:

**METHOD:**

1. Have an adult light the paper and drop it into the glass bottle.
2. Quickly place the peeled, hard-boiled egg on the opening of the glass bottle.
3. The fire will eventually burn out.

**OBSERVATION:** Describe what happens to the egg.

**CONCLUSION:** Explain what this experiment taught you.

## What's Going On?

Replace the missing words to find out!

To begin with, the air pressure \_\_\_\_\_ the bottle is the same as the pressure outside the bottle. As the \_\_\_\_\_ inside the bottle is heated, it expands and some air escapes. The egg on top creates a seal. As the air inside gradually \_\_\_\_\_, the air contracts and takes up less space. Outside air cannot \_\_\_\_\_ because the egg now seals the top of the bottle. The air pressure inside the bottle is \_\_\_\_\_ than the pressure outside and so it forms a partial vacuum. This \_\_\_\_\_ the egg to get sucked into the bottle.

ENTER

AIR

INSIDE

COOLS

LESS

FORCES

How many eggs can you find on this page in 2 minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

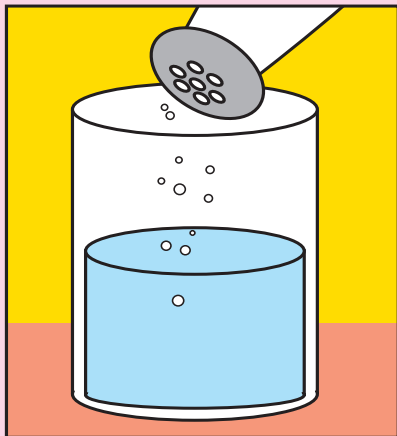
## MORE EGGSTRAORDINARY SCIENCE!

**Can you make an egg float?**

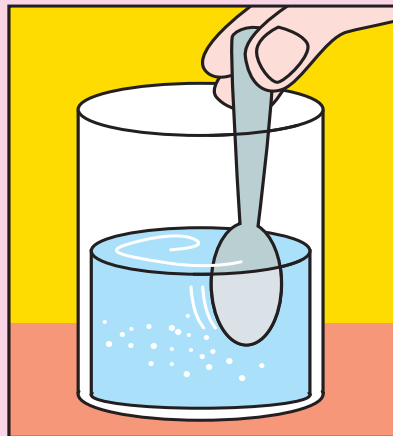
If you gently put an egg into a glass of tap water, it will sink to the bottom. But here's an experiment that will make an egg float.



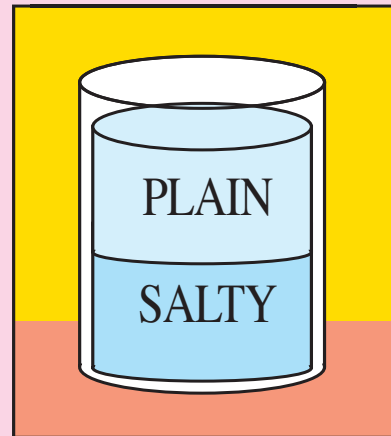
No, but I can make a root beer float!



Pour water into a glass about half way. Add 10 tablespoons of salt.



Stir gently until salt dissolves completely.



Carefully add plain water until the glass is nearly full, but try not to mix the plain and salt water much.

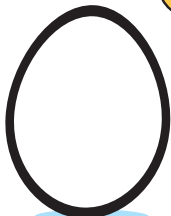


Gently place the egg in the glass of water. What happens?

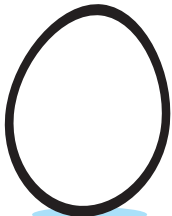
**ANSWER:** The egg drops through the plain water until it reaches the salty water. Now, when it reaches the salt water, it will magically float in the middle of the glass! Why? Salt water is denser than tap water. If a liquid is dense, it is easier for an object to float.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

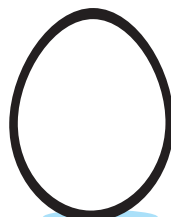
Unscramble the letters underneath each egg to find out what color to make each egg.



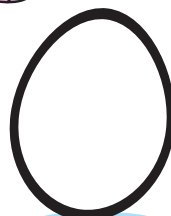
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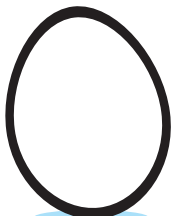
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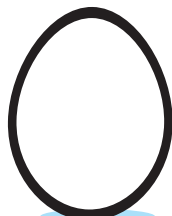
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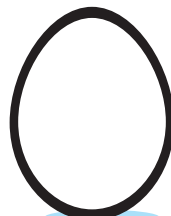
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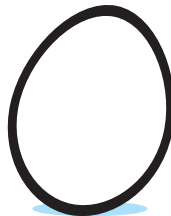
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**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade level appropriate site words correctly.

**Double Double Word Search**

SCIENTIST  
PRESSURE  
ESCAPES  
METHOD  
BOTTLE  
FLOAT  
COOLS  
LIGHT  
GLASS  
SPACE  
DROP  
SEAL  
SALT  
SINK

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

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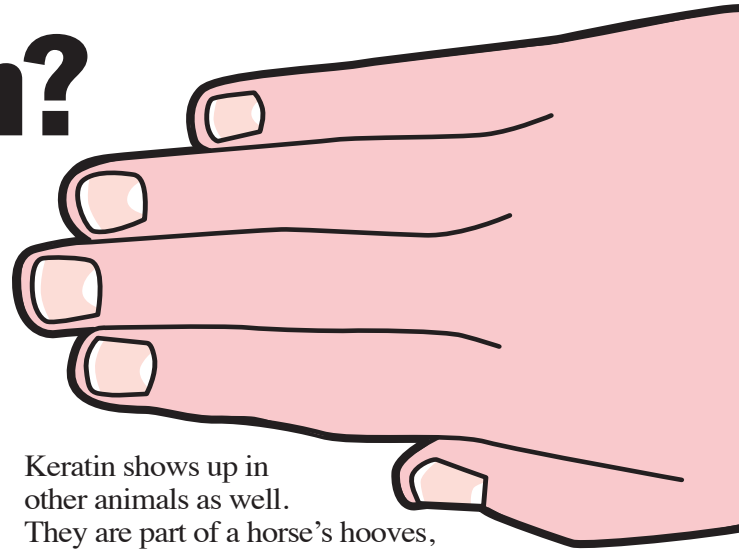


# Got an itch?

Aren't you glad you have fingernails to help you scratch it? And your toenails come in handy to protect your toes when you stub them!

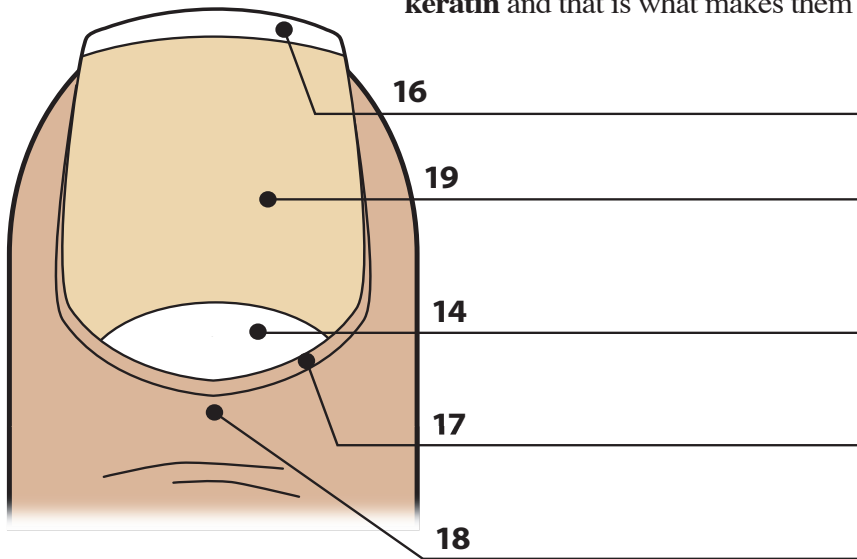
## Hard as Nails!

Since fingernails and toenails are so hard, some people think they are bones. NOT TRUE! Fingernails and toenails are more like your hair than your bones. Both are made of **keratin** and that is what makes them tough.



Keratin shows up in other animals as well. They are part of a horse's hooves, cats' claws, hair, porcupine quills, bird feathers and even a rhino's horn!

The hard surface of your nails helps to protect the tips of your fingers and toes. Your fingernails make it easier to scratch an itch or peel an orange.



## Nails By the Numbers

Do the math to label the diagram of a fingernail.

- 21 - 7 = lunula
- 25 - 7 = mantle
- 23 - 4 = nail plate
- 22 - 5 = cuticle
- 24 - 8 = distal edge

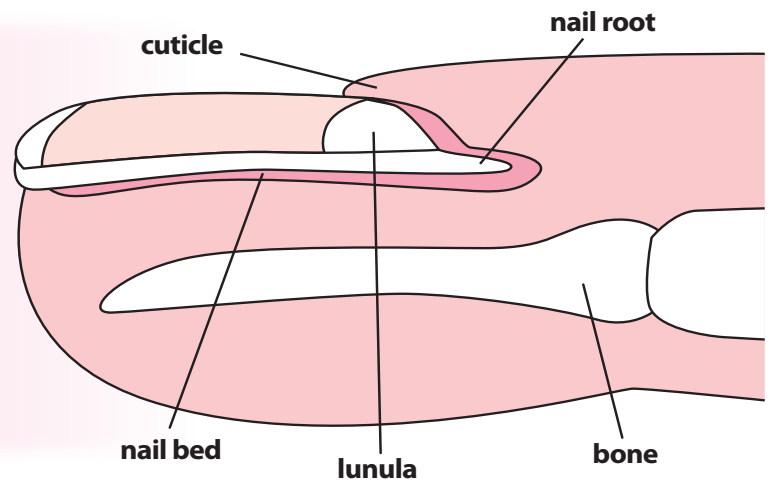
## Why doesn't it hurt when I cut my nails?

The part of your nails that you can see is dead, so it doesn't hurt to cut them.

If a nail rips away from the tender skin underneath, OW! That really hurts. That is why your fingers and toes need tough nails, to protect the sensitive skin underneath.

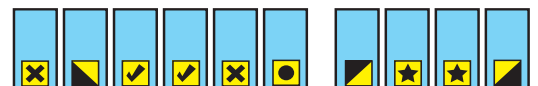
Nails start in the **nail root**, which is hidden under the **cuticle**. At the root of the nail, new cells grow. The new nail cells push the old nail cells along the nail bed.

The **cuticle** is the tiny sliver of skin where your nail comes out from under your skin. Cuticles help to protect the new nail as it grows out from the nail root.

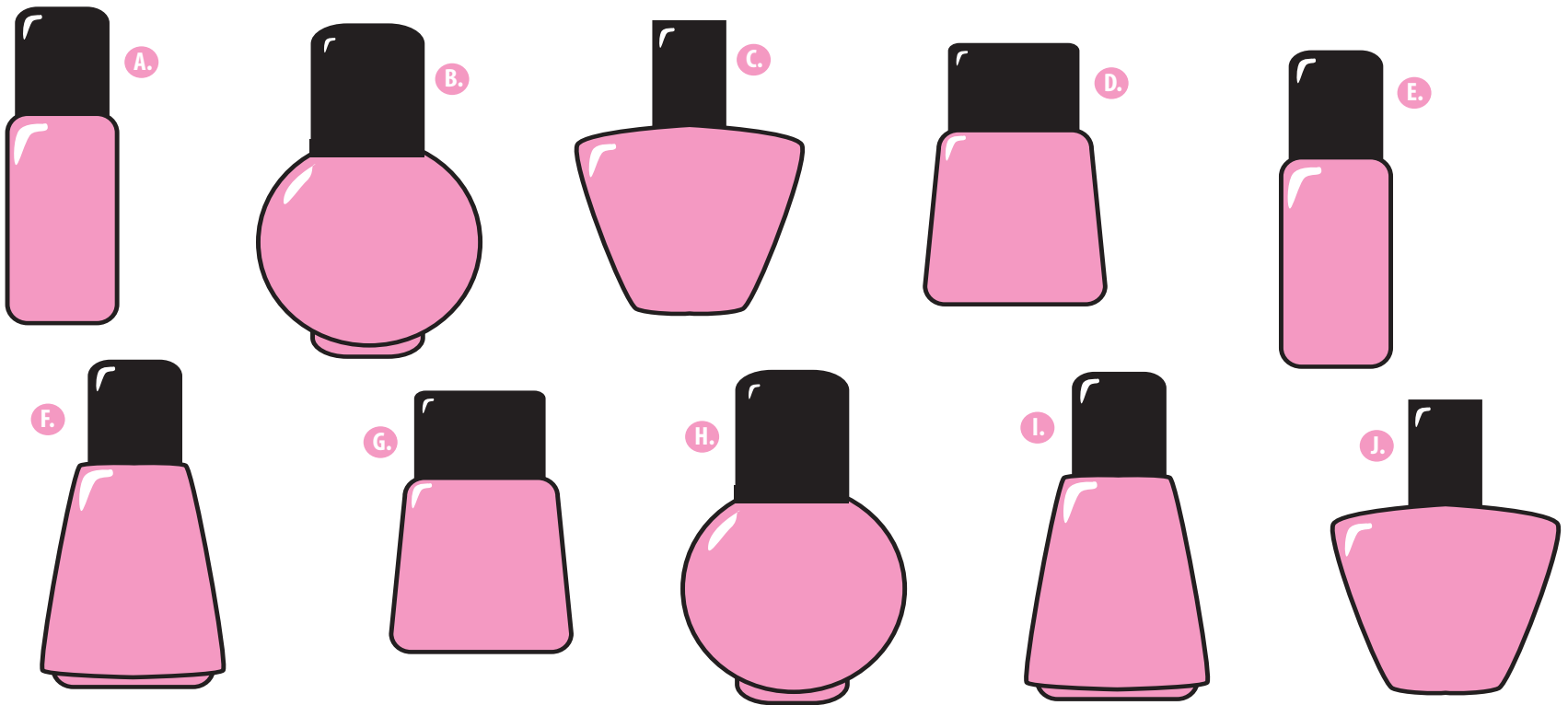


That pale half circle just above the cuticle is called the **lunula**. Use the code at right to see what this Latin word means.

= E   
  = L   
  = N   
  = S  
 = I   
  = M   
  = O   
  = T



**BOTTLE MATCH:** Draw a line from each bottle of nail polish to its identical twin.



**Standards Link:** Observation: Find the differences between common objects.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

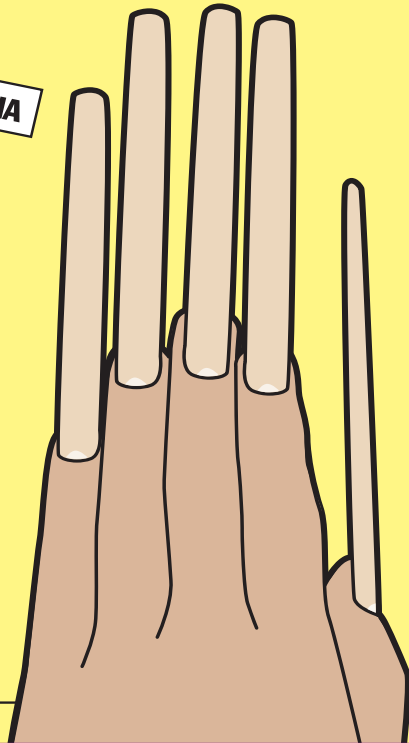
Replace the missing words.

**LENGTH** **GROW** **HAND**  
**INDIA**

### The Uncut Story

Most people cut their nails as they grow. But Shridhar Chillal of \_\_\_\_\_ decided to let his nails grow on one \_\_\_\_\_. They grew and grew for years and years. He let the nails on his left hand \_\_\_\_\_ for 62 years! If you added up the \_\_\_\_\_ of each nail on his left hand, the length came to nearly 30 feet! His thumbnail was the longest at just about 6 feet 5 inches!

**Source:** Guinness Book of World Records



## Double Double Word Search

SENSITIVE  
TOENAILS  
FEATHERS  
KERATIN  
CUTICLE  
SCRATCH  
HOOVES  
QUILLS  
LUNULA  
SLIVER  
CLAWS  
RIPS  
ROOT  
CATS  
SKIN

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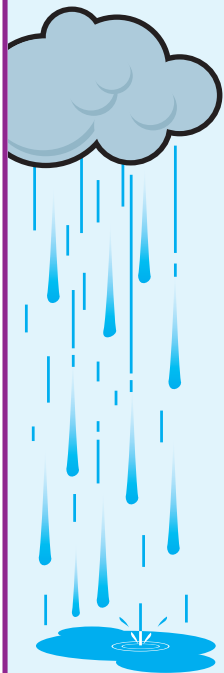
A	F	K	S	C	R	A	T	C	H
L	E	S	E	V	O	O	H	T	F
U	A	I	N	R	T	O	O	R	C
N	T	N	S	S	A	E	G	U	Q
U	H	S	I	T	N	T	T	U	S
L	E	W	T	A	E	I	I	K	S
A	R	A	I	C	C	L	I	N	P
N	S	L	V	L	L	N	A	I	I
L	S	C	E	S	L	I	V	E	R

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

# Kid Scoop® Puzzler

## Water Facts

Do the math to discover these amazing facts about water.



- In July 1861, more than  $\frac{41-11}{15+56}$  feet of rain fell in one month on the town of Cherrapunji, India.
- $\frac{15+56}{53+39}$  percent of the Earth is covered with water.
- A watermelon is  $\frac{4+6}{36-15}$  percent water.
- There is as much water in  $\frac{4+6}{36-15}$  inches of snow as there is in one inch of rain.
- About  $\frac{36-15}{41-11}$  percent of the Earth's freshwater supply is contained in five of the Great Lakes.



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# PRO Puzzler

All of the words in the puzzle below start with the letters P-R-O. Read the definition of each word and see if you can fill in the blanks. If you get stuck, look at right for each word's missing letters.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary.

FESSOR VIDE GRESS SPEROUS FIT HIBIT  
DUCE PERTY PANE LONG TECT NOUNCE

The money a business makes:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

A gas used in outdoor grills:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To make something available:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

Another name for fruits and veggies:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To stop something from happening:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To be financially successful:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To lengthen in time:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To move forward:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

Something you own, especially land:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To keep safe from harm:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

To say a word clearly and correctly:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

A teacher at a university:

**PRO**\_\_\_\_\_

## Stem Stumper

Nathan's Nursery has more potted plants than Gabby's Garden Center. Look very closely and count carefully. How many more potted plants does Gabby need to match Nathan?

**Nathan's Nursery**



**Gabby's Garden Center**



Standards Link: Math: Problem solving.



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Tick the box on each day when you have completed 20 minutes of reading. Children who develop a love of reading will become better students and build a better future.</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<p><b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Season's Greetings!</i></p> <p>April Fool's Day</p>	<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Find some of your favorite books and read them to a younger child.</p> <p><b>International Children's Book Day</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>How long can you go without watching TV? How many books could you read if you gave up TV for a few days?</p> <p><b>Turn Off TV and Read Month</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Look up at the sky for 15 minutes tonight. How many aircraft can you spot in that amount of time?</p>
<p><b>5</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Have fun counting eggs today!</p> <p><b>Happy Easter</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>RESEARCH IT:</b> Who were the first people to reach the North Pole on this day in 1898?</p>	<p><b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do something to improve your health today. Go for a long walk, make a nutritious meal and get a good night's sleep.</p> <p><b>World Health Day</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you could open a toy store, what would you call it. What toys would you like to sell?</p>	<p><b>9</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Write a paragraph starting with the words "I remember the time that I..."</p>	<p><b>10</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do something nice for a brother or sister today. Maybe they will do something nice for you!</p> <p><b>Sibling Day</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>How many foods starting with the letter <b>B</b> have you eaten this week?</p>
<p><b>12</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Draw a map of your route to school. Include landmarks along the way.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Ask if you can help make dinner tonight. Suggest a recipe and be sure to help clean up, too!</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Learn all the words to one of your parents' favorite songs. Have a family sing along tonight!</p>	<p><b>15</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>RESEARCH IT:</b> The Titanic sank on this day in 1912. What caused the disaster?</p>	<p><b>16</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discuss the meaning of the word <b>meditate</b>. Close your eyes and sit completely still. Be calm and meditate for five minutes today.</p>	<p><b>17</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Can you do a cartwheel? If so, teach a friend how to do one. If not, work with a friend that knows how.</p>	<p><b>18</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>This day is the anniversary of the Great 1906 San Francisco earthquake.</p>
<p><b>19</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Have you or your friend mastered the cartwheel yet? Don't give up! Practice is great exercise.</p>	<p><b>20</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you have books you've outgrown? Contact your library and see if you can donate them.</p> <p><b>National Library Week</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Clip coupons from the newspaper or online. Set aside the amount of money you save to use for a special treat for the family.</p>	<p><b>22</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Put on gloves and go for a walk and pick up trash in your neighborhood or join a park clean-up project.</p> <p><b>Earth Day</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Create a comic strip. Use two characters to tell knock-knock jokes or riddles.</p> <p><b>National Humor Month</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Plan a visit to a tree nursery</p> <p><b>Arbor Day</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>RESEARCH IT:</b> In which part of the world do penguins live? There are 18 different species of penguins. Can you name three?</p> <p><b>World Penguin Day</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</b></p> <p>Watch a movie made before 1950. Then talk about things you noticed that are different from modern movies.</p>	<p><b>27</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Take turns telling a story—it can be from memory or from a book, a legend or folklore.</p> <p><b>Tell a Story Day</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Calling all poets! Write down ten pairs of words that rhyme. Now write down a poem using those words.</p> <p><b>National Poetry Month</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>With a friend, create a secret code. Write messages to each other using the code. Then see if other friends can "break" the code and figure out what you wrote.</p>	<p><b>30</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is honesty the best policy? Discuss this in your classroom.</p> <p><b>National Honesty Day</b></p>	<p>Flowers are blooming on this page. Can you find the one that is different?</p>	

# Ask a Tasmanian Devil

What if you could ask an animal any question you wanted? What would you ask? Today, learn all about Tasmanian devils in this imaginary *Kid Scoop News* interview!



## Q: What do Tasmanian devils look like?

**A:** Some people think we look like tiny bears. Others say we look like a short-nosed dog. Our heads are large with powerful jaws and sharp teeth. Our fur is thick and black, and most (but not all) Tasmanian devils have a white stripe running across our chests.

## Q: Why are you called devils?

**A:** That's a great question! Tasmanian devils aren't dangerous to people. We're actually shy animals.

The name "devil" may come from the sounds we make. We make eerie growls at night when looking for food. I guess it scares some folks. Sorry! We can't help it.

## Q: Just what kind of animal is a Tasmanian devil?

**A:** We are not bears or dogs. We are **marsupials**, just like a kangaroo or a koala. Mama devils carry their babies in their pouches. When the babies grow too big for the pouch, they ride on mom's back.

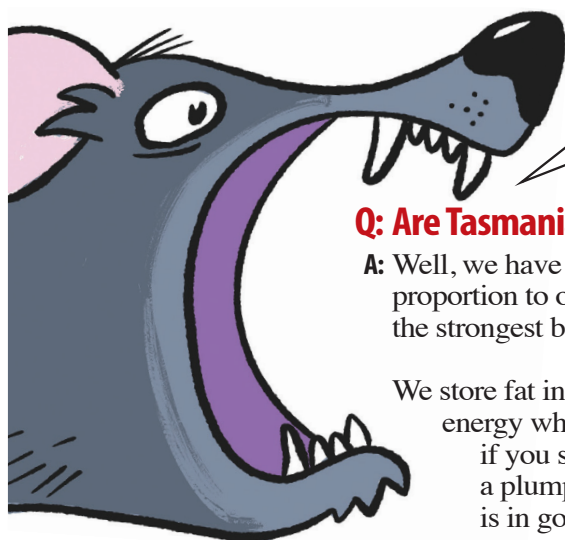
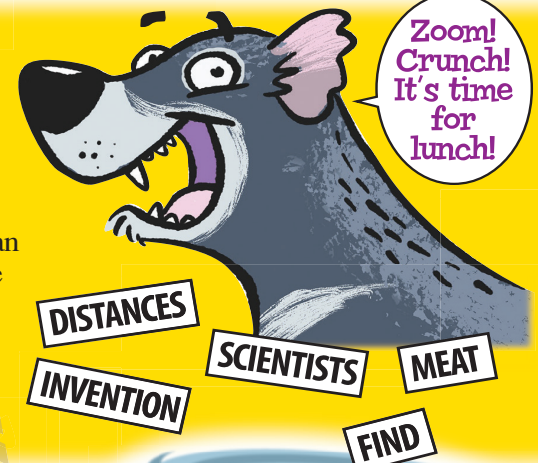
To find out what a baby Tasmanian devil is called, write the letter that comes after each letter in the empty boxes.

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## Q: What do Tasmanian devils eat?

**A:** We are **carnivores**. That means we eat \_\_\_\_\_. And we're also **scavengers**, which means we mostly eat dead or dying animals we \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ believe that Tasmanian devils were once good runners. But since the \_\_\_\_\_ of cars, we get plenty of food by eating the animals that get run over. So, we don't have to cover large \_\_\_\_\_ searching for food like we did back in the old days.



**Aaachoo!**

When a Tasmanian devil sneezes, it is not sick. It is trying to scare away a predator.

## Q: Are Tasmanian devils strong?

**A:** Well, we have incredibly strong jaws. In proportion to our body weight, we have the strongest bite of any living animal!

We store fat in our tails. We use that energy when food is hard to find. So if you see a Tasmanian devil with a plump tail, it means that animal is in good condition.

## Q: Do Tasmanian devils really spin like the cartoon one does?

**A:** While we don't spin around like the cartoon character, we Tasmanian devils can get quite excited as we devour our dinner. We make loud noises as we chomp up fur and bones and tear through meat with our incredibly powerful jaws.

But don't try eating like us. Your parents would say that we have absolutely terrible table manners!



**Q: How big is a Tasmanian devil?**

**A:** We're about the size of a grain of rice when we are born. Tiny! Do the math to see how big we are when full grown.

Average length (head and body):

\_\_\_\_\_ inches                      \_\_\_\_\_ centimeters  
 11 + 10 + 5                              25 + 25 + 16

**Q: Where do Tasmanian devils live?**

**A:** We live on an Australian island called Tasmania. At one time, we lived throughout mainland Australia.

About 3,200 years ago we disappeared from the Australian mainland.



**Standards Link:** Geography: Recognize countries and continents.

**Scoop the News**

Can you find the answers to all of the questions below? The answers can all be found on these *Kid Scoop News* pages!

- 1. Tasmanian devils are a kind of bear.
  - a. TRUE
  - b. FALSE
- 2. Tasmanian devils like:
  - a. to be active in daytime
  - b. to be alone
  - c. to play with kangaroos
- 3. When a Tasmanian devil sneezes, it is:
  - a. feeling sick
  - b. scaring away a predator
  - c. hungry
- 4. Tasmanian devils have incredibly strong:
  - a. breath
  - b. jaws
  - c. tails
- 5. Tasmanian devils live in:
  - a. Madagascar
  - b. Tasmania
  - c. Texas
- 6. Tasmanian devils are marsupials. That means they:
  - a. walk on tiptoe
  - b. carry their young in pouches
  - c. sleep underwater
- 7. A Tasmanian devil stores fat in its:
  - a. teeth
  - b. tail
  - c. ears



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# Is Kid Scoop News Social Media?

This question sparked a lively lesson in Mrs. Dahlin's third-grade classroom in Chehalis, Washington.

Mrs. Dahlin wondered what her third graders thought about newspapers. Most of her students didn't see newspapers at home or even around town. She also wondered if social media was replacing newspapers in her students' minds.

But are newspapers and social media the same thing?

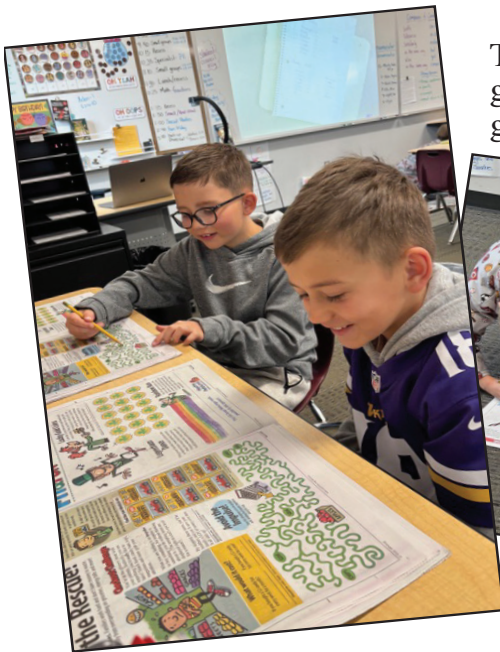
Because her students receive *Kid Scoop News* each month thanks to a generous donation, they had enough experience to compare reading a newspaper to what they knew about social media.

The students discussed this question and organized their answers into graphic organizers.

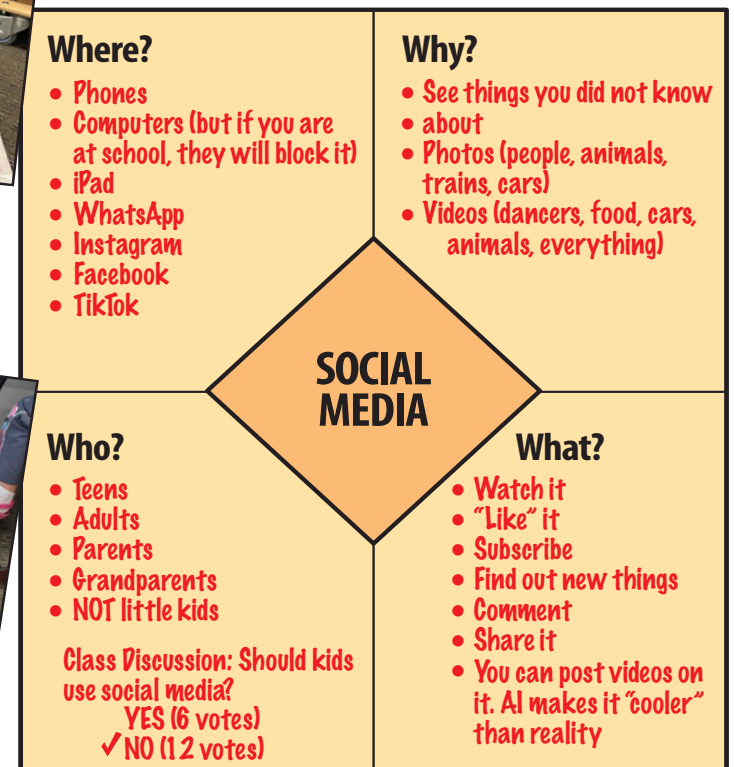
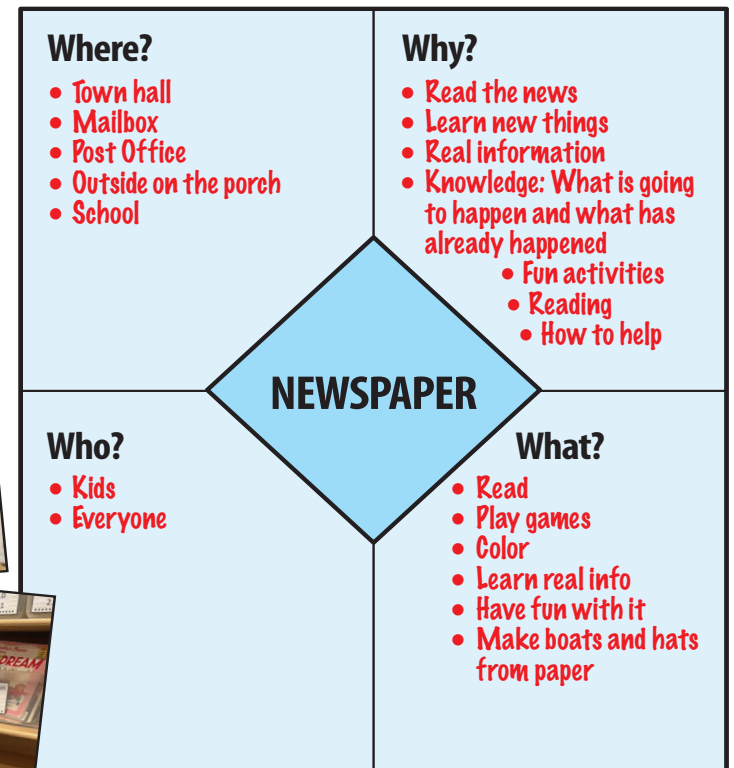
They found ways that newspapers and social media are the same and ways they are different.



The completed graphic organizers give you an idea of what these third graders thought.

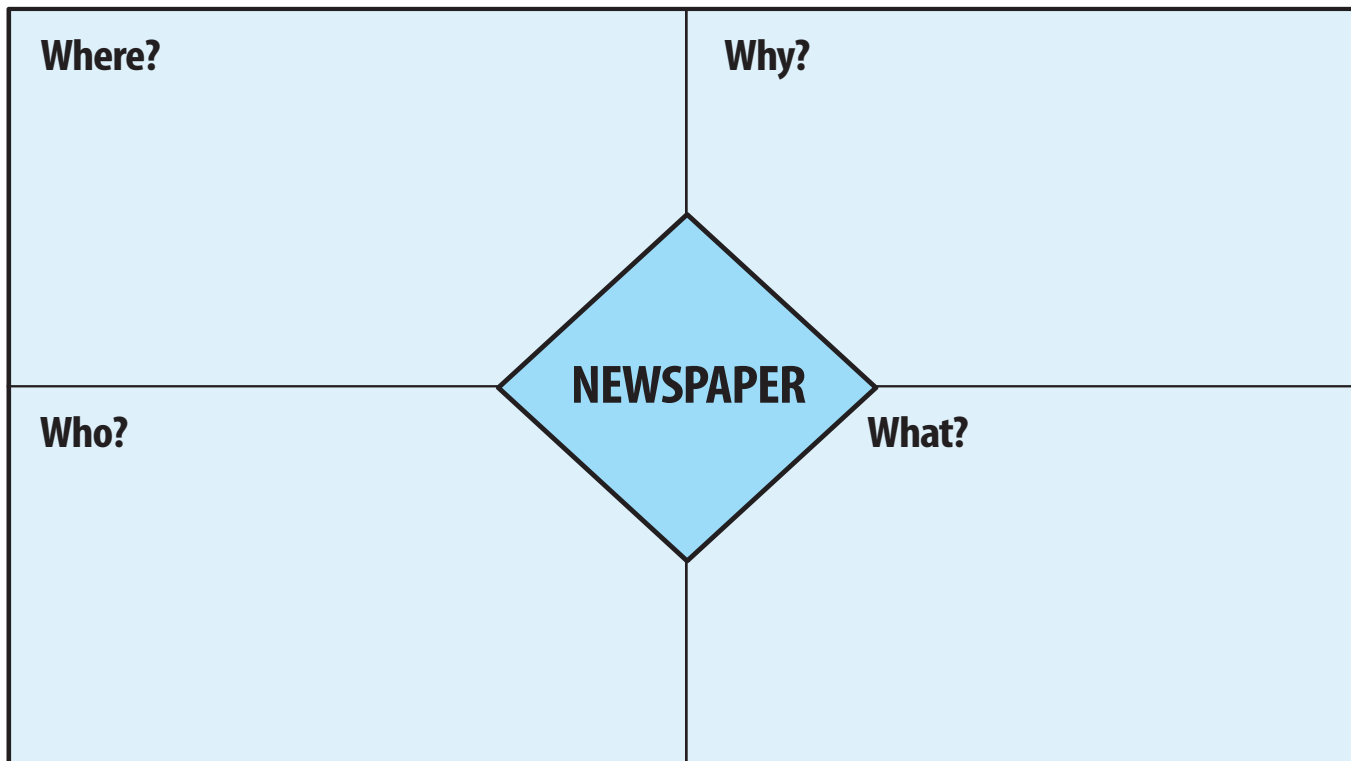


These graphic organizers created by Mrs. Dahlin's third grade class compare newspapers and social media.

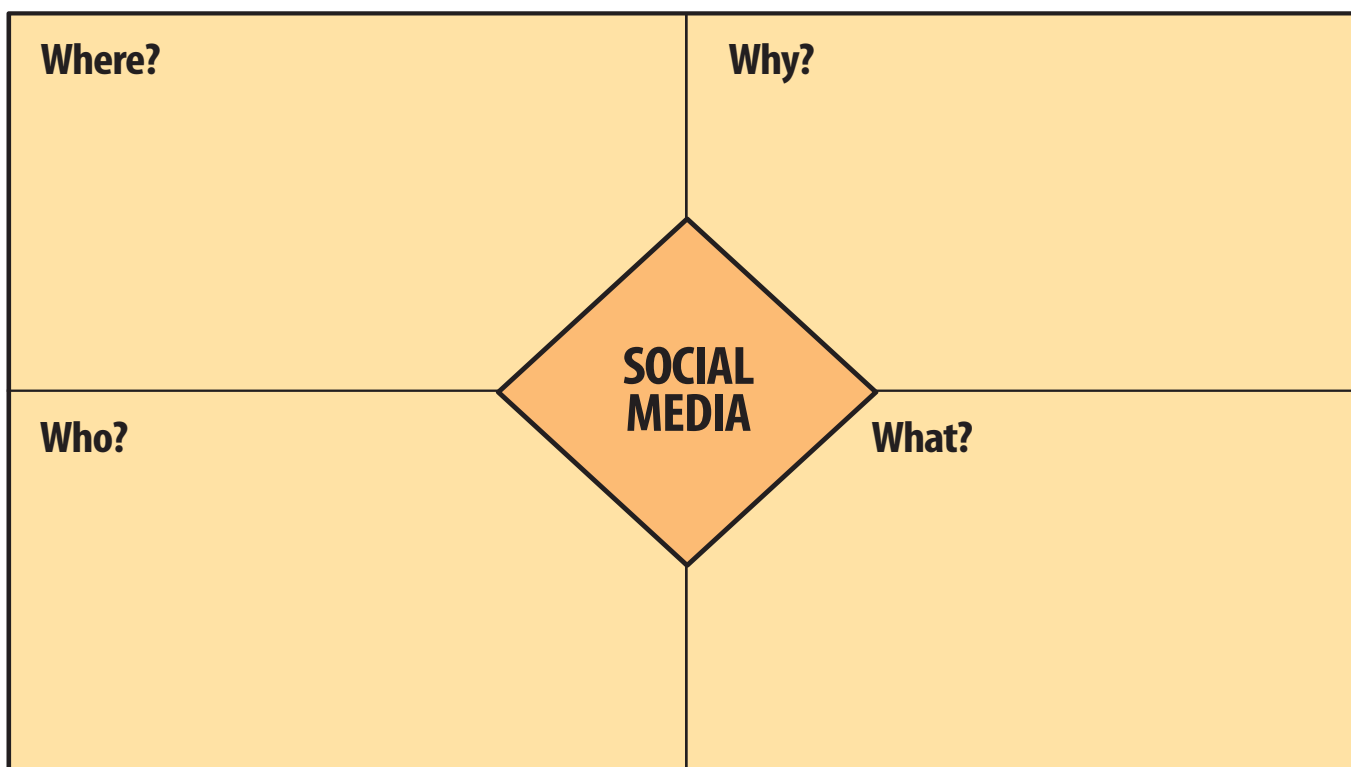


# BIG QUESTION

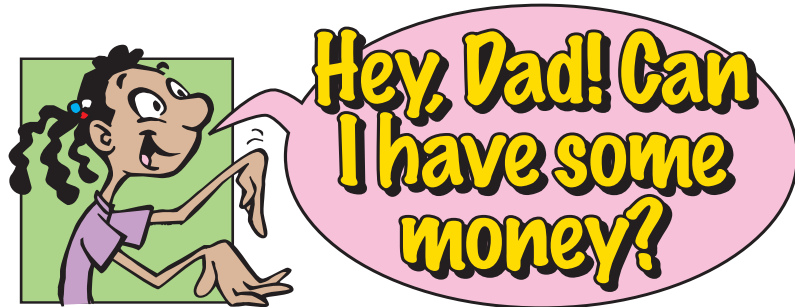
What do you think? Is *Kid Scoop News* social media? Use these graphic organizers to record your thoughts and knowledge. Discuss this question with friends and family.



*Kid Scoop News* sponsor Jim Lintott discusses the topic with students.



Special thanks to Mrs. Dahlin and her students for sharing their work with our readers!



Throughout history, kids have often asked their parents for **money** — with limited success ...



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Since parents **don't** have an **endless supply of money**, they sometimes give their kids a weekly **allowance** — a small amount of money kids **earn** by helping out around the home!

Captain Allowance believes that having a fixed amount of money helps children to think about and make **decisions** about how to **spend money**.

Captain Allowance says, "Kids learn from both the **GOOD decisions** ... **and** the **BAD ones!**"

Rats! I **blew** all my money on **candy!**

Yay! I **saved** and got the fun **game** I wanted!

Sometimes things kids want cost **more** than they **earn**. By learning to get through the tricky **allowance gap**, kids discover that with financial **power** comes financial **responsibility!**

## Allowance Gap

Leonard has a goal. He wants to buy a pair of sneakers that cost \$25. But he only gets \$3 a week for his allowance. Help Leonard make a plan to buy the shoes.

Week	Savings	Earnings	Total
Week 1	\$	\$	\$
Week 2	\$	\$	\$
Week 3	\$	\$	\$
Week 4	\$	\$	\$
Week 5	\$	\$	\$

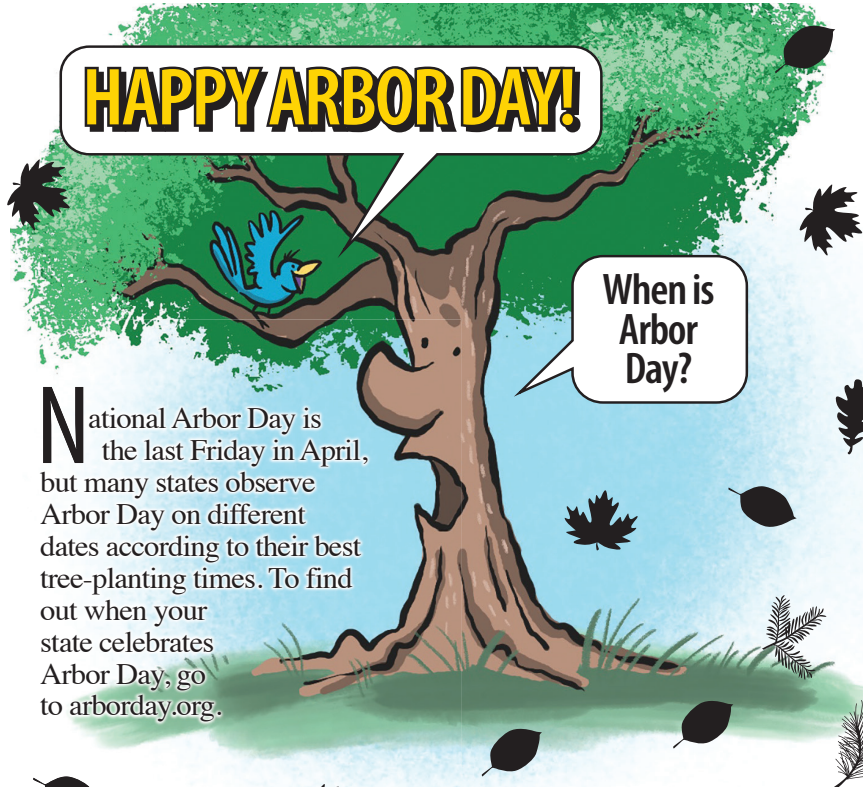
Each week, Leonard could save  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leonard could work for extra money by doing chores at home and for neighbors. He could earn \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for doing extra chores.

Following your plan, how many weeks would it take Leonard to reach his goal?  
\_\_\_\_\_ weeks  
Make a plan to reach one of **your** goals!

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand that since people cannot have everything they want, they must make choices about making purchases of goods and services.

**HAPPY ARBOR DAY!**



National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates according to their best tree-planting times. To find out when your state celebrates Arbor Day, go to [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

When is Arbor Day?

# Trees are Terrific!

On Arbor Day, people celebrate by planting trees. Why? According to The National Arbor Day Foundation, there are many reasons to plant and care for trees.

1. Trees help clean the air!
2. Trees bring songbirds.
3. Trees make your neighborhood more beautiful.
4. Trees save energy by shading houses in the summer and blocking cold winter winds.

Can you think of some more reasons to plant trees?

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## Planting Plan

Tammy wants to plant five trees in order of height. Use the clues below to list the trees in order from tallest to shortest.



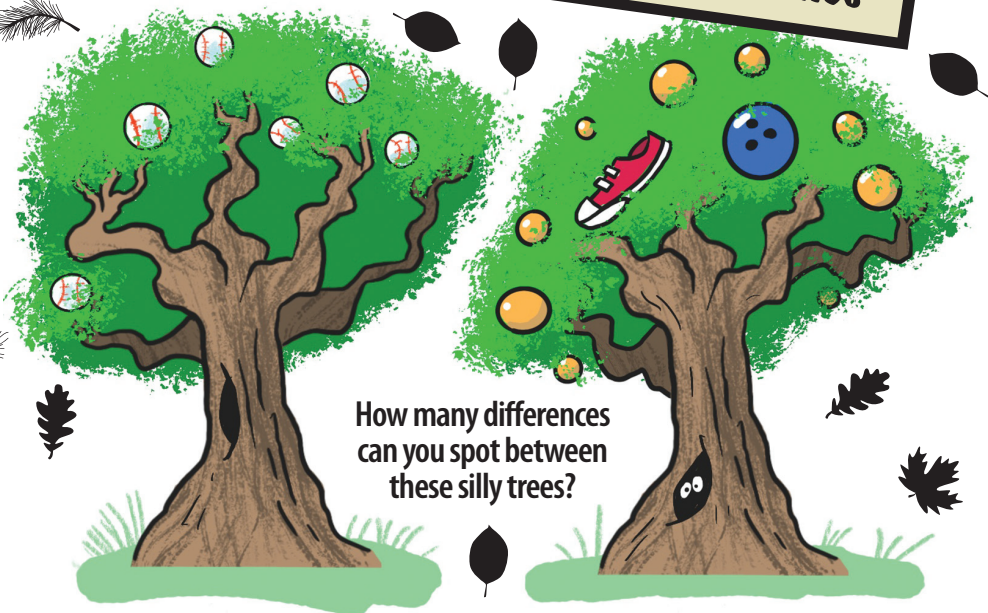
- The oak tree is **68** inches tall.
- The maple is **5** inches shorter than the birch.
- The cherry is the shortest at **40** inches.
- The birch is **8** inches shorter than the oak tree.
- The magnolia is **10** inches taller than the cherry.

**OAK:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
**CHERRY:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
**MAPLE:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
**BIRCH:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
**MAGNOLIA:** \_\_\_\_\_ inches

How many maple leaves do you see?

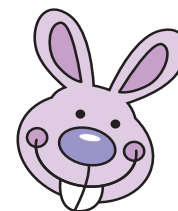
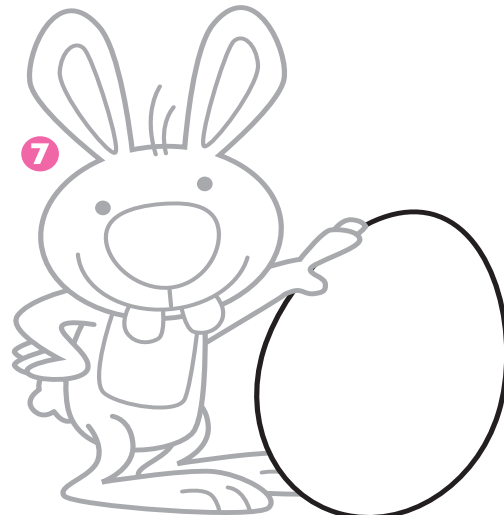
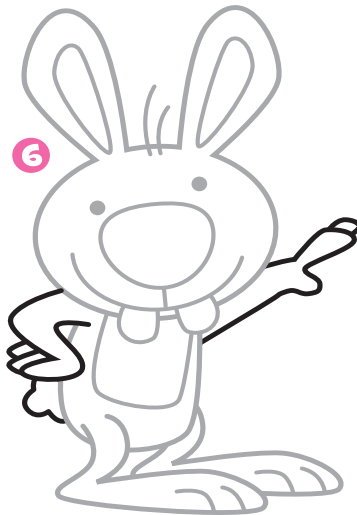
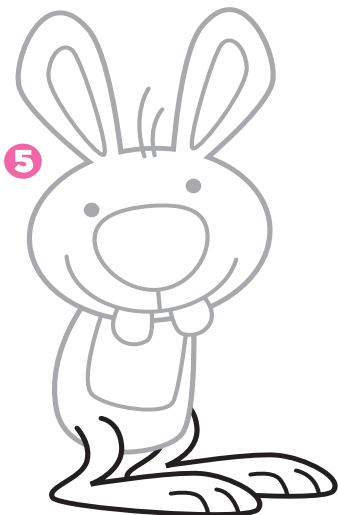
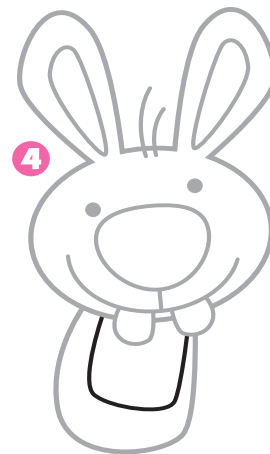
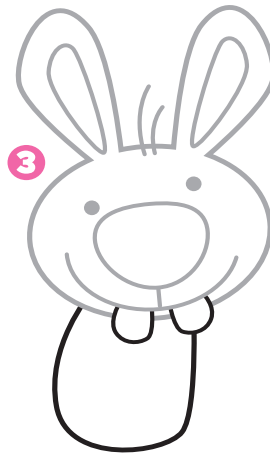
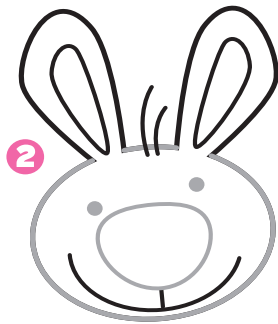
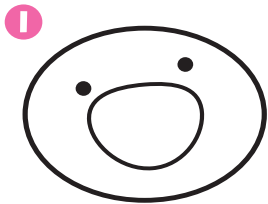


Which of these leaves appears most on this page?



How many differences can you spot between these silly trees?

# Draw a Bunny Buddy!



Try drawing different bunny faces. Add hair, glasses, hats, ribbons and a variety of funny expressions to create your own bunny buddies!

## TEEN EVENTS for APRIL

Spring Break Activities for teens every day! Ludington times vary, Scottville 1-2 pm daily April 1-3.

Mondays Anime Club after school in Ludington

Teen Tuesday April 2, Tea Party 3:30-5 pm

Limelights April 11, 2:30-7 pm

Yolks' on Us! Egg Hunt April 16, 6-7pm

Earth Day Crafts April 21, 3:30-5 pm

April 17, Testing Survival Celebration 3:30-5 pm

April 21, Teen Gardening Party 3:30-5 pm

April 23, Yarnmates (ages 10+) 4-5:30 pm

April 29, Teen Movie Night 5:30-7:30 pm



**Don't miss Scottville Bingo Night – Tuesdays, April 7 & May 5, 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.

Do you know the Dewey Decimal Number for Dinosaurs? Tell a librarian and get a prize!

## BOOKMARK CONTEST ENDS IN LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE

Now that we've gotten all the entries in the Bookmark Contest, watch your mail; we'll send winners a note in April and publish the bookmarks in May! Thanks to all the people in our community who participated in the contest!



### 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.

### 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 Tuesday from 4-5pm in Ludington. Come get creative!



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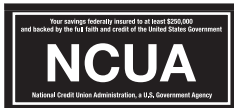
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