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**Holidays and Special Days
in the USA**



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HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS IN THE USA

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First Day at School (Pages 8–10)

Most American children start school with preschool or kindergarten. They move up through elementary school, middle school and high school. Four out of five finish high school, and many continue with vocational or college studies. American high school students take examinations called SATs (Scholastic Aptitude Tests) if they want to go to college. The majority of US schools are public schools, funded by taxes, and students attend them free. 10% of US students go to private elementary schools.

Labor Day (Pages 11–12)

Labor Day is the first Monday in September. It was first suggested by Peter J. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the first big parade was held in New York City in 1882. In 1887 several other states passed laws making the first Monday of September Labor Day. Workers get the day off work. There are parades, and speeches by labor leaders and political figures.

Citizenship Day (Page 13)

September 17 is the day on which the United States Constitution was signed in 1787. Previously, each state acted independently – it printed its own money, made its own laws and had its own army. There were many disagreements between the different states about the Constitution: the northern states wanted to stop the slave trade; some states wanted to have a president who would be president for life, some states worried about losing their independence. Eventually, by arguing and by studying the constitutions of other countries, they reached agreement. To become an American citizen, a person must be 18 years old; he or she must enter the United States legally and live in the country for five years (three if married to a US citizen), have a good moral character, understand basic English, and understand the basic history of the United States. He/she must promise to support the Constitution and obey the laws of the US.

Columbus Day (Pages 14–15)

Celebrated in the United States on the second Monday in October, Columbus Day is the anniversary of October 12, 1492, when Christopher Columbus was officially thought to have arrived in America. It is becoming the most controversial American holiday. Some celebrate it with great patriotism and nostalgia, others celebrate Discovery Day in its place. Others simply refuse to celebrate it at all. Protests from Native American groups have increased. (How could Columbus have “discovered” a country where people were already living?) The association between Columbus and America took root in the imagination in the eighteenth century. Americans, searching for a history and a hero, discovered Columbus. He was a hero because he, like them, had escaped the Old World tyranny. He was the solitary individual who challenged the unknown sea. Now, for most people, Columbus Day is an official holiday when schools close and there are large sales in stores.

Halloween (Pages 16–18)

Halloween is celebrated on October 31. It was originally a Celtic festival of the dead, known as Samhain. The Christian Church tried to suppress this pagan festival, renaming it All Hallows’ Eve (hence the name Halloween). However, today the festival is very popular in the US. Pumpkin lanterns (jack-o’-lanterns), masks and spooky costumes are all part of Halloween, as is the custom of trick-or-treating where children go from house to house dressed in costume and are given candy as a treat. If no candy is forthcoming, they play a trick (mostly harmless) on the owners. Many people have parties where adults and children dress up.

Election Day (Pages 19–20)

Election Day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. It’s a legal holiday in many states. On this day Americans elect government leaders for their cities, states, courts and nation. Every four years Americans elect a president and a vice-president for a four-year term starting on the following January 20th. No president can be elected more than twice in a row. If the president dies in office or cannot complete the term, the vice-president becomes president.

Veterans Day (Pages 21–22)

In 1921 an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, and similar ceremonies took place in England and France, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11.00 am, November 11th, 1918. The day became known as Armistice Day. Realising that peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II in which sixteen and a half million Americans took part, and also the Korean War, President Eisenhower signed a bill in 1954 proclaiming November 11th as ‘Veterans Day’. The body of an unknown American soldier in Vietnam was later brought to Arlington. The focal point for the official US Veteran’s Day ceremony is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the President lays a wreath.

Thanksgiving (Pages 23–25)

Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday in November and is celebrated by a large meal. Traditional foods are turkey, corn, stuffing, beans, sweet potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce followed by apple pie or pumpkin pie. In 1620 the Mayflower sailed to America carrying 100 people from England called the Pilgrims. They were seeking religious independence. The first winter was hard, they had little food, few warm clothes, and many of them died from illness. In the spring, Native Americans visited the Pilgrims and showed them how to plant corn. The Pilgrims built houses and hunted turkeys which lived in the woods. When fall came, they had plenty of food and they invited the Indians to eat and celebrate with them. The Native Americans brought deer for the dinner. The feast lasted for three days.

Hanukkah (Pages 26–28)

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday lasting eight days. According to the Roman calendar, it usually takes place in December. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. It commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 B.C. When the battle was over, the heroes of the battle were unable to find enough undefiled oil to keep the eternal lamps lit. In one of the Temple chambers they finally came upon a small bottle of oil which, under normal circumstances would only have lasted one night, but miraculously it continued to keep the lamp burning for eight nights. It is a holiday commemorated by the lighting of candles for eight nights (the candlestick is called a menorah) and is often accompanied by presents for the children.

Christmas (Pages 29–31)

The name Christmas comes from ‘Christ’s Mass’. It celebrates the birth of Christ on December 25th, when people visit their families, decorate their homes with Christmas trees and exchange gifts. Many people decorate the roofs of their houses and their gardens with elaborate models of Santa Claus and his sled, reindeer, snowmen, etc. They send cards, bake cookies, visit Santa in their local department store, hang up stockings on Christmas Eve, and many go to church. Families get together for a large Christmas meal (often turkey although many people eat roast beef or follow one of the many European traditional recipes that include fish in the Christmas menu).

New Year’s Eve/Day (Page 32)

In many cities in the world, people gather in one central place to celebrate the arrival of the new year at midnight. In the USA, Times Square in New York is the place to be as the huge silver ball drops slowly onto number 1, Times Square at the stroke of midnight. This has been happening since 1906, and each year the crowds get bigger and bigger. Many forms of street entertainment are organised to amuse those waiting to greet the new year. There are big football games in many places the next day, New Year’s Day. People make new year resolutions, promising to change bad habits.

Kwanzaa (Pages 33–34)

Kwanzaa is a new festival in the American calendar. It is a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture: it was founded in 1966 by Dr Maulana Karenga. Today more than 15 million people celebrate Kwanzaa. The word means ‘first fruits of the harvest’ in the African language, Kiswahili. It is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st and is based on Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance. The necessary objects to prepare the home for the celebration are a candle holder, a straw mat, fruit and vegetables, the equivalent number of ears of corn for each of the children in the family, a communal unity cup, seven candles, one black three red and three green, and home-made gifts (poems, photos, craft items, etc). People also decorate rooms with black, red and green streamers and balloons, flowers and African prints.

Snow Day (Pages 35–36)

This is the term given to any day when school is closed because of too much snow. Some parts of the USA have enormous quantities of snow, and, although the latest technology means that roads are usually cleared, occasionally everything stops, much to the delight of the pupils. An allowance of five snow days is built into the annual school calendar and if fewer than five snow days actually occur during the winter, the unused days are added to the longer vacations.

Martin Luther King Jr Day (Pages 37–39)

January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr Day, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr, civil rights hero, who was born on that day in 1929. Martin Luther King Jr became a minister of the church, like his father before him. He lobbied constantly to improve the rights of black people, was often threatened (his house was bombed), and he spent some time in prison. He protested against the war in Vietnam and he also became a spokesman for all minorities. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. On April 4th 1968, while organizing a march in Memphis, Tennessee for poor workers, he was assassinated.

Groundhog Day (Pages 40–41)

When German settlers arrived in the US in the 1700s they brought with them the tradition of Candlemas Day. In Europe the early Christians used to bless their candles on this day and place lighted candles in their windows. There were lots of weather proverbs connected with this day, eg. *If Candlemas be fair and bright, winter has another flight; if Candlemas brings clouds and rain, winter will not come again.* If the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal would cast a shadow. The Germans used to watch a badger to see his shadow. In Pennsylvania the groundhog was selected as a replacement. Groundhogs are members of the squirrel family. The first official Groundhog Day was on February 2nd, 1886. Since 1993, and the release of the film called *Groundhog Day*, it has become very popular. About 35,000 people pour into Punxsutawney for the annual celebrations.

Valentine's Day (Pages 42–44)

There are several related theories about the origin of St Valentine's Day which are given in full on page 45. In the USA, people not only send cards to members of the opposite sex in the form of anonymous love notes; they also send cards to friends, teachers and caregivers telling them how much they appreciate them. It is always celebrated on February 14th.

Chinese New Year (Pages 45–46)

There are many large communities of Chinese people living in large cities in the United States, mainly in California or New York. Around 40,000 Chinese immigrants a year come to live in the States and the Chinese celebration of New Year is therefore a large and important celebration. The festivities usually include firecrackers, dragon dances and processions. People eat special dumplings, cakes and fortune cookies containing predictions about the future, and children are given lucky red envelopes which contain money. People clean their houses, wear red clothes and paint their houses red for good luck. Each year is symbolised by one of the twelve animals in the Chinese calendar. People born in years governed by certain animals are said to share similar personality characteristics. New Year usually occurs somewhere between January and February.

Susan B. Anthony Day (Pages 47–48)

February 15th is Susan B. Anthony Day in memory of the tireless supporter of women's rights who was born on that day in 1820. She was a teacher and a civil rights campaigner. Much of the story of her life is told in the puzzles on pages 47 and 48. In 1920 the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the Constitution of the USA which gives women the right to vote. This is sometimes called the 'Susan B. Anthony Amendment.'

Presidents' Day (Pages 49–52)

This takes place on the third Monday in February and celebrates the births of both George Washington (born February 22, 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809). Washington was originally the commander of the American forces in the American War of Independence. He became the first president of the USA. Many places (including the US capital) and things are named after him. Lincoln came from a poor family and became a lawyer. He was the sixteenth president of the US. His goal was to have a united country while at the same time freeing the black slaves, which the southern states were against. At the end of the Civil War in 1865 which the south lost, Lincoln was assassinated by a southern actor called John Wilkes Booth on April 14th, 1865, during an evening at the theatre.

St Patrick's Day (Pages 53–55)

March 19th is the day devoted to the patron saint of Ireland, St Patrick. St Patrick was born in Wales in 389 AD. He was the son of a Christian landowner. At the age of 16 he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland where he became a slave. Six years later he escaped to France and he lived in a monastery there. On his return to Britain he was ordained as Bishop and went to Ireland as a missionary. He established churches in the north of Ireland.

Many Irish people have emigrated to America in the last 400 years, especially during the famous potato famine in Ireland in the nineteenth century. For this reason, St Patrick's Day is enthusiastically celebrated by people of Irish descent. There are parades and marching bands, dressed in green, play Irish music. Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional menu.

Easter (Pages 56–58)

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, celebrates the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem and small crosses made of palm leaves are given to churchgoers to mark the occasion. Good Friday commemorates

the crucifixion of Jesus. The name comes from 'God' rather than 'good'. Easter Sunday is the day for celebrating Jesus's rising from the dead. It falls on the first Sunday after the spring full moon, in March or April. Apart from being an important religious holiday, it symbolises the end of winter, the birth of new life, and, for children, it means gifts of candy and chocolate eggs. There are some Easter parades too where people wear funny Easter bonnets that they have made and there is a prize for the best one.

Earth Day (Pages 59–61)

Earth Day was the original idea of Senator Gaylord Nelson. In the 1960s he persuaded President Kennedy to take an active interest in environmental issues and six years later, in 1970, he announced a national environmental teach-in. Twenty million people participated right across America. Since then public awareness of ecological and environmental issues such as global warming, recycling, care for the world's resources, disappearing animal and plant species, has grown enormously, not only in America but all over the world.

Arbor Day (Pages 62–63)

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in the state of Nebraska in 1872, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shelter, shade, fruit, fuel and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains. More than one million trees were planted. The idea spread to neighboring states and eventually to all of the United States and many other nations. National Arbor Day is usually the last Friday in April.

Cinco de Mayo (Page 64)

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the battle at Puebla, Mexico in 1862 when the Mexicans defeated the French army. Celebrating Cinco de Mayo has become increasingly popular along the US-Mexico border and in parts of the US that have a high population of people with Mexican heritage. Today's holiday is a celebration of Mexican culture, food, music, beverage and customs unique to Mexico. Cinco de Mayo is becoming adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

Mother's Day (Pages 65–67)

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600s England celebrated Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40-day period leading up to Easter), and it honored the mothers of England. As more and more people left their homes to find work in growing new cities, this became one of the few days in the year when servants would have the day off and return home to spend a day with their mothers. As Christianity spread, the celebrations changed to honor the Mother church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe who wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic. In 1907 Ana Jarvis from Philadelphia began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. She persuaded her own church to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death (the 2nd Sunday of May). By 1911 it was celebrated in almost every state and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it an official holiday.

Memorial Day (Pages 68–69)

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day to remember those who have died in the service of the American nation. After the Civil War many people in the North and South decorated soldiers graves with flowers. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 30, 1868. After World War I the soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. In 1971 it was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May. It is still a time to remember

those who have died in wars and a long weekend for families to get together for picnics and early summer activities.

Flag Day (Pages 70–71)

In 1777 the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes pattern for the national flag. This was just one year after the Declaration of Independence and more than ten years before the finalizing of the US Constitution. The first celebration of Flag Day was in 1877. In 1949 President Harry Truman signed legislation making it a day of national observance on June 14th. There have been various attempts to replace the Star Spangled Banner as the national anthem with tunes with 'less war-like sentiments', but without success. Although it is technically a holiday, very few Americans get the day off work.

Graduation Day (Pages 72–74)

Graduation is an important time in schools, colleges and universities in the States, usually accompanied by a ceremony attended by families and friends as well as the students themselves. If the weather is good, the ceremonies are held in the open air. Diplomas are given out and in many schools and colleges students wear academic gowns and caps. The principal of the school and other senior members make speeches, and there are valedictory (farewell) speeches from students. It is a great honor to be chosen to make the valedictory speech, and the honor is usually given to a student who has excelled academically in the school or college. The excerpts on page 74 are from authentic speeches made in the past few years.

Summer Outing (Page 75)

Colonial Williamsburg is the world's largest outdoor living history museum. From 1699 to 1780 it was the capital of England's oldest, largest, richest and most populous colony in the New World and the seat of power in the new nation's most influential state. More than 100 million people have visited the museum.

Father's Day (Pages 76–77)

On June 19 1909, Mrs John B. Dodd of Washington wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran, who was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. At the same time, in various towns and cities, other people were beginning to celebrate a 'father's day'. In 1966 President Johnson signed a proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. It has become a day not only to honor fathers, but all men who act as father figures: stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers and adult male friends.

Independence Day (Pages 78–80)

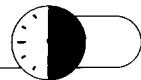
July 4th commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence by fifty-five influential colonists in 1776. The Declaration was drafted by Thomas Jefferson. It marked the beginning of the War of Independence against England, ending with victory in 1781.

Summer Camp (Pages 81–83)

During the summer vacation, many children attend summer camp where they live in cabins with cots for four or more campers and a counselor (who supervises and instructs the campers). They experience the outdoor life, learn new skills and gain confidence and independence.

State Fair (Page 84)

State fairs started out as large agricultural shows but today they include parades, rodeos, barn dances, concerts, races, giant vegetable contests, beauty pageants, cattle auctions and other animal contests.

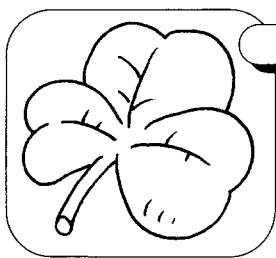


Holidays and Special Days

There are four seasons in the year. Do you know which months are in each season?
Write the names of the months.

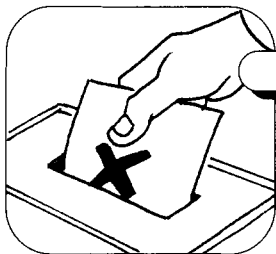
| FALL | WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER |
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These are some American holidays and special days. Read about them.
Write the name of each holiday in the correct month on the calendar.



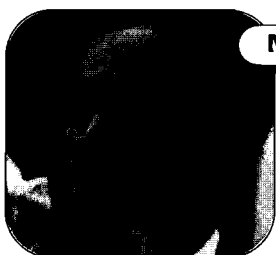
St Patrick's Day

There are lots of people in America who originally came from Ireland. St Patrick's day is in the spring. This month has five letters. The last letter is H. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.



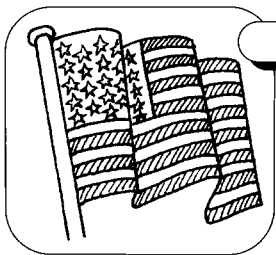
Election Day

Election Day is in the fall, in a month with eight letters.



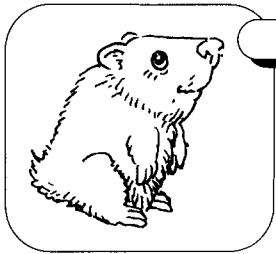
Martin Luther King Day

People remember the famous African American, Martin Luther King, on a day in the middle of winter, in a month beginning with J.



Flag Day

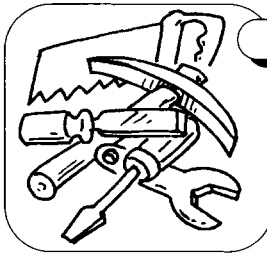
This is a special day to honor the American flag. This is in the month before Independence Day.



Groundhog Day

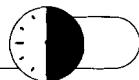
This is a festival for people who want to know when spring is coming. It's on the second day of a winter month. The third letter of the month is B.

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY |
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| MAY | JUNE |
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| SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER |
| | <i>Halloween</i> |



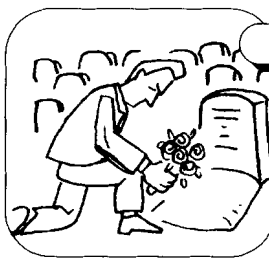
Labor Day

Labor Day is on the first Monday of fall. It honors all the American workers. It's always on a Monday.



Presidents' Day

This is in the same month as Groundhog Day and it's always on the third Monday. It celebrates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.



Memorial Day

On the last Monday in a month with three letters in it, Americans remember those people who died in wars.



Thanksgiving

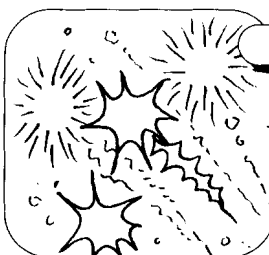
It celebrates the Pilgrims' first harvest in 1621. It's in the same month as Election Day.



Christmas Day

This is a very important Christian holiday. It's in the winter. The month has eight letters and the fifth letter is M.

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| MARCH | APRIL |
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| JULY | AUGUST |
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| NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
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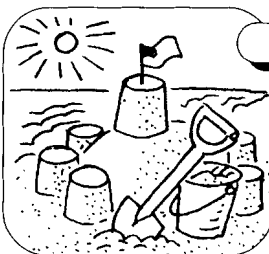
Independence Day

There are parades and picnics to celebrate the day when the American colonies became independent from Britain. It's in the month before August.



Arbor Day

This is a special day for planting trees. In many states people celebrate this festival in the spring in a month beginning with A, but in some states it's earlier in the year.



Summer Vacation

This isn't a special holiday, but it's the last time to enjoy yourself before school starts again. It's a summer month - of course - with six letters.



Kwanzaa

This seven-day African American festival begins the day after Christmas. It is the same time of the year as the harvest festivals in Africa.



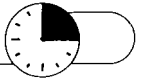
Columbus Day

This is the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in America. It's on the second Monday in a month beginning with O.



Halloween

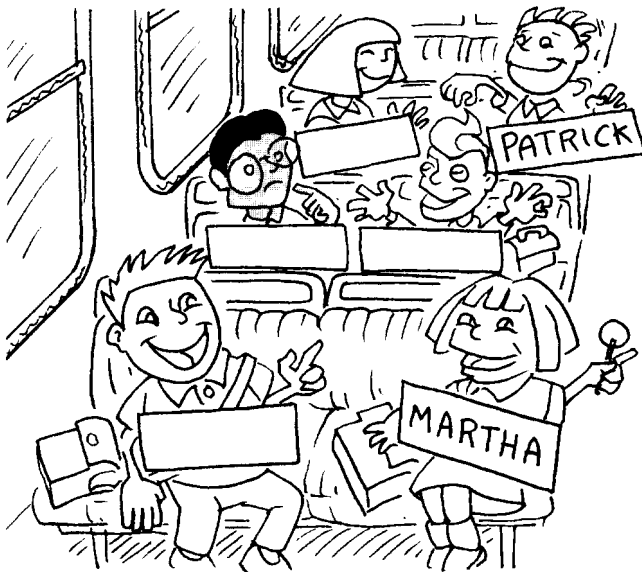
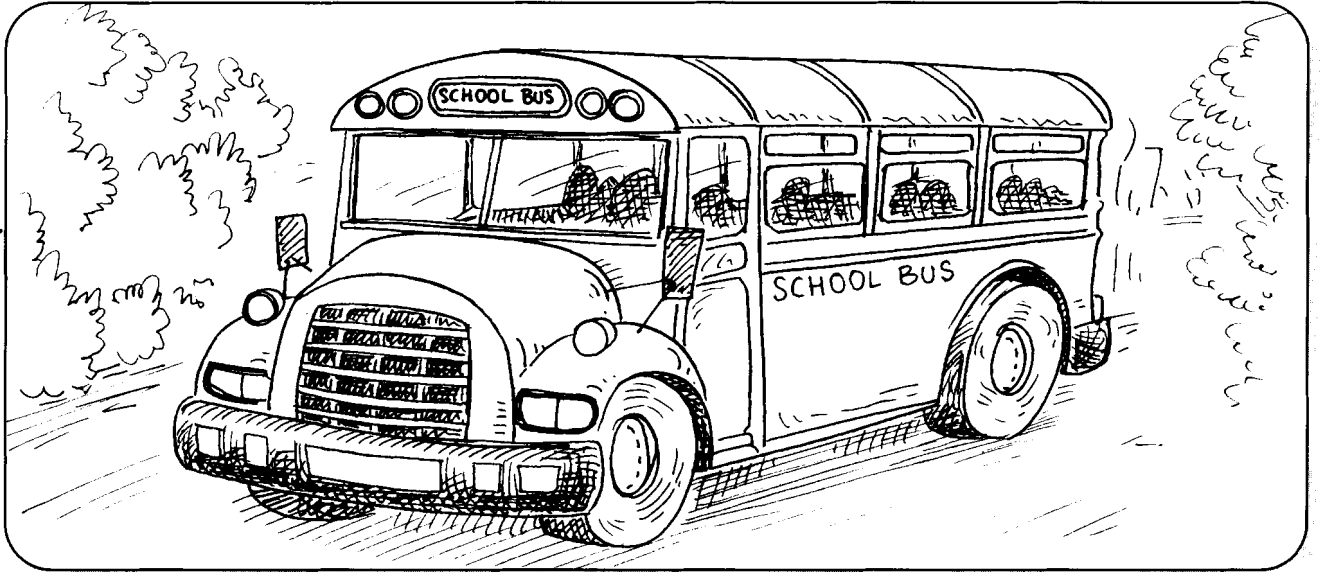
This is the holiday when children dress up in scary costumes. It's in the fall in a month with two Os in it.



The School Bus

Some of the children in Mrs Grant's class at Fairfield Elementary School go to school on the school bus. Every day they like to sit in the same seats.

Fill in the empty boxes with the names of the children who sit in the seats.



Carly likes to sit next to the window.

Jason doesn't like sitting next to a girl.

Ashley sits behind Martha.

Michael doesn't like to sit behind the driver.

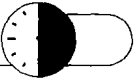
Michael sits in front of Jason.

Tyrone sits between Courtney and Melissa.

Melissa and Ellie always sit together.

Do you travel to school by bus?

Where do you like to sit when you travel by bus?



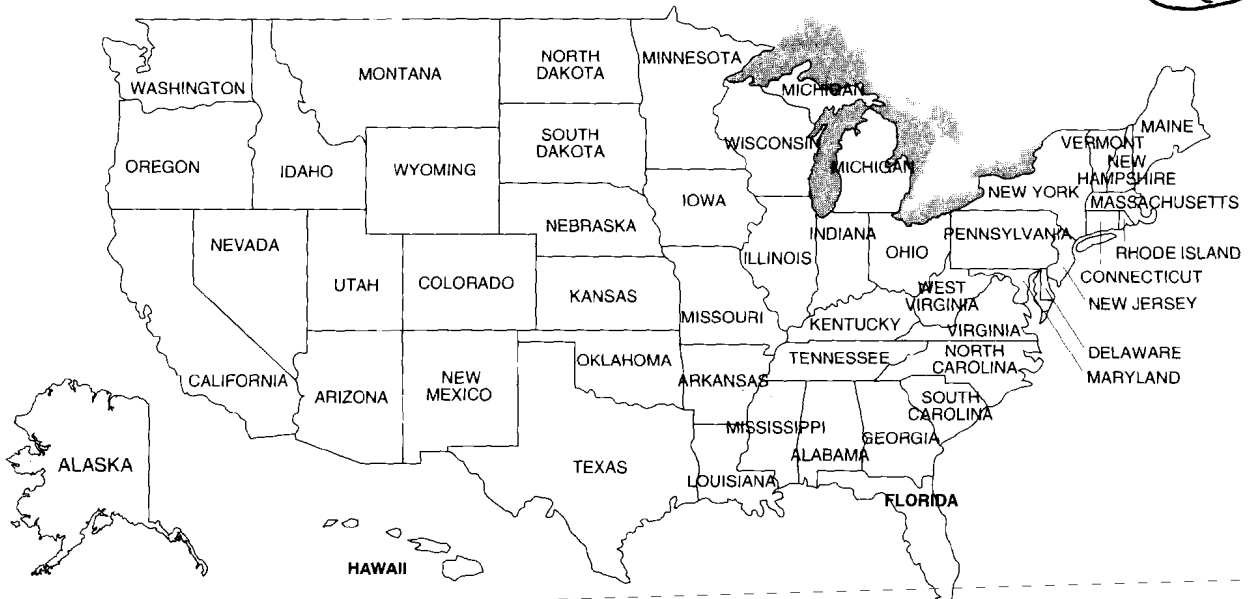
Language and Geography Lesson

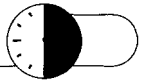
You are learning English, but you already know lots of Native American words, too.

These are the names of some U.S. states. Use the map to find the answers.

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|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------|----------|---------------|
| Kentucky | Texas | Nebraska | Oklahoma | Kansas | Ohio | Utah | Massachusetts |
| | <u>Connecticut</u> | | Minnesota | Mississippi | | Missouri | |

- | <i>English meaning</i> | <i>Native American word/name of state</i> |
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| 1. THE PLACE WITH THE LONG RIVER This state has eleven letters in its name and it's on the east coast. | Connecticut |
| 2. THE PLACE WITH THE LARGE HILL This state has thirteen letters in its name and it's on the east coast. | |
| 3. HIGHER UP This state has four letters in its name and it is not near the coast. It's north of Arizona. | |
| 4. PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH WIND This state has six letters in its name and it's in the center of North America. | |
| 5. CLOUDY WATER This state has nine letters in its name and it borders on Canada. | |
| 6. THE GREAT RIVER This state has eleven letters in its name and it's a southern state. | |
| 7. RIVER OF THE BIG CANOES This state has eight letters in its name and it's between Iowa and Arkansas. | |
| 8. THE GOOD RIVER This state has four letters in its name and it's in the east, not far from Canada. | |
| 9. RED MAN This state has eight letters in its name and it's between Kansas and Texas. | |
| 10. FRIENDS This state has five letters in its name and it's very big. | |
| 11. MEADOWLAND This state has eight letters in its name and it's next to Virginia. | |
| 12. BROAD RIVER This state has eight letters in its name and it's east of Wyoming. | |





The School System

American children go to **kindergarten** before first grade.

Most children start elementary school when they are six years old.
Each year at school is called a **grade**.
There are twelve grades.

Elementary school is sometimes called **grade school**.

Children are usually in elementary school from **first grade** to **sixth grade**.
Then they go to **junior high school** from **seventh grade** to **eighth grade**.

When students are in **high school** they are called:
freshmen (first year/ninth grade)
sophomores (second year/tenth grade)
juniors (eleventh grade)
seniors (twelfth grade)

After **high school** many students go to **college**.
The word **college** also means **university**.
Students at college are also called freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Read the information about schools in the USA and put these children and teenagers in order of their ages, starting with the youngest. Write their ages next to their names.

Joel is in grade school. He's in the fourth grade.

Joel's brother, **Oliver**, is in his first year at Oakland Junior High School.

Oliver's sister, **Britney**, is a Broadpark High School sophomore.

Britney's best friend, **Lily**, is a junior at Broadpark.

Lily's sister, **Nancy**, is a senior in Oakland College.

Marsha is in kindergarten, but her best friend, **Meryl**, is already in first grade.

Meryl's twin sisters, **Holly** and **Amy**, are in fifth grade.

Jake is a freshman in Broadpark High.



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4. Name
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6. Name
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7. Name
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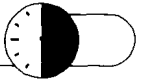
8. Name
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9. Name
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10. Name
Age



Working Clothes

Labor Day is the first Monday in September. It celebrates and honors working people.

Look at these eight people. They are all wearing the wrong clothes, and they are all carrying the wrong equipment for the job.



John is a lawyer



Rhona is a mail carrier



Chuck is a baseball player



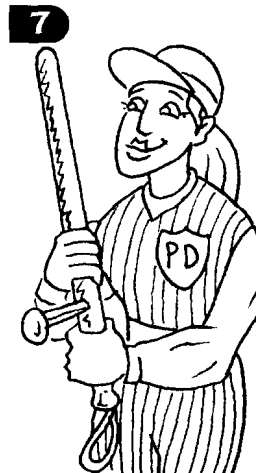
Larry is a firefighter



Jeannie is a cook



Michelle is a lifeguard



Leanne is a police officer



Emily is a doctor.

You will need these words:

Clothes

business suit

~~white coat~~

uniform

cap and apron

baseball gear

bathing suit and cap

helmet and coat

uniform

Equipment

~~U.S. mailbag~~

ax

stethoscope

spoons and pans

briefcase

baseball bat and ball

whistle and float

John is wearing Emily's white coat

Rhona is wearing

Chuck is wearing

Larry is wearing

Jeannie is wearing

Michelle is wearing

Leanne is wearing

Emily is wearing

and is carrying Rhona's U.S. mailbag

and is carrying

and is carrying

and is carrying

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and is carrying

and is carrying



Just the Job!

What skills and qualities do you need in order to do these jobs?

Check (✓) the boxes next to the best answer in your opinion.

1. A VET loves



- music
- people
- the telephone
- animals
- sports

6. A POLICE OFFICER likes



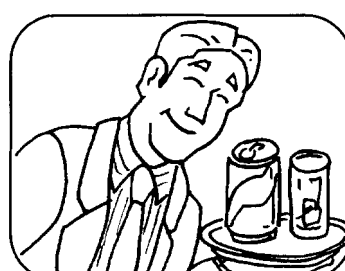
- to be alone
- music
- animals
- to help people
- math

2. A SECRETARY is



- artistic
- patient
- energetic
- well-organized
- brave

7. A FLIGHT ATTENDANT likes



- to be alone
- to travel
- animals
- fresh air
- the telephone

3. A DOCTOR is not afraid of



- the dark
- traveling
- blood
- fresh air
- music

8. A FIRE-FIGHTER is



- artistic
- patient
- energetic
- well-organized
- brave

4. An ACTOR is



- good with her hands
- patient
- artistic
- energetic
- calm

9. A MECHANIC is



- artistic
- good with his hands
- energetic
- patient
- brave

5. A BANK CLERK likes



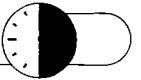
- blood
- fresh air
- to be alone
- math
- animals

10. A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER is



- energetic
- brave
- patient
- well-organized
- calm


What job would you like to do? What skills or qualities do you need to do that job?



The Right Stuff

Here are some facts about Citizenship Day.

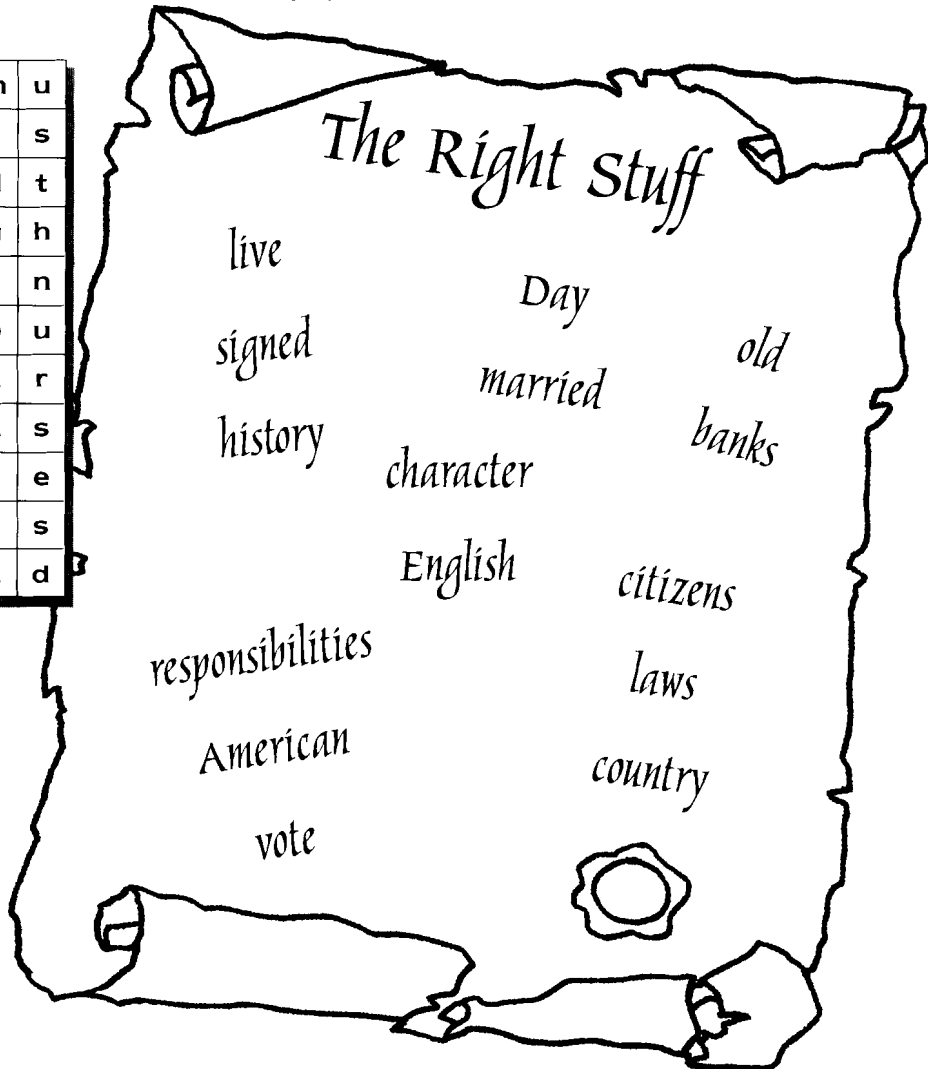
In each sentence one word is wrong.

Find the word and look for it in the word search. 

Then look at the scroll. Choose the right word for each sentence.

1. September 17 is Citizenship Night.
2. This was the day, in 1787, when people burned the American Constitution.
3. Schools, cars and post offices are not closed.
4. People who are born in the United States are nurses.
5. Citizens have rights, but they also have shopping.
6. You can also become an African citizen later in your life.
7. To become an American citizen, a person must be eighteen years young.
8. To become an American citizen, you must sing in America for five years.
9. It's only three years if you are close to an American citizen.
10. To be a citizen you must have a good moral haircut.
11. To be a citizen you must understand basic Spanish.
12. To be a citizen you must understand the basic poem of the United States.
13. You must promise to stop being a citizen of your old school.
14. You must promise to obey all the dogs of America.
15. When you are a citizen you can dance and sit on a jury.

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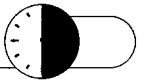


Now look at the word search again. The remaining words spell the name of something you need if you want to live and work in America.

To live and work in America you

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Who Discovered America?

Learn about the visitors to America.

Put the sentences in the correct order. At the end of each sentence are some words. If you have the sentences in the correct order, the words in **bold type** will make a sentence. The words in **bold** tell you what Columbus did when he returned to Spain for the first time.

These people are now called Native Americans. [and took]

Twenty thousand years ago hunters from Asia walked to Alaska from Siberia. [He left]

They were looking for food. [forty sailors]

Some Native Americans went to South America and built big cities. [parrots, pearls,]

He thought it was India. [as presents]

He visited America three more times. [Isabella]

He was looking for a way to get to Asia. [six]

Columbus told them their island belonged to Spain now. [for Queen]

He landed on an island called Guahanal. Now it's called San Salvador.

[Native Americans]

In 1492 Columbus, an Italian, sailed across the Atlantic from Spain. [gold and]



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What did Columbus do when he returned to Spain? (Take the words from the ends of the sentences above). *He left*

Columbus Day celebrates Christopher Columbus's arrival in America on October 12th in 1492.

Some people don't believe in celebrating this holiday. Why?

Think about these questions.

a. Did Columbus discover America?

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b. Do you think the Native Americans were happy to belong to Spain?

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c. Who were the first visitors to America?

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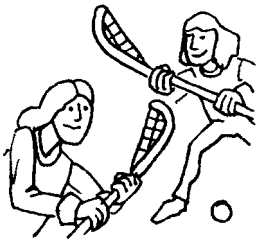


What's Wrong With the Picture?

Here are some things that the Native Americans invented or that originally come from America.

Choose the correct words from the box and write the names of the things under the pictures.

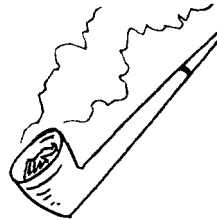
lacrosse corn pineapple pumpkin potato tomato
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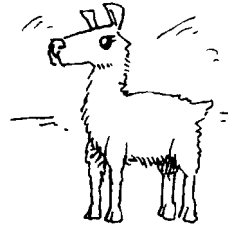
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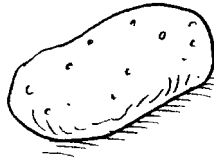
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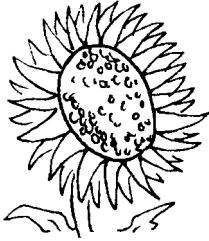
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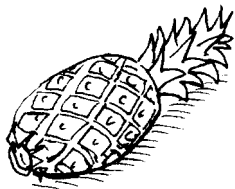
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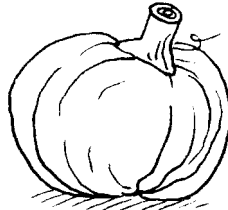
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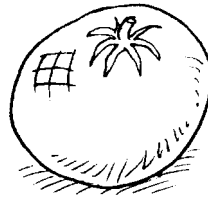
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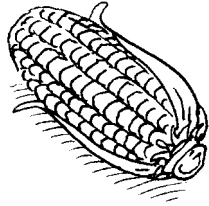
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Look at the picture below. This shows Columbus as a young boy growing up in Italy. Can you find 10 things that are wrong with the picture?





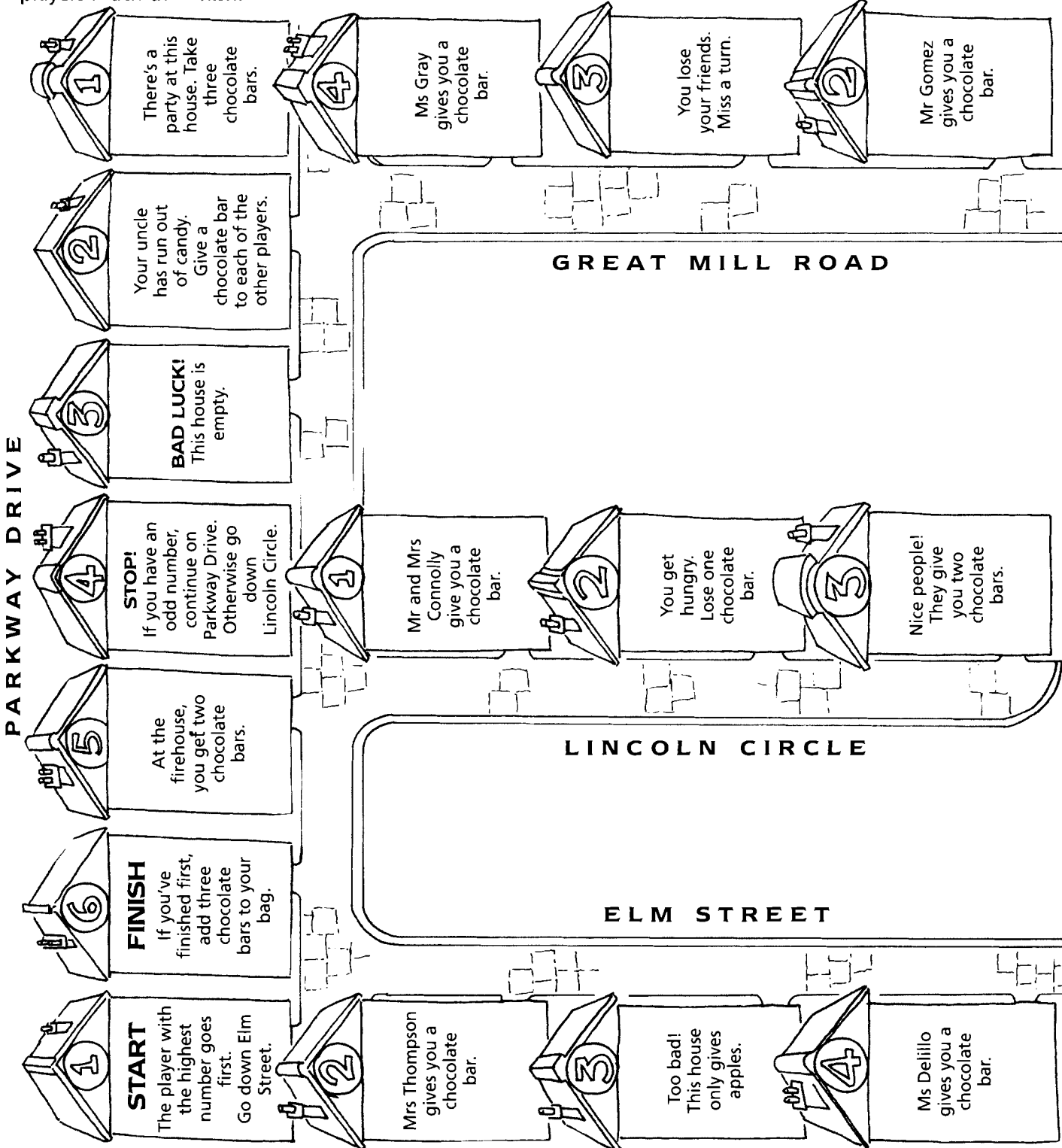
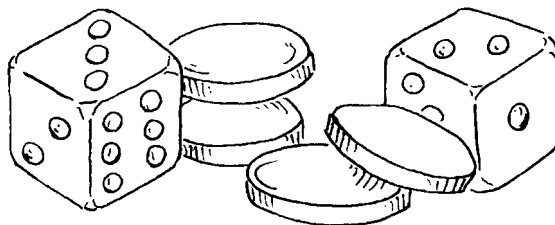
Trick-or-Treating

On Halloween night children and teenagers go trick-or-treating. They go from house to house in Halloween costumes and people give them candy or money.

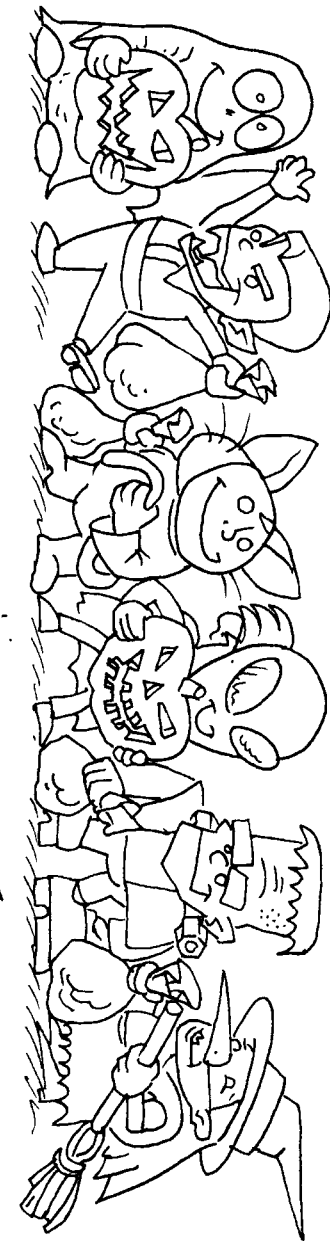
Go trick-or-treating with your friends!

You need counters and a die.

Follow the instructions on the board. Write down how many chocolate bars you have after each turn. The winner is the person who has the most chocolate when all the players reach the finish.



Trick-or-Treating



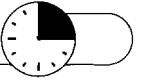
CHURCH ROAD

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| 5 At the police station, you get a chocolate bar. | | | | | | 1 Mr and Mrs Talbot give you a chocolate bar. |
| 6 STOP If you've rolled an even number, continue on Elm Street. If you've rolled an odd number, go down Church Road. | 1 Mrs Chang gives you a chocolate bar. | 2 Mr and Mrs Brown give you a chocolate bar. | 3 A big dog frightens you and you drop your trick-or-treat bag. Go back to the START. | 4 STOP! If you have an even number, continue on Church Road. If you have an odd number, go towards Meadow Lane. | 5 Friendly people! You get a chocolate bar. | 6 You've lost your flashlight. Go back to 5 Elm Street to find it. |

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| 7 If another player is already on this square, go back two spaces. If it's empty, pick up two chocolate bars. | | | | 1 BAD LUCK! No one is at home. | | |
| 8 Mr and Mrs Wilde give you a chocolate bar. | 1 BAD LUCK! This house is empty. | 2 Charlie's parents give you a chocolate bar. | 3 There's a hole in your trick-or-treat bag. Lose two chocolate bars. | 4 Mrs Smith likes your costume. You get two chocolate bars. | 5 Good neighbors! You get a chocolate bar. | 6 You're unlucky! This house only gives lollipops. |

MEADOW LANE





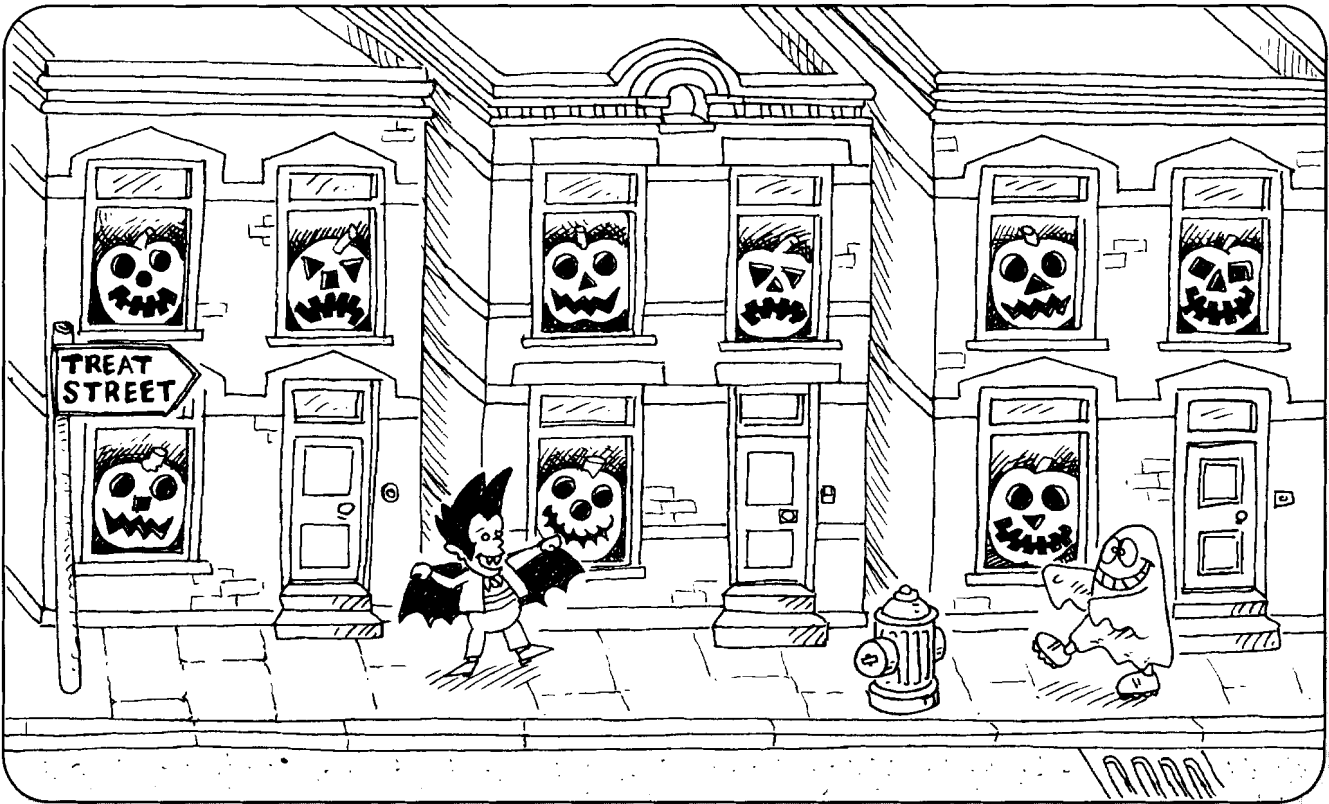
Jack-O'-Lanterns

On Halloween people make jack-o'-lanterns out of pumpkins and they put them in their windows.

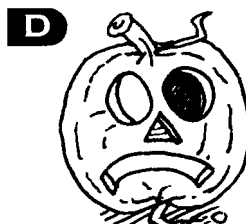
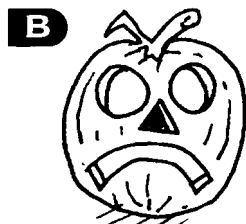
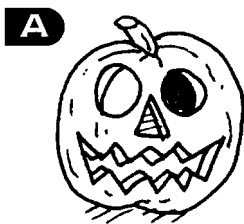
Look at the jack-o'-lanterns in Treat Street and read the sentences.

Choose the correct word for each sentence.

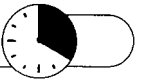
1. Most of the jack-o'-lanterns have *square* / *triangle-shaped* / *round* eyes.
2. Most of the jack-o'-lanterns have *round* / *triangle-shaped* / *square* noses.
3. Most of the jack-o'-lanterns have *happy* / *unhappy* faces.
4. Most of the jack-o'-lanterns have *square* / *sharp* / *round* teeth



Look at the three rows of jack-o'-lanterns. Choose the correct jack-o'-lantern to fit in row 3.



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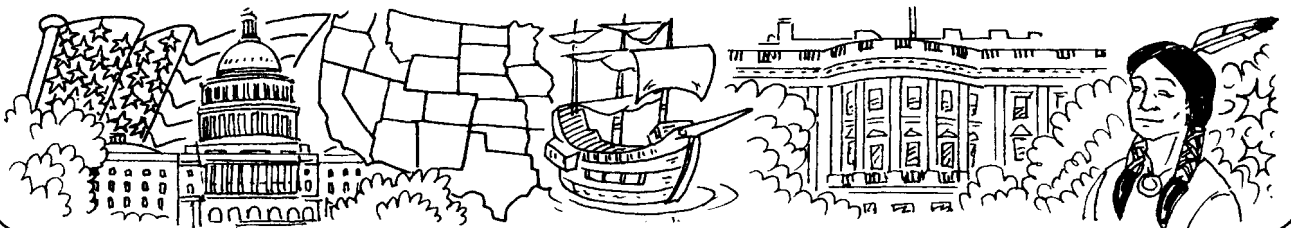
Who Votes?

Election Day is in November. It is always the first Tuesday after the first Monday.

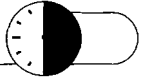
To vote in an American election, you have to be an American citizen.

To become an American citizen, an immigrant must pass the citizenship test. Here are some questions. Can you pass the citizenship test? (We've made it easier for you by giving you a choice of answers!)

1. What are the colors on our flag?
 - a) Red, white and blue
 - b) Green, yellow and black
 - c) Red, white and yellow
2. What is the fourth of July?
 - a) Thanksgiving
 - b) Independence Day
 - c) Election Day
3. Who helped the Pilgrims in America?
 - a) The Native Americans
 - b) The Spanish
 - c) The Vikings
4. Which president freed the slaves?
 - a) Bill Clinton
 - b) Abraham Lincoln
 - c) John F Kennedy
5. Why are there 100 senators in the senate?
 - a) One for each state
 - b) One for each large American city
 - c) Two for each state
6. Who becomes president of the United States if the president dies?
 - a) The vice-president
 - b) The president's wife
 - c) There is no president until people vote for a new one
7. What are the 49th and 50th states of the Union?
 - a) Alaska and Hawaii
 - b) California and Seattle
 - c) Hawaii and Florida
8. How many terms can a president serve?
 - a) Two terms
 - b) One term
 - c) Five terms
9. Why did the Pilgrims come to America?
 - a) Because they wanted religious freedom
 - b) Because they wanted to make lots of money
 - c) Because they got lost



Now, write a quiz to test people's knowledge of your country.



Election Promises

Joe Randall and Jay Hyams would each like to be governor of a state. They are making their election speeches.

Read what they say, then complete their election promises with the phrases in the box.



Joe Randall

"I want to see more people working in our schools and hospitals so it's important to pay them more money. We want to attract good people and we want to keep them. This is very important. I want to create a society where we respect our parents and grandparents. We must look after all our senior citizens and I am going to increase their pensions. The economy is only good when we are all working so I will reduce unemployment. I want every citizen to have a home so vote for me and you will create a better future!"



Jay Hyams

"Crime on our streets is real problem. I want less crime so I want to see more police on the streets. Drugs are a major source of crime and we must all work hard to fight it. We must educate young people about drugs. I will be tough on smaller crimes too. People who destroy public property or have fights in the street will have to pay a large fine to the police. Many criminals commit crimes again and again, even after they have been in jail. We need to look at how criminals are punished in other countries and find the best methods of changing criminal behavior."

- a. drugs
- b. the number of crimes committed
- c. fines for some types of crime
- d. teachers' and doctors' salaries
- e. new ways of treating criminals
- f. more jobs
- g. more houses
- h. for old people

If he is elected, Randall says he will:

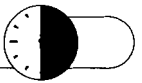
1. raise
2. improve life
3. create
4. build

If he is elected, Hyams says he will:

1. fight against
2. introduce
3. reduce
4. investigate.....

Check (✓) the promises that you think are a good idea.

If you were elected governor of the area that you live in, what would you change?

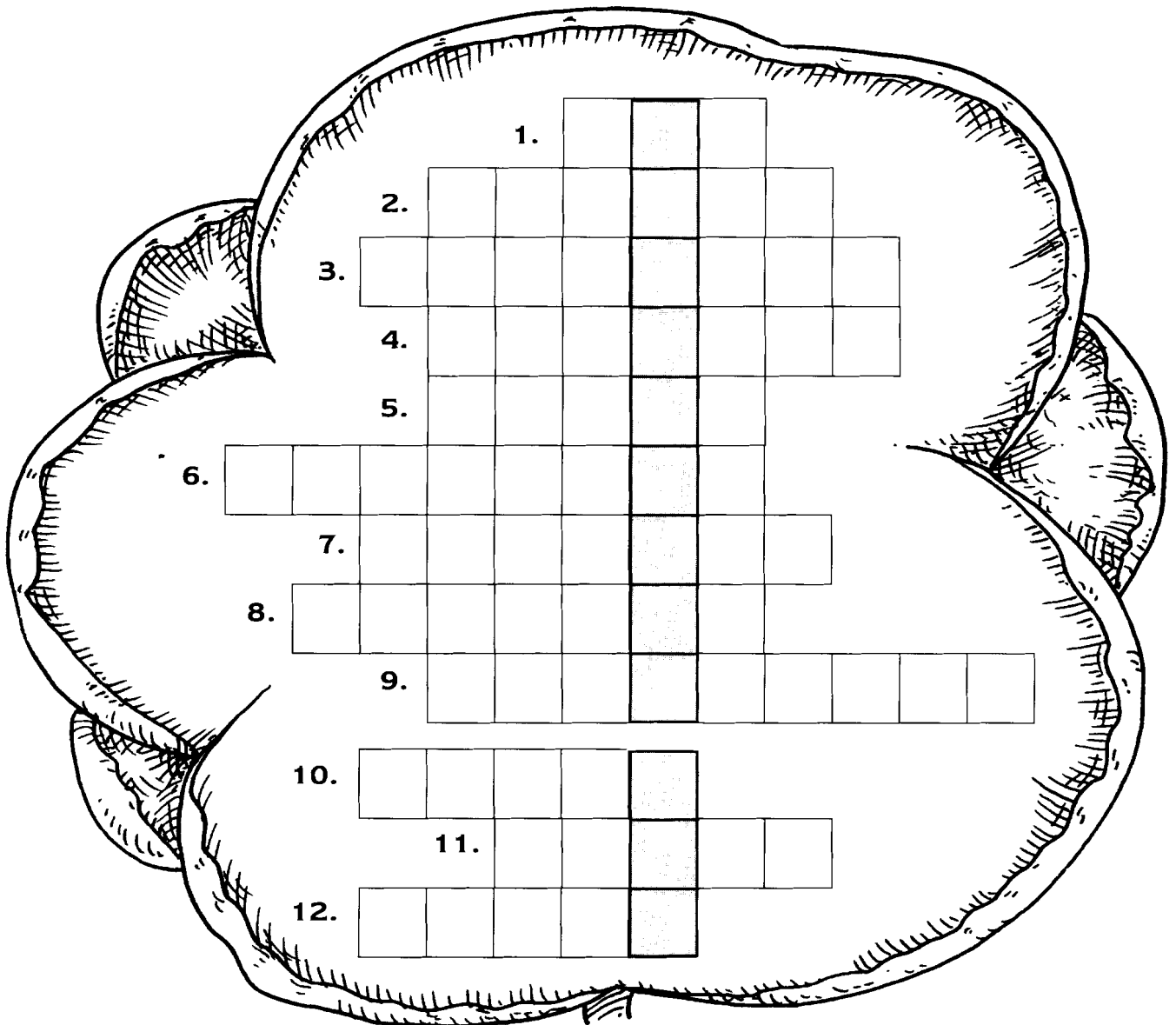


Veterans Day Crossword

Read the story of Veterans Day. Fill in the missing words from the box and write the words in the poppy below. When you have finished you will find another name for Veterans Day.

church war peace blood soldier silence eleventh
 First holiday November remembers poppy

(3) _____ 11th is Veterans Day. A veteran is a (7) _____ who has fought in a (1) _____. Thirty-five countries fought in the (5) _____ World War, which started in 1914. Finally, in 1918, the countries stopped fighting and signed a (11) _____ document on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the (6) _____ month. President Wilson made November 11th a special (4) _____. Every year on Veterans Day, people go to (2) _____ and sing and say prayers. At eleven o'clock in the morning there is a minute's (8) _____, when everybody is quiet and (9) _____ the soldiers who died. It is traditional to wear a flower called a (12) _____. This red flower represents all the (10) _____ that was lost during fighting.



Another name for Veterans Day is _____.

Ben Comes Home

Read the story about Ben Bailey and look at the pictures. Decide which man is Ben and which woman is Claire, his girlfriend.

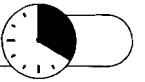
Ben Comes Marching Home

Ben Bailey, local hero, gets a big welcome as he returns from the war

Centerville, Christmas, 1918 – Ben Bailey stepped off the train from New York. Ten of Centerville’s young people enlisted in the Army when the US entered the war in 1917. Five, including Ben, survived. Ben, 19 years old, was wounded and spent many months in a hospital in England.

As his train pulled into the station, Ben climbed down onto the platform. His arm was in a sling. He was clean-shaven but he looked tired. Luckily, his glasses were not broken and he smiled as he spotted Claire, his childhood sweetheart in the crowd. She waved her handkerchief and smiled back at him, her long blond hair tied back. He started running, but his painful arm slowed him down. At last he reached her. She pulled his cap off his head and kissed him on the lips. “Ben”, she said, “I have missed you so much.”

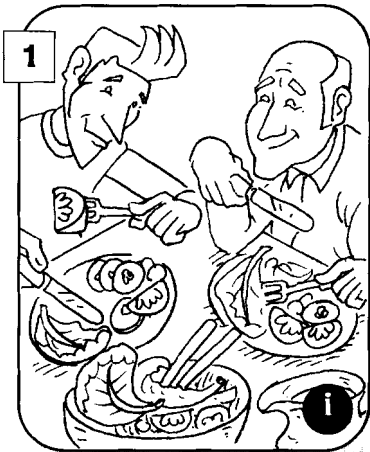
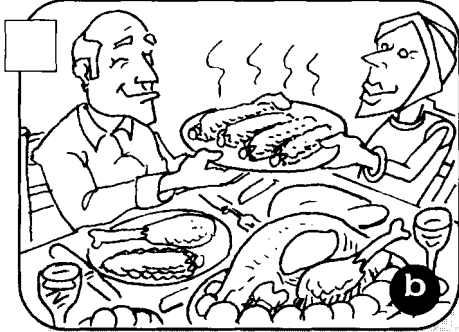
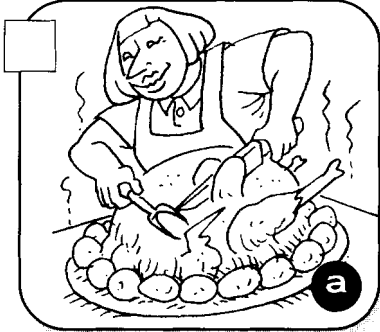




Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving American families and friends eat a traditional meal together.

Look at the Thanksgiving dinner menu, then look at the drawings. Can you put the drawings in the correct order?



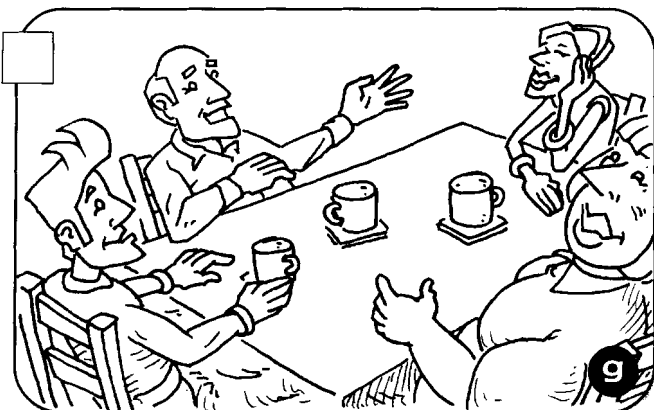
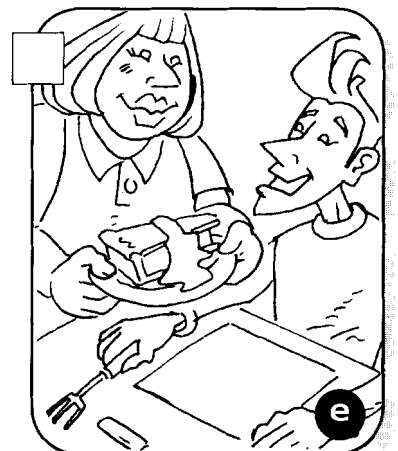
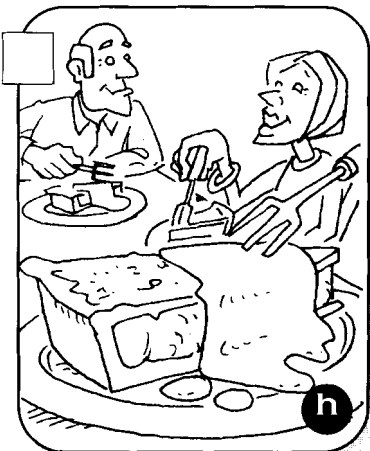
*Thanksgiving
Dinner Menu*

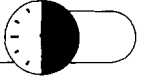
Salad

Roast turkey
Sweet potatoes
Corn
Cranberry sauce

Pumpkin pie
Apple pie

Coffee





Preparing Thanksgiving Dinner

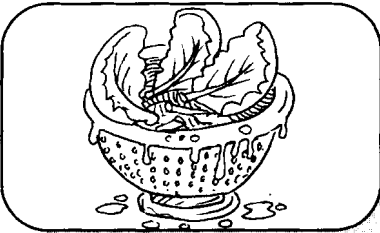
For Thanksgiving dinner people eat traditional foods like turkey, sweet potatoes and apple pie.

1. Here are some things to do to prepare the Thanksgiving dinner. Use the wheel to find the verbs which are missing from each sentence.

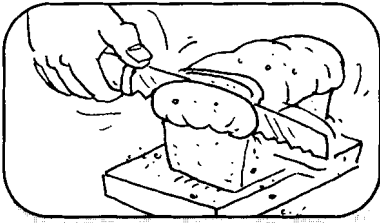
a. You must peel the potatoes



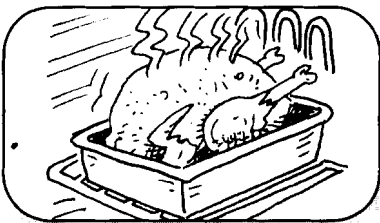
b. You have to _____ the salad



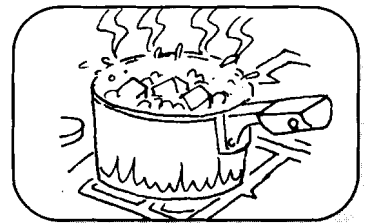
c. You need to _____ the bread



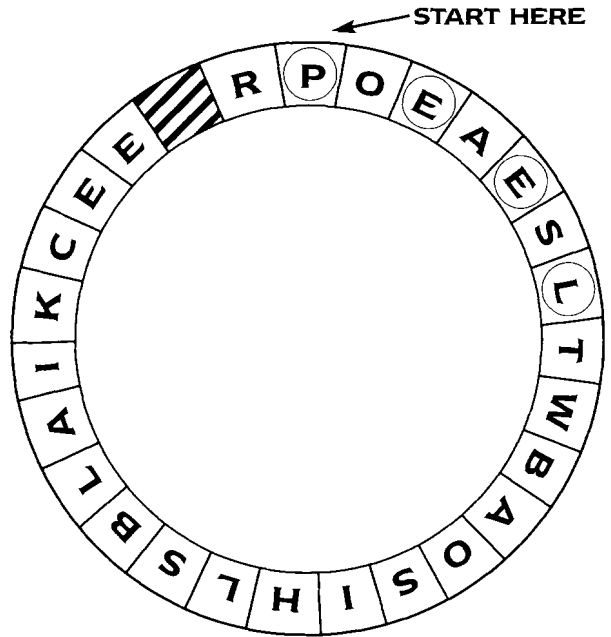
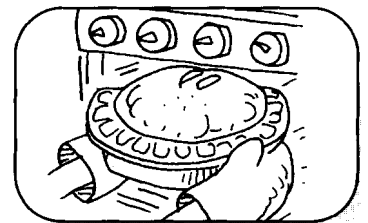
d. You must _____ the turkey



e. You can _____ the turnips



f. You have to _____ the apple pie



2. Write the name of each person under the correct meal.

Kevin never eats salad.

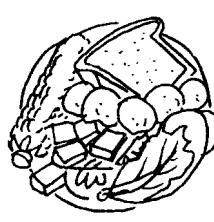
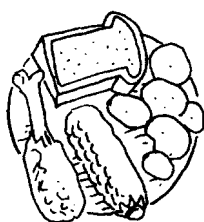
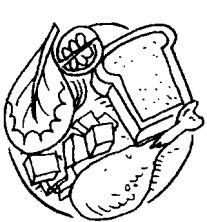
Steven doesn't like salad or turnips.

Uncle Bill doesn't eat turkey. He's a vegetarian.

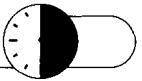
Grandpa George doesn't want to eat corn and he doesn't like potatoes.

Aunt Joan doesn't like corn, but she likes potatoes.

Lucy's on a diet so she doesn't want bread or potatoes.



a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____



The Story of Thanksgiving

Tell the story of Thanksgiving. Put the past simple verbs into the correct spaces.

- invited (W)
- called (R)
- had (I)
- taught (Y)
- knew (M)
- sailed (P)
- were (I)
- wanted (L)
- became (S)
- landed (G)
- died (M)
- lived (A)
- worked (L)
- had (W)
- gave (F)
- lasted (R)
- grew (O)



In 1620, a group of people 1) _____ from England to America. There 2) _____ one hundred people on the ship. They 3) _____ to start a new life in America and practice their religion in freedom. They 4) _____ at a place on the north-east coast of America. They 5) _____ it Plymouth. They were far from their home, and life was hard. They 6) _____ little food and they 7) _____ little about their new home. Their first winter in America was very cold. Many of them 8) _____ ill and 9) _____.

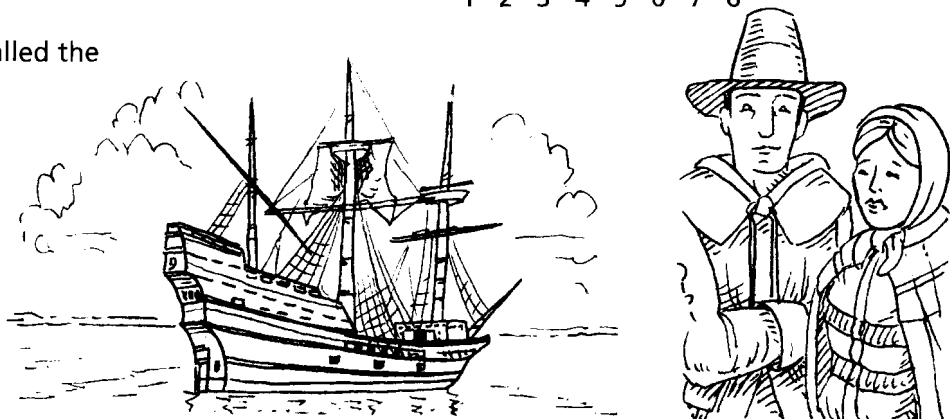
However, the Native Americans who 10) _____ there decided to help them. They 11) _____ the newcomers how to grow corn and other plants to eat, and they 12) _____ them medicine to treat their illnesses. They also showed their new friends how to hunt for food and how to build better houses. The newcomers 13) _____ hard and their crops 14) _____. By November 1621 all of them 15) _____ food and a home. To thank the Native Americans, the newcomers 16) _____ them to a special dinner to celebrate their friendship. This special dinner was the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving dinner 17) _____ for three days.

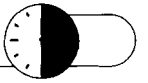
Now write the letters over the numbers to find out more information about the people in the story.

The people who sailed from England to America were called the P
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The ship they sailed on was called the

 M
 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17



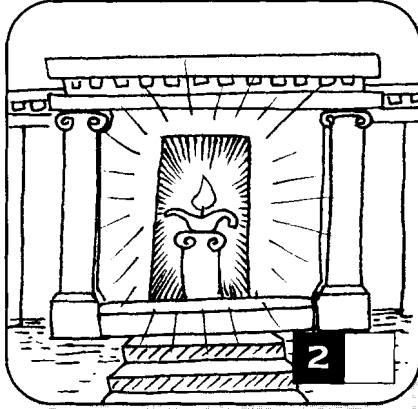


The Story of Hanukkah

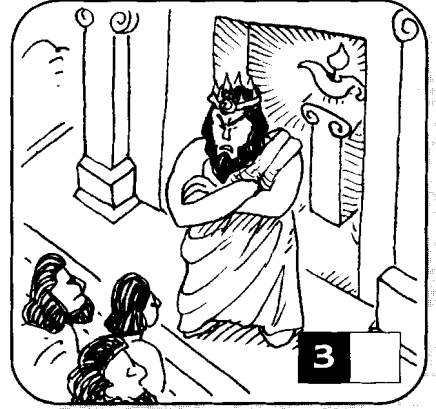
This is the story of Hanukkah in pictures. Look at the opposite page and find the correct captions for the pictures. Write the number of the correct caption under each picture.



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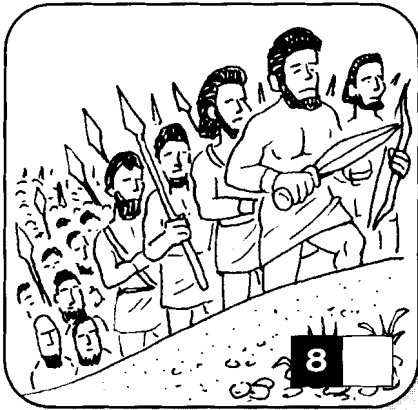
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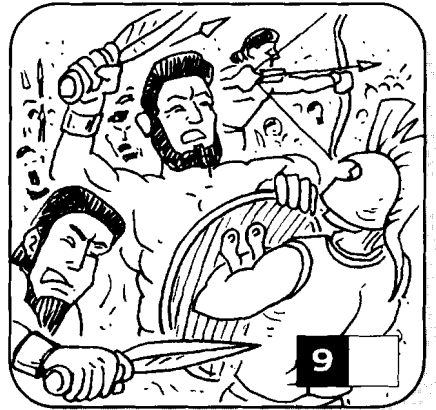
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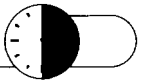
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The Story of Hanukkah

Choose the correct captions for the picture story.

- a. He puts Greek statues in the Jewish temple.
- b. There is a Jewish man with five sons called the Maccabees
- c. Antiochus, the King of Syria, doesn't like Jewish people.
- d. The Jewish army fights against Antiochus and the Jews win. They have their temple again.
- e. Now Jewish people celebrate the Festival of Lights (Hanukkah) to help them remember the story.
- f. The Maccabees refuse to bow to Antiochus's Greek statues.
- g. In the Jewish temple there is a special lamp called the Eternal Light.
- h. He tells Jews: "Bow to my statues or we are going to kill you!"
- i. The Maccabees are brave. They become leaders of the Jewish army.
- j. But there is oil in the Eternal Light for only one day. It takes eight more days to get oil for the Eternal Light.
- k. When Jewish people find the oil for the lamp, the light is still burning after eight days!
It's a miracle!
- l. Antiochus wants to use the Jewish temple for his religion.

Light the menorah

Now, when families celebrate Hanukkah, they have a Hanukkah menorah with eight candles.

Each night a different person lights a candle. Finish the sentences.

On the first night of Hanukkah, Joseph lights
___ candle.

On the second night, Rachel lights ___ candles.

On the ___ night, Daniel lights three candles.

On the fourth night, Ruth lights ___ candles.

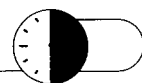
On the ___ night, Sandy lights five candles.

On the sixth night, Jane lights ___ candles.

On the seventh night, Eve lights ___ candles.

On the ___ night, Jonathan lights eight
candles.





The Dreidel Game

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. During Hanukkah, Jewish children play the dreidel game. They play the game with buttons, sweets or pennies.

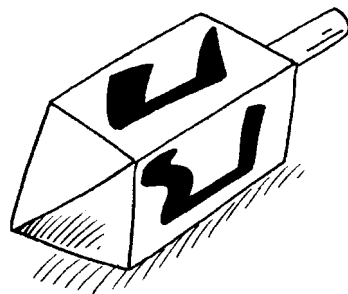
A dreidel is a little top with four sides. Each side has a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The letters are from a Hebrew sentence: *Nes gadol haya sham*, which means "A great miracle has occurred."

Nun means "nothing." If you can see this side, you must do nothing.

Gimmel means "all." If you can see this side, you must take all the pennies from the pot.

Hay means "half." If you can see this side, you must take half the pennies from the pot.

Shin means "put." If you can see this side, you must put one penny into the pot.



Rachel, Jonathan, Ruth and Jacob are playing the dreidel game. They all start with ten pennies and there are ten pennies in the pot. Who has most pennies at the end of the game? Answer the questions.

Round 1

Rachel – hay
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – nun
Jacob – hay

Round 2

Rachel – gimmel
Jonathan – nun
Ruth – hay
Jacob – hay

Round 3

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – gimmel
Jacob – shin

Round 4

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – nun
Ruth – shin
Jacob – nun

Round 5

Rachel – nun
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – shin
Jacob – gimmel

Round 6

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – hay
Jacob – nun

Round 7

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – gimmel
Ruth – nun
Jacob – shin

Round 8

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – nun
Jacob – shin

Round 9

Rachel – hay
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – gimmel
Jacob – shin

Round 10

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – nun
Ruth – hay
Jacob – gimmel

Round 11

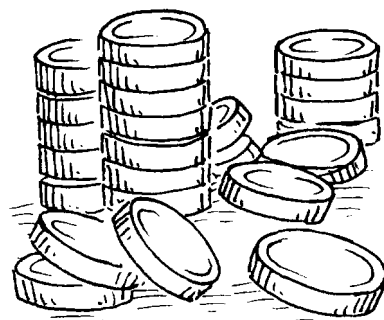
Rachel – shin
Jonathan – shin
Ruth – nun
Jacob – hay

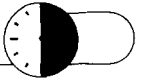
Round 12

Rachel – shin
Jonathan – gimmel
Ruth – shin
Jacob – shin



- At the end of the game, does Rachel have more pennies than Jonathan?
- At the end of the game, does Ruth have more pennies than Jacob?
- At the end of the game, who has the fewest pennies?
- At the end of the game, who has the most pennies?
- At the end of the game how many children have more pennies than Rachel?
- At the end of the game, how many pennies are in the pot?



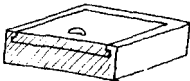




A Letter for Santa


Serena is writing to Santa and making a list of all the things she and her family would like to get for Christmas. Put all the picture words into the plural. To help you, you can find all the words in their singular form on the right of the letter.


Dear Santa Claus

I am really looking forward to Christmas and I want to tell you about the presents we'd all like.

I'd love to have two  _____ of crayons. I'd like a lot of


 _____ to share with my  _____. Don't

put the  _____ in my stocking because I think there are

some  _____ living in the roof of the house. My sister and

I would love two  _____. Dad thinks this is silly because

we live in a town he says  _____ can't look after them.

Jack, my brother, would like some new  _____. My sister

Rose wants some new red  _____ because she's going



to lots of  _____ this Christmas. Dad wants

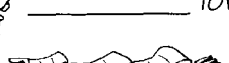
some  _____ because he plans to build some new

 _____ in my bedroom. We need some new  _____

_____  _____ and  _____ for

our kitchen, too. I'd like a teddy bear for my little brother Thomas



because  _____ love cuddly  _____. Mom

would like two new  _____. Grandma would like

those delicious chocolate  _____ from the bakery on

Main Street.

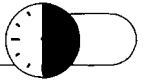
I must stop now because I am going to help my  _____

and their  _____ decorate their  _____.

These are just a few of our Christmas  _____.

Lots of love from Serena x x x

- box
- candy
- friend
- candy
- mouse
- pony
- child
- ski
- shoe
- party
- tool
- shelf
- knife
- fork
- dish
- baby
- toy
- scarf
- cookie
- friend
- family
- house
- wish



Christmas Tree Crossword

Complete the clues and match them to the crossword. Then fill in the crossword with the answers.
Decide where each word goes.

CLUES



We eat _____ for lunch on Christmas day.

We send _____ to our friends at Christmas.

We decorate the tree with pretty _____.

Christmas is a festival to celebrate the birth of Jesus _____.

We give each other _____ on Christmas day.

A _____ is a large sock which Santa Claus fills with presents.

Christmas is in _____.

The three kings followed a _____ to find Jesus.

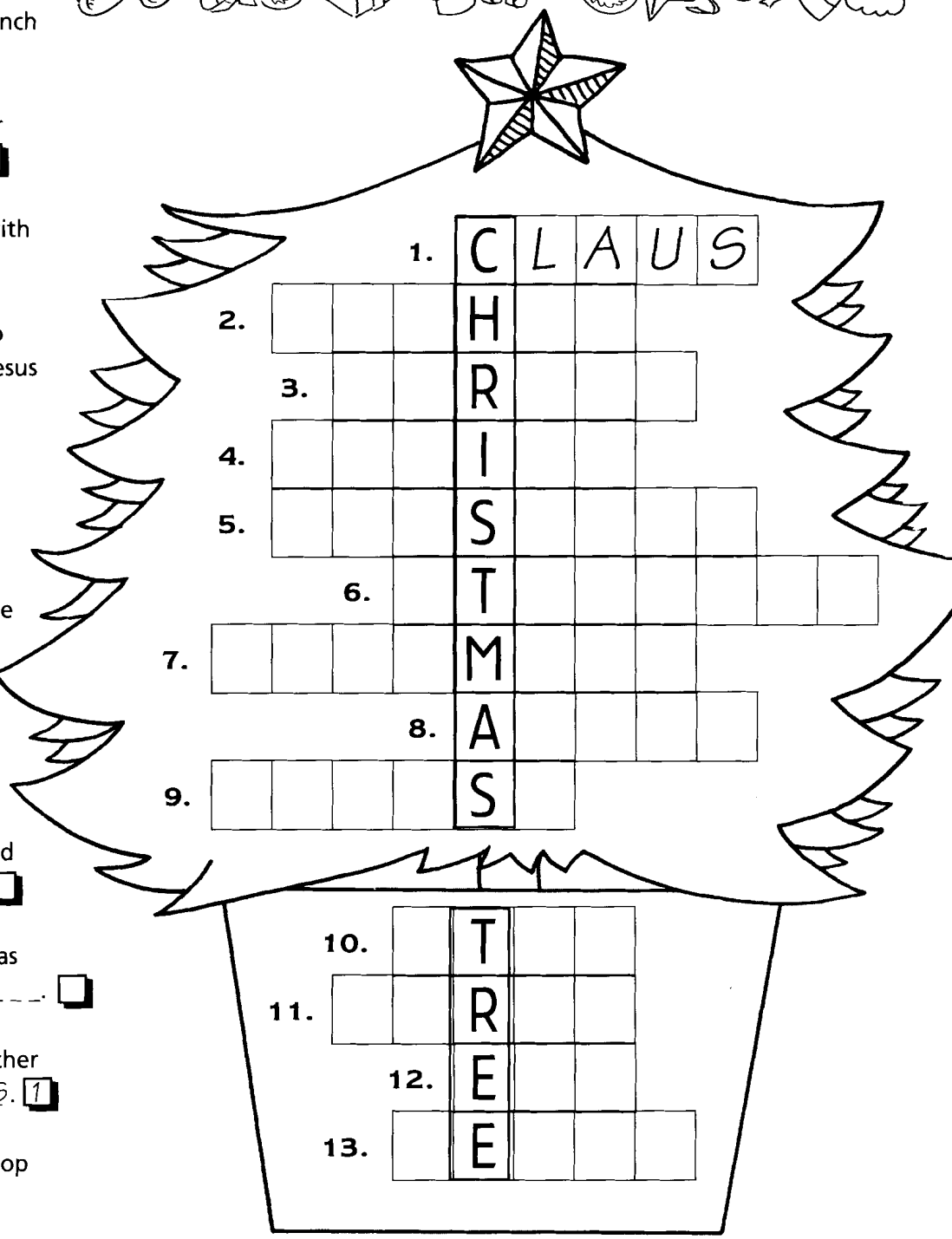
The day before Christmas day is called Christmas _____.

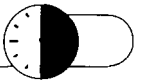
Father Christmas is another name for Santa CLAUS.

We put an _____ on top of the tree.

The church _____ ring on Christmas day.

The day after Christmas day is called _____ day.





Christmas Shopping



Book stores are great places to buy gifts to put in Christmas stockings.

Choose the most suitable books for these people. Remember, if someone is good at doing something, they don't need a book that tells them how to do it!



- Mary Ann is really good at telling jokes and always makes people laugh. She's a good mathematician but she's not so good at learning languages. She tells lots of funny stories about her three-month vacation in Mexico and South America when she tried to speak Spanish and Portuguese and made many mistakes. She loves to go shopping and has lots of money to spend.

What's best for Mary Ann and why? Choose (c) or (d).

because
and not because



- Woody is a college freshman. He's very fit and good at surfing, skiing and skateboarding but he has no talent for playing team games. Balance is his speciality and he's bored by ball games. He goes surfing on the California coast each summer vacation and in the winter he goes skiing in Colorado.

What's best for Woody? Choose (b) or (e).

because
and not because



- Sandi comes from New England. She enjoys her garden where she grows vegetables and herbs. She respects the land and is always careful to recycle. She likes to be alone. She doesn't own many clothes because, she says, "I just don't need much." She loves watching movies on TV when she's indoors during the winter evenings.

What's best for Sandi? Choose (a) or (c).

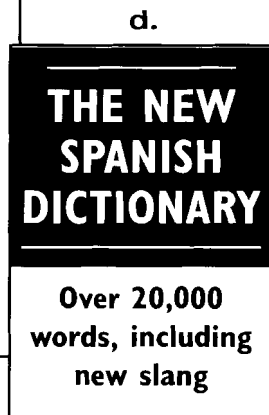
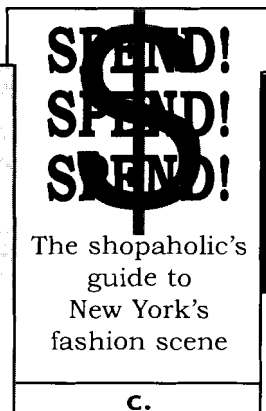
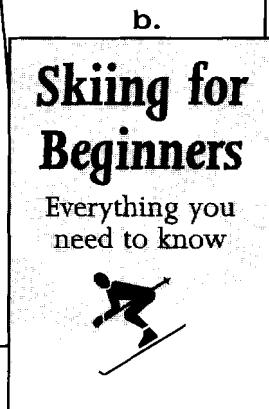
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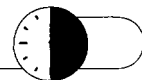


- Sonny has a great memory for remembering facts about famous movie stars. He likes going to the movies. He's got every issue of the magazine MovieWorld since the magazine first appeared. He wants to get a job as a movie critic. He majored in foreign languages at college.

What's best for Sonny? Choose (a) or (d).

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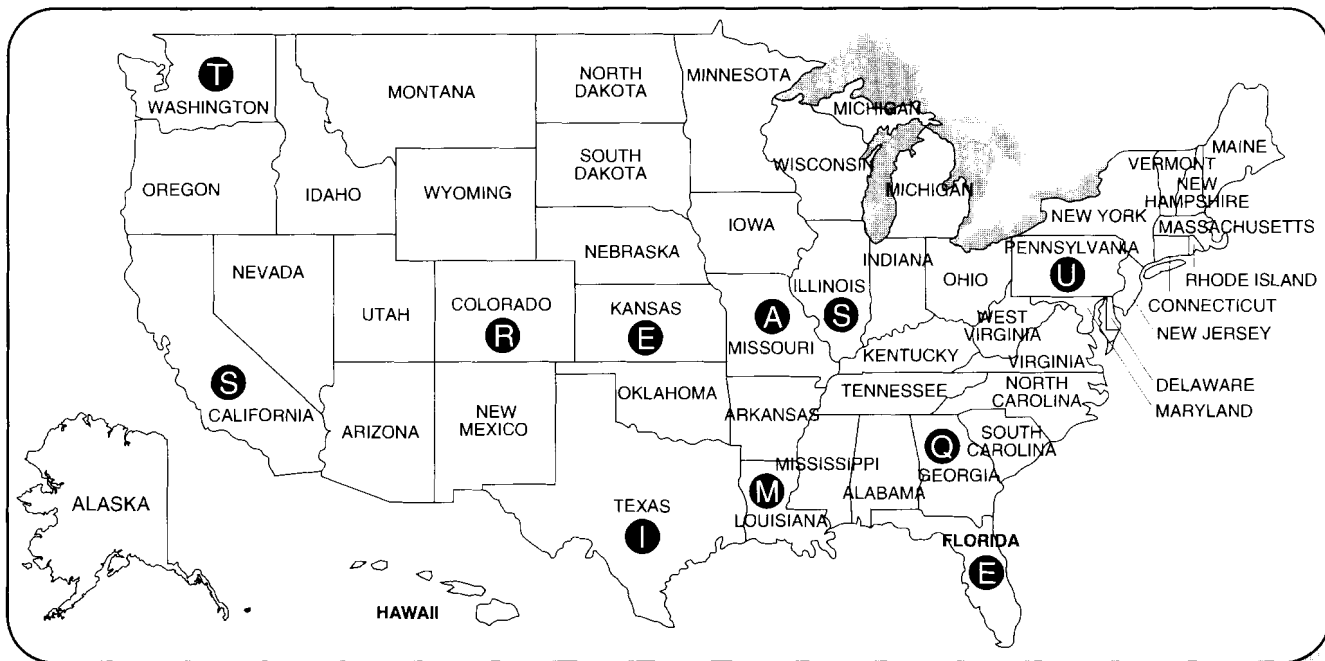




Come to the Football Game

New Year's Day is a holiday and lots of people watch football games on TV.

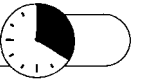
Look at the map of the US. Then look at the famous US football teams. Look at an atlas to find the state where each team plays. Then write the letter you can see in that state in the box next to the name of the team.



| TEAM | STATE | LETTER | TEAM | STATE | LETTER |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. Seattle Seahawks | | | 6. San Francisco 49ers | ..... | ..... |
| 2. Dallas Cowboys | | | 7. Atlanta Falcons | ..... | ..... |
| 3. New Orleans Saints | | | 8. Philadelphia Eagles | ..... | ..... |
| 4. Miami Dolphins | | | 9. St Louis Rams | ..... | ..... |
| 5. Chicago Bears | | | 10. Denver Broncos | ..... | ..... |
| | | | 11. Kansas City Chiefs | ..... | ..... |

The letters spell the name of the place where, on New Year's Eve, thousands of people gather in the center of New York to watch a giant ball drop slowly down from the top of a big building at midnight. People wait for midnight on New Year's Eve in





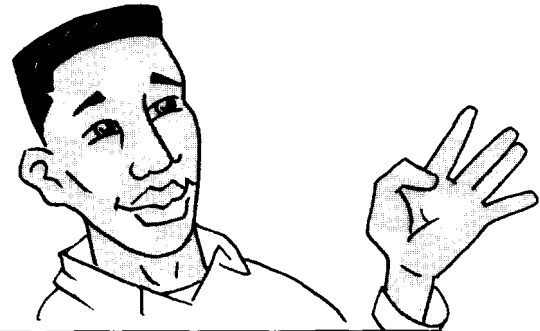
Goals for the Coming Year

During Kwanzaa, African Americans celebrate their past and think about the future.

Jackie, Derek, Ashley and Lisa are making their lists of goals for the year.



Jackie: "My main goals are about school."



Derek: "My main goals are about family."



Ashley: "My main goals are about community."



Lisa: "My main goals are about friends."

Put **J**, **D**, **A** or **L** next to each personal goal.

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| <p>1. I'm going to spend more time with my grandparents. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>2. I'm going to study harder and do better in math. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>3. I'm going to be nicer to my friends. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>4. I'm going to be more helpful to my brothers and sisters. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>5. I'm going to listen to my friends more. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>6. I'm going to volunteer at the local hospital because I want to help people. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>7. I'm going to help my teacher with classroom chores. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>8. I'm going to give some money to charity. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>9. I'm going to help homeless people. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>10. I'm going to baby-sit for my mom and dad so they can go out more often. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>11. I'm going to spend more time on my homework. <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>12. I'm going to get up earlier so I'm never late for school. <input type="checkbox"/></p> |



Having Fun

1. It's a snow day! Look in the word search.



FIND...

3 activities you can do

2 pieces of clothing you can wear

2 things you will see

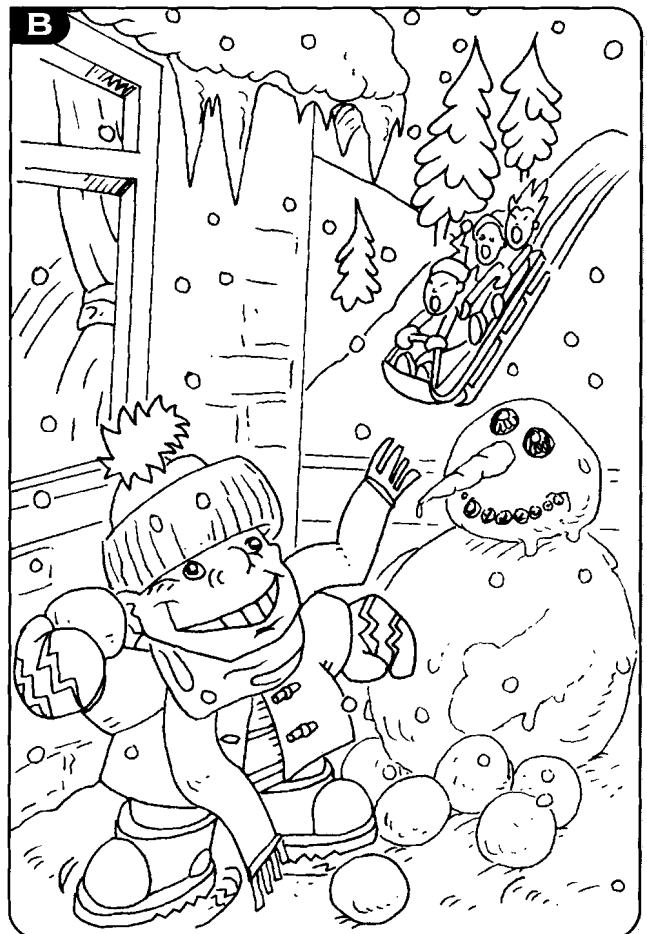
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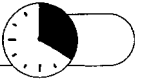
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| A | S | N | O | W | B | A | L | L | S | R | G |

2. Read the sentences. Which picture does each sentence describe?

- a) There are more snowflakes.
- b) The snowman is smaller.
- c) There are more snowballs.

- d) There are fewer icicles.
- e) Tommy's scarf is longer.
- f) There are more people on the sled.





Compound Words

1. Look at the word map below. Some of the words in this box can become new words if you add the word *snow* in front of them. Some of them can become new words if you add the word *ice* in front of them.

Begin at *snowman* and follow a path to reach every word that begins with *snow*. You must not go through a word that begins with *ice*. Then, do the same starting with *ice cube*.

2. Then write the words that you made under the correct pictures.



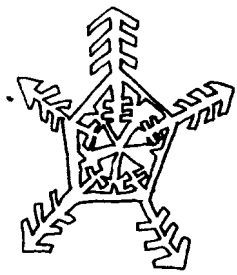
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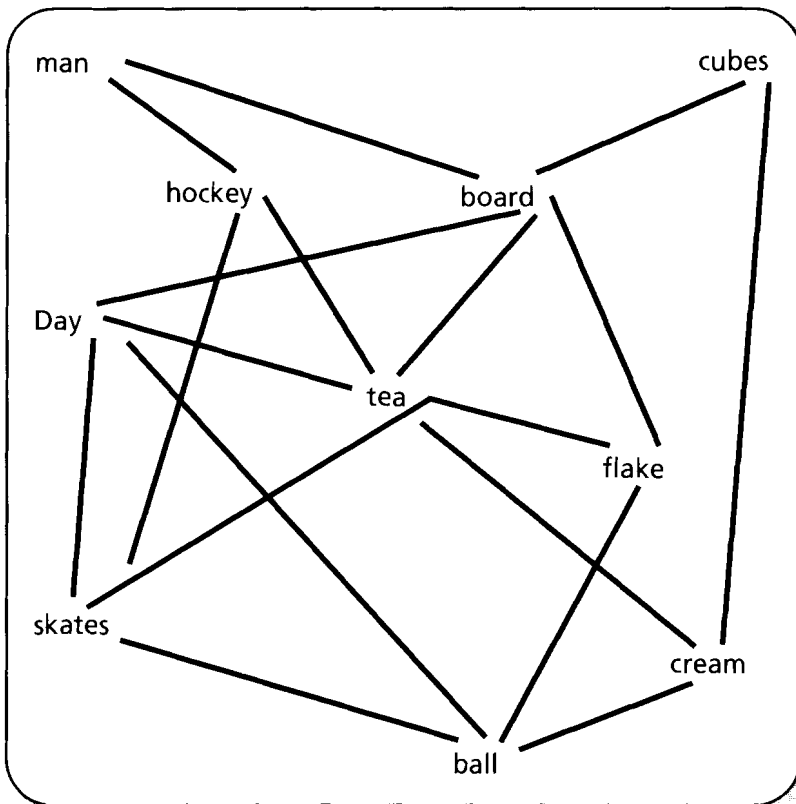
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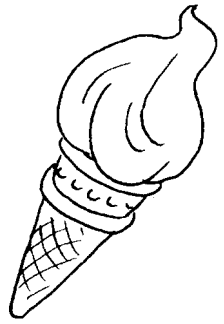
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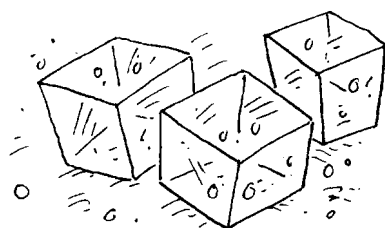
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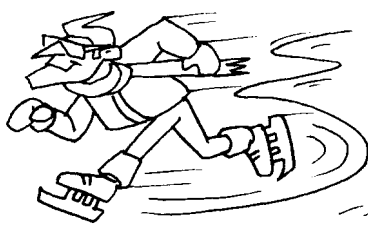
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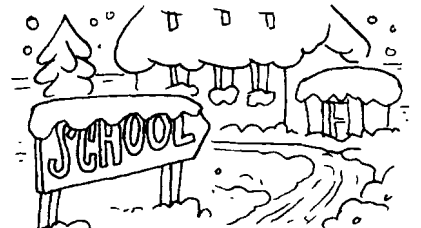
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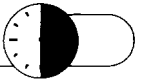
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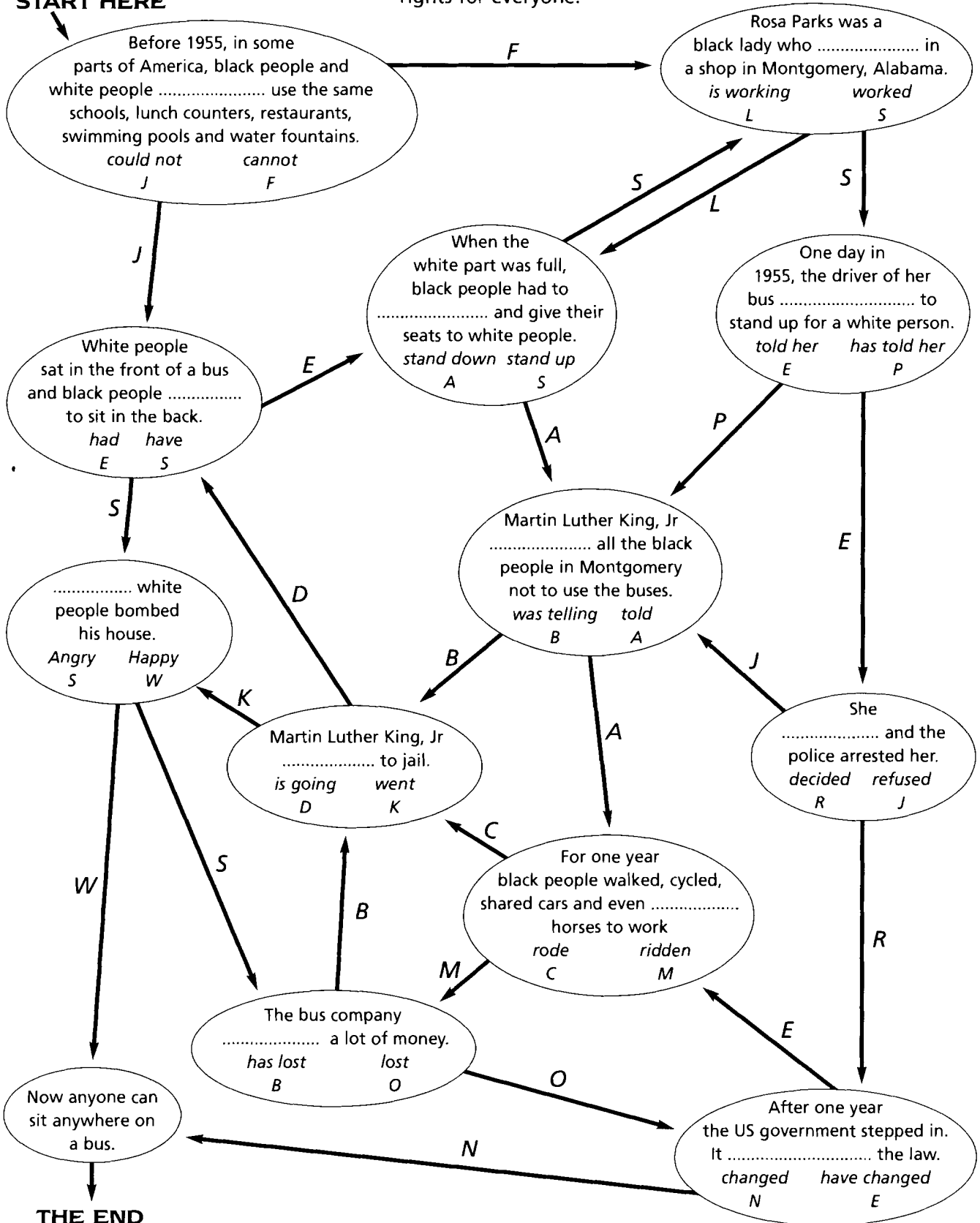


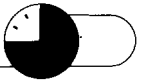
The Montgomery Bus Boycott

Martin Luther King, Jr went to jail for this. But what was it?

Read the story and choose the correct missing words. Take the letter from each correct arrow and you can learn the name of another famous black church minister in the United States who fights for equal rights for everyone.

START HERE





The Life of Martin Luther King Jr

Choose the correct verbs from this page to complete the story of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr
Take the words under the verbs and put them into the Speech Box on the opposite page.



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The Life of Martin Luther King Jr

1. Martin Luther King, Jr in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929.
2. He a minister in the church, just like his father.
3. The laws in many of the southern states fair to African Americans.
4. The African Americans to vote, so they change the laws of these states.
5. It possible for one person alone to change this. Martin Luther King, Jr a lot of powerful speeches and people always to him.
6. He people, "*Many people working together can change things.*"
7. He books and black people register to vote. In one of his speeches he , "*Use love, not violence.*"
8. But the people in authority him.
9. They him and him in jail.
10. When he out of jail, he to make speeches.
11. He plenty of enemies.
12. They his house and schools and churches.
13. In August 1963 more than 200,000 people along the streets of Washington D.C., and about the lack of equal rights in America.
14. It was the 'March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom'.
15. Thirty special trains and two thousand special buses people to Washington.
16. An 82-year-old man all the way from Ohio on his bike and another man roller- all the way from Ohio. Twelve civil rights workers from Brooklyn all the way.
17. 170,000 people his famous speech when he told them:
"The Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity . . . I have a dream that one day this nation will . . . live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."
18. In 1964 Martin Luther King, Jr one of the world's greatest honors, the Nobel Peace Prize.
19. He to improve the lives of poor people all over America: black, white, American Indian, Mexican, and he against the war in Vietnam.
20. On April 4, 1968, he a march in Memphis, Tennessee, for poor workers. An assassin him and he

Speech Box

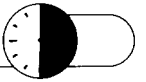
One of the most important things he said in his "I have a dream" speech was:

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Weather Words

On Groundhog Day people watch Punxsutawney Phil, a groundhog. They hope he will predict the weather.

1) Look at the weather forecast and then look at the pictures of Phil and decide what day it is.



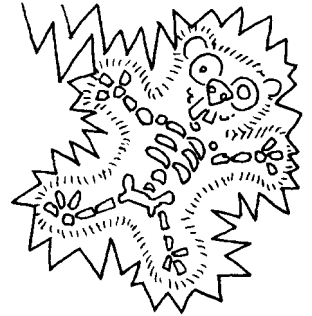
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- On Monday it will snow heavily.
- On Tuesday there will be pouring rain.
- On Wednesday it will be very foggy.
- On Thursday there will be thunderstorms
- On Friday there will be very high temperatures.
- On Saturday there will be strong winds.
- On Sunday there will be hail.



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2. In each sentence find one word that you can't use to describe the weather.

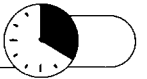
- 1) The sky will be cloudy / clear / strong.
- 2) The weather will be large / warm / cold.
- 3) It will probably be rainy / snowing / angry tomorrow.
- 4) The temperature will be lower / slower / higher than usual.
- 5) It will be windy / calm / big.

3. Look at the weather on Groundhog Day. The weather forecast was right. What did it say? Use words from exercise 2.

- 1) The sky will be _ _ _ _ _
- 2) The weather will be _ _ _ _ _
- 3) It will probably be _ _ _ _ _
- 4) The temperature will be _ _ _ _ _ than usual.
- 5) It will be _ _ _ _ _



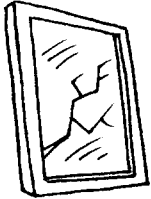
Now think about today. What can you say about the weather today?



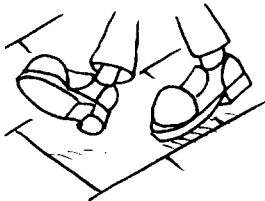
Lots of Luck!

Every year more than 35,000 people visit the town of Punxsutawney. The people of the town look after Phil, their groundhog, very well.

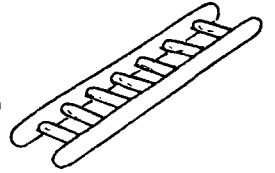
Choose the correct answer for these US superstitions. Write the correct letter of the alphabet in the grid at the bottom of the page. You will discover what Phil likes to eat.



1. If you break a mirror you will have
ten years of bad luck O *seven years of bad luck D*

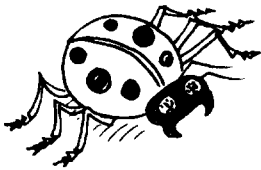


2. If you walk under a ladder you will have
bad luck O *good luck H*



3. If you step on the cracks in the sidewalk you will have
good luck S *bad luck G*

4. If you cross your fingers you will have
bad luck B *good luck F*



5. A ladybug will bring you
good luck A *bad luck B*

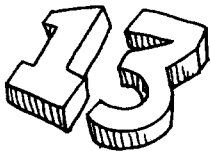
6. If a black cat walks in front of you will have
good luck Y *bad luck N*



7. If you spill salt on the table you won't have bad luck
if you throw it
out of the window P *over your shoulder I*



8. If a bride wears a green dress she will have
good luck E *bad luck C*



9. If you pick the number 13 for anything you will be
lucky M *unlucky E*



10. If you spit on a baseball bat before using it for
the first time, that bat will always be
lucky R *unlucky L*



11. If you open your umbrella in the house you will have
good luck K *bad luck M*

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| 10 | pajamas | shoes | socks | cookies | jeans | pants | gloves | | |
| 9 | green | white | yellow | car | bus | red | blue | orange | |
| 8 | leg | arm | face | Clinton | eye | Lincoln | ear | nose | mouth |
| 7 | bear | coyote | red | eagle | raccoon | blue | rattlesnake | horse | |
| 6 | apple | banana | hat | peach | pear | grape | jeans | pineapple | melon |
| 5 | bus | groundhog | taxi | train | boat | plane | puma | bicycle | |
| 4 | hamburger | August | hot dog | donut | October | soda | candy | July | toast |
| 3 | nine | four | sixteen | thirteen | eleven | six | eighteen | eight | |
| 2 | Las Vegas | Arizona | Phoenix | Ohio | Chicago | Florida | Miami | Texas | Hollywood |
| 1 | swimming | baseball | tennis | cycling | skiing | basketball | softball | running | |



Color the following circles RED.

Line 1: sports you play with a ball;
 Line 2: American states;
 Line 3: numbers between seven and fourteen;
 Line 4: months of the year;
 Line 5: animals;
 Line 6: things to wear;
 Line 7: colors;
 Line 8: American presidents;
 Line 9: things you can travel in;
 Line 10: things you can eat



Valentine's Day Surprise

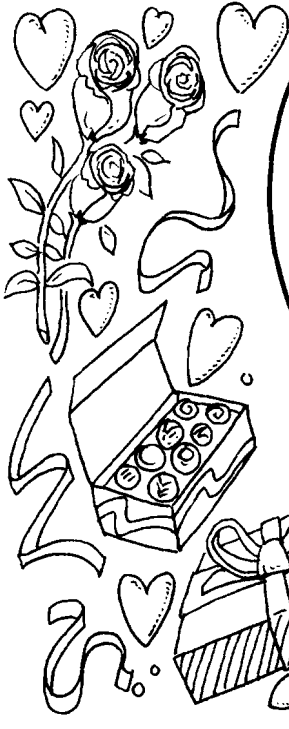




Say It With Poetry

On Valentine's Day, people write poems to the people they love.
Sometimes it isn't easy to find the right words.

Here are some Valentine's Day poems with the wrong words. The right words are in the heart shape, and each right word RHYMES with each wrong word. Sometimes it sounds exactly the same but you spell it differently.



Oh Valentine! I love you^{so}.....(sew),
I think of you all(white) .
That's why I'm sending you this poem,
Which I want to(right) .

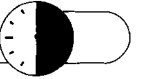
My love is floating in the(heir) ;
It seems just like a(night)
It's sailing up into the sky;
I marvel at its(bite) .

Time goes slowly and I.....(grow)
I'll simply have to(weight)
But we will have our magic moments
When we're on our(plate) .

Each(money) day I live and (soap) ,
You'll look at me and laugh.
We're like two pieces of one orange;
I'm your other(calf) .

I'm so happy and so lucky
When I see your(pies)
I hope upon this winter(sleigh) ,
You'll like this small surprise.

My love is gentle, sometimes(fears) ;
My love has never(tried) .
Of one big thing you can be(shore) ;
Your love fills me with(died) .



The Story of St Valentine

St Valentine's Day is a special day for lovers. How did it start?

There are many stories about this. Put a (✓) by the story you want to believe.

1. Some people say Valentine was a priest in Rome many years ago. Emperor Claudius didn't want young men to marry. He wanted them to be soldiers. Young couples went secretly to Valentine and he married them. Claudius was angry and put Valentine in prison. He killed him on February the 14th.



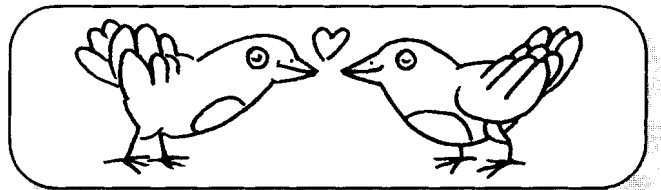
I'm sure this is the true story because

2. Other people say Valentine was a Christian martyr. While he was in prison he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. When it was time for him to die, he wrote a message on the prison wall saying, "From your Valentine."



I'm sure this is the true story because

3. And other people say it's the time that birds choose their mates, and it simply happens to be the same day as the day celebrating a Christian saint.



I'm sure this is the true story because

You can make a Valentine's Day card for a friend or for someone you love a lot.



Dear

I'm happy that you are my friend because

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My favorite thing about you is

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I always wanted to tell you that

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What I'll always remember about you is

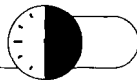
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I never thanked you for

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With love from your friend,

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The Chinese Calendar

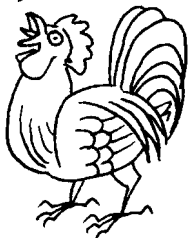
In the Chinese calendar each year has the name of an animal.
There are twelve animals in the Chinese calendar.

Write the names under the pictures.

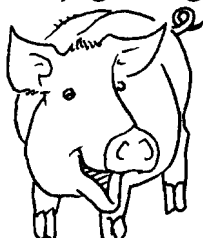
rooster, sheep, snake, horse, pig, dragon, dog, ox, tiger, rat, monkey, rabbit



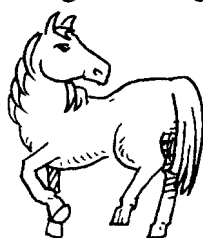
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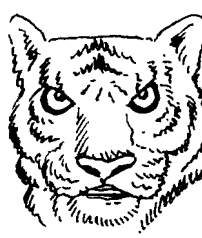
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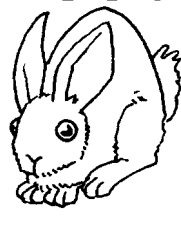
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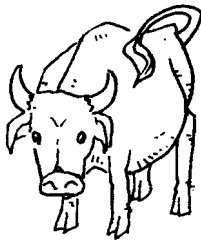
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j. _____



k. _____



l. _____

Write the names of the animals in the grids. Then, write the letters in the shaded squares to find the answers to the questions.

On Chinese New Year people give children little red envelopes. What's in the envelopes?

And what does the message on the envelope say?



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Answer:

Which animal on this page is not in the Chinese calendar?

Answer:

Do you agree with this description of their personality?

Do you agree with this description of their personality?

Name of person:

Date of birth:

Animal:

Personality:

Do you agree with this description of their personality?

Do you agree with this description of their personality?

Name of person:

Date of birth:





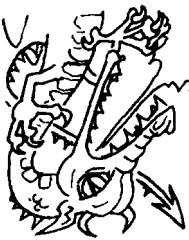







Animal:

Personality:

Choose two people that you know and write the information about them using the Chinese calendar.

These are the characteristics of the signs:

pig: strong and honest; **dog:** brave and loving; **rooster:** organized and faithful; **monkey:** cheeky and clever; **sheep:** artistic and kind; **horse:** ambitious and careful; **snake:** funny and selfish; **dragon:** generous and moody; **rabbit:** peaceful and shy; **tiger:** confident and bossy; **ox:** patient and shy; **rat:** happy and sociable

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Who Are You?





The Story of Susan B. Anthony

Read the story and fill in the gaps with *can/can't* or *could/couldn't*.

Susan B. Anthony was born on February the 15, 1820. She (a) *could* read when she was three years old.

Most people (b) *can't* read until they learn how to do it at school.

When she got older she became a teacher because she thought she (c) help people.

In America at that time white people (d) keep black people as slaves.

The slaves (e) earn any money and they (f) own land. Sometimes they ran away, but the punishments were awful if their bosses caught them.

Susan B. Anthony went to a meeting to talk about this. She stood up to speak, but the men at the meeting said: "Sit down; women (g) speak at our meetings.

They (h) only listen. Women are not important."

She (i) stay silent any more. She said: "Women (j) do much more if you allowed us to speak. Women (k) teach men a lot of things."

After the Civil War in America, slaves were free and they (l) own land and build a house, earn money and do ordinary jobs. And, of course, at last they (m) vote.

On Election Day Susan B. Anthony went with fifteen other women and tried to vote.

Men arrested her, and the judge said: "You must pay \$100 because we (n) allow people to break the law."

Susan B. Anthony refused to pay, and she refused to stay silent. She often made speeches, and angry people threw rotten eggs and tomatoes at her, but they (o) stop her.

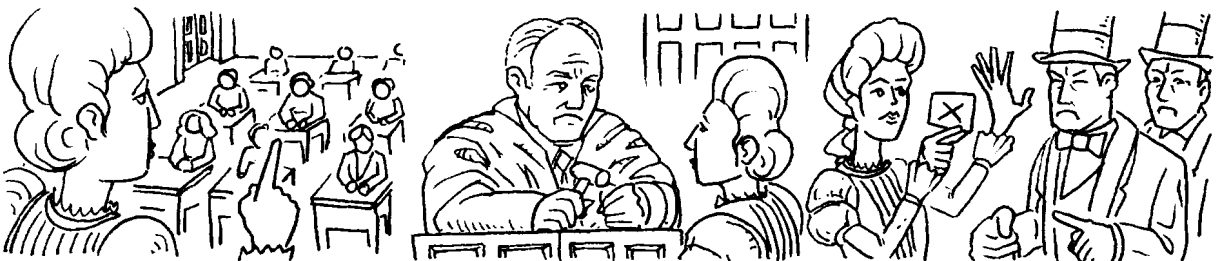
She joined with other women who wanted women's rights to improve. She did what she (p) for forty years to help women.

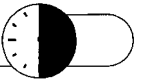
When she died in 1906, women (q) vote in four of the American states.

In 1920 the United States Constitution gave all women the same rights and everyone (r) vote.

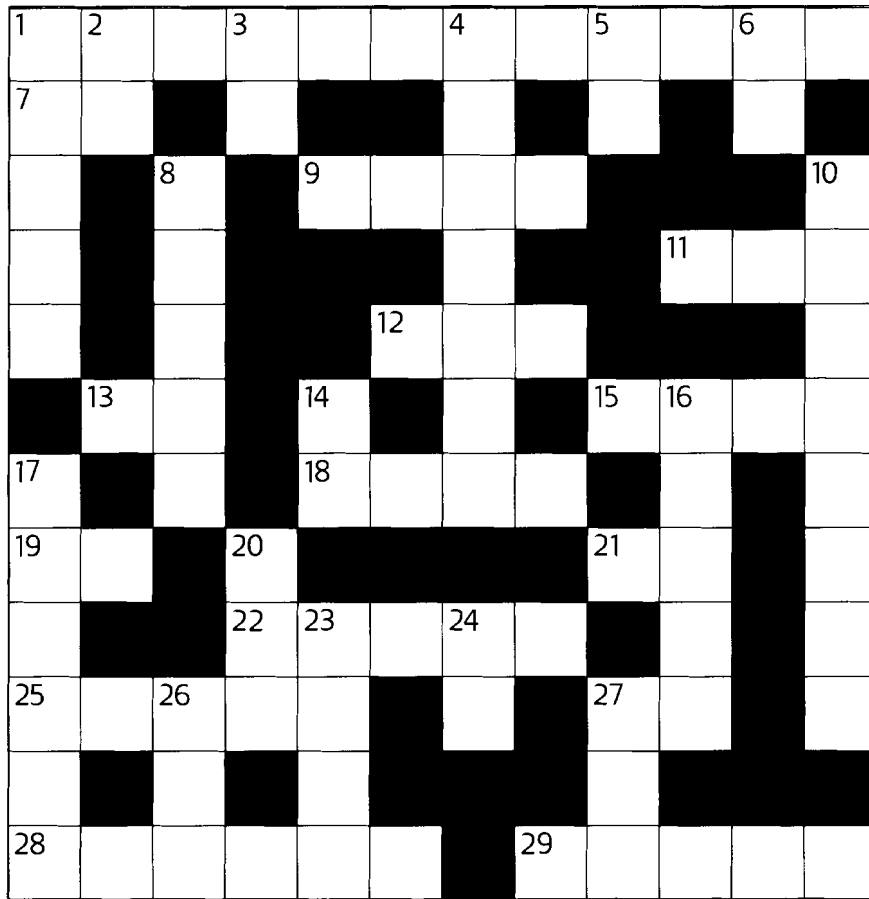
Today girls in the USA (s) have the same education as boys.

They (t) choose any career. Men (u) also choose more careers. This is all because of the courage of an amazing lady who taught us a lot about human rights.





The Susan B. Anthony Crossword

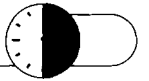


CLUES ACROSS

- 1 In 1920 the United States – gave all women the right to vote (12)
- 7 She died _ 1906 (2)
- 9 She could _ when she was three years old (4)
- 11 (see 1 Down) (3)
- 12 _ judge told her to pay \$100 (3)
- 13 Most people can't read until they learn how to do _ at school (2)
- 15 After 1920 everyone could _ (4)
- 18 Slaves couldn't _ any money before they were free (4)
- 19 _ America at that time white people could keep black people as slaves (2)
- 21 Same as 13 Across (2)
- 22 The punishments were _ if their bosses caught them (5)
- 25 When the slaves were free, they could build a _ (5)
- 27 She was _ amazing lady (2)
- 28 _ couldn't own land (6)
- 29 All of the slaves were – (5)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 (and 11 Across) After this the slaves were free (5,3)
- 2 She was born _ February 15th (2)
- 3 She tried to vote, _ men arrested her (2)
- 4 She became a _ (7)
- 5 She wanted _ help people (2)
- 6 And, _ course, at last they could vote (2)
- 8 She tried to help women for _ years (5)
- 10 They _ her when she tried to vote (8)
- 14 The women just wanted to _ the same as men (2)
- 16 She _ made speeches (5)
- 17 The women just wanted to have the same _ as men (6)
- 20 She _ born in 1820 (3)
- 23 Before the Civil War the slaves _ not free (4)
- 24 She taught _ a lot about human rights (2)
- 26 Today girls in the _ can have the same education as boys (3)
- 27 After 1920 _ women had the right to vote (3)

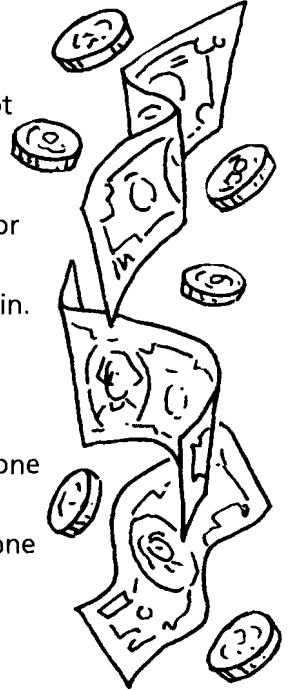
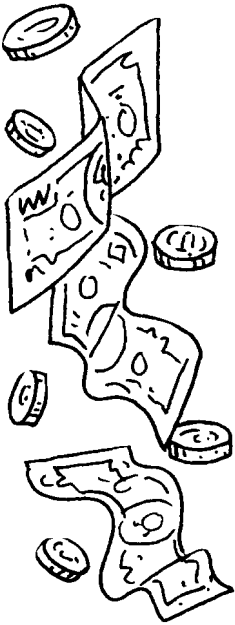


Washington and Lincoln

Presidents' Day is also called Washington's Birthday. Americans celebrate the births of George Washington (born February 22, 1732) and Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809).

There are pictures of Washington and Lincoln on coins and on bills (paper money) in America. Where can you see their pictures?

Read the text and write the names of the people next to the amounts of money on the left.



- Benjamin Franklin appears on the biggest bill.
- Roosevelt is on a coin.
- Thomas Jefferson is on a smaller coin than Roosevelt, but is not on the smallest coin.
- There are ten of Roosevelt's coins in one dollar.
- You can change 100 bills with Washington's picture on them for one with Franklin's face on it.
- Washington also appears on a coin, but not on the smallest coin.
- The president on the 5-cent coin is also on the two-dollar bill.
- Ulysses S. Grant is on the bill that is half the value of the most expensive bill.
- You can change five bills with Washington's face on them for one with Lincoln's face on it.
- You can exchange two bills with Hamilton's face on them for one with Jackson's face on it.
- Lincoln is on a bill and a coin.

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5 cents coin

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10 cents coin

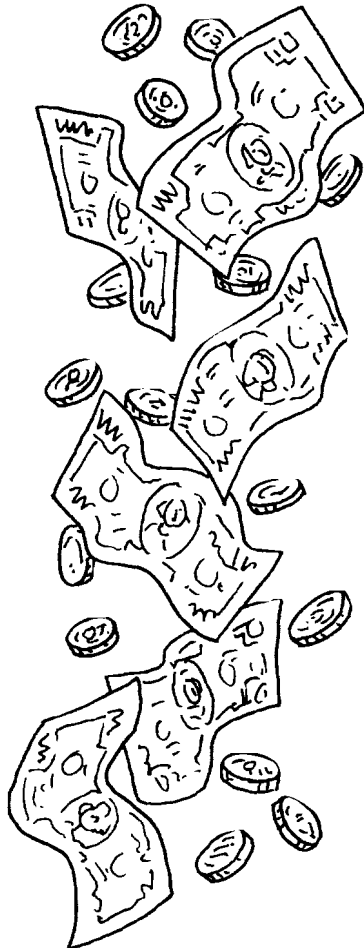
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25 cents coin

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\$2 bill

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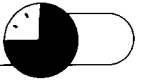
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\$50 bill

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\$100 bill

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Famous Presidents

Here are five famous presidents. Read the clues and complete the grid with ticks and crosses.
A check is for 'yes' and a cross is for 'no'.

Find out when each president was in power, who they married and what they are famous for.



| | Man on the moon | Peanut farmer | Film star | Assassinated | Rhodes scholar* | Jackie | Hillary | Nancy | Rosalynn | Thelma (or Pat) | 1993 – 2000 | 1981 – 1989 | 1977 – 1981 | 1961 – 1963 | 1969 – 1974 |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Clinton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kennedy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nixon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carter | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reagan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* A Rhodes Scholar is someone who has won a scholarship to Oxford University in England.

CLUES

- 1 President Clinton wasn't a film star or a peanut farmer. His wife's name was Hillary. He was president in the 21st century.
- 2 President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. His wife's name was Jackie.
- 3 Nixon was president when the first man walked on the moon in 1969. His wife's name wasn't Nancy.
- 4 President Carter wasn't a film star or a Rhodes scholar. His wife's name was Rosalynn. He wasn't president in 1989.
- 5 President Reagan wasn't a peanut farmer or a Rhodes scholar. His wife's name wasn't Thelma. He became president in 1981.



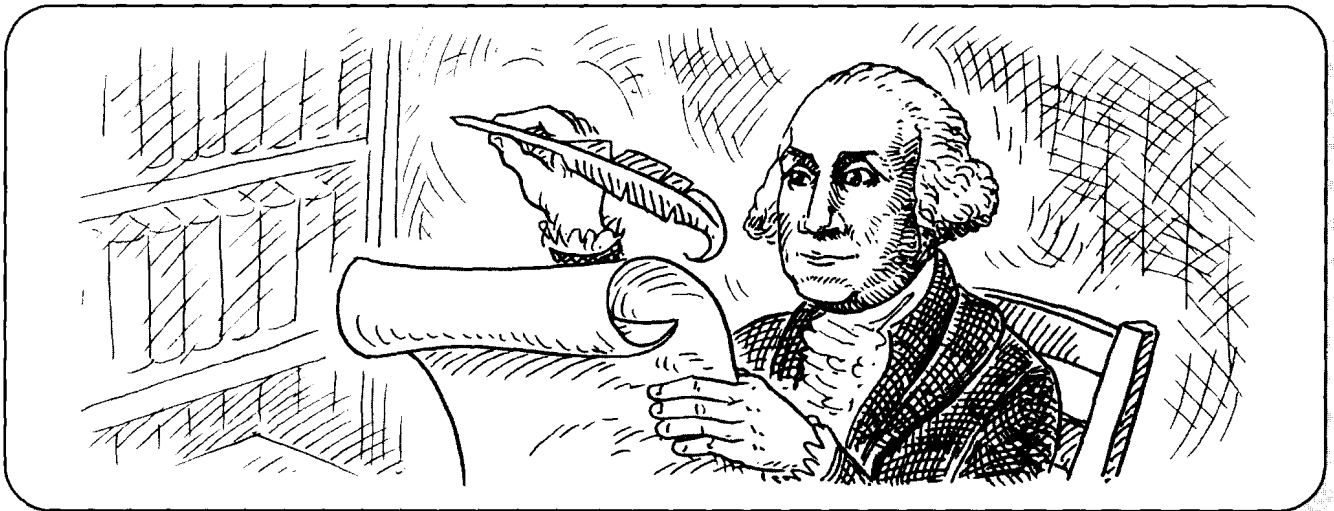
Famous Presidents

Now write about each president in order.

1. Clinton was president from 19__ to ____ . His wife's name was _____ .
He was _____ .
2. Kennedy _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A presidential term

George Washington was America's first president and he helped to write the Constitution. In the Constitution it says how long a 'presidential term' is.



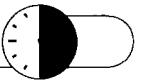
How long can a President stay in the White House before everyone votes again?

- Add:
1. the number of letters in the word MISSISSIPPI = _____
 2. the number of stripes on the US flag = _____ + _____
 3. the number of letters in the fourth month of the year = _____
 4. the number of cents in 'a quarter' = _____
- total = _____

Now take away:

5. the number of stars in the US flag = _____ - _____
- Answer = _____ years

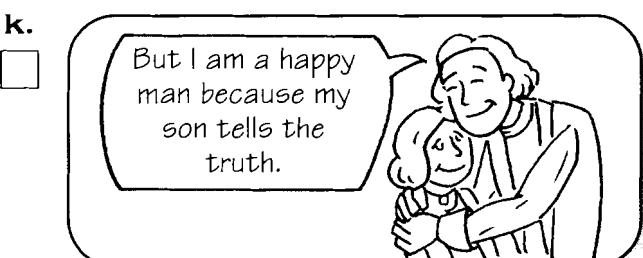
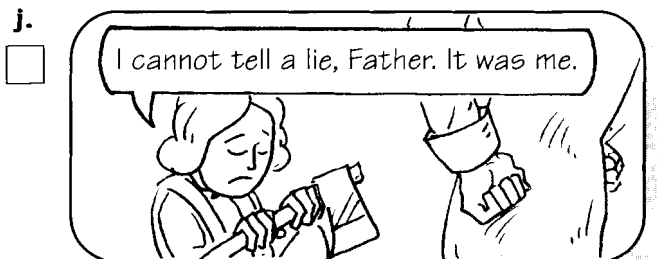
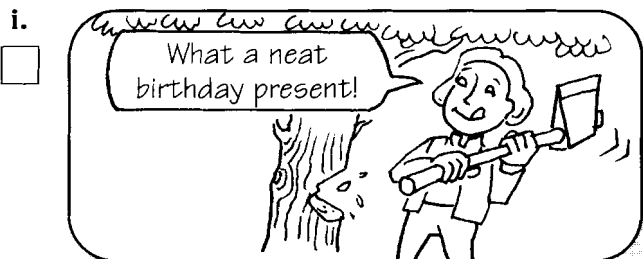
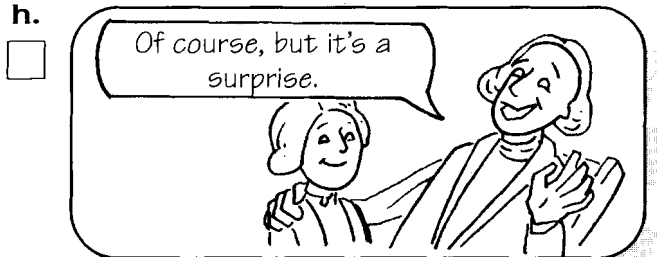
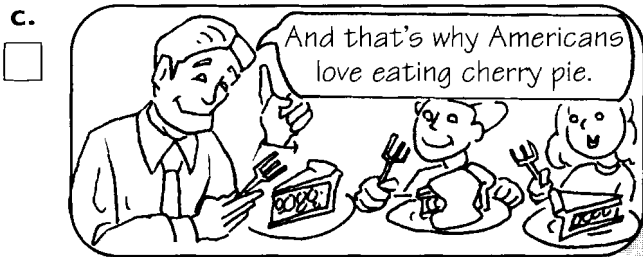
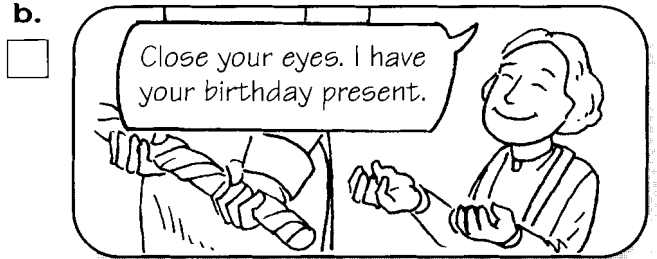
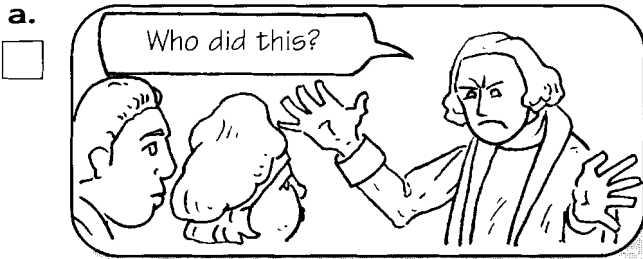
And remember: people can elect a president for a second term, but not a third term.

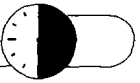


George Washington

This is a famous story about George Washington.

Can you put all the pictures into the correct order?





The Big Parade

On St Patrick's Day there is a big parade in New York. There are bands and people in costume. There are lots of other nationalities in New York. Can you find them all in the word search?

The words go across (→), down (↓) and backward and forward.

The countries that people of different nationalities come from are listed here to help you.

ENGLAND

GERMANY

SWEDEN

IRELAND

SPAIN

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| D | H | I | R | I | S | H | R |
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| T | I | H | R | A | N | I | E |
| C | N | H | E | B | D | D | G |
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| U | P | N | K | C | A | W | A |
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INDIA

CUBA

WALES

NORWAY

GREECE

HOLLAND

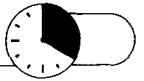
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SWITZERLAND

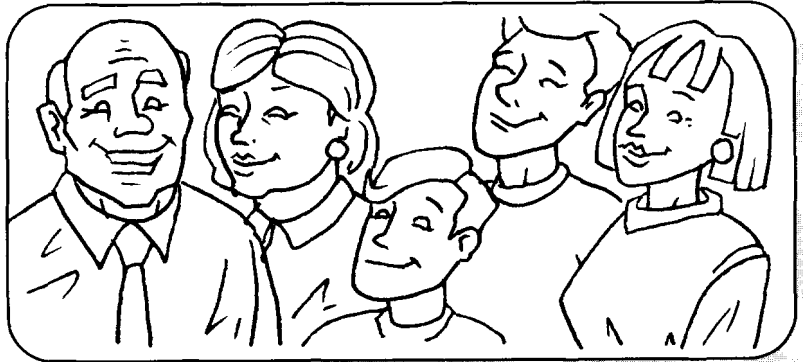
Little Ronan Murphy is marching in costume in the St Patrick's Day parade. His character is a tiny little man who appears in Irish children's stories. What is the Irish name for the little man? Use the left-over letters in the word search to find the answer.

Answer



The Murphy Family

St Patrick's Day is a special day in America because there are a lot of people who originally came from Ireland there. Choose the correct endings for each of these statements about St Patrick's Day. Then, choose the same number in the **DESTINATION COLUMN** to find out how the members of the Murphy family are going to spend their favorite day of the year.



| | | DESTINATION COLUMN | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <p>1. St Patrick's Day is a</p> | <p>21 winter holiday 22 spring holiday 24 a summer holiday</p> | <p>1. Tommy Murphy</p> | <p>21 goes to the cathedral 22 goes to the parade 24 goes to an Irish bar</p> |
| <p>2. On St Patrick's Day people wear</p> | <p>25 white clothes 26 green clothes 27 no clothes</p> | <p>2. Anne Murphy</p> | <p>25 goes to the parade 26 goes to the cathedral 27 goes to her daughter's house</p> |
| <p>3. The most famous Irish dance is called</p> | <p>30 a tango 32 a jig 33 a waltz</p> | <p>3. Maeve Murphy</p> | <p>30 goes to a party 32 goes to the park 33 goes to Macy's</p> |
| <p>4. People eat Irish stew. This is made from</p> | <p>35 lamb, onions and potatoes 36 fish, tomatoes and potatoes 40 sausages, carrots and potatoes</p> | <p>4. Liam Murphy</p> | <p>35 goes to an Irish bar 36 goes to the parade 40 goes to the cathedral</p> |
| <p>5. In the parades they make music with</p> | <p>42 guitars 45 bagpipes 50 violins</p> | <p>5. Christie Murphy</p> | <p>42 goes to his son's house 45 goes to the cathedral 50 goes to an Irish club</p> |

If you can divide your answer from the **DESTINATION** column by 11, write **USUALLY** after the person's name.

If you can divide your answer from the **DESTINATION** column by 10, write **NEVER** after the person's name.

If you can divide your answer from the **DESTINATION** column by 7, write **SOMETIMES** after the person's name.

If you can divide your answer from the **DESTINATION** column by 8, write **OFTEN** after the person's name.

If you can divide your answer from the **DESTINATION** column by 13, write **ALWAYS** after the person's name.

Tommy Murphy

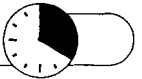
Maeve Murphy

Christie Murphy

Anne Murphy

Liam Murphy

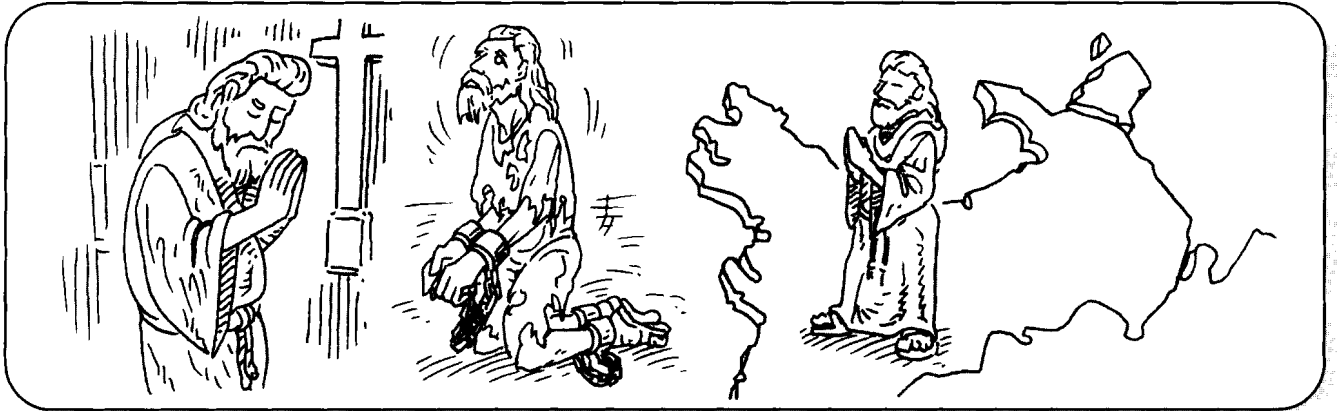
Who is the most religious member of the Murphy family?



Immigrants

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.

Read the following story about St Patrick and choose the correct form of the verb (active or passive). Take the letters following the correct choices and put them at the bottom of each paragraph. Solve the anagrams and they will tell you where most of today's immigrants come from, and which state of the United States has received the highest number of immigrants in recent years.



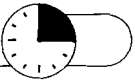
St Patrick was born in Wales. When he was a young man he [took (S) / was taken (O)] prisoner during a war and [was taken (E) / took (R)] to France where he [sold (H) / was sold (M)] as a slave. He [was managed (W) / managed (X)] to escape and he [was become (L) / became (I)] a holy man. He [spent (C) / was spent (N)] all his days praying.

The country they come from: =



One night Patrick had a dream. He [was told (F) / told (Y)] in the dream to go to Ireland to teach Irish people about God. The rest of his life [spent (D) / was spent (R)] in Ireland where he [was built (B) / built (A)] churches. It [is said (I) / said (P)] that he worked lots of miracles. The Irish say that he got rid of all the snakes in Ireland, and this is why there are no snakes in Ireland today. He prayed for the snakes [to take away (S) / to be taken away (A)] one by one, and they all rushed out of their hiding places and jumped into the sea. But there was one very big old snake that [left behind (E) / was left behind (I)]. St Patrick [made (L) / was made (M)] a big wooden box. When the snake [showed (J) / was shown (C)] the box, it said: "It's too small for me." "No," said St Patrick. "It's perfect for you. Try it and see." It crawled into the box and curled up into a ball. Immediately Patrick [was closed (G) / closed (N)] the box and threw it into the sea. Now, not a single snake [can find (H) / can be found (O)] in Ireland.

The state with the most immigrants: =



Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Day, children take part in Easter egg hunts.

Help the children find the eggs by completing the sentences below.



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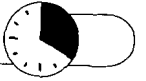
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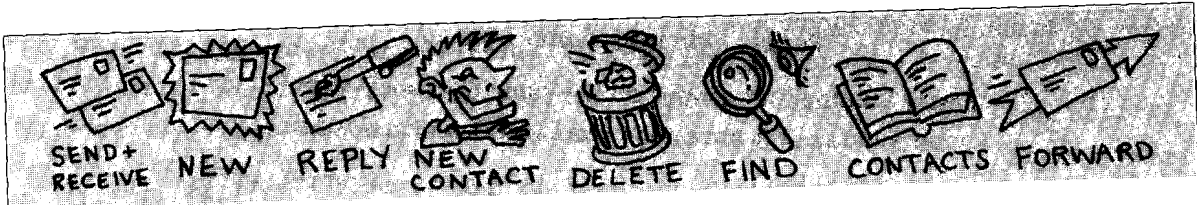
behind

- 1) Look _____ the bed.
- 2) Look _____ the bookcase.
- 3) Look _____ the wastepaper basket.
- 4) Look _____ the photo frame.
- 5) Look _____ the shoe.
- 6) Look _____ the bear.



Easter E-mail

Nancy has sent an e-mail about her Easter plans to her friend. She has left out some capital letters. The numbers show you how many capital letters she has left out on each line. Correct her e-mail.



1 Dear yolanda
 2 I'm writing this on easter sunday. We went to church this morning and now I am very
 0 excited because the whole family is coming here this afternoon for a special meal. I
 2 don't know what Mom is cooking - either lamb or turkey. Even uncle bob is coming,
 1 and he lives in Newark, a city in new Jersey. My cousins are coming, too. I expect
 0 they'll bring me a chocolate egg. I've bought some delicious chocolate eggs for them.
 0 They have never seen our new house, so I can't wait to show them my room and all my
 0 games.
 1 I think they'll like playing the game you gave me for my birthday. I know aunt Alice
 0 likes to play, because the last time she visited, we played and she won! When we were
 0 younger, we used to have an Easter egg hunt in the garden but we're too old for that
 1 now. They will be here until thursday so you must come over and meet them.
 0 I hope you will come.
 0 Well, I have to go. I hope you can come over.

Your friend,

1 nancy

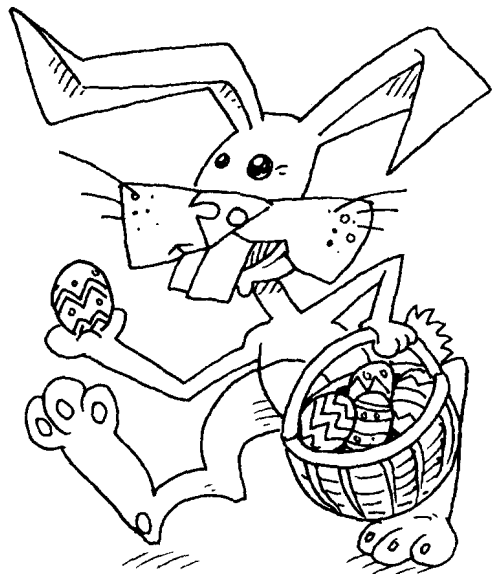
1 P.S. I need to talk to you about our english homework. I don't understand the book
 1 we're reading. The girl in the book, rebecca, is always talking to herself.

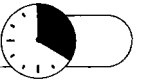
Write the capital letters you have added below.

Now unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks in the poem below.

A Poem for A Friend

I still write letters to Santa Claus,
 Although my friends all think that's funny,
 So I'll never ever tell them that
 I wrote this for the ----- !





Easter Traditions

There are many things that are traditional at Easter-time in the United States.

Decide which one of each pair of sentences about Easter traditions is true.

People hide Easter eggs. (1)

People hide from Easter eggs. (2)

Easter Sunday isn't always on the same date each year. (3)

Easter Sunday isn't always on the same day of the week. (4)

Fried eggs are probably the most popular dish for Easter dinner. (5)

Ham is probably the most popular dish for Easter dinner. (6)

Children are often given baskets full of candy at Easter. (7)

Children are often given basketballs full of candy at Easter. (8)

Years ago, girls wore Easter bonnets to celebrate Easter. (9)

Years ago, girls wore Christmas bonnets to celebrate Easter. (10)

Rabbits and eggs are symbols of Easter because they represent life and rebirth. (11)

Rabbits are symbols of Easter because rabbits come out of eggs when they are born. (12)

The Friday before Easter is called Good Friday. (13)

The Friday before Easter is called Wonderful Friday. (14)

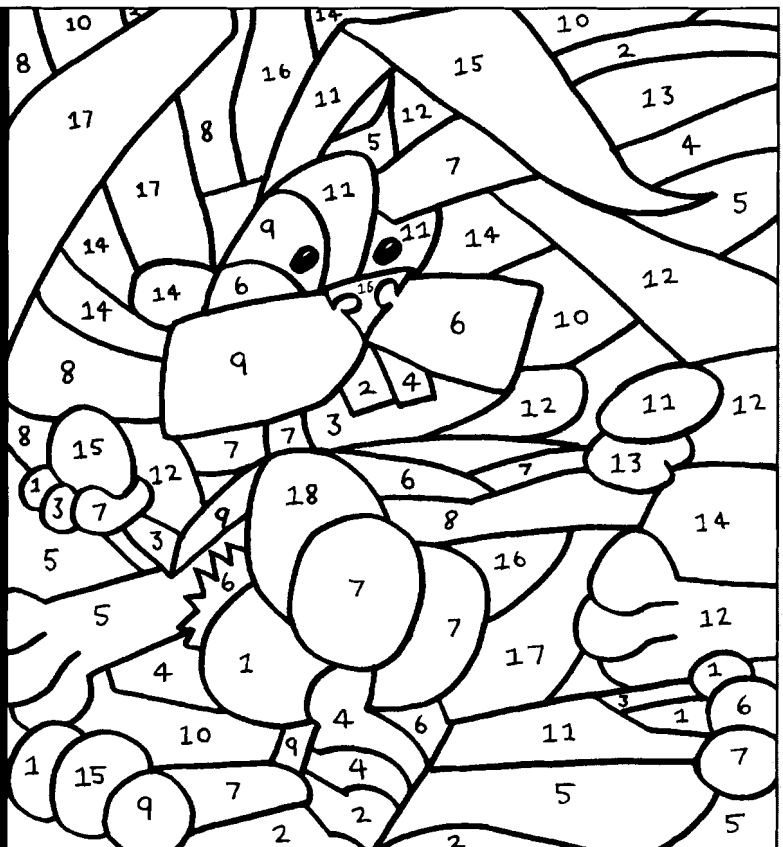
Jellybeans are a popular Easter candy. (15)

Jellybeans are a popular Easter vegetable. (16)

On Easter Monday there is an egg-throwing competition outside the White House in Washington D.C. (17)

On Easter Monday there is an egg-rolling competition outside the White House in Washington D.C. (18)

In the picture, color the areas that contain the number next to the correct sentence in each pair. You will find an Easter animal.





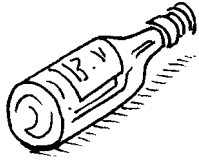
Recycling

Think before you throw your trash away!

We can use some things again and again. This is called recycling.

Write the correct names of the things in the pictures. What are they made of? Put the things in the Recycling Boxes. Things made from glass go into the GLASS box, things made of plastic go into the PLASTIC box. Fruit and vegetables go into the COMPOST box, and compost feeds the soil.

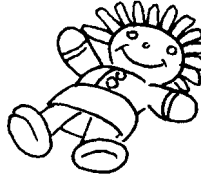
Write the correct words in the correct boxes.



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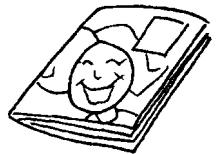
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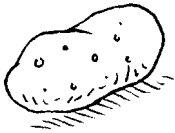
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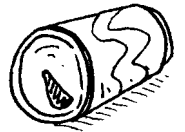
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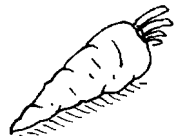
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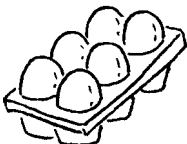
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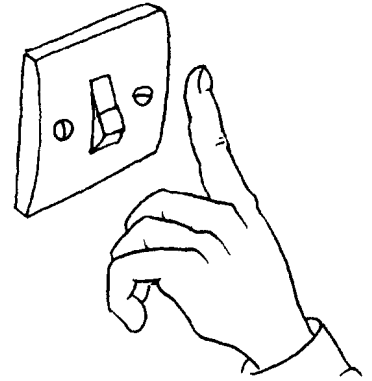


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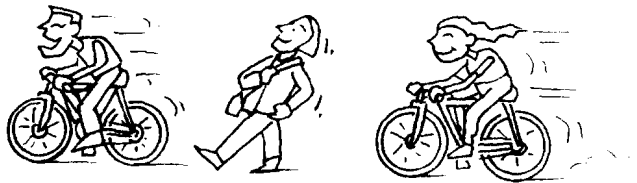
Are You a Friend of the Earth?

1. Do you turn off lights and heaters when no one is using them?
 - a. Yes, always.
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. I don't usually think about it.

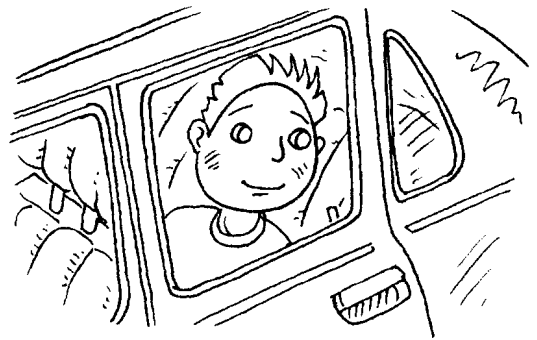


2. Do you turn on the heaters when it's a little bit cold?
 - a. Yes, quite often.
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. No, never.

3. How do you go to school?
 - a. I go by car.
 - b. I go on a bus or train.
 - c. I walk or go by bicycle.

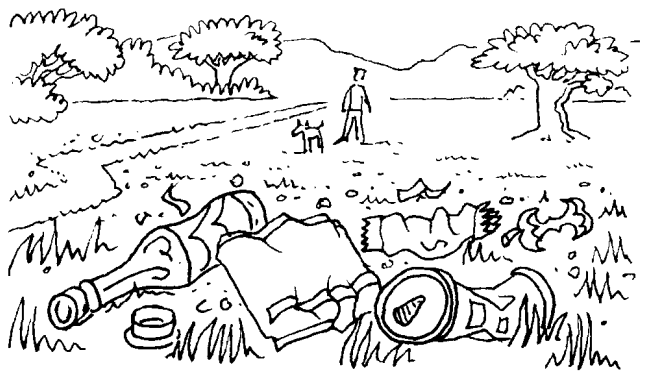


4. How often do you go by car when it's possible to walk?
 - a. Very often.
 - b. Occasionally.
 - c. Never.



5. How do you store food in the fridge?
 - a. In plastic boxes or bottles that I use again.
 - b. In paper or plastic bags that I throw away.

6. Do you ever throw garbage down the toilet?
 - a. Never. What a terrible thought!
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. Often.

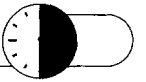


7. What do you do with trash from a picnic?
 - a. I take it home.
 - b. I put it in a trash can.
 - c. I leave it there.

8. How often do you use just one side of a piece of paper?
 - a. Never.
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. Often.

9. How often do you use recycled paper (made from old paper)?
 - a. Never.
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. Always.

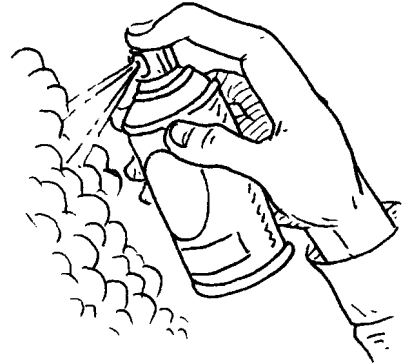




Are You a Friend of the Earth?

10. When you buy any kind of spray can, do you buy an aerosol can?

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes if I can't find any other kind.
- c. I never use aerosol cans.



11. Do you buy plastic cups, knives, forks?

- a. Yes. I hate washing up.
- b. Sometimes, when I go on a picnic.
- c. No, never.

12. When you go shopping, do you take your own bag with you?

- a. Yes, always.
- b. Sometimes.
- c. Never. All shops give you a free bag.

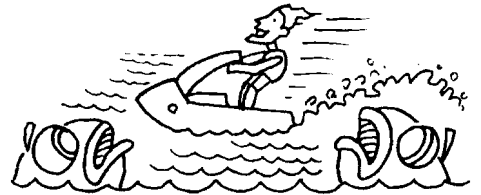


13. When you go to the beach, do you take home shells or plants?

- a. Never.
- b. Quite often.
- c. Sometimes.

14. Before you go waterskiing, scuba diving, sailing or jet skiing, do you check if it is safe for animals and fish in the area?

- a. I don't do any of these sports.
- b. Yes.
- c. No.



15. When you go to the countryside, mountains or forests, do you pick any flowers, berries or mushrooms?

- a. Sometimes.
- b. Often.
- c. Never.

16. When you go to the countryside, do you stay on the paths?

- a. Yes, always.
- b. Most of the time, if it's possible.
- c. No.



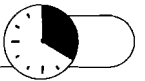
17. Do you write letters about environmental problems to politicians?

- a. Yes, often.
- b. Sometimes.
- c. Never.



18. Are you a member of an environmental group?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.



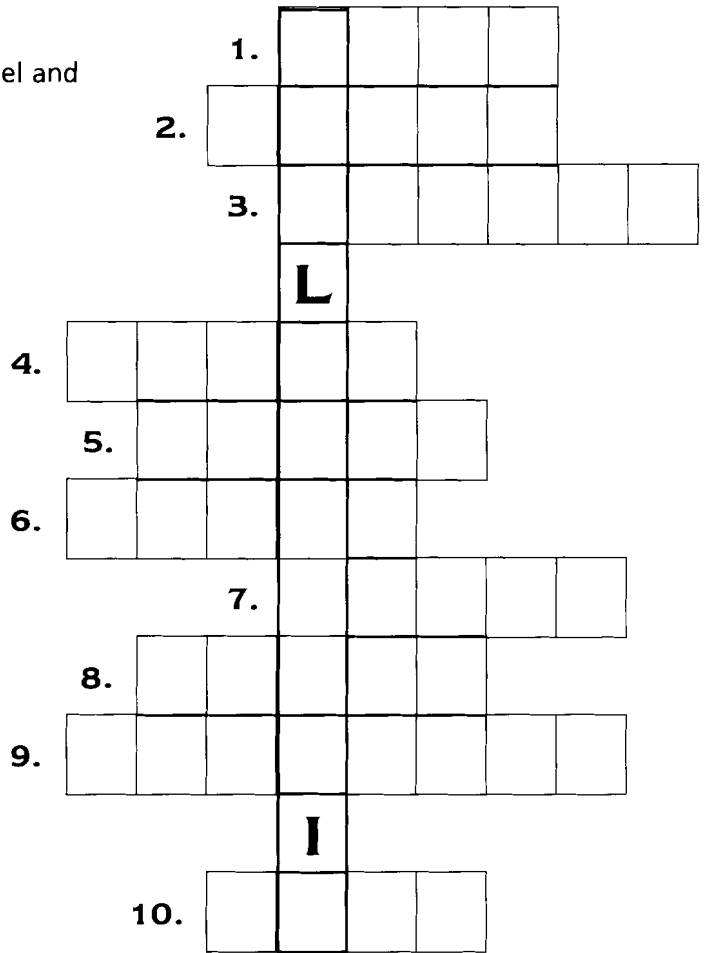
Tree Crossword

National Arbor Day encourages people to plant new trees and to look after old trees.

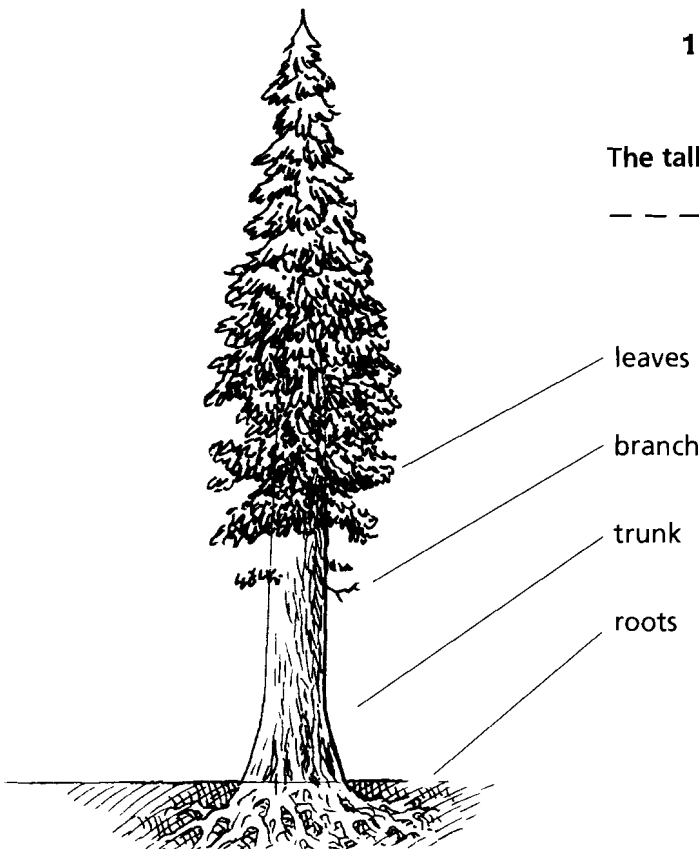
Complete the crossword to find the name of the tallest tree in the world.

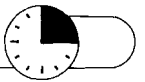
CLUES

1. We cut down trees and use the _____ for fuel and for building.
2. Trees grow from tiny _____.
3. Green _____ grow on most trees.
4. Some trees grow nuts or _____ which people pick and eat.
5. Fir trees do not have flowers, they have _____.
6. Small, very thin pieces of wood called _____ grow on the end of branches.
7. The thickest part of the tree is called the _____.
8. _____ grow under the ground.
9. _____ grow out from the tree trunk.
10. The outer layer of wood on the trunk is called _____.



The tallest tree is the _____ of California.





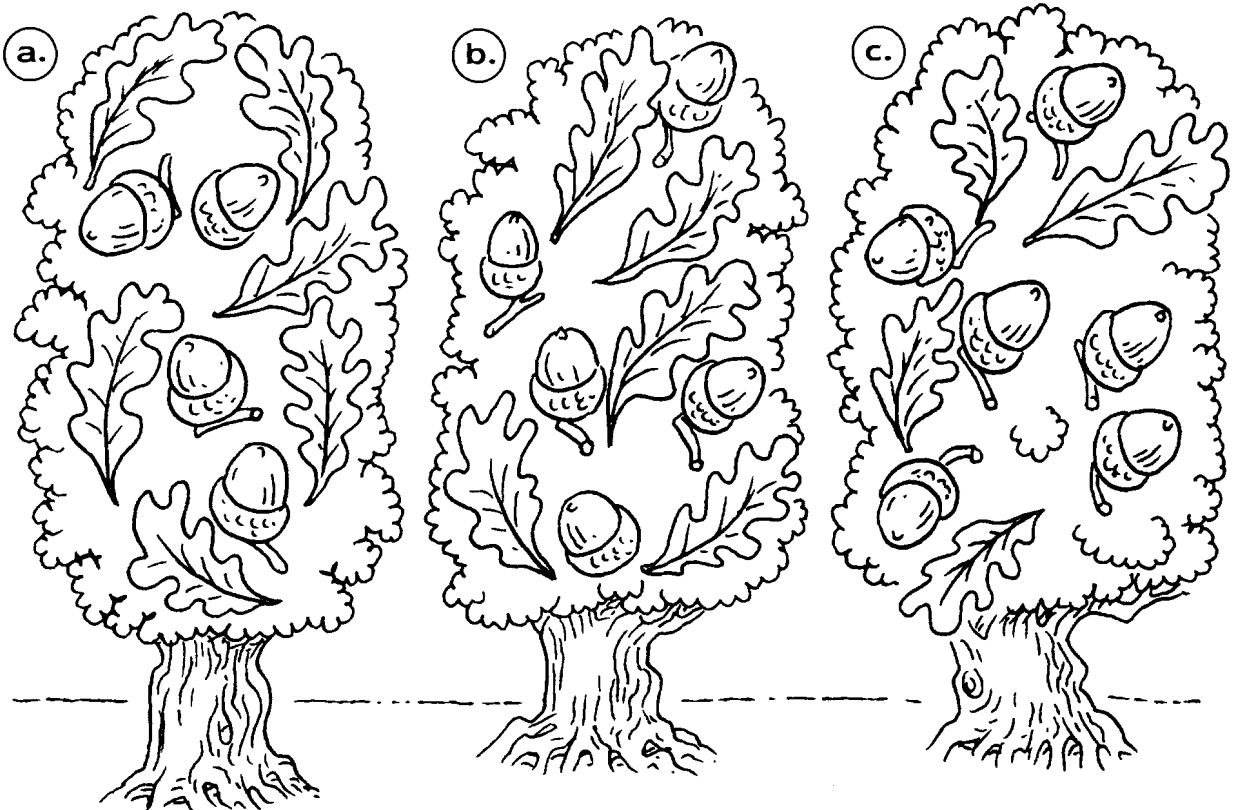
Tree Quiz

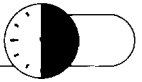
Choose the answer and tick the correct word.

1. Chlorophyll makes leaves...
2. The tallest trees grow to more than...
3. Paper is made from pulped...
4. You can tell the age of a tree by counting the rings in...
5. Deciduous trees lose their leaves every...
6. Trees that do not lose their leaves are called...
7. Acorns come from...
8. Coconuts come from...
9. The oldest trees live for more than...
10. Trees take water through their...

|  |  |
|---|---|
| green | yellow |
| 200 meters high | 100 meters high |
| wood | leaves |
| the trunk | the branches |
| spring | fall |
| evergreens | allgreens |
| oak trees | chestnut trees |
| cocoa trees | palm trees |
| a thousand years | a hundred years |
| leaves | roots |

Now count how many acorns and leaves you have. Then tick the tree that represents the answers.





The Question of Mexico

Cinco de Mayo is an important Mexican holiday. Since many Mexicans live in the United States, it is becoming more popular as a special day in America.

Wayne knows nothing about Mexico. He is talking to his friend, Carla. Carla lives in California, but her parents come from Mexico. Find all the correct question tags for Wayne's questions.

The letters next to the correct tags spell the name of Mexico's famous volcano.

Wayne: Cinco de Mayo is a new festival,

- wasn't it? A
- isn't it? P

Carla: No, it started in 1862.

Wayne: Oh, yes, I remember. The Mexicans were fighting against the Spanish,

- weren't they? O
- aren't they? F

Carla: No, they were fighting against the French.

Wayne: Oh, yes. It's all coming back to me now...and the French won the battle,

- didn't they? P
- haven't they? M

Carla: No, the Mexicans won! That's why it's a festival!

Wayne: Oh, stupid me! The French soldiers had already arrived in Mexico City,

- had they W
- hadn't they? O

Carla: No! They were on their way to Mexico City.

Wayne: Mexico City! There's no place on earth which is better,, It's so small and pretty.

- is there? C
- isn't there? A

Carla: You can't call it small! It's got the largest population in the world.

Wayne: You're joking! It can't be bigger than Tokyo,

- can't it? N
- can it? A

Carla: Of course I'm not joking. Its population is more than sixteen million.

Wayne: That's amazing! You eat a lot of spaghetti,

- don't you? T
- do they? E

Carla: You don't know anything about Mexican food, do you? We eat lots of hot chili peppers. We love tacos, tostadas, burritos, nachos, beans and guacamole.

Wayne: I love guacamole. It has apples in it,

- don't it? Y
- hasn't it? E

Carla: Apples?! Don't talk rubbish! You make guacamole with avocado pears!

Wayne: Apples... avocado pears... they both begin with A. But I know about tacos. They're kind of like pancakes filled with meat or beans,

- aren't they? P
- are they? E

Carla: I don't believe it! For once you are right.

Wayne: I'm often right! I've read lots of books about Mexico, especially history books. Those Eskimos were really amazing,

- weren't they? E
- aren't they? M

Carla: You've just said that to annoy me,

- didn't you? C
- haven't you? T

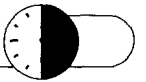
Wayne: What?

Carla: Eskimos...You mean Aztecs,, The Aztec civilization is famous throughout the whole world.

- didn't you? X
- don't you? L

Wayne: Of course I knew that. I was just testing to see if you were listening to me.





Preparing for Mother's Day

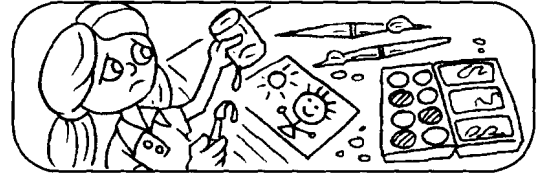
These seven teenagers are preparing presents for Mother's Day.

What are they doing? Fill in the gaps with words from columns a, b, c and d.

1. Leo is (a) for his mother.
He's got some (b) but he hasn't got
(c) (d)



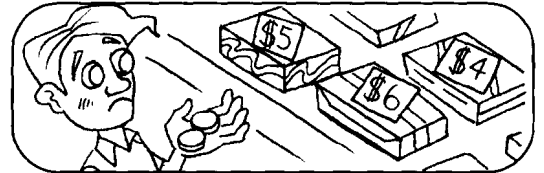
2. Marcia is (a) for her mother.
She's got some (b) but she hasn't got
(c) (d)



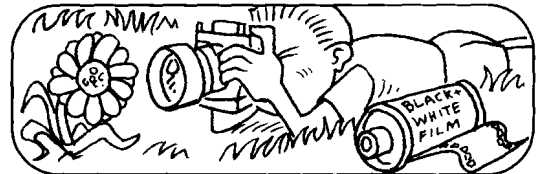
3. Ellie is (a) for her mother.
She's got some (b), but she hasn't got
(c) (d)



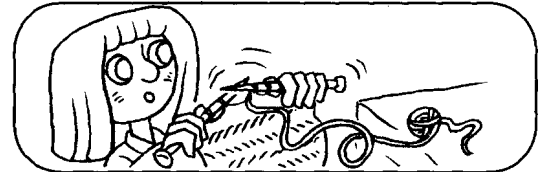
4. Ethan is (a) for his mother.
He's got some (b), but he hasn't got
(c) (d) to buy the big box.



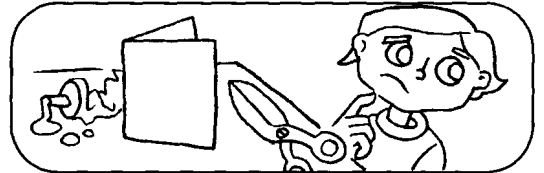
5. Jake is (a) for his mother.
He's got some (b), but he hasn't got
(c) (d)



6. Joleen is (a) for her mother.
She's got some (b), but she hasn't got
(c) (d)



7. Joel is (a) for his mother.
He's got a (b), but he hasn't got
(c) (d)

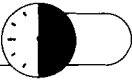


a
picking some flowers
buying some chocolate
knitting a sweater
painting a picture
taking some photos
making some cakes
making a card

b
coins
black and white film
white card
scissors
knitting needles
brushes
flour

c
enough
enough
any
any
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enough
any

d
money
ribbon
water
colored pens
color film
eggs
wool

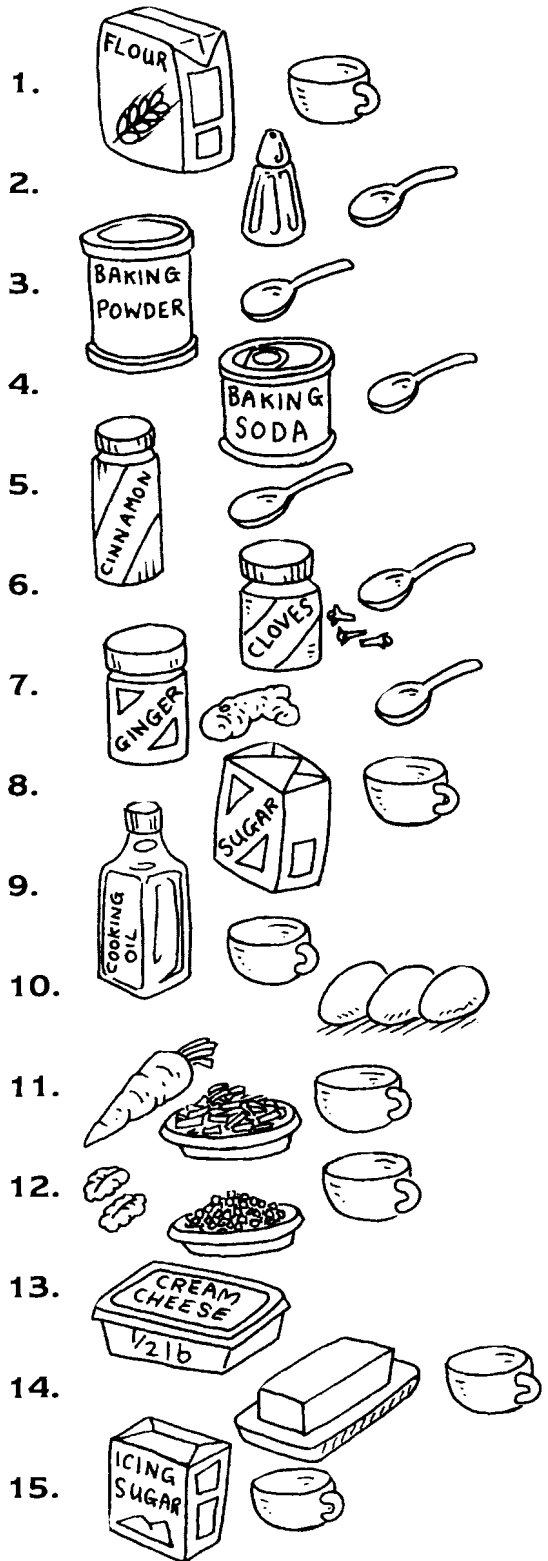


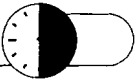
Carrot Cake

Look at the pictures and complete the 'You need' box with the ingredients and the correct quantities.

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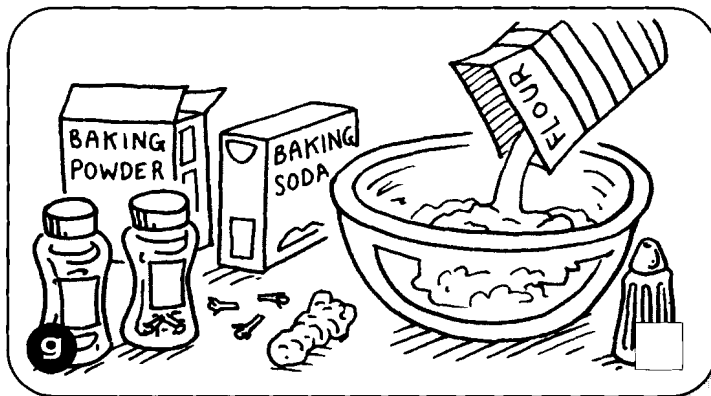
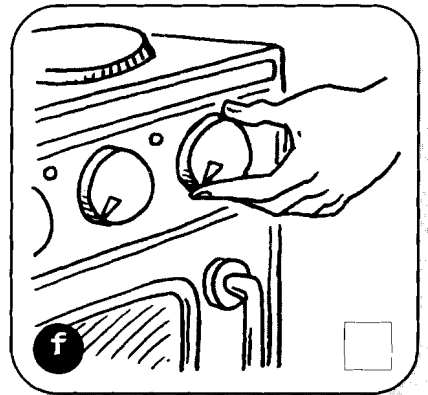
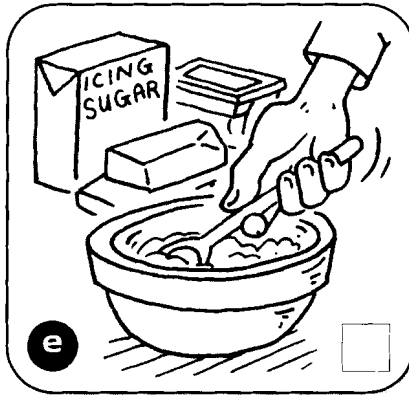
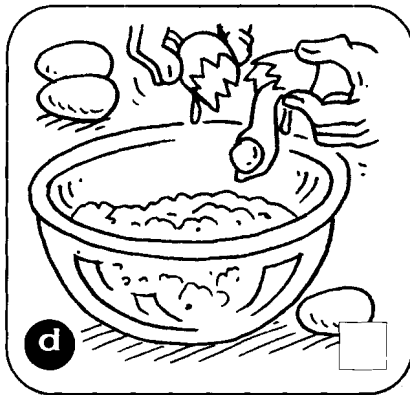
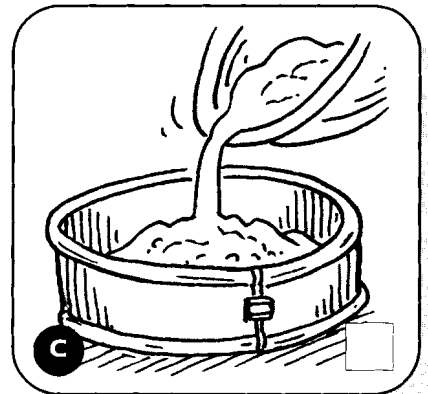
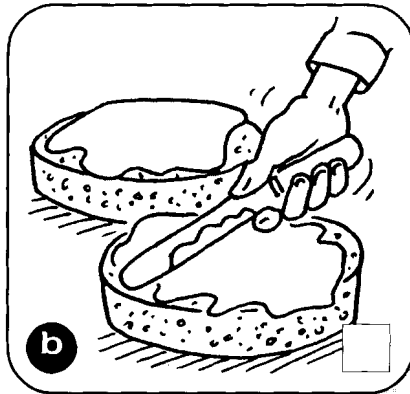
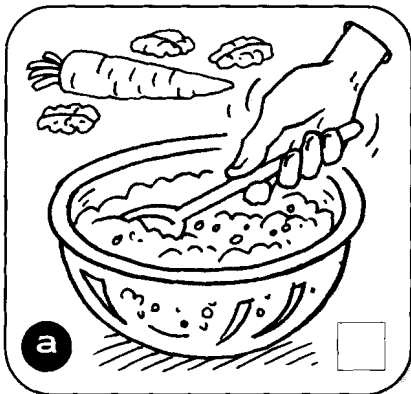
1. $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups of flour
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of _____
3. $1\frac{1}{3}$ _____ of baking powder
4. 1 _____ of baking soda
5. $1\frac{1}{3}$ teaspoons of _____
6. $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of _____
7. $\frac{1}{2}$ _____ of ginger
8. 1 cup of _____
9. 1 cup of _____
10. Three _____
11. 2 cups of grated _____
12. 1 _____ of chopped walnuts
13. 2 ounces of _____
14. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of _____
15. $1\frac{1}{3}$ _____ of icing sugar



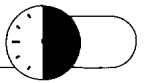


Carrot Cake

Now read the recipe and put the pictures in order. Write the numbers 1-7 next to the pictures.



1. Heat the oven (300(F/Gas 2/145(C).
2. Add the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and ginger to the sugar and cooking oil.
3. Add the three eggs separately and stir the mixture.
4. Fold in the carrots and walnuts.
5. Pour it into a cake tin and cook for one hour.
6. Mix the cream cheese, butter and icing sugar.
7. Put the icing on the top and in the middle of the cake.



Vietnam Time Line

Memorial Day is a national holiday in America. It is a day when Americans remember the soldiers who died in wars.

More than 58,000 died in Vietnam. Here is a time line of the Vietnam War.

Look at the Vietnam time line and add the dates and numbers. You can find them below.

Change them all to figures.

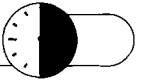
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| a) nineteen fifty-four | m) eight hundred thousand |
| b) ninety-five thousand | n) nineteen seventy-one |
| c) nineteen fifty-nine | o) eighteen |
| d) nineteen sixty-three | p) nineteen seventy-two |
| e) nineteen sixty-five | q) nineteen seventy-three |
| f) three thousand five hundred | r) nineteen seventy-five |
| g) two hundred thousand | s) nineteen seventy-six |
| h) nineteen sixty-eight | t) forty-two thousand |
| i) half a million | u) nineteen seventy-seven |
| j) nineteen sixty-nine | v) two hundred thousand |
| k) five hundred thousand | w) fifty-eight thousand, one hundred and seventy-five |
| l) nineteen sixty-nine | |





Vietnam Time Line

- (a) 1954 Vietnam wants independence from France after World War II. The French have already lost (b) soldiers in eight years. The United States offers military help.
- (c) The first two US soldiers are killed in Vietnam.
- (d) President Diem is killed, and America promises to help the people of South Vietnam fight the people of North Vietnam.
- (e) (f) fighting soldiers arrive in Vietnam, but President Johnson promises to send more. By the end of the year there are already (g) American soldiers in Vietnam.
- (h) There are more than (i) Americans serving as soldiers in Vietnam.
- (j) (k) South Vietnamese soldiers replace Americans, and the Americans start to leave.
- (l) People in America are very angry about the war. (m) people march through Washington to protest about it.
- (n) People can now vote at the age of (o) Before, people of this age were old enough to fight in Vietnam, but they were not old enough to vote.
- (p) President Nixon gives an order to stop the bombing of Hanoi, the Vietnamese capitol.
- (q) The two sides stop their bombs, and Vietnam starts to send back all the American prisoners.
- (r) The people of South Vietnam finally surrender.
- (s) (t) refugees escape from South Vietnam and arrive in Malaysia in small boats. They are called boat people. They find new homes in other countries. They and many others go to live in America. By (u) there are almost (v) Vietnamese people making new homes in America.
- Maya Yang Lin, a Yale University student, wins a national contest to design a Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is two large granite walls in the shape of a big V, inscribed with the names of all the (w) American soldiers who died in the war.



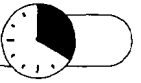
The Story of the Flag

How much do you know about the American flag?

Do this quiz with a friend. Take turns asking the questions. Start at number one.

When you know all the facts, you can write a story about the flag.

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| <p>one</p> <p>The flag is called the Boxes and Lines (go to 15) Stars and Stripes (go to 6)</p> | <p>two</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 14 and try again.</p> | <p>three</p> <p>Correct. Go to 20.</p> | <p>four</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 11 and try again.</p> |
| <p>five</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 16 and try again.</p> | <p>six</p> <p>Correct. How many stars are on the flag? Fifty (Go to 19) Forty-eight (Go to 13)</p> | <p>seven</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 9 and try again.</p> | <p>eight</p> <p>Correct. How many stripes are on the flag? Eleven (Go to 18) Thirteen (Go to 14)</p> |
| <p>nine</p> <p>Correct. Which new (star) state was added to the flag in 1960? Hawaii (Go to 16) Alaska (Go to 7)</p> | <p>ten</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 19 and try again.</p> | <p>eleven</p> <p>Correct. What's the national anthem called? "America the Beautiful" (Go to 4) "The Star-Spangled Banner" (Go to 17)</p> | <p>twelve</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 17 and try again.</p> |
| <p>thirteen</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 6 and try again.</p> | <p>fourteen</p> <p>Correct. The stripes represent The 13 years of the War of Independence (Go to 2) The 13 original colonies (Go to 11)</p> | <p>fifteen</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 1 and try again.</p> | <p>sixteen</p> <p>Correct. The red color of the flag represents danger (Go to 5) courage (Go to 3)</p> |
| <p>seventeen</p> <p>Correct. The white color of the flag represents purity (Go to 9) love (Go to 12)</p> | <p>eighteen</p> <p>Wrong. Go back to 8 and try again.</p> | <p>nineteen</p> <p>Correct. The blue color of the flag represents loyalty (Go to 8) royalty (Go to 10)</p> | <p>twenty</p> <p>Finish Well done! You know some awesome facts about the American flag!</p> |



The Pledge of Allegiance

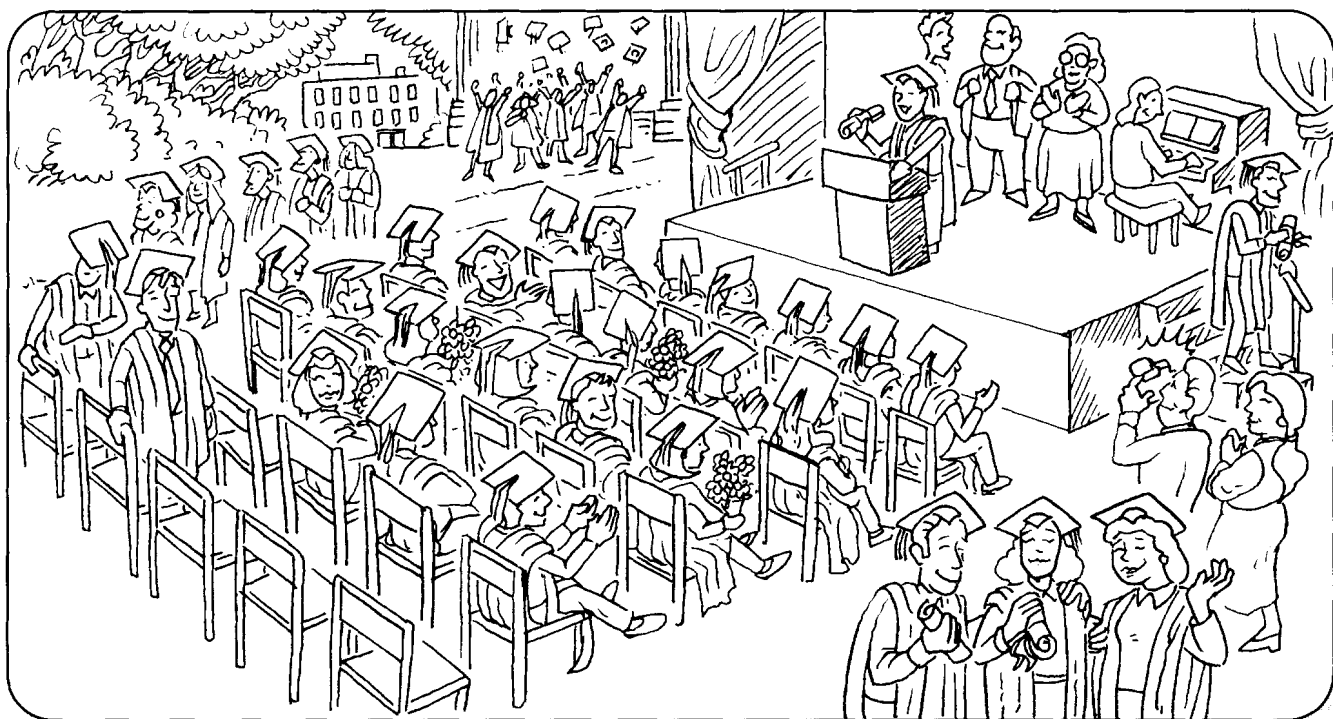
Americans honor and respect their flag. Here are some groups of facts about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. There is one incorrect fact in each group. Take the letter from each incorrect fact and find the name of one of your favorite TV shows.



1. *All Americans must show respect for the flag.*
 - (a) They mustn't let the flag touch the ground.
 - (b) They mustn't fly the flag at night.
 - (c) They must keep the flag clean.
 - (d) They mustn't use the flag as a tablecloth.
 - (e) They mustn't fly it in the rain.
 2. *They must fly the flag on these special days:*
 - (p) Memorial Day
 - (q) Flag Day
 - (r) Independence Day
 - (s) Labor Day
 - (t) Washington's Birthday
 3. *When people say the Pledge of Allegiance they must ...*
 - (h) put their right hand over their heart
 - (i) put their left hand over their heart
 - (j) salute the flag (if they are a soldier)
 4. *These are the words of the Pledge of Allegiance:*
 - (a) I pledge allegiance
 - (b) to the flag of the United States of America,
 - (c) and to the Republic for which it stands,
 - (d) one nation, under God, invisible,
 - (e) with liberty and justice for all.
 5. *Americans respect and obey the ...*
 - (d) Pledge of Allegiance
 - (e) the Constitution
 - (f) the alphabet
 6. *A lot of great and famous men wrote the Constitution, among them were ...*
 - (m) George Washington
 - (n) Charlie Chaplin
 - (o) Benjamin Franklin
 7. *These were a few of the original English colonies in America:*
 - (p) Massachusetts
 - (q) Connecticut
 - (r) California
 - (s) Maryland
 - (t) North Carolina
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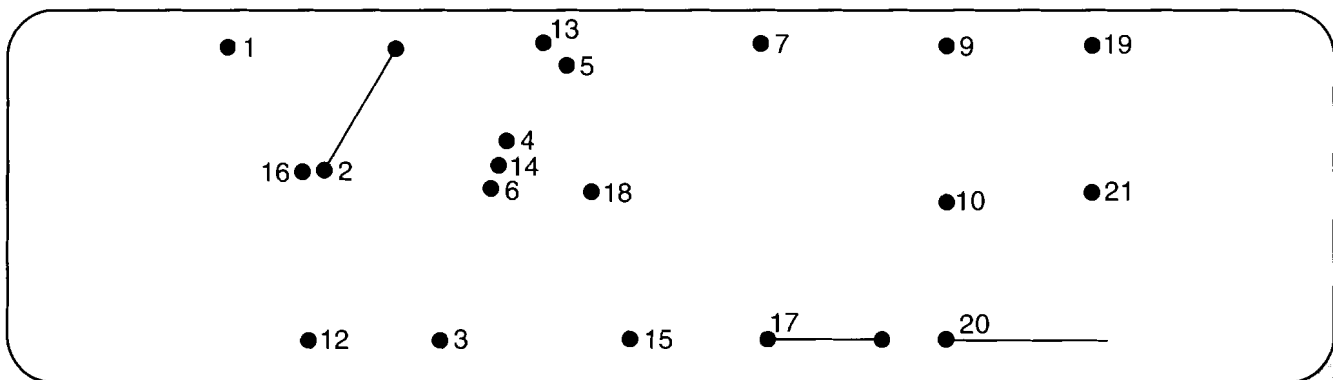
What Happens?



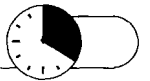
What do students do at graduation? Here are some customs.

Combine the correct phrases in column A and column B to make sentences about graduation. Join the dots and you will find the name of an American university.

- | A | | B | |
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| They make | 1 | 15 | in a procession |
| They take | 2 | 4 | bubbles |
| They blow | 3 | 21 | their caps into the air |
| They sing | 4 | 13 | songs |
| They walk | 13 | 2 | speeches |
| They throw | 10 | 17 | good-bye to their fellow students |
| They say | 7 | 18 | flowers |
| They invite | 9 | 9 | diplomas |
| They receive | 19 | 20 | their families |
| They carry | 6 | 12 | photos |



The university is called



Which College?

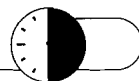
All the students are celebrating their graduation from high school. They are throwing their graduation caps into the air.

What are their best school subjects? Work out the anagrams in the caps and write them in the grid to find the name of a famous US university.



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| Joshua | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jodie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ryan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nancy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charlene | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The university is called



Valedictory Speeches

On Graduation Day from school or college the principal makes a speech; a guest (e.g. a famous parent) makes a speech and one of the students who is leaving makes a speech. It means a 'goodbye speech'. That student is usually the student who has achieved the highest grades. It is an honor to be chosen. That person is called the 'valedictorian'.

Here are some excerpts from real speeches by American high school students over the past few years. Complete each section with the missing sentences at the bottom of the page.



1. My fellow classmates!
 When we look back over the past few years we focus on peak experiences: vacations, final exams, sports championships. We forget about those long stretches before and after – home, school, growing up – but those slow parts are where we spend most of our time. It's fine to remember the view from the summit

2. My fellow classmates!
 Valedictory speeches don't have to be boring, so I want to talk about donuts. Choosing a donut is the same as making any of life's decisions. Eating and testing the donut is not so important.

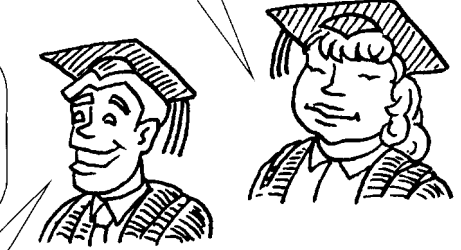


3. My fellow classmates!
 It doesn't seem long ago that I was a five-year-old playing games. When I was little, I couldn't wait to grow up. Now we are here and we are entering a serious game and there are goals everywhere.

4. Class of '93!
 When we entered John Stark Regional High we all wanted to be cool, to be part of the crowd...



5. Class of '95!
 We have learned how to make a difference, how to be a true friend to someone. Live a little, learn a lot and be the best person you can be because...



6. My fellow classmates!
 Don't stop here and end your life at eighteen. Don't make these days your glory days because...



7. Class of '96!
 This is the last time that we will ever be seated as one, ready to be strong and resolute in our quest. While high school has been a time to make friends and to make mistakes, we can never go back. After today...

e. ... I know that we can achieve anything.

c. The importance is not what comes out of the test, but what was learned from the experience.

d. ... that doesn't mean that the climb and the descent are less important. They add up to the stories of our lives.

b. ... you must follow your heart and your dreams to make a career path. However big or however small your plans are, make them your plans and do what you want to do.

a. ... now we are standing on our own two feet, even if we aren't quite sure how we reached this point. We no longer care about being cool. We have grown into ourselves.

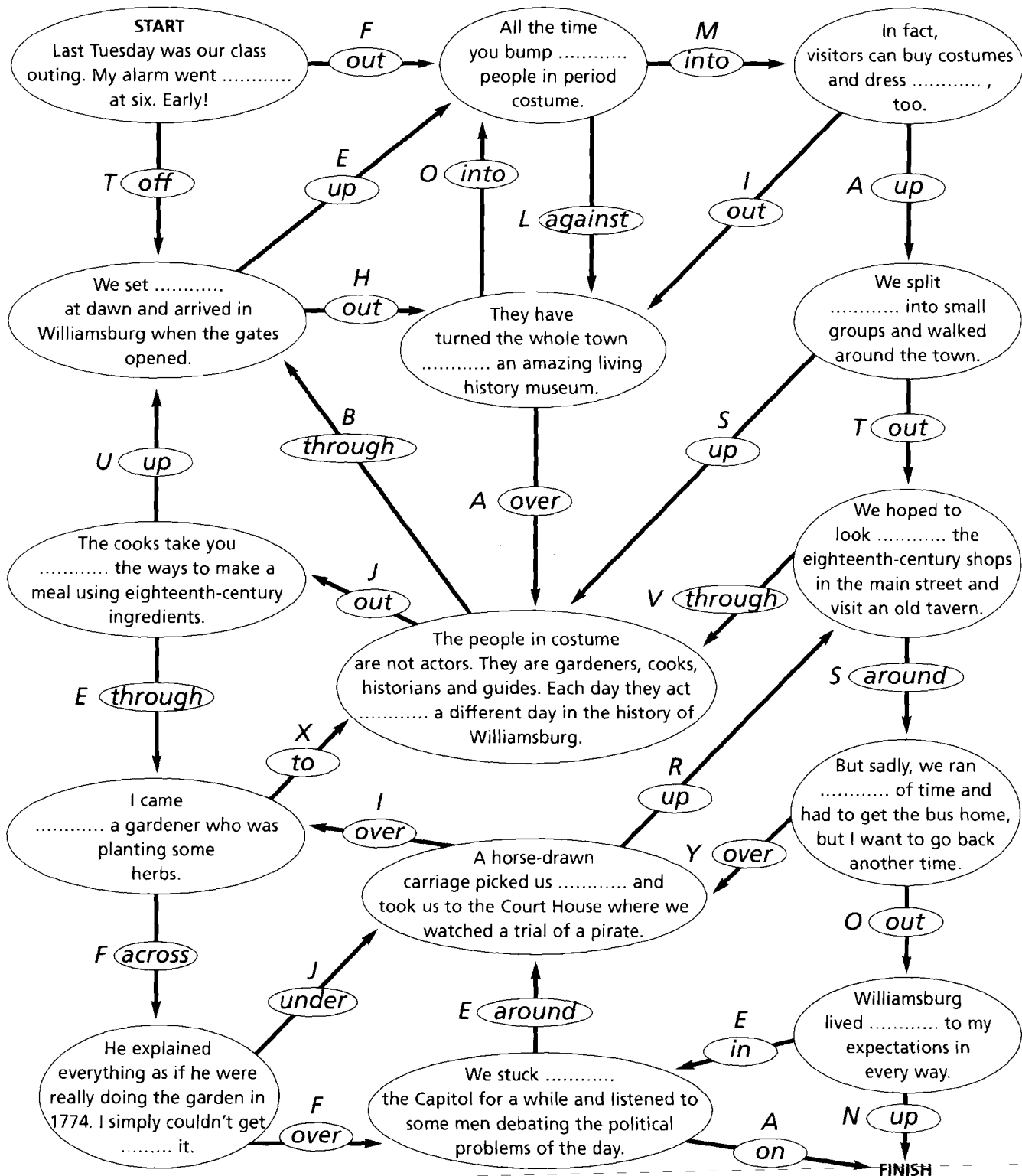
g. ... memories will be the only thing that we have to hold on to.

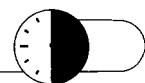
f. Right here, right now, this is it. We are grown up.



A Visit to Williamsburg

Ethan and his classmates have been to Colonial Williamsburg to learn about American history. Read his diary, which was part of a class assignment, and choose the correct phrasal prepositions. The alphabet letters on the arrows tell you the name of someone who lived in the town.





The Story of Father's Day

Choose the correct answers and find the name of a famous American daughter.
What is her father's first name?

1. Father's Day is a special day in...
 - winter P
 - summer E
 - fall S
2. It's always on the...
 - first Sunday in March R
 - last Sunday in April L
 - third Sunday in June E
3. An American...
 - lady, T
 - astronaut, B
 - dog, W

Mrs John Dodd, had the first idea to celebrate Father's Day in 1909.
4. She wanted to celebrate and honor...
 - the American flag J
 - her house G
 - her father C
5. Mrs Dodd's mother died when she was...
 - little I
 - old P
 - happy M
6. Her father was a veteran of the...
 - American Civil War S
 - Vietnam War A
 - Napoleonic War U
7. But he looked after his...
 - six airplanes D
 - five children L
 - ten monkeys R

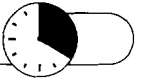
all by himself on their farm in Washington State.
8. She encouraged other people in Washington State to celebrate the life and work of their...
 - fathers L
 - mothers Q
 - children M
9. And in 1924 President Coolidge said that...
 - a national Father's Day N
 - a national Family Day T
 - a national holiday R

was a good idea.
10. In 1966 President Johnson signed a document to say the third Sunday in June was an American...
 - pie E
 - flag S
 - holiday O
11. Now it is a day when people honor their fathers, but they also honor their...
 - aunts Y
 - grandfathers H
 - stepmothers V
12. Most people...
 - stay in bed L
 - watch television U
 - send a card N
13. And a lot of people...
 - buy a present, too A
 - phone a friend, too G
 - go to work, too P
14. In America people send about...
 - 100 million C
 - 1 million F
 - 1 hundred O

cards every year.

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

Her father's name is



Father's Day Cards

1. Match the text to the correct card.

a) Dad! You're a winner!

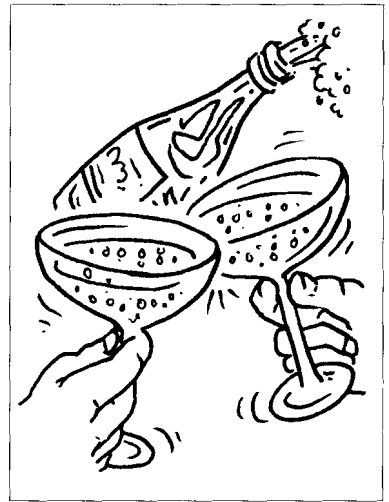
b) We all love you Dad!

c) Cheers Dad!

d) To my Daddy

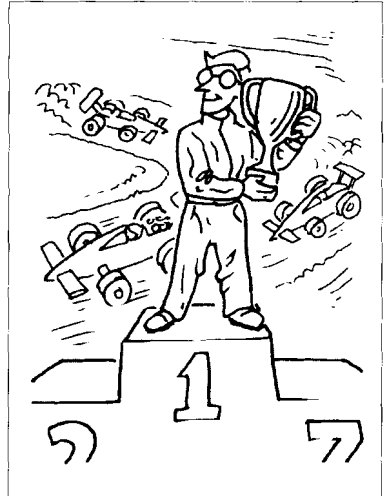
e) Take a break Dad!

1



Susie

2



3



4



5



2. Who are the cards from? Write the names under the cards.

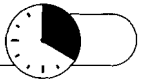
Sally's got two brothers and a sister.

Ella is four years old.

David's dad loves cars.

Tom's dad likes gardening.

Susie's card has got a bottle on it.



Independence Day Quiz

Answer the quiz questions. You will find clues on the page.
Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

Independence Day is in the seventh month of the year.

People eat turkey at Thanksgiving.

It is not a religious festival.

America used to be a colony of Great Britain.

1. When is Independence Day?

It's on the...

fourth of July. **(G)**

fifth of June. **(E)**

fourth of June. **(O)**

2. How do people celebrate it?

They...

go to church. **(D)**

eat turkey. **(L)**

have firework displays **(E)**

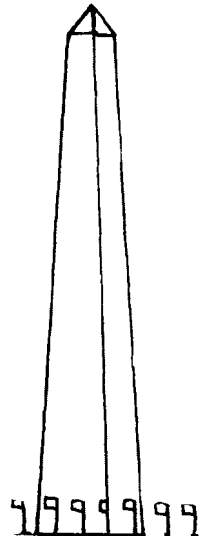
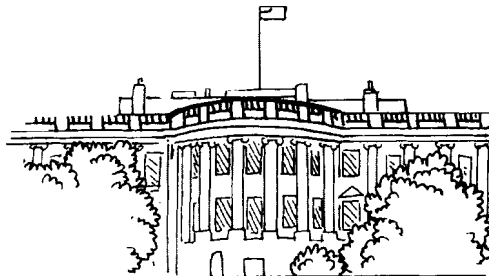
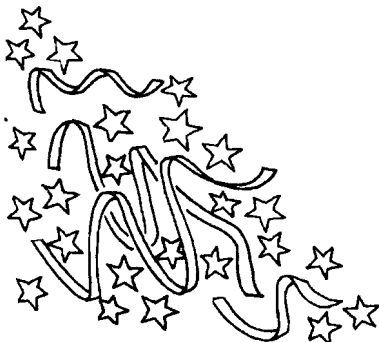
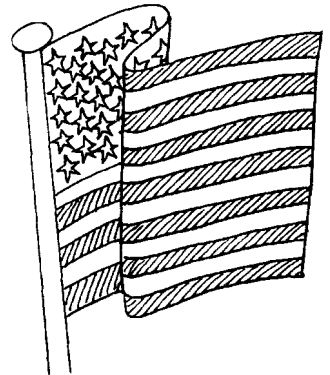
3. What does Independence Day celebrate?

It celebrates ...

America's independence from Great Britain. **(O)**

the discovery of America by Columbus. **(I)**

the birthday of the first president of the United States. **(W)**



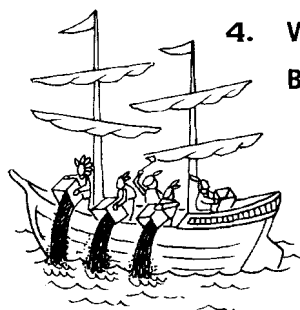


Independence Day Quiz

The War of Independence ended in 1776.

The capital city of the United States was named after the first president.

The colonists became angry when the British tried to make them pay taxes.



4. Why did America want to be independent?

Because...

Great Britain was too far away. (V)

they did not get on with the king of England. (A)

the British wanted them to pay taxes. (R)

5. When did America become independent?

In...

1783 (E)

1703 (R)

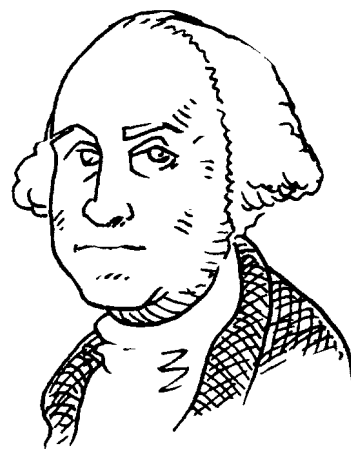
1776 (G)

6. Who was the first President of the United States?

Washington (E)

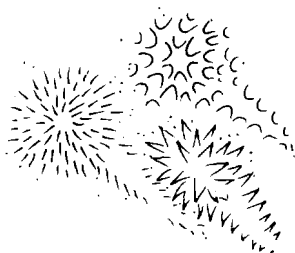
Jefferson (R)

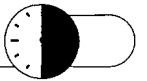
Lincoln (D)



The letters you have circled spell the first name of the first president of the USA. Write his full name here.

The first president was _____

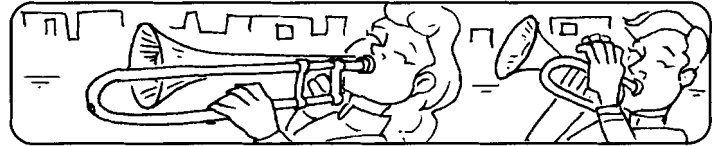




The Independence Day Parade


Carly plays the trombone in the school band. The band is marching in the Independence Day parade. What songs are they playing?


Do the puzzles to find the names of the songs.

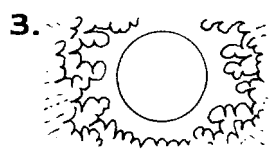


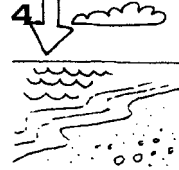
SONG NUMBER 1


Write the names of the things shown under the pictures; then write the colors in the grid.


1. 

2. 


3. 

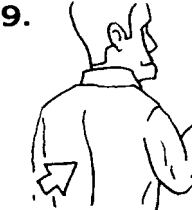
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5. 

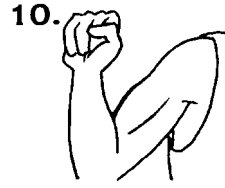
6. 


Write the names of the parts of the body in the grid.

7. 


9. 

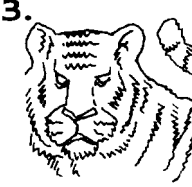
8. 


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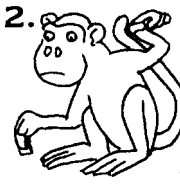
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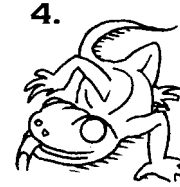
Write the names of the animals in the grid.


1. 

3. 

5. 

2. 

4. 

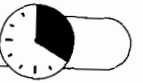
6. 

Write the names of the animals in the grid.

SONG NUMBER 1

SONG NUMBER 2

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Writing Home

Friends like to share secrets. Chrissie, Esther, and Amy share a cabin at summer camp. They are writing to their friends back home. They are writing in code on postcards, because they don't want other people to read them. Can you figure out the three different codes and discover what the three girls' secret messages are? What will be the problem in the cabin?

Dear Holly,

cookie closet monkey I corn candy apartment lion have gas
 freeway garbage raccoon met dog a elevator drug-store groundhog
 fabulous cab eraser flash-light zebra boy highway store movie pants
 buffalo called high school pocket-book sidewalk math motor mailbox
 faucet patrolman railroad puma Andy subway trashcan zipper wreck
 trailer sneakers leopard and truck undershirt turnpike horse I vacation cat
 have billboard attorney bar wolf fallen crazy baby-carriage donkey in
 faculty diaper crib chips panda love. **Chrissie.**

Dear Fran,

AHI MEV ATE MAN IZA BGN CYO LLA ADE YDN MAI LNI
 !EVO

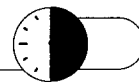
Love from Esther

Dear Suzy,

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

A Y D S N A M D E P L L Q A P C I Y O O B C T I A T

Love Amy



Linda's Photo Album

Look at Linda's photo album on the opposite page.

There are six word boxes. Decide which word box goes with each picture. Then complete the sentences using the words from the correct word box.

The lake

- There are lots of kids
- There are a couple of kids
- There are a few kids
- There are no kids

WORD BOX A

- eagles
- butterflies
- snakes
- bears

The campfire

- There are lots of
- There are a couple of kids
- There are a few kids
- There are no kids

WORD BOX B

- clothes
- kids
- tennis racquets
- suitcases

The cabin

- There are lots of
- There are a couple of sitting on their beds.
- There are a few
- There are no

WORD BOX C

- playing badminton
- swimming
- canoeing
- trampolining

The arts and crafts room

- There are lots of
- There are a couple of
- There are a few
- There are no

WORD BOX D

- monsters
- cowboys
- dancing
- eating

The dress-up disco

- There are lots of kids
- There are a couple of
- There are a few
- There are no kids

WORD BOX E

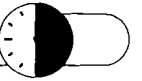
- paintings
- masks
- sculptures
- pots

The hiking trip

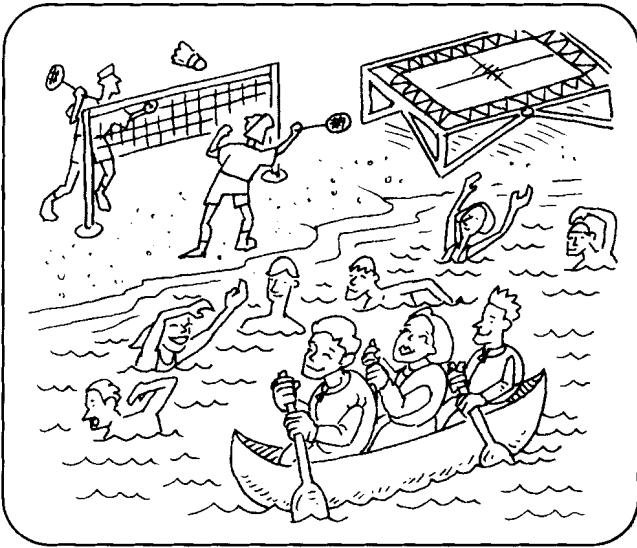
- There are lots of
- There are a couple of
- There are a few
- There are no

WORD BOX F

- playing the guitar
- sausages
- dancing
- singing



Linda's Photo Album



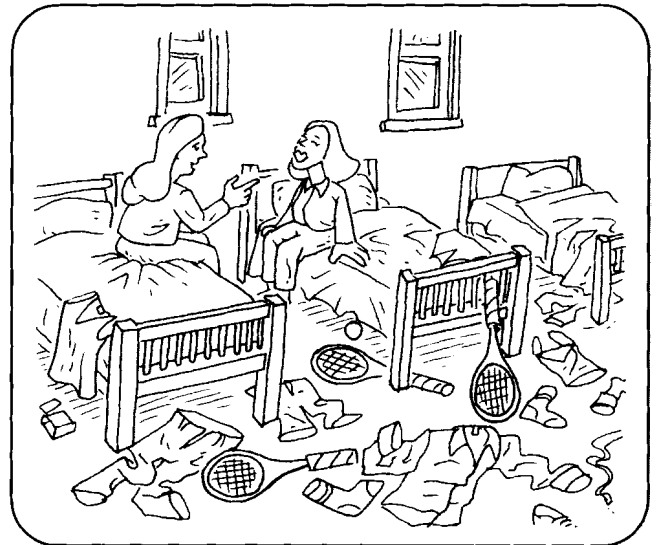
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The campfire



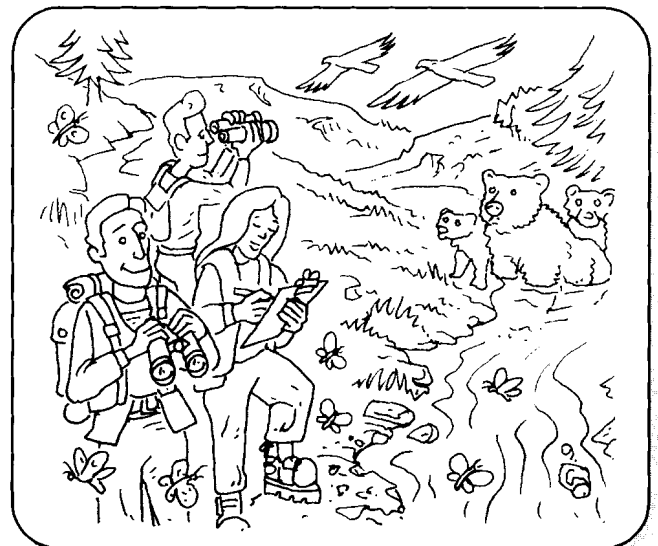
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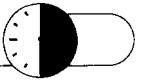
The cabin



The dress-up disco



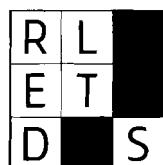
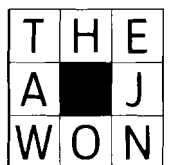
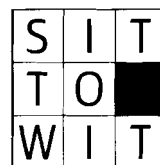
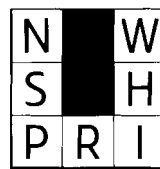
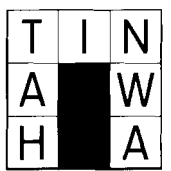
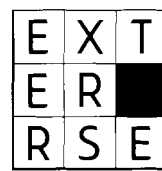
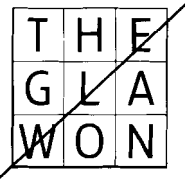
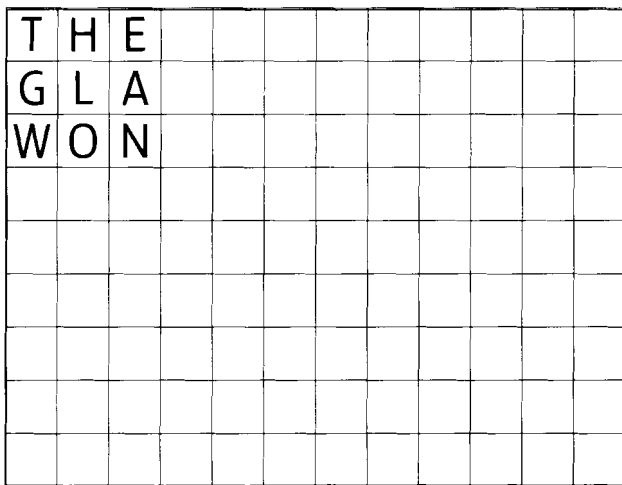
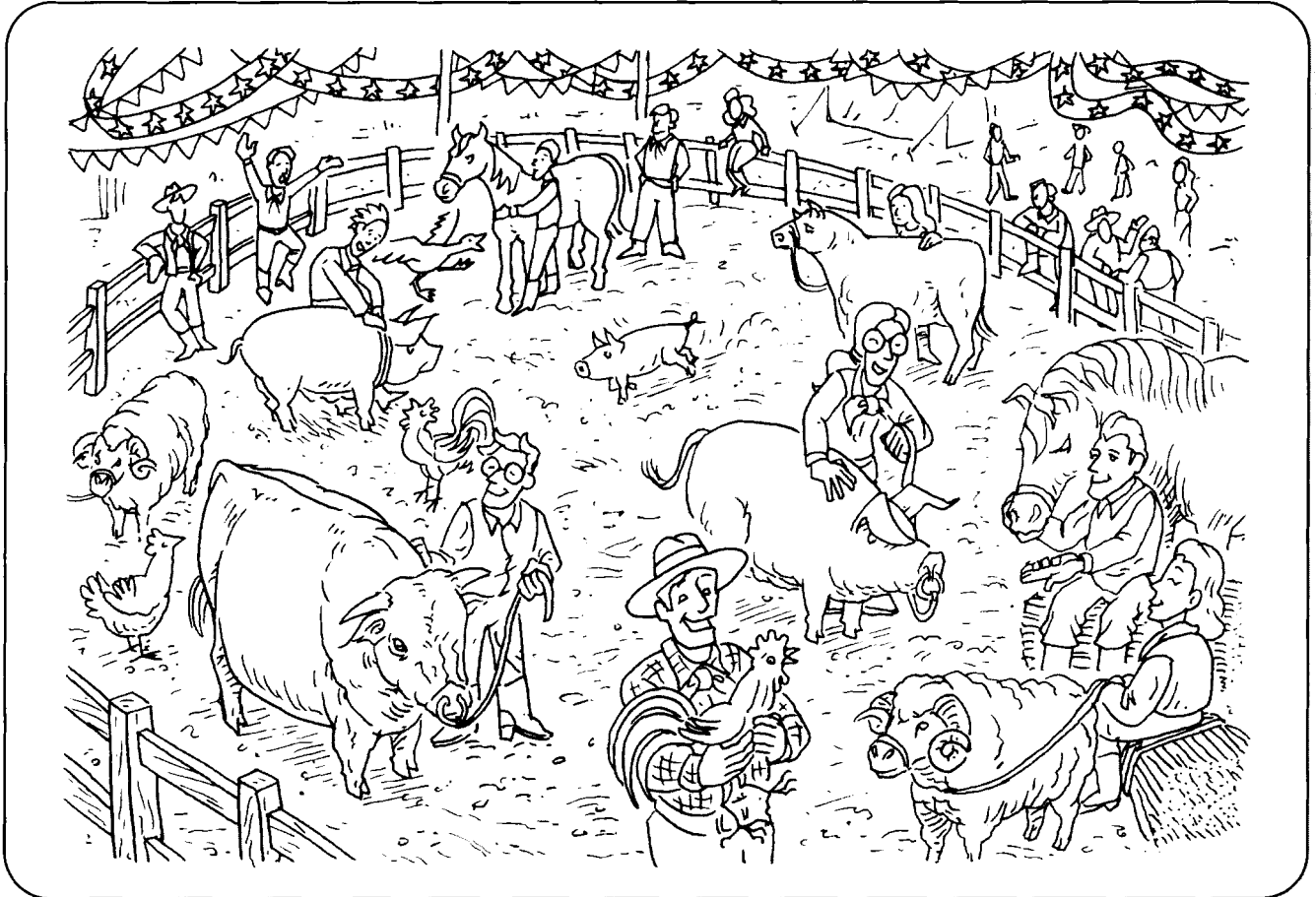
The hiking trip



The Lucky Winners

Farmers take their animals to the state fair, to exhibit them and compete for prizes. You can see lots of farm animals there. To find out who wins, fit the pieces into the jigsaw crossword puzzle and make sentences.

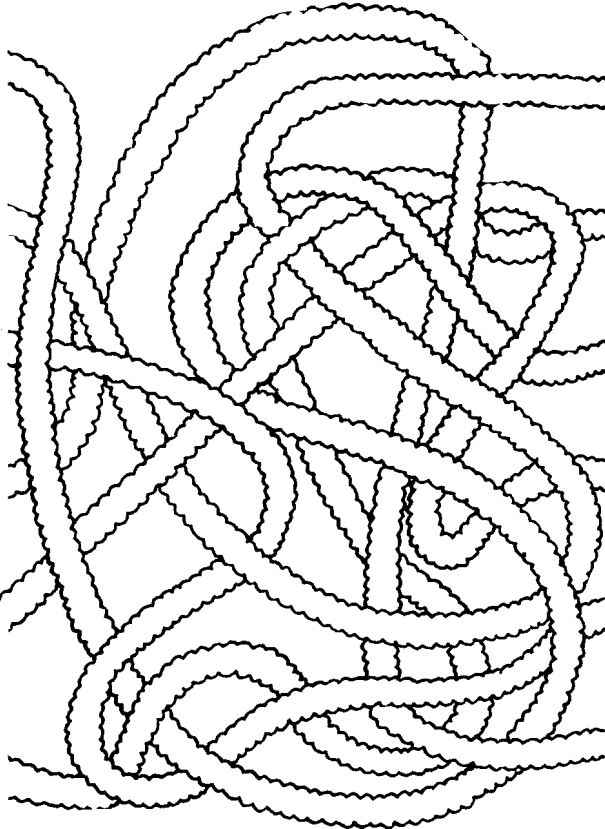
Draw big winners' ribbons on the coats of the three winners and their animals.



Coast to Coast

It's July and everyone's on vacation. You can have all kinds of amazing vacations in the United States. Look at the maze and find out some facts about the people on the left-hand side of the page. Then find the perfect holiday for each of them.

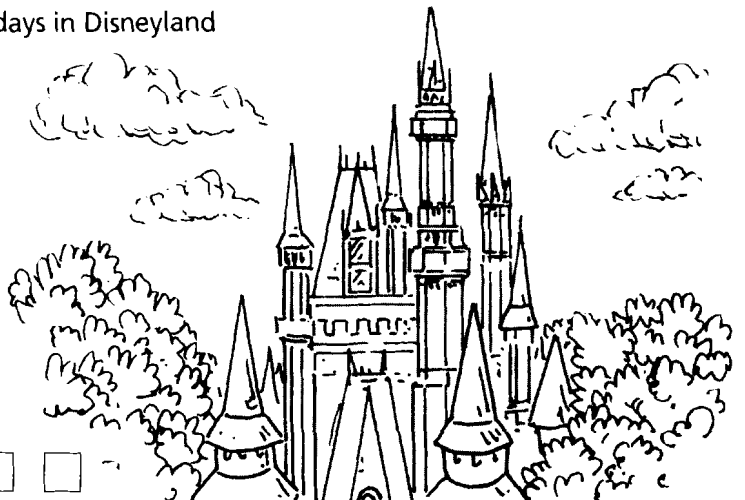
- (a) Nancy hates the movies; she loves
- (b) Brenda hates movies; she's really into
- (c) Jeannie is terrified of sharks; she loves
- (d) Michael doesn't understand anything technological; he loves
- (e) Jay is afraid of heights; he adores
- (f) Polly isn't very interested in history, but she's mad about



- (g) space travel
- (h) the movies
- (i) nature
- (j) musicals
- (k) history
- (l) cartoons

1. Four days in Washington, D.C., visiting the White House and the National Air and Space Museum
2. Two days in Disneyland and two days in Santa Monica on the California coast
3. Four days trekking in Yosemite National Park
4. Two days at Universal Studios and two days walking in Big Sur National Park
5. Four days in New York with tickets to four big Broadway shows
6. Four days around Washington, D.C., visiting the Capitol, the White House, and Mount Vernon
7. Four days in New York visiting the Empire State Building and going to see "The Lion King" on Broadway
8. Two days sightseeing in Los Angeles and two days in Disneyland
9. Four days at Universal Studios.

| PERSON | LIKES | HOLIDAY NUMBER |
|--------|-------|----------------|
| (a) | | |
| (b) | | |
| (c) | | |
| (d) | | |
| (e) | | |
| (f) | | |



Which are the holidays no one wants?



The Land of Oz

Jerry, Floyd, and Bart are spending a day at their favorite theme park, but they can't find one another. Where are they all?

JERRY

Let's find Jerry! Go through the Main Entrance. Follow the Yellow Brick Road and go through the Gateway to Oz. Turn right and go under the arch. Follow the Ruby Railroad past the Courtyard Restaurant. Turn right opposite Magic Land.

Jerry is in

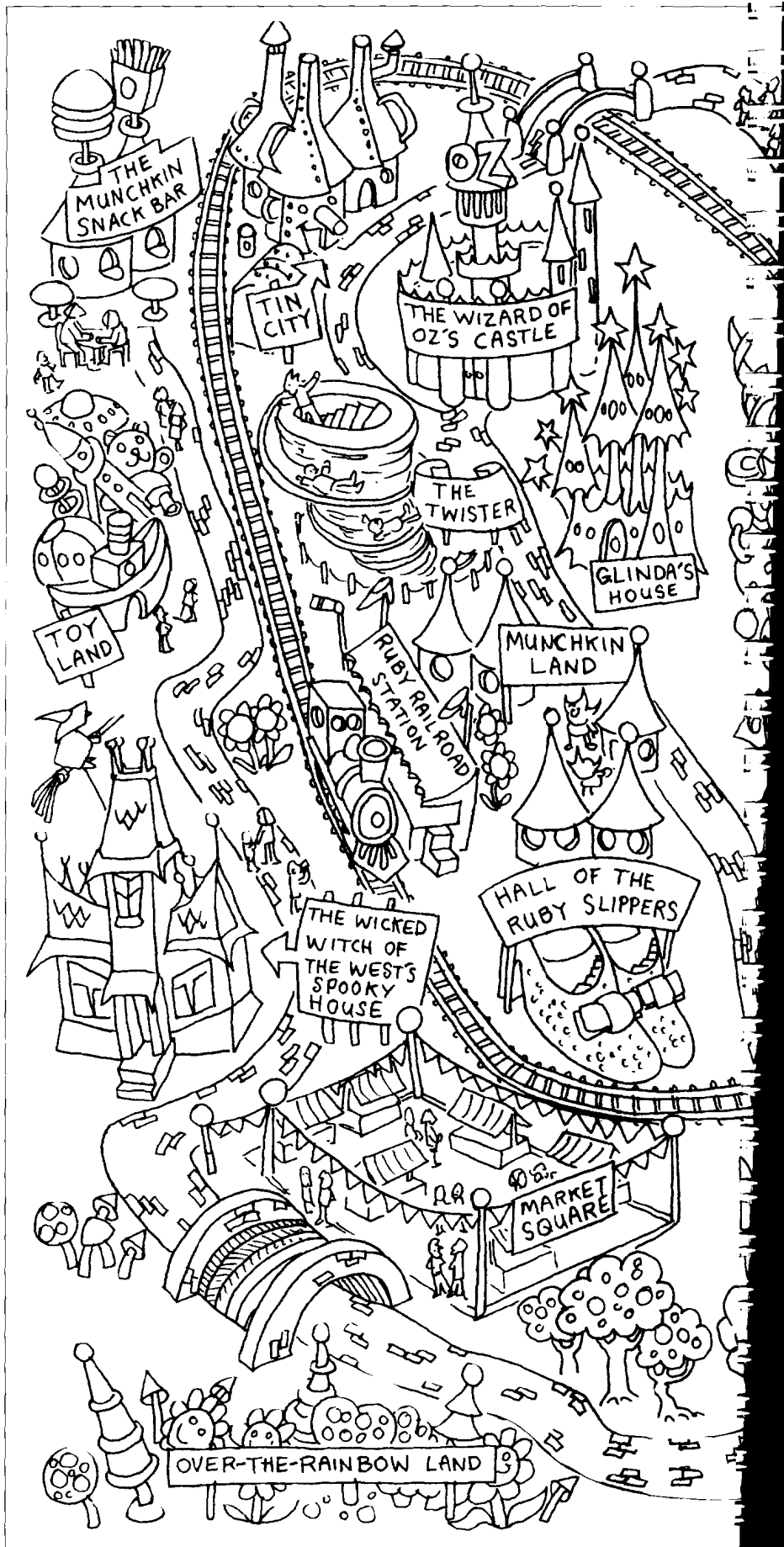
FLOYD

How about looking for Floyd? Turn right after the Main Entrance and turn left before Dorothy's House. Turn left again and walk under the arch. Cross the Yellow Brick Road and go to the Market Square in front of you. Cross the Rainbow Bridge on your left. Turn right and run quickly past the Wicked Witch of the West's house and then straight on past the Ruby Railroad Station. Go straight ahead to the end of the road, past Toy Land and you can find Floyd in the

BART

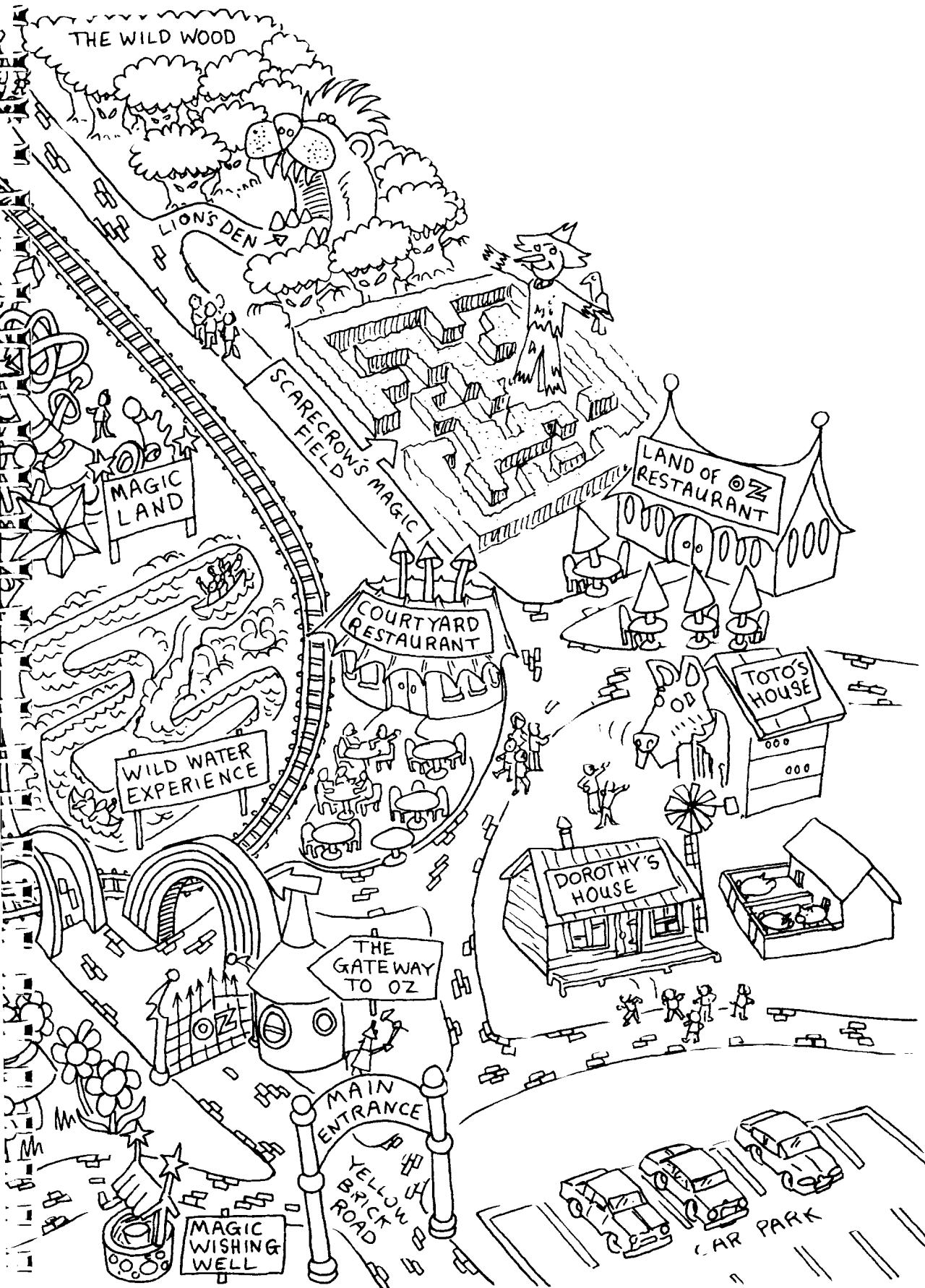
Why don't we try to find Bart? Start at the Main Entrance, go through the Gateway to Oz and cross the bridge. Go past the Hall of the Ruby Slippers and Munchkin Land. Go past the Twister on your left and Glinda's House on your right. Follow the road as it turns right behind the Wizard's castle. Before you reach the bridge, turn left.

Bart is in





The Land of Oz





American Birthdays

What's the best month to have a birthday? Here are the birthdays of some famous Americans. Read the clues and write their names on the calendar. To help you, we have written in the holidays and special days mentioned in the puzzle.

Tom Cruise's birthday is the day before Independence Day.

Oprah Winfrey's birthday is in the same month as New Year's Day.

Whitney Houston and Gillian Anderson both have birthdays on the same day in August.

Leonardo DiCaprio's birthday is on Veterans Day.

Brad Pitt's birthday is a week before Kwanzaa, which starts the day after Christmas.

Courteney Cox is the only person with a birthday in June.

Eddie Murphy's birthday is three months before Tom Cruise's.

Cameron Diaz's birthday is at the end of August, one day after Michael Jackson's.

Drew Barrymore's birthday is a little more than a week after Valentine's Day and Jennifer Aniston's birthday is a few days before it.

Shaquille O'Neal's birthday is near the beginning of March.

Billy Crystal's birthday is between Shaquille O'Neal's and Eddie Murphy's birthdays.

Sarah Michelle Gellar's birthday is in the same month as Eddie Murphy's.

Garth Brooks's birthday is in February.

There's only one day between Jennifer Lopez's birthday and Sandra Bullock's birthday.

Will Smith is the only person with a birthday in September.

Bill Gates's birthday is near Halloween.

Britney Spears's birthday is in December.

Matt Damon's birthday is in October.

Cher's is the second of the two May birthdays.

Sandra Bullock's birthday is on July 26.

Tom Hanks's birthday is less than a week after Independence Day.

George Clooney's birthday is the last one to add when you have found all the others.



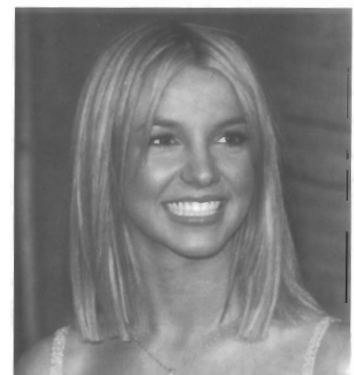
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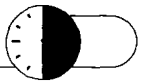
Oprah Winfrey



Jennifer Aniston



Britney Spears



American Birthdays

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL |
|---|--|---|--|
| 1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 29 | 7 11 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 22 | 6 14 | 3 14 |
| MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST |
| 6 20 | 15 | 3 4 <i>Independence Day</i> 9 24 26 | 9 9 29 30 |
| SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
| 25 | 8 28 31 <i>Halloween</i> | 11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 11 | 2 18 26 <i>Kwanzaa</i> |

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Holidays and Special Days

January: Martin Luther King Jr Day,
February: Groundhog Day, Presidents Day,

March: St Patrick's Day,

April: Arbor Day,

May: Memorial Day,

June: Flag Day,

July: Independence Day,

August: Summer Vacation,

September: Labor Day,

October: Halloween, Columbus Day,

November: Election Day, Thanksgiving,

December: Christmas Day, Kwanzaa.

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The School Bus

The children are sitting as follows:

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Carly + Patrick | Melissa + Ellie |
| Jason + Ashley | Tyrone + Julia |
| Michael + Martha | Courteney + Max Driver |

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Language and Geography Lesson

- Connecticut, 2. Massachusetts,
- Utah, 4. Kansas, 5. Minnesota,
- Mississippi, 7. Missouri, 8. Ohio,
- Oklahoma, 10. Texas,
- Kentucky, 12. Nebraska.

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The School System

- Marsha is five; 2. Meryl is six; 3. Joel is nine; 4. & 5. Holly and Amy are ten;
- Oliver is twelve; 7. Jake is fourteen;
- Britney is fifteen; 9. Lily is sixteen;
- Nancy is twenty-one.

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Working Clothes

- John is wearing Emily's white coat and is carrying Rhona's US mail bag.
- Rhona is wearing Michelle's bathing suit and cap and is carrying Larry's ax.
- Chuck is wearing Jeannie's cap and apron and is carrying John's briefcase.
- Larry is wearing John's business suit and is carrying Chuck's baseball bat and ball.
- Jeannie is wearing Leanne's uniform and is carrying Emily's stethoscope.
- Michelle is wearing Larry's helmet and coat and is carrying Jeannie's spoons and pans.
- Leanne is wearing Chuck's baseball gear.
- Emily is wearing Rhona's uniform and is carrying Michelle's whistle and float.

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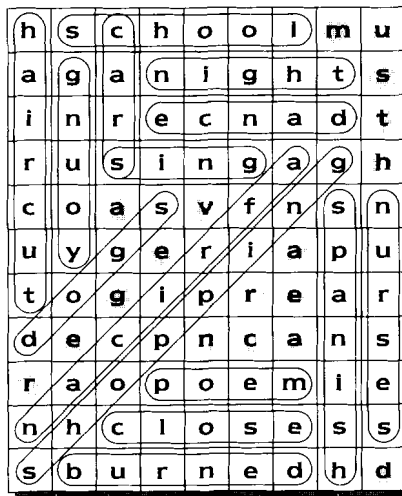
Just the Job!

Suggested answers: 1. animals, 2. patient and well-organised, 3. blood, 4. artistic and energetic, 5. math, 6. to help people, 7. to travel, 8. energetic and brave, 9. good with his hands and patient, 10. patient and well-organised.

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The Right Stuff

- Night = Day, 2. burned = signed,
- cars = banks, 4. nurses = citizens,
- shopping = responsibilities,
- African = American, 7. young = old,
- sing = live, 9. close = married,
- haircut = character,
- Spanish = English, 12. poem = history,
- school = country, 14. dogs = laws,
- dance = vote.



You must have a green card.

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Who Discovered America?

The correct order of words forms the following sentence:

1 - 10: He left forty sailors and took parrots, pearls, gold and six Native Americans as presents for Queen Isabella. (This is the chronological order of events - taking each word in the above sentence in order as they follow sentences in the puzzle.)

- Columbus did not discover America.
- The Guahanal Indians were probably not very happy to become Spanish.
- The first visitors to America were Native Americans (who walked from Asia)

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What's Wrong With the Picture?

- lacrosse, b. rubber, c. pipe, d. llama, e. potato, f. sunflower, g. pineapple, h. pumpkin, i. tomato, j. corn

Lacrosse is a Native American game so Columbus would not have seen it when he was a boy. The Native Americans discovered rubber therefore it was impossible to play with rubber balls in the fifteenth century in Italy. Columbus would never have seen corn or pineapples on a market stall. He would not have seen a jack-o'-lantern made from a pumpkin displayed in a window. He would not have eaten potato pizza or tomato sauce. All of these fruit and vegetables are Native American foods.

The Native Americans invented smoking pipes. Llamas are Native American animals. Sunflowers are Native American plants.

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Trick-or-Treating

Board game - no answers.

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Jack-O'-Lanterns

- round; 2. triangle-shaped; 3. happy; 4. square.

The missing pumpkin is C.

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Who votes?

- 1 - a; 2 - b; 3 - a; 4 - b; 5 - c; 6 - a; 7 - a; 8 - a; 9 - a.

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Election Promises

Governor Randall: 1 - d; 2 - h; 3 - f; 4 - g.

Governor Hyams: 1 - a; 2 - c; 3 - b; 4 - e.

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Veterans Day Crossword

- war; 2. church; 3. November; 4. holiday; 5. First; 6. eleventh; 7. soldier; 8. silence; 9. remember; 10. blood; 11. peace; 12. poppy.

Another name for Veterans Day is Armistice Day.

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Ben Comes Home

Ben is Man 1; Claire is Woman 5.

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Thanksgiving Dinner

- 1 - j; 2 - f; 3 - a; 4 - b; 5 - c; 6 - e; 7 - h; 8 - d; 9 - g.

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Preparing Thanksgiving Dinner

- a. peel; b. wash; c. slice; d. roast; e. boil; f. bake.
- a. Grandpa George; b. Aunt Joan; c. Steven; d. Lucy; e. Uncle Bill; f. Kevin.

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The Story of Thanksgiving

- sailed (P); 2. were (I); 3. wanted (L); 4. landed (G); 5. called (R); 6. had (I); 7. knew (M); 8. became (S); 9. died (M); 10. lived (A); 11. taught (Y); 12. gave (F); 13. worked (L); 14. grew (O); 15. had; (W); 16. invited (E); 17. lasted (R).

The two words are, therefore, *Pilgrims* and *Mayflower*.

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The Story of Hanukkah

1 - c, 2 - g, 3 - l, 4 - a, 5 - h, 6 - b, 7 - f, 8 - i, 9 - d, 10 - j, 11 - k, 12 - e.

Light the Menorah

On the first night of Hanukkah, Joseph lights **one** candle. On the second night, Rachel lights **two** candles. On the **third** night, Daniel lights three candles. On the fourth night Ruth lights **four** candles. On the **fifth** night, Sandy lights five candles. On the sixth night, Jane lights **six** candles. On the seventh night, Eve lights **seven** candles. On the **eighth** night Jonathan lights eight candles.

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The Dreidel Game

1. yes; 2. no; 3. Jonathan; 4. Jacob; 5. two; 6. two.

(There are two pennies in the pot; Rachel has 12, Jonathan has 7, Ruth has 14 and Jacob has 15.)

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A Letter for Santa

The plurals, in order as they appear, are: *boxes, candies, friends, candies, mice, ponies, children, skis, shoes, parties, tools, shelves, knives, forks, dishes, babies, toys, scarves, cookies, friends, families, houses, wishes.*

page 30

Christmas Tree Crossword

1. Claus; 2. lights; 3. turkey; 4. Boxing; 5. presents; 6. stocking; 7. December; 8. angel; 9. Christ; 10. star; 11. cards; 12. eve; 13. bells.

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Christmas Shopping

Mary Ann - (c) because she's rich and she loves buying things, not (d) because she's bad at learning languages.

Woody - (e) because he loves surfing, not (b) because he is already good at skiing.

Sandi - (a) because she loves watching movies on TV, not (c) because she hates cities and doesn't have many clothes.

Sonny - (d) because he's good at learning languages, not (a) because he already has all the issues of the magazine *MovieWorld*.

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Come to the Football Game

1. Washington, 2. Texas, 3. Louisiana, 4. Florida, 5. Illinois, 6. California, 7. Georgia, 8. Pennsylvania, 9. Missouri, 10. Colorado, 11. Kansas.

The answer to the puzzle is *Times Square*.

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The Meaning of Kwanzaa

The words, in order, are: seven; holiday; December; people; day; three; red; center.

The answers to the second part of the puzzle are actually contained in the text to the left of the candles.

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Goals for the Coming Year

Jackie - 2, 7, 11, 12; Derek - 1, 4, 10; Ashley - 6, 8, 9; Lisa - 3, 5.

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Having Fun



1. sledding, snowboarding, skiing. scarf, gloves
icicle, snowflakes
snowballs, snowman

1. a. A; b. B; c. A; d. B; e. B; f. B.

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Compound Words

1. ice cubes, ice cream, ice tea, ice hockey, ice skates, snowman, snowboard, snowflake, snowball, Snow Day

2. a. snowboard, b. snowball, c. ice hockey, d. snowflake, e. snow man, f. ice tea, g. ice cream, h. ice cubes, i. ice skates, j. Snow Day

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The Montgomery Bus Boycott

Here is the correct story.

Before 1955, in some parts of America, black people and white people **could not** use the same schools, lunch counters, restaurants, swimming pools and water fountains. White people sat in the front of a bus and black people **had** to sit in the back. When the white part was full, black people **had to stand up** and give their seats to white people. Rosa Parks was a black lady who **worked** in a shop in Montgomery, Alabama. One day, in 1955, the driver of her bus **told her** to stand up for a white person. She **refused** and the police arrested her. Martin Luther King, Jr **told** all the black people in Montgomery **not to use** the buses. For one year black

people walked, cycled, shared cars and even **rode** horses to work. Martin Luther King, Jr **went** to jail. **Angry** white people bombed his house. The bus company **lost** a lot of money. After one year the US government stepped in. It **changed** the law. Now anyone can sit anywhere on a bus.

The name of the civil rights worker is *Jesse Jackson*.

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The Life of Martin Luther King Jnr

The correct verbs, in sequence, are:

1. was born, 2. became, 3. weren't, 4. weren't allowed, couldn't, 5. wasn't, made, listened, 6. told, 7. wrote, helped, said, 8. hated, 9. arrested, put, 10. got, continued, 11. had, 12. bombed, burned, 13. marched, protested, 14. called, 15. brought, 16. rode, skated, walked, 17. heard, 18. received, 19. worked, spoke, 20. led, shot, died.

Speech Box:

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

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Weather Words

- 1) 1. Saturday; 2. Friday; 3. Wednesday; 4. Thursday; 5. Monday; 6. Tuesday; 7. Sunday.

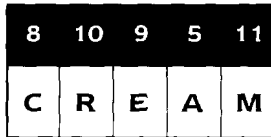
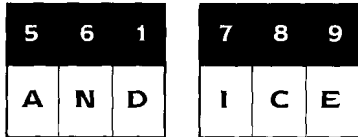
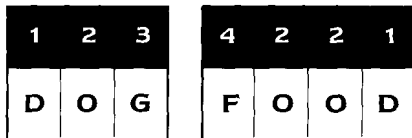
- 2) 1. strong; 2. large; 3. angry; 4. slower; 5. big.

- 3) 1. cloudy; 2. cold; 3. snowing; 4. lower; 5. windy.

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Lots of Luck

The correct choices for the quiz are:



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Valentine's Day Surprise

Line 1: baseball, tennis, basketball, softball; Line 2: Arizona, Ohio, Florida, Texas; Line 3: nine, thirteen, eleven, eight; Line 4: August, October, July; Line 5: groundhog, puma; Line 6: hat, jeans; Line 7: red, blue; Line 8: Clinton, Lincoln; Line 9: car, bus; Line 10: cookies.

The shape is a heart.

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Say It With Poetry

The missing words, in order, are: so, night, write, know, wait, date, eyes, day, air, kite, height, sunny, hope, half, fierce, died, sure, pride.

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The Story of St Valentine

Students' own answers.

page 45

The Chinese Calendar

a. snake, b. rooster, c. pig, d. horse, e. tiger, f. dog, g. monkey, h. rabbit, i. rat, j. ox, k. sheep, l. dragon.

What's in the Envelope?

MONEY

What Does the Message Say?

BE RICH

The cat is not in the Chinese Calendar.

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Who Are You?

Students' own answers.

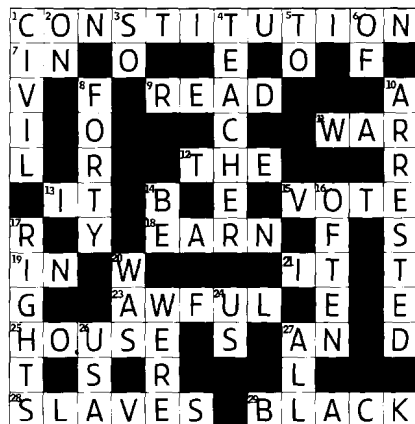
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The Story of Susan B. Anthony

a. could; b. can't; c. could; d. could; e. couldn't; f. couldn't; g. can't; h. can; i. couldn't; j. could; k. could; l. could; m. could; n. can't; o. couldn't; p. could; q. could; r. could; s. can; t. can; u. can.

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The Susan B. Anthony Crossword



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Washington and Lincoln

1 cent – Abraham Lincoln
5 cents – Thomas Jefferson
10 cents – Franklin D. Roosevelt
25 cents – George Washington
\$1 – George Washington
\$2 – Thomas Jefferson
\$5 – Abraham Lincoln
\$10 – Alexander Hamilton
\$20 – Andrew Jackson
\$50 – Ulysses S. Grant
\$100 – Benjamin Franklin

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Famous Presidents

- Clinton was president from 1993 to 2001. His wife's name was Hillary. He was a Rhodes scholar.
- Kennedy was president from 1961 to 1963. His wife's name was Jackie. He was the assassinated.
- Nixon was president from 1969 to 1974. His wife's name was Thelma. He was president when the first man walked on the moon.
- Carter was president from 1977 to 1981. His wife's name was Rosalynn. He was a peanut farmer.
- Reagan was president from 1981 to 1989. His wife's name was Nancy. He was a film star.

A Presidential Term

| | | |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 = 11 | 5 = 50 | 54 |
| 2 = 13 | | 50 |
| 3 = 5 | | |
| 4 = 25 | Answer = | <u>4</u> |
| total 54 | | |

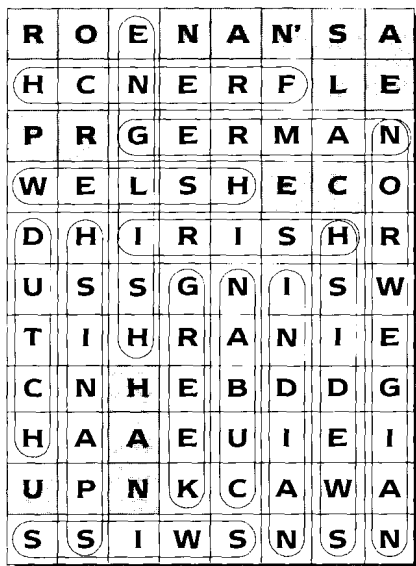
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The Story of George Washington

1 - d, 2 - f, 3 - h, 4 - b, 5 - e, 6 - i, 7 - g, 8 - a, 9 - j, 10 - l, 11 - k, 12 - c.

page 53

The Big Parade



Ronan's a leprechaun.

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The Murphy Family

1. 22; 2. 26; 3. 32; 4. 35; 5. 50.
Tommy Murphy usually goes to the parade.
Anne Murphy always goes to the cathedral.
Maevie Murphy often goes to the park.
Liam Murphy sometimes goes to an Irish club.
Christie Murphy never goes to the cathedral.
Anne Murphy is the most religious member of the Murphy family.

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Immigrants

The answers to the first paragraph are: O, E, M, X, I, C (Mexico).
The answers to the second paragraph are: F, R, A, I, A, I, L, C, N, O (California)

page 56

Easter Egg Hunt

1. under; 2. on top of; 3. next to; 4. behind; 5. inside; 6. in front of.

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Easter E-Mail

Dear Yolanda
I'm writing this on Easter Sunday. We went to church this morning and now I am very excited because the whole family is coming here this afternoon for a special meal. I don't know what Mom is cooking, either lamb or turkey. Even Uncle Bob is coming, and he lives in Newark, a city in New Jersey. My cousins are coming, too. I expect they'll bring me a chocolate egg. I've bought some delicious chocolate eggs for them. They have never seen our new house, so I can't wait to show them my room and all my games.
I think they'll like playing the game you gave me for my birthday. I know Aunt Alice likes to play, because the last time she visited, we played and she won! When we were younger, we used to have an Easter egg hunt in the garden but we're too old for that now. They will be here until Thursday so you should come over and meet them.
I hope you will come.
Well, I have to go. I hope you can come over.
Your friend,
Nancy
P.S. I need to talk to you about our English homework. I don't understand the book we're reading. The girl in the book, Rebecca, is always talking to herself.
The unscrambled words are: Easter bunny.

page 58
Easter Traditions

The correct numbers are:
1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18.



The picture shows a *rabbit*.

page 59
Recycling

Paper: newspaper, magazine, postcard;
Metal: knife, can, fork; **Plastic:** doll, egg box, bucket;
Glass: bottle, jar, window;
Compost: potato, cabbage, carrot.
(The egg can also be cardboard / paper.)

pages 60 & 61
Are You a Friend of the Earth?

1. (a) 3, (b) 2, (c) 0.
2. (a) 0, (b) 1, (c) 3.
3. (a) 0, (b) 3, (c) 3.
4. (a) 0, (b) 2, (c) 3.
5. (a) 3, (b) 0.
6. (a) 3, (b) 1, (c) 0.
7. (a) 3, (b) 0.
8. (a) 3, (b) 2, (c) 0.
9. (a) 0, (b) 2, (c) 3.
10. (a) 0, (b) 1, (c) 3.
11. (a) 0, (b) 2, (c) 3.
12. (a) 3, (b) 1, (c) 0.
13. (a) 3, (b) 1, (c) 0.
14. (a) 3, (b) 3, (c) 0.
15. (a) 1, (b) 0, (c) 3.
16. (a) 3, (b) 2, (c) 0.
17. (a) 3, (b) 2, (c) 0.
18. (a) 3, (b) 0.

Analysis:

1 – 18 points = You don't care about the environment. Remember, it's your world, and it's also the home of your children and grandchildren. Don't be selfish.

19 – 36 points = Sometimes you do things because you think about the planet. Try to think about these problems a little more and it soon comes naturally.

37 – 54 points = Congratulations! You understand the problems and you are doing a lot to help save the world. Thank you.

page 62
Tree Crossword

1. wood; 2. seeds; 3. leaves; 4. fruit;
5. cones; 6. twigs; 7. trunk; 8. roots;
9. branches; 10. bark.

The tallest tree is the *wellingtonia* or giant sequoia.

page 63
Tree Quiz

1. green; 2. over 100; 3. wood;
4. the trunk; 5. fall; 6. evergreens;
7. oak trees; 8. palm trees;
9. more than a thousand years;
10. roots.

The correct tree is tree © which has 6 acorns and 4 leaves.

page 64
The Question of Mexico

The correct choices for each question tag spell out, in the correct order, the word **POPCATEPETL**.

page 65
Preparing for Mother's Day

1. Leo is making some cakes for his mother. He's got some flour but he hasn't got enough eggs.
2. Marcia is painting a picture for her mother. She's got some brushes but she hasn't got any water.
3. Ellie is picking some flowers for her mother. She's got some scissors but she hasn't got any ribbon.
4. Ethan is buying some chocolate for his mother. He's got some coins but he hasn't got enough money to buy the big box.
5. Jake is taking some photos for his mother. He's got some black and white film but he hasn't got any color film.
6. Joleen is knitting a sweater for her mother. She's got some knitting needles but she hasn't got enough wool.
7. Joel is making a card for his mother. He's got some white card but he hasn't got any colored pens.

page 66 & 67
Carrot Cake

2. salt; 3. teaspoons; 4. teaspoon;
5. cinnamon; 6. cloves; 7. teaspoon;
8. sugar; 9. oil; 10. eggs; 11. carrot;
12. cup; 13. cream cheese;
14. butter; 15. cups

The correct order of steps in the recipe is: 1 - f; 2 - g; 3 - d; 4 - a; 5 - c; 6 - e; 7 - b.

pages 68 & 69
Vietnam Time Line

- a. 1954, b. 95,000, c. 1959, d. 1963,
- e. 1965, f. 3,500, g. 200,000, h. 1968,
- i. 500,000, j. 1969, k. 500,000, l. 1969,
- m. 800,000, n. 1971, o. 18, p. 1972,
- q. 1973, r. 1975, s. 1976, t. 42,000,
- u. 1977, v. 200,000, w. 58,175.

page 70
The Story of the Flag

The answers are on page 70.

page 71
The Pledge of Allegiance

The odd ones out are: 1. e, 2. s, 3. i, 4. d, 5. f, 6. n, 7. r.

The letters spell the name of the TV program *Friends*.

page 72
What Happens?

1 - 16, 2 - 12, 3 - 14, 4 - 13, 5 - 15, 6 - 18, 7 - 17, 9 - 20, 19 - 9, 10 - 21.

The college is *YALE*.

page 73
Which College?

The subjects are:
Nancy - geography, **Jodie** - drama, **Ryan** - English, **Ethan** - Spanish, **Joshua** - physics, **Mel** - history, **Charlene** - biology, **Rosa** - music, **James** - chemistry.
The name of the university is *Princeton*.

page 74
Valedictory Speeches

1 - d; 2 - c; 3 - f; 4 - a; 5 - e; 6 - b; 7 - g.

page 75
A Visit to Williamsburg

The correct choices of phrasal verb spell out the name *Thomas Jefferson* who was the third US president (1801 - 1809). He was a resident of Williamsburg and often practised his oratory skills in the Capitol there before the seat of government moved to Washington D.C. which had previously been uninhabited swampland on the banks of the Potomac River.

page 76
The Story of Father's Day

1 - E, 2 - E, 3 - T, 4 - C, 5 - I, 6 - S, 7 - L, 8 - L, 9 - N, 10 - O, 11 - H, 12 - N, 13 - A, 14 - C.

The letters in the correct order spell the name *Chelsea Clinton*.

The name of her father is *Bill*.

page 77
Father's Day Cards

1. c; 2. a; 3. e; 4. d; 5. b.
1. Susie; 2. David; 3. Tom; 4. Ella; 5. Sally.

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Independence Day Quiz

1 - G; 2 - E; 3 - O; 4 - R; 5 - G; 6 - E.

The first president was George Washington.

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The Independence Day Parade

1. elephant (grey), 2. banana (yellow), 3. sun (yellow), 4. sea (blue) 5. pumpkin (orange), 6. cloud (white), 7. stomach, 8. shoulder, 9. back, 10. arm, 11. ankle, 12. wrist, 13. waist, 14. nose, 15. finger.

Song number 1 = *Yellow Submarine*.

1. bear, 2. monkey, 3. tiger, 4. lizard, 5. giraffe, 6. camel, 7. panda, 8. lion, 9. penguin, 10. gorilla, 11. snake.

Song number 2 = *American Pie*.

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Writing Home

In the first code the only words to be read are those following the **name of an animal**. The message therefore reads: *I have met a fabulous boy called Andy and I have fallen in love. Chrissie.*

In the second code, the whole message is split into sections of three letters and **each group of three is reversed**. The message therefore reads: *I have met an amazing boy called Andy. I am in love! Love from Esther.*

In the third code the only letters to be read are the ones which appear **inside corners**. The message therefore reads: *I have fallen in love with a fantastic boy called Andy.*

The obvious potential problem is that they have all three of them fallen in love with the same boy.

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Linda's Photo Album

The lake: There are lots of kids swimming; There are a couple of kids playing badminton; There are a few kids canoeing; There are no kids trampolining.

The camp fire: There are lots of sausages; There are a couple of kids playing the guitar; There are a few kids singing; There are no kids dancing.

The cabin: There are lots of clothes (on the floor); There are a couple of kids on their beds; There are a few tennis racquets; There are no suitcases.

The art and craft room: There are lots of masks; There are a couple of pots; There are a few paintings; There are no sculptures.

The dress-up disco: There are lots of kids dancing; There are a couple of monsters; There are a few cowboys; There are no kids eating.

The hiking trip: There are lots of butterflies; There are a couple of eagles;

There are a few bears; There are no snakes.

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The Lucky Winners

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T | H | E | | M | A | N | | W | I | T | H |
| G | L | A | S | S | E | S | | H | A | S | |
| W | O | N | | A | | P | R | I | Z | E | |
| T | H | E | | G | I | R | L | | I | N | |
| A | | J | A | C | K | E | T | | H | A | S |
| W | O | N | | A | N | D | | S | H | E | S |
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| T | O | | A | | W | I | N | N | E | R | E |
| W | I | T | H | | A | | H | O | R | S | E |

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Coast to Coast

a - i - 3; b - g - 1; c - k - 6; d - l - 8; e - j - 5; f - h - 9.

The holidays no one wants are: 2, 4 and 7.

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The Land of Oz

Jerry is in Scarecrow's Magic Field; Floyd is in the Munchkin Snack Bar; Bart is in Tin City.

pages 88 & 89

American Birthdays

January

1 New Year's Day
29 Oprah Winfrey

February

7 Garth Brooks
11 Jennifer Aniston
14 Valentine's Day
22 Drew Barrymore

March

6 Shaquille O'Neal
14 Billy Crystal

April

3 Eddie Murphy
14 Sarah Michelle Gellar

May

6 George Clooney
20 Cher

June

15 Courteney Cox

July

3 Tom Cruise
4 Independence Day
9 Tom Hanks
24 Jennifer Lopez
26 Sandra Bullock

August

9 Gillian Anderson
9 Whitney Houston
29 Michael Jackson
30 Cameron Diaz

September

25 Will Smith

October

8 Matt Damon

28 Bill Gates

31 Halloween

November

11 Veterans Day
11 Leonardo DiCaprio

December

2 Britney Spears
18 Brad Pitt
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HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS IN THE USA

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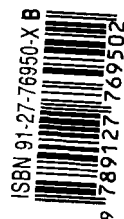
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