Autumn Adventures

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Street Smarts

Street Smarts: Be a Safety

Streets are for cars — but sidewalks and crosswalks are for YOU. Here's how to be a Safety Superhero every time you go outside.

The Magic Words: Stop, Look, Listen

Before you cross a street, say this to yourself: "Stop. Look left. Look right. Look left again!"

Cars can come from either side, so two looks left is your super-power move. Listen too — sometimes you can hear a car before you see it!

Sidewalks and Cross-walks Are Your Friends

Sidewalks keep you away from cars. Cross-walks are the safest spot to cross, because that's exactly where drivers are watching for people. Always use one if you can find it, even if it means walking a little farther.

Shine Bright So Drivers See You

Drivers can't stop for someone they don't see. Bright colors, reflective stickers, and bike lights all help you show up like a super-hero, day or night.



Buckle Up, Every Single Time

Seatbelt on for every car ride — even the short ones! Helmet on for every bike, scooter, or skateboard ride. Your brain is the most important thing you own, so keep it safe.



Look the Driver in the Eye

Before you cross in front of a car — even if you're allowed to — look at the driver's face. If they see you, they'll stop.
If you're not sure, wait.



Fun Fact!

The very first traffic light ever made used gas lamps... and it exploded a few weeks later! Good thing today's lights just use electricity or solar power.

Your Mission:

Next walk with a grown-up, YOU be the safety captain. Call out "Stop! Look left! Look right! Look left again!" before every crossing.

Money Missions: How to Be a Super Saver!

instead of watching it disappear in one trip to the store.

The Three-Jar Trick

Grab three jars (or cups, or envelopes!) and label them:

SAVE — for something big you really want

SPEND — for little treats right now

SHARE — for giving to someone else, like a charity or a friend in need

Every time you get your allowance, split it between the three jars. Even splitting it into small, medium, and big piles works! This way your money always has a job to do.

Pick a Save-Up Goal

Want a new game, a cool toy, or a special treat? Give your SAVE jar a mission! Draw a picture of what you're saving for and tape it to the jar. Watching the jar fill up is half the fun — like a treasure chest getting closer to full!

THE WAIT-AND- SEE TRICK



See something you want to buy right away? Try this: wait one whole day before deciding. Sometimes you'll still want it — great, now you know it's worth saving for! Sometimes you'll forget all about it — and you just saved your money without even trying.

Small Coins Add Up BIG

Here's a wild idea: if you saved just 25 cents every single day, by the end of one year you'd have over $90! Little bits of money, saved again and again, turn into a lot.

Fun Fact!

Piggy banks aren't named after pigs at all! Hundreds of years ago, people kept coins in jars made from a clay called "pygg." Over time, "pygg jars" turned into "piggy banks" — and someone eventually decided they should be shaped like pigs, just for fun!

Your Mission:

Get three jars this week and label them SAVE, SPEND, and SHARE. Split your next allowance between all three — and pick something exciting to save up for!

STORIES

THE MAP IN THE ATTIC

The attic at Grandma's house smelled like old paper and cedar wood, and it was, as usual, the first place Priya and her cousin Dev went to explore whenever they visited. That afternoon, while digging through a trunk of Grandma's old letters, Dev pulled out a folded, yellowed piece of paper.

"It's a map," he said, smoothing it out on the dusty floor. It showed the backyard — the same crooked fence, the same big oak tree — but with a small X marked near the base of the tree, and a note in careful handwriting: "For whoever finds this. Dig here, but only if you promise to bury something new for the next explorer."

"Do you think Grandma drew this?" Priya asked. "It has to be from a long time ago — look how faded it is."

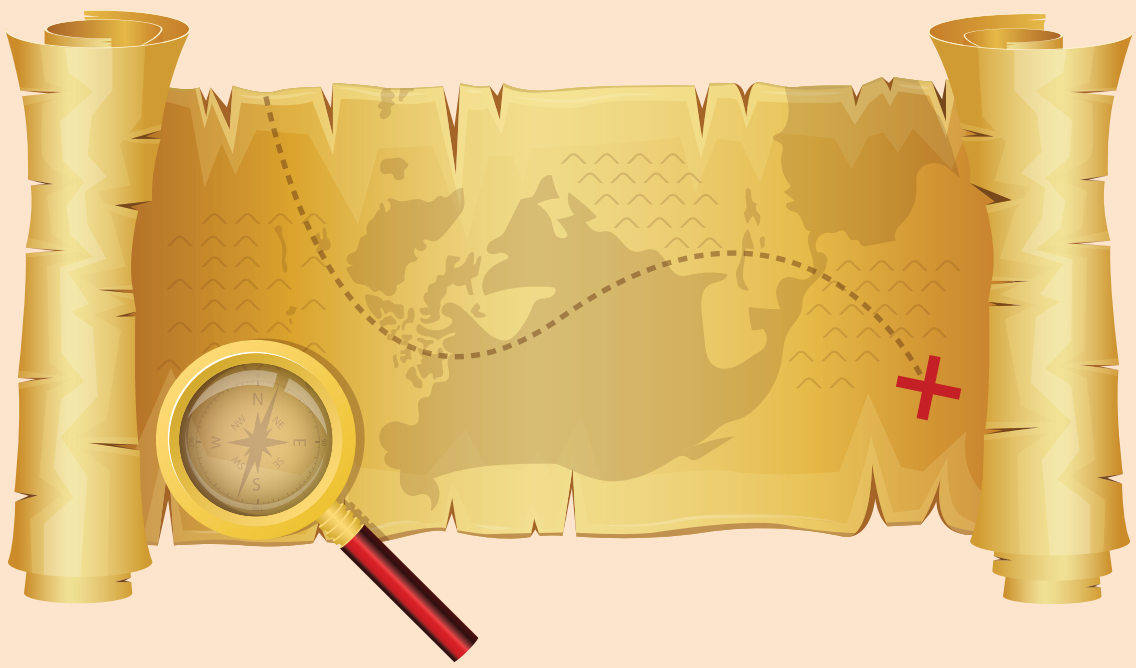
They brought the map downstairs to ask, but Grandma just smiled a mysterious smile. "That map is older than me," she said. "I found it in that very trunk when I was your age. I dug up a little tin box, and I put my own things inside before I buried it again. I suppose it's been waiting for the two of you."

Priya and Dev grabbed the garden trowel and headed for the oak tree, hearts thumping with excitement. It took twenty minutes of careful digging before the trowel struck something metal. They lifted out a small, rusted tin box and pried off the lid.

Inside was a faded photograph of a girl who looked just like Grandma, a marble, a folded drawing of a house, and a short note: "I hope the yard looks the same. Take care of it, and pass it on. — A."

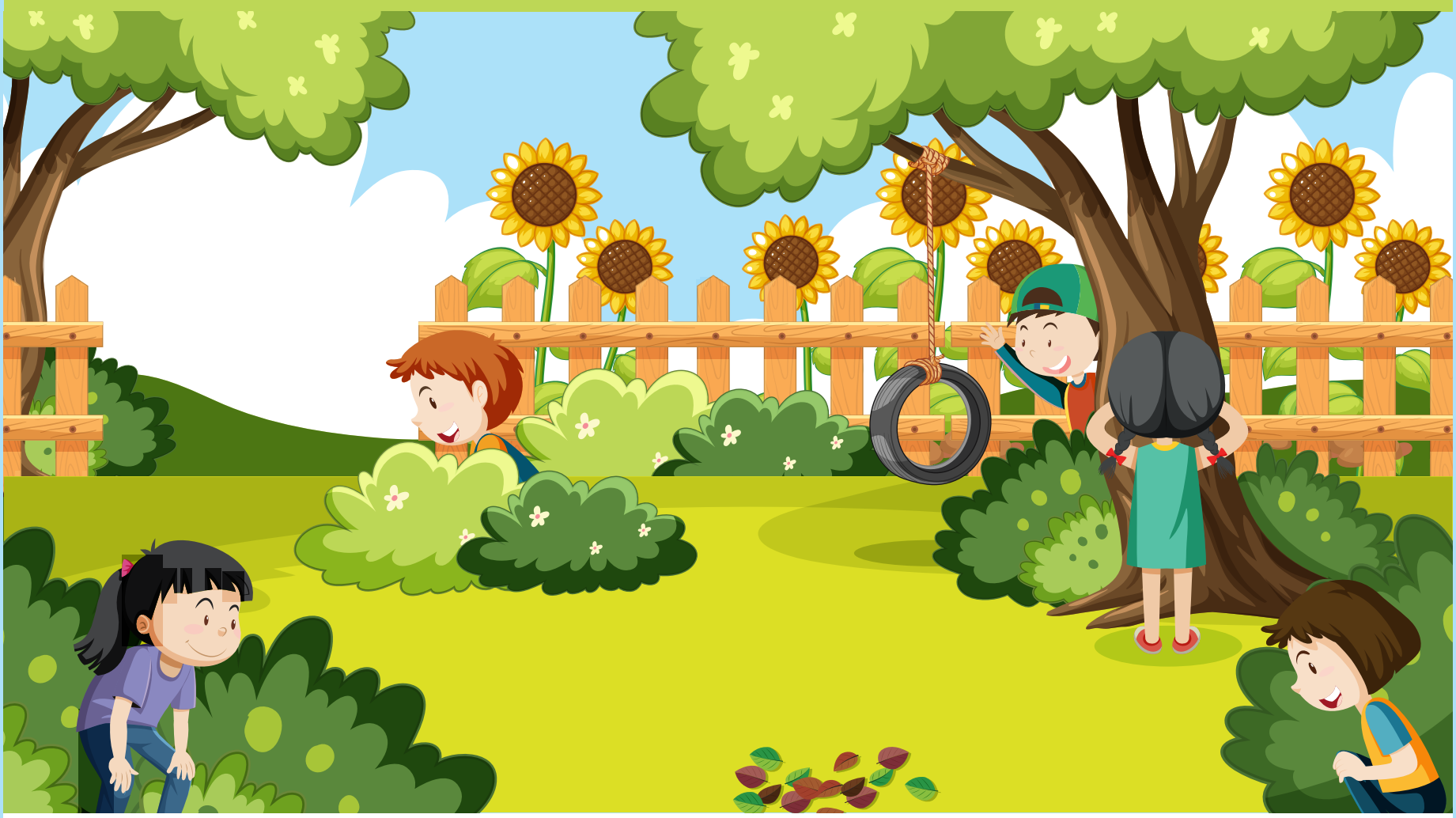
"A for Amara," Grandma said softly when they showed her, "my own grandmother's name. I never got to meet her, but she left this for me anyway."

That evening, Priya and Dev filled a new tin box of their own — a photo of the three of them, a page from Dev's sketchbook, and a note that read: "For whoever finds this next, the yard is still here. Take care of it. — P & D." They buried it carefully by the oak tree, patted the earth flat, and marked a fresh X on the back of the old map — ready for someone else to find, someday.



What would you put in a time capsule for someone to find in fifty years?

The Best Hiding Spot



Milo loved playing hide-and-seek with his dog, Buster. "Ready or not, here I come!" called Buster's owner, Nora.

Milo giggled and looked for a place to hide. He tried behind the curtain. Too easy! He tried under the table. Too small!

Then Buster nudged him toward a big cardboard box in the corner. Milo climbed in and pulled the flap shut. It was the perfect hiding spot!
Nora looked behind the curtain. No Milo. She looked under the table. No Milo! "Where could he be?" she wondered out loud.

Buster sat next to the box, wagging his tail. "Buster, are you trying to tell me something?" Nora laughed and lifted the flap. "Found you!"

Milo popped out laughing. "Buster gave me away!" he said. "That's okay — next time I'll find an even better spot!"



word games

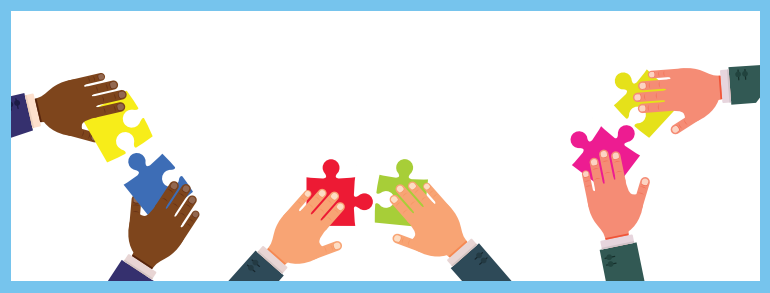
Animal Word Find

Find these words hiding across and down:
BIRD, CAT, DOG, DUCK, FISH, FROG.

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

Letter Scramble

DTSREE
DNAILS
ETROCK
LCSATE
GLNUEJ
PSAOSMC



Letter Scramble

Unscramble each word. Here's a hint: look up at night for two of them!

- ASTR
- MONO
- GFRO
- RBAE

Word Ladder: COLD to WARM

Change just one letter at a time to turn COLD into WARM. Every step must spell a real word. (5 steps, including the start and finish.)

COLD > _ _ _ _ > _ _ _ _ > _ _ _ _ > WARM

Word Ladder: CAT to DOG

Change one letter at a time to turn CAT into DOG. Every step must spell a real word. (4 steps, including the start and finish.)

CAT > _ _ _ > _ _ _ > DOG

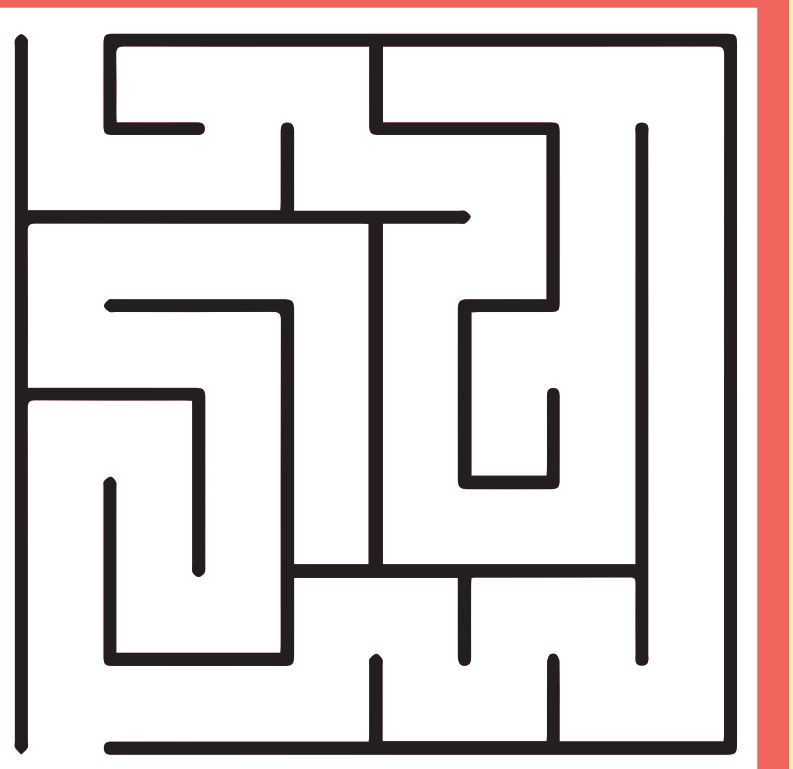
PUZZLES GAMES

WONDERS OF THE WORLD WORD SEARCH

Find these words hiding in eight directions, including backwards and diagonally:
DINOSAUR, DOLPHIN, GALAXY, MOUNTAIN, PENGUIN, PLANET, RAINBOW, ROBOT, TREASURE, VOLCANO.

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

Easy Maze Challenge-



Trivia Quiz

Circle the best answer for each question.

- Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
(A) Venus (B) Mars (C) Jupiter (D) Mercury
- What is the largest ocean on Earth?
(A) Atlantic (B) Indian (C) Arctic (D) Pacific
- How many legs does a spider have?
(A) 6 (B) 8 (C) 10 (D) 12
- What do you call a baby kangaroo?
(A) Cub (B) Joey (C) Kit (D) Pup
- Which is the tallest mountain in the world?
(A) K2 (B) Denali (C) Mount Everest (D) Kiliman-jaro

RIDDLES

- I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but you can’t go outside. What am I?
- What has hands but can’t clap?
- The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

CHALLENGE

Number Sudoku (6 × 6)

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

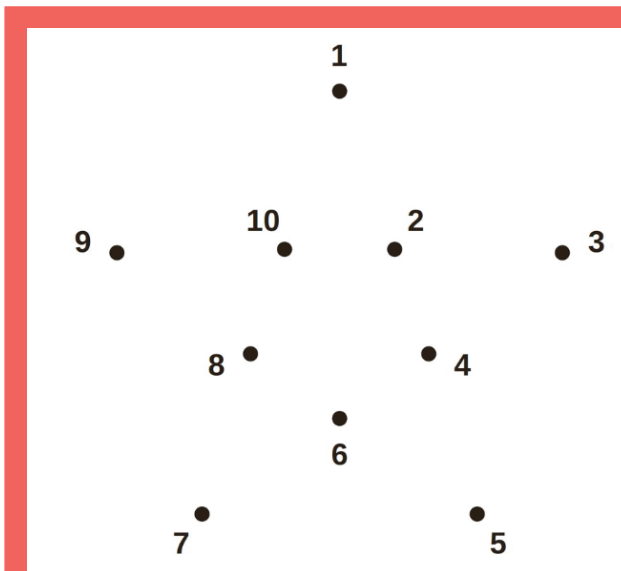
Draw & giggle

Drawing prompts

- Design your own robot! Give it three special gadgets and a job for it to do.
- Draw your dream treehouse, with at least one silly invention hidden inside.
- Colouring page: a friendly dolphin leaping over rainbow-coloured waves.

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots in order from 1 to 10 to reveal a surprise shape!



YOUR BRAIN

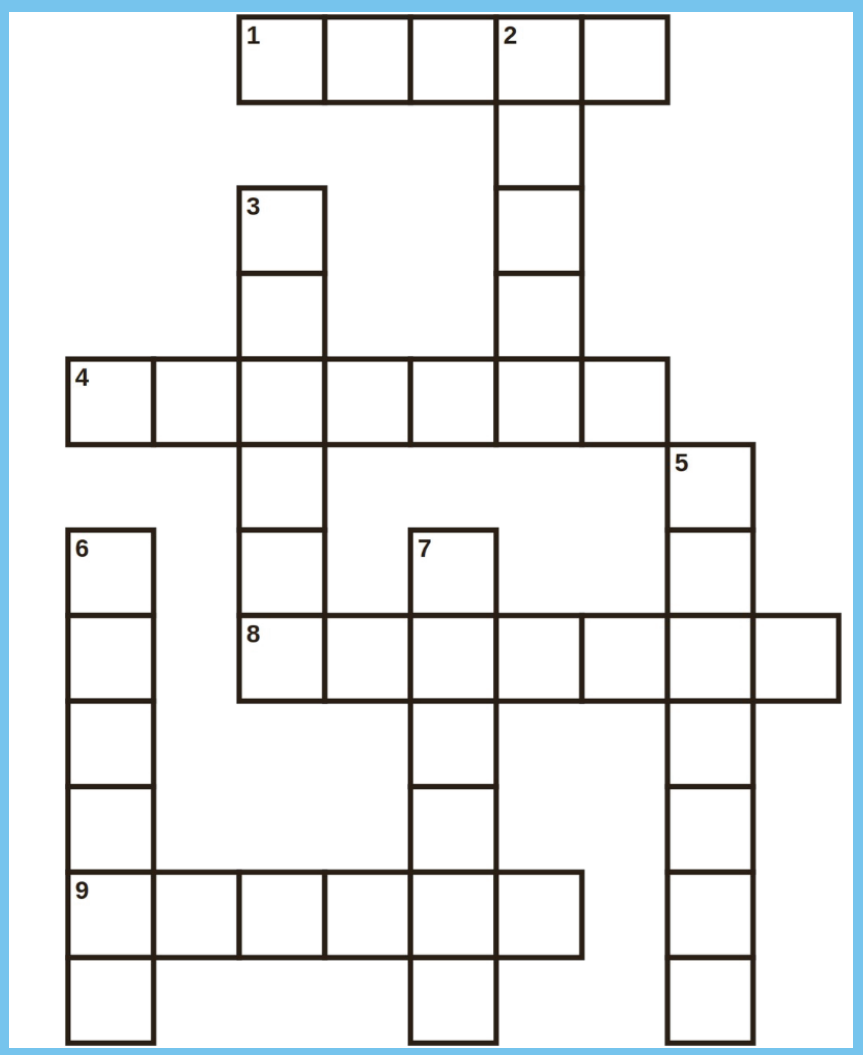
Big World Crossword

ACROSS

1. A machine that can be programmed to do jobs on its own.
4. A mountain that can erupt with hot melted rock.
8. A clever, playful sea mammal known for its clicks and whistles.
9. A vehicle that blasts off into space.

DOWN

2. A huge body of salt water — there are five of them on Earth.
3. A piece of land surrounded by water on every side.
5. An arc of colours that appears in the sky after rain.
6. A very dry place that gets very little rain.
7. Earth is one of eight of these that circle the Sun.



Jokes

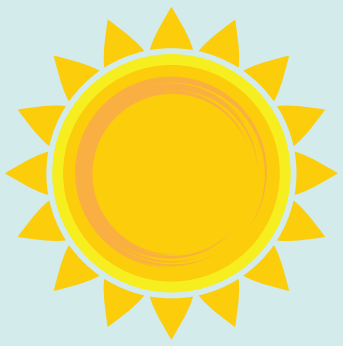
- Why did the computer go to the doctor?
- What do you call a bear with no teeth?
- Why did the soccer ball quit the team?
- What do you call a dinosaur that crashes his car?
- Why can't a bicycle stand up by itself?
- What did the ocean say to the shore?

Number Sudoku (4 × 4)

4	3		
		4	3
2			1
	1	2	

DID YOU KNOW?
FUN FACTS

More than one million Earths could fit inside the Sun if it were hollow — that's how enormous our star really is.



Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood! Two hearts pump blood to the gills, and the third pumps it to the rest of the body.



Your heart beats about 100,000 times every single day, even while you're asleep.



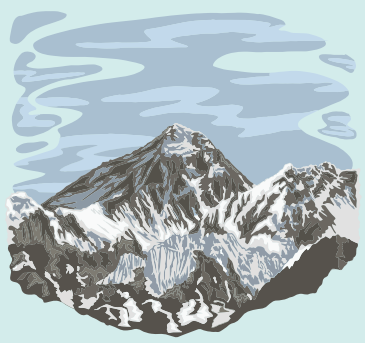
Archaeologists have found jars of honey in 3,000-year-old Egyptian tombs that are still perfectly good to eat — honey almost never spoils.



A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance."



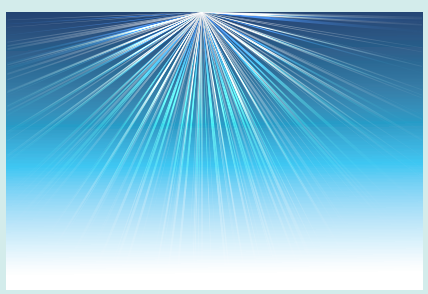
Mount Everest gets a little bit taller almost every year, because the shifting of giant rock plates deep underground keeps pushing it upward.



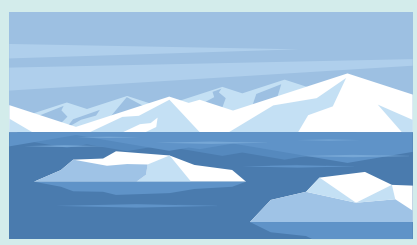
A hummingbird's heart can beat more than 1,200 times a minute while it's flying — that's about 15 times faster than yours.



Light from the Sun takes about 8 minutes to reach Earth. When you look at a sunset, you're actually seeing sunlight that left the Sun 8 minutes ago!



Antarctica is actually the largest desert in the world — a desert just means a place that gets very little rain or snow, and icy Antarctica gets less than the Sahara.



BIG MAZE CHALLENGE





FUN & CATCHY

Would You Rather?

1. Would you rather have the ability to fly, or be invisible?

2. Would you rather explore outer space, or explore the deepest part of the ocean?

3. Would you rather have a pet dragon, or a pet dinosaur?

4. Would you rather eat pizza every day for a year, or ice cream every day for a year?

5. Would you rather be able to talk to animals, or speak every human language?

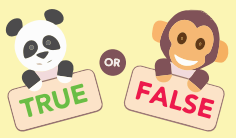
6. Would you rather live in a treehouse, or live on a houseboat?

7. Would you rather have super strength, or super speed?

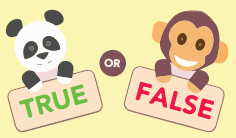
True or False?

Decide whether each statement is true or false.

Bananas are technically classified as berries.



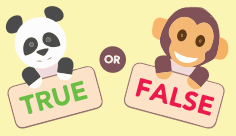
Goldfish can only remember things for three seconds.



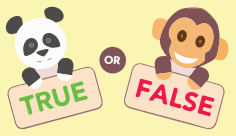
The Great Wall of China can be seen from the Moon with the naked eye.



The average adult human has four hearts.



Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system, even hotter than Mercury.



Answer Key

- Trivia Quiz: 1. Mars 2. Pacific 3. 8 4. Joey 5. Mount Everest
- True or False: 1. True 2. False (it's far too narrow to see from the Moon, or even from low orbit, without help) 3. False (goldfish can remember things for months) 4. True 5. False (people have just one heart — only octopuses have three!)

- Scrambles (younger): ASTR = STAR · MONO = MOON · GFRO = FROG · RBAE = BEAR
- Scrambles (older): DTSREE = DESERT · DNAILS = ISLAND · ETROCK = ROCKET · LCSATE = CASTLE · GLNUEJ = JUNGLE · PSAOSMC = COMPASS
- Crossword: 1. ROBOT, 4. VOLCANO, 8. DOLPHIN, 9. ROCKET **(across).** 2. OCEAN, 3. ISLAND, 5. RAINBOW, 6. DESERT, 7. PLANET **(down).**
- Word Ladder (CAT to DOG): CAT → COT → DOT → DOG
- Word Ladder (COLD to WARM): COLD → CORD → CARD → WARD → WARM
- Riddle 1: A keyboard. Riddle 2: A clock. Riddle 3: Footsteps.
-Jokes : (Because it had a virus!) (A gummy bear!) (It was tired of being kicked around!) (Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!) (It’s two-tired!) (Nothing — it just waved!)