

Early Finisher Workbook

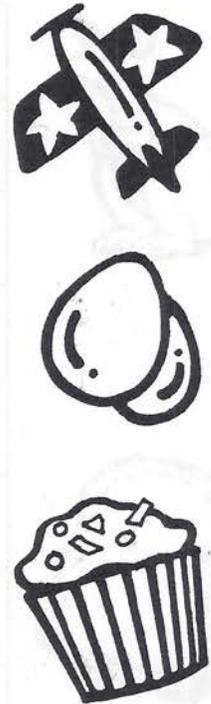
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Mystery Message #1

If you follow the directions correctly, a mystery message will appear. Read the message going across from bottom to top. Write the message on the lines below.



OCCUR	HAPPILY	BASKET	HASTILY
ONE	FLORIDA	CUPCAKE	PINK
BEET	IN	ORANGE	TENT
MICHAEL	SHAKE	SEEM	EGGS
PEANUT	PURPLE	YOUR	DOOR
ALL	SOONER	QUICKLY	WITHIN
THICK	AIRPLANE	PAUL	PUT
WEAKLY	DON'T	THAT	AWAY



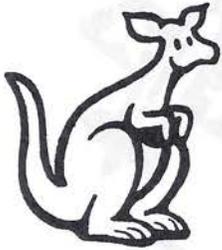
- Cross off all words that begin and end with the letter T.
- Cross off all words that have exactly five letters.
- Cross off all words that are the names of colors.
- Cross off all words that are adverbs.
- Cross off all words that are proper nouns.
- Cross off all the compound words.
- Cross off all words that have two of the same vowels together.

Mystery Message

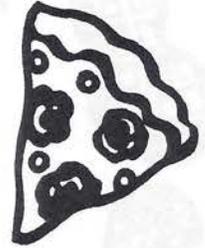
On the back of your paper, describe what this message means in your own words.

Mystery Message #2

If you follow the directions correctly, a mystery message will appear. Read the message going across from top to bottom. Write the message on the lines below.



YOU	WHILE	TWELVE	BUBBLE
KANGAROO	LETTER	BRIGHT	THE
CAT	INTERVIEW	MELLOW	IS
WON'T	BELLOW	SHE	AWAY
YELLOW	BREAD	THE	EXAMPLE
FORTY	MICE	BRUSH	WASN'T
OUR	PIZZA	WILL	FIVE
PLAY	CAN'T	US	BRANCH



- Cross off all words that are contractions.
- Cross off all words that have double consonants in the middle.
- Cross off all words that rhyme with the word *fellow*.
- Cross off all the number words.
- Cross off all words that have three syllables.
- Cross off all words that begin with the *br* blend.
- Cross off all words that are pronouns.

Mystery Message

On the back of your paper, describe what this message means in your own words.

Mystery Message #3

If you follow the directions correctly, a mystery message will appear. Read the message going down from top to bottom starting in the upper left. Write the message on the lines below.



VANILLA	FRIEND	WE'RE	WE
BUTTONS	EARLY	STRAWS	THE
THE	CHOCOLATE	CANADA	NIECE
I	HASN'T	CATCHES	BROOK
TOOK	STRAWBERRY	BAGELS	WORM
THEY	GEORGE	FIELD	WHO'S
CHERRY	BIRD	LOOK	HER



- Cross off all words that are pronouns.
- Cross off all words that have an *ie* spelling.
- Cross off all words that name ice cream flavors.
- Cross off all the things that have holes.
- Cross off all words that are contractions.
- Cross off all the proper nouns.
- Cross off all the compound words.
- Cross off all words that rhyme with *book*.

Mystery Message

On the back of your paper, describe what this message means in your own words.

Mystery Message #4

If you follow the directions correctly, a mystery message will appear. Read the message going down from top to bottom starting in the upper left. Write the message on the lines below.



LOCATION	LEVEL	GAME	WHITE
CENT	COUNT	YOUR	BEFORE
AGREE	BROWN	RECOGNIZE	OWE
NAME	TREAT	CHICKENS	THEY'RE
ABOUT	IGLOO	ABSENT	DEPEND
DON'T	NOON	GOING	HATCHED
RED	TELEPHONE	SENT	ABOARD



- Cross off all words that begin and end with vowels.
- Cross off all words that have exactly three syllables.
- Cross off all words that rhyme with the word *same*.
- Cross off all words that name a color.
- Cross off all words that are homophones for the word *scant*.
- Cross off all words that begin and end with the same consonant.
- Cross off all words that begin with the first two letters of the alphabet.

Mystery Message

On the back of your paper, describe what this message means in your own words.

Letter Links

How many words of three or more letters can you make by moving one square at a time in any direction? You may not use a letter twice in a row, but plurals are allowed. Write the words on the lines below. Use the back of this paper if you need more room. Note: There are more than 60 words!



S	P	O	T
H	A	N	G
Y	I	R	E



_____	_____
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Just for Fun

Make up a Letter Links puzzle for a friend to solve.

Homophone Crossword Puzzle

Homophones are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings, such as *blue* and *blew*. Solve the crossword puzzle by filling in a homophone for each clue.

Across

- 1. sérial
- 3. steak
- 4. night
- 7. plane
- 8. lone
- 10. peace
- 11. leek

Down

- 2. lain
- 3. stare
- 4. need
- 5. steal
- 6. grown
- 7. pale
- 9. eight

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following numbered starting points:

- 1.** Across, 6 squares
- 2.** Down, 3 squares
- 3.** Across, 5 squares
- 4.** Across, 5 squares
- 5.** Down, 3 squares
- 6.** Down, 5 squares
- 7.** Across, 4 squares
- 8.** Across, 2 squares
- 9.** Down, 2 squares
- 10.** Across, 5 squares
- 11.** Across, 4 squares



Just for Fun

Can you think of more pairs of homophones?
List them on the back of your paper.

Synonym Crossword Puzzle

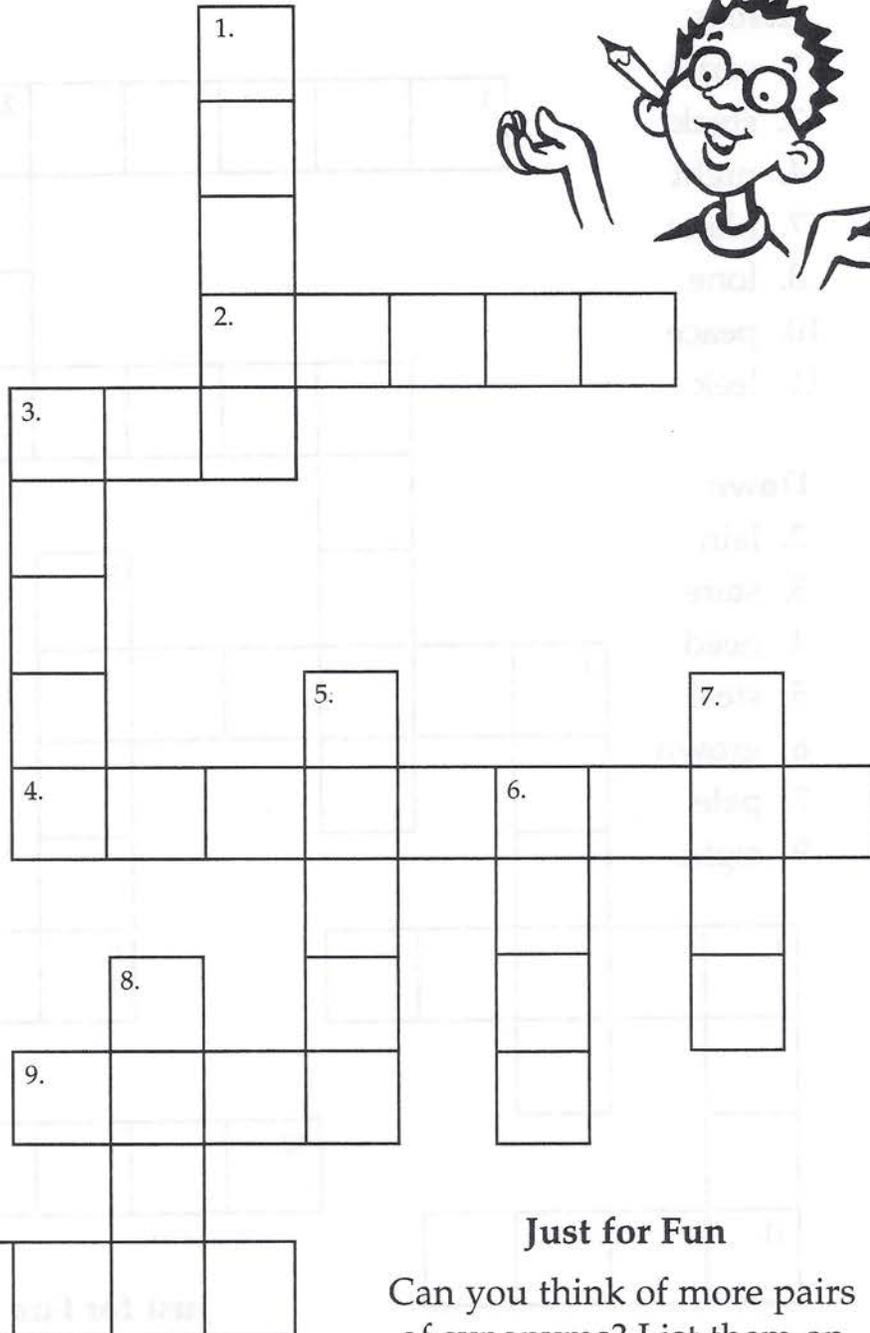
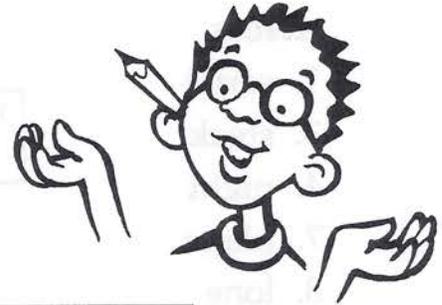
Synonyms are words that mean the same thing, such as *happy* and *glad*. Solve the crossword puzzle by filling in a synonym for each clue.

Across

- 2. instruct
- 3. purchase
- 4. vanish
- 9. small
- 10. shiver

Down

- 1. vacant
- 3. mix
- 5. late
- 6. piece
- 7. quick
- 8. ill

Just for Fun

Can you think of more pairs of synonyms? List them on the back of your paper.

Antonym Crossword Puzzle

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite, such as *hot* and *cold*. Solve the crossword puzzle by filling in an antonym for each clue.

Across

- 2. remember
- 4. finish
- 6. difficult
- 7. dirty
- 10. bad
- 12. smooth

Down

- 1. quiet
- 3. late
- 5. different
- 8. dark
- 9. old
- 11. close



Just for Fun

Can you think of more pairs of antonyms?
List them on the back of your paper.

Magic Square

Solve the magic square puzzle by placing the numbers 1 through 9 in the boxes below so that each row adds up to 15 going up, down, across, and diagonally. You can only use each number one time.

The puzzle consists of a 3x3 grid of empty boxes. Surrounding the grid are nine star-shaped pieces, each containing a number from 1 to 9. The pieces are arranged as follows:

- Top row: 1 (left), 2 (middle), 3 (right)
- Middle row: 9 (left), 4 (right)
- Bottom row: 7 (left), 6 (middle), 5 (right)
- 8 (left, between middle and bottom rows)

Number Search Puzzle #1

6	1	4	6	0	3	5	8
9	3	7	8	4	1	2	5
5	8	3	1	7	6	8	4
4	9	6	3	0	7	7	5
1	7	5	6	4	2	8	0
7	1	9	3	5	8	4	6
3	2	7	5	0	9	4	6
9	0	8	4	3	2	6	5

This search puzzle uses numbers instead of letters. Find and circle the following numbers going across, down, and diagonally in the puzzle. Can you find all 18?

0185	3348	5953
0358	3784	6146
0665	4173	7045
0946	4506	8412
1672	4736	8432
2878	5846	9296



Just for Fun

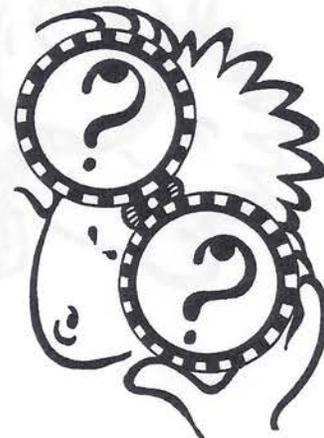
Make up a Number Search Puzzle for a friend to solve.

Number Search Puzzle #2

8	2	7	6	4	3	0	1	2	9
4	6	0	9	2	3	1	5	8	7
5	8	3	2	1	0	7	6	9	4
3	9	6	4	5	2	8	1	7	0
0	2	1	9	3	7	5	4	6	8
9	7	5	0	1	4	3	8	6	2
2	8	4	6	7	1	5	0	3	9
5	2	3	9	8	0	4	1	7	6
1	8	7	8	6	5	0	4	2	3
7	1	3	6	4	2	9	5	8	0

This search puzzle uses numbers instead of letters. Find and circle the following numbers going across, down, and diagonally in the puzzle. Can you find all 24?

- | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 0129 | 2897 | 5317 | 7136 |
| 0145 | 3256 | 5910 | 7408 |
| 1258 | 3881 | 6372 | 7828 |
| 1413 | 4105 | 6430 | 8296 |
| 2276 | 4295 | 6504 | 8535 |
| 2315 | 4609 | 7036 | 9262 |



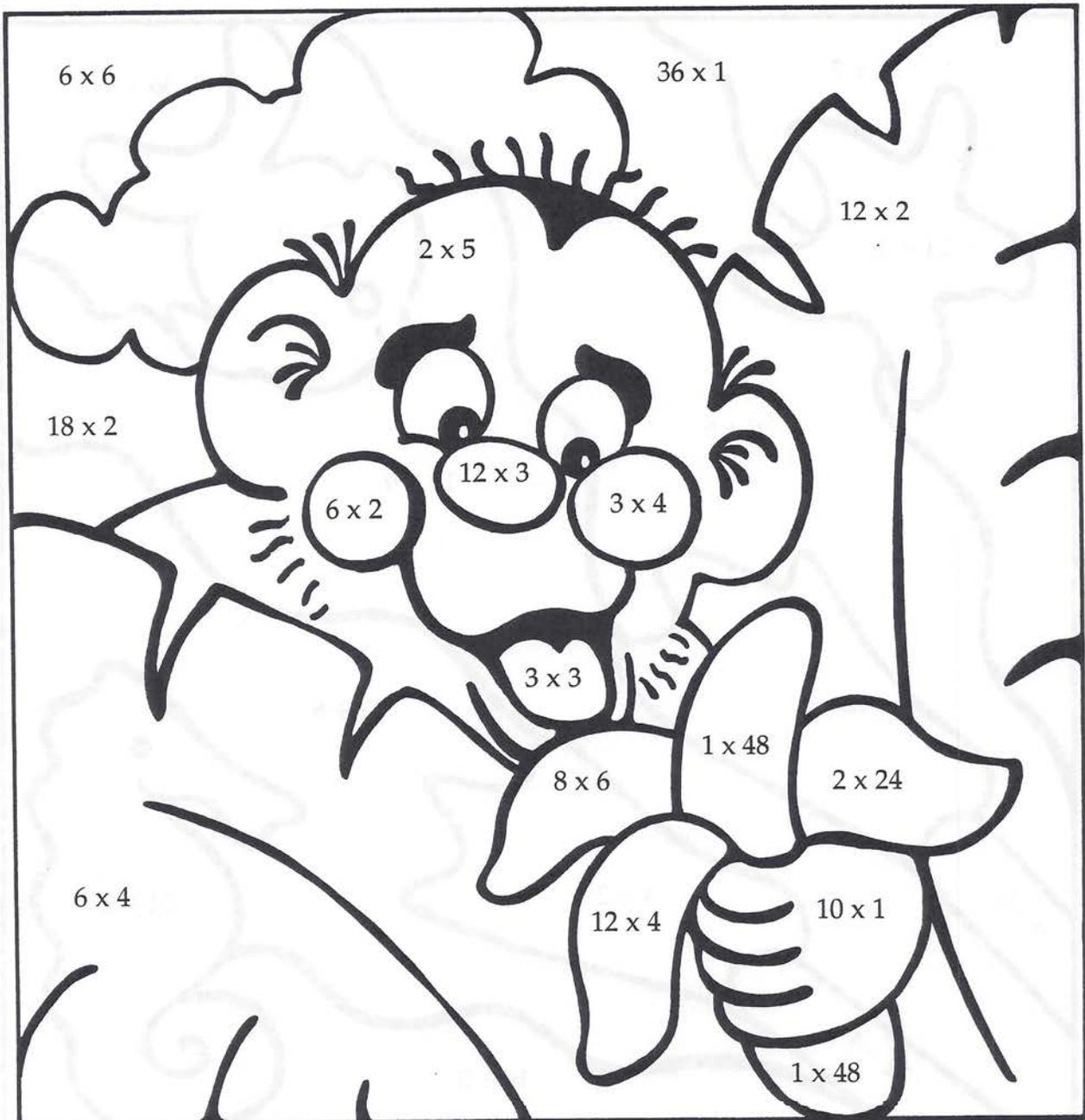
Just for Fun

Make up a Number Search Puzzle for a friend to solve.

Multiplication Monkey

Solve each problem below. Use the color key to color the picture.

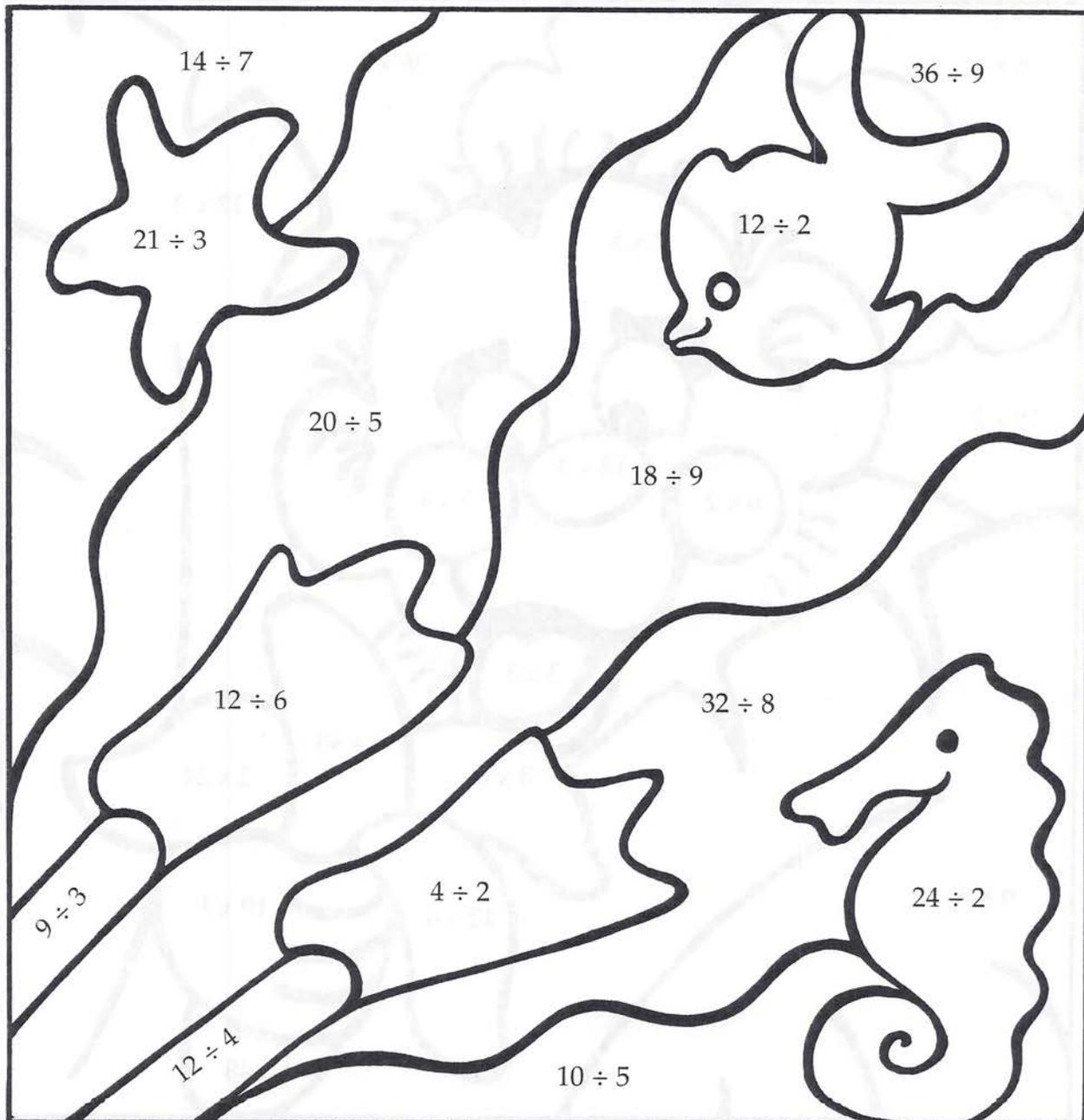
9 = orange	24 = green
10 = brown	36 = blue
12 = red	48 = yellow



Division Dive

Solve each problem below. Use the color key to color the picture.

2 = green	6 = red
3 = brown	7 = orange
4 = blue	12 = yellow



Crack the Code #1

Use the picture code to find the answer to the riddle by writing the letters for picture symbols on the lines.

The first one has been done for you.

								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

							
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q

								
R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

What did one earthquake say to the other?

     
 I _____

      
 _____.

Just for Fun

Use the picture code to send a secret message to a friend.

Crack the Code #2

Use the picture code to find the answer to the riddle by writing the letters for picture symbols on the lines.

The first one has been done for you.

								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

							
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q

								
R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Why was the clock sad?

      
 I _____

_____      _____

_____       _____

Crack the Code #3

Use the picture code to find the answer to the riddle by writing the letters for picture symbols on the lines.

The first one has been done for you.

								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I

							
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q

								
R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

When is a car not a car?

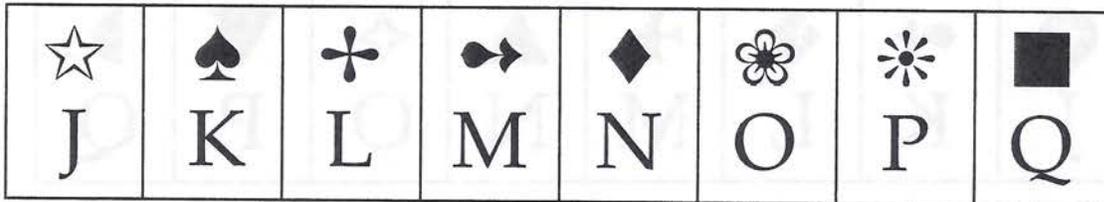
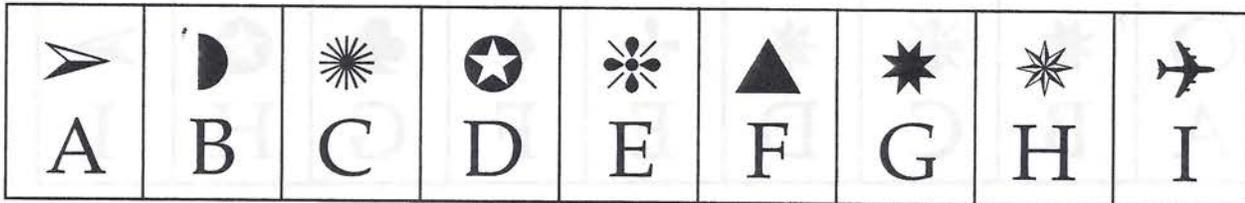
     
 W _____

Crack the Code #4

Use the picture code to find the answer to the riddle by writing the letters for picture symbols on the lines.
The first one has been done for you.



Why did the bank robber take a bath?



H _____





What's In – What's Out

The words in the “what’s in” column all have something in common. The words in the “what’s out” column do not fit in the first group of words. Decide what the words in the first group have in common, and write the answer on the line.

What's In

What's Out

1. pear, apple, peach

carrot, bread, lettuce

2. poodle, beagle, terrier

bark, tail, fur

3. sun, banana, butter

grape, beef, tomato

4. sandals, slippers, boots

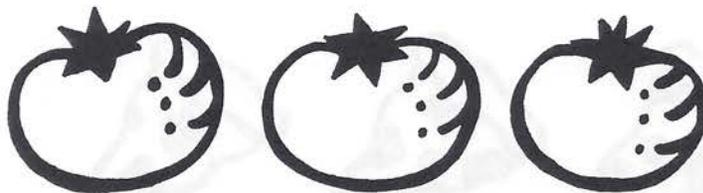
bracelet, hat, shirt

5. Boston, Miami, Dallas

Europe, California, China

6. snow, rain, hail

ocean, fish, moon



Just for Fun

Add two or more words to the “what’s in” list.

More What's In – What's Out

The words in the “what’s in” column all have something in common. The words in the “what’s out” column do not fit in the first group of words. Decide what the words in the first group have in common, and write the answer on the line.

- | What's In | What's Out |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. milk, juice, water | raisin, flour, pizza |
| <hr/> | |
| 2. purple, orange, yellow | paint, brush, paper |
| <hr/> | |
| 3. fins, scales, gills | horns, hair, skin |
| <hr/> | |
| 4. September, June, April | Tuesday, calendar, Friday |
| <hr/> | |
| 5. female, girl, woman | lad, boy, mister |
| <hr/> | |
| 6. summer, winter, fall | March, Thursday, May |
| <hr/> | |

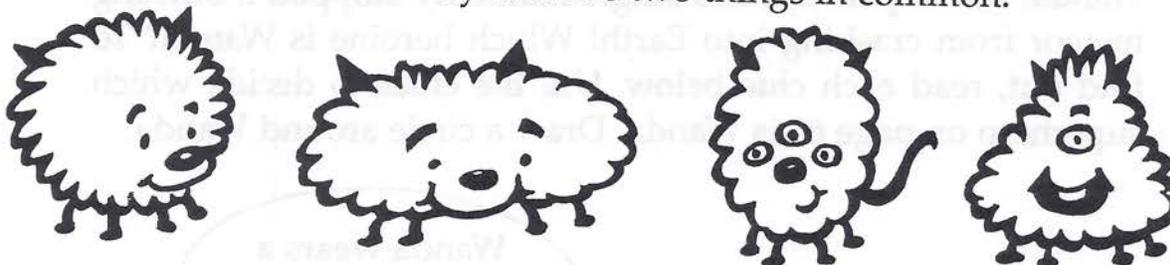


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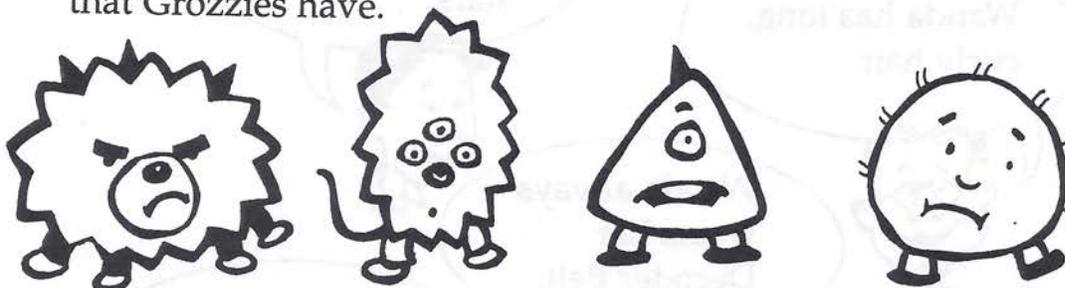
Add two or more words to the “what’s in” list.

Grozzies Galore

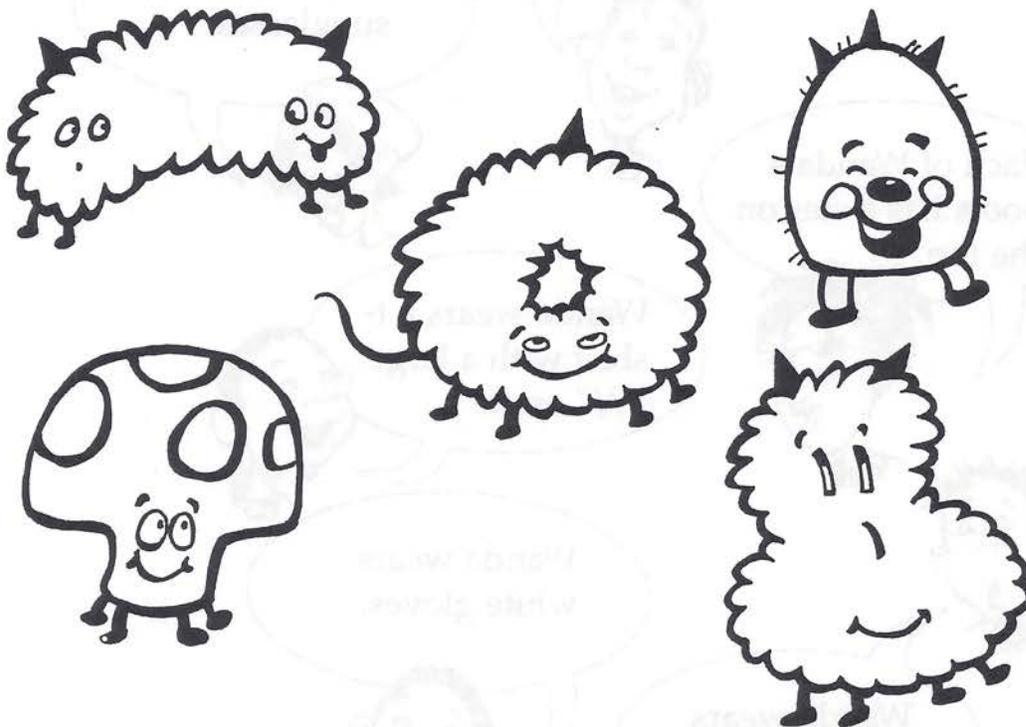
These are Grozzies. They all have two things in common.



These are not Grozzies because they don't have the two things that Grozzies have.



Find and color other Grozzies.

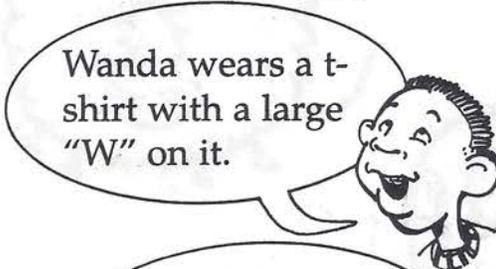
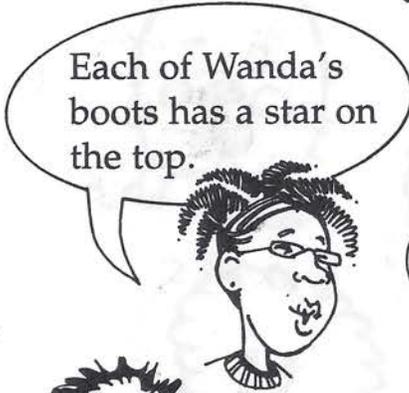
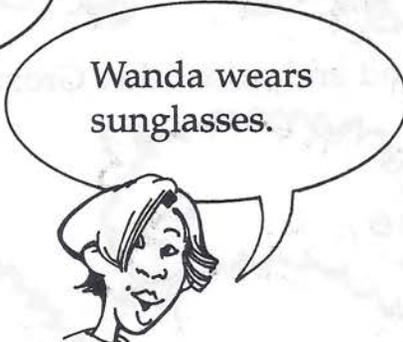
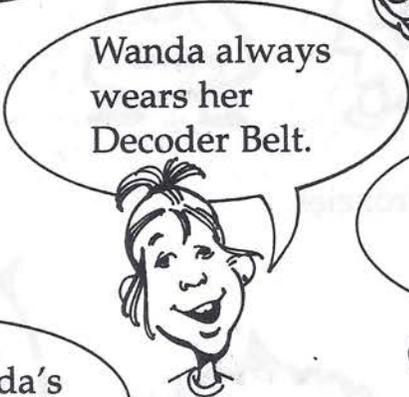
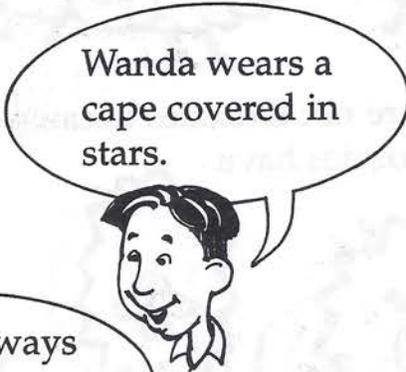
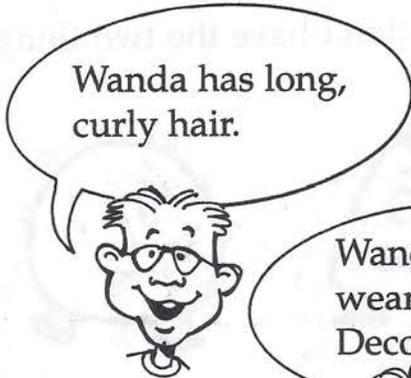


Just for Fun

Draw and color two more Grozzies on the back of this paper.

Where's Wanda?

Wanda, our superhero, has single-handedly stopped a burning meteor from crashing into Earth! Which heroine is Wanda? To find out, read each clue below. Use the clues to decide which superhero on page 61 is Wanda. Draw a circle around Wanda.



Where's Wanda?



1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9

The Perfect Pet

The Lopez family has decided to get a new pet, but everybody has a different idea of what pet the family should buy. As you read each statement below, cross off a pet on page 63. If you do the puzzle correctly, you will find the perfect pet for the Lopez family.

I don't want a pet with eight legs.

I don't want a pet that has to be walked.

I don't want a pet that will chirp and wake me up in the morning.

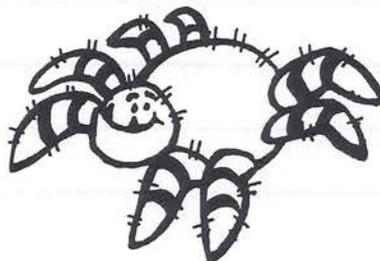
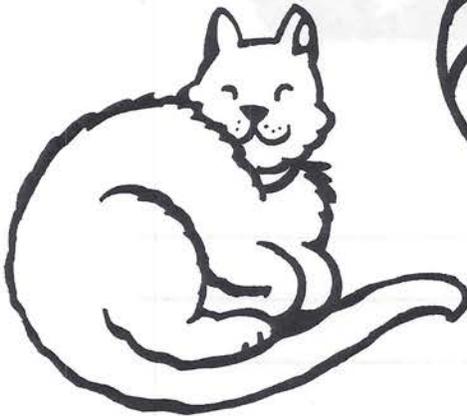
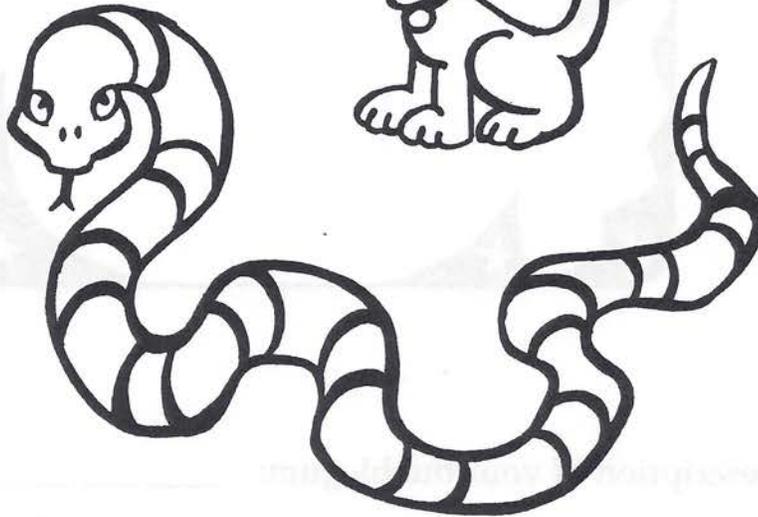
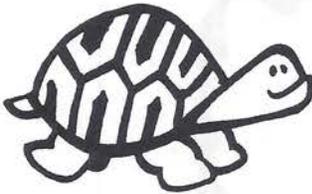
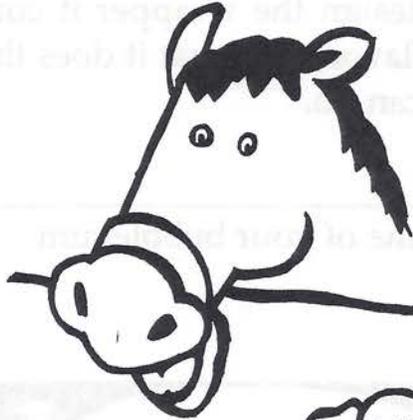
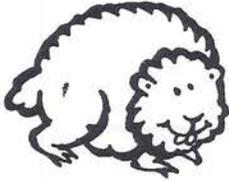
I don't want a pet that can hide its head in its shell.

I don't want a pet that's so large, I can't keep it in my bedroom.

I don't want a reptile because my mom doesn't like pets that slither.

I don't want a pet that needs an exercise wheel in its cage.

The Perfect Pet

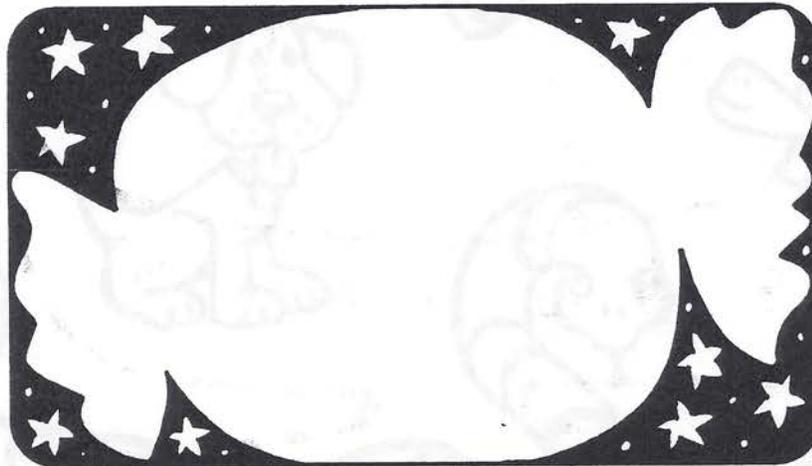


The perfect pet for the Lopez family is the _____.

The World's Greatest Bubblegum

Design a new type of bubblegum and give it a "catchy" name. In the space below, design the wrapper it comes in. Describe your gum's unusual flavor and what it does that no other bubblegum in the world can do.

name of your bubblegum



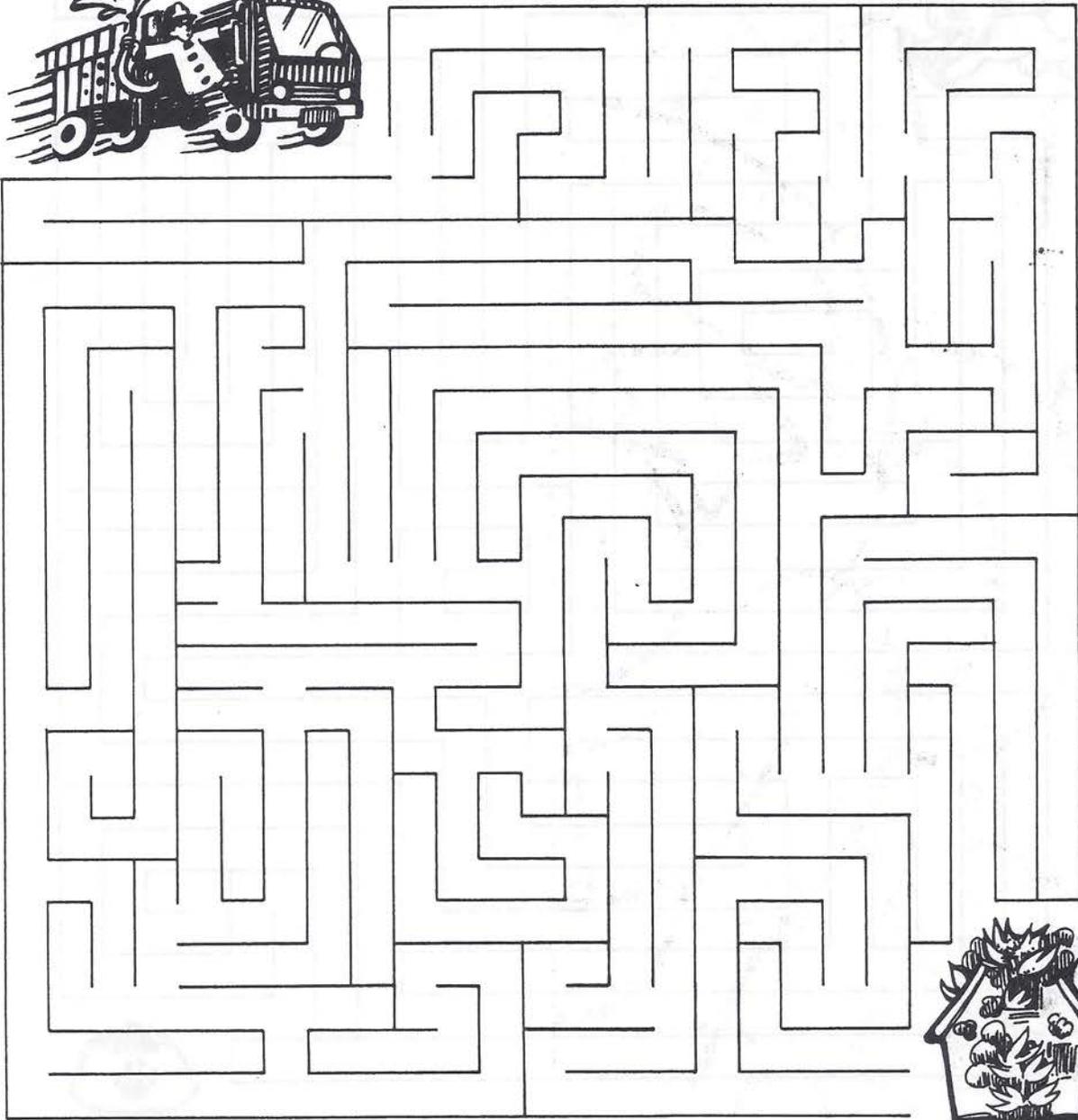
Description of your bubblegum: _____

Just for Fun

On a separate sheet of paper, write a funny story about an unusual thing that happens to someone who chews your bubblegum.

To the Rescue

Help the fire truck get to the fire!



Meal Maze

It's supper time! Help Fido find his way to his supper dish.

