

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!

Hi, in case you're reading this for the first time, I'm Jabberblabber, a friendly, "green", multi-species creature born and raised in Memphis, TN, USA. As you can see, I have very large eyes which give me reading superpowers and a big red tongue for jabbering and blabbering all day long. I love to dance, sing and read with my friends!

I'm an ageless cartoon character developed in March of 2001...23 years ago... by my "moms", Memphis artists, Theresa Andreuccetti and Nikki Schroeder. Best friends since college, they share a love for early childhood education and saw the need for more art and "green" education in our large, urban community's pre-school and elementary school curriculum. They wanted to give back by helping parents and educators fill those niches and developed Jabberblabber Family Magazine, a FREE activities newspaper for kids, providing education through entertainment. Jabberblabber Magazine was published as a 24 page hard copy for 20 years, providing over 7 million FREE copies to Mid-South children. Today, Jabberblabber has grown into a 30+ page digital E-zine with over 52,000 subscribers!

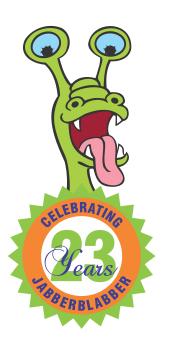
Since it's my birthday, I'm taking some friends to the Fire Museum for a party then down to Tom Lee park to shoot some hoops. My moms will make me some cupcakes and a special dinner of my favorite food...MAC N CHEESE! What will you do on your next birthday? Write to me and tell me all about it!

Jabberblabber E-zine is solely funded by sponsors, underwriters and advertisers who share our mission of "Helping all children live healthy and happy". They're the reason we're still publishing today! Please remember them the next time your family needs their services.

BE GREEN LIKE ME and remember to turn the lights off when you leave the room!

Peace and Love, Jabberblabber

Jabberblabber is really looking forward to eating his green birthday cupcake!
There's another one hidden in this magazine without candles.
See if you can help him find it.





Creators / Editors, Theresa Andreuccetti, and Nikki Schroeder with Meme and Jabberblabber.

Helping Children Live Healthy & Happy!

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Jabber mail

"Be My Pen Pal" (see page 5), is a popular and regular feature in Jabberblabber E-Zine. Children from all over the Mid-South write letters to Jabberblabber, and he writes EVERYONE back! This fun exercise helps children with letter writing, handwriting and communication skills and gives them an opportunity to send and receive mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

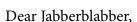
Dear Jabberblabber,

The thing I like best about myself is . . . I can run fast. The subject in school that I am awesome in is . . . science. My best feature is . . . I will help someone who needs it. My personality is great because . . . I smile and speak to everyone at school.

My question for you is . . . Whats is it like having tall eye stems?

Sincerely,

Jacob Flowers, age 11, Collierville TN



The thing I like best about myself is . . . I like to read.. The subject in school that I am awesome in is . . . English. My best feature is . . . I'm smart.

My personality is great because . . . I'm kind of quiet and listen well.

My question for you is . . . Is your skin soft or slimy? Sincerely,

LaDonna Jackson, age 10, Memphis

Dear Jabberblabber,

The thing I like best about myself is . . . I'm smart.

The subject in school that I am awesome in is . . . spelling. My best feature is . . . I'm nice.

My personality is great because . . . I like to talk to people at school.

My question for you is . . . Where did you go to school? Sincerely,

Amelia Jennings, age 12, Memphis TN





- air conditioner up 2 degrees in the summer.
- **2. Turn it off!** When you're the last one to leave the room, ALWAYS turn off the lights!
- 3. Unplug It! Reduce your home energy bill 10% by unplugging your cell phone charger, TV, stereo, and computer when you're not using them.
- 4. Say NO to plastic bags! Bring your own bag when you go shopping. Plastic is bad for land & animals!
- **5. Shop Locally!** Support local farmers & local businesses who produce here at home.
- **6. Don't Idle!** If you are going to be parked more than 10 seconds, turn it off! Idling cars produce 25% of all Co2 emissions.
- 7. Recycle! Cans, bottles, cardboard and plastic. Donate unwanted clothes, toys & furniture.
- 8. Reuse! Get a washable, reusable and refillable water bottle.
- 9. Conserve Water! Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth and take a short shower
- 10. Can it! Trash on the ground is unsightly & can end up in our rivers and oceans. Always throw trash in the trash can.

What you need:

- The template on the next page or a piece of paper.
- 2 envelopes 2 stamps Pen or Pencil

Step 1:

Answer the questions in the template or write me a letter. Then fold it and place it in one of the envelopes.

Step 2:

Address this envelope to me: **Jabberblabber** 415 S. Front St #114 Memphis Tn 38103 Place a stamp in the top right corner of the envelope. your name

Step 3:

Address the other envelope to yourself: Your name your address your zip code. Place a stamp in the top right corner. Fold and place in the other envelope with your letter.

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city, state and zip code

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Step 4:

MAIL IT! Place in 'OUTGOING MAIL" box at your home or various locations of the United States Post Office (USPS).

You will receive a reply and a BE GREEN LIKE ME bumper sticker in the mail in the next few weeks.

All letters submitted are eligible for copy/reprint in a future issue of Jabberblabber Family E-Zine.

	Dear Jabberblabber,
	On my next birthday I will be
	When I grow up I want to be
	My hobby is
	I am most interested in learning about
	My question for you is
	Sincerely,
	your name: your age:
	your address: city, state and zip code:
6	I pledge to practice the "10 ways to be GREEN"

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1 Grand Prize Winner will appear in the E-Zine, receive a bookmark,
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Runners up will appear in the E-Zine!

Fill in your info and mail or email by the 20th of the month to:

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OR photograph/scan your colored page and email to

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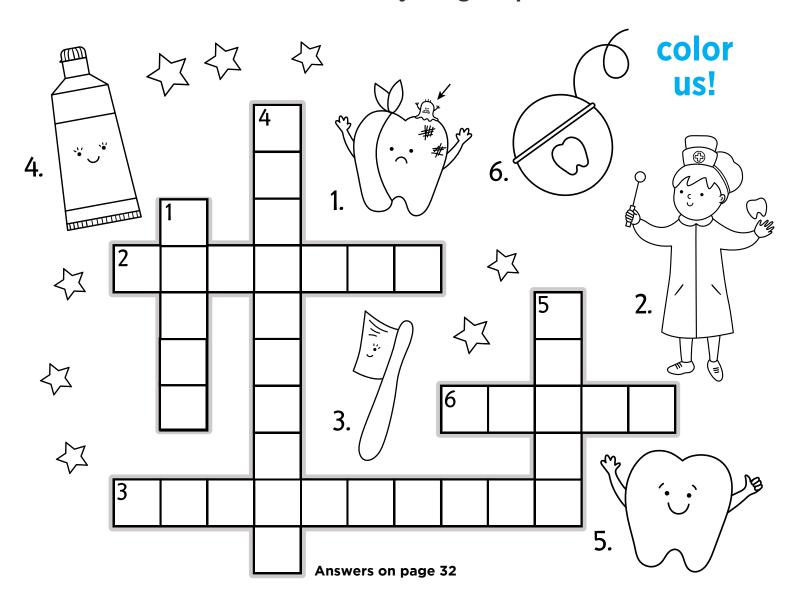
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Dental Puzzle

Fill in the crossword below by using the pictures as clues.



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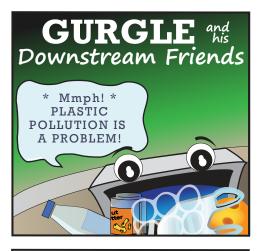






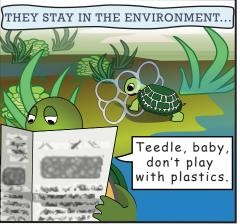
















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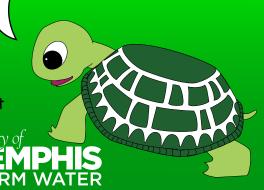
Used container, rocks, soil, seeds, and coloring materials

- 1. Clean and dry your jar.
- 2. Decorate the outside of the jar.
- 3. Layer the bottom of your jar with some rocks for drainage.
- 4. Put your soil on top of the rocks and use your finger to poke small holes to place the seeds in. Loosely cover the seeds with soil.
 - 5. Place in sun and spray with enough water to moisten soil over the next few days.
 - 6. Watch your plant grow!

It's not easy being green, but it can be fun! You can



You can reduce trash and recycle used containers with this fun activity!



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Happy Birthday Jabberblabber!

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Amy wants to buy her friend a birthday gift. The gift is \$2.75 including tax. All her coins are below. Add each row, then add the total.





Does Amy have enough to buy the gift?

yes ___ no__

Total from all 4 rows = _____

A savings account is a great way for you to learn about the value of money and how you can fulfill your future dreams by starting at a young age!

RENTS PAGES

The Fascinating History of Birthday Celebrations: From Ancient Rituals to Modern Traditions By Karmin Walker

Birthdays are a time-honored tradition celebrated by people all around the world. Whether it's blowing out candles on a cake, receiving gifts, or gathering with loved ones, birthdays hold a special place in our hearts. But have you ever wondered how this tradition came to be? Join us on a journey through time as we explore the captivating history of birthday celebrations.

Ancient Beginnings:

The concept of celebrating birthdays dates back thousands of years. In ancient civilizations such as Egypt, Greece, and Rome, birthdays were primarily reserved for gods and goddesses. These deities were honored with lavish feasts, rituals, and offerings. It was believed that on their birthdays, they would bestow blessings upon their followers.

The Greeks:

The Greeks played a significant role in shaping the way we celebrate birthdays today. They were the first to celebrate the birthdays of ordinary individuals, not just gods. They believed that each person had a protective spirit or "genius" that would visit them on their birthday, bringing good fortune. To honor this spirit, they would offer prayers, make offerings, and share a celebratory meal with friends and family.

Roman Influence:

The Romans, known for their grand celebrations, added their own touch to birthday festivities. They introduced the concept of celebrating the birthdays of family and friends. The wealthy would host extravagant parties, complete with feasts, entertainment, and games. It was during this time that the tradition of giving gifts on birthdays began to emerge.

Modern Traditions:

The modern birthday celebration as we know it today began to take shape during the 18th and 19th centuries. The Industrial Revolution brought about changes in society, making birthdays more accessible to the masses. The emergence of the middle class allowed for the celebration of birthdays beyond the aristocracy.

In the early 19th century, Germany introduced the concept of the Kinderfest, or children's party. These parties included games, cakes, and gifts, setting the stage for the birthday parties we know today. The tradition of blowing out candles on a cake is said to have originated in ancient Greece, where people would light candles on round cakes to symbolize the moon and its connection to the goddess Artemis. This practice eventually made its way into birthday celebrations, with the number of candles representing the age of the person.

In the 20th century, birthday celebrations became more personalized and focused on the individual. The tradition of singing the "Happy Birthday" song, written by Patty and Mildred Hill in 1893, became a staple in birthday parties worldwide. The song added a joyful and communal element to the celebrations.

Today, birthday celebrations have evolved into diverse and unique experiences. From themed parties to surprise get-togethers, people find creative ways to make their loved ones feel special on their birthdays. Social media platforms have also played a significant role in modern birthday celebrations, allowing friends and family from all over the world to send well wishes and share memories.

In conclusion, the history of birthday celebrations is a fascinating journey that spans across cultures and centuries. From ancient rituals dedicated to gods and goddesses to the modern-day tradition of celebrating individual milestones, birthdays have evolved to become a cherished part of our lives. So, the next time you blow out the candles on your cake or receive a heartfelt birthday wish, remember the rich history behind this time-honored tradition.



DOCTOR'S ORDERS

MARCH TOPIC: Healthy Living

By The American Academy of Pediatrics

Nutrition

The specific nutritional choices you and your youngster make are crucial. Good nutrition is essential to good health and the American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to think of their nutritional decisions as health decisions.

Fitness

There's no scarcity of activities that you can make available to your child, and all kids can find some form of exercise that they enjoy. If you can get your child interested in an activity like this when he's young, exercise and fitness are more likely to become a habit that lasts for many decades.

Sports

Youngsters develop sports skills in a sequence, so each sequence should be maxed out for that child. If each developmental stage is fully formed, your active child has the ability to more completely reach her maximum capacity for participation in sports.

Oral Health

Healthy mouth and teeth are an important part of a child's wellness. Adding a dental professional as a resource to your support system can provide ongoing peace of mind for your entire family.

Emotional Wellness

Children need to realize that the world is a better place because they are in it. Understanding the importance of personal contribution can serve as a source of purpose and motivation.

Sleep

Sleep is just as important to your children's development and well-being as nutrition and physical activity. The amount and quality of sleep we have can affect our safety, how alert we are, as well as our memories, moods, behavior, and learning abilities. Establishing good sleep practices while your children are young will not only benefit you, but it will help them for many years to come.

Click HERE for full article.

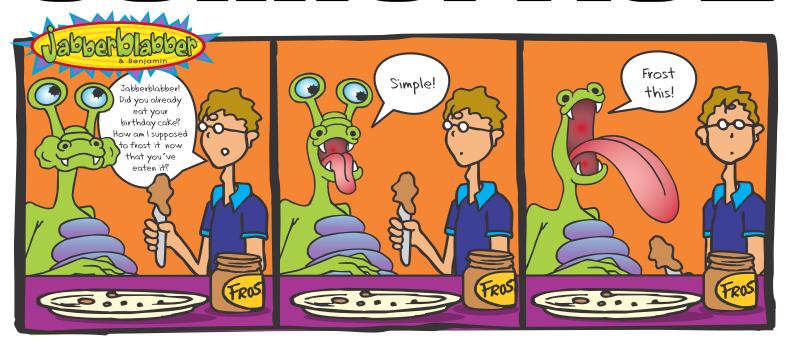


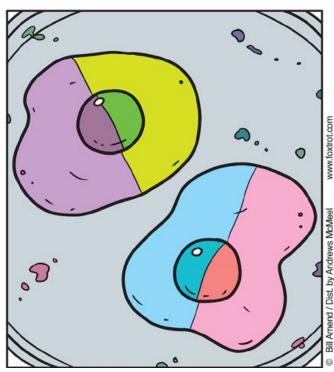




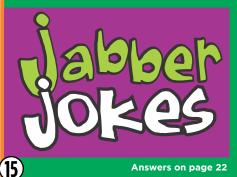
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COMICPACE









- 1. Why is March the most popular month to use a trampoline?
- 2. What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold?
- 3. What kind of music do leprechauns love?
- 4. What did the Irish potato say to his sweet heart?
- 5. What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late?

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Stop at the Click When refueling the gas tank in your car, do not top off after the click. It harms your car and increases pollution levels!

Don't Idle Your Car You can reduce pollution levels by avoiding drive-through lines and shutting your engine off if waiting for more than 30 seconds.

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March 1 | Friday | World Compliment Day March 2 | Saturday | Old Stuff Day March 3 | Sunday | I Want You to be Happy Day March 4 | Monday | March Forth and Do Something Day March 5 | Tuesday | Learn What Your Name Means Day March 6 | Wednesday | Dentist's Day March 7 | Thursday | Alexander Graham Bell Day March 8 | Friday | Proofreading Day March 9 | Saturday | Get Over It Day March 10 | Sunday | Middle Name Pride Day March 11 | Monday | Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day March 12 | Tuesday | Alfred Hitchcock Day March 13 | Wednesday | Napping Day March 14 | Thursday | Pi Day (3.14 = Pi, get it?) March 15 | Friday | Buzzards Day March 16 | Saturday | Absolutely Incredible Kid Day March 17 | Sunday | St. Patrick's Day March 18 | Monday | Awkward Moments Day March 19 | Tuesday | Let's Laugh Day March 20 | Wednesday | World Storytelling Day March 21 | Thursday | Common Courtesy Day March 22 | Friday | International Goof Off Day March 23 | Saturday | Puppy Day March 24 | Sunday | Chocolate Covered Raisins Day March 25 | Monday | Waffle Day March 26 | Tuesday | Make Up Your Own Holiday Day March 27 | Wednesday | National "Joe" Day March 28 | Thursday | Something on a Stick Day March 29 | Friday | Smoke and Mirrors Day March 30 | Saturday | Take a Walk in the Park Day

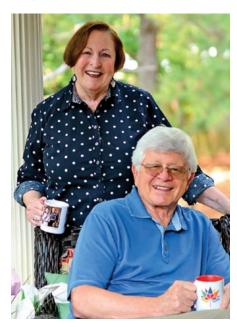
March 31 | Sunday | Bunsen Burner Day

See if you can find the 8 differences in the two photos.





NDPARENTS PAGE Celebrating our senior adults in the prime of their lives!



Grandparents of the Month - Graeme & Anne Gee

Graeme and Anne Gee came to Kirby Pines from their home in Brevard, North Carolina. Graeme was born in Bristol, England and Anne in Glasgow, Scotland. They have been married 34 years, have four children and five grandchildren.

Graeme graduated from University of Reading in the United Kingdom in 1971. Anne graduated from Oakville University in Ontario, Canada in 1965. He worked for United States Gypsum for 31 years as a business development manager. She went on to work in real estate sales.

Graeme is an automobile enthusiast. He even built a race car and raced in the Chicago Sports Car Club. He also enjoys technology, F1 Racing, anything mechanical. Anne enjoys reading and playing bocce. They both enjoy a game of cards and international travel.

They have traveled all over the world, including RV travel throughout the United States and Canada.

Congratulations Anne & Graeme, for being Jabberblabber's Grandparents of the Month!

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Happy Birthday Jahberhlabber!

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.







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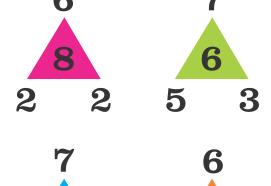
THESE ARE TOUGH! TRY THEM IF YOU DARE! Answer on page 30

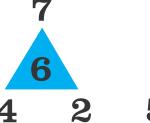
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Your goal is to find a third word that is connected or associated with both of these two words.

- 1. LOCK PIANO —
- 2. SHIP CARD _____
- 3. TREE CAR —
- 4. SCHOOL EYE —
- 5. PILLOW COURT —
- 6. RIVER MONEY —
- 7. BED PAPER _____
- 8. ARMY WATER —
- 9. TENNIS NOISE —
- 10. EGYPTIAN MOTHER _
- 11, SMOKER PLUMBER —

Which number should be placed				
in the empt	ty triangle?			







Word Puzzlers

Figure out the words or phrases from the word pictures below.

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in Tom Lee Park and on Facebook at Menagerie Farms

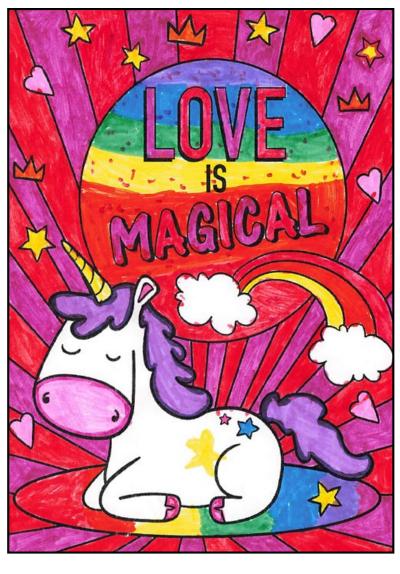
1. It's spring-time. 2. A leap-rechaun. 3. Sham-rock! 4. I only have eyes for you 5. "Where in earth have you been?"

UCOLORIT CONTEST



February WINNER

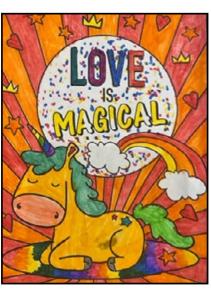
1st Place Mahira Virji Collierville, TN age 6



RUNNERS UP



Catherine Bailey | age 7 Memphis, TN



Ella Scharr | age 7 Memphis, TN

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Present....



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Connect the dots to complete the Easter drawing below!



Don't forget to color your masterpiece.

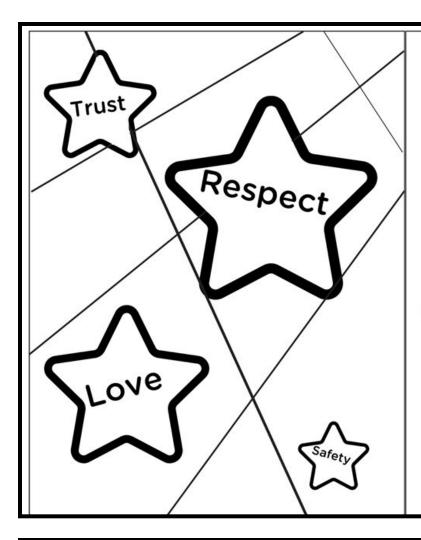
Did you know?

The exact name of the Easter Bunny is classified. However, some clever clues have been discovered.

Some items left by the Easter Bunny have the initials E.B. written on them. We are not quite sure if this stands for Easter Bunny or something else like Earl Bunny, Eric Bunny, Eliza Bunny or Emily Bunny.

For now, we will just use E.B. What do you think his/her name could be?





True or False

I deserve to be loved and respected. True False

> I should keep all secrets, no matter what they are.

True False

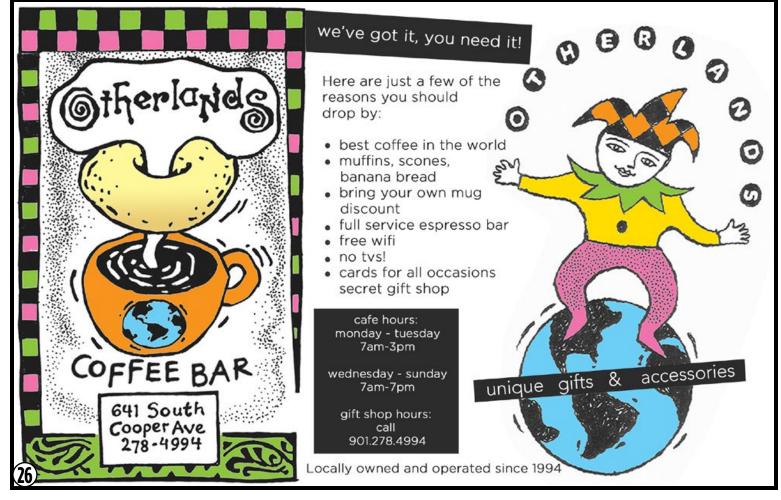
I should have control over my own body. True False

When I feel scared or uncomfortable, I can talk to a trustworthy adult.

> True False



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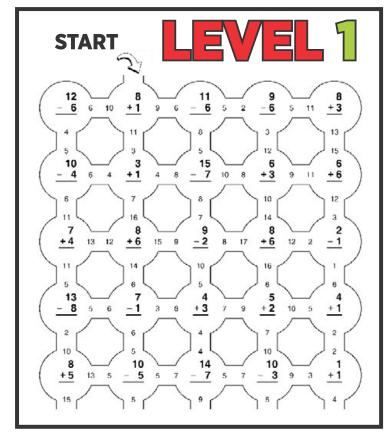
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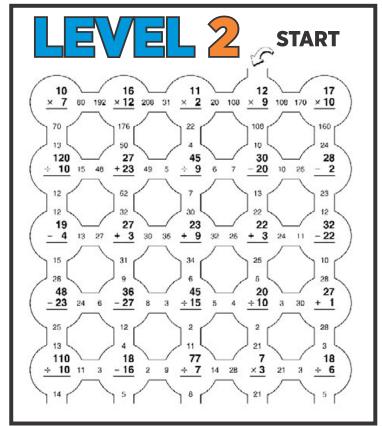
WHAT WOULD YOU LOOK LIKE IF YOU WERE MADE INTO AN OLD CHARLIE BROWN CARTOON? DRAW YOURSELF IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE BELOW!



MATHMAZES

Find your way from top to bottom by following the path of correct answers. You can only exit a cell if the number matches the answer to the problem.





Answers on page 34

WORDOFTHEMONTH

anticipate

verb an·tic·i·pate

to look forward to; expect.

"I always anticipate a delicious cake on my birthday."

Use "anticipate" in your own sentence:



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Look at the pairs of words below.

Your goal is to find a third word that is connected or associated with both of these two words.

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- 2. SHIP CARD Deck
- 3. TREE CAR Trunk
- 4. SCHOOL EYE Pupil
- 5. PILLOW COURT Case
- 6. RIVER MONEY Bank
- 7. BED PAPER Sheet
- 8. ARMY WATER Tank
- 9. TENNIS NOISE Racket
- 10. EGYPTIAN MOTHER Mummy
- 11. SMOKER PLUMBER Pipe

Which number should be placed in the empty triangle?

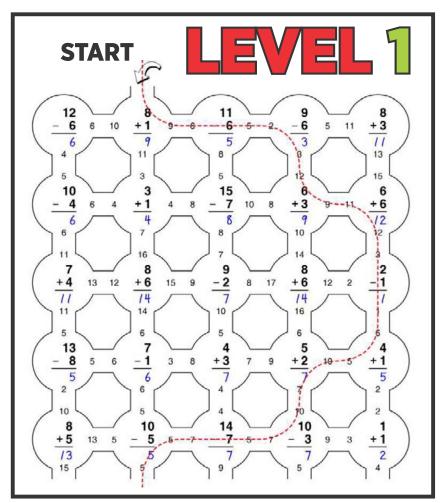
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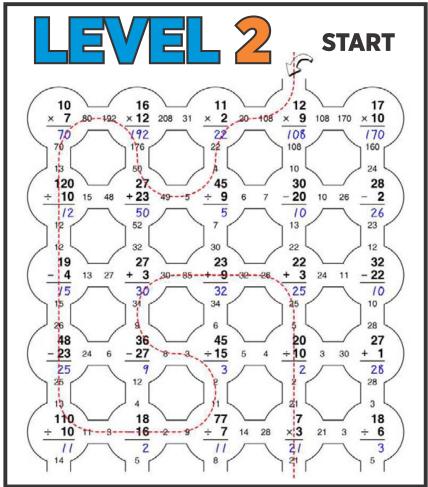
SOLUTION:

The top number minus the bottom left-hand number is multiplied by the bottom right-hand number to give the number inside the triangle.

Word Puzzlers Figure out the words or phrases from the word pictures below.	3 One thing after another
Round of applause	4 Shadow of a doubt
2 Last but not least	Nosey neighbors

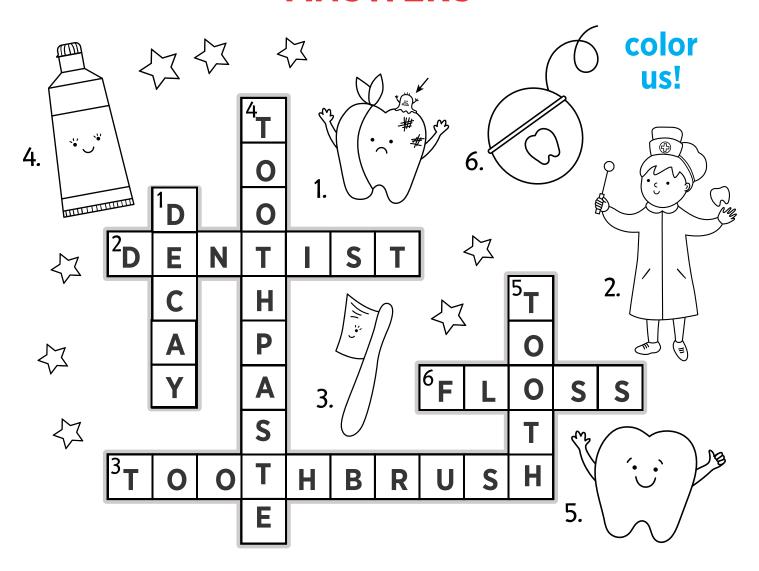
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Dental Puzzle

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Does Amy have enough to buy the gift?

yes **X** no__

Total from all 4 rows

\$2.93

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