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**EARTH FRIENDLY FAMILY E-ZINE**



**NEW YEAR!  
NEW GOALS! 2025  
NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

**FUN,  
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and  
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for the  
WHOLE  
family!**



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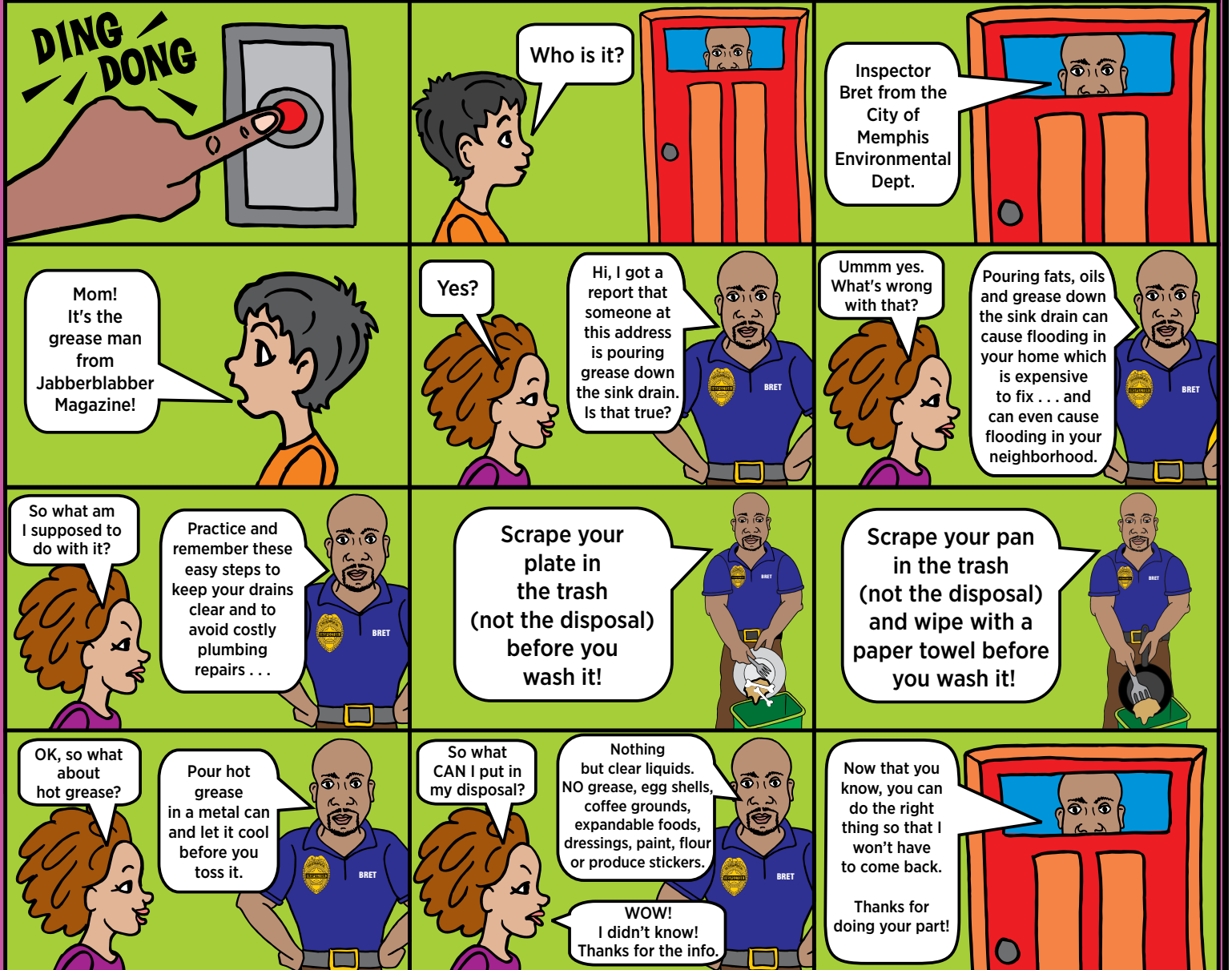
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**PARENTS PAGES!**



# THE ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR BRET!



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, FRIENDS!

We hope your holidays were festive and you enjoyed your New Year celebrations. Do you know why New Year's is celebrated at the stroke of midnight on December 31 in the United States? Timekeeping! The completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 drove the synchronization of public clocks and the start of celebrating at the stroke of midnight. Pretty cool!

New Year's Day is celebrated on different days and in different ways in other countries. We dedicated this issue to all things NEW YEAR's, so check out our activities and articles to learn more about New Year's here and around the world.

Most countries share the tradition that the New Year is the time to make some new changes. People will make resolutions to eat better, exercise more and be better all around. Remember, every day we wake up is a NEW DAY, so I'm hoping I can stick to my resolutions all year long!

BE GREEN LIKE ME and remember to always scrape your plate in the trash, not the sink disposal. Grease and other items from your plate can clog your pipes and no one wants a flood in their home, especially in the winter!

This E-zine is FREE, made possible by the sponsors you see throughout, who share our mission of Helping Children live healthy and happy. Please remember them the next time your family is in need of their services. Just go to my website at [www.jabberblabber.com](http://www.jabberblabber.com) where you can print out any page on 8.5 x 11 paper for use at home and in your classroom. Enjoy!

Happy 2025!  
Peace and love,  
Jabberblabber

Jabberblabber  
has a new watch so he  
can be on time in the  
new year!  
It's hidden somewhere  
in this E-zine.

See if you  
can help him find it.



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## 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,  
I'm giving the gift of love this year. I plan on doing something nice for...my mom and grannie.  
I want to get really healthy, so I plan on eating more...veggies.  
I want to tell you about my family. These are the people closest to me...mom, grannie, cousins.  
The people at school I am closest to are...Jamiah and Denzel.  
My question for you is...Who is your favorite athlete?  
Sincerely,  
James Boyd, age 10, Memphis, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,  
I'm giving the gift of love this year. I plan on doing something nice for... my grandmother.  
I want to get really healthy, so I plan on eating more...green foods.  
I want to tell you about my family. These are the people closest to me... My sister, mother, father and grandmother.  
The people at school I am closest to are...Liza, Ella and Emmy.  
My question for you is...where do you live?  
Sincerely,  
Emma L. Young, age 12, Collierville, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,  
I'm giving the gift of love this year. I plan on doing something nice for... my family.  
I want to get really healthy, so I plan on eating more...vegetables.  
I want to tell you about my family. These are the people closest to me... Dad, Mom, brother.  
The people at school I am closest to are...Eloise and Sam.  
My question for you is...Who is your bff?  
Sincerely,  
Kristin Brayden, age 10, Cordova, TN

Dear Jabberblabber,  
I'm giving the gift of love this year. I plan on doing something nice for... my Mom.  
I want to get really healthy, so I plan on eating more... chicken, and less beef.  
I want to tell you about my family. These are the people closest to me... I'm an only child, so my mom, Emily and Aunt Sue plus my cousins Nick and Nat (they are twins).  
The people at school I am closest to are...Jerimiah, Leo, David and Jojo.  
My question for you is...Do you know how to skateboard?  
Sincerely,  
Marc Allensby, age 9, Memphis, TN

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As a club member, you pledge to practice the "10 ways to be green like me" (below)!



## 10 WAYS YOU CAN BE GREEN LIKE ME!

- 1. Turn it up or down 2 degrees!** Turn your heat down 2 degrees in the winter & your 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 (carbon dioxide) 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 rather than a bath.
- 10. Can it!** Trash on the ground is unsightly & can end up in our rivers and oceans. Always throw trash in the trash can. Be kind and pick up others' trash.

## What you need:

- The template on the next page or a piece of paper.
- 2 envelopes • 2 stamps • pen or pencil

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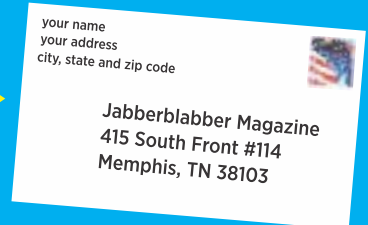
Answer the questions in the template or write me a letter. Then fold it and place it in one of the envelopes.

### Step 2:

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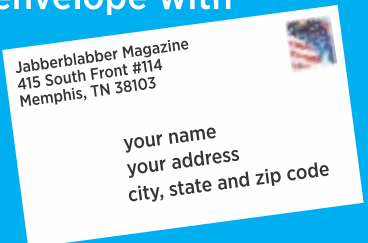
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Place a stamp in the top right corner of the envelope.



### 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.



### 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,

So far, the best day of school has been...

One thing I would like to do again is...

My goals for this year are...

My question for you is...

Sincerely,

your name:

your age:

your address:

city, state and zip code:

I pledge to practice the "10 ways to be GREEN"



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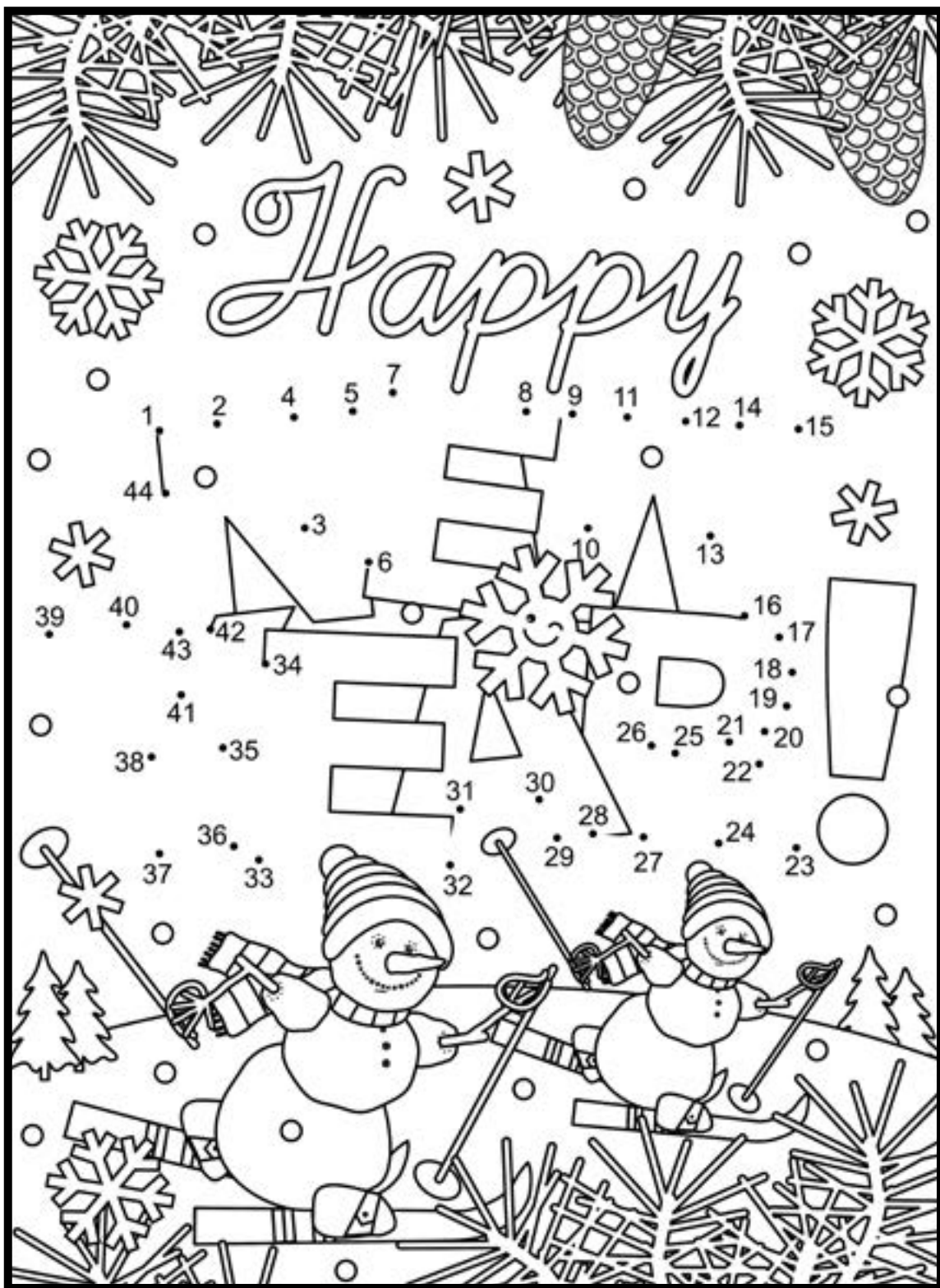
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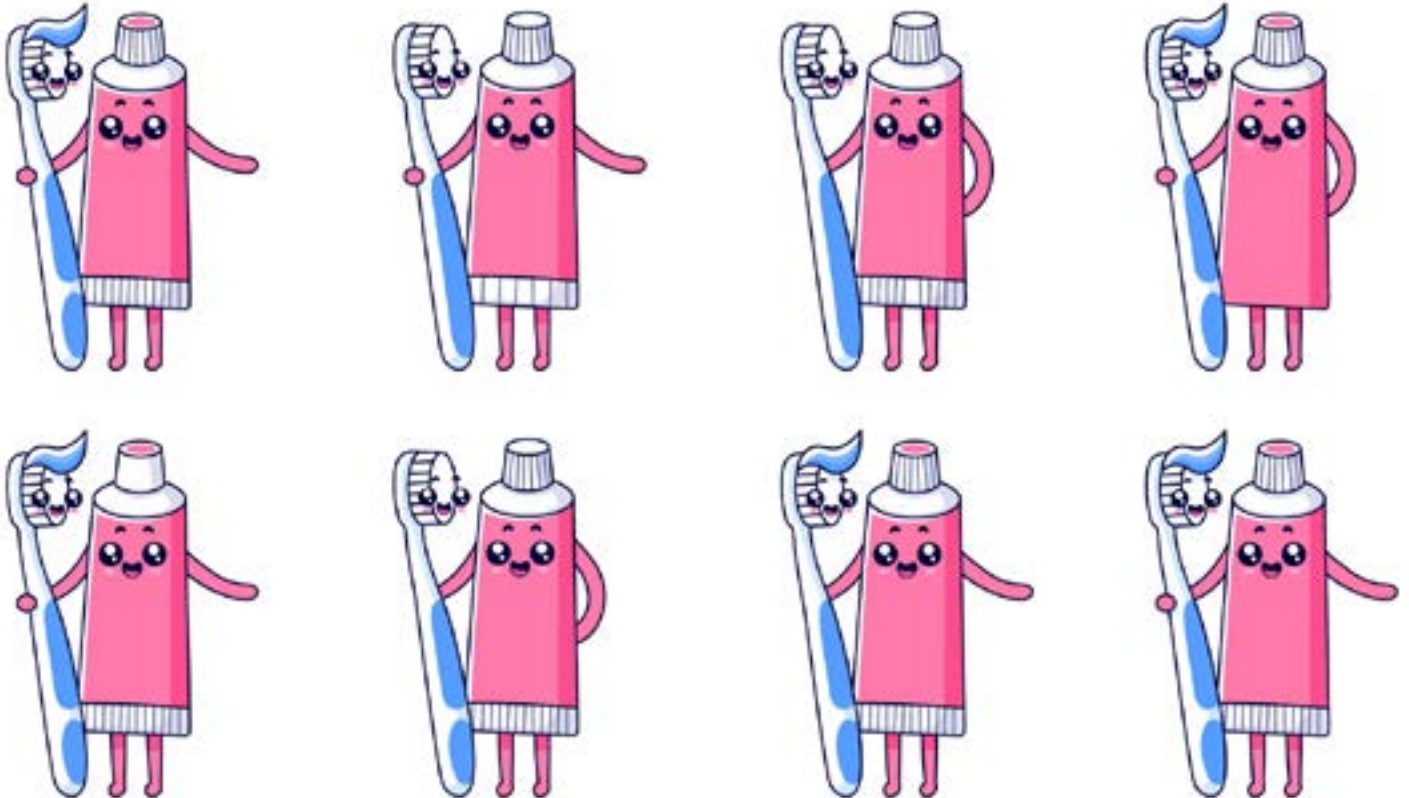
## JANUARY 2025

PRINT, CONNECT THE DOTS, COLOR & SEND us your masterpiece for the  
UCOLORIT random drawing!



# DENTAL PUZZLE!

**CIRCLE THE 2 PICTURES THAT ARE THE SAME**



Answer on page 35

## DID YOU KNOW?

You should replace your toothbrush or electric toothbrush head every 3 months, or when the bristles begin to fray.

Hard bristles can be painful to your teeth and gums.

Ancient civilizations used materials like twigs and feathers to create makeshift toothbrushes.

You should brush your tongue. You can use a toothbrush with soft bristles.

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**differences in  
the drawings  
to the right.**



Answer on page 36

# ADOPT a STORM DRAIN



## This New Year, Resolve to Clean Memphis Storm Water!

Cleaning storm drains helps Gurgle's downstream friends!

2025 Adopters can get a Yuck Duck plush (while supplies last)



Adopters who enter 3 cleaning activities can receive an Olivia Otter plush (while supplies last)

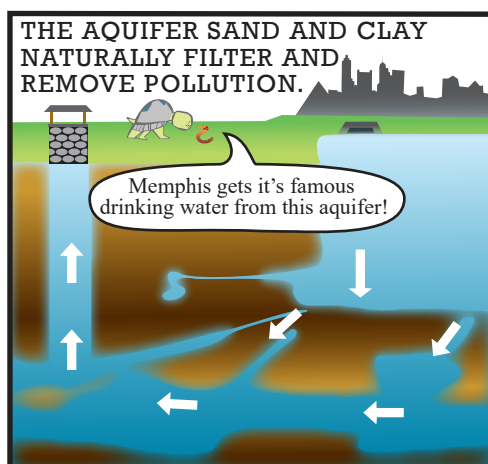
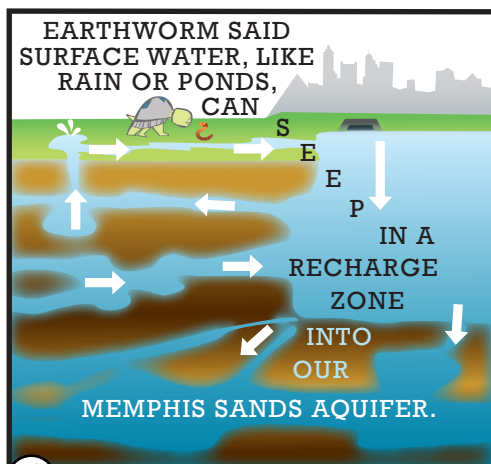
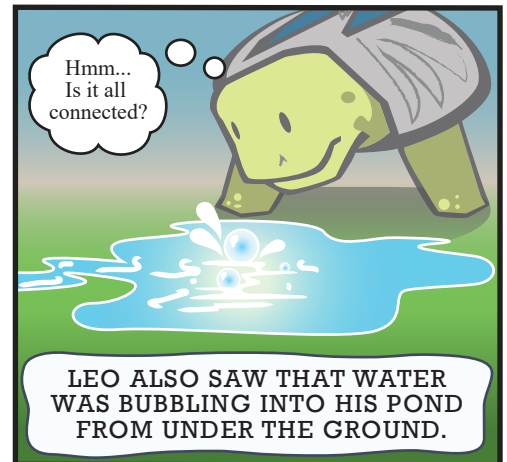
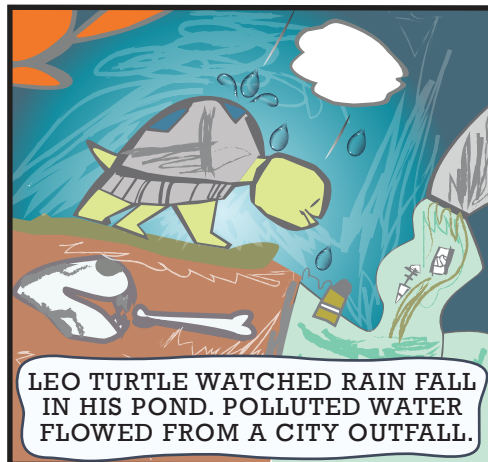
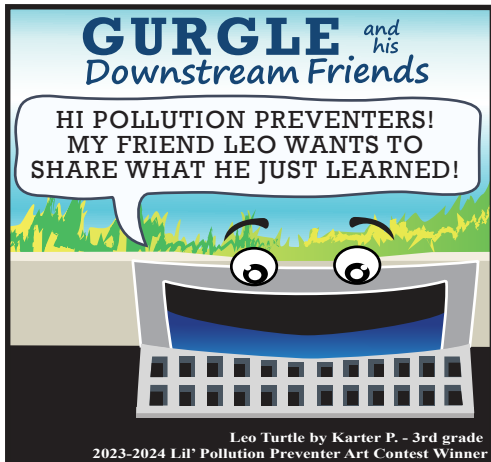
Be sure to check your email used to adopt a drain for correspondence!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Removing litter and yard waste that may otherwise enter the storm drain prevents pollution from entering our receiving waterways and reduces flooding; improving neighborhoods and our City. We call this 'adopting a storm drain', and it is a fantastic thing to do with your children to encourage environmental awareness and raise responsibility. And now the City of Memphis Storm Water Department has partnered with Clean Memphis to bring you a new way to adopt a storm drain. Visit [CleanMemphisStormWater.com](http://CleanMemphisStormWater.com) and use an interactive map to select and name a storm drain near you! Once your adoption request is approved, a staff member will go to your adopted drain to label it with a personalized name marker. A password will be emailed for you to view your adopted drain(s) and quickly enter your cleaning data. You will also be able to see how all of your actions add up; [CleanMemphisStormWater.com](http://CleanMemphisStormWater.com) shows how much trash has been removed and how many drains are adopted throughout the entire City.

Be safe! Children should always be supervised by an adult. Keep debris away from your adopted storm drain. Pick up litter and yard waste before it enters the drain. Don't forget to log your activity on [CleanMemphisStormWater.com](http://CleanMemphisStormWater.com)! Call Memphis Drain Maintenance at 901-357-0100 or call Memphis 3-1-1 to open a service request if your storm drain is damaged or clogged. And call Memphis Storm Water at 901-636-4349 if you observe anyone improperly disposing of yard waste or other debris into the storm drain.

Sincerely,



# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the things you want to do next year.



(to) do my homework regularly



(to) travel to new places

(to) watch less TV



(to) eat healthier



(to) read more books



(to) clean my room regularly



(to) go to the gym



(to) play less computer games

(to) spend less time on my phone

(to) get better in school

A+



(to) adopt a green lifestyle

(to) help others



(to) learn something new



(to) be nicer to my sister/brother



(to) save some money



(to) stop/quit ...

(to) help my mom/dad at home



(to) learn how to ...



(to) spend more time with my family

## New Year Traditions Around the World

by Elina Bolokhova

In the United States, we celebrate New Year's Eve by watching a ball drop and blowing horns. But around the world, people do all sorts of quirky things to ring in the New Year. We've gathered eight unusual customs that'll entertain your children and inspire you to shake up your own celebration this year:

### Drink Wishes

In lieu of resolutions, Russians focus on wishes. One tradition is to write your New Year's wish on a scrap of paper (the smaller the better!) at midnight, set it on fire, and drop the smouldering remains into your drink. For your wish to come true, the contents of your glass, ashes and all, must be gulped down before the clock strikes 12:01 a.m.!

### Eat Grapes

The Spanish make sure to have a bunch of grapes on hand on New Year's Eve. Known as "Las Doce Uvas de la Suerte" ("The Twelve Grapes of Luck,") they eat one grape per chime of Madrid's Puerta del Sol clock tower at midnight. That is a lot of fast chewing! Also followed by Mexico and other former Spanish colonies, this tradition is believed to bring prosperity and chase away evil spirits. Want to try this with the kids (especially ones under 4)? Be sure to halve or quarter the grapes first.

### Don Lucky Undies

Pull on a pair of festive underwear to ring in the New Year! In Italy and Spain, scarlet skivvies are thought to bring good luck. In Venezuela, they believe yellow ones will bring money. Can't hurt to try!

### Pass on a Pig

In Germany, swine are swapped to celebrate New Year's Eve. Known as "Glücksschwein" ("Lucky Pig"), these little piggies are made of marzipan — a type of candy made from almond meal. Consuming the treats is thought to bring good luck for the coming year. If you can't find pig-shaped candy, try this tradition with cookie cut-outs.

### Go Dotty!

In the Phillipines, they go crazy for circles! In anticipation of the New Year, people dress dress in polka-dots or other circular patterns; the roundness is thought to bring prosperity.

### Take a Step

In Scotland, people celebrate Hogmanay (the word for the last day of the year) with the practice of first-footing. The custom involves being the first person to cross the threshold of a friend or neighbor's house and giving a symbolic gift. The gift can include a coin for prosperity, bread for food, salt for flavor, coal for warmth, or a drink for cheer.

### Grab a Suitcase

Hoping to squeeze a vacation into the New Year? In some Latin American countries, it's believed that carrying a suitcase in a circle will increase your chances of taking a trip. So if you're eager to jet-set, take your suitcase out of the closet and run around your block or house as fast as you can when the clock strikes 12.



**Click HERE  
for the full  
article!**

# DOCTOR'S ORDERS



## JANUARY TOPIC:

**Pediatrician suggests eight parenting goals to start the new year strong**

*by Tanya Altmann, MD, FAAP*

New Year's resolutions are typically sweeping and grand. But you can often reap the biggest rewards by building off strengths already in place. Helping to make your family safer, stronger and more harmonious in the coming year may not require a complete overhaul, but rather a few strategic tweaks.

The start of a new year is a great time to take a step back, take a breath and look at how you are taking care of yourself and others in your family. What are you doing right? Celebrate that first. Then, here are some suggestions to consider:

**1. Vaccines!** Vaccines keep everyone in the community safe and are the best way to protect yourself, your children and other loved ones from many serious infections. They also help ensure that your child can remain in school and enjoy extracurricular activities and socializing with friends.

**2. Build healthy digital habits!** Devote some time to researching age-appropriate media. Remember that screen time shouldn't always be alone time. Families can watch a show or play a video game together.

**3. Read together!** Set aside some time for reading each day. For younger kids, an easy way is to build it into your child's bedtime routine. For older children and teens, share a favorite book by taking turns reading aloud or listening to audiobooks together.

**4. Get outside more.** Spending time outdoors can be a great mood booster. It also helps families get needed physical activity and vitamin D while enjoying time in nature. It may also help them sleep better at night by getting out their energy and avoiding screens that can make sleep difficult.

**5. Check your car seat!** Kids grow so fast and can easily outgrow car seats faster than parents realize, so check the height and weight limits on your seat.

**6. Set aside time to cook as a family!** Many families enjoy baking treats together during the holidays, but you can keep the fun going in the new year. Schedule special times to cook together as a family.

**7. Make a family disaster kit!** It's scary to think how disasters like wildfires, hurricanes or tornadoes could affect our communities. But extreme weather events are becoming more frequent due to climate change. Being ready is one way to be less afraid. Ask your children what they would want with them in a disaster and let them help you assemble basic supplies.

**8. Mind mental health and practice self-care!** When was the last time you had a checkup? Got proper rest? How you care for yourself affects how well you can care for your child.



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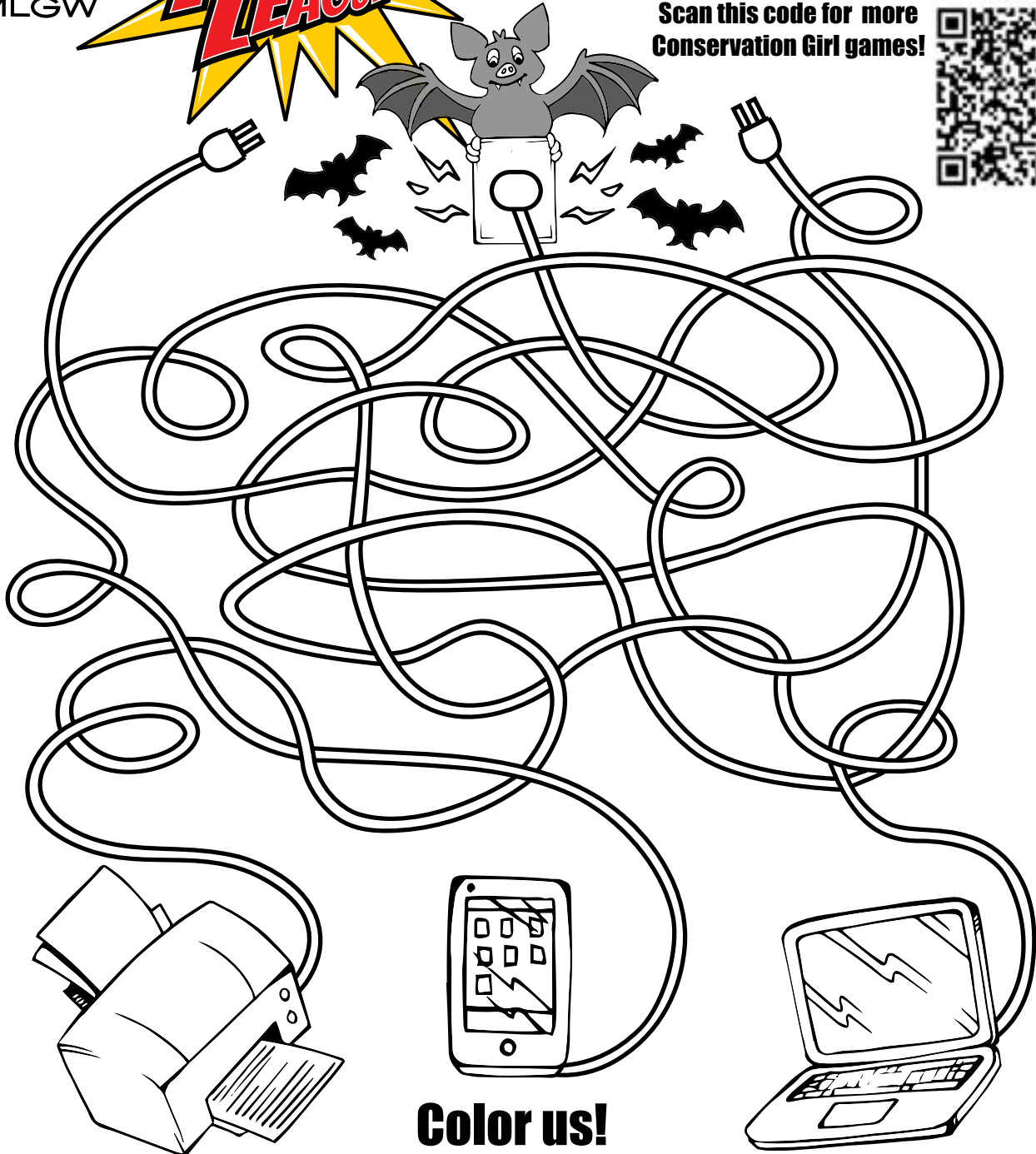
# CONSERVATION GIRL SAYS ...

**Energy vampires are items that draw power even when switched off.  
Slay the Energy Vampire by unplugging these items when not in use.**



**Which item below is still plugged in?**

**Scan this code for more Conservation Girl games!**



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## Jabber Jokes

1. What do you say on the 1st of January?
2. Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?
3. How many seconds are in a year?
4. How was the snow globe feeling in January?
5. Why shouldn't you kiss someone on January 1st?





# #BeAirAware

Improve Air Quality by remembering the "COOL 5"

**Share the Ride** Carpool, use public transportation, bike, or even walk! It saves money and reduces pollution levels.

**Link the Trips** When driving, do all of your errands in a row instead of returning home in between. It saves money, gas, and reduces pollution.

**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.

**Mow When the Sun is Low** Gasoline lawn mowers are much dirtier than automobiles. Mow after 6pm to reduce ozone levels in the summer.



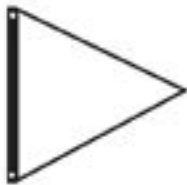
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Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

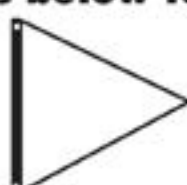
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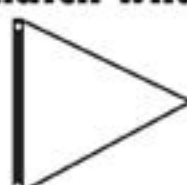
Great day to be outside.



Good day to be outside. Some risk.



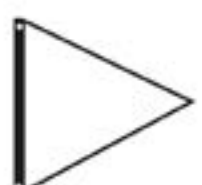
OK to be outside for a short time.



Risky for some groups to be outside.



Recommended to stay inside.



Stay indoors. Air quality is hazardous.

# JANUARY HOLIDAYS

Jan 1 | Wednesday | Polar Bear Plunge Day

Jan 2 | Thursday | Science Fiction Day

Jan 3 | Friday | Fruitcake Toss Day

Jan 4 | Saturday | Trivia Day

Jan 5 | Sunday | Bird Day

Jan 6 | Monday | Bean Day

Jan 7 | Tuesday | Old Rock Day

Jan 8 | Wednesday | Earth's Rotation Day

Jan 9 | Thursday | Static Electricity Day

Jan 10 | Friday | Save Energy Day

Jan 11 | Saturday | Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day

Jan 12 | Sunday | Marzipan Day

Jan 13 | Monday | Make Your Dreams Come True Day

Jan 14 | Tuesday | Organize Your Home Day

Jan 15 | Wednesday | Strawberry Ice Cream Day

Jan 16 | Thursday | Nothing Day

Jan 17 | Friday | Kid Inventors' Day

Jan 18 | Saturday | Thesaurus Day

Jan 19 | Sunday | Popcorn Day

Jan 20 | Monday | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 21 | Tuesday | Squirrel Appreciation Day

Jan 22 | Wednesday | Hot Sauce Day

Jan 23 | Thursday | Handwriting Day

Jan 24 | Friday | Compliment Day

Jan 25 | Saturday | Opposite Day

Jan 26 | Sunday | Spouse's Day

Jan 27 | Monday | Chocolate Cake Day

Jan 28 | Tuesday | Fun at Work Day

Jan 29 | Wednesday | Chinese New Year

Jan 30 | Thursday | Croissant Day

Jan 31 | Friday | Backwards Day



# Jabberblabber **FIND IT**™

See if you can find the **9** differences in the two photos.



# jabber GENIUS

THESE ARE TOUGH! TRY THEM IF YOU DARE!

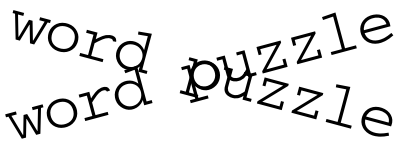
## Common Words!

Name a word that can be used with each of the lists below. For example, for the list: piano, parents, finale, opening the common word is **GRAND**. (GRAND piano, GRANDparents, GRAND finale, GRAND opening)

- A. light, cross, herring, tape
- B. sponge, bird, bubble, steam
- C. food, yard, drawer, mail
- D. corn, piece, square, hearty
- E. vanity, county, playing, state
- F. care, dream, light, time
- G. living, cooking, club, music
- H. credit, cheese, ordinary, terrestrial

## WORD PUZZLERS

WHAT DO THESE WORD PICTURES REPRESENT?

A. 

B.

**BAN ANA**

C.

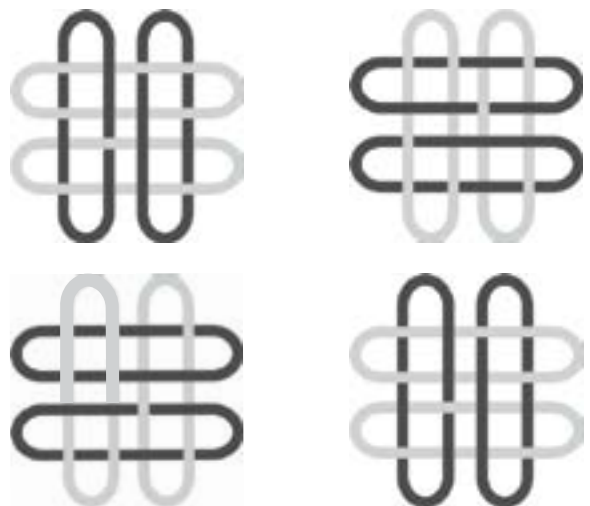
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## HIDATO PUZZLE

Fill in the missing numbers to complete the Hidato puzzle. Fill the puzzle with consecutive numbers from 1 to 35. The numbers can connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

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					9
		3			
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	34				12

## CAN YOU FIND THE ODD ONE OUT?



# GRANDPARENTS PAGE

**Celebrating our senior adults in the prime of their lives!**



## Grandparents of the Month – Charlie & Kate foster

Charlie and Kate Foster moved to Kirby Pines from their previous home in Germantown. They have been married 54 years, have two children and five grandchildren.

Charlie graduated from Notre Dame in 1967, then attended UT Med School, where he earned his medical degree in 1970. He worked as a pathologist for 30 years at the Jackson Pathology Group. Kate earned her RN degree at Methodist Hospital Nursing School and worked four years before working at home raising their family.

Kate enjoys Bible study, crocheting and baking bread. She also collects Wee Folk and decorative sheep. Charlie enjoys genealogy and watching sports, especially Notre Dame and the Arkansas Razorbacks. He collects antique postcards and coins.

They have traveled extensively throughout the US, but also Israel, Europe, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. They both walk to stay physically active. Charlie also likes to challenge his mind by doing crosswords, jumble and Sudoku.

Congratulations Charlie & Kate, for being Jabberblabber’s Grandparents of the Month!

## GRANDPARENTS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.



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

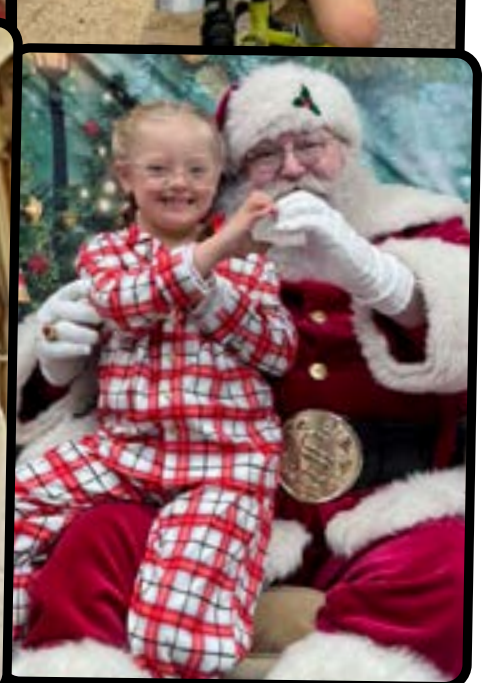
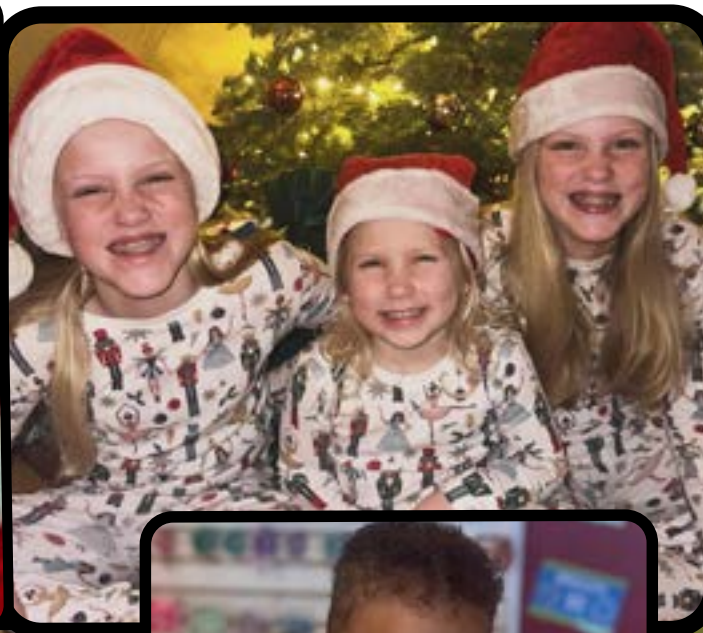
## HAVE (POSSESSION)

Complete these sixteen sentences to test your knowledge of HAVE grammar.

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  - a) don't
  - b) I don't
  - c) I don't have

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Answers to Jokes on pg 17:

1. Last year just seems like yesterday! 2. Because it was already stuffed! 3. 12! January second, February second, March second... 4. A little shaken! 5. Because it's the first date.

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NO:  
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SOUP CARTONS

NO:  
TISSUE  
PAPER TOWELS  
SHREDDED  
PAPER

## GLASS



YES:  
GLASS BOTTLES,  
JARS &  
CONTAINERS

NO:  
WINDOWS  
CERAMICS DISHES  
GLASS CUPS

## METAL



YES:  
STEEL &  
ALUMINUM  
BOTTLES, CANS,  
& CONTAINERS

NO:  
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AEROSOL CANS



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105,800 aluminum cans are recycled every minute in the US.





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## DECEMBER WINNER

**1st Place**  
**Leo Viglietti**  
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# RUNNERS UP



Addie Denman- age 10  
Memphis, TN



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Jackson Hehn - age 7  
Germantown, TN



Emory Fraysier - age 8  
Tupelo, MS



Wallace Wills- age 6  
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Ashlyn Richardson - age 9  
Tupelo, MS



BeeBee Cook - age 6  
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Jack Gronostaj - age 7  
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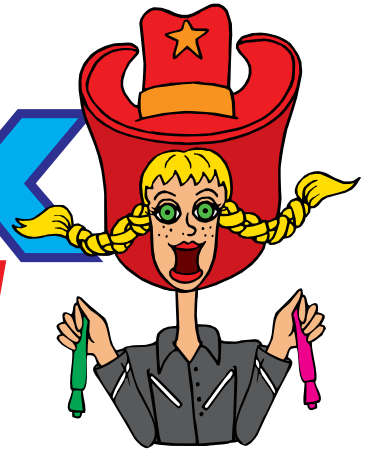
Noah Stockton - age 9  
Tupelo, MS



Sophie Sidhu - age 7  
Hernando, MS

Everyone's  
an artist!  
You can  
do it!

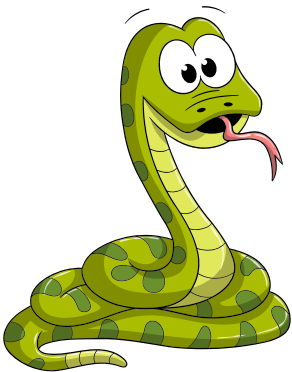
# Jabberblabber™ QUICK DRAW



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**Connect the dots to complete  
the drawing of Samantha the Snake!**

Don't forget  
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your  
masterpiece.

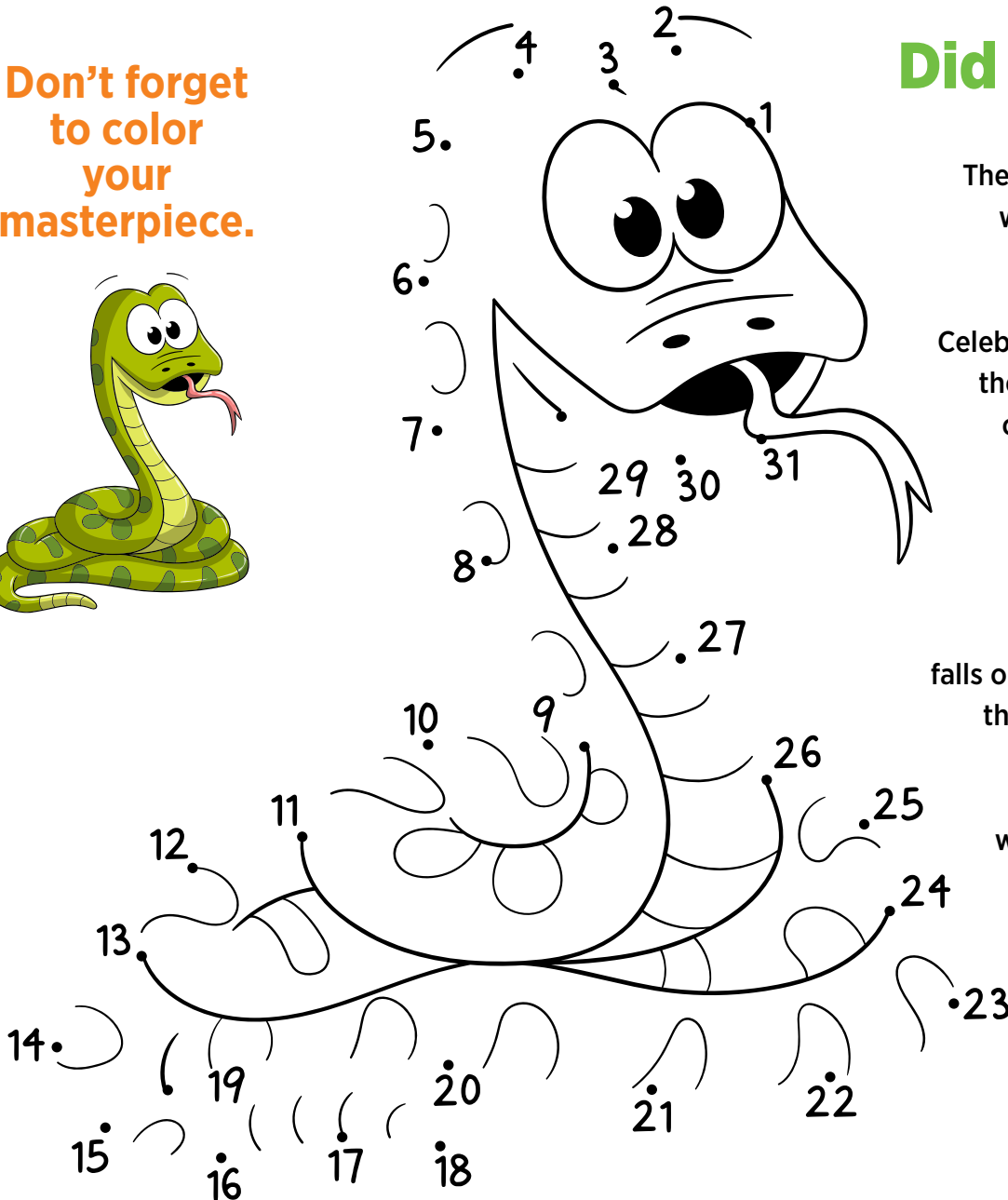


## Did you know?

The Lunar New Year in 2025 welcomes the Year of the Snake, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. Celebrated by millions around the world, this is a time for cultural traditions, family reunions, and hopes for good fortune in the coming year.

In 2025, Lunar New Year falls on January 29, kicking off the 16-day Spring Festival.

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# MATH MAZES

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.

## LEVEL 1

START

## LEVEL 2

START

Answers on page 33

# WORD OF THE MONTH

## resolution

noun

res·o·lu·tion

a firm decision to do or not to do something:

*"Max made a New Year's resolution to study harder and get better grades."*

Use "resolution" in your own sentence:



## ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

### MAKE FAKE SNOW

#### Only 2 ingredients!

- 5 cups of baking soda
- 1 cup of white hair conditioner

#### Directions:

1. In a large bowl pour 5 cups of baking soda
2. Add one cup of hair conditioner.
3. Mix well, using your hands until the conditioner is evenly distributed (you can't go wrong!)



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That's it! Go play!  
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# MATH MAZES

## ANSWERS

### LEVEL 1

START

$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ -2 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ -7 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ +4 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ -3 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ +3 \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ +2 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ -4 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ +1 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ +2 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ -5 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$

### LEVEL 2

START

$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ +10 \\ \hline 30 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ +5 \\ \hline 30 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 33 \\ -7 \\ \hline 26 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ -22 \\ \hline 15 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 80 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ +8 \\ \hline 32 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 22 \\ -19 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ -2 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ +3 \\ \hline 33 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ +4 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ +5 \\ \hline 65 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ +12 \\ \hline 48 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 39 \\ -11 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 22 \\ +12 \\ \hline 34 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ -19 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$
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$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ +2 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ +14 \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ +7 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ +4 \\ \hline 36 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 256 \end{array}$

# GRAMMARTIME

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 b) I don't  
c) I don't have

# DENTAL PUZZLE!

**ANSWER**



## DID YOU KNOW?

You should replace your toothbrush or electric toothbrush head every 3 months, or when the bristles begin to fray.

Hard bristles can be painful to your teeth and gums.

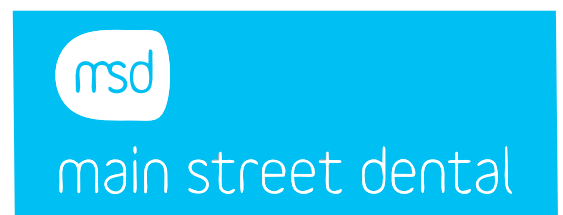
Ancient civilizations used materials like twigs and feathers to create makeshift toothbrushes.

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## ANSWERS

### Common Words!

Name a word that can be used with each of the lists below. For example, for the list: piano, parents, finale, opening the common word is **GRAND**. (GRAND piano, GRANDparents, GRAND finale, GRAND opening)

- A. RED light, RED cross, RED herring, RED tape
- B. sponge BATH, bird BATH, bubble BATH, steam BATH
- C. JUNK food, JUNK yard, JUNK drawer, JUNK mail
- D. corn MEAL, pieceMEAL, square MEAL, hearty MEAL
- E. vanity FAIR, county FAIR, playing FAIR, state FAIR
- F. DAY care, DAY dream, DAYlight, DAYtime
- G. COUNTRY living, COUNTRY cooking, COUNTRY club, COUNTRY music
- H. EXTRA credit, EXTRA cheese, EXTRAordinary, EXTRAterrestrial

### WORD PUZZLERS

What do these word pictures represent?

A. Crossword Puzzles

B. Banana Split

C. For Instance

### HIDATO PUZZLE

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### CAN YOU FIND THE ODD ONE OUT?

