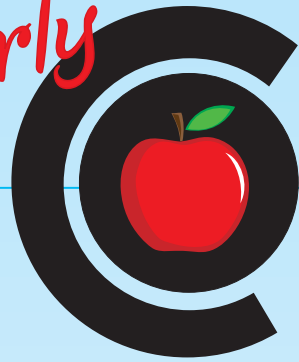


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My name: _____

FROM THE DESK OF WOODWORD

Happy December, readers!

December is a time of giving and celebration. People celebrate many different holidays – Hannukah, Christmas and Kwanza are just a few. Do you celebrate anything in December?

Enjoy a feast of fun with the December issue of **Connect123!** We have puzzles and games and even information about a great winter-time drink – EGGNOG!

In the Northern Hemisphere where we live, December is also a time when days are shorter and colder.

Snuggle up with **Connect123** and read about Frost and penguins. Then do the Snowman Puzzles!

Flip through the pages of this month's issue and pick any one to start your fun.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday month!

Woodword



How many candy canes can you find on this page in 60 seconds?



12 SILLY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Can you find all the things in the silly scene listed at right?
Read carefully and look closely - it's tricky!

- This year for Christmas, Connect123 gave to me:
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 penguin painters | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 polar bears |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 shopping salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 candy canes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 freezing frogs | <input type="checkbox"/> And Santa hiding somewhere on this page! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 bags of popcorn | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 rubber ducks | |

Speedy search

Race a friend and see who can find the most:

- apples
- carrots
- rabbits
- sports equipment

Standards link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Look Again!

Did you spot a cactus, a boat, a lollipop and a hot dog?



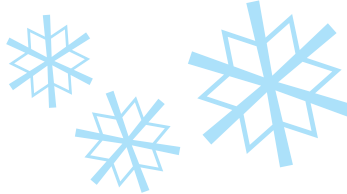


Eggnog

Some say **no**g comes from the word **noggin** meaning a:

9 5 5 2 3 4
1 8 6

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 = C | 4 = N | 7 = R |
| 2 = D | 5 = O | 8 = U |
| 3 = E | 6 = P | 9 = W |



Replace the missing words.

HEALTH **SPICES**
AGREE **CHRISTMAS**
INVENTED **DRINKING**

What made anyone think of mixing eggs and milk and _____ it? While it may sound yucky, eggnog has been enjoyed around Thanksgiving, _____ and the New Year holidays for hundreds of years.

Historians are not sure who first _____ the drink, but most _____ it originated from a medieval British “posset,” a hot, milky drink flavored with rare _____. Because milk, eggs and spices were expensive, eggnog was often used in a toast to prosperity and _____.

Standards link: History: Students know holidays and ceremonies of different societies.

Creative combos

Look at the objects pictured here. Think about how you would combine two of them to make something new. What would you call your new thing? How would you use it?



Complete the following to explain your Creative Combo!

I would combine a _____ and a _____ to make a _____.

It would be used for _____.

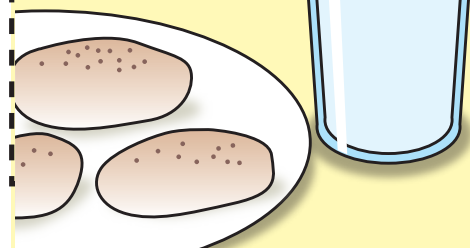
Eggnog Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 ¼ cups granulated sugar
- ¾ cup butter, at room temperature
- ½ cup eggnog
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 egg yolks

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 300°F.
2. Mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg in a bowl. Set aside.
3. In another bowl, mix sugar and butter until creamed. Add eggnog, vanilla and egg yolks, mix until smooth.
4. Add dry ingredients to creamed ingredients and mix until moist.
5. Place rounded teaspoons of cookie dough onto baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Sprinkle with nutmeg.
6. Bake for 20 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned.
7. Remove from baking sheet and let cool. Makes 3 dozen.



Word search

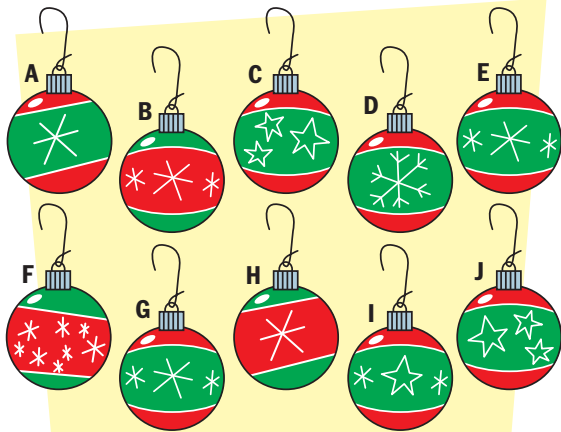
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

| | | |
|-----------|---------|------|
| CHRISTMAS | CONES | DOG |
| EQUIPMENT | RABBITS | ICE |
| REINDEER | SPOT | SEE |
| POPCORN | WHO | BEAR |
| PENGUIN | SWEET | BAGS |

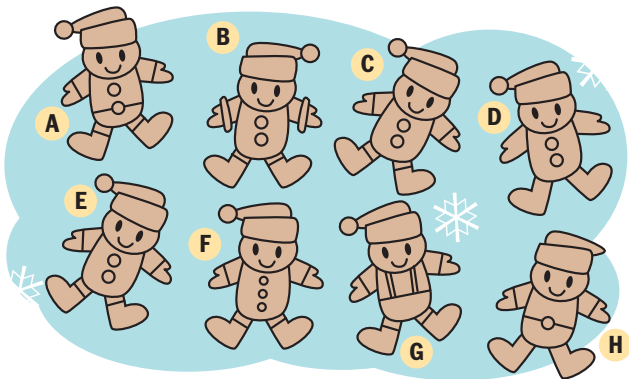
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Puzzler

Can you find the two identical ornaments?



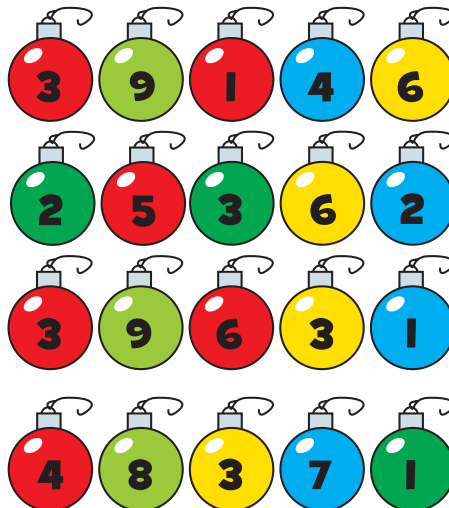
Can you find the two identical cookies?



Standards link: Visual discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Puzzler

Aunt Artica likes lots of ornaments on her Christmas tree. But she doesn't have room for all of them. By adding the numbers on the ornaments, can you circle the ones she can use? The total can't be higher than 50 or less than 35. Then have a friend try. Who was able to use the most ornaments?

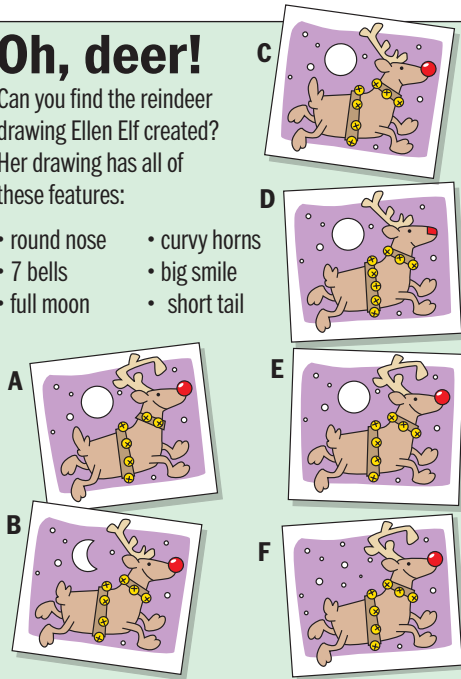


Standards link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.

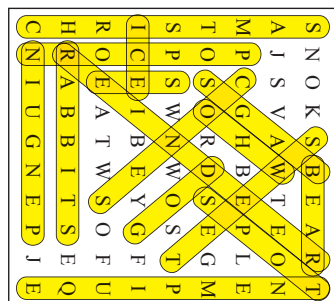
Oh, deer!

Can you find the reindeer drawing Ellen Elf created? Her drawing has all of these features:

- round nose
- 7 bells
- full moon
- curvy horns
- big smile
- short tail



Answers



Some say nog comes from the word noggin meaning a: WOODEN CUP
The two identical ornaments: E & G
The two identical cookies: C & E

Oh deer! E

The 12 Days of Reading

This holiday season, spread the Christmas cheer by reading with your family. Read and mark your progress by coloring in an ornament each day on the tree below. 12 days of reading will result in a celebration from KSL Read Today AmeriCorps. Merry Christmas and Happy reading!



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FROST

Look out! Look out!
Jack Frost is about!
He's after your fingers & toes!
- Cecily Pike

Jack Frost nipping at your nose

The Norse legend of Jack Frost originated in Scandinavia. He was the elf son of Kari, god of the winds, and his name there was *Jokul*, meaning **icicle** and *Frosti* meaning **frost**. He would steal through towns in the night turning the town white and painting frost patterns on windows.



How many differences can you find between Jack Frost and his reflection?

How frost is made

by Dr. I. Cicle

It's simply about water changing from a gas to a solid.

When the _____ temperature at ground level dips to the freezing temperature of water, 0°C (32°F), water _____ or moisture in the air quickly freezes solid on cold surfaces. As this moisture _____ from a gas (vapor) to a solid (ice), it coats cold surfaces with a layer of small, needle-like _____ or **spicules** of ice. The size of the crystals depends on the amount of _____ in the air, the time and the temperature. Frost _____ first on cooler surfaces and in places where temperatures dip lower.



Whoops! Jack Frost knocked some of the words out of Dr. I. Cicle's explanation. Find where each word belongs.

VAPOR AIR FORMS WATER CHANGES CRYSTALS

THE POWER OF GENEROSITY
A Christmas Carol

... or *The Night That Changed My Life*

Hey readers, Scrooge here. If you have ever heard the story of my life, written by Charles Dickens in his book *A Christmas Carol*, then you know how one Christmas Eve changed my entire life. And, changed it for the good!



Miserly old me

Here is what I was like before that fateful Christmas Eve. Oh, I was a sorry old miser. My money was the most important thing to me. Gold and more gold; it really gave me no pleasure, but I just couldn't part with it and I was always trying to get more.

Here is my poor clerk, Bob Cratchit. He worked so hard for me, and I paid him barely enough to feed his family. Yet, his kindness and affection helped me to see the way to live a happier life.

One Christmas Eve, I was visited by four spirits. Or, maybe my dreams conjured up ghosts as a way to show me where my sad life was leading.

My visions showed me that if I continued to lead a life of greed, I would spend the rest of my days a very sad and lonely man.

I woke up Christmas morning determined to change!

I ordered the largest turkey at the butcher store for my loyal clerk, Bob Cratchit. I delivered the turkey with presents to the surprised Cratchit family. I made them even happier when I offered to pay the doctor's bill for their ailing son, Tiny Tim.

Then I bought piles of presents for my nephew and his family. It was fun to surprise everyone. But the best present of all has been the love my family and friends have given back to me. I am no longer sad and lonely!

Generosity made me so much richer than hoarding.

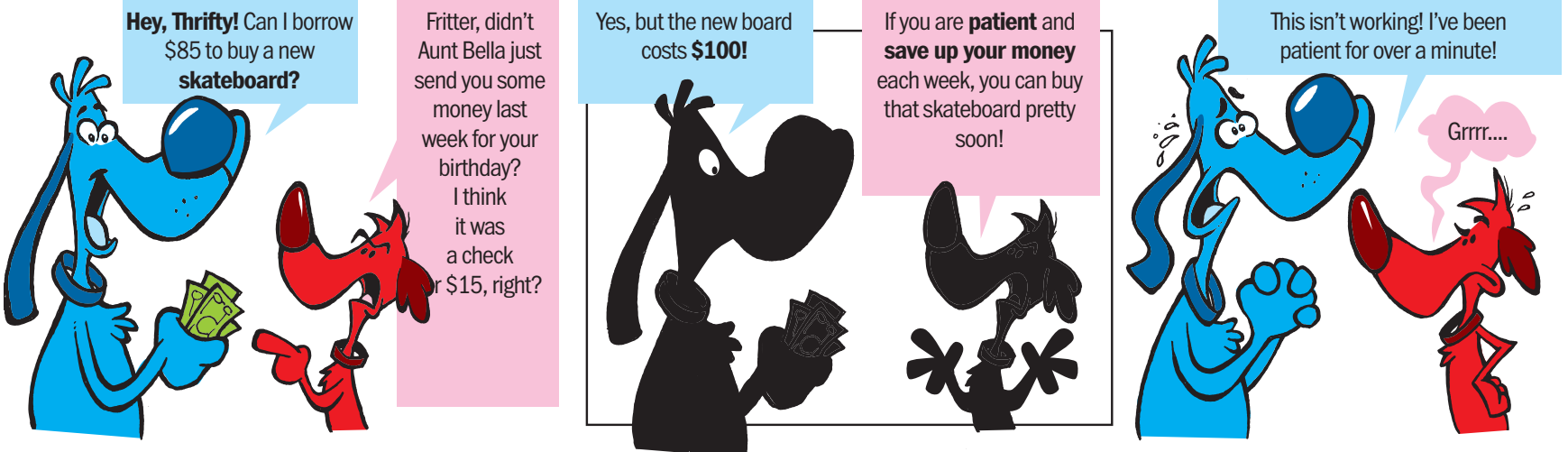
Standards Link: Reading comprehension: Students read a variety of grade-level text including narrative text.

Find the two identical dolls.

Now, they don't call me Scrooge any more! Everyone calls me by my first name. Use the code to discover my first name.

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| ■ | ● | ■ | ● | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| A = ▽ | E = ■ | R = ■ | B = ● | N = ● | Z = ■ | | |

Thrifty & Fritter™ in SAVING FOR A BIG PURCHASE



Money: You Have to Have a Plan

Help Fritter complete his savings plan. Then, write down something you want to buy on the right, the amount of money you need and complete YOUR savings plan!

FRITTER'S SAVINGS PLAN

Fritter needs \$ 100 to buy a skateboard.

Money I have saved up now: \$17.00

Weekly allowance I can save: \$ 5.00

Weekly work/chores income: \$ 5.00

TOTAL: _____

After the first week, how much more money do you need? _____

How many weeks will it take to save the entire amount? _____

YOUR SAVINGS PLAN

I need \$ _____ to buy _____.

Money I have saved up now: _____

Weekly allowance I can save: _____

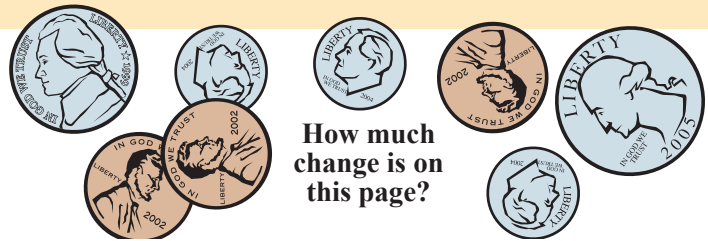
Weekly work/chores income: _____

TOTAL: _____

After the first week, how much more money do you need? _____

How many weeks will it take to save the entire amount? _____

Let's Talk! Talk with a parent about something your family wants to buy. What can YOU do to help your family spend a little less this week? (Idea: Making sure to turn out lights when you leave a room really adds up.)

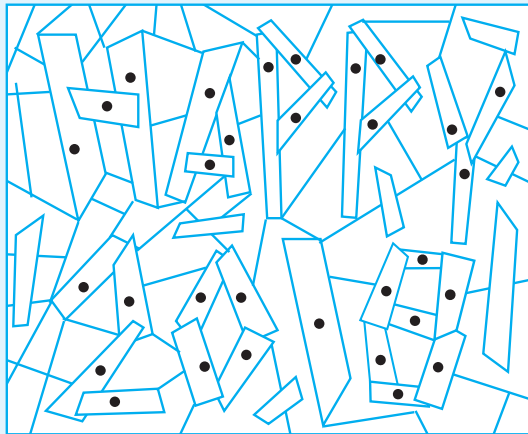


How much change is on this page?

Puzzler

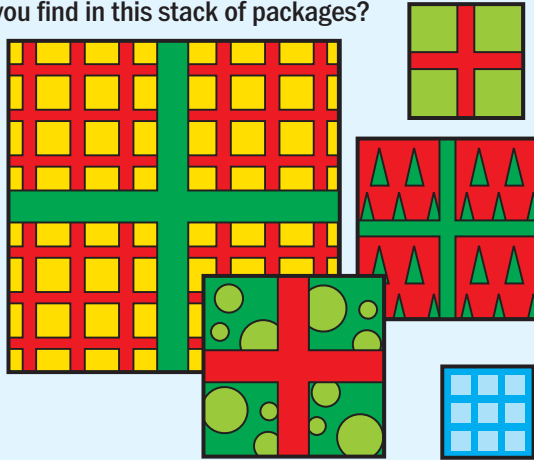
Hoar frost is the name given to the surface frost that forms on the ground and other cold surfaces.

Fern frost is the name for the beautiful, feathery patterns made by ice crystals that grow on windows and other glass.



Jack Frost left you a message in this window. Color each space marked with a dot blue to reveal it.

How many complete squares can you find in this stack of packages?



Standards link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Word search

FROST *
PATTERNS *
SPICULES
MOISTURE
JOKUL
FROSTI
VAPOR
SOLID
FORMS
ICICLE *
GAS *
METAL *
LAYER
COLD
STEAL

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

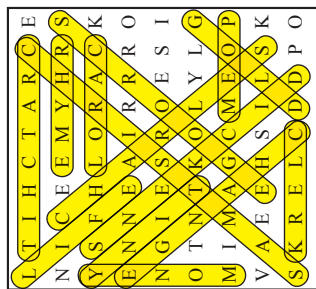
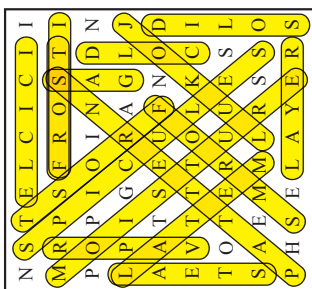


DICKENS
CHRISTMAS
CHARLES
CAROL
CLERK
CRATCHIT
CHANGE
SCROOGE
MONEY
RHYME
POEM
GOLD
TINY
LIFE



Standards link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Answers



PUZZLER: Happy 2018
How many complete squares can you find in this stack of packages? 41



Learning buddy sign here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning buddy's signature _____ Date _____

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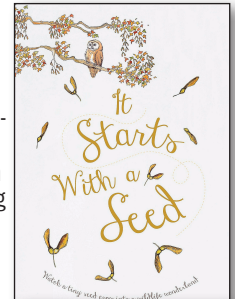


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THE SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

This November the librarians at the Salt Lake Public Library are thankful for local authors. Check out their picks and start reading!

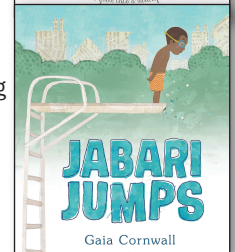
"It Starts With a Seed," by Laura Knowles.

Take a journey through the seasons and years as we follow the seed's transformation from a seedling to a sapling, then a young tree, until it becomes a large tree with its branches and roots filling the page.



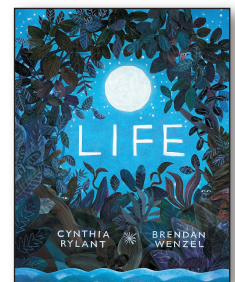
"Jabari Jumps," by Gaia Cornwall.

In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for.



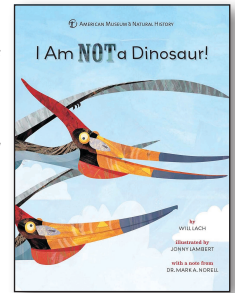
"Life," by Cynthia Rylant.

There are so many wonderful things about life, both in good times and in times of struggle.



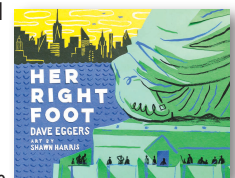
"I Am Not a Dinosaur," by Will Lach.

Way back in time, astonishing creatures lived on our planet. But they weren't all dinosaurs! In this fun, fascinating book, you'll meet some of these amazing prehistoric creatures.



"Her Right Foot," by Dave Eggers.

If you had to name a statue, any statue, odds are good you'd mention the Statue of Liberty. Have you seen her? She's in New York. She's holding a torch. And she's taking one step forward. But why?



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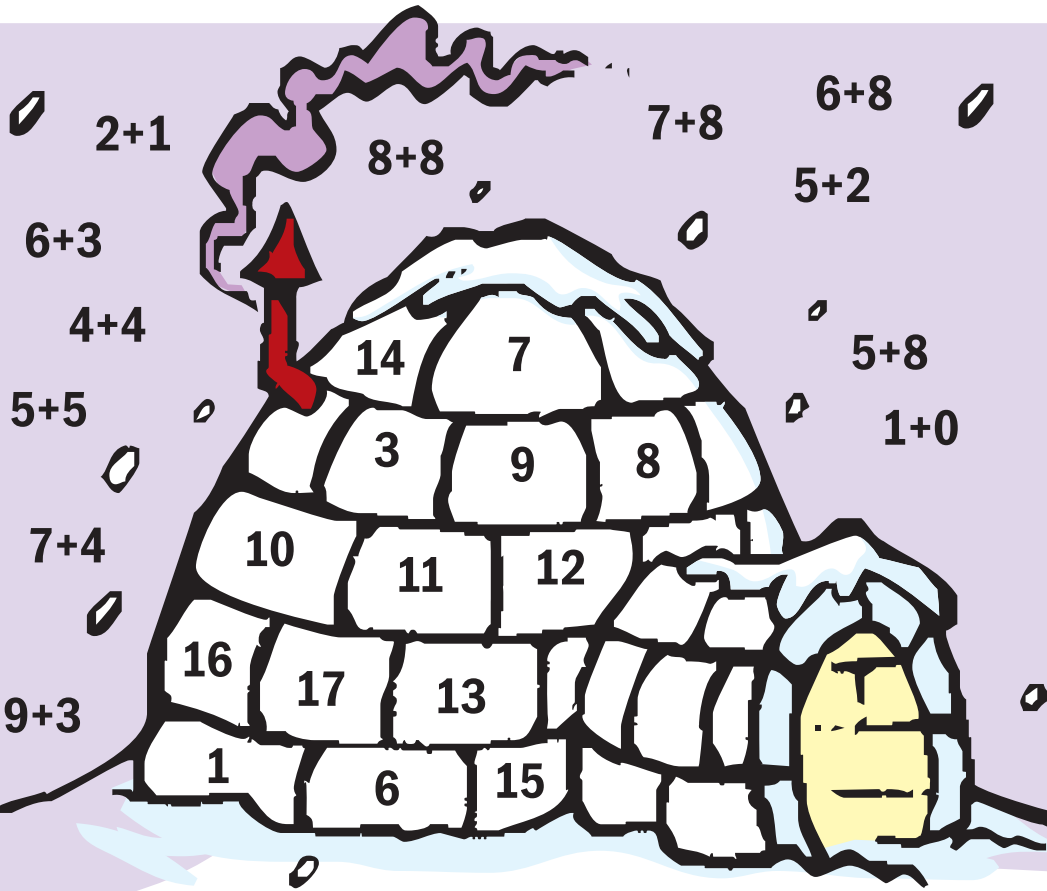
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BUILD AN IGLOO

Each time you find an answer to one of the following math problems, color in that answer on the igloo. Can you color in all of the snow-cold bricks?

Standards Link: Math; compute sums up to 20.



What color is an iceberg?

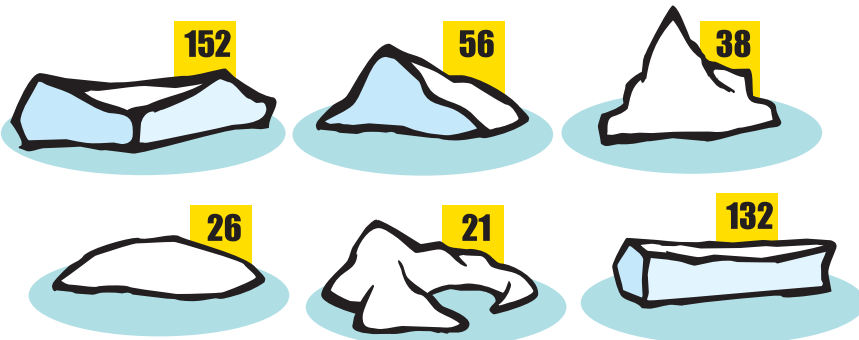
Find where each missing word belongs

Icebergs are mostly _____ because they are full of tiny air _____. The surface of these bubbles reflects white light making it look white. Ice that has no bubbles looks a bit blue.

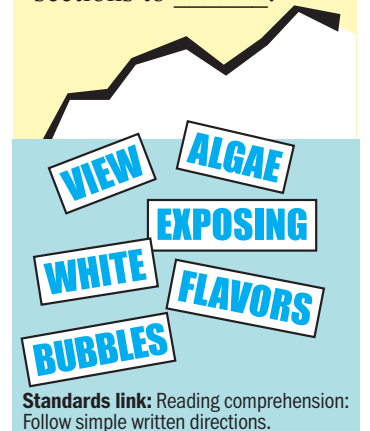
Icebergs do come in different colors (but not different _____). Some icebergs look green. This is from _____ growing in the ice and is only seen when icebergs roll over _____ the previously underwater sections to _____.

Can you identify the different kinds of icebergs?

Icebergs have been divided into six groups based upon their shape: **blocky**, **wedge**, **tabular**, **dome**, **pinnacle** and **drydock**. Do the math to discover which is which.



- $17 + 15 - 6 =$ **dome**
- $324 - 172 =$ **blocky**
- $98 + 63 - 29 =$ **tabular**
- $19 + 6 + 11 + 2 =$ **pinnacle**
- $24 + 9 - 12 =$ **drydock**
- $39 + 14 + 6 - 3 =$ **wedge**



Everyone's favorite flightless fowl!

PENGUINS

The emperor

The largest penguin is the emperor penguin. It lives in Antarctica. In fact, it is the only wild animal that spends the winter there. Use the Cold Code to learn more.

Height:  inches tall

Weight:  pounds

True or false?

The emperor penguin can dive as much as 800 feet underwater and stay submerged for 20 minutes.











True False

Standards link: Life science: Animals have different features that serve different functions in survival.



How tall are you? How much do you weigh? Are you bigger than an emperor penguin?

Cold Code

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

The fairy penguin

Fairy penguins are sometimes called little blue penguins because of their bluish color. They live on islands near Australia and New Zealand and are the smallest penguin species.

On Philip Island, fairy penguins put on a parade each day at sunset. Hundreds of the fairy penguins waddle ashore and parade along the beach.

Height:  inches tall

Weight:  pounds










































Bird beaks tell all

You can tell what a bird eats by looking at its beak. Penguins' mouths are neatly adapted for grabbing and holding slippery fish. Their bills have sharp edges for cutting, and the insides are lined with barbs, which help them get a good grip on a fish.



Penguin patterns

Circle the penguin that should come next in each pattern.

| | | | | | | | | | | CIRCLE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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Standards link: Math probability: Extend simple patterns.

Penguin prankster

There are 17 species of penguins world-wide. But when Petrina Penguin made a list of all the species, she added one more to trick you. To discover which is NOT a real penguin species, do the math. The odd-numbered species is the fake.

16 - 8 = Adelie

22 + 4 = African

13 + 13 = Chinstrap

19 - 7 = Emperor

32 - 14 = Erect-crested

29 + 19 = Fiordland

14 - 8 = Galapagos

17 + 21 = Gentoo

15 + 13 = Humbolt

18 + 14 = King

13 + 13 = Little (Blue, Fairy)

16 - 4 = Macaroni

40 - 24 = Magellanic

13 + 15 = Rockhopper

27 - 19 = Royal

12 + 17 = Sidestepper

9 + 25 = Snares

11 - 7 = Yellow-eyed



Standards link: Math/number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Snowman puzzles

Chill out with this cool collection of brrrr-ain teasers.



Circle every other letter to reveal the punchline for each riddle.



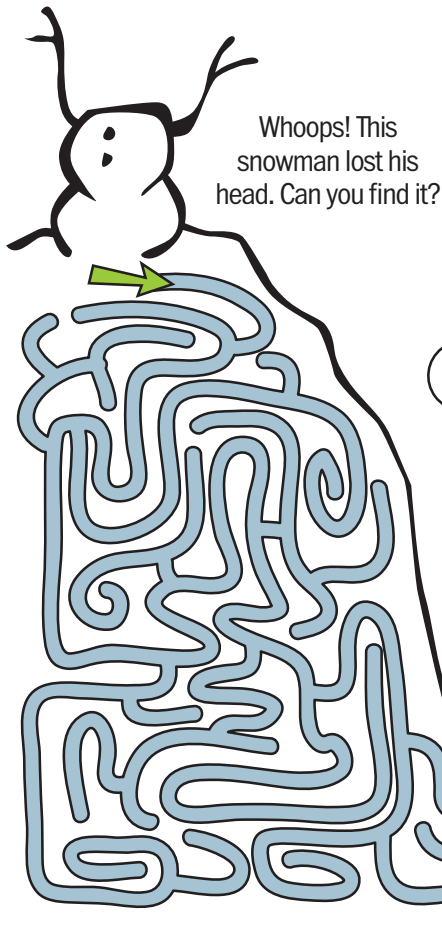
What did the scarf say to the hat?

Cross out the words that rhyme with **FREEZE**.

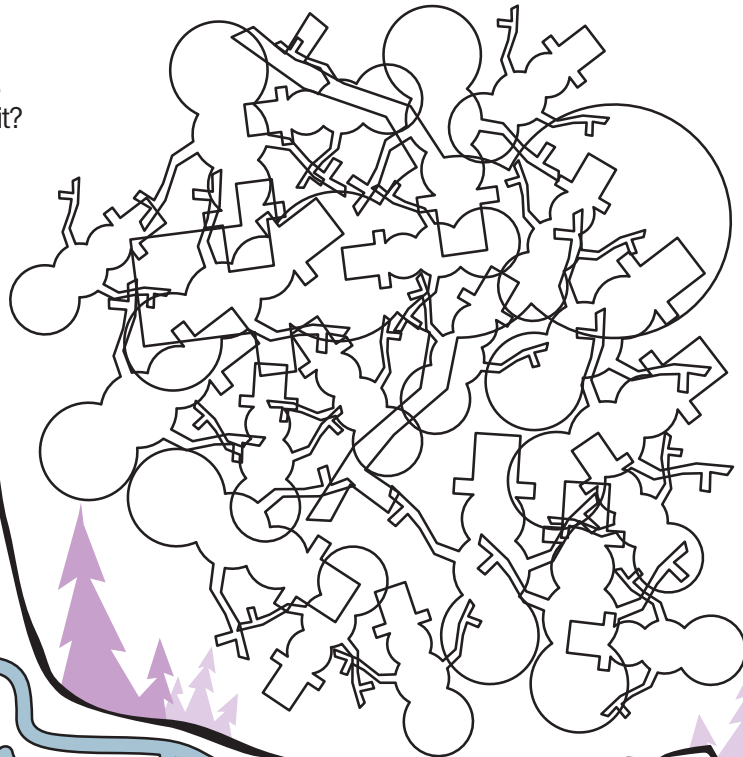
"TREES YOU SQUEEZE GO ON KNEES AHEAD KEYS PLEASE AND I'LL BEES JUST HANG SKIS AROUND BREEZE."

Scrambled snowman

How many snowmen can you find in this puzzle?



Whoops! This snowman lost his head. Can you find it?



What is a snowman's favorite food?

R I C J E R B L E
K R H G M E P R F S

What does a snowman put on a taco?

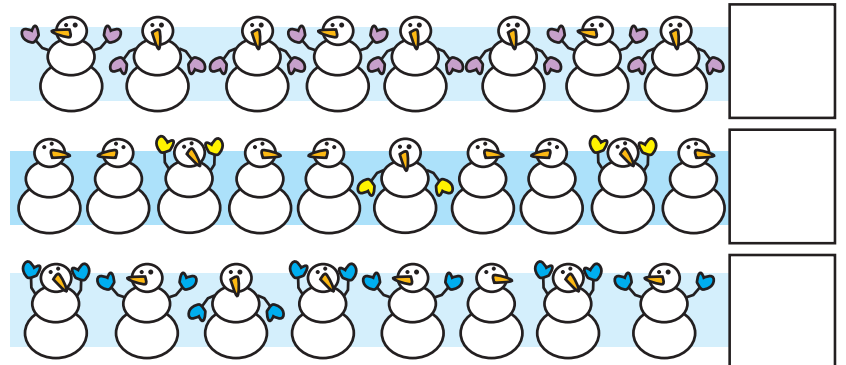
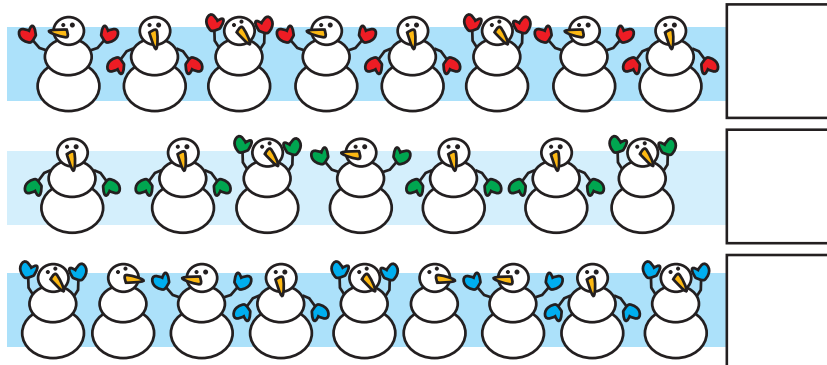
W C S H A I Y L B L
T Y N P B E Q P J
P W E D R K S

What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace?

T P G U Y D T D
W L H E U S

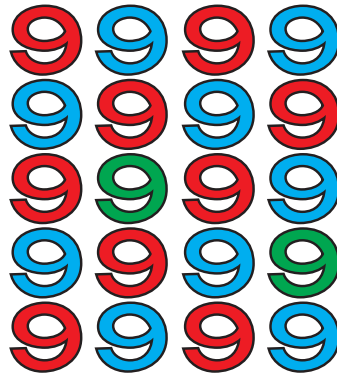
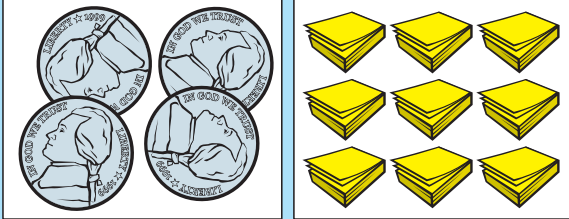
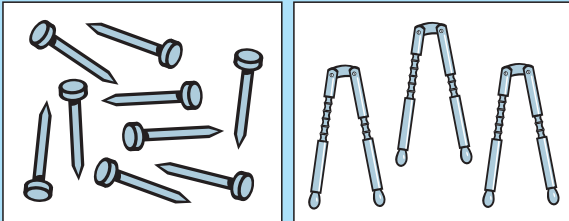
Frozen followers

Draw the snowman that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.



Find nine

Look at the pictures in each box. Circle the sets of 9.



My rhyme time
Peas porridge hot,
Peas porridge cold,
Peas porridge in the pot
Nine days old.

My letters

N is for Nine
n is for nine



How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter N makes in the word **nine**?

Learning buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter N. Say the letter as you trace it.

My numbers

How many

9?
blue nines

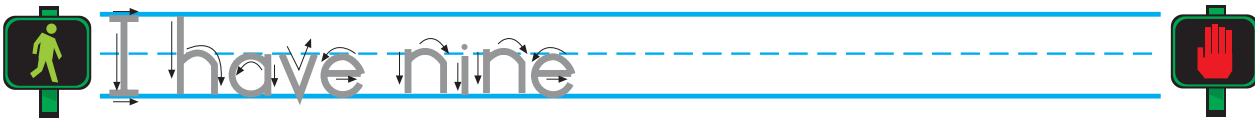
9?
red nines



Learning buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My sentence

Learning buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Spot the differences: Can you find 10 things that have changed in the 2nd version of snowmen?



Answers

Penguin prankster: Sideslepper

ICE BERGERS
What does a snowman put on a taco? CHILLY PEPPERS
What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace? PUDDLES

Learning buddy sign here

I have completed _____ activities
with my Learning Buddy.

Learning buddy's signature _____ Date _____

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Read Today celebrates South Kearns Elementary

The Read Today team and Chopper 5 made a stop at South Kearns Elementary School last month to celebrate the school's progress and impressive accomplishment. They took their school letter grade from an "F" to a "C" in just one year. Last year, Principal Debbie Koji brought in new teachers for every class but three and worked to turn things around. The first step was new desks, new carpet, paint and lighting for the 65-year-old building. The next step was a strong focus on reading. Intervention programs and reading coaches were introduced while students were invited to check books out of the library to take home and read. The third turnaround was home visits for every family that would allow one. The progress has given the whole school a boost of confidence and determination to excel. South Kearns has made more progress than any other school in the Granite District. Congratulations South Kearns! We hope to return again when you make your "A."