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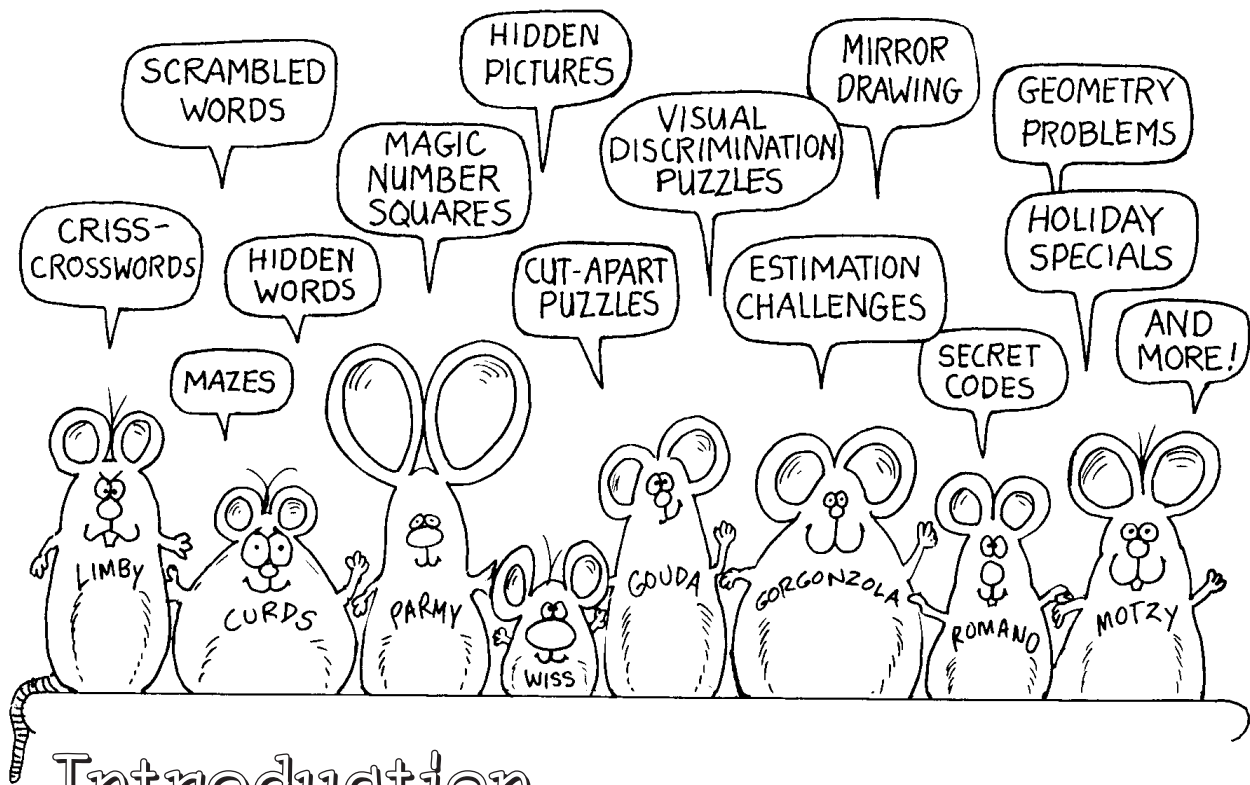
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## Introduction

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An awesome array of all kinds of puzzles and plenty of fun for your upper-elementary students awaits you in these newly revised *Puzzler Books*. *Spring Puzzlers*, *Back to School Puzzlers*, and *Winter Puzzlers* provide special activities for you to use during the school year.

In each book you'll find some pages that will be easy for your students, and some that might be quite difficult. Be careful! What seems easy to one person may prove difficult for someone else.

Many of the puzzles in this book are word puzzles that are designed to stretch students' vocabularies in particular word categories, or to test their decoding skills and recognition of common spelling patterns. Other puzzles are designed to strengthen students' abilities to use visual thinking—a powerful tool for problem solving that is often overlooked in the classroom.

All of the puzzles in this book are intended to challenge, to amuse, and to provoke students into seeing and thinking creatively. As they work toward solutions, students will also practice critical thinking and problem-solving strategies, such as discovering patterns, guess-and-check, logical reasoning, devising systematic approaches, and making organized lists. Just for you, a complete Answer Key begins on page 55.

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Turn to the *Puzzlers* series whenever you want a break from the usual classroom routine, or to put to good use those spare moments right after lunch or recess and at the end of the school day. You might want to duplicate the pages and keep them on hand for a “class tournament,” a rainy-day event in which students compare their answers and find a class champion. Or, students who finish their in-class assignments early.

Your own special “puzzle file” may be in a desk drawer, a 3-ring binder, or even just a manila folder. Wherever it is, you’ll want to keep it stocked with your favorite *Puzzlers*. And if you don’t already have such a file, why not start one?

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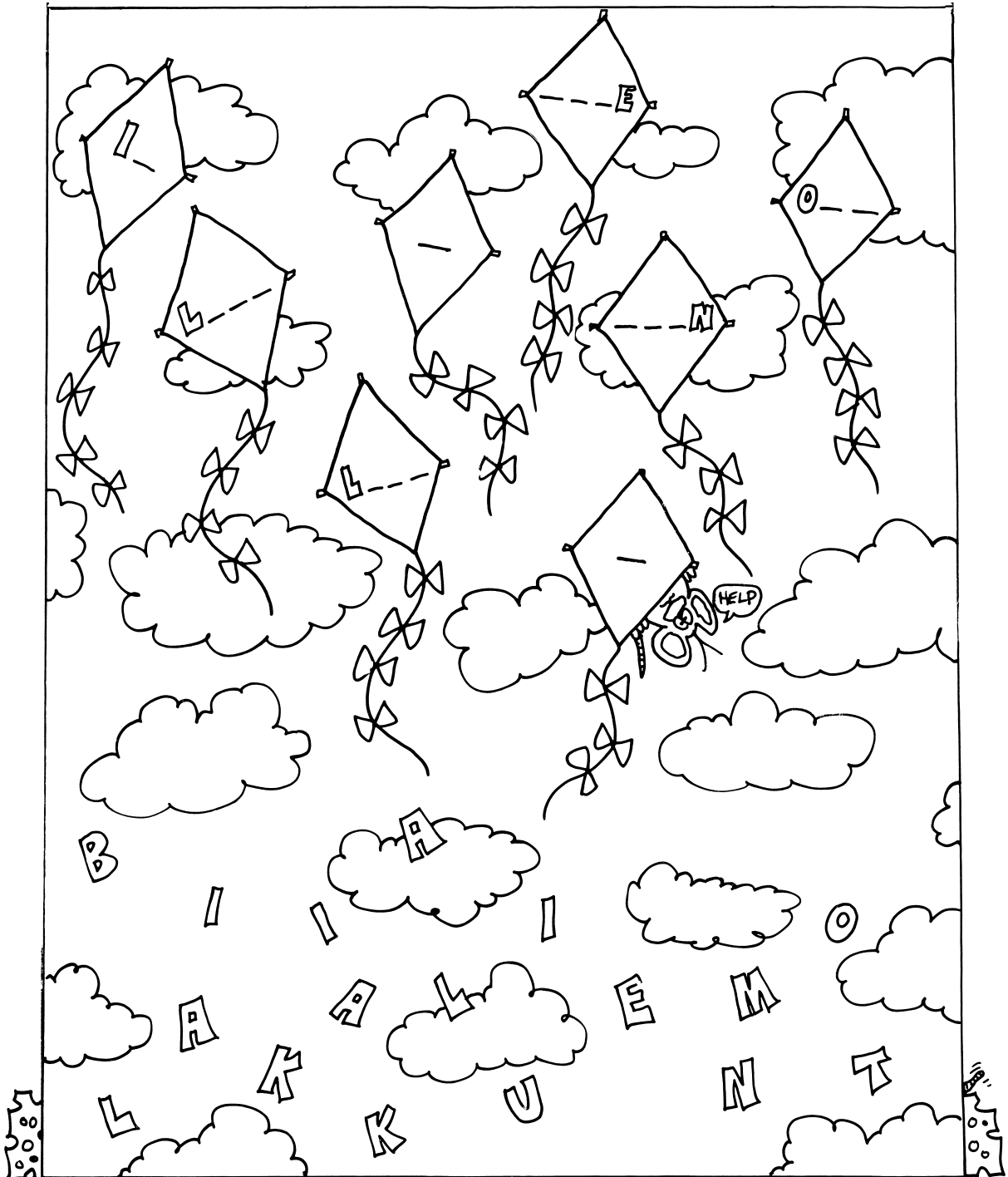
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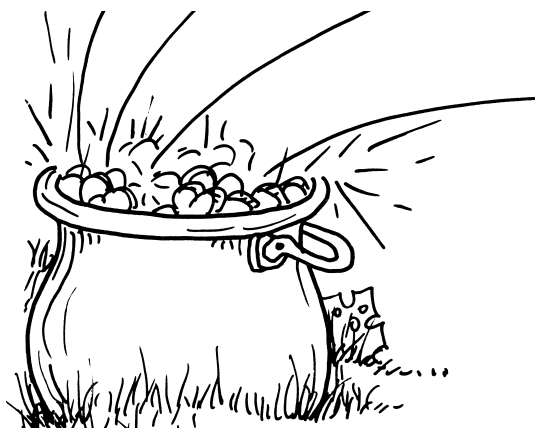


# Kite Confusion

The wind is blowing so hard, some letters have blown off the kites! Help Wiss put the letters back. Use each letter only once. Then rearrange the words on the kites to find a phrase about a spring month.

Hint: Look for the lion!





# Leprechaun Lingo



It's St. Patrick's Day and the leprechauns are talking about Ireland, their native land. Use the clues below to help decode the words.

1. Mythological Irish elf

17 20 18 11 20 13 5 15 16 22

2. A short heavy stick

6 5 19 17 17 20 17 15 12 5

3. Legend says that St. Patrick  
rid Ireland of these creatures

6 22 15 21 20 6

4. Irish emblem

6 5 15 3 11 10 13 21

5. Capital city of the Republic  
of Ireland

9 16 7 17 19 22

6. Gaelic name for Ireland

20 19 11 20

7. Instrument often used in  
traditional Irish music

1 19 9 9 17 20

8. Procession held in many cities  
and towns on St. Patrick's Day

18 15 11 15 9 20

9. When this crop failed, it  
caused famine in Ireland

18 10 4 15 4 10

10. Ancient language of Ireland

12 15 20 17 19 13

11. Irish folk dance

26 19 12

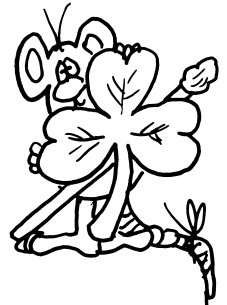
12. Famous stone in Ireland

7 17 15 11 22 20 14 6 4 10 22 20



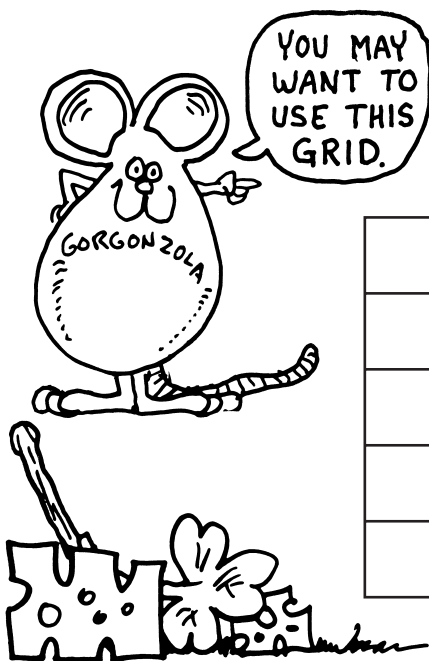


# Shamrocks and Shillelaghs

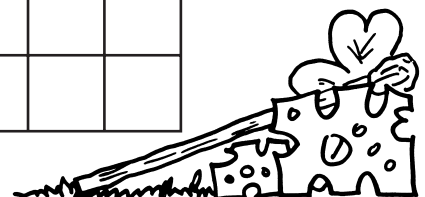


Five friends marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade: Bridget, Kevin, Mary, Sean, and Ryan. Each person displayed a different symbol of Ireland. From the clues given, find out what each person carried.

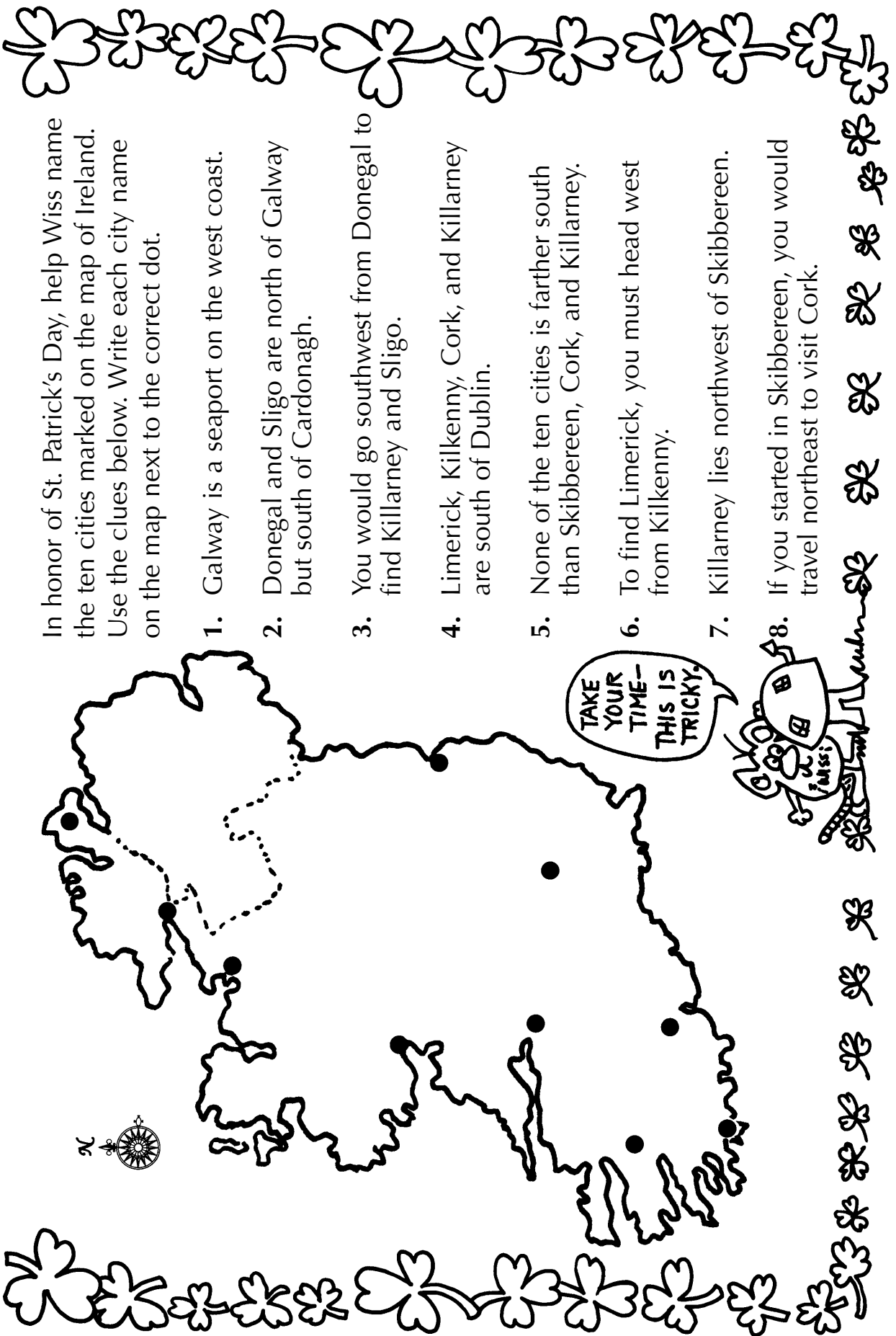
1. Sean was not wearing the shamrock. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mary did not have the shamrock or the harp. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Someone was waving the Irish flag. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Ryan refused to carry the potato. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Bridget sported a shillelagh. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Kevin was carrying what Ryan wouldn't. \_\_\_\_\_



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# The Emerald Isle



In honor of St. Patrick's Day, help Wiss name the ten cities marked on the map of Ireland. Use the clues below. Write each city name on the map next to the correct dot.

1. Galway is a seaport on the west coast.
2. Donegal and Sligo are north of Galway but south of Cardonagh.
3. You would go southwest from Donegal to find Killarney and Sligo.
4. Limerick, Kilkenny, Cork, and Killarney are south of Dublin.
5. None of the ten cities is farther south than Skibbereen, Cork, and Killarney.
6. To find Limerick, you must head west from Kilkenny.
7. Killarney lies northwest of Skibbereen.
8. If you started in Skibbereen, you would travel northeast to visit Cork.

# Whole Class Tournament

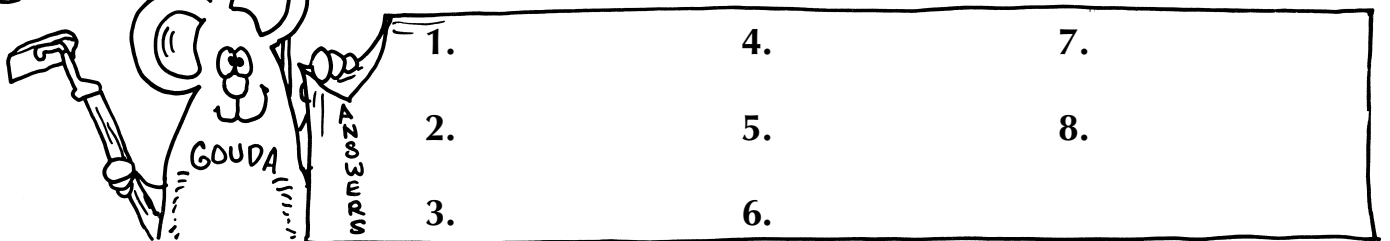
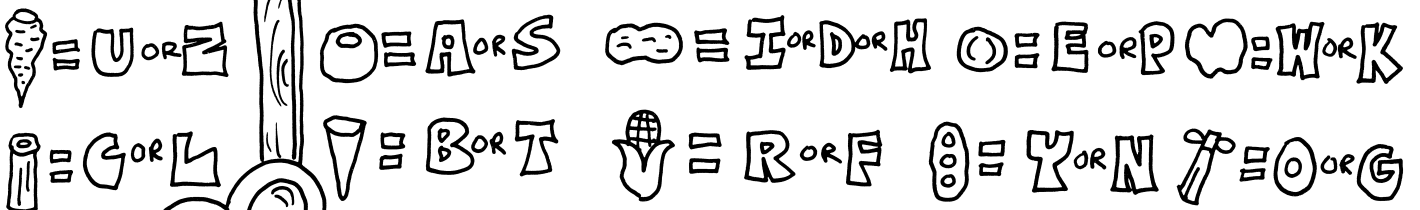
Make the longest word possible ending with the letter on each line. Each letter you use counts as one point. An unfinished line counts as zero. The winner is the person with the most points.

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1. _____ O | 10. _____ D |
| 2. _____ P | 11. _____ A |
| 3. _____ T | 12. _____ W |
| 4. _____ R | 13. _____ N |
| 5. _____ X | 14. _____ K |
| 6. _____ L | 15. _____ F |
| 7. _____ M | 16. _____ Z |
| 8. _____ B | 17. _____ G |
| 9. _____ E | 18. _____ H |

**Challenge:** Try to make the shortest word possible, ending with the letter on each line. An unfinished line now counts as two points. The winner this time is the person with the **least** points.

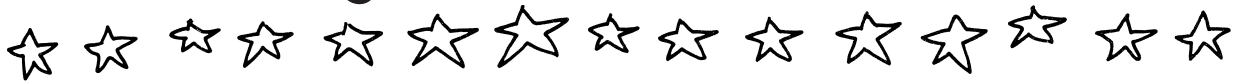
# Gouda's Garden

Gouda didn't want anyone to know what she planted in her garden, so she wrote the descriptions in code. Unfortunately, she can't remember what she planted! Help Gouda decode the descriptions using the clues below. Be careful, each symbol can stand for more than one letter.

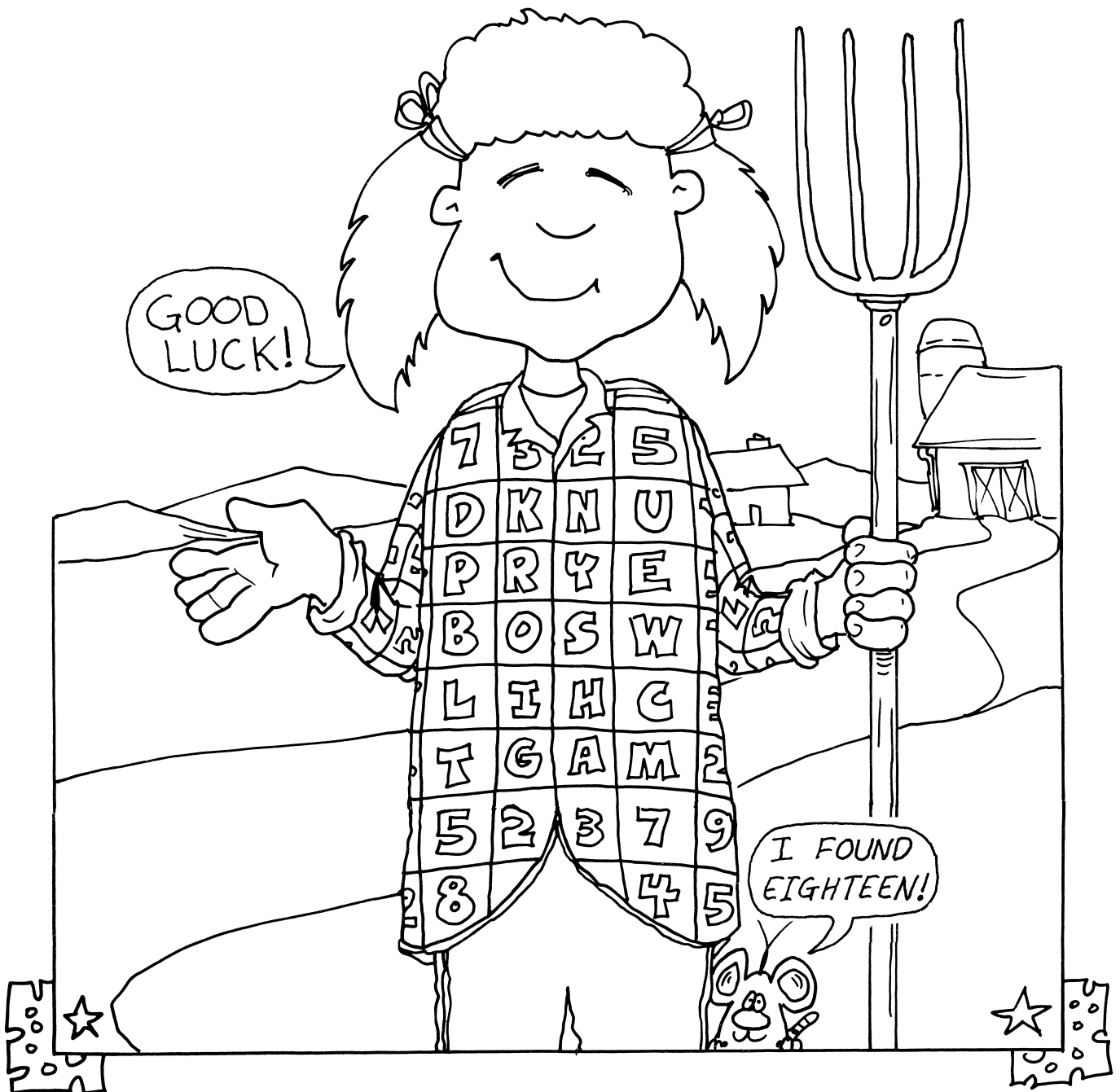


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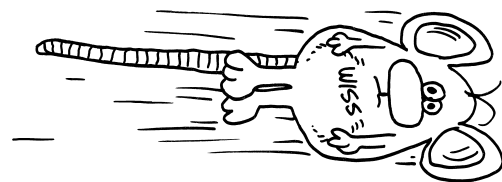
# Barnyard Bonanza



Make as many names of farm animals as possible using the letters on Marvel's shirt. You may use letters more than once and in any order.

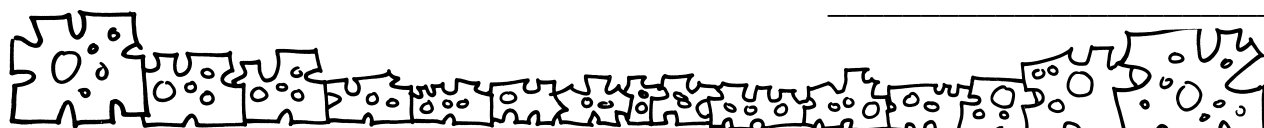


# Windy Wiss



Help Wiss break the secret code in the puzzle. Use the clues below to decode the windy words on the right. Take your time—it's tough. Wiss has given you the first answer to get you started.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. High-force wind from 32–63 miles per hour  | T N Y R<br><u>          G A L E          </u>                              |
| 2. Uses wind to pump water                    | J V A Q Z V Y Y<br><u>                                  </u>               |
| 3. A windy day pastime                        | S Y L V A T   N   X V G R<br><u>                                  </u>     |
| 4. Gentle wind                                | O E R R M R<br><u>                                  </u>                   |
| 5. Use this to ride on the wind               | U B G   N V E   O N Y Y B B A<br><u>                                  </u> |
| 6. Another way to ride on the wind            | U N A T   T Y V Q R<br><u>                                  </u>           |
| 7. Devastating wind in the Caribbean area     | U H E E V P N A R<br><u>                                  </u>             |
| 8. Light wind felt indoors                    | Q E N S G<br><u>                                  </u>                     |
| 9. Riding the wind and the waves              | J V A Q F H E S V A T<br><u>                                  </u>         |
| 10. Funnel-shaped whirlwind common to Midwest | G B E A N Q B<br><u>                                  </u>                 |
| 11. Wind moving behind a ship or airplane     | G N V Y J V A Q<br><u>                                  </u>               |

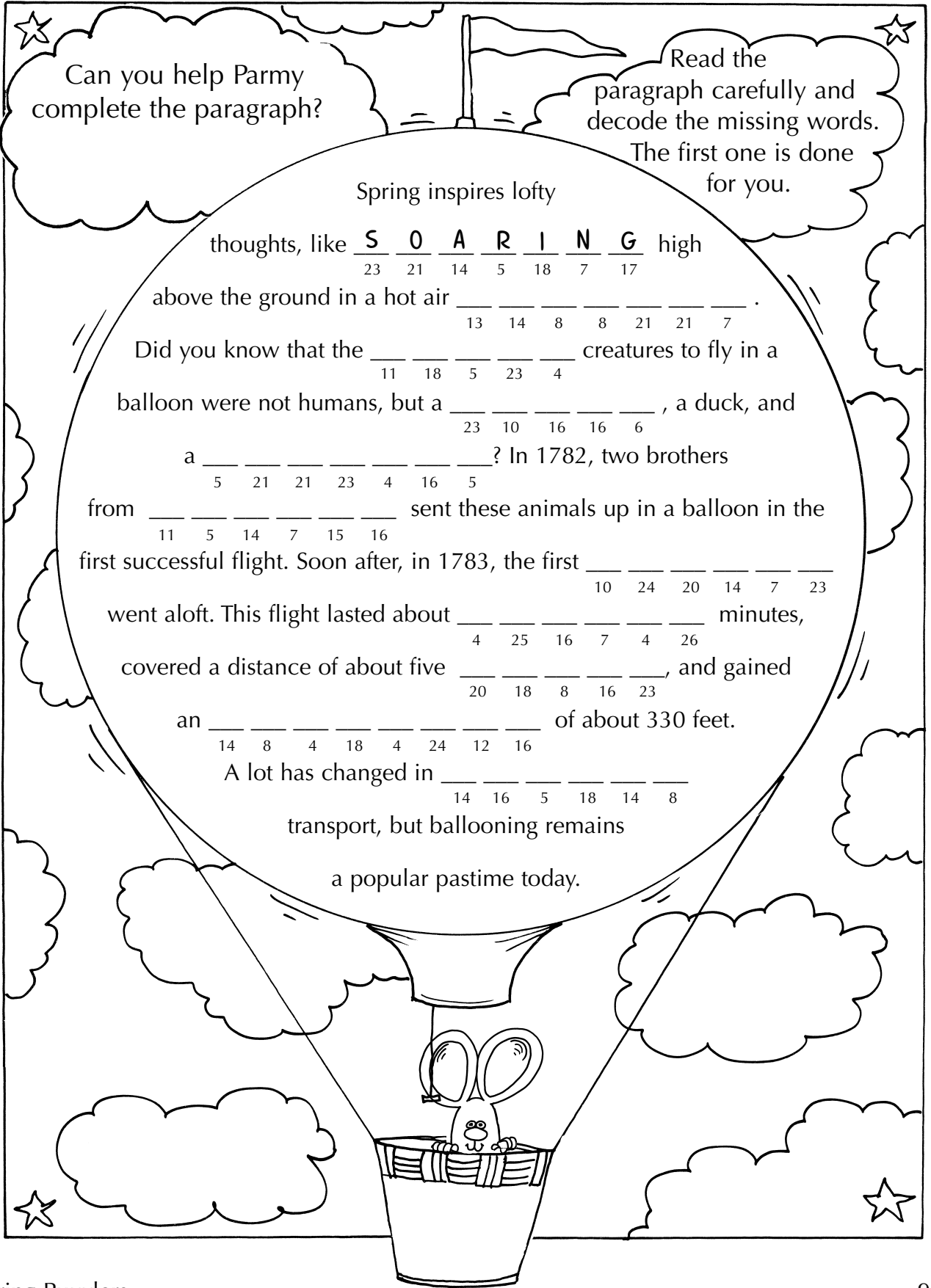


# Up, Up, and Away

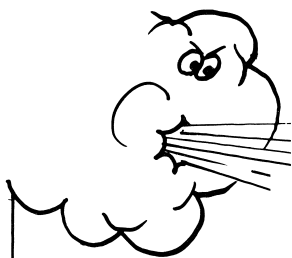
Can you help Parmy complete the paragraph?

Read the paragraph carefully and decode the missing words. The first one is done for you.

Spring inspires lofty  
thoughts, like S O A R I N G high  
above the ground in a hot air \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Did you know that the \_\_\_\_\_ creatures to fly in a  
balloon were not humans, but a \_\_\_\_\_ , a duck, and  
a \_\_\_\_\_ ? In 1782, two brothers  
from \_\_\_\_\_ sent these animals up in a balloon in the  
first successful flight. Soon after, in 1783, the first \_\_\_\_\_  
went aloft. This flight lasted about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes,  
covered a distance of about five \_\_\_\_\_ , and gained  
an \_\_\_\_\_ of about 330 feet.  
A lot has changed in \_\_\_\_\_  
transport, but ballooning remains  
a popular pastime today.



# Whether the Weather



Make your own crossword puzzle using as many of these weather-related words as you can.

Hint: Start with the largest word first.

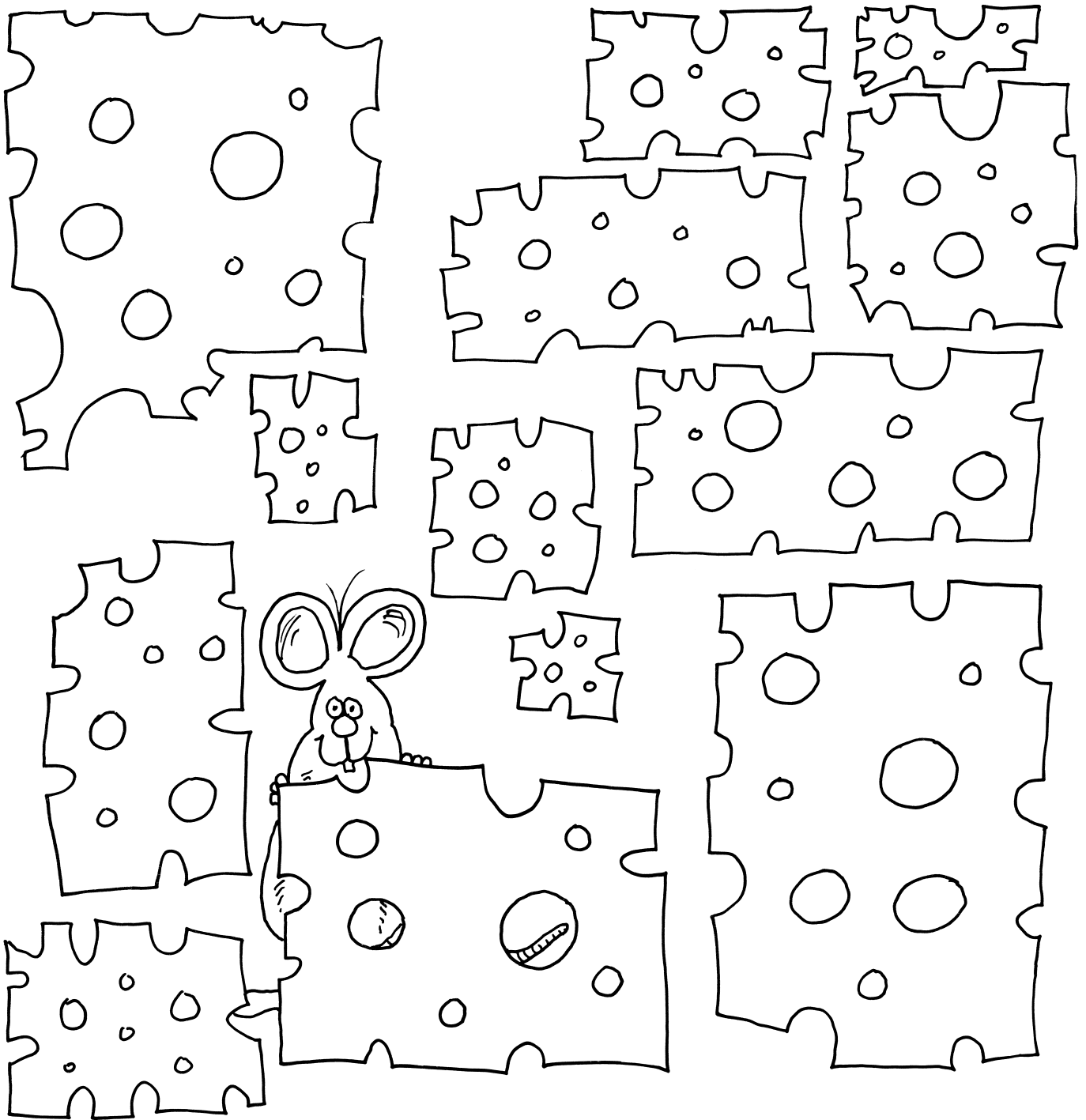
|             |        |       |           |             |         |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| tornado     | wind   | rain  | thunder   | storm       | clouds  |
| temperature | freeze | thaw  | barometer | thermometer | cumulus |
| ozone       | tide   | flood | sun       | breeze      | showers |

[illegible]



# Cheese Chomp

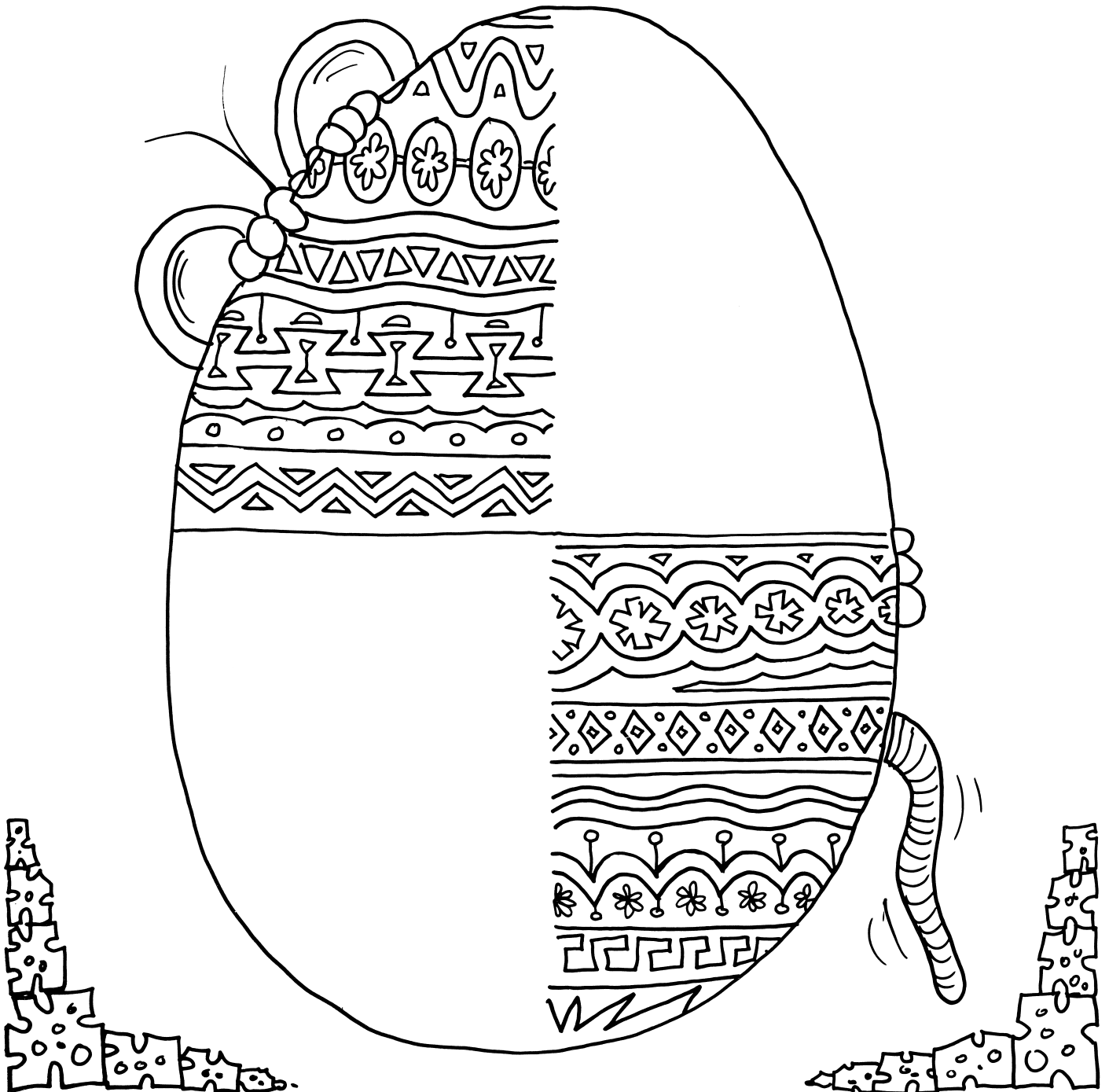
Motzy invited 26 cousins for dinner but she has only 13 pieces of cheese. Help Motzy divide the cheese to make 26 pieces by drawing just three straight lines.






# Eggs-acting Art

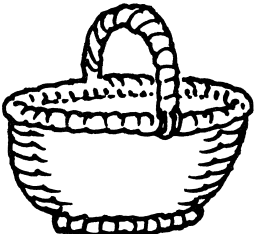
Gouda is feeling ill from eating too many eggs and cannot finish this pattern. Help her by using the vertical lines as a mirror. Take your time.

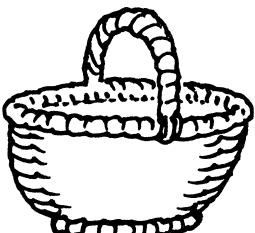


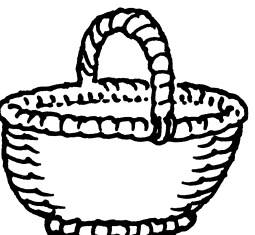
# Eggs-actly

Solve this math mystery to discover how many eggs Wiss found at the egg hunt. Calculate each row and write your answer in the basket. Then add the numbers in the baskets to get a grand total.

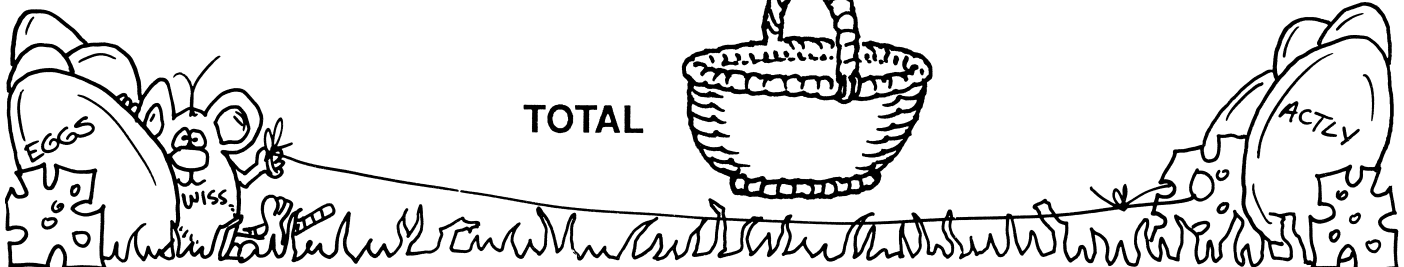
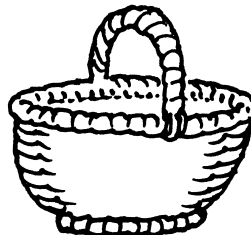
1. Legs on a chair  $\times$  Legs on a spider  $+$  Singers in a trio  $=$  

2. Sides on a pentagon  $\times$  Notes in an octave  $-$  Cells in a paramecium  $=$  

3. Digits in local phone numbers  $\times$  Nickels in \$0.50  $-$  Stars on the American Flag  $=$  

4. Days in April  $\div$  Digits on a hand  $+$  Inches in two feet  $=$  

**TOTAL**



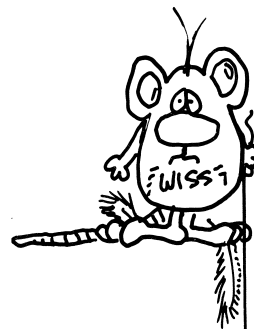
EGGS-AMINE  
THE GRID CAREFULLY!

# Eggy Eating

Motzy will serve eggs at her annual Spring brunch. Help her find and circle the ten different ways she can cook her eggs. The answers read from left to right and from top to bottom in the grid below.

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

# Bird Word



Each little word below is hidden at the end of a bird's name. Help Wiss fill in the blanks to name all 24 birds. If you need help, use the library or the Internet.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ too

13. \_\_\_\_\_ fin

2. \_\_\_\_\_ row

14. \_\_\_\_\_ rot

3. \_\_\_\_\_ ail

15. \_\_\_\_\_ link

4. \_\_\_\_\_ ant

16. \_\_\_\_\_ inch

5. \_\_\_\_\_ on

17. \_\_\_\_\_ bird

6. \_\_\_\_\_ use

18. \_\_\_\_\_ ark

7. \_\_\_\_\_ can

19. \_\_\_\_\_ pie

8. \_\_\_\_\_ low

20. \_\_\_\_\_ gale

9. \_\_\_\_\_ row

21. \_\_\_\_\_ hatch

10. \_\_\_\_\_ rush

22. \_\_\_\_\_ tin

11. \_\_\_\_\_ over

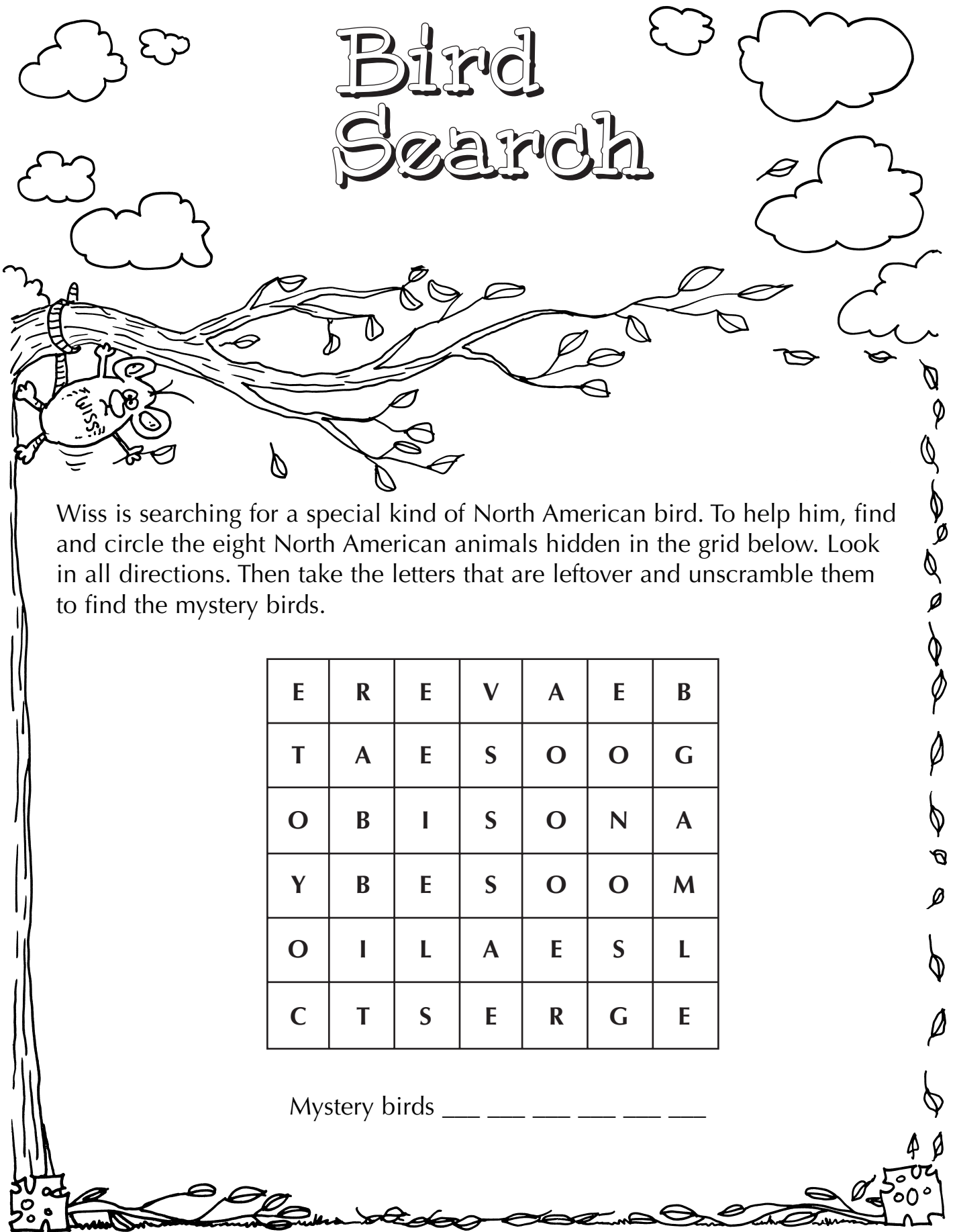
23. \_\_\_\_\_ rich

12. \_\_\_\_\_ an

24. \_\_\_\_\_ will



# Bird Search



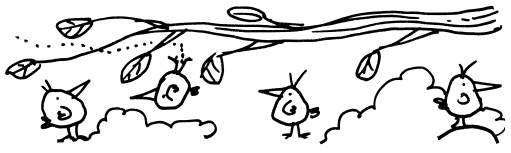
Wiss is searching for a special kind of North American bird. To help him, find and circle the eight North American animals hidden in the grid below. Look in all directions. Then take the letters that are leftover and unscramble them to find the mystery birds.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E | R | E | V | A | E | B |
| T | A | E | S | O | O | G |
| O | B | I | S | O | N | A |
| Y | B | E | S | O | O | M |
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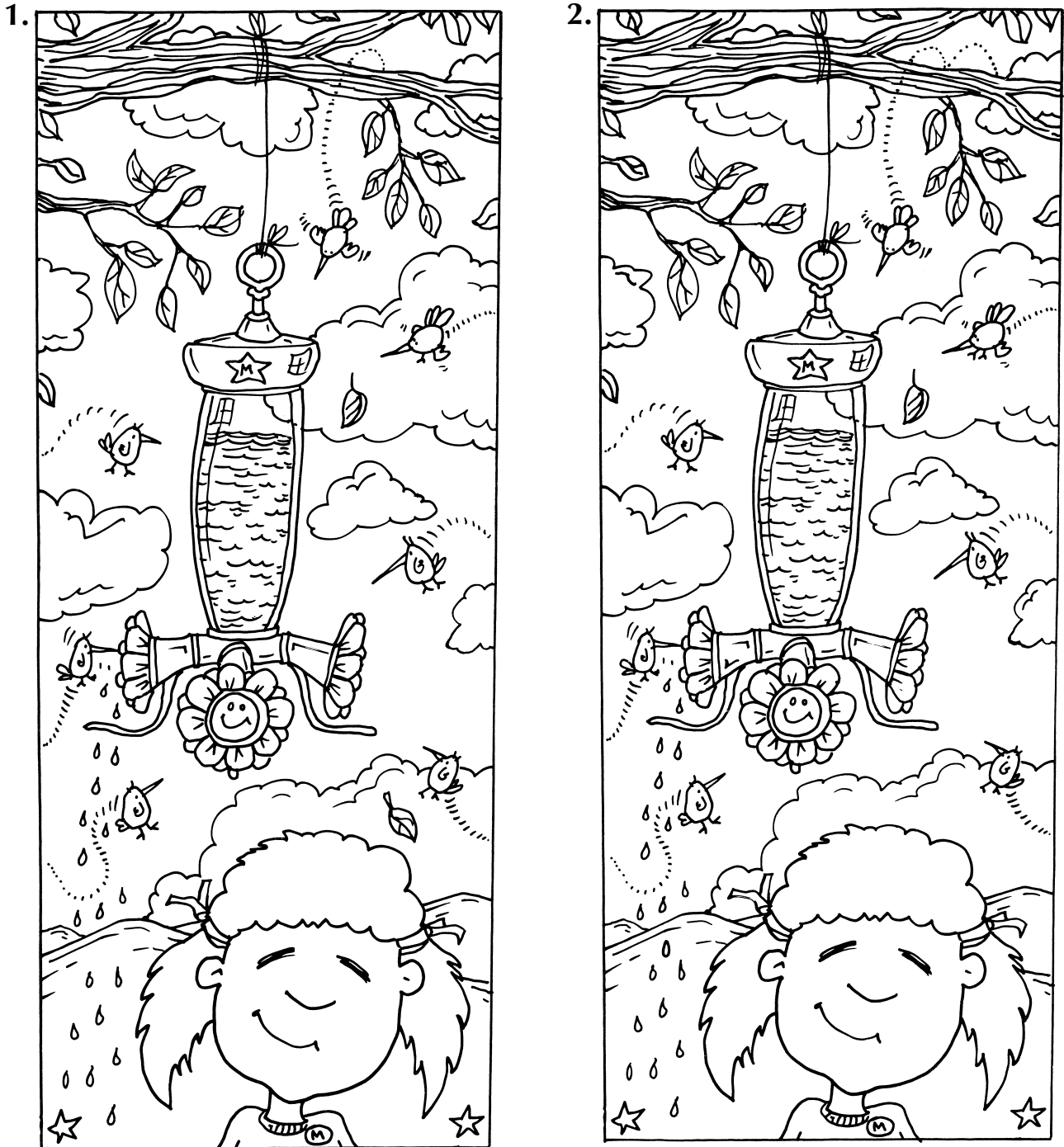
Mystery birds \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



# Hummingbird Homecoming



Find the twelve differences in the two pictures below.





# Bad News Birdhouse

Every spring, Wiss tries to look inside Marvel's favorite birdhouse. Help him unscramble what he would find in the birdhouse if he were ever successful. Then unscramble the circled letters to find Wiss's favorite bird.

1. CIKSTS

\_\_\_ \_     \_\_\_ \_

2. WITSG

\_\_\_ \_

3. SENTICS

\_\_\_     \_\_\_ \_

4. SICKHC

\_\_\_ \_

5. GEGSELSHL

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6. MROWS

\_\_\_ \_     \_\_\_ \_

7. WOND

\_\_\_     \_\_\_ \_

8. DRIBS

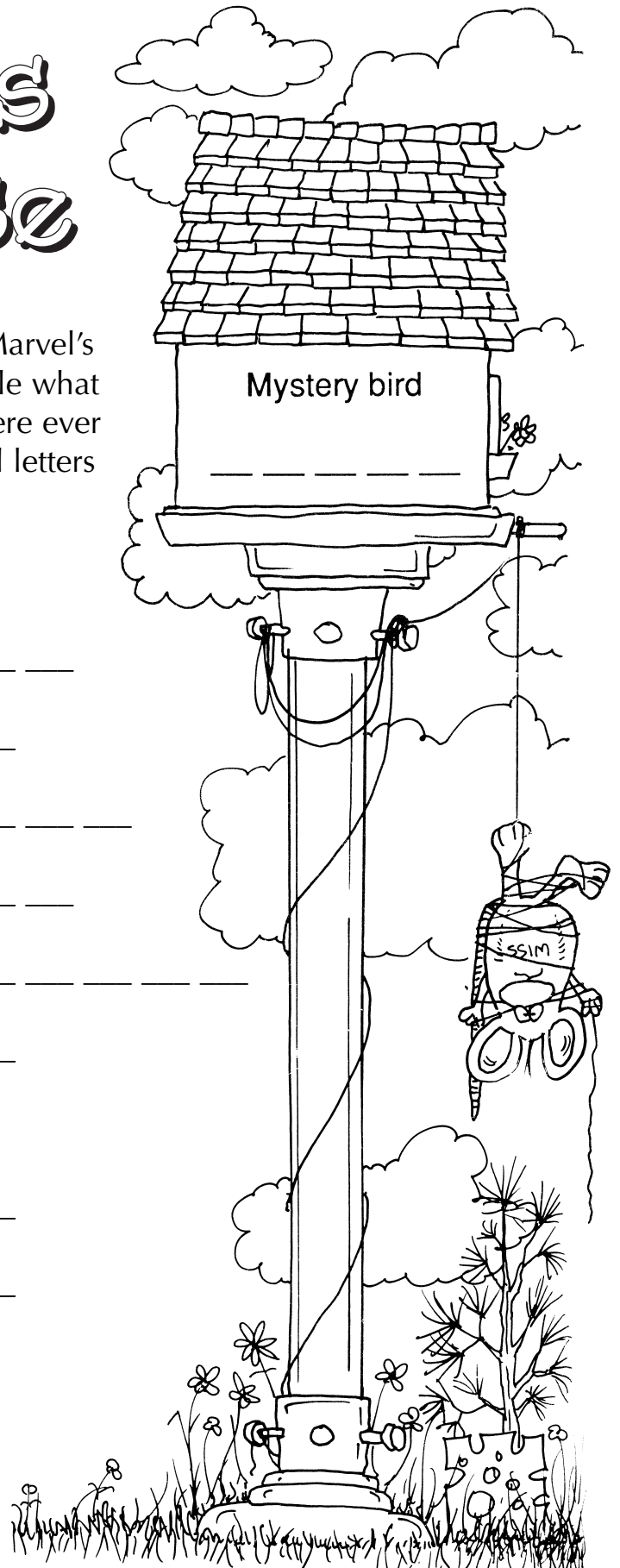
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9. DESES

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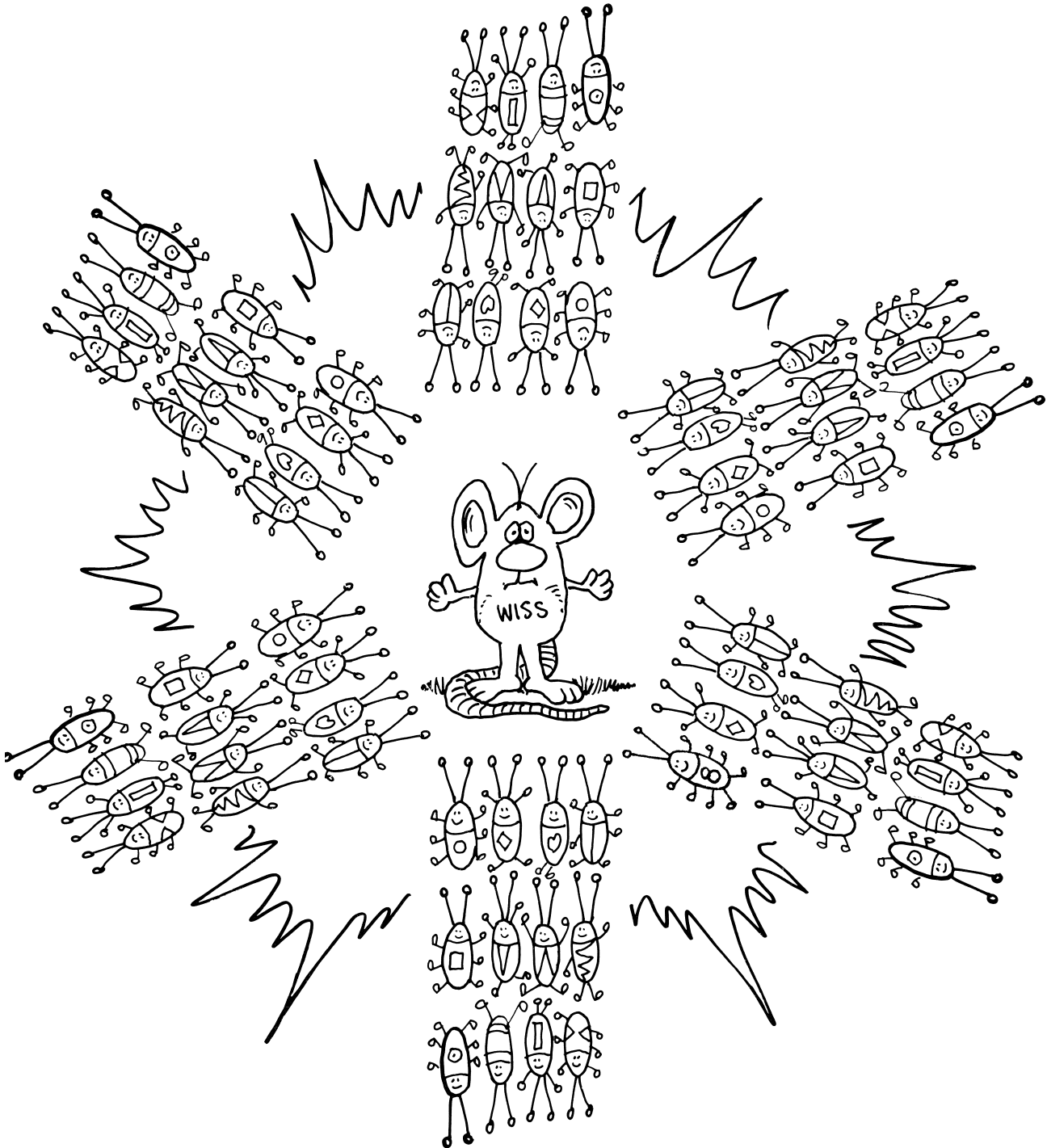
10. SIWS

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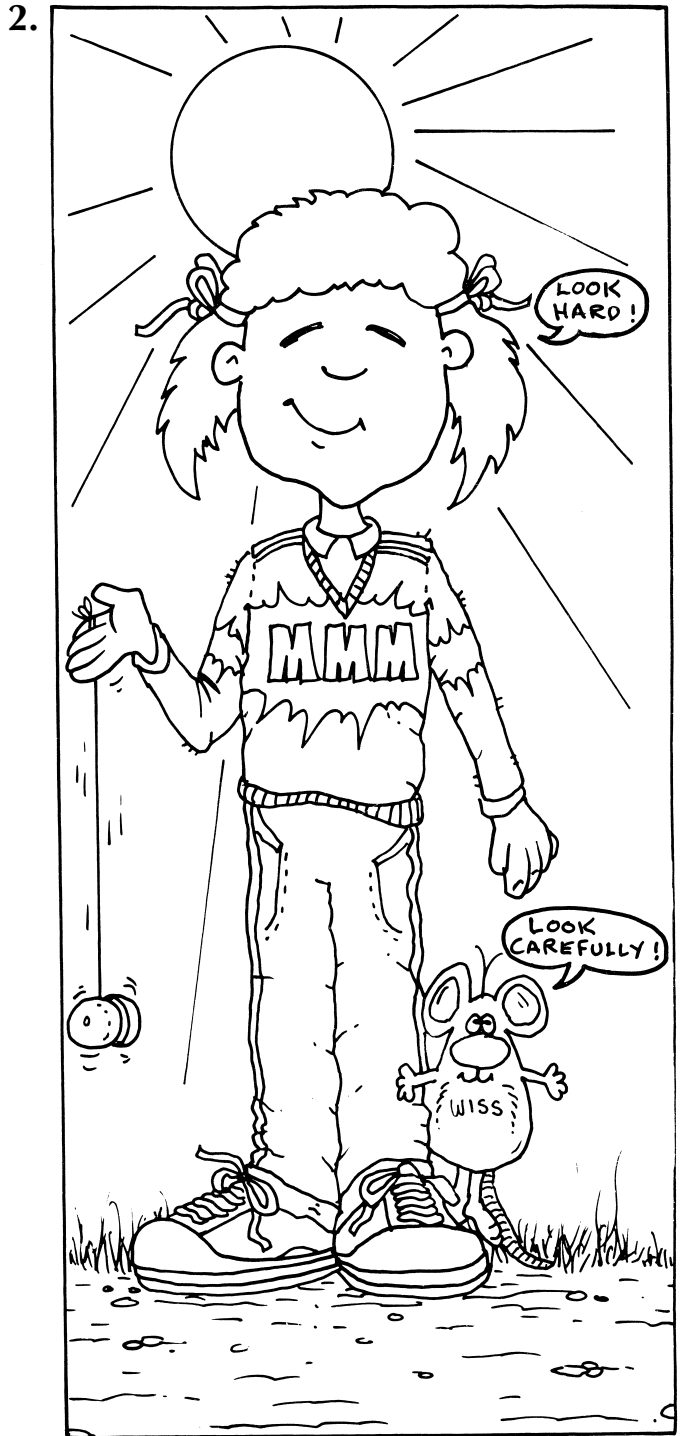
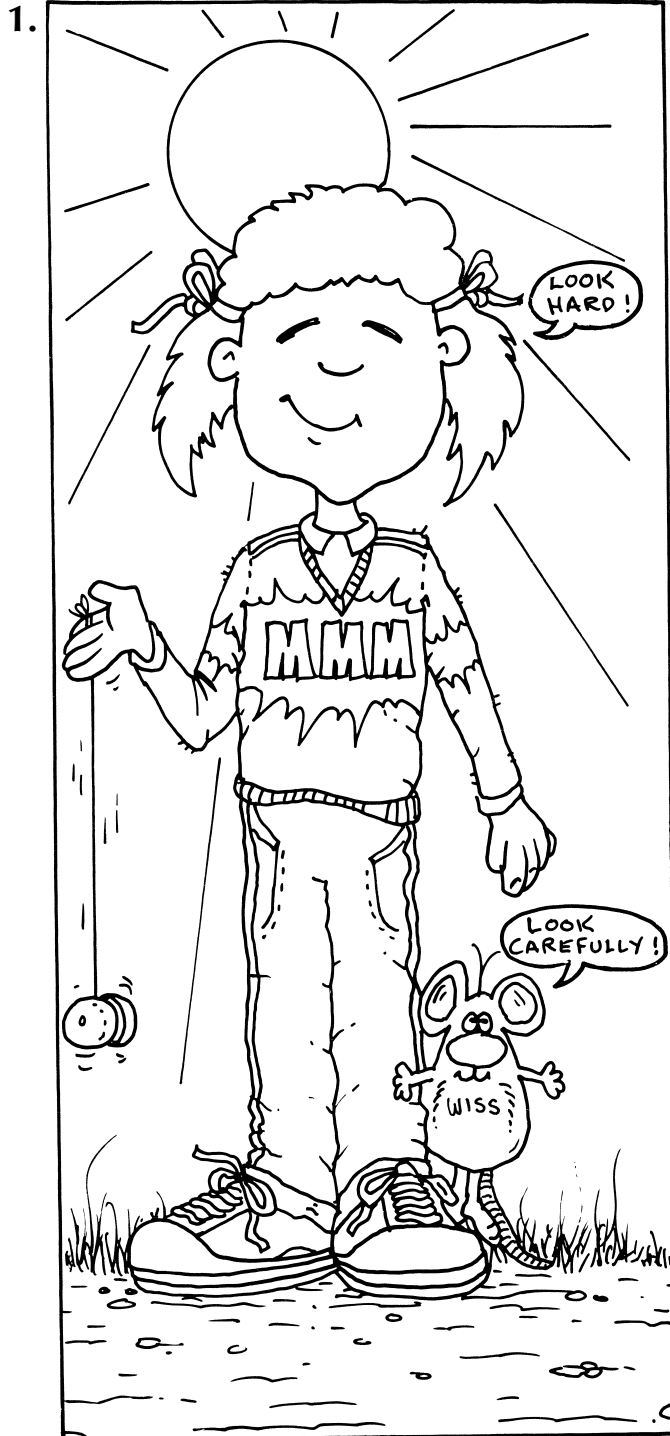
# Buggy Bunch

Wiss is allergic to a certain bug. Find that bug. First color all identical bugs the same color. Use at least six colors. Then find the one bug on the page that is unique—it's the bug Wiss needs to avoid.



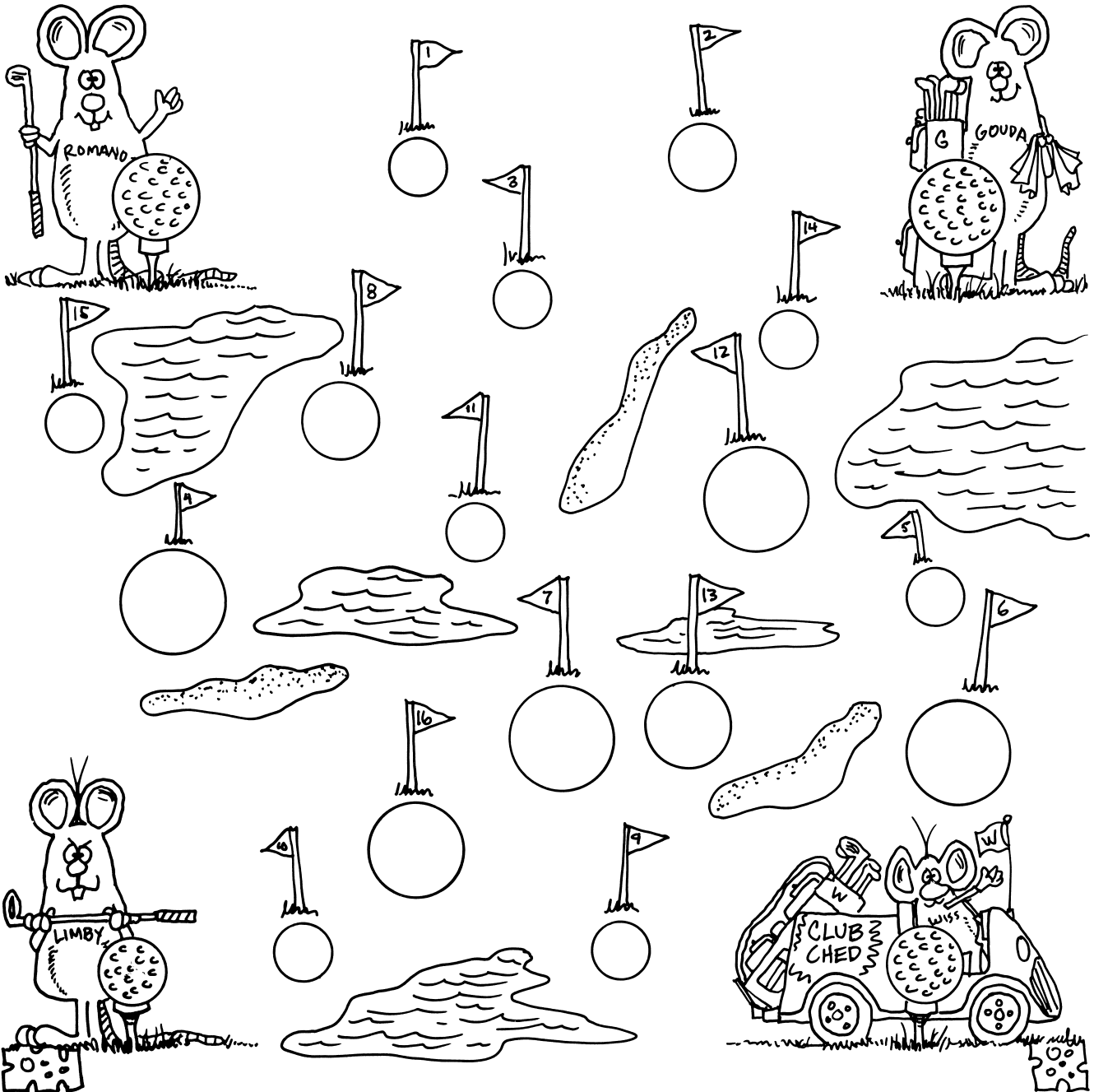
# Yo-Yo Challenge

Find the nine differences between the two pictures of Marvel and her yo-yo. Look carefully.



# Hole in One

The sun is shining and a few mice colleagues are playing golf. Each mouse can hit a hole in one—but only if you find the hole that is the exact size of each ball. Write the number of the appropriate hole beside each mouse golfer.

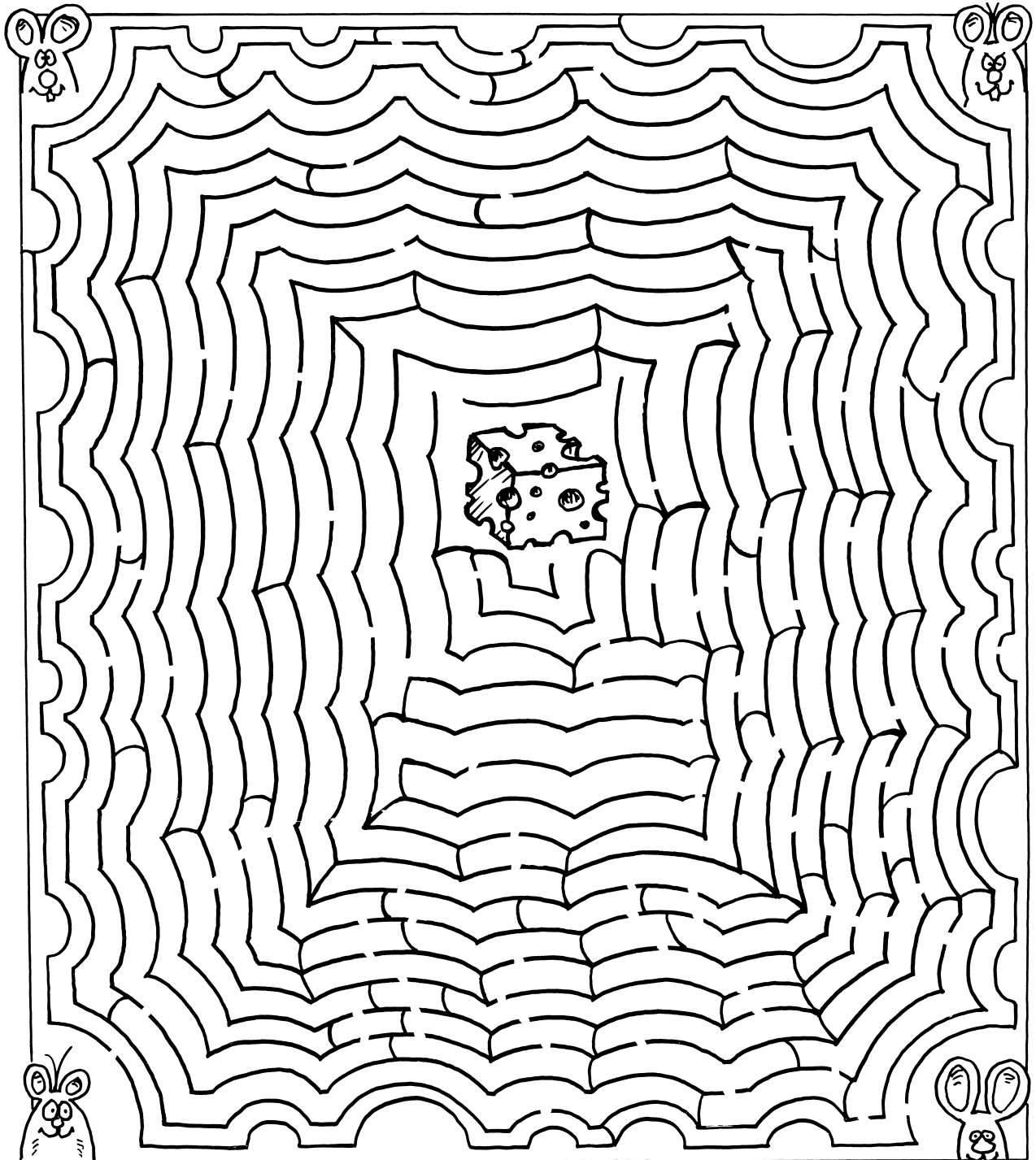


# Mousey Maze

Three of the four mice below can reach the cheese. Discover which mouse will stay hungry.

**Romano**

**Limby**



**Curds**

**Parmy**

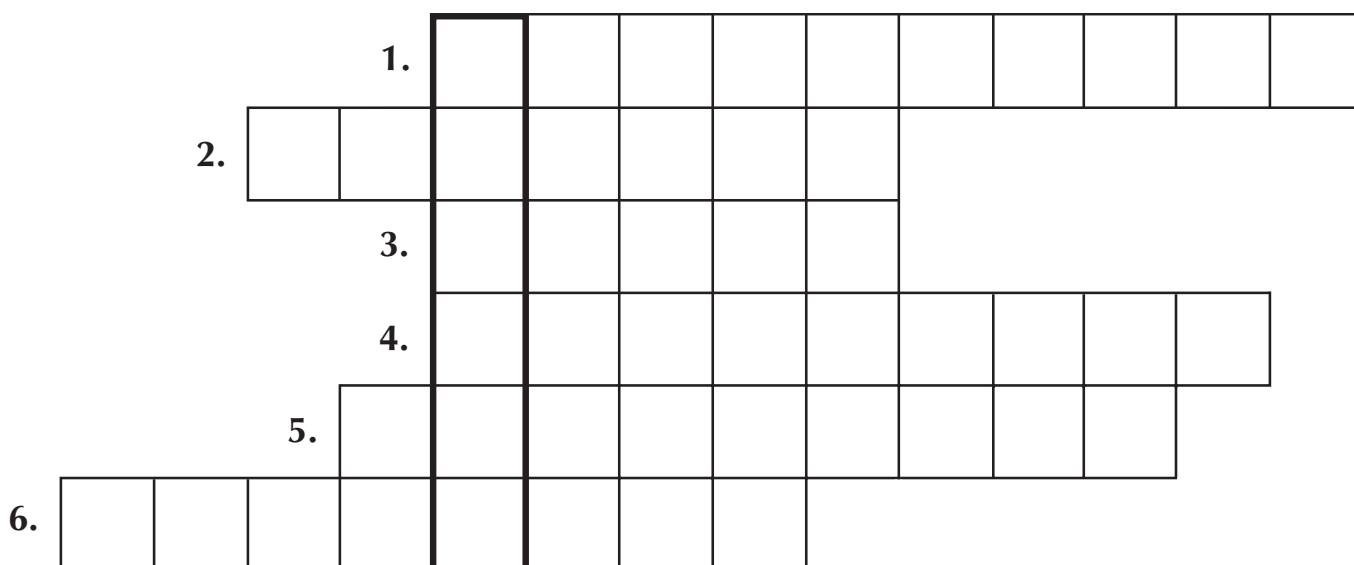




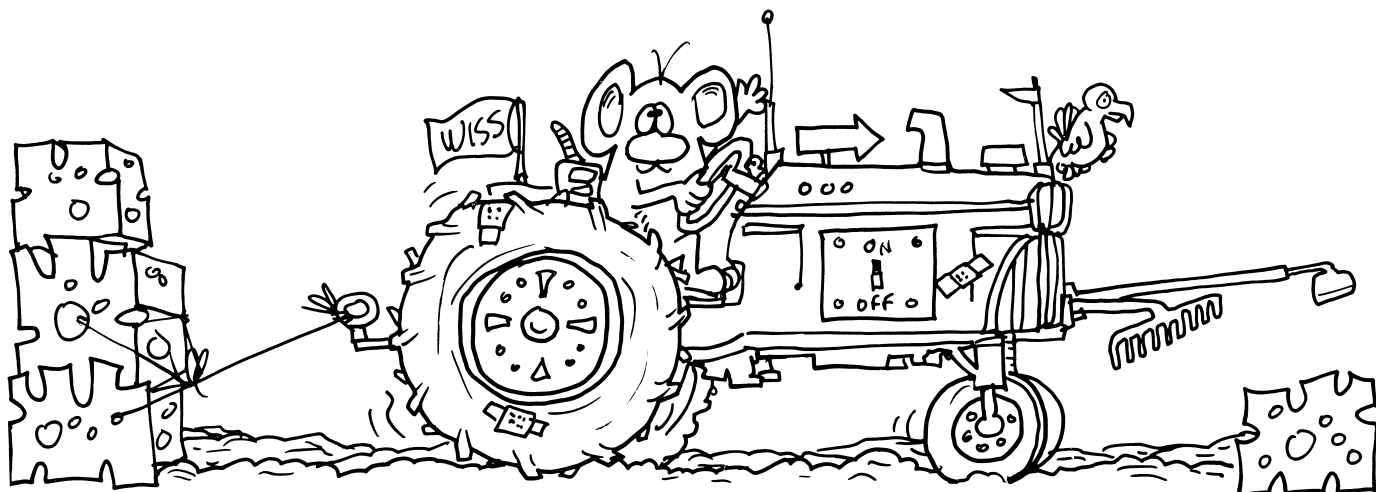
# Making Tracks

Help Wiss name the six states where each of these landmarks is located. Then you'll find the name of a common crop grown in all six states! If you get stuck, use the library or the Internet to help.

1. Joshua Tree National Park
2. Cumberland Island National Seashore
3. Big Bend National Park
4. Natchez Trace Parkway
5. Jean Lafitte National Historic Park
6. Buffalo National River



**Challenge:** Find nine more states that grow this crop.



# Name That Baby

For Mother's Day, help Wiss unscramble the names of the animal offspring below. Then color each baby's name the same color as its mother's name.





# Lake Limby

NO  
FISHING

Limby went fishing and is lost on the lake. Help her get home by finding something she saw while fishing that is hidden in each sentence below.

1. HELP HANNA H SIFT A CONTAINER OF FLOUR.

CATFISH

2. PRACTICE MAKES PARMY PERFECT.

3. YESTERDAY THE WIND VIOLENTLY SHOOK THE SAILS.

4. DON'T LET YOUR HORSE GRAB OATS TODAY.

5. JOE IS THINKING OF BUYING A RANCH OR A CABIN.

6. THOMAS AND VICTOR WON THE RACE.

7. ZELDA'S AUNT ROARS WHEN SHE LAUGHS.

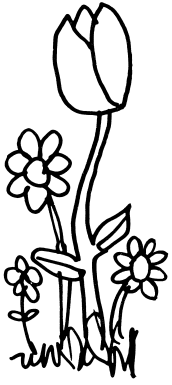
8. THAT ROUTE WILL TAKE YOU TO COURTNEY.

9. WHILE ON THE BOAT I ABSENT-MINDEDLY MISPLACED MY SWEATER.

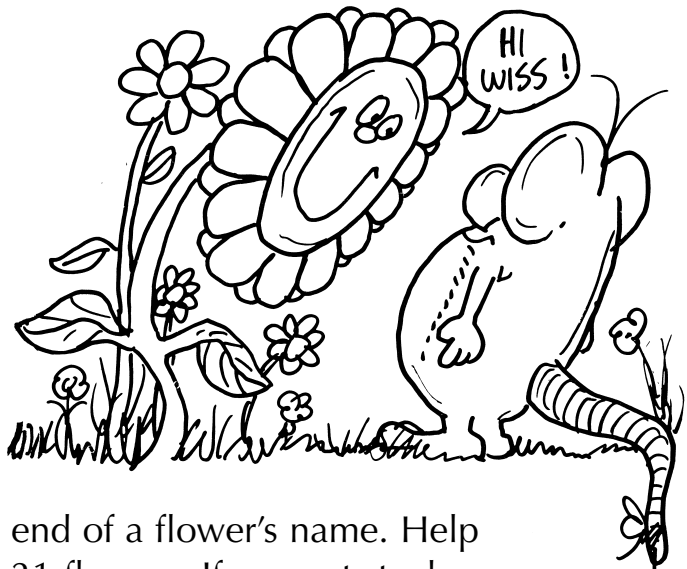
10. DID YOU KNOW THAT ARTHUR SLEEPS IN A DORMITORY?

11. THE ZOO PLANS TO GET MORE ELEPHANTS.

BE  
CAREFUL.  
SOME  
ARE  
BACKWARD!

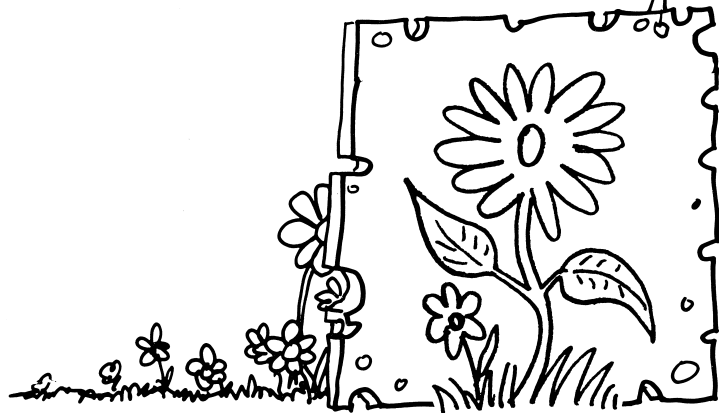


# Flower Names



Each word below is hidden at the end of a flower's name. Help Wiss fill in the blanks to name all 21 flowers. If you get stuck, use the library or the Internet to help.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. _____ love   | 12. _____ weed  |
| 2. _____ over   | 13. _____ slip  |
| 3. _____ hid    | 14. _____ gold  |
| 4. _____ let    | 15. _____ cup   |
| 5. _____ lower  | 16. _____ bell  |
| 6. _____ bonnet | 17. _____ is    |
| 7. _____ rod    | 18. _____ lion  |
| 8. _____ pies   | 19. _____ ox    |
| 9. _____ pine   | 20. _____ brush |
| 10. _____ lies  | 21. _____ rose  |
| 11. _____ one   |                 |

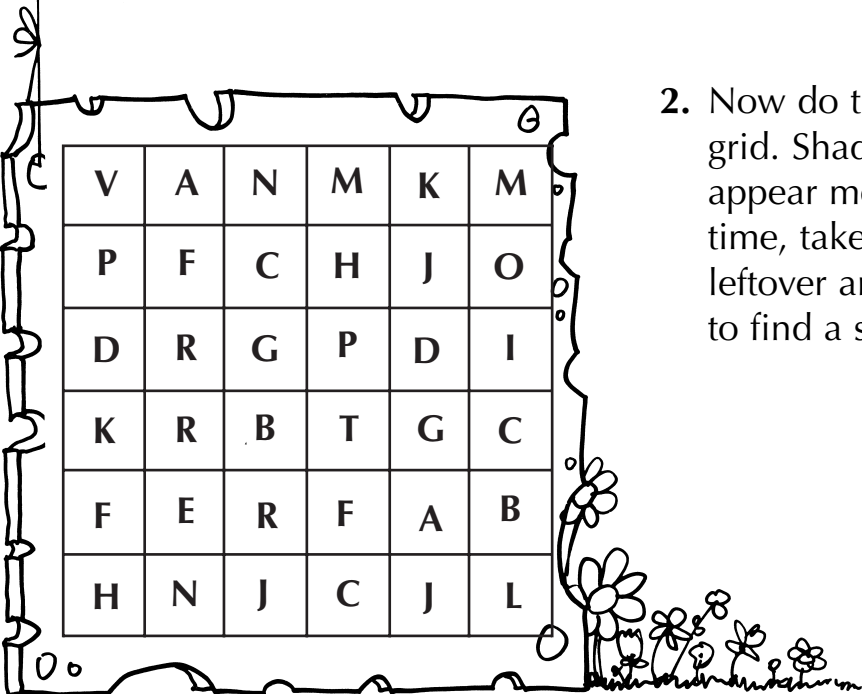


# Flower Find



1. Help Wiss discover the flower hidden in the grid. Black out all the letters that appear more than twice. The remaining letters will spell the state flower of Hawaii.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | A | N | L | J | M | O | E |
| G | I | O | N | J | O | K | G |
| M | G | B | Q | N | O | Q | R |
| P | L | A | I | E | A | E | P |
| D | J | D | G | S | D | N | P |
| E | M | G | K | D | C | L | R |
| Q | J | A | O | G | O | U | M |
| E | A | R | D | R | R | K | S |



2. Now do the same with this grid. Shade the letters that appear more than once. This time, take the letters that are leftover and unscramble them to find a spring wildflower.

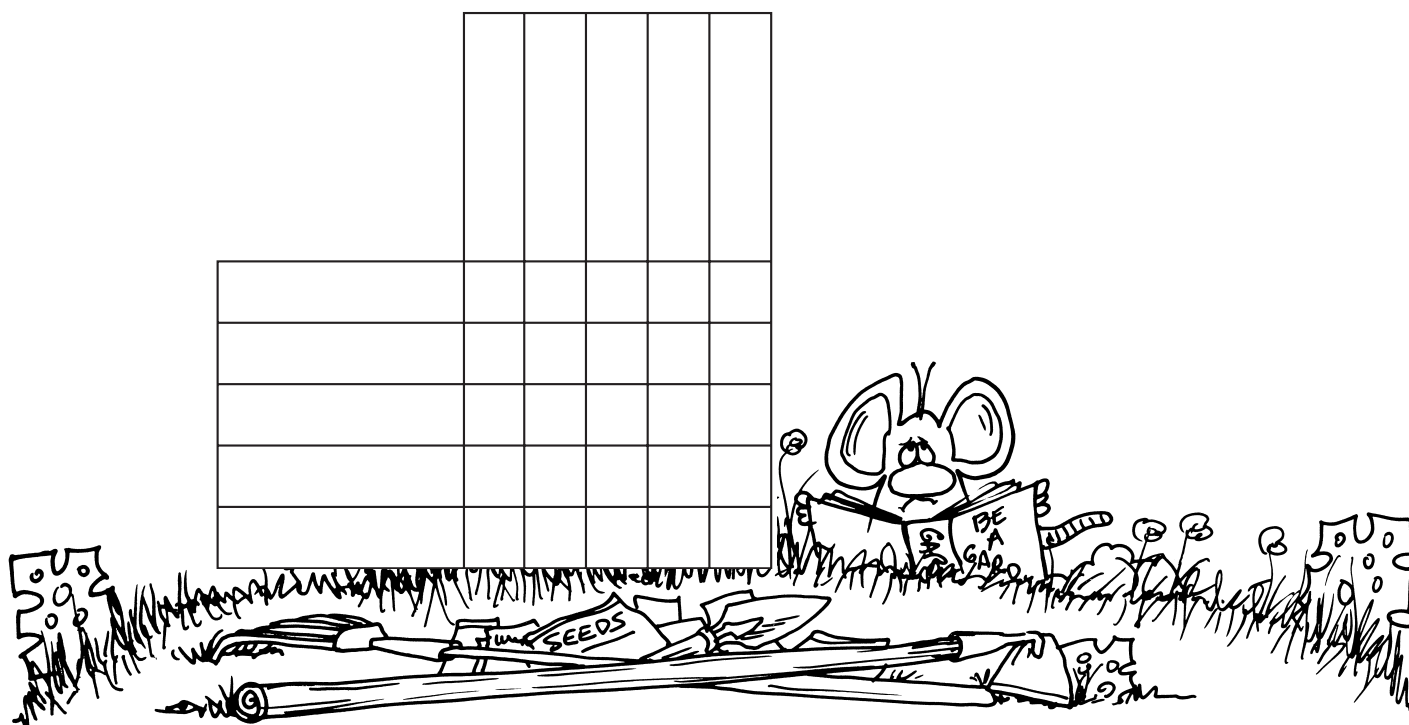


# Flowers or Vegetables?



Curds, Parmy, Limby, Gouda, and Gorgonzola are planting a garden with both flowers and vegetables. Using the clues below, find out which mouse is responsible for which flower or vegetable.

1. Curds isn't fond of flowers. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gorgonzola likes what Parmy doesn't. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Limby likes root vegetables. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Someone doesn't like corn, tomatoes, or carrots. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gouda isn't responsible for tomatoes or geraniums. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parmy doesn't like roses. \_\_\_\_\_



# Nature Logics

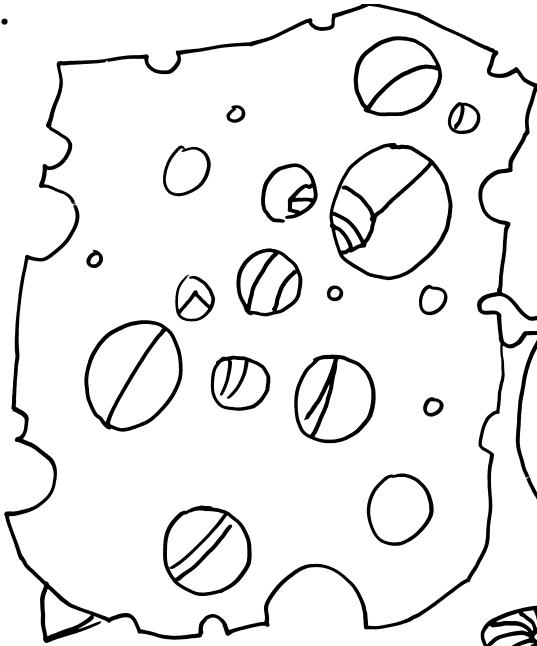
Help Curds solve the nature logics by filling in the blanks. Think carefully. Remember that there can be more than one possible answer. When you are finished, make up a few nature logics of your own.

1. Finger is to nail as paw is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tomato is to \_\_\_\_\_ as zucchini is to vegetable.
3. Frog is to pond as \_\_\_\_\_ is to pasture.
4. Growl is to lion as squeak is to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Scale is to snake as fur is to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Goat is to kid as sheep is to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Bull is to calf as \_\_\_\_\_ is to chick.
8. Wheat is to grain as \_\_\_\_\_ is to fruit.
9. Burrow is to groundhog as den is to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Moo is to cow as \_\_\_\_\_ is to turkey.
11. Bee is to swarm as fish is to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Elephant is to gray as \_\_\_\_\_ is to white.
13. Antler is to deer as quill is to \_\_\_\_\_.

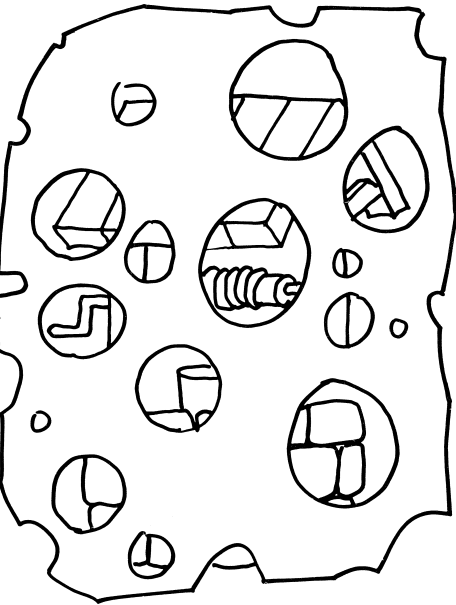
# Guesswork

Something is hiding behind each cheese slice. Look through the holes carefully and try to complete each picture. One has been left blank for you to draw your own.

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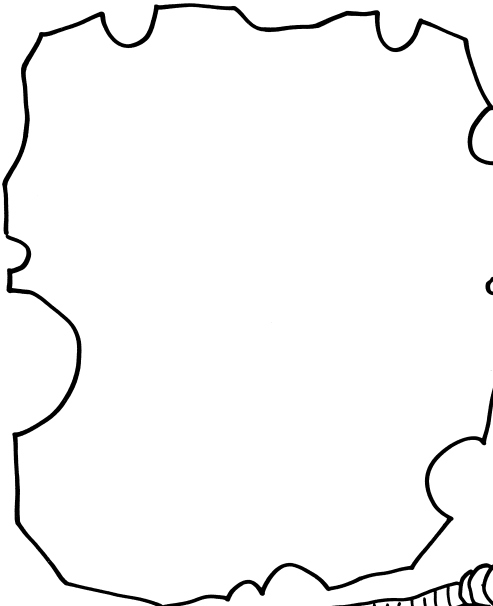


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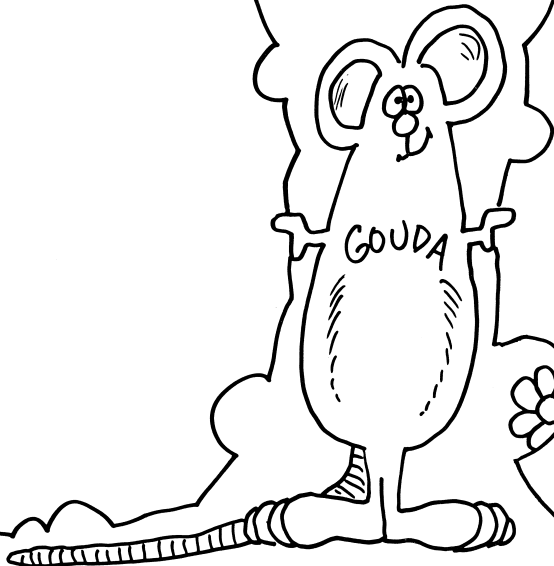


3.

← YOURS →



4.

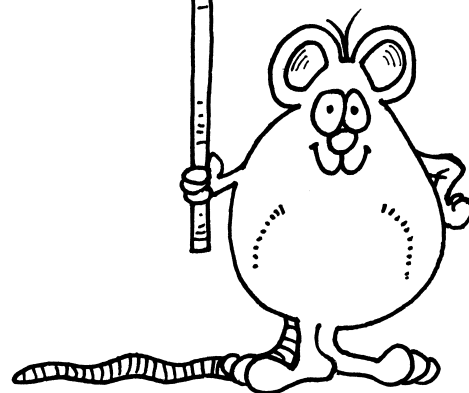


# Curds' Magic Square

Curds was almost finished with this magic square when he realized he was using invisible ink! Curds started writing in the numbers again. Can you help him finish? The sum of the numbers must add up to 34 horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.

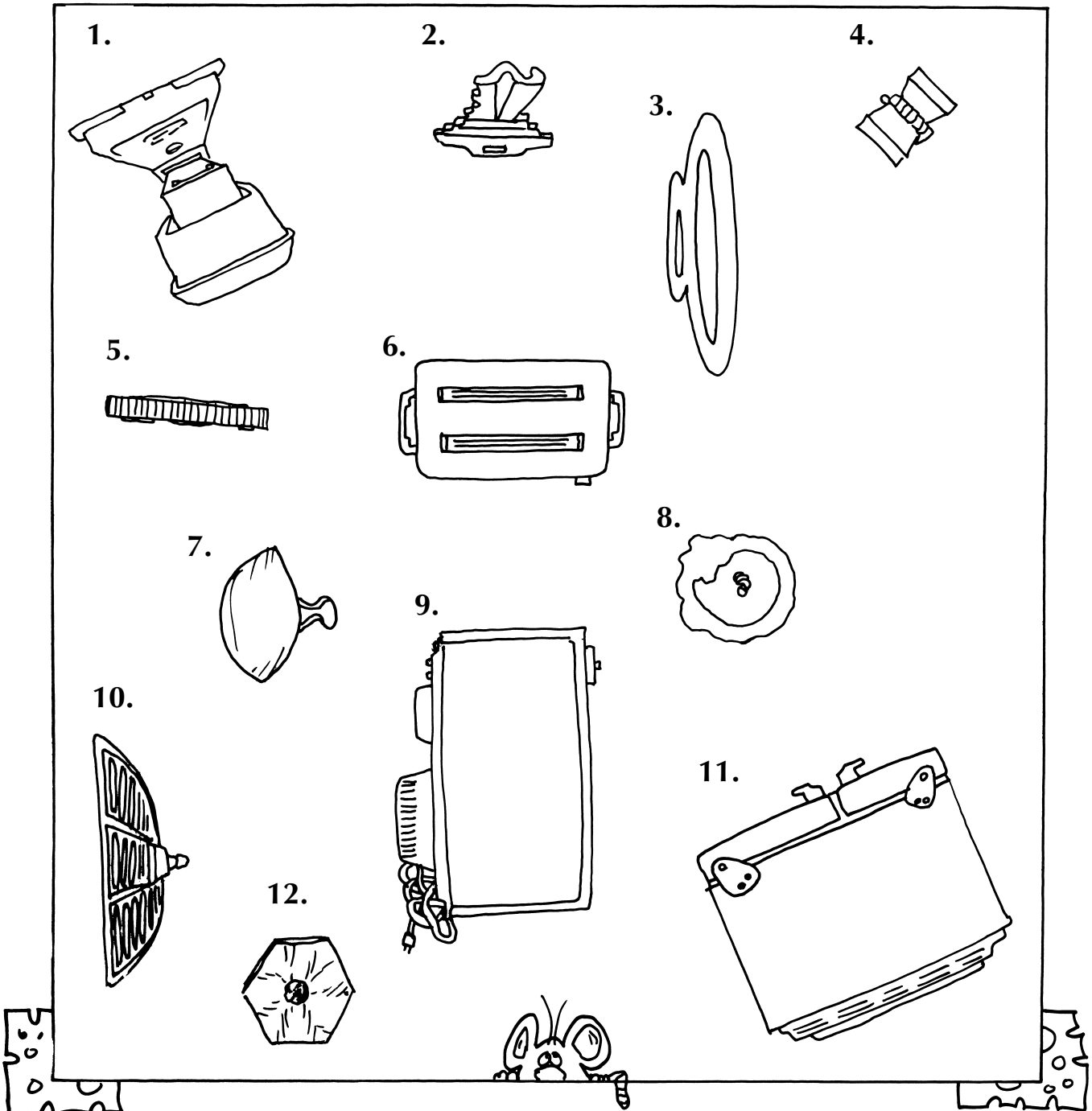
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| 1 | 2 | 15 |  |
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|   |   |    |  |

Thanks for  
your help!



# ☆☆☆ New View Review ☆☆☆

Pictured below are twelve everyday objects at unusual angles. Help Marvel discover what these new views show.





# Motzy's March Madness

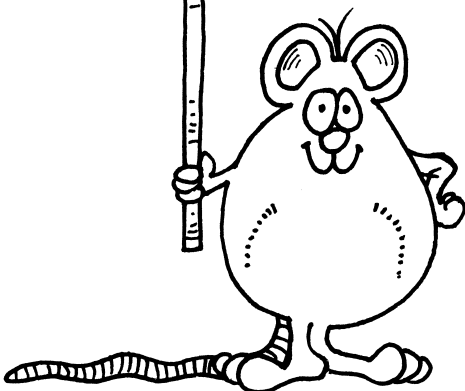
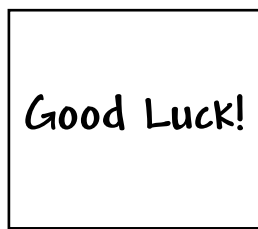
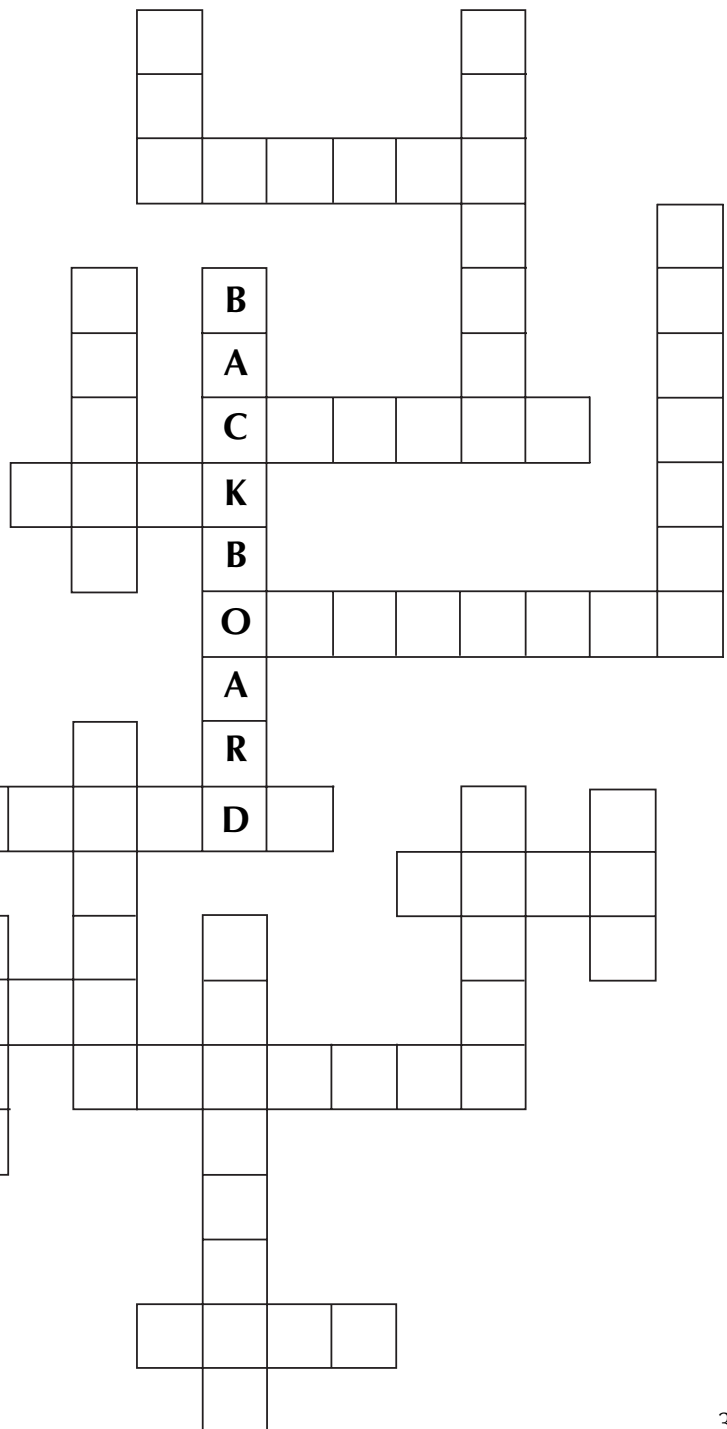
Motzy loves basketball, especially in the month of March! Help her fill in the crossword puzzle using these basketball terms. Motzy started the puzzle for you.

## Across

tipoff  
center  
dunk  
overtime  
boards  
zone  
game  
timeout  
foul

## Down

net  
offense  
defense  
backboard  
basket  
half  
jumpshot  
point  
key



# Spring Sports

Gouda likes to go outside and play a certain sport in the spring. Use the clues to find her favorite sport.

- |              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1. ntub      | ○ _ _ _             |
| 2. gvleo     | _ _ _ _ _           |
| 3. esba      | _ ○ _ _             |
| 4. ktries    | ○ _ _ _ _           |
| 5. cherpit   | _ _ _ _ _ ○ _       |
| 6. nnniig    | _ _ _ _ _           |
| 7. emoh unr  | _ _ _ _ _ _ _       |
| 8. olcubuhes | _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. tba       | _ _ _ ○ _           |
| 10. permiu   | _ _ _ _ _           |
| 11. lmteeh   | _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _     |
| 12. llba     | _ _ _ _ _ ○ _       |



What is Gouda's favorite spring sport?

\_\_\_\_\_

# Number Cross

Can you help Curds finish this cross-number puzzle? If you get stuck, use the library or the Internet to help.

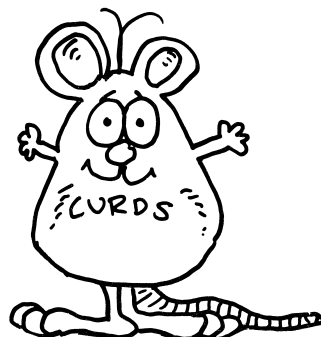
|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1. |    |    | 2. |    |
|    |    |    | 3. |    |
|    | 4. | 5. |    |    |
| 6. |    |    |    | 7. |
|    |    |    | 8. |    |

## Across

1. Year yo-yo was first manufactured
3. Legs on 14 elephants
4. Number in a gross
6. Yards in a furlong
8. Beats per second of a hummingbird's wing

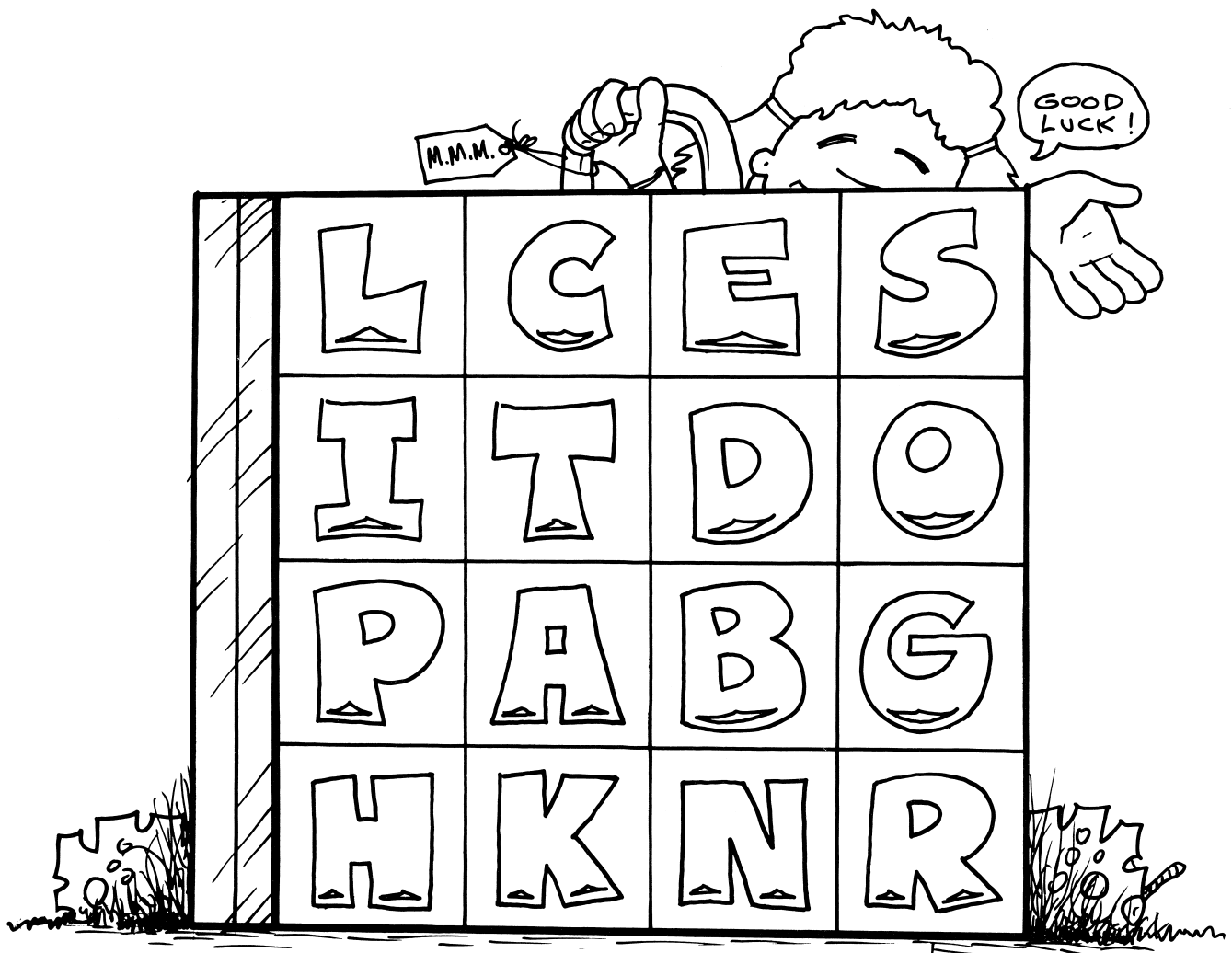
## Down

1. Items in a baker's dozen
2. Nickels in \$47.70
4. Tines in 4 tridents
5. Legs on 10 hippos
6. Teeth in a baby's mouth
7. Ounces in 5 lbs



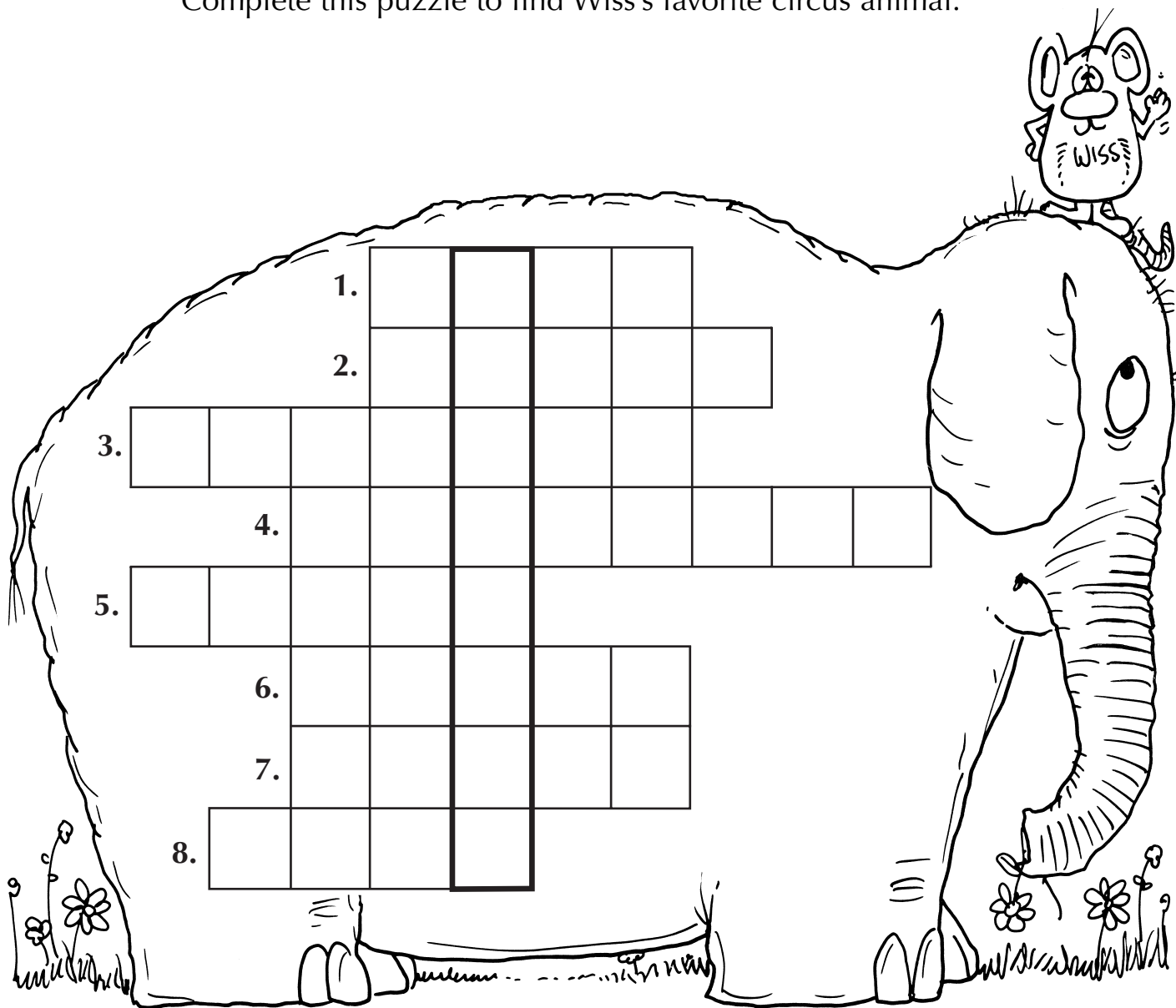
# Circus Letters

Marvel packed her bag with circus letters. Make as many circus words as you can from these letters. The letters may be used more than once and in any order.



# Pachyderm Power

Complete this puzzle to find Wiss's favorite circus animal.



1. Performing circus animal

2. Circus jester

3. Very high swing

4. Loud clapping

5. The Greatest Show on \_\_\_\_\_

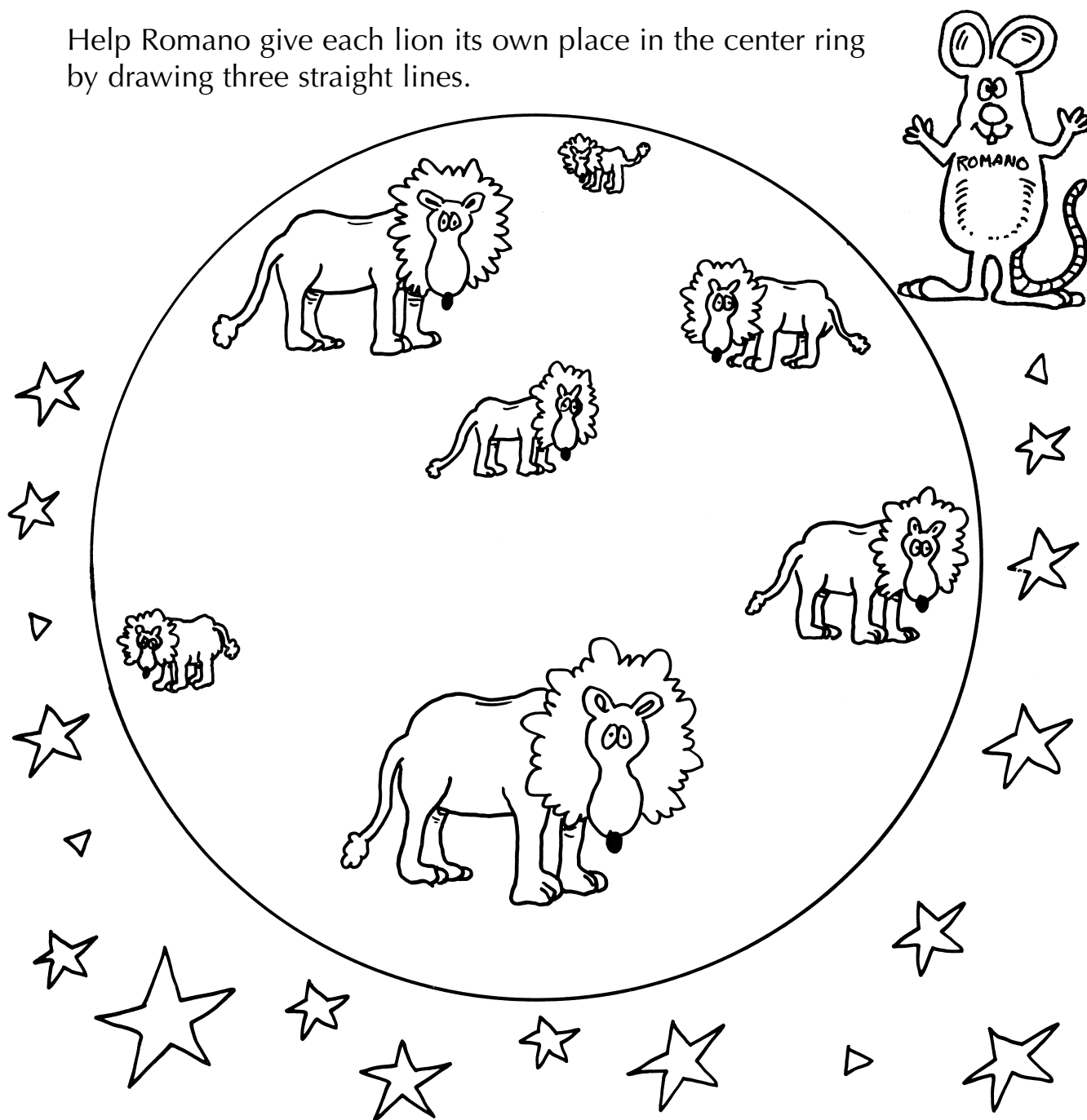
6. Transportation on tracks

7. A large circus has three of these

8. Canvas building

# Under the Big Top

Help Romano give each lion its own place in the center ring by drawing three straight lines.



# Circus Break

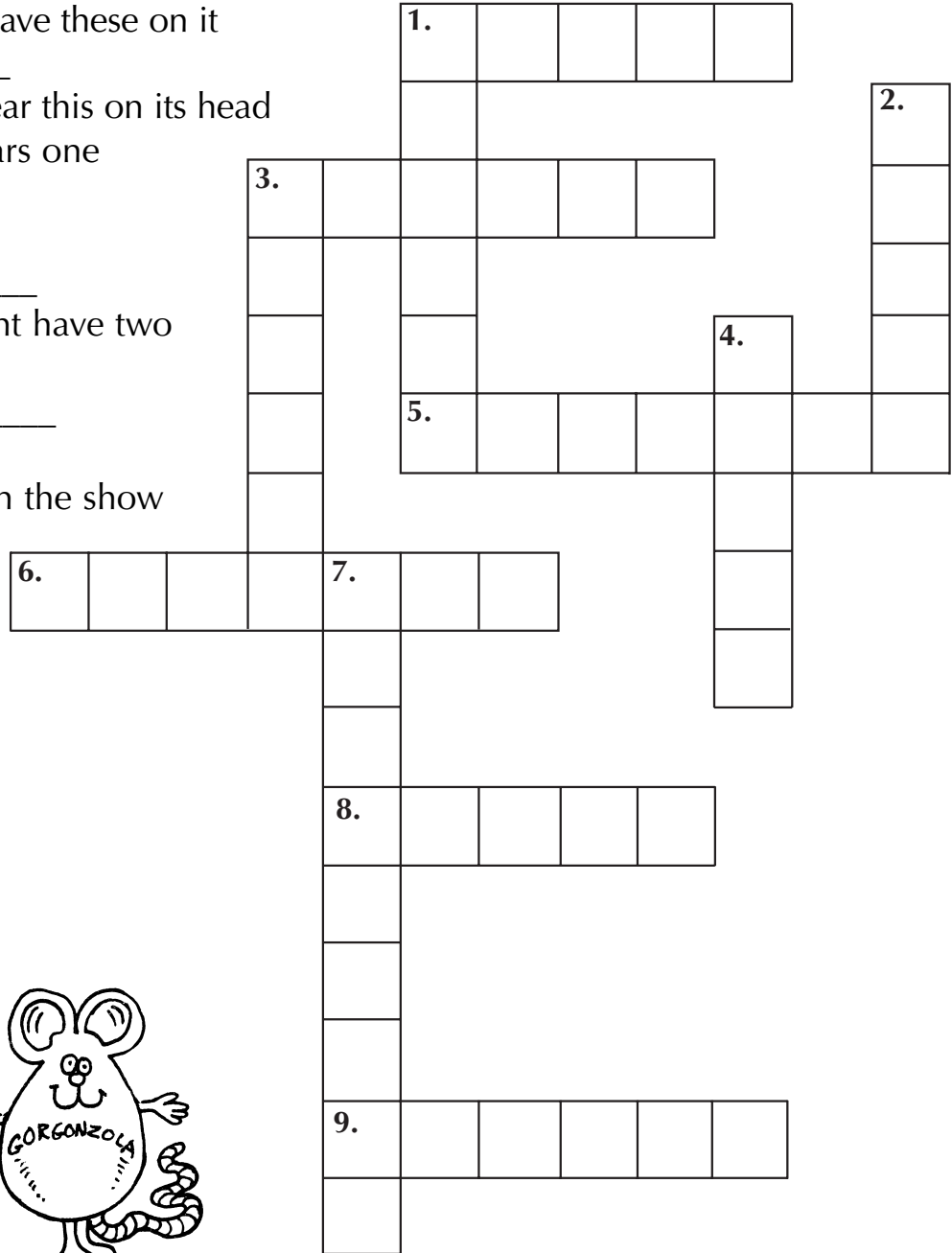
Use the clues below to solve this crossword puzzle. Remember that all the words are related to the circus.

## Across

1. A funny performer
3. Great American showman
5. A costume may have these on it
6. flying \_\_\_\_\_
8. A horse might wear this on its head
9. A ringmaster wears one

## Down

1. A three-ring \_\_\_\_\_
2. An elephant might have two of these
3. Under the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Large striped cat
7. Largest animals in the show

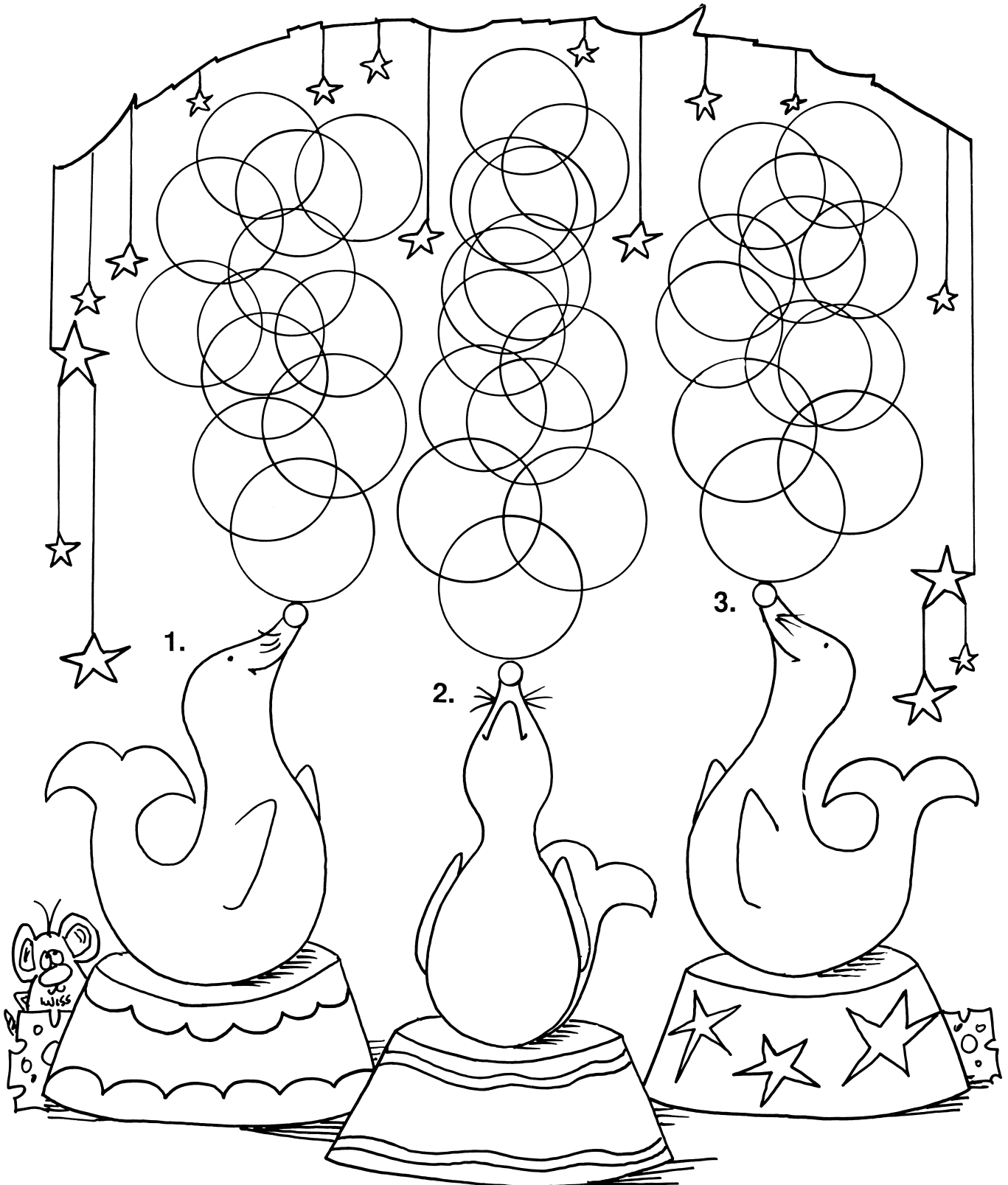


GOOD  
LUCK!



# Balancing Act

Discover which seal is balancing the most balls. Look carefully.

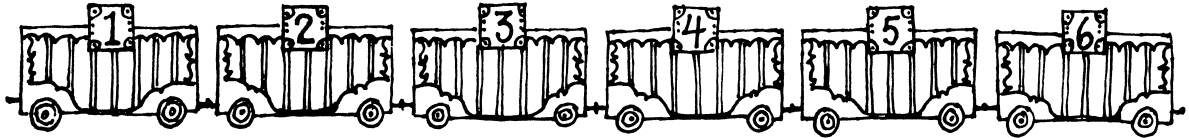






# Circus Train

The circus train has six cars full of animals. Use the clues to help Marvel discover which animals are in each car.



1. The elephants are in one of the last two cars.
2. The lions are next to the elephants.
3. The tigers are not in either of the first two cars.
4. The dancing bears are between the tigers and the lions.
5. One car holds the performing seals.
6. Because they are nervous animals, the horses can't be next to the tigers or the lions.

The first car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

The second car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

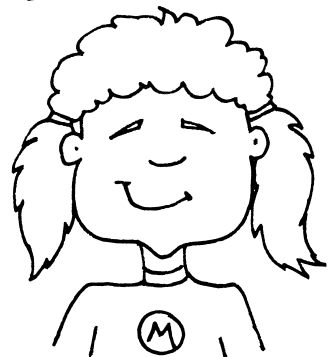
The third car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

The fourth car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

The fifth car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

The sixth car holds \_\_\_\_\_.

THINK  
HARD!



# Circus Stops

Every spring, Gorgonzola dreams of running away with the circus. Rearrange the letters in each group to find the names of the cities she wants to visit with the circus.

1.

G S I O  
N H A K

\_\_\_\_\_

2.

K E O  
K E N

\_\_\_\_\_

3.

A S S N  
N O C B

\_\_\_\_\_

4.

T S O L S

\_\_\_\_\_

5.

K E P O  
E

\_\_\_\_\_

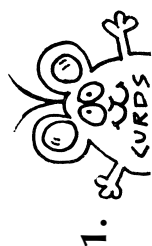
6.

V I N I  
Z

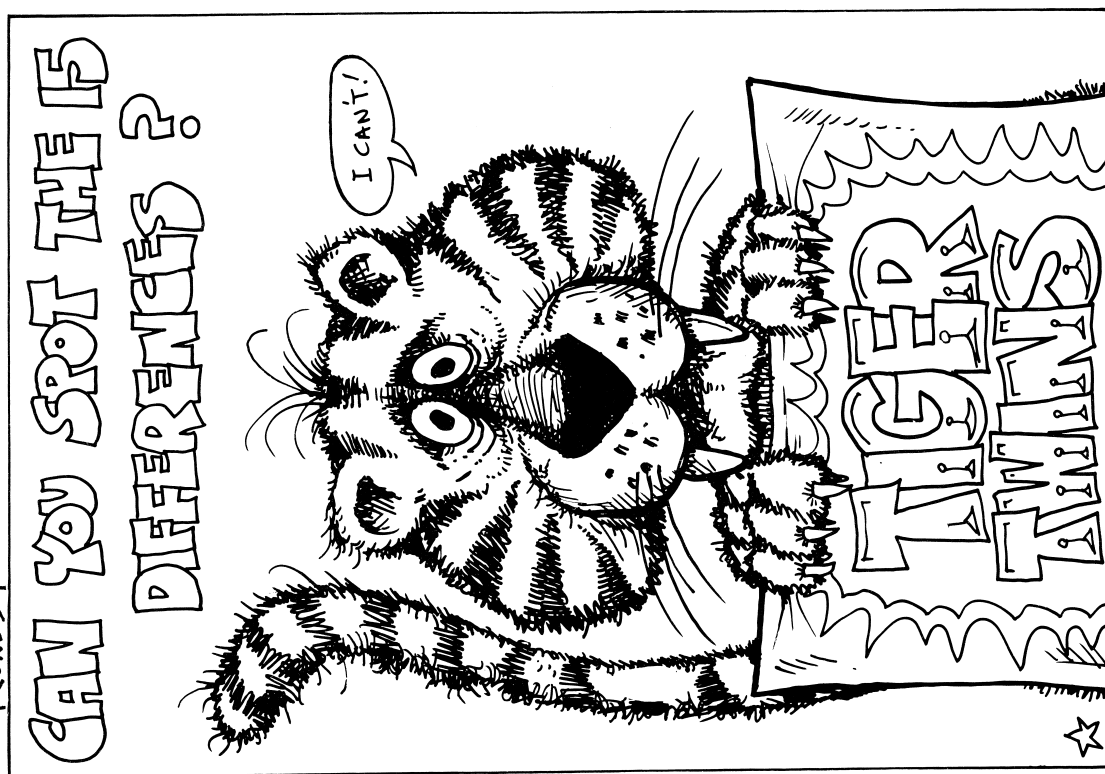
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# Tiger Twins

Help Curds find fifteen differences in the two pictures.



2.



# Word Juggle

Marvel taught herself how to juggle. Help her make eight words from the letters on the balls. The first word must consist of one letter, the second two letters, and so on until you reach an eight-letter word. You may use each letter only as often as it appears for each word you make.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

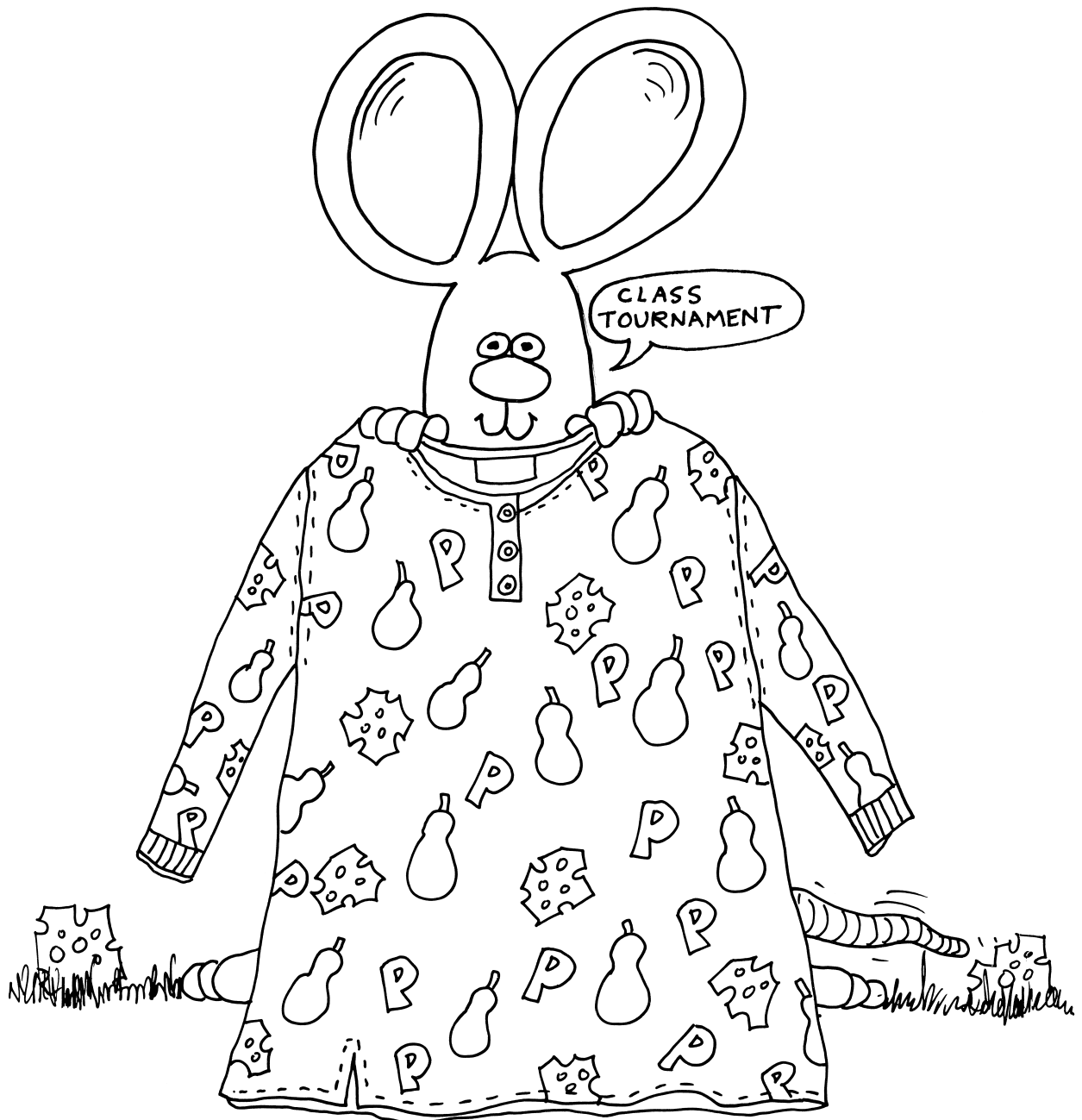
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge:** Make a 10-letter word.

**Super Challenge:** How many more words of any length can you make?

# Parmy's PJs

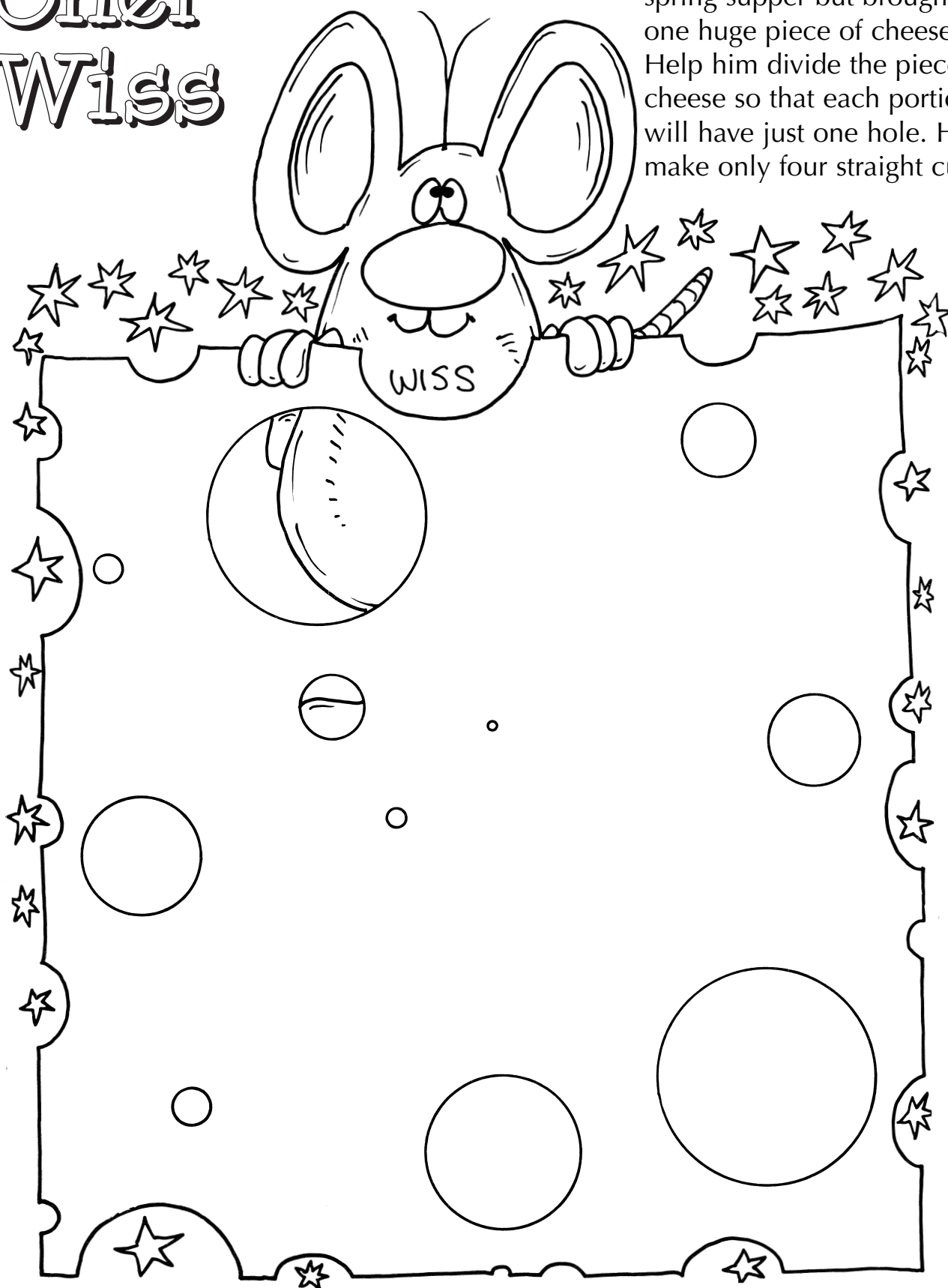
Guess how many pears, pieces of cheese, and *P*s are on Parmy's PJs below. You have just 20 seconds to guess. Then compare your answer with your classmates to see whose guess was the closest.



**Teacher's Note:** Hand out the puzzle face down. Allow students 20 seconds to turn over the page and look at the puzzle before asking them to write down their guesses.

# Chef Wiss

Wiss invited eleven mice to his spring supper but brought only one huge piece of cheese. Help him divide the piece of cheese so that each portion will have just one hole. He can make only four straight cuts.



# Missing Months

When Curds dropped his calendar, the pages got all mixed up—and some of them were lost. Use the clues to find which months he has and which ones are missing.

1. Curds has three months whose names end with the letters “-ber”.
2. He has two months with 5-letter names and two months with 7-letter names.
3. He has two months whose names begin with the letter “J”.
4. He has the month with the longest name and the month with the shortest name.
5. He has the month with the fewest days in it.
6. He has three months whose names end with the letter “-y”.
7. He has all the months with exactly 30 days.
8. He is missing only two months.
9. He is not missing two months in a row.

Which months does Curds have?

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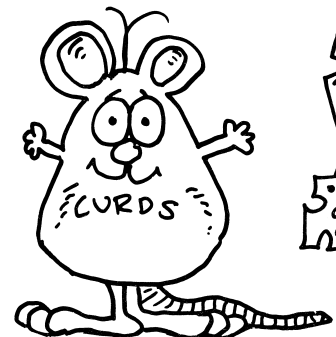
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Which months are missing?

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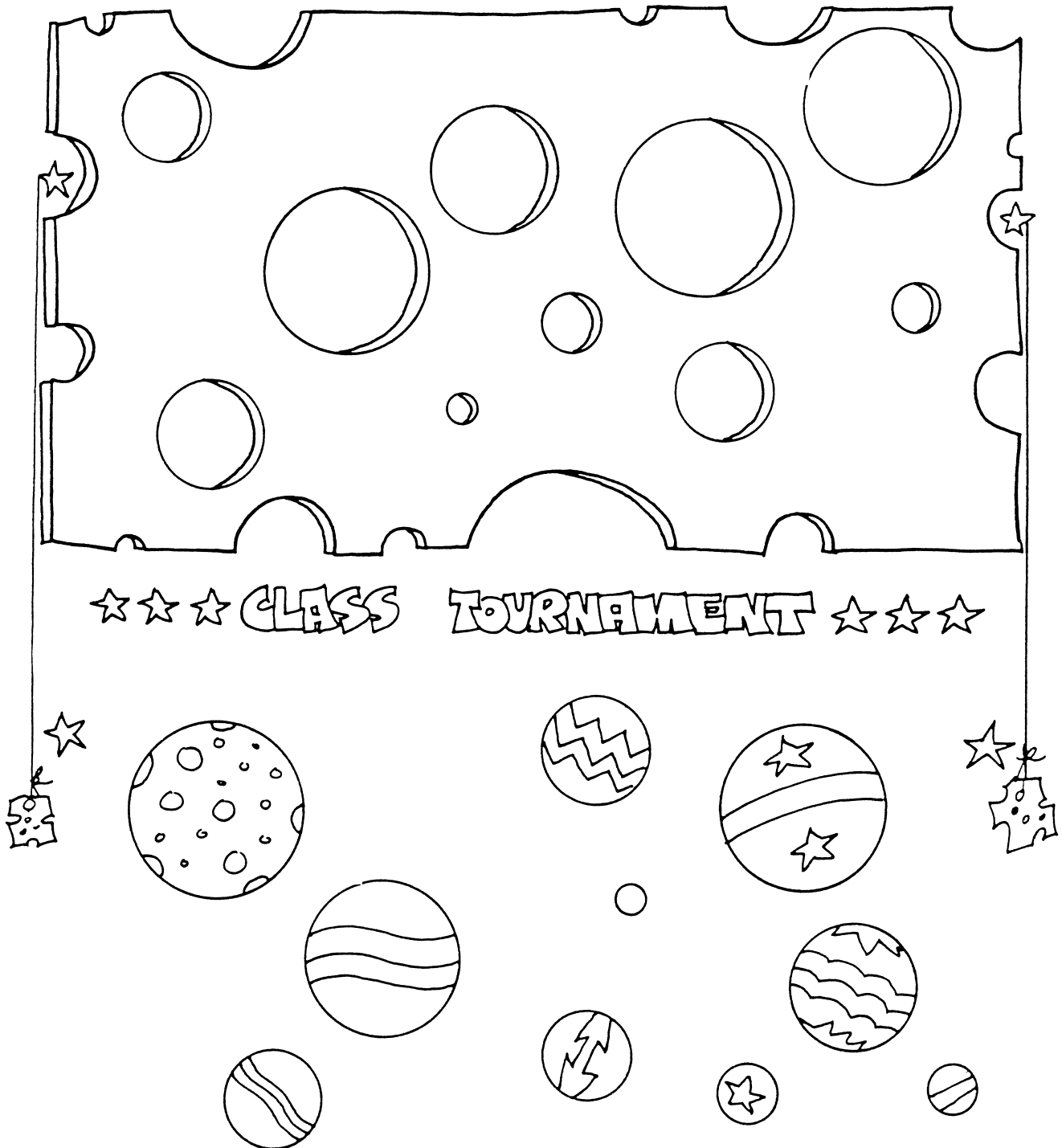
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# Cheeser Teaser

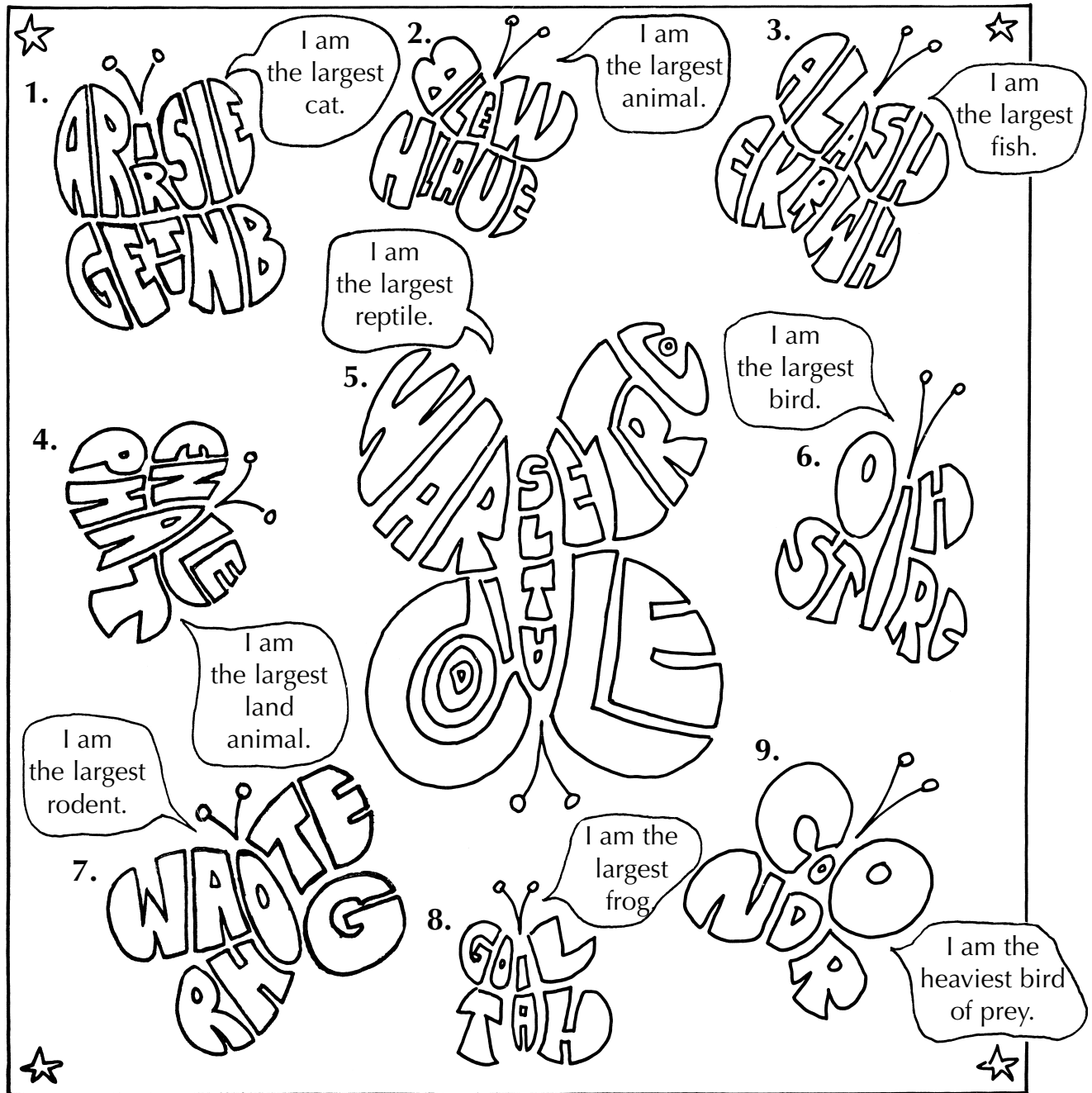
Help Wiss match the balls to the holes they fit in. Then connect them. The lines may not cross. Who was the first to finish in your class?





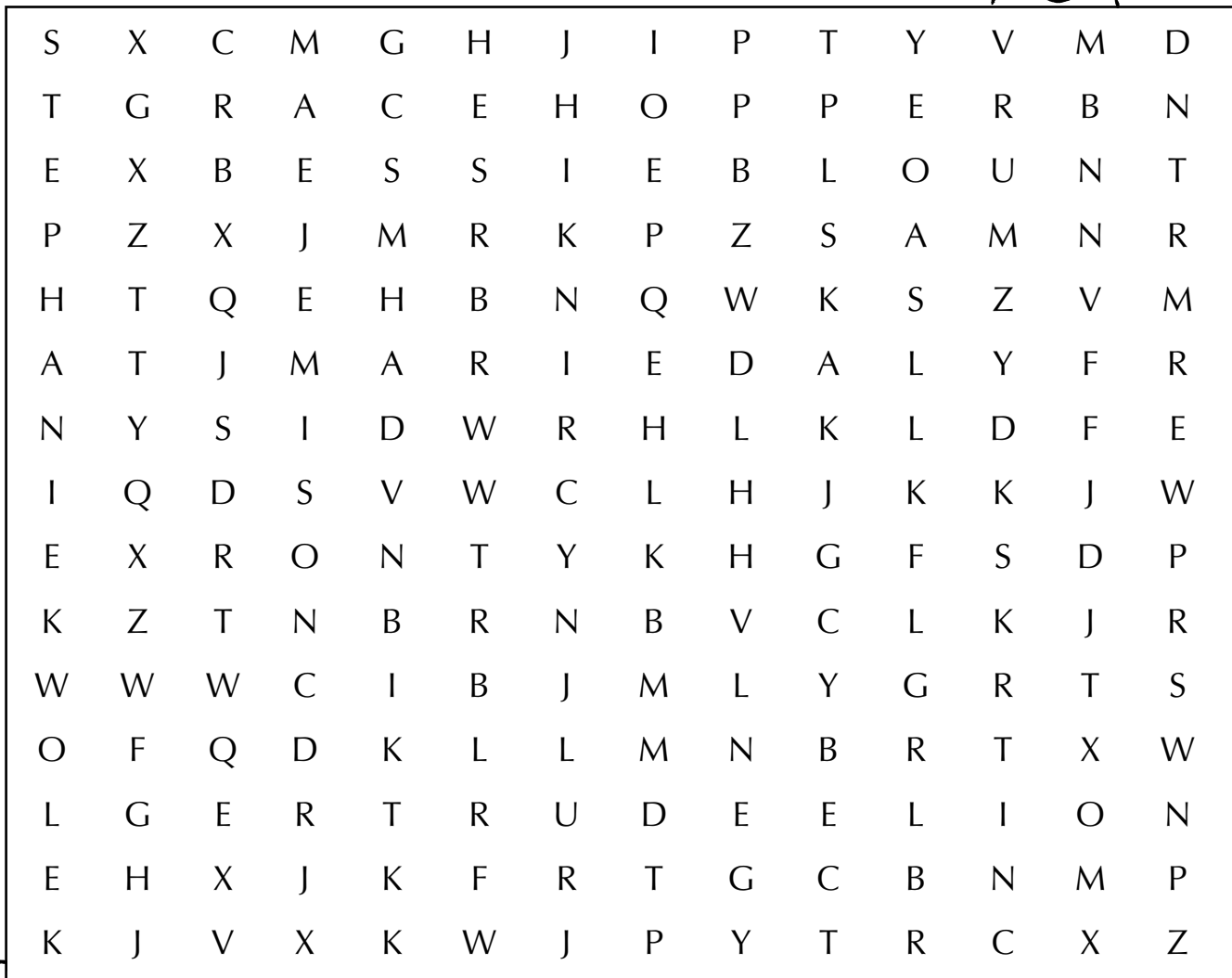
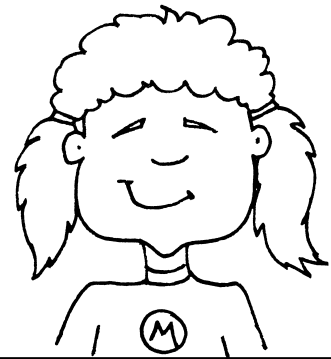
# Butterfly Secrets

Marvel is in the garden reading about the sizes of different animals. But she's distracted by the number of butterflies overhead and is having trouble concentrating. Help her find out the animal name hidden in each butterfly below.



# Imagine That!

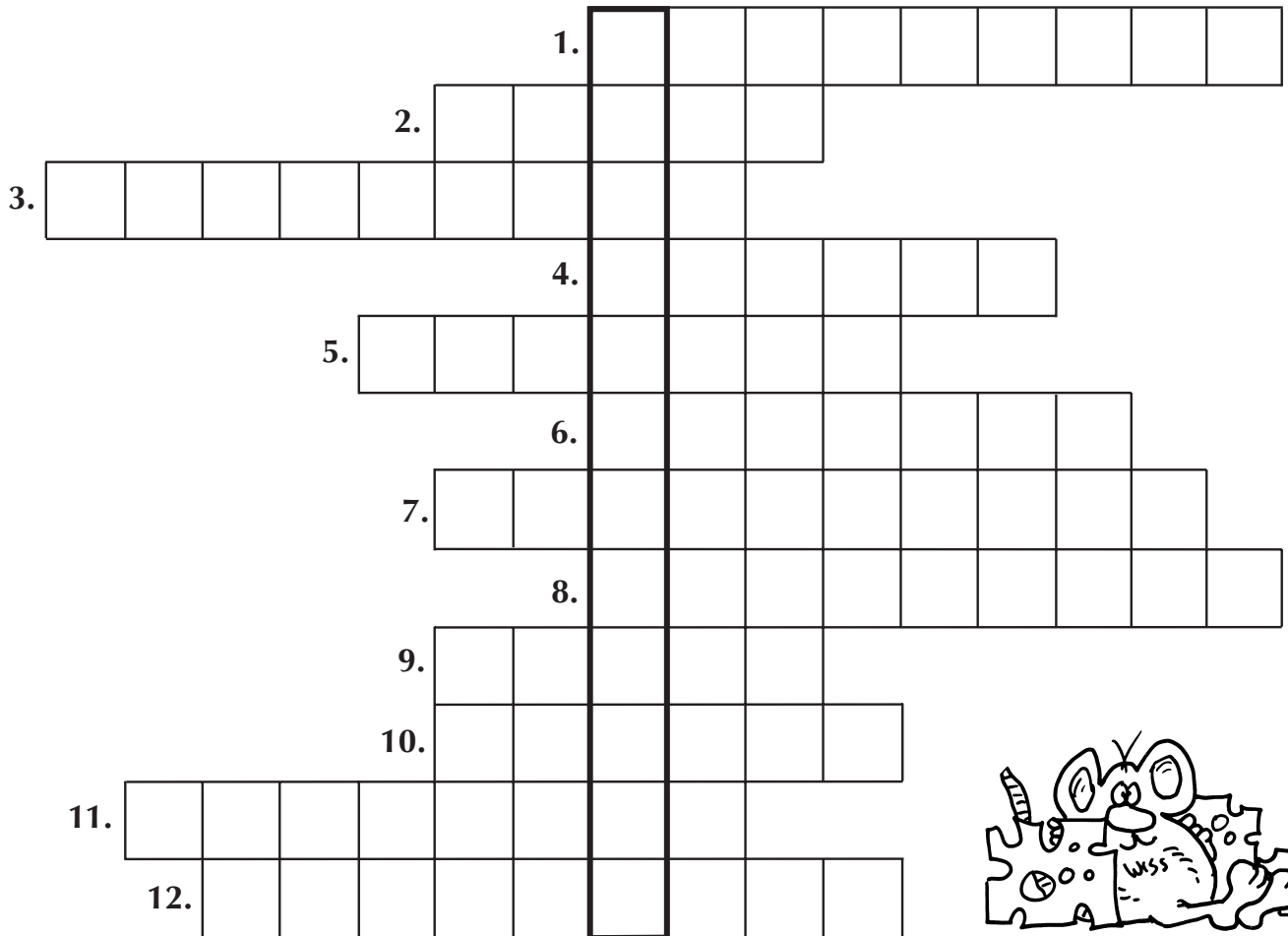
Marvel was just reading a book about the history of astronomy. She found out that Maria Mitchell from Nantucket, Massachusetts, was one of the first women astronomers! Help Marvel find six more American women scientists and inventors in the word search below.



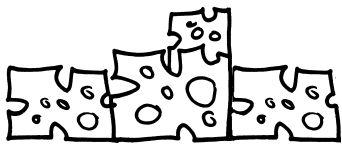
# Rachel Carson

WRITER, SCIENTIST, ECOLOGIST

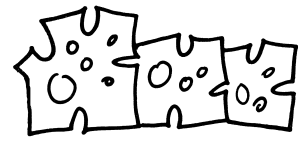
Complete this puzzle about Rachel Carson to discover which of her books inspired today's environmentalists. Use the library or the Internet if you need help.



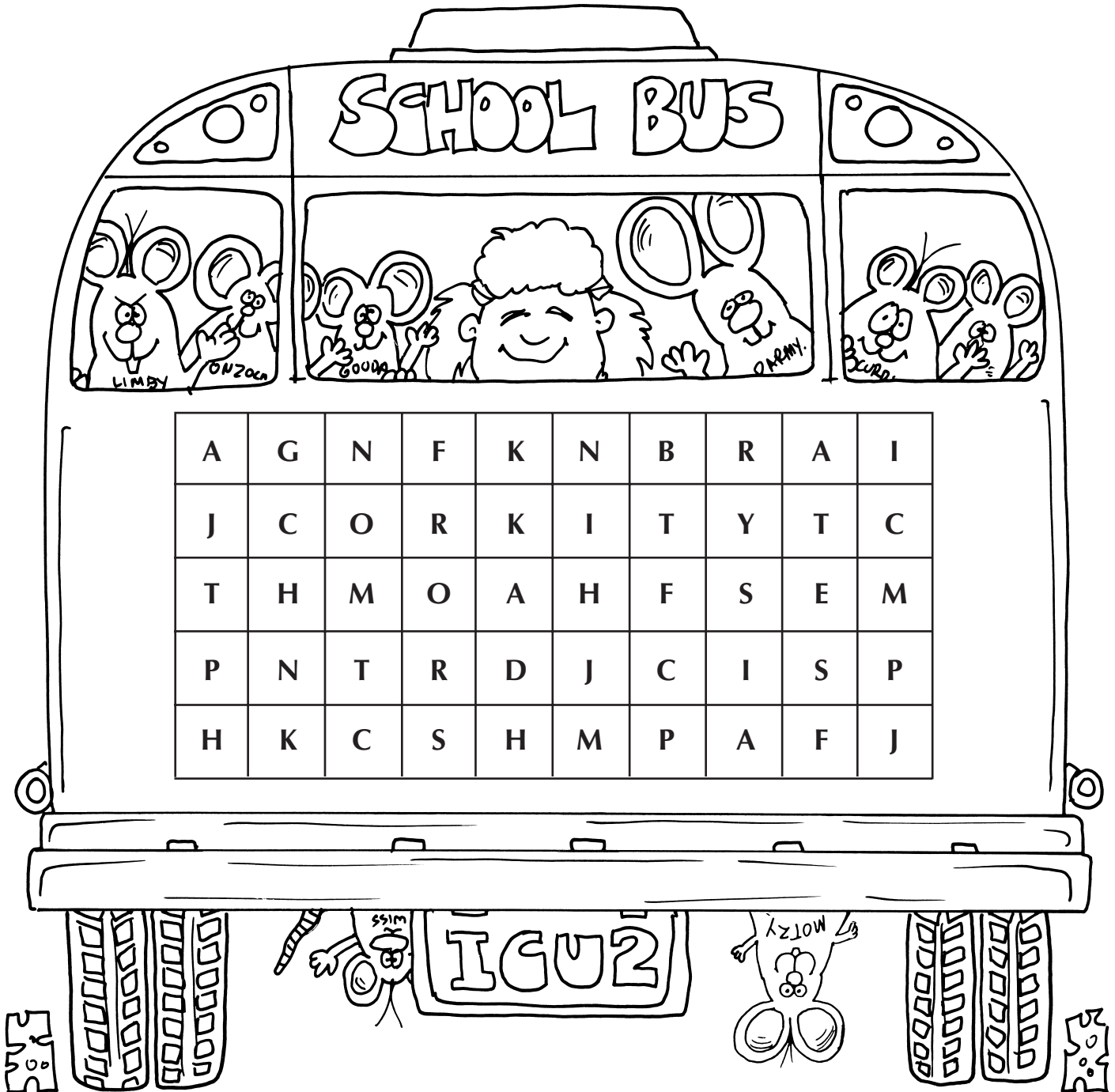
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| 1. Person who studies nature                   | 7. Chemicals used to control pests       |
| 2. State where Rachel Carson had a summer home | 8. Foreign matter in soil, water, or air |
| 3. These can be natural or man-made            | 9. Flying creatures                      |
| 4. Person who edits                            | 10. Person who loves to write            |
| 5. A kind of alarm                             | 11. State where Rachel Carson died       |
| 6. Person who helps others learn               | 12. Person who studies the environment   |



# It's Over



Shade the letters that appear three times or more in the grid below. The remaining letters will spell a special last-day-of-school message from Marvel and the mice.



# Answers

## Page 1 KITE CONFUSION

The month is March. The phrase hidden in the kites says:  
In like a lion, out like a lamb.

## Page 2 LEPRECHAUN LINGO

1. leprechaun 2. shillelagh 3. snakes 4. shamrock  
5. Dublin 6. Eire 7. fiddle 8. parade 9. potato  
10. Gaelic 11. jig 12. Blarney Stone

## Page 3 SHAMROCKS AND SHILLELAGHS

Bridget sported a shillelagh; Kevin carried the potato;  
Mary waved the flag; Sean held the harp; and Ryan wore  
the shamrock.

## Page 4 THE EMERALD ISLAND



## Page 5 WHOLE CLASS TOURNAMENT

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:

1. impresario 2. companionship 3. accomplishment  
4. mountaineer 5. circumflex 6. transcendental  
7. chrysanthemum 8. bathtub 9. architecture  
10. switchboard 11. hydrophobia 12. overthrow  
13. orchestration 14. candlestick 15. handkerchief  
16. buzz 17. misrepresenting 18. henceforth

## Page 6 GOUDA'S GARDEN

1. asparagus 2. brussels sprouts 3. rutabagas  
4. zucchini 5. sweet potatoes 6. cauliflower  
7. parsnips 8. black-eyed peas

## Page 7 BARNYARD BONANZA

Answers include: duck, horse, cow, hen, pig, lamb, goat,  
colt, cat, goose, chicken, sheep, rabbit, mare, hog, sow,  
pony, donkey

## Page 8 WINDY WISS

1. gale 2. windmill 3. flying a kite 4. breeze 5. hot air  
balloon 6. hang glide 7. hurricane 8. draft 9. wind-  
surfing 10. tornado 11. tailwind

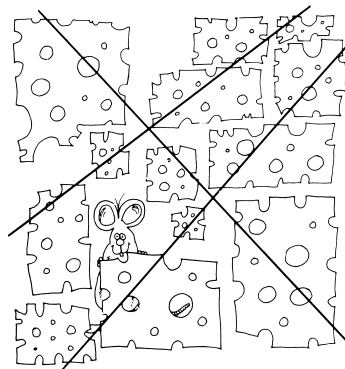
## Page 9 UP, UP, AND AWAY

soaring, balloon, first, sheep, rooster, France, humans,  
twenty, miles, altitude, aerial

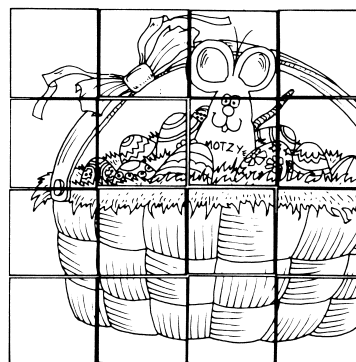
## Page 10 WHETHER THE WEATHER

Answers will vary.

## Page 11 CHEESE CHOMP



## Page 12 SPRING PUZZLER



## Page 13 EGGS-ACTING ART

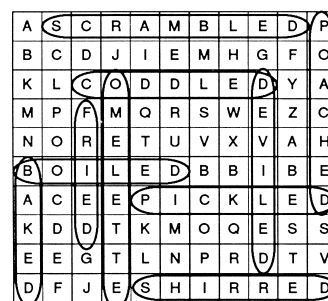
Answers will vary.

## Page 14 EGGS-ACTLY

1.  $4 \times 8 + 3 = 35$  2.  $5 \times 8 - 1 = 39$   
3.  $7 \times 10 - 50 = 20$  4.  $30 \div 5 + 24 = 30$   
TOTAL:  $35 + 39 + 20 + 30 = 124$

## PAGE 15 EGGY EATING

baked, boiled, coddled, deviled, fried, omelette,  
poached, pickled, scrambled, shirred

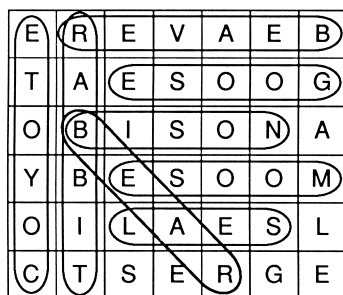


# **PAGE 16 BIRD WORD**

1. cockatoo 2. sparrow 3. quail 4. pheasant  
5. heron 6. grouse 7. pelican 8. swallow 9. crow  
10. thrush 11. plover 12. swan 13. puffin 14. parrot  
15. bobolink 16. finch 17. hummingbird 18. lark  
19. magpie 20. nightingale 21. nuthatch 22. martin  
23. ostrich 24. whippoorwill

# **PAGE 17 BIRD SEARCH**

bear, bison, goose, coyote, moose, rabbit, seal, beaver  
Mystery birds: eagles



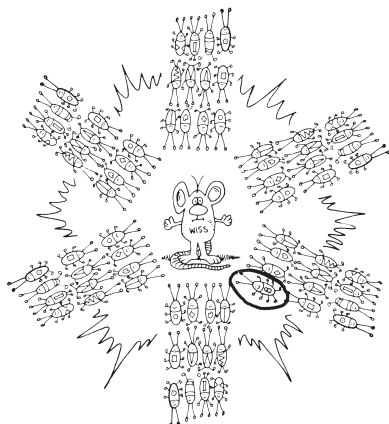
# **PAGE 18 HUMMINGBIRD HOMECOMING**

In 2, clockwise: extra line in leaf, top left; missing the right string of the knot, top center; extra dotted arc of bird's flight path, top right: extra foot on bird, middle right; extra line on cloud, middle far right; missing leaf between Marvel's head and bird, right; extra line on left of Marvel's sweater collar; extra droplet, left of Marvel; missing a petal top right of flower above Marvel's head; extra line on left flower; extra line on cloud, top far left; extra line on leaf, top far left.

# **PAGE 19 BAD NEWS BIRDHOUSE**

1. sticks 2. twigs 3. insects 4. chicks 5. eggshells  
6. worms 7. down 8. birds 9. seeds 10. Wiss  
Mystery bird: robin

# **PAGE 20 BUGGY BUNCH**



# **PAGE 21 YO-YO CHALLENGE**

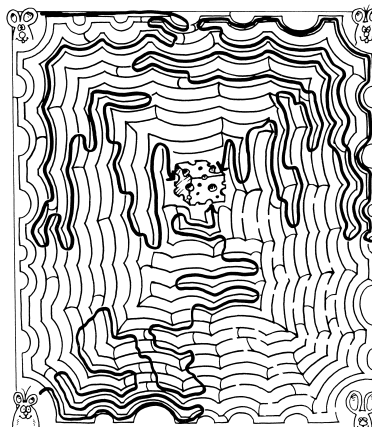
In 2: extra line on left of Marvel's sweater neckband; extra line on Marvel's left shoulder; extra line on right of Marvel's sweater band at bottom; line missing in Wiss's right ear; missing long blade of grass, just right of Wiss; line missing on right bow of lace on Marvel's left shoe; extra pebble, bottom far left, under Marvel's left shoe; missing long blade of grass, left of Marvel's left shoe; extra line above yo-yo on left.

# **PAGE 22 HOLE-IN-ONE**

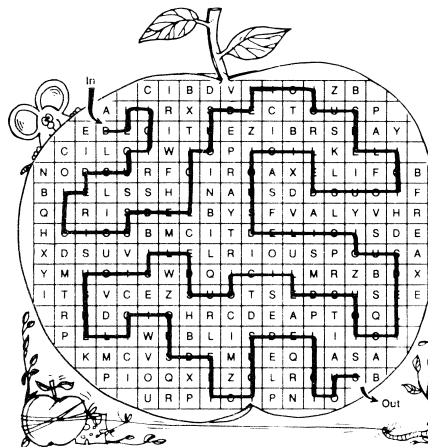
Romano-13, Gouda-16, Limby-2, Wiss-8

# **PAGE 23 MOUSEY MAZE**

Parmy cannot reach the cheese.



# **PAGE 24 APPLE APPEAL**



# **PAGE 25 MAKING TRACKS**

1. California 2. Georgia 3. Texas 4. Tennessee  
5. Louisiana 6. Arkansas Mystery crop: cotton  
Other cotton-growing states and their capitals: Alabama (Montgomery); Arizona (Phoenix); Florida (Tallahassee); Mississippi (Jackson); Missouri (Jefferson City); New Mexico (Santa Fe); North Carolina (Raleigh); Oklahoma (Oklahoma City); South Carolina (Columbia)



## PAGE 26 NAME THAT BABY

frog—tadpole, fox—kit, cat—kitten, deer—fawn, swan—  
cygnet, elephant—calf, sheep—lamb, horse—foal, kanga-  
roo—joey, goose—gosling, goat—kid, bear—cub

## PAGE 27 LAKE LIMBY

1. catfish 2. carp 3. hook 4. boats 5. anchor 6. sand  
7. oars 8. trout 9. bait 10. rod 11. reel

**PAGE 28    FLOWER NAMES**

1. foxglove 2. clover 3. orchid 4. violet 5. sunflower  
6. bluebonnet 7. goldenrod 8. poppies 9. lupine  
10. lilies 11. anemone 12. milkweed 13. cowslip  
14. marigold 15. buttercup 16. bluebell 17. iris  
18. dandelion 19. phlox 20. paintbrush 21. primrose

## PAGE 29 FLOWER FIND

1. hibiscus 2. violet

## PAGE 30 FLOWERS OR VEGETABLES?

tomatoes—Curds, carrots—Limby, roses—Gorgonzola,  
geraniums—Parmy, corn—Gouda

## PAGE 31 NATURE LOGICS

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:

1. claw 2. fruit 3. cow 4. mouse 5. bear 6. lamb  
7. rooster 8. apple/pear/orange 9. lion/bear 10. gobble  
11. school 12. rabbit/polar bear 13. porcupine

## PAGE 32 GUESSWORK

1. trowel 2. well 3. student drawing 4. rabbit

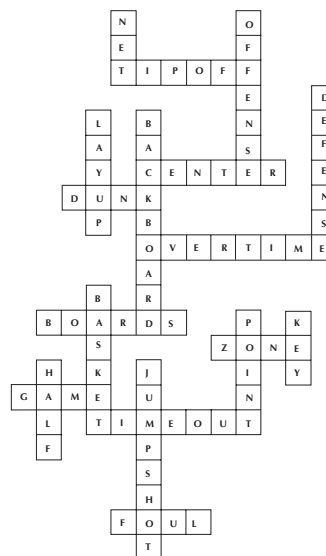
## PAGE 33 CURDS' MAGIC SQUARE

|          |          |           |    |
|----------|----------|-----------|----|
| <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>15</b> | 16 |
| 13       | 14       | 3         | 4  |
| 12       | 7        | 10        | 5  |
| 8        | 11       | 6         | 9  |

## PAGE 34 NEW VIEW REVIEW

1. stapler 2. key 3. number eight 4. clothespin  
5. coin 6. toaster 7. spoon 8. candle 9. TV 10. fly  
swatter 11. refrigerator 12. pencil

## PAGE 35 MOTZY'S MARCH MADNESS



## PAGE 36 SPRING SPORTS

1. bunt 2. glove 3. base 4. strike 5. pitcher 6. inning  
7. home run 8. clubhouse 9. bat 10. umpire 11. helmet  
12. ball Gouda's favorite Spring sport: baseball

**PAGE 37    NUMBER CROSS**

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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. 1 | 9    | 2    | 2. 9 |      |
| 3    |      |      | 3. 5 | 6    |
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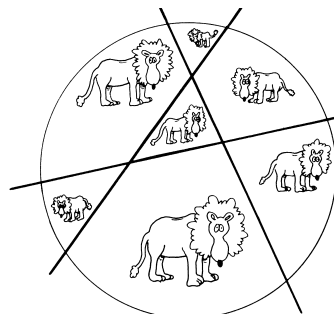
## PAGE 38 CIRCUS LETTERS

Answers will vary. Possible answers include: cage, horse, acts, tent, band, lion, bear, rings, tiger, dog, acrobat, popcorn, parade, ticket, seal, ball, hoop

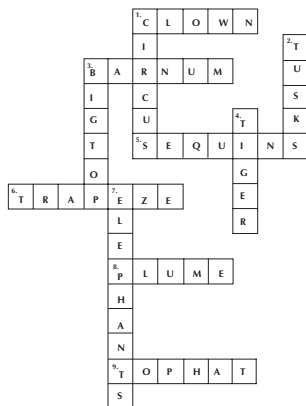
**PAGE 39    PACHYDERM POWER**

bear, clown, trapeze, applause, Earth, train, rings, tent  
Mystery animal: elephant

**PAGE 40 UNDER THE BIG TOP**



PAGE 41 CIRCUS BREAK



PAGE 42 BALANCING ACT

Number 2 is balancing the most balls.

PAGE 43 CIRCUS TRAIN

1. horses 2. seals 3. tigers 4. dancing bears  
5. lions 6. elephants

PAGE 44 CIRCUS STOPS

1. Washington 2. New York 3. San Francisco  
4. St. Louis 5. Denver 6. Miami

PAGE 45 TIGER TWINS

In picture 2: a missing hair on the top of his head; missing exclamation point in I CAN'T; missing short line left of his left eye; missing mark on the left of his nose, above fang; missing mark on the right of his nose, above fang; missing whisker, on left; extra star in the bottom right corner; extra circle on pattern in T of TIGER; extra line at the top of I in TIGER; missing circle on pattern in E of TIGER; extra line at the top of I in TWINS; missing line in the top left corner of the placard saying TIGER TWINS; extra stripe at the bottom of his tail; missing hair, top left of tail; missing hair, very top of tail.

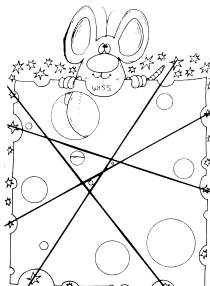
PAGE 46 WORD JUGGLE

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:  
a, no, ten, pear, train, parrot, servant, prisoner

PAGE 47 PARMY'S PJS

There are 17 pears, 12 cheeses, and 20 Ps in Parmy's PJs.

PAGE 48 CHEF WISS

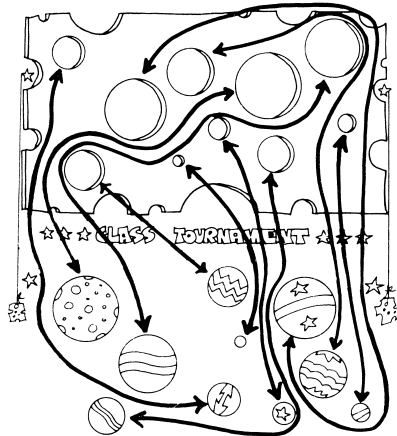


PAGE 49 MISSING MONTHS

Curds has September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May, June, and August. The missing two months are July and December.

PAGE 50 CHEESER TEASER

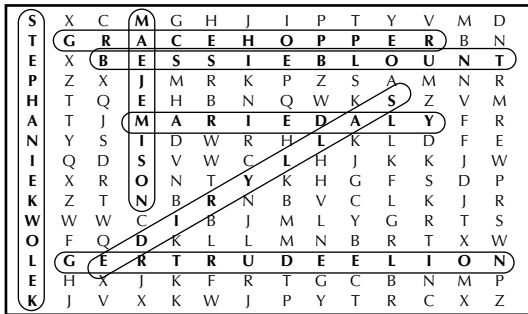
- A—8, B—6, C—1, D—5, E—3, F—9, G—10, H—2,  
I—4, J—7



PAGE 51 BUTTERFLY SECRETS

1. Siberian tiger 2. blue whale 3. whale shark  
4. elephant 5. saltwater crocodile 6. ostrich  
7. water hog 8. goliath 9. condor

PAGE 52 IMAGINE THAT!



PAGE 53 RACHEL CARSON

1. scientist 2. Maine 3. chemicals 4. editor 5. warning  
6. teacher 7. pesticides 8. pollution 9. birds 10. writer  
11. Maryland 12. ecologist  
The title of Rachel Carson's book is *Silent Spring*.

PAGE 54 IT'S OVER

Special last day of school message: good-bye