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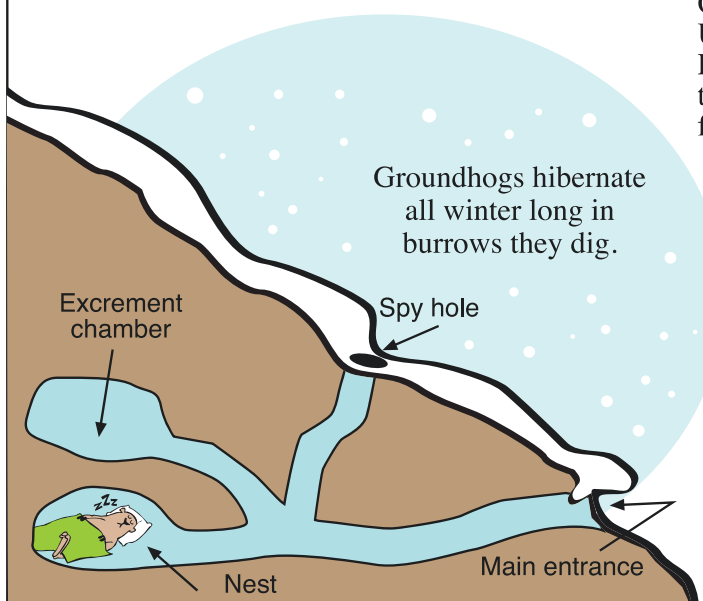
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WAKE UP, PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!



On February 2, weather forecasters all over the United States look to the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania for a little advice. Legend says that the groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil can foretell the weather!



Groundhogs hibernate all winter long in burrows they dig.

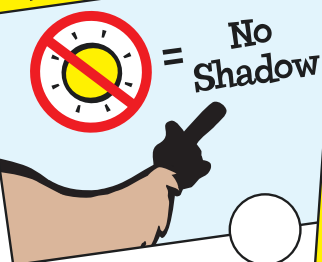
On February 2, the town of Punxsutawney begins the big Groundhog Day celebration before sunrise.

As the sun rises, I get ready to emerge from my stump. All eyes are on me!



Once my prediction has been made, the crowd cheers for me. Then I go back to sleep until spring!

... but if the sun isn't shining, then there are no shadows to be seen. I stay out looking for food, and spring will arrive very soon!



The legend says that if the sun is out, I see my shadow, get scared, and hide back in my burrow, and spring will not arrive for another six weeks ...

Uh oh! Phil's snoring shook this story out of order. Number the panels from 1 - 5 in the correct order.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the traditions, events and legends associated with special days.

Shadow Search

Find the shadow that matches Phil exactly.



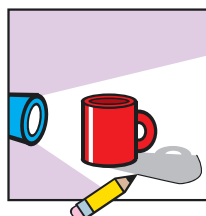
Why do shadows change size?

Robert Louis Stevenson said a shadow is like a rubber ball because it grows and shrinks throughout a day. Try this experiment to find out why shadows change size.

Stuff you'll need: cup, pencil, flashlight, paper



Hold the flashlight almost directly above the cup. Draw the shadow you see.



Hold the flashlight near the bottom of the cup. Draw the shadow you see.

Think About It: What time of day would Punxsutawney Phil have his long shadow?

Early Morning Noon

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Extra! Extra!

Guess What!

Here is a guessing game to play with one or more friends. Each player cuts out shapes and pictures of objects from the newspaper and holds them up, one at a time, in front of a light source. Take turns guessing what kind of shape or object is casting the shadow.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Objects can be described in terms of their physical properties (shape).

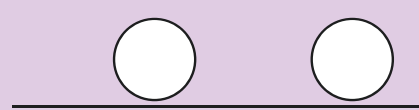
Number Cruncher

Spell a message to Punxsutawney Phil by solving these math problems. Use the number code to see what letter belongs under each answer.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,190 \\ + 530 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 169 \\ + 362 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2,222 \\ + 1,211 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 521 \\ + 213 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} 1,697 \\ + 234 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2,763 \\ + 1,226 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Number Code

531 = A 3,989 = P
734 = E 1,931 = U
3,433 = K 1,720 = W

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Find the sum of whole numbers to 10,000.

Double Double Word Search

GROUNDHOG WEATHER SHADOWS BURROW BROWN LOUIS CHAMBER SPRING SOURCE FOOD WEEKS PHIL FEBRUARY SIX WAKE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Weather Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and choose five adjectives that describe weather. Then look through the newspaper for a picture or cartoon to illustrate each of these adjectives.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in writing.

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