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Imagination Takes Flight!

As he sits on his doghouse, Snoopy imagines

himself to be much more than just an ordinary dog. One example is the World War I Flying Ace shown above, who is always in search of his enemy, the dreaded Red Baron.

Which of the characters below has Snoopy pretended to be? Do the math under each

character below. If the answer is an **even number**, circle that character in green. If it's an

odd number, cross it out in red crayon.

A HOCKEY GOALIE

22 + 4 + 2 =

THE EASTER BEAGLE

2+4+6+8+10=

RATTLESNAKE

Snoopy in Space?

in the *Peanuts* comic strip and declared

himself the "first Beagle on the Moon."

that

were trying to land on the moon. The lunar module that was part of the Apollo 10 mission

A PIRANHA FISH

8+8+8=

A HELICOPTER

5+9+6+6=

A VULTURE

In 1969, Snoopy soared into

At the same time in real life,

3+15+7+2=

THE MOST FAMOUS

noopy was created as a cartoon character by Charles M. Schulz in 1950. Snoopy is based on a real dog Schulz had when he was a teenager, named Spike. Spike had a white body with black ears (like Snoopy!) and was a very smart dog—also like Snoopy!

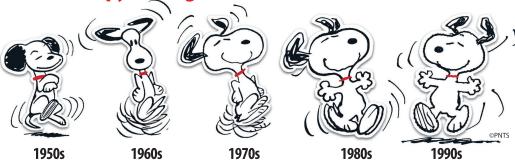
Spike's name was also used for one of Snoopy's brothers. In the *Peanuts* comic

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> strip, Snoopy's brother Spike lives in the desert and sometimes talks to the cactus!

Snoopy Through the Years

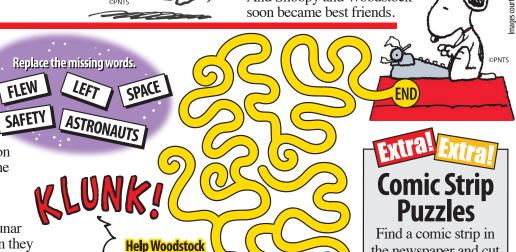


Snoopy started out as a small puppy in *Peanuts* and acted a lot like a real dog. But as the *Peanuts* comic strip developed, Snoopy grew up, stood on two feet, climbed on top of his doghouse, and had wild, imaginative adventures! Compare the versions of Snoopy. Circle three things about Snoopy that stayed the same through the years.

Although Snoopy is perhaps the world's most famous beagle, his breed had not been mentioned at all for the first 10 years or so of *Peanuts*. And when he was first called a beagle, Snoopy denied it!

How did Snoopy "meet" his little bird buddy, Woodstock? Woodstock was born in a nest built on Snoopy's stomach one day while he was napping on top of his doghouse. A mama bird laid two eggs in the nest, and two chicks hatched. One of the chicks flew away.

But the other couldn't quite fly right and never seemed to want to go far. That little bird was Woodstock. And Snoopy and Woodstock



The astronauts $_$ the lunar module in outer space when they returned to Earth. So Snoopy (the lunar module) has been orbiting in space for over 50 years! Photo: NASA

Today, Snoopy's image is used on a special pin given to astronauts and NASA scientists called The Silver Snoopy Award. The Silver Snoopy Award is awarded for



What does Snoopy teach children?

Snoopy teaches us that having an active imagination is not only fun, but important. Snoopy is very creative. He loves to write stories. He also paints, performs puppet shows (which he calls "Pawpet Shows," often retellings of his favorite movies), and he dances a lot.

astronauts to the

moon in May 1969, was nicknamed *Snoopy*.

And Snoopy spreads love and friendship throughout the Peanuts comic strip, especially when he kisses Lucy, even if she doesn't like "dog lips."

Snoopy makes mistakes, too. He often forgets the name of his owner, Charlie Brown. Circle every other letter to find out what **Snoopy calls him instead.**

Make Pictures Talk

Cut out a photo in the newspaper that has a

for each person or animal to say.

Standards Link: Writing dialogue.

person or an animal in it. Make up something

T5ABAYTMRU OKUWNJDSHV EZAYDLEHDP KAISDC

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

ASTRONAUTS WOODSTOCK

fly back to

Snoopy's

PEANUTS STOMACH SNOOPY BEAGLE SAFETY SPIKE COMIC

SMART

MEDAL

MOON

LIPS

How many of them can you find on this page?

the newspaper and cut

the frames apart. Then

read the comic and

F S M R O F R E P U NCEELGAEBS SIDYONANPS P M A D P N Y I D A I O L M U O L P O F K C O T S D O O W E EOSMARTNGT NSTOMACHSY STUANORTSA

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

Find the words in the puzzle.

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