

Kid Scoop

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Woodpecker's Winter Food Budget Plan

TAP! TAP! TAPPITY! TAP! Woodpeckers use their strong beaks to tap holes into tree trunks. Then they fill each hole with acorns, pine nuts, seeds and more to save for later.

A woodpecker's storage tree is also called a **granary tree**. The same granary tree is used for generations. Some granary trees have over 10,000 holes!

THINK ABOUT IT: How is a granary tree like a piggy bank?



Whoa! Whoa! Not so fast there, little one! I was just about to explain to you that we need to make a **food budget** to make sure that this food lasts all winter. It looks like a lot of food now, but we need food for the next three months!

Wow, mom! It looks like we've stored way more food than we need! Let's throw a big party for all our feathered friends!

What's a budget? A budget is a plan that helps you to best use your resources, such as food or money!



And we have to store extra food because **squirrels** like to help themselves to the food in our granary tree! **How rude!**

Plus, some of our stored food gets eaten by bugs. And some of it will get wet and rot before we can eat it. So we need a budget!

Hold this page up to a mirror to learn a surprising woodpecker fact!

Woodpeckers have super long tongues. Their tongues are usually about the length of their bill so that they can reach for insects inside the holes they peck out. Their tongues are also sticky.

My mom asked me to help with our family budget, but I'm having trouble. Can you help me?

WOODPECKER FAMILY FOOD BUDGET

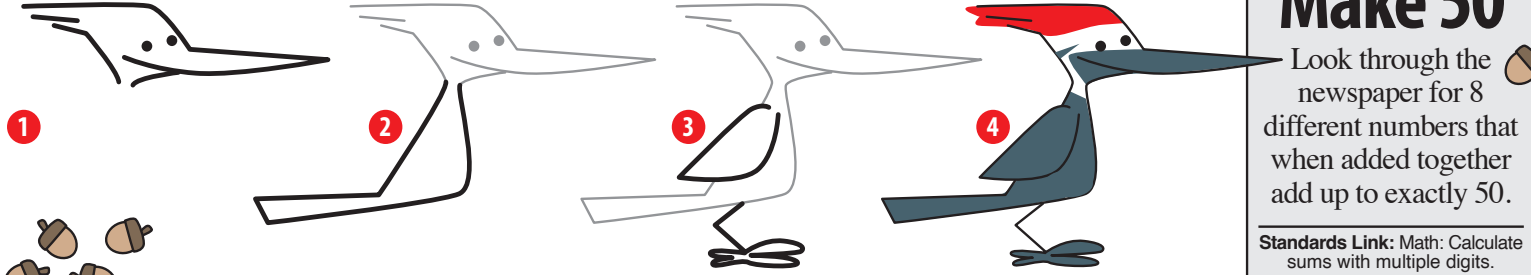
Mom and Little One have 63 acorns. Color the amount of acorns they can eat each day this week if they want the acorn supply to last for three weeks.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

Answer: They can eat three acorns per day.

How many acorns can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most acorns?

Let's Draw a Woodpecker!



Extra! Extra!

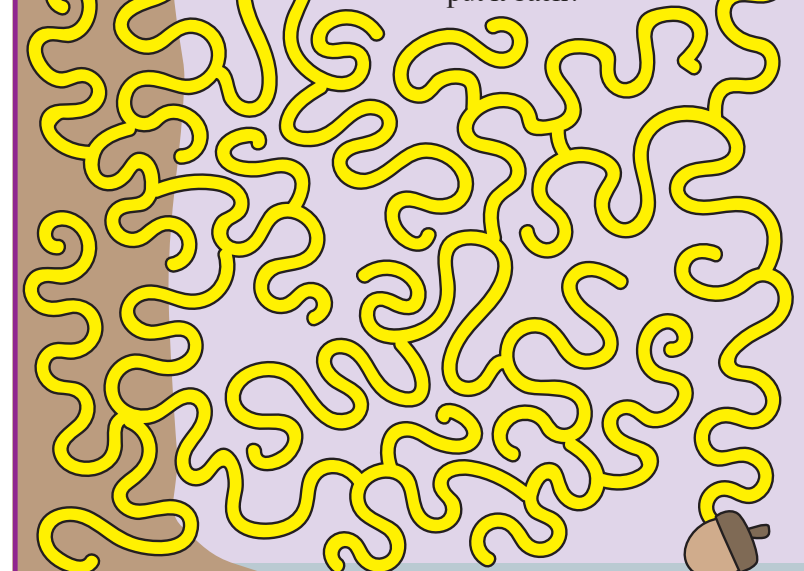
Make 50

Look through the newspaper for 8 different numbers that when added together add up to exactly 50.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums with multiple digits.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

An acorn fell out of the hole a woodpecker drilled. Can you put it back?



Double Double Word Search

WOODPECKER RESOURCES Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

W	O	O	D	P	E	C	K	E	R
R	E	S	O	U	R	C	E	S	E
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G	R	A	N	A	R	G	H	Y	E
S	T	O	N	O	S	E	S	A	E
N	E	O	T	R	E	E	R	G	S
I	L	T	A	G	O	V	E	T	A
W	O	O	D	P	E	C	K	E	R
R	H	E	E	S	P	L	A	N	O
D	U	S	T	E	G	D	U	B	T
E	S	S	E	U	G	N	O	T	S

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Make a Family Budget

Imagine you have \$100 to spend on family meals for one week. Look through the ads in the newspaper and make a list of foods to buy. Add up what the foods cost. Adjust your grocery list to make it cost \$100 or less.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate money sums to total \$100 or less.

What makes woodpeckers laugh?

ANSWER: Knock-knock jokes.

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