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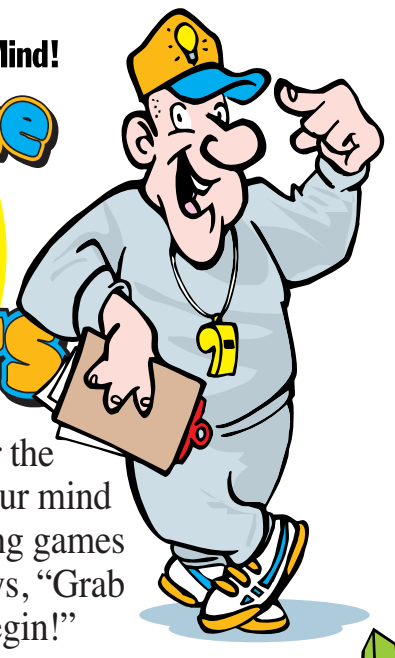
The Kid Scoop Workout for Your Mind!

Summertime Brain Builders



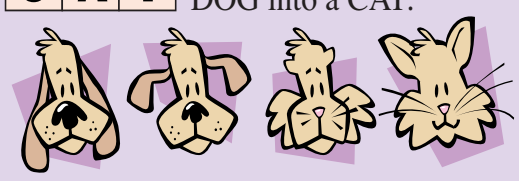
Will **YOUR** brain go soft over the summer?!? Not if you keep your mind active with these mind-boggling games and puzzles! Coach Cortex says, "Grab a pencil and let the workout begin!"

Change Wet Into Dry

D	O	G
D	O	T
C	O	T
C	A	T

Change the word WET into the word DRY in just five steps. Change only one letter at a time. Need help? Look at how Coach Cortex changed a DOG into a CAT.

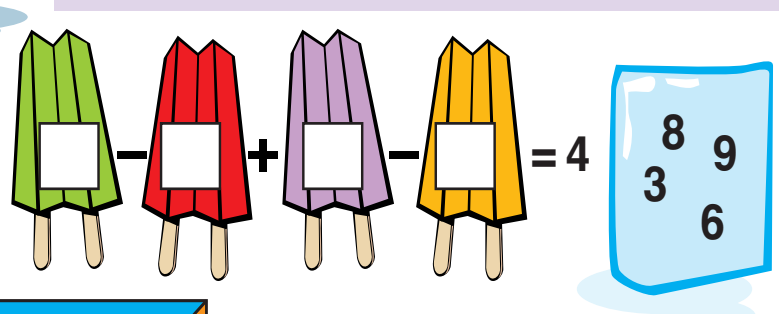
W	E	T
D	R	Y



Standards Link: Language Arts: Change target sounds to change words; understand that as the letters of a word change, so do the sounds.

Cold Facts

Look at each math problem and the digits in each ice block. Place a digit in each empty box so that the problem equals the answer. Use each digit in each ice block only once.

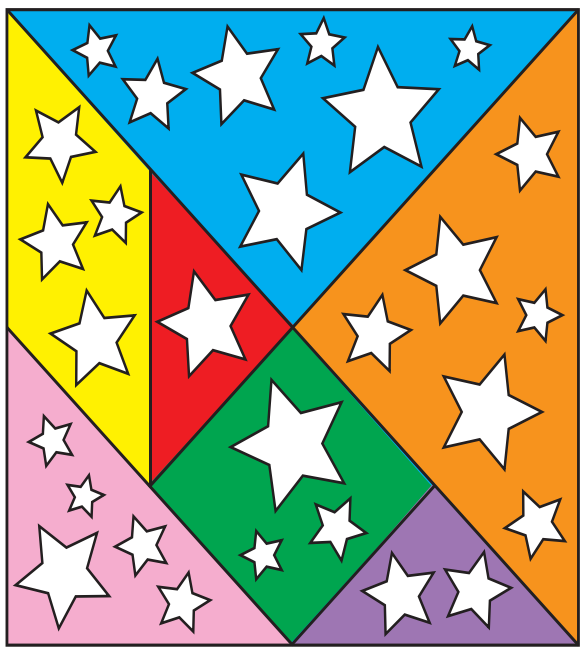


Tangram Triathalon

A **tangram** is an ancient Chinese puzzle that has been giving brains a real workout for centuries.

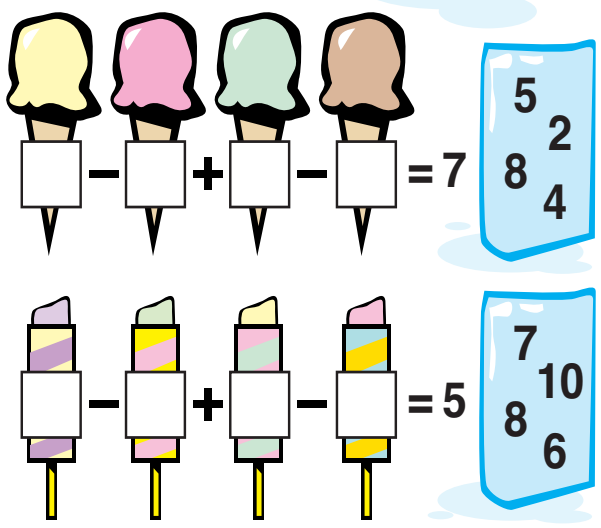
Cut out the tangram pieces. Can you make each of the following shapes?

- A square with 3 stars.
- A square with 13 stars.
- A triangle with 3 stars.
- A triangle with 13 stars.
- A rectangle with 6 stars.
- A rectangle with 7 stars.



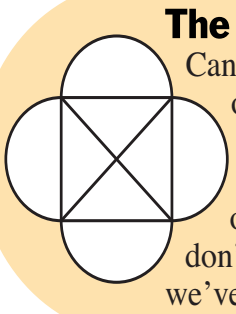
Bonus Brain Bender! How many different trapezoids can you make using the tangram?

Standards Link: Math: Geometry: Identify the attributes of common figures in the plane; put shapes together and take them apart to form other shapes.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Know addition facts and corresponding subtraction facts and use the inverse relationship to solve problems.

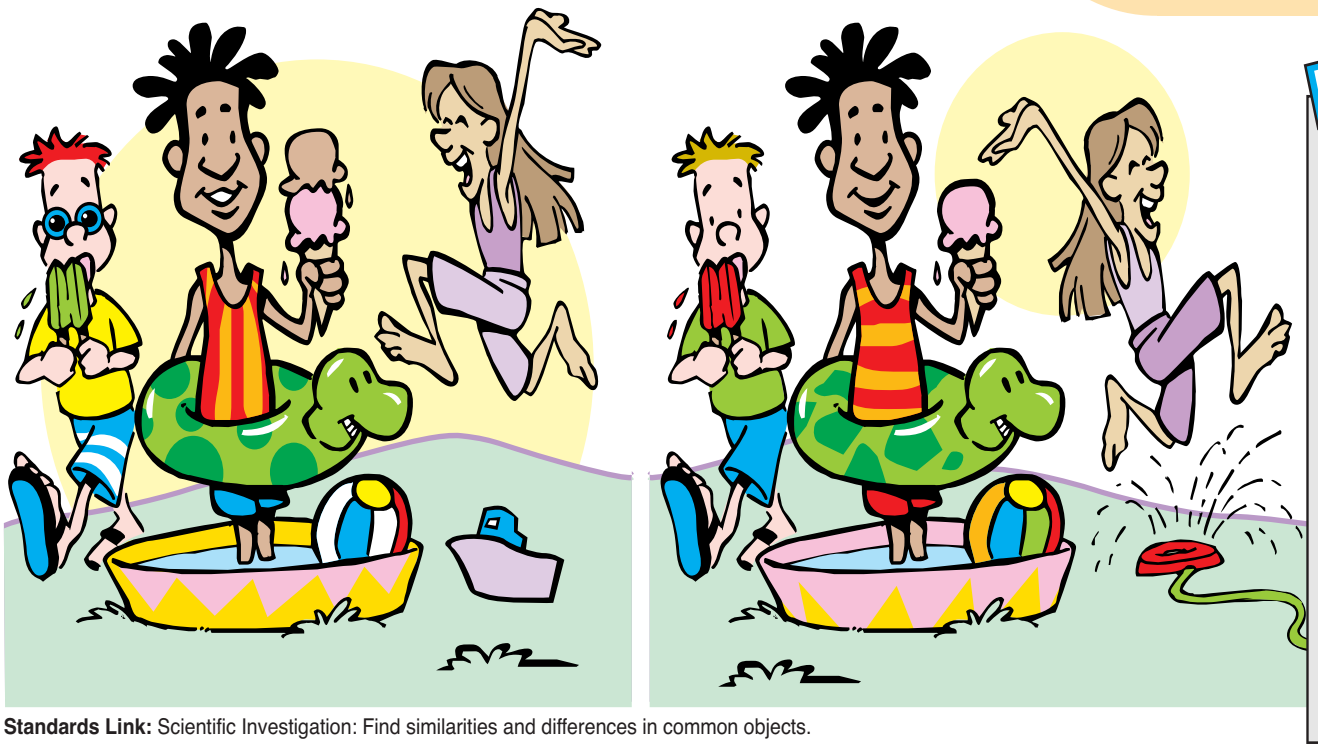
The Impossible Puzzle?



Can you draw this shape in one continuous motion without lifting your pencil and without retracing over any of the lines? We don't think it's possible—and we've tried and tried and tried!

Swimming Pool Puzzler

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Standards Link: Scientific Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra!

Dot-to-Dot

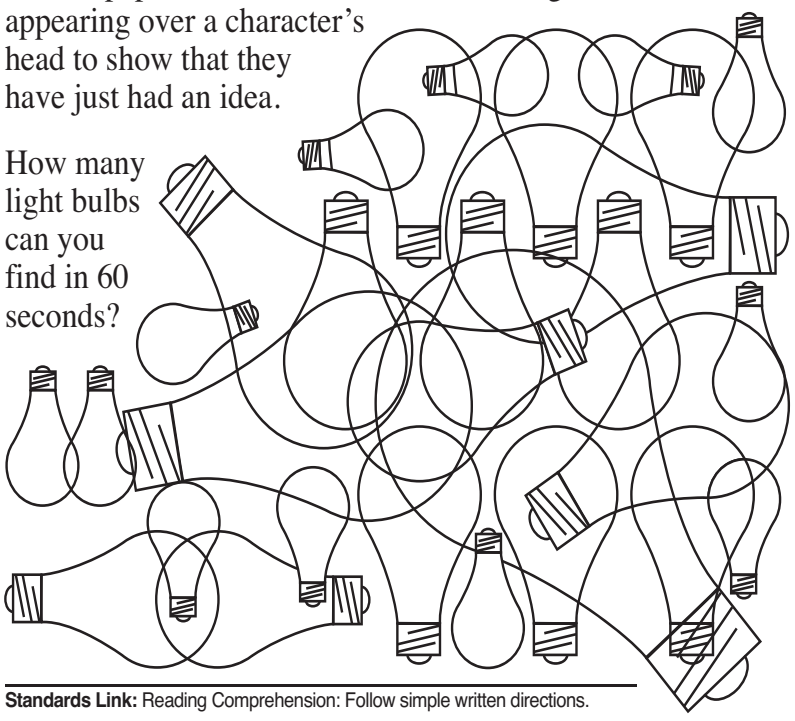
Look at the front page of today's newspaper. Find and circle each letter of the alphabet. Can you find all 26? Connect the letters with lines and color your design.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Word Analysis: Students know and recognize the letters of the alphabet; Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step directions.

What's the Big Idea?

In newspaper comics, cartoonists draw a lightbulb appearing over a character's head to show that they have just had an idea.

How many light bulbs can you find in 60 seconds?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

TRAPEZOIDS
COACH
TANGRAM
BRAIN
DOG
DIGIT
ICE
TRIANGLE
BONUS
STARS
CORTEX
WET
TRIED
HELP
DRY
CAT

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

X	E	T	R	O	C	W	E	T	D
O	T	L	Y	B	R	O	R	E	O
M	A	R	G	N	A	T	A	R	M
S	C	S	X	N	J	E	P	C	G
U	A	T	I	A	A	C	Z	O	H
N	W	A	T	I	G	I	D	R	Y
O	R	R	H	E	L	P	R	E	C
B	E	S	W	D	E	I	R	T	A
S	D	I	O	Z	E	P	A	R	T

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

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Geometry Hunt

Find examples of each of these geometric shapes in your newspaper.

pentagon
circle
square
trapezoid
triangle
rectangle
octagon

Standards Link: Math: Geometry: Identify basic geometric shapes.

How do you make a golf ball float?

ANSWER: Take two scoops of ice cream, add root beer, then drop in a golf ball.

Write On!

Brain Builders

List three to five ways you can exercise your brain this summer.

Kid Scoop Together:

Popped Music

Ask a pal for words to complete this silly story. Then read it aloud.

I went to a concert featuring my

favorite band, The Screaming

_____. They
PLURAL NOUN

arrived in a giant hot air _____
NOUN

and landed on the stage.

They played my two favorite

songs; *My Greatest* _____
NOUN

and *You're My* _____
ADJECTIVE

_____, *Baby*. The crowd
NOUN

began to _____ to
VERB

the music.

At the end of the concert, they

released thousands of balloons

filled with _____ .
PLURAL NOUN

That was sure surprising!

I bought a t-shirt with a picture of

a _____ _____ on
ADJECTIVE NOUN

it and the band's latest CD: Songs

for a _____
ADJECTIVE

_____ . We listened
NOUN

to it in our _____ all the
NOUN

way home. My dad said that sort

of music just isn't his cup of

_____ .
NOUN

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

What a Character!™

Happiness is ...

… having fun with simple things.

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
ADJECTIVE

The word **adjective** means a word that describes a noun or pronoun. (For example: a ***scary*** story or a ***big*** tree.)

Using good **adjectives** makes your writing more interesting.

Try to use the word **adjective** in a sentence today when speaking with your friends or family members.