



Fill in The Blanks!

Replace the missing words from the word list below to find out how Goof Off Day might have started.

How did Goof Off Day begin?

Who started Goof Off Day?

It's not _____ . Maybe it

was started by a hard-working

_____ who realized he

or she needed to _____

and took a day to just goof off.

How do we know it wasn't

_____ by someone

who is always goofing off?

Because that person would

have created a Goof Off

_____ or month or year!

A few years ago, a survey

asked people to tell what they

most liked to do on Goof Off

Day. The top activity was

playing _____ games.

Who _____ the

survey? Nintendo. Hmmmm.

Do you have any other ideas?

What would you like to do

best on Goof Off Day?

WORD LIST: VIDEO

RELAX PERSON

CONDUCTED

WEEK KNOWN

CREATED

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate expository text.

What a Character!

Good Judgment is ...



... knowing when it is time to work hard and when it is time to relax.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: CUSTOMARY

The adjective customary means something that is based on a usual practice.

It was customary for the kids to goof off when their parents left the room.

Try to use the word customary in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Let's Goof Off!

Did you know there is a day just for goofing off? March 22 is **National Goof Off Day!** What a great day for a page full of fun and games to enjoy.

Goofy Picture

How many goofy things can you find in this picture?



1-10: Have a giggle!
11-15: Golly Gee! Your goof-detector is GOOD!
15+: Gadzooks! Goof Off Greatness!

Create a Goofy Story

On the island of _____, Goof Off Day is celebrated with a _____ in the _____ lagoon. For thousands of years, islanders have enjoyed the annual _____ building contest. The top prize is a bag of _____. The winner gets to _____ to a neighboring island for a vacation, and receives all the _____ he or she can carry. It is customary to shout _____ while juggling _____ at the end of the day. Finally, there is the _____ of the _____. Giant _____ have been carved to honor Goof Off Day, and these can be seen from miles away.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Grammar: Students use grammatical conventions.

Make a Newspaper Hammock

Get ready for Goof Off Day by making a hammock out of newspaper! Be sure to save this *Kid Scoop* page so you can do the games while lounging on your hammock!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

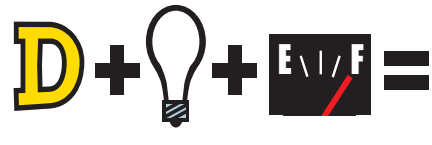
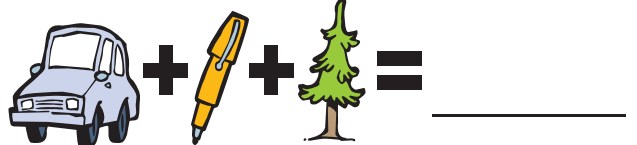
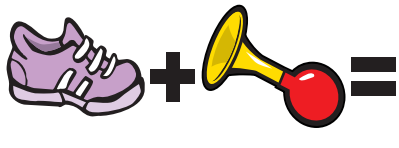
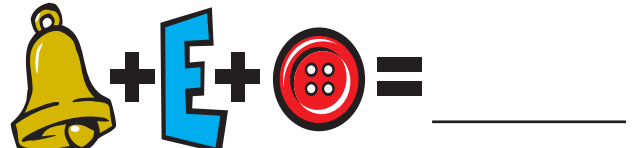
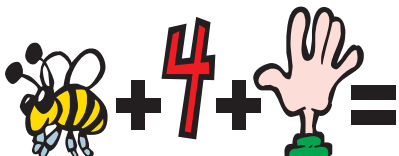
- Roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a tight tube. Make 15 to 20 tubes.
- Connect the tubes using extra-strength clothesline or manila rope. When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.
- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors, tying it to sturdy supports at each end.

The newspaper hammock idea is from Steven Caney's *The Invention Book*. Check it out at your local library for more inventive projects!

Goofy Words

Can you read these pictures? Each group is a word.

Example:



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Opposite Headlines

Rewrite three or more headlines in the newspaper to mean just the opposite. Try not to laugh!

Standards Link: Writing: Use skills of the writing process to convey the main idea.

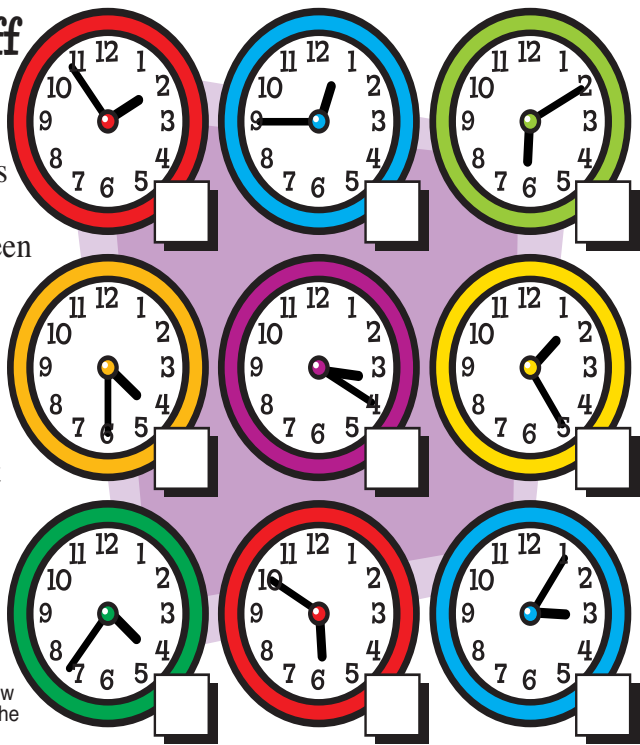
ANSWERS: Belly button, careen, beforehand, delightful, shoehorn.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Goof Off Time

Each of these clocks shows a time between noon and 7 p.m. Number them in order from the earliest time to the latest.

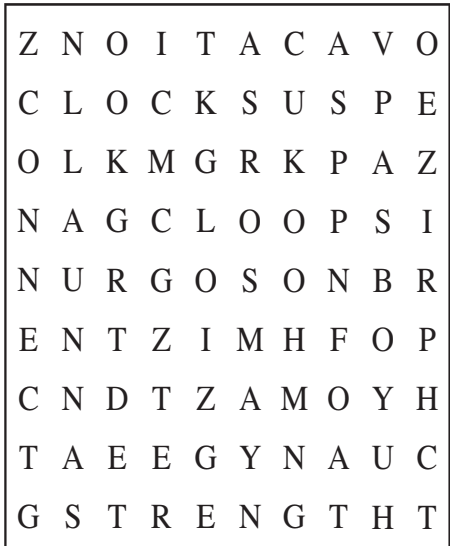
Standards Link: Measurement: Know time intervals and how to read time to the nearest minute.



Double Double Word Search

- GOOFY
- HAMMOCK
- OPPOSITE
- VACATION
- GADZOOKS
- LOOPS
- ANNUAL
- HONOR
- CLOCKS
- GIANT
- STRENGTH
- CONNECT
- SHOUT
- PRIZE
- GEE

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

Goofy Creatures

Make Goofy Creatures by cutting out newspaper pictures of animals and people. Use different parts of the pictures to create new and goofy creatures.



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to communicate ideas.



What letters are not in the alphabet?

ANSWER: The ones that are in the mail.

Write On!

National Goof Off Day Celebration

March 22 is National Goof Off Day. Tell how you would like to celebrate. Be creative!