

Kid Scoop

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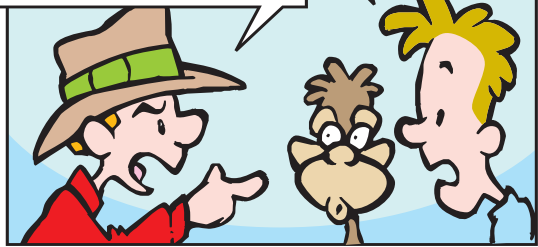
Cecil Snoopston, Junior Detective in

The Gumshoe Mystery

My brother Timmy and I discovered a broken lawn gnome in our yard.



Obviously, it was your pet monkey. That's the culprit! He's always monkeying around!



No way! Mondo was with me all day!

Just then, Timmy noticed an important clue—a shoeprint in a blob of gum. He thought the tread looked like our dad's sneakers!

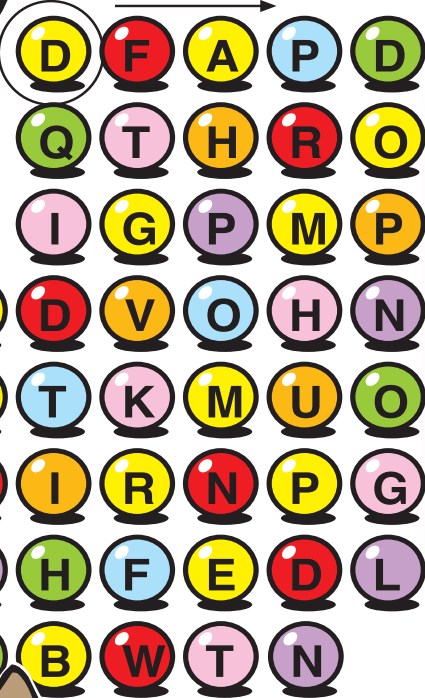


Timmy used this observation to keep investigating. Little brothers can be so stubborn!



Chewy Clues

Timmy and Mondo interviewed mom and dad. They left clues in the gumballs below for Cecil. Write down every other letter to discover who broke the gnome.



Walter Diemer developed bubble gum in 1928. It was pink because that was the only food color he had available. His product was called **Dubble Bubble** and it became a top seller.

What's in bubble gum?

Originally gum was a kind of tree sap called **chicle** extracted from tapping trees the same way latex is comes from rubber trees. The natural ingredients have now been replaced by man-made plastics and rubber to which color, sweetener and flavors are added. 60 to 70% of most bubble gum is sugar.

Biggest Bubble

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the biggest bubble gum bubble ever blown measured

$$13 + 4 + 3 =$$

inches across.

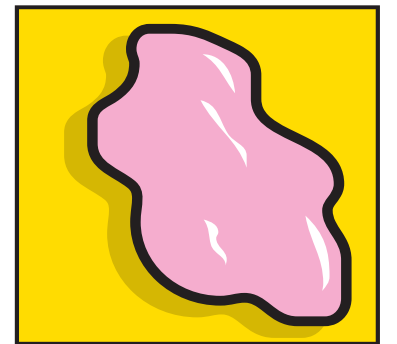
Extra! Extra!

Stretch a Sentence

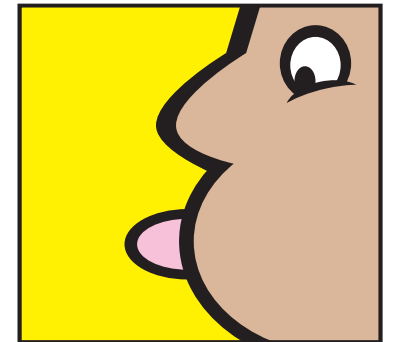
Start with a simple sentence like: *Bobby blew a bubble.* Then, look through the newspaper for words you could add to that sentence to make it longer. For example: *Bobby, a bright and brawny boy, vigorously blew a beautiful, pink, shining bubble.* Try stretching these sentences: *Tobias stepped on gum. Alison walked the dog.*

Standards Link: Grammar: Write simple and compound, complex sentences; use adverbs and adjectives.

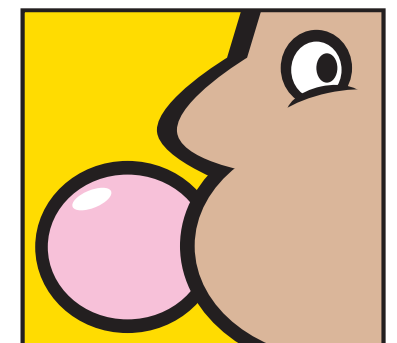
How to Blow a Bodacious Bubble!



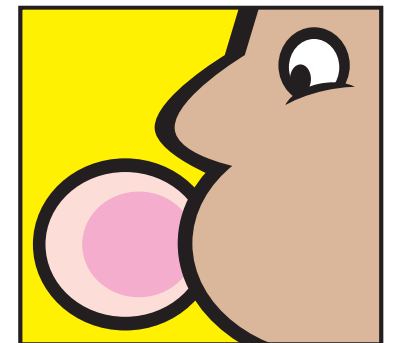
The best bubbles are made with gum after the sugar is all chewed out. So, chew your gum until the sweetness is gone.



Push the gum up to the front of your mouth. Stretch out a thin spot with the tip of your tongue.



Blow a steady stream of air. It takes a lot of practice!



Try blowing a small to medium-sized bubble, then seal off the end in your mouth by pressing your lips together. Next, start blowing another bubble with the gum left in your mouth to make a bubble inside a bubble! Then try for a triple! (This trick might take a few pieces of gum.)

Kid Scoop Puzzler

$7 + 5 =$

$6 + 6 =$

$10 + 2 =$

$5 + 9 =$

$8 + 8 =$

$8 + 6 =$

$7 + 8 =$

$3 + 11 =$

Chewers Welcome!

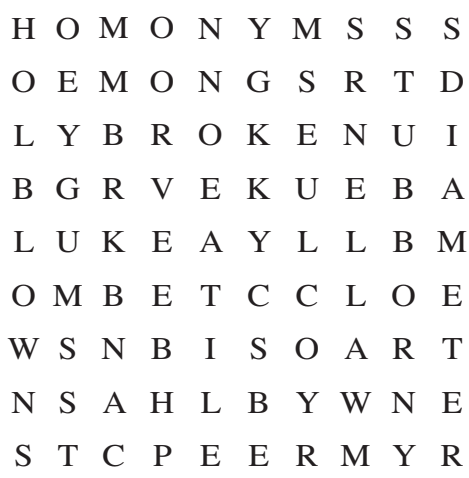
Bubble Gum Alley in San Luis Obispo, California invites you to chew your gum and stick your chewed wad on the wall!

Which wads of gum add up to the same amount?

Double Double Word Search

- DIAMETER
- SNEAKERS
- STUBBORN
- HOMONYMS
- MYSTERY
- BUBBLE
- BROKEN
- CHICLE
- CLUES
- GNOME
- BLOWN
- BLOB
- WALL
- GUM
- SAP

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



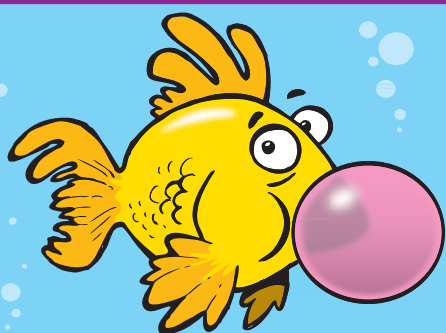
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Chews or Choose?

Chews and *choose* are homonyms—words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Find five words in the newspaper that are homonyms. Write the matching word that is pronounced the same but means something different, next to each word.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use homonyms.



What kind of fish likes bubble gum?

ANSWER: A blowfish.

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