

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

This year April Fools' Day and Easter are the same day! No foolin'! You can fool around and have some Easter fun with this week's Kid Scoop page!



Can you find at least five silly things in this picture?

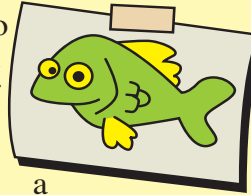
IMPORTANT: Anyone who plays a mean trick is just being mean. It is never funny to hurt another person's body or feelings.



Replace the missing words.

Funny in France

In France, children like to _____ a "fishy" April Fools' _____ on their friends.



The trick is to _____ a small paper fish on a friend's _____ without the friend _____. Then all day your friend will be the "April Fool." (In France they call it *Poisson d'Avril* which means "April Fish.")

But watch out! Your _____ may have stuck a fish or two on **your** back as well!

FRIEND STICK PLAY KNOWING JOKE BACK

Jason was always playing jokes

on his friends. He would often _____ to the park

_____ VERB carrying _____ PLURAL NOUN

in his arms. He would carefully

_____ one below every VERB swing in the playground.

Unsuspecting kids soon found

themselves covered in

_____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN

Finally, Jason learned his lesson.

While filling a _____ with _____ NOUN

_____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN

he suddenly sneezed, sending

_____ in every direction. PLURAL NOUN

It took him hours to _____ VERB

through the mess. Even now,

months later, Jason will _____

sometimes step on a _____ ADJECTIVE

_____ NOUN and be reminded

of how a prank can backfire.

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Healthy Humor

Know someone who isn't feeling well? Tell them a joke. It might help with healing!

Dr. William Fry of the Stanford School of Medicine says that 100 laughs are equal to 15 minutes of riding a bike. Stronger muscles around the lungs help people breathe better.

Many doctors are finding that laughing is good for our health. When we laugh, chemicals called **endorphins** (en-DOOR-fins) are released from the brain. Endorphins make a person feel happy. They can also kill pain. So, if you laugh the next time you fall, it might hurt a little less!

Standards Link: Health: Students understand ways in which they can enhance and maintain their own health and well-being.

Match each riddle with its punchline.

IT WAS JUST doing Time.

Why do Teachers wear sunglasses?

What happened To The magic Tractor?

Why can't you Tell a cow a secret?

Why was The clock in prison?

Because students are so bright.

Because it goes in one ear and out The udder.

IT WENT DOWN The road and turned into a field.

Cut out this phony "news article" and hand it to a friend. After they've read it, say "April fool!"

DOLPHIN SPEAKS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

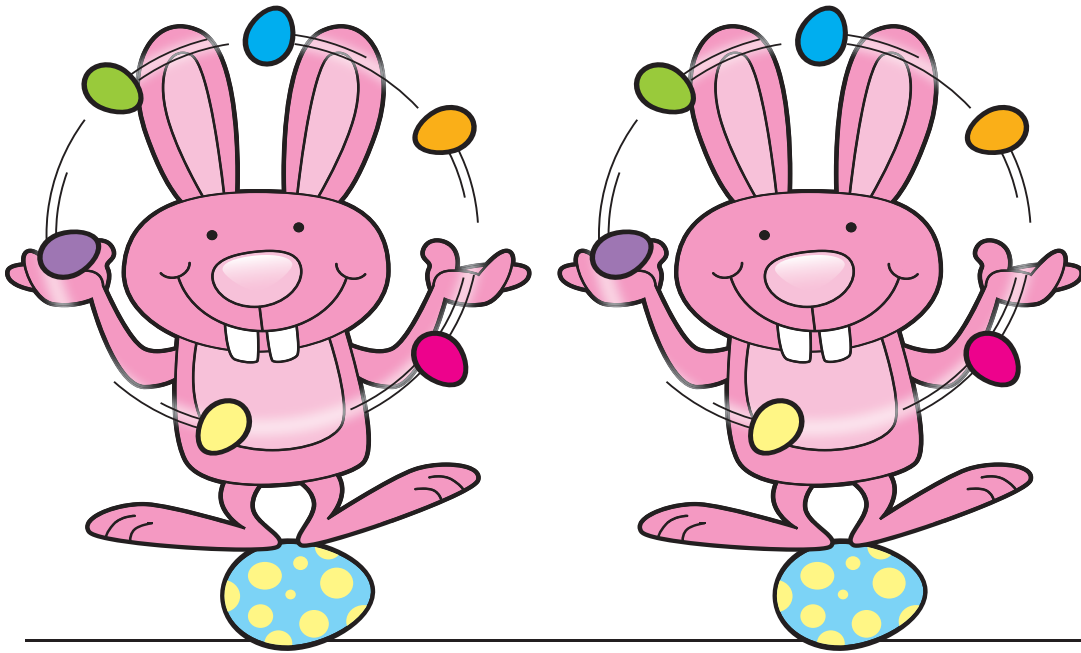
MIAMI – A dolphin regularly seen at a Miami fishing boat harbor has developed a vocabulary of a few words and can even whistle the hit tune "Beyond the Sea."



The dolphin, called Donna by locals, shocked fishermen last Thursday by squeaking "More, please!" after being fed handfuls of fish from a boat heading back to the harbor. The dolphin can also be heard saying the words "tasty" and "thanks" on a video of the incident.

Marine biologists have rushed to the area to communicate with Donna. If her ability to speak can be further developed, it could provide historic breakthroughs in science and interspecies communication.

Find the differences between these two bunnies.



ANSWER: There ARE no differences! April Fool! Now give this puzzle to a friend as a prank.

Extra! Extra! Silly News

Rewrite the headlines in today's newspaper so that they have the exact opposite meaning.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand word choice to accomplish a purpose.

How many Easter eggs can you find on this page? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Fool the Eyes

How many Fs are in this sentence?

Finding funny examples of newsmakers making flubs in speeches is the result of years of careful observation and faithful listening.

ANSWER: Did you count six Fs? Most people do. But there are really nine. Many people overlook the word "of" in this activity. Try it on a favorite friend!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

- ENDORPHINS
- DOLPHIN
- FRANCE
- TRICK
- SPEECHES
- JESTERS
- JOKES
- APRIL
- HURT
- LAUGHS
- FLUBS
- SPEAKS
- SILLY
- EYES
- FUN

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LAUGH in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

		G		A
			H	
	L			
L	A	U	G	H
H				U

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PRANK**

The noun **prank** means a trick designed as a friendly joke on someone.

As a **prank**, Alicia pretended she was asleep at recess.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Easter Eggs

With a buddy, look through today's newspaper for the letters that spell **Easter Eggs**. Cut them out. Take turns mixing up the letters and spelling a new word. A player gets a point for every letter used.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

What did the frog order with his burger?

ANSWER: Large French fries and a medium diet croak.

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted

News Flash! You have just spotted the Easter Bunny! Write a news article about the sighting. Be sure to include *who, what, when, where, why* and *how*.



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