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The pond is so still that its surface looks like a mirror. But 9 objects are missing in the reflection. Can you find them?



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Funny Face-Off

Challenge one or more friends to this game of giggles! In round one, take turns making funny faces. In round two, take turns telling jokes or riddles. In round three, take turns doing silly dances. The goal? Lots of laughs all around!



Have a Festive Fourth

By Eileen Spinelli

- ★ Decorate your front door with stars and streamers.
- ★ List 10 things you love about your country.
- ★ Write a letter to your mayor about your ideas for improving your city.
- ★ Paint a picture of what freedom looks like to you.
- ★ Gather your friends and put on a patriotic bike parade in your neighborhood.

This year, the United States is 242 years old!



Find the Pictures

Can you find each of these 11 pictures at another place in this magazine?



Tongue Twister

The green glass gleamed.



Mystery Photo

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Dear Reader

By Christine French Cully
Editor in Chief



A Treat for Your Ears

It's summertime, and for many of us,
that means road trips. Whether you're
visiting Grandma, going camping, or
sightseeing in a new city, getting there is half

the fun, as the saying goes. My family has learned that Car
Bingo, the License Plate Game, and *Highlights* (of course!)
make the miles fly by. And there's nothing like a great audio
program. A radio show or a podcast is almost a mini vacation
in itself. It coaxes us away from our screens and takes us to
new places—often with plenty of laughs along the way.

If you like audio shows or podcasts—or even if you've never
listened to one—I have good news for you. Together with our
friends at the kids' podcast *Wow in the World*, we're launching
a brand-new monthly podcast, *Highlights Hangout*, inspired by
this magazine. Whether on the road or at home, you can now
laugh and learn with us in a whole new way. With a parent's
permission, download the free podcast from Apple
Podcasts, then lean in and listen.

Here's more good news: *Wow in the World* hosts
Mindy and Guy will answer a science question
in the magazine each month (page 12), and you
can hear them on *Highlights Hangout* too.

We look forward to hanging out with you!
I hope you'll let me know if you like what you hear.

Your friend,

Christine

Write to me!

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Dear Highlights,

Can I send digital photos via e-mail to Your Own Pages? If so, what is the e-mail address?

—Nicholas, Missouri



Mmm, COOL.
July is National Ice Cream Month!

You can send them through our website, Nicholas!

- 1 With a parent's OK, visit our free website for kids, HighlightsKids.com.
- 2 Click on "Share," then "Your Own Pages."
- 3 Fill out the form, and upload a photo or scan of your creation!



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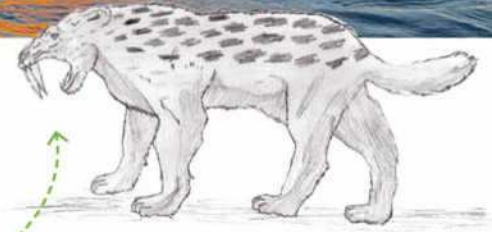
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By Eileen Spinelli
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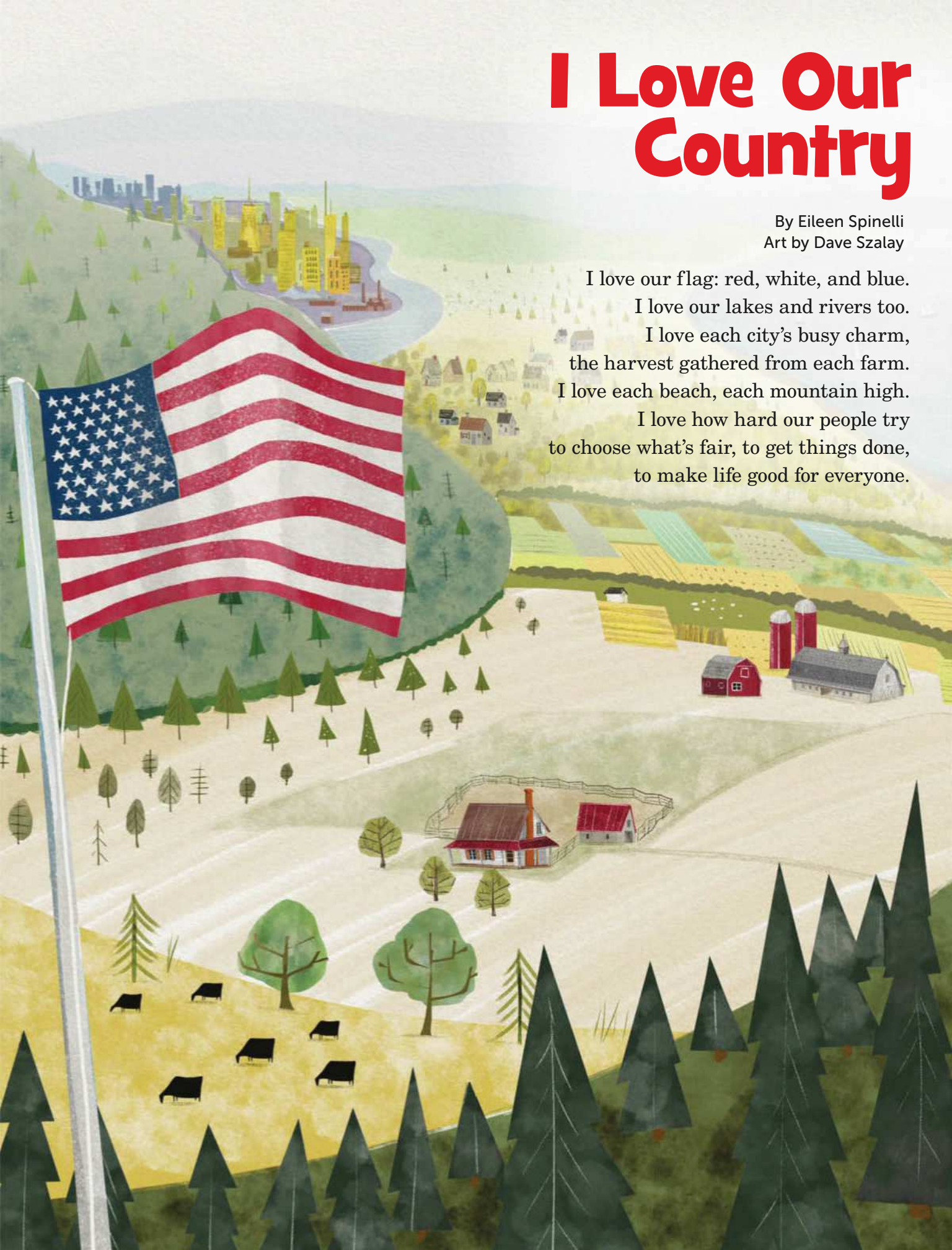
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I love our lakes and rivers too.

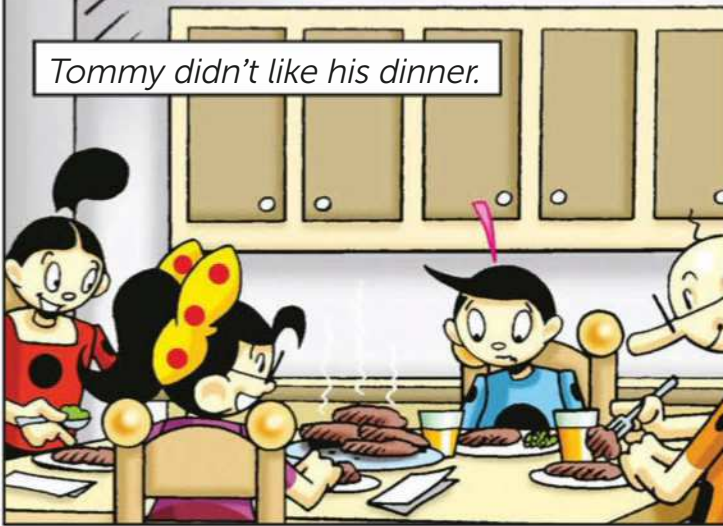
I love each city's busy charm,
the harvest gathered from each farm.

I love each beach, each mountain high.

I love how hard our people try
to choose what's fair, to get things done,
to make life good for everyone.



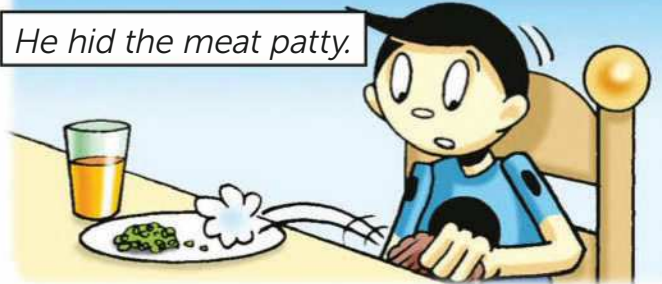
Tommy didn't like his dinner.



The Timbertoes®

By Rich Wallace • Art by Ron Zalme

He hid the meat patty.



All done?



Yes. May I take a walk?



Be back before dark.



Tommy buried the meat patty.



He ate a bedtime snack.



ZZZZZZ



Tommy! Is that your dinner?



I'm sorry. I won't do it again.



Shrieking Toad and Dancing Ant

By John Samony
Art by David Bucs

A lot of kids who go to summer camp get nicknames.

I'd been at Camp Eggleton for only two days before I got mine.

Shrieking Toad.

Why couldn't I have gotten a cool name like Running Bear or Soaring Eagle?

I guess it was my own fault.

A bunch of us campers were on our first nature walk. When we broke for lunch, we all sat down on rows of logs lining the path. I was on my third handful of trail mix when a tree frog dropped onto my shirt from the branches above.

I shrieked. It was totally involuntary. I didn't even know I could make a sound like that.

Most kids laughed it off and forgot about it.

Except for Stan. He wouldn't let it go.

Whenever I'd walk by, he'd shout, "Hey, look. It's Shrieking Toad. Show us how you can hop!"



I corrected him that it had been an eastern gray tree frog, not a toad, but that just made things worse.

Three days later, Counselor Matt made the announcement that would change everything. "Gather round, Eggies. Last night, 10 treasures were hidden in the woods. The two-person team to find the most treasures gets something cold."

Excited murmurs rippled through the camp. Thoughts of ice cream froze our brains.

Counselor Matt started reading off pairs of names. The longer he read,

I shrieked, and Stan wouldn't let it go.

the more nervous I became. My nerves got completely fried when he said, "And finally, Jay and Stan."

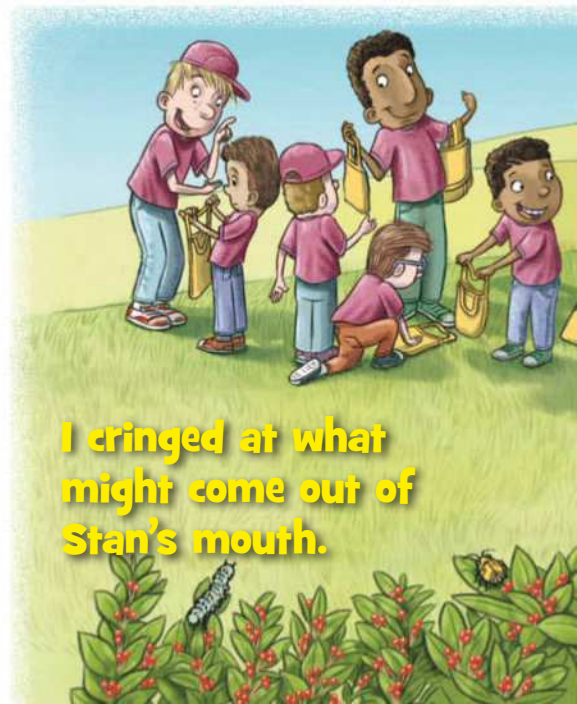
I hung my head, shaking it in disbelief.

Stan shouted, "Just great. Shrieking Toad's going to give me warts!"

The counselors handed out sacks to hold our discoveries.

Everyone started parading past me like an army of ants marching to the nearest picnic blanket.

"Hey, guys," Stan called to the group, and I cringed at what might come out of his mouth. "If the mosquitoes are bugging you, just ask Shrieking Toad to eat



I cringed at what might come out of Stan's mouth.

them for you. Toads love bugs!”

One kid chuckled, but most of the campers were already concentrating on looking for hidden treasures.

Soon, all the teams had wandered off, leaving Stan and me alone.

Then I had a great idea, surprising myself that I hadn't thought of it earlier. "You know, Stan, if we split up, we'll have a better chance of finding stuff."

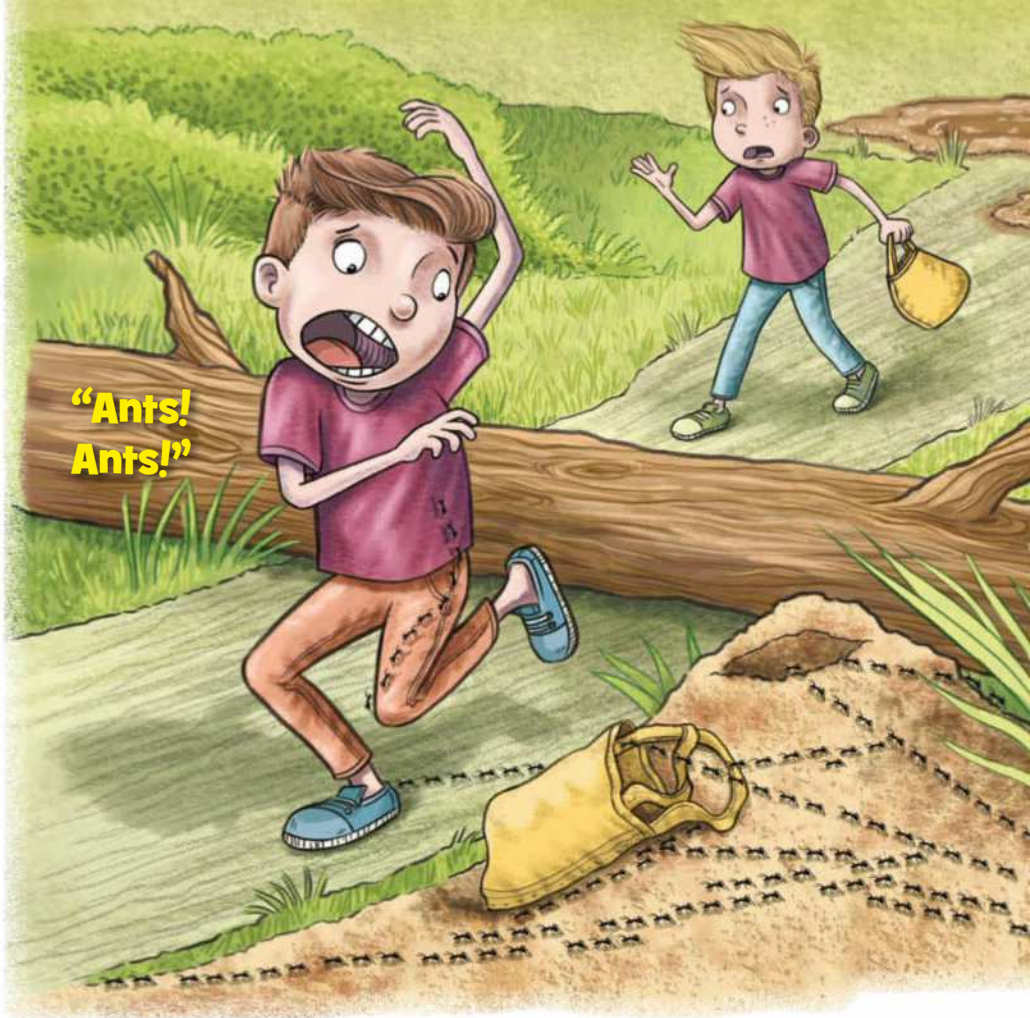
He stopped. "Yeah, that makes sense. So I guess I'd better do what I'm *toad*." He laughed at his pun and meandered down the trail.

Ten minutes later, I heard something that reminded me of myself a few days ago.

I ran toward the sound. I never would have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.

Stan was jumping around like a monkey, shrieking and yelling something that sounded like "Dance! Dance!"

Seeing him scratching at his body and swatting at his clothes made me realize what he was *really* saying: "Ants! Ants!"



I did what had to be done.

I shuffled him about 15 yards and into a mud puddle. He was surprised at first, then he must have realized why I was doing it. The itch was going away and so were the ants.

Since Stan and I were both covered in mud, we decided to head back to the cabin.

"I guess you're going to have a pretty good story for everyone later," Stan said sheepishly.

"Yeah, I guess so. You'll probably be known as Dancing Ant from now on."


That night, we all sat around the campfire. Between the shadows that flickered on our faces, I could see Stan's

worry as clear as daylight. He was waiting for it. But I never said anything. I knew how it felt to be teased, and it wasn't fun.

The next day was Game Day. When I was picked for a basketball team, someone called, "No fair! Shrieking Toad's a natural jumper!"

I could see Stan's worry as clear as daylight.

Stan yelled out, "Knock it off, guys. His name is Jay."

I'm not going to say I would have minded being known as Running Bear or Soaring Eagle. But for the last week of camp, being known as plain old "Jay," and Stan's friend, turned out to be pretty cool too. 



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There's some of Goofus and Gallant in us all. When the Gallant shines through, we show our best self.



Goofus gives candy only to his friends.



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"I'm just not fast or strong," says Goofus.



"I'm trying to get faster and stronger," says Gallant.

YOUR Goofus and Gallant Moments

"I felt like Goofus when I said I wasn't my friend's friend."

Millicent, Age 8, Alabama

"I felt like Gallant at baseball when I gave a guy who got out a high five for trying."

John Paul, Age 8, Louisiana

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GALLANT CHALLENGE!



We the Family

When you think about it, the United States is like a family. We're a bunch of states that united, basically linking arms and saying *We're in this together. We won't agree on everything, but we're sticking together and making it work.*

In 1787, representatives from the states created and committed to the Constitution. This document formed a federal government, which helps the states work together for their mutual benefit.

The introduction to the Constitution, called the preamble, makes a bold statement about what "We the People" hope to accomplish:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



If your family had such a statement, what things would you include in it? Our country's founders made sure that each state had a say in the government and could vote on the Constitution. Can your family create a document that represents all of you? **W**

Share It!

If you'd like to show us what your family created, we'd love to hear from you. Write to

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Be sure to keep the original for your home!

Energy in Motion

Ocean waves are energy on the move. Just a push (usually from wind) gets the movement going. Wind rubs the water surface, pushing up a ripple. The ripple gives the wind more to push against, and the wave grows.

A wave may travel from miles out at sea, but it is the energy—not the water—that makes the trip. Water molecules bump other molecules and pass along the energy, creating both currents and crashing waves.

④ When the crest (top) of the wave gets too steep, it “breaks,” sending its water falling down the face of the wave.

③ The top gets steeper and keeps moving forward.

② The wave’s base slows, and the wave gets pushed higher.

① As a wave rolls into shallower water, its water molecules have less room to move.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Mindy and Guy!

Highlights invited Mindy and Guy, the hosts of the *Wow in the World* podcast, to answer this question. Hear them dig into more science mysteries on *Highlights Hangout*, our new podcast!



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What is saliva?

Harper Rickard
Age 8 • Illinois

So, as you may already know, saliva is just a fancy word for SPIT! This slightly slimy stuff is made *in, by, and for* our mouths. And it all happens in teeny tiny factories and delivery systems called *glands*. Glands work around the clock to combine water with special chemicals and enzymes (EN-zymes). Then they send out the stuff to battle germs, break down food, and

protect our teeth, gums, tongues, and throats. Glands make as much saliva as we need. Generous, right?!

Imagine trying to chew bread with a dry mouth! SALIVA TO THE RESCUE, making that mouth and food slippery and helping us swallow and even talk. (Just not at the same time!) Eating, smelling, or even *thinking* about food gets our glands going.

Guy

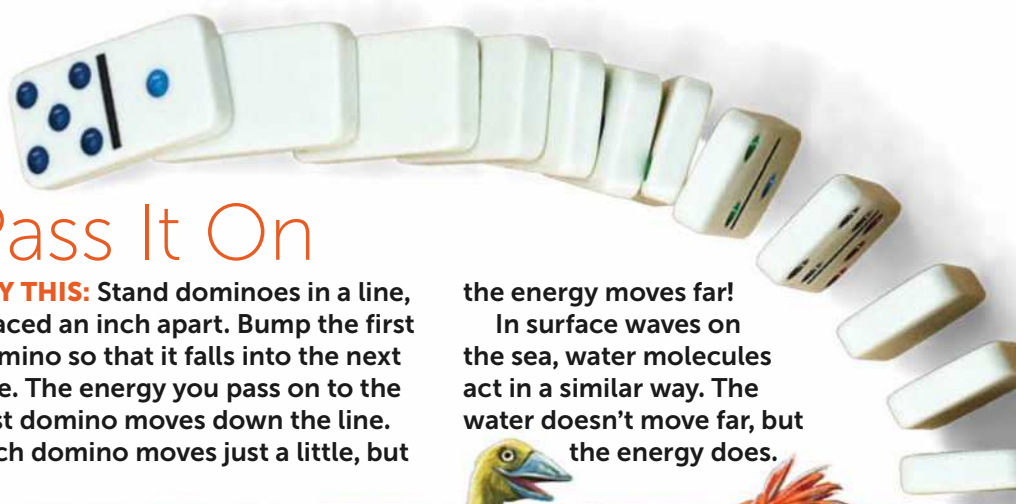
Mindy



5 The great energy in the wave's motion crashes against the water or shore, moving sand, spraying water droplets, and creating heat and sound.



Is that a treat?



Pass It On

TRY THIS: Stand dominoes in a line, spaced an inch apart. Bump the first domino so that it falls into the next one. The energy you pass on to the first domino moves down the line. Each domino moves just a little, but

the energy moves far!

In surface waves on the sea, water molecules act in a similar way. The water doesn't move far, but the energy does.

Rativates

RAT-ih-VAY-teez
"large flightless-bird foreteller"

By Dougal Dixon
Art by Robert Squier

When the skeleton of *Rativates* was found in the 1930s, it was thought to belong to another dinosaur species. But recent close examination shows different features—enough to make it a separate, new species.



Birdlike beak with no teeth

Long legs, so likely a fast runner

Feathered body



HOW LONG:
11 feet



WHAT IT ATE:
Plants, insects, small animals



WHEN:
76 million years ago

252	201	145	66	Present
Triassic	Jurassic	Cretaceous	Cenozoic	

Want a
challenge?
Fold back page 15
to hide the
picture clues.

Goats on the Go

By Neil Numberman



In this big picture, find the carrot, comb, mitten, drumstick, magnet, envelope, crown, paintbrush, ruler, slice of watermelon, drinking straw, sneaker, toothbrush, lollipop, mallet, hockey stick, nail, piece of popcorn, adhesive bandage, and artist's brush.

Picture Clues



carrot



comb



mitten



envelope



magnet



drumstick



crown



paintbrush



drinking
straw



ruler



slice of
watermelon



sneaker



toothbrush



mallet



lollipop



hockey
stick



piece of
popcorn



nail



adhesive
bandage



artist's
brush

BONUS

Can you also find
the ring, canoe,
ice-cream cone,
and pencil?

Answers on HighlightsKids.com.

JOKES

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Taco."

"Taco who?"

**"Could you taco
little louder? I
can't hear you."**

Caleb, Pennsylvania

Two muffins were in the oven.

Muffin #1: Boy, it's hot in here.

Muffin #2: Wow! A talking
muffin!

Jackson Schrag, New York

George: A man came to my
house asking for donations
for the town swimming pool.

Brian: Did you give him
anything?

George: Yes, I gave him one
glass of water.

Aaron Peterson, North Carolina



Paige: Have you heard the joke
about the spy?

Ava: No, tell me.

Paige: Sorry, I can't. It's top secret.
Libby Smith, Virginia

A book never written: *Word Games*
by Anna Gram.

Luke Walz, Maryland

Fred: Mom, I saw a dog as big as
a house today!

Mom: Fred, you know, I've told you
a million, billion, *trillion* times
not to exaggerate!

Kaci Jantz, Idaho

Make us laugh!

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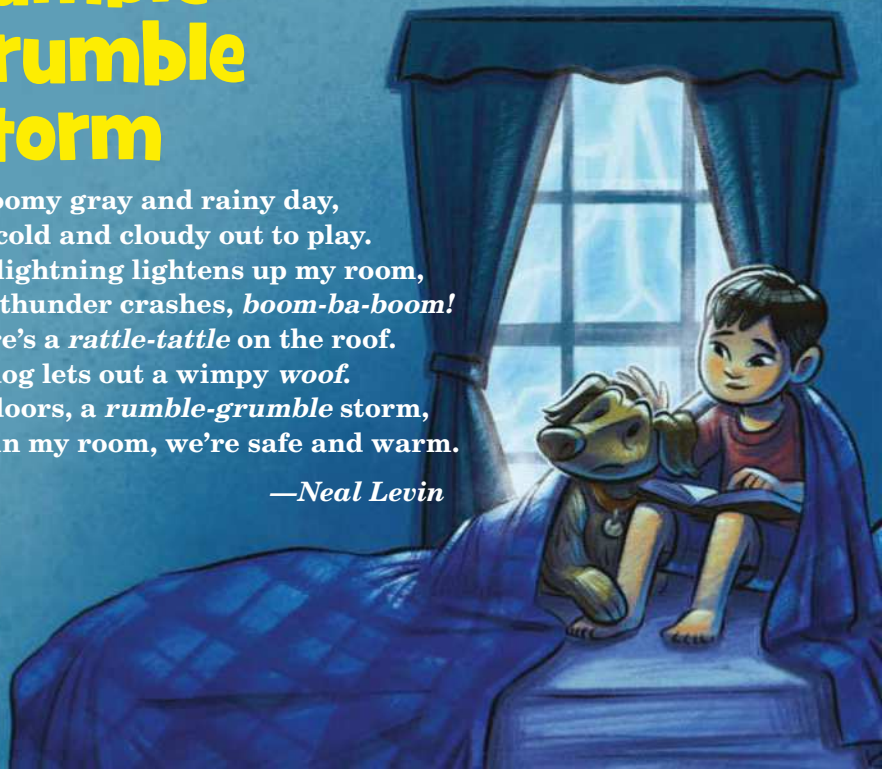
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Rumble- Grumble Storm

A gloomy gray and rainy day,
Too cold and cloudy out to play.
The lightning lightens up my room,
And thunder crashes, *boom-ba-boom!*
There's a *rattle-tattle* on the roof.
My dog lets out a wimpy *woof*.
Outdoors, a *rumble-grumble* storm,
But in my room, we're safe and warm.

—Neal Levin



A Forest Full of Stars

By Noah Weisz
Art by Marcin Piwowarski



“Where are we going?”

It’s a hot summer night. Crickets chirp and cicadas hum and hiss outside Rachel’s open window.

“Rachel,” Grandma whispers from the doorway. “Get up. I have something to show you.”

Rachel rolls over. “What is it?”

“Just put on your shoes and come

with me,” Grandma says.

Hand in hand, they walk down the stairs and cross the kitchen. As they leave the house, Rachel shuts the door softly so she won’t wake her parents.

Today, Rachel and her parents drove two hours from New York City to drop off her big sister, Claire, at sleepaway camp upstate. Then they drove another four hours to Grandma’s house, way up here in this quiet country town. No matter how much Rachel had begged, they wouldn’t let her go to camp with Claire.

No matter how much Rachel had begged, her parents wouldn’t let her go to camp with Claire.

Rachel misses her sister so much already it’s like a small cave opening up in her chest.

Outside, the darkness is thick. Grandma switches on a flashlight and starts walking. Her sneakers make a *shh-shh* sound in the grass.

“Where are we going?” Rachel asks, a little nervous.

“You’ll see,” says Grandma.

They reach the edge of the woods behind the house. Grandma smiles at Rachel, then steps into the forest.

Rachel squeezes Grandma’s hand. The trail is soft with soil and moss.

Somewhere an owl keeps hooting, as if it's asking the night a question.

A few pricks of light appear out of the darkness. They flicker, then vanish.

"What are they?" Rachel breathes.

"They're little beetles," says Grandma. "Fireflies."

They follow the lights deeper into the woods. Then, suddenly, they reach a clearing, and Grandma turns off her flashlight. Fireflies are everywhere. They flash on and off, floating and climbing, darting and dancing. The forest shimmers as if it's full of stars.

"They're talking to one another," Grandma says. "They talk with light."

"What are they saying?" Rachel asks.

"I really don't know," Grandma says. "It's a secret language. Spend enough time with them, and maybe you'll figure it out."

Rachel looks up at Grandma and sees that she is smiling.

For a long while, Rachel watches the lights. She imagines this clearing is the

**"It's a secret language,"
says Grandma.**

state of New York. She and her sister are two of the fireflies. They are flashing each other messages. They are telling each other secrets.

They are connected.

Walking back to Grandma's house, Rachel feels wide awake. She starts writing a letter in her head.


Dear Claire,


Tonight, Grandma showed me the most incredible thing. A million fireflies talking in the forest. I can't wait to show them to you next time we visit Grandma!

They reach the edge of the woods again. "Grandma?" Rachel asks.

"Yes?"

"Can we do this tomorrow too?"

Grandma gives Rachel a hug. Somewhere in the distance, the owl hoots again. This time, it sounds like an answer. 



**They reach
a clearing, and
Grandma turns off
her flashlight.**

Crafts

Star-Spangled Table Topper

By Sheila M. Hausbeck

1. Cover an **oatmeal container** (with the lid on) with **scrapbook paper**.
2. Cut stars from **cardstock**, and punch a hole in each. Curl **chenille sticks**, and add a star to the end of each one.
3. Poke holes in the lid. Push a chenille stick through each hole.
4. Cut a large circle out of cardstock. Glue it to the bottom of the container.



Summertime Sign

By April Theis

1. Cut out six rectangles from **cardstock**.
2. Decorate letters to spell S-U-M-M-E-R. Glue them on the rectangles.
3. Punch holes in the top two corners of each rectangle. Connect the letters with **string**.



Flag Stand

By April Theis

1. Glue two stacks of four **craft sticks** each. Glue together two craft sticks in the shape of an L. Let the glue dry.
2. Glue one end of the L between the stacks. Let it dry. **Paint** the stand.
3. Fold and tape down the end of a small piece of **paper** to make a flag. Decorate it. Slide the folded part onto the stand.



Super Slide Puzzle

By Kelly Theobald

TO PLAY: Place eight of the pieces face up in the box in any order. Slide the pieces, one at a time, into the empty space until the puzzle is together. Add in the last piece.

1. Cut a piece of **thin cardboard** to fit inside a **shoebbox lid**. Glue a sheet of **paper** to the cardboard.
2. Create a picture on the paper using **markers** and **cardstock**.
3. Draw a tic-tac-toe grid on the back of the cardboard. Cut along the lines, making nine equal-sized pieces.

CRAFT CHALLENGE! Create a “fireworks” display using craft sticks, paint, and pompoms. Share your result on [HighlightsKids.com](https://www.HighlightsKids.com).



SURF'S

A young boy in a blue wetsuit is surfing on a green wave, splashing water. Below him, two other surfers, a girl and a boy, are in the water, smiling. The background is a bright blue sky and ocean.

Catch the scoop about this wave-riding sport. Cowabunga!

Great Groms!

The word *grom* or *grommet* is often used among surfers to mean a “young surfer.” Check out the accomplishments of these grom phenoms!

Sabre Norris

Four years ago, Sabre was among the youngest people ever to compete in a World Surf League event. Now 13, this Australian competitive surfer and skateboarder has her sights set on competing in the 2020 Olympics!

Kumaka Jensen

When he's not riding waves or flipping his wheelchair into a foam pit, Kumaka is playing outdoors with his brothers and cracking jokes. At his birth, doctors told his parents that a disabling birth defect meant he'd have poor quality of life. Wow, were they wrong!

UP



Kai Kai Alcalá

Kai grew up in a family of champion surfers in the Philippines. He's been riding waves since age four and wants to become a professional surfer. He also enjoys lots of other sports and volunteers weekly with a group working to clean up ocean debris.

Winter Vincent

At 13, Winter has already won awards for surfing—and for charity work. After learning that people in an Indonesian surf spot did not have clean drinking water, he raised money to buy filters that are giving thousands of people clean water. On or off the waves, Winter works to make a difference. He created the “Surf to School” project so other kids can help too.



Stoked to Serve

Ricochet is a surfing therapy dog. A golden retriever with a passion for people and low waves, she works with kids and adults who have special needs or disabilities, helping them balance on the board and stay safe if they fall off. She even helped raise over half a million dollars for charity. At first, Ricochet trained to be a service dog on land, but she flunked when she kept chasing birds. So she turned her service skills to the water, where she already surfed for fun and in contests. Her human mom and trainer, Judy Fridono, says that Ricochet is very tuned in to what her surf buddies need, emotionally and physically. With this furry legend riding along, people with all kinds of challenges get to feel the fun and freedom of surfing.

Ride on! ➔



Surf School

An instructor or experienced athlete can teach you things that are hard to pick up on your own. Pro bodyboarders Jay and Vicki Reale suggest using a bodyboard or longer surfboard to start and practicing skills like these.

Catching a Wave

- 1 Walk out to where the waves are rolling in about thigh high. (Jump over whitewater, holding your board up out of the water.)
- 2 Turn so you're facing the shore. Watch over your shoulder for a wave to come along that you'd like to ride. (Knowing which waves to catch and which to let go comes with practice.)
- 3 Before the wave gets to you, plop your surfboard on the water and lie on it, more toward the back (tail) than the front (nose). Paddle toward shore quickly, giving yourself some speed in the same direction as the wave is moving.
- 4 You'll feel the wave lift you and move you faster. Then ride it in!

SAFETY FIRST!

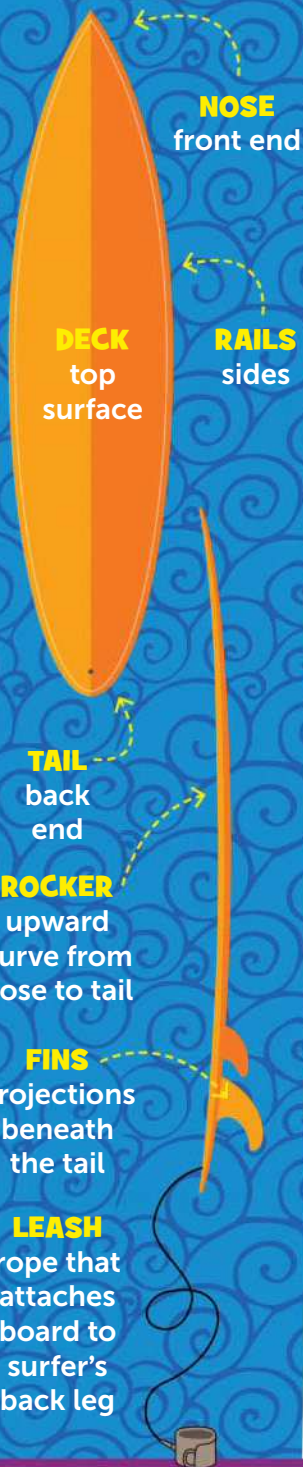
Advice from Keith Roffman—surfer, coach, and owner of a surf school in Australia.

- HAVE STRONG SWIM SKILLS.
- STAY NEAR A LIFEGUARD.
- "IF IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!"



Not all surfing practice is in the water!

Board Basics



Standing Up

- 1 Practice on land first! The key is the “pop-up,” which means QUICKLY springing to your feet once you’ve caught the wave.
- 2 Face your feet and chest toward the side (not front) of the board.
- 3 Keep your forward foot near the middle (wide part) of the board, and your back foot near the tail.
- 4 Keep your center of gravity low. To do this, bend your knees (the back knee more than the front).
- 5 Don’t spread your knees too wide.
- 6 Once you get the hang of it, try “steering” the board to the right or left, away from the breaking part of the wave.

○ TO START, STAY IN GENTLE WAVES AND SHALLOWS.

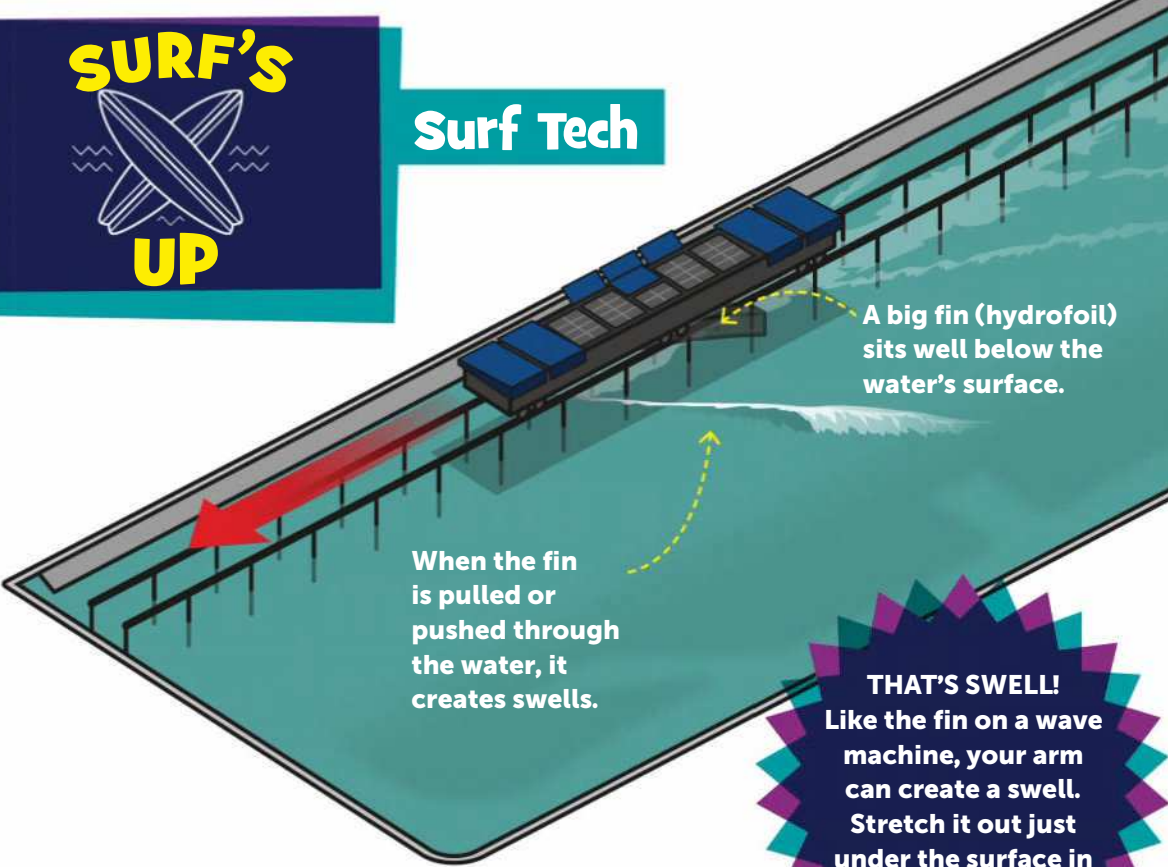
○ REAPPLY SUNSCREEN OFTEN.

○ WHEN FALLING (EVERY SURFER DOES!), JUMP AWAY FROM THE BOARD AND KEEP IT FROM HITTING OTHERS.

More to surf! ➔

SURF'S UP

Surf Tech



A big fin (hydrofoil) sits well below the water's surface.

When the fin is pulled or pushed through the water, it creates swells.

THAT'S SWELL!
Like the fin on a wave machine, your arm can create a swell. Stretch it out just under the surface in a pool and spin.

Making Waves

For years, surfers had to visit the ocean. But machines that create waves are changing that. Renowned surfer Kelly Slater is one of several people who are building wave pools that can create strong, surfable artificial waves.

Growing up surfing in Florida, Kelly tried bodysurfing on artificial waves at a local water park and tried out wave machines as a teen champion. But those experiences were unsatisfying.

As an adult champion professional

surfer, he teamed up with a research professor and engineer. They created a solar-powered system that uses underwater hydrofoils (big fins) to create strong, continuous breaking waves that last longer than most ocean waves.

Developers are working to generate waves of different heights and strengths. Soon people of all abilities may be able to surf near home, no matter where they live.

FEELIN' IT

In the curved "barrel" of a wave, a surfer may drag a hand along the wave's face to stall or slow down. (It's also fun to feel the wave!)

Speak like a Surfer
Hang with the slang.

Yew

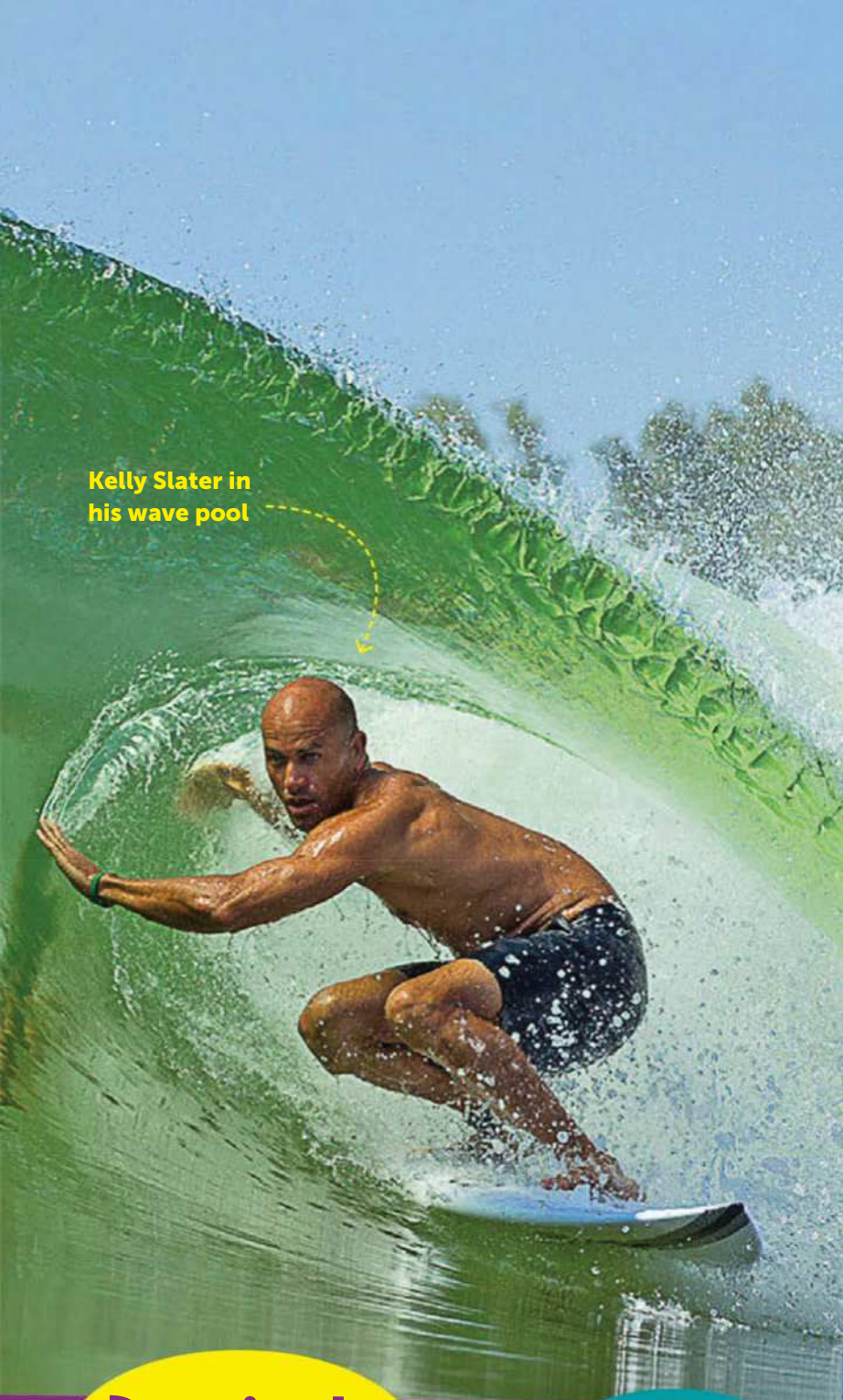
Kind of a surfing cheer, usually said in a long, drawn-out "Yeeeeeeeeewww!"

Mushburgers

Waves that break low or weakly.

Pearl

When the nose of the surfboard digs into the water, flipping the tail (and the surfer!) forward; often happens when the surfer stands too far forward.



Kelly Slater in his wave pool



Surf for Science

Collecting information about the oceans is getting easier and less expensive, thanks to new technologies that can be sent out with surfers. One invention is the Smartfin (above), which has sensors to gather data. Another is an experimental device that attaches to a leash, logging temperature and GPS position. Now, everyday citizens can contribute to what we know about coastal ecosystem health—all while riding the waves.

Slick Sticks

Most surfboards are made of a polyurethane-foam core covered in fiberglass and a strong plastic glue. But innovators are creating more Earth-friendly options, such as boards made from recycled and natural materials and with plant-based resins.

Dropping In

Catching a wave that was someone else's—a big no-no!

Stick

Surfboard.

Smoked

Really tired; exhausted.

Whitewash

The whitewater after a wave crashes.

Barney

A new or inexperienced surfer.

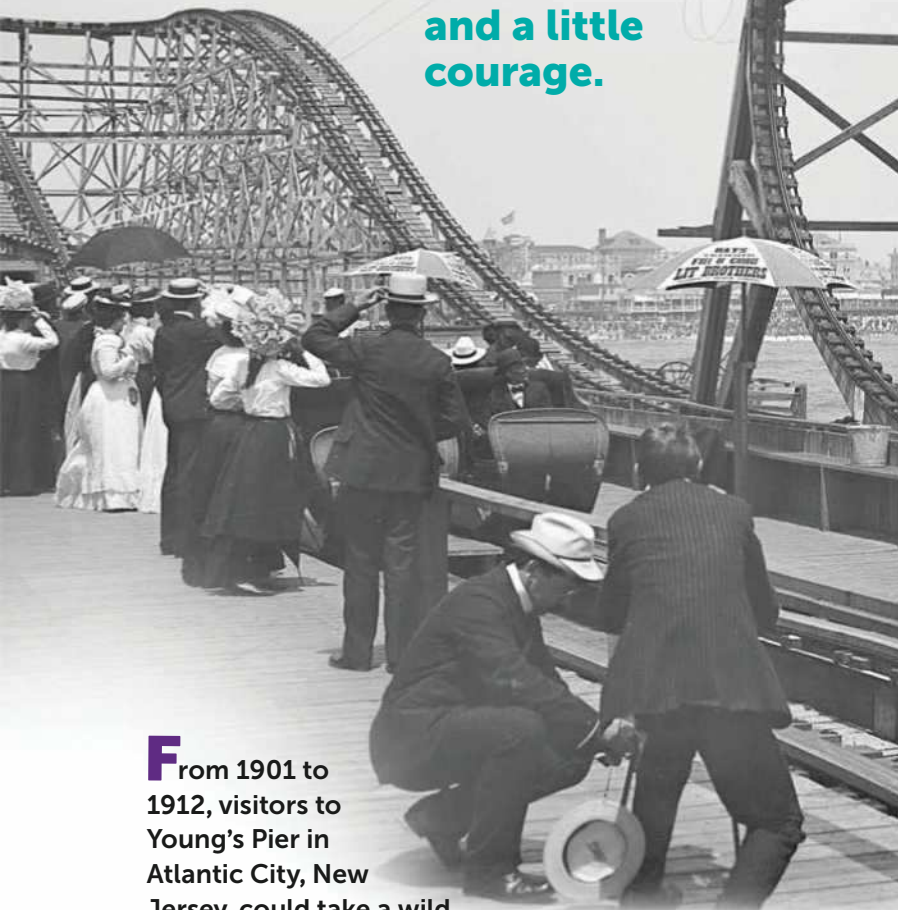
Turtle Roll

A way to get longboards out past breaking waves by hanging onto the board, flipping it upside down, and staying underwater below it.

That's it! 

Hang On Tight!

You needed
10 cents . . .
and a little
courage.



From 1901 to 1912, visitors to Young's Pier in Atlantic City, New Jersey, could take a wild ride. Called the Flip-Flap Railway or Loop-the-Loop, this five-minute-long ride sent its four passengers on a trip around one of the first vertical loops in roller-coaster history. Some earlier looped coasters gave a rough ride around a perfectly round loop, causing sore necks in many riders. The coaster shown here featured an oval loop, which resulted in less force on passengers' bodies—and a (slightly!) more pleasant ride. 🎢

WHEEE!

EXTREME COASTERS

TALLEST

NAME: Kingda Ka

WHERE: Six Flags Great Adventure
in New Jersey

HOW TALL: 456 feet high (45 stories!)
with a 418-foot drop

FASTEST

NAME: Formula Rossa

WHERE: Ferrari World in
United Arab Emirates

HOW FAST: 149.1 mph

LONGEST

NAME: Steel Dragon 2000

WHERE: Nagashima Spa Land in Japan

HOW LONG: 8,133 feet long (more
than 1.5 miles!)

What's the Word?

By Guy Belleranti

Each of these words has the name of an animal in it. Can you sound out each complete word?

1.  + d

2. Mil + 

3. B +  + ing

4.  + htub

5. Va +  + ion

6. P +  + y

7.  + ded

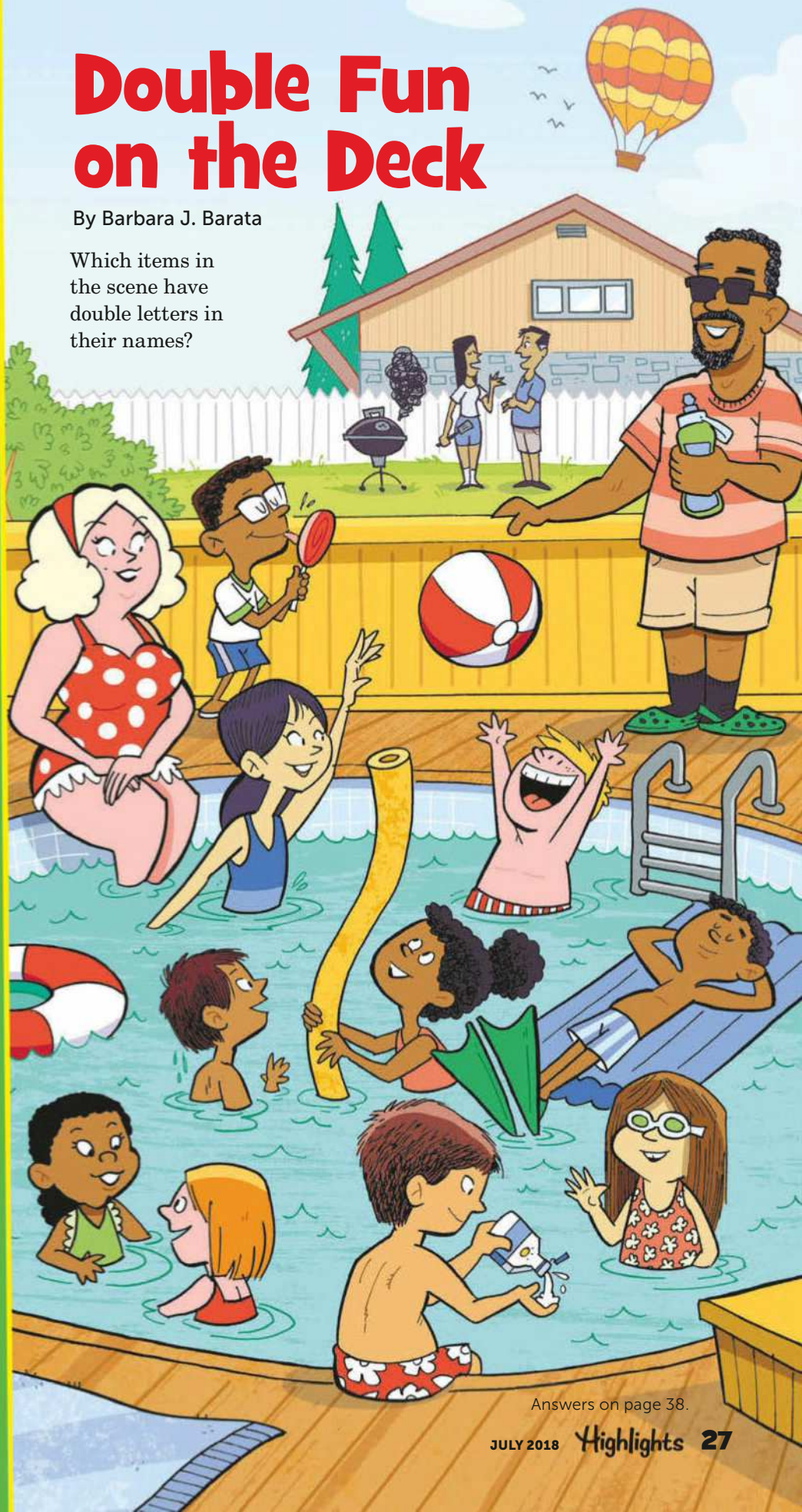
8. P +  + r

Answers on page 38.

Double Fun on the Deck

By Barbara J. Barata

Which items in the scene have double letters in their names?



Answers on page 38.

The Case of the Missing Toy

By Dave Goodale
Art by Josh Cleland



I'm only nine, but I already know what I want to be when I grow up: a librarian who solves mysteries. A library is a great place for detective work. There are computers, books, and cushy chairs. Someday my business card will read

Elise Augen
Librarian-Detective
Handling Mysteries Every Day

I know I need to go to college to be a librarian. Mr. Smart at the children's desk told me I need to go even though I've memorized the Dewey Decimal System (Detectives, 363.2; Libraries, 027).

On Tuesday, my mom takes me to the library. I grab the local paper and scan the Lost and Found—a page full of unsolved mysteries. I find this ad:

**Missing Toy, Precious
REWARD
Call Lena Weiss
(555) 555-5555**

Intriguing.

I research toys by flipping through toy books (688.728). Did you know Silly Putty was invented by accident? It was just a blob that nobody wanted until someone sold it as a toy.

I look back at the ad. Something doesn't seem right.

"Why is this ad listed with the lost dogs?" I say aloud.

I have a hunch.

I walk to the stacks and stop at 636.7, where I pull out a dog encyclopedia. I turn to the index. Then I see it. "Toy Dogs."

On the way home, I explain the case to my mother and ask if I can call Ms. Weiss. Mom agrees and lets me use her phone.

"Hello?" says a woman with a thick accent.

"Hi. I saw your ad in the newspaper," I say.

"Did you find my dog?"

I saw your ad in the paper.

Did you find my dog?

No, but I like solving mysteries.

"No, but I like solving mysteries. I can try to help you. Would you like to meet me at the library tomorrow, Ms. Weiss?"

The next day, my mom looks at magazines while I meet Ms. Weiss in the children's room. I recognize her from her description. She has short curly hair, glasses, and a blue blouse.

"Hi, Ms. Weiss. I'm Elise. Nice to meet—"

She interrupts me. "Why are you so small?"

"Well, I'm nine."

"Are you good with computers?"

"Yes."

Ms. Weiss and I sit down.

"*Mein kleines Spielzeug*," she says. There are tears in her eyes.

I ask, "What language is that?"

"German," Ms. Weiss says.



flyer for Precious. My mom and I post the flyers around the neighborhood while Ms. Weiss goes home to wait by her telephone.

Two hours later, Ms. Weiss reaches me on my mom's cell phone. A man had called her to say he'd seen Precious under a bush in the park.

Ms. Weiss's voice trembles. "The weather is calling for thunderstorms. My little dog is afraid of thunder."

Thunder booms. The rain comes down harder.

"My mom and I happen to be right by the park," I say. "We'll wait for you there."

I peek under every bush until I find Precious. She's shaking, and her eyes are as big as moons. "It's OK," I say softly.

Ms. Weiss soon arrives. For several minutes, we try to coax Precious out. Ms. Weiss offers her treats, but Precious doesn't budge. It starts to drizzle, and thunder rumbles.

"Mein kleines Spielzeug. My little toy." Ms. Weiss digs around in her handbag and pulls out a picture of Precious, her Chihuahua. The dog is so cute!

Using one of the library computers, I create a Lost Dog

I remember the dog encyclopedia in my backpack. I turn to a section on frightened dogs. "Do you have a dog crate, Ms. Weiss?" I ask.

"I do," she replies.

"It says here a dog might like a crate during a storm. It makes the dog feel safe."

"I'll go get it," Ms. Weiss says and hurries off.

A few minutes later, she returns with a tiny dog crate filled with Precious's favorite toys and a blanket. The thunder booms. The rain comes down harder. We get down on our hands and knees. Precious looks terrified!

Ms. Weiss calls, "Come, Precious."

I open the crate door and Precious crawls toward it. Finally, she darts into her crate and we shower her with praise. She licks my nose through the bars before Ms. Weiss takes her home.

I'm still reading about toy dogs. Oh, and Ms. Weiss is teaching me some German. She says my last name, *Augen*, is the German word for "eyes." That's awesome!

I guess I'll close my first cake. I mean *case*. Ms. Weiss tried to give me money, but I wouldn't take it. So she baked me a cake (641.8). I've since rethought the wording on my business card. Someday it will read



Elise Augen
LIBRARIAN-DETECTIVE
Your Private "Eyes"
Payment in cake happily accepted.

Your Favorite Books



“Sam, Lucy, and Antonio know their school is alive.”

My favorite book is *Recess Is a Jungle!* in the Eerie Elementary series by Jack Chabert. Sam, Lucy, and Antonio know their school is alive. But then the woods behind their school come alive! Soon, they get trapped in a jungle. After what seems like hours, they finally make it back.

Cordie Sweeney
Age 9 • Ohio

The books are about four kids who track down a villain, crack a code, and ultimately save the world.

Natalie Kim
Age 11 • Maryland

My favorite book is *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart. Each book in the series is full of mystery, adventure, humor, and even logic! The books are about four kids who track down a villain, crack a code, and ultimately save the world. This book really shows you how to work as a team.

I love this book because it makes me smarter.

Ryan Fromme
Age 7 • Texas

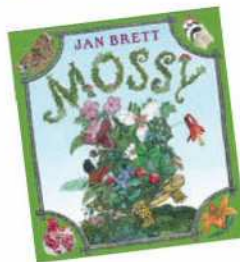
Do you like bugs? If so, you should check out *1001 Bugs to Spot* by Emma Helbrough. This book hides the bugs. I love this book because it makes me smarter. It tells me which bugs there are, where they hide, and what color they are.



“She starts to grow a garden on her shell.”

My favorite book is *Mossy* by Jan Brett. It is about a turtle who grows plants on her shell. My favorite part is when she starts to grow a garden on her shell. I love this book because I love turtles and plants.

Iris Vanderlip
Age 8 • Oregon



I would choose *Basil of Baker Street* as my favorite book in The Great Mouse Detective series by Eve Titus. Sherlock Holmes may be the greatest detective in the world, but Basil is the greatest detective in the mouse world. In the first book, Basil rescues the Proudfoot twins, Agatha and Angela.

Will Greiving
Age 6 • Colorado

“Basil is the greatest detective in the mouse world.”



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Opening Night at a Gallery

Paws and Think



- 🐾 What kinds of art do you see in this gallery?
- 🐾 What are some reasons people visit art galleries? How might galleries be good for artists?
- 🐾 Do you enjoy looking at art? How can you learn more about it?

I use a paw-printing technique.

“Firework” Treats

Make snacks that “explode”
in your mouth!

Strawberry Bubble Lemonade

Put 1 cup of **strawberries** into a blender. Blend until thick and smooth. Add 3 cups of **lemonade** and 2 cups of **seltzer**. Blend together and chill. Pour $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of **maple syrup** onto one plate and 2 packs of **Pop Rocks** onto another. Dip the rims of 6 glasses into the maple syrup and then into the Pop Rocks. Add a few **ice cubes** to each glass and pour in the strawberry lemonade.

Sparkling Sticky Treats

Ask an adult to melt $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of **butter** in a large pot on low heat. Add a 10-ounce bag of **marshmallows** and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Stir in 5 cups of **rice cereal**. Press the mixture evenly into a buttered 9-inch-by-13-inch pan using a buttered spatula. Let cool. Sprinkle 4 packs of **Pop Rocks** over the top. Cut into squares.





Mini waffles

Vanilla ice cream

Pop Rocks

Ice-Cream Crackle Waffles



Raspberries

Pop Rocks

Bursting Berries

Blackberries



From Fizzle Out to Fizzy Treats

In 1956, a carbohydrate chemist named William A. Mitchell was trying to make a carbonated drink-mix powder, but it didn't work out. Twenty years later, a food chemist named Dr. Marv Rudolph and his team found Mitchell's recipe, expanded on it, and created Pop Rocks. After Pop Rocks became popular, a rumor spread that kids would explode if they mixed the popping candy with soda. Luckily, the only "explosions" Pop Rocks might cause are burps.

How Pop Rocks Are Made

Sugary syrup is heated up, injected with carbon dioxide (CO₂), and stirred. While cooling, it breaks up into tiny pieces. 🍷

Your Own Pages

Driving

Down the road,
bumpity-bump,
across the train tracks,
thumpity-thump,
stay between the lines,
don't speed,
stop at the gas station,
finally arrive at your destination.

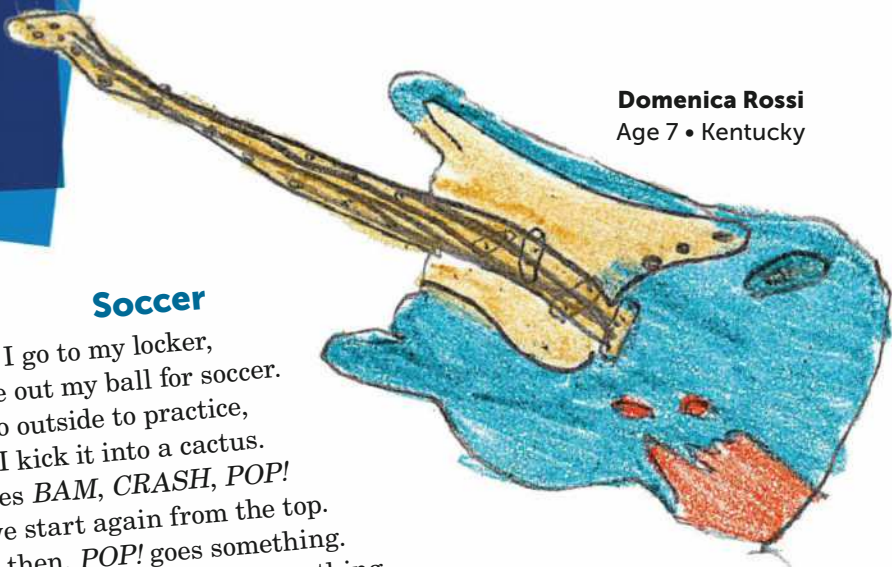
William Hansen
Age 12 • Minnesota

Soccer

After I go to my locker,
I take out my ball for soccer.
We go outside to practice,
And I kick it into a cactus.
It goes *BAM, CRASH, POP!*
So we start again from the top.
And then, *POP!* goes something.
There's a ball, so here goes nothing.

Landon Helm
Age 11 • Kentucky

Domenica Rossi
Age 7 • Kentucky



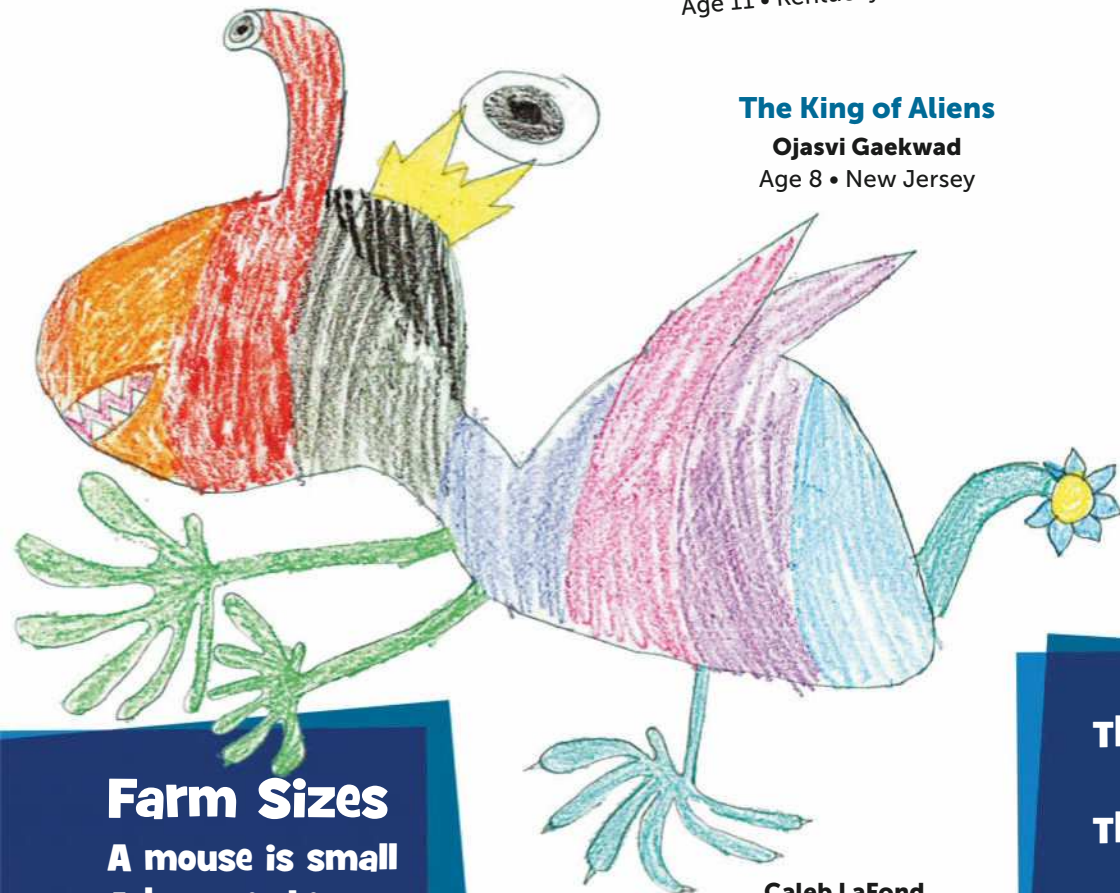
Independence Day

Boom, crackle!
Snap, pop!
Twinkling fireworks
across the night sky.
Lady Liberty,
her torch held up
illuminating the bright
colors on our flag.
Freedom is ours,
forever to keep.
But first let's
enjoy the bright lights
shimmering across
the night sky,
always reminding us
that we are free.

Kati Ahuja
Age 9 • Virginia

The King of Aliens

Ojasvi Gaekwad
Age 8 • New Jersey



Farm Sizes

A mouse is small
A horse is big
In the middle
Is a pig

Anna McVety
Age 8 • Pennsylvania

Caleb LaFond
Age 8 • Kansas



The sky is dark
and black.
The constellations
I track.
I don't want it to
turn back
To day again.

Claire Smith
Age 6 • Florida

Clouds

Clouds are fun
And they block the sun
Some are shaped like a bun
Some are shaped like the word *done*
If you want fun, clouds are the one.

Justin Chinn
Age 6 • Illinois



Phinley Knighten
Age 7 • Alabama



Antler

Marcus Ryan
Age 10 • New York



Daybreak on the Ocean

Abigail Paul
Age 12 • Louisiana

Cursive

The mountain of words
In my head
Smooth out into curly script
Slowly
But surely
Letter
By letter
Word
By word
A story unfolds on the page
Looking beautiful
Dressed in cursive

Hannah Harms
Age 9 • Texas

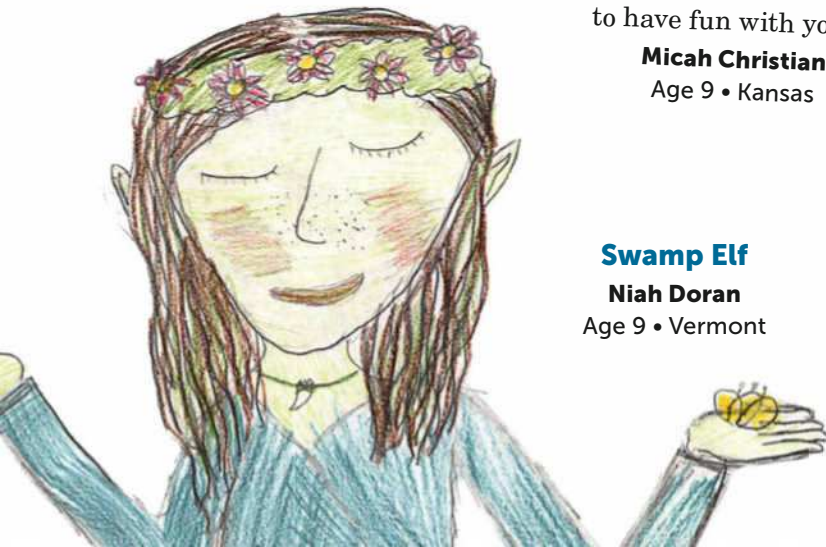
Friends

I make new friends and
hug them tight.
I feel like my choice is right!
We make up games,
have playdates too.
You can make friends
to have fun with you!

Micah Christian
Age 9 • Kansas

Swamp Elf

Niah Doran
Age 9 • Vermont



Have You Seen My Horse Go By?

Greetings from the moonlit night,
Greetings from the sun so bright,
Greetings from the clouds so high,
Have you seen my horse go by?

Little folk, we use the tree,
Also use the bumblebee,
Moths are horses in the sky,
Have you seen *my* horse go by?

He is lost this very night,
I'm searching now, my lantern bright.
To us fairies you can't lie:
Have you seen my horse go by?

Elia Buss
Age 10 • Indiana

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work, so you
might want to
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Jellyfish

By Juli Mayer

**Glowing bright
Translucent bell,
Pulsing body
Made of gel.
Swirling arms,
Twirling swimmer,
Flowing freely—
Ocean glimmer.
I wonder at
Its every feature.
Graceful and
Mysterious creature.**





Water Wonders

Even before dinosaurs roamed the land millions of years ago, jellyfish were drifting on ocean currents. Jellyfish are about 95 percent water, and they have no heart, brain, bones, ears, or eyes. They do have tentacles that sting and tube-like oral arms that pull food to their mouth. Some jellyfish are bioluminescent, meaning they can create their own light.

Jellyfish are known for their painful stings. But they don't purposely sting people. Most stings happen when people accidentally touch the jellyfish.

Tongue Twisters

Willy wanted warm water while washing windows on Wednesday.

Rachel Smith
Age 9 • Massachusetts

FRED'S
FRIES



Fred fries french fries for free!

Caleb Paris
Age 9 • Maine

Answers

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Fun This Month

Check the Reflection



Mystery Photo—Bubble wand.

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What's the Word?

1. Beard. 2. Million.
3. Bowling. 4. Bathtub.
5. Vacation. 6. Pottery.
7. Crowded. 8. Paper.

Double Fun on the Deck

We found these items with double letters: pool, swimmers, goggles, sunscreen, noodle, flippers, eyeglasses, sunglasses, ball, balloon, lollipop, ladder, trees, bottle, and grill. You may have found others.

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Picture Puzzler

The scenes occurred in the following order: B, A, F, H, D, C, G, E.

RIDDLES

1

What did the banana say after it met the doctor?

Sanshray Vakkalagadda, California

2

Who is your best friend at school?

Emily Pearson, Mississippi

3

What does a cow eat when it's sick?

Althea Nelson-Woodard, Connecticut

4

Which instrument is a large bird of prey's favorite?

Ethan Condi, New Hampshire

5

Which baseball player holds the lemonade?

Ava Quarles, New York

6

How does the rabbit keep his fur neat?

Gabrielle King, New Jersey

7

What is a hummingbird's favorite food?

Hannah Hobbs, Texas

8

What was missing from the mythical forest?

Jack Sydnor, Wisconsin

9

How do you stop a rhinoceros from charging?

Rebekah, Illinois

Answers: 1. "I am peeling fine." 2. Your principal. 3. Chicken noodle soup. 4. A harpy. 5. The pitcher. 6. He uses a hairbrush. 7. Hummus. 8. The visitor center. 9. You unplug it.

Brain Play

START

Take your brain on a hike!

What seeds do you see most often?



What might a potato,



a bandanna,



and an octopus have in common?



Which people do you feel most comfortable talking with? Why?



Where do you feel **HAPPIEST?**



If animals could drive, what kind of vehicle would a duck drive?

How are musical notes like alphabet letters?



Honk! sizzle! Roar!

Where might you hear those sounds?



If you could spend part of your day as someone else, would you do it?

WHY OR WHY NOT?

What are some things in fairy tales that really exist?

King me?



THE END



Which flavor of ice cream would you say matches your personality? **WHY?**

I face right, right?



Or is left right?



What details that you see every day are hard to remember?



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Help! I'm doing so many
activities that I keep losing
stuff and getting all mixed up!
—BBBB (Busy Beyond Belief
in Boston)

My Beyond-Busy Summer

By Lissa Rovetch • Art by Amanda Morley

Dear BBBB,

I know how it feels to be so busy that things get jumbled. When I was talking to my mom about summer activities, I said, "I want to do everything!"

"Everything is a lot," my mom said.

"But I really want to be a junior counselor for the Little Dragons Karate Camp. And I *have* to do summer swim team. And Ollie and I already have two customers for our dog-walking business."

"You might be biting off more than you can chew," my mom said.

"Don't worry." I grinned. "I have strong teeth!"

My mom smiled back. "In this case, it's your organizational skills, not your teeth, that need to be strong."

"No problem!" I said.

And the first week really was no problem. My friend Ollie was out of town and karate camp hadn't started, so my swim stuff was all I needed to worry about.

The next week was great too. I swam my fastest freestyle time yet, and a Little Dragon at karate camp told me I was his favorite teacher ever!

I did learn, though,

that staying organized with two activities is harder than with one. My backpack was already stuffed with a towel and swim things, so I had to find a different backpack for my karate gear. Riding my bike from karate camp to the pool with two backpacks was a little bit of a challenge. But I still had it under control—until Ollie got back.

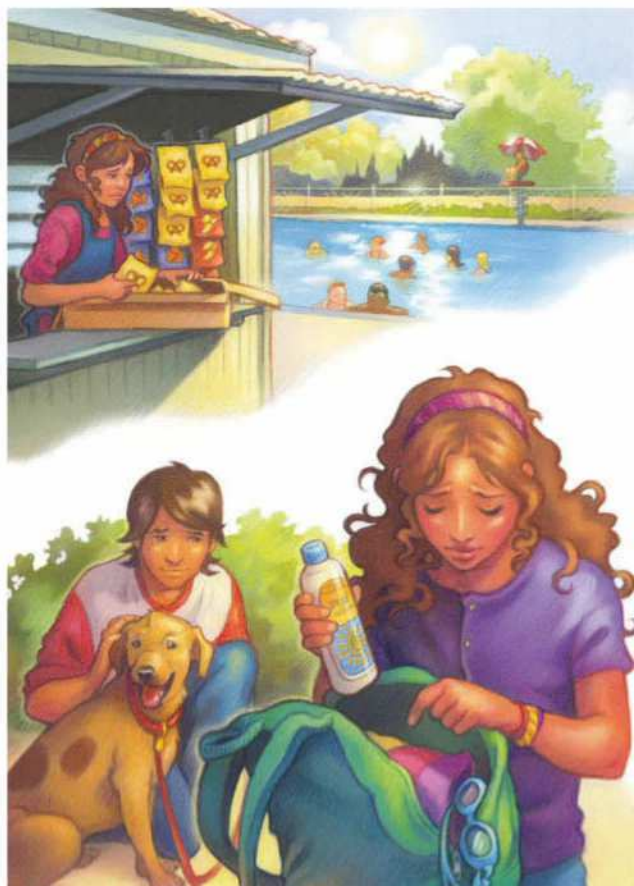
"We're late getting our business together!" he said. "We'll have to spend every spare minute preparing."

"But I don't have any spare minutes!" I said.

"Did you forget we agreed to walk Alfie every Saturday? And Muffin on Tuesdays at 4:00?" Ollie asked.

I couldn't let Ollie down, so I scrounged up a third backpack and filled it with dog toys, treats, and plastic bags.

"There!" I said. "I'm all set."



Boy, was I wrong. It didn't take long for my dog-walking stuff and karate stuff and swim stuff to get all mixed up, forgotten, or lost. One day, I forgot my karate backpack and had to borrow Emma's extra outfit, which was way too small. The next day, I remembered my karate stuff but forgot my swimsuit,

so I had to help out in the snack shack and stay out of the pool all afternoon. And another time, when I reached into my dog-walking pack for plastic bags, all I could find were swim goggles and sunscreen.

To make matters worse, I had to keep track of all these special times: arrive early for the karate test on Monday; stay late to help with pool cleanup on Friday; pick



up Alfie 15 minutes early on Saturday so he's not late to the groomer. And since my schedule system was to scribble notes on random bits of paper—well, let's just say that didn't turn out to be the best method.

I knew I needed to make a change.

Admitting I'm wrong has never been my favorite thing, but I knew I needed to make a change.

"Help!" I flopped onto the couch at the end of a particularly discombobulated day. "Everything's everywhere and nothing's anywhere and I keep being late and messing up. I'm so turned around that I tried to use Alfie's leash as my karate belt!"

Luckily, my parents helped me come up with a system to get organized.

We started with a daily pocket calendar that had room to write all my little

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notes. Then we found three drawstring bags that fit into one big backpack so I could keep my gear separated but still in one place. We also put a whiteboard in the kitchen with brightly colored reminders and a checklist to make sure I had everything I needed. From then on, my beyond-busy summer was smooth sailing.

So, dear BBBB, here are some tips that might make things a little less overwhelming: 1. Try not to sign up for too many activities. I've discovered that doing two major things is my personal limit. 2. Try using some, or all, of the tricks my parents and I came up with to stay organized. 3. If you find yourself using a dog leash as a karate belt, it's probably time to change your routine.

Ciao for now,

Arizona

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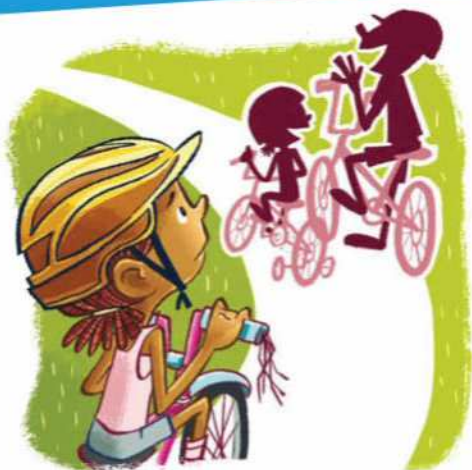


My dog barks every morning at 7:00. Sometimes I like to sleep in. How can I keep my dog from barking before I wake up?

Jethro, California

It's likely your dog barks in the morning because he needs to go outside. Part of being a responsible pet owner is taking your dog out on a regular schedule so he can "do his business." He doesn't understand that you want to sleep in. He just knows what he usually does and needs to do at that time of day.

Your dog may also like being with you so much that he's barking to get your attention. If he has a habit of barking even after his needs have been met, you and your parents might talk to a veterinarian or professional dog trainer about it.



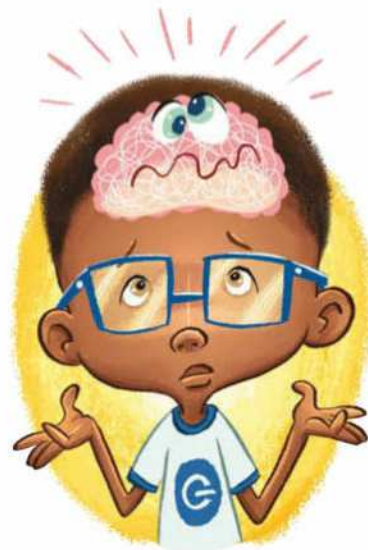
I like to ride my bike with my dad, but he pays more attention to my little sister than to me.

Janiya, North Carolina

Parents sometimes spend more time with younger kids, but that's not because they love them more than the older kids. It's just that little kids require more care and need to be watched carefully. You're older and more independent, but your sister still needs your dad right by her

side. What's important is that the three of you are getting outside for some fresh air and having fun together.

You might talk to your dad and see if you can ride bikes together sometime, just the two of you. It's nice to have one-on-one time every once in a while.



I always use the computer and can't stop. I feel that I'm not getting any smarter and the computer is warping my brain.

P., Illinois

Just like many other people, it is likely that you use the computer out of habit. The only way to break a habit is to force yourself to do something different.

A world of exciting and interesting activities is just waiting for you. Write a list of things you've always wanted to do, learn, make, or try. Refer to this list when you feel the urge to hop on the computer. Hop into a new sport, game, activity, or craft instead!

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