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Absurd Amphisbaena

This strange little monster is supposed to have two snake-like heads, one at each end, but a body like a goose. To add to the mix even more, the amphisbaena has two little ears like a squirrel.

When frightened, one head grabs the other head and the whole monster turns into a sort of hoop and rolls away!

Help the amphisbaena in the center of this maze to roll away from the elves who are trying to catch her.

That’s A-Maze-Ing!

The female amphisbaena may look strange, but she is a very good mother. While one head sleeps, the other one watches the eggs in her nest!
Family Reunion

Find the word “HUGS” 11 times in this happy family reunion. See if you can also find the snake, snowman, kite, teapot, snail, umbrella, lightning bolt, and head of a bunny.
Look Alikes

See if you can find shapes and patterns that are the same in both pictures.

HINT: The shape might be the same, but the way it is used might be completely different! For example, the cloud in the top picture is the same shape as the icing on the cupcake in the bottom picture!
What do you get when you cross a skunk, an owl, and a mountain?

To find the answer to this riddle, think of a word that best fits each of the descriptions below. Write the words on the numbered lines, and then transfer each letter into the numbered grid. The black boxes are the spaces between words.

A. Says "BOO"
   G  H  O  S  T
   42  47  48  1  50

B. To cast a ballot
   44  49  5  4

C. A small clue
   22  23  31  41

D. To push hard
   19  25  37  29  27

E. Opposite of fat
   10  6  43  40

F. To put up a picture
   11  12  17  24

G. A precious jewel
   9  30  3

H. Cousin of a frog
   13  2  46  35

I. Bugs at a picnic
   28  8  15  14

J. Do, Re, or Me
   34  21  20  45

K. Past tense of SAY
   32  33  7  36

L. Long walks
   26  16  18  38  39

To find the answer, fill in the letters as follows:

1A  2H  3G  4B  5B  6E  7K  8I  9G
10E 11F 12F 13H 14I 15I 16L 17F 18L 19D
20J 21J 22C 23C 24F 25D
26L 27D 28I 29D 30G 31C 32K 33K 34J 35H
36K 37D 38L 39L 40E 41C
42A 43E 44B 45J 46H 47A 48A 49B 50A

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Solve each of the following problems. Watch the signs carefully! Shade each answer on the number grid to discover the hidden message. HINT: When there’s an equation with parentheses ( ) around two numbers, do the part of the problem inside the parentheses first.

**HIDDEN MESSAGE:**

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Professor Proof’s bumper sticker tells about his favorite kind of calculation.

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| | (17 x 3) + 3 = | (10 x 8) + 8 = |

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**Stink Pinks**

The answers to Stink Pinks are two rhyming words that each have one syllable. Use the clues to figure these out!

- An intelligent toot
- Seven days of smelliness
- A fish fart
- A hard, quick sniff
- Smell from a moldy camping shelter
- An apple passing gas
- Smelly odor from a liquid you might swallow

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**Disgusting Dump**

It doesn't take much to make a whole can-full of trash smell pretty putrid. Can you find a used diaper, a slimy banana peel, a rotten egg, a half-eaten chicken leg, a bunch of stinky fish bones, moldy wheel of cheese, moldy slice of bread, a dirty sock, and an old onion? For extra “fun,” how many cartons
Bob’s Bad Body Noises

One day Brenda counted her brother Bob making eight different disgusting noises! Can you find how many times Bob made each one? Use a light-colored marker to run a single line of color through each word you find. Make a mark in the box next to a word each time you find it.

EXTRA FUN: Use a dark marker to color all the letters X. What do you see when you’re done?

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**BELCH**

Moving Around

See if you can use logic to solve the puzzle about four fast friends: Gary, Harry, Larry, and Mary who lived in Los Angeles. One day, the four friends got news that they would be moving to four different cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, and Dallas. By listening to their parents talk, the friends learned the following:

✱ Gary’s family was moving to either Boston or Dallas.
✱ Harry’s family was not moving to either Boston or Chicago.
✱ Either Harry or Mary was moving to Atlanta.
✱ If Harry moves to Atlanta, then Gary moves to Chicago.
✱ If Larry moves to Chicago, then Gary does not move to Dallas.

Who is moving where? Use the table to figure out the answer.

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Picture Writing

The ancient Egyptians used beautiful writing called “hieroglyphics,” made up of 24 basic pictures used to spell out words. There were also pictures to show who or what was being written about, and other pictures to describe actions. Altogether, there were more than 700 different pictures and symbols! Egyptians were pretty flexible about their writing—hieroglyphics can be read from left to right (like our language) or from right to left. How do you know which way to read? You look at which way the animal characters are facing. If their noses point to the left, you read from left to right. It’s like watching a parade!

Keep track of the hieroglyphics you pass from START to END. Copy each one into the blank space provided. When you’re finished, see which pharaoh’s name you have spelled.

That’s A-Maze-Ing!

No one uses hieroglyphics today, but there are plenty of examples left in the tombs and temples. Even ancient grocery lists and pages of math homework have been found!

Hatshepsut  Tutankhamun  Ramses II
Ride the Bus

Look carefully at these two buses and see if you can find the hidden pencil, snail, capital letter E, lightning bolt, umbrella, and book.

EXTRA FUN: See if you can find four other things that are different between the bus on the top and the bus on the bottom.
Idiotic Idioms
An idiom is a phrase that cannot be understood from the meanings of the separate words in it.
Look at the pictures and see if you can guess the expressions for the following meanings.

1. All at once

2. Try something new

3. To study

4. On top of things

5. Undecided

6. Tell a secret

7. Get some sleep
Funky Fertilizer

These two farmers are having quite a conversation about their cows’ stinky manure. To see what they are saying to each other, figure out where each puzzle piece goes in the empty grids. Then, write the letters in their proper places.
Losing Lunch

Have a friend help you finish this story. Don’t show them the story first! Ask your helper for the kind of word needed for each blank line (a description is written underneath). Write in the words your helper chooses, then read the story out loud.

EXTRA FUN: Use a pencil, then you can erase the words and try again!

(__________) I had a (__________) stomach ache. I don’t know why! At lunch I only ate (_______) (food item, plural) and (_________) (big number) (different food item, plural). For dessert I had (_______) (number) (food item, plural). By the time I got home, I felt (__________) (awful adjective). My stomach started (__________) (action word) and my face turned (______) (color). I ran for the bathroom, but my (__________) (awful adjective) brother, (______), was in there. Sometimes he stays in there for (______) (big number) hours.

Oh no! So I ran into the (__________) (room in your house, not the bathroom), instead, and threw up in a (__________) (container).

I felt much better after that!
Silly Chefs

Can you find nine words that might be used when describing the creations these silly chefs are cooking up? Look for: yum, slurp, delicious, good, tasty, munch, wonderful, sweet, and hot..

Extra Fun: While you are browsing in this kitchen, also look for the hidden knife, fork, oven mitt, cookbook, and measuring cup.
Why did that guy . . .

To find the answer to this riddle, think of a word that best fits each of the descriptions at right. Write the words on the numbered lines, and then transfer each letter into the numbered grid.

A. Robe worn by superheroes

B. Autumn fruit

C. Meat or veggies cooked in broth

D. To annoy

E. Not hard

Why did that guy bring toilet paper to a birthday party?
IN THE ENCHANTED KINGDOM

The logic puzzles on this page take place in an enchanted kingdom, at a castle inhabited by four princesses—Ruby, Sapphire, Jade, and Topaz—as well as their mother, Queen Diamond, and their four pet dragons.

Taming Dragons

These princesses don’t need anyone to rescue them—they are dragon tamers and have four days to tame their four dragons. Every day, each one must work with a different dragon. On the second day, Ruby tamed Spitfire and Sapphire tamed Forktail. On the third day, Jade tamed Blaze and Topaz tamed Smokey. On the fourth day, Sapphire tamed Smokey and Topaz tamed Forktail. Which dragon did each princess tame on each day?

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The Marriage Proposal

Prince Pyrite came to the enchanted castle to ask for Princess Ruby’s hand in marriage, but Ruby didn’t like him. The Queen didn’t want to offend Prince Pyrite, who was her guest, so she told him to go to her garden and put one black and one white pebble into his purse. If Ruby picks a black pebble, they will marry. If she picks a white one, the prince will have to go home alone.

As the prince went out to the garden, Ruby followed him and saw him put two black pebbles into the purse. At first, she’s dismayed but then gets an idea. How can Ruby trick the prince?
Clean the Fridge!

Know how leftovers get when they have been in the fridge a reeeeeaaaallly long time? Fit the eighteen words that describe how gross they look (and smell) into the grid, right. When you are done, read down the shaded column to find the answer to the riddle. We left you a few L-E-F-T-O-V-E-R-S to help!

SLIMY  TOXIC
STINKY  ROTTEN
MOLDY  OOZING
SCARY  CRUSTY
PUTRID  SMELLY
GREEN  YUCKY
RANCID  FETID
NASTY  WEIRD
FIZZY  VOMITOUS

What do leftovers turn into if you leave them in the fridge too long?
Hink Pinks
The answers to Hink Pinks are two rhyming words of one syllable each. We did the first one for you!

1. happy boy ................................ G L A D   L A D
2. not real reptile ........................... _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. splendid group
   of musicians.............................. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
4. a group yell .............................. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. a skinny female ruler............... _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. a large branch............................ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. a cold swimming place............... _ _ _ _ _ _ _
8. a drink at noon .......................... _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
9. a made smaller
   black & white animal............... _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
10. a ditch in Paris......................... _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Onomatopoeia
Onomatopoeia simply means a word that sounds like its meaning, for example click or hum. Look at the pictures below and see if you can find their sounds in the letter grid.
Tea Time

The Thompson kids are having a tea party. Can you find at least 20 things that start with the letter “T”? EXTRA FUN: Try and find 10 more “T” words!
Crazy Crayons

Crayons were originally made in Europe around the 1700s and were imported into this country at a high price. Nowadays, crayons are made in the United States by mixing a few types of waxes, such as paraffin, beeswax, and carnauba wax. The waxes are melted in a huge pot. Workers then add colored powders to make thousands of different shades. Today you can find so many varieties of crayons—basic colors, neon shades, multicolored crayons, and crayons with glitter inside!

In 1996, the Binney & Smith Company produced the 100 billionth Crayola™ Crayon!

That's A-Maze-Ing!

Start coloring the path with one crayon. Fill in the whole path from side to side. When you come to a dot, switch colors. Do this all the way to the center.

How many different colors do you think it will take to get to the middle of this maze?
Feed Me

I am a plant that eats flesh. I like ants, spiders, and juicy bugs. When an insect lands in my open mouth—SNAP! I slam shut and trap the bug inside where it is slowly digested. Use a dark color to fill in the shapes that have the letters F-E-E-D M-E. The leftover white shapes will show what kind of predatory plant I am.
Awfully Ancient

For more than 3,000 years humanity has been plagued by an infectious disease called “leprosy” which attacks the nerves of the hands, feet, and face. Doctors only found a way to treat it about 50 years ago. However, if left untreated, leprosy can have some awful results!

In each row, cross out the letters that appear more than three times. The remaining letters will spell out the answers.

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

Nail Biter

Use this hint to break the coded answer.

Flip Flop

*Doctor, Doctor! How can I stop biting my nails?*

WEAR YOUR SHOES!
Answers

page 1 • Absurd Amphisbaena

page 2 • Family Reunion

page 3 • Look Alikes

All the circled objects and patterns in the top picture are repeated in the bottom picture.

page 4 • What do you get . . .

A. Says "BOO"
B. To cast a ballot
C. A small clue
D. To push hard

E. Opposite of fat
F. To put up a picture
G. A precious jewel
H. Cousin of a frog

I. Bugs at a picnic
J. Do, Re, or Me
K. Past tense of SAY
L. Long walks

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T O A D

H I K E S

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What do you get . . .

A. Says "BOO"  B. To cast a ballot  C. A small clue  D. To push hard

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S H O V E  T O A D  H I K E S

page 5 • It's My Favorite

I LOVE TO ADD
Answers

page 6 • Stink
Pinks

An intelligent toot
SMART FART

Seven days of smelliness
REEK WEEK

A fish fart
BASS GAS

A hard, quick sniff
STIFF WHIFF

Smell from a moldy camping shelter
TENT SCENT

An apple passing gas
FRUIT TOOT

Smelly odor from a liquid you might swallow
DRINK STINK

disgusting dump
five cartons of sour milk

page 7 • Bob’s Bad Body Noises

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page 8 • Moving Around
Gary is moving to Boston, Harry is moving to Dallas, Larry is moving to Chicago, Mary is moving to Atlanta.
Answers

Idiotic Idioms

Answers:
1. cold turkey
2. get your feet wet
3. hit the books
4. on the ball
5. on the fence
6. let the cat out of the bag
7. catch some Z's

Funky Fertilizer

What are you doing with all that manure?

I'm putting it on my corn.

Losing Lunch

Everyone's story will be different.
Here's a sample:

(MONDAY) I had a (GOOEY) stomach ache. I don't know why! At lunch I only ate (47) (PIZZAS) and (312) (TWINKIES)!

For dessert I had (120) (RAISINS). By the time I got home, I felt (MOLDY). My stomach started (JUMPING) and my face turned (AQUA) color. I ran for the bathroom, but my (STICKY) brother, (ALFRED), was in there. Sometimes he stays in there for (32) hours.

Oh no! So I ran into the (LAUNDRY ROOM), instead, and threw up in a (PENCIL HOLDER). I felt much better after that!

Silly Chefs

SLURP

GOOD

WONDERFUL

DELICIOUS

MUNCH

YUM

HOT

KISS THE COOK

FAT

PASTA PALACE
**Answers**

**page 15 • Why did that guy...**

**page 16 • Taming Dragons**

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**page 16 • The Marriage Proposal**

Ruby can take out one pebble and “accidentally” drop it into the river. Then, she’ll insist that the pebble was white. Since the other pebble in the purse is black, everyone has to assume that she dropped the white pebble—and she won’t have to marry the sneaky prince!

**page 17 • Clean the Fridge!**

**Hink Pinks**

Answers:

1. happy boy = glad lad
2. not real reptile = fake snake
3. splendid group of musicians = grand band
4. a group yell = team scream
5. a skinny female ruler = lean queen
6. a large branch = big twig
7. a cold swimming place = cool pool
8. a drink at noon = lunch punch
9. a made smaller black & white animal = shrunk skunk
10. a ditch in Paris = French trench
top hat, three, teeth, thumb, teacup, triangles, tassles, tablecloth, teapot, treats, teaspoon, turtle-neck, tiara, turtle, telephone, thumbtack, tree, tulips, tabby cat, tail, table, teddy bear, tie, tile floor, truck, tires, top, tag, tricycle, tennis ball, toy soldier, trumpet, toes, TV.

You would need 22 different colors to make it to the center of this maze!

**Tea Time**

**Crazy Crayons**

**Feed Me**

**Awfully Ancient**

WEAR YOUR SHOES!