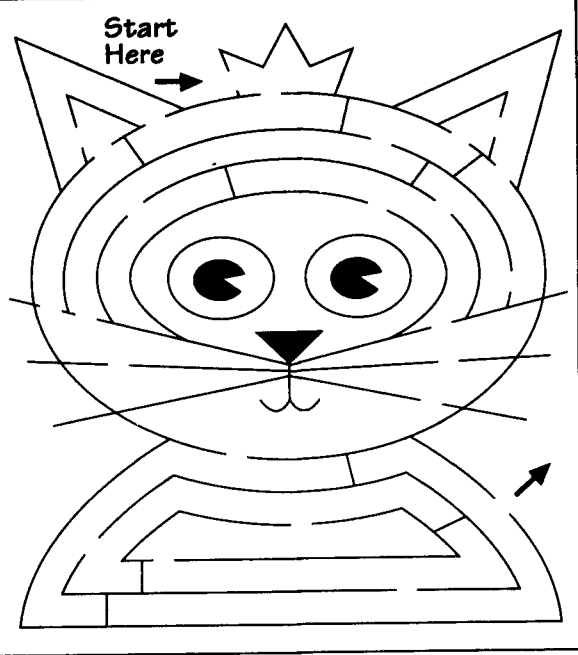
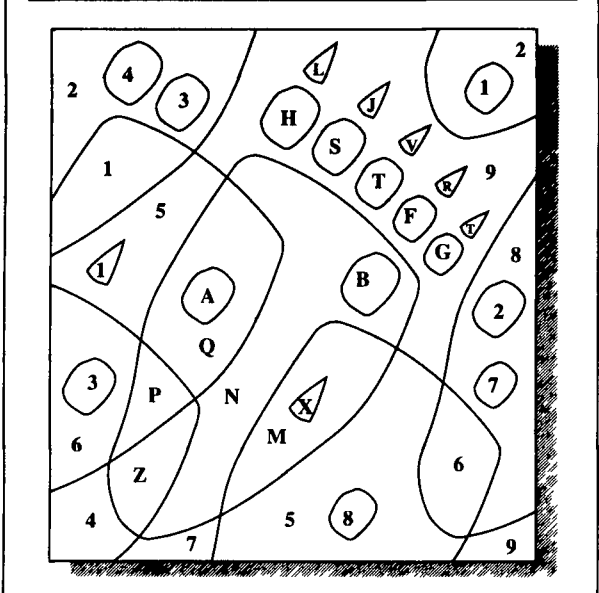


Kids Korneer

MAZE



HIDDEN PICTURE



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SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| AUGUST | JULY | NOVEMBER |
| DECEMBER | JUNE | OCTOBER |
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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Never Hear 'I'm Bored' Again This Summer

(NAPS)— As the summer stretches out for kids, they wonder how to spend their time and turn to parents for answers. Fortunately, Disney's Web site, Family.com, offers a variety of entertaining activities that parents can get underway in a flash and involve minimal expense. From backyard fun to exciting day trips, here are a few ideas to keep your children cool

and busy during these warmer months. •In the game of **Cold Potato**, all you need are balloons, a safety pin and water faucet, and quick reflexes to play. Simply using the pin, poke a hole in the bottom of the balloon. Then fill it with water so it becomes a slow-leaking water bomb. Players stand in a circle and toss the balloon around—

don't be the one holding the balloon when it runs out of water. •In the **Great Foot Freeze**, fill a child's wading pool with water and lots of ice cubes, plus a plastic bowl or bucket for each participant. Players sit around the edge of

the pool with feet hanging over the water. At "Go," players race to move the ice cubes out of the water and into their bowls within a designated time period. The catch is they can only use their feet. The person with the most

ice cubes wins. •For **Splash Tag** you need a big, soft sponge and buckets of water. One person has to be "It" who will try to tag the other players by throwing the wet sponge. (Turn to Page B11)

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Answers

I've got the answers!!

Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK

Why are cicadas so noisy?

The dog days of summer mean the dog-day cicadas will be ticking and buzzing in your backyards soon. Cicadas (say si-KAY-duhs) are often mistaken for locust which are really grasshoppers. But cicadas aren't even closely related to grasshoppers; cicadas are actually relatives of aphids, leafhoppers and other bugs. And — if you listen closely — you can hear that cicadas make sounds like no other insect around.

Most insects chirp by rubbing their wings together or against another part of their body, such as the leg. But a cicada's sound comes from inside its body. In the lower part of a cicada's thorax — the section where the wings and legs attach — two hollow cavities are covered with membranes, which act like a drum. Attached to the membranes are muscles that the cicada contracts and releases to beat out its special sound.

But one little cicada can't orchestrate the nighttime symphony you typically hear. That sound comes from a group of cicadas.

Here's what happens: Nymphs, or immature, wingless cicadas, overwinter under the ground near tree roots. When they are mature, they will tunnel up to the surface and latch onto a tree trunk. Then, a mature, winged cicada emerges from the crusty exoskeleton of the nymph. Immediately the males begin to make their distinct sounds to attract females, so they can start the cycle all over again.

A close relative of the dog-day cicada, called the periodical cicadas, come out in such large numbers that people can sometimes hear their racket from a mile away!

Scientifically yours, Twig

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