

# Kids Korne

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BEDROLL	CHAPS	LASSO
BIT	GUN	REINS
BOOTS	HAT	SADDLE
CANTEEN	HORSE	SPURS

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS

A	S	C	H	A	P	S	D	F	V
D	S	A	D	D	L	E	Z	N	M
F	T	N	G	Y	U	I	M	S	E
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U	P	Q	D	W	I	K	L	A	R

## MAZE

## HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

# Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK

**Why is my poinsettia still green?**

It's fun to save your poinsettia from one year to the next. But, poinsettias need more than fertilizer to change into those pretty red, pink or white flowers you always see during the holidays. They need to be put in the dark!

That's right — the dark. While all plants need a certain amount of sunlight, some also need a period of darkness to bloom. If the poinsettias were growing outdoors, they would get just the right amount of each because the days shorten in the fall and the nights lengthen. The longer period of darkness triggers a certain chemical in the poinsettia that makes them start to change colors. Our floriculturist friends call this timing between daytime and nighttime a "photoperiod."

Because of the shorter days in the fall, poinsettias normally would begin to bloom about the first week of December. That's not when marketers want them to bloom, so florists and nurseries trick the plants into thinking there's still a lot of sun by putting them under artificial lights, starting in late summer. That extra light stops the poinsettia from turning on the switches that make them flower. Then, about 10 weeks before the plants should be in full bloom, the nurseries turn off the additional lights and let nature take over. The long nights ensure the poinsettias inside greenhouses get the darkness they need each night to bloom.

But if you are growing poinsettias inside your house, you need to put them in a closet for about 14 hours a day. That's because the light you need to see at night is enough to keep the poinsettias from blooming!

Scientifically yours, *Twig*

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## Drug Abuse D.A.R.E. = Resistance Education

Some of you may have already had D.A.R.E. presentations in your classrooms, or you may know a little about the program. The D.A.R.E. program was developed to help you avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

### A little history . . .

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles. About 70 percent of school districts throughout the country have a D.A.R.E. program, as do more than 30 countries around the world.

A specially trained police officer teaches kindergarten to 12th-grade students how to resist peer pressure and live drug- and violence-free lives.

### The program . . .

D.A.R.E. was developed to help you learn the skills to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

In the 17 lessons of the program, kids learn how to make decisions, work out problems and to communicate better.

### A D.A.R.E. officer . . .

Greg Layne is a police officer in Tremont, a small town in central Illinois. He is also a D.A.R.E. officer.

Every Friday, Layne works with students in three fifth-grade classes for about 45 minutes. In addition to the classroom sessions, Layne visits other classes and attends civic meetings to talk about D.A.R.E.

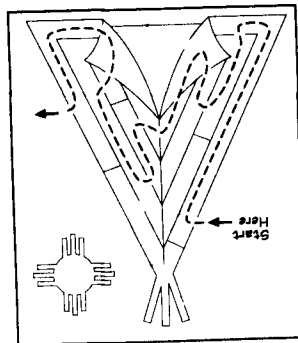
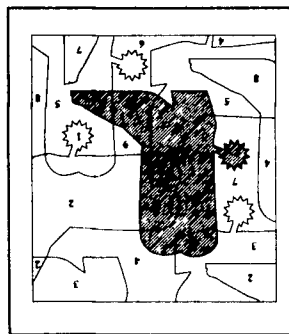
Layne enjoys working with children, and he says he wanted "the children to get to know me and the police department better. I wanted the kids to know that they had a friend."

In order to become a D.A.R.E. officer, Layne had to go to the State Police Academy in Springfield, Illinois, for an interview. Then he had two weeks of classroom training at the academy and visited a classroom for one lesson plan.

"The kids have been very receptive of me and the program," Layne says. "It shows them ways to be better people. It helps guide them through tough times in their lives and gives them ways to deal with them. It also shows them that the police are here to help."

Layne says the program is "fun, challenging and most of all, rewarding. It means a chance to make a difference, not only in my community, but where it counts in our children's lives."

## ANSWERS



V	S	C	H	A	P	S	D	F	V
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