

Kids Korner



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BORING | HUMDRUM | SLOW |
| DRAGGY | INACTIVE | SLUGGISH |
| DULL | MODERATE | TEDIOUS |
| GRADUAL | MONOTONOUS | TIRESOME |

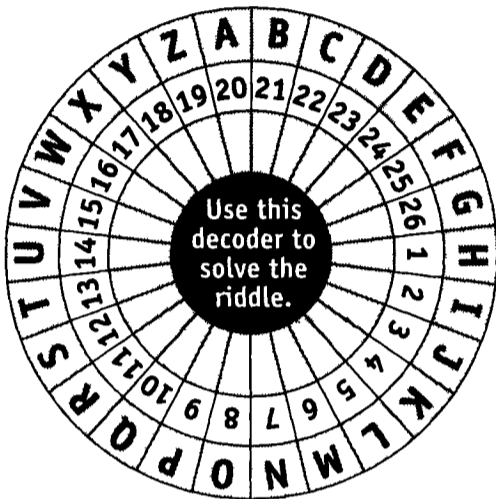
THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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 T G A R W R E T T E
 T I R E S O M E I T
 Z S G V N B M A V S
 R H U M D R U M E D

SECRET CODE

What travels around the world but stays in a corner?

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Squiggly, Wiggly Worms



Ever notice how you find worms in the yard after it rains? When you dig in the dirt you might run into them, too. But did you know they're good for more than fish bait?

They actually make the dirt good for growing healthy plants and food by increasing the amount of water and air that gets into soil. They break down leaves and grass so plants can use them, and they leave behind castings, which make a great fertilizer.

It's hard to tell one end from another when you see a worm. Even though they don't have a head like other animals, they have a head end, called the anterior. Their tail end is called the posterior. At the front end, the prostomium, a flap of skin, hangs over the worm's mouth to keep out stuff the worm doesn't like.

In between the ends, worms' bodies have a lot of rings called segments. A full-grown worm has 120 to 170 segments. Worms also have a band around their bodies called the clitellum. The clitellum helps form cocoons, and baby worms hatch from the cocoons.

Worms move with the help of their muscles. Circular muscles tighten to make their bodies long and thin, which moves the front end forward. Then long muscles squeeze together to move the rear end of the body toward the front end.

Even though worms have five hearts, they don't have lungs. Instead they breathe through their skin. In order for oxygen to get in though, their skin has to stay wet. But too much water can drown them.

To learn more about worms, visit the Web site www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/worms/index.html.

Worms like to eat:

- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Cereals
- Cornmeal
- Crushed eggshells
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Newspaper

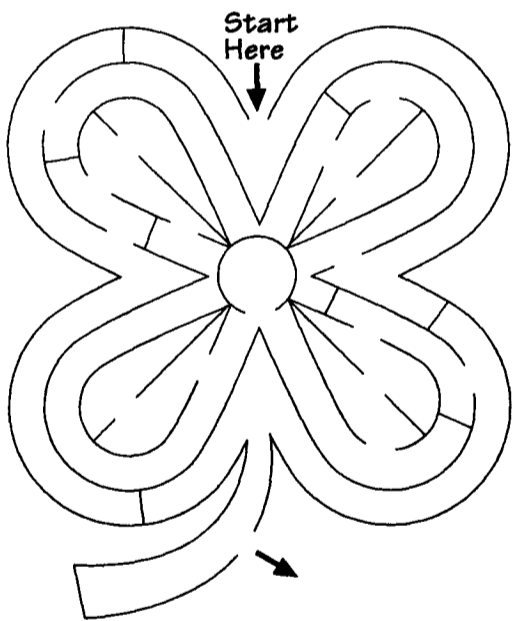
Worms don't like:

- Meat or chicken
- Animal bones
- Cheese
- Mayonnaise
- Greasy food
- Slick, colored paper

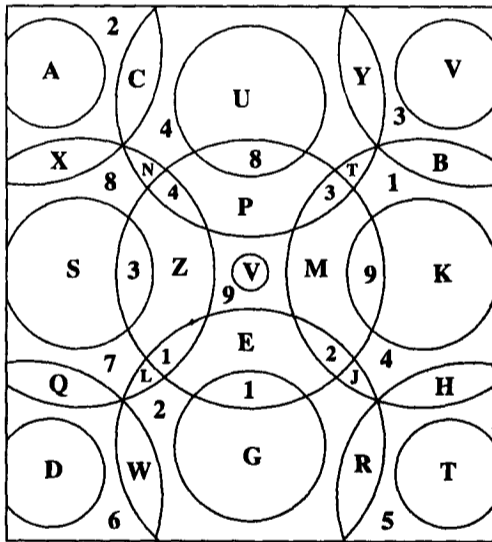
Worm Facts

- Earthworms came to the United States in plants that Pilgrims brought.
- Worms have no arms, legs or eyes.
- There are about 2,700 kinds of worms.
- The longest earthworm ever found was 22 feet long.
- If it's cut off, a worm can grow a new tail. However, a worm can't grow a new head.
- There can be more than 1 million worms in one acre of land.
- Baby worms are smaller than a piece of rice when they hatch.
- If exposed to light for too long, worms become paralyzed.
- Each day, a worm can eat its weight.

MAZE



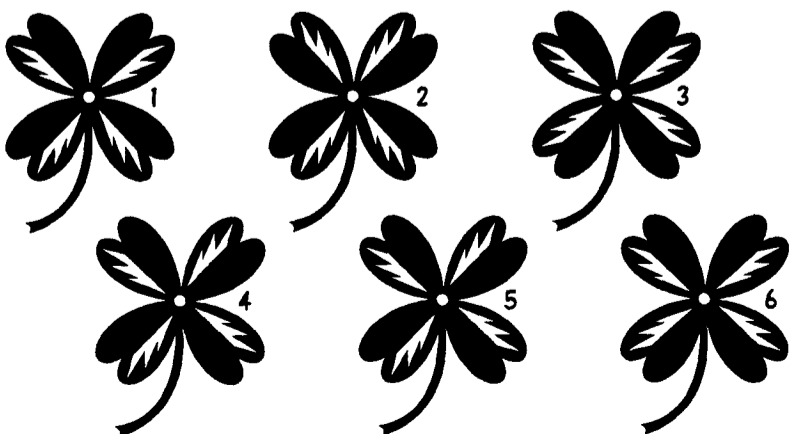
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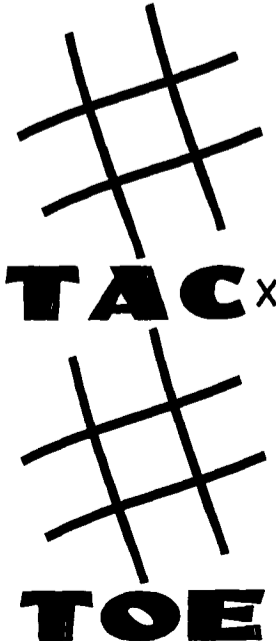
FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER THREE AND SIX

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Answers

