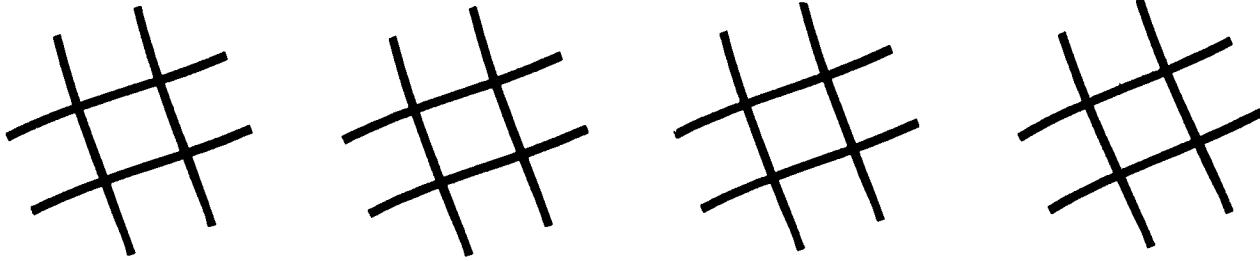


Kids Korner

TIC TAC TOE



Connect the dots

MAZE

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

ARROWS	CHOCOLATE	LOVE
BOW	CUPID	PARTY
CANDY	FLOWERS	SWEETHEART
CARDS	HEARTS	VALENTINE

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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

Learn Some French

les fruits le panier

The fruit is in the basket.
 Les fruits sont dans le panier.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

ANSWER FOUR AND FIVE

TIC TAC TOE

Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate

It's Valentine's Day, and what better way to celebrate than with chocolate? After all, we do spend more than \$7 billion a year on chocolate, and in the United States alone, we eat 2.8 billion pounds each year.

Maybe it's hard to believe, but the wonderful taste so many people crave starts with a bean—the cacao bean—which has been smashed and drunk or eaten for centuries. The cacao bean was considered a gift of the gods in some ancient cultures, and it was worshipped as an idol in others. People would roast and grind the seeds into a paste that was mixed with water to make a drink they thought brought wisdom and knowledge.

It wasn't until the mid-1600s that this drink started to gain in popularity throughout the world. But by the 1700s, "chocolate" houses were as popular as coffee houses in England. In the early 1800s, Conrad Van Houten, a Dutch chemist, invented a press that squeezed out the cocoa butter, which was then blended with sugar. This process meant that chocolate was available and more affordable for the masses.

A Swiss chemist, Henri Nestlé, developed a special milk for babies. Daniel Peters, a Swiss chocolate manufacturer, blended this milk with his chocolate. That's when *milk chocolate* was born.

Chocolate was introduced to the United States in 1765. Milton Hershey started the Hershey Chocolate Company in 1894 and sold cocoa, baking chocolate and sweet chocolate. Hershey mass-produced a chocolate bar that was more affordable for consumers.

The United States leads the world in importing cocoa beans and chocolate production, and Americans each eat 12 pounds of chocolate a year.

The Most Popular Doll In The World

When a young girl named Barbara played with paper dolls, she imagined them in grownup roles. Her mother, who just happened to be a founder of the toy company Mattel, decided there was a need for a sophisticated doll. So in 1959, Ruth Handler created the Barbie doll—a three dimensional, fashionable doll named after her daughter.

Her wardrobe first included a black and white striped swimsuit, a nightie, and classics such as the Gay Parisienne and Roman Holiday outfits. Those outfits were all popular during that era. Throughout her lifetime, Barbie has continued to be on the cutting edge of fashion.

Barbie was given bendable legs in 1965, and she began talking in 1968.

Barbie has had a number of relatives and friends, including:

Skipper—little sister, 1964	Ken—boyfriend, 1961
Francie—cousin, 1966-67	Midge—best friend, 1963-67
Jazzie—cousin, 1989	Christie—friend, 1968
Stacie—littlest sister, 1992	Kayla—dance club, 1989
Kelly—baby sister, 1995	Kira—friend, 1990

Quick Facts About Barbie

- More than 105 million yards of material have been used to make Barbie fashions.
- The Royal Splendor™ doll wears a gown decorated with 62,000 stitches of embroidery.
- Barbie's famous friends include the model Twiggy (1967) and M C Hammer (1991).
- The Totally Hair™ Barbie, with hair from her head to her toes, is the best-selling doll.
- Barbie has more than a billion pairs of shoes.
- Her full name is Barbie Millicent Roberts. Her hometown is Willows, Wisconsin, and she attended Willows High School.
- Barbie is sold in more than 140 countries around the world.

Answers

A	S	H	R	T	Y	U	V	I	E
S	W	E	E	T	H	E	A	R	T
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