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EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

The tenth issue of VERVE is cordially welcomed by the Eleventh graders of this academic year 2022-2023. Students at JSS Private School, Dubai edit and publish the online student journal VERVE once a month. In addition to a few noteworthy remarks from parents and teachers, we are always glad to share some of the most significant occasions. The graduation ceremony was one such occasion.

VERVE intends to highlight our students as the main contributors of the content and helps to build a solid framework that serves as a launching pad for youngsters into the world outside of school. The senior secondary students are getting ready for their board examinations. We wish them all the best.

We would like to place on record our gratitude to CEO Mr. Govindrao Naik, as well as to our Principal Ms. Chitra Sharma and Vice-Principal Ms. Bindhu Rajiv, for their continued support and guidance.

Team VERVE



HIGHLIGHTS

From Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN SPORTS MEET

The Annual Kindergarten Sports Meet 2022-23 - The Jungle Jamboree at JSSPS was a fun-filled day with lots of games and sports revolving around nature and animals on the verge of extinction.

The highlight being “Save Animals” drill and “Animal Yoga” was enjoyed by the parents’ spectators as well as the guests of honor and Japanese school.

This initiative created the much-needed awareness and taught the importance of physical education in our lives.



PRE-KG REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of 74th Indian Republic Day, our little ones of Pre Kindergarten participated enthusiastically by making and learning about the colors of the flag. WELL done!





HIGHLIGHTS

from Primary school

ANNUAL DAY

Annual sports day Sports develops a sense of friendliness among the children and builds their team spirit. It also helps children to develop mental and physical toughness. It is an integral part of education and hence children were taught various sorts of games along with their regular PE lessons.

The massive success behind this year's annual sports day is the sum total of the tireless efforts of our students and the seamless coaching given by our PE teachers.

The flexibility and coordination shown by our students who performed the climate change drill was an amazingly beautiful visual treat that impressed the audience to the full and everyone was mesmerized to see the incredible level of energy and enthusiasm during various track events and interclass races. With everyone enjoying as one big family, the event was another feather in the cap of JSSPS



INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY

International Lego day was observed on January 28 yearly to celebrate these fantastic and enriching toys.

JSSPS Kindergarten took active participation on this occasion as playing Lego is perfect for young children to foster critical thinking, coordinated movements, dexterity, strength in the fingers, and concentration, and that's only the tip of the iceberg.

Lego is beyond these as it fosters a child's imagination!



ASSET

ASSET or Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing is a skill-based assessment to motivate students to advance intellectually.

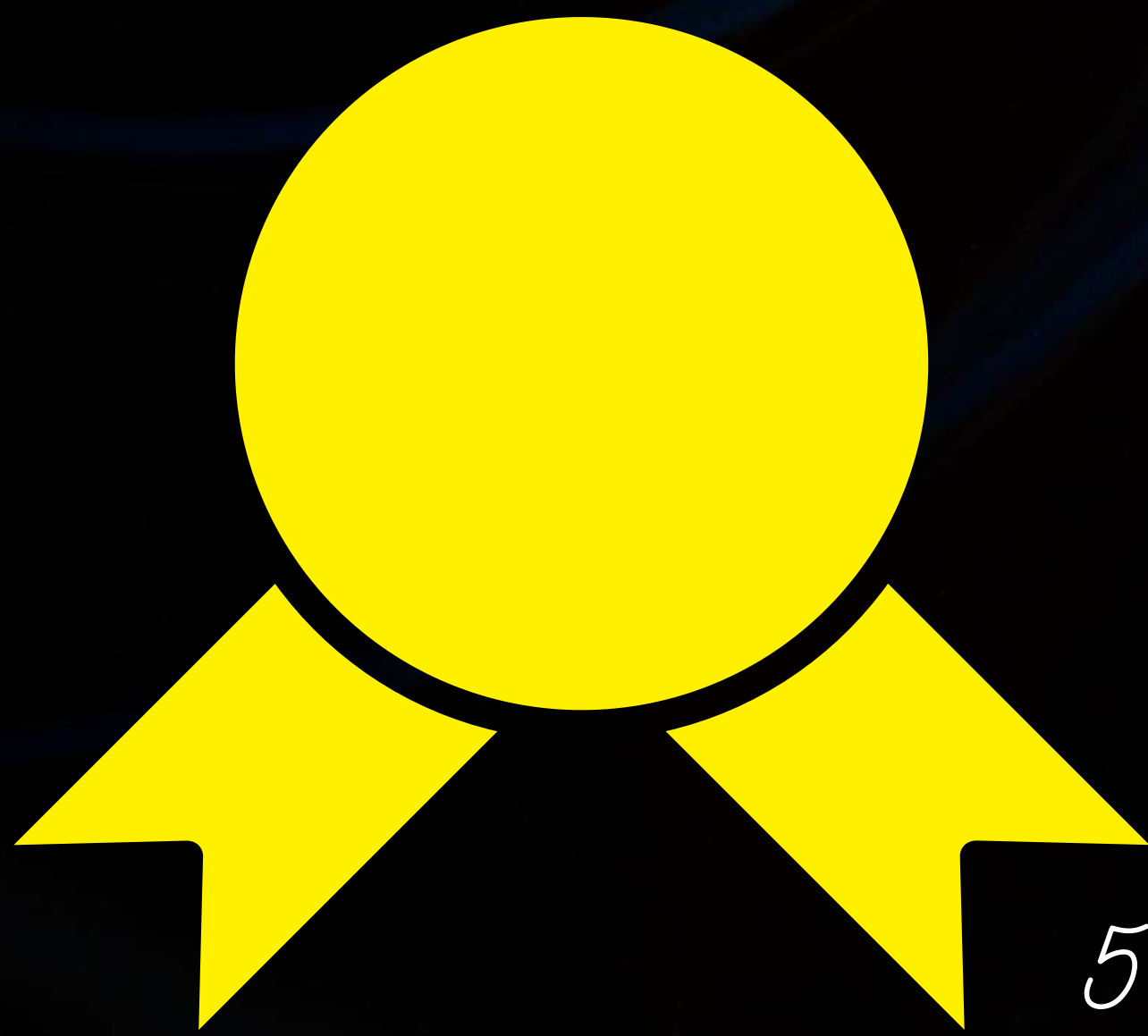
This assessment is conducted in main subjects, ie., English, Math and EVS. Our prime focus this week has been to have regular interventions to help our students perform better in their ASSET examination. ABTS 2 at all levels are also being conducted for better clarity and understanding.

- Along with ASSET interventions, regular revision of concepts and lessons are also being done in class to clarify students' doubts before their PA 2 examination scheduled for this month





Hall Of Fame



CONGRATULATIONS! ACHINTHYA RAO

Achintya Rao of Grade 4A from JSS Private School has scored 40 out of 40 in International English Olympiad and bagged International Rank 1. He is eligible for Level 2 exam. Achintya has also scored 51st Rank in 12th National Geography Olympiad and he is eligible for Level 2.



CONGRATULATIONS!

RISH PENHA

Rish Penha of Grade 3 from JSS Private School has won the runners up in the boys category- Penalty Shootout, 2022, 6th edition. The event was organized by Al Etihad Sports Academy held at American International school, Dubai.



MAKAR SANKRANTI

Makar Sankranti marks the arrival of spring season and it is one of the auspicious festival celebrated in India. JSSPS celebrated this festival on Tuesday 10th January 2023 with great gusto and enthusiasm. On the occasion, the children showed their innovative, creative and artistic sides by making kites of vibrant and glittering colours. Students were taken to school ground and they had an exciting kite flying...experience. It was a sight to behold little children running around happily and joyfully flying their kites.



CONGRATULATIONS!

GIRLS SWIMMING TEAM

Congratulations to our Girls Swimmers who won the fourth Prize in Medley Relay And our Boys bagged 11 medals, one silver and 10 bronze in the CBSE Cluster Swimming Championship at Gems Millennium School. It was a privilege to be able to support so many of our swimmers and see them all do so well. More importantly, it was great to see them get behind each other and support everyone in every race.



CONGRATULATIONS!

NAZRA GRADE 3G

Nazra of Grade 3 from JSS Private School has won the third prize in CBSE CLUSTER 50m Butterfly Swimming Race. The event was organized by Gems Millennium School, Dubai.





HIGHLIGHTS

From Middle school

S4L ACTIVITY

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MADAM VARKEY PITCH PERFECT COMPETITION.

Parv of Grade 4 from JSS Private School participated in the Madam Varkey Pitch Perfect Competition. The event was organized by Gems Our Own English High School, Dubai.



4th All Stars Swimming Championship



Nazra secured

- 1st place - 50 Meter Fly.
- 3rd place - 50 Meter Free
- 4th place - 200 Meter Individual Medley
- 4th place - 50 Meter Back.



**Nazra Nishad
Grade 3**

ALL STARS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Nazra Nishad from Grade 3G of JSS Private School has participated in the 4th All Stars Swimming Championship held by The Academy of All Stars Sports in cooperation with the Dubai Sports Council, on the 7th and 8th of January.



HIGHLIGHTS

from High school

GRADUATION DAY

Determination, strategy and vision for the future are our real resources in the quest for excellence and success.”

The graduation ceremony, JSSPS DUNES:Timeless Transformation, for grade 12 was organized with great pomp and splendor on 21st January, 2023 in the school auditorium. The chief guest for the event was Mr. R. Lakshmanan. The event of such magnitude would surely be a day to remember and celebrate forever in the life of our young graduates. Wishing them all the happiness and success in their future years of life ..



JUNK KOUTURE

WINNER - 2022 WORLD FINAL , Abu Dhabi Designer of the Year Award at the 1st Junk Kouture World Event.

The judges Fabio Piras, Mehreen Baig, Lise Pierron interact with the contestants to understand the inspiration and the message being conveyed through the design.

Congratulations to the winning team



WINNER OF KENKEN

My sincere gratitude to ADRO, along with the government of UAE for hosting the KENKEN International Competition in Abu Dhabi.

Not only it provides a great experience and exposure for budding mathematicians like me, but also it enhanced my reasoning skills, problem-solving aptitude, perseverance, and concentration.

It has indeed been a memorable journey and I am on cloud nine with an International KENKEN First Runners up trophy beside me

. I would like to thank my parents, JSSPS management and the entire KENKEN team and teachers for their relentless support.

- Shaivi Mehul , Grade 12 student





EVENTS



PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is a celebratory day observed on 9 January by the Republic of India to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

This year, the student diaspora was also invited to this prestigious event. JSS Private School was privileged to be part of the PBD this year. With the support and coordination from the Indian consulate, a team of 34 JSSPSites with two teachers Mr. Subodh Dhyani and Mrs. Priya Biju attended this route marking event which took place in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 8th to 10th January, 2023.

The team landed on 7th Jan in Indore and was welcomed warmly by the Ministers and delegates of the Madhya Pradesh Tourism board in a way befitting the concept of 'Adhithi Devo Bhava'. The students were made to feel special with the traditional flower garlands, kumkum tikka and a silk shawl.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas commenced on 8th January and was held in the Brilliant Convention Centre, Vidya Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It was an extensive and vibrant ceremony spanning over three days and included sessions and workshops by a variety of delegates who are successful in various walks of life.

The first day of the educational and cultural conference saw the welcome address by Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, and an Inaugural Address by Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs. The day continued with an interesting plenary session – 'Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovations and New Technologies'. The speakers emphasized that the Youths of the Indian diaspora have a significant role to play in widening technology and innovation. They urged the youths to come together and develop innovative ideas on how to appropriately use science, technology and innovation for eradicating poverty and achieving health and well-being.

Later that day, as part of creating the Global Garden, JSSPS team was invited to the Tree plantation ceremony with the CM. This is an initiative by the Honorable CM of Madhya Pradesh to fight the perils of climate change and other complex ecological problems.

The 9th of January was a day which the whole nation looked forward to. The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of the largest democracy of the world, Mr Narendra Modi and the Chief Guest being, H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, the President of Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and the Special Guest of Honour, H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, Hon'ble President of the Republic of Suriname. The PM addressed the Indian diaspora and his words of wisdom enlightened and inspired the audience. He motivated everyone to collaborate so as to place India on the world map in various domains. Modi ji took the listeners through the projects like Startup India, Make in India, International Year of Millets, G20 summit etc and the ripples these initiatives have created globally.

The JSSPS team also listened to the enlightening speeches by Dr. S. Jaishankar,

Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs where he said 'We have to make the world India ready' and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh who encouraged everyone to value the richness and diversity of every Indian state. It was delightful to hear our leaders talk about our nation and their future plans for the country.

The Plenary Session II: Role of Indian Diaspora in promoting Indian Healthcare Eco-system in Amrit Kaal: Vision @2047 focused on how Indian Diaspora can help boost Indian Healthcare around the world.

Following this, the students attended the Plenary Session III: Leveraging the soft power of India - Goodwill through craft, cuisine & creativity. The speakers apprised the audience about the cuisine and creativity of India and how to broaden and market the culture of India. The youth were urged to become brand ambassadors of Indian culture, craft and creativity. JSSPS students were fortunate to interact with Mr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Arham of Grade 8 gifted Dr Jaishankar and Mr Shivraj Chauhan with their portraits which he had sketched. He was appreciated for his work and the enthusiasm of students doubled when they received autographs and could take pictures with the delegates.

Each day ended with a spectacular cultural program highlighting the classical and folk dance and music of our nation. A presentation on the upcoming Adi Shankaracharya study center in Indore with a 108 feet tall statue of Adi Shankaracharya at the center was shown during the cultural festival.

On the 10th of January, the MP tourism dpt in collaboration with the Indian consulate had arranged a tour of the gems of Indore for the JSSPS team. The visit included Chappan street- Food Street, Zoo, the Regional Park - Lalbagh, Rajwada palace, and Pitr Parvet where the team witnessed a beautiful light and sound show.

When the whole event was a wonderful and one of its kind experience, the icing on the cake was when our students were interviewed by the media and featured live on channels. The school featured in various news channels like Etv Bharat, Aaj Tak, Zee Madhya Pradesh, News 18, Gulf News, Khaleej Times as well as Twitter posted about JSSPS representing Dubai Schools in PBD.

The Pravasi Bahrathiya Divas was a unique opportunity for our students to reconnect to their roots and revive their belongingness to India. The PBD was an ideal platform for the students to interact with the diaspora community and learn how the student diaspora are the reliable partners for India's progress





Biggest Indian expat delegation from UAE makes waves at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

800 members of Indian community, including students and workers, at diaspora convention

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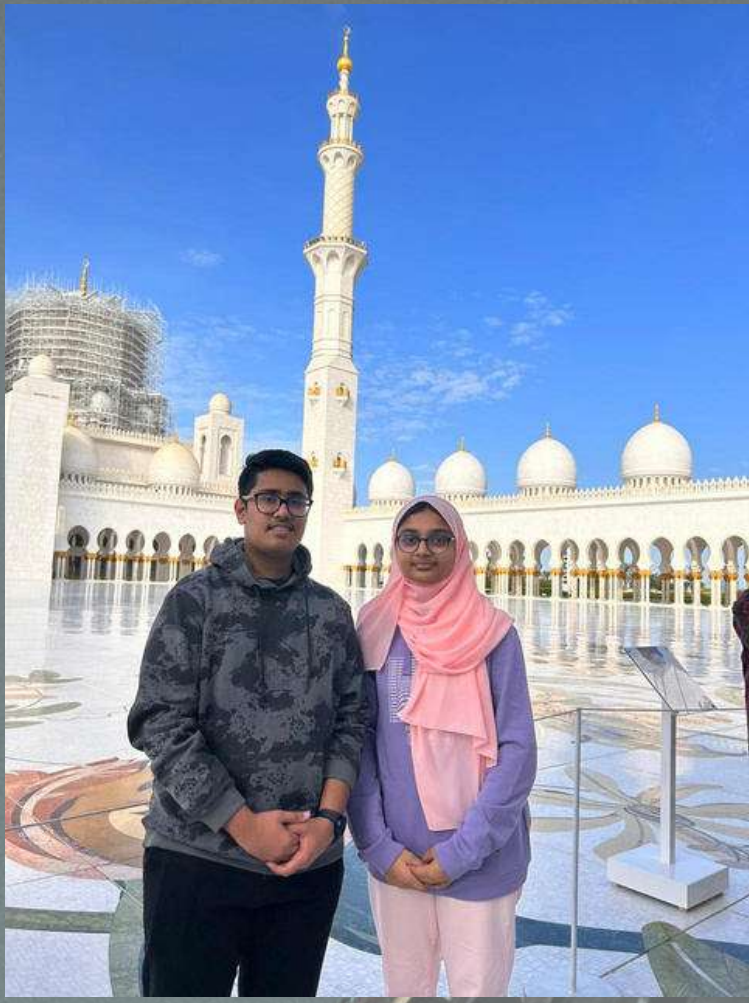
THE SHEIKH ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

The Sheikh Zayed Sustainability Prize is a platform that fosters that desire of individuals from all around the world to bring their ideas for a green economy to reality.

JSS Private School was selected amongst over 825 schools in the Middle East and North Africa Region as a part of the Global High School Category for their innovative solution inspired from major world issues today including Global warming, Food and Energy Crisis.

On a 5 day trip to Abu Dhabi, Students took part in several Programs such as the IRENA Youth Forum, Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week as well as the Sheikh Zayed Sustainability Award Ceremony where they even had the opportunity to be in the presence of HH Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the president of UAE.

They also were able to interact with like-minded individuals from all over the world giving them the opportunity to explore different projects and form valuable connections.



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a paintbrush, poised to apply paint to a canvas. The brush is the central focus, with its bristles and the wooden handle clearly visible. The background is a blurred abstract painting with vibrant colors like red, orange, and blue. The text 'GALLERY WALK OF ARTWORKS' is overlaid in a large, black, serif font across the middle of the image.

GALLERY WALK OF ARTWORKS



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A stack of newspapers is shown from a low angle, with the pages fanned out. The text 'NEWS CORNER' is overlaid in large, bold, black, serif capital letters. The background is a soft, light blue color.

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LIZZO, SWIFT AND STYLES LEAD IHEARTRADIO AWARD NOMINATIONS

Lizzo, Taylor Swift and Harry Styles lead the 2023 iHeartRadio Music Awards nominations with seven nods each, with Jack Harlow and Drake close behind with six each.

The iHeartRadio Music Awards honor the most played artists of the year on their stations and app, and fans can vote in several categories including best fan army, best lyrics, best cover song, best sample and best music video. Voting on Twitter begins Wednesday using the appropriate category and nominee hashtags and will close March 20.

For top song of the year, Lizzo's *About Damn Time* faces off against Swift's *Anti-Hero*, Styles' *As It Was*, Justin Bieber's *Ghost*, Doja Cat's *Woman*, Glass Animals' *Heat Wave*, Latto's *Big Energy*, Lil Nas X & Jack Harlow's *Industry Baby*, Harlow's *First Class*, and Imagine Dragons' *Enemy*.

The iHeartRadio Music Awards will be aired March 27 on Fox from the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles and aired on iHeartRadio stations and the app. With five nominations each are Doja Cat, Beyoncé, Dua Lipa, Tems, Bad Bunny and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Silk Sonic, Future, Latto, Imagine Dragons, The Weeknd, BLACKPINK, Karol G and Nicki Minaj have six each.



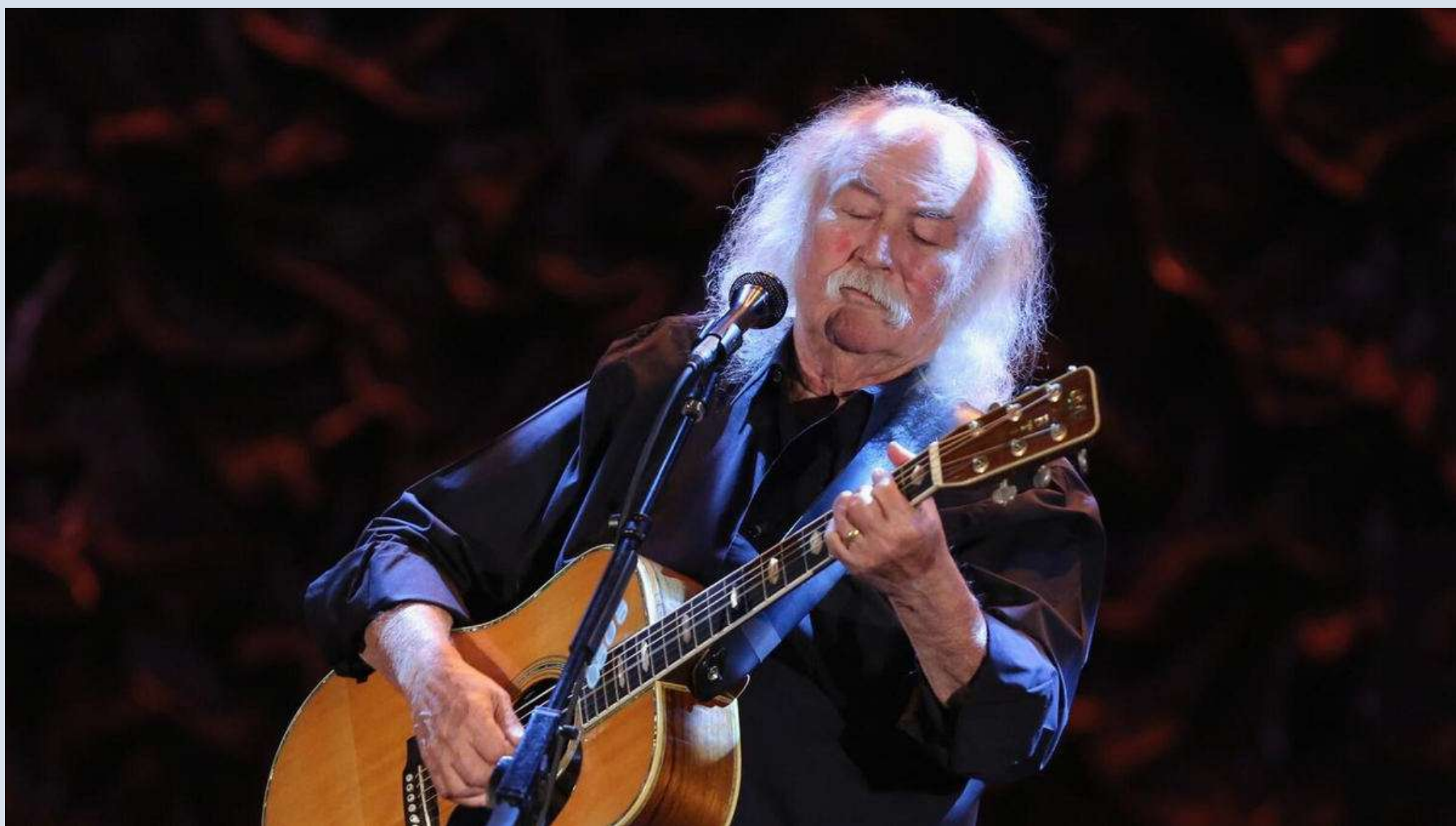
WOODSTOCK LEGEND AND ROCK PIONEER DAVID CROSBY IS NO MORE

David Crosby, an influential musical pioneer of the 1960s and 1970s who created a distinctly American brand of folk-rock with the Byrds and later with Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, has died, US media reported. He was 81. Variety first reported the news, citing the singer's wife, Jan Dance, who said Crosby died following "a long illness." Rolling Stone later cited a source close to the musician as confirming his death.

"Although he is no longer here with us, his humanity and kind soul will continue to guide and inspire us. His legacy will continue to live on through his legendary music," read his wife's statement.

"Peace, love, and harmony to all who knew David and those he touched. We will miss him dearly."

The two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer -- known as much for his alternative guitar tunings, lush harmonies and abstract lyrics as for his pacifist activism, brutal honesty and living dangerously -- remained a prolific artist throughout his life.



JANELLE MONÁE ON HER WHODUNIT 'GLASS ONION', STREAMING DECEMBER 23 IN UAE

To get a sense of Janelle Monáe's powers of transformation, look no further than her Instagram photos of past Halloweens. Monáe doesn't just throw something on. When she turns into the White Rabbit from *Alice in Wonderland* or Diva Plavalaguna from *The Fifth Element*, Monáe looks legitimately ready to step onto a movie set.

"I am indeed a self-proclaimed transformer," Monáe says, smiling. "I love going outside of what I think I know about me."

Monáe, who grew up in a working-class Baptist family in the Quindaro neighborhood of Kansas City, Kansas, first remade herself in music as a retro-styled dynamo. Performing in a tuxedo and a vintage pompadour, she fashioned herself as a time-traveling android alter-ego named Cindi Mayweather. Acting was probably inevitable for Monáe, who studied musical theater at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy before dedicating herself to music.

"It is that character building that I love," Monáe said in a recent interview. "I love just getting my body into discovering a new way to talk and to breathe, and, hopefully, being a reflection for other folks. Go outside of who you think you are every day."



'JAMES BOND' ACTRESS EVA GREEN ENTERS UK COURT BATTLE OVER UNMADE FILM

A lengthy legal dispute over a never-made film starring French actress Eva Green reached London's High Court on Thursday.

Green, who starred alongside Daniel Craig in the James Bond film *Casino Royale*, is seeking payment of her acting fee for an aborted sci-fi project called *A Patriot*.

The 42-year-old actress is suing the UK-based production company White Lantern Film, claiming she is still entitled to her fee of USD1 million.

The production, announced in 2018, collapsed the following year.

Green filed her lawsuit saying she owed the fee under a "pay or play" contract clause. She is also seeking reimbursement of her legal costs.

White Lantern Film countersued, alleging that she derailed the £4 million project by making "unreasonable demands" and by dropping out of the lead role.

The trial is expected to last nine days, with the judge issuing a ruling at a later date.

Green did not appear at the first full hearing Thursday and was represented by her lawyer Edmund Cullen, but is due to give evidence on Monday.



SPORTS NEWS



NADAL CONFIRMS SIX TO EIGHT WEEK INJURY ABSENCE

Rafael Nadal may spend 6–8 weeks out of competitive action again, after suffering a Grade 2 tear in the iliopsoas muscle in his left leg. Confirming the injury, Nadal took to Twitter on Thursday and wrote, “Good afternoon. I have carried out medical tests after the defeat yesterday. The MRI shows a grade 2 lesion in the Iliacus Psoas of his left leg. Now it’s sports rest and anti-inflammatory physiotherapy. Normal recovery time 6 to 8 weeks.”

The Spaniard was a set and break down during his second-round defeat to Mackenzie McDonald at the 2023 Australian Open when he crouched down in pain clutching his hip.



lengthy match timeout for treatment, and a laboured performance to get past the finish line, were both indicative that the injury he suffered was serious. In his post-match press conference he confirmed the pain was in his hip, but he was unsure of the extent of the injury.



F1 OWNER REJECTS MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR TAKEOVER OFFER FROM SAUDI PIF

Formula One owner Liberty Media has rejected an approach from Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) to buy the global motorsport series, according to Bloomberg.

The PIF valued Formula One at more than US\$20 billion, but Liberty Media is not currently interested in selling its increasingly profitable asset. The American media company originally bought the series in 2017 for US\$4.4 billion.

According to Bloomberg, the current market value of Formula One is around US\$15.2 billion, highlighting the seriousness with which the bid from Saudi Arabia has to be taken. The deal was explored last year, but faltered in the early stages due to Liberty Media's stance on selling the property.

The PIF is already heavily involved in the series through its backing of the Saudi Motorsport Company (SMC) for the Grand Prix in Jeddah, as well as sponsorship deals with Formula One and Aston Martin via the state-owned oil giant Aramco. Any future deal would represent the latest expansion into sports, following investment in the likes of English soccer club Newcastle and the LIV Golf competition.

This has been seen by many to be 'sportswashing' — the process of deflecting attention away from its human rights abuses through sport.



INDIA BECOMES NO. 1 ODI TEAM IN ICC RANKINGS AFTER 3-0 SERIES WIN OVER NEW ZEALAND

In Cricket, India claimed the top spot in the ICC men's ODI ranking after a series whitewash against New Zealand at the Holkar stadium in Indore. With the 90-run win over Tom Latham's side, in the third and final ODI last evening the men in blue overtook both England and New Zealand to capture the top spot in the ODI rankings with 114 points. Chasing a target of 386 runs, New Zealand were all out 295 in 41.2 overs.

Devon Conway with 138 off 100 balls and Henry Nicholls with 42 runs from 40 deliveries, made valuable contribution for the Kiwis.

Earlier, put into bat, the hosts scored 385 for 9 in 50 overs. Skipper Rohit Sharma scored his first ODI century in three years, making 101 runs off 85 balls. Shubman Gill continued his explosive run, smashing 112 runs in 78 balls.

The two put up a belligerent 212-run opening stand.

India secured a comprehensive eight wicket win in the second ODI in Raipur. The hosts also won the first one-dayer by 12 runs in Hyderabad. Next, the two teams will play three Twenty20 matches. The first match will be played on the 27th of January in Ranchi.



SOCIAL MEDIA ABUZZ AS RCB ACQUIRE BENGALURU TEAM IN THE WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

After vehement back and forth in the deliberation rooms and some intense moments of anticipations, the much-awaited WPL was eventually given its due share of flesh and bones as the five teams were announced with the winning bids for the tournament. Amongst 9 initial bidders, Royal Challengers Bangalore managed to secure the Bengaluru team at a staggering INR 901 crore. There were a flurry of posts that did the rounds on social media for the Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Legend of the game and the man for whom RCB has been the home from the very first IPL season, Virat Kohli said, "Well played, RCB! So thrilled that my team has won the bid for the Bengaluru Women's Premier League team. Can't wait to cheer for our women in Red and Gold."

RCB's Director of Cricket Operations, Mike Hesson penned, "What a great opportunity to continue to grow the game we all love."

We are immensely proud that RCB has been able to secure a Bengaluru Women's Premier League team as well. Can't wait to see you all supporting the women in Red and Gold from the stands."

Seasoned leg-spinner, Karn Sharma said, "Thrilled and proud that my team .



CRICKET COACH GURCHARAN SINGH AWARDED PADMA SHRI

The Padma Shri is a much-deserved honour that has been bestowed on Gurcharan Singh, one of the finest cricket minds India has known.

His ability to spot talent has given Indian cricket some outstanding players, and rarely has he taken credit for the same.

“I only guide them. They perform and bring me joy. My role is not at all as vast and exacting as theirs,” was Gurcharan’s humble response to Sportstar.

He would be the first to reach the National Stadium and the last to leave in darkness, his devout bunch of ground staff in attendance, sometimes a few players too.

That is what the NIS (National Institute of Sports) coaching centre meant for him. He had single-handedly created the nursery for cricketers in the Capital to come and learn the basics of the game.





CURRENT AFFAIRS

TURKEY POSTPONES NATO TALKS WITH SWEDEN AND FINLAND

Turkey on Tuesday postponed Nato accession talks with Sweden and Finland, further denting the Nordic neighbours' hopes of joining the Western defence alliance after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Ankara announced its decision one day after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan lashed out at Sweden for allowing weekend protests that included the burning of the copy of Holy Quran outside Ankara's Stockholm embassy.

A Turkish diplomatic source said the tri-party meeting has been pushed back from February to a "later date", without providing further details.

The decision further diminished the chances of the two countries joining Nato before Turkey's May presidential and parliamentary elections.



FBI SAYS NORTH KOREA-RELATED HACKER GROUP BEHIND US CRYPTO FIRM HEIST

A hacker group associated with North Korea, the Lazarus Group, also known as APT38, was responsible for the theft last June of \$100 million from US crypto firm Harmony's Horizon bridge, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said on Monday.

On January 13, North Korean cyber actors used a privacy protocol called Railgun to launder over \$60 million worth of ethereum stolen during the theft in June, the FBI said in a statement.

A portion of the stolen ethereum was subsequently sent to several virtual asset providers and converted to bitcoin, the FBI said.

The FBI said North Korea's theft and laundering of virtual currency is used to support its ballistic missile and Weapons of Mass Destruction programmes.



BIDEN URGES ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN AFTER CALIFORNIA SHOOTINGS

US President Joe Biden called Tuesday for Congress to act "quickly" to ban assault weapons, as California reeled from two deadly mass shootings in less than 48 hours.

"We know the scourge of gun violence across America requires stronger action.

I once again urge both chambers of Congress to act quickly and deliver this Assault Weapons Ban to my desk, and take action to keep American communities, schools, workplaces, and homes safe," he said in a White House statement.

In response to the tragedies, one of California's senators, Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, has reintroduced a federal assault weapons ban and a bill raising the minimum purchase age for assault weapons to 21.

"Even as we await further details on these shootings, we know the scourge of gun violence across America requires stronger action," Biden said in his statement.

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The background features a complex financial data visualization. It includes several overlapping line graphs in shades of blue and green, some with circular markers at data points. There are also bar charts and various numerical values scattered across the scene, such as 63.772, 69.928, 70.111, 48.991, 70.111, 728, 3.877, 26.417, and 31.012. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and data-driven.

ECONOMIC NEWS

UAE ANNOUNCES \$30BN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH KOREA

The move is part of both countries' efforts to expand economic cooperation

"We have decided a \$30 billion investment based on the trust on South Korea which keeps promises under any circumstances," Yoon's office quoted UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Details of the investment plan are yet to be disclosed, however Yoon's press secretary Kim Eun-hye said the investment will focus on nuclear power, defence, hydrogen and solar energy industries, among others, according to a report by Reuters.

"Seoul's finance ministry said the \$30 billion investment would be led by sovereign wealth funds, including Mubadala Investment Company," the report added. Following Yoon's visit, both UAE and South Korea signed 13 memorandums of understanding.

This came within the framework of the summit meeting that was held between South Korean President, Yoon Suk Yeol, and the UAE's leader, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in Abu Dhabi earlier in January 2023.

The two leaders agreed to bolster strategic cooperation in key areas such as economy and investment, conventional and clean energy, climate change, and more.



UAE RETAINS POSITION AS ONE OF WORLD'S SAFEST COUNTRIES

The UAE has maintained its safety index score since 2011

The UAE has retained itself as one of the world's safest countries, bagging first place in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI).

The ranking comes due to the nation's continued efforts to combat terrorist and extremist activities. The UAE also has a "very low" risk of terrorist activities spread.

The ranking was based on the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) findings, which is responsible for the index and publishes its results annually, WAM reported.

Monitored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC), GTI is supported by the Ministry's Global Peace and Stability Initiative. "Under this initiative, the Index data has been supported by communication from the Ministry with influential international sources such as the United Nations and international organisations, specialised research institutes and centres, and the Institute for Economics and Peace," WAM said.

The index placed the UAE at an overall score of 0, from 2011 to 2021, making it one of the safest counties to live and work in.

Dubai has been ranked the third safest city in the world for female travellers in a new study released by insurance website InsureMyTrip earlier this month.

Prior research conducted by Condor Ferries found that the vast

RECIPIES



KAI JEOW (THAI OMELET)

PREP TIME **COOK TIME**

5 MINS **5 MINS**



INGREDIENTS

FOR THE OMELET

- 3 LARGE EGGS
- 2 TEASPOONS FISH SAUCE (SEE RECIPE NOTE)
- 1/4 TEASPOON BROWN SUGAR
- 1 SCALLION, MINCED
- 1/2 THAI CHILI TO START, MINCED (OPTIONAL, CAN ADD MORE IF DESIRED)
- 1/4 TEASPOON BLACK PEPPER
- 2 TO 3 TABLESPOONS VEGETABLE OIL

FOR SERVING

- 1 CUP COOKED JASMINE RICE
- 4 SLICES CUCUMBER
- SLICES OF ROMAINE LETTUCE
- SRIRACHA (OPTIONAL)



METHOD

- WHISK THE EGGS
- HEAT THE OIL SMOKING HOT
- POUR THE EGGS INTO THE HOT SKILLET AND COOK
- SERVE

STIR-FRIED MAITAKE MUSHROOMS WITH GARLIC AND CHILE OIL

PREP TIME COOK TIME
5 MINS 8 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 TABLESPOON CHINESE LIGHT SOY SAUCE
- 2 TABLESPOONS COOL WATER (IF NEEDED)
- 3 TABLESPOONS VEGETABLE OIL
- 1/4 CUP THINLY SLICED GARLIC (FROM ABOUT 6 CLOVES)
- 12 OUNCES (ABOUT 5 VERY LOOSELY PACKED CUPS) MAITAKE MUSHROOMS, PULLED INTO SMALL 2-INCH CHUNKS
- 1-2 TEASPOONS CHILE OIL (SEE METHOD IN ARTICLE ABOVE) OR CHILE CRISPS

METHOD

- PREP THE INGREDIENTS
- COOK THE GARLIC:
- COOK THE MUSHROOMS
- ADD SOY SAUCE TO THE MUSHROOMS
- ADD THE CHILE OIL
- SERVE

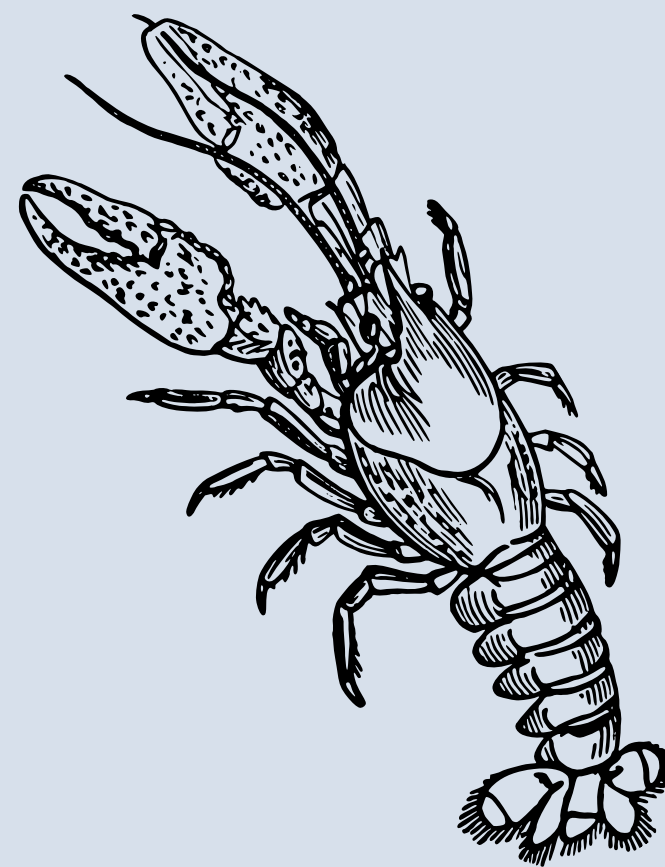


GRILLED LOBSTER TAILS

PREP TIME COOK TIME
10 MINS 8 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 4 (4 OUNCE) FROZEN LOBSTER TAILS
- 6 TABLESPOONS UNSALTED BUTTER, CUT INTO CHUNKS
- 1 CLOVE GARLIC, MINCED
- 1/4 CUP DRY WHITE WINE
- 2 TABLESPOONS CHIVES, CHOPPED
- 2 TABLESPOONS PARSLEY, CHOPPED
- 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL
- 1/4 TEASPOON SALT
- 1/8 TEASPOON BLACK PEPPER
- LEMON WEDGES, FOR SERVING



METHOD

- THAW THE LOBSTER TAILS
- PREHEAT THE GRILL
- MAKE THE HERB BUTTER
- BUTTERFLY THE LOBSTER TAILS
- GRILL THE LOBSTER TAILS
- SERVE LOBSTER TAILS



SESAME PEANUT NOODLES

PREP TIME

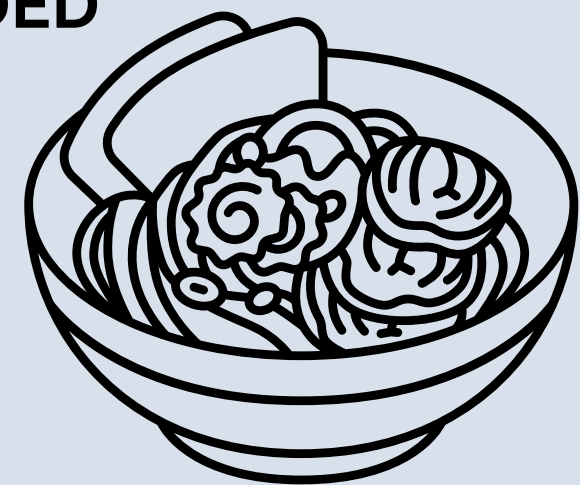
10 MINS

COOK TIME

8 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 8 OUNCES DRY SOBA, RICE, OR EGG NOODLES
- 2 TABLESPOONS TOASTED SESAME OIL, DIVIDED
- 3 TABLESPOONS NATURAL PEANUT BUTTER
- 1/4 CUP SOY SAUCE
- 1 1/2 TABLESPOONS HONEY
- 1 1/2 TABLESPOONS RICE VINEGAR
- 1 CLOVE GARLIC, GRATED
- 1 TABLESPOON TOASTED SESAME SEEDS, FOR GARNISH (OPTIONAL)
- 1 GREEN ONION, SLICED, FOR GARNISH (OPTIONAL)



METHOD

- BRING A LARGE POT OF WATER TO A BOIL OVER HIGH HEAT. ADD THE NOODLES AND COOK
- IN A SMALL BOWL, ADD THE REMAINING 1 TABLESPOON SESAME OIL, PEANUT BUTTER, SOY SAUCE, HONEY, RICE VINEGAR, AND GARLIC. WHISK WITH A FORK UNTIL COMBINED AND SMOOTH.
- SCRAPE THE PEANUT SESAME SAUCE ON THE COLD NOODLES AND TOSS TO COMBINE. GARNISH WITH SESAME SEEDS AND GREEN ONIONS, IF DESIRED.



TRIPLE BERRY SPARKLERS

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE BERRY ICE CUBES:

- COCONUT WATER
- BLUEBERRIES
- RASPBERRIES
- CHOPPED STRAWBERRIES

FOR THE DRINK:

- 2 TBSP. HONEY
- 2 TBSP. FRESHLY SQUEEZED LIME JUICE
- 2 TBSP. FRESHLY SQUEEZED LEMON JUICE
- 3 (12-OZ.) CANS SELTZER



METHOD

STEP 1

MAKE BERRY ICE CUBES: PLACE BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, AND STRAWBERRIES IN ICE TRAY, THEN FILL WITH COCONUT WATER. FREEZE UNTIL FROZEN SOLID, ABOUT 4 HOURS.

STEP 2 MAKE DRINK:

IN A PITCHER OR LARGE MEASURING CUP, COMBINE HONEY WITH LIME AND LEMON JUICES. STIR UNTIL HONEY IS COMPLETELY DISSOLVED. ADD SELTZER AND STIR GENTLY TO COMBINE.

STEP 3

FILL SERVING GLASSES WITH ICE, THEN FILL WITH LEMON LIME MIXTURE.

THE PERFECT MILKSHAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 4 LARGE SCOOPS (ABOUT 1 1/2 C.) VANILLA ICE CREAM
- 1/4 C. MILK
- WHIPPED TOPPING, FOR GARNISH
- SPRINKLES, FOR GARNISH
- MARASCHINO CHERRY, FOR GARNISH



METHOD

STEP 1

IN A BLENDER, BLEND TOGETHER ICE CREAM AND MILK.

STEP 2

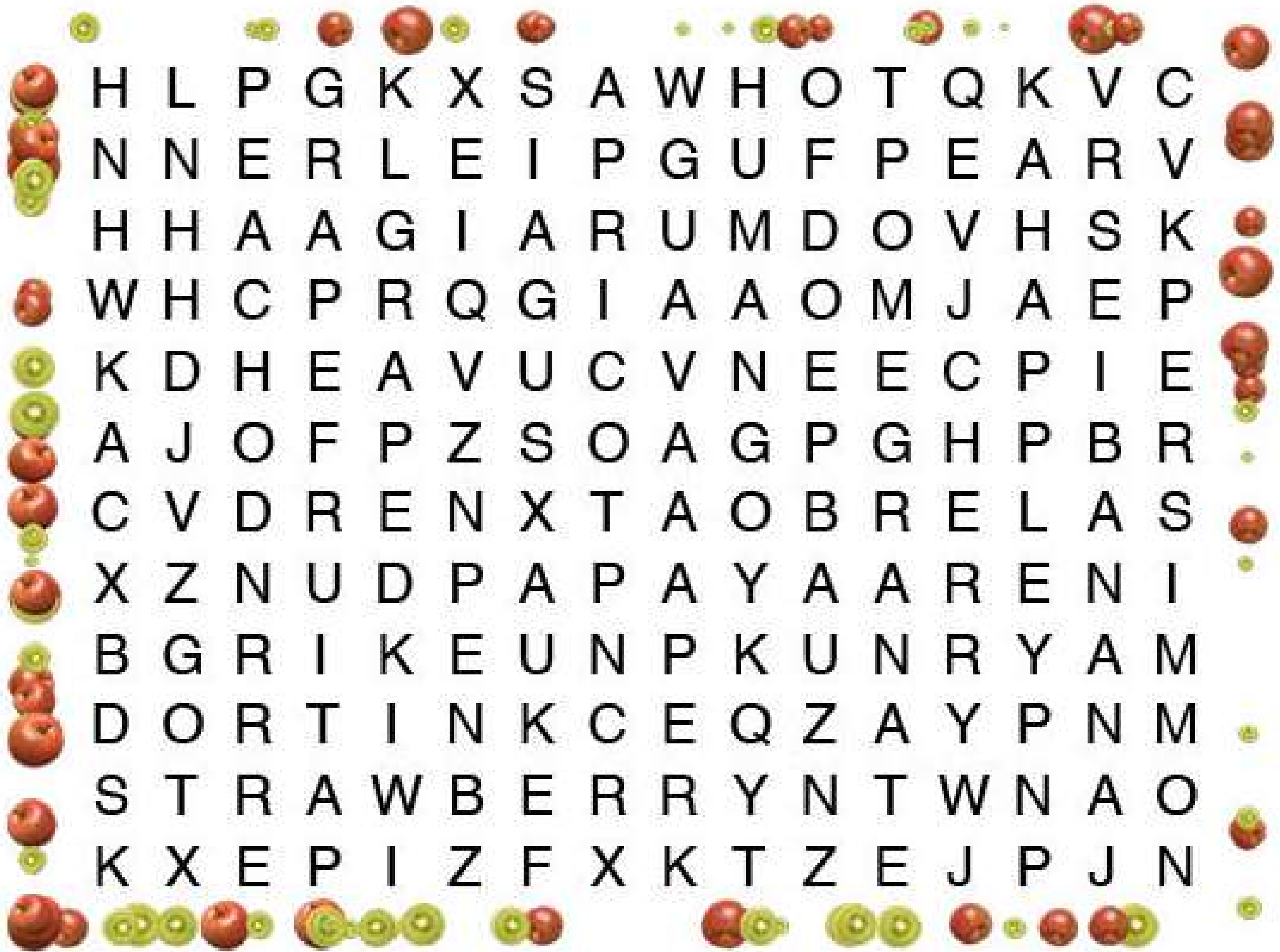
POUR INTO A GLASS AND GARNISH WITH WHIPPED TOPPING, SPRINKLES, AND A CHERRY.



GAMES AND RIDDLES

FRUITS

WORD SEARCH



APPLE

APRICOT

BANANA

CHERRY

GRAPE

GRAPEFRUIT

GUAVA

KIWI

MANGO

PAPAYA

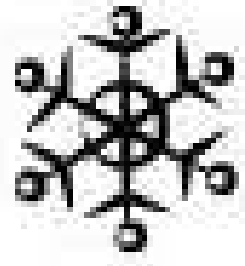
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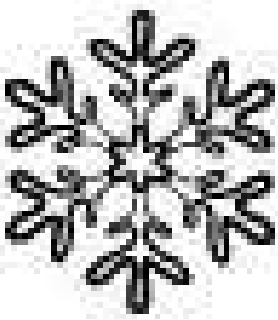
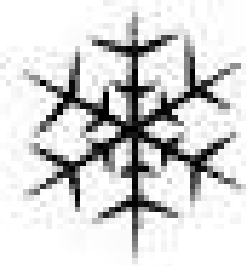
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STRAWBERRY



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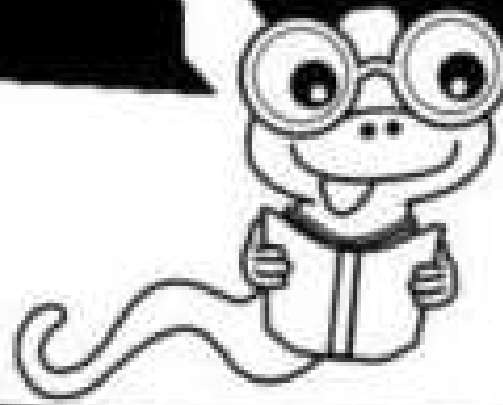


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| boots | hot chocolate | shovel | snowboard |
| flurries | igloo | skates | snowman |
| frozen | mittens | skiing | snowsuit |
| gloves | penguin | sledding | sweater |
| hockey | scarf | snow angels | toboggan |
| holidays | | snowball | winter |

Riddles



I am full of holes; I can hold water. What am I?

SPONGE

What gets wet when drying?

TOWEL

What are two things people never eat before breakfast?

LUNCH AND DINNER

What is it the more you take away the larger it becomes?

HOLE

What has two hands and a face, but no arms and legs?

CLOCK

What can't be used until it's broken?

EGG

What has 4 legs and only 1 foot?

BED

What has many keys but can't open any doors?

PIANO



Idiomatic Riddles

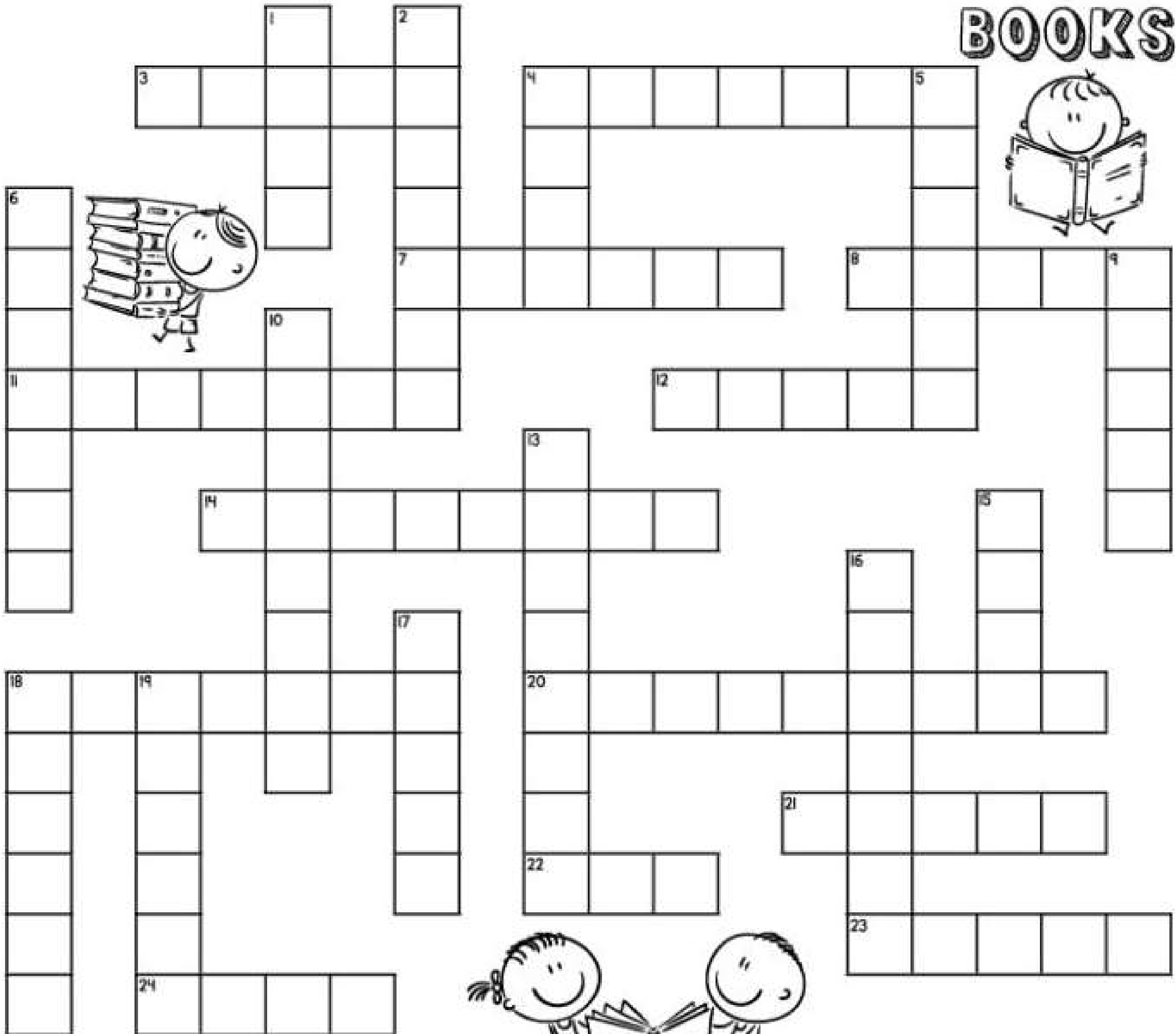
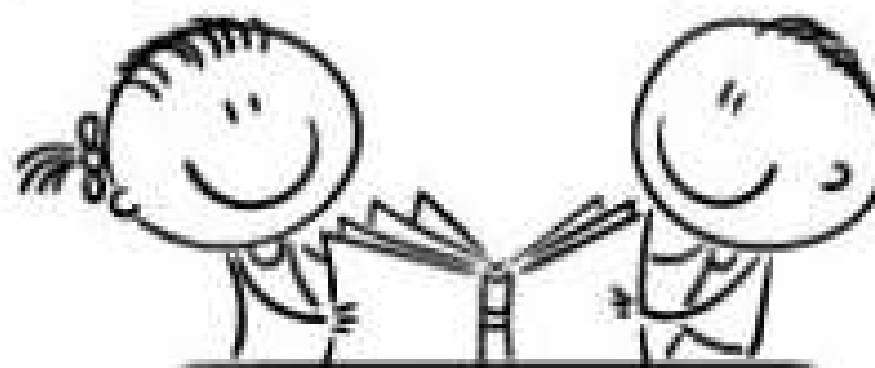
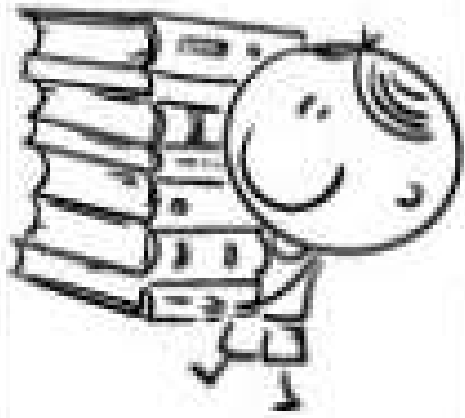


Read and complete.

1. What has four legs, but is not an animal?
2. Which fingers can you eat?
3. Which eye cannot see?
4. Which head is green?
5. Which foot is not a body part?
6. Which bridge cannot be crossed?
7. Which palm is not a tree?
8. Which apple is not a fruit?
9. Which chair has no back?
10. Which mouth never eats?
11. Which teeth are not in a mouth?
12. Which 'insect' doesn't have six legs?
13. Which fun-loving animal is human?
14. Which rodent is made of plastic?
15. Which female bird is not a bird?

Answer Key

BOOKS



ACROSS

3. an account of imaginary or real events that is told as a form of entertainment
4. to make a book available to the public
7. complete or full; "I finished the ____ book."
8. graphic novels are longer than ____ books
11. a place where books are available for people to use or borrow
12. sounds or combinations of sounds that have meaning and are spoken or written
14. a person who likes to read books and who spends a lot of time reading
18. one of the parts that a book is divided into; each part has a number, and sometimes a title
20. a person in a book
21. the name given to a book to identify or describe it
22. the last 2 words of a story is often "The ____"
23. a type of book that contains a long written story usually about imaginary characters and events
24. to look at and understand the meaning of letters & words, etc.

DOWN

1. printed sheets of paper that are held together inside a cover
2. a book that describes a crime and the process of solving it
4. a series of events that form the story
5. people who are admired for great or brave acts or fine qualities
6. a character in a story who does bad things
9. the outer part of a book
10. a book that is liked more than others
13. a piece of furniture with shelves to hold books
15. one side of a sheet of paper in a book
16. written stories about people and events that are not real
17. a piece of writing that can be performed on a stage; often referred to as a play, it tells a story almost entirely through dialogue (what the characters say)
18. select or pick a book; "____ a book to read."
19. the writer of a book

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Our sun
- 4 Scurry sideways
- 8 Sumptuous
- 12 Ballpark figure
- 13 Colossal
- 14 Pavarotti piece
- 15 Not keep up
- 16 Revision
- 18 Wrapping paper
- 20 Cathedral part
- 21 PC abandon key
- 23 Imitate
- 24 Hammer part
- 27 Happy sighs
- 29 Country cousin
- 33 Greer or Holbrook
- 34 2,001, to Ovid
- 35 Fam. member
- 36 Nile wader
- 38 Seed vessel
- 39 Rozelle of football
- 40 Naval off.

- 42 Down Under bird
- 44 Distinctive air
- 46 Bungling
- 50 Swamp dweller
- 54 Govt. department
- 55 "— Lisa"
- 56 Use a screen
- 57 "— seeing things?"
- 58 Clap of thunder
- 59 Hiker's trail
- 60 Orange veggie

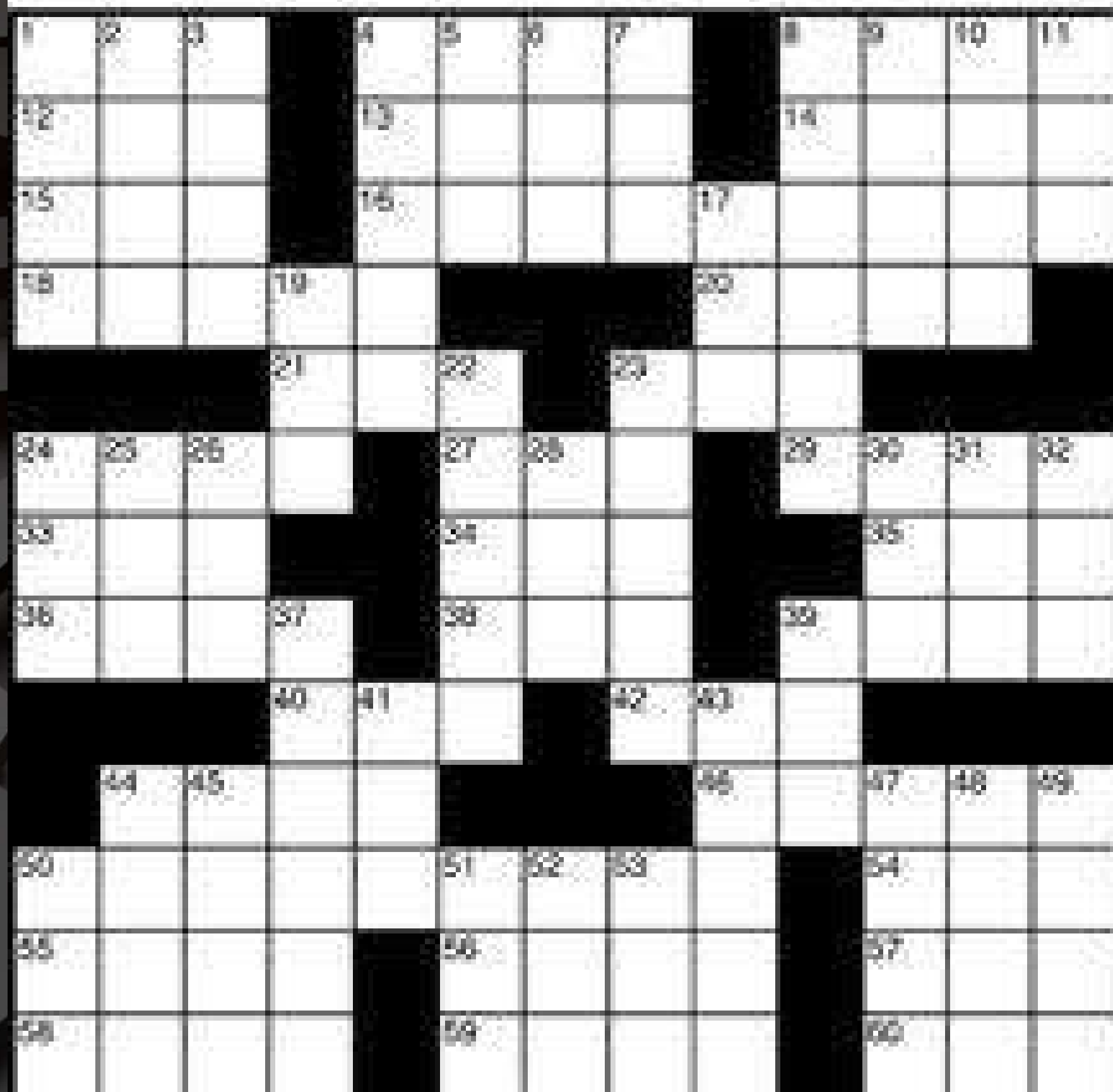
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- 1 Be pouty
- 2 Sharif of the movies
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- 4 Yaks
- 5 Sugarcane product
- 6 Improve, as wine

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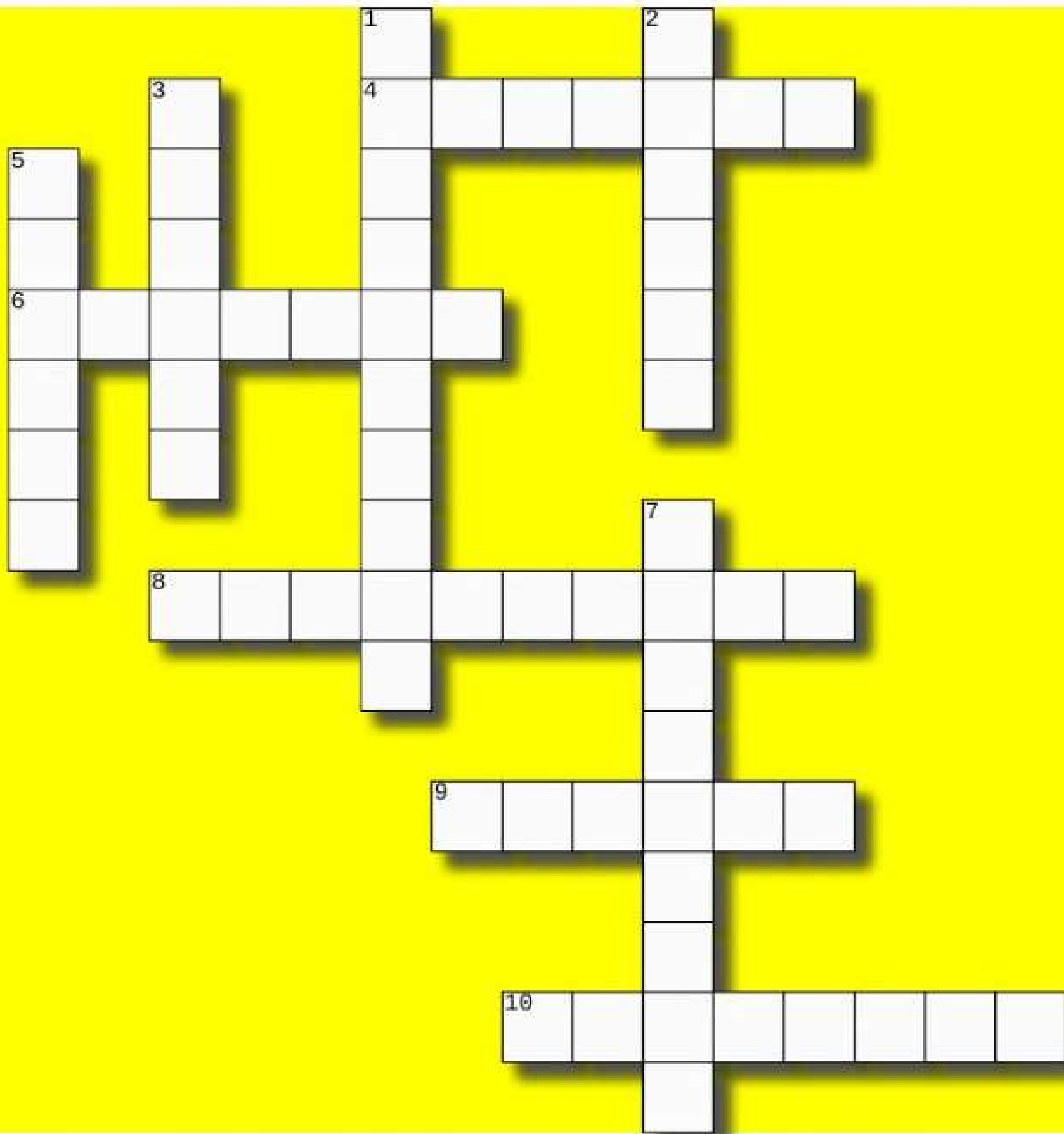
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- 17 Drop bait on water
- 19 Not many
- 22 Goes
- backpacking
- 23 Words to the audience
- 24 Tai — ch'uan
- 25 Chem room
- 26 — Baba and the Forty Thieves
- 28 Med. group
- 30 Make the most of
- 31 Speck
- 32 Compass dir.
- 37 Cliffhanger
- 39 Groaner, maybe
- 41 Harp on
- 43 Glee
- 44 Healing plant
- 45 Bone below the elbow
- 47 Auction site
- 48 Large tawny cat
- 49 Neaten a beard
- 50 Roadie's gear
- 51 Cobra cousin
- 52 Aunt, in Madrid
- 53 Frequently

UNIT 1- LEARNING THE GAMES .

WARM UP ACTIVITY...



Across

4. an art of shooting with bow and arrow.
6. a game with a ball and a bat.
8. a game in which the ball is kept in motion over a high net.
9. the sport of gliding and jumping on skis.
10. a game in which the ball is kicked by the players.

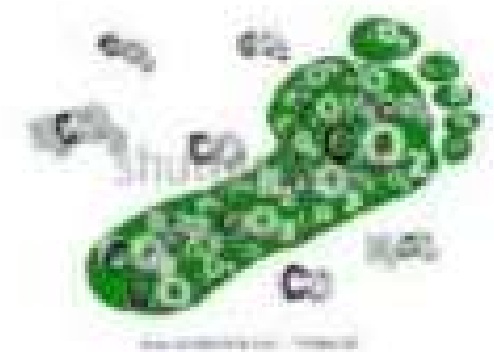
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1. to get a ball through a hoop.
2. the players hit a small ball across the net using the racket.
3. the sport of fighting with fists.
5. the national game of India.
7. the players hit a shuttlecock across the net using the racket.

Environment



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Across

2. protecting, maintaining or improving natural resources, to keep them safe from destruction or degradation and conserve them for future generations
6. destruction of forests to make land for agriculture
8. the release or discharge into the air of pollutant substances such as gas or smoke
9. an area designated to receive household garbage, solid waste and construction debris
12. location where garbage, rubbish or waste is taken and just dumped, without environmental controls
13. the process of minimising waste by recovering materials and transforming them into new products
14. rain mixed with sulphuric, nitric and other acids formed by gases released into the atmosphere when fossil fuels are burned
15. a community of plants, animals and other organisms living in an area which provides what they need in order to survive

Down

1. a measure of the effect that human activities have on the climate
3. a gradual warming of the earth's surface temperature reportedly caused by the emission of gases that trap the sun's heat in the earth's atmosphere
4. gases that trap the heat of the sun in the earth's atmosphere, producing the greenhouse effect
5. fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas
7. the surroundings and external conditions that affect the growth and development of living things
8. the study of the relationship of living things (plants, animals and humans) with each other and with their environment
10. contamination of the air, water, or soil with substances that can cause harm to human health or the environment
11. capable of being broken down or decomposed by natural biological processes

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