



Let's Go to

VIRGINIA
KEY
BEACH
PARK!

FOR CHILDREN AGES 8-12

THE VIRGINIA KEY BEACH ACTIVITY BOOK

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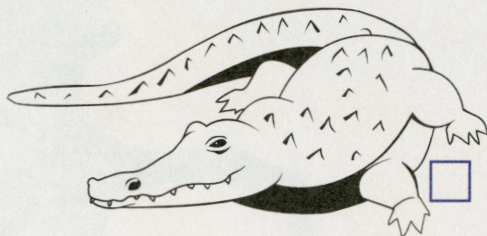
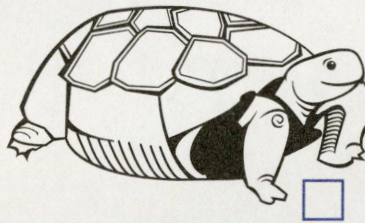
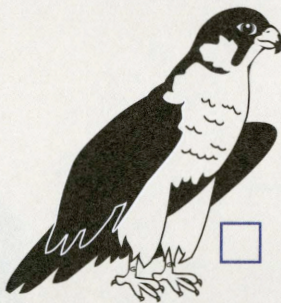
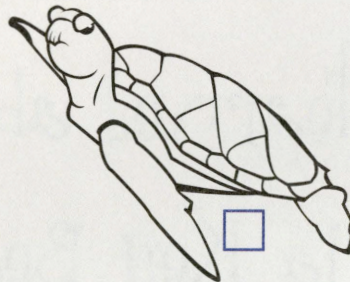
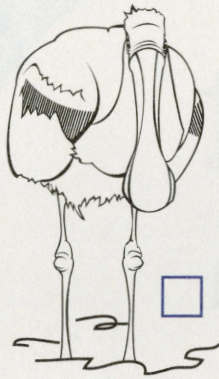
and I learned about
Virginia Key Beach

on

Virginia Key

is one of several barrier islands located in Biscayne Bay off the Florida coast extending from Miami down to Key West. Because of little urban development, the island has remained a natural refuge and home to many plant communities and endangered wildlife.

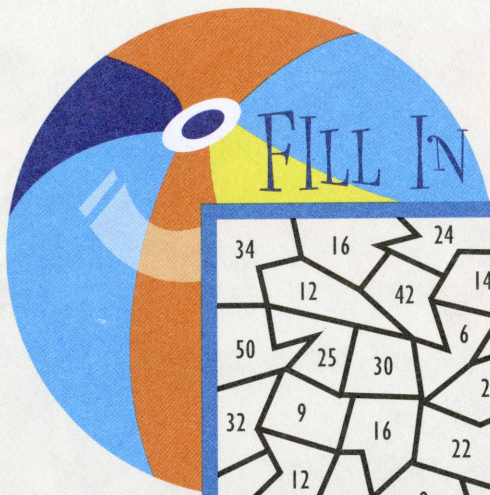
Some of the animals are pictured below. Match the pictures with their correct names by writing the letter in the box. Use crayons or markers to color the animals, and then add a star beside the ones you would see on a visit.



- A. I don't moo but some people still call me a sea cow. I am a West Indian manatee.
- B. I can fly really high and dive at a tremendous speed because I am a peregrine falcon.
- C. I really do look pretty in pink! I am a roseate spoonbill.
- D. My front feet help me dig tunnels! I am a gopher tortoise.
- E. I'm not a bird, but I do have a sharp, beak-like mouth. I am a hawksbill sea turtle.
- F. I love to bask in the sun at the lake because I'm the American crocodile.

WHAT IS A BARRIER ISLAND?

Formed by tides, currents, and winds, a barrier island runs parallel to a mainland's shore and is constantly evolving in its shape. The chain of barrier islands along Florida's coast protects it from the ocean's sometimes damaging effects.



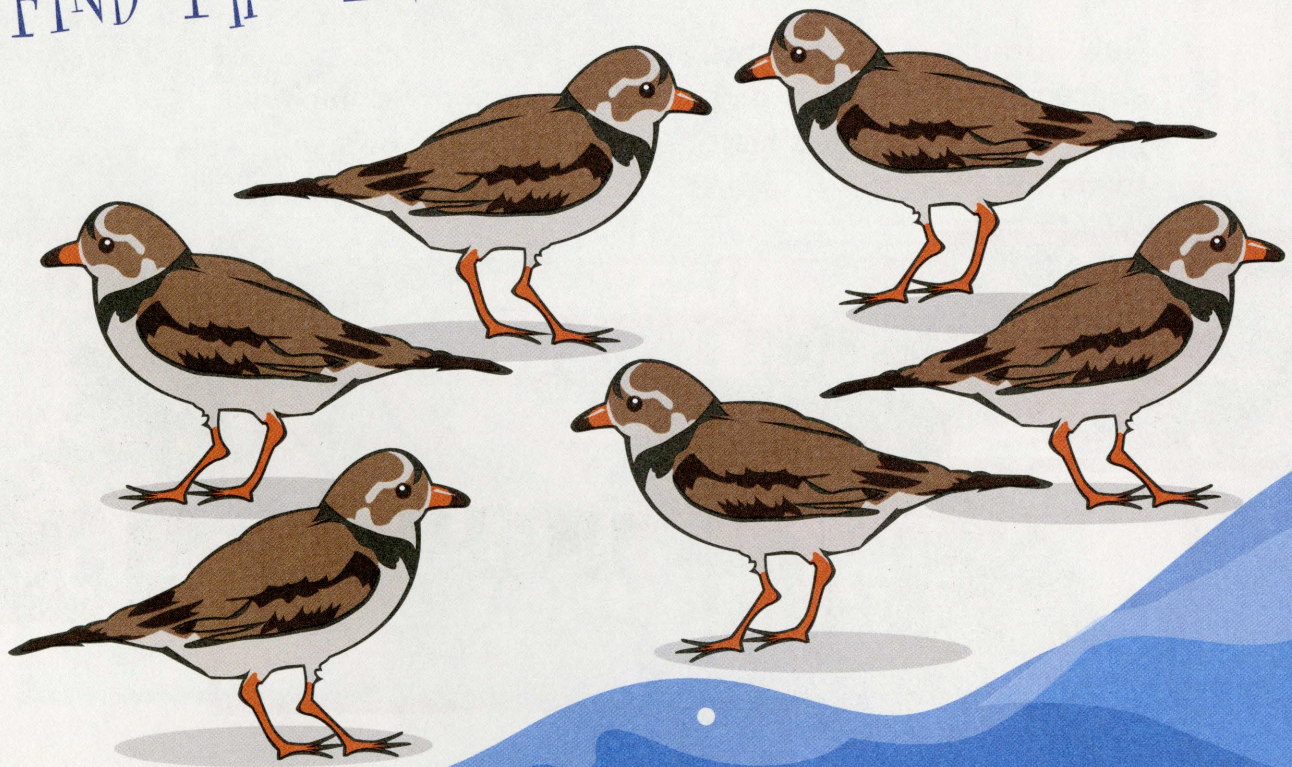
FILL IN THE SHAPES

Use a crayon to fill in only the shapes containing prime numbers.



FIND THE TWINS

Below are six similar piping plovers, but only two are twins. Circle the two plovers that are identical.

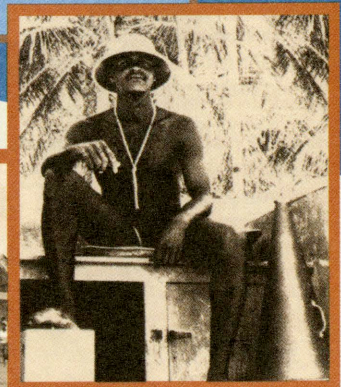
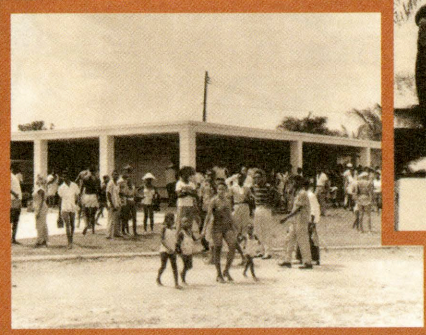
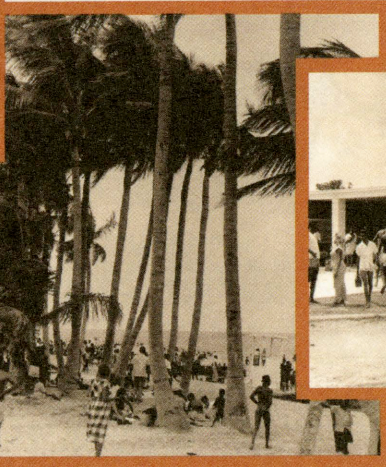


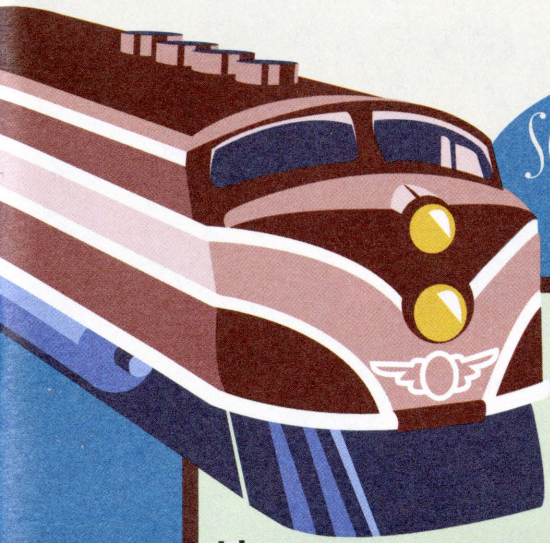
WHAT MAKES VIRGINIA KEY BEACH SO HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT?

Based solely on the color of their skin, citizens of African descent were not allowed access to beaches in Miami Dade County before the 1940s. Unfair laws called "Jim Crow" were established in 1896 to enforce racial segregation mostly in the southeastern states. Public facilities and jobs were supposed to be kept "separate but equal," but rarely were they equal. African American children were denied the simple pleasures of splashing in the surf and building sandcastles. The laws were very unfair!

In 1945, three brave citizens staged a protest by wading in the water at a prohibited beach at Baker's Haulover. The act was known as the "Wade-In" and is historically significant in the civil rights movement. Their voices were heard, and Virginia Key Beach was established as a beach for African Americans and people of Afro-Caribbean descent to enjoy.

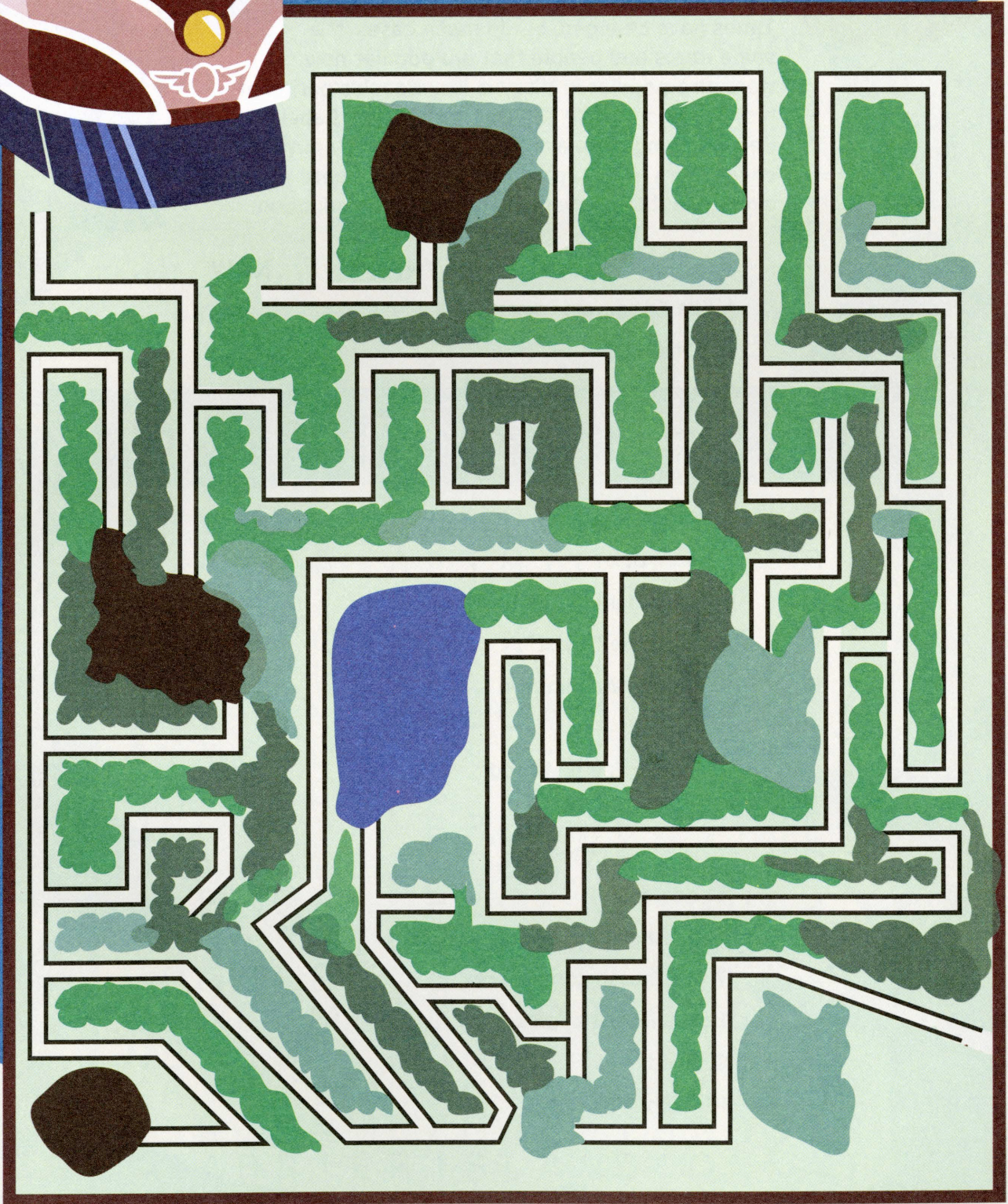
Now, Virginia Key Beach is a place for everyone to share and appreciate, regardless of their skin color or ethnicity! It is a place of learning one's history and educating one's self in order to create a brighter future. It is a celebration of diversity.





SOLVE THE MAZE

The mini-train conductor needs your help! Help him get to the station and avoid all mud, water, and foliage.



THEN AND NOW

Times have changed, but in many cases, the same items and people that are popular now were also popular in Virginia Key Beach's period of historic significance (1920s thru 1960s). Label each item as being popular "Then" or "Now" by putting a check mark in the appropriate column. There will be some overlap, but label them according to introduction.

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1. Ella Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. corn dogs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. yo-yo's	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. electric scooters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. juke box	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Usher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Duke Ellington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Adidas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. poodle skirts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Macintosh computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Macintosh apples	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. I-pod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Etch-A-Sketch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WORD SCRAMBLE

The words below are all mixed up! Unscramble the words to reveal objects and people you will see at Virginia Key Beach Park. Search for these same words in the puzzle below.

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mignsmiw

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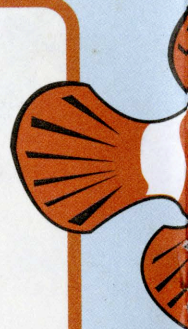
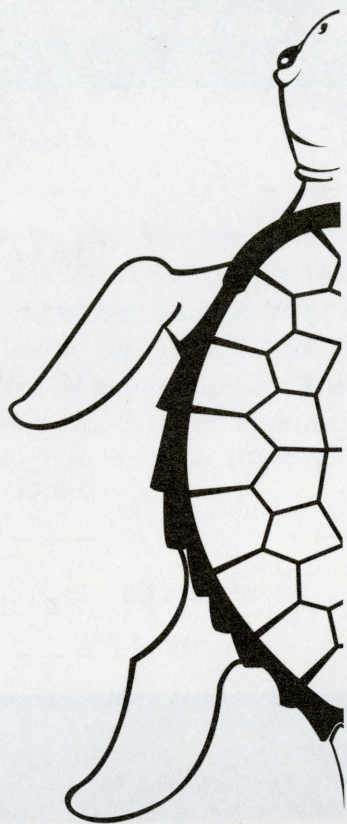
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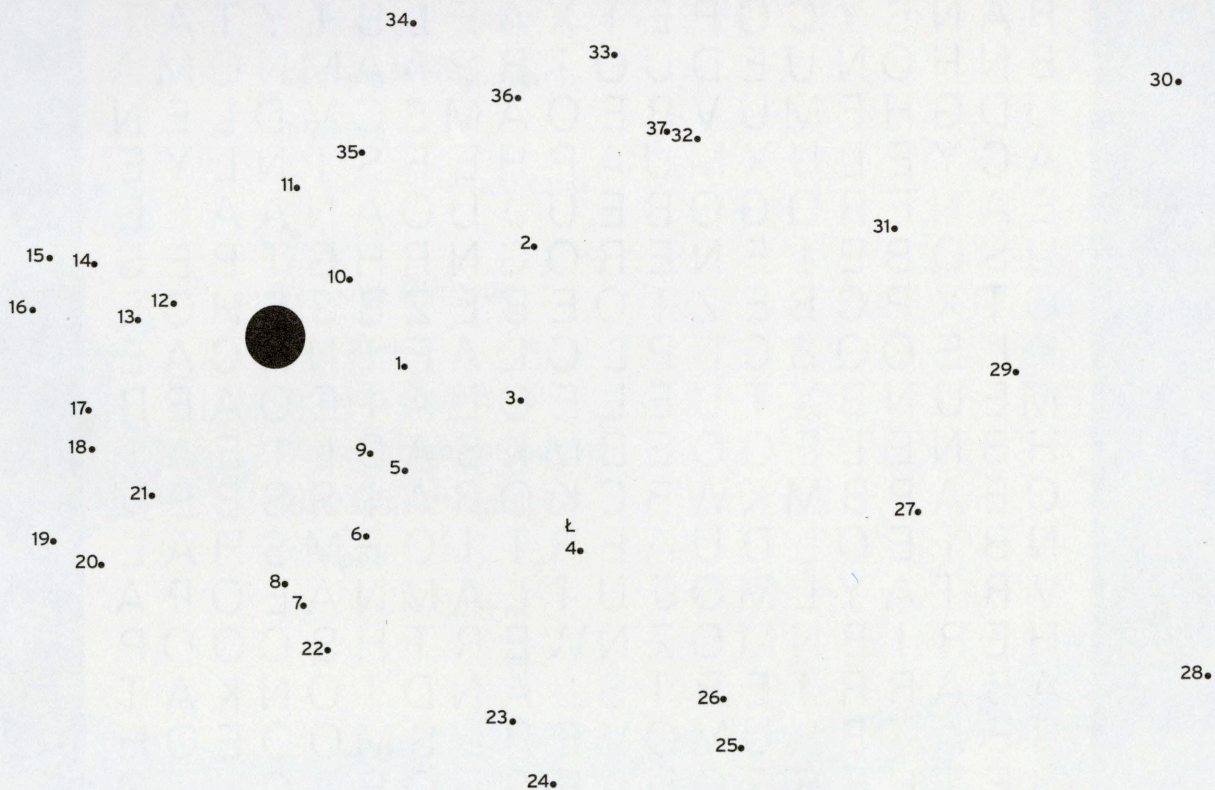
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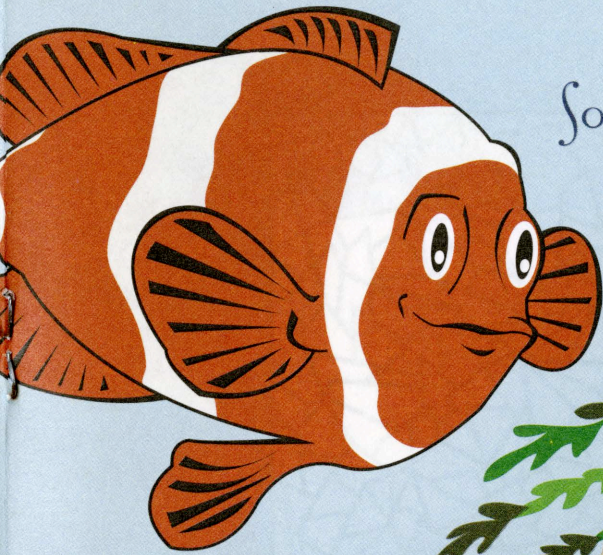
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 R A N B Y C O P E T X A F L B I Y T A T
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FINISH THE LOGGERHEAD TURTLE



CONNECT THE DOTS





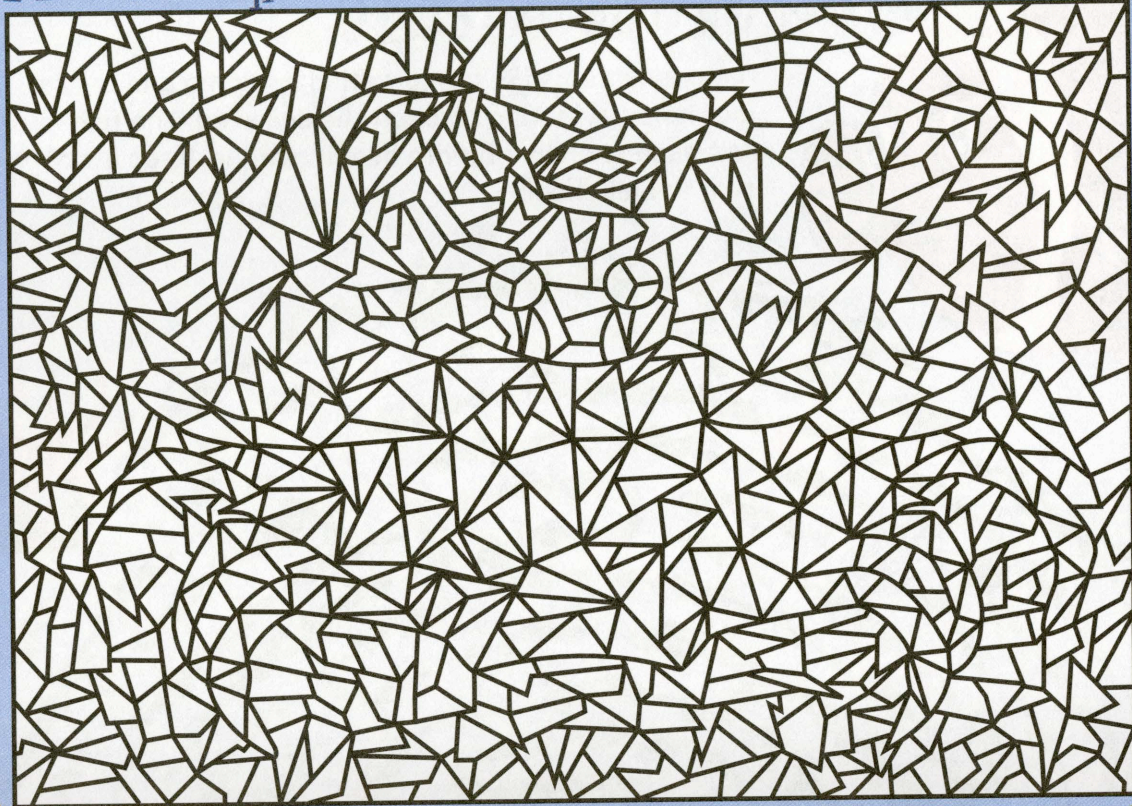
Solve the Maze

The anemone fish is trying to find its home and needs your help navigating through the seaweed. The fish must visit each anemone before heading home. Keep away from the jellyfish!



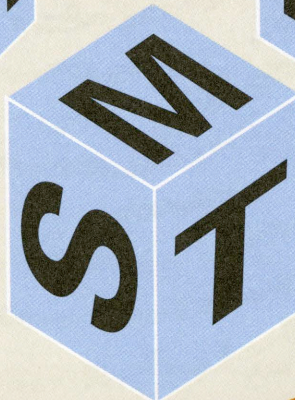
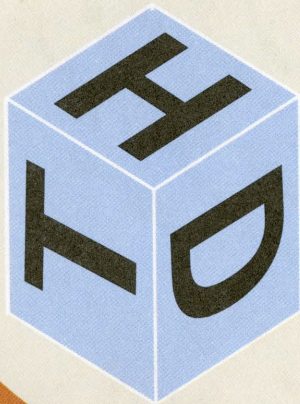
FILL IN THE TRIANGLES

Color in only the three-sided shapes to reveal the hidden picture.



MIND BLOCK

This one is a toughie! These are all different views of one block. Use logic to decide what letter should replace the question mark.



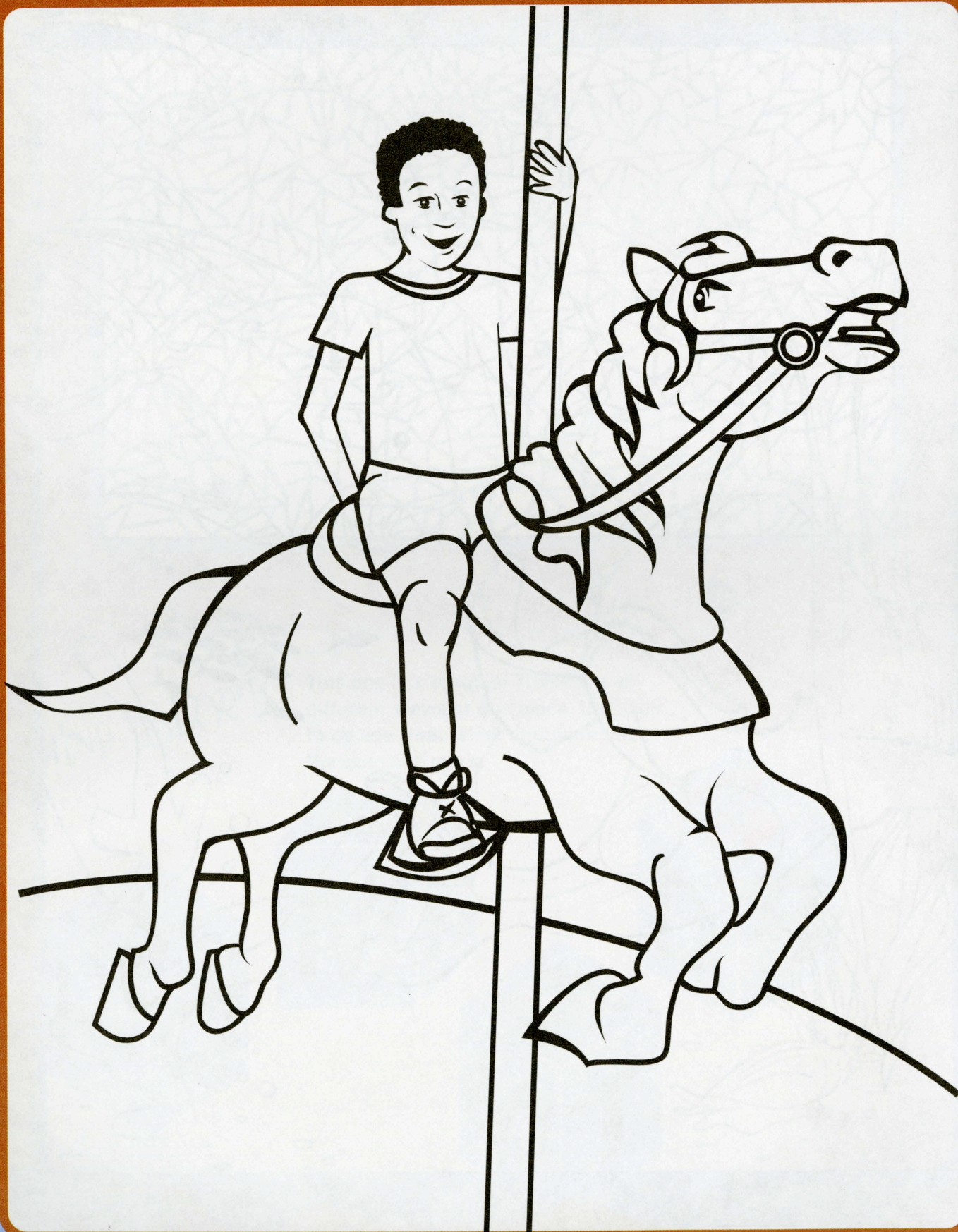
Circle the hidden objects, then use crayons to color in the picture. See if you can find a spoon, wishbone, pencil, umbrella, sailboat, street light, and paint brush.

FIND THE HIDDEN OBJECTS



RIDING THE CAROUSEL

Use crayons to color in the picture below. Have you ever ridden a carousel?



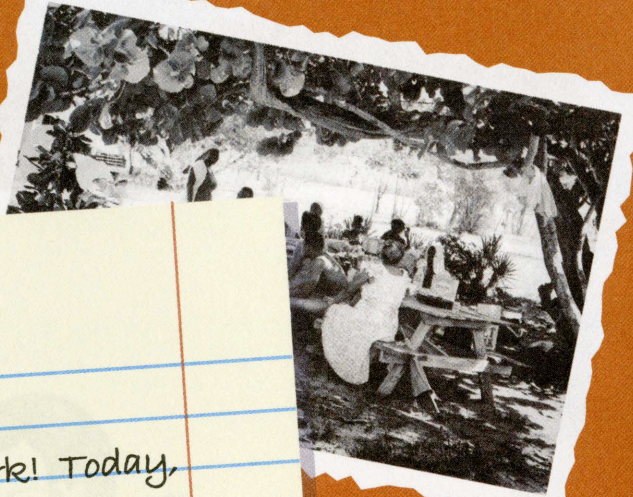
BUILDING SANDCASTLES

Use crayons to color in the picture below. At the bottom of the page, draw your own sandcastle design.



WRITE A LETTER

Ask a friend to provide examples based on the numbered list. Write their answers in the blank spaces in the letter. You'll get a laugh!



Dear ¹ _____,

Greetings from Virginia Key Beach Park! Today, we will be ² _____ at the beach and ³ _____ in the ocean. The weather here is very ⁴ _____, so Grandpa is going to buy a funny ⁵ _____ to shield his eyes from the _____.

There are so many fun things I want to do! Yesterday, I rode a ⁷ _____ on the carousel and then ate a ⁸ _____ with ⁹ _____ from the concession stand. Grandma said she used to eat corndogs all the time when she was my age, too.

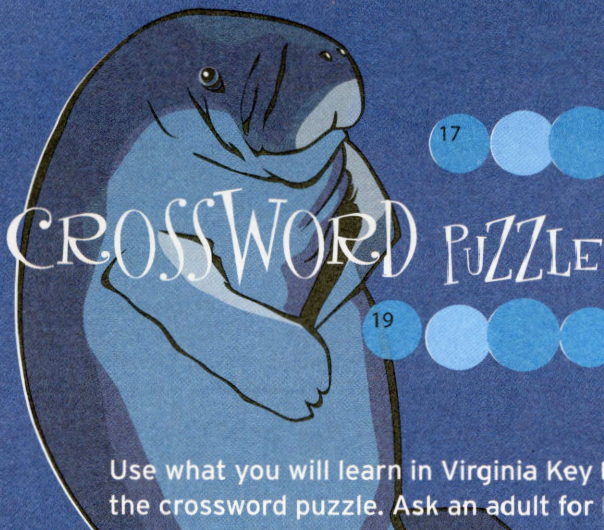
Our guide told us that Virginia Key Beach is home to many endangered ¹⁰ _____. I already spotted an odd ¹¹ _____ with a bill shaped like a ¹² _____. Tomorrow we are supposed to ride the mini-train and I'm really ¹³ _____. I don't want to ever leave!

See you soon!

(Your signature)

1. person's name
2. verb (ing)
3. verb (ing)
4. adjective
5. noun
6. noun
7. noun
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9. plural noun
10. plural noun
11. noun
12. noun
13. adjective





CROSSWORD PUZZLE

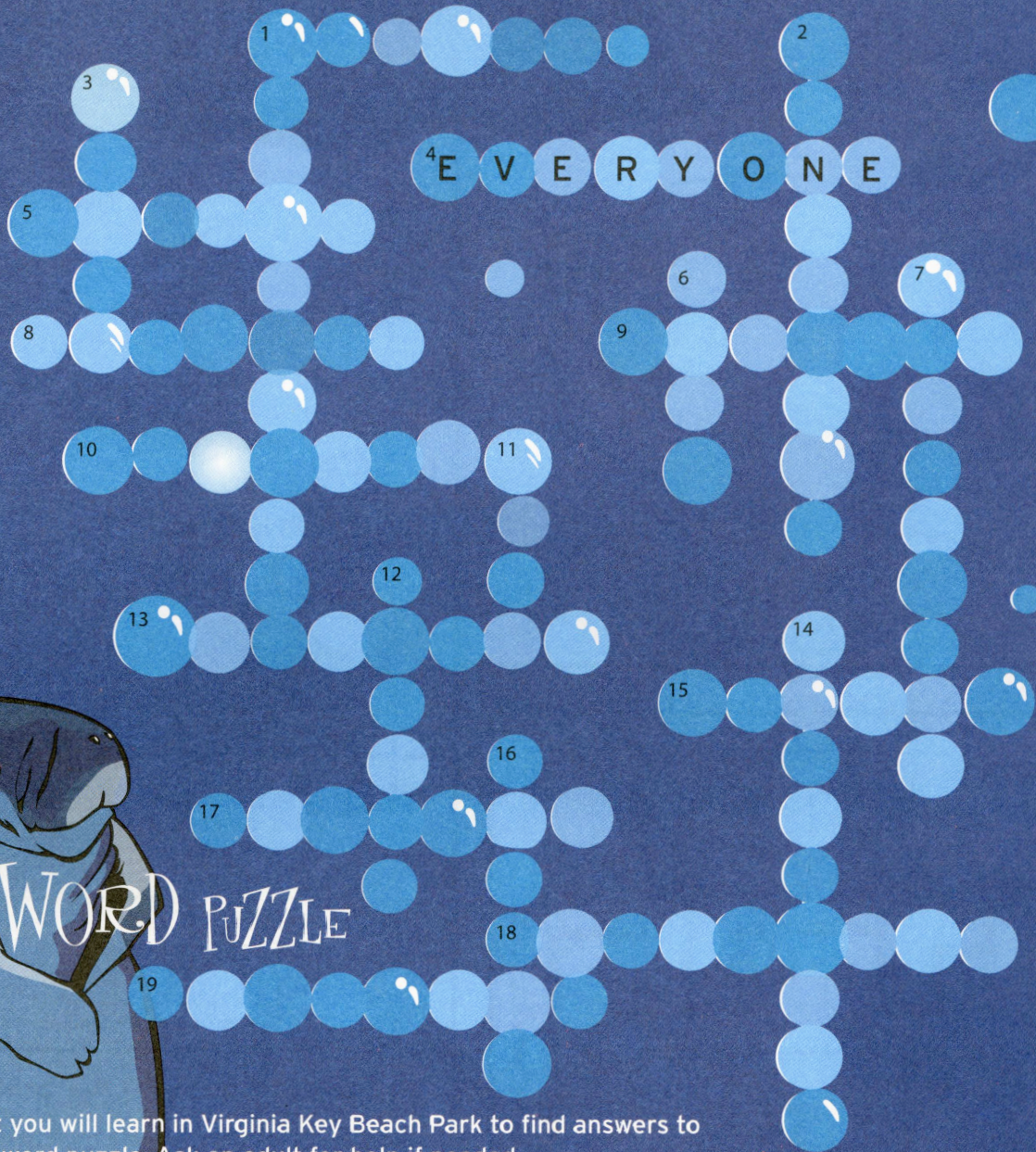
Use what you will learn in Virginia Key Beach Park to find answers to the crossword puzzle. Ask an adult for help if needed.

ACROSS

1. The dance pavilion is surrounded by ____ trees.
4. Virginia Key Beach is for ____ !
5. This historic protest helped African Americans gain access to the beach.
8. These unfair laws enforced segregation.
9. Virginia Key Beach is a ____ island.
10. This tree's roots are visible along the coastline.
13. Virginia Key Beach is part of a natural island chain located in ____ Bay.
15. You might see a ____ plover running along the shoreline.
17. A popular food item served on a stick.
18. This sea turtle shares a name with a bird of prey.
19. These ponies just run in circles.

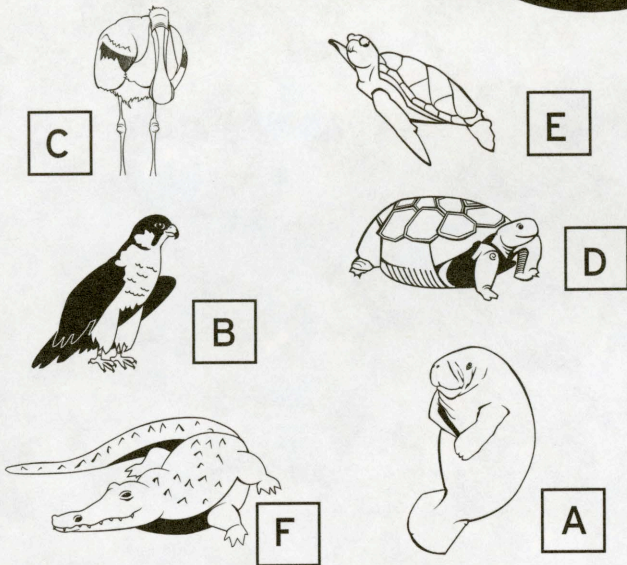
DOWN

1. The rights of personal liberty.
2. One can learn about African and Caribbean plants while riding the ____ .
3. Virginia Key Beach is located off the shore of ____ .
6. Virginia Key Beach is part of Miami ____ County.
7. An endangered falcon protected on the island.
11. 2, 4, 6, and 8 are ____ numbers.
12. A shelter found along the beach.
14. This bird is named after its utensil-shaped bill.
16. This tortoise shares a name with a burrowing rodent.

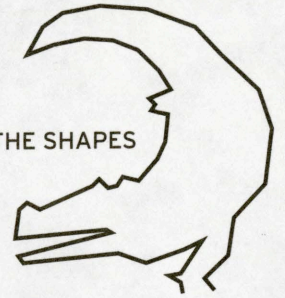


ANSWER KEY

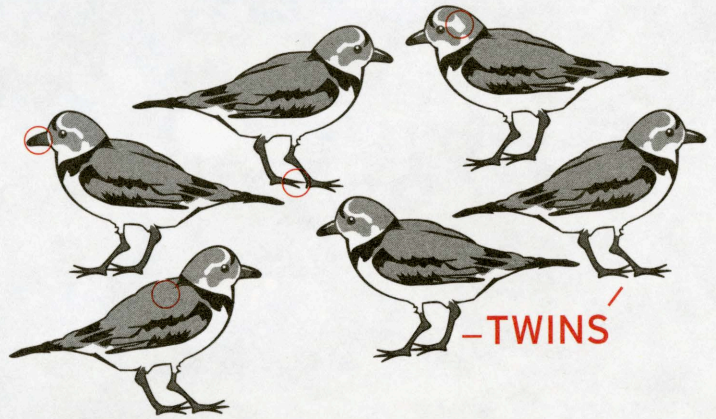
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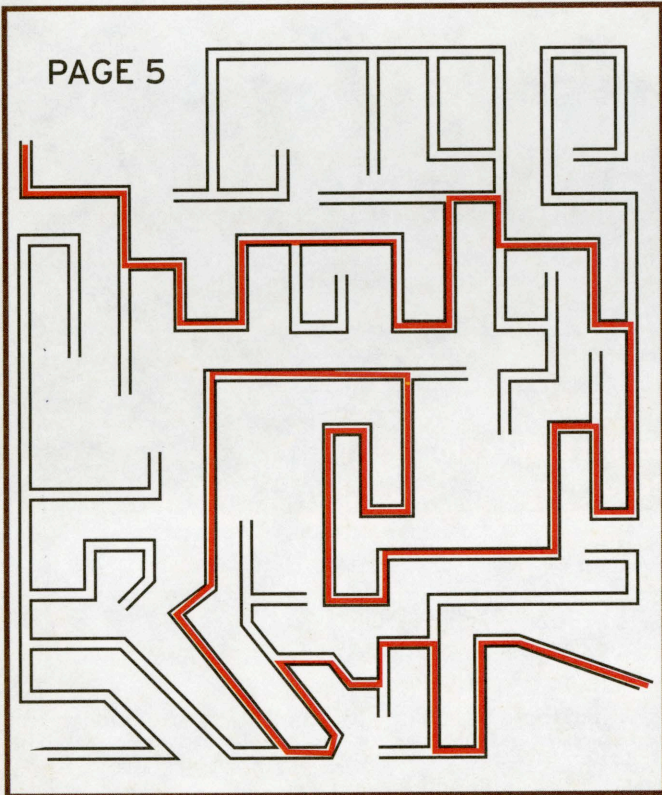
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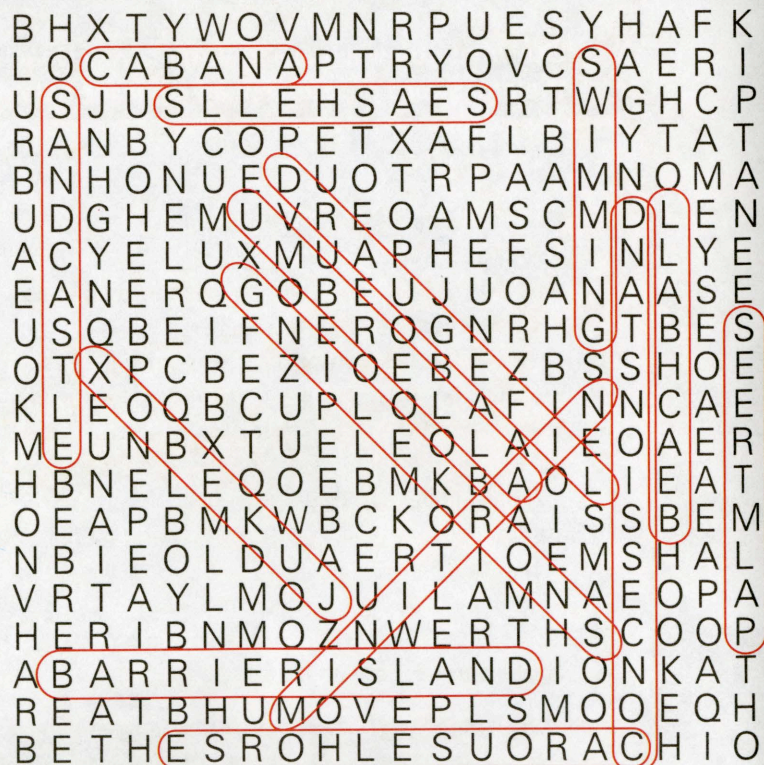


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| 5. electric scooters - now | 15. Adidas - now |
| 6. juke box - then | 16. poodle skirts - then |
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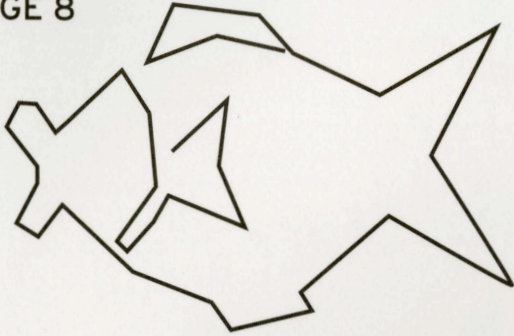
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| umbrella | palm trees | beach ball |
| swimming | mini train | barrier island |
| snorkeling | sea shells | carousel horse |
| cabana | lifeguard | juke box |
| concession stand | | sandcastle |



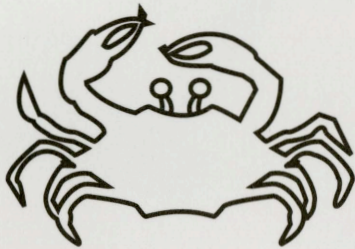
ANSWER KEY

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FILL IN THE TRIANGLES



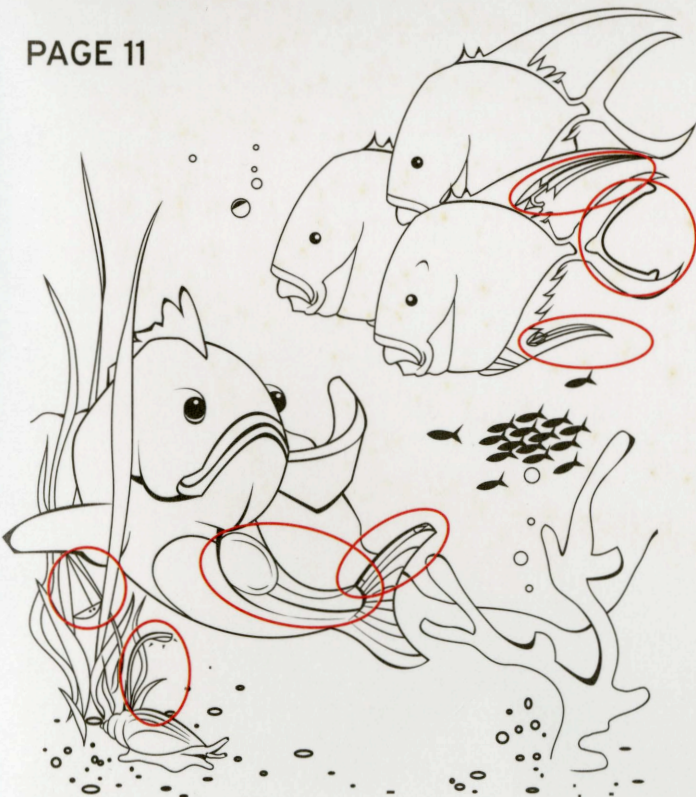
BLOCK GAME

MISSING LETTER: E

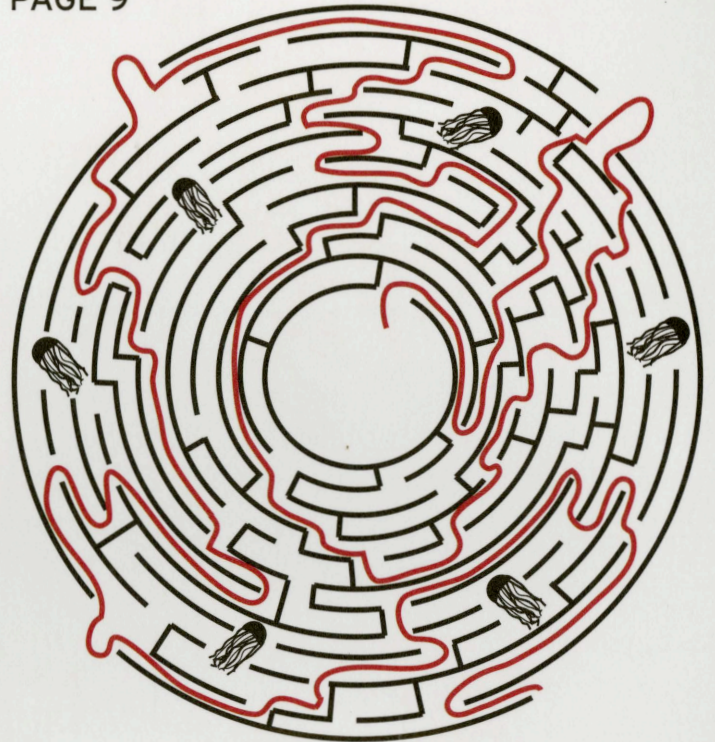
EACH LETTER IS REPEATED TWICE EXCEPT FOR THE "E."



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ACROSS:

1. coconut
4. everyone
5. Wade-In
8. Jim Crow
9. barrier
10. mangrove
13. Biscayne
15. piping
17. corn dog
18. hawksbill
19. carousel

DOWN:

1. civil rights
2. mini train
3. Miami
6. Dade
7. peregrine
11. even
12. cabana
14. spoon bill
16. gopher



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