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16 Word Search Puzzles


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Dear puzzler,
Puzzles are a good way to take your mind off the outside world. And each puzzle solved, no matter how hard or easy, is a small source of satisfaction in these hard times.

We hope these free puzzles will make a pleasant diversion to pass the time through the day.

Helene Hovanec was so kind to contribute for free 16 Word Search puzzles. Helene is a New York-based puzzle constructor who specializes in puzzles for children.

These puzzles are perfect for children. Helping them can be a lot of fun too.

Have fun and take care,
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## RIDDLE SEARCH - MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Which storybook character wrote his own songs?

## BANJO

CELLO
CLARINET
FIDDLE
FIFE
FLUTE
HORN
LYRE
MANDOLIN
OBOE
ORGAN
PIANO
PICCOLO
tambourine
TRIANGLE

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| $C$ | $G$ | $R$ | $O$ | $O$ | $E$ | $F$ | $I$ | $F$ | $Y$ |
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TROMBONE
TUBA
VIOLA

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## RIDDLE SEARCH - CAR PARTS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What equipment is always found on a crying car?

AIR BAG
BRAKE
CHOKE
CLUTCH
DOOR
ENGINE
EXHAUST
FAN
FENDER
GEAR
HORN
IGNITION
LIGHT
MUFFLER
PISTON
RADIO
SIGNAL
STARTER

## RIDDLE SEARCH - NUMBERS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What did one math book say to the other?

EIGHTY
ELEVEN
FIFTEEN
FIFTY
FIVE
FORTY
NINETY
ONE
SEVENTEEN
SEVENTY
SIXTY
THIRTEEN
THIRTY
three
TWELVE
TWENTY-FOUR
TWO

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| Y | H | E | T | R | N | F | W | P | R |
| O | T | R | E | T | T | O | B | T | H |
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| T | W | E | N | T | Y | F | O | U | R |
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| E | S | E | V | E | N | T | Y | M | S |

Riddle Answer:
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## RIDDLE SEARCH - FRUITS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Who writes nursery rhymes and squeezes oranges?

BANANA
CHERRY
DATE
FIG
GRAPE
GUAVA
MANGO
NECTARINE
ORANGE
PAPAYA
PEAR
PERSIMMON
PINEAPPLE
PLUM
RAISIN
STRAWBERRY
TANGERINE
Riddle Answer:

## RIDDLE SEARCH - DRINKS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: How do Martians drink their tea?

## CIDER

COFFEE
EGG CREAM
EGGNOG
hot COCOA
ICED TEA
JUICE
LEMONADE
LIMEADE
MALTED
MILK
NECTAR
PUNCH
ROOT BEER
SODA
WATER

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| $C$ | $E$ | $A$ | $E$ | $T$ | $D$ | $E$ | $C$ | I | A |
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| D | A | L | A | D | O | S | U | K | R |
| E | E | F | F | O | C | N | P | Y | C |
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| G | I | S | E | C | I | U | J | D | G |
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| R | R | O | O | T | B | $E$ | $E$ | $R$ | $S$ |

Riddle Answer:

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## RIDDLE SEARCH - SANDWICHES

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: How do you know if there is a giant in your sandwich?

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| CHICKEN | F | A | 0 | N | 0 | E | A | H | U | U |
| CRAB MEAT | E | E | N | O | E | C | L | N | A | R |
| HAM JELLY | E | M | E | M | V | Y | A | L | T | K |
| ROAST BEEF | B | B | K | L | 0 | F | M | B | Y | E |
| ROAST PORK |  |  |  | A |  | P |  |  |  |  |
| SALAMI | T | A | C | A |  | P |  |  |  | Y |
| SALMON | S | R | 1 | S | A | R | D | 1 | N | E |
| SARDINE | A | C | H | E | E | S | E | H | K | U |
| TUNA FISH | O | P | C | E | G | A | S | U | A | S |
| TURKEY | R |  | A | S | T | P | O | R | K | M |

Riddle Answer:

## RIDDLE SEARCH - STATES

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Which state has only one actor in it?

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
IOWA
MARYLAND MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MISSOURI

NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO
OHIO
TEXAS
UTAH
VIRGINIA


Riddle Answer:

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## RIDDLE SEARCH - BREAKFAST FOODS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do cats like to eat for breakfast?

BACON
BAGEL
BANANA
BUTTER
CEREAL
CHEESE
COCOA
DOUGHNUT
EGGS
HAM
JAM
JUICE
MILK
OATMEAL
PANCAKES
ROLL
TOAST
WAFFLES

Riddle Answer:

| W | P | T | O | A | T | M | E | A | L |
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| B | C | Y | F | L | K | I | E | J | R |
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## RIDDLE SEARCH - CHRISTMAS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why does Santa like to go down the chimney?

ANGEL
BELLS
BOWS
CARDS
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
ELVES
GIFTS
HOLLY
mistletoe
PARTY
SANTA
STARS
STOCKINGS
TINSEL
M B C A R O L S E C
I A A U G I F T S S
S WR L E G N A E S
T R D I T E M R S W
L E S N I T R S O O
E A O T S A N T A B
T T S I E L V E S E
O H R H P A R T Y L
E H O L L Y I M O L
C S G N I K C O T S
TOYS
TREE
Riddle Answer:
WREATH

## RIDDLE SEARCH - BASKETBALL

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: When is a baby good at basketball?

ASSIST
BASKET
BLOCKING
CENTER
COURT
DEFENSE
DUNK
FORWARD
FOUL
FREE THROW
GUARD
HOOP
JUMP
NET
OFFENSE

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| $I$ | $R$ | $D$ | $U$ | $N$ | $K$ | $E$ | $I$ | $D$ | $E$ |
| $O$ | $W$ | $O$ | $R$ | $H$ | $T$ | $E$ | $E$ | $R$ | $F$ |
| $P$ | $A$ | $S$ | $S$ | $N$ | $D$ | $H$ | $T$ | $R$ | $E$ |
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| $B$ | $D$ | $C$ | $P$ | $M$ | $U$ | $J$ | $A$ | $O$ | $L$ |
| $E$ | $S$ | $F$ | $F$ | $O$ | $P$ | $I$ | $T$ | $U$ | $P$ |
| $B$ | $L$ | $O$ | $C$ | $K$ | $I$ | $N$ | $G$ | $L$ | $G$ |

PASS
POINTS
Riddle Answer:
RIM
TIP-OFF

## RIDDLE SEARCH - SEAFOOD

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Where do fish sleep?

## BASS

CHUB
CLAMS
COD
CONCH
CRAWDAD
EELS
HADDOCK
HERRING
LOX
OCTOPUS
OYSTERS
PERCH
RAY
SALMON
SARDINE
SHRIMP
SNAPPER
SOLE
SQUID
TUNA

## RIDDLE SEARCH - DOGS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What should you do with your dog when you go shopping?


Riddle Answer:
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## RIDDLE SEARCH - CAMPING GEAR

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do you need when you go camping in the desert?

AXE
BLANKET
BOWL
FLASHLIGHT
FUEL
GRILL
HAMMER
LANTERN
MAP
MATTRESS
PAN
POLE
PUMP
ROPE
SOAP
STOVE
TABLE
TARP
TENT
THERMOS
TRASH BAG

[^0]T R A T E K N A L B R E T H V E L B A T A M N B O W L I R H S M A T T R E S S E H A X S S L O T A R B H E I S D E P A M A N A P K O O U E O G G R I L L A M F S L A N T E R N P I T T H G I L H S A L F Riddle Answer:
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## RIDDLE SEARCH - CLOTHING

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What kind of clothing do attorneys wear?

CAPE
DRESS
HALTER
JEANS
OVERALLS
PANTS
PINAFORE
PONCHO
PULLOVER
RAINCOAT
SHIRT
SHORTS
SKIRT
SOCKS
TIE
TROUSERS
TUXEDO
UNIFORM
VEST

## 政

R E V O L L U P L A
P A S L L A R E V O
A P I N A F O R E D
N P O N C H O W S E
T E P A C D S U T X S R I M R O F I N U

O T I E J E A N S T C T S H H A L T E R K S R E S U O R T S
S H O R T S K I R T

## RIDDLE SEARCH - BUGS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What did the proud mother lightning bug say about her son?

## ANT

APHID
BEETLE
CICADA
CRICKET
EARWIG
FRUITFLY
GNAT
HORNET
KATYDID
LADYBUG
LOCUST
MIDGE
TERMITE
TICK

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WASP
WEEVIL
Riddle Answer:

## RIDDLE SEARCH - MAMMALS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do you get if you cross a computer and an elephant?

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| BISON |  |  |  | A | V |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAT | F |  | A | E | D | 1 | N | G | O | A |  |  |
| CHIPMUNK | F |  |  | E | T | G | O | C | N |  |  | P |
| DEER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DINGO | A |  | E | H | A | R | E | T | A | N |  | M |
| DONKEY | R |  |  | N | Y | L | E | R | K |  |  | U |
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| FOX | G |  |  | T | O | G | A | L | A |  |  | K |
| GIRAFFE |  |  |  | T | O |  |  |  | A |  |  |  |
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MULE
OCELOT
TIGER
Riddle Answer:
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## SOLUTIONS

## PZZLㅜ́

## SOLUTIONS

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Answer: Rap van Winkle


## Answer: Boy, do I have problems



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## Answer: From flying saucers



Answer: The Lone Star State

Answer: Windshield

## weepers

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Answer: Mother Juice
6

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Answer: It's too heavy to pick up


Answer: They like mice krispies

## SOLUTIONS



Answer: Because it soots him


Answer: In water beds


## Answer: A thirst aid kit

| C H E G U B Y D/A L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R I E G I S B/P/F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | I |  | W | A | S |  |  |  |  |
|  | G | A | A T | Y | D | 1 | D |  |  |

Answer: He is bright for his age


## Answer: When it dribbles



Answer: Put it in a

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|  | P I N A F O R E |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Answer: Law suits


Answer: A five-ton know-it-all


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