

The 1950s: An American Dream?



Activity Book

Enjoy the puzzles, coloring pages and more
that are inside this book.

Laugh a little, learn a lot and love every minute!

Created for you by the Smoky Hill Museum.

This booklet was created to accompany our exhibit,
The 1950s: An American Dream?

Do the activities on your own or enjoy with friends.
Do them at the Museum or save them for later.



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VELCRO

The word must appear in each row, column and six-box grouping, without using any letter more than once or leaving any letter out. Have fun!

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In the early 1940s, a Swiss engineer noticed that when he walked his dog, they both came back with burrs attached to their clothes. After years of research and hard work, he copied the burr's grip - and named his invention Velcro. A US patent was issued in 1955, and by 1957 Velcro had come to America.

WORDOKU

MATCH-UP

The 1950s had some wonderful, colorful slang.
Match up the slang word or phrase with its meaning.

Bash ears

Ain't that a bite

Paper shaker

Cheaters

Radioactive

Bake a biscuit

Mickey Mouse

Big tickle

Circled

Antsville

Eyeglasses

To record an album

Really funny

Married

Talk too much

Something silly or dumb

A crowded place

Cheerleader or pom pom girl

Very popular, a trend

That's too bad

WHEELS

K H Y B U N J G K B B D B N T T E
I N E Q G Z O Z U I V R R V H R L
X Z P P K B G I S Y Z A O A U O D
B E L A I R C C O R R K A F N P O
F Y R P O K A N Z U M C D L D W R
R E N I L Y K S I F H A S A E E A
E D U J N K W S U L U P T E R N D
V B D E S U R Z M N E S E Z B N O
S F B S A J Z A U L E R R D I B S
C O R V E T T E L I Q W B I R N P
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BEL AIR
BISCAYNE
BONNEVILLE
BUICK
CORVETTE
ELDORADO SPORT
FAIRLANE

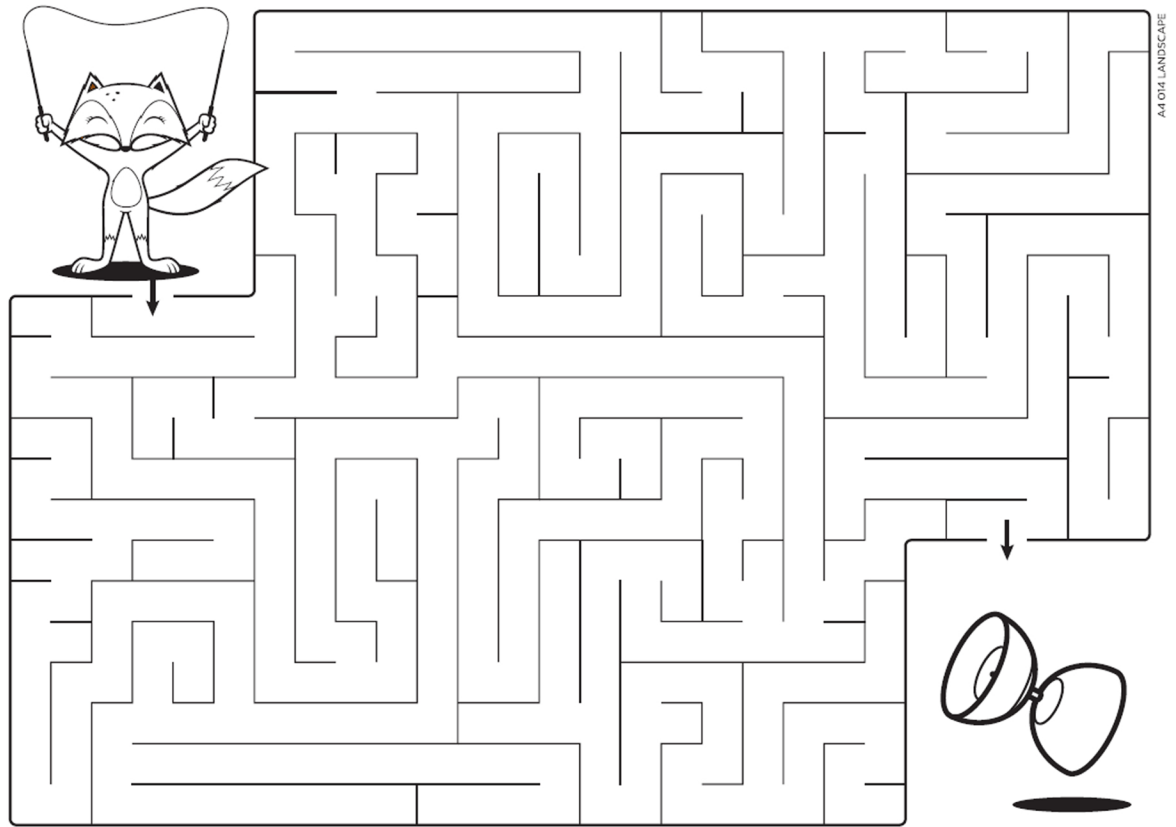
FIESTA
FURY
IMPALA
LA SABRE
NASH-HEALEY
NEWPORT

PACKARD
ROADSTER
SEVILLE
SKYLARK
SKYLINER
THUNDERBIRD

The 1950s was an amazing time for automobiles.
All the makes and models listed above are in the word search.
Can you find them?

Fox in a M A Z E

Can you help the
fox find his way?



WORDS

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This puzzle is a word challenge! How many words you can make out of another word. The 1950s were all about the “American Dream.” So, let’s take the word ... A M E R I C A N ... and make as many words as you can out of its letters.

How about these to get you started

A

Am

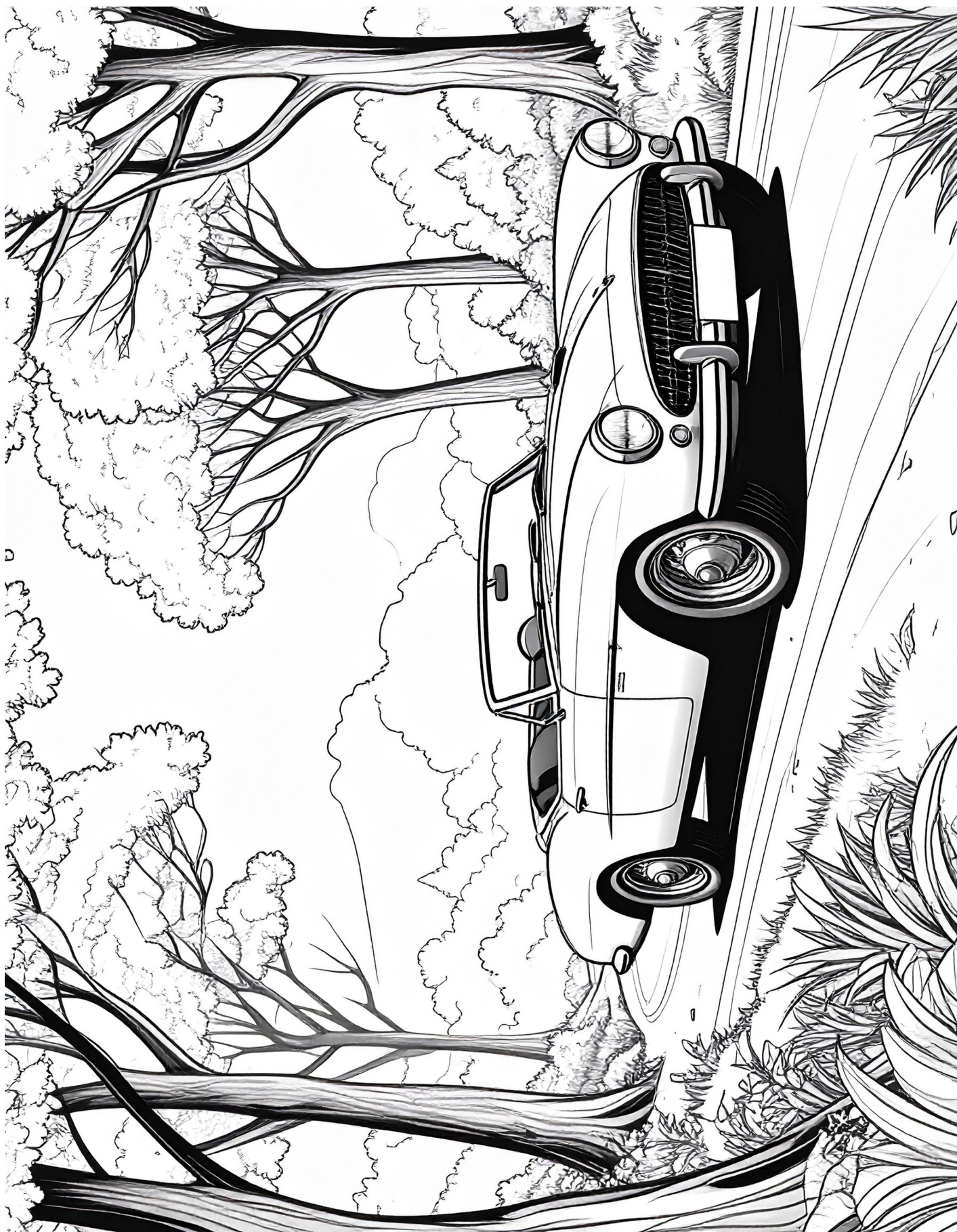
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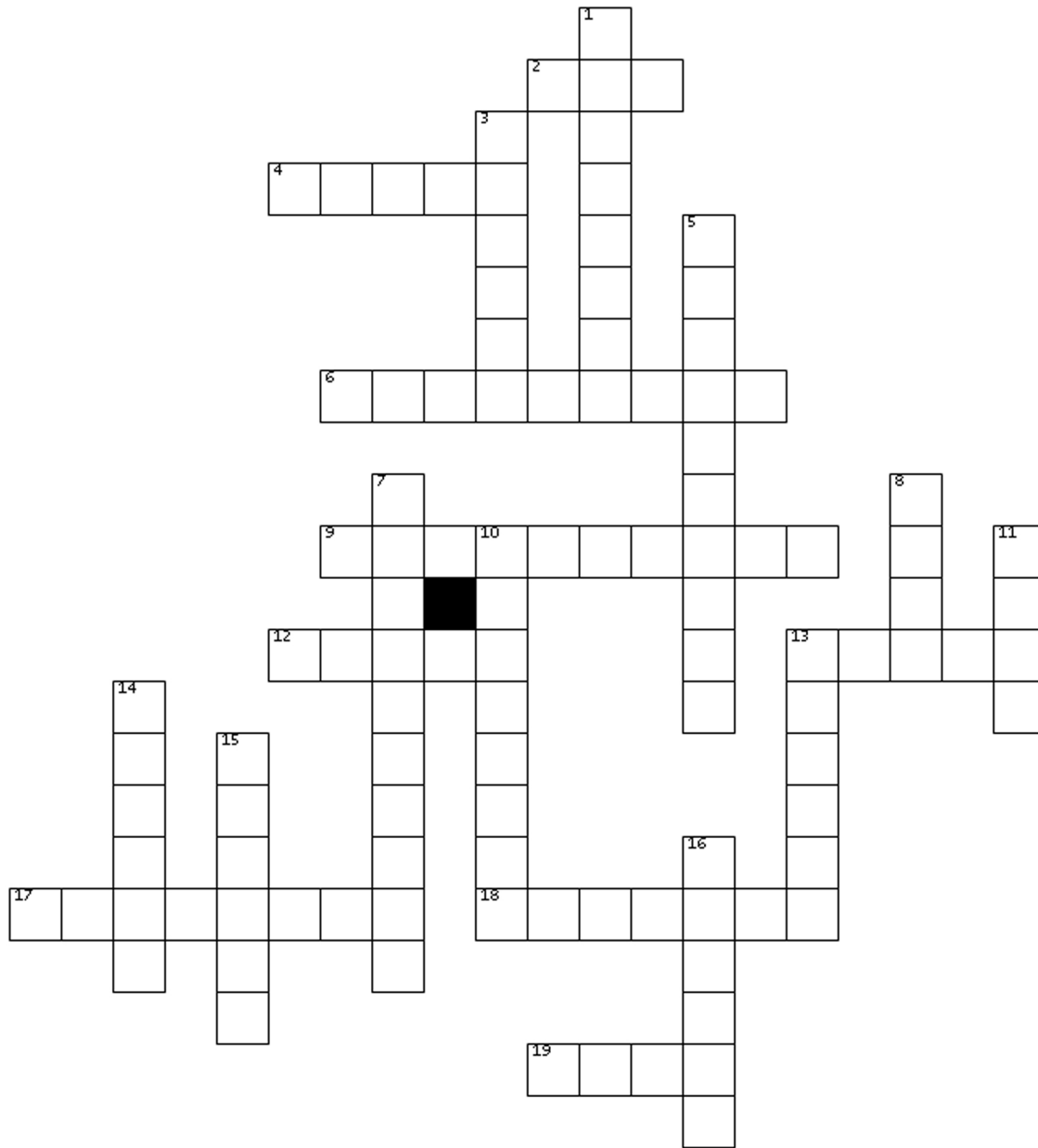
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Draw yourself in this car!



WORDS AND WARBLERS



The 1950s was a very creative time, full of wonderful songs and books. In this crossword puzzle, every answer is from the title of a book or song from the decade. Your favorite adult might be able to help.

ACROSS

2. Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the ____."
4. "Cry me a ____." (Hint - the Smoky is one)
6. "____ Hill." (Hint - not strawberry)
9. "A Bear Called ____."
12. A song by Ritchie Valens - "La ____."
13. Elvis wanted you to stay off his "Blue ____ Shoes."
17. "My Side of the ____." (Hint - Pikes Peak is one)
18. "____ Tons." (Hint - after fifteen)
19. Rod Serling invited you to the "Twilight ____."
(TV)

DOWN

1. "The Lion, the Witch and the ____."
3. "____ Caspian." (Hint - 4th in a series)
5. "____ Web." (Hint - About a pig)
7. "The 101 ____."
8. Johnny Cash did it. "I Walk the ____."
10. Marilyn Monroe sang, "____ are a Girl's Best Friend."
11. "A ____ is Nice." (A Cottonwood is one)
13. A movie and a song. "____' in the Rain."
14. "If I Ran the ____." (Hint - can have three rings)
15. "Tutti ____." Sang by Little Richard. (Hint - spelled like Tutti)
16. "Old ____." A book about a dog.



Hidden Objects

The 14 objects to the right are all hidden somewhere in this 1950s garage.
Can you find them?



TOY WORLD SEARCH!

W K A R C K L I P X Z C J H L O B W
R V G E Q V L P O O H A L U H W P O
G C T P E F O O A W R M F A E S X O
O Q S P C B D L L A B 8 C I G A M L
D J L O E R L F C T K Y B M U G I Y
Y C M P E U L X O E R R M D X T D W
K A K N Z G O S J R A X V X T S E I
N N N R T B R W X B Y Y L L U X K L
I D A O H R T R A A O A E O J F Q L
L Y I C A G G B S L G P S I P B Y Y
S L T Y Y W I F F L E B A L L T S Y
K A V G N V F B C O L O R F O R M S
M N A Q X Y M R P O T A T O H E A D
L D H J Q D V L F N P L A Y D O H V
F R I S B E E M E Z A Z D T L T C E

BARBIE
CANDYLAND
COLORFORMS
CORN POPPER
FRISBEE
GUMBY
HULA HOOP
LEGO
LITTLE PEOPLE
MAGIC 8 BALL

MATCHBOX CAR
MR POTATO HEAD
PLAY-DOH
SLINKY DOG
TROLL DOLL
WATER BALLOON
WIFFLE BALL
WOOLY WILLY
YAHTZEE

Toys! Toys! Toys! The 1950s was a wonderful time for new toys and old toys reimagined. The toys listed on the left are hidden in the word search. Can you find them all?

Wordoku

MICROWAVE

The word must appear in each row, column and nine-box grouping, without using any letter more than once or leaving any letter out.
Have fun!



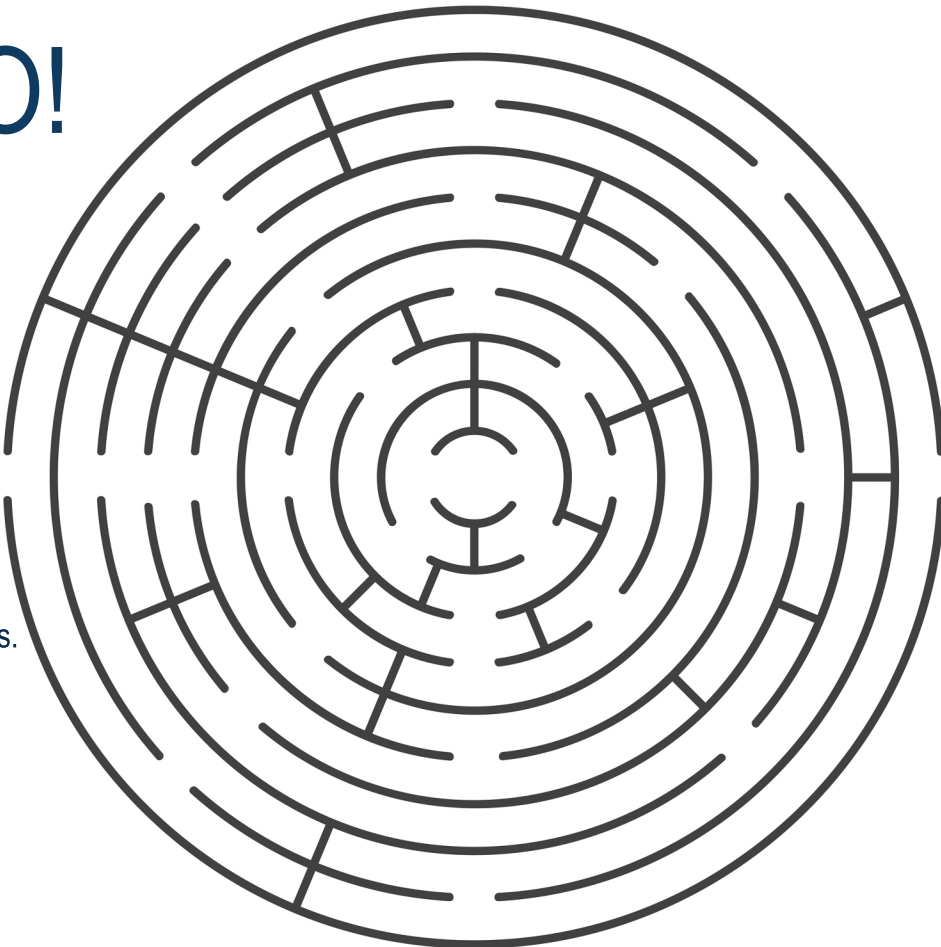
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The year was 1955. Tappan, working with Raytheon, released the RL-1, the first microwave designed for home use. Only 34 units were made that year, partially because of its \$1295 price tag and partially because it was confusing to use. Today, around 90% of homes have microwaves in them. That's today's wordoku word.

OH NO!



A very important singer can't find his blue suede shoes. Can you help him through the maze?





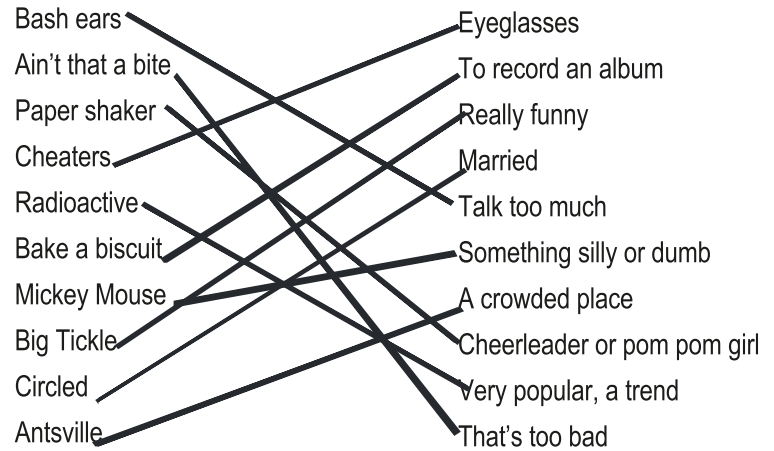
PAPER DOLLS have been around as long as there have been pencils, paper and creative people. The years 1935 through 1960 are considered their "golden age." Paper dolls were everywhere, including magazines. *McCall's* magazine featured paper dolls for decades, but the most popular one was Betsy McCall, who debuted in 1951. While the doll below isn't Betsy McCall, feel free to cut out the items, draw more clothes and enjoy!



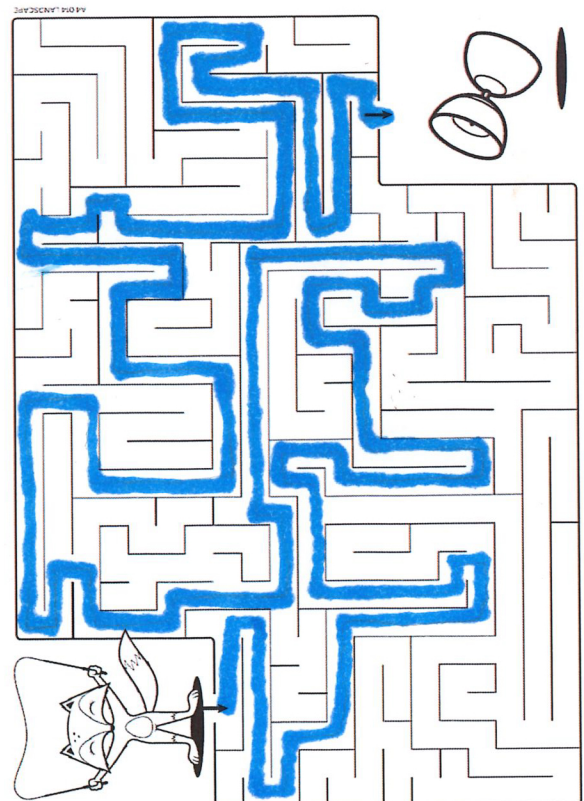
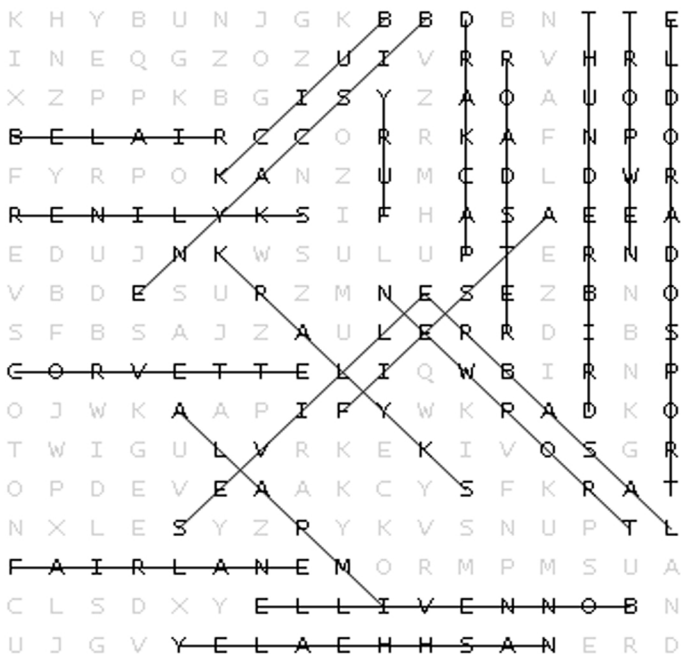
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WORDOKU

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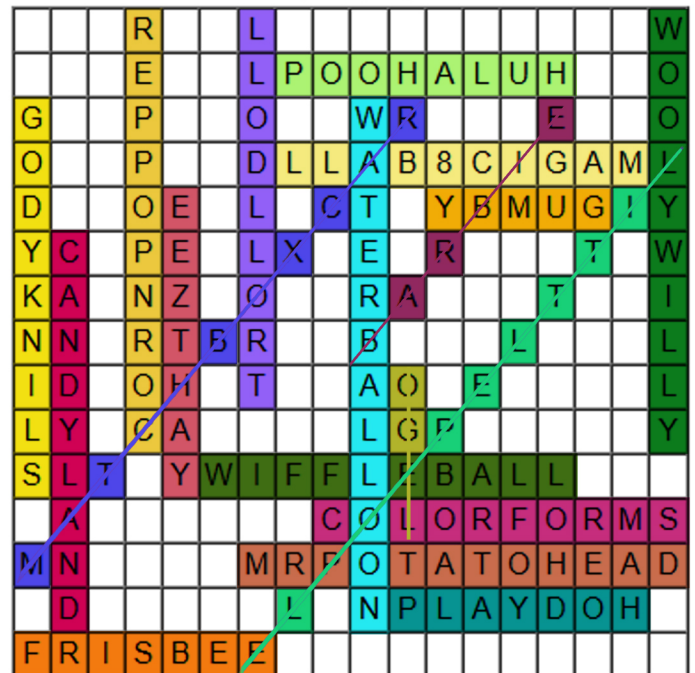
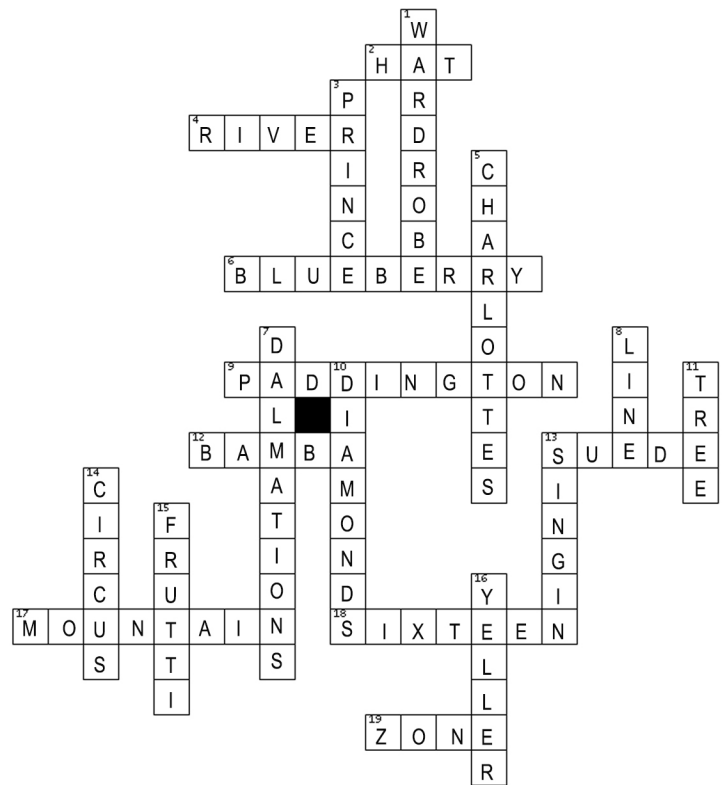
WHEELS



FOX in a MAZE

AMERICAN

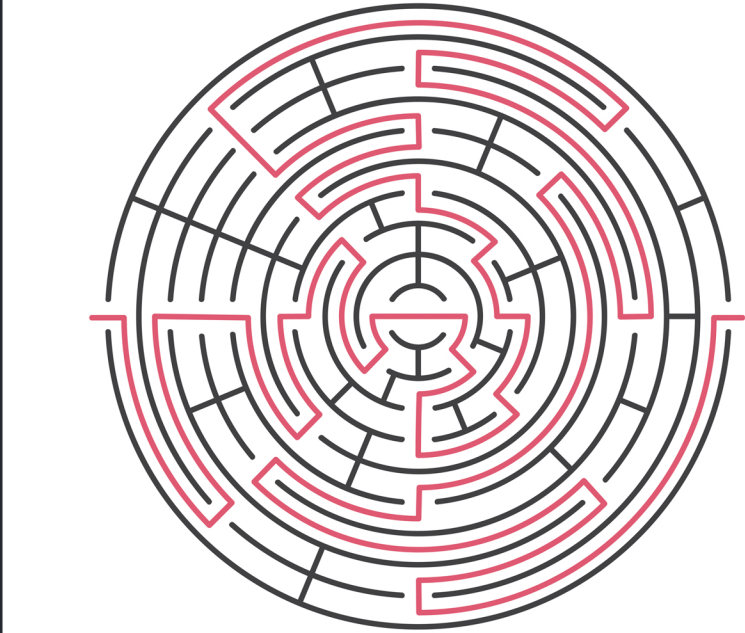
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marine, maria, maniac, mein, marina, ear,
era, earn, eric, ram, ream, ran, rim, race,
rain, rein, rice, remain, ramen, ice, ira, Iran,
iceman, can, cinema, cane, came, car, cram,
cream, cain, crime, crimea, carman, care,
crane, camera, name, nice, naan, near, and
of course, America.



WORDOKU

W	A	C	E	M	O	I	V	R
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E	O	M	I	R	V	C	W	A
A	C	W	O	E	M	V	R	I
R	I	V	A	W	C	E	O	M
M	E	O	V	I	R	A	C	W
C	W	A	M	O	E	R	I	V

OH NO!



We hope you've enjoyed this fun, puzzle-packed booklet.

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