



FUN IN THE SUN

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Many students are excited about summertime at the end of the school year. They start to think about all their favorite summer activities and the dreaming begins. This month, encourage their excitement with a collection of books and resources about fun in the sun.

This activity packet includes a selection of resources for educators, parents/caregivers, and students.

Booklist: A recommended list of books about fun in the sun.

Puzzles and Activities for Students: Resources about fun in the sun designed for independent student use.

Take-Home Activity: An activity about fun in the sun designed to help students continue learning at home.

Classroom Activity: An activity about fun in the sun designed for the classroom.

We suggest you print and copy the *Take-Home Activity* and *Puzzles and Activities for Students* pages and send them home to extend the learning.

For more reading resources, visit www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central.

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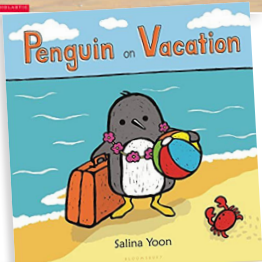
Fun In The Sun Book List

Recommended Books



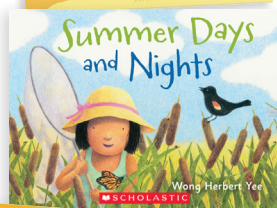
Hello Ocean

Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan
Illustrator: Mark Astrella
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Penguin on Vacation

Author: Salina Yoon
PK-1



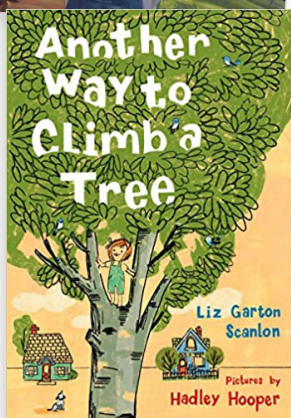
Summer Days and Nights

Author and Illustrator:
Wong Herbert Yee
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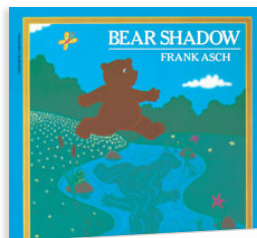
Summer Sun Risin'

Author: W. Nikola-Lisa
Illustrator: Don Tate
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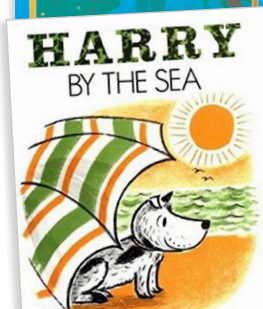
Another Way to Climb a Tree

Author: Liz Garton Scanlon
Illustrator: Hadley Hooper
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Bear Shadow

Author and Illustrator:
Frank Asch
PK-3



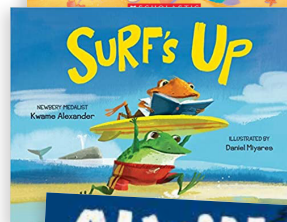
Harry by the Sea

Author: Gene Zion
Illustrator: Margaret Bloy Graham
PK-3



Summer Wonders

Author: Bob Raczka
Illustrator: Judy Stead
K-1



Surf's Up

Author: Kwame Alexander
Illustrator: Daniel Miyares
K-2



Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters

Author: Lenore Look
Illustrator: LeUyen Pham
1-4

Memory Match



Cut along the lines to create vocabulary cards. Then, mix them up and turn them over. Flip two cards at a time, using your memory to try to find word pairs. Use each page separately for an easier version, or put all the cards together for a bigger challenge.

picnics

picnics

parks

parks

climbing

climbing

biking

biking

camping

camping

swimming

swimming



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ocean

ocean

mountains

mountains

river

river

zoo

zoo

popsicles

popsicles

activities

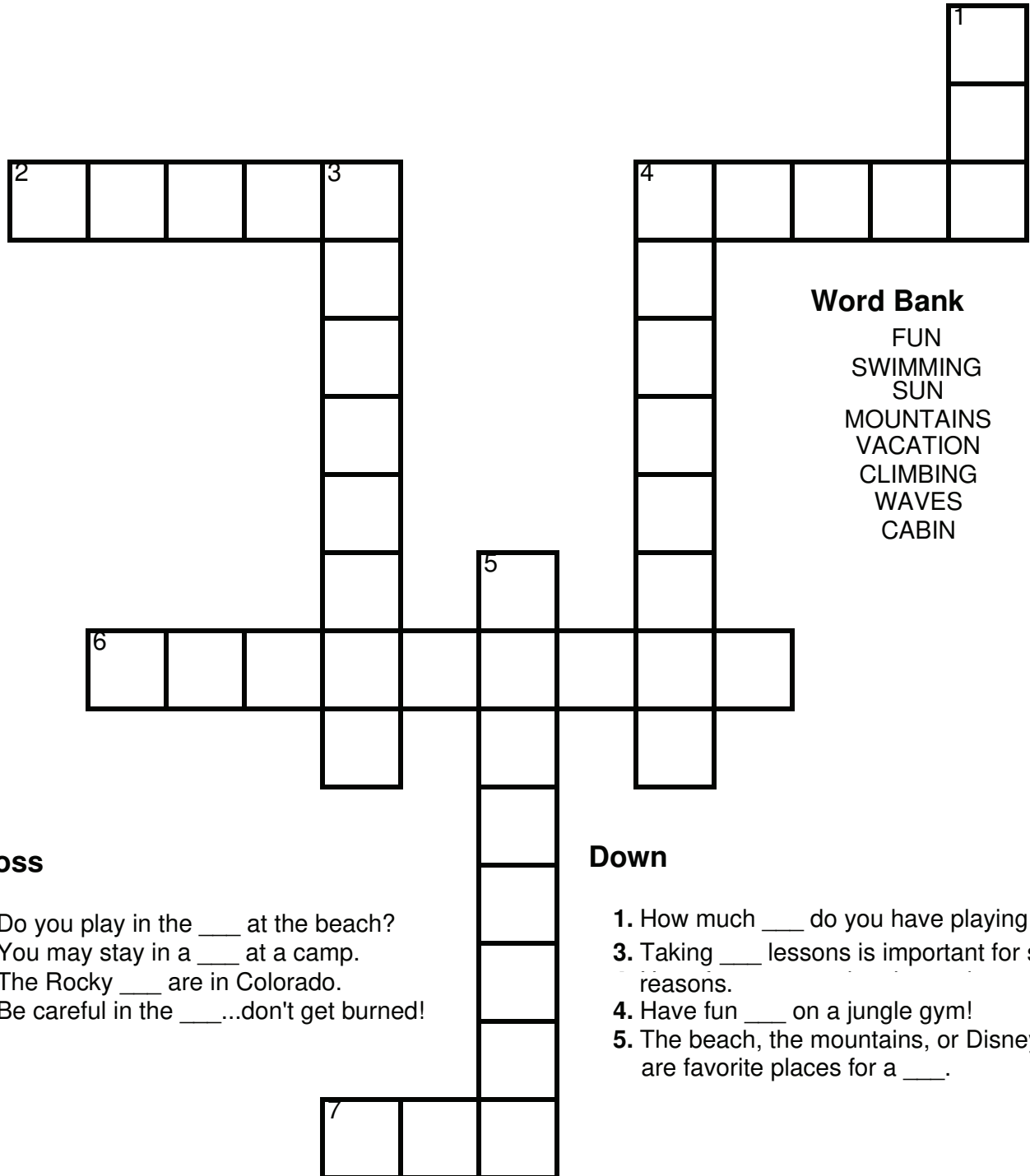
activities



Crossword Puzzle (easier)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Fun in the Sun.
Look for hints in the Word Bank.



Crossword Puzzle (harder)

Name: _____ Date: _____

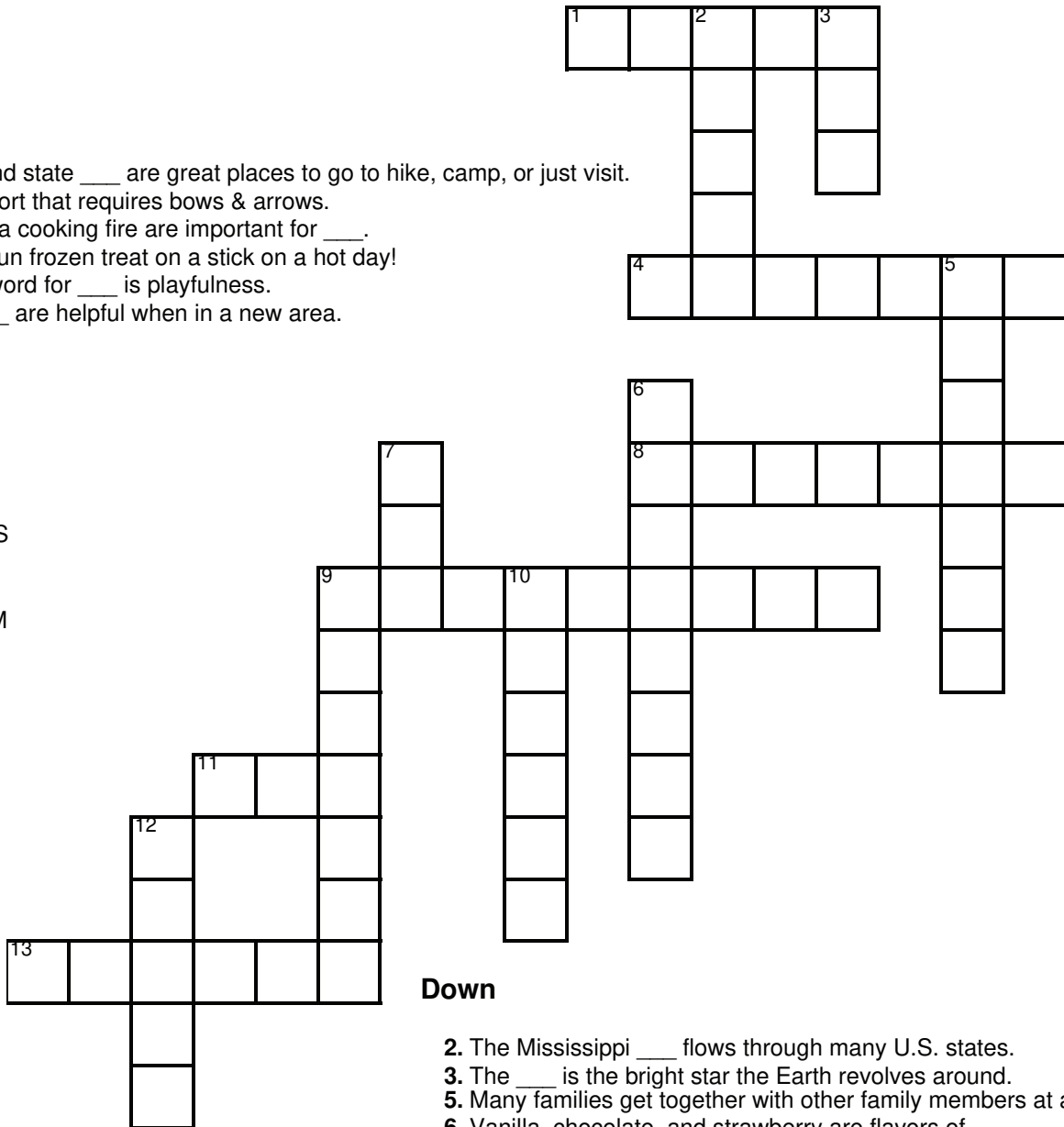
Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Fun in the Sun.
Look for hints in the Word Bank.

Across

1. National and state ____ are great places to go to hike, camp, or just visit.
4. ____ is a sport that requires bows & arrows.
8. A tent and a cooking fire are important for ____.
9. ____ are a fun frozen treat on a stick on a hot day!
11. Another word for ____ is playfulness.
13. Hiking ____ are helpful when in a new area.

Word Bank

FUN
RIVER
PICNICS
POPSICLES
SUN
CAMPING
ICE CREAM
ARCHERY
BEACH
TRAILS
REUNION
SUMMER
PARKS
ZOO

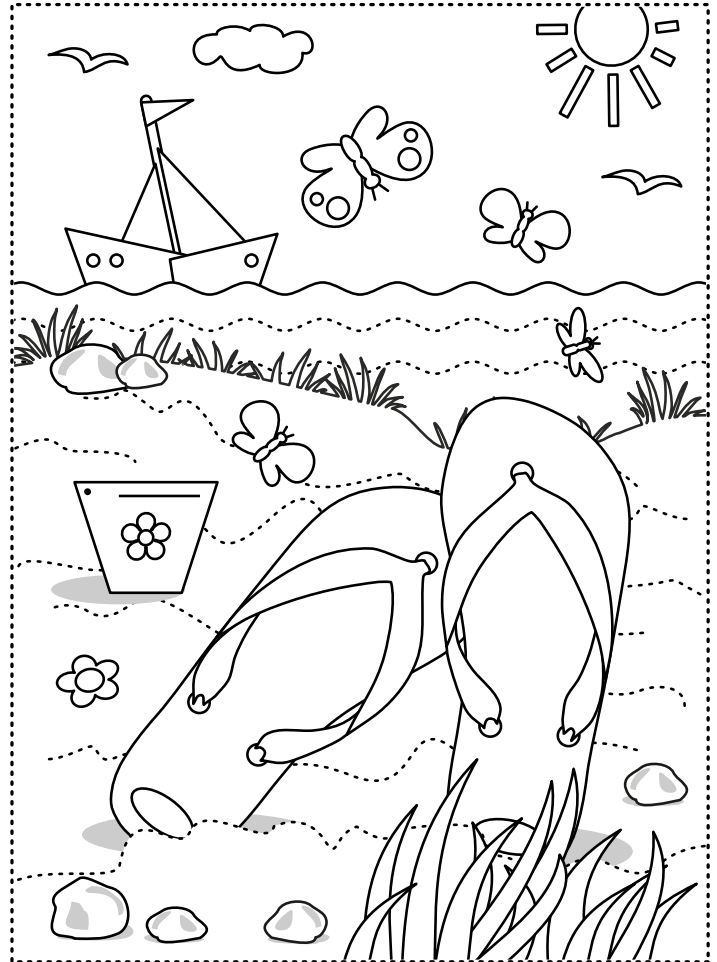
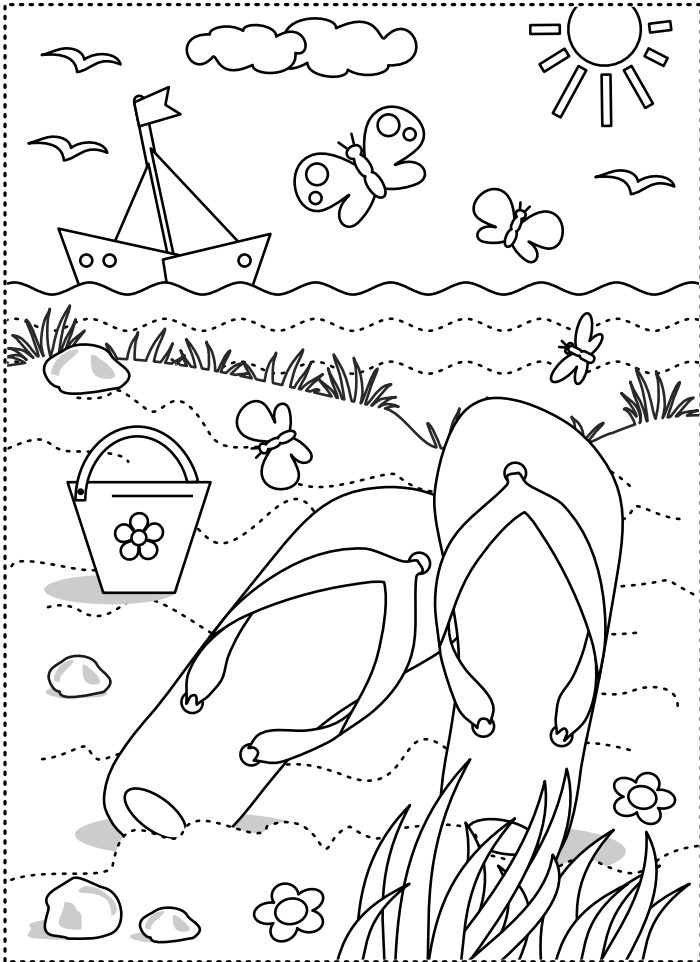


Down

2. The Mississippi ____ flows through many U.S. states.
3. The ____ is the bright star the Earth revolves around.
5. Many families get together with other family members at a ____.
6. Vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry are flavors of ____.
7. Lions, elephants, zebras, and other animals are often favorites at the ____!
9. A blanket, a basket of food, and ants are often part of ____.
10. ____ is the one of the four seasons.
12. Do you enjoy the waves and the sand at the ____?

Find The Differences

Find 10 Differences



Word Search (easier)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Find the words in the list below.

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

Word Bank

FUN	SUN	SUMMER
BEACH	SAND	OCEAN
RIVER	SWIMMING	TENT
PARKS	TRAILS	PICNICS

Word Search (harder)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Find the words in the list below.

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

Word Bank

VACATION
SAND CASTLES
BOATING
MOUNTAINS
ICE CREAM
CAMPERS

BEACH
OCEAN
RAFTING
HIKING
POPSICLES
CODING

WAVES
SWIMMING
CAMPING
BIKING
FAMILY REUNION
ARCHERY

Take-Home Activity

Fun in the Sun

Your child has been learning about fun in the sun at school and this activity is designed to extend the learning at home.

Talk with your child about all the things that thrive in the sun. Many things in the natural world peak in the summer sun. Plan for a collage-making adventure.

STEPS:

1. Visit a natural spot (e.g., backyard, park, beach, schoolyard) and collect items for a nature collage.
2. Bring your items home and create a collage display with your child. Use a background and material that suits your items -- if they're uniform and can be glued, consider a flat collage; if they're more dimensional, you might arrange a collage in a box lid or on a shelf.
3. Consider refreshing your collage all summer long to encourage your child to enjoy all the beauty and detail that nature provides.

Classroom Activity

Summer Stories

This activity is designed to be done in small groups.

For this activity, students will be constructing stories one sentence at a time, using settings, activities, and styles (all having to do with fun in the sun) that you provide. You can introduce as much variation as you like by changing the categories, words, format of the group storytelling, or any other parameter.

STEPS

1. Print and cut out our Story Sparks cards, or create your own sets of cards to use. If you are creating your own cards, think of a few options for each of three categories: Setting, Activity, and Characters.
2. Divide the class into groups of 4 or 5 students each (or use any grouping strategy that you prefer).
3. For round one, give each group one card and challenge them to come up with a story (beginning, middle, end) that grows from the word on their card. The story should be told one sentence at a time, with each student adding a sentence as the story moves around the group's circle.
4. For round two, give each group one card from each category and challenge them to come up with a story using all three words as springboards. Use the same storytelling structure.
5. Continue on for as many rounds and card combinations as you like. If sunny weather permits, do some of your storytelling outside!

Story Sparks

SETTING

Beach

SETTING

Playground

SETTING

**Ice Cream
Factory**

SETTING

Campground

SETTING

Pool

SETTING

**Spacecraft on
a Mission to
the Sun**

Story Sparks

ACTIVITY

Swimming

ACTIVITY

Hiking

ACTIVITY

Hopscotch

ACTIVITY

**Hot Air
Ballooning**

ACTIVITY

**Catching
Fireflies**

ACTIVITY

**Running Through
a Sprinkler**

Story Sparks

CHARACTERS

Kids

CHARACTERS

Animals

CHARACTERS

Space People

CHARACTERS

**Inanimate
(non-living)
Things**

CHARACTERS

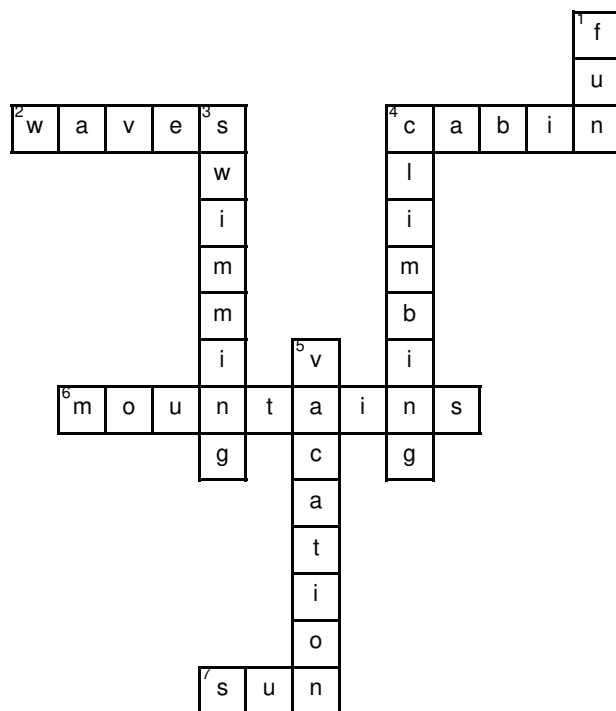
**Talking
Popsicles**

CHARACTERS

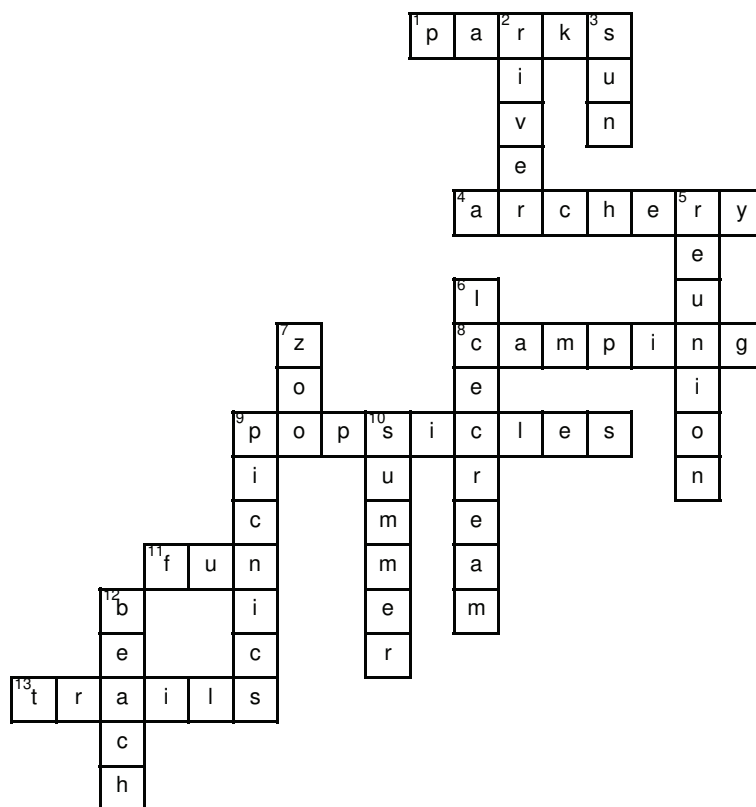
Superheroes

ANSWER KEYS

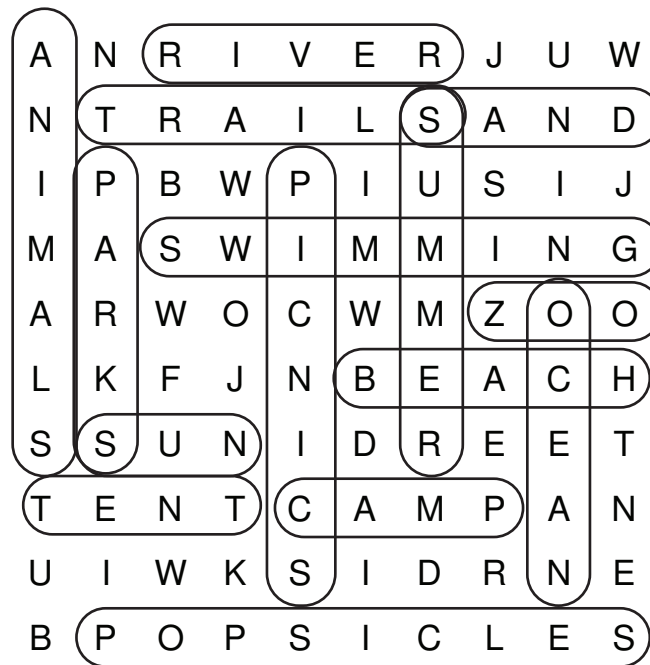
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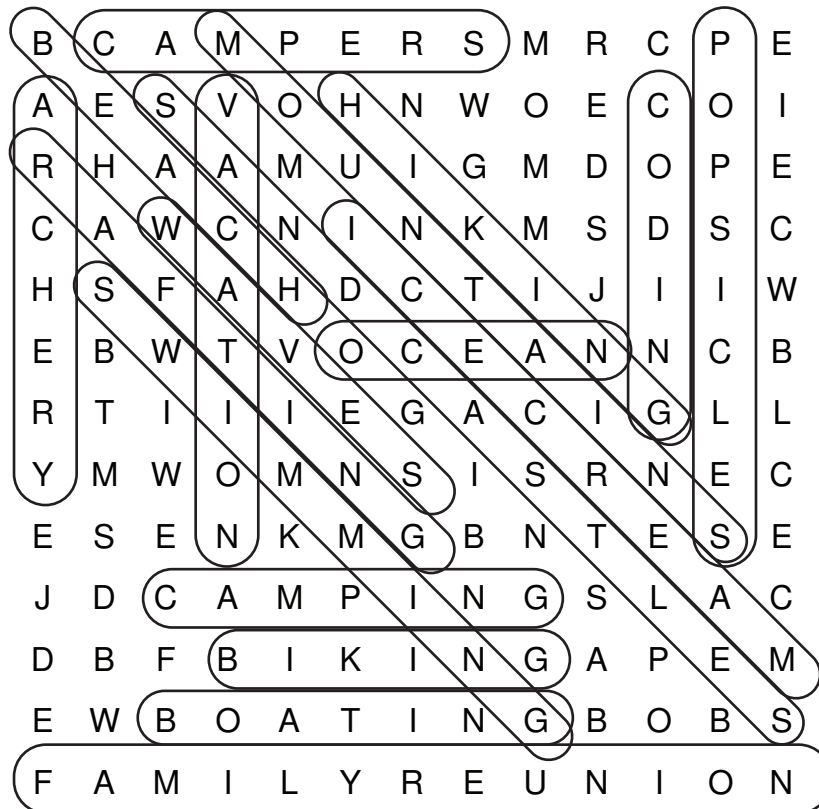
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Key: Word Search (easier)



Key: Word Search (harder)



Key: Find The Difference

