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# 2026 CALENDAR

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# JANUARY

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Word Nerd Day</i>	10
11	12	13	14 <i>World Logic Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 <i>National Puzzle Day</i>	30 	31 

## Brain Teaser:

Replace each word with a rhyme to form the names of five items of winter outerwear: BOAT; KITTENS; PACKET; SHOVES; SPAT



# CROSSWORD

## • WINTER FORECAST •

### ACROSS

1. Dorsal
5. Famed Titan
10. Round Table seat-holders
14. Slender instrument
15. Serious production
16. Performance by three

17. "\_\_\_\_ McBeal"
18. Telly interviewer
20. "\_\_\_\_ River"
21. Director Kazan
22. Queues
23. Article of faith

25. Farmer's bounty
27. "Crazy, \_\_\_\_, Love" (Steve Carell film)
29. Doctrines
33. Cliched
34. Shut out
35. Topper
36. Garden implement
37. Criticize vigorously
38. Affectation
39. Have being

40. Heads of hammers
41. Golfer Calvin \_\_\_\_
42. Sunrise
44. "The \_\_\_\_ of Seville"
45. Bridge position
46. Cheap jewelry
47. Part of WWW
50. Waistcoat
51. Pouch, in physiology
54. Daffodil species
57. Foot portion
58. Mix
59. Usher's milieu
60. "Tony \_\_\_\_"
61. Yankee Doodle's transport
62. Critter
63. Water pitcher

7. Molten rock
8. Parisian pal
9. Downhearted
10. Skunk's feature
11. Remove wrinkles
12. Shine's partner
13. Tipplers
19. Bevy of birds
21. Ms. Bagnold
24. Pentathlon sword
25. Boorish
26. Landlord's income
27. Valuable violin, for short
28. Diadem
29. Platform's section
30. "Poetry Man" singer
31. Fashion sense
32. Take the tiller
34. Sheepish remark
37. Spelling contests
38. Sassy
40. Madrid museum
41. Beyond
43. Campanile
44. Kind of hound
46. Strips
47. Small strand
48. Prefix for eight
49. Harness strap
50. Passport endorsement
52. Pinnacle
53. "Mermaids" actress
55. Inventor's place
56. Taradiddle
57. Frenzy

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15					16			
17				18					19			
20			21					22				
	23	24					25	26				
27	28					29				30	31	32
33						34				35		
36						37				38		
39				40					41			
42			43						44			
			45					46				
47	48	49				50				51	52	53
54					55	56				57		
58					59					60		
61					62					63		

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57. Foot portion
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63. Water pitcher

### DOWN

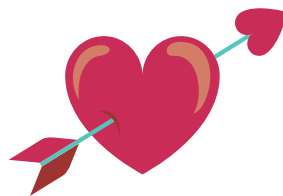
1. Wild pig
2. Ready, willing, and \_\_\_\_
3. Abruptly and completely
4. Pitch
5. Bewildered
6. Characteristic

29. Platform's section
30. "Poetry Man" singer
31. Fashion sense
32. Take the tiller
34. Sheepish remark
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# FEBRUARY

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



## *Brain Teaser:*

Replace each word with a rhyme to make a well-known phrase:  
FOLD STANDS, STORM START

# CRYPTO-TRIVIA

To read these interesting bits of trivia, you must first solve the substitution codes. Each code is different.

1. VXY WNSCV ISNVVYR GOBYRVNRY NC  
OVVSNUFVYK VL EXOSBYC, KFJY LW LSBYORC.  
IXNBY NHZSNCLRYK NR VXY VLIYS LW BLRKLK XY  
ISLVY RFHYSLFC SLHORVNE GYSCYC WLS XNC  
INWY, VXY WNSCV LW IXNEX NC ELRCNKYSYK VL  
UY VXY LBKYCV GOBYRVNRY. YCVXYS XLIBORK,  
JRLIR OC "VXY HLVXYS LW VXY OHYSNEOR  
GOBYRVNRY," HOCC-ZSLKFEYK VXY WNSCV  
OHYSNEOR ELHHYSENOB GOBYRVNRYC.  
YDEBFKNRM EXSNCVHOC, OHYSNEORC YDEXORMY  
HLSY EOSKC LR GOBYRVNRY'C KOQ VXOR ORQ  
LVXYS VNHY LW QYOS.

2. HURHRGLIQ ULV MQQJ LNROJW CRN IUROVLJWV  
RC KQLNV. DI TLV HRJVDWQNQW IR MQ IUQ  
"CRRW RC IUQ SRWV" MK IUQ ZLKLJV. CRN ZRVI  
RC DIV UDVIRNK, URTQYQN, DI TLV HRJVOZQW  
LV L MDIIQN MQYQNLSQ. JQYQNIUQGQVV, DI ULV  
MQQJ HUQNDVUQW CNRZ IUQ VILNI. WONDJS IUQ  
NQYRGOIDRJLNK TLN DJ LZQNDHL, HURHRGLIQ  
TLV RCCQNQW IR VRGWDQNV DJ GDQO RC TLSQV.

# MARCH

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>International Math Day/Pi Day</i>
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spring Equinox</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	30 <i>National Pencil Day</i>	31				



## Brain Teaser:

Unscramble the six groups of capitalized letters to complete a quote from Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom: "IKETS REIS IHHTEGS GSAATNI the DIWN, not THWI it."

# SIMON SAYS

Follow the directions carefully to discover an answer that is apropos.

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Start with ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISH.                                  | 1. <u>STPATRICKSDAYDISH</u> |
| 2. Delete the first S and the last S.                                  | 2. _____                    |
| 3. Move the fourth consonant to the immediate right of the last vowel. | 3. _____                    |
| 4. Change each T to an L.  | 4. _____                    |
| 5. Delete the first two consonants.                                    | 5. _____                    |
| 6. Move the seventh letter to the very beginning.                      | 6. _____                    |
| 7. Exchange the second and third vowels.                               | 7. _____                    |
| 8. Change the last letter to a G.                                      | 8. _____                    |
| 9. Delete the third consonant.   | 9. _____                    |
| 10. Reverse the order of the sixth through ninth letters.              | 10. _____                   |
| 11. Change the letter immediately left of the second D to an N.        | 11. _____                   |
| 12. Delete the sixth letter.   | 12. _____                   |
| 13. Change each I to an E.   | 13. _____                   |
| 14. Delete the letter immediately left of the first E.                 | 14. _____                   |
| 15. Move the fourth consonant to the immediate right of the second A.  | 15. _____                   |
| 16. Reverse the order of the first through tenth letters.              | 16. _____                   |

# APRIL

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Passover	2	3  Good Friday	4
5  Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15  National Rubber Eraser Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22  Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



### Brain Teaser:

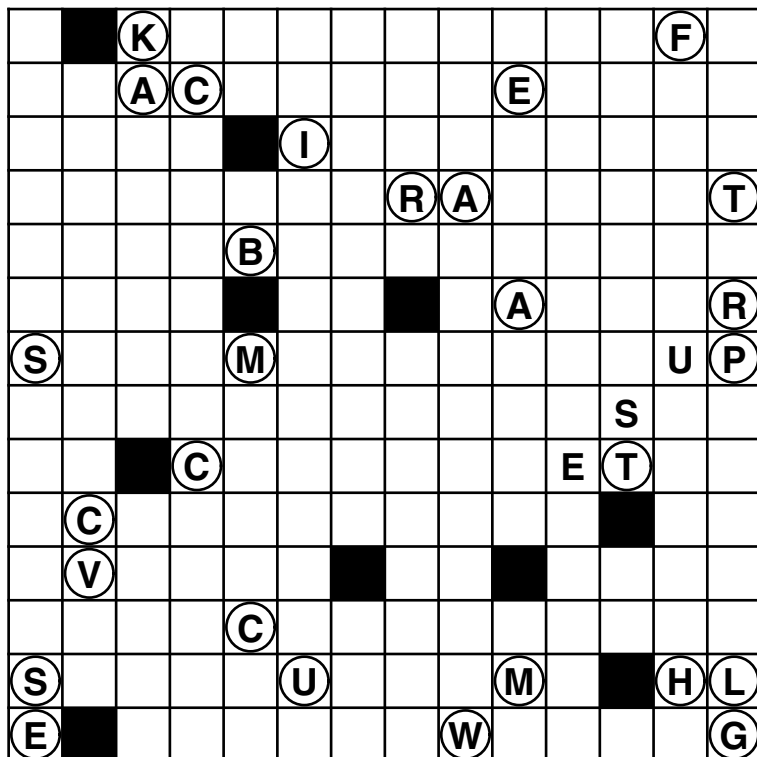
Here are fragments from both words of 2-word Easter treats. Can you name them? (ELL EAN) (HOC UNN) (RSH EEP)

# LETTERBOXES

Can you find the correct places for the words in the word list? The starting letters for all the words are given in the circles. Letters may be used as parts of other words because of overlapping or crossing. The words read in a straight line and in all directions—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Do not pass over a black square as you are solving. When the puzzle is completely solved, there will be a letter in every space. We have filled in one word to start you off.

## APRIL FOOLS' DAY

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Amusing   | Knavery   |
| Ancient   | Lure      |
| Artifice  | Maneuver  |
| Befuddle  | Mischief  |
| Bewilder  | Playful   |
| Chicanery | Pretend   |
| Comical   | Rascal    |
| Connive   | Ruse ✓    |
| Conspire  | Spoof     |
| Culprit   | Startle   |
| Elfin     | Surprise  |
| Escapade  | Tradition |
| Funny     | Trick     |
| Guffaw    | Unawares  |
| Humorous  | Victim    |
| Impostor  | Waggery   |



# MAY

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 <i>Fitness Day</i>
3	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### *Brain Teaser:*

How many 4-letter words can you make from the letters in MOTHER?  
We found ten.

# POT STICKERS

# LOGIC PUZZLE

Last weekend, Grant threw a craft party that served two purposes—to get together with friends he hadn’t seen in a while and to make Mother’s Day gifts. He and four friends each made a decoupage flowerpot to give to a different relative for Mother’s Day. No two pots were painted the same color (one was painted pink), and each pot was decorated with a different type of flower. From the information provided, determine the color each person painted his or her pot, the type of flower used to decorate that pot (one used tulips), and the relative to whom it will be given (one is giving the pot to his or her grandmother).

1. Kirk (who painted his pot mauve) didn’t decorate his pot with camellias.
2. Paul will give his sister-in-law the green pot decorated with lilies.
3. Ellie, who made a pot for her mother-in-law, isn’t the one who made the magenta pot (which is decorated with magnolias).
4. One person’s sister will receive the pot decorated with camellias.
5. Chelsea painted her pot peach.
6. Someone’s mother will receive the pot decorated with daffodils.

*This chart is to help you record information from the clues as well as the facts you deduce by combining information from different clues. We suggest you use an “X” for a “no” and a “•” for a “yes.”*

		COLOR					FLOWER					RELATIVE				
		GREEN	MAGENTA	MAUVE	PEACH	PINK	CAMELLIAS	DAFFODILS	LILIES	MAGNOLIAS	TULIPS	GRANDMOTHER	MOTHER	MOTHER-IN-LAW	SISTER	SISTER-IN-LAW
PERSON	CHELSEA															
	ELLIE															
	GRANT															
	KIRK															
	PAUL															
RELATIVE	GRANDMOTHER															
	MOTHER															
	MOTHER-IN-LAW															
	SISTER															
	SISTER-IN-LAW															
FLOWER	CAMELLIAS															
	DAFFODILS															
	LILIES															
	MAGNOLIAS															
	TULIPS															

PERSON	COLOR	FLOWER	RELATIVE

# JUNE

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>International Tabletop Day</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20
21 <i>Father's Day Summer Solstice</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



## Brain Teaser:

Pair up the groups of letters to form three 8-letter words associated with weddings: CE GE GI IA MA MO NY RE RE RR RY ST

# MATCH-UP

Can you find the two pictures that are identical?

1.



2.



3.



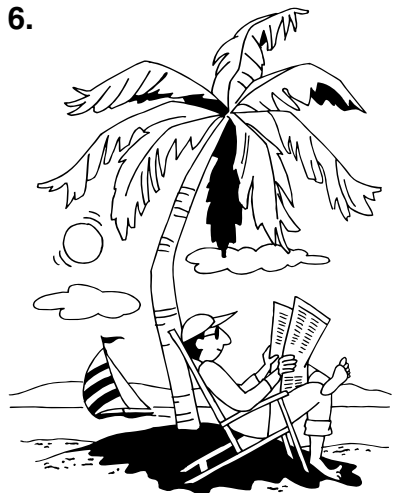
4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



9.



# JULY

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 <small>Independence Day 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</small>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*Brain Teaser:*

Unscramble this silly phrase to form the name of a historical document: ENFORCED DANDELION PATIENCE



Before you can loop these words pertaining to Independence Day, you must first fill in the circles in the diagram with the missing vowels A, E, I, O, and U. Words in the diagram read forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally, and always in a straight line. Circle each word when you find it and cross it off the list. Words will often overlap, and some letters may be used more than once. Not all of the letters in the diagram will be used. We have filled in and circled ALLEGIANCE as an example.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

- |              |              |          |          |
|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| ALLEGIANCE ✓ | FLAG         | PARADE   | SOLEMN   |
| CELEBRATE    | FREEDOM      | PATRIOT  | STARS    |
| CITIZEN      | FRIENDS      | PICNIC   | STRIPES  |
| CONSTITUTION | GLORY        | PLEDGE   | UNITY    |
| COOKOUT      | HEROES       | PRIDE    | VALUES   |
| DEFEND       | INDEPENDENCE | RECITE   | VETERANS |
| FAITH        | LEARN        | REFLECT  |          |
| FAMILY       | LOYALTY      | REMEMBER |          |
| FIREWORKS    | NATION       | SHINE    |          |

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

# AUGUST

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>National Coloring Book Day</i>						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



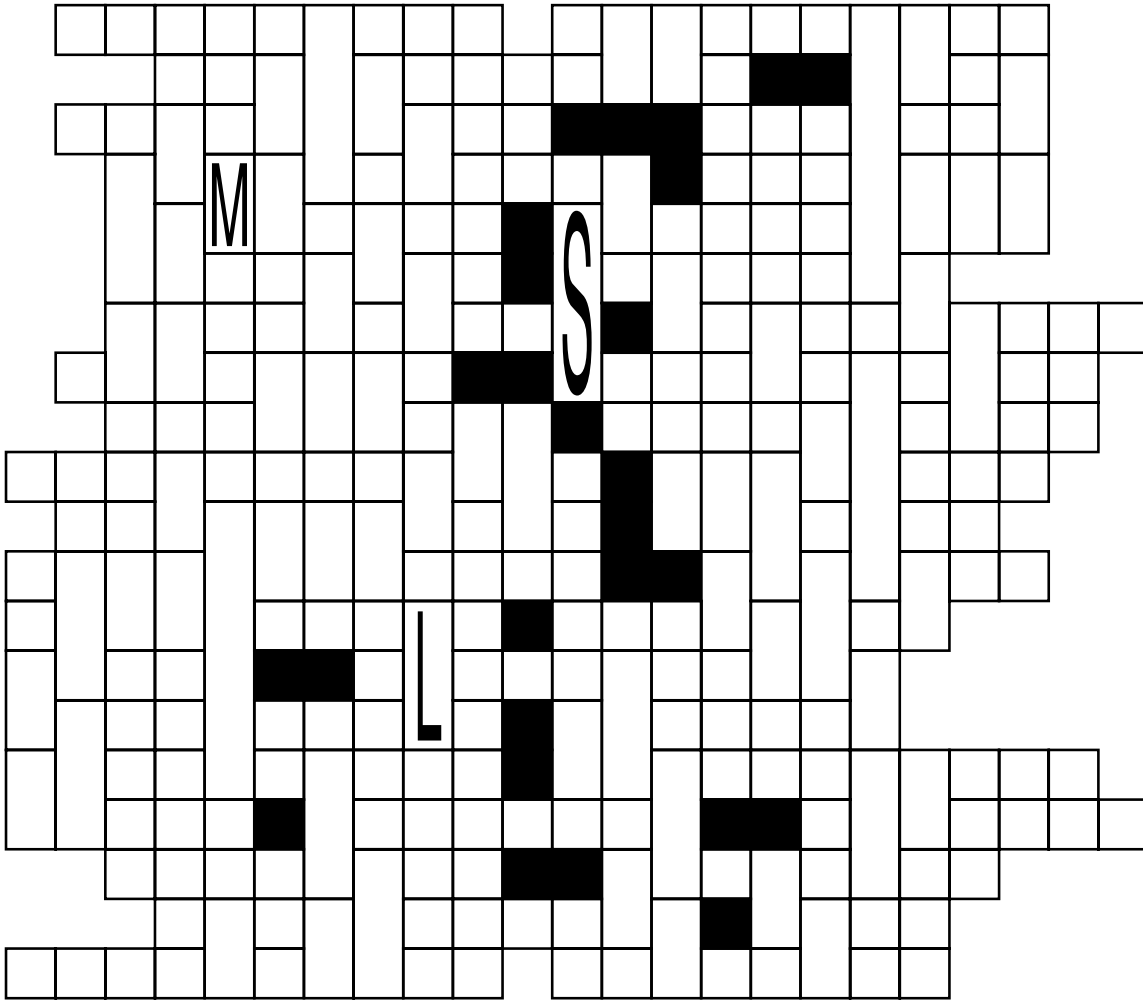
### *Brain Teaser:*

Can you change SWIM to TANK in six steps by changing only one letter at a time, with a new common word at each step?

# STRETCH LETTERS

These words, listed alphabetically by length, are to be entered in the diagram across only. Words do not read down. When writing in a blank taller than a square, stretch the letter to the full height of the blank. The stretched letters are part of more than one entry.

• SUMMER CAMP •



**4 Letters**

Lake  
Maps

Go-carts  
Surfing  
Trailer

Survival  
Swimming  
Teamwork

Gymnastics  
Pioneering  
Rappelling  
Snorkeling

Scuba diving  
Sleeping bag  
Water-skiing

**5 Letters**

Bocce  
Rafts

**8 Letters**  
Baseball  
Campfire  
Canoeing

**9 Letters**  
Badminton  
Counselor

Television  
Volleyball  
Wilderness

**12 Letters**  
Cheerleading  
Instructions  
Roller skates

**7 Letters**

Cycling  
Explore  
Fishing

Football  
Lacrosse  
Paddling  
Softball

**10 Letters**  
Basketball  
Binoculars  
Flashlight

**11 Letters**  
Competition  
Field hockey  
Martial arts

# SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
<i>September is Sudoku Month!</i>						
6	7 <small>Labor Day</small>	8	9 <small>International Sudoku Day</small>	10	11 <small>Rosh Hashanah</small>	12
13 <small>Grandparents Day</small>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <small>Yom Kippur</small>	21	22 <small>Autumnal Equinox</small>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 <small>National Coffee Day</small>	30			



## Brain Teaser:

Take two consecutive letters from each word to form the name of a popular puzzle: ENSUE CONDO SKUNK

# SUDOKU

Place a number in each empty box so that each row, column, and nine-box square contains the numbers 1 to 9.

	9	2			4	7		
8			9	7				2
			3				5	9
9			2		7	3		4
	7			6			8	
2		6	4		8			5
1	6				3			
3				5	2			6
		9	1			5	3	

1

2

	8	5			9			4
6						8		
			4		6		2	5
		1	7		5	2	3	
5		8				4		1
	2	4	3		8	5		
3	1		9		4			
		7						2
8			2			9	4	

# OCTOBER

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <small>Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day</small>	13 <small>National Train Your Brain Day</small>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small>

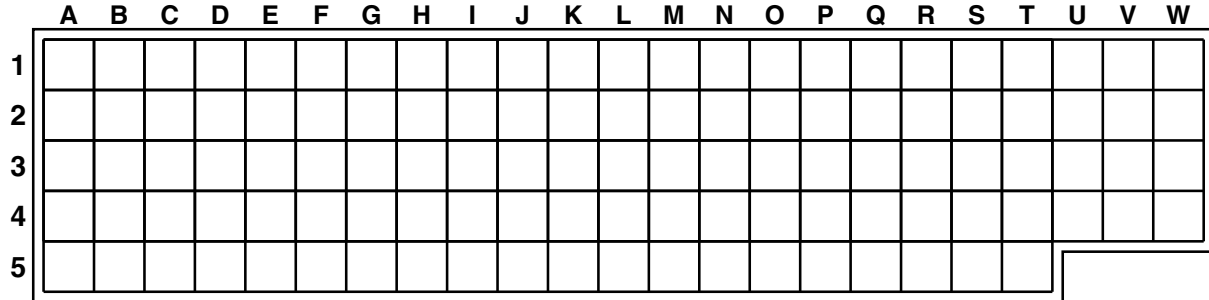


### Brain Teaser:

Change one letter in each word to form the names of six classic Halloween costumes: ANGER; BUMPKIN; CROWN; DUMMY; HAIRY; WATCH

# WORD GAMES PUZZLE

Place the answers to the word games onto the blanks at the right and then transfer the letters into the corresponding locations in the diagram. When the puzzle is completed, a message will be revealed reading across the diagram. Some letters in the diagram are used in more than one answer, so work back and forth from the diagram to the answers.



## METALWORKS

1. New York's music district  $\overline{I5}$   $\overline{O4}$   $\overline{F2}$   $\overline{P5}$   $\overline{K3}$   $\overline{U4}$   $\overline{S1}$   $\overline{T3}$   $\overline{Q2}$   $\overline{E3}$   $\overline{M2}$
2. Venomous snake  $\overline{E4}$   $\overline{W2}$   $\overline{O5}$   $\overline{M4}$   $\overline{B2}$   $\overline{I2}$   $\overline{R1}$   $\overline{L1}$   $\overline{A4}$   $\overline{D2}$
3. Book-damaging insect  $\overline{M1}$   $\overline{J2}$   $\overline{T1}$   $\overline{P1}$   $\overline{R2}$   $\overline{Q3}$   $\overline{B4}$   $\overline{G1}$   $\overline{H5}$   $\overline{C1}$
4. Trinidad drum combo  $\overline{E1}$   $\overline{S2}$   $\overline{M5}$   $\overline{C5}$   $\overline{U1}$   $\overline{J5}$   $\overline{T4}$   $\overline{K2}$   $\overline{V4}$

## ALSO A COLOR

1. Certain mandarin  $\overline{Q4}$   $\overline{D4}$   $\overline{O3}$   $\overline{I1}$   $\overline{H2}$   $\overline{Q3}$   $\overline{J2}$   $\overline{L5}$   $\overline{S3}$
2. Pet bird  $\overline{V2}$   $\overline{J1}$   $\overline{H1}$   $\overline{N5}$   $\overline{I2}$   $\overline{M2}$
3. Roofing material  $\overline{N2}$   $\overline{H3}$   $\overline{G5}$   $\overline{B3}$   $\overline{Q5}$
4. Illinois state flower  $\overline{B5}$   $\overline{A1}$   $\overline{H4}$   $\overline{G3}$   $\overline{J3}$   $\overline{N1}$

## SCRAMBLED BODY LANGUAGE

1. BERING WOLF = digit-cleansing vessel  $\overline{C4}$   $\overline{O1}$   $\overline{G2}$   $\overline{W4}$   $\overline{A2}$   $\overline{Q3}$   $\overline{I3}$   $\overline{D1}$   $\overline{R3}$   $\overline{U3}$
2. BOO OR MEWL = ample space  $\overline{R4}$   $\overline{Q2}$   $\overline{J5}$   $\overline{T2}$   $\overline{W1}$   $\overline{I2}$   $\overline{V1}$   $\overline{K5}$   $\overline{B1}$
3. O, ICE THE UMP! = spokesperson  $\overline{L4}$   $\overline{F5}$   $\overline{W3}$   $\overline{T5}$   $\overline{R1}$   $\overline{G4}$   $\overline{A5}$   $\overline{Q1}$   $\overline{E4}$   $\overline{P3}$
4. FINN'S KILT = tightwad  $\overline{H5}$   $\overline{N4}$   $\overline{M3}$   $\overline{P4}$   $\overline{I4}$   $\overline{G3}$   $\overline{E2}$   $\overline{U2}$   $\overline{F1}$

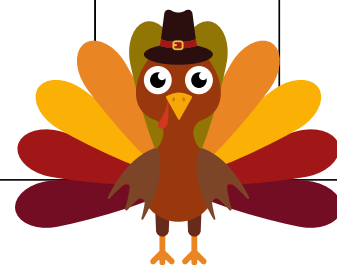
## RHYME TIME

1. Unadorned nun's wear  $\overline{A3}$   $\overline{G1}$   $\overline{D3}$   $\overline{M4}$   $\overline{T1}$   $\overline{C5}$   $\overline{L3}$   $\overline{F3}$   $\overline{B1}$   $\overline{J4}$   $\overline{U1}$   $\overline{Q5}$
2. Mime's argument  $\overline{L2}$   $\overline{F4}$   $\overline{R5}$   $\overline{A2}$   $\overline{V4}$   $\overline{O4}$   $\overline{M1}$   $\overline{G4}$   $\overline{C3}$   $\overline{E5}$   $\overline{J3}$
3. Pretend soreness  $\overline{K1}$   $\overline{H2}$   $\overline{A1}$   $\overline{I1}$   $\overline{C2}$   $\overline{O5}$   $\overline{T4}$   $\overline{S5}$   $\overline{N3}$
4. Feeble peep  $\overline{R3}$   $\overline{L1}$   $\overline{S4}$   $\overline{O2}$   $\overline{E1}$   $\overline{V3}$   $\overline{K4}$   $\overline{P2}$   $\overline{D5}$   $\overline{N4}$

# NOVEMBER

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3  Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  <i>National Games and Puzzles Week Begins</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

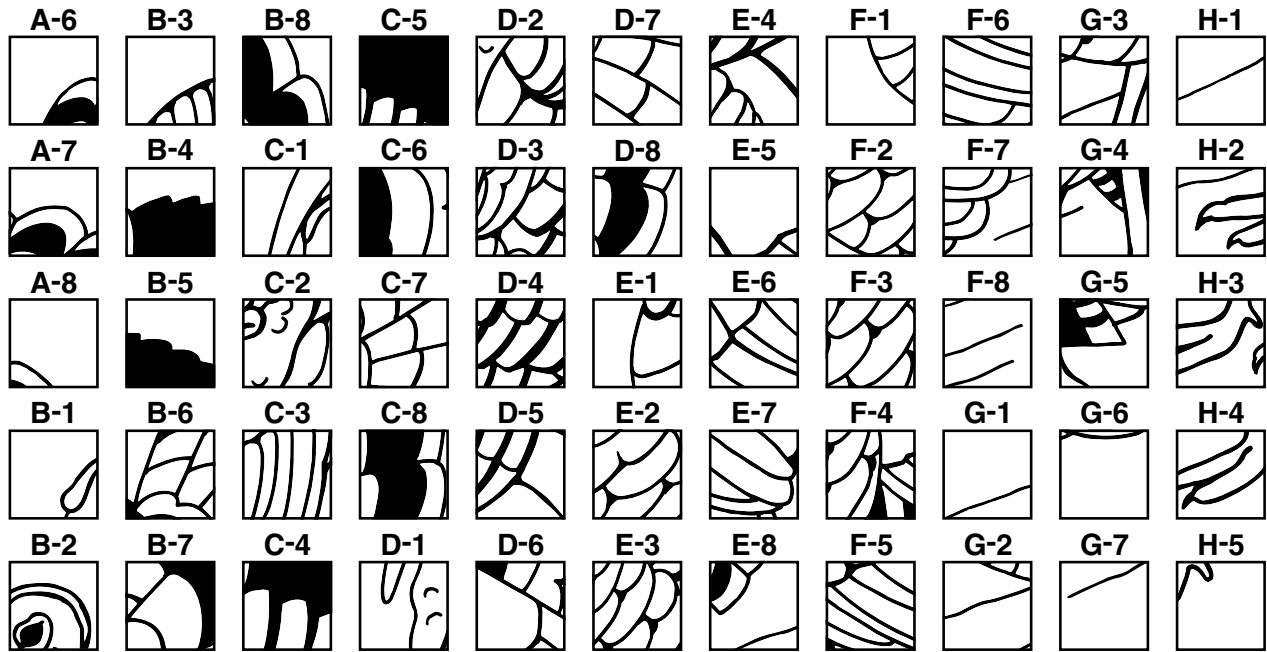


### Brain Teaser:

Two words with something in common can be read from left to right in the following string, skipping letters as needed: GRAAPPTREECFIAUTIVEL

# PICTURE THIS

You do not need any special art training to produce a picture in the empty grid. Use the letter-number guide above each square and carefully draw what is shown into the corresponding square in the grid.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A								
B								
C								
D								
E								
F								
G								
H								

# DECEMBER

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 <small>Hanukkah Begins</small>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <small>Crossword Puzzle Day Winter Solstice</small>	22	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small>
27	28	29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>		

**Brain Teaser:**

The name of what seasonal character can be dialed on a phone as 726-822-5287?

# PATCHWORDS

It's a crazy quilt and a Word Seek combined! Each of the words in the list can be found in a continuous line in an irregularly shaped patch in the puzzle diagram. Move from letter to letter vertically or horizontally, but not diagonally. Each letter in the diagram will be used once; the patches do not overlap. We have located one word to start you off.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANGEL | <input type="checkbox"/> ROUND  | <input type="checkbox"/> SNOWFLAKE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BELL             | <input type="checkbox"/> SANTA  | <input type="checkbox"/> SNOWMAN   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOWS             | <input type="checkbox"/> SHINE  | <input type="checkbox"/> SPARKLE   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CERAMIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL  | <input type="checkbox"/> WOOD      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLORFUL         |                                 |                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ORNATE           |                                 |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRETTY           |                                 |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REINDEER         |                                 |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIBBON           |                                 |                                    |



# JANUARY

## CROSSWORD

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

# FEBRUARY

## CRYPTO-TRIVIA

1. The first written valentine is attributed to Charles, Duke of Orleans. While imprisoned in the Tower of London he wrote numerous romantic verses for his wife, the first of which is considered to be the oldest valentine. Esther Howland, known as "The Mother of the American Valentine," mass-produced the first American commercial valentines. Excluding Christmas, Americans exchange more cards on Valentine's Day than any other time of year.

2. Chocolate has been around for thousands of years. It was considered to be the "food of the gods" by the Mayans. For most of its history, however, it was consumed as a bitter beverage. Nevertheless, it has been cherished from the start. During the Revolutionary War in America, chocolate was offered to soldiers in lieu of wages.

# MARCH

## SIMON SAYS

1. STPATRICKSDAYDISH
2. TPATRICKSDAYDIH
3. TPATICKSDAYDIRH
4. LPALICKSDAYDIRH
5. ALICKSDAYDIRH
6. DALICKSAYDIRH
7. DALACKSIYDIRH
8. DALACKSIYDIRG
9. DALAKSIYDIRG
10. DALAKDYISIRG
11. DALANDYISIRG
12. DALANYISIRG
13. DALANYESERG
14. DALANESERG
15. DALASNEERG
16. GREEN SALAD

# APRIL

## LETTERBOXES

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

# MAY

## LOGIC PUZZLE

(Clue numbers in parentheses)  
 Magenta [magnolias (3)] isn't Kirk [mauve (1)], Paul [green (2)], Ellie (3), or Chelsea [peach (5)]; it's Grant. Ellie's pink. Camellias [sister (4)] aren't Kirk (1), Paul [sister-in-law, lilies (2)], or Ellie [mother-in-law (3)]; they're Chelsea. Ellie [mother-in-law] isn't daffodils [mother (6)]; she's tulips. Kirk's daffodils. Grant's grandmother.

In summary:

Chelsea, peach, camellias, sister  
 Ellie, pink, tulips, mother-in-law  
 Grant, magenta, magnolias, grandmother  
 Kirk, mauve, daffodils, mother  
 Paul, green, lilies, sister-in-law

# JUNE

## MATCH-UP

3 and 8 match. (Differences: 1. Extra cloud behind top of palm tree, 2. Stripes on man's shirt, 4. Sunglasses missing, 5. Palm tree closer to chair, 6. Shadow extends in front of man's right foot, 7. Extra leaf on far side of tree, 9. Sailboat moved.)

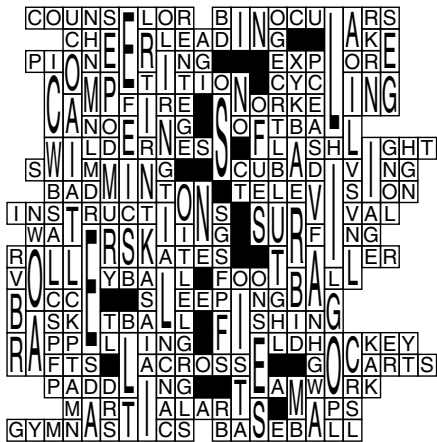
# JULY

## MISSING VOWELS

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

## AUGUST

### STRETCH LETTERS



## SEPTEMBER

### SUDOKU

1	5	9	2	6	8	4	7	1	3	2	2	8	5	1	3	9	7	6	4
	8	3	1	9	7	5	6	4	2		6	4	3	5	2	7	8	1	9
	6	4	7	3	2	1	8	5	9		1	7	9	4	8	6	3	2	5
	9	5	8	2	1	7	3	6	4		9	6	1	7	4	5	2	3	8
	4	7	3	5	6	9	2	8	1		5	3	8	6	9	2	4	7	1
	2	1	6	4	3	8	9	7	5		7	2	4	3	1	8	5	9	6
	1	6	5	8	9	3	4	2	7		3	1	2	9	5	4	6	8	7
	3	8	4	7	5	2	1	9	6		4	9	7	8	6	3	1	5	2
	7	2	9	1	4	6	5	3	8		8	5	6	2	7	1	9	4	3

## OCTOBER

### WORD GAMES PUZZLE

METALWORKS: 1. Tin Pan Alley, 2. Copperhead, 3. Silverfish, 4. Steel band.

COLOR: 1. Tangerine, 2. Canary, 3. Slate, 4. Violet.

LANGUAGE: 1. Finger bowl, 2. Elbowroom, 3. Mouthpiece, 4. Skinflint.

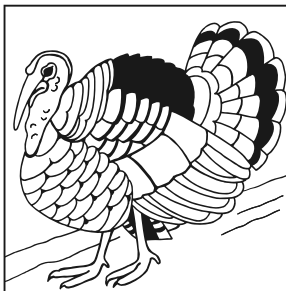
RHYME TIME: 1. Simple wimple, 2. Mute dispute, 3. Feign pain, 4. Weak squeak.

I'm hosting a festive Halloween dinner;  
In my skeleton costume I'll be a winner.

We'll quaff a cup of pumpkin tea  
And give a toast, "Bone appetit!"

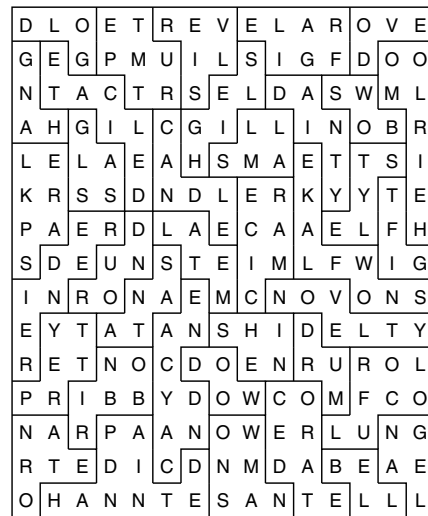
## NOVEMBER

### PICTURE THIS



## DECEMBER

### PATCHWORDS



## BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

**JANUARY:** COAT; MITTENS; JACKET; GLOVES; HAT.

**FEBRUARY:** COLD HANDS, WARM HEART.

**MARCH:** "KITES RISE HIGHEST AGAINST the WIND, not WITH it."

**APRIL:** JELLY BEANS; CHOCOLATE BUNNY; MARSHMALLOW PEEPS.

**MAY:** HERO, HOME, MORE, MOTE, MOTH, ROTE, TERM, THEM, TOME, TORE.

**JUNE:** CEREMONY; MARRIAGE; REGISTRY.

**JULY:** DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

**AUGUST:** SWIM, SLIM, SLID, SAID, SAND, SANK, TANK.

**SEPTEMBER:** SUDOKU

**OCTOBER:** ANGEL; PUMPKIN; CLOWN; MUMMY; FAIRY; WITCH.

**NOVEMBER:** GRATEFUL and APPRECIATIVE.

**DECEMBER:** SANTA CLAUS