

MAY DAY

May Day marks the seasonal transition from winter to summer.

May Day was a pagan festival involving fires, dancing, and offerings to the sun god.

England banned May Day festivities 1644.

There is NO church service associated with May Day.

May Day was recognized around the world as Worker's Day or Labor Day.

The US and Canada do not recognize May Day.

The US government tried to erase its history by declaring May 1st Law Day. They pronounced Labor Day as the first Monday of September, a date with no significance.

MAY THROUGH HISTORY

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
1	1707	Great Britain is formed by England, Scotland, & Wales
1	1960	A U.S. spy plane is shot down over Russia
2	2011	Osama bin Laden is killed in Pakistan
4	1494	Columbus discovered Jamaica
4	1970	4 students killed by Natl. Guard at Kent State Univ.
5	1865	Decoration Day first observed in U.S.
5	1893	The Wall Street Crash began
5	1961	Alan Shepard became first American in space
6	1937	The airship Hindenburg burst into flames
7	1915	The passenger ship Lusitania is sunk by Germans
7	1945	WW II ended in Europe
10	1869	The transcontinental Railroad was completed
13	1846	Pres. Polk declared war on Mexico
14	1607	Jamestown colony in established
14	1804	Lewis and Clark leave St. Louis for western expedition
14	1746	The smallpox vaccine is developed
14	1942	An act of congress allowed women to join the military
15	1972	Pres. Candidate George Wallace is shot and paralyzed

- 17 1792 The New York Stock Exchange is formed
- 17 1875 The first Kentucky Derby is run
- 18 1804 Napoleon crowns himself Emperor of France
- 18 1980 Mt. St. Helens erupts in Washington state
- 20 1862 Pres. Lincoln signed the Homestead Act
- 20 1862 Charles Lindbergh sets off on flight from NY to Paris
- 20 1932 Amelia Earhart became first woman to fly solo across
The Atlantic
- 21 1881 The Red Cross if formed
- 22 1972 Pres. Nixon becomes first US president to visit Moscow
- 24 1844 The first telegraph message is sent
- 25 1787 The first Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia
- 26 1940 The Dunkirk evacuation began, eventually ferrying over
340,000 soldiers across the English Channel to safety
- 27 1937 The grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge
- 30 1922 The Lincoln memorial is dedicated

May 14this Jamestown Day..... at the site of the
Jamestown Colony in Virginia. This year marks the
412 year anniversary of its founding.

Weather

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

blizzard
cloudy
fog
hailstones
hurricane
ice

lightning
mist
overcast
rain
shower
sleet

snow
storm
sunny
thunder
tornado
wind

May Word Search Puzzle

I T H T W O R G I S U N C C H
E R S Y A D E N O Y T R I H T
Y A D Y A M T S A I N H N O N
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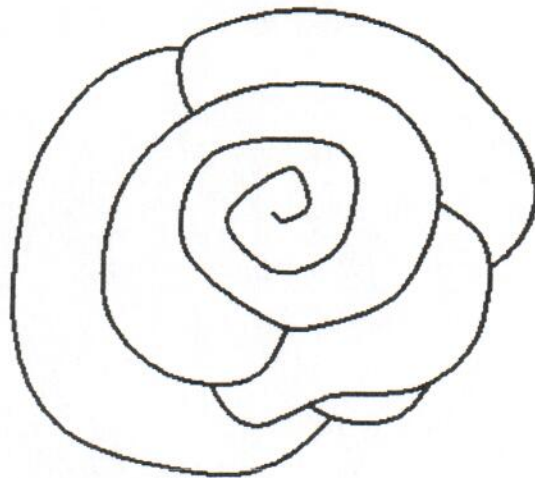
BLOOMING
CINCO DE MAYO
EMERALD
FIFTH MONTH
FLOWERS
GARDENING
GEMINI
GROWTH
HAWTHORN
LILY

MAIA
MAY DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
MOTHER'S DAY
NIGHTINGALE
SPRING
TAURUS
THIRTY-ONE DAYS
VICTORIA DAY
WARM

Mother's Day Word Search

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

appreciate
blessed
carnations
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example
forgive
gifts
help
holiday



honor
listen
love
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obey
pleases
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special
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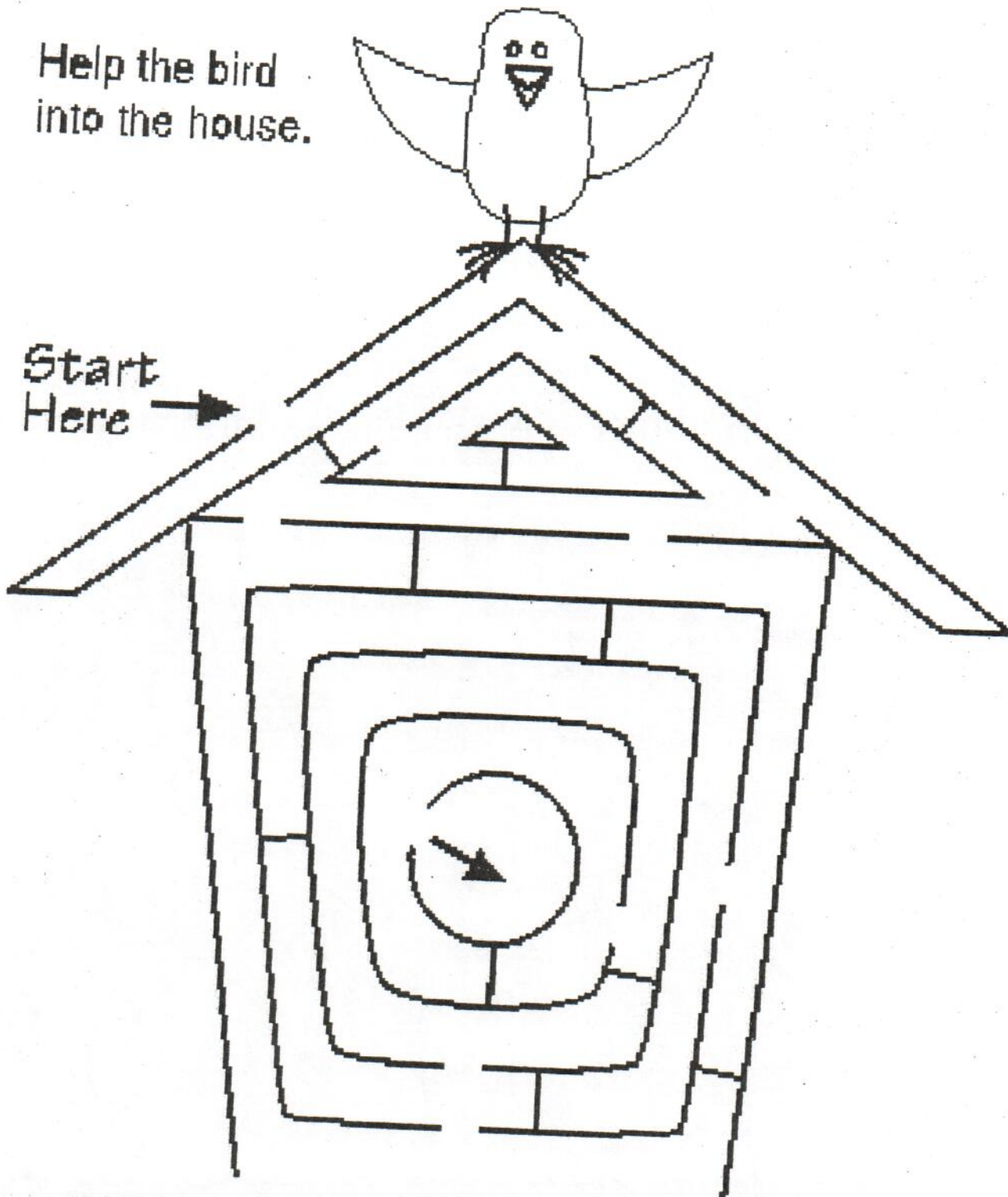
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BLOOMING
CINCO DE MAYO
EMERALD
FIFTH MONTH
FLOWERS
GARDENING
GEMINI
GROWTH
HAWTHORN
LILY

Help the bird
into the house.



Start
Here →

COMMONYMS; A NEW PUZZLE

Look at each set of three words below and discover their common trait. For example;

Car Elephant Tree ; they all have trunks

Chop Yard Pogo ; they are all sticks

Lawn Rocking Wheel ; they are all chairs

Give these a try. Answers are on the last page.

Sand Juke Toy ; _____

Tug Sail Steam; _____

Sea Taco Snail; _____

A ball A fish A cold; _____

Hair Brain Ocean; _____

A scale A tire A checkbook; _____

A ball A salad A coin; _____

Donut Cavity Prescription; _____

Coal miner Dentist Guitar player; _____

Cork Question Balloon; _____



Garden Club



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

Looking for garden tools. They may be spelled forward, backward, downward, upward, or diagonally.



- BULBS
- BUTTERFLY
- CROP
- DRAINAGE
- FLOWERS
- FROST
- LADYBUG
- OVERGROWN

- PERENNIALS
- POLLINATION
- RAIN
- SEEDLING
- SOIL
- SUNSHINE
- TEMPERATURE
- VEGETABLES



SPRING IN NORTH DAKOTA

How many of you waited anxiously for the Pussy Willows to bud ? How many trips did you make to the trees before you actually found the soft little gray buds on the stems ? Walking home with a small bundle of willow twigs, did you gently rub the small gray “kittens” on your cheek ?

The southern facing side of a gentle hill offered the perfect growing spot for crocuses. Again, several trips were made too early for the small fuzzy flowers to be found but on that most exciting day, there they would be ! A fist full of the short stemmed lavender flowers of spring were a child’s gift of love to their mother.

If you grew up on a farm, spring meant the shedding of shoes ! The next several months, until freeze up at the very least, it was barefoot season. The softest dirt on earth is the pulverized dirt of a cow path. Walking these paths barefoot was like walking in silky flour. After a spring shower, wading the shallow sloughs left over young spring grass was cool, soft, and inviting. Running out of the house without the bother of shoes was a real gift of springtime to childhood.

Spring also means the first taste of fresh rhubarb pies and cakes. Rhubarb pokes through in April another gift of spring. By mid-May, the hot sweet-tart rhubarb treats adorn our tables. Happy Spring! Fond memories !

THIS AND THAT

May 17th is Constitution Day in Norway. It is known as Syttende Mai (settin-na-my). In Norway, Syttende Mai is a day of fun, non-military celebrations in which schools are primarily involved. Every school provides a contingent of students who participate in various parades, some local and some in more distant cities. Oslo sports the biggest parade where over 100,000 people travel to participate in the festivities. The Oslo parade has over 100 schools participating with 100 marching bands. There are an abundance of flags in all the parades, along the parade routes, and hanging from rooftops and porches. May 17th is a day of joyous celebrations throughout Norway.

May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and, in Catholic churches, the month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

According to old Cornish superstition, it is unlucky to buy a new broom in May or to wash a blanket. Some also believed if you got up early on a May morning and bathed in the morning dew, you could wash away freckles and pimples ! Also, cats born in May would not catch mice but would bring home snakes !!

MAY WORD SCRAMBLE

1. lowFers _____

2. rethMos _____

3. cusorC _____

4. lipuTs _____

5. duaGranoit _____

6. Fingish _____

7. draGen _____

8. woMgin _____

9. cinsPic _____

10. bRuhbar _____

11. suddleP _____

MAY DAY

The early Romans celebrated “Floralia”, the “festival of the flowers”, at the end of April and beginning of May. They would gather flowers to decorate their homes and to weave into wreaths.

Many communities decorated with flowers and would select a woman to be “Queen of Flowers”. They would dance around a May pole. Many of our traditional May Day activities come from those early Romans.

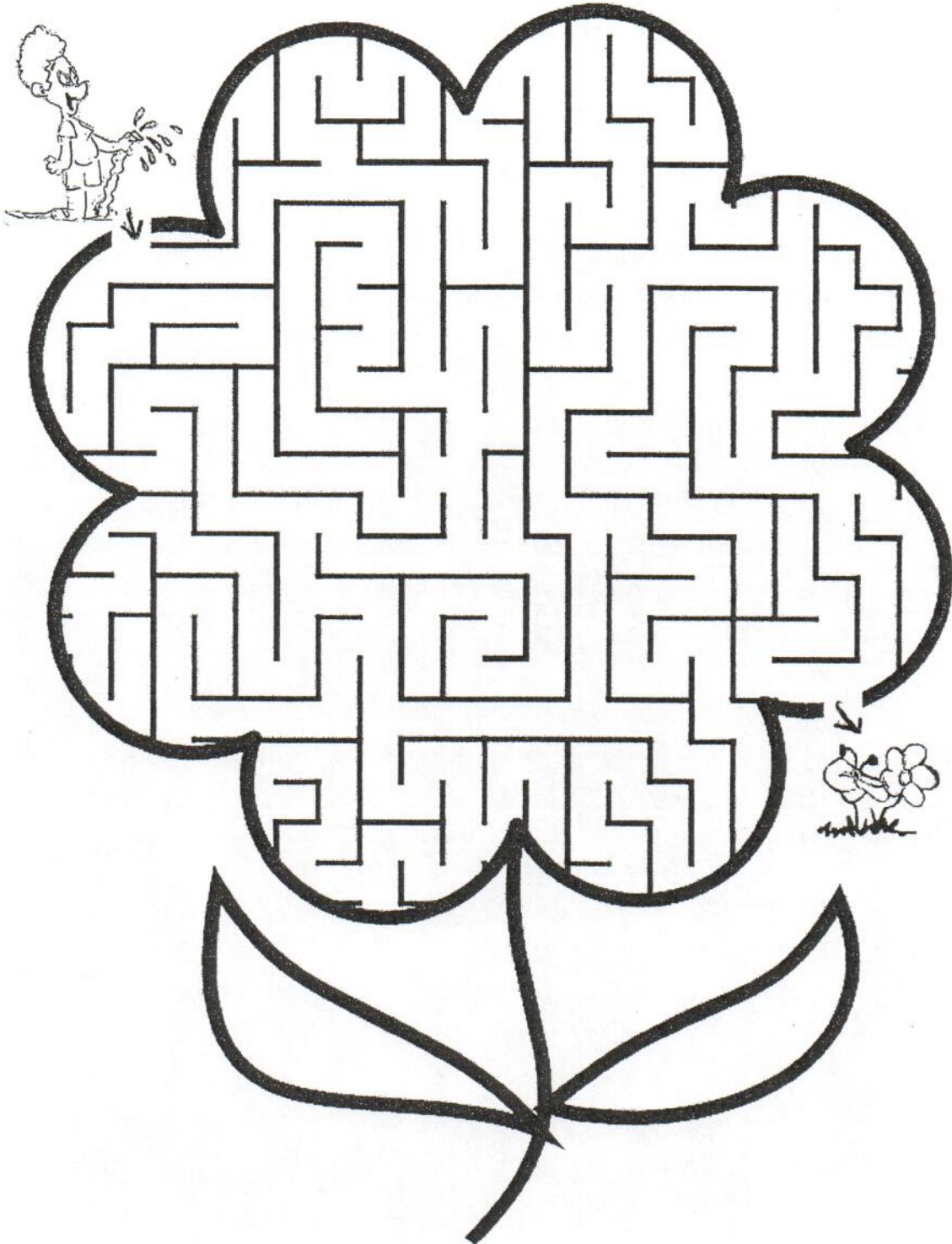
It was believed that if women first washed their face from the early morning dew of May 1st, it would improve their complexion and bring them eternal youthfulness.

May first is not a national holiday in the US but the state of Hawaii observes the day as “Lei Day”. They exchange the traditional Hawaiian flower necklaces as a symbol of good luck and friendship.

MAY DAILY OBSERVANCES



Dandelion Days	May 1-2
Kentucky Derby	May 2
World Naked Gardening Day	May 2
Hug Your Cat Day	May 3
Lemonade Day	May 3
International Firefighters Day	May 4
World Give Day	May 4
No Diet Day	May 6
National Day of Prayer	May 7
No Socks Day	May 8
V E Day	May 8
World Red Cross Day	May 8
American Indian Day	May 9
International Migratory Bird Day	May 9
Mother Ocean Day	May 9
National Windmill Day	May 9



MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

Arthritis Awareness Month
Asian-American Heritage Month
Carrots & Cauliflower Month
Gardening for Wildlife Month
Get Caught Reading Month
Gifts from the Garden Month
Grapefruit & Kiwi Month
Food drive for Homeless Animals Month
Jewish-American Heritage Month
National Barbeque Month
National Bike Month
National Egg Month
National Hamburger Month
National Mental Health Month
National Meditation Month
National Photo Month
National Salad month
National Salsa Month
National Smile Month
Sweet Vidalia Onion Month
National Vinegar Month
Older Americans Month

DO YOU KNOW YOUR ANIMAL OFF-SPRING?

Match the animals on the left to their young.

- | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|
| 1. Deer | _____ | Cygnet |
| 2. Kangaroo | _____ | Foal |
| 3. Elephant | _____ | Pup |
| 4. Lion | _____ | Pullet |
| 5. Fish | _____ | Fawn |
| 6. Fox | _____ | Squab |
| 7. Frog | _____ | Calf |
| 8. Goat | _____ | Poult |
| 9. Swan | _____ | Joey |
| 10. Turkey | _____ | Kit |
| 11. Hen | _____ | Tadpole |
| 12. Pigeon | _____ | Cub |
| 13. Beaver | _____ | Kid |
| 14. Horse | _____ | Fry |

MAY WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters below to form words associated with spring.

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vealse

bgus

emrow

srag

drisb

dowo sickt

nair

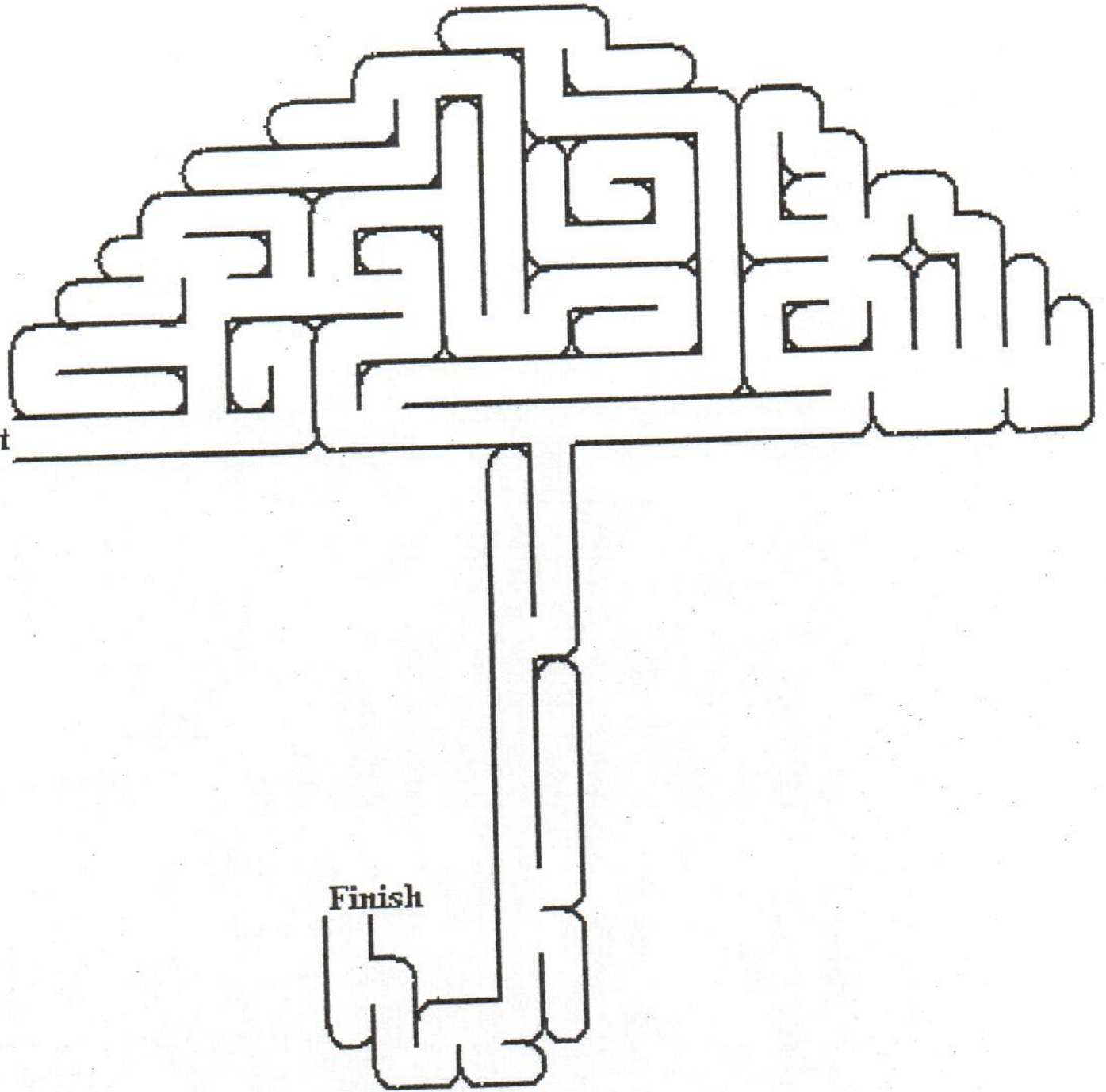
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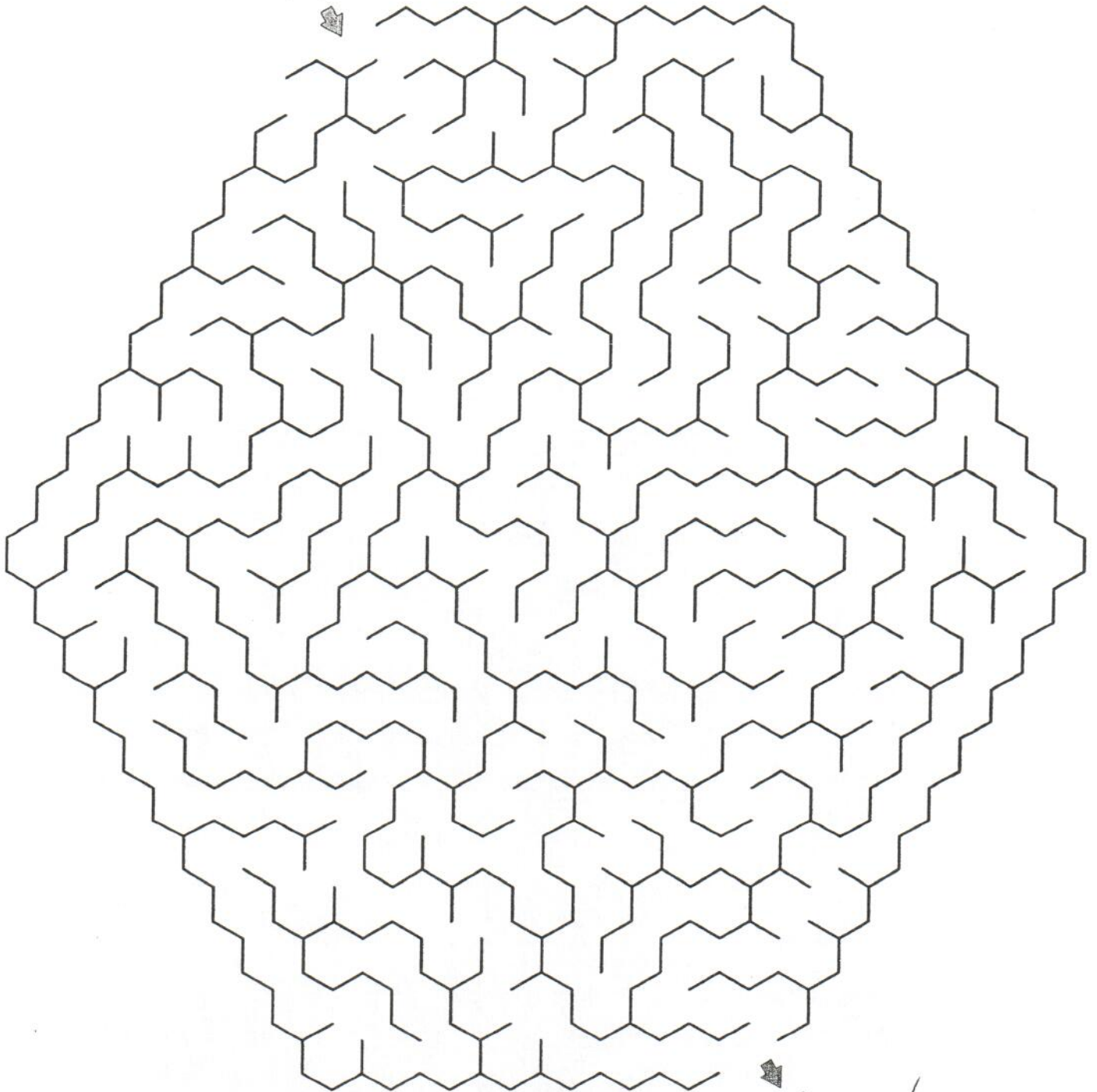
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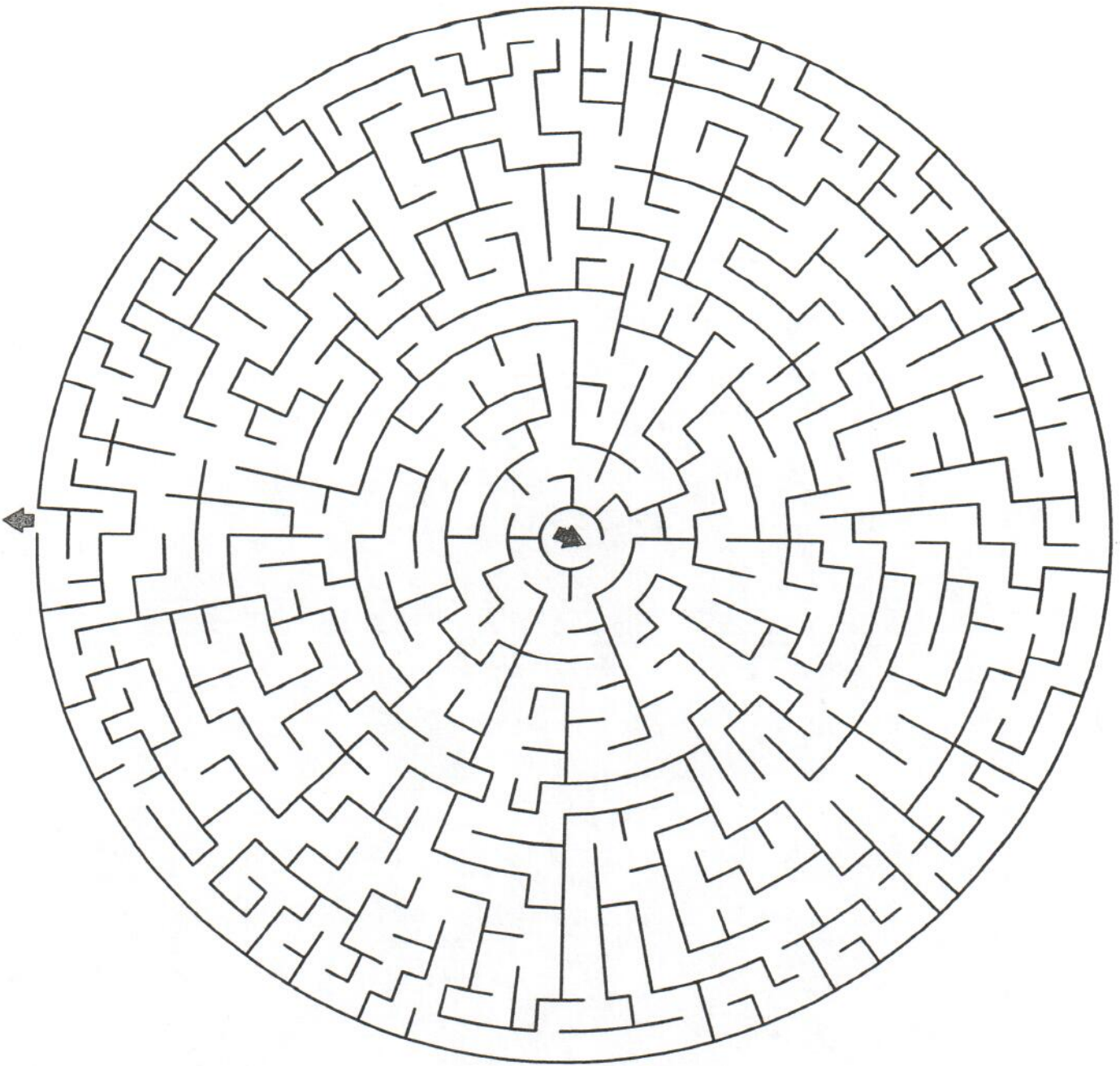


Finish

START



Hooray!
You're out!



WIT AND WISDOM

Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?

Why is the third hand on a clock called a second hand?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we know?

Why do we say something is out of “whack”? What is a “whack”?

Why do “tug” boats push their barges?

Why are they called stands when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called “after dark” when really it is “after light”?

How come “abbreviated” is such a long word?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

You know that little indestructible black box used on airplanes? Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same material?

MAY SPECIALTIES

Cinco de Mayo; In Spanish, “cinco” means five and Mayo is May. It is a date that commemorates the Mexican army’s defeat of French forces in Puebla, Mexico. This date is not a major holiday in Mexico but is celebrated very widely in the U.S.

The Kentucky Derby is the biggest horse race in the U.S. and is held each year on the first Saturday of May. Last year’s winner was “Mine That Bird” who took home \$2, 000,000.00 for his fifteen minutes of glory.

THIS AND THAT

Mother's Day was first observed in 1908

The Kentucky Derby is the oldest continually run sporting event in the world (135 years)

The Empire State Building opened May 1, 1931

Minnesota was admitted to the union on May 11,
1858

Lewis and Clark started their trip up the
Missouri May 14, 1804

The Homestead Act was signed by President
Lincoln May 20, 1862

The first permanent English settlement was
established in America at Jamestown, VA, May
24, 1607

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

Be Kind to Animals Week	May 3-9
National Family Week	May 3-9
National Post Card Week	May 3-9
National Raisin Week	May 3-9
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4-8
National Wildflower Week	May 5-11
National Nurses Week	May 6-12
Universal Family Week	May 10-16
Nursing Home Week	May 10-16
National Police Week	May 10-16
Reading is Fun Week	May 10-16
Salvation Army Week	May 11-17
New Friends-Old Friends Week	May 17-23
National Backyard Games Week	May 18-25
National Polka Weekend	May 22-24
Old-Time Player Piano Weekend	May 22-24

Answers to word scramble;

Mosquitoes

Leaves

Bugs

Answers to Baby animals;

Mower

Deer – fawn

Grass

Kangaroo – joey

Birds

Elephant – Calf

Wood ticks

Lion – Cub

Rain

Fish – Fry

Tulips

Fox – Pup

Answers to commonyms;

Flies

Frog – Tadpole

They are all boxes

Bicycles

Goat – Kid

They are all boats

outside

Swan – Cygnet

They end with “shell”

Turkey – Poult

They are all caught

Hen – Pullet

They all have waves

Pigeon – Squab

They all must be balanced

Braver – Kit

They are tossed

Horse - Foal

They are filled

They all use picks

They are all popped

May Day - Word Search

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

BELTANE	FLOWERS	LABORER	RIBBON
CHILDREN	HALF	MAY	ROMANS
DANCE	HOLIDAY	MAYPOLE	SAMHAIN

TRIVIA; JUST FOR FUN!!

50% of the people in the world, never received a phone call.

315 entries in the 1996 Webster dictionary, were misspelled!

Pearls melt in vinegar.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear!

There are 293 ways to make change for \$1.00

A dime has 118 ridges.

Donkeys kill more people every year than plane crashes.

There are 4 cars and 11 light posts on the back of a ten dollar bill.

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up.

The cost of raising a dog to 11 yrs. is \$16,400.00

Wild Animals

ALLIGATOR

ELK

RACCOON

BADGER

FOX

SKUNK

BEAVER

GRIZZLY BEAR

SQUIRREL

BIGHORN SHEEP

MARTEN

WEASEL

BLACK BEAR

MINK

WOLF

BUFFALO

MUSKRAT

WOLVERINE

CHIPMUNK

OPOSSUM

WOODCHUCK

DEER

RABBIT

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

Mother's Day	May 10
Hostess Cupcake Day	May 11
Frog Jumping Day	May 13
National Chicken Dance Day	May 14
The Stars & Stripes Forever Day	May 14
International Day of Families	May 15
Straw Hat Day	May 15
National Pizza Party Day	May 15
Syttende Mai	May 17
Don't Fry Day	May 22
National Wig Out Day	May 22
World Turtle Day	May 23
Brothers Day	May 24
Indianapolis 500	May 24
Memorial Day	May 25
Bats Day	May 29-31
Mint Julep Day	May 30
World No-Tobacco Day	May 31

