



# Fun In The Sun

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.

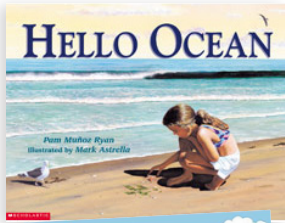
For more reading resources, visit [www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central](http://www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central).

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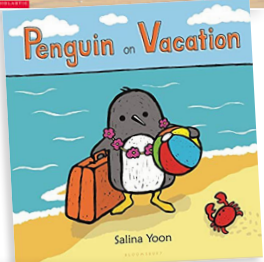
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# Fun In The Sun Book List

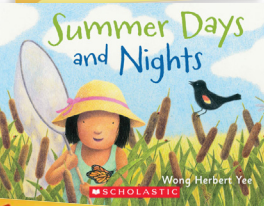
## Recommended Books



**Hello Ocean**  
Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Illustrator: Mark Astrella  
PK-1



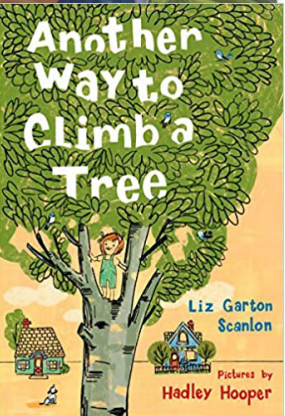
**Penguin on Vacation**  
Author: Salina Yoon  
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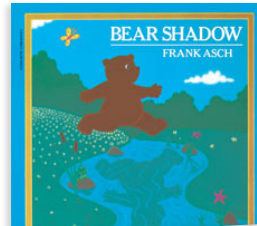
**Summer Days and Nights**  
Author and Illustrator:  
Wong Herbert Yee  
PK-2



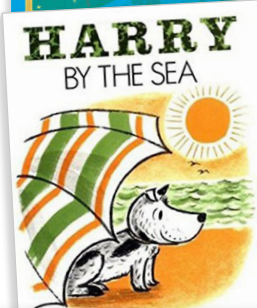
**Summer Sun Risin'**  
Author: W. Nikola-Lisa  
Illustrator: Don Tate  
PK-2



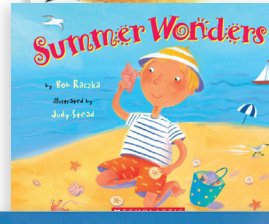
**Another Way to Climb a Tree**  
Author: Liz Garton Scanlon  
Illustrator: Hadley Hooper  
PK-3



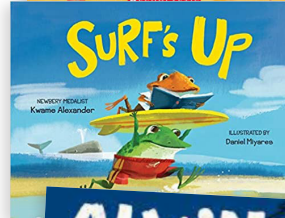
**Bear Shadow**  
Author and Illustrator:  
Frank Asch  
PK-3



**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.

### Word Bank

FUN  
SWIMMING  
SUN  
MOUNTAINS  
VACATION  
CLIMBING  
WAVES  
CABIN

### Across

2. Do you play in the \_\_\_ at the beach?
4. You may stay in a \_\_\_ at a camp.
6. The Rocky \_\_\_ are in Colorado.
7. Be careful in the \_\_\_...don't get burned!

### Down

1. How much \_\_\_ do you have playing outside?
3. Taking \_\_\_ lessons is important for safety reasons.
4. Have fun \_\_\_ on a jungle gym!
5. The beach, the mountains, or Disneyworld are favorite places for a \_\_\_.



# Crossword Puzzle (harder)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

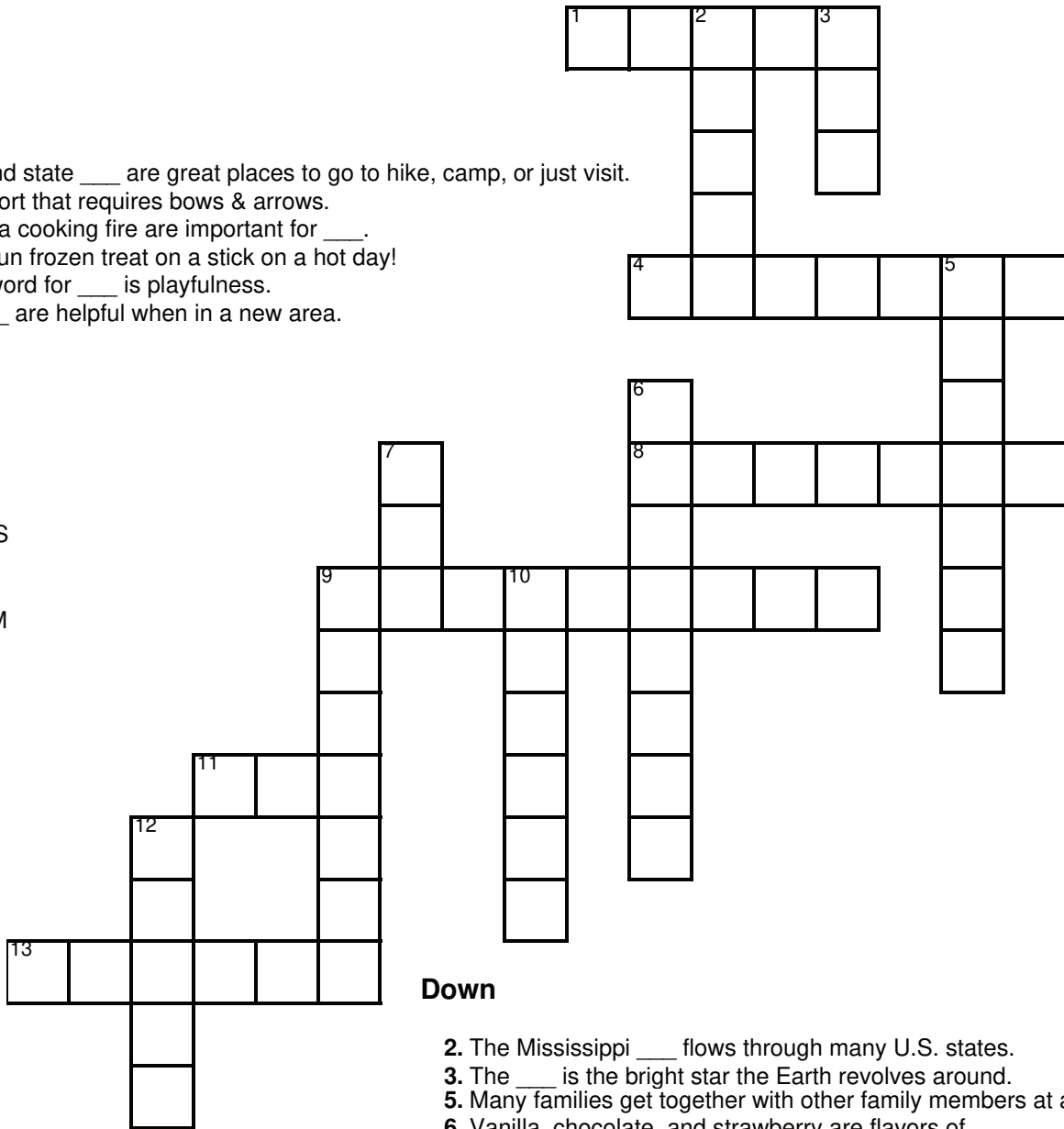
Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Fun in the Sun.  
Look for hints in the Word Bank.

## 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

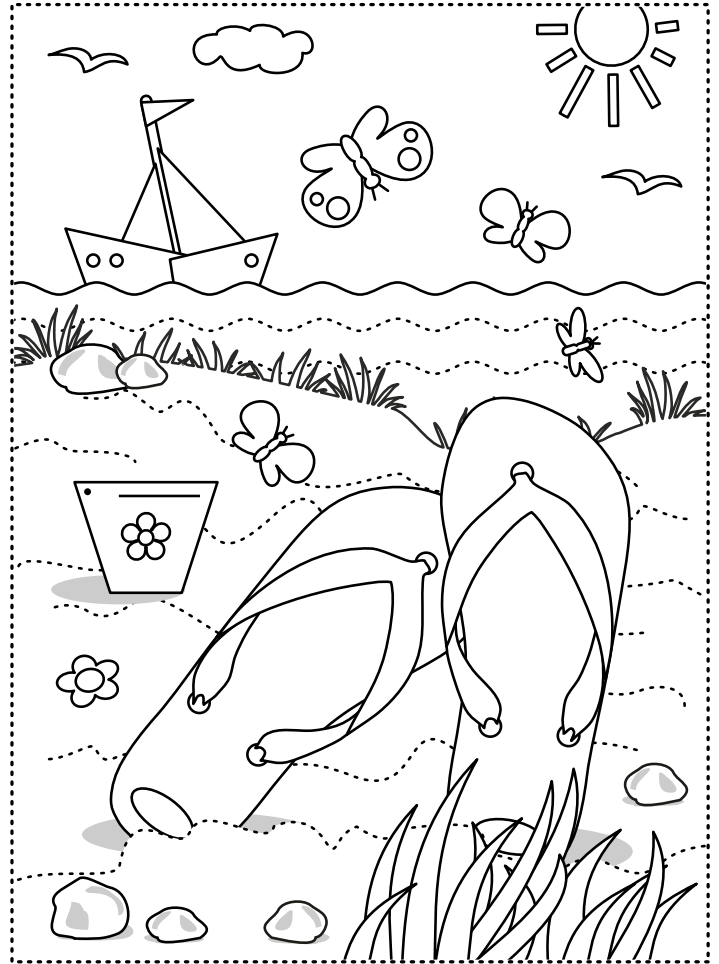
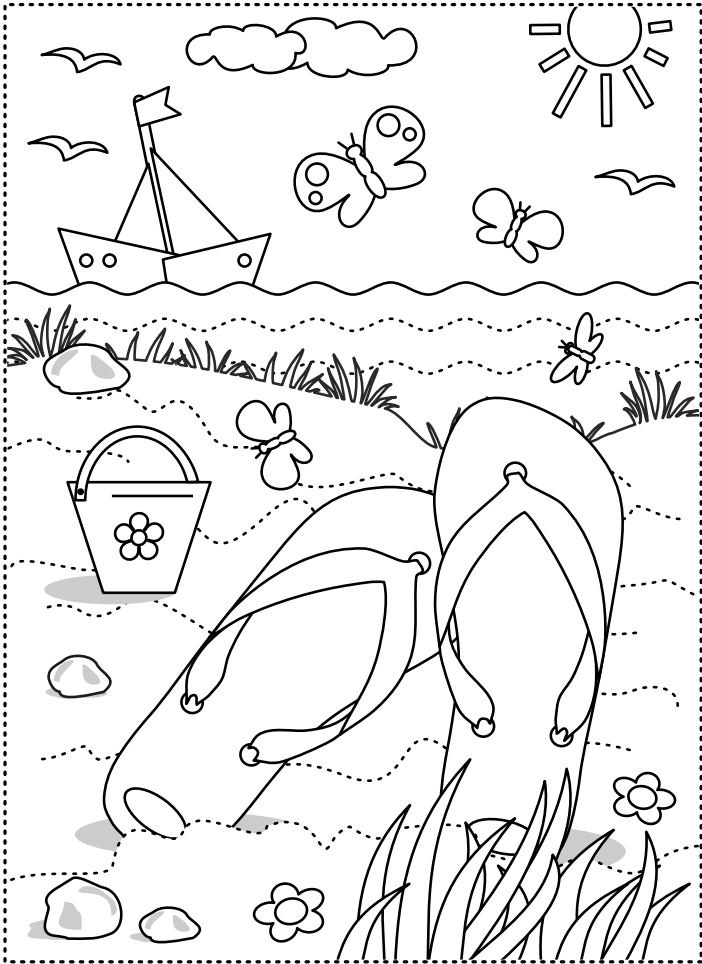


## Down

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

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## 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

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## 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

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SETTING  
**Beach**

SETTING  
**Playground**

SETTING  
**Ice Cream  
Factory**

SETTING  
**Campground**

SETTING  
**Pool**

SETTING  
**Spacecraft on  
a Mission to  
the Sun**

# Story Sparks

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ACTIVITY

**Swimming**

ACTIVITY

**Hiking**

ACTIVITY

**Hopscotch**

ACTIVITY

**Hot Air  
Ballooning**

ACTIVITY

**Catching  
Fireflies**

ACTIVITY

**Running Through  
a Sprinkler**

# Story Sparks

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CHARACTERS

**Kids**

CHARACTERS

**Animals**

CHARACTERS

**Space People**

CHARACTERS

**Inanimate  
(non-living)  
Things**

CHARACTERS

**Talking  
Popsicles**

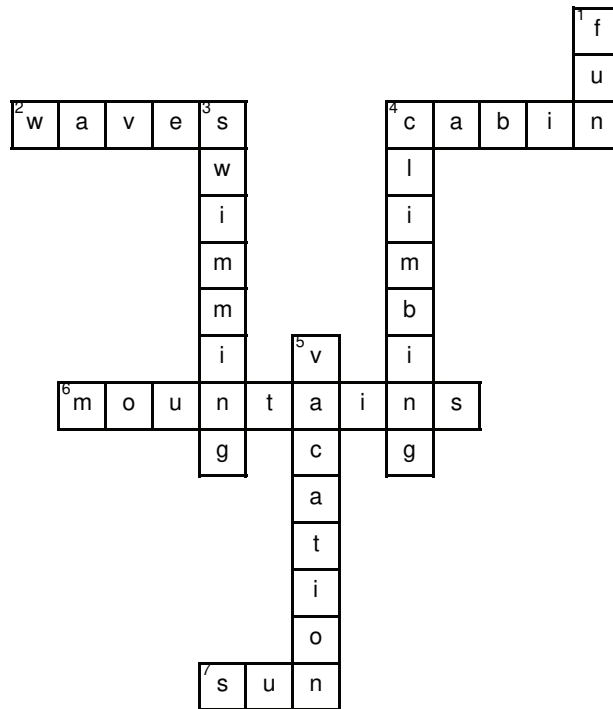
CHARACTERS

**Superheroes**

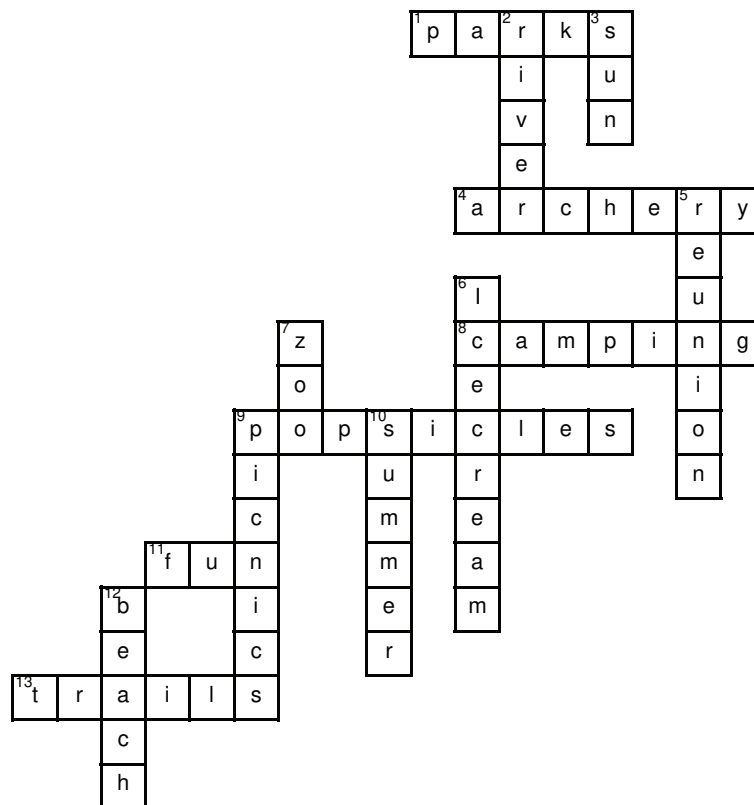
# **ANSWER KEYS**



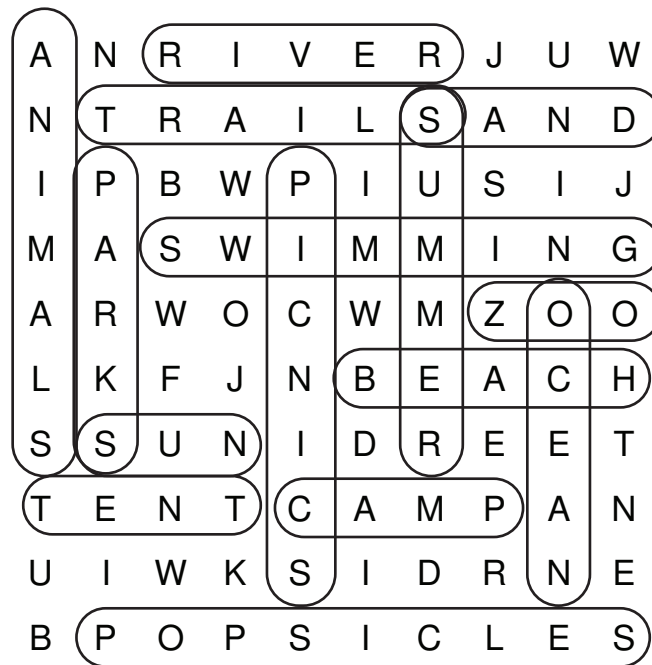
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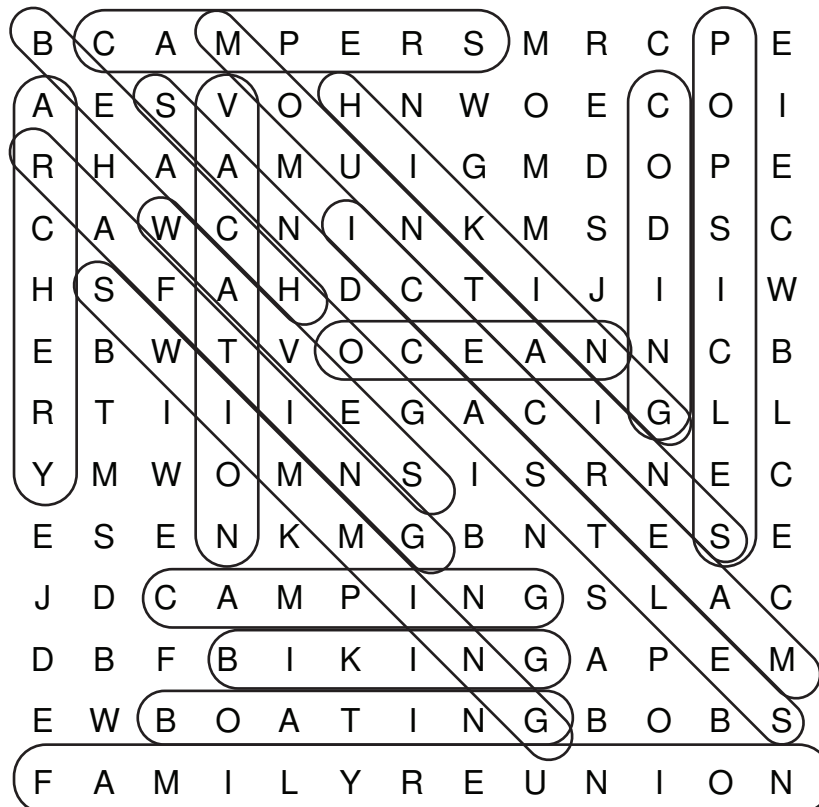
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## Key: Word Search (easier)



## Key: Word Search (harder)



# Key: Find The Difference

