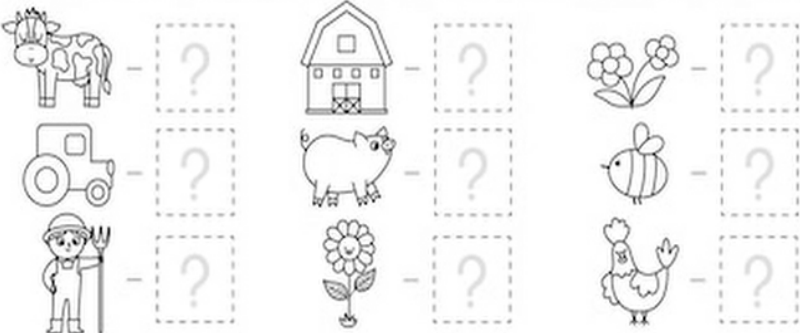




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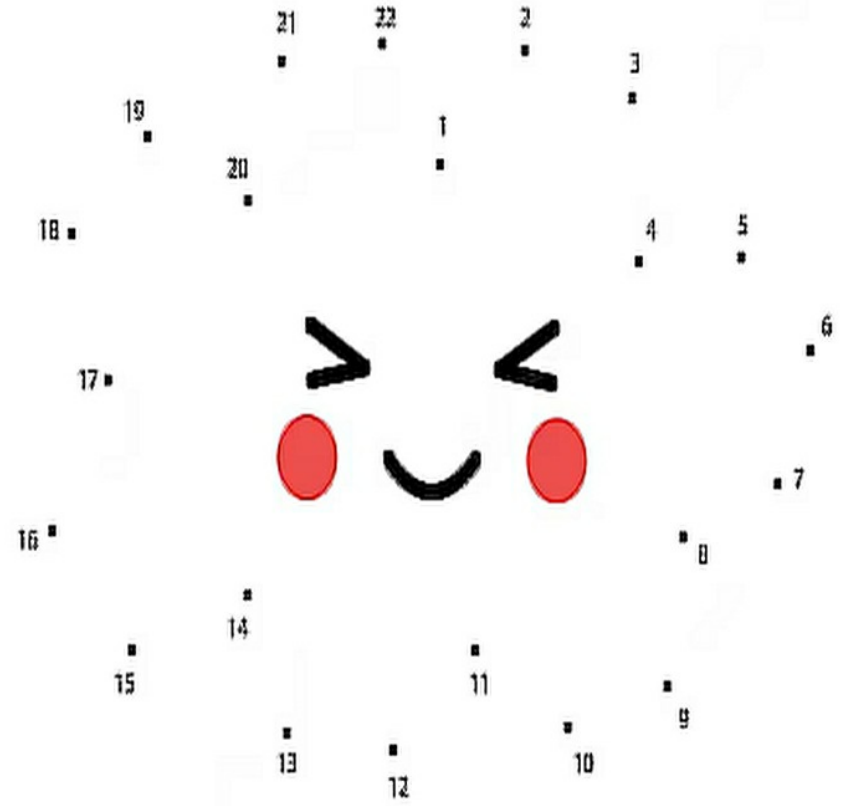


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The grumpy ole man

An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world and seemed to see nothing but the bad in everything.

The whole village was tired of him. He was always gloomy and grumpy. He constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.

The longer he lives, the grumpier he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words.

People avoided him, because his bad attitude was so contagious. It even seemed unnatural and insulting to the happy when next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

One day...

when he turned 80 years old an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone starting hearing the rumor. The whole village gathered together.

Everyone was asking the man, **“What happened to you?”**

“Nothing special! Eighty years I’ve been chasing happenings and it was seldom mine. Then I decided to live without happen and just enjoy life. That’s why I’m happy now,” said the old man with a smile on his face.

MORAL OF THE STORY: Don’t chase happiness. Enjoy your life. Happiness will come to you.



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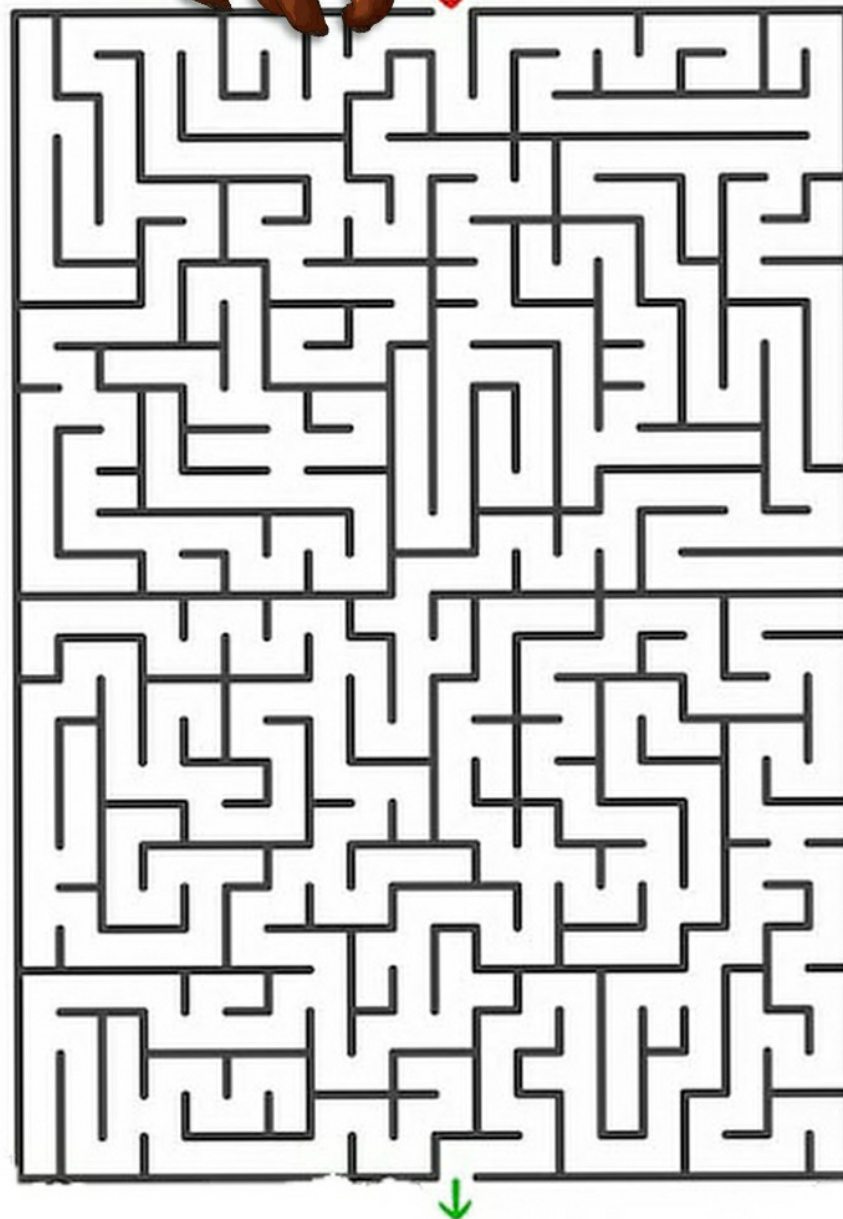
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The boys and the bear

John and David were friends. On holiday they went for a walk into the forest, enjoying the beauty of nature.



Suddenly, they saw a bear coming at them. They became frightened.

John, who knew all about climbing trees, ran to the nearest tree and climbed up quickly. He didn't even think of David.

David had no idea on how to climb a tree.

He thought for a second. Twisting his mouth. He remembered hearing animals don't like dead bodies. He fell to the ground and held his breath.

The bear sniffed him from head to toe. Sniffing about David hear for a bit. The creature thought he was dead. He waddled on down the path going about his way.

John came down from the tree and asked David, " Why was the bear sniffing at year ear for so long? It was like he was whispering something in your ears."

David nodded his head yes and replied, "The bear told me to stay away from friends like you!"

Then he left.



A trip to the village

One day a rich man took his son a trip to the neighboring village. He wanted to show him how poor some can be. They ended up spending time on a farm of a poor family.

On their return from the trip, the dad asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great dad!" the son replied.

"What did you learn from our trip?" Dad asked.

The son sat up and answered, "We have one dog, they have four; we have a pool, they have a river; we buy fowls, they grow them; we have lights, they have stars; we have walls to protect us; they have friends; we have TV, they spent time with family; we have the words, they have God.

The boy's father was speechless while his sun was talking.

Then the son said, summarizing things, "Thanks, Dad, for showing us how poor we are. "

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As I child . . .

One day when I was a child, I saw an old man leaving the mosque.

I went to him. He looked wise.

“Hello, sir, how are you doing?” I said.

“I’m fine and you?” he replied.

“Fine. Can I ask you a question, please?”

“Of course you can,” he said. He a very serious voice.

“Sir, when is the best day for prayer?”

The old man scratched his head, smiled and said, “The best day to pray is the last day in your life before you die.”

“Sir, how can I know the day of my death?” I asked.

The man smiled again and said, “Young man, no one has knowledge of his death that is why we need to pray everyday.”

I could not think of a question to reply, but have always remembered his wisdom.

