

Daily Delight

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Mechanical Pencil Day

Which is better: a mechanical pencil or a regular pencil? On July 5th each year, the answer is mechanical because it's Mechanical Pencil Day! The first mechanical pencil was developed by Sampson Mordan and John Isaac Hawkins in 1822, and since the lead never needed sharpening, lots of companies jumped on the bandwagon. Since their invention, mechanical pencils now come in three types: ratchet-based, clutch-based, or screw-based, and can be made of plastic, metal, or wood.

To truthfully answer the original question of which is better, mechanical pencils never need sharpening and last a long time. In fact, today's mechanical pencils have enough graphite to write 45,000 words. Who actually had time to sit down and figure that out?



Today in History



In 1986, Nancy Reagan hosted the reopening of the Statue of Liberty by cutting a red, white, and blue ribbon. It had been closed for four years. The restoration began in 1982 and was completed by a team of French and American architects, engineers, and conservators.

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DID YOU KNOW? A Penalty Never Paid

On November 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony voted in a presidential election. At that time, women were not allowed to vote. Two weeks later, Anthony was arrested, and eventually fined \$100 for voting illegally. "I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty," she said—and she never did. It was more than 40 years before the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote in the United States.

TRIVIA

Which of these actors is a U.S. citizen?

- A** Leo McKern
- B** Hugh Grant
- C** Michael Caine
- D** Anthony Hopkins

TODAY'S FUNNY

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny

TODAY'S WISDOM

*"Young people need models, not critics."
- John Wooden*

WORD SEARCH

STILT WALKING

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

ANCIENTART
BALANCE
CIRCUS
CLOWNS
EVENTS

FESTIVALS
FRUIT FARMERS
JUGGLERS
PAINTERS
PARADES

SKILLED
TALLER
WASHING
WINDOW

SUDOKU

How To Play:

Each 9x9 box is comprised of 9 smaller 3x3 boxes. Each of these smaller boxes must be filled in with numbers from 1-9. Each row and column of the larger 9x9 box should not have any numbers repeated.

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

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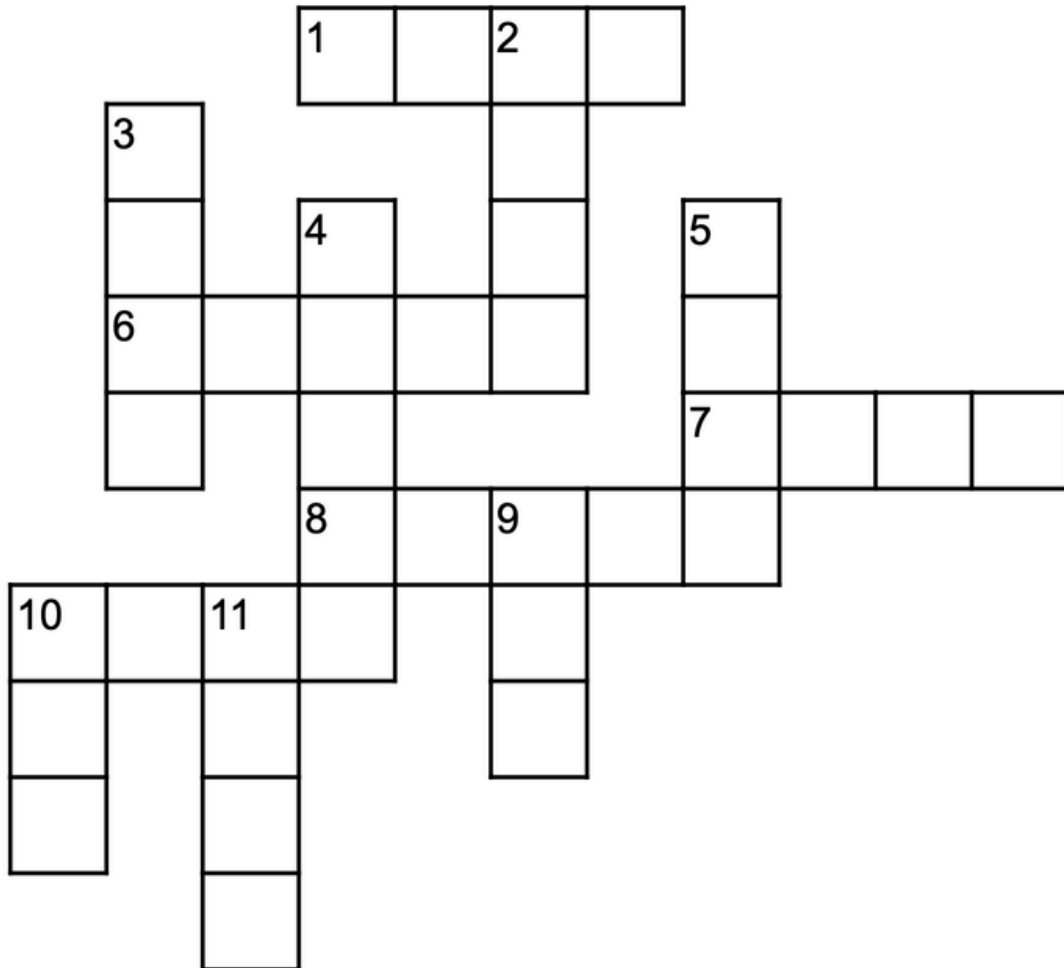
Helpful Tip:

If you get stuck, try asking yourself "Where can I place number X in this row or column?" Scan to see if the number is already in that row, column, or box.

WORD JUMBLE

Every answer uses only the letters in the word:

POOLSIDE



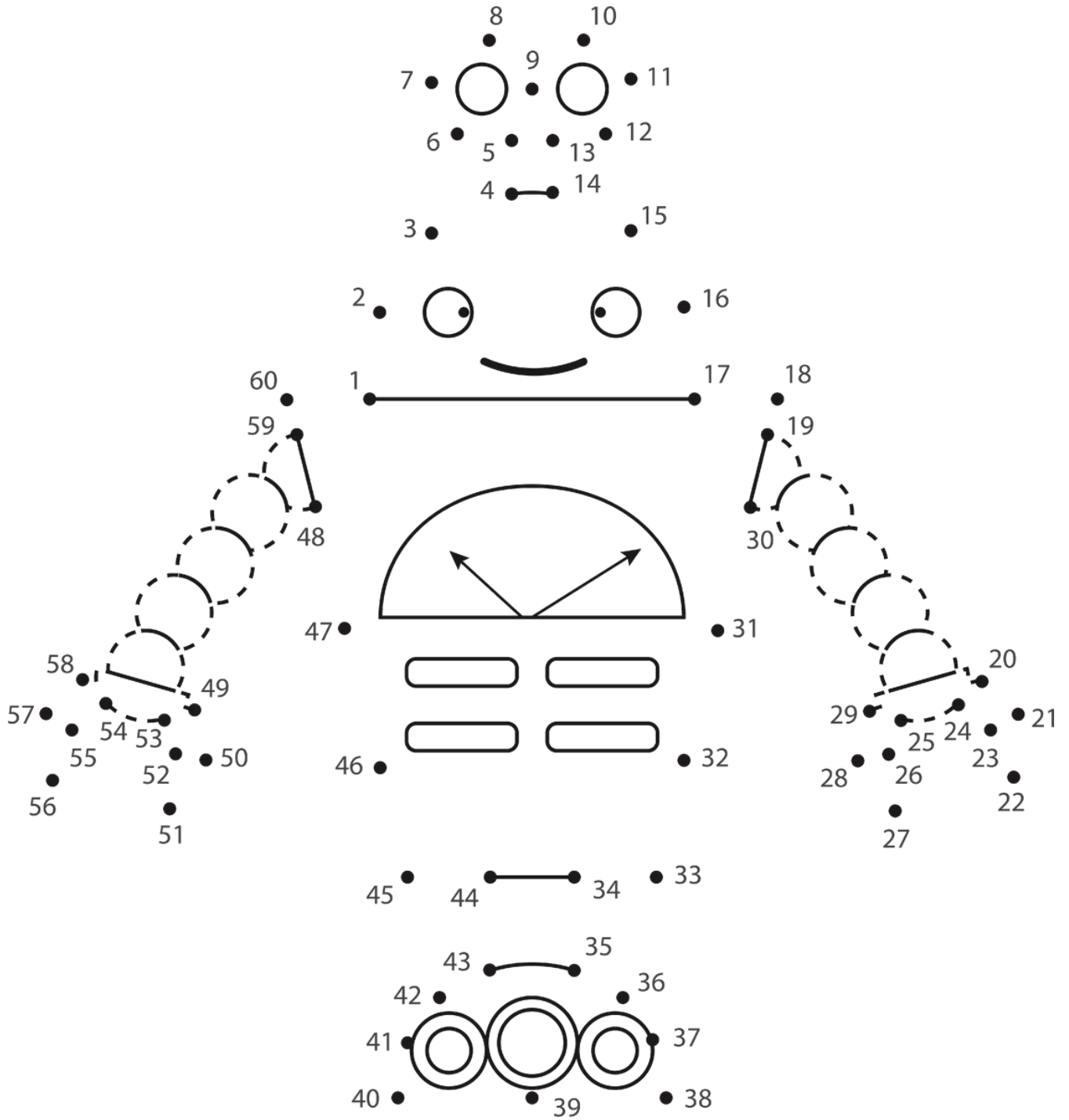
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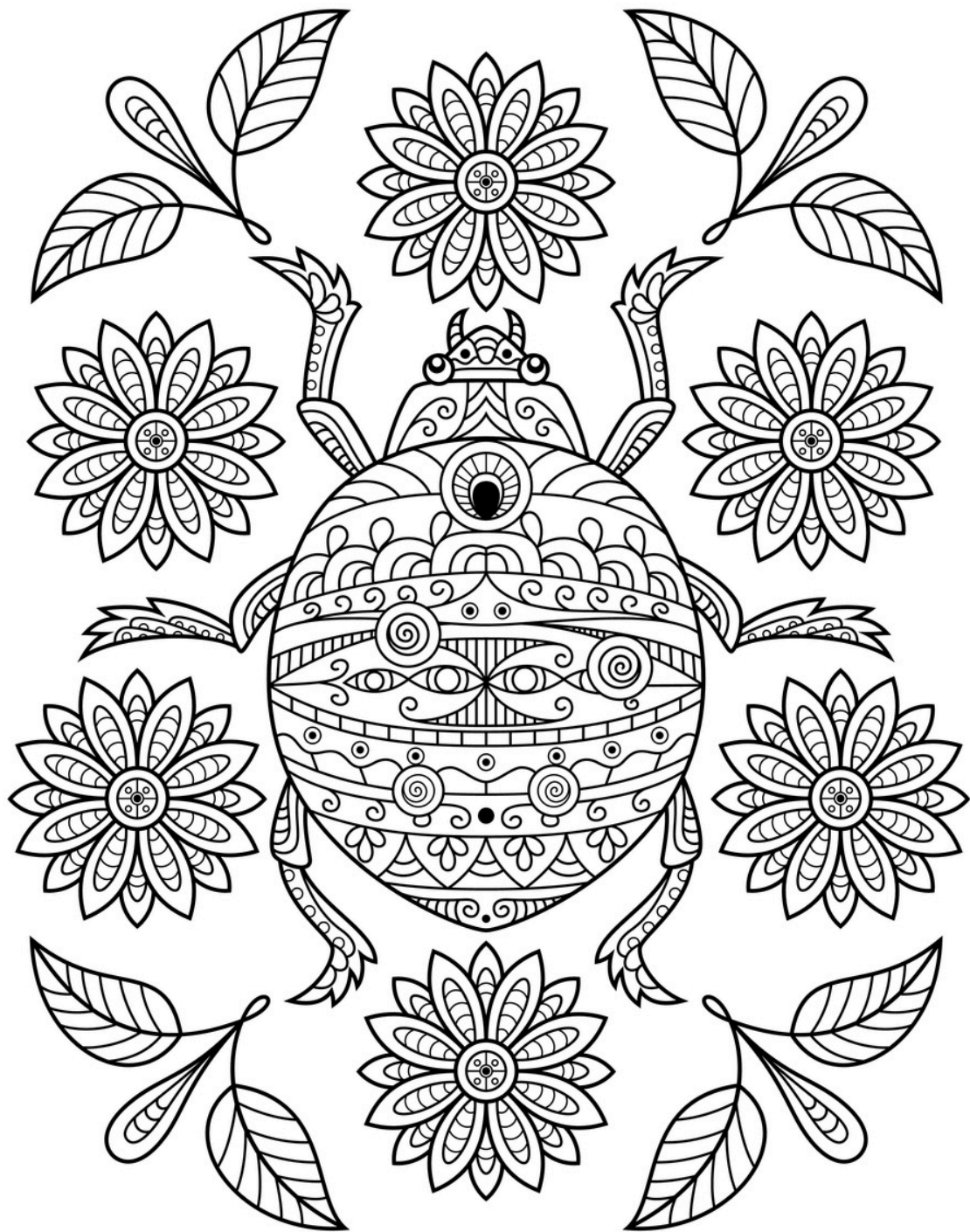
- 2. Teen heartthrob
- 3. Opposite of win
- 4. Baggy
- 5. Inactive
- 9. Opposite of young
- 10. Female deer
- 11. Slipped (down)

Across

- 1. To become dirty
- 6. Give away the plot
- 7. Told a fib
- 8. Hill incline
- 10. 5 ml, perhaps

Connect the Dots



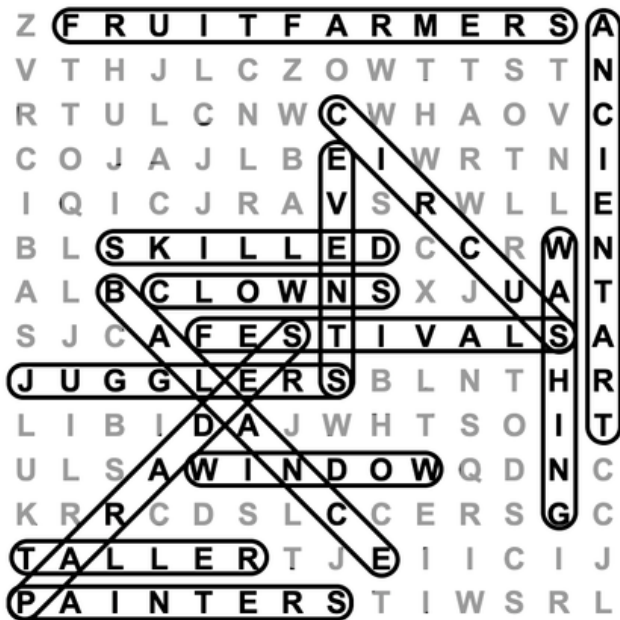


SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: D

Anthony Hopkins was born in Margam, South Wales, and he grew up in the small town of Port Talbot. However, in 2000, Hopkins became an American citizen, retaining his British citizenship.

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7	4	1	9	5	2	6	8	3

