

Daily Delight

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National Lost Penny Day

It's been said that a penny saved is a penny earned. What happens, though, when a penny is lost?

Day in and day out, pennies seem to find themselves in between the seats in cars, under couch cushions and any number of other places where things go to be lost.

To those who find said pennies, they become a penny earned.

With billions of pennies having been minted since Benjamin Franklin designed the first one in the 1870s, all those lost pennies can really add up! Spend Lost Penny Day seeking out those pennies that have been lost and see just how much money you can earn. Beware of picking up pennies that are tails up, though, because if you do, all day long you'll have bad luck.



Today in History



In 1995, American speed skater Bonnie Blair broke the world record in skating with 500 meters in 38.69 seconds. She won her first gold medal in the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. She also won a bronze that year. Blair was inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That's Why Your Eyes are so Pretty

Eyelashes grow in four stages: growth, resting, shedding, and re-growth. As you age, the regrowth stage slows down, and your hair follicles eventually stop producing new eyelashes. Demodex mites, which are about 0.2 millimeters long, live on your eyelashes and eyebrows. They help remove dirt and debris. The longest eyelash on record was 2.75 inches long!

TRIVIA

What popular toy was invented by a NASA engineer?

A Matchbox cars

B Super Soaker water gun

C Slip 'n' Slide water slide

D Walkie-talkies

TODAY'S FUNNY

I used to tell jokes about radios when I did stand up.....

but the reception was poor.

TODAY'S WISDOM

"When your heart longs for the adventures of the past, travel to them in your mind."

- Love to Know

WORD SEARCH

Out Of This World



Asteroid

Black Hole

Comet

Earth

Europa

Galaxy

Jupiter

Mars

Mercury

Moon

Planet

Star

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.

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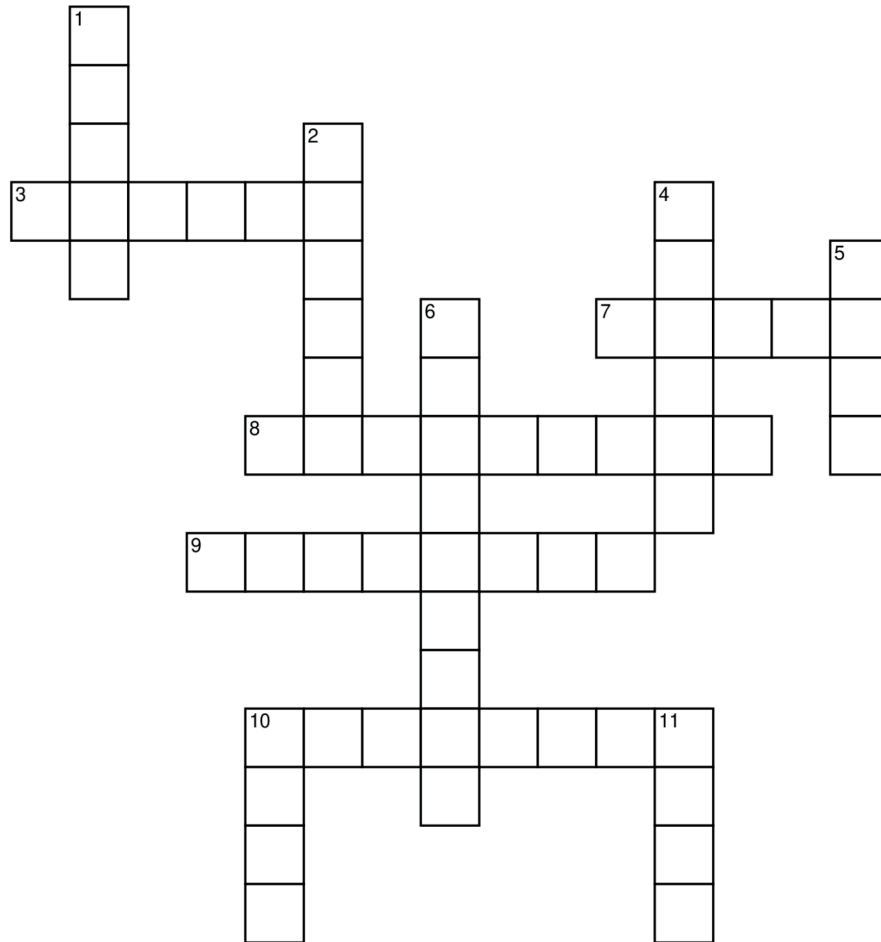
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Helpful Tip:

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.

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Types of Flowers



Across

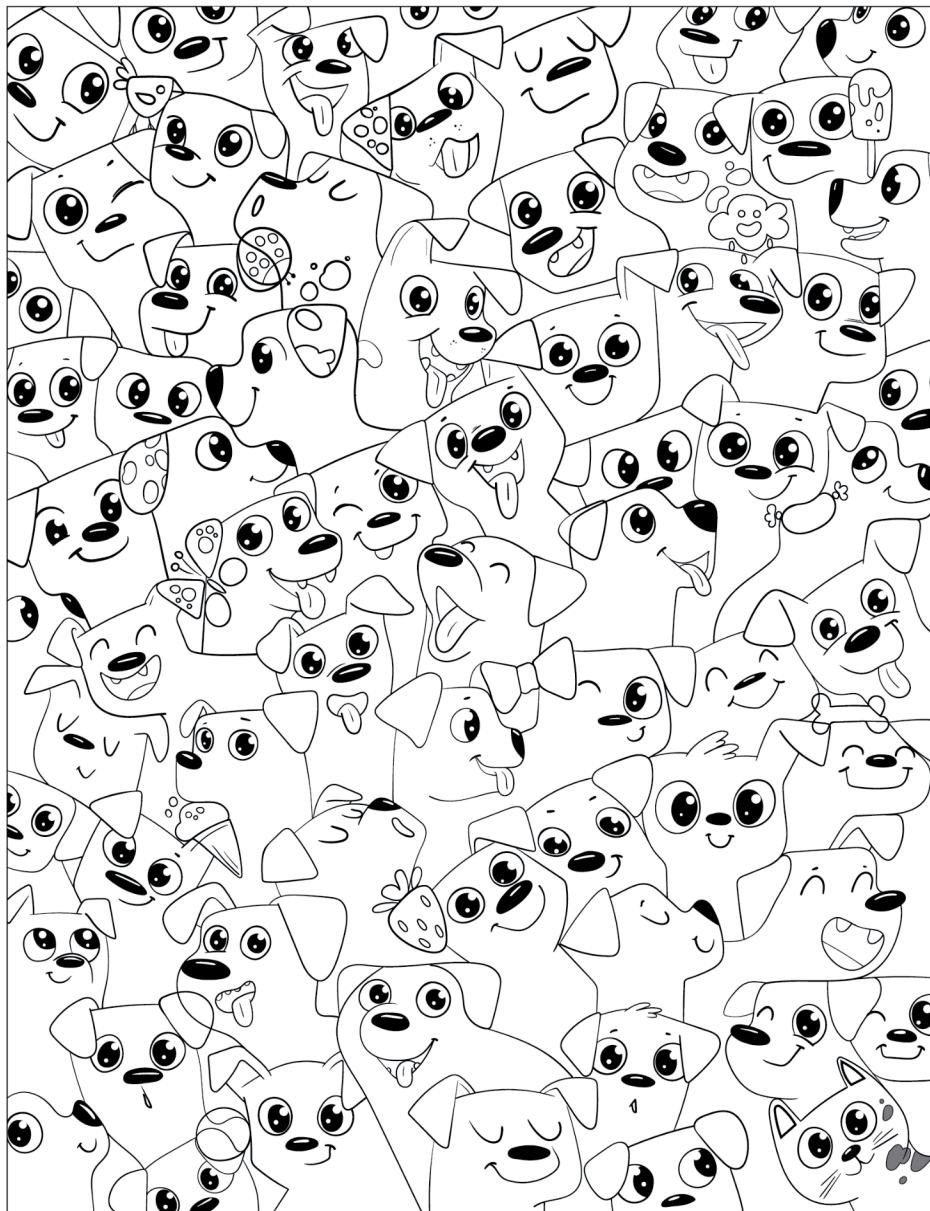
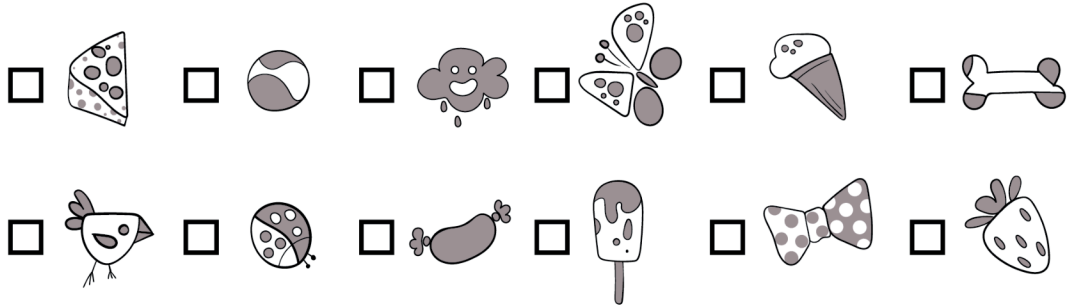
- [3]** Showy garden favorite
- [7]** Daisy look-alike
- [8]** Popular boutonniere flower
- [9]** Digitalis
- [10]** Fragrant purple flower

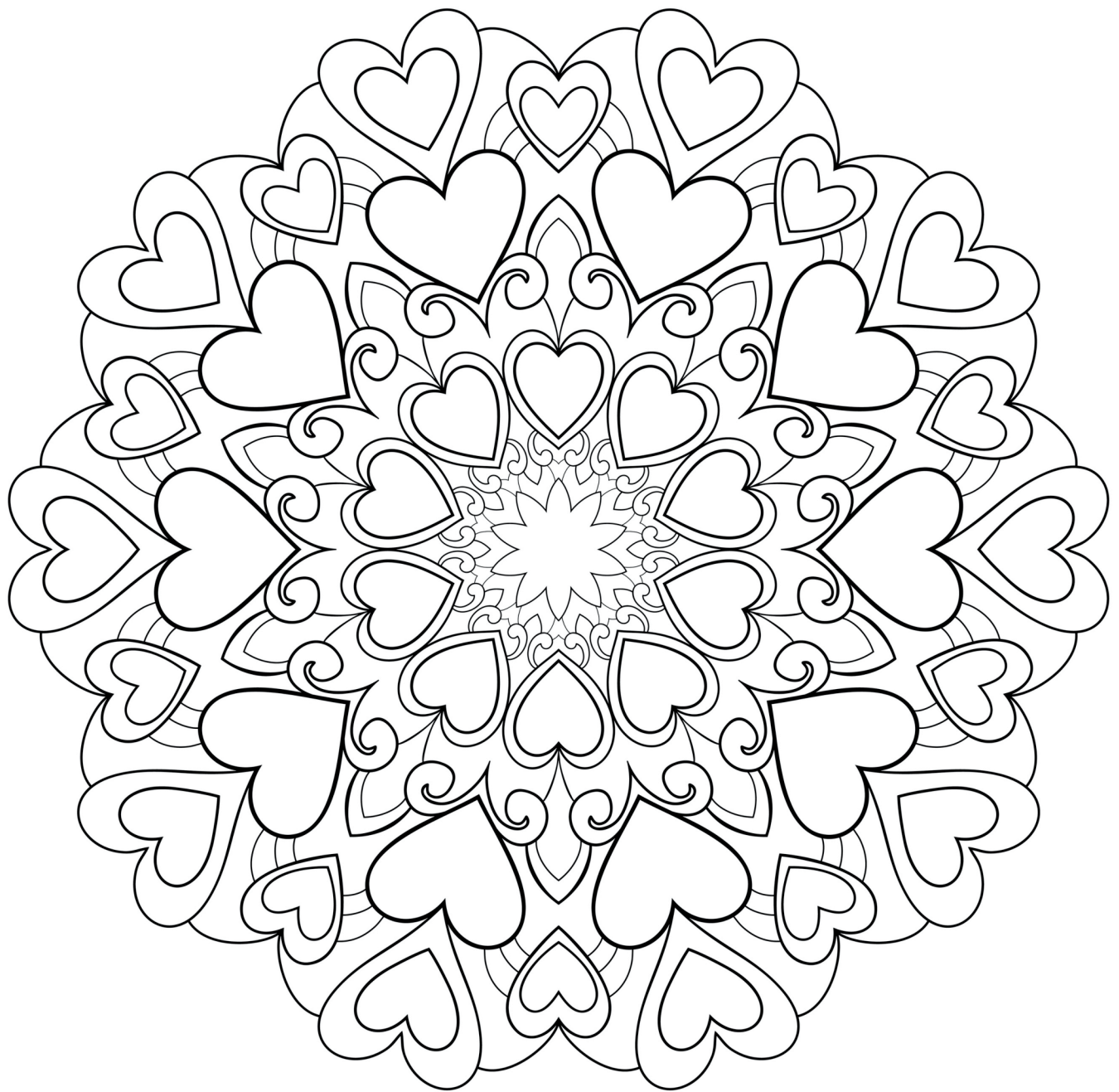
Down

- [1]** Symbol of the Netherlands
- [2]** Sunflower's Mexican relative
- [4]** Means 'harmony' in Greek
- [5]** Also an eye part
- [6]** Van Gogh subject
- [10]** The 'calla' and 'day' for example
- [11]** Thorny flower

SEEK AND FIND

Find the hidden objects in the picture.





SOLUTIONS

Trivia Answer: B.

NASA engineer Lonnie Johnson worked on the B2 Bomber and Galileo satellite program before inventing the Super Soaker. He got the idea for the water gun when a prototype for a heat pump sprung a leak and shot water across the room.

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