

Fall in the Valley Bingo

Cross off a square every time it happens. Five in a row and the kids pick dinner.

Wore a jacket before 8am	Spotted a roadrunner	Picnic at a park	Saw a hot-air balloon	Found a lizard doing push-ups
A pumpkin bigger than your head	Library storytime	Played outside after lunch	Leaves that changed color	Watched a desert sunset
Heard quail calling	Rode a bike or scooter	<i>Yours</i> draw your favorite fall day	Made a leaf rubbing	Visited a new park
Counted 10 cactus	Last splash-pad day	Wrote a thank-you note	Hiked a trail	Found a rock bigger than you
Saw the mountains turn pink	Cooked something with apples	Played with a new friend	Wore a costume	Stayed up to see the stars



Our Fall Bucket List

Ten to start, six blanks that are all yours. Tape it to the fridge.

☐ Pick apples or pumpkins together

☐ Picnic breakfast at a park

☐ Find the first cool morning

☐ Watch a sunset from a hill

☐ Make a leaf or bark rubbing

☐ Go to a library storytime

☐ Bake something with cinnamon

☐ Try a brand-new trail

☐ Have a backyard camp-out

☐ Write a note to a neighbor

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____



Dinner Table Questions

Cut along the dashes, drop them in a jar, pull one a night.

AT THE TABLE What made you laugh today?	AT THE TABLE If our family had a mascot, what would it be?
AT THE TABLE What's one thing you want to learn this fall?	AT THE TABLE Who was kind to you this week?
AT THE TABLE If you could have any animal for a day, which one?	AT THE TABLE What's the best thing about where we live?
AT THE TABLE What would you name a new cactus?	AT THE TABLE What should we do next weekend?
AT THE TABLE What's a food you'd eat every day?	AT THE TABLE If you were the grown-up tomorrow, what would we do?



Our Weekend, Drawn

Four boxes, one weekend. Everyone draws a panel; the grown-up writes the caption.

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Saturday morning

Saturday afternoon

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Sunday morning

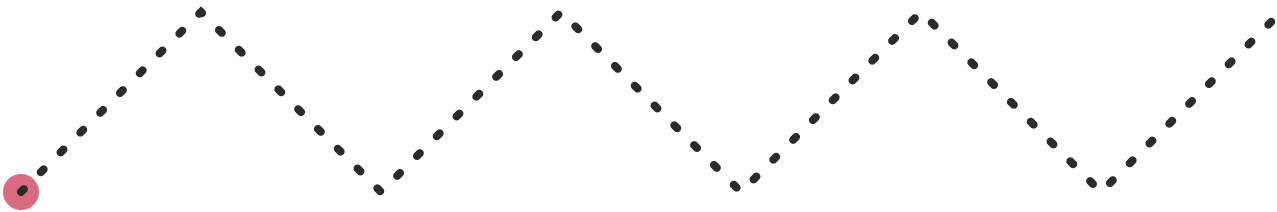
Sunday night



Trace the Desert

Chunky crayon, big arm moves. Start at the pink dot. Wobbly lines count.

Trace the mountains *say it: up, down, up, down*



Trace the desert wind *say it: whoosh, whoosh*

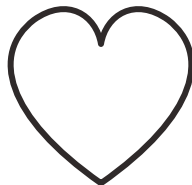
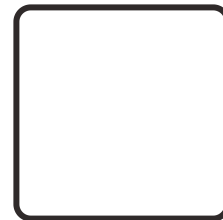
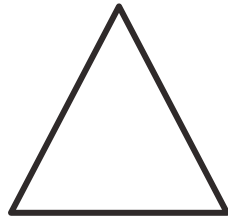
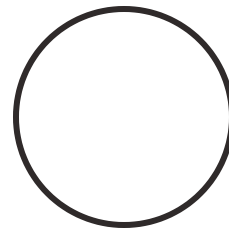


Trace the rolling tumbleweeds *say it: round and round*



Big and Little

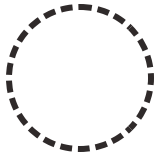
Point to the BIG one. Then color it in. Say the shape out loud together.



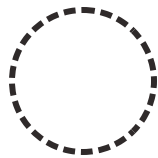
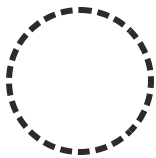
Dot and Count

Dot each circle with a finger, a sticker or a dauber. Count out loud as you go.

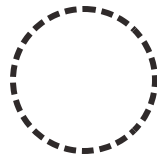
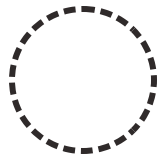
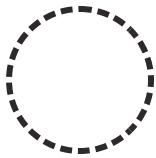
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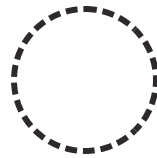
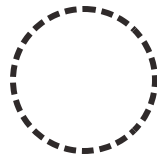
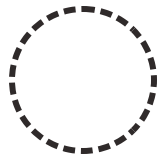
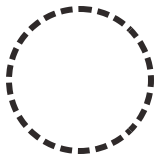
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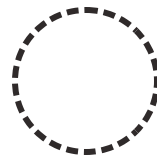
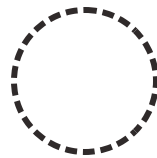
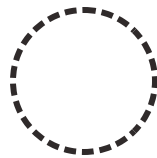
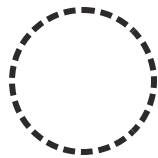
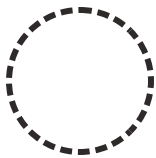
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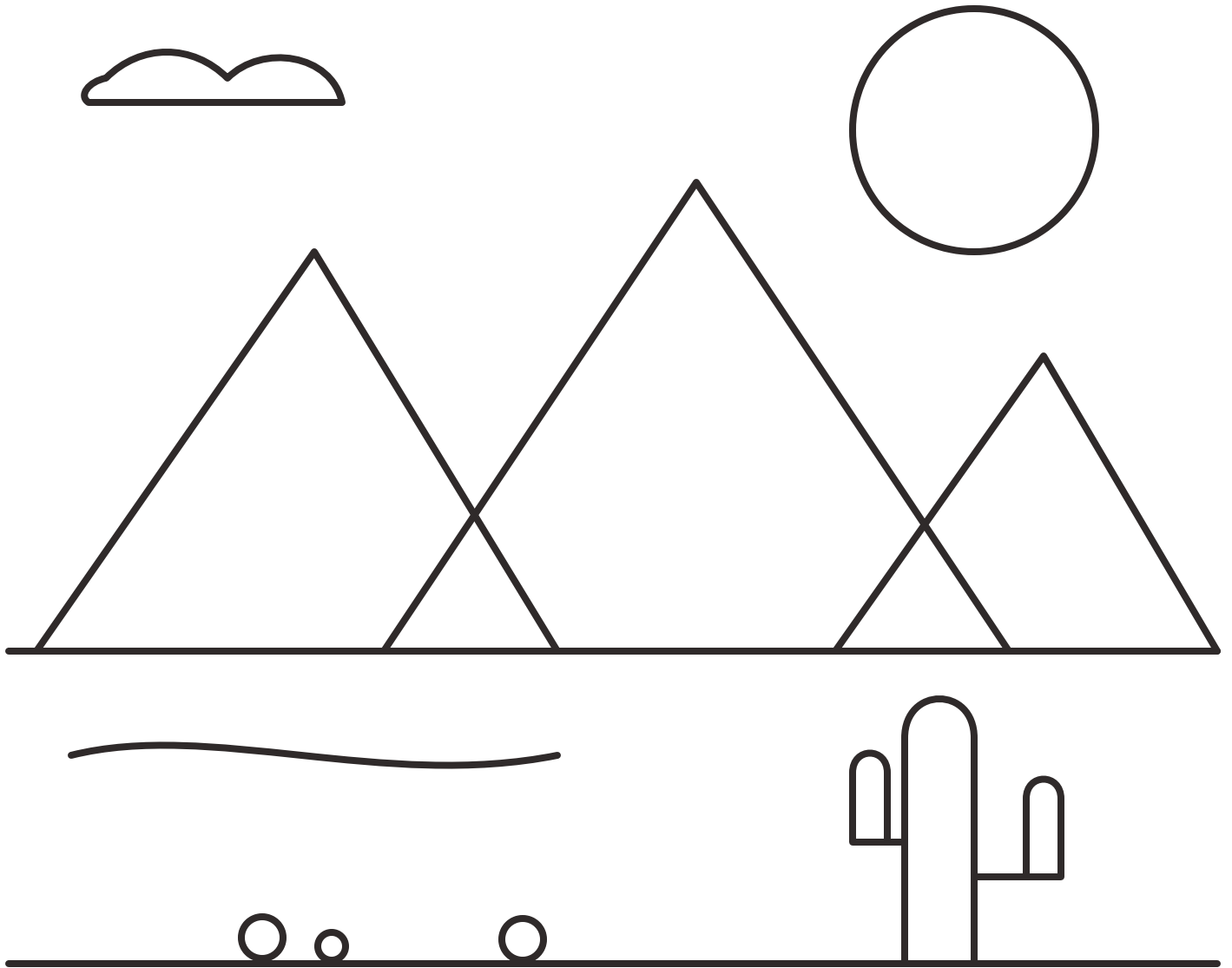


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Color the Desert

Sun, mountains, a cactus and a cloud. Any color is the right color.



Park Explorer

Take this to any park in the Valley. Read it together; they do the finding.

☐ Something in the shade

☐ A bird on a branch

☐ A leaf with bumpy edges

☐ A rock with a stripe

☐ Something red

☐ The water fountain

☐ A cloud shaped like an animal

☐ Tracks in the dirt

☐ A friend to wave at

Mom's corner

The Mom Math, before you go

☐ Shade by the playground

☐ Bathroom spotted

☐ Parking close to the gate

☐ Stroller-friendly path

☐ Water for everyone

Our park: _____

Date: _____



Trace the Letters

Four desert words, all starting with S. Trace, then say each one out loud.

SUN

SKY

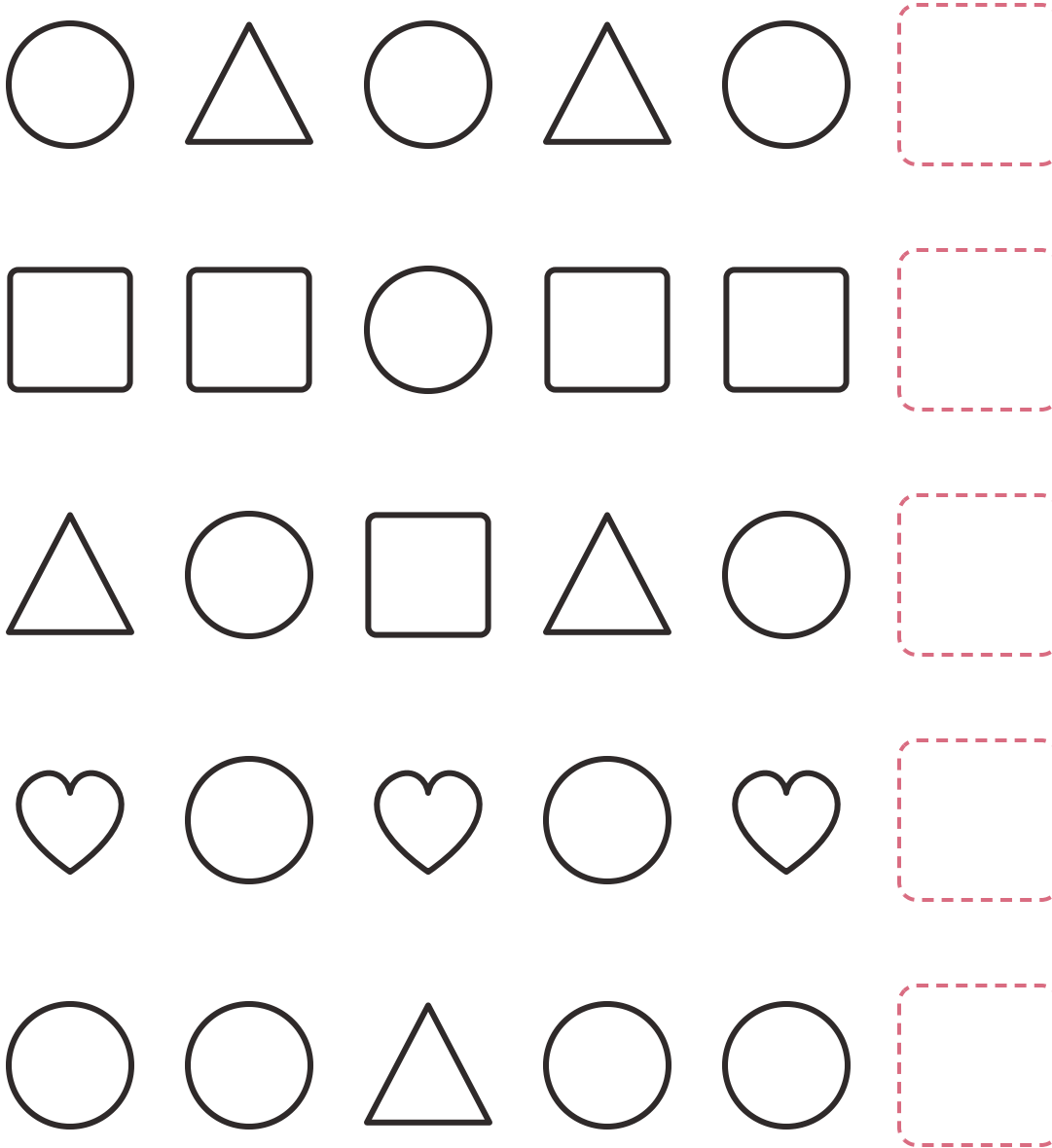
SAND

STAR



What Comes Next?

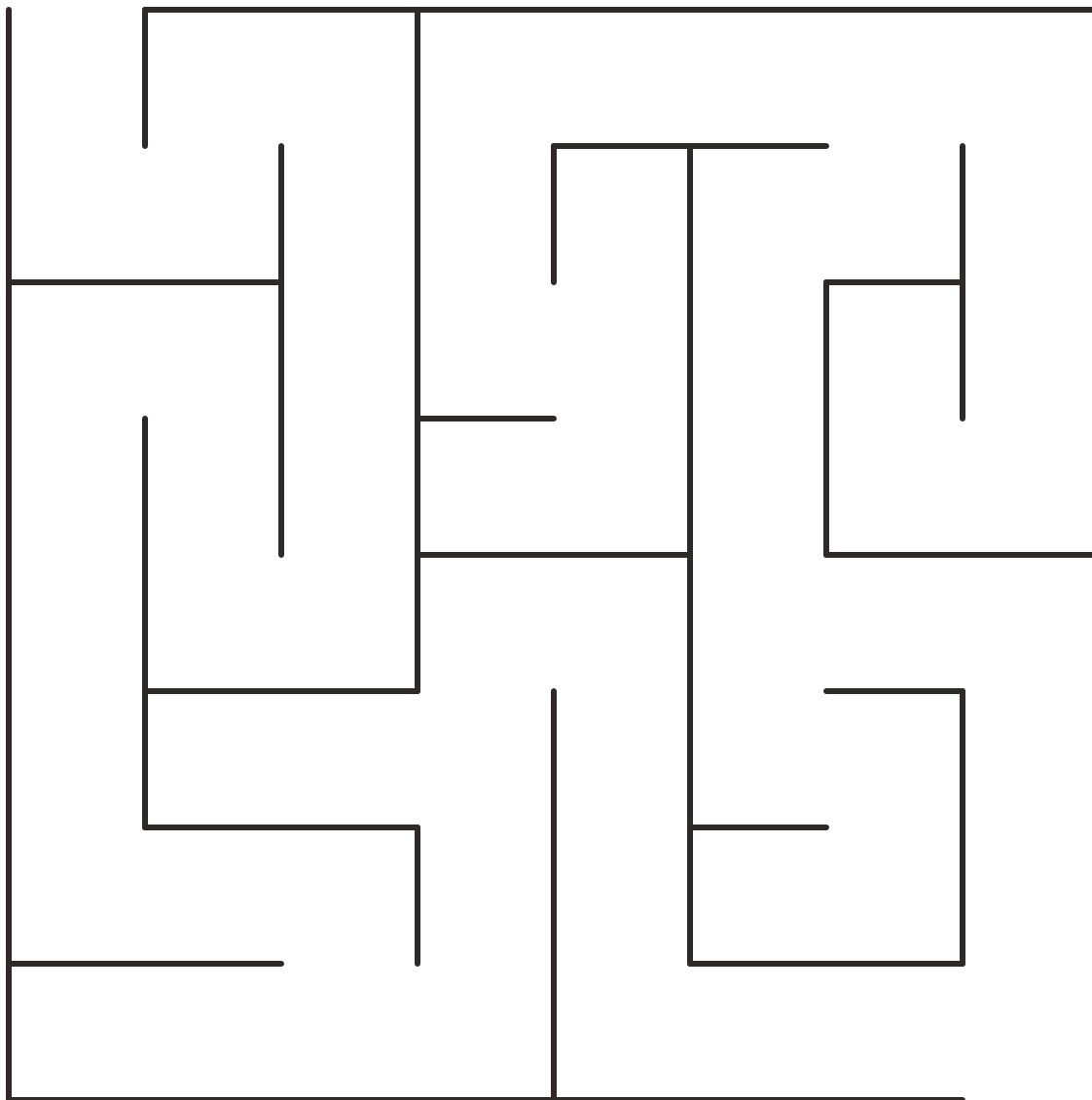
Say each row like a song. Draw the shape that belongs in the pink box.



Help the Quail Get Home

Start at the top, find the way out at the bottom. Pencils first, then a victory lap in crayon.

START ↓

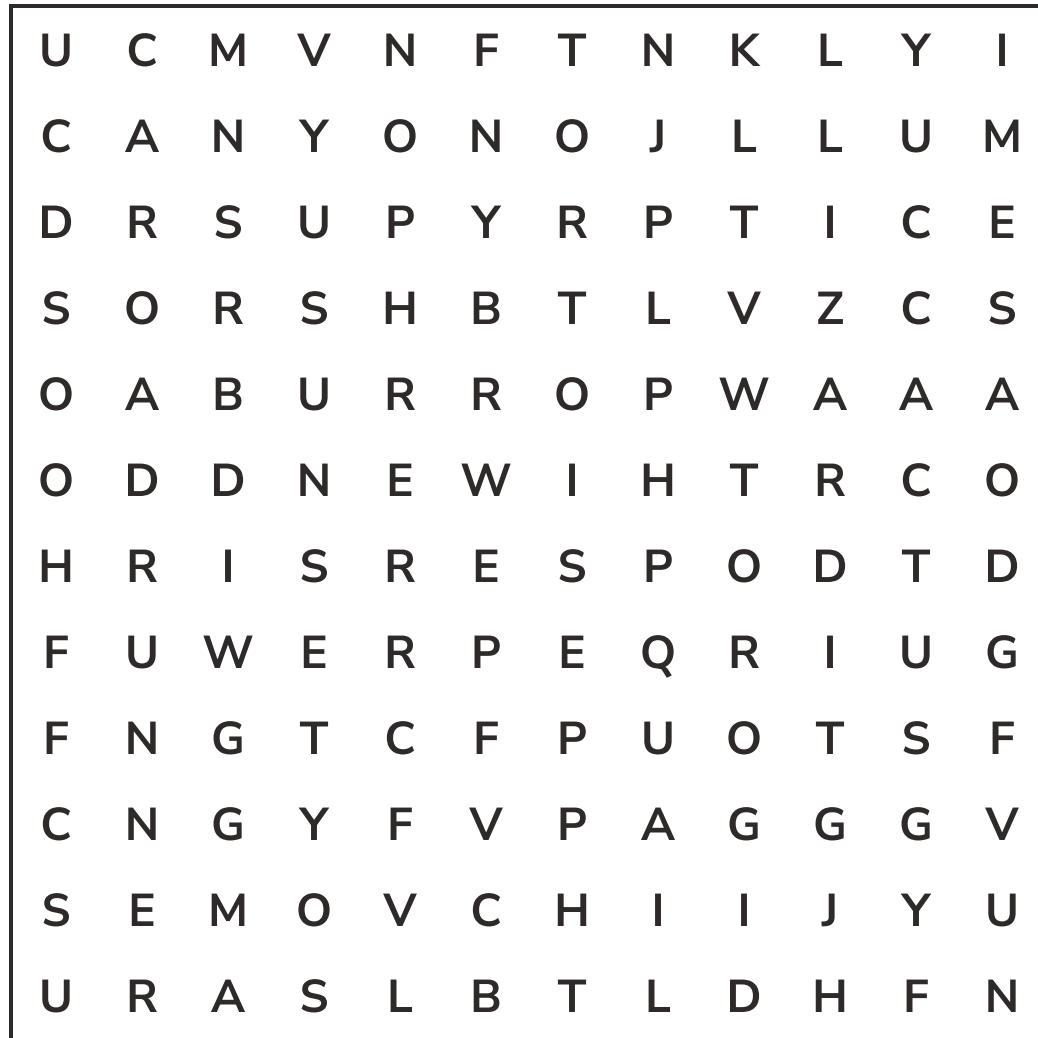


HOME ↓



Mojave Word Search

Ten words from our own backyard. Across and down only.



Find these

- ☐ CACTUS
- ☐ QUAIL
- ☐ YUCCA
- ☐ CANYON
- ☐ LIZARD
- ☐ MESA
- ☐ SUNSET
- ☐ TORTOISE
- ☐ ROADRUNNER
- ☐ BURRO

Read it aloud

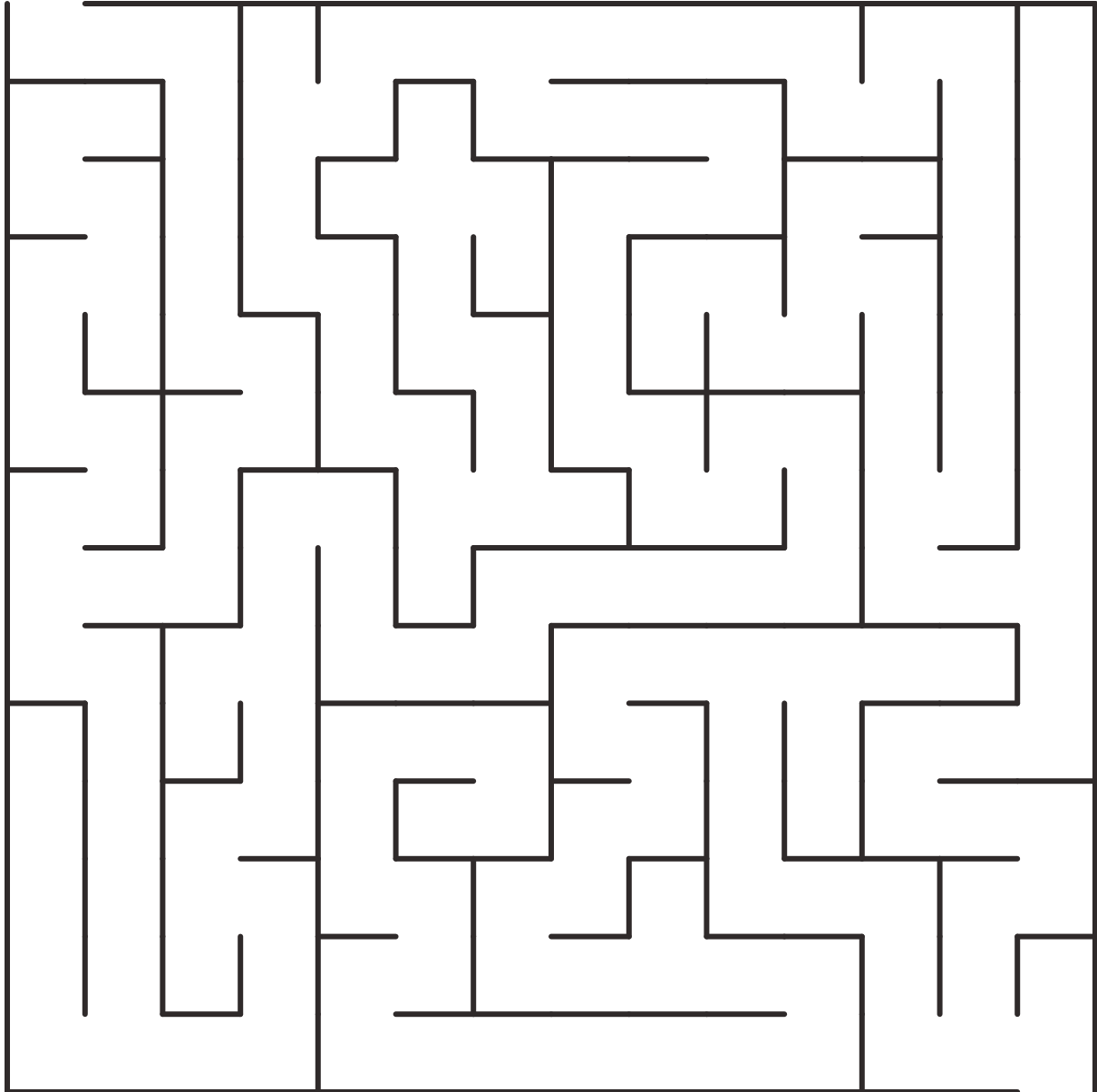
The desert tortoise is Nevada's state reptile. It spends most of its life in a burrow it digs itself.



The Canyon Maze

A long way through the canyon. Enter at the top, exit at the bottom — no crossing walls.

IN ↓



OUT ↓



Desert Scramble

Every one is something you could find in the Mojave. Unscramble it on the line.

1. ACTSCU

2. ENTSUS

3. DLRIAZ

4. NYNCAO

5. RDTESE

6. TYEOOC

7. SGEBRUAHS

8. MTLEWEUDEB

9. ITMUNONA

10. TAERLT

Answers for the grown-up: CACTUS · SUNSET · LIZARD · CANYON · DESERT · COYOTE · SAGEBRUSH · TUMBLEWEED
· MOUNTAIN · RATTLE



Crack the Desert Code

Every number is a letter. Use the key to decode two true desert facts.

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10	K 11	L 12	M 13
N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18	S 19	T 20	U 21	V 22	W 23	X 24	Y 25	Z 26

Fact one

15 23 12 19 8 21 14 20 1 20

14 9 7 8 20

Fact two

3 1 3 20 21 19 19 20 15 18 5

23 1 20 5 18



Valley Explorer Passport

Twelve kinds of Valley days, any order, any pace. Yours alone — no counting, no comparing.

A splash pad

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A library storytime

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A trail

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A park with real shade

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A farmers market

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A museum day

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A brand-new playground

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A picnic spot

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

An indoor day (for the hot ones)

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

A sunset spot

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

Somewhere with a friend

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

Your pick

STAMP · STICKER ·
DRAWING

Where: _____

When: _____

