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INTRODUCTION

Brain Teasers provides ways to exercise and develop brain power! Each page stands alone and can be used as a quick and easy filler activity. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or made into transparencies for presentation to the entire class at once. The book is divided into sections so the teacher can find activities related to a subject being taught or to a particular student's needs. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop:

- Logic and other critical thinking skills.
- Creative thinking skills.
- Research skills.
- Spelling skills.
- General vocabulary skills.
- General knowledge skills.

ALL ALIKE

Read the words on each line. Explain how they are alike. An example has been done for you.

duck, chicken, goose = poultry

1. north, east, west _____
2. nephew, son, grandfather _____
3. two, four, six _____
4. call, shout, yell _____
5. Europe, Asia, Africa _____
6. August, September, October _____
7. Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland _____
8. Whitlam, Menzies, Fraser _____
9. Eleanor, Esther, Evelyn _____
10. Mars, Venus, Pluto _____
11. lily, pansy, violet _____
12. quartet, quadruplets, square _____
13. apples, grapes, tomatoes _____
14. encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas _____
15. boots, slippers, sandals _____

BIG BURGER

Our cricket team wanted to go out to eat but we couldn't decide where to go because everyone had a different idea.

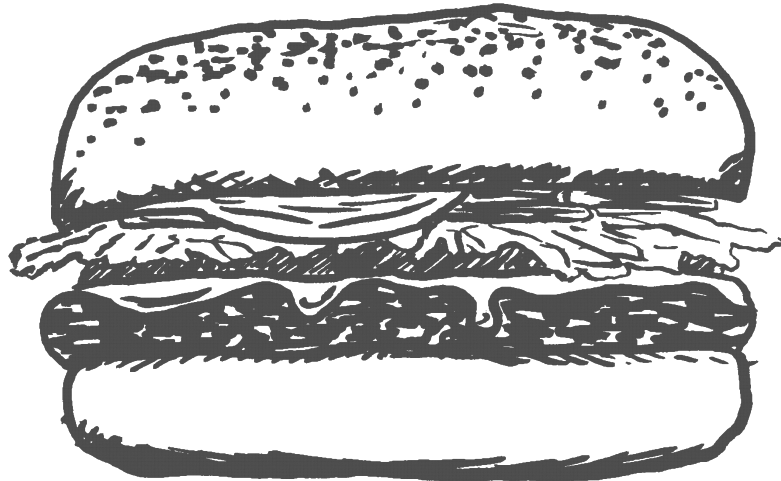
Five people were to decide. They were John, Mike, Tom, Gil and Ed. The places they choose were Taco City, Burger Barn, Chicken Little, Pizza Place and Hot Dog Heaven. Can you determine who wanted to go where?

Let the grid help you or make your own notes. Be sure to take one clue at a time.

	John	Mike	Tom	Gil	Ed
Taco					
Burger					
Chicken					
Pizza					
Hot Dog					

Do you know who wanted to go where?

1. Ed had lived in Mexico for many years and wanted to share his favourite food.
2. Gil hates chicken.
3. John and Mike could not decide between chicken and hot dogs. They did not want the others.
4. Tom was willing to go anywhere except Burger Barn.
5. John remembered he had hot dogs last night, so crossed these off his list.



BIG-NUMBER BEARS

Martin and Karen collect stuffed bears. Martin has 4. Karen has 5. How many bears do they have? Simple !

You just add 4

 + 5

The answers is 9

If Martin and Karen continue to collect stuffed bears, and Martin has 40 and Karen has 50, how many bears will they have?

The numbers are larger, but you can add them just as simply.

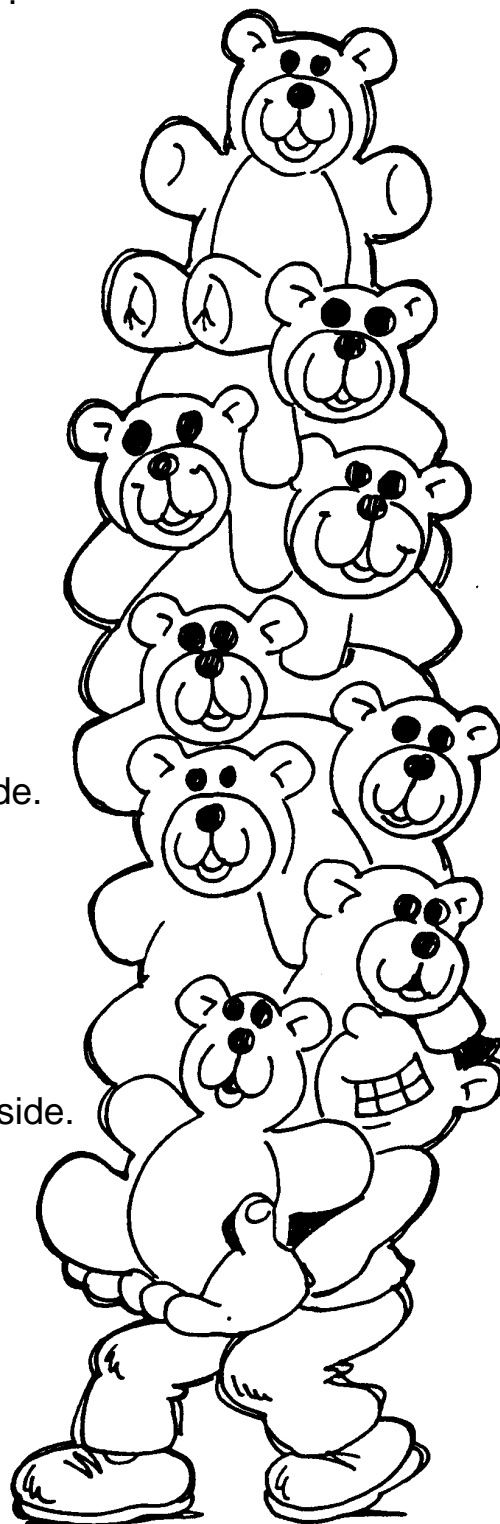
First: Add the 2 numbers on the right side.

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ +50 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

Second: Add the 2 numbers on the left side.

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ +50 \\ \hline 90 \end{array}$$

You have your answer just like that!



SIX-LETTER WORDS

Below are 48 boxes. The first 24 boxes contain the first halves of six-letter words. Can you match first and second halves to form 24 words? You may wish to cut out the boxes.

1. sne	5. hap	9. mid	13. let	17. bas	21. cou
2. rec	6. fam	10. cen	14. mar	18. sea	22. fin
3. cra	7. ins	11. bot	15. num	19. sis	23. cas
4. aro	8. can	12. fam	16. cir	20. but	24. cir
all	dle	ker	ous	tre	tle
ber	eze	ket	pen	ter	tom
cle	ide	not	sin	ter	und
cus	ily	ish	son	ter	yon