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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.

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Nicole, Sean, Justin, and Janis are taking music lessons from Mrs. Reatherford. Each student is learning to play one of the following instruments: piano, flute, drums, or clarinet. Mrs. Reatherford asks that each of her students practise for at least thirty minutes per evening. Find out from the clues below what instrument is being played by which student and for how long each evening. Mark an X in each correct box.

1. Nicole practises longer than Sean but less than Janis.
2. Janis does not play the drums or flute, but Sean plays one of them.
3. Justin plays the clarinet and practises for more than 30 minutes.
4. The person who practises 45 minutes plays the piano and the person who plays the clarinet practises less than the person who is taking flute lessons.



	Piano	Drums	Flute	Clarinet	30 min.	35 min.	40 min.	45 min.
Nicole								
Sean								
Justin								
Janis								

# MORE HIDDEN MEANINGS

Figure out the meaning of each box below.

J a c k

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Tim

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**DICE DICE**

3. \_\_\_\_\_

wear  
long

4. \_\_\_\_\_

r/e/a/d/i/n/g

5. \_\_\_\_\_

get

6. \_\_\_\_\_

TI JUST ME

7. \_\_\_\_\_

GI  
CCCCC

8. \_\_\_\_\_

GOING  
DIET

9. \_\_\_\_\_

SAND

10. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
O  
W  
N

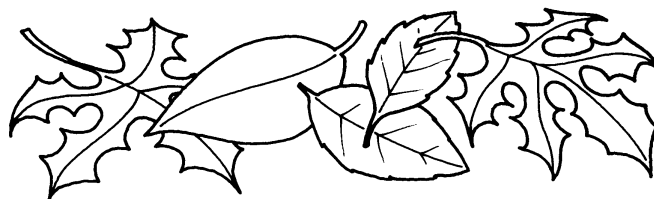
11. \_\_\_\_\_

m m o a o n n

12. \_\_\_\_\_

# GENERAL TRIVIA

1. How many sides does a snowflake have? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which animal is on the one dollar coin? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is another name for a bison? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What two primary colours are mixed to make orange?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which bird is known for its beautiful tail? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the commander of a ship called? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which months are summer months? \_\_\_\_\_
8. From what animal do we get wool? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which of the seven dwarfs never speaks? \_\_\_\_\_
10. In *The Wizard of Oz*, what colour is the brick road? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is a person wearing if he has on spectacles? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What relationship is your father's brother to you?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the art of Japanese paper folding called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What is a baby kangaroo called? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What do pandas and magpies have in common? \_\_\_\_\_



# SIMILES

A simile is a figure of speech in which two things are compared with the words like or as, such as in "He moved as quick as a wink." Complete the following similes.

1. As blind as \_\_\_\_\_
2. As cool as \_\_\_\_\_
3. As mad as \_\_\_\_\_
4. As happy as \_\_\_\_\_
5. As busy as \_\_\_\_\_
6. As neat as \_\_\_\_\_
7. As flat as \_\_\_\_\_
8. As pale as \_\_\_\_\_
9. As easy as \_\_\_\_\_
10. As proud as \_\_\_\_\_
11. As fresh as \_\_\_\_\_
12. As hard as \_\_\_\_\_
13. As light as \_\_\_\_\_
14. As sharp as \_\_\_\_\_
15. As wise as \_\_\_\_\_

