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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.

PICK A PAIR

List as many items as you can that are sold in pairs. Can you think of at least 20?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Use another piece of paper if you can come up with more than 20.

TRUE OR FALSE

Read each of the following statements carefully. Which of the statements are true and which are false? Be prepared to defend your answer.

1. _____ The signal SOS means save our ship.
2. _____ Mt. Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
3. _____ It snows in Hawaii.
4. _____ Auckland is the capital of New Zealand.
5. _____ All prime numbers are odd numbers.
6. _____ The diamond is the hardest of all minerals.
7. _____ Numismatics is the science of numbers.
8. _____ A ladybird is a female bird.
9. _____ A group of kangaroos is featured on the two dollar coin.
10. _____ Arbor Day is celebrated on the same day around the world.
11. _____ The air we breathe is mostly nitrogen.
12. _____ Only four months of the year have thirty days.
13. _____ The longest river in the world is the Nile.
14. _____ In a lunar eclipse, the moon is between the earth and the sun.
15. _____ A firefly is a type of fly.

WORD WINDERS

Use the clues to help you fill in the blanks and circles. Only the circled letters change from one word to the next.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Antonym for hot | <u> c </u> | <u> o </u> | <u> l </u> | <u> d </u> |
| 2. Pony | _____ | _____ | _____ | ○_____ |
| 3. Stroke of lightning | ○_____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Courageous | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____○ |
| 5. Without hair | _____ | ○_____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Object used in a soccer game | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____○ |
| 7. Device that rings | _____ | ○_____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. In good health | ○_____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Part of a house | _____ | ○_____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Cry and moan | _____ | _____ | ○_____ | _____ |
| 11. Be patient | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____○ |
| 12. Used to catch fish | ○_____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Homer Simpson's son | _____ | _____ | ○_____ | _____ |
| 14. Uncovered | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____○ |
| 15. Similar to a rabbit | ○_____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 16. To own | _____ | _____ | ○_____ | _____ |
| 17. Moving water | ○_____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 18. To walk in shallow water | _____ | _____ | ○_____ | _____ |
| 19. Broad | _____ | ○_____ | _____ | _____ |