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Cut this coupon and send it to our school (2nd Primary School of Portaria, Alli Meria 38500) or give it to Olia Lapioti from the 5th grade!

One of you is going to win a surprise present! Get our next issue to find out if you are the winner!

Write your full name!

Write your phone number!



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SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

by Ioanna Pagonidi



One day, my father went to our house that he is now building. There was a cart and it was going to fall on his head, but, fortunately, it fell near my father.

When you are in constructions you must always wear a helmet so that your life will not be in danger, like my dad's.



One week ago, I went ice-skating and I saw something frightening: A girl fell down with her hands open. At the time another child crossed over her finger with her skates and cut the finger.

When you ice-skate, you must always wear thick gloves, so that nothing bad will ever happen to you.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mrs. Hara Goula had sent her coupon and was the winner of our surprise present!

Send your coupons NOW! You may be our next winner!!!

ATTICA ZOOLOGICAL PARK

by Sophia Makri

The Attica Zoological Park opened in May 2000, initially as a Bird Park, hosting the 3rd largest bird collection in the world (1.100 birds from 300 different species) and farm animals for the younger visitors.

In April 2001, we opened a new section, the «World of Reptiles» and in July 2002 opened the «Greek Fauna». In February 2003, we added a major extension, the «African Savannah» with beautiful mammals.

At the end of June 2003, another extension was added to our Park, where the visitors have the opportunity to observe the closest relative to man: the Monkeys and Apes.

In December 2004 the section with the wild cats was extended with Tigers, Servals and Ocelots, a big area was added to the African Savannah.



ΑΤΤΙΚΟ ΖΩΟΛΟΓΙΚΟ ΠΑΡΚΟ

της Σοφίας Μακρή

Το Αττικό Ζωολογικό Πάρκο άνοιξε το Μάιο του 2000, αρχικά ως Ορνιθολογικό Πάρκο φιλοξενώντας την τρίτη μεγαλύτερη συλλογή πουλιών στον κόσμο (1.100 πουλιά από 300 διαφορετικά είδη), και ζώα της φάρμας για τους μικρότερους επισκέπτες.

Τον Απρίλιο του 2001 προστέθηκε «Ο κόσμος των Ερπετών» και το καλοκαίρι του 2002 άνοιξε το έκθεμα «Ελληνική Πανίδα», με ζώα που συναντάμε σπάνια στην Ελλάδα. Το Φεβρουάριο του 2003 το Πάρκο επεκτάθηκε με την «Αφρικανική Σαβάννα».

Τον Ιούνιο του 2003 προστέθηκε στο Πάρκο μας ένα καινούργιο τμήμα, όπου οι επισκέπτες μας έχουν την ευκαιρία να παρατηρήσουν από κοντά τον πιο κοντινό συγγενή του ανθρώπου: τις μαϊμούδες και τους πιθήκους.

Το Δεκέμβριο του 2004 ολοκληρώθηκε η επέκταση του τμήματος των αιλουροειδών και της Αφρικανικής Σαβάννας.

Πηγή: www.atticapark.gr

THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

by Alex Aggoumis, Mark Bazarefski and Helena Papahatzopoulou



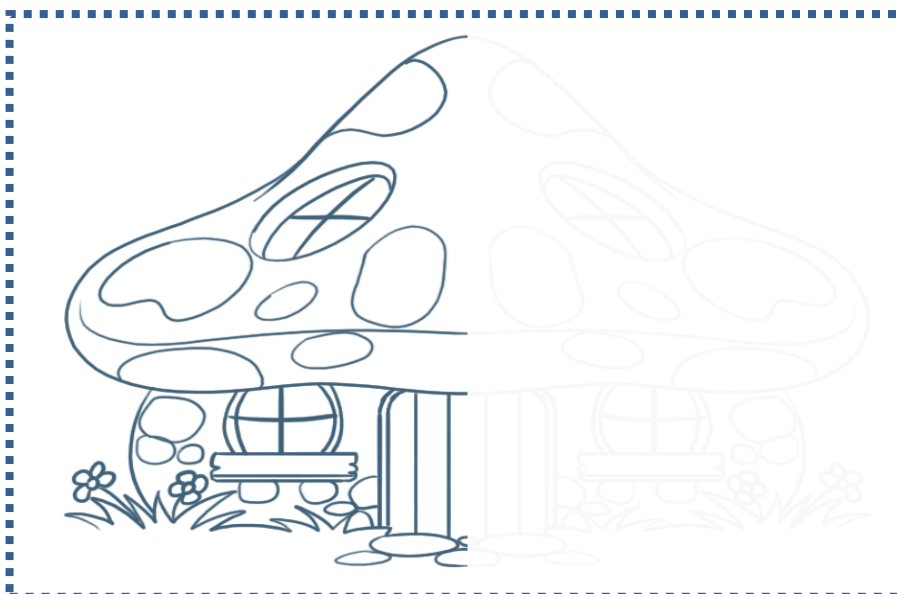
Many strange events happen and we cannot explain them. For example, in the Bermuda Triangle many ships are said to have disappeared while crossing the area.

In 1840, a French sailing ship was crossing the Atlantic heading for Havana , Cuba. While she was passing through the Bermuda Triangle all the crew members mysteriously disappeared. Nothing else was missing from the ship only the people.

In March 1918 , a US Navy ship the Cyclops , was sailing from Barbados to Norfolk, Virginia. The ship disappeared along with the 309 men on board and no one ever found it.

On 5 December, 1945 a group of five US Navy planes were flying over the Bermuda Triangle when something strange happened. The plane instruments stopped working and the five planes last contact with their base and disappeared. For several days, search planes flew over the area but they did not find anything. One of those search planes disappeared, too.

These are some of many mysteries that we cannot explain. Some people believe that all these are facts, while others believe that this is all fiction. Many scientists have been trying to find out what happens in the area, but still there is no proof about anything.



Source: FUNWAY 3

**Try to
draw the
rest of
the
house!!!**

CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH HAZELNUTS

by Irene Stavrou and Fotini Karabina

Ingredients:

- ↪ 200gr flour
- ↪ 140gr butter + 20gr for the baking pan
- ↪ 140gr sugar
- ↪ 3 eggs
- ↪ 1 small packet of yeast
- ↪ 75gr chocolate flakes
- ↪ 75gr hazelnuts cut in small pieces
- ↪ salt



Preparation:

Heat the oven at 180°C and add butter in the baking pan. In a bowl of salad mix the sugar with the butter and stir until it is fluffy. Add the stirred eggs, the flour, the yeast and one pinch of salt. Stir well and then add the chocolate flakes and the chopped hazelnuts. Put the mixture in the baking pan and cook it for about 50-55 minutes. Check that the cake is ready. You leave it there for 10 minutes and then you take it out of the baking pan. Let the cake become cold and then ... bon appetite!

OUR SCHOOL BAZAAR

by Catherine Lemonaki

Before Christmas holidays all students of the 2nd Primary School of Portaria, Alli Meria, organized a school bazaar. We sold things that we made on our own and we collected 110€.

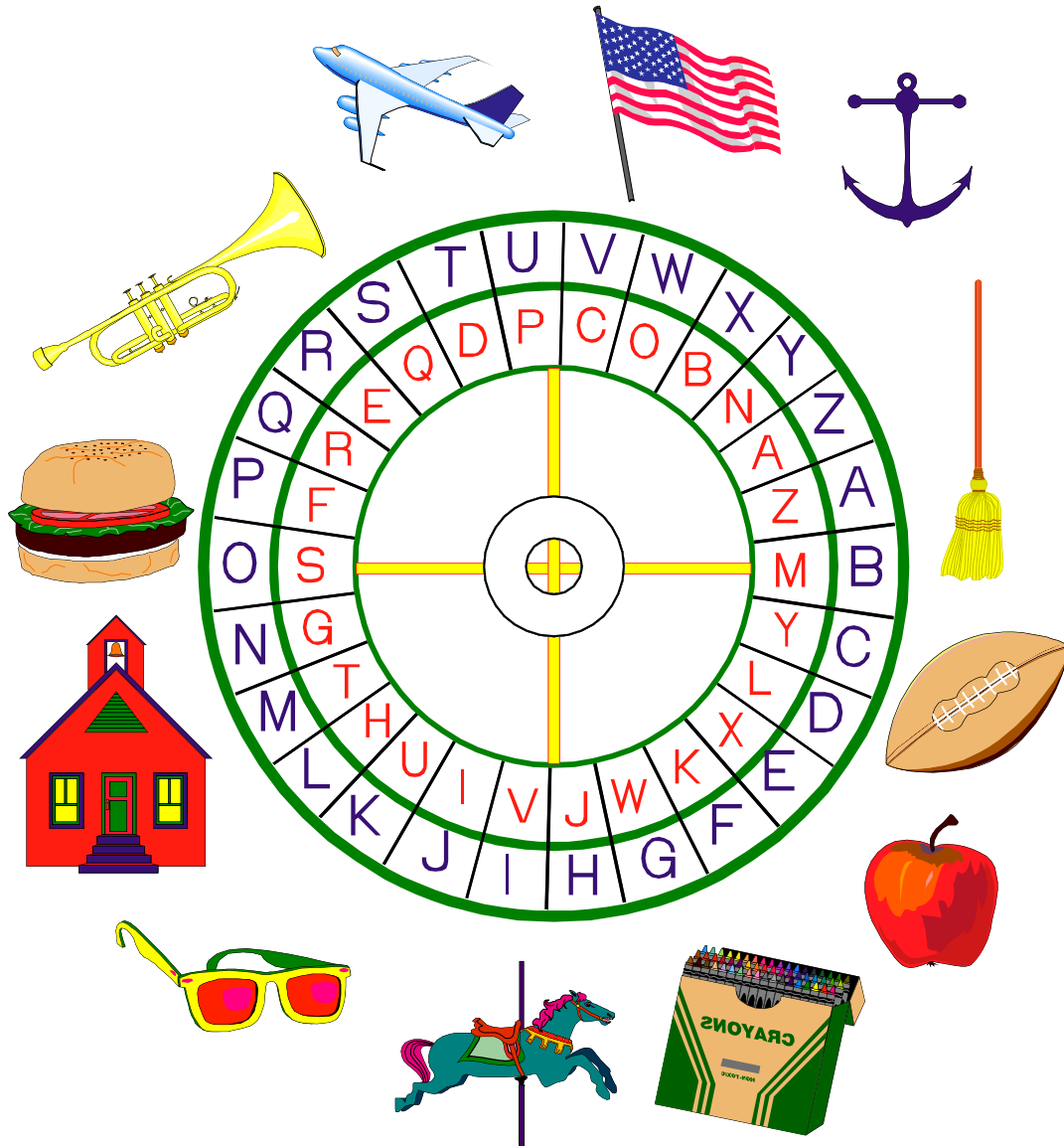
With this amount, the school decided to adopt one child from Action Aid. This amount does not go to the child personally, but it goes to the whole community. You only pay 22€ every month or 0,75€ per day.



If you know Action Aid and you realize its important work for the poor children of the world, please tell:

- ☞ your friends to become members of Action Aid, or
- ☞ your school, or some other associations of your area or your city, so that they can be responsible for the adoption of one or more children. For more information, you can visit the following address on the internet: www.actionaid.gr, or Call 210 9212321.

FERRIS WHEEL Break-The-Code



Go round and round the ferris wheel and use the letters to crack the code. Replace each letter with the one that is closer to the center!

ZJQUDZYR _ _ _ _ _
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 VQZCWYO _ _ _ _ _
 XQWWB _ _ _ _ _
 MQKBURM _ _ _ _ _
 OKYNDZOORO _ _ _ _ _
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 VZQWKORD LWQOR _ _ _ _ _
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Kay Craig

CARNIVAL PARTY

by Sophia Makri

A great carnival party took place on 22nd February in "Ktima Gaias", organized by the Parents and Guardians Association of Kindergarten and Primary School of Alli Meria. All the people of the village were there and had a wonderful time because they were all dressed with funny costumes!

In detail, the room was big and very beautiful. A clown was also there! We played, danced and laughed very much with her! After that, there was a lottery and everybody won presents! There was lots of food, drinks and dancing! The DJ played very nice music but some songs were not so good! The costumes of all the kids were beautiful! I was fascinated!

There were a lot of happy feelings for the party from all the people. It was a wonderful party everybody will remember because we had a very good time and we all went home with big and beautiful presents.





TAKING CARE OF A CAT

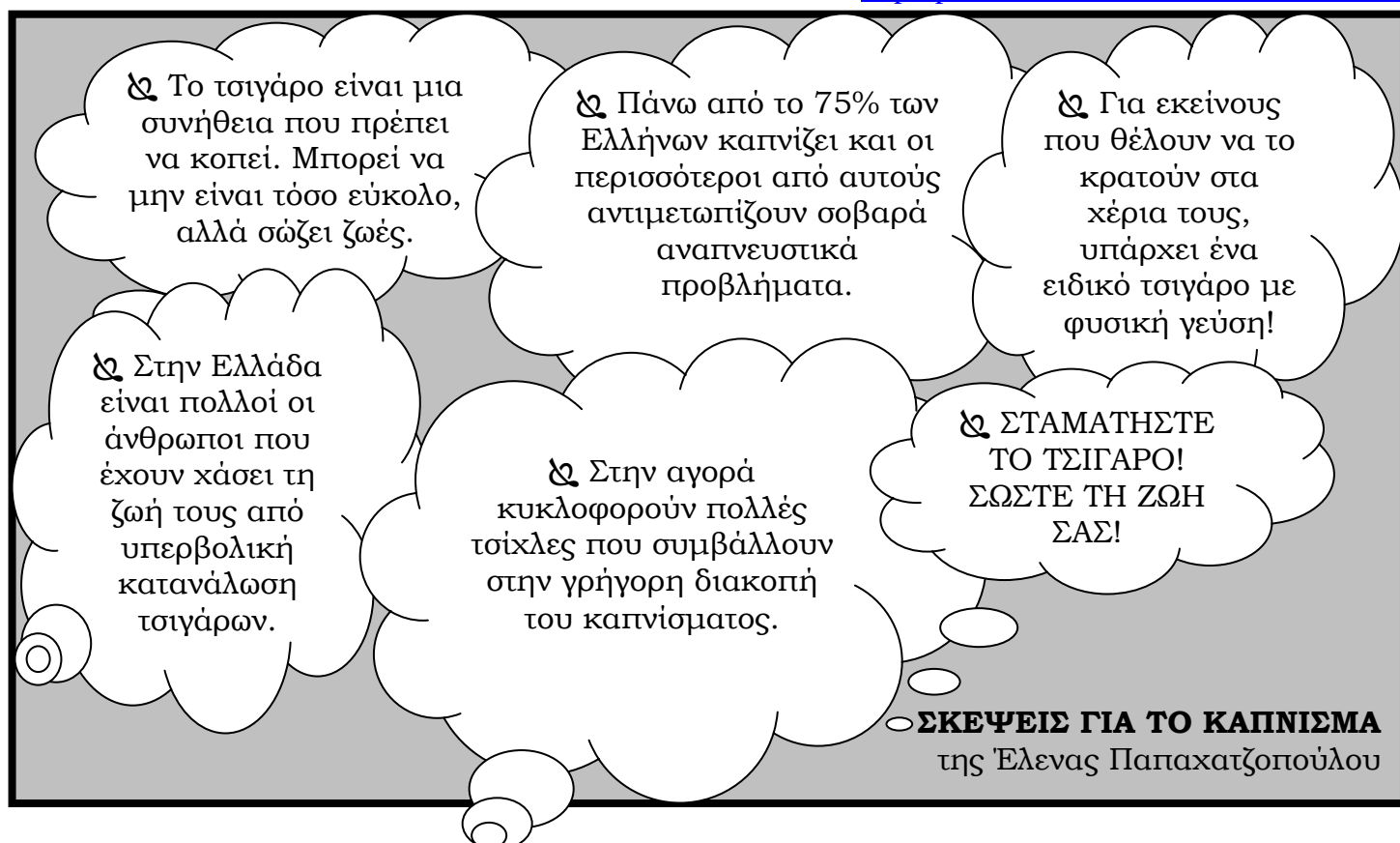
by Aspa Margelou & Sia Roussopoulou

All the people love cats, but taking care of a cat is very difficult because a cat needs food, water and care. Here is some interesting things we found out on the internet about taking care of these lovely pets:

“Cats require some special care for healthy and trouble free existence.

- *Cats are carnivorous; hence they require some animal-source ingredients, such as meat, poultry, or fish, in their diets.*
- *Give your cat fresh water every day. There is no need to give milk to the cat.*
- *Keep the litter box clean. It promotes good sanitation behavior.*
- *Get your cat vaccinated against deadly diseases.*
- *Take your cat routinely to a veterinarian. Cats are prone to many of the same diseases that human beings are, like cancer, kidney diseases, heart diseases, and dental diseases.*
- *It is advisable to have your cat neutered, also called spayed (for females) and castrated (for males). It aids in control of unwanted kittens, and greatly minimizes the risk of problems associated with the reproductive tract and behavioral problems associated with sexually intact animals.*
- *Cats are attracted towards string-like objects like tinsel, needles and thread, rubber bands etc and may eat them. Some cats are attracted towards electric cords. Therefore, keep all these things out of the reach of cats.*
- *Train the cat to desist from undesirable behaviors such as scratching furniture and jumping on countertops etc.*
- *Put a collar and ID tag that includes your name, address, and telephone number around the cat.”*

Source: <http://pets.iloveindia.com/cats/cat-care.html>



BISCUIT CAKE

by Ioanna Pagonidi

Ingredients:

- ≈ 50gr cocoa
- ≈ 500gr biscuits (miranda)
- ≈ 250gr butter
- ≈ 50ml cognac
- ≈ a big bowl



Procedure:

- First break the biscuits into pieces and put them in the bowl.
- We add the butter and we mix them all together for 1 minute.
- Then we add the cocoa. After that mix them all together for 3 minutes.
- We add the cognac slowly. We put the whole mixture into a foil paper and put it in the freezer for one day.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

by Helena Papahatzopoulou

Greece is a place where everyone can see rare species of animals.

There are many endangered species, not only in Greece, but all over the world.

Scientists believe that, nowadays, there are 140 endangered species in the world.

The problem is that people destroy the environment and hunt animals for many days in the year, even the ones they are not allowed to.

Something we can do is ban hunting and stop polluting the environment. It is important!

A very well-known animal in danger, for instance, is the polar bear. This happens because the ice in Alaska melts. According to the scientists, 2/3 of the polar bears will have disappeared by 2050 and will be victims of the overheating of the planet.

CARNIVAL ALL AROUND THE WORLD

by Irene Stavrou & Helena Papahatzopoulou

Almost everybody loves the carnival! Not long ago, we all celebrated it in Greece and we still remember the fun we had. But carnival celebration all around the world is not the same. Would you like to know more about two of the most famous carnival celebrations on Earth? Venice and Brazil attract many tourists every year that want to experience their unique characteristics!

Carnival in Venice

The carnival of Venice is one of the oldest carnivals in the world. The first historic record is dated back in 1268, but many people say that it starts even before 1094, when a man gave the permission to start a festival "in honor of the dead souls".

In the narrow streets of Venice and along the canals people in beautiful costumes dance and sing. In every corner you can watch puppet shows, short theatrical plays and acrobats doing funny tricks. It's a world of fantasy.

Many people in traditional costumes sing traditional songs and people have fun. If someone wants to take part in one of the events happening there, it costs from 45€ to 380€, but this amount of money is nothing compared to what you will see in this fantastic place in Italy. Go there and you will never forget it!

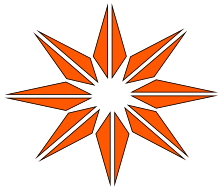
Carnival in Brazil

Think about it: 300.000 people travel every year to Rio de Janeiro to be there for the most spectacular carnival in the world! For just a short period, the Brazilians forget about poverty, cares and their everyday routine and misery to dance samba! Their only concern is that during the carnival they have to dress up with their best costumes and win the prize! For four days and nights, they go out to the streets to sing, dance and, of course, have fun!

The carnival celebration takes place at a stadium called 'Sambadrome' and they have created it for the occasion. This is where you can see the famous parade of samba schools that take part and do their best to win.

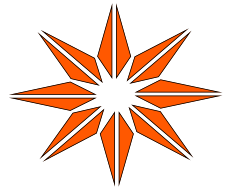
People of Rio de Janeiro work all year long to prepare this famous carnival. When the time comes, masqueraders, dancers, musicians and wonderful floats join the parade. The carnival king and queen ride on a special float. There are prizes for the best costumes and songs. The whole city dances to the rhythm of samba!

Doesn't it sound wonderful? Carnival celebrations in Greece are also unique and enjoyable, but we think that it is worth experiencing a different carnival at least once in our lives! Let's hope we all have this opportunity in the future!



STAR SIGNS

by Dimitra Kontogeorgi



Aries (21/3-20/4)

Relax! Think about yourself! Go out and meet some new friends. Forget about your problems for a while and get busy with new things! Enjoy it!



Taurus (21/4-20/5)

Try not to eat lots of sweets or chips. Go to the gym and get busy with a sport like tennis, basketball, racing, or any other sport!



Gemini (21/5-21/6)

Try to help your family a bit with their problems. They face lots of problems with their relatives and their job.



Cancer (22/6-22/7)

Try to make your relationship with your friends a bit better because it seems that you have many problems with them. Go out and have fun with them.



Leo (23/7-22/8)

Go on a trip with someone you love on an island, or on a mountainous part. You have to relax and feel comfortable!



Virgo (23/8-22/9)

As many of you celebrate your birthday in August, you may notice some improvement in your financial situation. Those of you born in September, be careful with how much you spend and on what!



Libra (23/9-22/10)

You must try not to fight with your family, your friends or your colleagues. Try to talk calmly to these people and explain what is on your mind. They may help you more than you can imagine!



Scorpio (23/10-21/11)

This week you will be in front of a dilemma: cinema with your friends or dinner at a restaurant with your family. What's your favourite Saturday night entertainment? Don't worry though: no matter what you choose, you'll have fun!



Sagittarius (22/11-20/12)

For the next two days be really careful, accidents are 'after' you! You may also have some problems with your health. Don't worry, it is nothing serious!



Capricorn (21/12-20/1)

If you have decided to get engaged or married with the person you are in love, this week is ideal to make it real!



Aquarius (21/1-18/2)

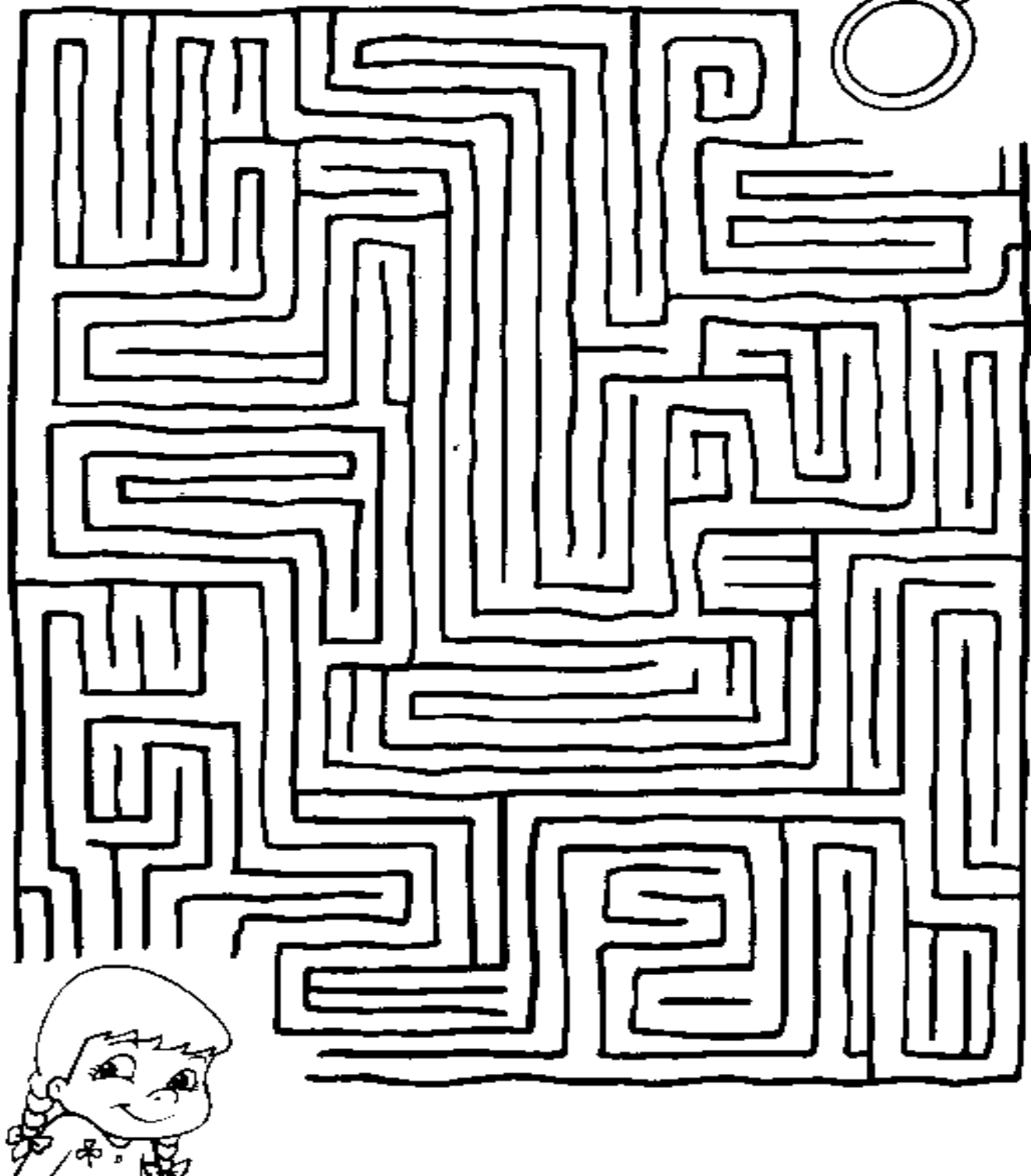
You have many obligations at work so you are very tired. Try to relax and organize your day in a way that allows you to take a breath and finish everything you have to do quickly!



Pisces (19/2-20/3)

You are very sensitive and most of the times you cry over unimportant issues! People are not against you! All you have to do is talk to them! This way you can avoid all misunderstandings!

*Help the little girl find
her ring!!!*



Source: http://www.paidika.gr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=408&Itemid=239

INSTANT FORTUNETELLER

Cut around the square at left. Fold on all the dashed lines, making sharp creases. Unfold the paper. Turn the paper over, so the design is on the bottom. Fold each corner into the center. Turn the paper over again, and fold each corner into the center. Fold the paper in half, with the numbers on the outside. Insert the thumb and first finger of each hand under one of the numbers. The fingers should be pushing the paper to a point at the top.

To use: ask a friend to pick a number. Open and close the fortuneteller this number of times. Ask your friend to pick a color. Open the color flap your friend picked; this is what your friend will grow up to be.

* if you do not have a color printer, you may write in the names of the different colors.

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