

A FINAL ESCAPE

Hansel and Gretel: *We got away from that nasty witch and her questionable recipes, but how do we find our way home through this treacherous, boggy forest?*

Beginning at each shaded letter, trace an appropriate phrase moving horizontally or vertically (never diagonally). No phrase will cross itself, and each will cross another phrase exactly once. Every letter will be used. Circle the letters where two phrases cross, then read these circled letters from top to bottom to get the final answer.

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MESSAGE IN A CAULDRON

The Witch: *People think I only eat children, but that’s simply not true. In fact, the local children often help me find ingredients! (Then I eat them.)*

Each sentence below contains both a hidden word (whose letters appear consecutively, ignoring spaces and punctuation), and a single- or multi-word definition of it (which is in ordinary text). Write this word in the appropriate space by the side of the cauldron. Then change a single letter to turn it into a food item to add to the witch’s concoction, and write the new word in the cauldron spaces directly to the right or left. Circle the new letter. When you’ve supplied all six ingredients, read the circled letters from top to bottom to get the final answer.

“Light wood to make torches,” yelled Gretel, “this forest is full of cannibals and evil witches!”

“Dvorák is high on my list of favorite composers,” Bethany thought as she whistled a jaunty tune.

His family employed a servant, but Leroy’s parents nonetheless insisted he do his own laundry.

As she passed the diner on the corner, Caitlin would often notice a terrible stench.

“Lugging an umbrella around isn’t fun,” Nelson admitted, “but it’s useful when pouring rain starts.”

“The roads around the Taj Mahal in Agra,” Phineas noted, “connected points throughout India.”



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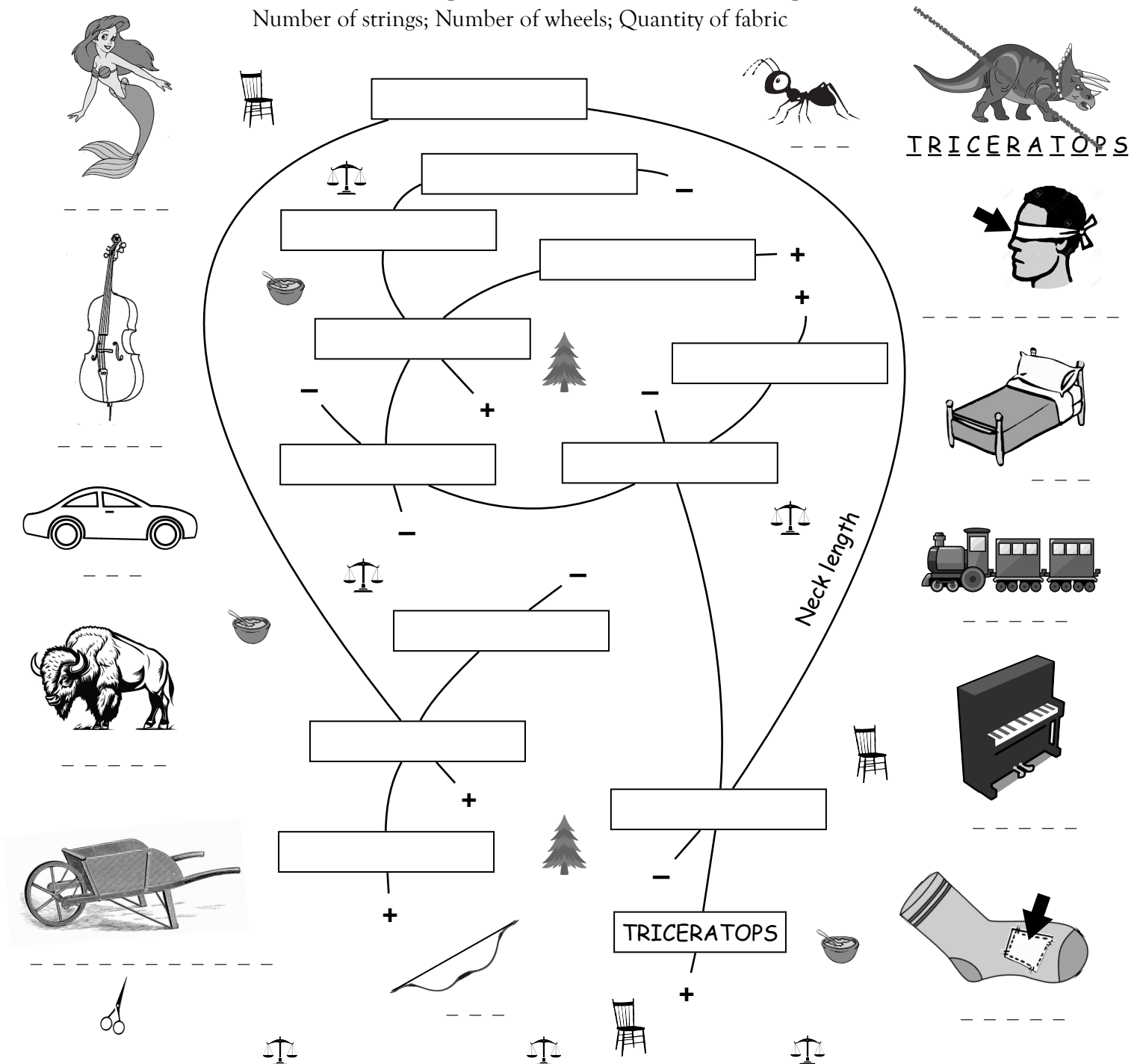
WILL ? READING ? THE ? MANUAL? HELP?

Goldilocks: *I have many hobbies besides breaking and entering! In fact, I'm an avid collector. But figuring out what's "just right" among so much stuff is making my brain hurt!*

Each line in the graph below corresponds to one of the listed attributes, running from "too little" (marked with a $-$) to "too much" (marked with a $+$), with "just right" in between. Identify the pictures with answer spaces, place them in the boxes, and label the lines such that the order of the objects on each line corresponds to the given attribute. Each object will be used once, and the solution for the whole graph is unique. To get you started, one object has already been identified and placed, and one line has been labeled.

When you've finished, circle the middle letter (naturally) of the middle word along each line. The final answer is these circled letters, read from top to bottom.

Attributes: Neck length; Number of horns; Number of legs;
Number of strings; Number of wheels; Quantity of fabric



EVERY \ CIRCLE \ LOOKS \ THE \ SAME

The Three Bears: Six identical, perfectly round bowls – that yellow-haired trespasser will never know which is “just right”! Of course, we still need a system to keep track of them ourselves.

Each of the six bowls below must be labeled with an appropriate word corresponding to one of the clues in the box in the lower left. Determine all the labels by following the thirteen numbered clues in order.

1 The word on Bowl 4 has four letters; it is the shortest word. It can be anagrammed into three other words, each beginning with a different letter. Their meanings are “painful,” “minerals,” and “lust.”

7 The fourth and fifth letters on Bowl 6 are the same as the last two letters on Bowl 1, in the same order.

2 The single longest word is on Bowl 3; it is eight letters long.

3 Bowls 1, 4, and 5 all have the same second letter.

4 The second half of the Bowl 5 word is a word meaning “allow.” The first and last letters on Bowl 5 are the same.

5 Bowl 5 and Bowl 6 are the only pair whose words are the same length.

6 The Bowl 1 word, which is longer than the Bowl 5 word, begins with C. It has a 3-letter word for a part of the body beginning at its fourth letter.

8 By changing its first letter, the Bowl 6 word can become several other words, including ones that mean “stay,” “vocalist,” and “sick burn.”

9 The middle letters on Bowl 1 and Bowl 2 are the same.

10 The middle letter on Bowl 2 is flanked on both sides by the same vowel. If you were to double the middle letter and reverse the word, you would get the name of a major American city.

11 Bowls 2 and 3 have the same third letter. The fourth letter on Bowl 3 is the same as the fifth letter on Bowl 2.

12 The remaining six letters on Bowl 3 spell the name of a two-word card game.

13 All six bowls should now be labeled. On each bowl, circle the letter corresponding to its bowl number. Read these circled letters from top to bottom to get the final answer.

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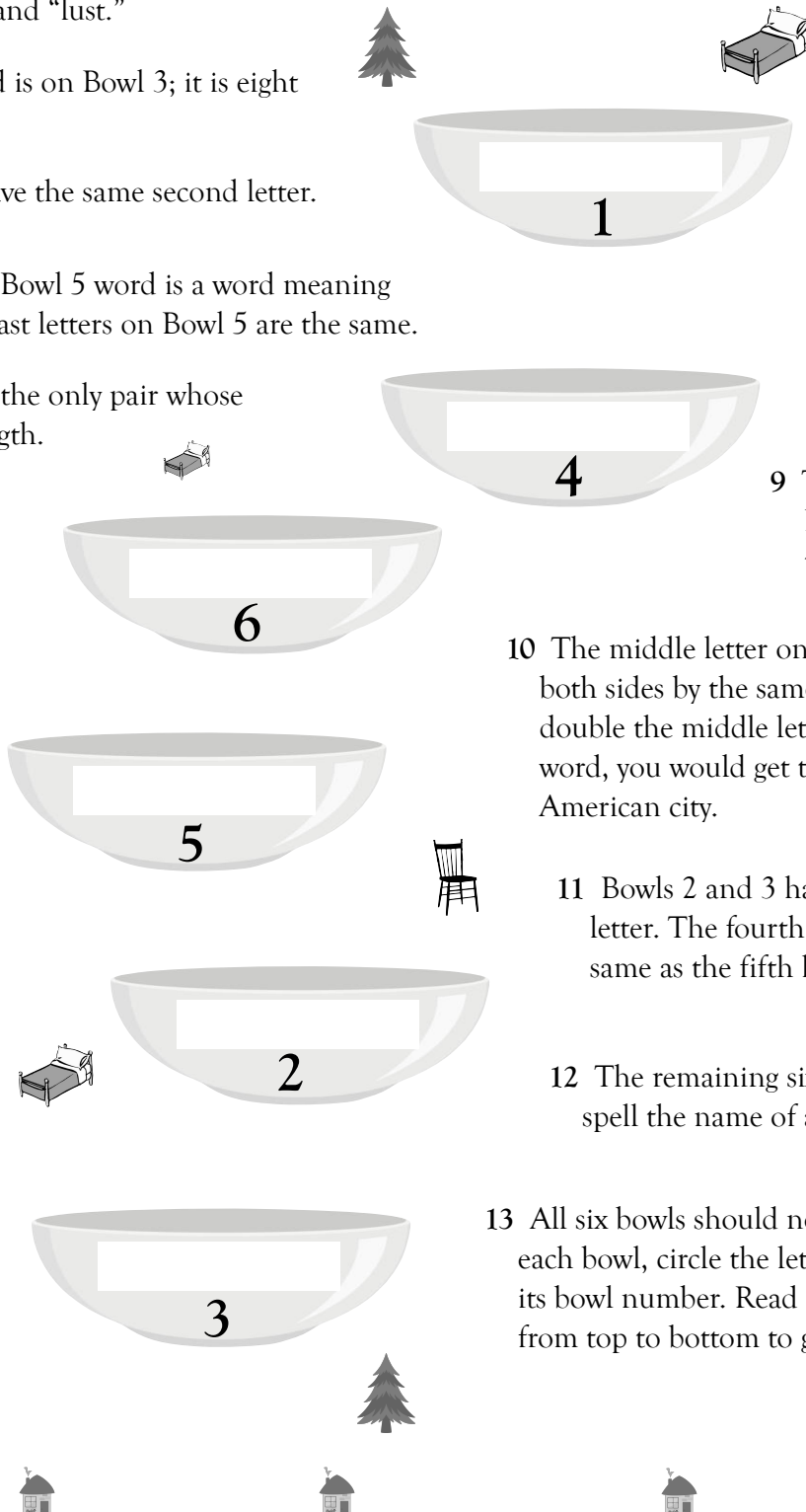
Smith, for example

Pet



It might be green

Where to go



NOW GIVE TO THE POOR

Robin Hood: *The Sheriff is the crooked one! I keep to the straight and narrow (while committing armed robbery, admittedly).*

Write the answers to the clues in the given blanks. Then steal a three-letter word from each of the “rich” answers and deliver it to the corresponding “poor” answer by drawing a straight line from the moneybag to the beggar. When any of these lines cross, the two stolen words will have exactly one letter in common. Write this letter where the lines intersect and circle it. Read these circled letters from top to bottom to get the final answer.

Waterfall
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Stonework
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Optimal 

Verbally asserting
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Real estate document
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Male deer or kind of party



Unyielding
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Excised, as text
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Most brave or audacious
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Pistol or musket, e.g.
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Smartphone protector
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THE ⚖️ LETTER ⚖️ OF ⚖️ THE ⚖️ LAW

The Sheriff of Nottingham: *That scoundrel Robin Hood thinks he's so clever, but my sharp legal mind will soon show who's the more cleverer of us!*

In an effort to stymie his nemesis, the Sheriff has introduced the following restrictions, each of which will eliminate exactly three words:

- ✦ All hoods or other forms of headgear are now prohibited. Any words containing such must be destroyed.
- ✦ Little John is nearly as annoying as Robin. All words featuring synonyms for "little" shall be executed.
- ✦ Maid Marian? The forest is no place for a woman. Words which include a synonym for such will be sent home.
- ✦ Stealing is illegal (I checked). Any word containing a synonym for "steal" or an act of theft shall be exiled.
- ✦ Archery is hereby forbidden. Any words containing archery-related terms must surrender at once.
- ✦ The Merry Men soon won't be so merry: all words containing synonyms for "merry" are hereby banished.

After these edicts have been carried out, there will be six words left. Circle the first letter of each and read them from top to bottom to get the final answer.

SHIITAKE

OVERSEER

LEGALIZE

 ASTRINGENT  

EMPHATIC

TARANTULA

UMBRAGE

 SCOWLED

   MOLASSES

MALADY

MUTINY

WINGSPAN

CHAPPY

   LANDSCAPE

ABYSMALLY

SPARROW

RAGWEED

    EVERGLADES

RELATED

IDENTIFY

ATHEIST

PROBLEM

TRADESMAN

BOWLING