

FINCH AND FRIENDS

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Finch and the Abandoned Lighthouse



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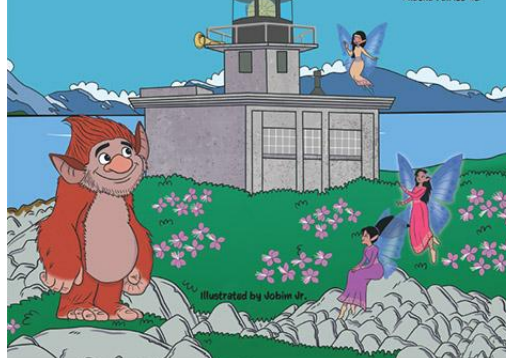
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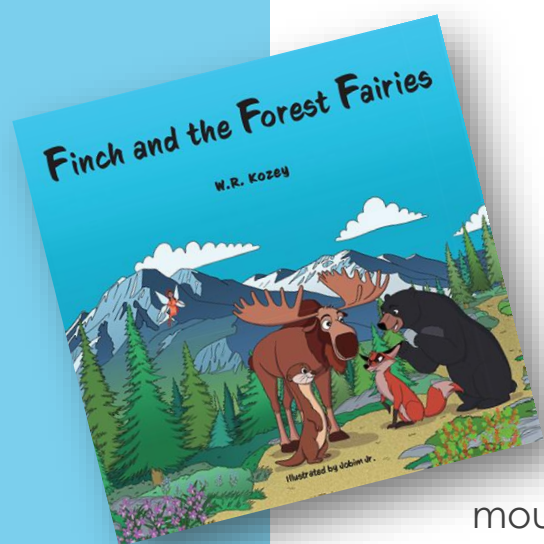
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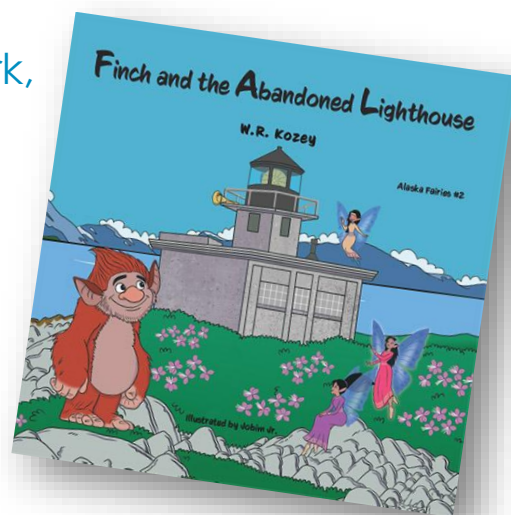


A tale of friendship,
caring for nature
and learning
valuable lessons.



Deep in the Alaskan wilderness where the mountains meet the sea, four animal friends journeyed to Alaska to find their fortune panning for gold. But when Finch the Fox allowed greed to grow in his heart, he attracted the attention of the Alaskan forest fairies who taught him a lesson he would never forget.

A story about teamwork,
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takes to protect what
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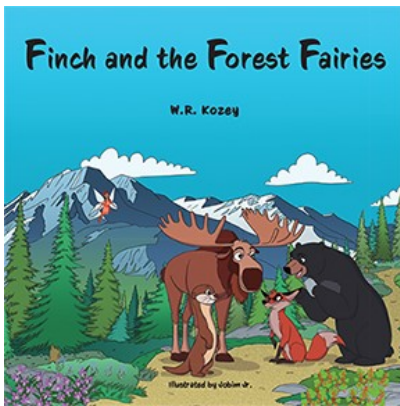


When the forest fairies along the rugged Alaska coast discover that a once-bright lighthouse has gone dark, they realize the coast is in danger. They turn to their friend Finch for help and he sets out to restore the important lighthouse. Finch quickly learns that protecting the places he loves will take hard work, determination, and the help of his friends.

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Black Bear Crossword Puzzle

You met Bruno the Bear in the book... but how much do you know about **real** black bears?

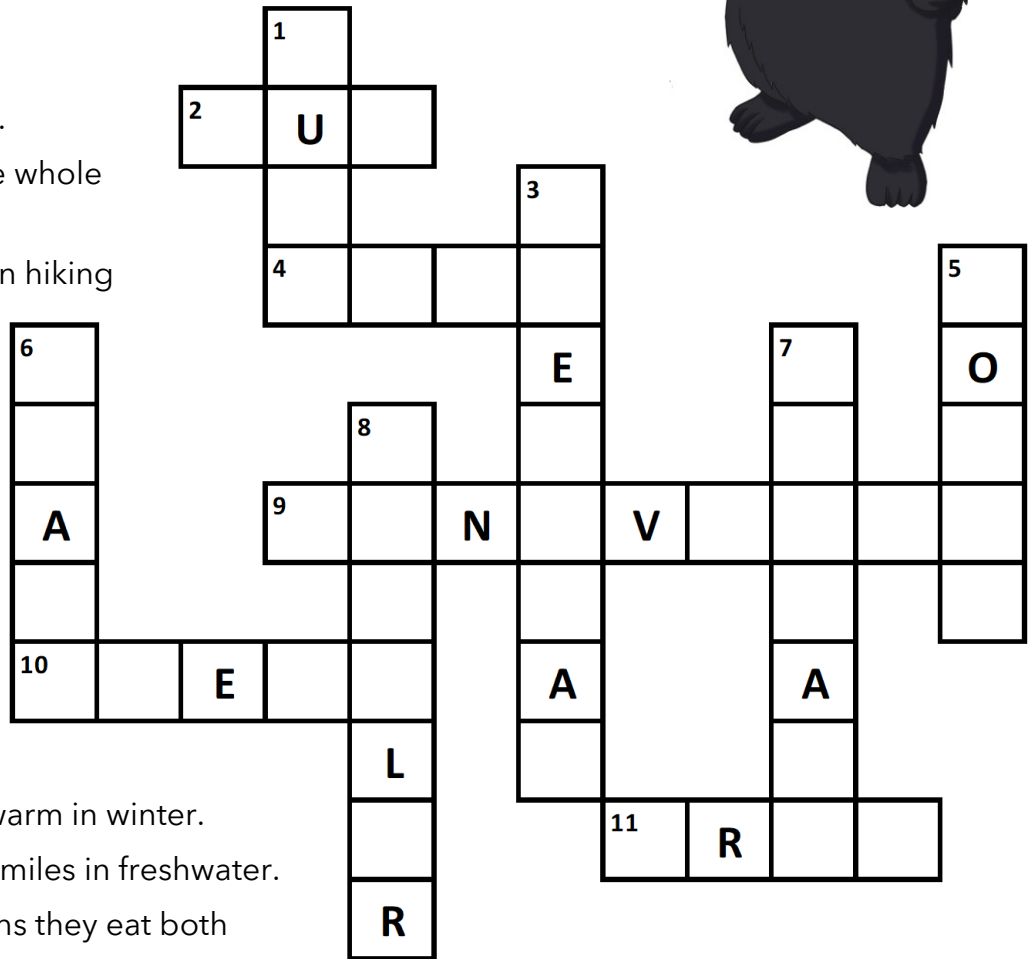


DOWN:

1. Baby bears are called this.
3. Black bears live across the whole North ____ Continent.
5. Make plenty of ____ when hiking in bear country so you don't surprise a bear.
6. Black bears have non-retractable ____.
7. They are attracted to human food and ____.
8. Black bears are ____ than grizzly bears.

ACROSS:

2. Layers of ____ keep them warm in winter.
4. They can ____ at least 1.5 miles in freshwater.
9. They are ____: this means they eat both plants and animals.
10. Black bears have a strong sense of ____ and can detect the scent of food up to a mile away.
11. They are great ____ climbers.



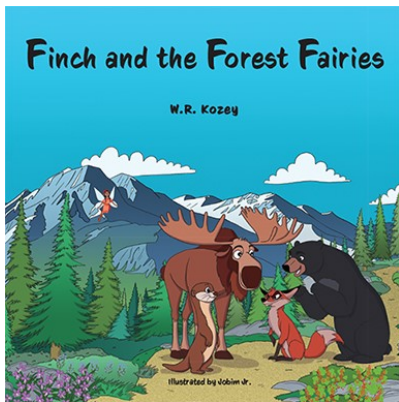
What to do if you encounter a real black bear...



- **Stay calm!** Talk calmly to the bear to let it know you are a human, not prey. Tell it to back away. Remember that most bears just want to be left alone.
- **Never run** away from a bear. It will chase you and it can run much faster than you, up to 30 miles per hour!
- Make yourself look as large as possible: stand up straight, slowly wave your arms.
- **Slowly back away**, and keep an eye on the bear.







Finch's Forest Word Scramble

After Finch the Fox was turned into a troll, he grew to love protecting his forest. See if you can unscramble the names of some common forest plants in Alaska and discover a special message.



¹
_ P _ _ C _
SPCERU
(tree)

²
B _ _ _ B _ _ _
BUELBLE
(flower)

³
A _ D _ _ _
DALRE
(tree)

⁴
L _ P _ _ E
PULINE
(flower)

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C _ T _ O _ W _ O _
COTTODOWN
(tree)

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_ E _ _ _
FREN
(ground plant)

⁷
_ I _ _ O _
LWILWO
(shrub tree)

⁸
F _ _ _ W _ _ _
FERIWEDE
(flower)

⁹
_ _ CH _ _
ILCHNE
(a kind of fungus)

¹⁰
_ O _ _ _
SOMS
(ground cover)

¹¹
_ R _ _ B _ _ _ Y
CANRBREYR
(tasty treat)

¹²
_ I _ C _ _
BRCHI
(tree)

¹³
R _ _ _ P _ _ _ R _ _ _
RPASEBRYR
(tasty treat)

¹⁴
_ L _ E _ _ _ _ R _ _
EULBYEBRR
(tasty treat)

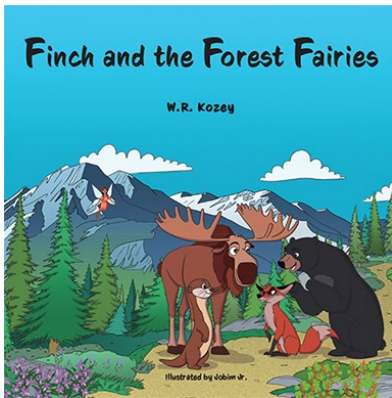


A Special Message from Finch



Be k _ _ _ to the _ _ _ _ _ and you can be
a _ _ _ _ _ too!





Moose Crossword Puzzle

See how much you know about moose like Milo.

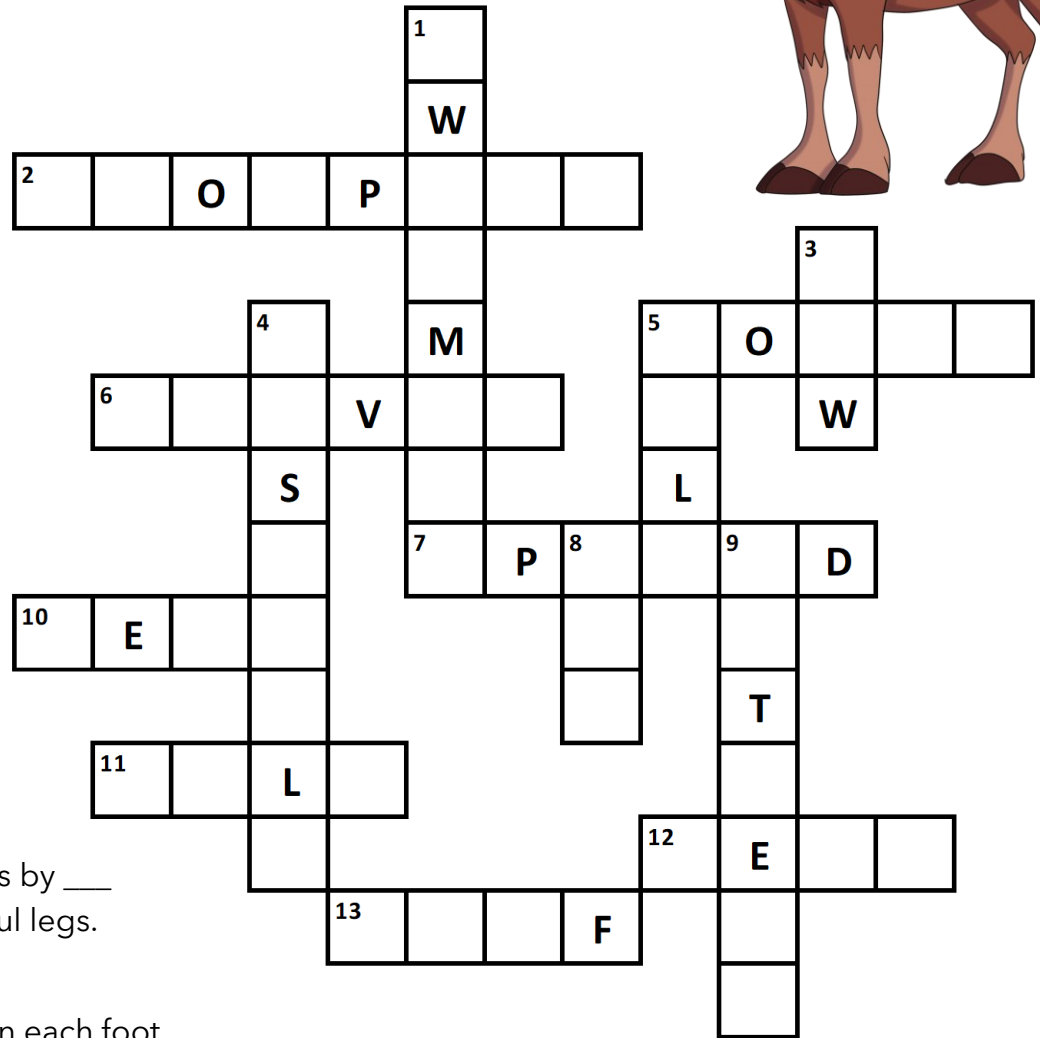


DOWN:

1. Moose are excellent ____ and can even dive up to 20 feet underwater.
3. Female moose
4. Moose can close these underwater.
5. Only ____ moose grow antlers.
8. Moose can ____ up to 35 miles per hour.
9. These can grow up to 6 feet across.

ACROSS:

2. Moose defend themselves by ____ and kicking with powerful legs.
5. Plural form of moose
6. Moose have 2 large ____ on each foot.
7. Moose hooves ____ out wide to help them walk on snow or mud.
10. Moose are the world's largest species of ____.
11. Male moose
12. Moose antlers grow and fall off every ____.
13. Baby moose



What to do if you encounter a moose...

- **Stay calm!** Back away from the moose. They might look like gentle giants, but an agitated moose can charge and stomp faster than you expect, especially if it is a mother with a baby.
- **Watch** for signs of agitation: ears laid back, hair on the hump standing up, stomping the ground, snorting, head tossing. It's telling you that you are too close.
- **If it charges, RUN!** Put something like a tree or other object between you and the moose. Once you are far enough away, it will leave you alone.



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Moose Word Search

How many of the words about moose like Milo can you find below?



Q

H W T
U D F G
M O O S E
P Z X F G C
Q H A L A S K
B H J K L P
S T O M P

R

C V G X A C
A N T L E R S
A F B G J S C X
T H O O V E S
G X Z B G Q V C
Y ● J I H ● B
F G T G V D F
Z F S X F G U
Q A W M T Y R
B F S C U G S J L
U W T R Z K N M E
L Q F G Z P O K G
L B E L L O W N S
Z X D E F G B
G V J H L
C O W

E

D

H E N
O B W J
F L H L K
C A L F A L
Q O B P P
D G W C V
C O L D F

ALASKA CALF

ANTLERS COLD

BELLOW COW

BIG DEWLAP

BULL EARS

FAST LEGS

FUR MOOSE

HOLLOW MUZZLE

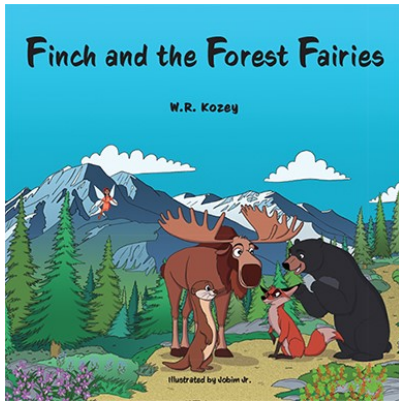
HOOVES SNOW

HUMP STOMP

FUN FACTS

- The **hump** on a moose's back is caused by the massive shoulder muscles needed to hold up its big head and antlers.
- Moose hair is **hollow**, which helps insulate them in the cold winters.
- Moose are able to close their nostrils under water.
- The dangling flap under a male moose's chin is called a **dewlap**.
- WATCH OUT! If a moose points its ears backward, stomps the ground or raises the hair on its hump, it means it is getting agitated.





Red Fox Word Search



Finch the Fox was full of ideas in our story... but did you know red foxes really are known for their intelligence and cunning?

See how many fox words you can find below and learn more about foxes.

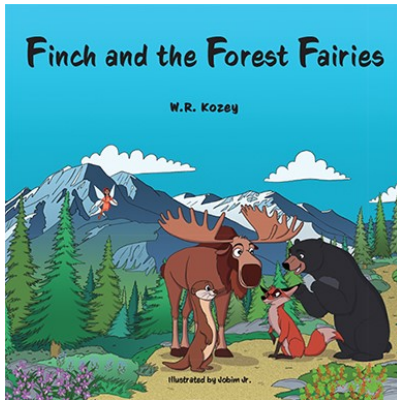
BUSHY	F	E	KIT
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EARS	N R E D M F	B U S H Y U	OMNIVORE
	I P E X N F Y A T T O M N		
FLUFFY	V O G Q R Q G Y E J O T T		POUNCE
	G O U C D E N A K I T D A E R		RED
FOX	H R N U F F E W H X L H I R G		
FUR	Y E C S T O C K I N G S L O F		STOCKINGS
	J E Q B W H I T E V C R G		
HUNTER	U Z N T Y Q V G P E S		TAIL
	M T N D ● N E T N		
JUMP	P W F O X T Y		WHITE
	N K I		
	L		



FUN FACTS ABOUT RED FOXES

- Male foxes are called **dogs**, females are called **vixen**, and babies are called **kits**.
- Red foxes are known for their reddish coat, white-tipped tail and black "stockings."
- They can have other color variations though, like gold, silver, and black. The cross fox even has a black or brown cross pattern on its back.
- A litter is usually 4-8 kits and can have multiple color variations in the same litter.
- Foxes have excellent hearing and can hear rodents digging far underground.
- They are great jumpers, sometimes jumping 6 feet high!





River Otter Fun Facts

Olive the Otter was playful and wise.
Let's see what we can learn about
real life river otters!

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.



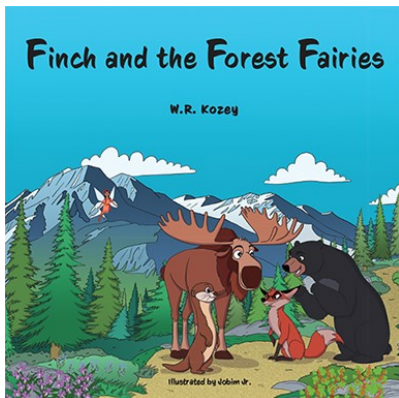
- American** • Otters like Olive are North _____ river otters.
- Aquatic** • They are different from their cousins, _____ otters, who rarely come on shore.
- Dens**
- Ears** • They have long muscular bodies and a powerful _____.
- Feet** • Their hind feet are _____.
- Nostrils** • River otters are strong _____ and can swim 6-7 miles per hour (mph).
- Playful**
- Pups** • They can close their _____ and _____ when they dive.
- Sea**
- Slide** • They can dive up to 60 _____ under water and stay under for over 4 minutes!
- Swimmers** • Fast on land, they can run and _____ up to 15 mph.
- Tail** • River otters live in cozy _____ near the water.
- Webbed** • River otters enjoy all kinds of _____ foods like fish, snails, mussels, frogs and more.
- Baby river otters are called _____.
- Just like Olive, river otters are very _____ and social.



What does river otter play time look like?

- Playing tag, wrestling and dunking each other.
- Using rocks and sticks for toys.
- Sliding on the mud, ice or snow.





River Otter Word Search

How many words about river otters like Olive can you find below?

Be sure to look diagonally!



CUTE

Q Y G H D

PUP

DIVE

B D Q V R R G I E

RIVER

FUR

Q A M A M M A L N H V L G
C S Z S Q Y D C T R L K E P Y

SLIDE

GRACEFUL

G W V P U P Y E Q F U R A L D
I O K Y R D F Q H A X G A

SOFT

MAMMAL

M V C T J K U S R Y I H Y
D R I V E R L T T A I L F

SWIM

OTTER

S B G W H I S K E R S D U
R O C A A Q X F C D E L

TAIL

PLAYFUL

M F T H S Q C U T E Z
X T Q S L I D E T

WHISKERS

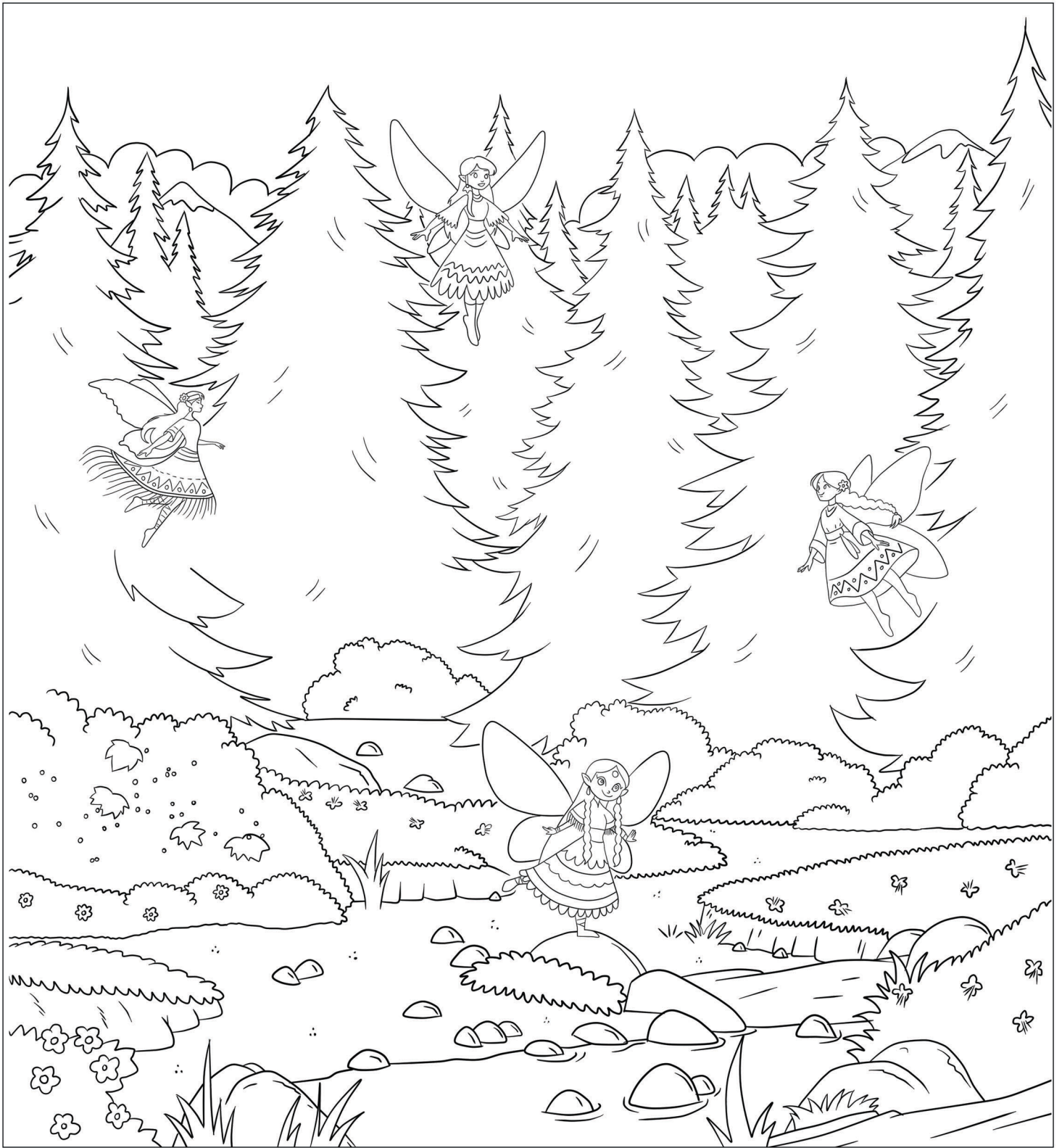
O T T E R

Fun Facts About River Otters



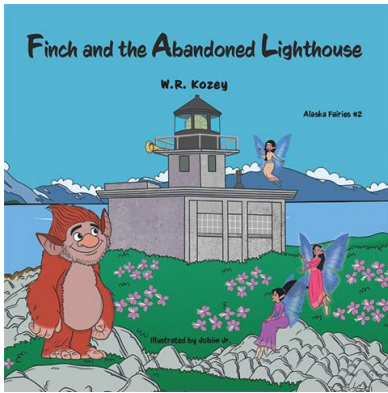
- Baby river otters are called **pups**.
- River otters are graceful and strong swimmers. They can swim about 6 mph.
- They can dive up to 60 feet under water and stay under for over 4 minutes!
- They can run about as fast as a person on land, but if it is snowy or icy they can move up to 15 mph with a combination of running and sliding.
- Both young and old river otters are very playful. They will play with "toys" like rocks and sticks, play tag, slide in the mud or snow, and wrestle and dunk each other.











Finch and the Abandoned Lighthouse

Crossword Puzzle

How well do you remember the story of *Finch and the Abandoned Lighthouse*?

See if you can complete this crossword puzzle and find out!



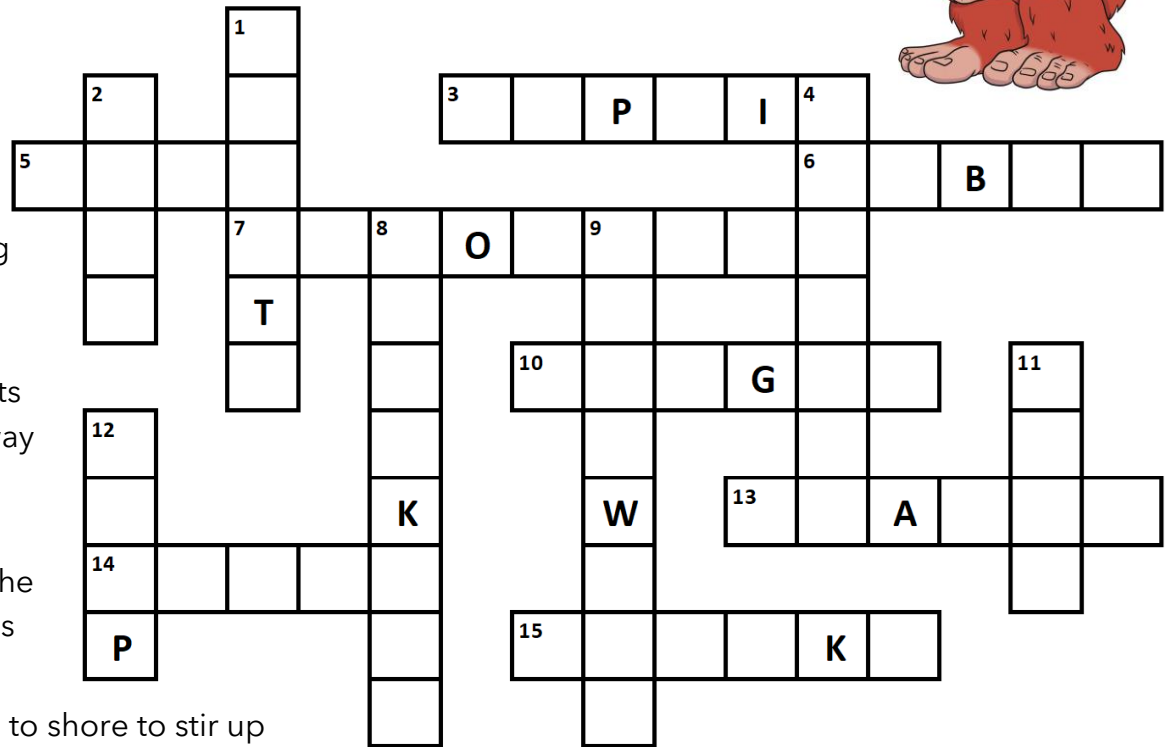
DOWN:

1. Finch tried having the Fairies collect ___ lights.
2. The loud ___ alerts boats to steer away from the rocks.
4. The Point ___ Lighthouse was the inspiration for this story.
8. Olive swam close to shore to stir up bioluminescent ____.
9. The gang learned that hard work and ___ is what keeps the Alaska Coast safe.
11. Finch replaced the pull ___ on the horn.
12. Olive cleaned the glass with ____.

Lighthouse Facts

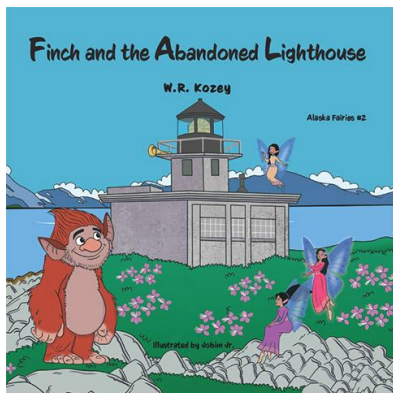


- The source of light in a lighthouse is called the lamp.
- Lighthouses are built near oceans, lakes and even rivers.
- There are over 24,000 lighthouses around the world today.



ACROSS:

3. Finch and his friends worked hard to ___ the lighthouse.
5. Milo and Finch worked on the ___ that was swollen shut.
6. The fairies touched an ___ to the wick to light the lamp.
7. Lighthouses have an ___ job to keep boats safe.
10. Without the lighthouse boats could be in ____.
13. Bruno fixed the broken stone ____.
14. The bright ___ helps boats see the shoreline.
15. Finch realized this task would take more than ____.



Finch and the Abandoned Lighthouse

Lighthouses of Alaska Word Search

Can you find these 15 Alaskan Lighthouses?
Only look for the CAPITALIZED words.



Point Retreat Lighthouse
near Juneau, Alaska

Lighthouses of Southcentral Alaska

Cape HINCHINBROOK

CAPE SAINT ELIAS

Lighthouses of Southwest Alaska

SCOTCH CAP

Cape SARICHEF

FUN FACTS

- Cape Sarichef Lighthouse is on Unimak Island in the Aleutian Islands. It is the farthest West and the most isolated lighthouse in North America!
- According to the U.S. Coast Guard, there are 11 active lighthouses in Alaska today.

Lighthouses of Alaska's Inside Passage

Cape DECISION

Cape SPENCER

ELDRED ROCK

FAIRWAY Island

FIVE FINGER Islands

GUARD Island

LINCOLN ROCKS

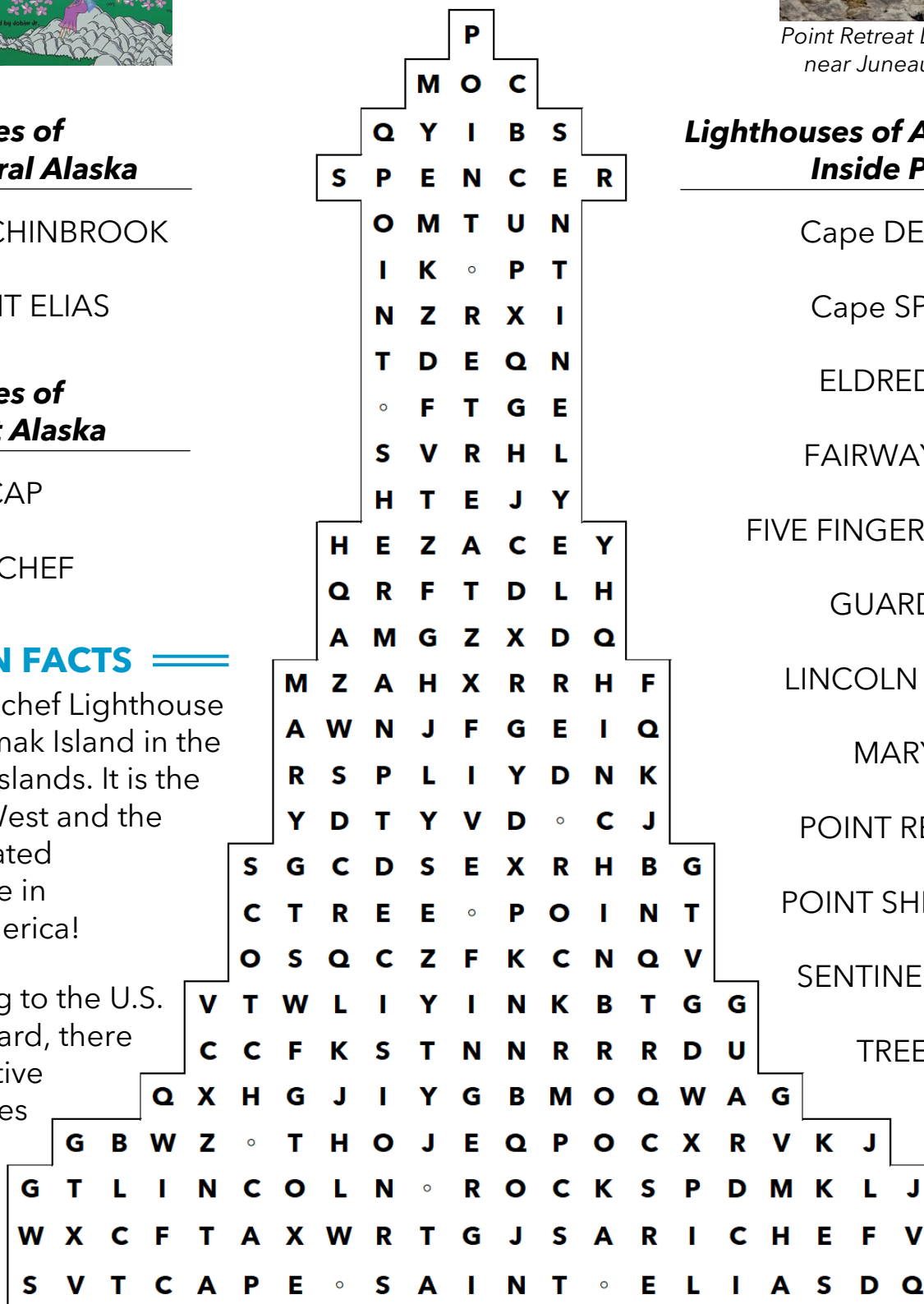
MARY Island

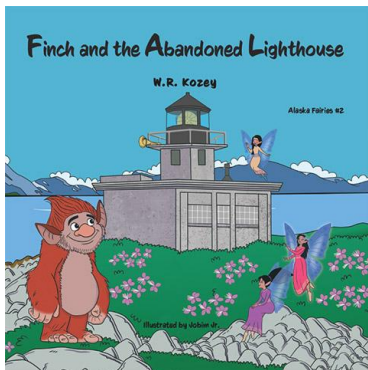
POINT RETREAT

POINT SHERMAN

SENTINEL Island

TREE POINT





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Alaska Lighthouse Word Scramble

Use the word bank inside the Alaska map to unscramble the lighthouse names.



The lighthouse in the story was inspired by the Point Retreat Lighthouse shown above. See if you can find it on the map.

FUN FACT

There are NO lighthouses on Alaska's western coast facing the Bering Sea, or on the northern coast facing the Arctic Ocean.

Cape Decision

Eldred Rock

Cape Hinchinbrook

Guard Island

Cape Sarichef

Point Retreat

Cape Spencer

Scotch Cap

Cape St. Elias

Sentinel Island

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Five Finger

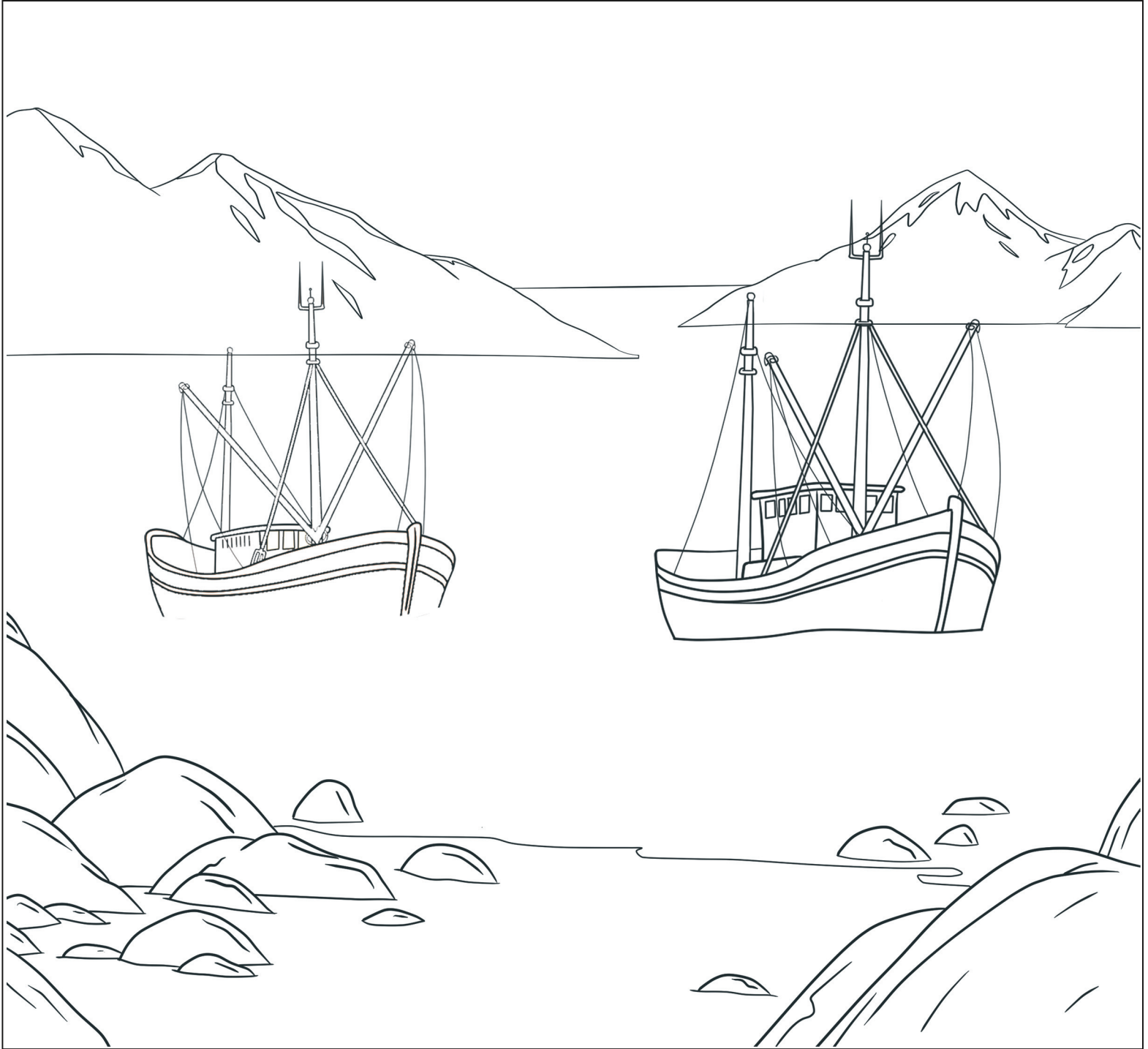
Mary Island

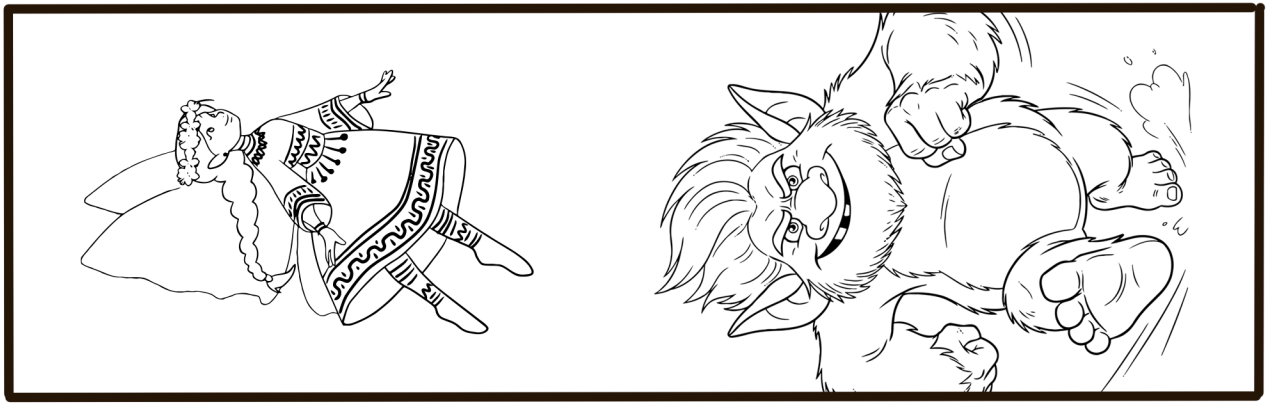
Tree Point

Do some research...

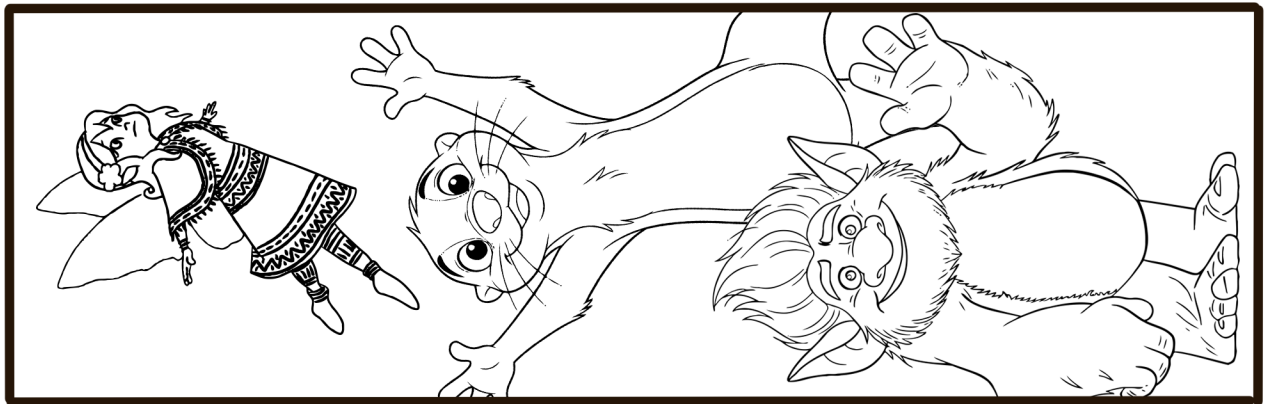
Ask your parents or teacher if you can do some research online to learn more and see pictures of these amazing Alaskan Lighthouses.



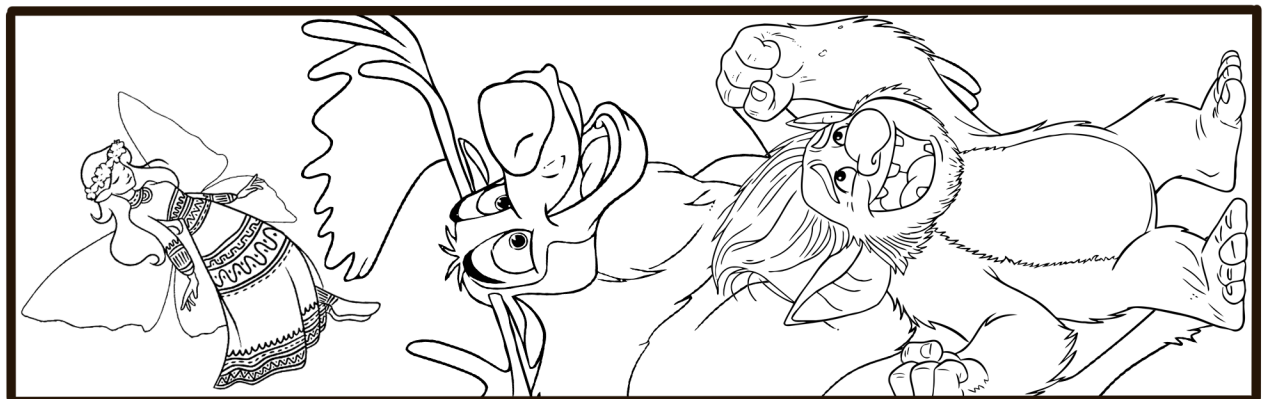
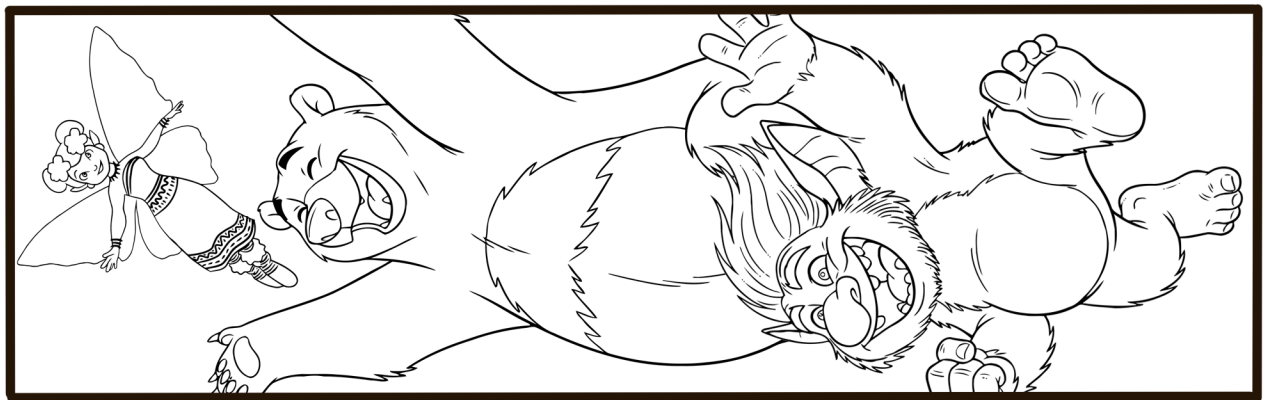




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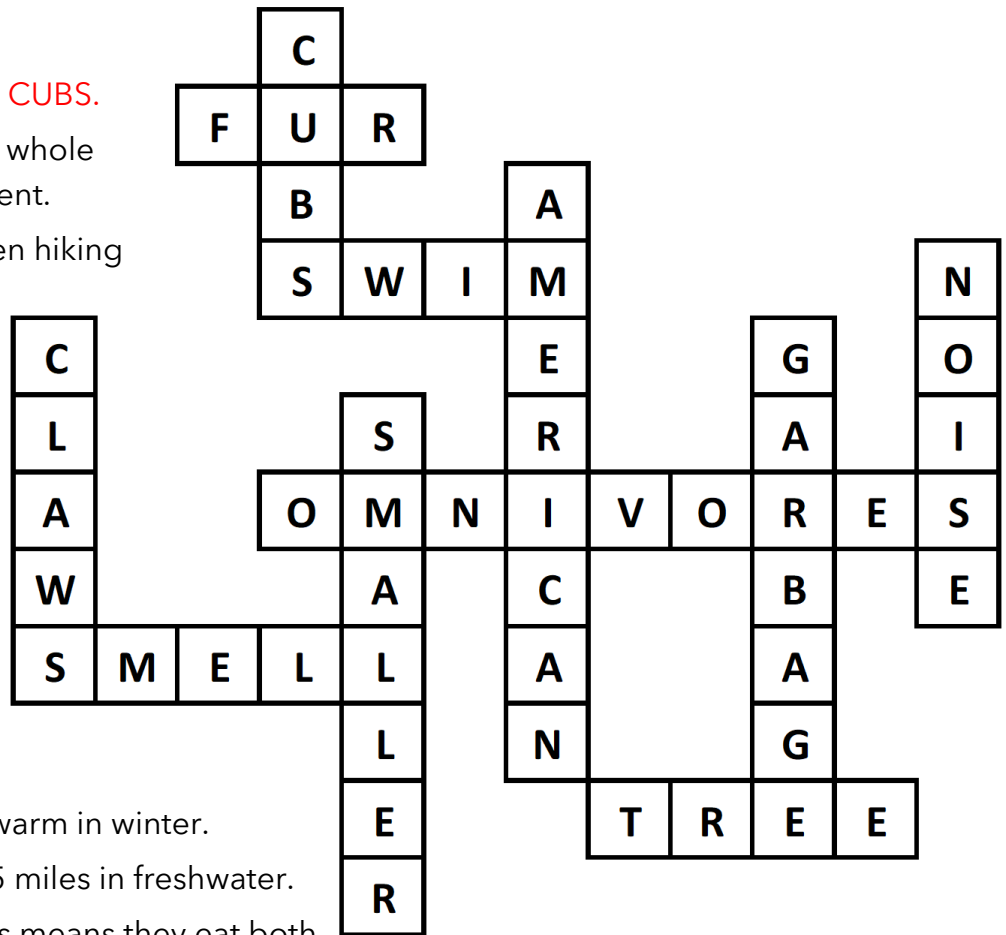
ANSWER KEY

DOWN:

1. Baby bears are called this: **CUBS**.
3. Black bears live across the whole North **AMERICAN** Continent.
5. Make plenty of **NOISE** when hiking in bear country so you don't surprise a bear.
6. Black bears have non-retractable **CLAWS**.
7. They are attracted to human food and **GARBAGE**.
8. Black bears are **SMALLER** than grizzly bears.

ACROSS:

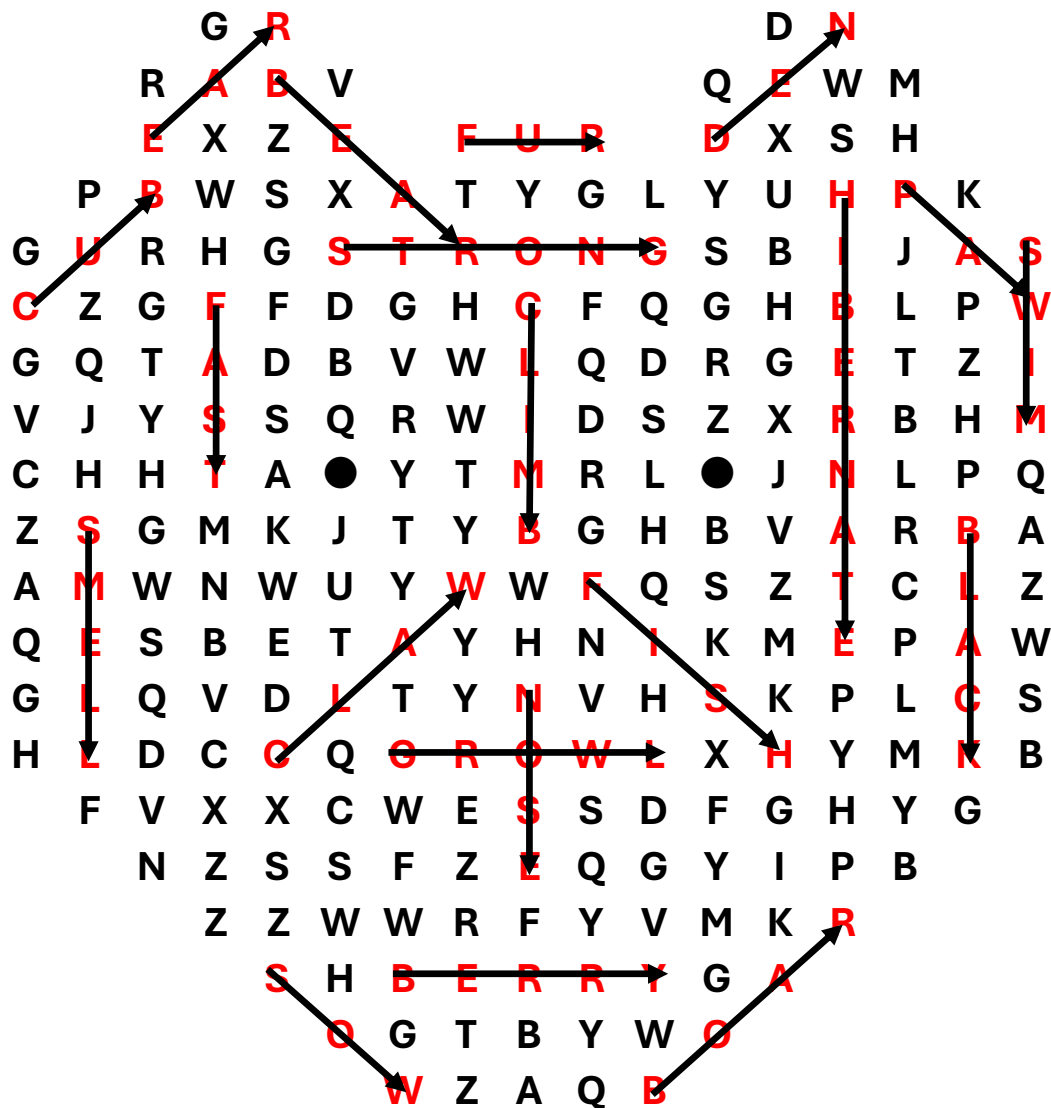
2. Layers of **FUR** keep them warm in winter.
4. They can **SWIM** at least 1.5 miles in freshwater.
9. They are **OMNIVORES**: this means they eat both plants and animals.
10. Black bears have a strong sense of **SMELL** and can detect the scent of food up to a mile away.
11. They are great **TREE** climbers.



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Black Bear Word Search

ANSWER KEY



Finch and the Forest Fairies

Finch's Forest Word Scramble

ANSWER KEY

³
SPRUCE
SPCERU
(tree)

BLUEBELL
BUELBLE
(flower)

ALDER
DALRE
(tree)

LUPINE
PULINE
(flower)

⁹
COTTONWOOD
COTTODOWN
(tree)

²
FERN
FREN
(ground plant)

¹
WILLOW
LWILWO
(shrub tree)

⁴
FIREWEED
FERIWEDE
(flower)

LICHEN
ILCHNE
(a kind of fungus)

⁵
MOSS
SOMS
(ground cover)

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CRANBERRY
CANRBREYR
(tasty treat)

BIRCH
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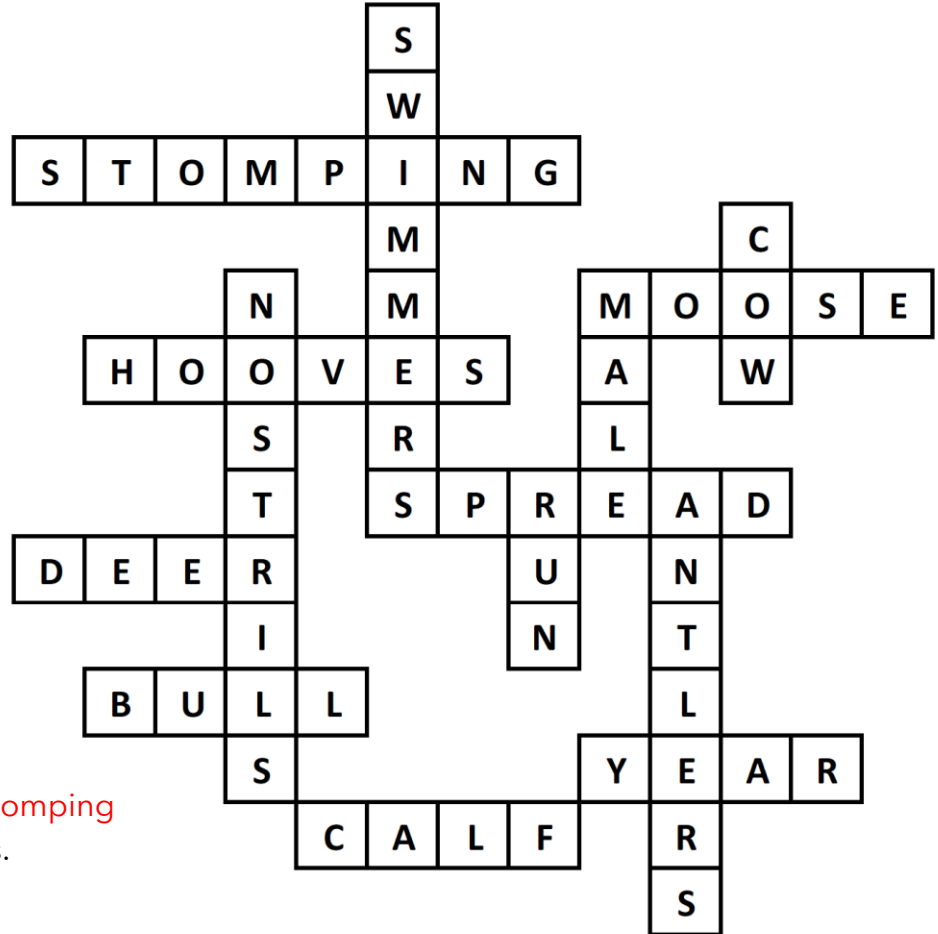
ANSWER KEY

DOWN:

1. Moose are excellent **swimmers** and can even dive up to 20 feet underwater.
3. Female moose: **cow**
4. Moose can close these underwater: **nostrils**
5. Only **male** moose grow antlers.
8. Moose can **run** up to 35 miles per hour.
9. These can grow up to 6 feet across: **antlers**

ACROSS:

2. Moose defend themselves by **stomping** and kicking with powerful legs.
5. Plural form of moose: **moose**
6. Moose have 2 large **hooves** on each foot.
7. Moose hooves **spread** out wide to help them walk on snow or mud.
10. Moose are the world's largest species of **deer**.
11. Male moose: **bull**
12. Moose antlers grow and fall off every **year**.
13. Baby moose: **calf**



Moose Word Search

Q
H W T
U D F G
H O O S E
P Z X F G C
Q H A L A S K A
B H J K L P T
S T O M P
ALASKA CALF
ANTLERS COLD
BELLOW COW
BIG DEWLAP
BULL EARS
G V J H L
C O W
H W J
L K
A L
P P
X Z Q O B
X D G W C
V
F L H
G A L F
C O L D
FAST LEGS
FUR MOOSE
HOLLOW MUZZLE
HOOVES SNOW
HUMP STOMP

Finch and the Forest Fairies

Red Fox Word Search

ANSWER KEY

BUSHY

DEN

EARS

FLUFFY

FOX

FUR

HUNTER

JUMP

KIT

LITTER

OMNIVORE

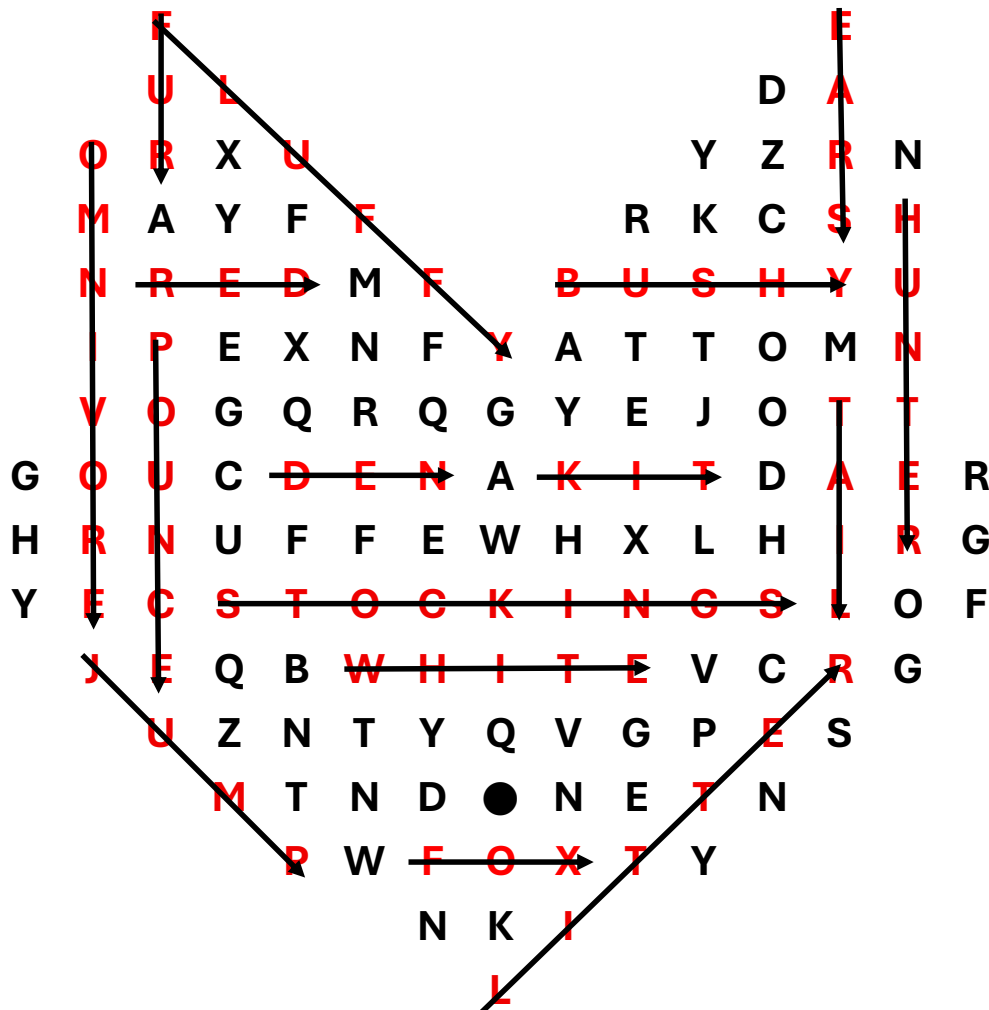
POUNCE

RED

STOCKINGS

TAIL

WHITE



Finch and the Forest Fairies

River Otter Fun Facts

ANSWER KEY

- Otters like Olive are North **American** river otters.
- They are different from their cousins, **sea** otters, who rarely come on shore.
- They have long muscular bodies and a powerful **tail**.
- Their hind feet are **webbed**.
- River otters are strong **swimmers** and can swim 6-7 miles per hour (mph).
- They can close their **ears** and **nostrils** when they dive.
- They can dive up to 60 **feet** under water and stay under for over 4 minutes!
- Fast on land, they can run and **slide** up to 15 mph.
- River otters live in cozy **dens** near the water.
- River otters enjoy all kinds of **aquatic** foods like fish, snails, mussels, frogs and more.
- Baby river otters are called **pups**.
- Just like Olive, river otters are very **playful** and social.

Finch and the Forest Fairies

River Otter Word Search

ANSWER KEY

CUTE

PUP

DIVE

RIVER

FUR

SLIDE

GRACEFUL

SOFT

MAMMAL

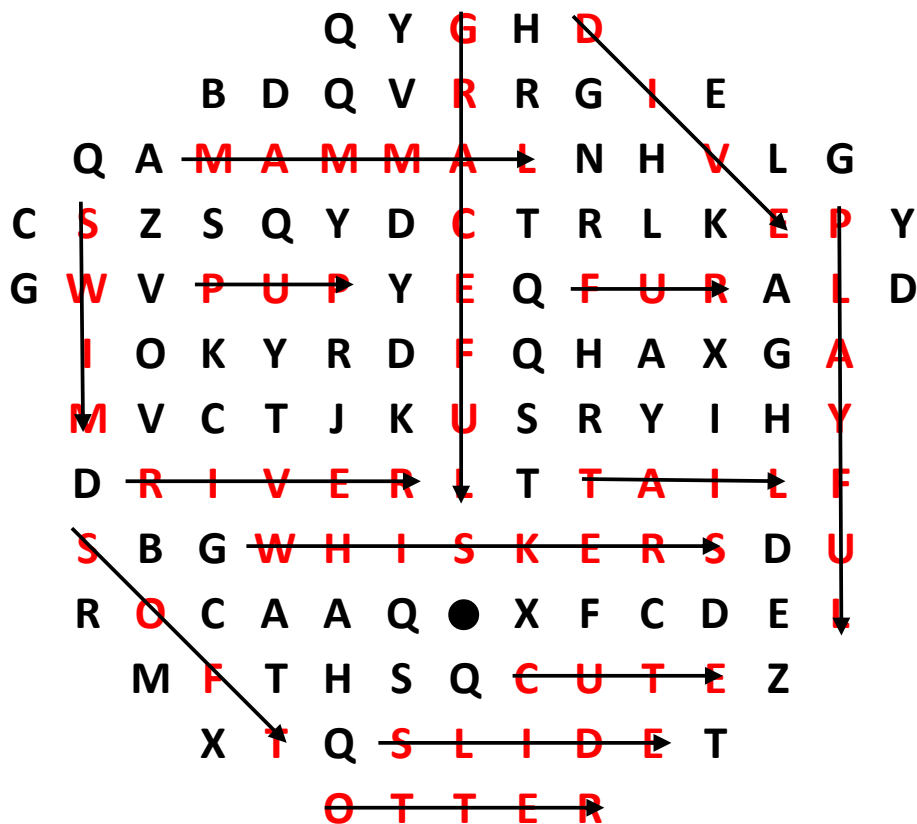
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OTTER

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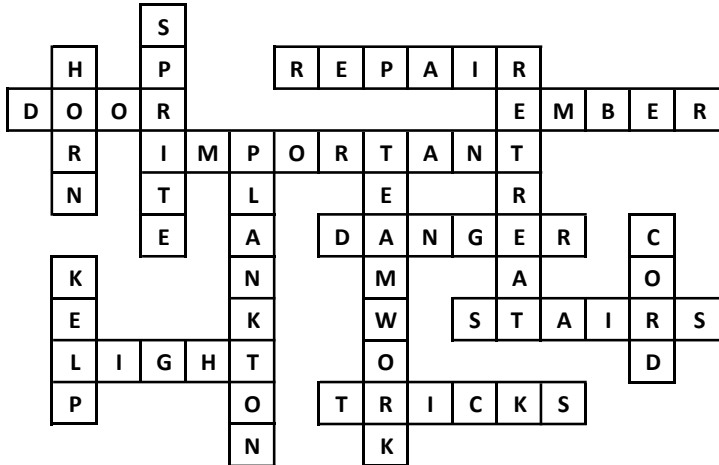
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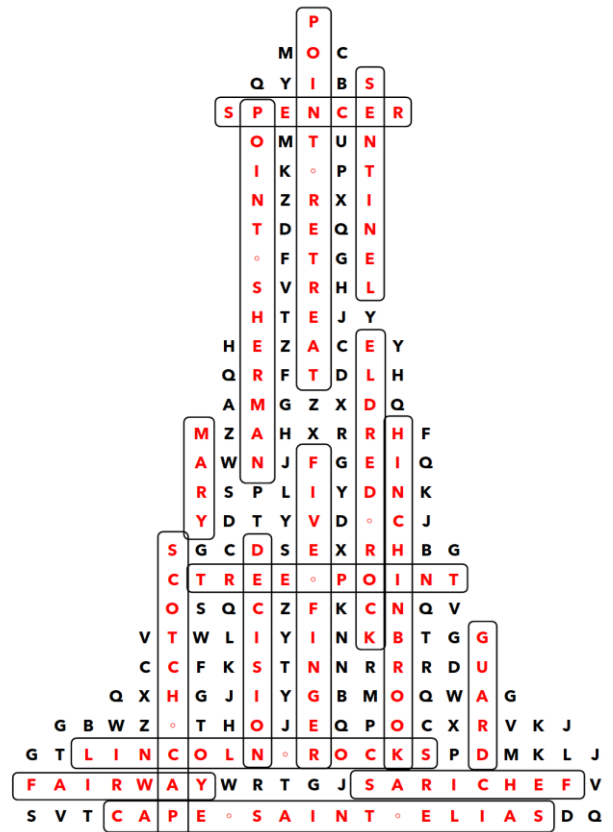
Finch and the Abandoned Lighthouse

ANSWER KEYS

Finch & the Abandoned Lighthouse Crossword Puzzle



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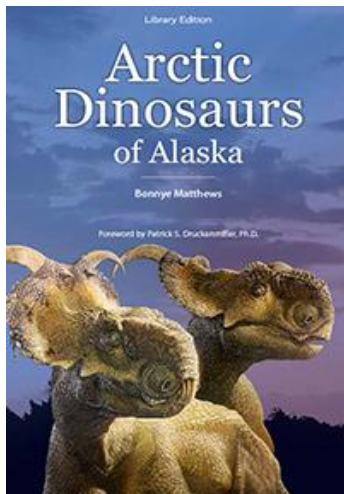


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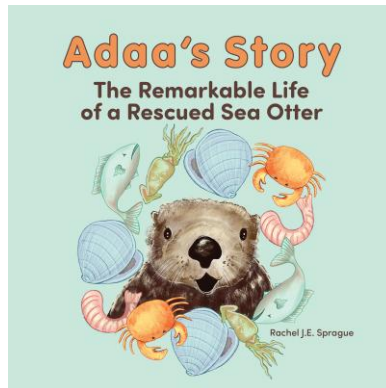


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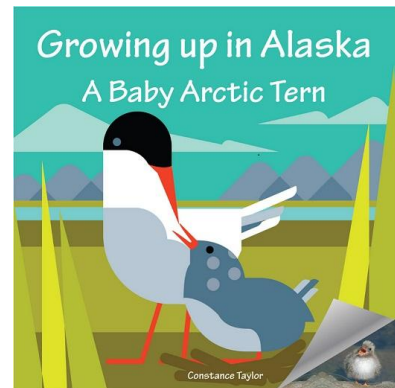
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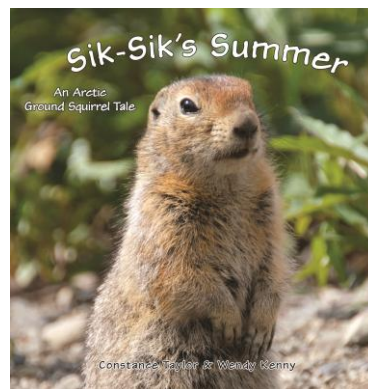
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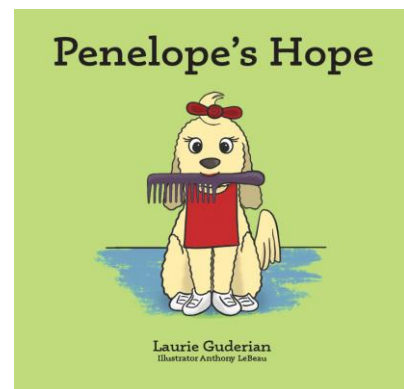
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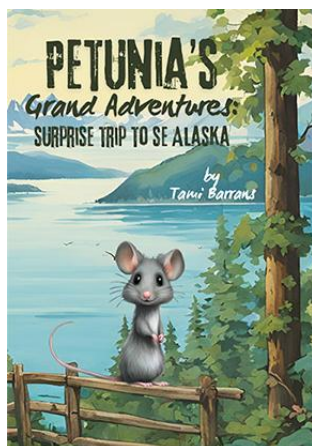
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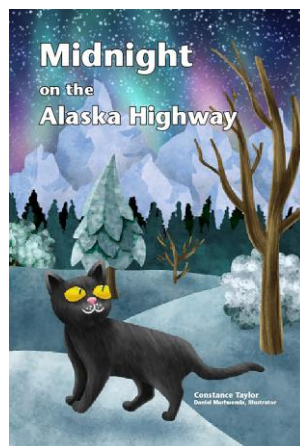
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