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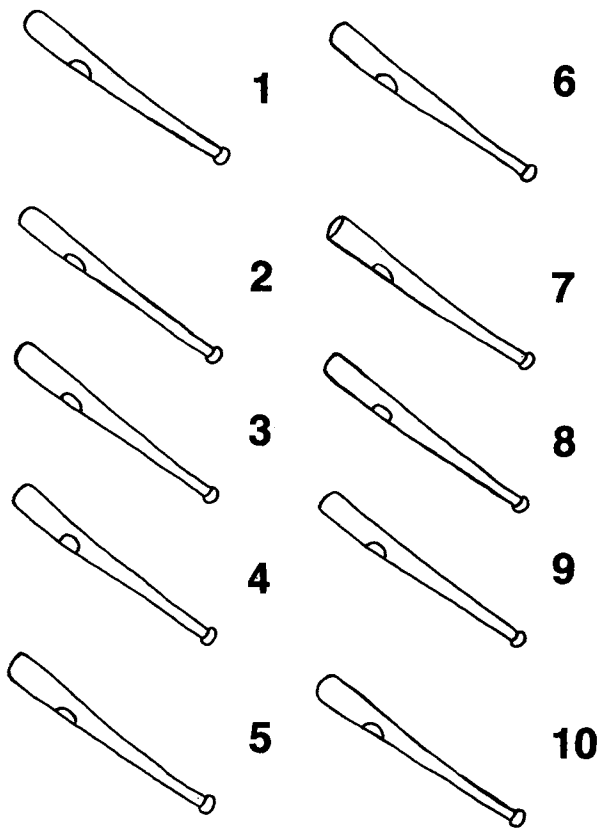
## **Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**

The Aldens are on their way to Pikesville, a small town along the Hudson River. Grandfather has a job to do there, but what will Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny find to do in this dreary little town? No need to worry — they stumble upon a ballpark and a mystery or two while they're there.

Now you can solve some puzzling mysteries, too. Just grab your pencils and get started on the puzzles and games on the next few pages. You can check your answers at the back of the book. Good luck, and batter up. . . .

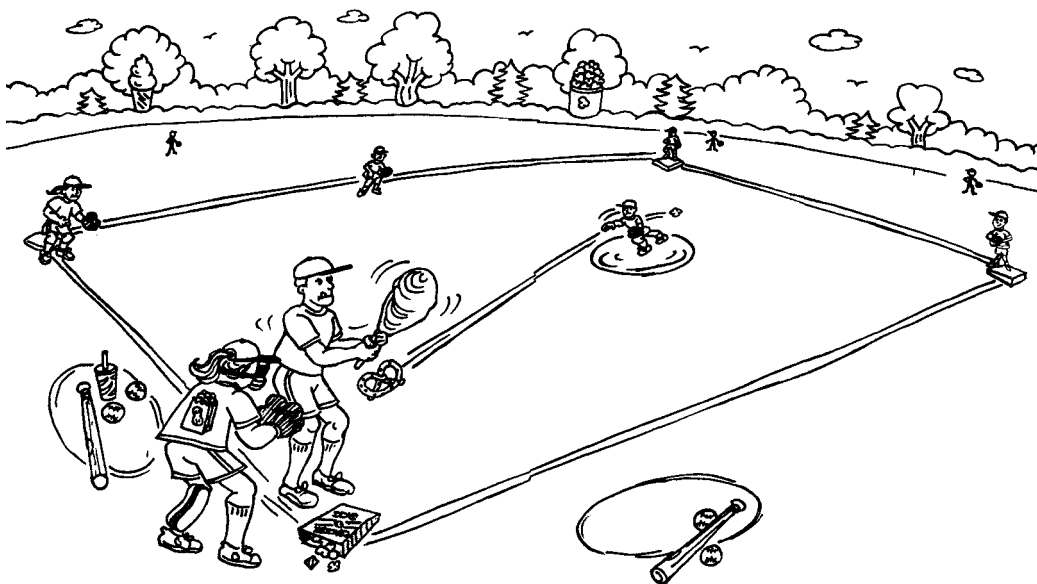
## Batter Up!

When Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny went into the Eagles' clubhouse, they discovered a corked bat. The Eagles were cheating! There are ten bats in this picture, but only one is the corked bat. Can you guess which one it is? It is different from the rest.



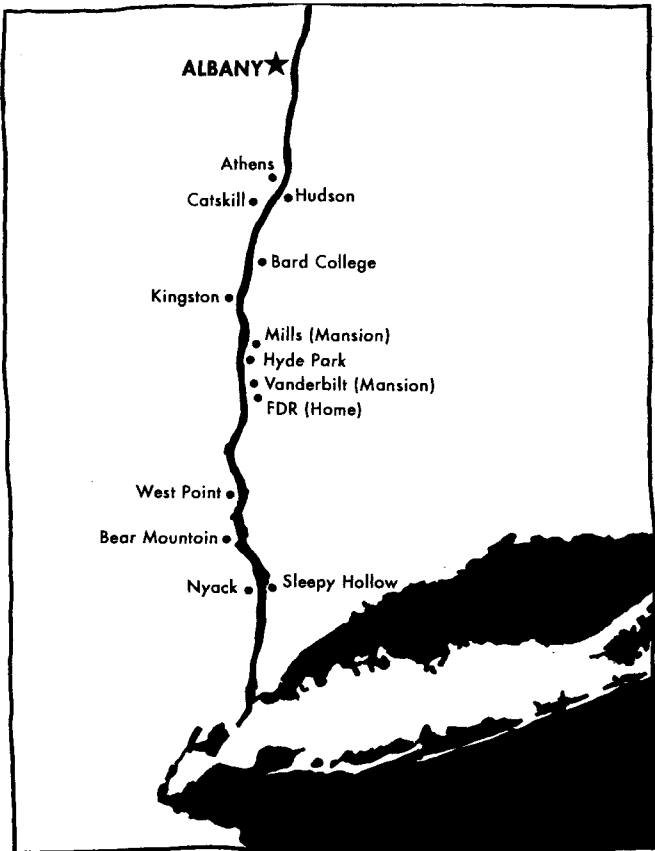
## Popcorn! Peanuts!

Benny thinks that what the ballpark really needs is a refreshment stand. Hidden in the ball field below are some things that could be sold at a refreshment stand. Circle all the items you find.



# Hudson River Cruise

The Aldens might have thought that Pikesville was dreary, but there are lots of places along the Hudson River that are interesting and beautiful. Can you help them find those places in this word search? Look at the sights marked on the map of the Hudson River area. Then circle all the words you find. The words go up, down, sideways, backward, and diagonally.



C O N I A T N U O M R A E B E W  
H L C D K D E R A A E S G T O E  
T Y V A E N P R N Y L P E L E S  
K I N G S T O N P L E R L L W T  
C V A N D E R B I L T O L I K P  
A B I I R K C M D L H N O K A O  
Y L T R A F B L S Y K G C S P I  
N V D P E B I T P O R C D T L N  
B A N S F S N E H T A O R A L T  
A E R D O R E L K E P L A C S K  
R D R L C L O N L I E P B A T I  
E G N O S D U H N G D W E S P T  
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# An A-Mazing Find!

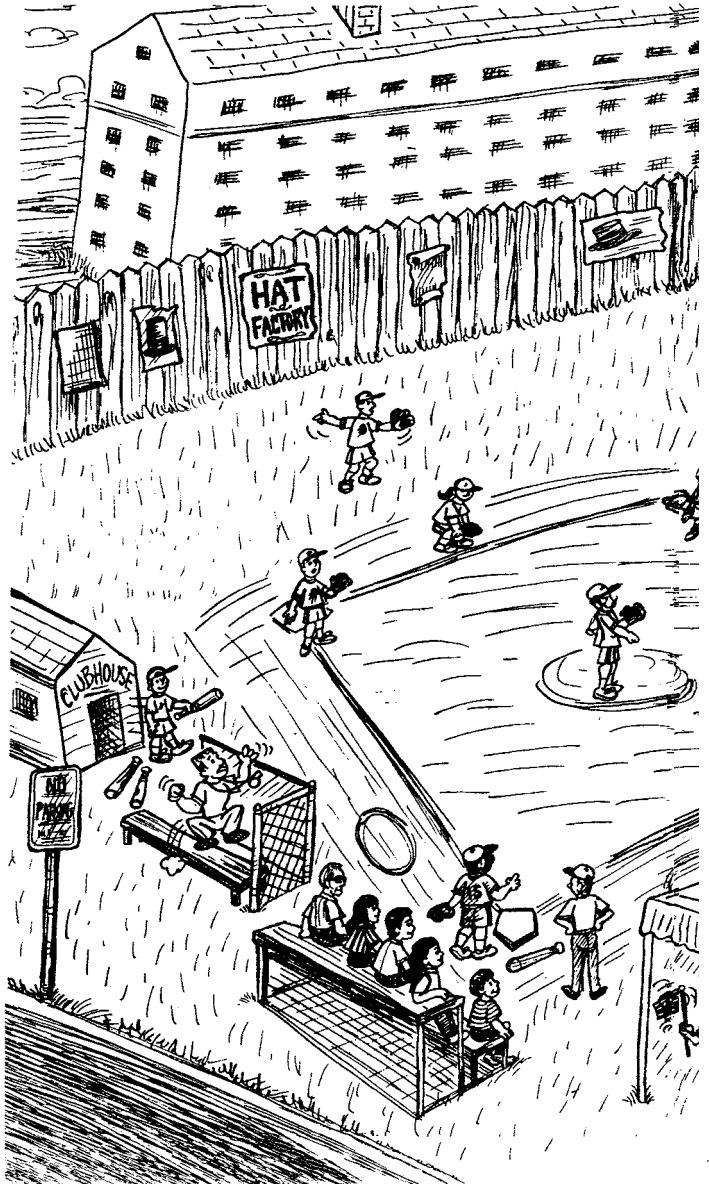
Oh, no! The Percys are in the factory searching for the letter that will clear Home Run Herman's name. And they want to destroy it! Can you help Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny find that letter first?

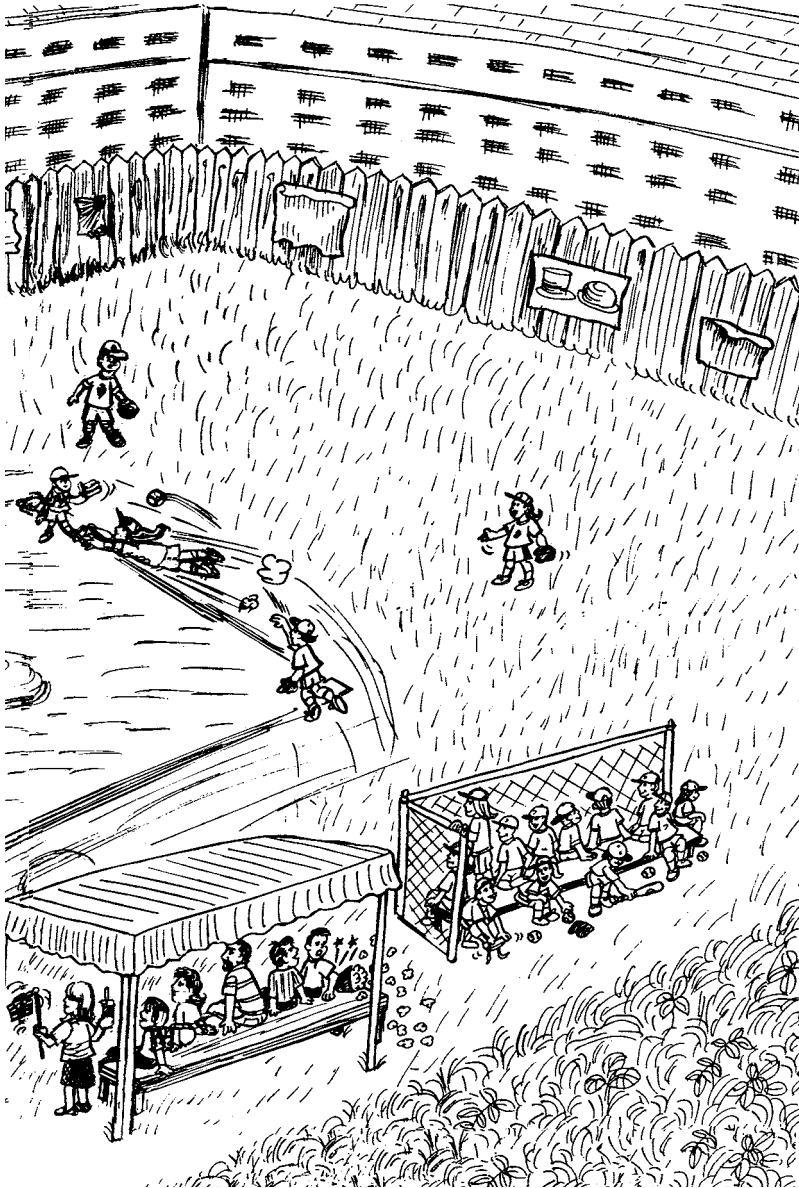




# Game Day

It's the day of the big baseball game! Color in this scene any way you want. Try to remember everything you see. Then turn the page and circle the correct answers on the memory test.





Test your memory by answering these questions:

The man with the whistle around his neck is:

- a) watching the game from the bleachers
- b) walking into the clubhouse
- c) jumping up off the bench
- d) leaving the ballpark

What is the girl who's waving a flag holding in her other hand?

- a) a hot dog
- b) a soda
- c) a baseball cap
- d) popcorn

The pitcher is:

- a) winding up
- b) throwing a pitch
- c) throwing the ball to second base
- d) looking at first base

Who is walking out of the clubhouse?

- a) a batboy
- b) a coach
- c) an umpire
- d) the waterboy

What is written on one of the posters hanging on the fence?

- a) Catskill Eagles
- b) Hudson Half Moons
- c) Hat Factory
- d) Pikesville

How many kids are sitting in the dugout?

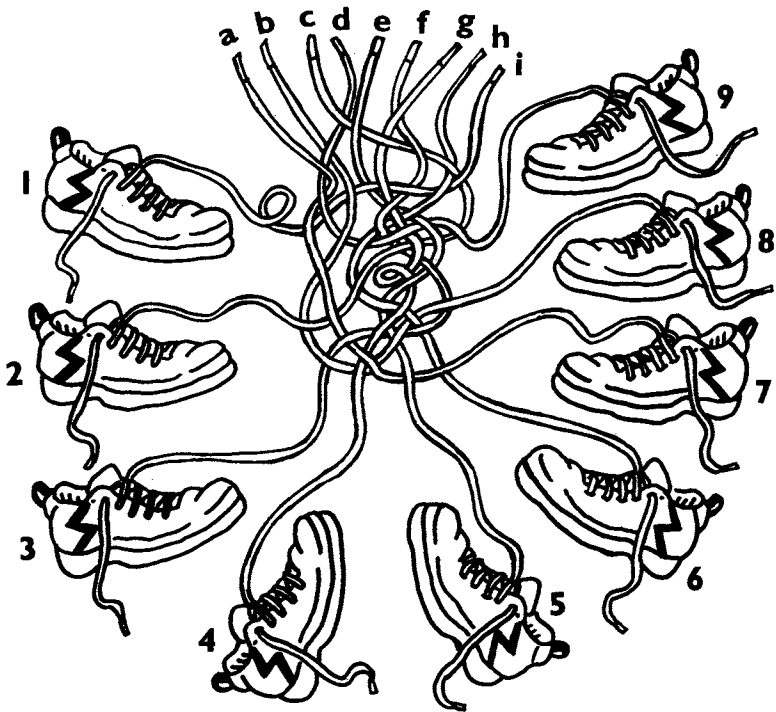
- a) twelve
- b) ten
- c) nine
- d) fifteen

A boy sitting in the grandstand is:

- a) drinking soda
- b) falling asleep
- c) spilling his popcorn
- d) waving a flag

## Tangled Laces

Oh, no! It's time for the big game, but the Hudson Half Moons can't get to the field because their sneaker laces are all tangled up! Can you help untangle the laces so the team can get out onto the field? Follow the sneakers' laces and match each numbered sneaker with a letter.



## Play Ball!

The Boxcar Children learned a lot about baseball while solving this mystery. Now you can see how much *you* know about baseball by answering the clues and filling in the puzzle. You can use the word list for help.

### *Across*

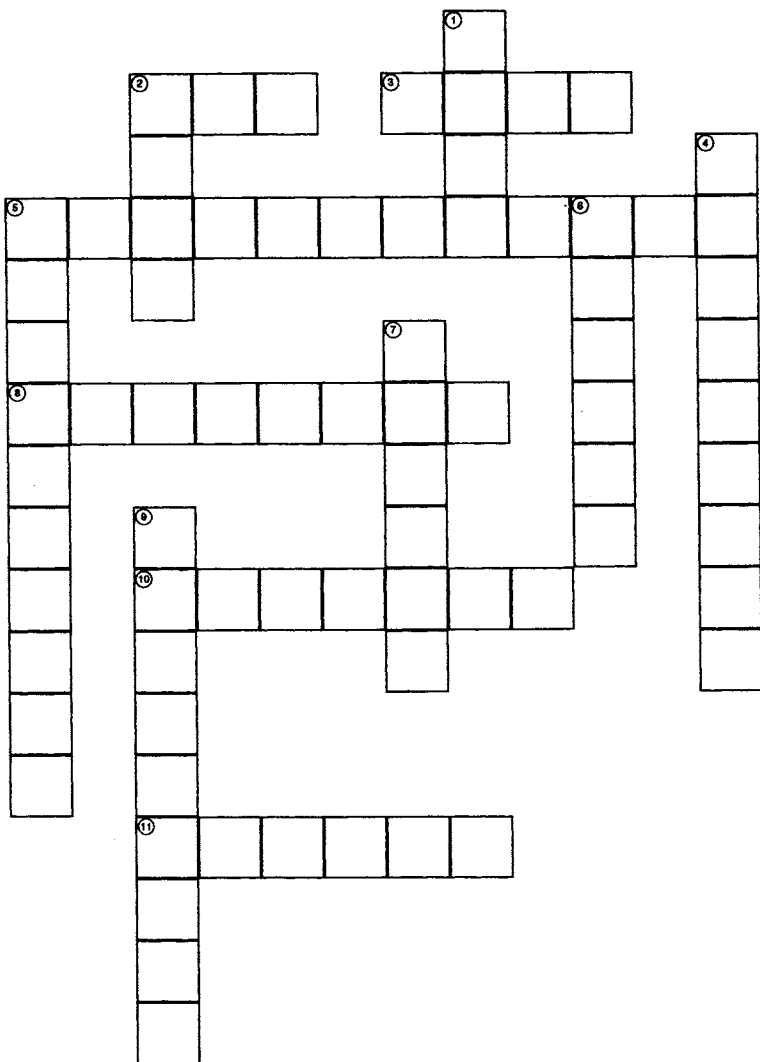
2. A ball hit high into the air
3. Ball catcher
5. Two games played back-to-back
6. "Take me out to the \_\_\_\_\_."
10. A ball hit over the fence
11. A swing and a miss

### *Down*

1. The number of innings in a regulation baseball game
2. You need \_\_\_\_\_ balls for a walk.
4. A four-run home run
5. Two outs made on one play
6. Where the team stays
7. The person who calls the balls and strikes
9. The position between second and third bases

### *Word List*

ball game, doubleheader, double play, dugout, fly, four, grand slam, home run, mitt, nine, shortstop, strike, umpire

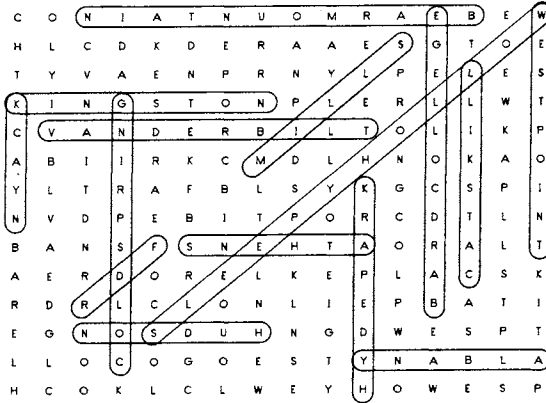


## Answers:

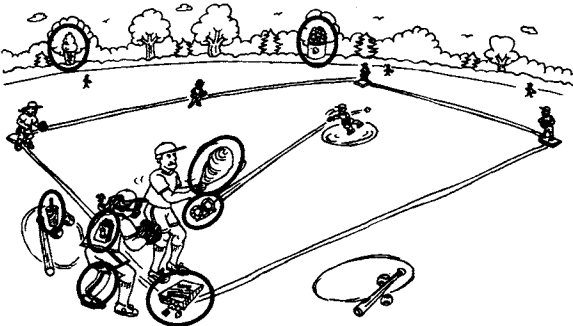
### Batter Up!

Bat #7 is different from the rest.

### Hudson River Cruise



### Popcorn! Peanuts!







# Tangled Laces

1 goes to i

2 goes to c

3 goes to f

4 goes to g

5 goes to e

6 goes to h

7 goes to a

8 goes to b

9 goes to d

## Play Ball!

