

Soccer Activity Fun

Activities for kids ages 6-8

Inspired by the book series
Sean Wants to Be Messi



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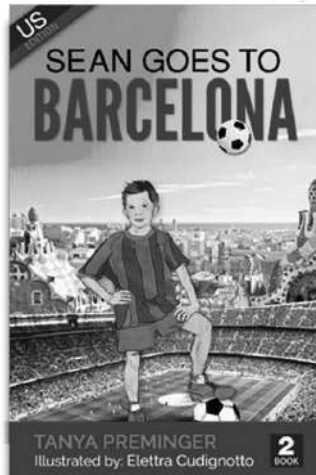
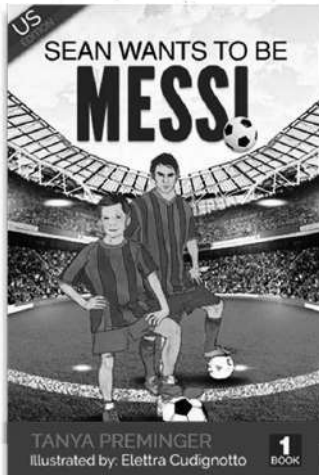
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The Sean Wants to Be Messi book series



Book quote:

*"It took me 17 years and 114 days to become
an overnight success."*

—Lionel Andrés Messi



1. Messi FaCts

As an aspiring soccer player, Sean knows all the important facts about Leo Messi. Do you?

1. In which cities has Messi lived? (Circle 3 correct answers)

Rome

Washington

Rosario

Rio de Janeiro

Paris

Venice

Berlin

London

Barcelona

2. Which clubs has Messi played for? (Circle 3 correct answers)

Los Angeles Galaxy
(USA)

FC Bayern Munich
(Germany)

PSG (France)

Juventus F.C. (Italy)

Newell's Old Boys
(Argentina)

Palmeiras (Brazil)

Manchester City F.C.
(England)

Barcelona (Spain)

F.C. Copenhagen
(Denmark)





3. Messi's dog's name is Señor Hulk. What is the breed of the dog?



French Mastiff



Poodle



German Shepherd



Dalmatian



Border Collie



Chihuahua

4. Nutrition is an important part of a professional soccer player's lifestyle. Do you know what Messi's favorite dish is?



Chicken Tikka



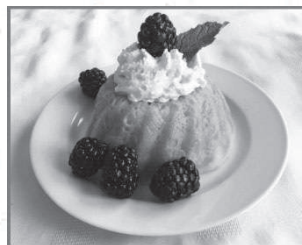
Ice Cream



Hamburger and Fries



Milanesa Napolitana



Sabrina Cake



Spaghetti Bolognese





2. Match the Player and the Country

Sean knows many names of famous soccer players and which country they represent at the World Cup.

Can you draw a line between the soccer player and his country?

1. Lionel Messi
2. Neymar JR
3. Mohamed Salah
4. Robert Lewandowski
5. Kevin De Bruyne
6. Virgil van Dijk
7. Antoine Griezmann
8. Sadio Mané
9. Harry Kane
10. Manuel Neuer
11. Son Heung-Min
12. Erling Haaland
13. Kylian Mbappe
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17. Christian Pulisic
18. Achraf Hakimi
19. Gareth Bale
20. Ritsu Doan

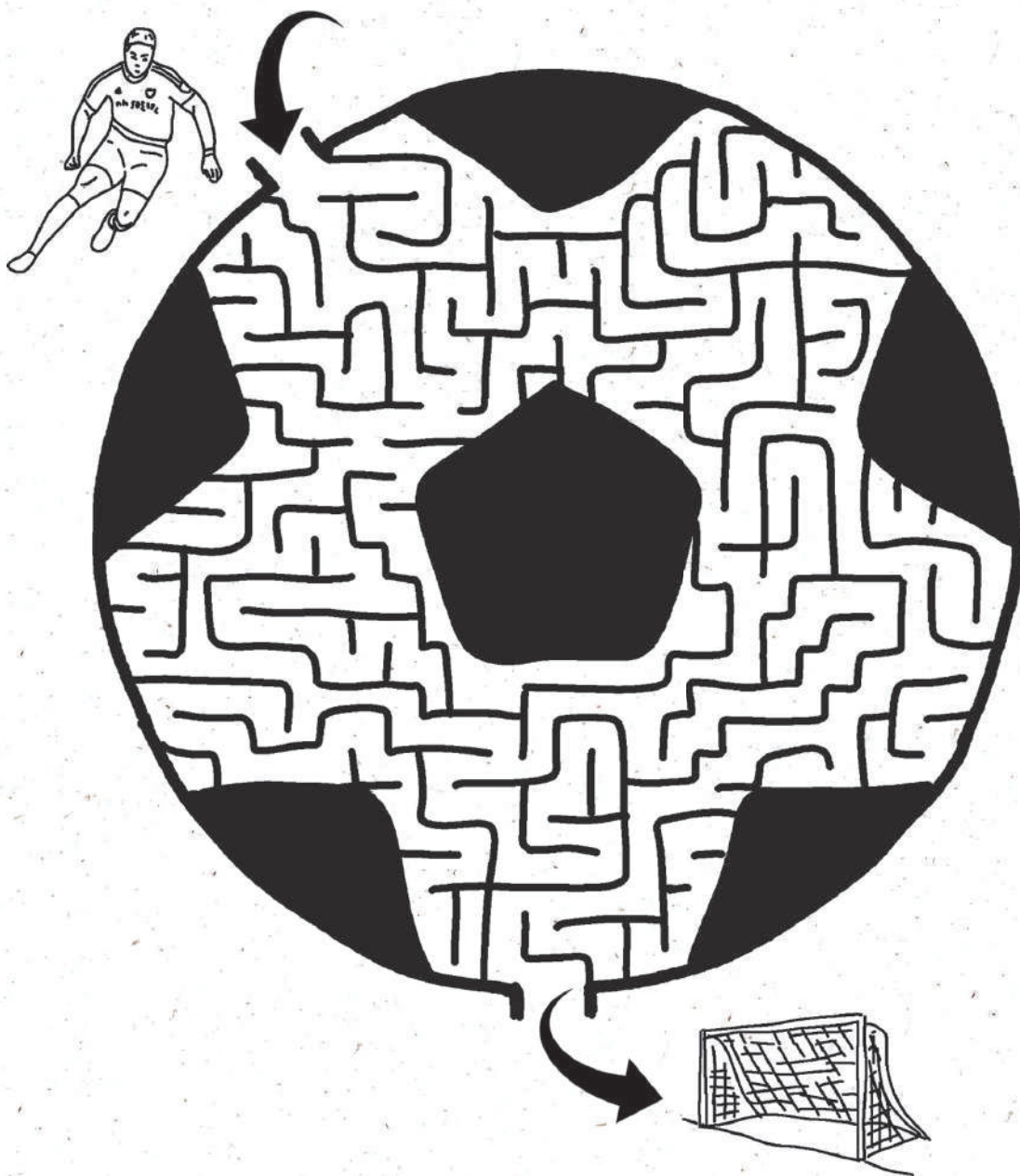
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- USA
- Wales
- Morocco
- Nederland
- Egypt
- Japan
- Poland
- Portugal
- Belgium
- France
- Senegal
- Argentina
- France
- United Kingdom
- South Korea
- Brazil
- Germany





3. "Find the Goal" Maze

Which way does this soccer player need to dribble to get to the goal?





4. Soccer Skills Word Search

What are the traits, characteristics, and skills an athlete needs to possess to excel as a soccer player? Many are listed below.

Find them! Search → ← ↗ ↘ ↓ ↑.

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Ball control

Team Player

Drive

Mental toughness

Coachability

Agility

Balance

Competitive mindset

Strength

Dribbling

Risk assessment

Coordination

Hard work

Dream Big

Leadership

Persistence

Responsibility

Passion

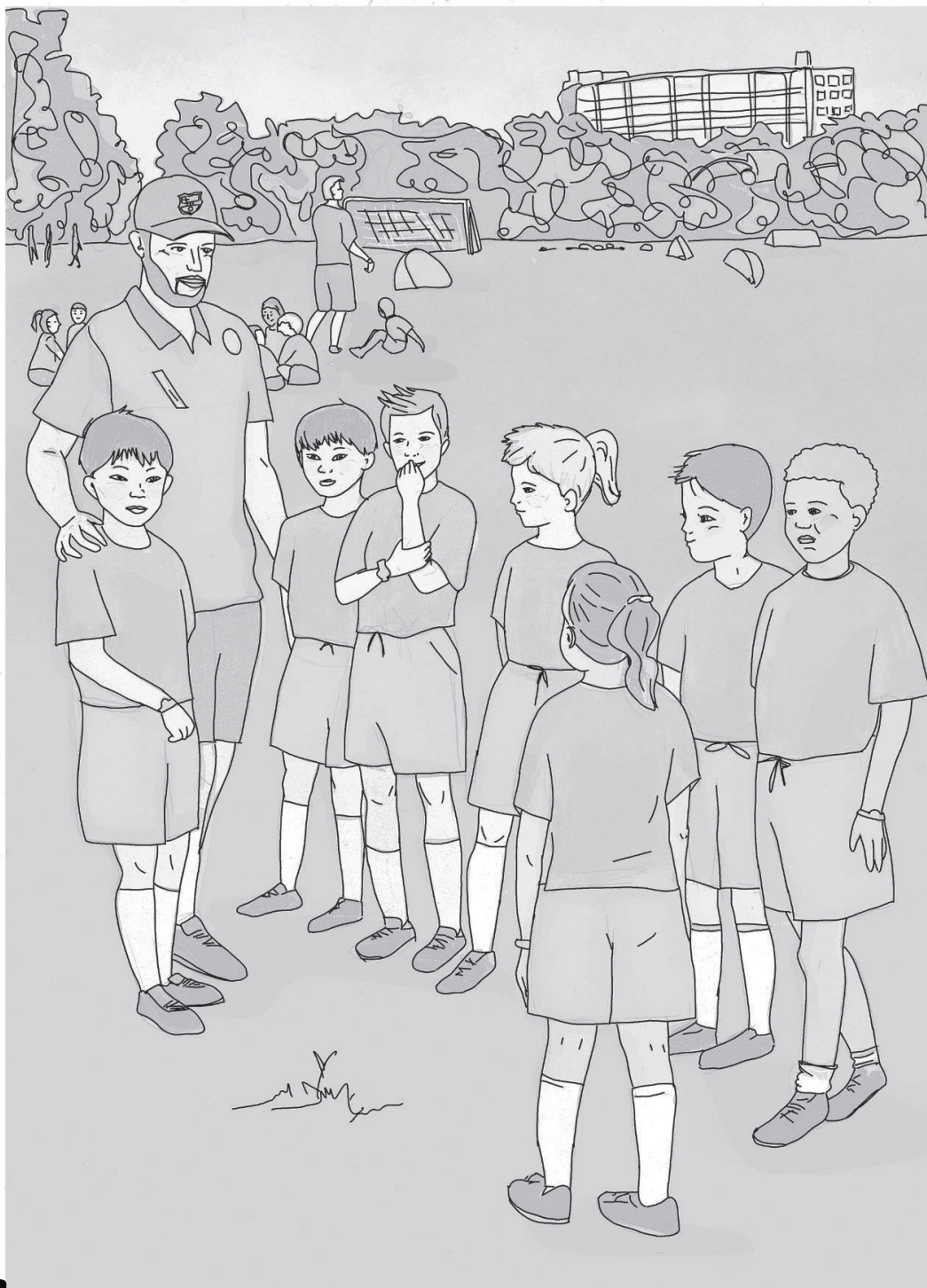
Game Intelligence

Stamina

Don't be afraid to make mistakes

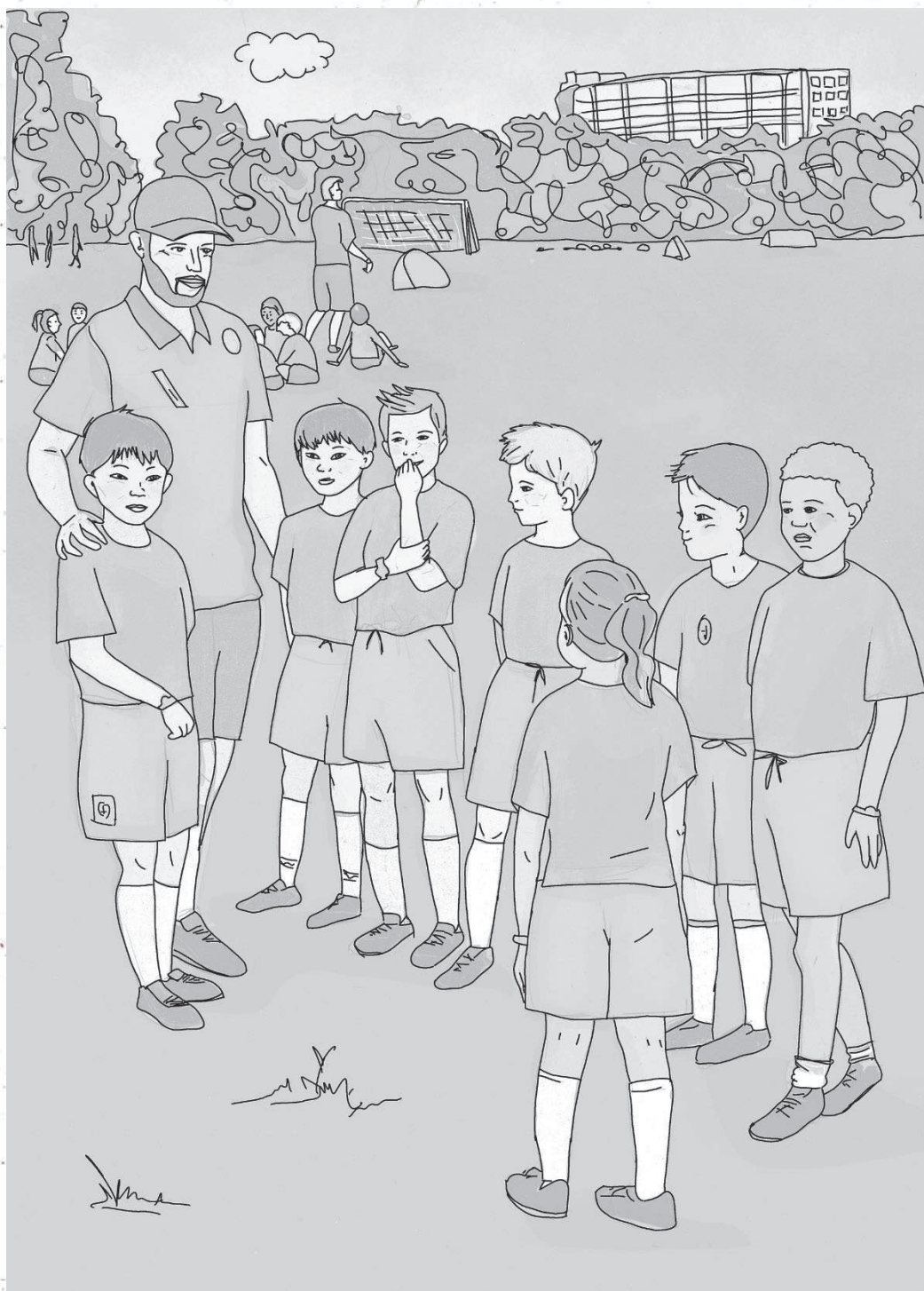


5. Soccer Summer Camp: Spot the Differences





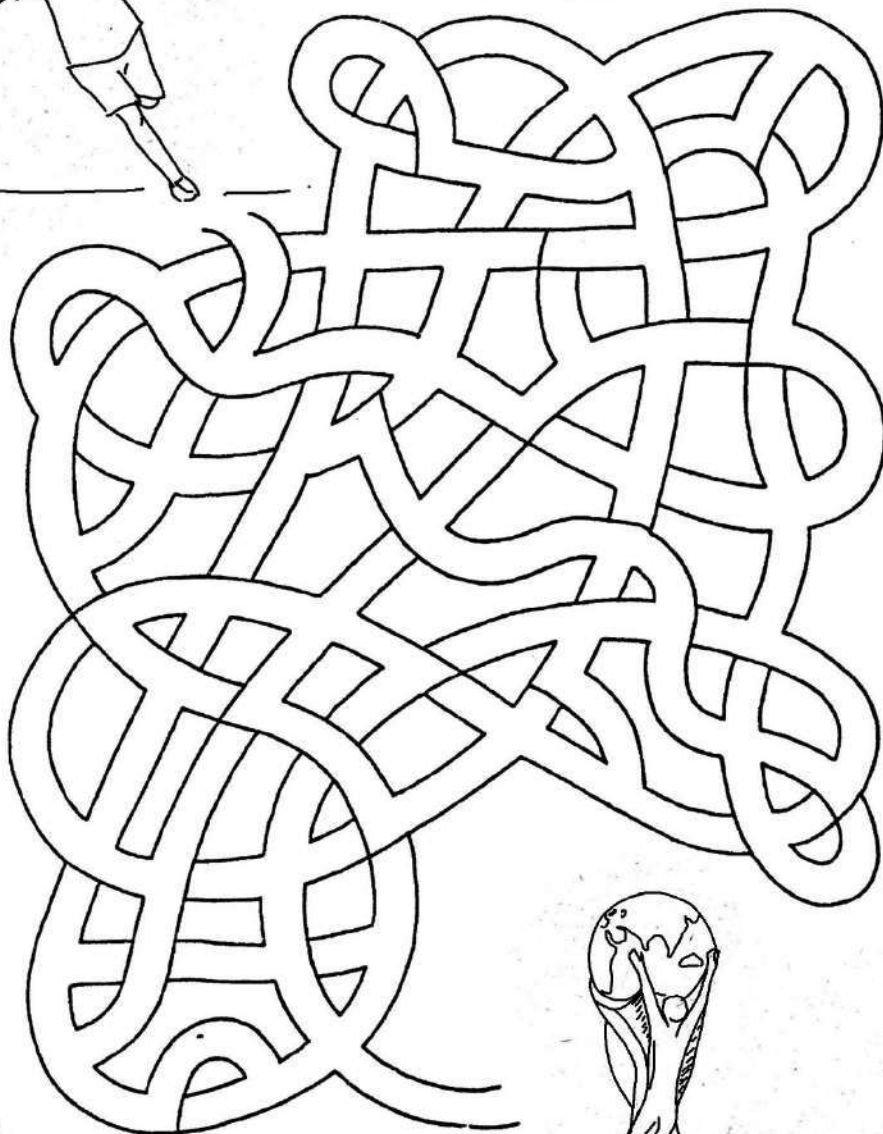
Sean signed up for a soccer summer camp in London (in Book 3: *Sean Tackles London*). The coach is explaining a new drill. Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures?





6. "Get to the Trophy" Maze

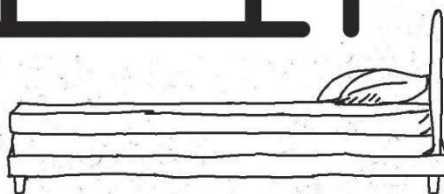
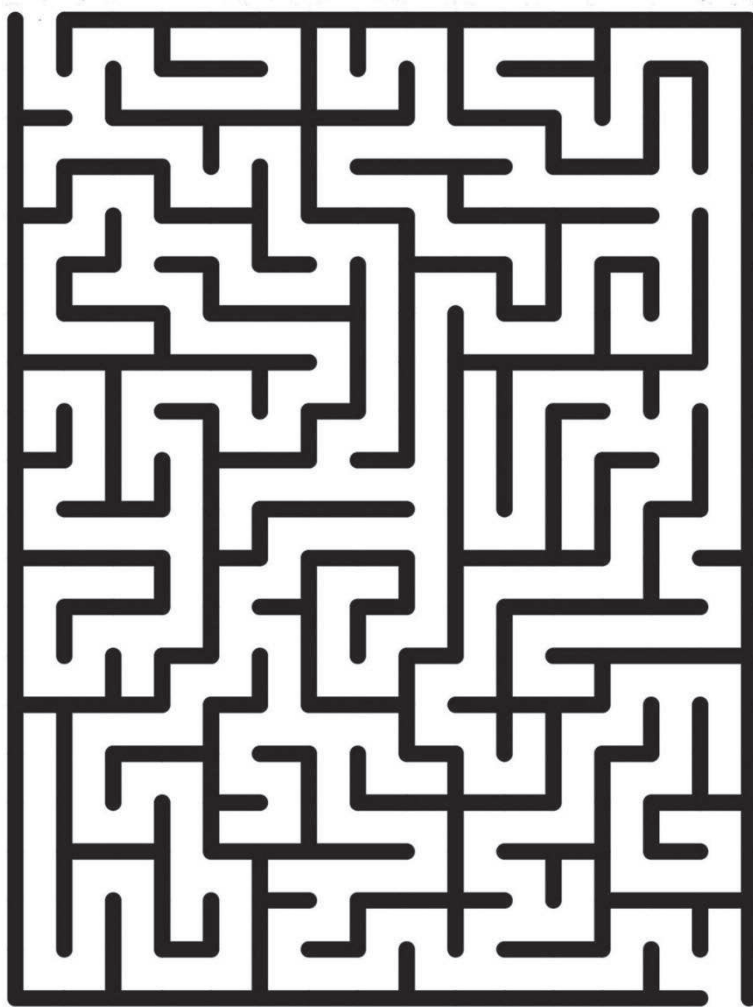
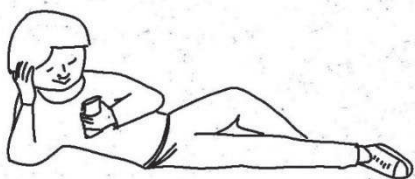
Which path should Leo Messi take to get to the World Cup trophy?





7. "Get to Bed on Time" Maze

Young athletes need to sleep 9 hours per night.
Can you help Sean get to his bed?





8. Countries that have Hosted the World Cup Crossword

A crossword of the countries that have hosted the soccer World Cup.

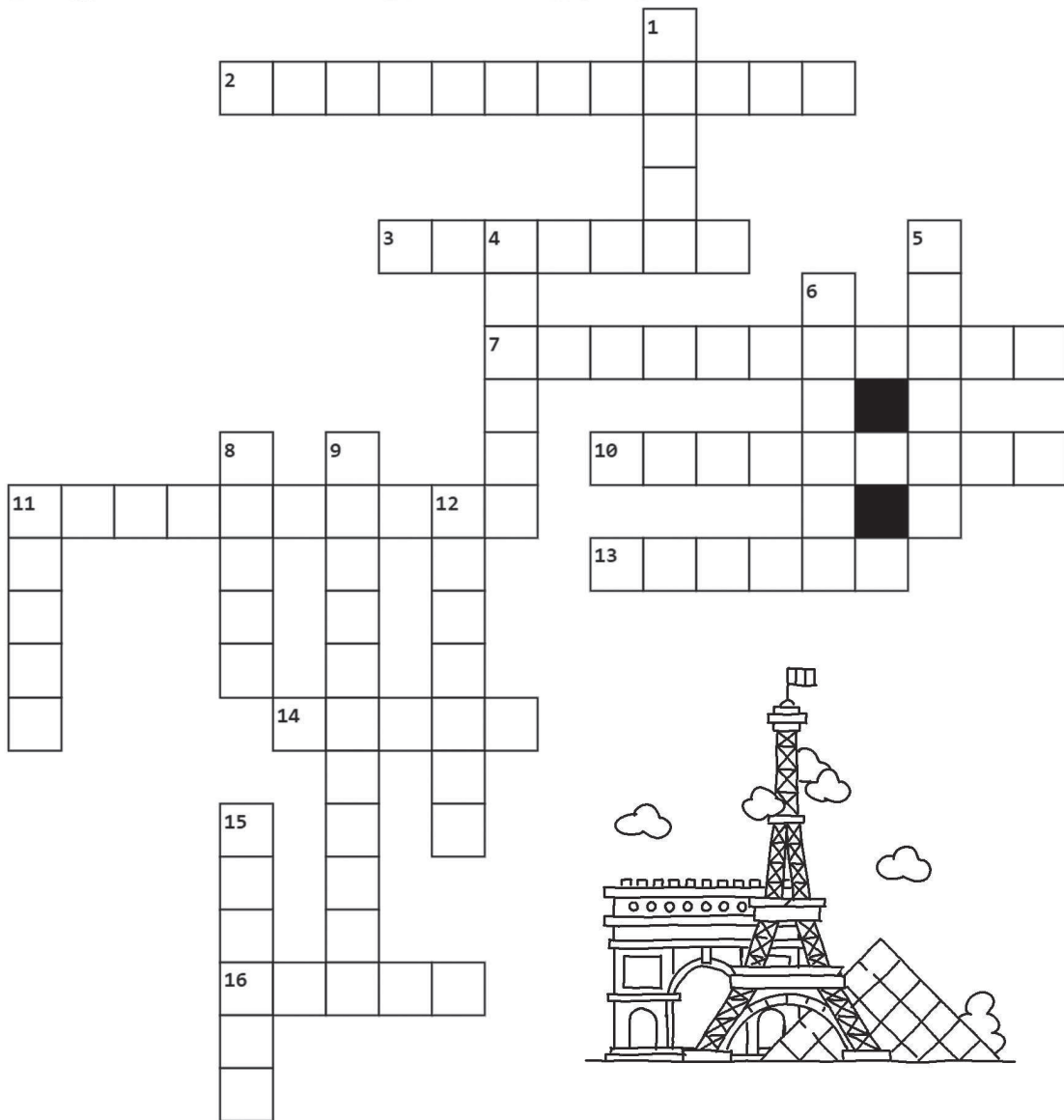
Across

- 2.** Where New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco are.
- 3.** Home of famous soccer clubs like Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund.
- 7.** A country in Europe famous for its chocolates, cheese, clocks, and banks.
- 10.** The homeland of Lionel Messi.
- 11.** A country in the far east, home of K-pop, Gangnam Style, and the soccer player Son Heung-Min.
- 13.** A country in Scandinavia, famous for Ikea and meatballs. The capital city is Stockholm.
- 14.** The Arab country that hosted the World Cup in 2022.
- 16.** Home of famous soccer clubs like Juventus, Benfica, and Napoli.

Down

- 1.** Land of the original ninjas, karaoke, sushi, and sumo wrestling.
- 4.** The country that hosted the World Cup in 2018. Known for cold winters and the Red Square.
- 5.** Land of the Amazon rainforest and where Neymar and Pele were born.
- 6.** Where the Eiffel Tower stands and where Mbappé and Griezmann were born.
- 8.** A country in South America. The capital city is Santiago.
- 9.** The country on the southern tip of Africa, where Cape Town is.
- 11.** A country on the Mediterranean Sea where Messi played for most of his career.
- 12.** The home of soccer, David Beckham, and Big Ben.
- 15.** A country in Central America famous for beautiful beaches, pyramids, tacos, and burritos.







9. Run from Messi's Dog: Spot the Difference





In Book 2, *Sean Goes to Barcelona*, Sean and his mom run from Messi's dog. Can you spot 10 differences between the illustrations?





10. Soccer Clubs Word Search

Find the names of these famous soccer clubs.

Search → ← ↗ ↘ ↓ ↑

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Liverpool

Juventus

Inter Milan

Chelsea

Paris Saint-Germain

Borussia Dortmund

Bayern Munich

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Manchester United

Arsenal

Tottenham Hotspur

AC Milan

Real Madrid

Benfica

LA Galaxy

Sevilla

Atletico

Leicester City

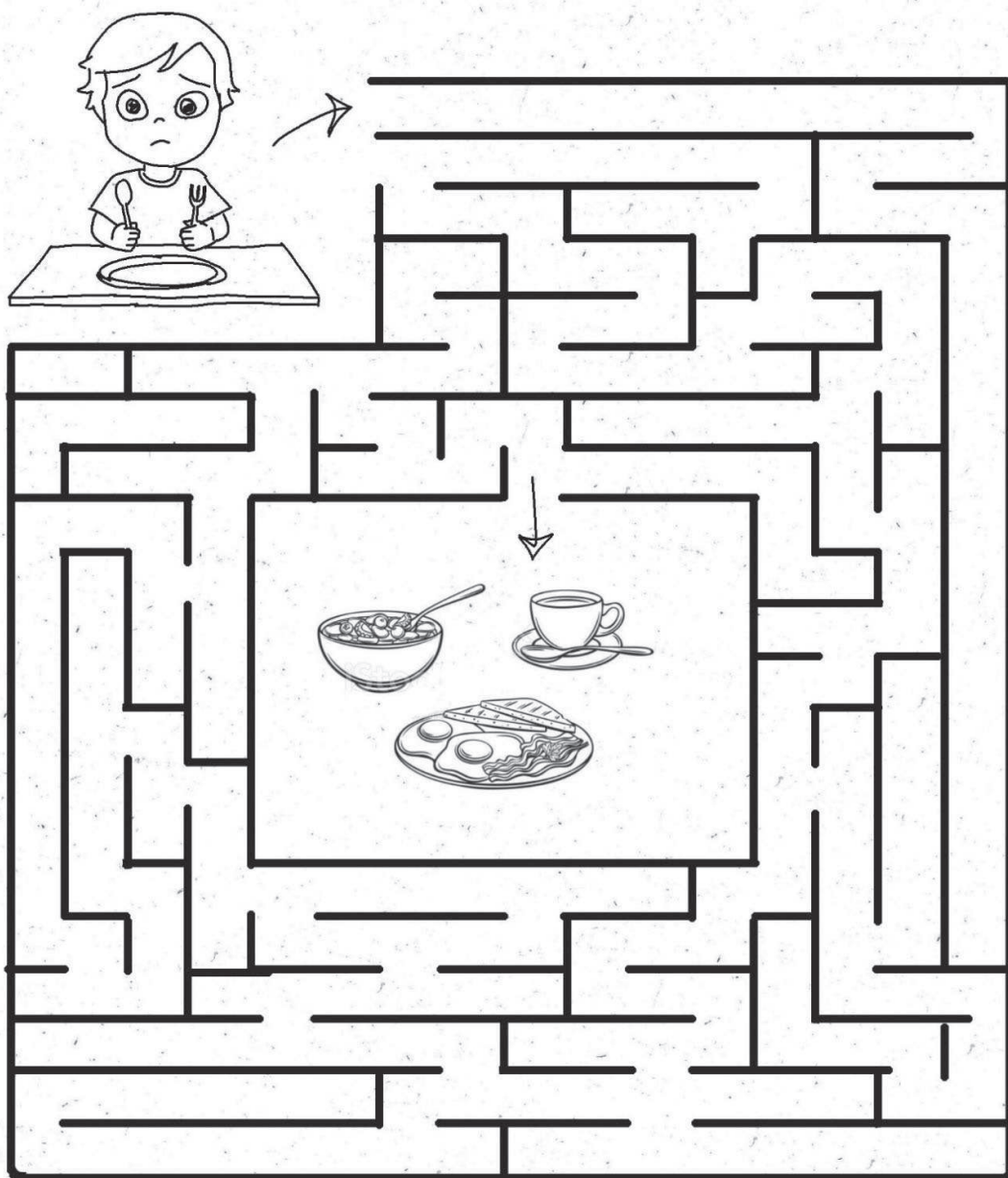




11. "Get to Breakfast" Maze

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Get to breakfast before it gets cold!





12. Soccer Terms Crossword

You want to be a soccer player? You must know all these terms.

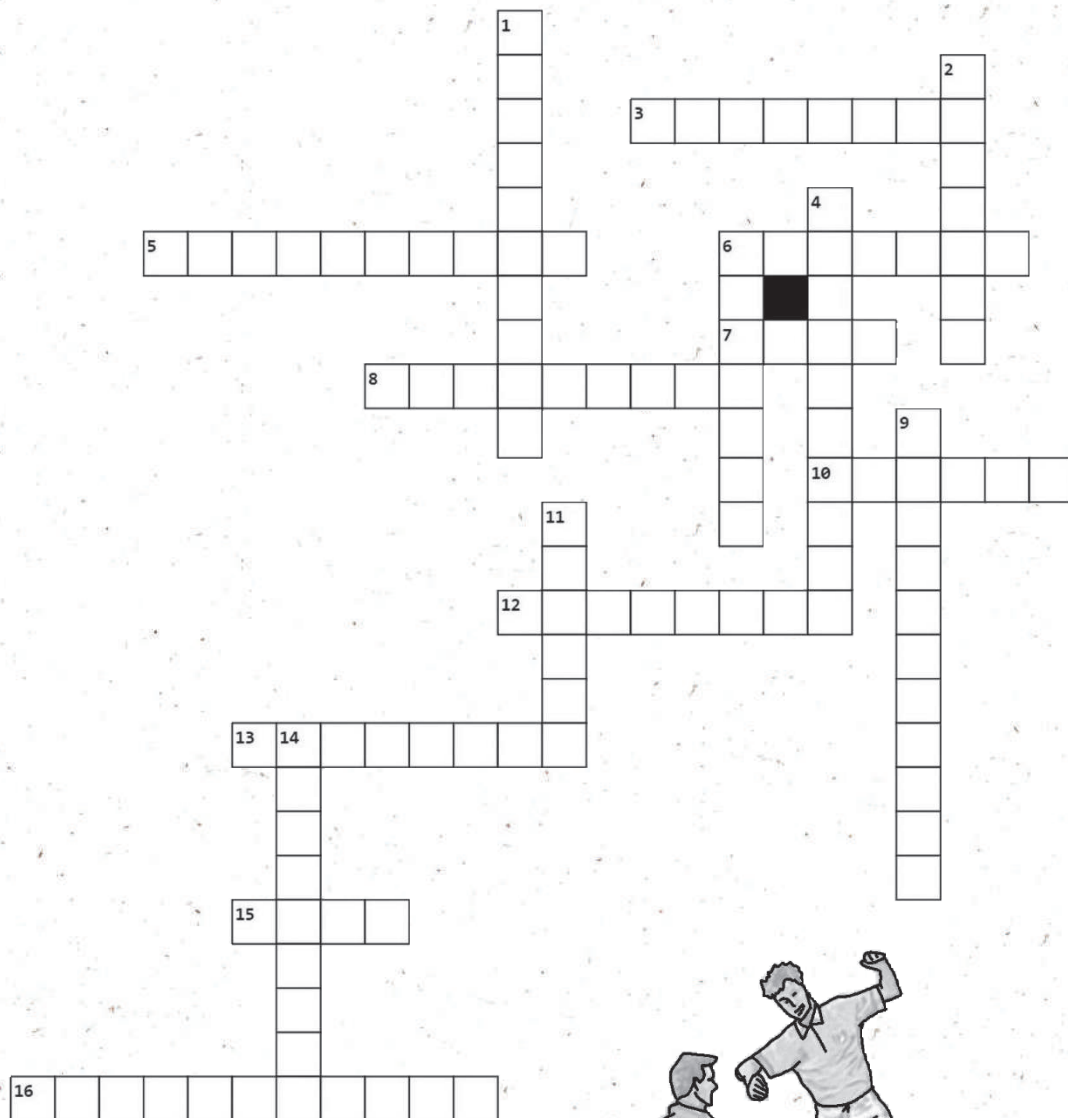
Across

- 3. When the match is played not on the team's home field.
- 5. A player whose usual position is in the central area of the playing field between the two goals.
- 6. When a player performs actions that result in them or their team scoring a goal on themselves.
- 7. An unfair act by a player.
- 8. The white lines that mark the outer boundaries of a soccer field.
- 10. When a player goes at an attacking player and successfully stops possession and ball movement without committing a foul.
- 12. The interval between the two halves of a match.
- 13. The player who is positioned closest to their own goal and is tasked with stopping the other team from scoring.
- 15. Placement of a number of defenders, shoulder to shoulder, in order to block the goal from a nearby free kick.
- 16. The money that is paid by a club that wants to sign a player from another club.

Down

- 1. The player positioned in front of the goal whose job is to prevent the ball from entering it.
- 2. A punishment for a foul where the player must leave the field immediately.
- 4. Time added by the referee at the end of each half to make up for time lost.
- 6. A rule that states that during a move, an attacking player, when in the opposition half, must have at least two opposition players, including the goalkeeper, between them and the opposition goal when a pass is being played to them.
- 9. Acrobatic strike where a player kicks an airborne ball rearward in midair.
- 11. When a player hits the ball with their head.
- 14. Term for two 15-minute halves, played only if the game ends in a draw.



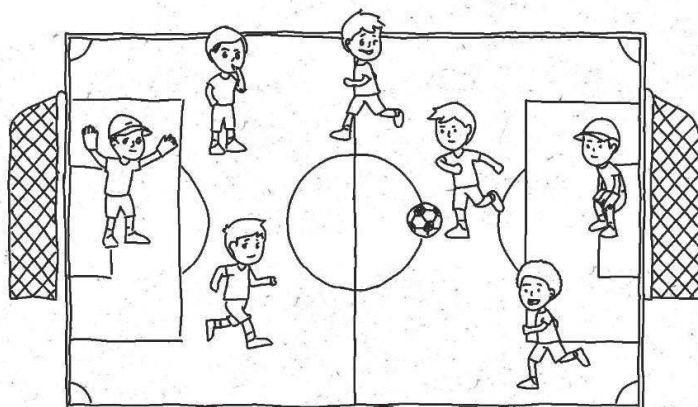
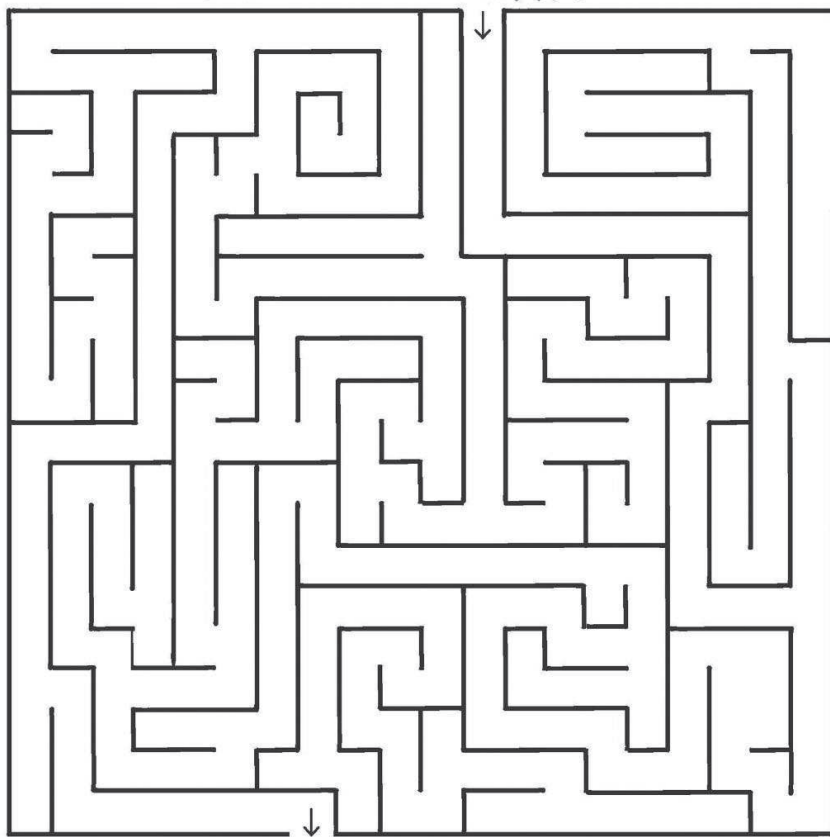
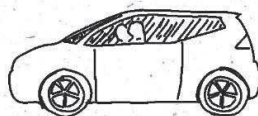




13. "Get to Practice" Maze

Mommy drives Sean to practice. (In book 1)

Can you help them find the way?





14. Soccer Players Word Search

Can you find the names of the soccer players hidden in this word search? Search → ← ↗ ↘ ↓ ↑

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Lionel Messi

Mohamed Salah

Robert Lewandowski

Antoine Griezmann

Son Heung-Min

Ousmane Dembele

Alisson

Neymar JR

Kevin De Bruyne

Harry Kane

Luka Modric

Kylian Mbappe

Virgil van Dijk

Casemiro

Cristiano Ronaldo

Karim Benzema

Achraf Hakimi

Christian Pulisic

Manuel Neuer

Sadio Mané

Joao Cancelo





15. Cheering Crowd: Spot the Difference

You just scored your first goal in a game. The crowd is cheering you! Can you find 7 differences between the illustrations?







16. More Soccer Terms Crossword

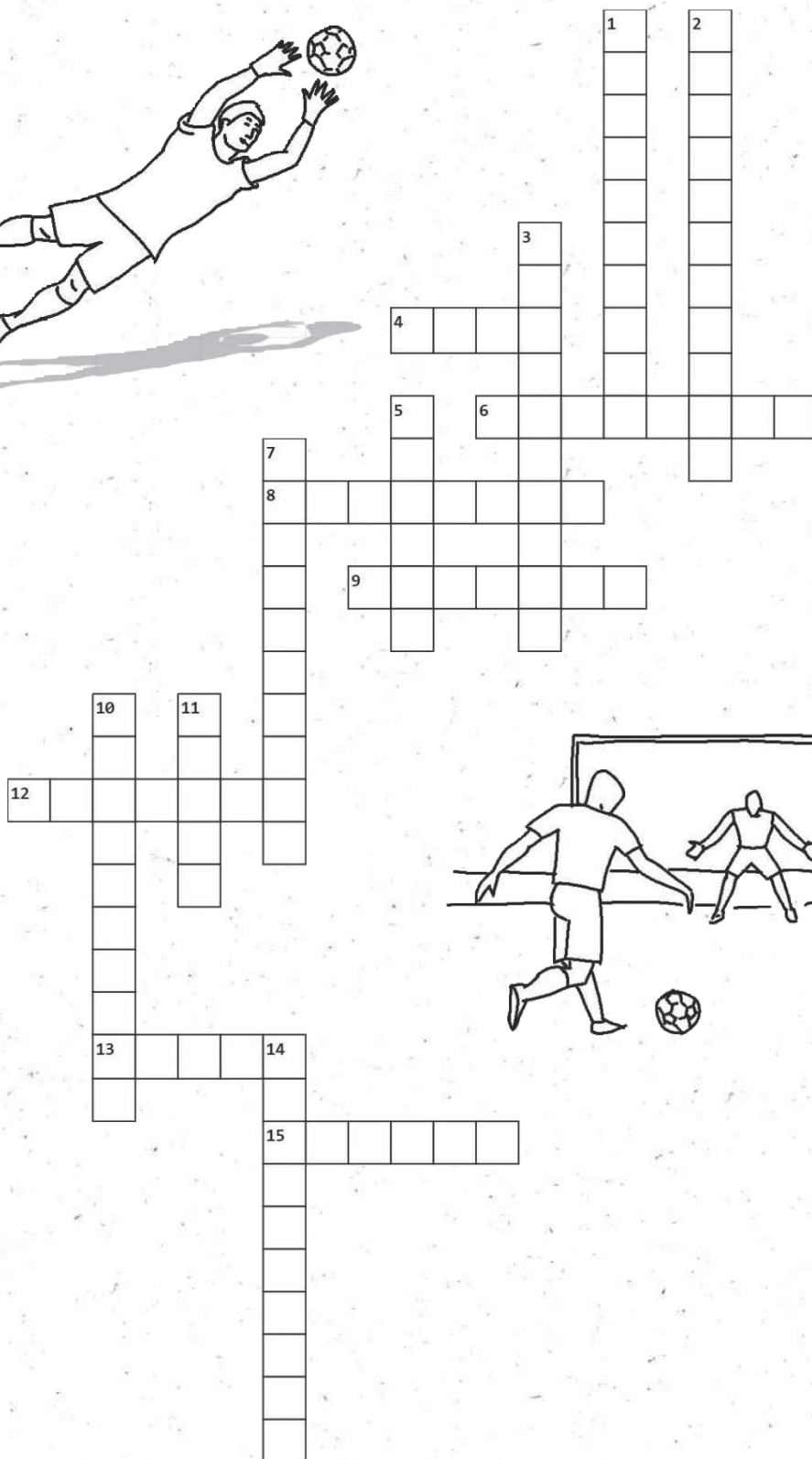
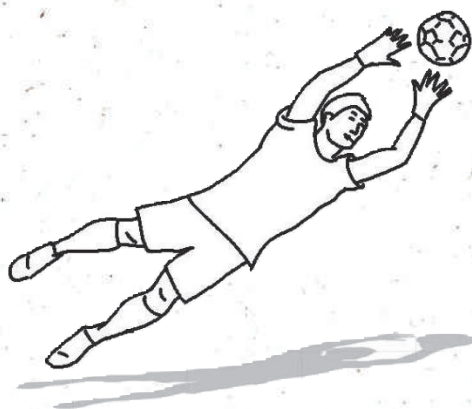
Across

- 4. When the ball passes over the goal line.
- 6. A tournament held every four years for national soccer teams.
- 8. Slang for when a player scores three times during a match.
- 9. A person responsible for enforcing the rules of the game during a match.
- 12. A position in soccer with the responsibility to score goals and to create scoring chances for other players.
- 13. Pieces of training equipment made from plastic, set in lines to drill ball control and agility.
- 15. A special shoe worn by soccer players with plastic or metal pointed parts on the sole to prevent sliding.

Down

- 1. An award in the shape of a ball, presented by FIFA to the best soccer player.
- 2. Direct free kick awarded to a soccer player who's been fouled.
- 3. A card given to a player as a warning about their conduct on the field.
- 5. A technique where a player passes the ball between the opponent's legs.
- 7. A piece of equipment worn on the front of a soccer player's leg to protect it from injury.
- 10. A method of restarting play in soccer, awarded to an attacker when a defender plays the ball out of bounds over the end line.
- 11. A person who teaches and trains the members of a soccer team.
- 14. An organization formed to develop individual soccer players and team soccer.

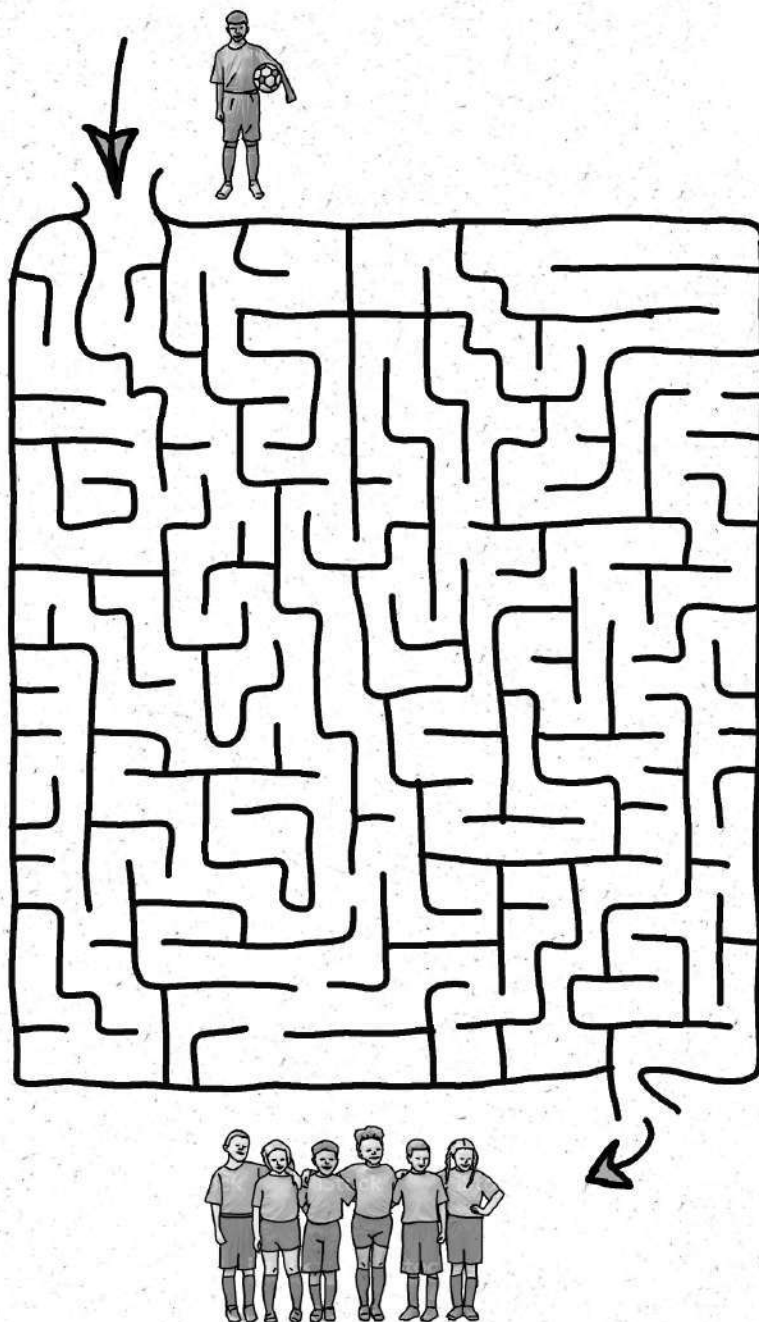






17. "Go Play Soccer" Maze

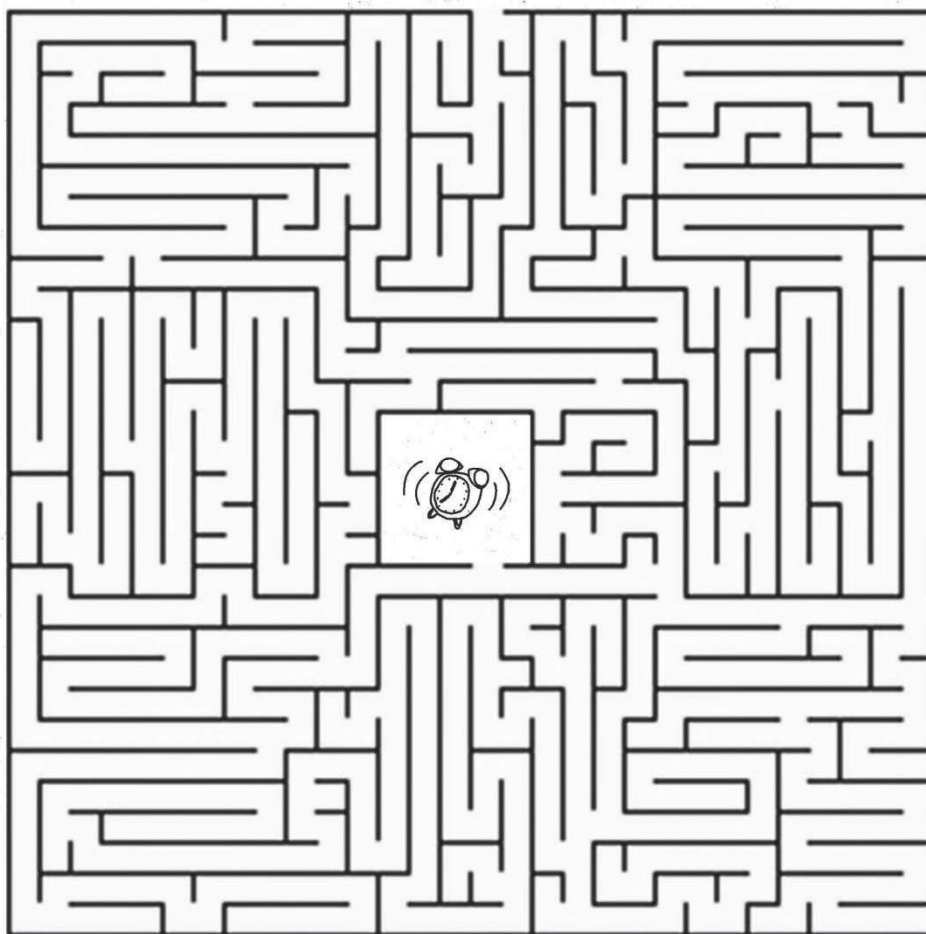
Your friends are waiting for you to play soccer.
Don't make them wait!





18. "Alarm Clock" Maze

The alarm is ringing! It's time to begin a new training day. Get to the alarm clock.





19. Kick the Ball into the Basket: Find the Differences





Read Book 3 to understand what's going on here. Meanwhile,
find the differences between the illustrations.





Answers

1. Messi Facts

1. Rosario, Barcelona, Paris
2. Newell's Old Boys (Argentina), Barcelona (Spain), PSG (France)
3. French Mastiff
4. Milanese Napolitana

2. Match the Player and the Country

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Lionel Messi | Argentina |
| 2. Neymar JR | Brazil |
| 3. Mohamed Salah | Egypt |
| 4. Robert Lewandowski | Poland |
| 5. Kevin De Bruyne | Belgium |
| 6. Virgil van Dijk | Nederland |
| 7. Antoine Griezmann | France |
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| 19. Gareth Bale | Wales |
| 20. Ritsu Doan | Japan |





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4. Soccer Skills Word Search

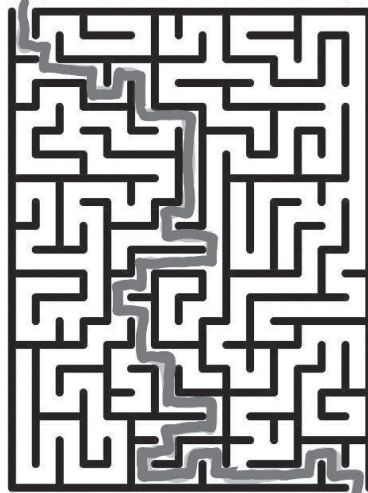
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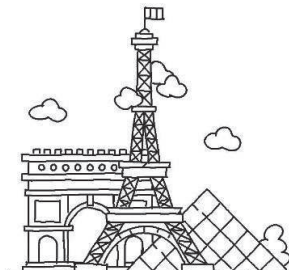
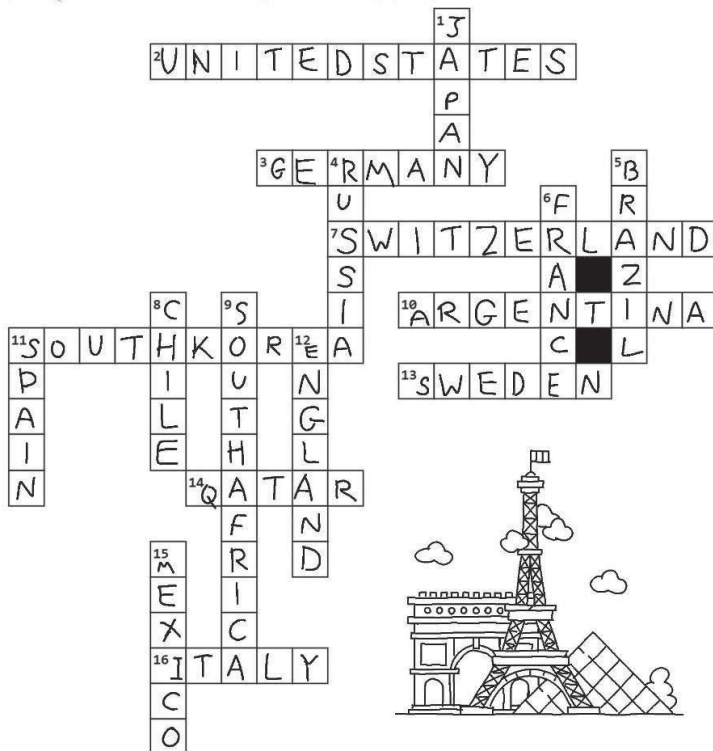
A black and white line drawing of a soccer player in mid-air, about to kick a large, tangled ball. The ball is composed of many overlapping, thick, black-outlined loops, resembling a complex knot or a very tangled ball of yarn. The player is wearing a short-sleeved jersey and shorts. In the bottom right corner, there is a small, stylized drawing of a soccer trophy.



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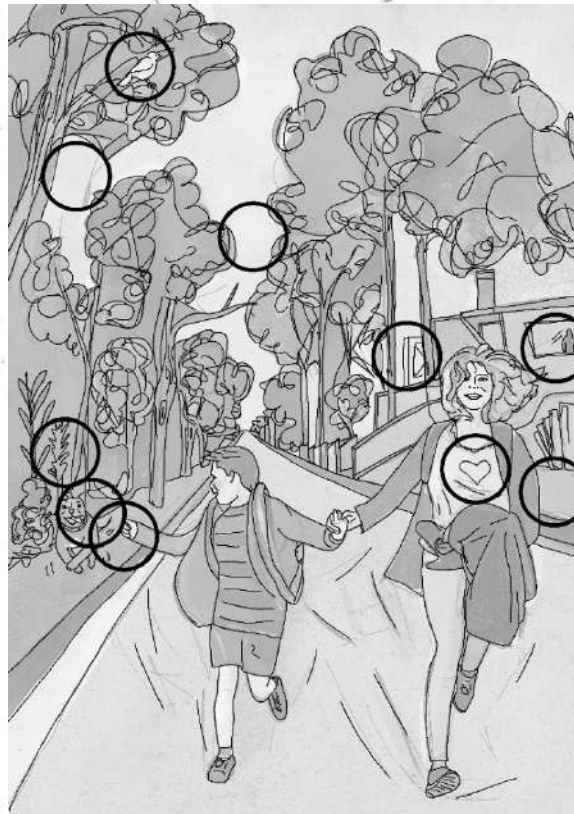


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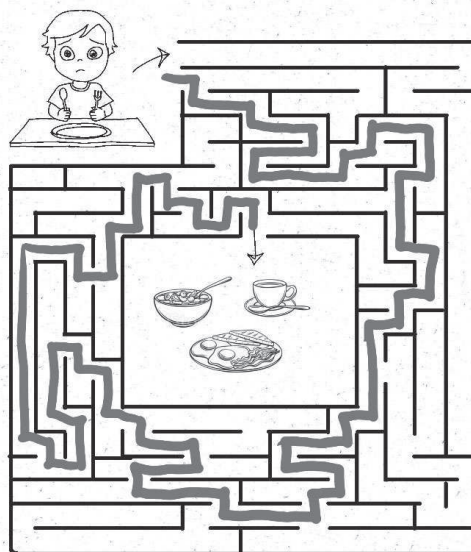
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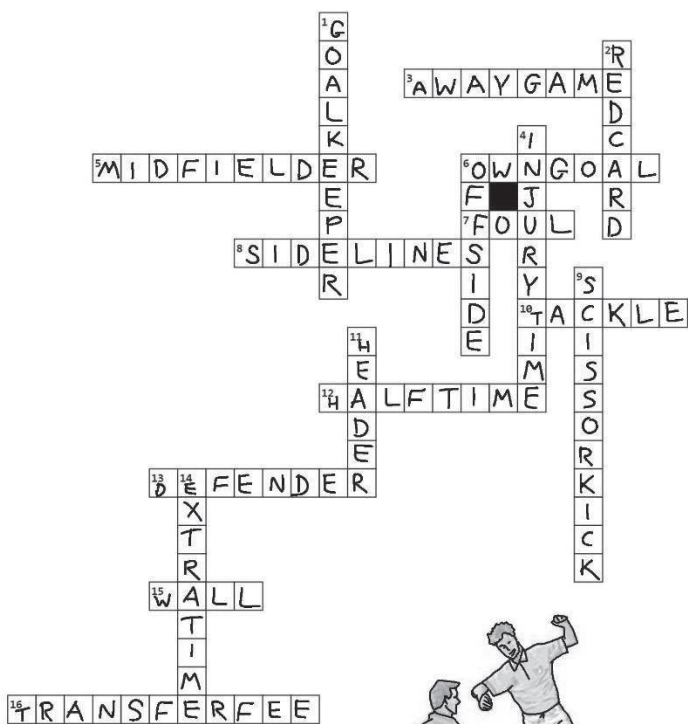




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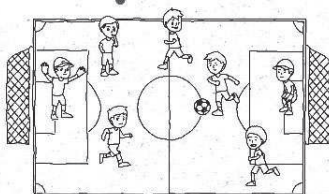
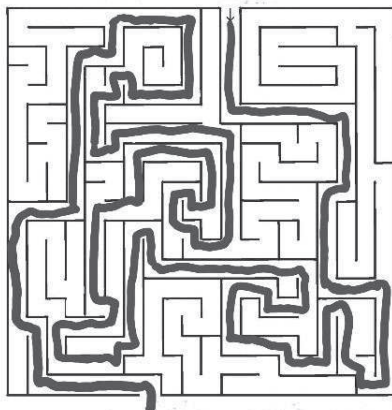


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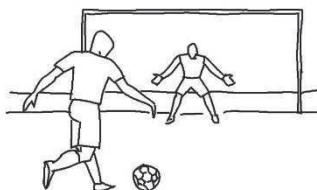
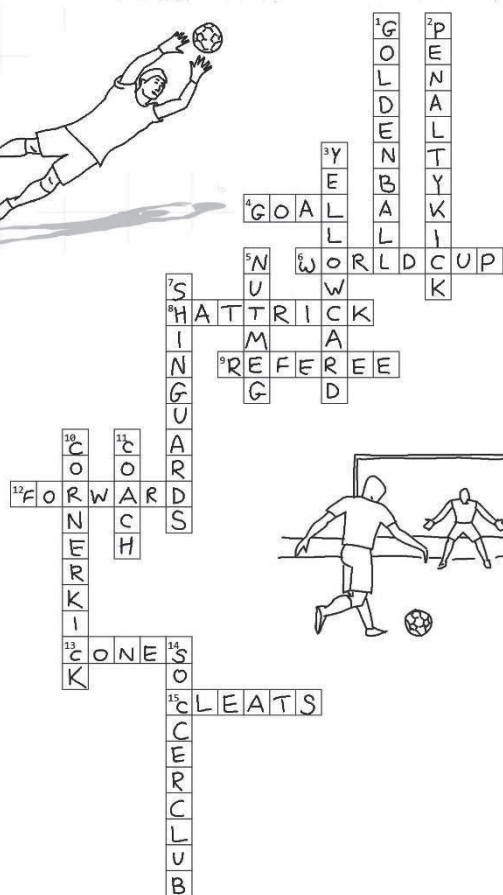
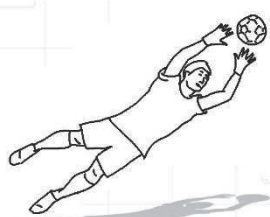




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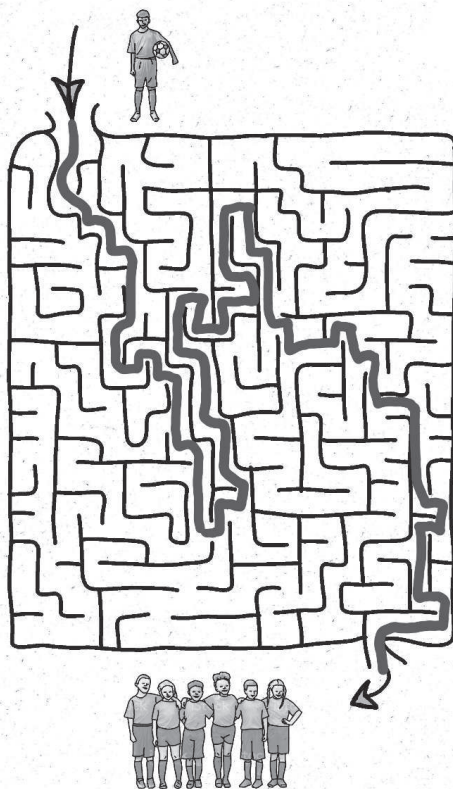


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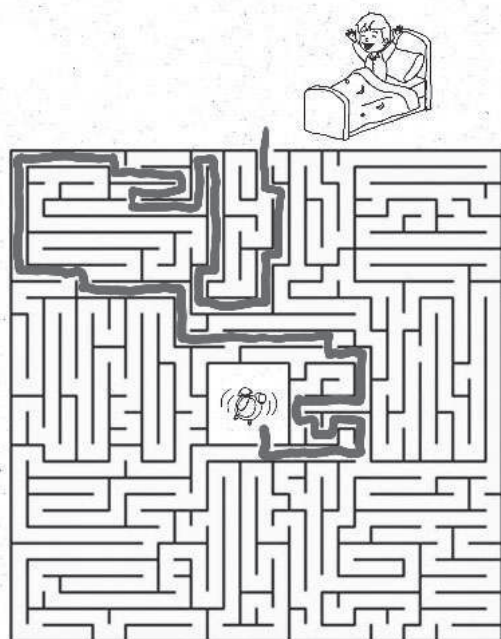




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