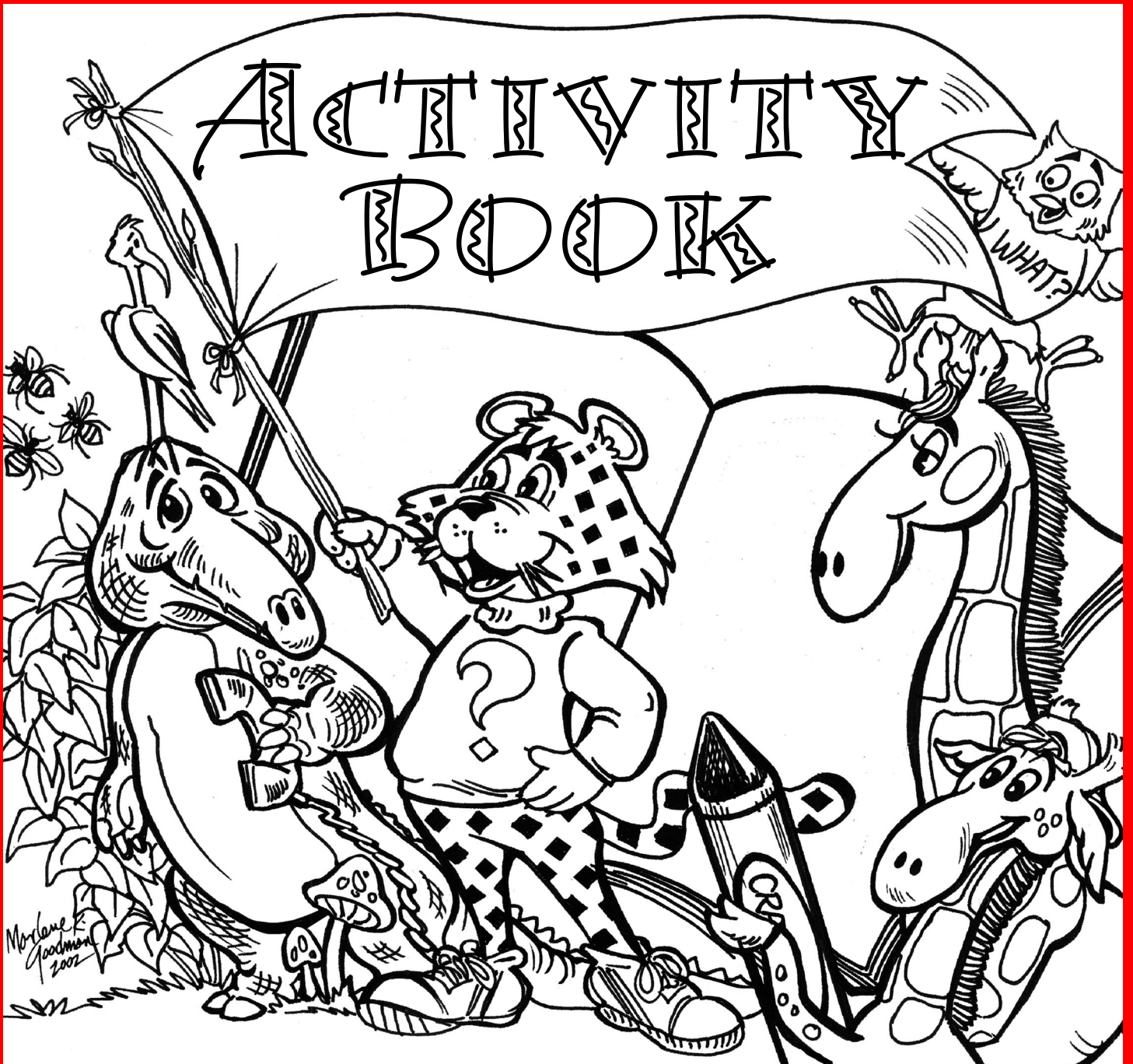


# The Illinois Poison Center Poison Prevention



Call 1-800-222-1222

Hi, I'm Polly the giraffe and this is my son, Paul. Let's learn about poison safety. A poison is something that can hurt your body if it is used in the wrong way. That is why you should always ask first before touching or tasting anything.



# Poisons Come in Many Forms

Poisons can be found in many shapes, sizes and colors. It can be hard to tell if something is a poison. A poison can make you sick if you touch it, taste it, drink it, smell it or get sprayed by it.

Help Polly find her friends. Watch out for the poisons!

## SOLIDS



Make-Up



Pills



Mushrooms



Poison Ivy

## SPRAYS



Hair Spray



Bug Spray



Gasoline



Smoke

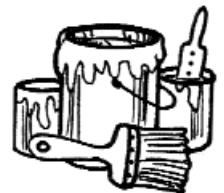
## LIQUIDS



Bleach and Cleaners

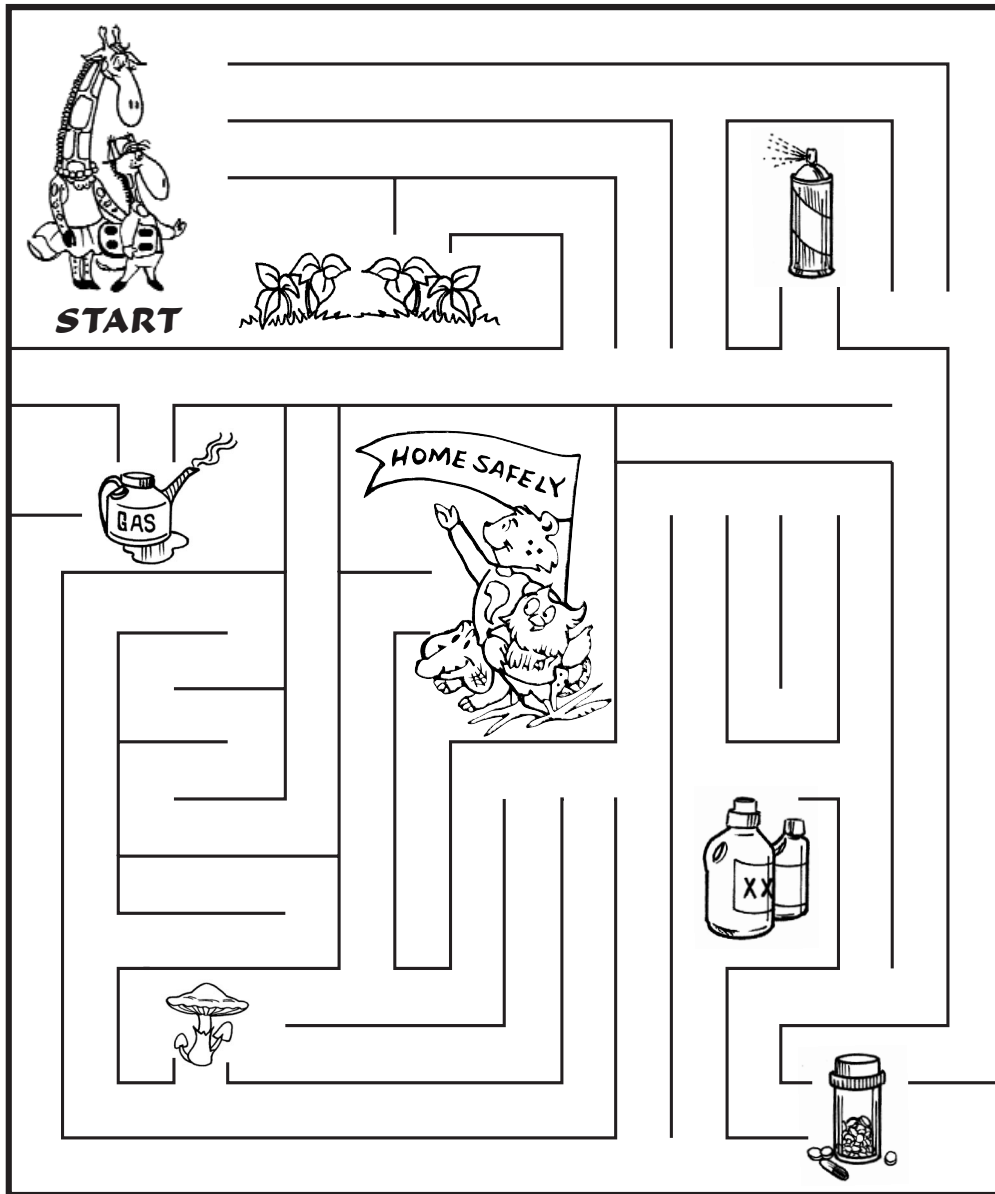


Mouthwash



Paint

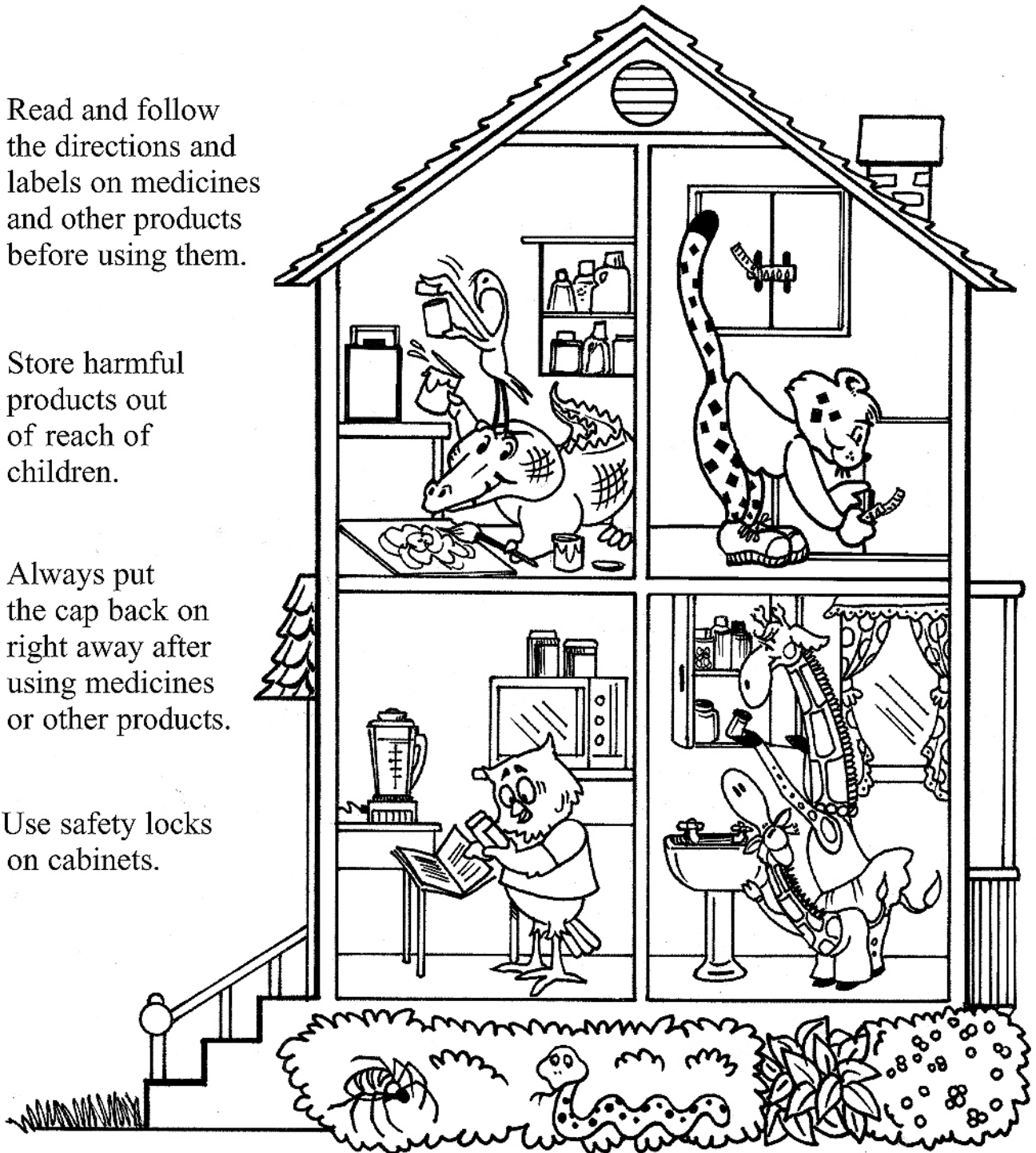
## GAS



## Home Safety

Poisons can be found in many places in our homes. Grown-ups use many products to clean the house. These products are safe when they are used in the right way. They become poisons when they are used the wrong way. Make sure your home is safe from poisons.

1. Read and follow the directions and labels on medicines and other products before using them.
2. Store harmful products out of reach of children.
3. Always put the cap back on right away after using medicines or other products.
4. Use safety locks on cabinets.



Match the safety tips to the correct picture in the house.



## Medicine Safety



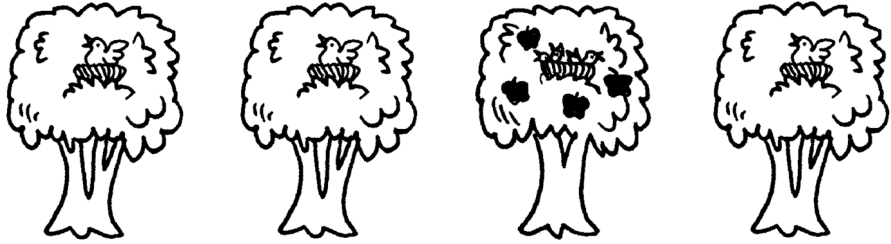

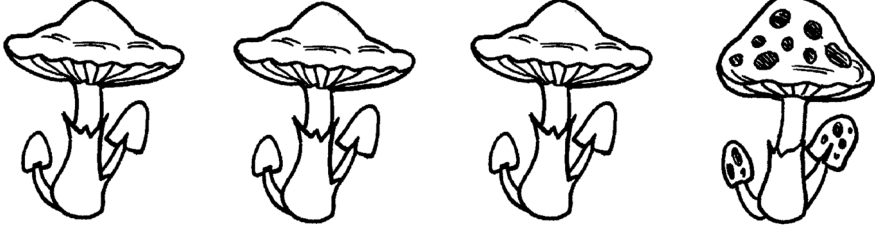
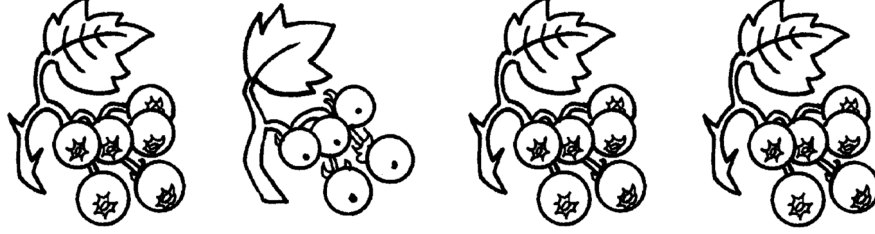
**Find and circle the underlined words in the puzzle above. They can be across, down or diagonal. (Answers on Page 10)**

1. Medicine is not candy.
2. Only take medicine from a trusted adult.
3. Tell an adult if you feel sick.
4. Always ask an adult before you touch, smell or taste anything.
5. Only take the number of vitamins a grown-up gives you.

## Plants

Some plants, flowers and trees can make you sick or give you an itchy rash if you touch them or taste them. Always ask first before touching flowers, berries and mushrooms. Never put them in your mouth.

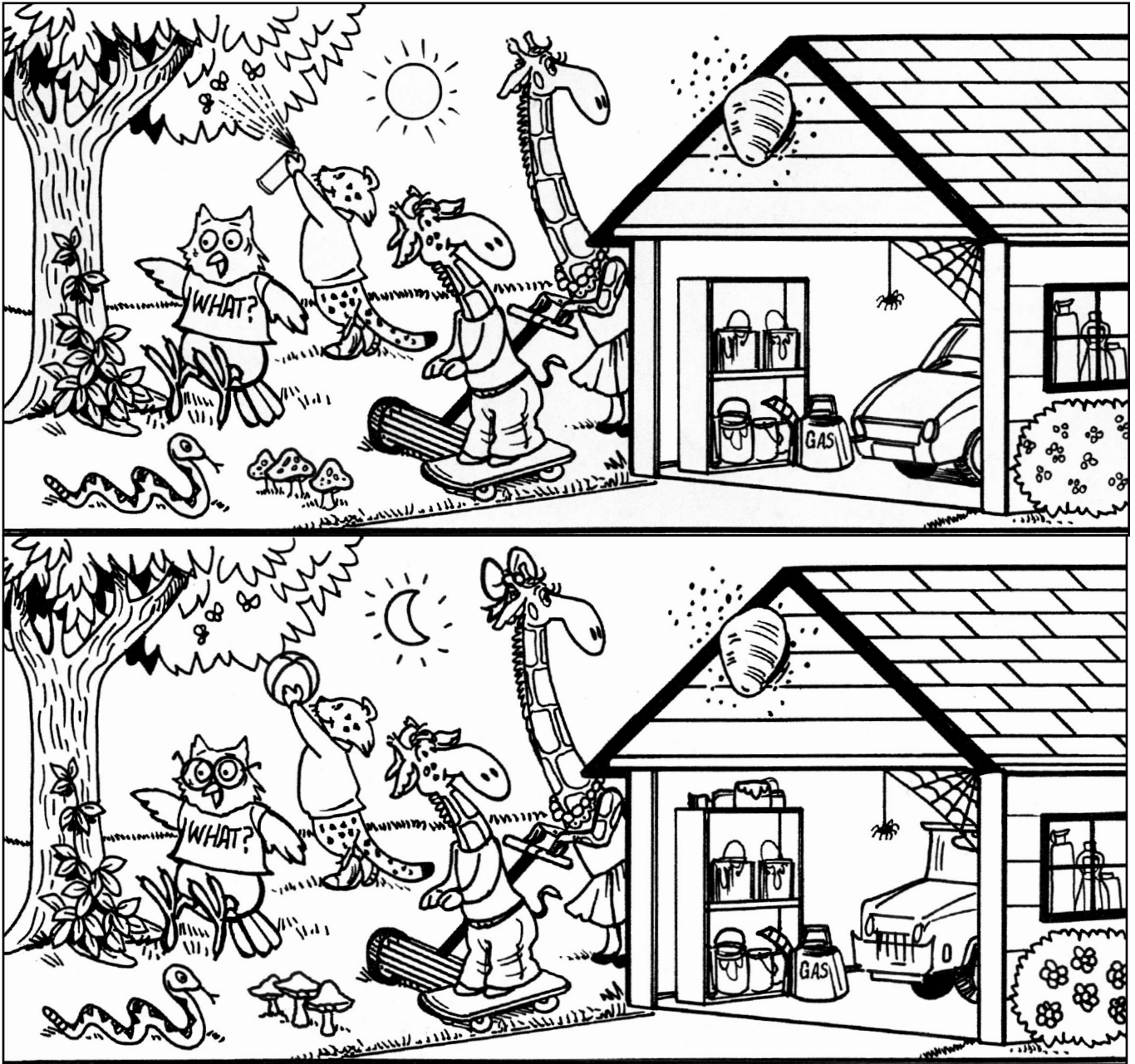
**Circle the one that is different.**

Tree	
Plant	
Mushroom	
Berries	

## Poisons Outdoors

Many things stored in a garage or outside can hurt you. Adults, keep all products in their original containers with their original labels. Kids, stay away from all of these products.

Can you find the 8 differences between the two pictures? For a second activity, go through and put an X on anything that could be a poison.



**ANSWERS:** 1) Moon instead of sun. 2) Beach ball instead of bug spray. 3) Mushrooms are different. 4) Flowers on bush instead of berries. 5) Different car in garage. 6) Added bow onto Polly's head. 7) Paint cans on top of shelf in garage. 8) Glasses on Owl. The poisonous objects found in the pictures are gas, mushrooms, snake, bees, spider, spray, paint, liquids in garage window, berries and Poison Ivy.

## Calling for Help

If you think someone has been poisoned, ask an adult for help right away. Call the Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. Got a doubt? Check it out.

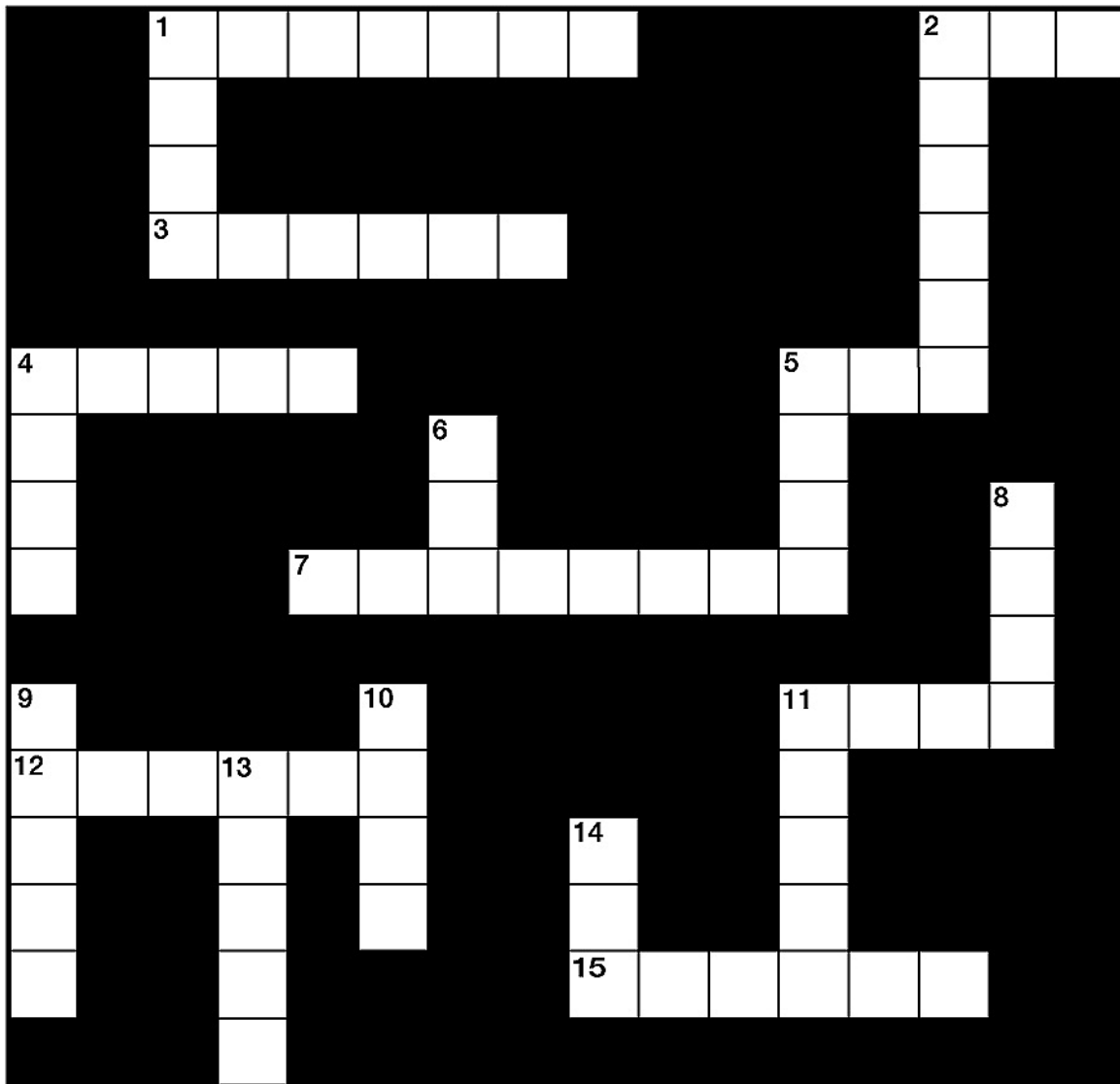


Hi! I'm Checkers the Cheetah and  
I'm calling right away to check it out.



## Poison Crossword Puzzle

(Answers on Page 10)



### Across

1. Room where you cook.
2. First \_\_\_\_.
3. This insect has 8 legs.
4. Poisons come in 4 \_\_\_\_.
5. What a car needs to drive.
7. You take \_\_\_\_ if you are sick.
11. If someone is poisoned, ask an adult for \_\_\_\_.
12. A \_\_\_\_ is something that can harm your body.
15. Always read the \_\_\_\_ before using household products.














### Down














2. \_\_\_\_ ask first.
4. \_\_\_\_ is what you eat.
5. Use \_\_\_\_ to stick things together.
6. Peanut butter \_\_\_\_ jelly.
8. Use \_\_\_\_ when washing your hands.
9. Hair \_\_\_\_ or bug \_\_\_\_.
10. You should \_\_\_\_ the Texas Poison Center Network's number: 1-800-222-1222.
11. Poisons can be found in all rooms of your \_\_\_\_.
13. A bee can \_\_\_\_ you.
14. Motor \_\_\_\_.

# Break the Code





Use the picture to figure out the safety rule.  
The first letter is done for you.

*(Answer on Page 10)*





A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
												

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
												



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# Protect Your Family From Poisons

Poison prevention and education is a job for the entire family. Inside this activity book you'll find fun educational games, along with safety tips on how to be "poison smart." We encourage you to make this activity book an active learning process for the entire family.

## Did You Know?

There is one nationwide, toll-free poison center number, 1-800-222-1222, that will connect you with a poison center from anywhere in the United States. **If you suspect a poisoning, don't wait for symptoms to appear – call 1-800-222-1222.**

Illinois Poison Center (IPC) experts provide treatment recommendations and advice 24 hours a day on questions related to medicine interactions, overdoses, household products, alcohol or drug misuse, food poisoning, bites, stings and more.

Poisoning is one of the leading causes of health emergencies for children in Illinois. In fact, 70 percent of poisoning cases reported to the IPC involve young people under the age of 20. Nearly 80 percent of poisoning cases are safely treated over the phone by IPC staff, avoiding a visit to the hospital emergency department or doctor's office.

## How Safe Is Your Home?

Follow these poison prevention tips to make your home a safer place:

- Make sure all potential poisons are properly stored up high and out of the reach of children.
- Use child-resistant safety locks on cabinets.
- Keep medicines and household products in their original containers with original labels.
- Always read labels before using medicine, cleaners and other products.

## Call for Free Poison Prevention Information

For a free magnet, IPC telephone stickers, a list of toxic plants and other poison-prevention information, contact the IPC at **1-800-222-1222** visit the IPC Web site at [www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org](http://www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org).



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