



## INTRODUCTION

We have prepared a fun DIY Easter escape game that your little ones can play at home. The game is easy to set up with some basic stuff you can find around your household. It requires minimal financial investment and very little time to make.

The object of the game is for kids to follow clues, solve riddles and collect Easter eggs, in order to find a prize or inspirational quote that you have left for them at the end of the game.

Just like in an escape room, you are now their game master who can give hints and point them in the right direction if they get stuck.

The game can be played in rooms of any size and allows you to hide a small or large gift for your youngsters.

It's quick and easy enough to make that you'll have enough time to prepare it secretly, even while spending the entire day at home with your kids. At the same time, it will give you something fun to do, especially if you're into arts and crafts.

We're giving you the easiest and simplest version of the game, but you're free to let your imagination loose and upgrade it as you like.

You can make the game easier or harder depending on your children's age. You can always come to us for any additional ideas as well.

Below are instructions on how to prepare the game, as well as an explanation of the flow of the gameplay.

All parts of the game that need to be printed are designed in such a way that you can also easily draw and write them out by hand. The game will be equally fun and playable even if you're unable to have everything printed.

If you loved playing this game why not try out our escape rooms for kids. Get 20% discount when booking online by entering the code **EasterGame22**. Code is valid until 30 April.

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We also have some suggestions on how you can spice the game up for your players. These suggestions are optional and are not required to run the game successfully.

#### **Additional Option 1:**

At the end of this PDF, you will find some photo props you can cut out and glue onto wooden skewers, BBQ sticks or straws. You can place them together with the final gift at the end of the game and take some photos of your little players wearing or holding these masks.

#### **Additional Option 2:**

To add a final WOW effect at the end of the game, you can set up some balloons on the outside of your front door and use masking tape to hold them in place. When your players open the front door, all the balloons will fall on them creating a WOW effect that will bring immense joy to your youngsters.

Important note: Only houses with a front door that opens toward the inside will be able to use this option. The balloons are set up from the outside, so you will need to use the back door to get back inside. If you don't have a back door to get back inside, you can have someone else help you from the outside who will set up the balloons for you.

You can find a short demo video [HERE](#).

## **SHOPPING LIST**

We have included all the instructions and printable game materials within this game PDF. You will also need to gather some additional items in order to set the game up.

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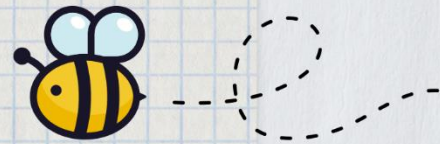


## ITEMS:

1. Scissors
2. 10 eggs
3. Paint for 10 eggs
4. Paper glue (any kind)
5. Paper fasteners or a small screw with a nut for assembling the circular decoder
6. String, kitchen string, twine or shoelaces - 3 pieces (about 40cm long each)
7. Shoebox (or any other kind of box about the size of a shoebox)
8. Some envelopes for letter or A4 paper format
9. 3D shapes of the numbers 2, 5, 8.

Any kind of 3D shapes of the numbers will work, as long as the players can figure out what the numbers are by touching them without looking. We suggest using number-shaped birthday candles, or you can cut their shapes out of thick cardboard.

10. Pen or pencil
11. Any kind of backpack



## OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- A basket in which the players can collect the eggs and sweets they find during the game. It will look much cuter.
- Balloons (as many as you want)
- Masking tape for the final WOW effect
- Some skewers, BBQ sticks or straws to make the mask props

### Preparation Time & Average Game Duration

This game is very easy to prepare and set up. Once you have gathered all the materials, it will take you around 20-30 minutes to put everything in place and set up the game.

### Ages and Number of Players

This game is a fun activity for the entire family. The puzzles are easy but interesting to do. The game is designed for ages 7-10 and up to 4 kids can play at one time.



# GAMEFLOW

This section provides an explanation of the game. It is a description of how the game is run and how the players will solve each puzzle.

All steps on how to set up the game and the materials you need to print out can be found at the end of this PDF. Each step is explained in the section STEPS FOR SETUP. The materials needed for the game can be found in the PRINT MATERIALS section along with the print instructions.

The game begins with you telling them a little story about how the Easter Bunny was so busy this year that he had to get his friend Mr. Fox to help him. You tell them that Mr. Fox has hidden a gift for them somewhere in your house and they need to look for clues, solve riddles and collect all the Easter eggs in order to find it.

After that, you will give them their first clue to start the game. The players will then start to solve the riddles, puzzles and decipher clues. With each clue, you will hide some eggs (the number of eggs per clue is not important, as long as they find all 10 eggs in the end). If you wish, you can also include some sweets or some other kind of treats.

The final puzzle of the game will lead them to a place where you have hidden the final prize (this can be whatever you like, some sweets, a gift, inspirational message, etc.).

## PUZZLE 01:

You hand or read CLUE #1 to the players.  
This is just a little riddle that the players need to solve.

The Easter Bunny was busy, he had to help his parents,  
so he asked Mr. Fox to help with the presents.  
Mr. Fox is cunning and always up to something,  
so he hid the presents to make you do some hopping.

Hop over to the place where you dream all night,  
There is a clue for you there to look at against the light.

**SOLUTION: BED**

The players will solve the riddle and go to the place where they sleep. If they like, they can bunny hop over to the bedroom.



## PUZZLE 02:

CLUE #2 is hidden somewhere around their bed. Suggestions on where to hide it and instructions on how to make it can be found in the section STEPS FOR SETUP.

The players will search around their bed and find CLUE #2 along with 1 - 2 previously prepared eggs. The text on the card reads:

Great work, you have solved it fast,  
But there is no time for you to rest.

Another challenge for you and your friends,  
Go and find where I hid the rest of the eggs.

The instruction on CLUE #1 told them to read the text on CLUE #2 against a light.

By doing so, they will see circles from the other side of the paper that are circling specific letters in the text.

SOLUTION: TABLE



## PUZZLE 03:

In the previous puzzle, the players got the location of the next puzzle at the TABLE.

You can use any kind of table you have in your home (dining table, coffee table, etc.).

There, the players will find an envelope taped to the underside of the table.

You will not leave any eggs with this clue under the table, because they will be too obvious and draw attention to the clue too early in the game.

In the envelope, the players will find a decoder list (CLUE #3b) and a paper hint (CLUE #3).

They need to read the paper hint (CLUE #3):

For your next challenge, you will have to think,  
Find where I hid three long pieces of string.

1 2 3

At this time, the players will run around the house in search of the string clues that you have hidden.

When they find all 3 strings, they will see that each string is marked with a number tag and has attached to it different symbols that can be found in the decoder (CLUE #3).

Each symbol represents a letter from the decoder, and each string represents a word needed for the solution of the puzzle.

You don't need to hide any eggs with this puzzle.

SOLUTION: WHERE SHOES SLEEP



## PUZZLE 04:

From the previous puzzle, the players will get the location of the next puzzle.

It's a place where shoes sleep. Basically, it's where you leave your shoes when you come into your home.

When the players come to the location, they will look around and find 2 - 3 eggs and an envelope with the next puzzle.

On the outside of the envelope, they will see the text:

You think you're done and you found some gold?  
You must go to the place where things get cold!

When they solve this riddle, they will get the solution: **FRIDGE**

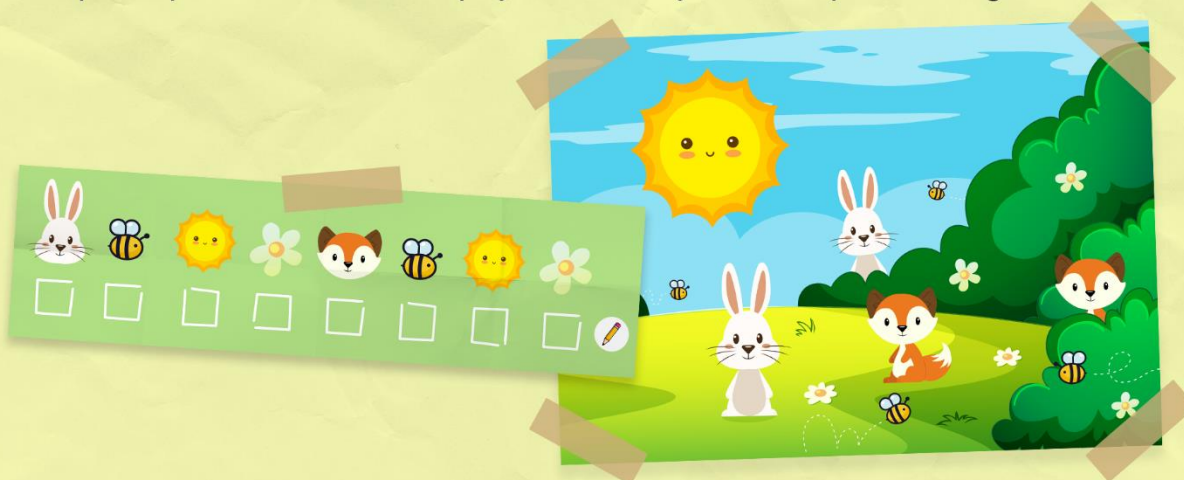
Inside the fridge, they will find a circular decoder along with 2 - 3 more eggs.

On the outside of the envelope they found, they will also see different icons with empty fields underneath them to write in some numbers.

Inside the envelope, they will find a jigsaw puzzle of a forest scene.

The players need to find and count how many times each icon from the envelope appears in the jigsaw puzzle. They need to write how many they found in the empty fields under each icon on the envelope.

Make a pen or pencil available to the players when they reach this point in the game.



Each icon gets a numeric value that the players need to input into the circular decoder that they found in the fridge. Each number on the decoder will give them a certain letter. The letters will spell out the location where you hid the next puzzle.

There are 2 bunnies, 4 bees, 5 flowers, 3 foxes, and 1 sun in the jigsaw puzzle.

SOLUTION: **BACKPACK**



## PUZZLE 05:

The players will go look for the backpack. Inside it they will find a box that you have previously prepared for them, along with the rest of the eggs.

At this point, the players need to have collected 10 eggs. If they haven't found all of them, you can give them a hint that they need to find a total of 10 eggs.

On the side of the box is the text:

Put your hands inside the box  
and feel the clue from Mr. Fox.  
Then hurry up and stretch your legs,  
find those letters on the colorful eggs.



The players will need to put their hands inside the box and touch and feel the numbers that are glued on the inside of the box's lid.

The numbers are **2, 5, 8**.

The players will then need to take the eggs that are numbered 2, 5 and 8 and read the letters on each of the eggs.

This will give them the location where you have hidden their final Prize.

**SOLUTION: FRONT DOOR**

When the players open the front door, they will find the gift you left for them, along with a note:

Congratulations darling, you did really great,  
You were right on time, not a second late!  
You solved every puzzle and found every clue,  
Mr. Fox is happy and very proud of you!



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# STEPS FOR SETUP

In this section, you will find step-by-step instructions on how to set each puzzle up.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

1. Print out all the needed materials from the PRINT MATERIALS section at the end of this PDF.
2. Gather all the items from the shopping list.
3. Prepare the eggs.

## EGGS PREPARATION:

Color 10 eggs and on each egg write the following numbers and letters (write the numbers on the top of the eggs and the letters in the middle):

- Egg 1: BRT 1
- Egg 2: FRO 2
- Egg 3: RED 3
- Egg 4: BRO 4
- Egg 5: NTD 5
- Egg 6: TRX 6
- Egg 7: NTO 7
- Egg 8: OOR 8
- Egg 9: LOOR 9
- Egg10: CLR 10



If you wish, you can also hide a little treat or sweet along with each egg for your little ones to find as a reward when they solve each riddle.

## PREPARE PUZZLE 01:

1. Cut out or write by hand CLUE #1 with a riddle.

You will hand or read this clue to your children at the beginning of the game.

*step 01*



## PREPARE PUZZLE 02:

Print out and prepare CLUE #2 and #2b

Glue #2b to the back of CLUE #2, so that players are able to see the circles from #2b when they look at CLUE #2 against the light.

Make sure to match the circles on #2b with the right letters on CLUE #2.

The face of #2b should be glued against the back of CLUE #2.

Hide the clue somewhere around the bed (under the pillow, under the sheets, etc.).

Hide 2 - 3 eggs along with it.



step 02

## PREPARE PUZZLE 03:

1. Gather all the printed materials for Puzzle 3.
2. Get 3 pieces of string, twine, kitchen string or shoe laces (about 40cm long each).
3. Cut out the indicated shapes and attach them to the strings. When you attach the symbols, make sure to leave some extra string on one end.

### STRING #1

Attach the tag with the number 1 and the following symbols onto it:  
Heart, star, leaf, bow, leaf. (SOLUTION: **WHERE**)

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## STRING #2

Attach the tag with the number 2 onto it. The other symbols depend on the location where you will hide the next clue.

If you choose to hide it in your shoe closet (or other place where you leave your shoes), attach the following symbols:

Plus, star, car, leaf, plus. (SOLUTION: **SHOES**)

## STRING #3

Attach the tag with the number 3 and the following symbols onto it:  
Plus, sun, leaf, leaf, flower. (SOLUTION: **SLEEP**)

*step 03*

4. Get one envelope.
5. Don't hide any eggs with this puzzle.
6. Place CLUE #3 and CLUE #3b inside the envelope and tape it to the underside of the table.
7. Hide the strings with symbols around the room where your kids can reach them. It's best to hide all the strings in one room, so your kids don't search for them all over your home and find other clues too early in the game. If you wish, you can write the name of the room where you have hidden the strings on CLUE #3.

Hiding location suggestions: under the armchair, behind the bookshelves, in a big vase, behind the sitting area, behind the curtains, etc.

**MAKE SURE TO LEAVE THE EXTRA PART OF THE STRING VISIBLE.**



## PREPARE PUZZLE 04:

1. Gather all the printed materials for PUZZLE 04
2. Cut out the jigsaw puzzle picture into several pieces and put it inside an envelope.
3. Glue or tape CLUE #4 and CLUE #4b onto the back of that envelope.

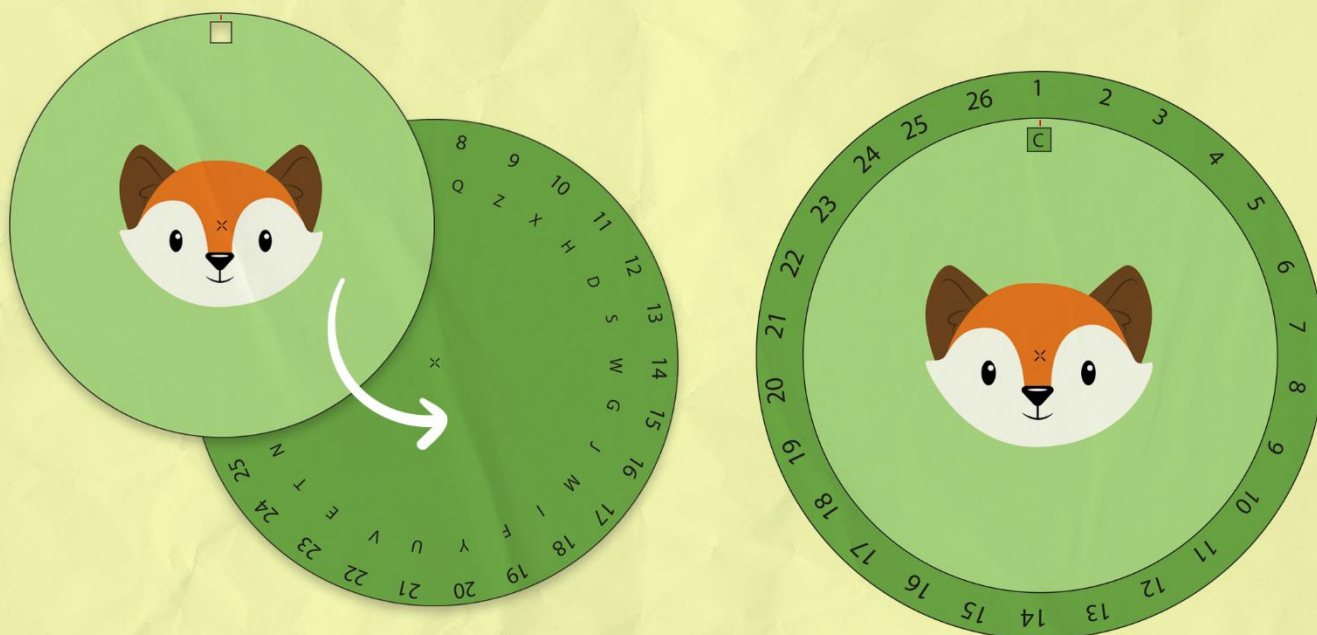


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## PREPARE PUZZLE 04:

4. Cut out and put together the circular decoder. Make a small hole in the middle of the two decoder circles and fasten them together with a paper fastener or a small screw with a nut.



5. Hide the circular decoder inside the fridge.
6. Hide the envelope with the cut-up jigsaw puzzle somewhere around the shoes.
7. Make a pen or pencil available to the players when they reach this point of the game.
8. Hide 2 - 4 eggs with the shoes.
9. Hide 2 - 4 eggs in the fridge.

*step 04*



## PREPARE PUZZLE 05:

1. Get a shoebox or any other kind of box of a similar size.
2. Get birthday candles or any other 3D cutouts in the shape of the numbers 2, 5, 8.
3. Glue the numbers on the inside of the lid of the shoebox.
4. Glue or tape CLUE #5 on the side of the shoebox.

*step 05*

## SHOEBOX PREPARATION:

Take the shoebox and on its side, cut out a hole big enough to fit a kid's hand.

On the inside of the lid, glue the numbers **2, 5, 8**.

Tape the lid shut and place the shoebox inside the backpack.

If you can't fit the box inside the backpack, you can hide it underneath it or somewhere around it. You can also put the shoebox anywhere else, but then you want to make sure to leave a note inside the backpack that indicates where you have hidden the box.



## PREPARE THE FINAL PUZZLE:

1. Prepare whatever it is that you want to give your youngsters as their main prize for completing the game. It can be some special gift, a basket of sweets, or some other fun surprise you can think of.
2. Cut out the congratulations message for the final puzzle, which you can find in the PRINT MATERIALS section.
3. Place the main prize along with the message outside your front door. The players will find them here after they solve the final puzzle.

\*This next step is optional and you don't have to prepare it. If you have a front door that opens toward the inside, you can spice up the game and prepare this step.

1. Get some balloons and masking tape.
2. Blow up the balloons.
3. Go to the outside of the front door and attach the balloons between the door frame with the masking tape.

When the players open the front door from the inside, the balloons will fall on them creating a beautiful WOW effect.

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# PRINT FILES

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## PRINT FOR PUZZLE 01:

CLUE #1



**PRINT FOR PUZZLE 02:**

**CLUE #2**

**Great work, you have solved it fast,  
But there is no time for you to rest.**

**Another challenge for you and your friends,  
Go and find where I hid the rest of the eggs.**

**CLUE #2b**



PRINT FOR PUZZLE 03:



CLUE #3



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For your next challenge,  
you will have to think,  
Find where I hid three  
long pieces of string.

1 2 3



## PRINT FOR PUZZLE 03:

CLUE #36

A = 

N = 

B = 

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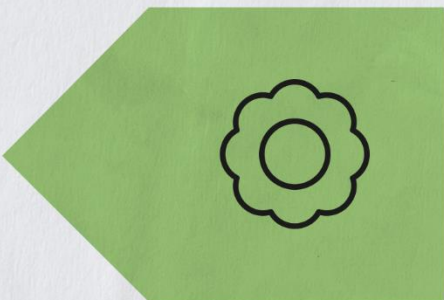
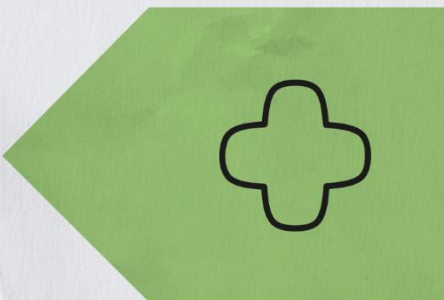
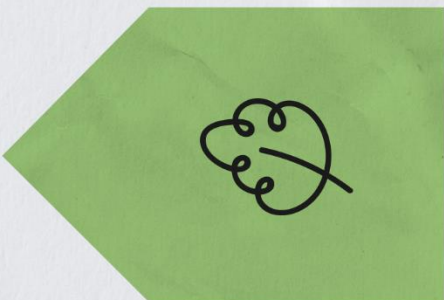
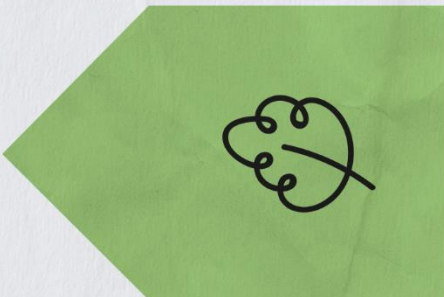
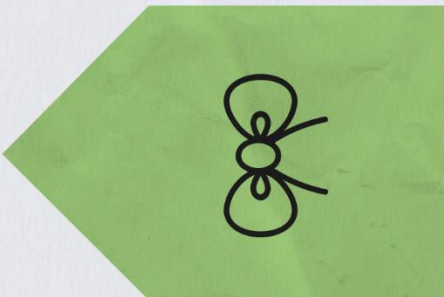
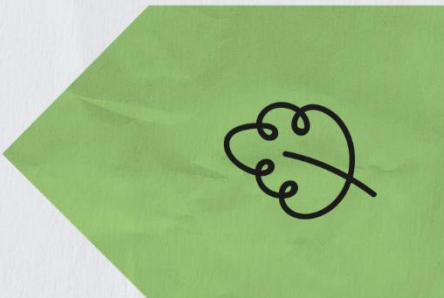
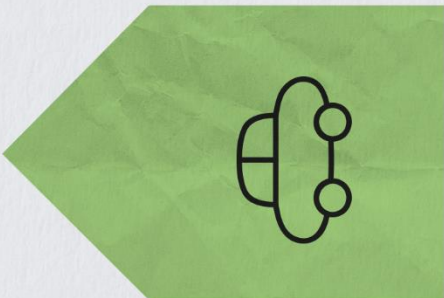
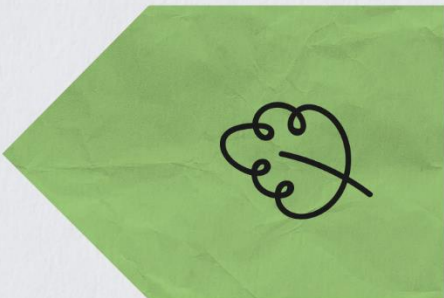
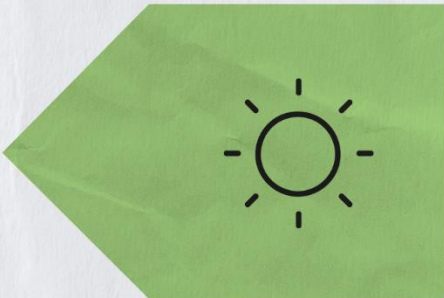
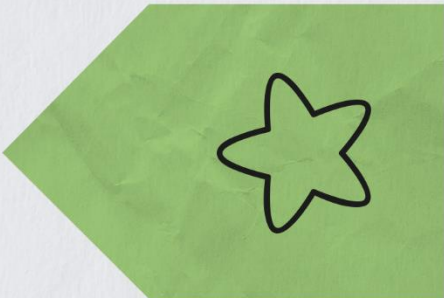
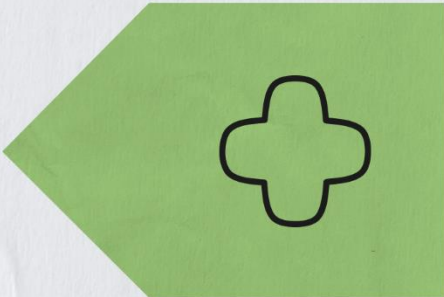
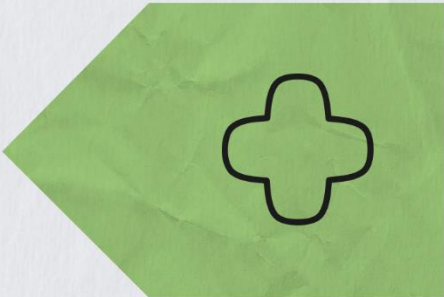
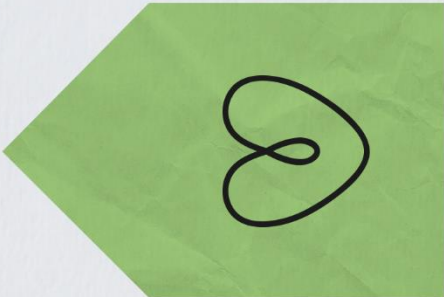
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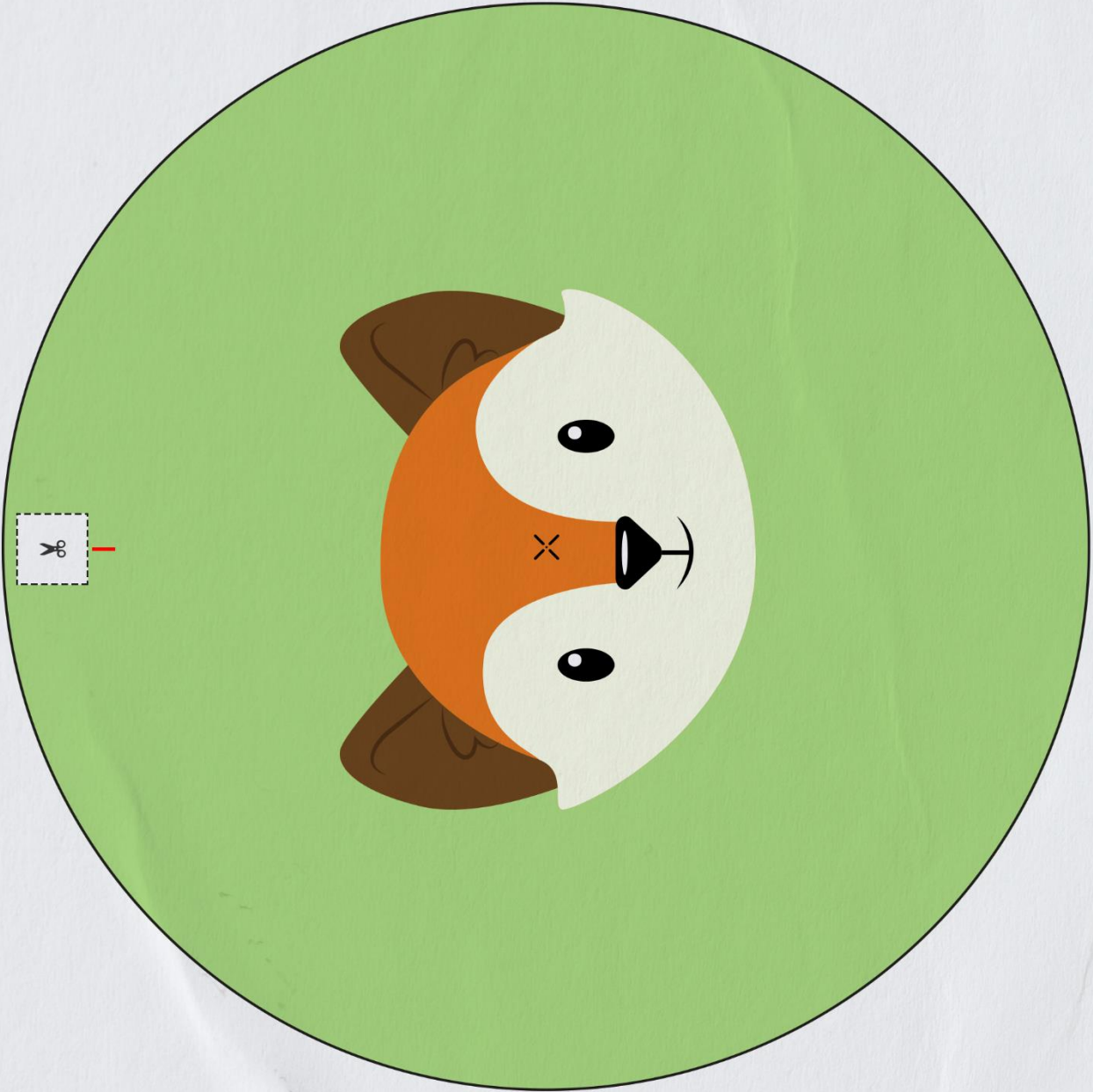


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ROOM ESCAPE

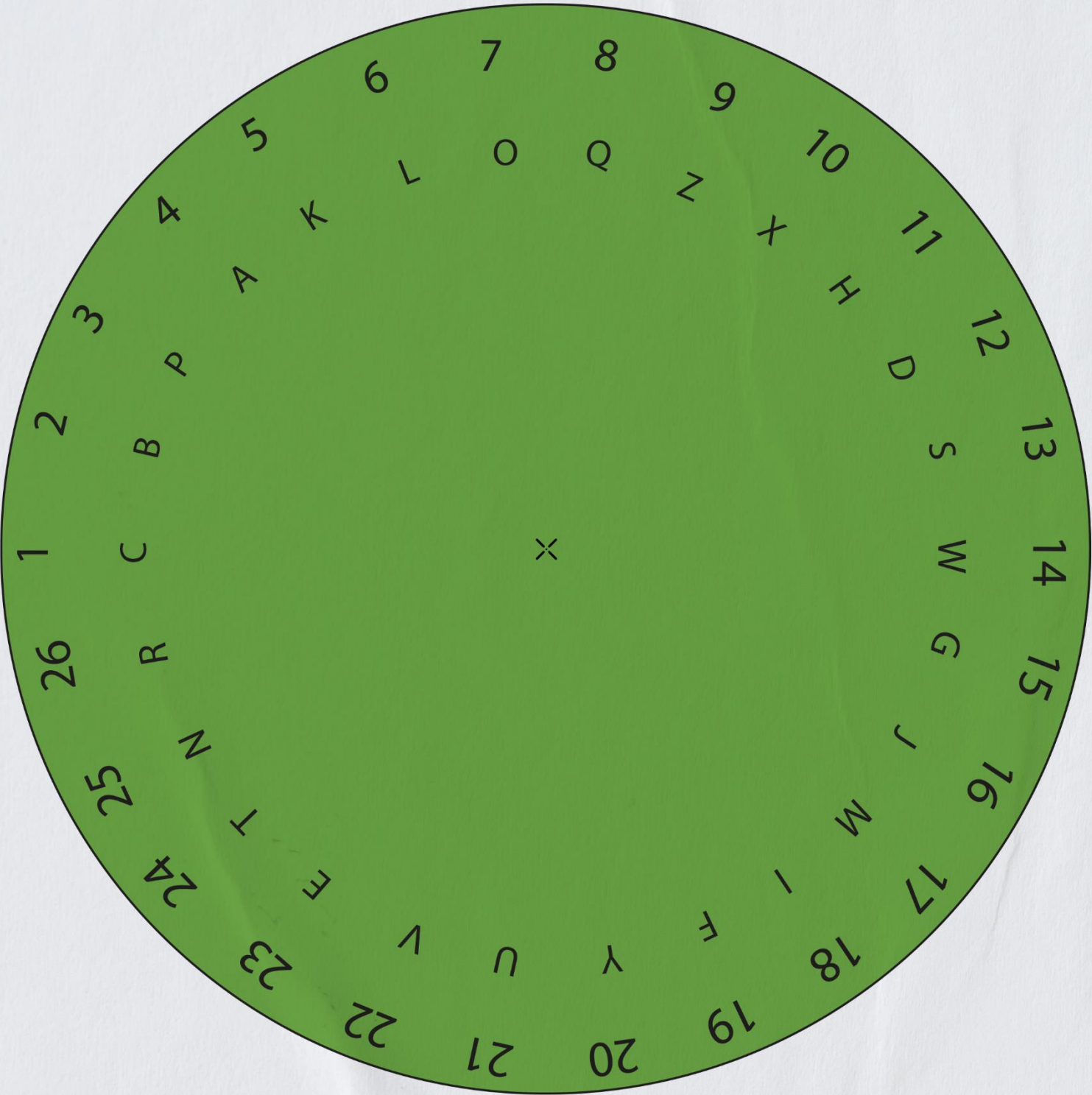
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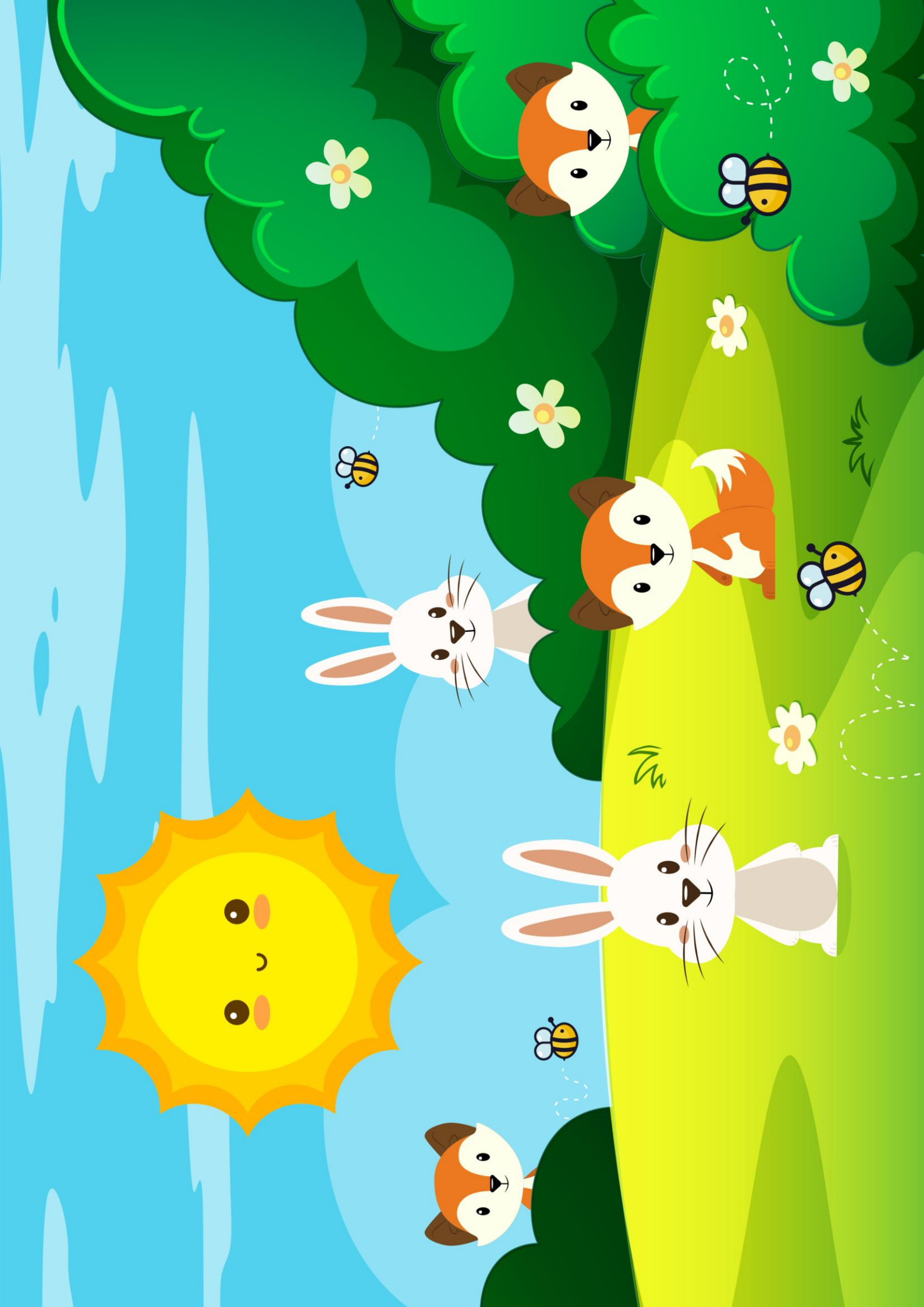


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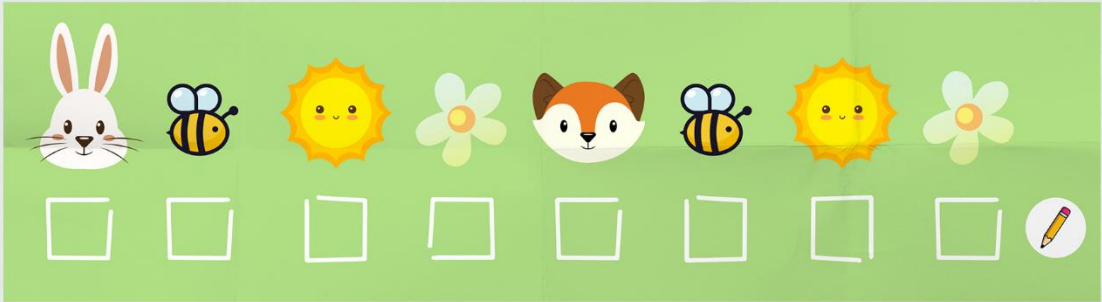
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CLUE #4



CLUE #4b



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you found some gold?  
You must go to the place  
where things get cold!

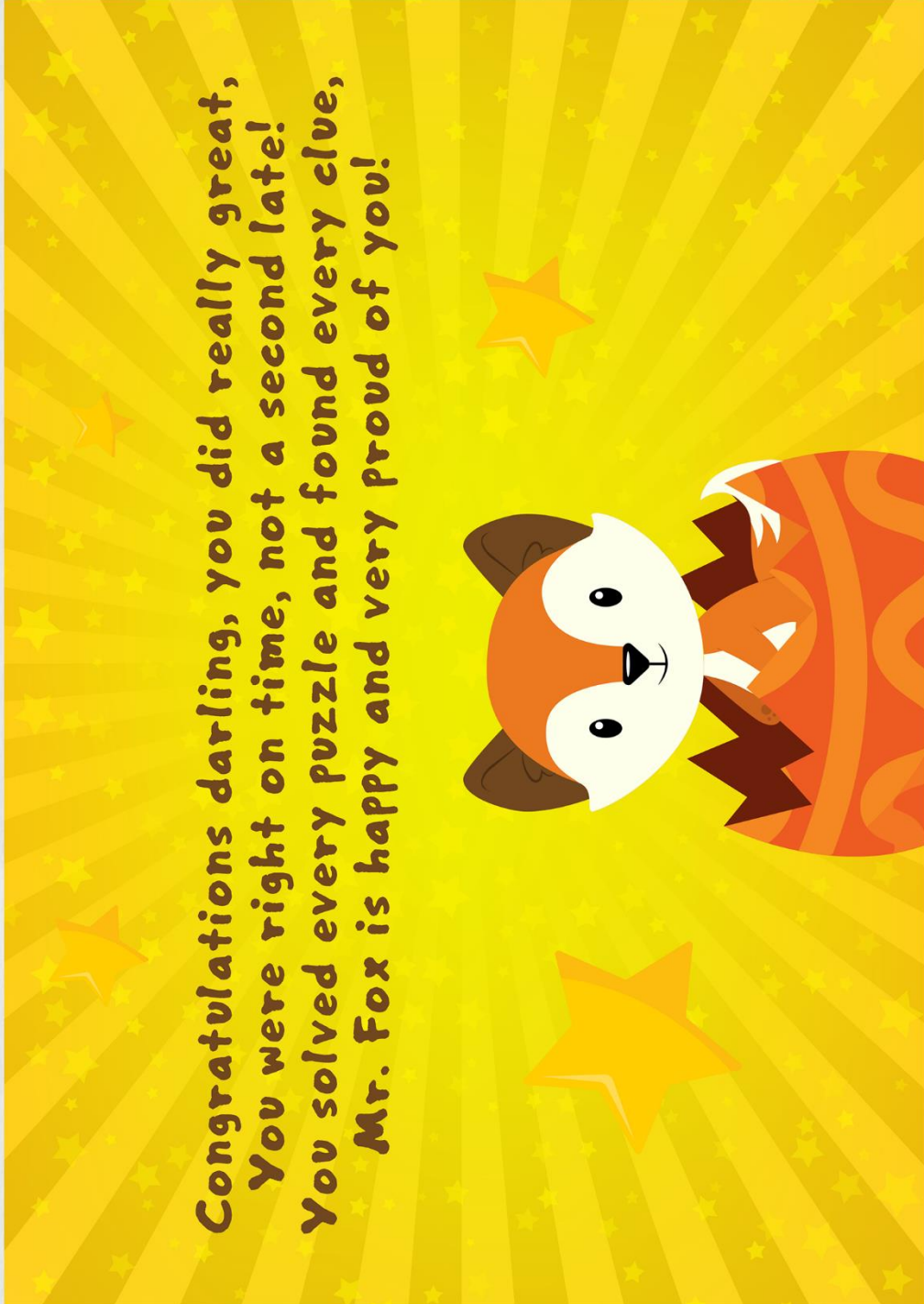
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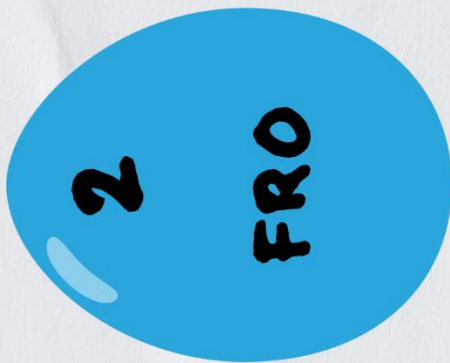
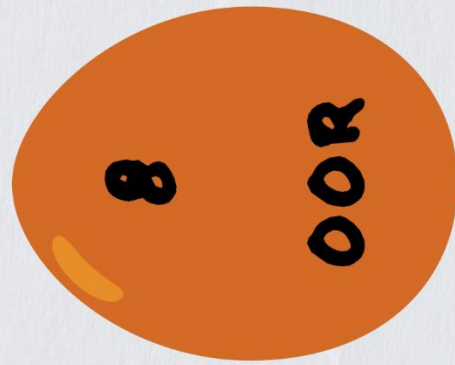
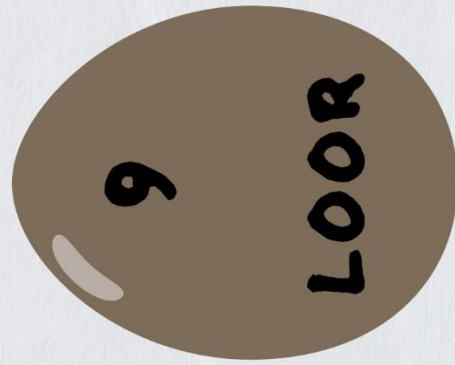


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