

This Month in

OC READ

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM
Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

An Abbreviated History on Punctuation

September 24 celebrates National Punctuation Day! Did you know early writing had no spaces or capitalization and readers had to determine when a sentence ended? The standard was reading everything aloud!

After the invention of the printing press, punctuation was added to organize language. The "?" used to be the word "questio", later shortened to "qo", then the "q" was written over the "o" which eventually became a dot. The "!" used to be the word "io" which meant exclamation of joy. "io" was written in one space and later changed into the "I" over the dot.

More fun facts: "#", known commonly as a hashtag or pound symbol, is formally known as an octothorpe. And "@" has different names in other countries, in Israel it is called a strudel!



Literacy Fact

Family Literacy programs address the literacy strengths and needs of the family while promoting adults' involvement in children's education, recognizing adults as a powerful influence on children's academic success.



Programs and Events

Strategic Tutoring (Formerly, Beyond Boundaries Tutoring)

Fri. Sept. 8 @ 10 AM

Continue your tutor training at this one-hour Zoom meeting where OC Read staff and tutors discuss topics related to literacy and tutoring adults. This month's topic will be Grammarly, an AI writing assistant that can unlock your learner's writing potential. Sign up for Strategic Tutoring reminders with this form: forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt

Fall Family Literacy Day (San Juan Capistrano Library)

Sat. Sept. 16 @ 10 AM

Celebrate literacy with your family at the San Juan Capistrano Library! Laura Numeroff (the author) and Mouse (the star) of *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* will be making an appearance. Join us for a Charlie Cart baking demonstration, photos with Mouse, and get crafty at this fun-filled, cookie-themed event. No RSVP is required.

Essentials of Financial Literacy (Tustin Library)

Coming In October

Get financially savvy at the Tustin Library with this four-night event from the Financial Planning Association of Orange County. This program is for ages 16+ and registration is required. OC Read tutors and learners can call the OC Read office to sign up. Please invite your friends and family to register!

Device Advice

Available during business hours

Technology help is available to all OC Read tutors and learners, regardless of your meeting status! If you have a tech question, call our office to schedule an appointment at your nearest OC Public Libraries branch, or online.

More Info

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READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "California Artists Rip Up and Use Invasive Mustard Flowers" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/california-artists-rip-up-and-use-invasive-mustard-flowers

Password: 0d1d44

READ FOR DETAILS: CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

Black mustard plants can grow taller than **5** or **8** feet.

Black mustard plants first came to California in the: **1700's** or **1900's**.

Black mustard is a **harmful** or **harmless** plant in California.

Black mustard dies in the **summer heat** or **winter cold**.

Artist Erin Berkowitz makes **dyes** or **paints** from invasive plants.

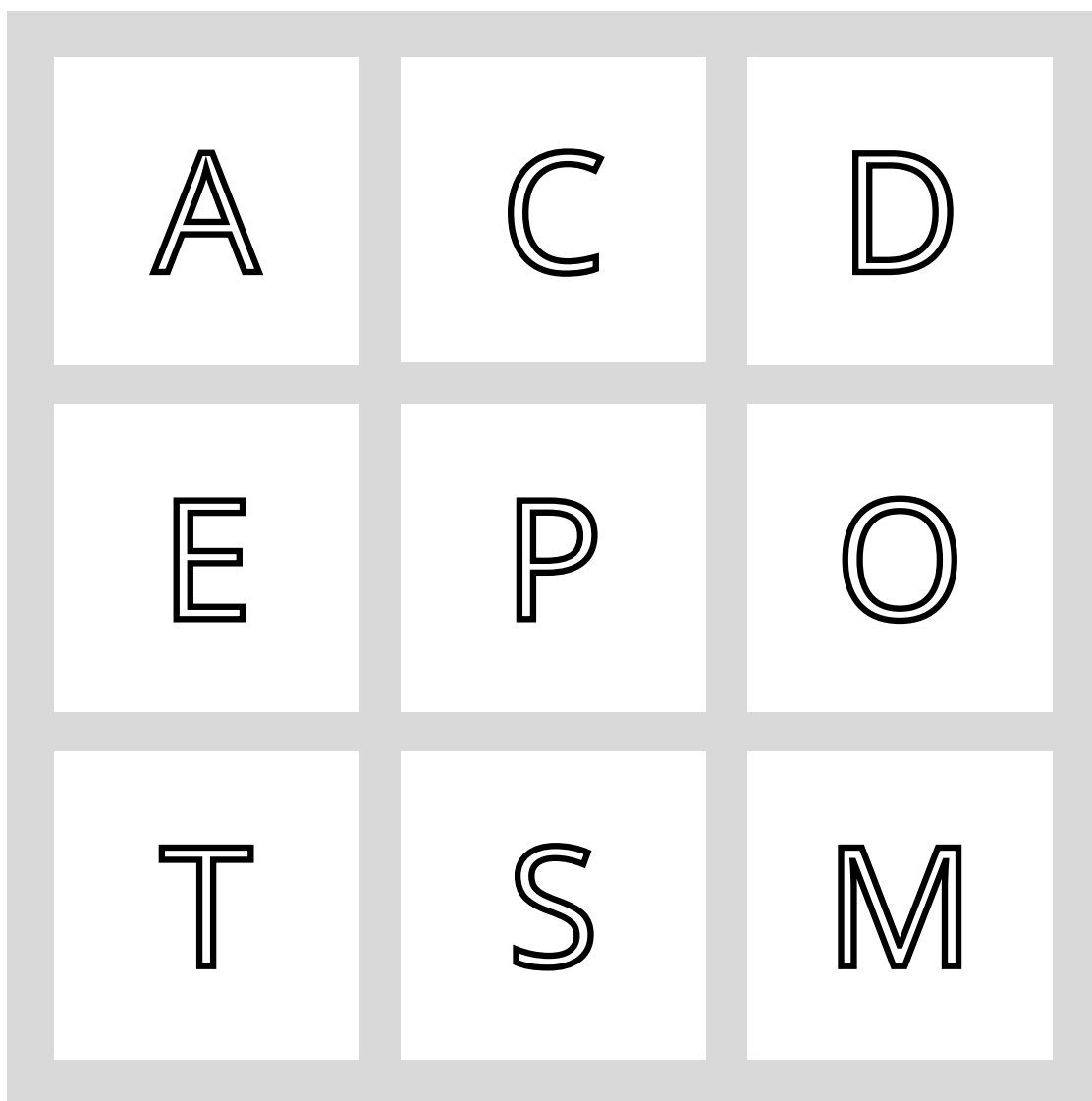
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you know of any invasive animals or plants in your area?

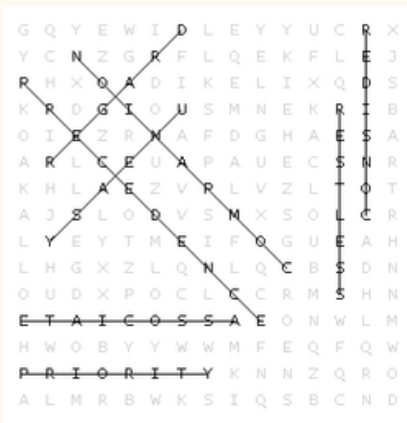
Had you ever heard of wild black mustard?

What is a way that you have used something that others have not wanted to use?

SPELLING BOGGLE



How many words can you make from the letters above?



LAST MONTH'S WORD GAME ANSWERS

regard
companion
precedence
consider

associate
priority
restless

LAST MONTH'S READING PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

Write "true" or "false" for each sentence. Correct any false information.

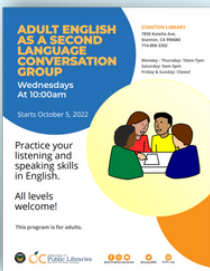
1. False. 30 → 40
2. False. three → four
3. False. sandwiches → seeds
4. True.
5. True.

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Career Online High School

Earn your high school diploma by taking classes online during times that are convenient for you. For more information, click on the flyer, or visit ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school.



English Conversation Clubs

Join one of OC Public Libraries' many ESL conversation clubs. These clubs are a fun way to meet new people, learn new words, and share your skills. Contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.