

*This Month in*

# OC READ

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Mon – Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM  
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## Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers...

November celebrates International Tongue Twister Day. Tongue twisters get your mouth all jumbled up, but they are great exercises for your brain and your mouth. They strengthen muscles that will produce clearer pronunciations and they highlight difficult sounds so you know what to practice. A dialect coach, Eliza Simpson, practices by attaching a picture to each word and swiping through a line of images in her brain as she says the tongue twister. Tongue twisters also support repetition and fun, two elements that help with learning! Try saying any of the below five times each for some literacy exercise!

She sees cheese.

There was a minimum of cinnamon in the aluminum pan.

The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick.

(The last one was the hardest tongue twister in 1974, the year Guinness World Records stopped tracking tongue twisters.)



## Literacy Fact

A "librocubicularist" is someone who reads in bed.



# Programs and Events

## **Strategic Tutoring (Formerly, Beyond Boundaries Tutoring)      Thurs. Nov. 2 @ 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 the yearly OC Read learner assessment. Staff will walk attendees through the assessment and explain how OC Read interprets the results. Staff will also be showing the new kits which will be given to all OC Read learners. Sign up for Strategic Tutoring reminders with this form: [forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt](https://forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt)

## **Financial Literacy 101 (La Habra Library)      Mon. & Wed. Nov. 6, 8, 13, 15 @ 6 PM**

Get financially savvy at the La Habra 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.

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### **More Info**

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# READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Woman Nurses Hummingbirds to Health in Her Home" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: [newsforyouonline.com/we-should-look-at-more-sunrises-and-sunsets-study-finds](http://newsforyouonline.com/we-should-look-at-more-sunrises-and-sunsets-study-finds)

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## EXERCISE

Put each word in the correct column based on the number of syllables it has. Then talk about the discussion questions.

area	hummingbird	nursed	survived	release
wooded	eyeglasses	lonely	lived	patients

One Syllable	Two Syllables	Three Syllables

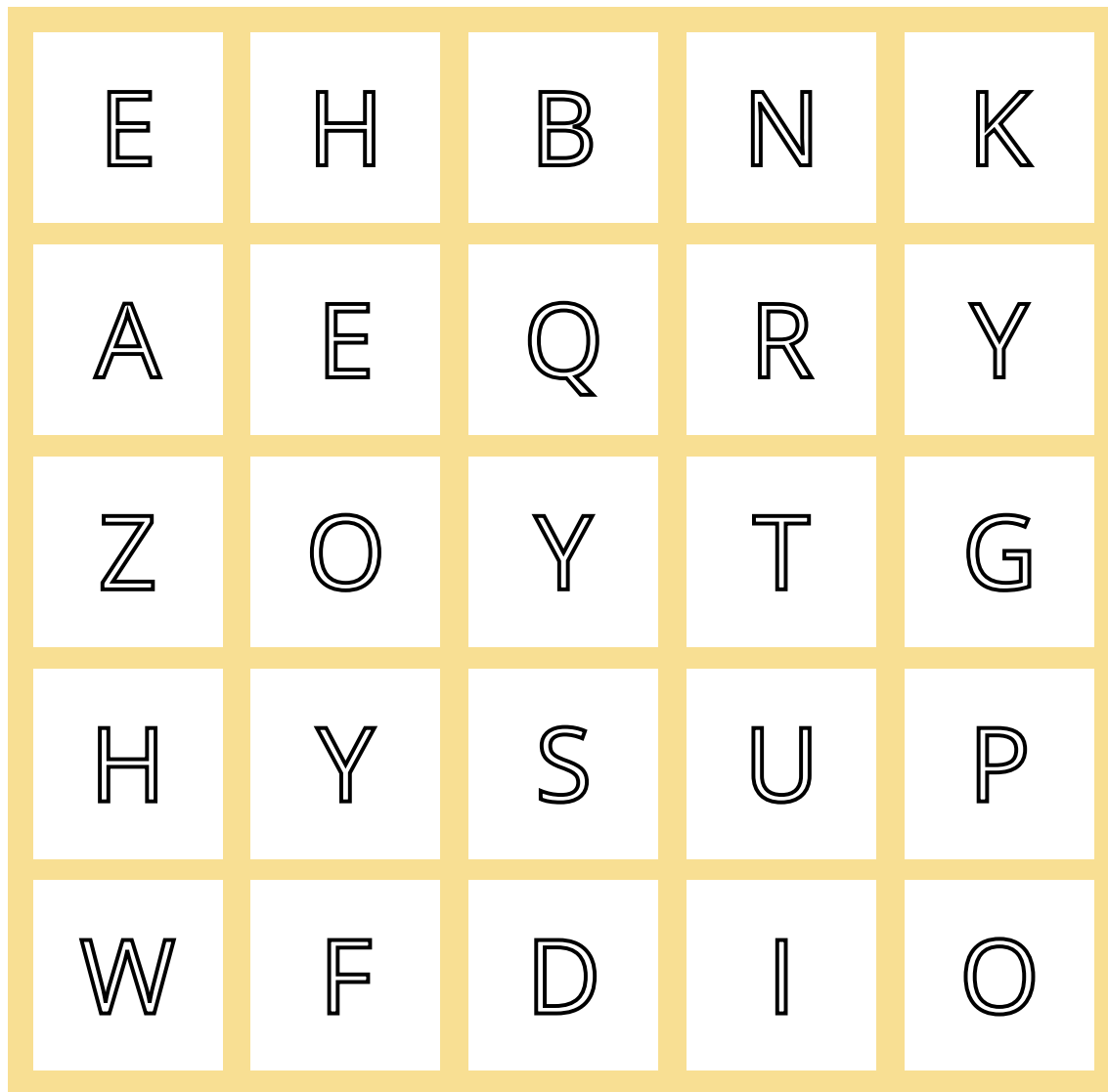
## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever seen hummingbirds in person?

Have you ever had a pet bird?

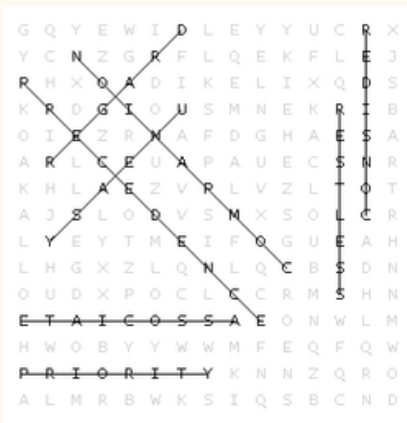
Do you like to watch birds? Why or why not?

# SPELLING BOGGLE



How many words can you make from the letters above?

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



## LAST MONTH'S WORD GAME ANSWERS

regard	associate
companion	priority
precedence	restless
consider	uneasy

## LAST MONTH'S READING PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

Think of a time when you saw a wonderful sunrise or sunset. Describe it below. Share the description with a partner, if you can.

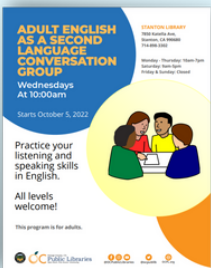
Example: When I was living near the sea I saw many beautiful sunsets. One day, as the sun was going down the sky turned pink. Then, everything turned pink from the light of the sun. It was like walking through a wall of color. It only lasted for a short time, but it was breathtaking.

## MORE PROGRAMS FROM OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES



### 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](http://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.