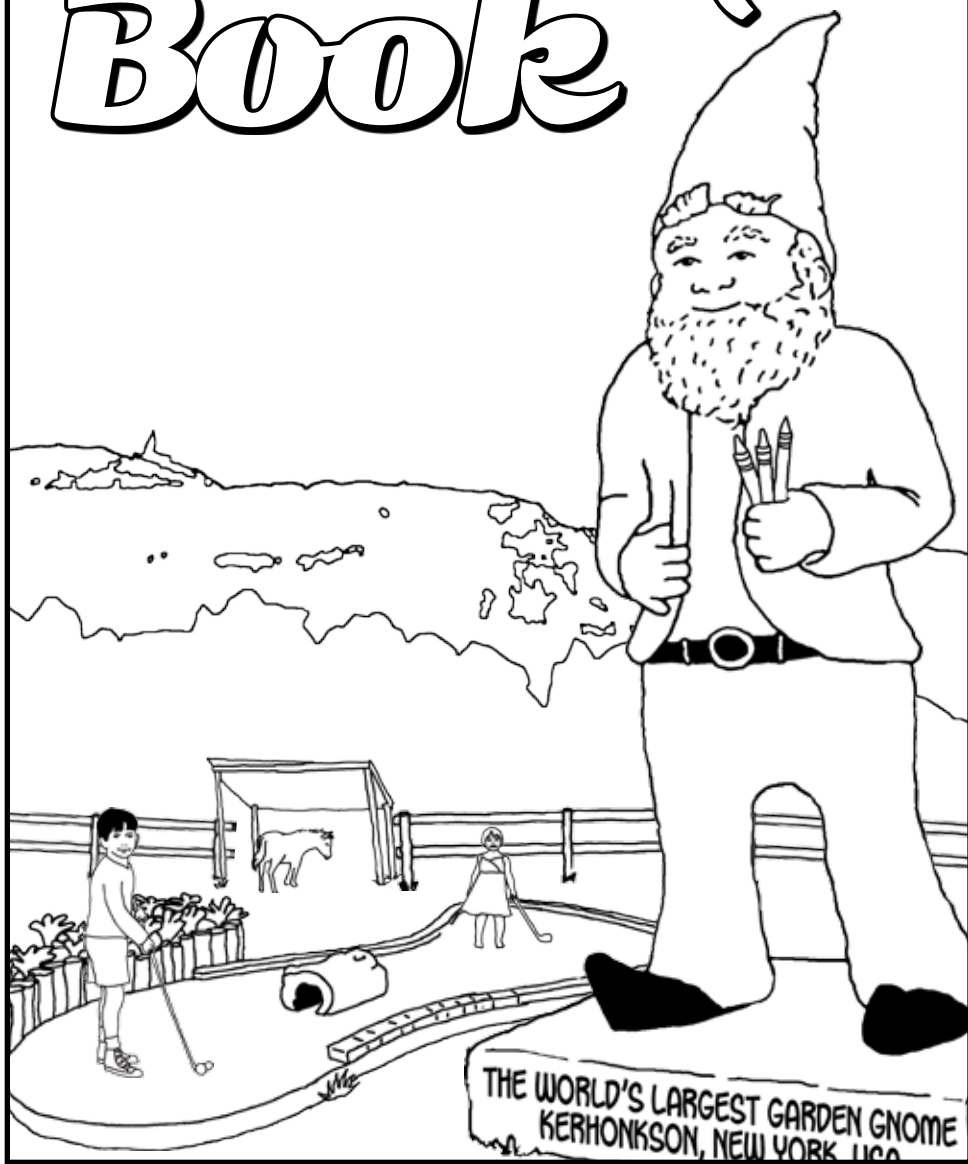


The Homegrown Mini-Golf

Activity Book



The Story of Homegrown Mini-Golf

Homegrown Mini-Golf is the only farm-themed miniature golf course on the planet that has real vegetables, fruit, grain and herbs—even live chickens, ducks and geese! You can feel and smell and even taste what grows on the mini-golf.

The very first miniature golf course was built in 1927 on Lookout Mountain, NC, by Freida Carter. Her miniature golf course had a hollow log hazard and a tractor tire loop-the-loop and so does ours. She had garden gnomes on her minigolf and we have one, ourselves. Chomsky, our gigantic gnome, is the world's largest—he received a Guinness World Record in 2007! Homegrown Mini-Golf and Chomsky were created by artist and author Maria Reidelbach and opened in 2006.

Answers to the puzzles in this book can be found at www.homegrownminigolf.com

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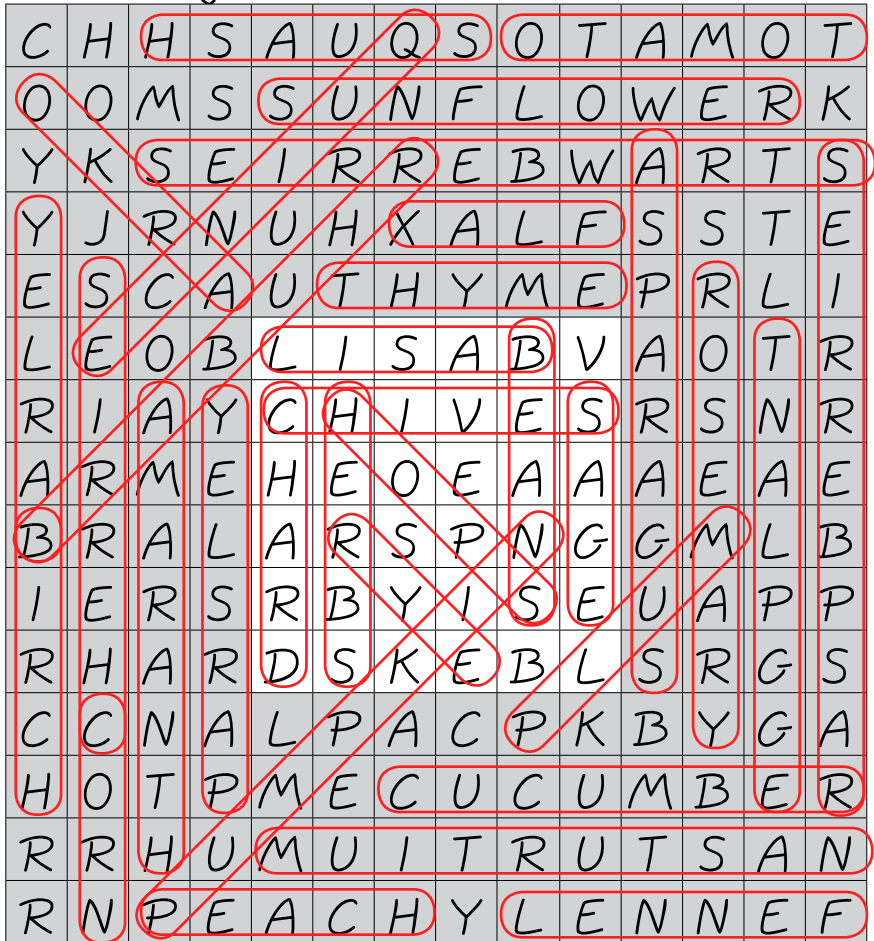
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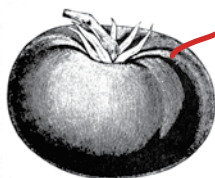
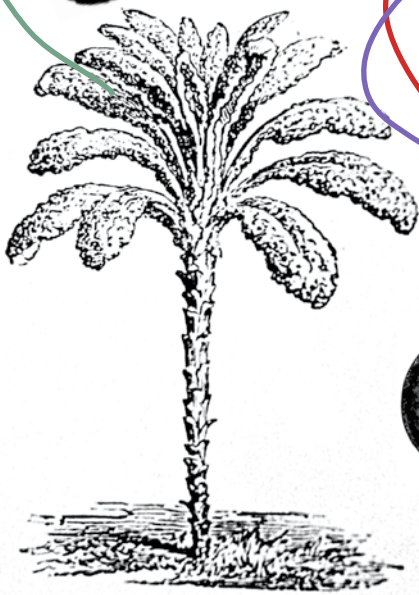
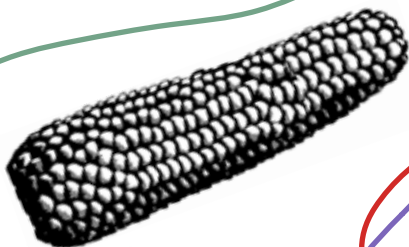
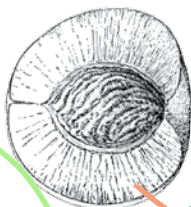
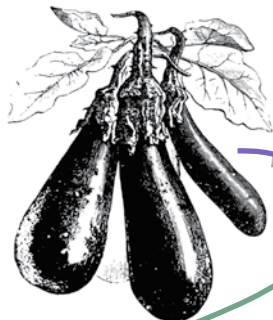
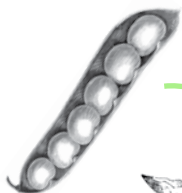
Circle the names of plants found on Homegrown Mini-Golf, backwards, across, down and diagonally. Beginner words are in the white center square, advanced are throughout, The remaining letters tell our gnome's favorite fruit. **Blackberry!**

BEGINNER HARDER

| | | | |
|--------|--------------|------------|----------|
| BASIL | strawberries | pumpkin | birch |
| CHIVES | asparagus | peach | rosemary |
| CHARD | raspberries | amaranth | tomato |
| HERBS | cucumber | sunflower | fennel |
| BEANS | quince | cherries | squash |
| SAGE | rhubarb | nasturtium | parsley |
| RYE | eggplant | plum | okra |
| HOPS | barley | corn | thyme |
| | | flax | |

Hook 'em Up!

Color each fruit and vegetable. Use a matching line to connect each with its



tomato

kale

marigold

peach

bean

eggplant

corn

bok choy

name. Connect the name with an interesting fact about each one.

Some are as white as their namesake, but most are dark, shiny purple.

Because of their color and beauty, they were once called "love apples."

First cultivated in Central and South America, the oldest cobs are about 7,500 years old.

Pythagoras forbid his followers to eat them because they caused farting.

If you crack open the pit you will find a fragrant almond-like nut inside.

It's a leafy, prehistoric-looking vegetable that's beloved in Scotland.

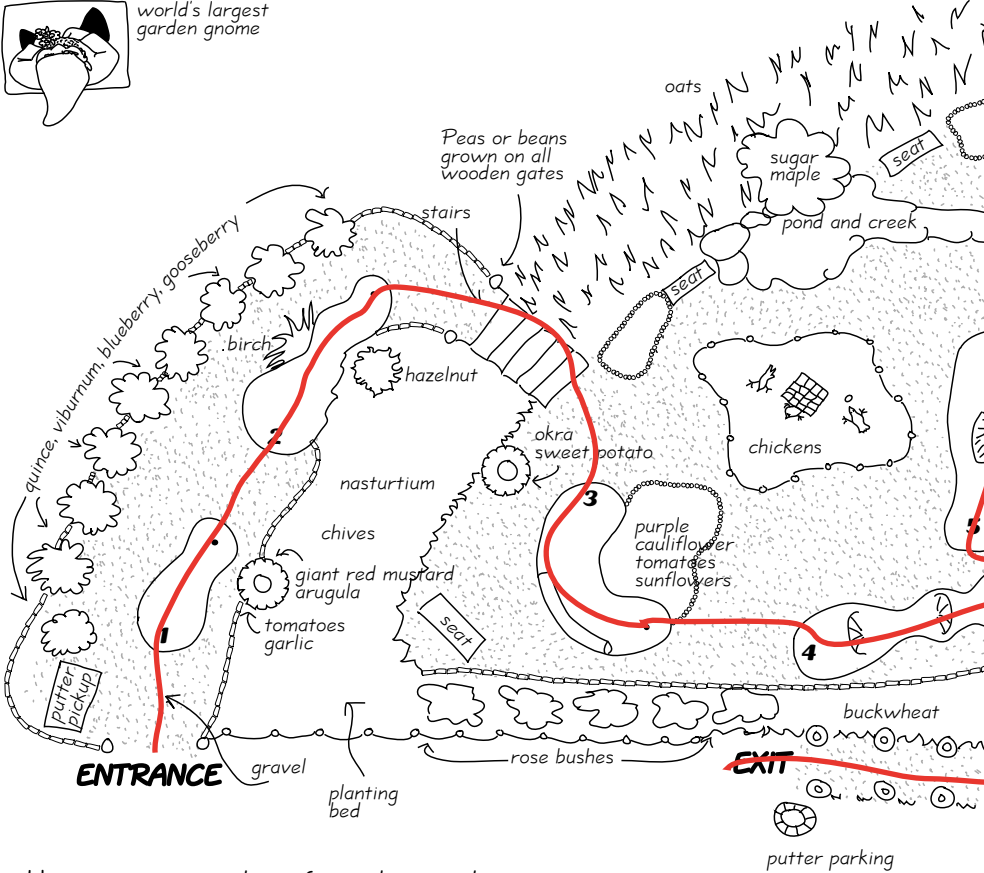
It's an Asian cousin of the cabbage family.

The roots of this flower produce a pesticide that repels insect attacks.







Exploring Homegrown Mini-Golf



world's largest garden gnome



Here are some ideas for coloring the map:

-  color the bushes and trees green
-  color the ponds and creek blue
-  color the areas of grain golden yellow
-  color the minigolf greens--surprise--green!
-  color the fruit and flower planters with many colors
-  color the gnome's hat bright red

This map of Homegrown Minigolf shows all the putting greens, and many of the plantings and other features. Can you find your way from the Entrance to each hole in order and then to the Exit? You must stay **on** the grey gravel, putting greens or stairs and bridges, and stay **off** the planted areas!



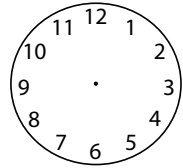
How Long is the Farmer's Day?

You probably go to school at the same time every day. In the spring and fall it's light out, in the winter it's dark or just getting light. And you get out at the same time every day. A farmer's life is quite different—farmers' work changes with the seasons of the year and the length of a farmer's day changes, too.

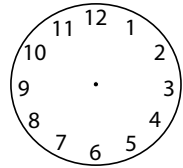
Can you figure out how long your work day is?

My school starts at _____ and ends at _____

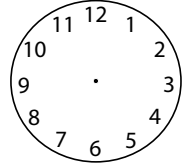
My work day is _____ hours long.



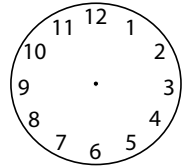
Springtime is a farmer's busy seasons. There are seeds to plant and water. The sun rises early and sets late. If farmers start work at 7 am (that's morning) and work until 8 pm (that's evening) their day is 13 hours long.



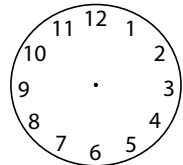
Summertime—plants are growing large, and farmers are weeding and watering and watching for hungry bugs. If farmers start work at 9 am and quit for dinner at 6 pm, their work day is 9 hours long.



Autumn is when many crops are harvested and the farmers have plenty of work again. When they start work at 7 am and end at 6 pm, they've worked 11 hours.



Winter is the quietest time on a farm, it's a time of resting and planning, and the hours of light are short. If farmers sleep until 10 and knock off work at 4, they have worked 6 hours.



Extra credit: if you consider the whole year, how many hours is a farmer's average work day? (Hint: add the 4 answers to the above and then divide by 4.) 9.86 hours