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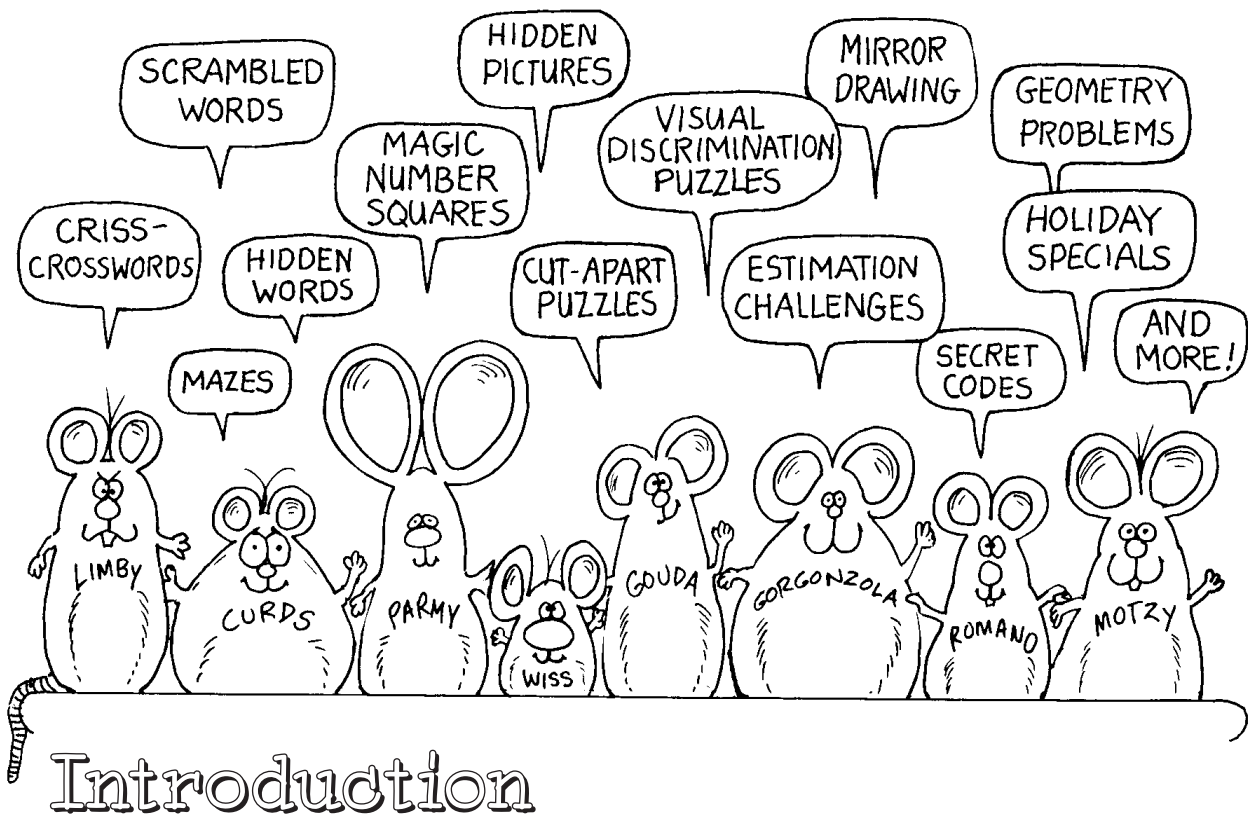
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Introduction

An awesome array of all kinds of puzzles and plenty of fun for your upper-elementary students awaits you in these newly revised *Puzzler Books*. *Spring Puzzlers*, *Back to School Puzzlers*, and *Winter Puzzlers* provide special activities for you to use during the school year.

In each book you'll find some pages that will be easy for your students, and some that might be quite difficult. Be careful! What seems easy to one person may prove difficult for someone else.

Many of the puzzles in this book are word puzzles that are designed to stretch students' vocabularies in particular word categories, or to test their decoding skills and recognition of common spelling patterns. Other puzzles are designed to strengthen students' abilities to use visual thinking—a powerful tool for problem solving that is often overlooked in the classroom.

All of the puzzles in this book are intended to challenge, to amuse, and to provoke students into seeing and thinking creatively. As they work toward solutions, students will also practice critical thinking and problem-solving strategies, such as discovering patterns, guess-and-check, logical reasoning, devising systematic approaches, and making organized lists. Just for you, a complete Answer Key begins on page 55.

Turn to the *Puzzlers* series whenever you want a break from the usual classroom routine, or to put to good use those spare moments right after lunch or recess and at the end of the school day. You might want to duplicate the pages and keep them on hand for a “class tournament,” a rainy-day event in which students compare their answers and find a class champion. Or, students who finish their in-class assignments early.

Your own special “puzzle file” may be in a desk drawer, a 3-ring binder, or even just a manila folder. Wherever it is, you’ll want to keep it stocked with your favorite *Puzzlers*. And if you don’t already have such a file, why not start one?

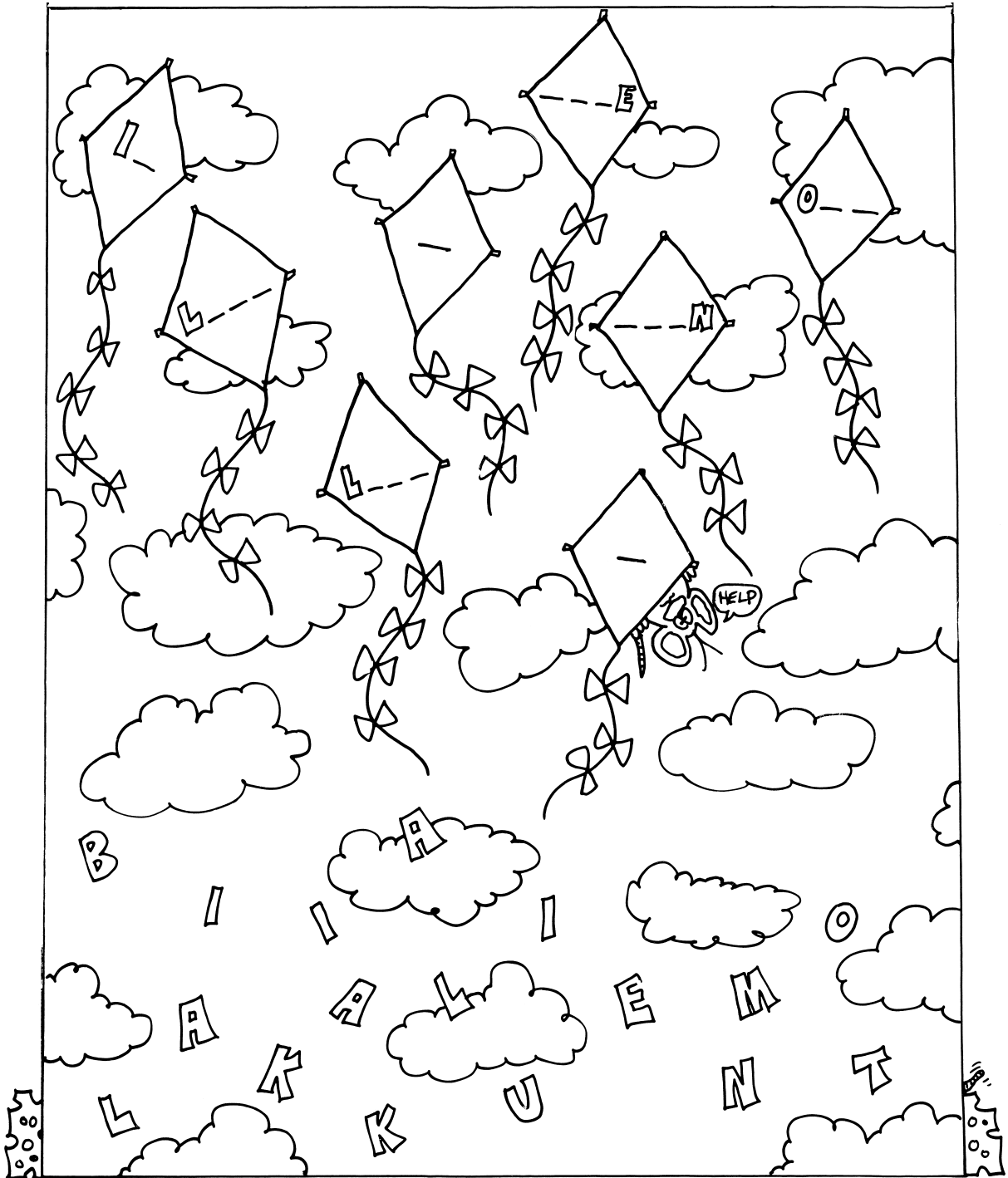
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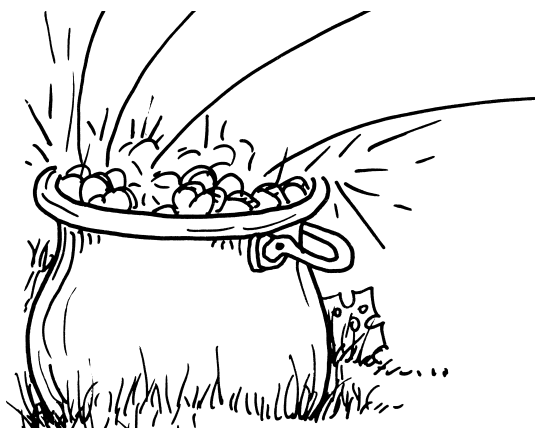
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Kite Confusion

The wind is blowing so hard, some letters have blown off the kites! Help Wiss put the letters back. Use each letter only once. Then rearrange the words on the kites to find a phrase about a spring month.

Hint: Look for the lion!





Leprechaun

Lingo

It's St. Patrick's Day and the leprechauns are talking about Ireland, their native land. Use the clues below to help decode the words.

1. Mythological Irish elf

17	20	18	11	20	13	5	15	16	22
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2. A short heavy stick

6	5	19	17	17	20	17	15	12	5
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3. Legend says that St. Patrick rid Ireland of these creatures

6	22	15	21	20	6
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4. Irish emblem

6	5	15	3	11	10	13	21
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5. Capital city of the Republic of Ireland

9	16	7	17	19	22
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6. Gaelic name for Ireland

20	19	11	20
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7. Instrument often used in traditional Irish music

1	19	9	9	17	20
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8. Procession held in many cities and towns on St. Patrick's Day

18	15	11	15	9	20
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9. When this crop failed, it caused famine in Ireland

18	10	4	15	4	10
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10. Ancient language of Ireland

12	15	20	17	19	13
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11. Irish folk dance

26	19	12
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12. Famous stone in Ireland

7	17	15	11	22	20	14	6	4	10	22	20
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