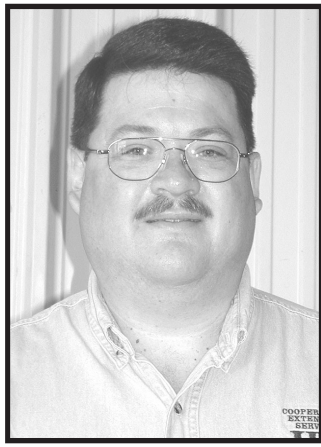


Tips to pest proof your home for winter



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We are not the only creatures that retreat indoors when the temperatures begin to drop. During this time of the year, many rodents and insects will start entering homes looking for a warm place to spend the winter. Below are some tips from UK Entomology to keep them outdoors. Most hardware and home improvement stores will carry the tools and materials you need to get started.

1. Install door sweeps or thresholds at the base of all exterior doors. Lie on the floor and check for light leaks under doors. Gaps of one-sixteenth inch or smaller will allow insects and spiders inside, and spaces as small as the diameter of the pencil (about one-fourth inch), are large enough for mice. Pay attention to the door's bottom corners, as this is often where rodents and insects enter. Fit garage doors with a rubber bottom seal. Close gaps under sliding glass doors by lining the bottom track with a foam weather stripping that is one-half- to three-fourths-inch wide.

2. Seal openings where pipes and wires enter the foundation and siding with mortar, caulk, urethane expandable foam or copper mesh. These are common entryways for ants, spiders, wasps, rodents and other pests.

3. Seal cracks around windows, doors, fascia boards, etc. Use a good quality silicone or acrylic latex caulk/sealant. Prior to sealing, clean cracks and remove any peeling caulk to help with adhesion. A key area to caulk on the inside of basements is along the top of the foundation wall where the wooden sill

plate is attached.

4. Repair gaps and tears in screens to keep out cluster flies, lady beetles and other pests. Some insects are small enough to fit through a standard screen, and the only way to deny entry of these tiny creatures is to keep windows and doors closed during periods of adult fall emergence.

5. Install one-fourth-inch wire mesh (hardware cloth) over attic, roof and crawl space vents to prevent wildlife entry. Be sure to wear gloves when cutting and installing hardware cloth, because the wire edges are sharp. Backing the wire mesh from the inside with screening will give you extra protection against insects like ladybugs, paper wasps and yellow jackets. Invest in a chimney cap to exclude birds, squirrels, raccoons and other nuisance wildlife. Raccoons, in particular, are a serious problem throughout Kentucky. Many chimneys become home to a family of raccoons, which are often infested with fleas.

6. Consider applying an exterior insecticide treatment. While sealing openings is the more permanent way to pest proof, it is laborious and sometimes impractical. You can get the most from your barrier treatment by applying longer-lasting liquid formulations containing pyrethroids. Treat the base of all exterior doors, garage and crawl space entrances, around foundation vents and utility openings, up underneath siding and around the outside perimeter of the foundation. Be sure to follow all label instructions. Do not apply indoor insecticides. While these may control the insects you can see, they are generally not a long-term solution, because these pests are coming in from the outside and will continue to do so until you stop their entrance.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: B equals F

MB HAPOCHXMHZ EHCPAYMHXP
RCHZS PWBO RCMZSP, OTVK PTWAXR
EWPO XMSVXK YCVBVC IWIH-SWHXH.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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KATZ VCSPSEK EA XVLSQJNE
KATZ BZJVXN. — RAZSL LJXJR

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Lilac *Syringa vulgaris* is a species of flowering shrub from the olive family, and native to the rocky hills of the Balkan Peninsula. It was introduced into northern European gardens at the end of the 16th century and into the American colonies in the 18th century. Its attractive, sweet-smelling flowers appear in early summer just before many other summer flowers come into bloom.

Source: wikipedia.org

- Brenda Weaver



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Vacation Birds
People often ask me if birds will come back to their yards if they stop feeding them when they go on vacation. First, I tell them birds are not dependent on us for food and do quite nicely using their God-given instincts. And second, of course they'll come back!

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Stickeler's Answer

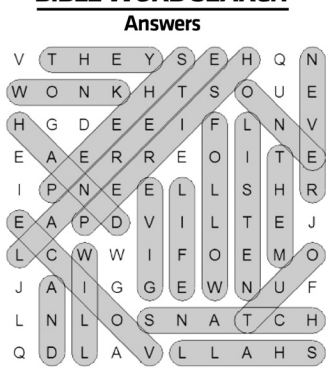
Stickelers Answer

- CRUSH
- CRASH
- CLASH
- CLASS
- CLAPS
- SLAPS

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

Puzzle Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH



Bible Word Search on Page 7

CRYPTOQUIP

Most likely prefer Coca-Kola
drank soft drinks, they should
If Australian marsupials
answer

CRYPTOQUOTE

Never let life impede on
your ability to manifest
your dreams. — Corin Nemero
answer

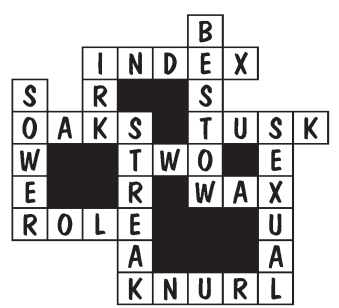
Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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| FIBERS | B | FRIES |
| WOBBLE | B | ELBOW |
| BIKERS | E | BRISK |
| REPELS | R | PEELS |
| BEARDS | B | DARES |
| ALISON | A | LIONS |
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FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



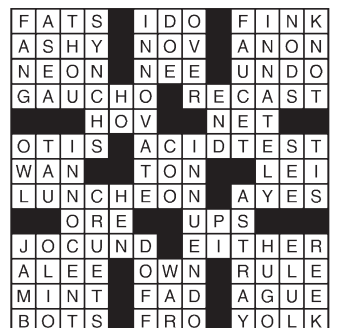
Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Peace, Place | 6. Tiger, Tiger |
| 2. Tense, Terse | 7. Larder, Larger |
| 3. Attach, Attack | 8. Outlet, Outset |
| 4. Shawl, Shall | 9. Ratio, Radio |
| 5. Noodle, Poodle | 10. Shift, Swift |

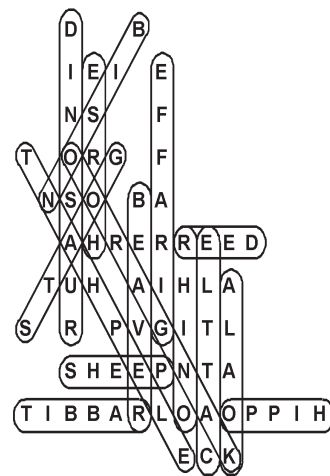
King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



HERBIVORES



Letter Box

Solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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2	5	6	3	1	8	7	4	9
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Bible Trivia Answers

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

ANSWERS (1 New: 2)
Scales: (5) Solomon; (6) Tom; God's word: (3) Sadducees; (4)

Out on a Limb



TIGER

